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TODAY'S ANALYSIS

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TOPICS TO BE COVERED

- **CAUVERY RIVER WATER DISPUTE**
- **THE FIVE EYES ALLIANCE**
- **CHINA PAKISTAN ECONOMIC CORRIDOR (CPEC)**



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CAUVERY RIVER WATER DISPUTE

The Cauvery conflict between **Tamil Nadu and Karnataka** resurfaces whenever there's a **shortfall in the Southwest Monsoon** in the region.

Tamil Nadu's farmers await Karnataka's response, as the **Mettur reservoir** holds only 20 TMC, lasting ten days.

Just recently, Tamil Nadu took its case to the **Supreme Court**, asking Karnataka to release 24,000 cubic feet per second (cusecs) of Cauvery water daily to support their standing crops.

In response, the Supreme court **mandated Karnataka** to **release 10,000 cusecs of water** to Tamil Nadu for a **15-day period**.

KARNATAKA'S RESPONSE

Karnataka cites **poor inflow due to reduced rainfall** in Cauvery catchment, including **origin point Kodagu**.

Karnataka highlights a **44% rainfall deficit in Kodagu** from **June to August**.

Karnataka rejects Tamil Nadu's distress-sharing formula demand.

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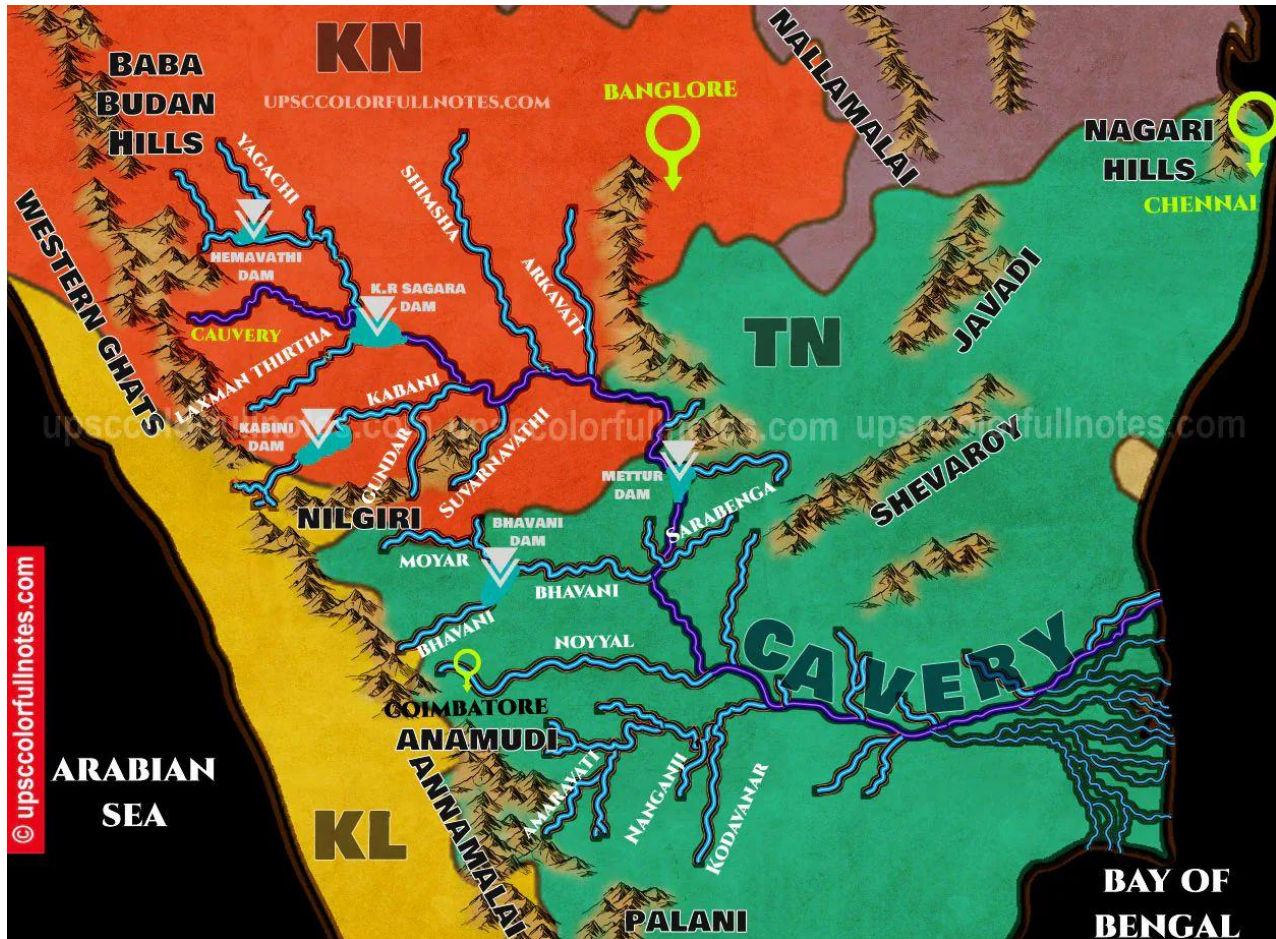


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CAUVERY BASIN



CURRENT ALLOCATIONS

In a "normal" water year, **Karnataka** is bound to release **177.25 TMC** (thousand million cubic feet) of water from **June to May** to **Tamil Nadu**.

This annual quota includes **123.14 TMC** allocated during the monsoon months from **June to September**.

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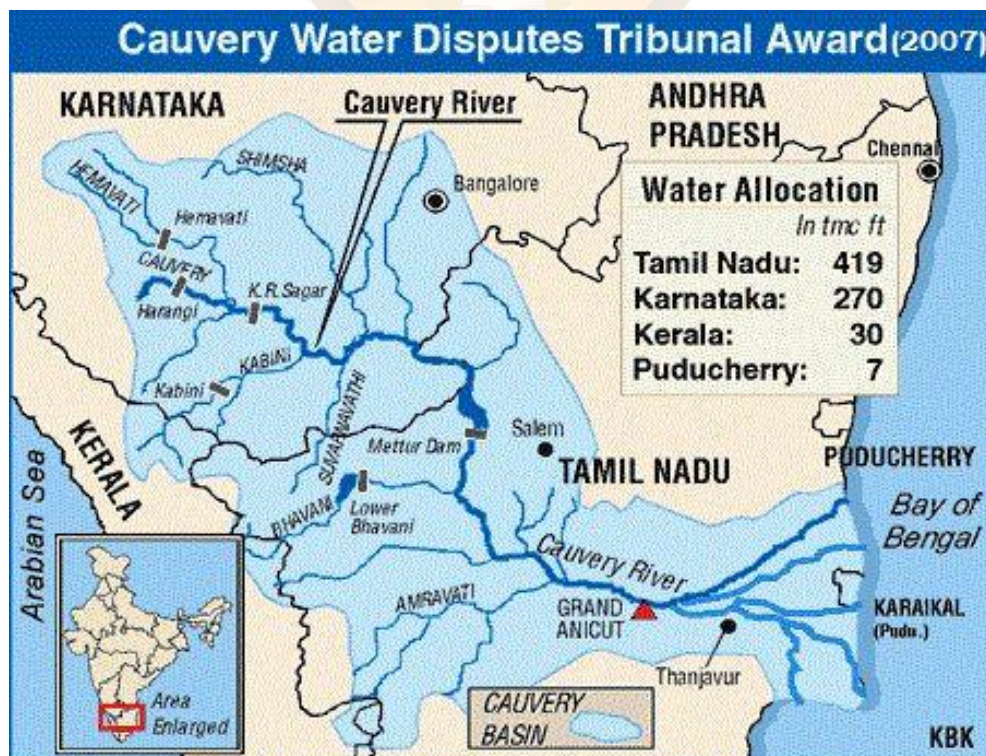
HISTORICAL ASPECT

The genesis of the dispute is **150 years old** and dates back to the **two agreements of arbitration in 1892 and 1924** between the then **Madras presidency and Mysore**.

It entailed the principle that the **upper riparian state must obtain consent of lower riparian state** for any construction activity viz. Reservoir on the river Cauvery.

The Cauvery water dispute between **Karnataka and Tamil Nadu** began in **1974** when Karnataka started diverting water without Tamil Nadu's consent.

THE SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT



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After several years, the **Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT)** was **established in 1990** to resolve the issue. It took **17 years** for the CWDT to reach a final order in **2007**, which outlined the sharing of Cauvery water among the **four riparian states**.

In distress years, water would be shared on a pro-rata basis.

THE AFTERMATH

- In **2018**, the Supreme Court declared the **Cauvery a national asset** and largely upheld the **water-sharing arrangements** determined by the **CWDT**.
- It also directed the Centre to notify the **Cauvery Management Scheme**.
- The central government notified the 'Cauvery Water Management Scheme' in June 2018, constituting the '**Cauvery Water Management Authority**' and the '**Cauvery Water Regulation Committee**'.

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THE FIVE EYES ALLIANCE

The Five Eyes (FVEY) is an intelligence alliance comprising:

- Australia
- Canada
- New Zealand
- The United Kingdom, and
- The United States.



These countries are parties to the multilateral **UK-USA Agreement**, a treaty for joint cooperation in signals intelligence. **Informally**, Five Eyes can also refer to the **group of intelligence agencies of these countries**.

THE MULTILATERAL UK-USA AGREEMENT

It is a multilateral agreement for cooperation in **signals intelligence** between Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The alliance of intelligence operations is also known as the **Five Eyes**.

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It officially enacted on **5 March 1946** by the **United Kingdom and the United States**. In the following years, it was extended to encompass **Canada (joined it in 1949)**, and **New Zealand and Australia (Joined in 1956)**

OTHER ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Other countries, known as "**third parties**" also joined the UK-USA community in **associate capacities**, although **they are not part of the mechanism for automatic sharing of intelligence** that exists between the Five Eyes.

9 EYES: 5 Eyes + Netherlands, Denmark, France and Norway.

14 EYES: 9 Eyes + Belgium, Italy, Germany, Spain and Sweden.

MODUS OPERANDI

- Much of the sharing of information is performed via the ultra-sensitive **STONEGHOST** network, which has been claimed to contain "some of the Western world's most closely guarded secrets."
- Countries often **engage with each other** on matters of **intelligence gathering and security**.

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- In recent years, common interests, such as **balancing the rise of China**, have brought more convergence among the alliance members.
- **Common language and mutual trust** built over decades of association.
- In 2016, the five eyes intelligence Oversight and Review Council came into being. It includes the non-political intelligence oversight, review, and security entities of the Five Eyes countries.



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CHINA PAKISTAN ECONOMIC CORRIDOR (CPEC)



China has **refused to further expand** cooperation in the areas of energy, water management and climate change under CPEC, **signalling a strain in ties.**

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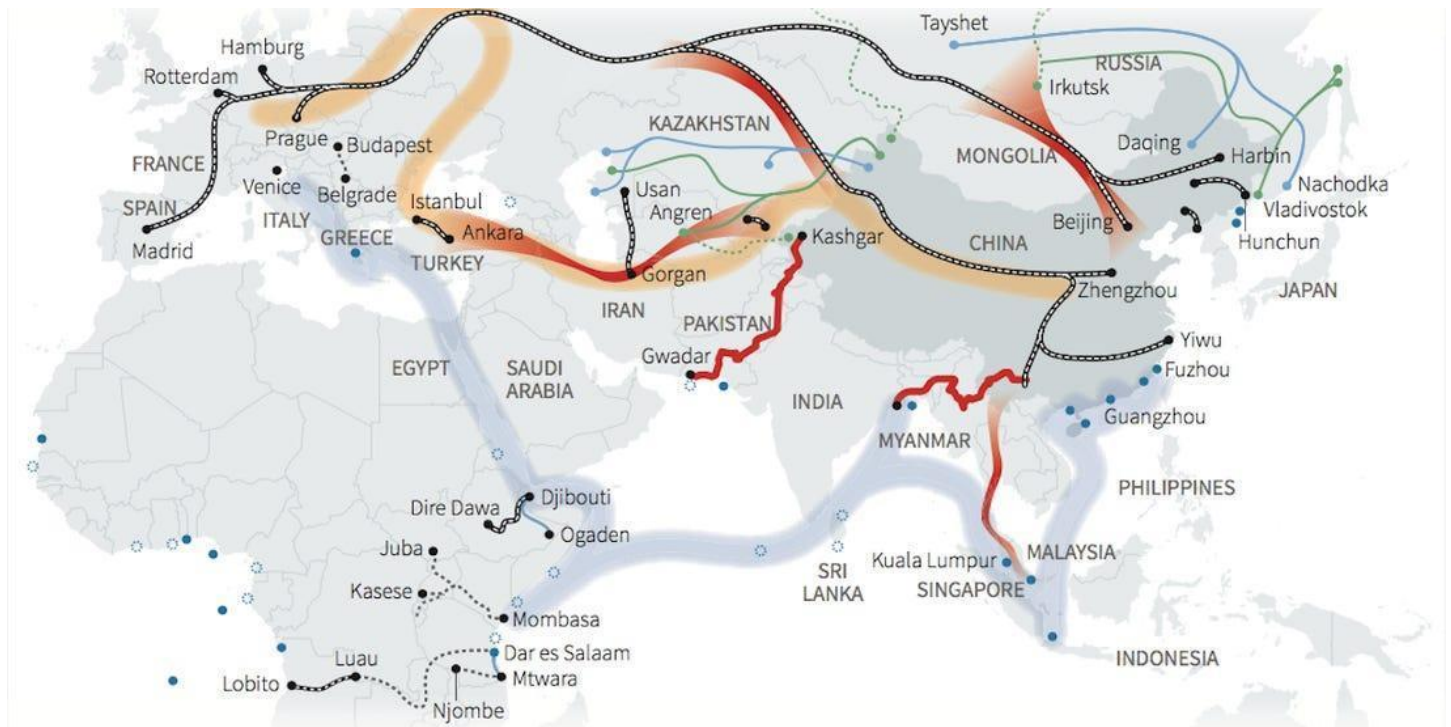


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ABOUT CPEC

During an **April 2015** visit to Islamabad, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Pakistani PM Nawaz Sharif unveiled the **\$46 billion CPEC**. The corridor links **Xinjiang with Gwadar**, and also **passes through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK)** where China is investing in a number of projects.

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Often described as a flagship project of the **Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)**, the stated **goal of CPEC** is:

- To **transform Pakistan's economy** by modernizing its road, rail, air, and energy transportation systems;
- To **connect the deep-sea Pakistani ports of Gwadar to China's Xinjiang province** and beyond by overland routes.

PHASES OF CPEC

First Phase

Various agreements such as **energy, infrastructure, port development and the railway line** construction have been signed. The first phase focused on infrastructure creation.

Second Phase

In February 2022, industrial cooperation agreement was signed. The second phase primarily revolves around **Special Economic Zones** development and industrialisation.

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