

# National Interlinking of Rivers Authority (NIRA)

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The Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti chaired the 17th Meeting of the Special Committee for Inter-Linking of Rivers (ILR). The meeting reviewed the status of the various ILR projects, the establishment of an exclusive body named National Interlinking of Rivers Authority (NIRA) was also discussed.

## **National Interlinking of Rivers Authority (NIRA)**

- The proposed body is expected to take up both inter-State and intra-State projects.
- It would make arrangements for generating up funds, internally and externally.
- It is being assisted by a Task Force for ILR, which is a committee of experts essentially drawn from the Jal Shakti Ministry, Central Water Commission and the NWDA.

## **Inter-Linking of Rivers (ILR) projects in India**

Some important ILR projects in India are:

- Ken-Betwa Link Project
- Cauvery (Kattalai)-Vaigai-Gundar link (IBWT)
- Bedti-Varda link (IBWT)
- Damanganga (Ekdare)-Godavari link (Intra-State)
- Damanganga-Vaitarna-Godavari link (Intra-State)
- Damanganga-Pinjal and Par-Tapi-Narmada Link Projects
- Alternative proposal of Diversion of Godavari waters up to Cauvery basin
- Manas-Sankosh-Teesta-Ganga (MSTG) link and

- Integration of Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project with Parbati- Kalisindh-Chambal link.