

2. Permanent Indus Commission

Prelims Syllabus: Rivers

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Why in News?

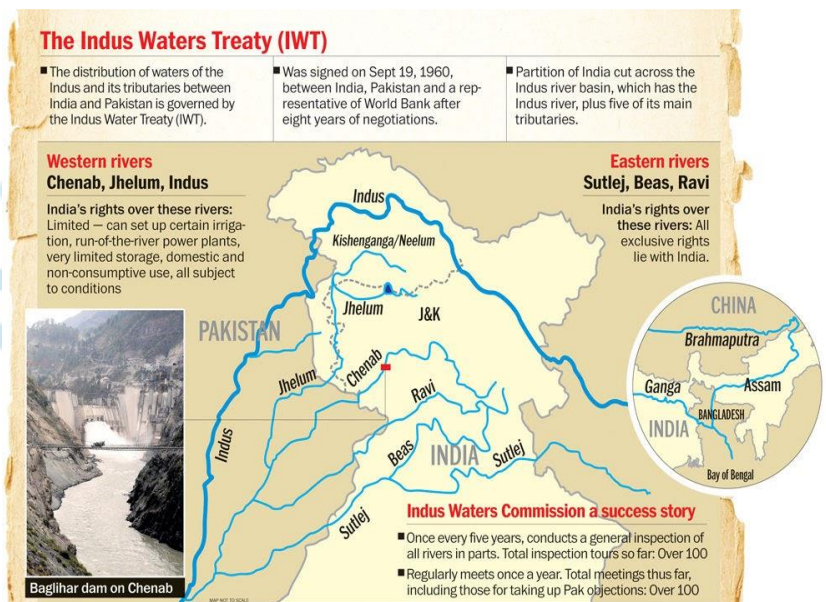
- The Annual Meeting of the Permanent Indus Commission between India and Pakistan is due, but no schedule has been finalised as of now.

Significance:

- The Meeting is being viewed as part of the Broader Process of normalisation of bilateral ties between the Two Neighbours.

About the Indus Water Treaty:

- It is a Water-Distribution Treaty, signed in Karachi on 1960, between India (Pm Jawaharlal Nehru) and Pakistan (President Ayub Khan), brokered by the World Bank.
- Under the treaty, India has control over water flowing in the eastern rivers— Beas, Ravi and Sutlej.
- Pakistan has control over the western rivers— Indus, Chenab and Jhelum.
- As per the treaty, the water commissioners of Pakistan and India are required to meet twice a year and arrange Technical Visits to projects' sites and critical river head works.
- Under the Treaty, India has been given the right to generate hydroelectricity through a run of the river projects on the western rivers subject to specific criteria for design and operation.
- It also gives the right to Pakistan to raise concerns on the design of Indian hydroelectric projects on western rivers.
- Both the sides share details of the water flow and the quantum of water being used under the treaty.



Permanent Indus Commission:

- The Permanent Indus Commission is a bilateral commission of officials from India and Pakistan, created to implement and manage goals of the Indus Waters Treaty, 1960.
- The Commission according to the treaty must meet regularly at least once a year, alternately in India and Pakistan.
- The functions of the Commission are:
 - ✓ To study and report to the two Governments on any problem relating to the development on the waters of the rivers.
 - ✓ To solve disputes arising over water sharing.
 - ✓ To arrange technical visits to projects' sites and critical river head works.
 - ✓ To undertake, once in every Five Years, a General Tour of inspection of the Rivers for Ascertaining the facts.
 - ✓ To take necessary steps for the Implementation of the Provisions of the treaty.

