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Environmental groups in Karnataka have criticized the project to link the Bedti and Varada rivers in Karnataka, calling it 'unscientific' and a 'waste of public money'.



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- **Bedti-Varada Link** proposal envisages diversion of **surplus waters of Bedti** basin to water short Tungabhadra sub-basin.
 - The irrigation that proposed under the link canal is in the **drought prone Raichur district of Karnataka.**
- **Aim:** to link the Bedti, a river flowing west into the Arabian Sea, with the Varada, a tributary of the Tungabhadra River, which flows into the Krishna, which in turn flows into the Bay of Bengal.
- Two Dam will be erected: **Hirevadatti in Gadag** district and on **Pattanahalla river at Menasagoda in Sirsi**, Uttara Kannada district.