



Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam

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Why in News

Ethiopia is building one of the largest dams in the world, the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD), on the **river Nile** near the Sudan border.

Key Points

- It is Africa's **biggest dam project** and will have lasting impacts on its **longest river-Nile**.
- The **hydroelectric dam** is being built on the **Nile (north-flowing river in Africa)**, in the lowlands of Ethiopia.
- **Concerns:** The Nile is under serious threat of **severe pollution, climate change and Egypt's growing population**.
 - Egypt is **one of the driest countries** on earth, with 95% of its people living along the Nile (or its overflowing Delta).
 - It relies almost totally on the Nile for its **water supply** and the construction of this dam will further cut down Egypt's water supply by 12-25%.



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