

Sone River Water-Sharing Agreement

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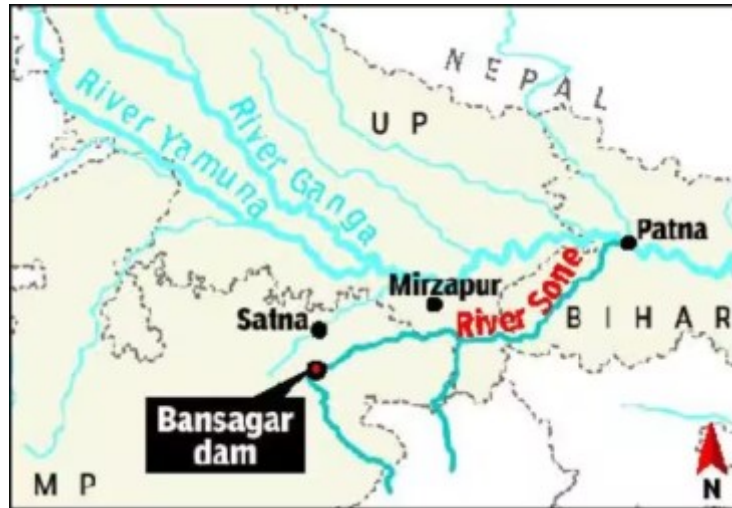
Why in News?

Bihar and Jharkhand signed an MoU on August, 2026 for sharing Sone River water.

- **Background** - The dispute arose after Jharkhand was carved out of Bihar in 2000, concerning the water allocation earlier made to undivided Bihar.
- **1973 Bansagar Agreement** - the total allocation of Sone water was 14.25 million-acre-feet (MAF) – State Allocation
 - Madhya Pradesh 5.25 MAF
 - Uttar Pradesh 1.25 MAF
 - Undivided Bihar 7.75 MAF
- New Agreement – Bihar: 5.75 MAF, Jharkhand: 2 MAF, Total: 7.75 MAF.
- **Significance** - It is expected to improve irrigation and drinking-water availability.
- Particularly important for drought-prone and plateau regions of South Bihar and Jharkhand.
- May facilitate projects such as reservoir construction and proposed Sone-Falgu river linking.

Sone River

- The Sone (Son) River is an important tributary of the Ganga.
- It is associated with the South Bihar region and flows through/along Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and Bihar.
- It joins the Ganga near Patna.



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