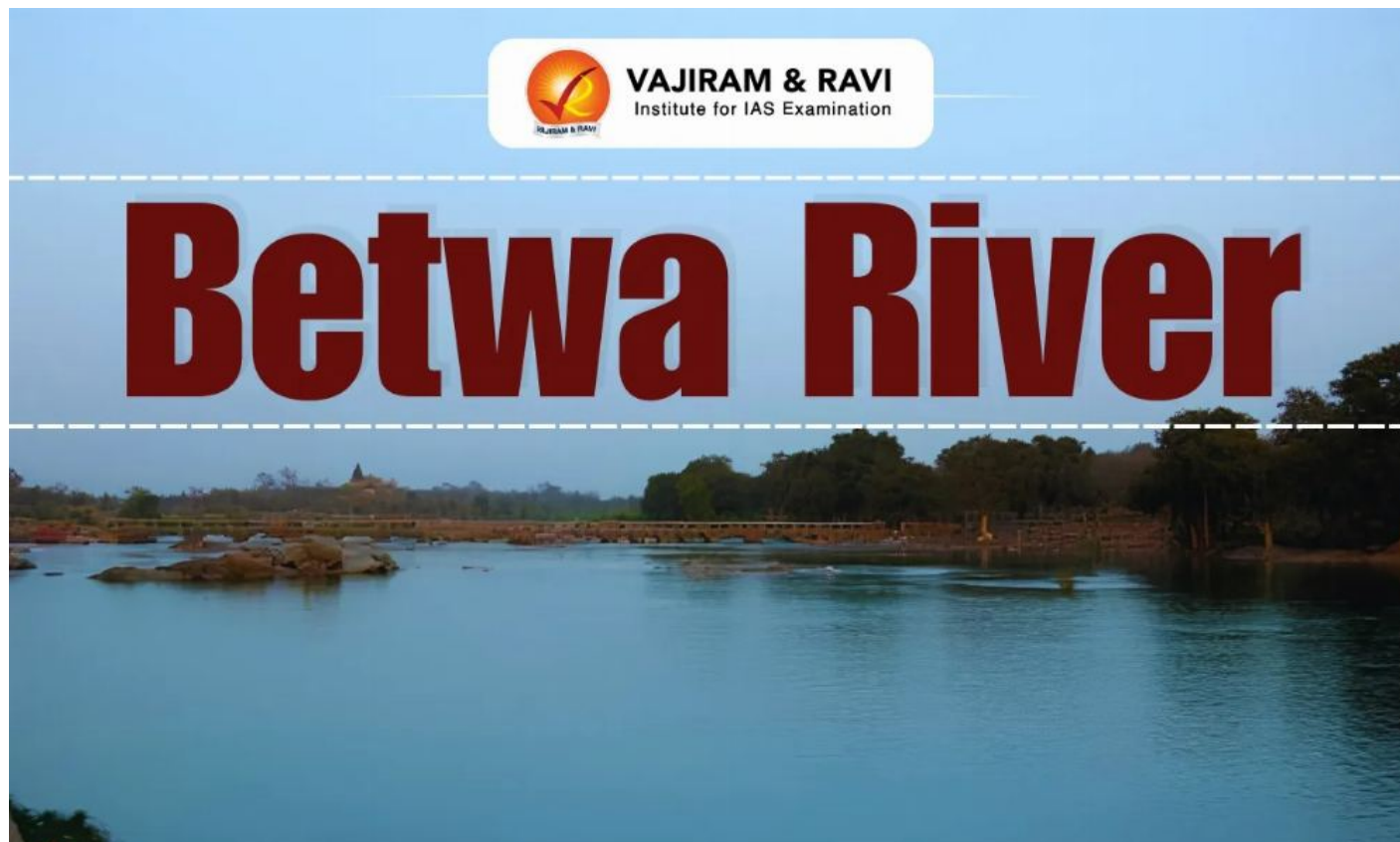


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In Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh, the water level of the Betwa River has risen rapidly following continuous rainfall, increasing concerns in areas along the river.

About Betwa River

- It is a significant river in **central and northern India**.
- It is an important **right-bank tributary** of the **Yamuna** River.
- **Course:**
 - It **originates** from Jhirri village in Raisen District, near Bhopal, **Madhya Pradesh**.
 - It **begins** at an elevation of around 460 metres in the **Vindhya Hills**.
 - It **flows** generally **northeast through Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh** states and **empties into the Yamuna River** near Hamirpur town in Uttar Pradesh.
 - Nearly **half of its course**, which is **not navigable**, **runs over the Malwa Plateau before it breaks into** the upland of **Bundelkhand**.

- The River's **total length** is **590 km**, of which 358 km flows in Uttar Pradesh and 232 km in Madhya Pradesh.
- In the **active monsoon season**, the Betwa River **discharges exceptionally high levels**, while in the summer; it discharges extremely low levels
- **Tributaries**: The **Jamni** and **Dhasan** rivers are its major tributaries.
- **Dams**: The Betwa is **dammed at Dukwan and Deogarh** for irrigation and water management.
- **Significance**:
 - It has been **mentioned in the Mahabharata** and once **supported the Chedi Kingdom**, whose **capital Suktimati stood on its banks**.
 - It is **part of the Ken-Betwa Link Project**, a major interlinking initiative designed to **transfer surplus water from the Ken River to the Betwa River** for irrigation and drinking purposes.
 - The **Indian Navy named one of its frigates INS Betwa** in honour of the river.
 - The **historical little town of Orchha** is famous for its architectural glory and graceful Betwa River.
 - The town is landlocked and primarily **fed by the Betwa River**.
 - **Orchha Wildlife Sanctuary** lies within the area through which the Betwa River flows.

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