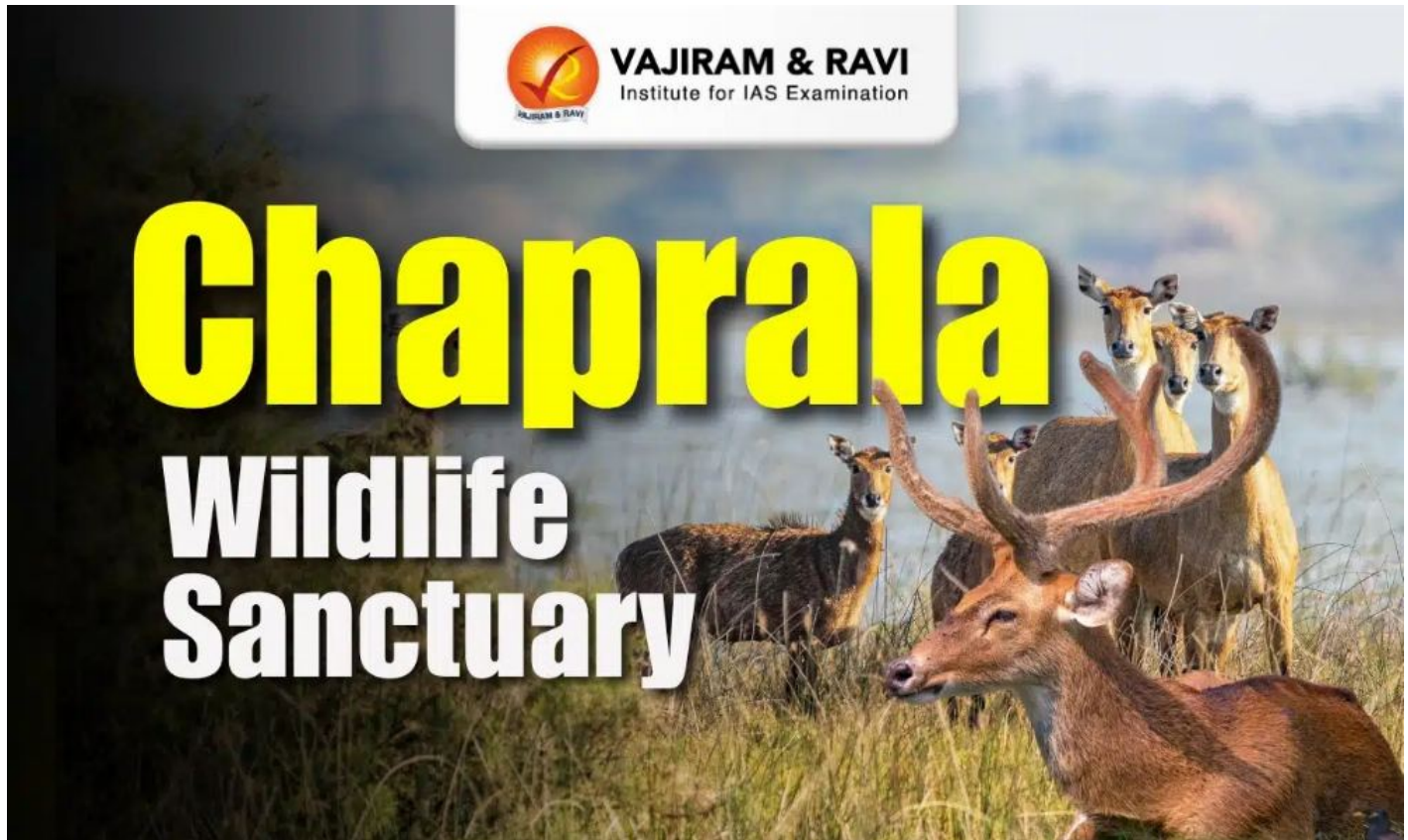


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The irrigation engineers of Telangana say they would ensure that the proposed Pranahita-Chevella barrage on River Pranahita does not submerge the Chaprala wildlife sanctuary located near the barrage site.

About Chaprala Wildlife Sanctuary

- It is located in the Gadchiroli district of **Maharashtra**.
- It is located on the bank of the **confluence of the Wardha and Wainganga rivers**.
- The **Pranhita River** flows along its **western boundary**.
- During the monsoons, river water swells and enters the sanctuary.
- Additionally, several water bodies, including the **Murgikunta, Raikonta, and Komatkunta tanks**, further contribute to the sanctuary's biodiversity.
- It is also home to the indigenous **Gond tribal community**.
- **Vegetation:** It is dominated by **southern tropical dry deciduous forests interspersed with grasslands**.

- **Flora:** The dominant tree species include **teak, arjun, salai, mahua**, bel, dhawada, tendu, sissoo, and semal.
- **Fauna:**
 - It is inhabited by **Tiger, Leopard, Wild boar, Sloth bear**, Wild dogs, Langurs, Blackbuck, Spotted Deer, Sambar, Jackal, Mongoose, etc.
 - The sanctuary also features a distinctive **riparian ecosystem** that supports a diverse **aquatic fauna, including fish, prawns, and turtles.**

Key Facts about Pranahita River

- It is a significant **tributary of the Godavari River, formed by the confluence** of the **Wardha and Wainganga rivers.**
- It flows through the states of **Maharashtra and Telangana.**
- The **river course** is principally through the **dense forests**, which are **rich in Sagwan or timber trees.**
- By virtue of its **extensive network of tributaries**, the river **drains all of the Vidharba region** as well as the **southern slopes of the Satpura Ranges.**
- The river is known for its **vast catchment area** and plays a key role in irrigation and local agriculture.
- In recent years, the **Pranahita-Chevella Lift Irrigation Project** was proposed to utilize the river's water for irrigation and drinking **water supply to drought-prone areas in Telangana.**

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