

Ujh Multipurpose Project

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- **Ujh Multipurpose Project** is planned to fast track utilization of India's rights under **Indus Waters Treaty**.
The project will enhance the utilization of waters of **Eastern Rivers** allotted to India as per the **Indus Water Treaty**.
- **Location:** The project is planned to be constructed in **Kathua District** of Jammu & Kashmir on the **River Ujh**.
Ujh is a **tributary of the Ravi river**.



Indus Waters Treaty

- The Indus system comprises the **Indus, Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi, Beas and Sutlej**. The basin is shared by India and Pakistan.

- Under the **Indus Waters Treaty** signed between India and Pakistan in 1960, the waters of three rivers, namely **Ravi, Sutlej and Beas (Eastern Rivers)** shall be available for the unrestricted use of India.
 - While, the waters of **Western rivers - Indus, Jhelum, and Chenab** were allocated to Pakistan except for specified **domestic, non-consumptive and agricultural use permitted to India** as provided in the Treaty.
 - India has also been given the right to generate hydroelectricity through run of the river (RoR) projects on the **Western Rivers** which, subject to specific criteria for design and operation is unrestricted.
 - India is **also allowed to use 20% of water** from **Indus, Chenab and Jhelum (Western rivers)** for irrigation, power generation and transport purposes.
- This is a unique treaty involving a third party since it was brokered by the **World Bank**.
- A **Permanent Indus Commission** was set up as a bilateral commission to implement and manage the Treaty.
 - The Commission solves disputes arising over water sharing.
 - The Treaty also provides an arbitration mechanism to solve disputes amicably.

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