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Q. The climate crisis should inspire consensus across the political spectrum on discontinuing wasteful consumption of groundwater resource. Analyse.

↳ The ministry of Water Resources recently made public a report that gives a snapshot of India's groundwater situation

↳ 2022 Assessment

↳ suggest groundwater extraction is the lowest since 2004. A decrease in ground water extraction may indicate better water management. However the report itself says that the improvement is only marginal

↳ Critical GW level

↳ In Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, there is indiscriminate groundwater withdrawal has depressed water table.

↳ Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Telangana & AP where due to inherent characteristics of Crystalline water storing aquifers, groundwater availability is low.

↳ Conserve GW

↳ There is no central law governing the use of groundwater and various states have their own laws on regulating its extraction that

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are deployed in Perfunctional manner.

↳ A draft National water Policy has recommended a shift in usage from water guzzling crops and prioritising recycled over freshwater for industrial Purposes.

Way Forward

↳ water ought ~~not~~ to be considered free, Private resource but one whose cost must be measured and borne equitably

↳ water remains a politically contentious subject in India, the climate crisis should inspire consensus across the political spectrum on disincentivising wasteful consumption of this precious resource.