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Mhadei River

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Why in News



Goa and Karnataka have had long disputes over **water sharing issues of the Mhadei river**.

- Mahadaya 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.

Kalasa-Banduri Nala Project

- 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 Mahadaya river** to divert water to the Malaprabha 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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