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Q8

Not many years ago, river linking was a concept but it is becoming reality in the country. Discuss the advantages of river linking and its possible impact on the environment.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2017 · GS III · 10 marks · Environment and Conservation

Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment.

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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National Perspective Plan

1980s Union plan for inter-basin water transfer, later studied as Himalayan and peninsular components.

NWDA

National Water Development Agency: prepares feasibility and detailed reports for proposed river links.

Ken-Betwa

Major peninsular link intended to take Ken water to the Betwa in Bundelkhand; a test case for wildlife and interstate issues.

Environmental flow

Water that must remain in the river for ecology and downstream users; linking that ignores it dries the donor basin in the lean season.

Panna landscape

Tiger reserve and forest tracts affected in Ken-Betwa reservoir and canal alignments, a core environmental objection.

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