



Rajasthan's New Policy on Pumped Storage Projects

Why in News?

According to the sources, the **Rajasthan government** is going to bring a **new policy on pumped storage projects** as part of its efforts to promote [renewable energy](#).

Key Points

- According to the Chief Minister, the **State would soon become self-reliant in the energy sector** with steps being taken to strengthen renewable sources.
- **Eight potential locations** have been identified in the State for establishing these projects with the capacity of 7,100 Megawatt power for supply to electricity grids reliant on solar and wind power.
 - The work on the pumped storage projects had been undertaken in accordance with the provisions outlined in the [State's wind and hybrid energy policy of 2019](#) and the [renewable energy policy of 2023](#).
 - The State has received approval to initiate its **first independent pumped storage project with a capacity of 1,800 MW**, which will be located in the **Shahbad area of Baran district**, within the **Kuno river basin**.

The Kuno River

- It is one of the main tributaries of the [Chambal River](#).
- It flows through the [Kuno National Park](#) **from south to north**, draining the other rivulets and Tributaries into Chambal River in Morena at MP-Rajasthan border.
- It is a vital source of water for the Kuno National Park's **diverse flora and fauna**.
- It is 180 km long and **originates from the [Vindhya mountain](#) range in Madhya Pradesh**.

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