

Hindon River

Why in News?

Recently, a large amount of silt and religious material has been dumped into the Hindon River in Ghaziabad, further polluting the river.

Key Points

- The Uttar Pradesh Irrigation Department attributed the river's pollution to the release of untreated drains into it, along with mismanagement and neglect of water quality.
- Pollution in the river:
 - Dissolved oxygen (DO) ranged from 1.43 to 4.22 mg/l, while the minimum DO required for aquatic life should be 4 mg/l.
 - Total <u>coliform levels</u> range from 260,000 to 380,000 MPN/100 ML, while the standard limit is 1,000 MPN/100 ML.
 - The <u>Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board (UPPCB)</u> has categorised the river's water quality as 'E', which means the water is suitable only for irrigation, industrial cooling and controlled waste disposal.
- In 2015, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) declared the Hindon River a dead river, stating that it had high levels of pollution and was unfit for bathing in many parts.

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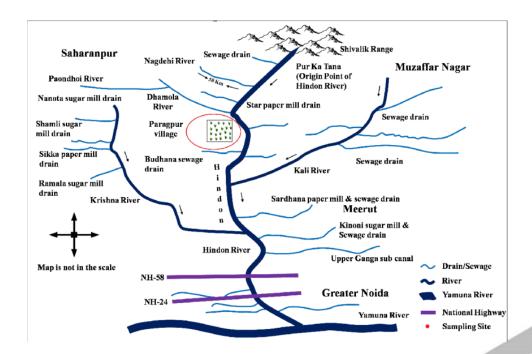
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- This river **originates from the Shivalik Hills** in Saharanpur district of Uttar Pradesh and flows for about 400 km in the industrial area of western Uttar Pradesh and merges with **the Yamuna River** in Noida.
 - Hence it is a **tributary of Yamuna** River.
 - It is a monsoon fed river.
- Its catchment area is approximately 7,083 sq. km.
- The Kali (West) River and the Krishna River are the main tributaries of the Hindon River.
- Evidence of <u>the Harappan civilization</u> has been found on the banks of this river, which dates back to 2500 BC.
- Ghaziabad and Noida are situated on the banks of this river.

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