

Marakkanam Salt Pans: Livelihood Challenges Due to Climate Change

Salt pan workers in Marakkanam, Tamil Nadu, face increasing livelihood precarity due to harsh weather and climate change.

Marakkanam is a significant salt production hub in Tamil Nadu, where workers' income is directly dependent on favorable weather conditions.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- **Salt pan workers** in **Marakkanam** rely on long, hot days for their **livelihood**.
- **Rainfall** leads to loss of wages for **salt pan workers**.
- **Climate change** is making the **salt pan occupation** increasingly **precarious**.
- **Government assistance** for these workers remains **limited**.
- **Tamil Nadu** is experiencing one of its **harshest summers** in **recent years**.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

Marakkanam is located in the **Villupuram district** of **Tamil Nadu**.

Tamil Nadu is one of the **leading salt-producing states** in **India**.

Salt production is primarily concentrated along the state's **coastline**.

The **Directorate of Salt**, under the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**, oversees salt production in **India**.

Climate change impacts, such as **unpredictable weather patterns**, directly affect agricultural and coastal **livelihoods**.

Tamil Nadu has a **coastline** of approximately **1,076 km**.

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Climate change impacts Marakkanam salt pan workers' livelihoods in Tamil Nadu.

Syllabus Relevance: High

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