

Forestry intervention to revive 13 rivers

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On the lines of the ongoing programme for Ganga, the Centre has decided to use “forestry interventions” as one of the tools to rejuvenate 13 other major rivers across the country. These rivers are Beas, Chenab, Jhelum, Ravi, Sutlej, Luni, Yamuna, Narmada, Godavari, kaveri, Krishna, Brahmaputra and Mahanadi.

The idea behind this move is to grow forests along both sides of these rivers to increase groundwater recharge and reduce erosion. Forests have capacity to hold water and discharge it slowly into the rivers.

Environment minister Prakash Javadekar on Monday said his ministry has assigned a technical study to Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dehradun, to assess the river landscape and prepare a detailed project report.
