IDEAthon on 'The Future of River Management'

Why in News

Recently, the **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)** and the **National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)** organized an IDEAthon on **"The Future of River Management'.**

> The event aimed to explore how the Covid-19 crisis can shape river management strategies for the future.

Key Points

- The IDEAthon sought to brainstorm the learnings from Covid-19 pandemic, the following lockdown and its impact on river management.
- It examined how the social angle of rivers can be leveraged on to address other crises.
- It sought to create a framework called River Management in a city's Urban river management plan.
- It aimed to garner more attention towards river management and also highlight the interconnectivity of cities with the river.
- **Namami Gange** (implemented by the NMCG) and NIUA plan to bring out a policy paper based on the deliberations of the IDEAthon for river management.

National Mission for Clean Ganga

- It is the **implementation wing** of the **National Ganga Council.**
- **NMCG** was established in the year **2011** as a registered society. It is **under the Ministry of Jal Shakti.**
- It has a **two-tier management structure** and comprises the **Governing Council** and **Executive Committee.**

- **Objectives**
    - To ensure effective control of pollution and rejuvenation of the river Ganga by adopting a river basin approach to promote inter-sectoral coordination for comprehensive planning and management.
    - To maintain minimum ecological flows in the river Ganga with the aim of ensuring water quality and environmentally sustainable development.

National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)

- NIUA is an institute for research, training and information dissemination in urban development and management.
- It is located in New Delhi, India.
- It was established in 1976 as an autonomous body under the Societies Registration Act.
- The Institute is supported by the **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs,** Government of India, State Governments, urban and regional development authorities and other agencies concerned with urban issues

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