



Cleaning Old Dams

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- Recently, as per the instructions given by the Prime Minister, **under the Amrit Mahotsav, for the first time in the country, the cleaning of dams will be done through machines.**

Key Points

- Significantly, there is a difference of opinion among experts regarding the desilting of dams in terms of its usefulness and economic affordability, due to which large dams become decades-old structures. In such a situation, this decision of cleaning the dams is very important.
- This work of cleaning the dams will be started as a pilot project from **Rani Avantibai Lodhi Sagar Project (Bargi Dam)** built in Bargi tehsil of Madhya Pradesh. **Hydrological pressurized system** will be used for this work.
- The **Bargi Dam has been constructed on the Narmada River.** Other dams built on the Narmada river, such as **Maheshwar, Omkareshwar, Indira Sagar and Sardar Sarovar Dam** will also benefit from its cleaning.

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