

TN moves SC seeking Cauvery water release from Karnataka

Tamil Nadu petitioned the Supreme Court directing Karnataka to release 3,500 cusecs of Cauvery water as mandated by the CWMA.

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

KEY EXAM POINTS

- **Tamil Nadu** moved the **Supreme Court** seeking directions to Karnataka for the immediate release of Cauvery water.
- The petition seeks execution of the **Cauvery Water Management Authority** decision passed on **July 30, 2026**.
- The CWMA instructed Karnataka to ensure the release of **3,500 cusecs** of water daily for **15 days**.
- The required water is to be discharged from the **Kabini** and **Krishna Raja Sagara** reservoirs in Karnataka.
- Tamil Nadu highlighted the water distress faced by **delta farmers** due to shortfalls in allocated water flow.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

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

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

The **Inter-State River Water Disputes Act** was enacted by Parliament in **1956** under Article 262.

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

Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) was constituted on **June 1, 2018**, following the Supreme Court directive.

Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) was formed to monitor day-to-day reservoir levels and water flow.

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

Major right-bank tributaries of Cauvery in Tamil Nadu include Lakshmana Tirtha, Kabini, **Bhavani**, Noyyal, and **Amaravati**.

Grand Anicut (Kallanai) across Cauvery was constructed by Chola King **Karikalan** in the 2nd century AD.

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CWMA constituted in 2018 under Inter-State River Water Disputes Act 1956 (Article 262).

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for Group 1, 2 & 4 under Geography (Rivers), Polity (Article 262), and TN Current Affairs.

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