

Cauvery Water Dispute: CWMA Meeting Amid Monsoon Deficit

The Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) held its 53rd meeting in New Delhi due to a poor southwest monsoon affecting the river's catchment.

The Cauvery water dispute is an ongoing conflict between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, along with Kerala and Puducherry, over sharing the waters of the Cauvery river.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA)** convened its **53rd meeting**.
- The meeting was held on Wednesday, **July 22, 2026**, in **New Delhi**.
- The primary reason for the meeting was the extremely poor **southwest monsoon (June-September)**.
- The monsoon deficit significantly affected the catchment of the **Cauvery river** in **southern States**.
- **Karnataka** and **Tamil Nadu** are identified as the two principal **riparian States** in the dispute.
- The **Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA)** is an **eight-year-old** body.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

The **Cauvery River** originates at **Talakaveri** in the **Kodagu district** of **Karnataka**.

The **Cauvery basin** covers parts of **Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala**, and the Union Territory of **Puducherry**.

The **Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT)** was constituted in **1990** to adjudicate the dispute.

The **CWDT** issued its **final award** in **2007**, allocating water shares to the basin states.

The **Supreme Court** delivered its **final verdict** on the CWDT award in **February 2018**.

The **Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA)** was established in **2018** to implement the **Supreme Court's verdict**.

Article 262 of the **Indian Constitution** empowers **Parliament** to adjudicate **inter-state river disputes**.

The **Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956**, provides for the constitution of **tribunals** for such disputes.

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