

Tamil Nadu Farmers Protest Karnataka's Mekedatu Project

Tamil Nadu farmers marched to the inter-State border in Hosur protesting Karnataka's proposed Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir Project.

The Mekedatu project is a proposed multi-purpose (drinking water and power generation) balancing reservoir by Karnataka across the Cauvery river.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- **Hundreds of farmers** from **Tamil Nadu** protested against **Karnataka's Mekedatu project** on **July 15, 2026**.
- The protest was organized by the **Tamizhaga Vivasaya Sangagalin Kootiyakkam**.
- Farmers marched to the **inter-State border** near **Zuzuvadi** in **Hosur**.
- They asserted that **Cauvery** is not a **flood discharge channel** for **Karnataka** to open at will.
- The protest targeted **Karnataka's** proposed **Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir Project**.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

The **Cauvery River** is an **inter-state river** flowing through **Karnataka** and **Tamil Nadu**.

The **Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT)** was constituted in **1990** to adjudicate the dispute.

The **Supreme Court** delivered its final verdict on the **Cauvery dispute** in **2018**.

The **Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA)** was established in **2018** to implement the **Supreme Court's order**.

The **Mekedatu project** site is located at the confluence of the **Cauvery** and **Arkavathi rivers** in **Karnataka**.

Tamil Nadu opposes the **Mekedatu project**, arguing it would affect the **natural flow of water** to the state.

The **Cauvery basin** covers parts of **Karnataka, Kerala, Puducherry**, and **Tamil Nadu**.

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