



Kalasa-Banduri Nala Project

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The cost of the **Kalasa-Banduri Nala project on the Mahadayi basin** has **risen** from about ₹94 crores (2000) to ₹1,677.30 crores (2020) due to the **ongoing inter-State river water dispute**.

Mahadayi River

- Mahadayi or Mhadei, the **west-flowing river**, originates in **Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary (Western Ghats)**, Belagavi district of **Karnataka**.
- It is essentially a rain-fed river also called **Mandovi in Goa**.
- It is joined by a number of streams to form the Mandovi which is one of two major rivers (the other one is Zuari river) that flows through Goa.
- The river travels 35 km in Karnataka; 82 km in Goa before joining the Arabian Sea.

- It is undertaken by the Government of Karnataka to improve drinking water supply to the **three districts of Belagavi, Dharwad, and Gadag**.
- It involves building across **Kalasa and Banduri**, two tributaries of the Mahadayi river to divert water to the **Malaprabha river (a tributary of Krishna river)**.
- Malaprabha river supplies the drinking water to Dharwad, Belgaum, and Gadag districts.
- Kalasa-Banduri project was planned in **1989**; Goa raised an objection to it.
The Mahadayi Water Disputes Tribunal was set up in 2010. **Goa, Karnataka and Maharashtra** are parties to the tribunal.



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