

आजादी का अमृत महोत्सव (India@75) कार्यक्रम के दौरान दिनांक 07.01.2022 को केन्द्रीय मृदा एवं सामग्री अनुसंधानशाला में "नदियों को आपस में जोड़ना" के विषय पर श्री पलनी कुमार, वैज्ञानिक 'बी' द्वारा ऑनलाइन वेबिनार दिया गया। [#आजादीकाअमृतमहोत्सव](#)

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## National Interlinking of Rivers Authority (NIRA)

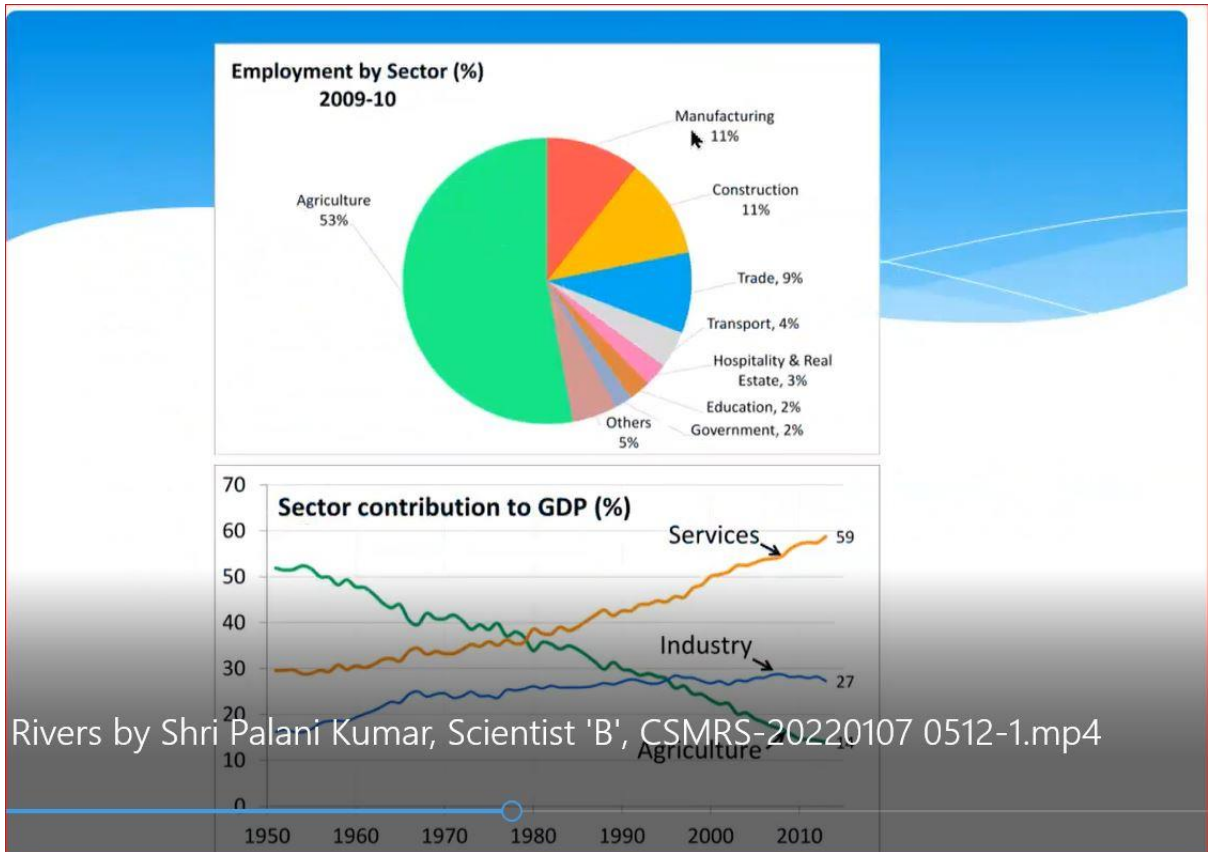
The Centre has set in motion the process of creating the National Interlinking of Rivers Authority (NIRA), an independent autonomous body for planning, investigation, financing and the implementation of the river interlinking projects in the country. NIRA will replace the existing National Water Development Agency (NWDA) and will function as an umbrella body for all river linking projects. The new body will coordinate with neighbouring countries and concerned states and departments and will also have powers on issues related to environment, wildlife and forest clearances under river linking projects and their legal aspects.

## Kosi-Mechi Interlinking project

The river Kosi is an international river originating from Tibet and flowing through Nepal in Himalayan Mountains and the lower portion through plains of North Bihar.

- \* To overcome the acute problem of shifting of course to the Kosi river, heavy sediment load, flooding etc... the then Government of Nepal and the Government of India signed an agreement on 25th April 1954 for implementation of Kosi project.
- \* The present proposal is an extension of Eastern Kosi Main Canal (EKMC) system up to river Mechi, a tributary of river Mahananda.
- \* The aim of extension of EKMC upto Mechi river is mainly to provide irrigation benefits to the water scarce 2.14 lakh hectares of Mahananda basin command in the districts of Araria, Kishanganj, Purnia and Katihar during kharif season depending upon the pondage available in Hanuman Nagar barrage.
- \* This intrastate link scheme will thus transfer part of surplus water of Kosi basin to Mahananda basin.

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