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India is well endowed with fresh water resources. Critically examine why it still suffers from water scarcity.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · GS I · 12 marks · Natural Resources and Industries

Distribution of key natural resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian sub-continent); factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India).

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Southwest monsoon

Season that supplies most of India's rainfall in a short window, creating flood-then-scarcity if storage fails.

Groundwater mining

Extraction faster than recharge in several green-revolution and hard-rock districts.

Irrigation share

Agriculture takes the bulk of developed water use in India.

Per-capita water stress

Falling renewable water per person as population grows, even if national totals look large.

River disputes

Interstate conflicts that delay or limit sharing of basin water despite hydrological flow.

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