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# Nature-based solutions for increased urban resilience

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# Nature-based solutions



SOIL MOISTURE RETENTION, GROUNDWATER RECHARGE



NATURAL AND CONSTRUCTED WETLANDS



REFORESTATION



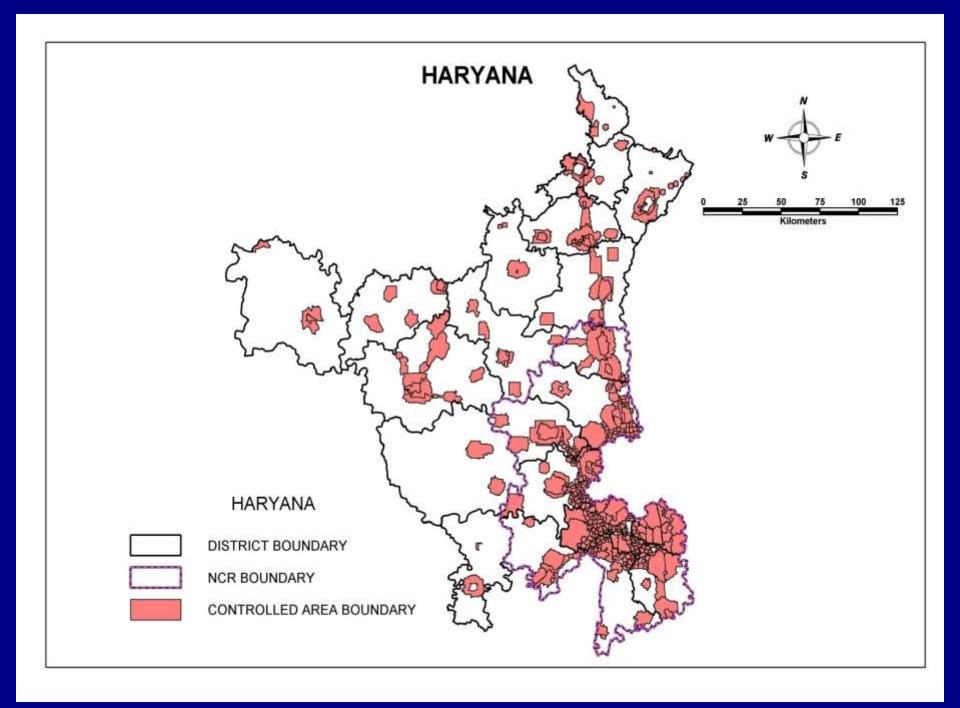
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URBAN GREEN SPACES AND GREEN BUILDINGS



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### Flood threat looms in Patiala as Ghaggar in spate

The water-level near Sarhala head of the Ghaggar river, crossing through Patiala district, has been measured at 9-ft, and the danger level is marked at 16-ft.

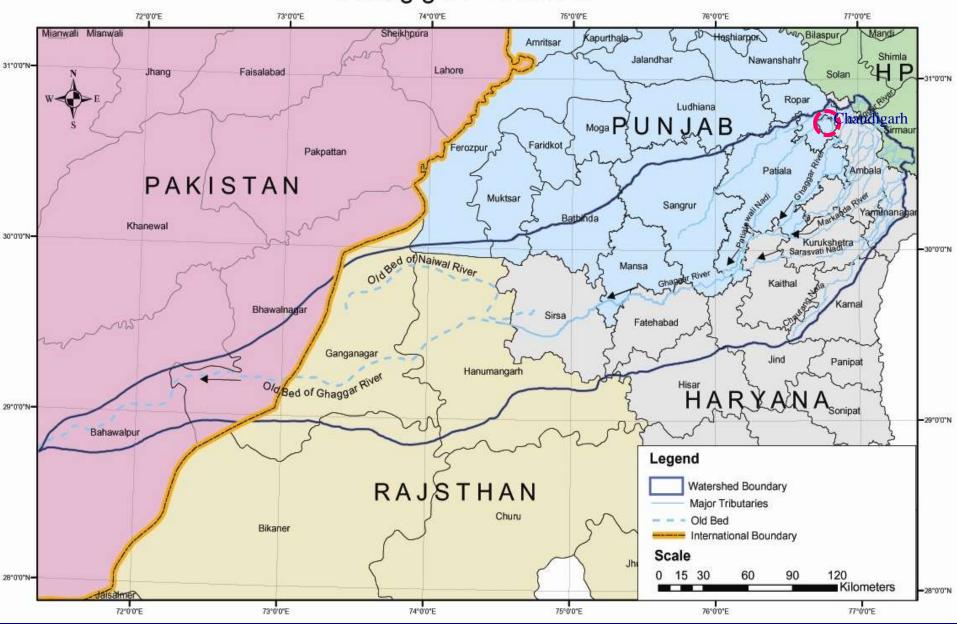
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### Ghaggar Basin



# Ecological Settings of Kalka -Pinjore Watershed Zone

<u>Comprises</u> of small Himalayan gateway towns in Pinjore –Kalka urban corridor and its environs.

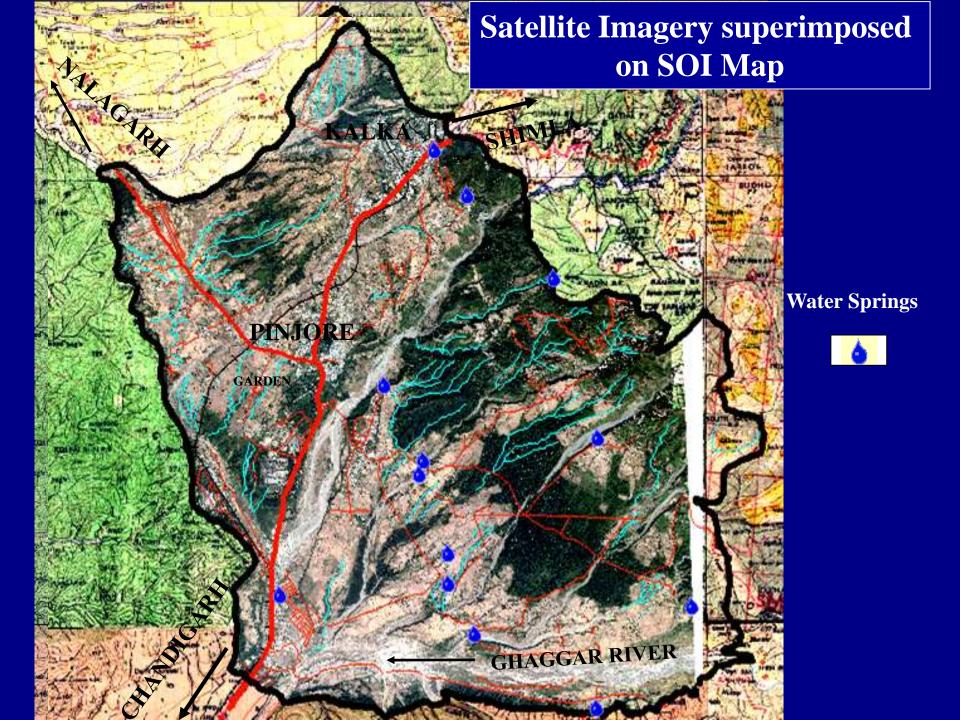
**Location** - 30<sup>0</sup>43'58"N to30<sup>0</sup>51'45"N latitude and

76°52'10"E to 77°00'45" E longitude.

**Total Area** 119.70 km<sup>2</sup>

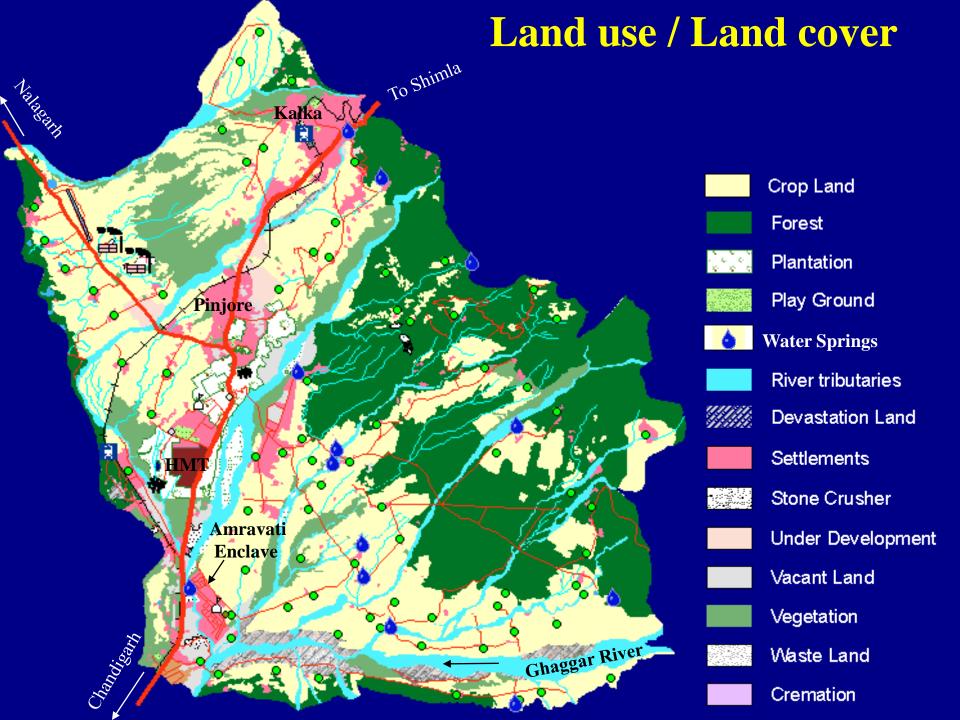
Perimeter - 56.13km

Delimitation - Himachal Pradesh in the east and northeast and Thadugarh Dhar (reserved forest) and right bank of Sirsa Nadi in the North. Kolhai Dun reserved forest marks its western boundary. A contour line (8.65 km long) of 500m height and Kholhat Raitan reserved forest both along the left bank of the Ghaggar river demarcate its southern boundary.



# MAJOR AREAS OF CONCERN

- 1- Receding Groundwater table.
- 2- Scarcity of water particularly beyond Pinjore towards Kalka.
- 3- Surface runoff damaging the soil strata
- 4- Degradation of land by soil erosion.
- 5- Depleting vegetal cover
- 6- Decreasing No. of *Bawris* (Natural Springs) and Management thereof



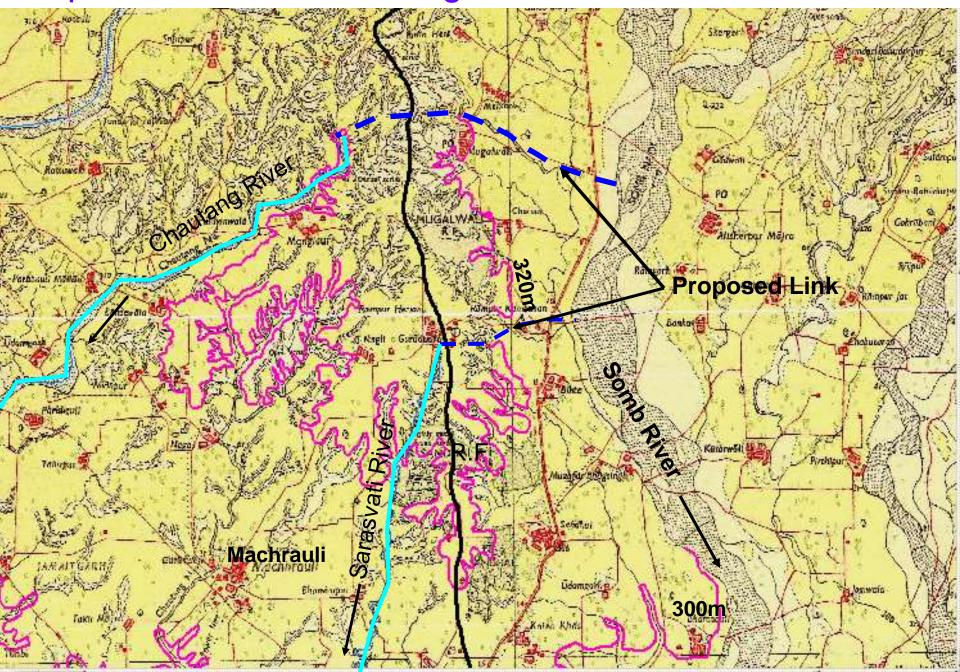


A View From Sky Kalka-Pinjore Region

# Way forward

- > Preparing a comprehensive programme for preservation of vegetal cover.
- Preparing a comprehensive plan for revival of the extinct water bodies and managing the existing *bawris*.
- ➤ Delineating and prioritizing micro-watersheds for effective soil and water conservation measures.
- Identification of suitable sites for botanical and zoological parks, a heritage centre, and restricting of mining zone.
- Suggesting the effective sewerage system in shallow water zone in Pinjore Kalka urban complex to check intermixing of sewer water with natural water resource.
- Wastewater treatment and creation of artificial lake for water recharging.
- Wildlife preservation and related revival of vegetal cover.

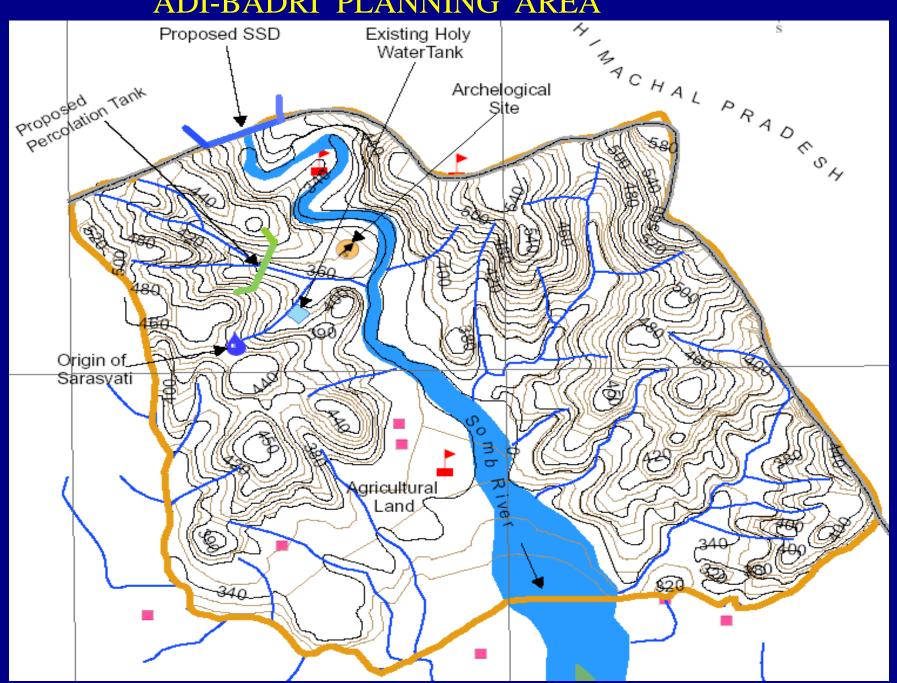
# Proposed Somb- Chautang -Sarasvati Channel Link







### ADI-BADRI PLANNING AREA



# 3-D View - Planning Area



# **Major Challenges of Adi Badri**

- Ephemeral water source at Sarasvati head.
- ➤ Shortage of water in holy tank and gradual seepage.
- Lack of Basic Amenities (drinking water supply, electricity, bathing ghats with provision for change rooms, toilets, eating joints, bins, parking space, inadequate road width).
- Soil erosion and Over growth of *lantana*, to name a few.
- ➤ Gradual decline in the vegetal cover responsible for maintaining the perenniality of water resource.

# Relief Structure

Sub-mountainous zone where upper Siwalik rocks are exposed in the shape of low hills

Altitude varies from the lowest 318 m in the somb river bed to highest 580 m at the top of the water divide

The Ad-Badri complex is located between 320 and 360m

# Thank You