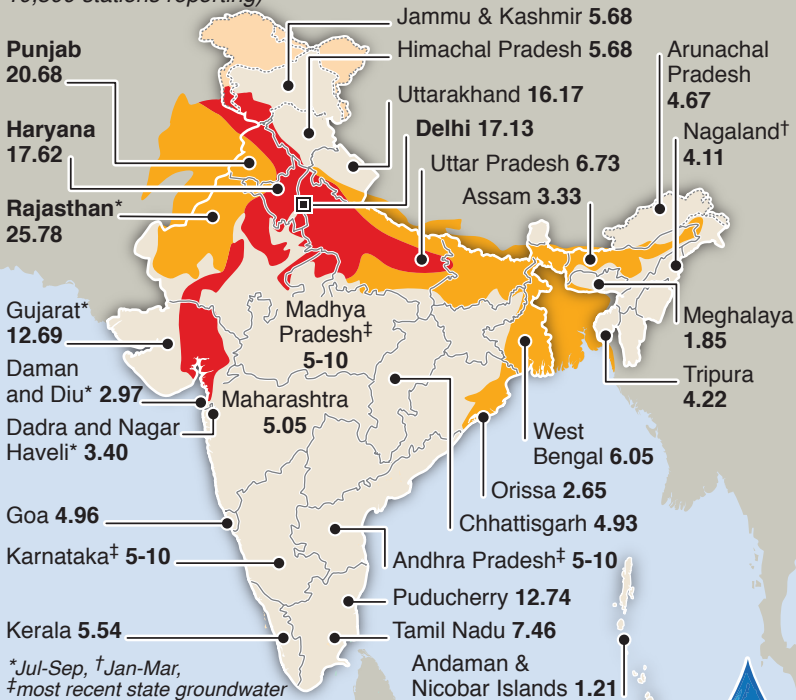


India's water scarcity challenge

India, the world's largest groundwater user, is seeing levels declining across the country with farmers in Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan facing the prospect of having no groundwater left for irrigation by 2025

Groundwater decline ● Medium-high 2-8cm/year ● Extreme >8cm/year

Depth of groundwater level (metres below ground level, Oct-Dec 2018, 10,800 stations reporting)



*Jul-Sep, †Jan-Mar,
‡most recent state groundwater
year book

**230 billion
cubic metres**

**Groundwater used
for irrigation
each year**

90%

**Rice-wheat areas
irrigated using
groundwater**