

Bisalpur Dam

Why in News?

Intense heat and high temperatures are rapidly depleting the <u>Bisalpur Dam</u> water, which supplies drinking water to Jaipur, Ajmer, and Tonk in Rajasthan. If this continues, the region could soon face a severe water crisis.

Key Points

- About the Issue:
 - Due to evaporation, about 15 centimetres of water has been lost in the last one month.
 - It also affects the livelihood related to the dam. Fishermen are facing difficulty in hunting, can have an adverse effect on their economic condition.
- About Bisalpur Dam:
 - Bisalpur Dam is a **gravity dam** on the **Banas River at Bisalpur in Tonk district** of Rajasthan .
 - A gravity dam is a dam made of concrete or masonry and withstands the pressure of water by its own weight. Its stability is entirely based on gravity.
 - It was constructed in 1999 for the purpose of irrigation and drinking water supply
 - This dam was named in honour of Bisaldev IV, the Chauhan ruler of Ajmer.

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