

Cauvery Water Dispute: TN and Karnataka Present Arguments in Supreme Court

Karnataka and Tamil Nadu presented opposing arguments in the Supreme Court regarding Cauvery water releases and CWMA compliance.

An ongoing inter-state river water dispute between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka over the equitable allocation of Cauvery river waters.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- Karnataka informed the Supreme Court that **86,797 cusecs** reached the **Biligundlu** inter-state border between July 29 and August 10, 2026.
- **Tamil Nadu** contended that water release by **Karnataka** was involuntary due to heavy rains and remains insufficient.
- Water discharge was reviewed based on the 9th recommendation of the **Cauvery Water Regulation Committee** (CWRC).
- The directions of the CWRC were previously upheld by the **Cauvery Water Management Authority** (CWMA).
- **Biligundlu** serves as the designated inter-State border gauge station to measure Cauvery water flow from Karnataka into Tamil Nadu.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

Article 262 of the Indian Constitution empowers Parliament to adjudicate disputes relating to waters of inter-state rivers.

Parliament enacted the **Inter-State River Water Disputes Act** in the year **1956** under Article 262.

The **Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal** (CWDT) was constituted by the Central Government in **June 1990**.

The final award of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal was delivered on **February 5, 2007**.

In **February 2018**, the Supreme Court allocated **177.25 tmcft** of Cauvery water annually to Tamil Nadu at Biligundlu.

The **Cauvery Water Management Authority** (CWMA) and Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) were constituted in **June 2018**.

River Cauvery originates at **Talakaveri** in the **Brahmagiri hills** of Kodagu district, Karnataka.

Bhavani, **Noyyal**, and **Amaravathi** are the major right-bank tributaries of River Cauvery in Tamil Nadu.

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Syllabus Relevance: Extremely high for Group 1, Group 2, and Group 4 exams under polity (Article 262) and TN river systems.

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