



Uttar Pradesh Inland Waterways Authority

Why in News?

Recently, the Uttar Pradesh government approved the **formation of 'Uttar Pradesh Inland Waterways Authority'** to **promote [water transport](#) and [water tourism](#)** in the state.

Key Points

- **Uttar Pradesh Inland Waterways Authority:**
 - Its objective is to **promote water transport** by developing waterways, which will **reduce pressure on road and rail networks**.
 - Major cities situated along the **banks of [the Ganga River](#)** and other waterways hold significant potential for **water tourism development**.
 - **Structure:**
 - The Authority will be **headed by a Minister of Transport** or an **expert in Waterways, Shipping, Navigation, Ports and Maritime Affairs** nominated by **[the Chief Minister](#)**.
 - The Vice-Chairman will be appointed by the State Government.
 - A **representative nominated by the Chairman of the [Inland Waterways Authority of India \(IWAI\)](#)** will also be its member.
 - The **Transport Commissioner of Uttar Pradesh** will be the Chief Executive Officer of this Authority.

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- **Waterways in Uttar Pradesh:**
 - It is notable that **111 national waterways** have been **declared in the country**, of which **Uttar Pradesh has a total of 11 national waterways** including **Ganga and [Yamuna](#)**.

Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)

- IWAI is a **statutory body** under **the Ministry of Shipping** .

- It was constituted under the **IWAI Act, 1985** by the Indian Parliament.
- Its **headquarter is** located in **Noida, Uttar Pradesh**. While **regional offices** are in **Patna, Kolkata, Guwahati and Kochi** and **sub-offices in Pra**

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