



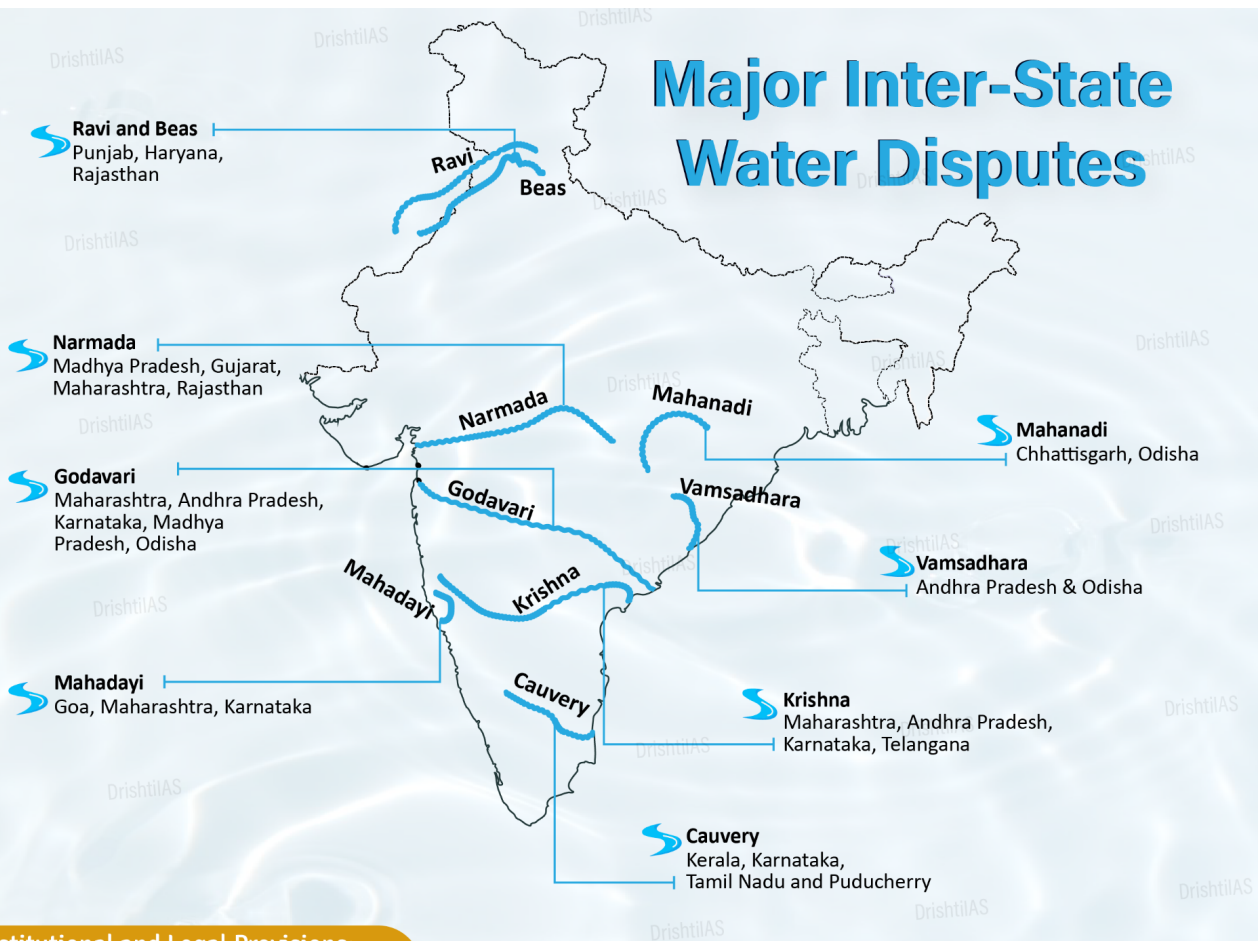
## Mhadei River Water Dispute

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A recent study recommending the diversion of water from **Mhadei**'s tributaries to the **Malaprabha River** in Karnataka, without major impacts on Goa has sparked protests in Goa, reigniting the decades-long [inter-state water dispute](#) with Karnataka over water sharing.

- The [Mahadayi Water Disputes Tribunal's \(MWDT\)](#) allotted Karnataka **13.42 thousand million cubic feet (tmcft)** to Karnataka.
- **About Mhadei River:** It originates in the [Western Ghats](#) ([Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary](#), Karnataka), flows through **Goa (basin cover 78%)**, **Karnataka (18%)**, and **Maharashtra (4%)** emptying into the **Arabian Sea**.
  - **Tributaries:** **Kalasa, Banduri**, Mapusa, **Ragada**, Nanuz, Valvoti, Nerul, St. Inez Creek, Dudhsagar, Kotrachi Nadi, and Rio de Ourém.
    - It is connected to the **Zuari River** through the **Cumbarjua Canal**.
  - **Features:** It is known for [Dudhsagar Falls \(Mollem National Park and Bhagwan Mahaveer Sanctuary\)](#) and **Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary** on Chorao Island.
- **About Malaprabha River:** It is a **tributary** of the [Krishna River](#) and originates in **Kanakumbi village** in **Western Ghats** in **Belgaum, Karnataka**.
  - [Aihole](#), [Pattadakal](#), and [Badami](#), all [UNESCO](#) sites, are located along its banks.

# Major Inter-State Water Disputes



## Constitutional and Legal Provisions:

- **Article 262:** Provides for adjudication of interstate water disputes. Under this, parliament enacted two laws: The River Boards Act, 1956 & the ISWD Act, 1956
- **The River Boards Act, 1956:** Establishment of river boards for the regulation of inter-state rivers
- **The ISWD Act, 1956:** Central government establish a temporary tribunal to resolve water disputes between two or more states  
[Amended in 2002; Mandated a 1 year time frame to set up the water disputes tribunal and a 3 year time frame to give a decision (**Sarkaria Commission**)]
- **State List (Entry 17):** Deals with water
- **Union List (Entry 56):** Parliament has the authority to regulate and develop inter-State rivers and river valleys if it's deemed necessary for the public interest



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