

CWMA Directs Karnataka to Release 12,000 Cusecs Cauvery Water to Tamil Nadu

CWMA endorsed CWRC's directive ordering Karnataka to release 12,000 cusecs of water daily for 15 days to Tamil Nadu.

A regulatory inter-state water sharing directive issued by the Cauvery Water Management Authority between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- **Cauvery Water Management Authority** (CWMA) endorsed the recommendations of the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) in New Delhi on **August 11, 2026**.
- Karnataka has been directed to release **12,000 cusecs** of water daily to Tamil Nadu for a duration of **15 days**.
- **CWMA Chairperson** stated that **Karnataka** is in a comfortable water storage position to fulfill this directive.
- The order aims to cater to the agricultural and **irrigation needs** of Tamil Nadu in the **Cauvery delta** region.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) was constituted on **June 1, 2018**, under Section 6A of **Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956**.

Article 262 of the Indian Constitution empowers **Parliament** to enact laws for adjudicating inter-state river water disputes.

The **Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal** (CWDT) was constituted by the Union Government on **June 2, 1990**.

Cauvery river originates at **Talakaveri** in the **Brahmagiri range** of the Western Ghats in Kodagu district of Karnataka.

Major tributaries of Cauvery include Harangi, Hemavati, Arkavathy, Kabini, **Bhavani**, Noyyal, and **Amaravati**.

Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) assists CWMA by monitoring daily water storage, inflows, and outflows across reservoirs.

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CWMA directed Karnataka to release 12,000 cusecs of Cauvery water daily to Tamil Nadu for 15 days.

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for TNPSC Group 1, 2, 2A & 4 under Polity (Article 262), Geography (Cauvery tributaries), and TN Water Resource Administration.

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