

Key Facts about Ken River

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About Ken River

- It is one of the major rivers of the Bundelkhand region of central India.
- It flows through two states, namely Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.
- It is a tributary of the Yamuna River. The river is the last tributary of the Yamuna before the Yamuna joins the Ganga.
- Course:
 - The river originates near the village of Ahirgawan on the north-west slopes of the Kaimur Range in the district of Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.
 - Crossing the Bijawar-Panna hills, the river cuts a 60 km long, and 150- 180 m deep gorge. It is joined by several streams in this gorge, making waterfalls.
 - It travels a distance of 427 km and then merges with the Yamuna at Chilla village, near Fatehpur in Uttar Pradesh.
- It is known for its rare Sajhar or Dendritic Agate stone.
- Banda city is located on the banks of Ken River.
- Tributaries: The major tributaries of the Ken River are Bawas, Dewar, Kaith, Baink, Kopra, and Bearma.

Ken-Betwa River Link Project

- It aims to transfer surplus water from the Ken River to the Betwa River basin through concrete canal to irrigate India's worst drought-prone Bundelkhand region.
 - It is the first project under the National Perspective Plan for the interlinking of rivers.
 - It aims to provide irrigation to the Bundelkhand region, which is one of the worst drought-affected areas in India.
 - The project will benefit Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh in terms of meeting the irrigation, drinking water, and electricity needs of people across six districts in the two states.
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Q1) What is the Bundelkhand region?

Bundelkhand is a geographical and cultural region, divided between the states of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. Jhansi is the largest city of Bundelkhand and Sagar is the second-largest city. The area of Bundelkhand is 59000 sq km, spread over 7 districts of Uttar Pradesh namely Chitrakoot, Banda, Jhansi, Jalaun, Hamirpur, Mahoba, and Lalitpur, and 6 districts Chhatarpur, Tikamgarh, Damoh, Sagar, Datia and Panna of Madhya Pradesh.

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