

Kameng river

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In news- Recently, a large number of fish and aquatic life were found dead in Kameng river in Arunachal Pradesh.

Key updates-

- As per the state government, the reason for such happening may **be high total dissolved solids (TDS) levels in the river.**
- The total dissolved solids (TDS) level of the Kameng river is around 6,800 mg/litre, which is much higher than normal.
- Water of the River has turned black with high levels of turbidity.
- The district authorities suspected **mudslide in the upper reaches of the Kameng river to be the cause behind the turbidity.**

About the Kameng river-

- It was **previously named Bhareli River**, now called **Kameng in Arunachal Pradesh** and **Jia Bhoreli in Assam.**
- The river **originates from a glacial lake below the Gori Chen mountain** south of the imaginary McMahon Line dividing India and China.
- It is one of the **major tributaries of the Brahmaputra River.**
- It forms the **boundary between East Kameng District and West Kameng Districts.**
- It is also the boundary between the Sessa and Eaglenest sanctuaries to its west and the **Pakke tiger reserve** to the east.
- The Dafla Hills are east and the Aka Hills (home of Aka

tribe) are west of the Kameng River.