

## **Oju Hydel Project**

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The central government has granted environmental clearance to the **Oju Hydroelectric Project** in **Arunachal Pradesh's Upper Subansiri district,** paving the way for the construction of one of India's largest **hydroelectric projects**, near the China border.

- Oju Hydroelectric Project is a 2,220 MW run-of-river hydro project.
- It aims to tap into the Subansiri basin's vast hydropower potential, contributing significantly to India's renewable energy capacity.
- Significance: This is part of the infrastructure push in the North-East for hydropower development.
  - The project is largest in the Subansiri basin, upstream of projects like Niare, Naba, Nalo, Dengser, Upper & Lower Subansiri, making it vital for basin-wide energy planning.
  - Its proximity to the international border also enhances its significance in terms of energy security.

## Subansiri River

- The Subansiri River, also known as the Gold River, is a Trans-Himalayan river.
- It originates from the western part of Mount Porom (5059 m) in the Tibetan Himalayas.
- It enters India through the Miri Hills in Arunachal Pradesh.
- As the longest tributary on the right northern bank of the Brahmaputra, the Subansiri merges with the **Brahmaputra at Majuli Island in Assam**, which is the **largest river island in Asia**.



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