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1. Water Released from Kabini Dam to Tamil Nadu

- i. Water has been released from the Kabini Dam to Tamil Nadu at the rate of 25,000 cubic feet per second (cusecs).
 - The Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) and the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) had directed the Karnataka Government to release 3,500 cusecs of water daily for the next 15 days to Tamil Nadu. Karnataka initially strongly opposed the decision, stating that inadequate rainfall made it difficult to release water. An all-party meeting was held in Bengaluru on Sunday to discuss the issue.
- ii. Meanwhile, due to continuous rainfall in Wayanad, Kerala, inflow into the Kabini Dam, built across the Kabini River (a tributary of the Cauvery), increased significantly. Against its maximum water level of 2,284 feet, the reservoir reached 2,282 feet on August 2. To ensure the dam's safety, 12,000 cusecs of water was released.

2. Surplus Water from Kabini Dam Expected to Reach Mettur Dam

- i. Officials of the Water Resources Department stated that the surplus water released from Karnataka's Kabini Dam is expected to reach the Mettur Dam on Tuesday (August 4).
- ii. As the water level in the Mettur Dam had been steadily declining, heavy southwest monsoon rains in Karnataka significantly increased inflow into the Kabini Dam. The 65-foot-high Kabini Dam currently has a water level of 62.95 feet, receiving an inflow of 23,009 cusecs, with a storage of 18.2 TMC.
- iii. As the dam is nearing full capacity, 25,000 cusecs of surplus water has been released into the Cauvery River as a precautionary measure. Officials expect this water to reach the Mettur Dam on Tuesday.
- iv. Meanwhile, rainfall in the Cauvery catchment areas has also increased inflow into the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam. The water level in the 124.80-foot-high dam stands at 96.90 feet. It is receiving an inflow of 22,055 cusecs and currently stores 20.47 TMC out of

its total capacity of 49.45 TMC. Around 1,766 cusecs is being released from the dam.

- v. If the current inflow continues, the Krishna Raja Sagar Dam is expected to fill within two weeks, leading to the release of surplus water into the Cauvery River. Consequently, inflow into the Mettur Dam is expected to increase further.
- vi. Dam Status
 - As of 8 a.m. on Sunday, inflow into the Mettur Dam increased from 42 cusecs to 47 cusecs.
 - 1,500 cusecs is being released from the dam to meet drinking water requirements.
 - The water level stands at 73.33 feet, with a storage of 35.63 TMC.
- vii. Hogenakkal Receives 500 Cusecs
 - Water inflow into the Cauvery River at Hogenakkal was 500 cusecs on Sunday.
 - Since inflow into the Kabini Dam has reduced, the discharge into the Cauvery River has been cut to 9,000 cusecs.
 - Water flow at Hogenakkal was 600 cusecs on Saturday, dropped to 350 cusecs on Sunday morning, and rose to 500 cusecs by evening.
 - Water flow at the waterfalls remains steady, and officials from the Central Water Resources Department are continuously monitoring the situation.

3. 23rd Commonwealth Games Conclude in Scotland

- i. The 23rd Commonwealth Games, held in Scotland, concluded on Sunday.
India finished 4th in the medal tally with 39 medals:
 - 13 Gold
 - 17 Silver
 - 9 Bronze
 Australia topped the table with 171 medals, followed by England (110) and Canada (62).
- ii. The Games were held in Glasgow from July 23 for 11 days, featuring 3,000 athletes from 74 countries. Competitions were conducted across 10 sports at 4 venues, including 6 para-sports events.
- iii. India was represented by a 191-member contingent, including 78 male athletes and 48 female athletes. Unlike previous editions, sports such as hockey, shooting, wrestling, badminton, and table tennis were excluded as part of cost-cutting measures. These are

traditionally strong medal-winning events for India, affecting the country's medal tally. Nevertheless, Indian athletes excelled in boxing, athletics, and weightlifting.

- iv. Indian boxers and para-athletes recorded their highest-ever medal tally in Commonwealth Games history.
- v. In boxing, India's previous best was 9 medals (3 gold, 3 silver, 3 bronze) at the 2018 Gold Coast Games. This record was surpassed with 10 medals (7 gold and 3 silver).
- vi. In the para category, India improved on its previous best of 2 medals (1 gold and 1 bronze) at the 2022 Birmingham Games by winning 7 medals:
 - 3 Gold
 - 2 Silver
 - 2 Bronze
- vii. Notably, India had won only 7 para medals in total across all Commonwealth Games from 2002 to 2022, but equaled that tally in this single edition.
- viii. The closing ceremony took place at the OVO Hydro Arena in Glasgow on Sunday night (Indian time). Prince Edward officially declared the Games closed. The Commonwealth Games flag was then handed over to representatives of India, which will host the next edition. The ceremony also featured cultural performances.
- ix. The 24th Commonwealth Games will be held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, in October 2030, coinciding with the centenary celebrations of the Games, which began in 1930. This will be the second time India hosts the Commonwealth Games, the first being New Delhi in 2010.
- x. In the men's 5,000 metres, India's Kulveer Singh won the bronze medal with a time of 13 minutes 24.95 seconds.
 - Gold: Kenya's Matthew Kipsumba – 13:23.61
 - Silver: Australia's Kai Ray Pinson – 13:24.70
 Kulveer Singh became:
 - The first Indian to win a Commonwealth Games medal in the men's 5,000 metres.
 - The first Indian athlete to win two athletics medals at a single Commonwealth Games, having earlier won silver in the 10,000 metres.

4. Duleep Trophy – Cricket

5. At the Taipei Open Super 300 Badminton Tournament, 17-year-old Indian shuttler Tanvi Sharma won the women's singles title, emerging as the champion.

6. Taslima Nasrin Supports Uniform Civil Code in India

- i. Bangladeshi author Taslima Nasrin has expressed support for implementing a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in India.
 - Her novel "Lajja" (1993), which portrayed the persecution of a Hindu family in Bangladesh, sparked major controversy, forcing her to leave the country.
- ii. She later moved to Kolkata, where her autobiography "Dwikhandito (Split: A Life)" also triggered widespread protests and violence, eventually leading to her departure from India.
- iii. After nearly 19 years, she has returned to Kolkata.

7. Government Approves Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Projects

- i. During the 2025–26 Financial Year (April 2025–March 2026), the Central Government approved 63 Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) proposals worth a total of ₹10,292.67 crore, according to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Ministry of Commerce.
- ii. Country-wise approvals included:
 - Singapore: 5 projects worth ₹3,259.88 crore
 - United Kingdom: 5 projects worth ₹2,477.67 crore
 - Thailand: 2 projects worth ₹1,600 crore
- iii. The Government also approved:
 - 1 Chinese FDI proposal worth ₹1 crore
 - 13 Hong Kong FDI proposals worth ₹610.42 crore
- iv. However, despite these approvals, the Government clarified that the relaxed FDI rules do not apply to companies registered in China, Hong Kong, or any country sharing a land border with India.