

Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project

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The <u>Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP)</u> in **Telangana** is under scrutiny after the <u>National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA)</u> reported significant structural damage and design flaws in the project.

KLIP:

- **KLIP** is the **world's largest multi-stage** lift irrigation project on the **Godavari River**, located in **Bhupalpally district**, **Telangana**.
- It spans over 500 km across 13 districts, with a canal network of 1,800 km.
- The construction of the project began in June 2019 and it aims to provide 240 TMC (Thousand Million Cubic feet) of water for various uses, with 70% earmarked for irrigation.
- The project starts at the confluence of the Pranhita and Godavari rivers.
- KLIP uses massive pump systems and surge pools to lift water to elevated delivery chambers for distribution across a vast command area.

River Godavari:

- Godavari, often called Dakshin Ganga, is India's second-longest river (after Ganga), originating from Trimbakeshwar in Maharashtra.
- It flows 1,465 km eastward, draining in Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha, before emptying into the Bay of Bengal.
- Major tributaries: Purna, Pranhita, Indravati, and Sabari (Left-Bank) and Pravara, Manjira, and Manair (Right Bank).

NDSA:

 NDSA is a statutory body headquartered in New Delhi, established under the National Dam Safety Act, 2021 to regulate and oversee dams, formulate policies, resolve disputes and conduct awareness programs.



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