



# Madhya Pradesh Rivers Pollution

## Why in News?

[Pollution](#) is on the rise in numerous **major rivers across Madhya Pradesh**, presenting a grave concern for the **state's environmental health**.

## Key Points

- The cleanliness of key rivers like [Narmada](#), [Kshipra](#), and [Betwa](#) has been a recurring issue in Lok Sabha, Assembly, and urban body elections over the past 15 years.
- Despite the implementation of various schemes such as the [Namami Gange Mission](#) and [National River Conservation](#), pollution levels continue to rise due to a lack of interest and commitment from regional public representatives and responsible officials.
  - The condition of the **Narmada River**, considered the lifeline of Madhya Pradesh, is particularly dire in terms of pollution.
  - In addition to the Narmada, other significant rivers like **Mahi, Tapti, Kali Sindh, Chambal, Parbati, Dhasan, Ken, Sindh, Kuno, Shipra, Betwa, and the Son River** - the largest tributary joining the Ganga from the south - are also experiencing increasing pollution levels.

## Namami Gange

- Namami Gange Programme is an Integrated Conservation Mission, **approved as a 'Flagship Programme' by the Union Government in June 2014** to accomplish the twin objectives of effective abatement of pollution and conservation and rejuvenation of National River Ganga.
- It is being operated under the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, **Ministry of Jal Shakti**.
- The program is being **implemented by the NMCG and its state counterpart organizations** i.e State Program Management Groups (SPMGs).
- In **phase 2 of Namami Gange Programme (2021-26)**, the states will focus on expeditious completion of projects and preparation of bankable Detailed Project Report (DPR) for projects in Ganga tributary towns, cutting down delays.
  - Focus is also being given to the **revival of small rivers and wetlands**.
  - For the future, each Ganga district is to develop scientific plans and health cards for at least 10 wetlands and adopt policies for reuse of treated water and other by-products.

## National River Conservation Plan (NRCP)

- NRCP is a **centrally funded scheme** launched in 1995 aimed at preventing the pollution of rivers.
- Programs for river conservation are being implemented under **National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) and NGRBA (National Ganga River Basin Authority)**.
  - The National Ganga Council, also known as the National Council for Rejuvenation, Protection, and Management of River Ganga, has replaced the NGRBA.

