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What is common to the places known as Aliyar, Isapur and Kangsabati? (a) Recently discovered uranium deposits (b) Tropical rain forests (c) Underground cave systems (d) Water reservoirs Official key: D.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) Recently discovered uranium deposits. These names are not India's uranium news sites (compare Tummalapalle, Jaduguda), so this is not the key.

(b)

(b) Tropical rain forests. **Aliyar** is in Tamil Nadu's Anamalais irrigation belt, **Isapur** in Maharashtra, **Kangsabati** in West Bengal - not a shared rainforest identity, so this is not the key.

(c)

(c) Underground cave systems. Not what these three share, so this is not the key.

(d) Official key

(d) Water reservoirs. **Aliyar** (Tamil Nadu), **Isapur** (Maharashtra) and **Kangsabati** (West Bengal) are dam/reservoir projects. That common identity is the official key.

Summary

Official key is (d) water reservoirs. Three irrigation reservoirs in three States, not a uranium, rainforest or cave set. Honour the stored letter (d).

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Aliyar

Coimbatore / Anamalais, Tamil Nadu

Isapur

Penganga, Maharashtra

Kangsabati

Kangsabati river, West Bengal (Purulia-Bankura)

Askable twin

Other inter-State reservoir name lists in PYQs

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