

India - Pakistan water dispute - an alarming issue

I - Introduction

II - Historical Background of division of rivers

III - Causes of Disputes between India and Pakistan for Indus water:

(i) Construction of Dam by India on western rivers

- Kishanganga and Baglihar Dam

(ii) Ambiguities in Indus Water Treaty;

(iii) Climate change and reduced water availability;

(iv) Increasing population and rising water demand.

IV - Why it is an alarming Issue:

(i) Threat to Pakistan's food security;

(ii) Risk of water scarcity for industrial and agricultural usage;

(iii) Increases political mistrust and escalation of hostility;

(iv) Possibility of future 'water wars' between nuclear armed states;

(v) Economic repercussions in Pakistan

(vi) Humanitarian crises due to drought and flood management

(vii) Regional instability in South Asia affects neighbouring countries.

V - Way Forward to solve the disputes:

(i) ^{Promotes} Diplomacy and soft talks between both states;

(ii) Need for joint water management strategies

(iii) Enhance regional cooperation for climate resilience.

VI - Conclusion