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Why is the world today confronted with a crisis of availability of and access to freshwater resources?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · GS I · 10 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).

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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Agricultural withdrawals

About seventy percent of global freshwater withdrawals go to farming.

SDG 6

United Nations goal on clean water and sanitation for all.

Groundwater stress

Intensive well irrigation has lowered water tables in several major food plains.

Transboundary basins

Rivers such as the Nile, Mekong, and Indus create political scarcity across borders.

Virtual water

Water embedded in traded food and goods, which can export scarcity from dry regions.

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