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**GS-III Conservation, Environmental Pollution and Degradation, Environmental Impact Assessment.**

- 1. Water is a Common Pool Natural Resource that Sustains Ecosystems, Biodiversity, Food Security, Economies, and Society; hence, its Judicious use with Balancing Multiple Water needs is significant. Comment.**

**Why this Question?**

- More than any previous year, there was Recognition of the Importance of water in hand washing and Personal Hygiene Practices due to the Coronavirus Transmission.

**Key Demands of Question:**

- Explain the brief causes for the depleting of water resources. Discuss the need for judicious use of water and the mitigation strategies to mitigate water crisis.

**Directive word:**

**Comment:**

- When you are asked to comment, you have to pick main points and give your 'opinion' on them based on evidences or arguments stemming from your wide reading.
- Your opinion may be for or against, but you must back your argument with evidences.
- These types of question offer you a chance to consolidate your reading of different subjects to justify your opinion.

**Structure of Answer:**

**Introduction:**

- Give brief intro about the growing water crisis.

**Body:**

- Explain the brief causes for the depleting of water resources. For example climate change, poor water management, etc.
- Discuss the Need for the Judicious use of the Water Resources.
- Explain the mitigation strategies to tackle the Water Crisis.
- Highlight the government measures taken in this regard. NAPCC, Jal Shakti Abhiyan, etc.

**Conclusion:**

- Conclude with the Significance of the Water Management in the era of Climate Change.