

Constitution of Greater Panna Landscape Council (GPLC)

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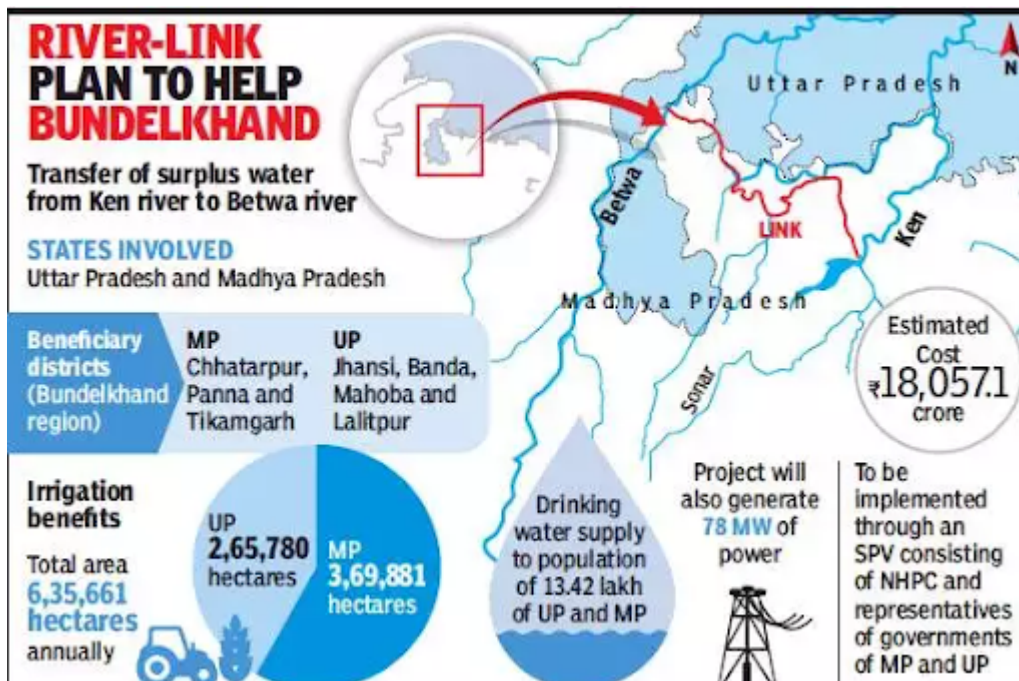
In news— As part of the Ken-Betwa Link Project (KBLP), the GPLC has been constituted under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh with members from all the stakeholders.

About GPLC-

- **To ensure systematic and time bound implementation of the Greater Panna Landscape Management plan, the GPLC has been constituted.**
- **The goal of the GPL and the council is to ensure a “win-win” situation for conservation through integration with the development process** based on a balanced approach and considering the diverse stakes.
- **The broad objectives are-**
 - **To enable betterment of habitat, protection, and management for flagship species** viz. tiger, vulture, and gharial in the landscape.
 - To consolidate the landscape for overall biodiversity conservation through spatial prioritization and well-being of the forest dependent communities.
 - To provide species-specific and site-specific monitoring strategies under the integrated landscape management in context with feedback loop and adaptive management options.
- Under KBLP, a **comprehensive Integrated Landscape Management Plan (ILMP) has been prepared for the conservation of wildlife and biodiversity in Panna Tiger Reserve (PTR) & surrounding areas.**

Ken-Betwa Link Project-

- **Ken-Betwa Link Project (KBLP), the first interlinking of rivers project under National Perspective Plan (NPP) taken for implementation,** would be a game-changer for the socio-economic prosperity of the Bundelkhand region, which faces recurrent drought situation.
- **The project is aimed at not only providing water security in the Bundelkhand but also ensuring the overall conservation of the region** and specially for landscape dependent species such as tiger, vulture and gharial.
- Apart from taking mitigation measures as per approved Environmental Management Plan, the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) has prepared a comprehensive Integrated Landscape Management Plan (ILMP) for the conservation of wildlife and biodiversity not only in Panna Tiger Reserve (PTR) but also in surrounding areas.
- The Integrated Landscape Management Plan in Greater Panna Landscape (GPL) is one of the major and unique conservation measures being initiated in the conservation history of India.



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