

River Basin Management Scheme

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The River Basin Management (RBM) Scheme has led to measurable improvements in water resource planning and infrastructure development across key river basins.

About River Basin Management Scheme

- It is a **central sector scheme** of the Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation under the **Ministry of Jal Shakti**.
- It aims to **facilitate integrated planning**, investigation, and development of water resources at the river basin level, including both **surface water and groundwater systems**.
- It is implemented through three key organisations namely,
 - The **Brahmaputra Board**, the **Central Water Commission** (CWC), and the **National Water Development Agency** (NWDA).
- It supports activities such as the **preparation of basin master plans**, the survey and investigation of projects, and the planning of multipurpose projects.

- It is a comprehensive scheme for the management, protection, improvement, and sustainable **use of water resources across river basins.**
- These resources include **rivers, lakes, streams, groundwater, and associated ecosystems.**
- **Financial Outlay and Duration:** It is proposed to be continued during the 16th Finance Commission **period from 2026-27 to 2030-31** with a fully funded estimated financial outlay of ₹2183 crore.
- **Objectives of River Basin Management Scheme**
 - Ensure protection, improvement, and sustainable **use of water resources** across river basins.
 - Promote development of **surface water and groundwater resources.**
 - Undertake survey, investigation, and preparation of basin master plans.
 - Facilitate planning of irrigation, hydropower, and multipurpose projects.
 - Support integrated development of water resources for multiple uses, including navigation and ecological conservation

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