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# ***17th, April, 2022***

## ***Topic: Advent of Water Crisis***

### ***Importance: Punjab PCS Mains***

#### ***What is the news?***

- 82% water samples fail potability test in Muktsar.

#### ***Situation grim in Gidderbaha, Malout:***

- As per the Health Dept records, all 20 water samples of Gidderbaha block and 13 Malout blocks failed the test.
- Further, 27 of total 31 water samples failed the test in Muktsar block and 54 of 75 samples failed in Alamwala block.

## ***Challenges:***

- The total dissolved solids (TDS) level in water is also high in some parts. Besides, mixing of sewage in water supply pipelines is also an issue.

## ***What is TDS of Water?***

- TDS stands for Total Dissolved Solids and refers to the total concentration of dissolved substances in drinking water. TDS comprises inorganic salts and a small amount of organic matter as well.

*(Source: Punjab Tribune)*

## ***Topic: Free Electricity***

### ***What is the news?***

- 300 units of free electricity from July 1.
- There will be no increase in the rates of industrial and commercial electricity connections.
- The pending bills of families with loads up to 2 kw will be waived (until December 21, 2021).
- Fulfilling his major poll promise, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann announces, 300 units free power from July 1.
- No hike in rates of industrial and commercial power connections.
- Pending bills (till 21 Dec'21) of families having load upto 2 kw to be waived off.

*(Source: Punjab Government)*

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