

1- India-Pak Water Dispute - An Alarming Issue

Outline:

1- Introduction

2- An overview of water dispute

a- Historical Indus water treaty and its current status

3- How India-Pakistan water dispute is an alarming issue

(i)- Weaponization of water by India brings multiple sufferings
a- Modi's statement that water and blood cannot flow together

(ii)- Current climate oriented issues and role of water politics - for both countries.

a- Outcomes of 2025 floods

(iii)- Worsening signs for both countries and regional peace

a- Recent war escalation between India and Pakistan

(iv)- Disruption in agriculture outputs is the manifestation of India-Pakistan water dispute

a- 90 percent of agriculture in Punjab is dependent upon Indus Basin

v- Water security can be catastrophic in case of weaponisation of water

a- Water security in certain areas of Pakistan (ADB)

vi- low water availability results in price hikes and food shortage

a- Rising food insecurity is impacting millions in Pak-India (World Bank)

vii- War risk due to water is a source of humanitarian crises

a- India's unilateral suspension of IWT is an issue at humanitarian level (UN)

viii- Economic impacts are far reaching due to the presence of risk of war due to water politics

a- People will live in devastating economic situation (WB, 2025)

ix Suspension of Indus water treaty leads to a vicious cycle of food and water scarcity

a- UN report on implications of suspension of IWT

* - India's alarming statements regarding Indus water treaty depict a highly dangerous and perverse thinking

a - Indian media's upholding of suspension decision

3. Pathways of de-escalating the water dispute:

- i - Significant diplomatic efforts and prioritizing longterm benefits
- ii - Confidence building through the understanding of water infrastructure
- iii - Strong third party mediation and international cooperation

4 - Conclusion