

STATE FORMS TECHNICAL TEAM TO EXPEDITE MEKEDATU PROJECT



In News

- The Karnataka government has issued a notification to form a team led by the **Karnataka Engineering Research Station (KERS)** director **K.G.MAHESH** to expedite the Mekedatu project “in view of the favourable Supreme Court order”.
- Composition : The team under the KERS director will comprise an executive engineer, three technical assistants, six assistant engineers, one accountant, a superintendent and other staff.
- Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar announced that the **project office** for the mekedatu project would be set up in **Ramanagara**.
- **The Cauveri Neeravari Nigam Ltd. (CNNL)** will take steps to set up the Mekedatu project office.

Connect with the basics - Cauvery River System

Origin - Talakaveri



Flowing - Eastern



805 km

Total length of the River - 805 km



Flows through - Karnataka, Kerala, Tamilnadu & Pondicherry.



Tributaries - Arkavathy, Shimsha, Hemavati, Kapila, Honnuhole, Amravati, Lakshmana Tirtha, Kabini, Lokapavani, Bhavani and Noyyal.



Mekedatu Project

- The Mekedatu project is a balancing reservoir and drinking water project.
- Built across - It is to be built at the confluence of the Cauvery and Arkavathi rivers by the Karnataka Government.



Objective - The project is aimed at solving the drinking water problems of the Bengaluru and Ramanagara district.



Significance - It would also generate 400 MW of hydroelectric power.



Concerns with the project - Almost 63% of the forest area of the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary will be submerged because of the project.

