

# **Aquatic Resources of Gorakhpur District (U.P.): Status and Need of Conservation.**

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**Abstract:** *Gorakhpur district has several water bodies, including major rivers like the Ghaghara and Rapti, smaller rivers such as Ami and Rohin, and numerous lakes like the prominent Ramgarh, Mheshara and Chilua Lake. The district also contains various ponds, seasonal lakes, and drainage canals, but many of these are under threat from pollution and encroachment due to urbanization and development. 57 species of plankton (Both), 15 species of molluscan and 87 species of freshwater fishes have been reported from Gorakhpur District with these native aquatic-fauna*

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