

Thanjavur Launches Water Budget to Counter Cauvery Basin Scarcity

Thanjavur district administration initiated a Water Budget and Management exercise due to reduced inflows in the Cauvery and Kollidam rivers.

A resource-planning exercise coordinating Water Resources and Agriculture departments to safeguard Kuruvai paddy crops during dry spells.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- **Thanjavur District Collector** initiated the **Water Budget and Management** exercise to mitigate climate-induced water scarcity.
- The initiative responds to drastically reduced water inflows in the **Cauvery** and **Kollidam** rivers affecting delta agriculture.
- The exercise involves joint action by the **Water Resources**, **Agriculture**, and **Agriculture** Engineering departments.
- The reduced river flow poses a severe threat to the standing **Kuruvai paddy crop** in the **Cauvery delta** region.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

Thanjavur is traditionally known as the **Rice Bowl of Tamil Nadu** due to its fertile alluvial Cauvery delta.

Kuruvai is the short-term paddy cropping season in Tamil Nadu, cultivated from **June to September**.

Samba is the long-term paddy season from August to January, while **Thaladi** is cultivated from October to February.

River **Kollidam** is the northern distributary of River Cauvery, branching off at Upper Anaicut (**Mukkombu**) near Tiruchirappalli.

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

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

REVISION FLASHCARD

Thanjavur initiated a Water Budgeting exercise to protect Kuruvai paddy crops from Cauvery river flow deficits.

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for TN Geography, Agriculture, and Delta water resources in Group 1, 2, 2A, and 4 exams.

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