



Bihar Floods

Why in News?

In the **Muzaffarpur district** of Bihar, the rapid increase in water levels in the **Bagmati River** has led to **flood** waters entering thousands of houses in **18 panchayats**.

Key Points

- The **flooding has led lakhs of people across panchayats to lose contact** with their block headquarters and district headquarters for aid.
- **Several schools in the region have also been filled with floodwater**, disrupting education facilities for hundreds of children.
- Bagmati River is a **transboundary river between Nepal and India**.
 - It **starts its journey from Kathmandu**, Nepal and it **ends in the Koshi River** near Bornesthan, Bihar, India.
- The total length of the Bagmati is 3 km.
- Hindus see the Bagmati as sacred and possess great spiritual significance for them.
- The **Pashupatinath Temple**, located on the river's edge, is another famous **Hindu pilgrimage site dedicated to Shiva**.
- **Bishnumati River, Dhobikhola River and Manohara River** are **tributaries** of the Bagmati river.

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