

Markanda River

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The National Green Tribunal (NGT) recently directed the State Pollution Control Boards of Himachal and Haryana and the Sirmaur deputy commissioner to file detailed reports on the status of water pollution caused by industries in the Markanda River in the Sirmaur district of Himachal Pradesh.

About Markanda River

- It is a **tributary of the Ghaggar** River.
- It was **historically known as Aruna** and is **linked to the mythological Saraswati River**.
- **Course:**
 - It **originates** from the **lower Shiwalik hills** in the Nahan area of Sirmaur district, **Himachal Pradesh**.
 - It flows through Kala Amb, entering at Bikram Bag and exiting at Sadhora Bridge.
 - The river then **enters Haryana**, covering 130 km before joining the Ghaggar River at Ismailabad.

- It is a **rain-fed river** and has extremely low flow in the winter and summer months but rises suddenly in the monsoon.
- The **Markandeshwar Temple**, dedicated to Maharshi Markandeya, stands on its banks.
- **Tributaries:** The Markanda River Basin consists of several small seasonal streams, mainly from the Shivalik Hills, which contribute to its flow during the monsoon.
 - Begna River
 - Nakati River
 - Ran River
 - Salani Nallah
 - Roon Nallah
 - Sukdoh Nallah

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