

Parichha Weir - ICID Heritage Recognition

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A 140-year-old irrigation structure in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh, has secured a place on the global heritage recognition as a World Heritage Irrigation Structure (WHIS) under ICID.

- **Parichha Weir** - It is a **dam** constructed in 1886 across the Betwa River in Jhansi, UP.
- **1st Proposed** - The roots of the project go back to 1855, when Captain Strachey proposed a canal system for Bundelkhand.
- The imposing structure, built with solid rubble-stone masonry, comprises two sections with an island in between.
- It forms the headworks of the Betwa Canal System.
- **Betwa Canal System** - It is an **extensive irrigation network** developed to bring water to the drought-prone areas of Bundelkhand.
- **Heritage recognition** - It will be formally presented in France in October during the 26th International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) International Congress and 77th International Executive Council meeting.
- **Others in the list** - In 2022, the Sukwa-Dukwan Weir in Jhansi was included in the ICID heritage list.



The poster features logos for the 26th ICID International Congress, EAU Agriculture et Territoires, and ICID-CID. The main title is "26th ICID Congress and 77th IEC Meeting", hosted by EAT - Eau, Agriculture et Territoire, France. The theme is "Water and agricultural resilience in the face of climate change / Eau et résilience de l'agriculture face au défi climatique". The date is 12-17 October 2026, and the venue is Marseille, France. A small image of a town is shown on the left, and a large image of a river and dam is on the right. A website link is provided at the bottom.

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For more details, please visit Congress Website
<https://icidcongress2026.org/>

- **WHIS Programme** - It recognises irrigation structures that are more than 100 years old and continue to serve their original purpose.
- **Given by** - International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID)

- **ICID** - established in 1950, is a global organisation concerned with irrigation and drainage.
- It is a leading scientific, technical, and professional not-for-profit international organisation working in the field of irrigation, drainage, and flood management to promote and achieve sustainable agriculture water management.
- **Betwa River** - It is a 590-kilometre-long river in central and northern India.
- It is a key right-bank tributary of the Yamuna River.
- It rises in the Vindhya Range in the Raisen district of Madhya Pradesh and flows northeast through Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh before joining the Yamuna near Hamirpur.

Reference

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