



Encroachments to be Removed from Madhya Pradesh Rivers

Why in News?

According to the sources, a campaign will begin to **remove encroachment** from **rivers and ponds** located in rural and urban areas of the district which includes **Saraswati and Kanh rivers** of the city.

Key Points

- Under the drive, there should be **no encroachment within 30 metres of rivers**. Action will be taken to remove encroachment from **20 identified ponds of the city and master plan area**. Similarly, encroachments are also being removed from **56 ponds in rural areas**.
- The sewerage should not be allowed to enter these ponds. Concrete arrangements should be made for this. A **mega campaign of tree plantation will also be conducted** in the entire district including the city.

Saraswati river

- It is a **river flowing through Indore**. It doesn't contain freshwater but instead has become **polluted mainly due to the pollution of the Kanh river**.
- The river flows into a larger body through **Kshipra river**.
 - The Shipra (Kshipra), a **tributary of the Chambal River** in Madhya Pradesh, **flows across the Malwa Plateau**.
 - It **originates in the Vindhya Range** from a hill called **Kakri-Tekdi**, which is in the north of Dhar and situated near Ujjain.
 - **Khan and Gambhir** are its major tributaries.

Kanh river

- Kanh is a **river flowing through Indore**. The river started carrying sewage in the early 1990s. Several attempts have been made to clean the river, yet it **remains polluted**.
- The river, along with the Saraswati River, is a part of the **Smart City Indore project**, and a riverfront spanning 3.9 kilometres has already been developed along the river. Both the rivers are being rejuvenated under the **Smart Cities Mission**.
- **In 2023 the Union government sanctioned Rs. 511.15 Crore** for the **cleaning of the Kanh and Saraswati rivers**, under the 'Namami Gange Programme'.