

Kaveri River Water Dispute Erupts Again

Why In The News?

- All Schools And Colleges Were Closed In Bengaluru On Tuesday Following A "**Bengaluru Bandh**" Call Given By Various Organisations Including Farmers And Pro-Kannada Groups, Following Their Protest Against The Contentious Release Of The **Cauvery River Water** To Tamil Nadu From Karnataka.
- Recently The **Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA)** Order Directed Karnataka To Continue Releasing **5,000 Cusecs Of Water** To Tamil Nadu For Another 15 Days. However, The Officials Said That There Was "No Water" Available To Release.

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History Of The Cauvery Water Dispute

- Both, Karnataka And Tamil Nadu Have Been At Each Other's Throats For Sharing Cauvery River's Water Since The British Era. A Resolution Was Acquired When The **Mysore Princely State And The Madras Presidency** Arrived At A Consensus In 1924.
- Mysore Was Allowed To Build A **Dam At Kannambadi Village To Store 44.8 Thousand Million Cubic Feet Of Water**. This Agreement Was To Be Valid Upto 50 Years Following A Review. However, Both The States Took The Dispute To The Supreme Court After Independence Several Times, But To No Avail.



Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal

- It Was Constituted By The Government In **1990** To Resolve The Water Disputes Between The States Of **Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala And Puducherry**.
- The CWDT Passed An Interim Order To Karnataka For Releasing **205 Million Cubic Feet Of Water To Tamil Nadu Monthly Or Weekly**.

Present Row

- Following The CWMA Order To Release Water To Tamil Nadu, Top Congress Leaders Of Karnataka Maintained That There Is No Surplus Water Available To Be Released.
- Our Rainfall Ceases After August, Whereas **Tamil Nadu Continues To Receive Rain** After That. Their **Groundwater Table Is Also Higher**, Which Worsens Our Situation.
- “Let’s Set Aside Party Politics And **Stand United In Protecting Our State, Language, Water, Land, And Culture**. The Situation Has Become Critical, And There Is No Distress Formula In Place,” Said Siddaramaiah.



Supreme Court Refuses To Interfere

- The Supreme Court On Thursday **Refused To Interfere With CWMA's Order** Directing The Government To Release 5,000 Cusecs Of Water To Tamil Nadu. A Three-judge Bench Said That It Is Not Inclined To Entertain The Plea Of Tamil Nadu Challenging The Decision Of The CWMA.
- The Bench Said CWMA And The Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) Have To Take All Key Aspects Into Consideration Like **Drought And Deficit Rainfall Before Passing The Order**.