

River – a unique Ecosystem

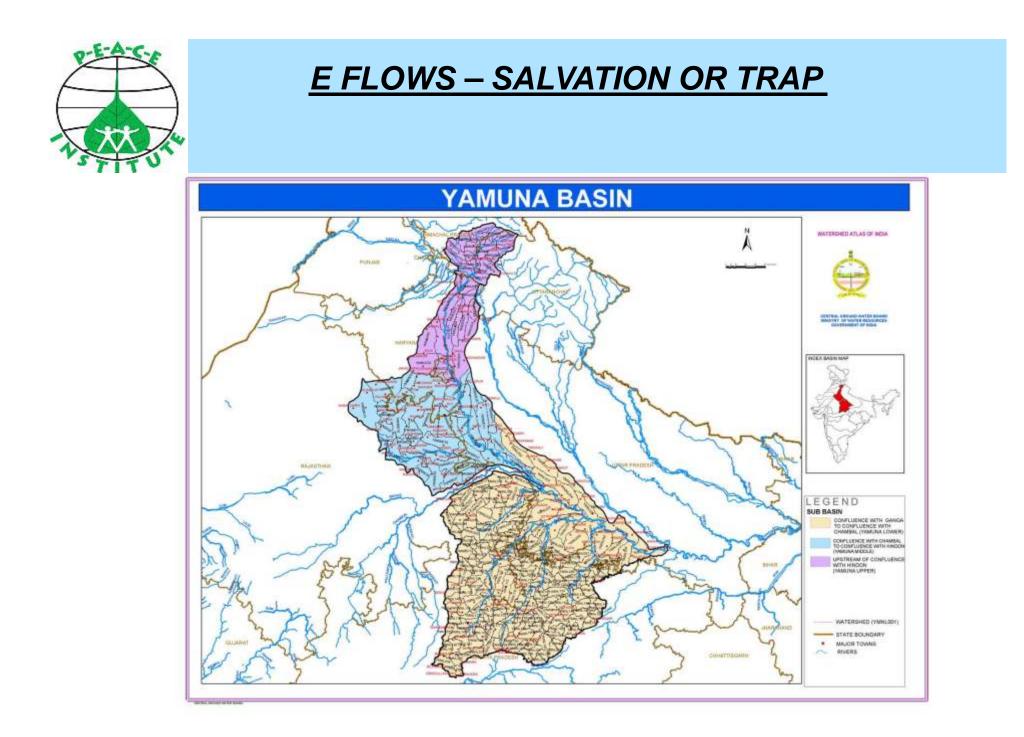
<u>Dynamic</u> (Sectional, Annual, decadal etc) *entity* <u>Physical</u> (Geomorphology, Hydrology, Temperature, Flood plain and Riparian zone) *entity* <u>Chemical</u> (Water and Soil chemistry) *entity* <u>Biological</u> (Plants & Animals) *entity* Social (Economic, political) *entity*



River Yamuna – A Case Study









Yamuna at Hathnikund Barrage – Feb 07





<u>E FLOWS – SALVATION OR TRAP</u>

Yamuna in Delhi – Feb 07





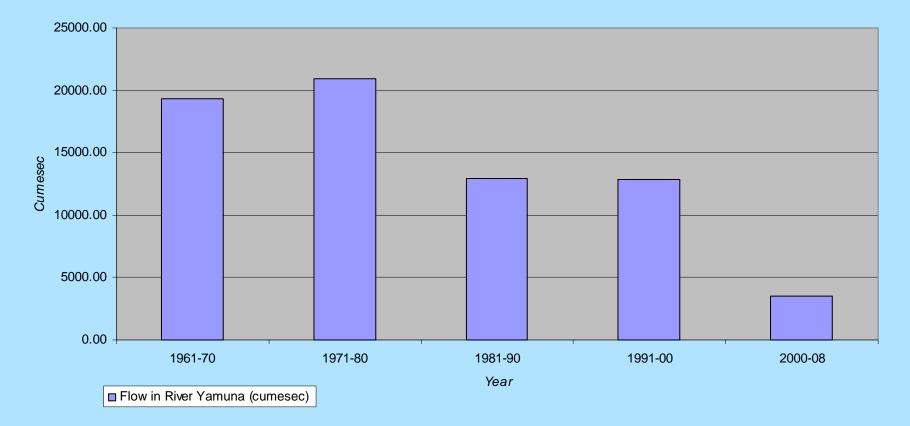
DECADAL FLOW IN THE RIVER YAMUNA

(Downstream of Tajewala / Hathnikund Barrage) Source: SPIO Irrigation Dept. Haryana, Oct 2008

Year	Flow in river Yamuna (cumesec)
1961-70	19321.90
1971-80	20887.18
1981-90	12928.25
1991-00	12867.20
2000-08 (July 08)	3492.28

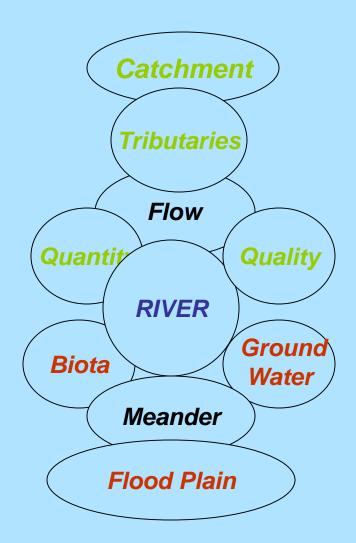


Flow in River Yamuna (cumesec)





RIVER HEALTH ELEMENTS





'Flow' is integral to a river system (*Behna – Nadi ka dharm hei!!!*)

There is no river san its "unfettered" flow

Abstraction of water from a river should be an exception and not the rule

Are 'we' falling into a trap in the name of E - flows?