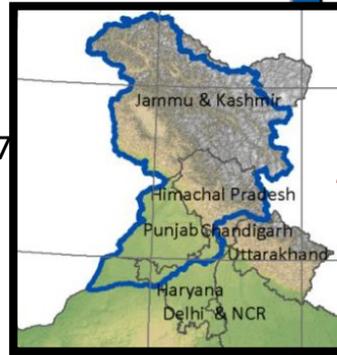


Not *Just* a Water Crisis

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Intra-State Transboundary River Conflict Resolution
Process in India**

Indus River Basin

- Covers 6 States & Union Territories, 67 districts
- Population: 42505479, 42431 villages
- Dispute over sharing of Ravi and Beas waters due to re-drawing of State boundaries
- Referred to tribunal in 1986, unresolved



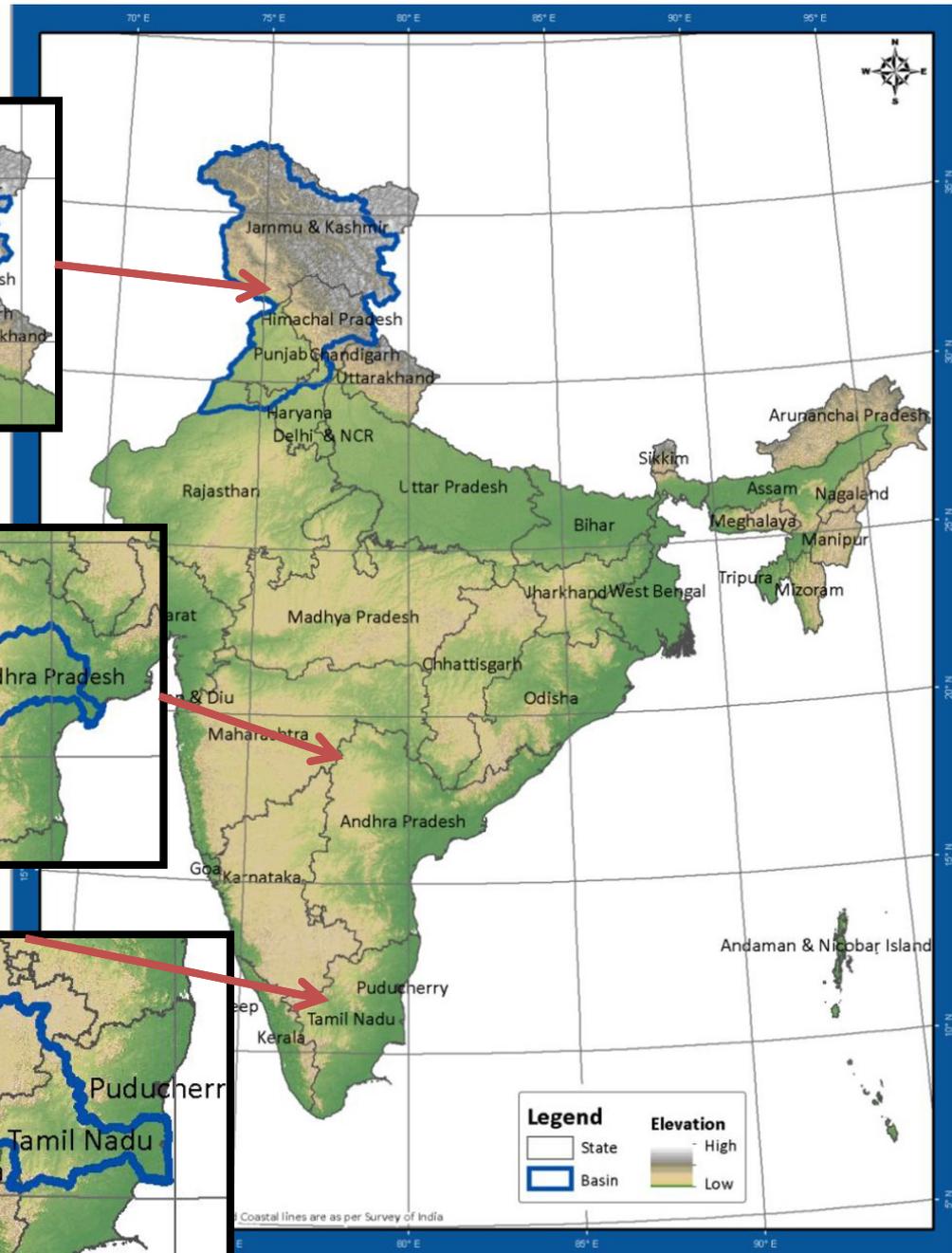
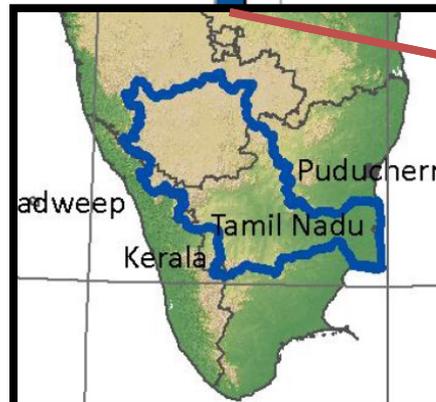
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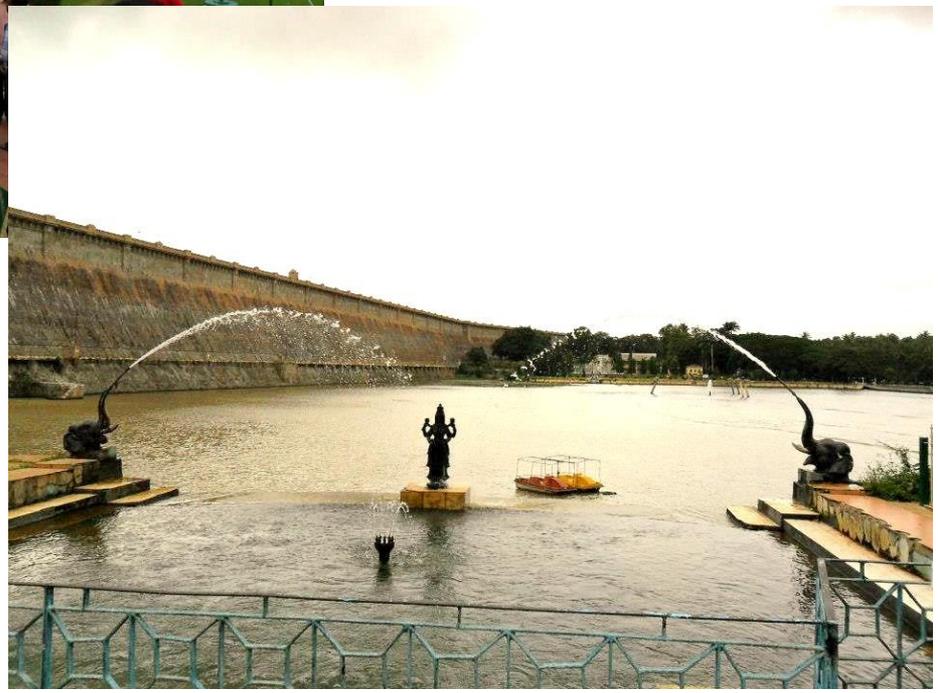
- Covers 3 large States, 47 districts
- Population: 66341683, 27967 villages
- Dispute over sharing of excess Krishna waters
- Referred to tribunal twice (1969 & 2004, final decision awarded 2010)



Cauvery River Basin

- Covers 4 States, 34 districts
- Population 31889280, 14635 villages
- Dispute over reallocation of existing water resources
- Referred to tribunal in 1990, final decision in 2007, notified in February 2013









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Conflict-Cooperation Behaviour

		<u>Cooperation Intensity</u>						
		Low			High			
<u>Conflict Intensity</u>	Low		Confrontation of issue	Ad hoc	Technical	Risk-Averting	Risk-Taking	
		Non-politicized						
		Politicized		X				Krishna
	High	Securitized/ Opportunistic				X		Cauvery
		Violized					X	Ravi Beas

Figure 3: Adapted from Mirumachi's TWINS Matrix of Conflict and Cooperation (2007)

Crisis in Civil Society Mobilization

- *“We have had some very strong farmers’ leaders here. Similarly ██████████ in ██████████ was very strong as a farmer leader. But once they entered politics they could not win.”*
- *“When politics of the real order comes, people then vote for their own party affiliations”*
- *“In terms of the membership of the Cauvery Family, there are very influential people...but the beauty of the Cauvery Family is that once they are members of the family they don’t act on their own interests.*
- *“For every political party ██████████ is a political issue and they are egoistic in a way- particularly the hardliners in both states. There is no give and take approach... Political parties don’t want the dispute to be resolved so that they can talk about it. Secondly, they don’t it to be resolved by a non-political party”*