

Kuruvai Paddy Coverage in Cauvery Delta Drops by Over 1 Lakh Acres

Water shortage caused by non-release of Cauvery water led to a decline of over one lakh acres in Kuruvai paddy coverage in Tamil Nadu.

Kuruvai is the short-term summer paddy cultivation season (June-September) in Tamil Nadu's Cauvery delta region.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- As of **July 27, 2026**, Kuruvai paddy coverage in Tamil Nadu stood at **3.87 lakh acres**, down from **5.05 lakh acres** in 2025.
- Thanjavur** district recorded the highest Kuruvai coverage in the delta region with approximately **1.29 lakh acres**.
- The main reason for the sharp decline in acreage is the **water shortage** resulting from delayed releases into **Cauvery canals**.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

Tamil Nadu has three major paddy cropping seasons: **Kuruvai** (June-September), **Samba** (August-January), and **Thaladi** (October-February).

Thanjavur district is traditionally known as the **Rice Bowl of Tamil Nadu** due to its vast fertile deltaic plain.

The **Kallanai** (Grand Anicut) across the river Cauvery was constructed during the **2nd century AD** by King **Karikala Chola**.

River Cauvery originates at **Talakaveri** in the **Brahmagiri Hills** of Karnataka.

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

The Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) was constituted in **June 1990** and gave its final verdict in **February 2007**.

The **Cauvery Water Management Authority** (CWMA) was constituted by the Central Government in **June 2018**.

REVISION FLASHCARD

Kuruvai is Tamil Nadu's short-term summer paddy season (June-Sept); Thanjavur leads delta coverage.

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for TNPSC Group 1, 2, 2A, and 4 exams under TN Agriculture, Cropping Seasons, and River Systems.

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