



Syllabus subtopic: Major crops cropping patterns in various parts of the country, different types of irrigation and irrigation systems storage, transport and marketing of agricultural produce and issues and related constraints; e-technology in the aid of farmers.

News: Work on the **mega Polavaram irrigation project** was recently resumed by the new contractor, Hyderabad-based Megha Engineering and Infrastructure Ltd.

Prelims focus: Key facts on Polavaram project.

Mains focus: Significance and issues associated with the project.

Context: Work on the **mega Polavaram irrigation project** was recently resumed by the new contractor, Hyderabad-based Megha Engineering and Infrastructure Ltd.

About the Polavaram project:

- It is a **multi-purpose irrigation project**.
- The dam across the Godavari River is under construction located in West Godavari District and East Godavari District in **Andhra Pradesh state** and its reservoir spreads in parts of Chhattisgarh and Orissa States also.
- The project is multipurpose major terminal reservoir project on river Godavari for development of Irrigation, Hydropower and drinking water facilities to East Godavari, Vishakhapatnam, West Godavari and Krishna districts of Andhra Pradesh.
- The Polavaram project was accorded national status in 2014 in the Andhra Pradesh Bifurcation Act and its design was changed.