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1 Mekedatu Project (Source: The Hindu)

*The Mekedatu project is a multi-purpose balancing reservoir and drinking water initiative proposed by Karnataka across the **Cauvery River where it meets its tributary Arkavathi.***

- **Key Objectives:** Supplying drinking water to Bengaluru and neighboring regions, and generating 400 MW of hydroelectric power.
- **Interstate Dispute:** Tamil Nadu strongly opposes the project, arguing that it compromises downstream water flow and violates the final award allocations of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal.





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2 Anti-Defection Law (Source: The Hindu)

- Introduced in India in 1985 under the **52nd Amendment to the Constitution of India**
 - **Mentioned in the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution**
- **What is it?:** It lays down the process by which legislators may be disqualified on grounds of defection.
- **Aim:** The main aim of this schedule was to prevent political defections and to strengthen democracy by bringing stability in politics and making members of parliament more responsible and loyal to their parties.
- **Deciding Authority:** Presiding officer of the house.
- **Grounds of Disqualification**
 - He voluntarily gives up his membership in a political party.
 - He disobeys the directions of his political party or votes or does not vote in the legislature contrary to the directions of his political party
 - After the election, he joined another political party.
 - If a nominated member joins any political party within 6 months from the day he becomes a member of the legislature.
- **Exemption**
 - Disqualification of a member is not applied in case of a merger, provided that this merger with or into another party shall be done with the consent of at least two-thirds of its legislators.
 - It exempts the Speaker, Chairman, and Deputy Chairman of various legislative houses from disqualification on the grounds of defection.

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3 Sudan (Source: The Hindu)

- **Location:** Sudan is an East African country.
- **Capital:** Khartoum
- **Border Countries:** Central African Republic, Chad, Egypt, Red Sea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Libya, South Sudan.
- **Bordering Waterbodies:** Red Sea, Lake Nubia on the Sudanese-Egyptian border.
- **Rivers:** The Blue Nile and White Nile rivers meet in Khartoum to form the Nile, which flows northwards through Egypt to the Mediterranean Sea.
- **Climate:** Savannah Climate



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4 Syria (Source: The Hindu)

- **Location:** Syria is a Western Asian country located in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Levant.
- **Capital:** Damascus
- **Bordering Countries:** Turkey, Iraq, Jordan, Israel, and Lebanon.
- **Maritime Border Countries:** Cyprus lies to the west across the Mediterranean Sea
- **Major Rivers in Syria:** Euphrates, Tigris
- **Disputed Territories:** Golan Heights with Israel

