

'RIVER-LINKING SHOULD BE DONE ON A SCIENTIFIC BASIS'

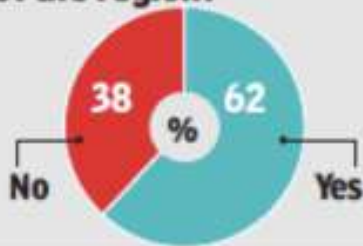
The proposed interlinking of the Ken and Betwa rivers has sharply divided critics and supporters. In this week's Times



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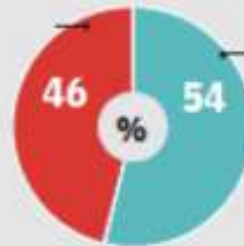
FaceOff debate, AB Pandya, Secretary General, International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage, explained why the project is necessary with Rohan D'Souza, professor at the Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies at Kyoto University, urging caution against it

Will river interlinking solve the water woes of the region?



Whose arguments do you think were presented better?

D'Souza, Interlinking will have ecological cost



Pandya, River linking will help country

How did this #TimesFaceOff debate impact your stance on the Ken-Betwa project and interlinking of rivers?



WHAT READERS SAID

“A project of such magnitude will impact more than just the environment; there's the human factor of displacing people and also that of the (Panna) sanctuary. — **Careena**, NEW DELHI

The Ken-Betwa project solves three major problems of Bundelkhand: drinking water, electricity, and water for irrigation. We must implement such innovative solutions.

— **Akshit Thakur**, MANDI

Resettlement is not as easy as simply moving from one region to another. People in the unorganised sector will have no means of livelihood; those in the organised sector will also face issues. The flora and fauna, too, will be impacted...

— **Rishabh Chaudhuri**, HYDERABAD

This is a matter of global warming impacting the ecologically sensitive zone in Central India... The project's ecological impact needs to be studied further. —

— **Prof RV Shukla**, BILASPUR

Implementation has to be done on a sound technical and scientific basis without affecting the local ecology. The plan deserves support.

— **Pramod Pande**, CHENNAI