

Cauvery Water Released from Kabini Dam Set to Reach Tamil Nadu

Karnataka began releasing Cauvery water from the Kabini Dam following heavy rainfall in its catchment areas, with the water heading towards Tamil Nadu's Mettur Dam.

The flow of Cauvery river water from Karnataka into Tamil Nadu via Biligundlu to replenish storage levels in the Mettur Reservoir.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- Karnataka released water from the **Kabini Dam** on **August 1, 2026**, following intense rainfall in the upper catchment regions.
- The released water is expected to cross the Tamil Nadu border near **Biligundlu** on August 3, 2026, and reach **Mettur Dam**.
- According to the **Water Resources Department** (WRD), dry riverbed conditions initially slowed down the flow rate of the river water.
- The incoming water flow will boost storage at Mettur Dam, which is essential for cultivation in the **Cauvery Delta** region.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

Cauvery River originates at **Talakaveri** in the **Brahmagiri Hills** of the Western Ghats in Kodagu district, Karnataka.

Kabini River is a major right-bank tributary of Cauvery, originating in the **Wayanad** district of Kerala.

Biligundlu in **Dharmapuri** district serves as the official inter-state water gauging station between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

Mettur Dam, officially named **Stanley Reservoir**, was constructed in **1934** across the Cauvery River in Salem district.

The **Cauvery Water Management Authority** (CWMA) was constituted in **June 2018** to implement the Cauvery tribunal award.

Major left-bank tributaries of Cauvery include Harangi, **Hemavati**, Shimsha, and **Arkavathi**.

Major right-bank tributaries of Cauvery include Lakshmana Tirtha, Kabini, Suvarnavati, **Bhavani**, Noyyal, and **Amaravathi**.

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Mettur Dam (Stanley Reservoir) across Cauvery River in Salem district was constructed in 1934.

Syllabus Relevance: Unit 3 & Unit 8: Geography of Tamil Nadu, Cauvery river system, tributaries, dams, and inter-state water management.

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