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UNIT-06

WATER RESOURCES

➤ **In this unit the students will be able to:**

- Describe the surface and groundwater resources in Pakistan, including seasonal fluctuations in flow and quality of water.
- Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the extensive irrigation system in Pakistan and suggest sustainable solutions to water resources management in order to deal with threatening issues of water pollution, water shortage and wastage.
- Analyze the vital role of dams, barrages, canals, and water reservoirs offer towards sustainable solutions, (including hydroelectric power generation, flood control and irrigation), and their potential impacts on the agriculture environment, industry and human activities.



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CHAPTER WISE NOTES

Q1. How does Seasonal Fluctuations affects the water Quality?

Ans: Seasonal Fluctuations in Water Quality:

i. The monsoon season (July to September):

This season can significantly affect the quality of the water. In rivers and other bodies of water, heavy rains can cause overflow water that carries contaminants from urban and agricultural regions. Flooding can contaminate water sources and can be one of the reasons of lowering the quality of the water.

ii. Dry Season (October to June):

Because there is less pollution brought on by rainfall during the dry season, water quality tends to improve. However, due to decreased water flow and dilution in some regions, the concentration of contaminants might increase significantly. During this time, agricultural water quality problems may worsen.

iii. Glacier Water:

Water from glacier melt sources is often of high quality and is also cost-free.

Challenges and Concerns:

Pakistan's water resources are subject to a number of problems, such as water scarcity, excessive groundwater extraction, contaminated water sources, and a lack of effective water management techniques.

Q2. What are Draw backs (Disadvantages) of extensive irrigation system in Pakistan? Why Irrigation's potential benefits might be limited?

Ans: Draw backs (Disadvantages) of the extensive irrigation system:

The irrigation systems in Pakistan have been essential for agriculture and food security, but they also have a number of drawbacks and difficulties. The large irrigation system in Pakistan has a number of drawbacks, some of which are listed below:

i. Water Reduction and Shortage:

Aquifers have been depleted in several areas of Pakistan as a result of over-extraction of groundwater due to the heavy use of irrigation. Falling water tables and higher pumping expenses for farmers are the results of this.

ii. Salinity and waterlogging:

a. Waterlogging:

Waterlogging, in which the water table rises to the root zone of crops and damages them. It is a result of improperly maintained irrigation systems.

b. Salinity:

Irrigation water has a high salt content, and over time, poor drainage and management can result in salinity of the soil, which lowers agricultural yields and soil fertility.

iii. Effects on the Environment:**a. Habitat Degradation:**

Building dams, canals, and reservoirs as part of extensive irrigation systems can have a negative impact on local ecosystems and destroy habitat.

b. Dams and diversions:

Dams and diversions can disturb river ecosystems, which can have an effect on fish populations and water quality.

iv. Expensive Maintenance:

Maintenance of large irrigation infrastructure, such as canals, dams, and pumps, may be costly and difficult. It needs frequently major government investment.

v. Unfair Distribution:**a. Unequal Access:**

Farmers' agricultural output and revenue vary widely because access to irrigation water is not always distributed fairly. Smallholders may not have an advantage over larger landowners.

b. Water Theft:

Common issues like water theft and unauthorized canal tapping make an uneven distribution of water resources.

vi. Energy Consumption:

Pumping water for irrigation can be expensive, increasing expenses for farmers and adding to energy demands.

vii. Climate Vulnerability:

Sources so it makes agriculture vulnerable to unpredictable climate such as droughts or a smaller amount of water flow.

viii. Social Issues:**a. Land Displacement:**

The relocation of settlements during the construction of big dams and reservoirs presents social and economic difficulties for the affected inhabitants.

b. Conflicts:

Pakistan's massive irrigation systems can lead to water disputes between provinces and even with neighbors like India.

ix. Problems with water quality:**a. Pollution:**

In some instances, irrigation water may be infected with contaminants from industrial waste discharges, agricultural runoff, or untreated sewage.

x. Lack of Modernization:**a. Old Practices:**

Poor irrigation techniques and the use of old-fashioned technology can reduce the benefits. Irrigation's potential benefits might be limited by the use of old technology, which also hinders agricultural modernization.

Pakistan must make investments in justifiable water distribution policies, better irrigation infrastructure, effective water usage promotion, and sustainable water management techniques in order to solve these drawbacks. A more sustainable agricultural system can also be achieved by reducing the over-reliance on irrigation and responding to changing climatic circumstances by encouraging the use of water-efficient crops.

Q3. Elaborate the role and impact of water reservoirs on human activities, the environment, industry, and agriculture?

Ans: Role and Impacts of Water Reservoirs:

Hydroelectric power generation, flood control, irrigation, and other sustainable solutions all benefit greatly from the use of dams, barrages, canals, and water reservoirs. However, they could also have an impact on human activities, the environment, industry, and agriculture. Let us examine these features in greater detail:

i. Hydroelectric Power Generation:

● **Benefit:**

Dams and reservoirs are necessary for the production of hydroelectric power. They offer a dependable and sustainable energy source and help in assisting in the reduction of greenhouse gas discharges and dependence on fossil fuels. Hydroelectricity can provide a large amount of the region's electricity requirements while also promoting the production of sustainable energy.

● **Negative Impact:**

Building dams and reservoirs may have negative effects on the environment. It includes the disturbance of habitats, altered river flow patterns, and potential harm to aquatic ecosystems. Large dams have the potential to uproot communities and cause social and cultural repercussions.

ii. Flood Control:

● **Positive Impact:**

Dams and barrages are constructed to control water flow and lessen the likelihood of flooding in communities downstream. This promotes public safety and property preservation by reducing the damaging effects of flooding on infrastructure, crops, and communities.

● **Negative Impact:**

By releasing water at the wrong periods or holding back too much water, poorly maintained dams can occasionally make flooding worse. Additionally, the modified river regimes can negatively impact biodiversity and water quality in downstream ecosystems.

iii. Irrigation:

● **Beneficial Effect:**

Canals and reservoirs are essential for irrigating agricultural crops, particularly in areas with erratic rainfall patterns. By enabling farmers to grow crops all year round, this improves food security by raising agricultural output and income for rural areas.

● **Negative Effect:**

Poor irrigation techniques can waste water, make the soil saltier, and damage the environment. The availability of water downstream can be decreased and aquatic habitats harmed by excessive river water withdrawal for agriculture.

iv. Agriculture:**• Positive Impact:**

Access to water through irrigation systems and canals increases agricultural output and assures a steady supply of food. This promotes economic growth, food security, and livelihoods in rural communities.

• Negative Impact:

Poor water resource management can result in over-extraction, aquifer reduction, and soil degradation. Irrigation can degrade water quality and harm aquatic habitats also by allowing fertilizers and pesticides to discharge.

v. Environment:**• Positive Impact:**

Well-planned dams and reservoirs can perform as useful water supply and storage systems during dry spells. They can help in maintaining a steady supply of water for both ecosystems and human use.

• Negative Impact:

Modifying natural river flows can damage ecosystems. It can disturb fish migration, and harm aquatic habitats. Additionally, reservoirs can contribute to the buildup of deposit, which over time reduces their capacity for storage.

vi. Industry and Human Activities:**• Positive Impact:**

Water is essential for industry growth and human needs. It improves the quality of life overall by guaranteeing a steady supply of water for drinking, sanitation, and enjoyment.

• Negative Impact:

Building and maintaining dams and reservoirs can be expensive. Large-scale water infrastructure projects can come at a social and environmental cost.



★ EXERCISE ★

➤ Answer the following questions by choosing the best answer A, B, C or D.

1. Up to _____ of the human adult body contains water.
A. 60 %
B. 70 %
C. 80 %
D. 90 %
2. Pakistan's biggest river is _____.
A. Sutlej
B. Chenab
C. Sindh
D. Jhelum
3. One of the biggest earth-filled dams in the world _____.
A. Hub Dam
B. Mangla Dam
C. Diamer Basha Dam
D. Tarbela Dam
4. Groundwater is a major source of irrigation in _____ province.
A. Punjab
B. Sindh
C. Khaver Pakhtunkha
D. Balochistan
5. Most of Pakistan experiences comparatively little rainfall during _____.
A. Summer
B. Winter
C. Spring
D. Autumn
6. A big Number of Pakistan is depend upon the field of _____ for their livelihood.
A. agriculture
B. government jobs
C. industry
D. medicine
7. The greatest groundwater source in Pakistan is the _____.
A. Baluchistan Plateau Aquifer
B. Indus Basin Aquifer
C. Punjab Aquifer
D. Arabian Sea
8. The main goal of irrigation is to provide water for _____.
A. agriculture purposes
B. industrial purposes
C. Washing purposes
D. Cleaning purposes
9. The process of removing salt from seawater is called _____.
A. precipitation
B. condensation
C. desalination
D. salination
10. Water-efficient crops are those which need _____.
A. some water
B. no water
C. more water
D. less water

ANSWERS:

1. B	2. B	3. D	4. A	5. A
6. A	7. B	8. A	9. C	10. D

SHORT QUESTIONS

➤ **Answer the following questions briefly:**

Q1. Describe five positive impacts of water reservoirs on water issues?

Ans: Five positive impacts of water reservoirs on water issues:

i. Water Storage:

Reservoirs provide a consistent supply of water for various purposes such as irrigation, drinking water, and industrial use, even during dry seasons or droughts.

ii. Flood Control:

They help mitigate the risk of floods by regulating the flow of water, especially during heavy rainfall or snowmelt periods, thus protecting downstream areas from inundation.

iii. Hydropower Generation:

Reservoirs serve as a significant source of renewable energy through hydropower generation, contributing to clean electricity production and reducing reliance on fossil fuels.

iv. Recreation and Tourism:

Many reservoirs offer recreational activities like boating, fishing, and swimming, enhancing local economies through tourism and providing opportunities for leisure and relaxation.

v. Ecosystem Support:

Reservoirs can create or enhance habitats for various aquatic species, supporting biodiversity and ecological balance, especially when managed sustainably with consideration for environmental impacts.

Q2. What is meant by irrigation?

Ans: Irrigation:

Irrigation is the process of applying water to soil or land artificially in order to promote the growth of plants and crops. Especially in regions with low or irregular rainfall, it is an essential agricultural method used to supply appropriate moisture to plants.

There are two main types of irrigation;

- i. Gravity-powered irrigation ii. Pressure-driven irrigation.

Q3. Analyze the role of dams in flood control.

Ans: Dams:

- Dams are formidable structures that play a multifaceted role in water resource management.
- They are primarily designed to store water, creating reservoirs behind them.
- These reservoirs serve as essential water storage facilities, enabling controlled release during periods of water scarcity, thereby ensuring a reliable water supply for agriculture, industry and municipal needs.
- Beyond water storage, dams often host hydropower plants.
- The gravitational force of water released from the reservoir turns turbines, generates electricity, provides clean energy and contributes to grid stability.

- Dams also serve as flood control mechanisms by regulating river flows during heavy rainfall, reducing the risk of downstream flooding.
- Many reservoirs created by dams offer recreational opportunities, from boating and fishing to tourism, enhancing local economies and quality of life.

Q4. Describe the following terms.

- a. **salinity** b. **waterlogging**

Ans:

a. **Salinity:**

Salinity refers to the concentration of dissolved salts, primarily sodium chloride (table salt), in water or soil. High levels of salinity can adversely affect agricultural productivity by inhibiting plant growth and reducing crop yields. Salinity can increase due to various factors, including irrigation practices, evaporation, and inadequate drainage.

b. **Waterlogging:**

Waterlogging occurs when the soil becomes excessively saturated with water, leading to a rise in the water table. This can happen due to poor drainage systems, excessive irrigation, or high levels of precipitation.

Waterlogging deprives plant roots of oxygen, leading to root suffocation and ultimately impairing plant growth and productivity. It also contributes to soil erosion and degradation.

Q5. Describe five advantages of Pakistan's extensive irrigation system?

Ans: Advantages of Pakistan's Extensive Irrigation System:

- i. The extensive irrigation system facilitates multiple cropping seasons, enhancing agricultural output and ensuring a stable food supply.
- ii. It enables the cultivation of various crops, which contributes to economic diversity and food security.
- iii. Agriculture is a major contributor to Pakistan's economy, generating employment and contributing substantially to the **GDP**.
- iv. Reduced reliance on unpredictable monsoon rains decreases vulnerability to droughts and ensures a steady water supply for crops.
- v. Many of the dams and reservoirs within the irrigation system also serve as hydropower generation facilities, fulfilling part of the country's energy requirements.

Q6. How does seasonal fluctuation significantly affect the flow of water?

Ans: Seasonal fluctuations in Water flow:

The monsoon season (July to September):

It is the most crucial time for Pakistan's water flow. The southwest monsoon at this time causes a lot of rain to fall across the nation, but especially in the north and west. This downpour contributes to a rise in river flow and aids reservoir restocking. During this time, there is a noticeable rise in the amount of water flowing through the Indus River and its tributaries, including the Jhelum, Chenab, and Sutlej.

Winter and Spring (October to April):

Most of Pakistan experiences comparatively little rainfall during the winter and spring months. However, water from the melting snow in the Himalayan and Karakoram peaks continuously decreases during this time. This melt water

contributes to the Indus River and its tributaries, helping to keep the flow somewhat steady. It is significant to note that the snowpack from the preceding winter affects the water supply throughout these months.

Summer (May to June):

When winter snowmelt fades, the summer months are often characterized by increasing temperatures and decreased water flow in rivers and streams. During this season, water shortage becomes an issue in many locations, particularly in Pakistan's south, and irrigation needs rise.

OR (Second Answer)

Seasonal fluctuations can significantly affect the flow of water in various ways:

i. Precipitation Variation:

Seasonal changes influence the amount and distribution of rainfall or snowfall, affecting the volume of water entering rivers, streams, and other water bodies.

ii. Snowmelt:

In regions with cold winters, snow accumulates during the colder months and melts during warmer seasons, contributing to increased water flow in rivers and streams during spring and early summer.

iii. Groundwater Recharge:

Seasonal variations in precipitation can impact groundwater levels, with increased recharge during wet seasons and depletion during dry periods, affecting the flow of groundwater-fed rivers and springs.

iv. Runoff Rates:

Seasonal changes in temperature and vegetation cover can influence the rate of surface runoff, affecting the timing and intensity of water flow in rivers and streams.

v. Ecological Impacts:

Fluctuations in water flow due to seasonal changes can impact aquatic ecosystems, affecting habitat availability, water quality, and the life cycles of aquatic species.

Q7. Suggest five sustainable measures to reduce water wastage?

Ans: Some Sustainable Solutions:

Pakistan needs to use a multimodal approach that includes legislative changes, infrastructure upgrades, and community involvement to address water pollution, water shortages, and water waste. Here are some green approaches to efficiently managing water resources:

i. Facilities for treating wastewater:

Spend money on and increase the size of wastewater treatment facilities to handle sewage and industrial effluents before releasing them into bodies of water. Put in place strict rules to ensure agreements.

ii. Usage of Rainwater:

Promote the adoption of rainwater harvesting methods in homes and communities to collect and store rainwater for domestic usage and groundwater replacement.

iii. Effective Irrigation Methods:

To prevent water waste in agriculture, promote and encourage the use of contemporary irrigation techniques, such as sprinkler and drip systems, to reduce water waste.

iv. Desalination:

By installing desalination facilities along the coast, particularly in coastal areas where there is a severe water shortage.

v. Geological Management:

Implement strict groundwater extraction regulations to avoid overuse and salty water intrusion. Encourage aquifer recharge techniques to top off groundwater supplies.



Long Question Answers

➤ **Answer the following questions in detail:**

Q1. Write a note on the surface and ground water resources in Pakistan.

Ans: Surface Water Resources:

Indus River:

The Indus River is Pakistan's biggest and most important river. It has its sources. Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi, and Sutlej rivers are only a few of the tributaries of the Indus River that contribute significantly to Pakistan's surface water resources.

Jhelum River:

One of the principal tributaries of the Indus River is the Jhelum River. It runs through the province of Punjab and the Azad Jammu and Kashmir region. It is playing a significant role in irrigation and hydroelectric production.

Chenab River:

The Chenab River is another important Indus tributary. It runs through Pakistan's Punjab province. It supports both electricity and irrigation.

Tarbela Dam:

One of the biggest earth-filled dams in the world is the Tarbela Dam on the Indus River. It has a variety of uses, including flood control, hydroelectric power generation, and irrigation.

Mangla Dam:

The Mangla Dam is situated on the Jhelum River. It is another significant reservoir for the storage of water and the production of electricity.

Ground Water Resources:

Pakistan largely relies on its groundwater supplies, particularly in those regions which have little access to surface water. Tube wells and hand pumps are the main methods used to access groundwater for domestic, commercial, and agricultural uses in those regions.

Indus Basin Aquifer:

The greatest groundwater source in Pakistan is the Indus Basin aquifer. It covers the whole Indus plain and fulfills the majority of the country's agricultural needs of water.

Baluchistan Plateau Aquifer:

The Baluchistan Plateau aquifer is a vital supply of groundwater in the region of Baluchistan. It promotes agriculture and maintains local residents' means of survival.

Punjab Aquifer:

Groundwater is a major source of irrigation in Punjab province. In some locations, excessive groundwater extraction is a problem because it causes dropping water tables and an increase in salinity.

Q2. What are the strengths of the irrigation system of Pakistan?**Ans: Strengths (Advantages) of irrigation system:**

Pakistan's large irrigation system, which is mostly based around the Indus River and its tributaries, offers a number of important benefits. Some of which are listed below:

i. Improved Agricultural Productivity:

By supplying a steady supply of water, the irrigation system enables agricultural cultivation. This dramatically increases food output by increasing agricultural productivity and enabling many planting cycles in a single year.

ii. Food Security:

In order to ensure food security for Pakistan's rapidly expanding population, the irrigation system's consistent water supply is essential. It makes it possible to grow important food staples for Pakistan's diet, including cotton, rice, and wheat.

iii. Economic Development:

Agriculture, which employs a huge section of the people and contributes to the GDP of the nation, is an important economic factor in Pakistan. By providing water for agricultural, the irrigation system aids in the development of this industry.

iv. Community Stability:

Millions of rural Pakistanis who depend on agriculture for their livelihood are supported by irrigation. A reliable water supply reduces these populations' vulnerability to droughts and other climate fluctuations.

v. Crop Modification:

Farmers can choose from a wider variety of crops because to irrigation's accessibility to water. Farmers will be able to cultivate a greater variety of crops, such as fruits and vegetables, which can increase income and food variety.

vi. Hydropower Generation:

The irrigation system includes numerous dams and reservoirs that are used to generate hydropower. This reduces the nation's dependency on fossil fuels. It also assists in meeting country's energy needs.

vii. Flood Control:

The irrigation system includes some flood-control mechanisms, such as dams like Tarbela and Mangla. They can hold more water during the monsoon season and lowers the risks of floods.

viii. Control of Salinity and Waterlogging:

The irrigation system contains drainage infrastructure to handle the salinity and waterlogging issues that may arise as a result of excessive irrigation. This keeps the soil in good condition for farming.

ix. Support for Livestock:

By supplying drinking water and grazing for animals, reliable water sources benefit not just crop production but also livestock farming.

x. International Water Sharing:

The Indus Waters Treaty regulates water sharing between Pakistan and India, which share the Indus River system. Pakistan is able to manage its portion of these foreign waters and thanks to the massive irrigation system.

Although Pakistan's massive irrigation system has many benefits, there are some drawbacks as well, such as water scarcity, poor water use, and environmental issues.

To solve these issues and ensure long-term water availability, sustainable water management strategies are essential for maximizing advantages.

Q3. Evaluate the importance of different types of water reservoirs in obtaining sustainable solutions or water-related issues?

Ans: Water reservoirs play a crucial role in addressing various water-related issues and achieving sustainable solutions. Different types of reservoirs serve specific purposes and offer unique advantages in addressing water challenges. Evaluation of their importance:

i. Surface Water Reservoirs:**● Importance:**

Surface water reservoirs, such as dams and lakes, are vital for storing water during wet seasons and releasing it during dry periods. They provide a reliable supply of water for drinking, agriculture, industry, and hydropower generation.

● Sustainable Solutions:

Surface water reservoirs help manage water scarcity by regulating water flow, mitigating the impacts of droughts and floods, and ensuring water availability for various users throughout the year. They also facilitate water resource management by enabling the allocation of water for different purposes based on demand and priorities.

ii. Groundwater Reservoirs:**● Importance:**

Groundwater reservoirs, including aquifers and groundwater basins, are essential sources of freshwater, particularly in areas with limited surface water resources. They supply water for drinking, irrigation, and industrial use.

- **Sustainable Solutions:**

Groundwater reservoirs contribute to sustainable water management by serving as natural storage systems that store water over long periods. They play a crucial role in replenishing surface water sources, sustaining base flows in rivers and streams, and supporting ecosystems. However, sustainable groundwater management is essential to prevent over-extraction, saltwater intrusion, and groundwater depletion.

- iii. **Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR):**

- **Importance:**

ASR systems store excess surface water or treated wastewater in aquifers during wet periods for later recovery during dry seasons or peak demand periods. They enhance water storage capacity and improve water supply reliability.

- **Sustainable Solutions:**

ASR promotes sustainable water management by utilizing natural underground storage facilities to store and retrieve water, reducing reliance on surface water reservoirs and minimizing evaporation losses. It helps manage seasonal fluctuations in water availability, optimize water use efficiency, and enhance drought resilience.

- iv. **Urban Reservoirs and Water Tanks:**

- **Importance:**

Urban reservoirs and water tanks are integral components of urban water supply systems, storing treated water for distribution to households, industries, and commercial establishments.

- **Sustainable Solutions:**

These reservoirs contribute to sustainable urban water management by ensuring a continuous and reliable supply of clean water to meet the needs of growing urban populations. They help reduce water wastage, maintain water quality, and enhance the resilience of urban water supply systems against disruptions and emergencies.

OR (Second Answer)

Water Management Infrastructure:

To facilitate effective water management, various structures are constructed for the storage and regulation of water. These structures, including dams, barrages, canals and water reservoirs, collectively form the essential components of 'water infrastructure' or 'water management infrastructure'.

Dams:

Dams are formidable structures that play a multifaceted role in water resource management. They are primarily designed to store water, creating reservoirs behind them. These reservoirs serve as essential water storage facilities, enabling controlled release during periods of water scarcity, thereby ensuring a reliable water supply for agriculture, industry and municipal needs. Beyond water storage, dams often host hydropower plants. The gravitational force of water released from the reservoir turns turbines, generates electricity, provides clean energy and contributes to grid stability. Dams also serve as flood control mechanisms by regulating river flows during heavy rainfall, reducing the risk of

downstream flooding. Additionally, many reservoirs created by dams offer recreational opportunities, from boating and fishing to tourism, enhancing local economies and quality of life.

Barrages:

Barrages are critical elements in the distribution of water resources. These structures are strategically positioned to control the flow of rivers and divert water into a network of canals and channels. One of their primary functions is to ensure equitable water distribution for agricultural, industrial and municipal purposes. Barrages can also store water for regulated release, improving agricultural practices and sustaining ecosystems. Like dams, they play a role in flood control by managing river flows to minimize flood risks downstream. Barrages may also facilitate river navigation by maintaining consistent water levels to accommodate boats and ships.

Canals:

Canals are essential for irrigation, transporting water from its source, whether a dam, barrage, or river, to farmland. Their primary function is to support agriculture, allowing controlled water distribution for crop cultivation. Canals ensure optimal soil moisture levels, enabling multiple cropping seasons and enhancing agricultural productivity. In addition to irrigation, some canals serve as vital transportation routes, particularly in areas with limited road infrastructure, improving connectivity and trade. Canals can also be utilized for drainage purposes, preventing water logging in fields during periods of excessive rainfall.

Water Reservoirs:

Water reservoirs, whether natural or formed by human-made dams or barrages, serve as key storage facilities for water resources. These reservoirs offer numerous functions, including water storage for agricultural irrigation, industrial processes and municipal supply. They provide a consistent and reliable water source, helping regions maintain water security. Reservoirs can also serve recreational and environmental roles, offering opportunities for activities like boating, fishing and wildlife conservation. Moreover, by allowing sediment to settle, they contribute to water quality control, improving water treatment processes downstream. Many reservoirs also serve as hydropower sources, facilitating clean energy generation and reducing reliance on fossil fuels.

Q4. Suggest some sustainable solutions to address water pollution, water shortages, and water waste.

Ans: Some Sustainable Solutions:

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iv. Desalination:

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v. Geological Management:

Implement strict groundwater extraction regulations to avoid overuse and salty water intrusion. Encourage aquifer recharge techniques to top off groundwater supplies.

vi. Education and Information:

Organize public awareness campaigns to raise awareness of the need for sustainable water usage, pollution avoidance, and water preservation. Education has the power to influence behavior.

vii. Industrial Regulation:

To reduce industries' release of pollution, impose tight environmental laws on them. Promote more eco-friendly production techniques and the reuse of industrial effluent.

viii. Water management in rural areas:

Build small dams, ponds, and water storage structures as part of community-based water management systems in rural areas.

Promote the growth of such type of crops which are considered drought-resistant. It will be helpful to lower agricultural water demands and boost crop yields in times of water shortage.

ix. Governmental Measures:

Create and implement comprehensive water management plans that take both urban and rural demands into account. Implement price policies that promote wise water use. Research and development of water-saving technology, such as water-efficient appliances and leak detection systems, should be funded.

x. Collaboration across borders:

To ensure the equitable and sustainable use of shared water resources, cooperate with neighboring nations. It will help to ensure the sustainable and fair use of shared water resources.

xi. Climate Change Mitigation:

Fight against climate change's consequences by implementing measures to deal with shifting rainfall patterns by creating strong infrastructure.

xii. Public-Private Alliances:

Water infrastructure projects can be managed and funded by public-private partnerships, which can increase effectiveness and ease the strain on government resources.

xiii. Monitoring and Data Gathering:

Set up a thorough water monitoring system to keep checks on water supply, quality, and usage. Government and civic society must make a nonstop commitment to addressing Pakistan's water-related issues, and various parties must work together. To achieve a safe and impartial water future, sustainable solutions must strike a balance between economic growth and environmental preservation.

xiv. Water management:

In order to solve water shortage and better manage water resources, the Pakistani government has been working on a number of water management projects, including the building of dams and reservoirs. Water governance is being improved. Water use efficiency is being increased. Sustainable agricultural and industrial practices are being promoted.





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