

## **Kalasa-Banduri Project**

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### **About Kalasa-Banduri Project:**

- The project involves the **construction of dams and a canal system to divert water from the Mahadayi River**, located in Goa, **to the Malaprabha River** (a tributary of Krishna river) basin in Karnataka.

- The **main goal** of the project is to meet the **drinking water needs** of the districts of **Belagavi, Dharwad, Bagalkot, and Gadag in Karnataka**.
- Though the project was **first proposed in the early 1980s**, it has remained on paper owing to a **dispute between Karnataka, Goa and Maharashtra**.
- As per plans, **barrages are to be built against Kalasa and Banduri streams** — tributaries of Mahadayi — and water **diverted towards Karnataka's parched districts**.

### Key facts about Mahadayi river:

- **Origin:** Mahadayi river **rises in the Western Ghats, from the Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary** in Khanapur taluk of **Karnataka's Belagavi district**.
- The river travels **35 km in Karnataka; 82 km in Goa** before **joining the Arabian Sea** at Panji (North-Goa).
- Also **called Mandovi in Goa**, Mahadayi is a **rain-fed river** that is **shared between Karnataka and Goa** for their water needs.
- The **Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary** is located on the island of Chorao in the Mandovi river.
- **Major Tributaries:** **Kalasa Nala, Banduri Nala, Surla Nala**, Haltar Nala, Poti Nala, Mahadayi Nala, Pansheer Nala, Bail Nala, Andher Nala.

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### Q1) What is the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL)?

NBWL is a "statutory board" constituted under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 .The act mandates that without the approval/recommendation of the NBWL, construction of tourist lodges, alteration of the boundaries of PAs, destruction or diversion of wildlife habitat and de-notification of Tiger Reserves, cannot be done.

**Source:** [Karnataka govt awaits clearance for forest land for Kalasa-Banduri project](#)

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