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WHY IN NEWS

On June 29, 2026, Haryana and Rajasthan signed a Yamuna water-sharing agreement in New Delhi in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, ending a roughly three-decade deadlock and operationalising the 1994 Upper Yamuna River Board (UYRB) Agreement.

The Memorandum of Agreement formalises the supply of Rajasthan's share of Yamuna water through underground pipelines, resolving a dispute that had remained unimplemented for over three decades.

WHAT THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES

The pact translates the long-pending 1994 arrangement into an executable project. Its key parameters:

PARAMETER	DETAIL
Signatories	Ujijari Current Affairs · ujijari.com · Free Daily Current Affairs for UPSC & State PCS Governments of Haryana and Rajasthan
Occasion	Signed on June 29, 2026, in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah
Water quantum	About 580 million cubic metres (MCM) to Rajasthan
Delivery period	July to October
Source	Hathnikund Barrage, via the Western Yamuna Canal
Conveyance	Three underground pipelines
Beneficiary districts	Sikar, Churu and Jhunjhunu (Shekhawati region), Rajasthan
Legacy	Operationalises the 1994 Upper Yamuna River Board Agreement

Water will be drawn from the Hathnikund Barrage in Haryana, routed through the Western Yamuna Canal and carried via three underground pipelines into the arid Shekhawati belt of Rajasthan. The agreement is expected to expedite the **Renuka, Kishau and Lakhwar** multipurpose dam projects, which are critical for storing monsoon flows and augmenting supply to the National Capital Region and the basin states.

THE UPPER YAMUNA RIVER BOARD

The **Upper Yamuna River Board (UYRB)** functions under the **Ministry of Jal Shakti**. It is responsible for regulating the allocation of available flows among the co-basin states of the upper Yamuna (up to the Okhla barrage), monitoring the return flows, and overseeing the maintenance of hydro-meteorological data and conservation works. The 1994 Memorandum of Understanding among the upper Yamuna basin states formed the basis for water-sharing that the present agreement now implements between Haryana and Rajasthan.

GEOGRAPHY OF THE YAMUNA

The Yamuna is the **largest tributary of the Ganga**. It rises from the **Yamunotri glacier** on the Bandarpunch massif in the Himalayas in Uttarakhand and flows southward, eventually joining the Ganga at the Triveni Sangam in Prayagraj. Its upper reaches feed the Western and Eastern Yamuna Canals, which are lifelines for irrigation and drinking water across Haryana, Delhi and western Uttar Pradesh.

CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Inter-state river-water sharing is governed by a distinct constitutional and statutory (<https://ujijari.com/vocab/statutory/>) scheme:

- **Article 262:** Empowers Parliament to provide for the adjudication of disputes relating to inter-state rivers and river valleys, and to bar the jurisdiction of courts, including the Supreme Court, in such disputes.
- **Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956:** Enacted under Article 262, it provides for the constitution of tribunals to adjudicate (<https://ujijari.com/vocab/adjudicate/>) disputes that cannot be settled through negotiation.
- **River Boards Act, 1956:** Provides for the establishment of river boards for regulation and development of inter-state rivers.

Water is a State subject (Entry 17, State List), while inter-state rivers and river valleys fall under Entry 56 of the Union List, giving the Centre a coordinating role.

ANALYSIS AND WAY FORWARD

The agreement is a case study in **cooperative federalism** (<https://ujijari.com/terms/cooperative-federalism/>), where the Union government acts as an honest broker to resolve a long-standing inter-state dispute through negotiation rather than protracted litigation. Amicable settlement conserves years of tribunal proceedings and delivers water to a water-stressed region. The way forward lies in timely completion of the conveyance infrastructure, transparent monitoring of flows, **equitable** (<https://ujijari.com/vocab/equitable/>) sharing during lean seasons, and accelerating storage projects such as Renuka, Kishau and Lakhwar to make the arrangement climate-resilient.

UPSC RELEVANCE

GS Paper 2 (Polity and Governance): Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States; issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure; inter-state relations and dispute resolution.

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Prelims pointers:

- The UYRB functions under the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- Article 262 deals with inter-state water disputes; the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956, provides for tribunals.
- The Yamuna is the largest tributary of the Ganga, rising at the Yamunotri glacier.
- Renuka, Kishau and Lakhwar are multipurpose dam projects on the upper Yamuna.

Mains question: Inter-state river-water disputes strain India's federal fabric. In this light, examine the significance of negotiated settlements such as the Haryana-Rajasthan Yamuna agreement, and suggest reforms to strengthen dispute resolution. **(15 marks, 250 words)**

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