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The report highlights that inaccurate dumping of toxins in rivers is the leading cause of water pollution. The rivers in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu, and Kashmir, and parts of Delhi are the worst affected. The data suggests that there are 30 milligrams of toxic substances per liter of water in these rivers, indicating a severe threat to the health of the people and the environment.

The contamination of these rivers is a matter of great concern as they are a major source of water for irrigation, domestic use, and industrial purposes. The pollution of these rivers is a threat to public health and the ecosystem. It is essential to take immediate action to tackle the issue of water pollution, including stringent measures to regulate industrial effluent discharge, sewage treatment, and solid waste management.

The report calls for the implementation of sustainable measures to reduce pollution in rivers, including increased public awareness, monitoring and evaluation of water quality, and strong penalties for those who pollute water bodies.

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