CM Vijay meets Andhra CM Chandrababu Naidu, seeks more Krishna water for Chennai under Telugu Ganga

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News

Tamil Nadu CM C. Joseph Vijay met Andhra Pradesh CM N. Chandrababu Naidu at his residence in Undavalli, Amaravati, on 13 Oct 2026 and asked for additional Krishna water for Chennai's drinking needs under the Telugu Ganga project. Naidu said El Niño had cut Krishna inflows this year, that 4.08 TMC had already been released, and that more would be considered depending on availability. No new quantity was agreed. The Godavari–Cauvery river link and Andhra's proposed dams on rivers flowing into Tamil Nadu were also discussed.

Key facts

Meeting	13 Oct 2026, Undavalli (Amaravati), Andhra Pradesh
Entitlement	12 TMC a year (after losses) – 8 TMC in July–Oct, 4 TMC in Jan–Apr
This year	AP released 4.08 TMC; TN received 2.251 TMC (to 9 Oct, at the border)
Route	Srisailam → Somasila → Kandaleru → Poondi (Sathyamurthy Sagar)
Canal	Kandaleru–Poondi 177 km (about 152 in AP, 25 in TN); 'Zero Point' – Thamaraikuppam, Uthukottai (Tiruvallur district)

Background

- History: the Telugu Ganga agreement – 1983, N.T. Rama Rao (AP) and M.G. Ramachandran (TN). Originally 15 TMC, with Maharashtra, Karnataka and AP giving 5 TMC each; 12 TMC after losses. Water has flowed from Kandaleru to Poondi since 1996.
- Geography: the Krishna rises at Mahabaleshwar (Maharashtra) and flows through Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana and AP into the Bay of Bengal; tributaries include the Tungabhadra and Bhima. 1 TMC = one thousand million cubic feet.
- Constitution: Article 262 – inter-State river water disputes; Inter-State River Water Disputes Act 1956. Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal I – the Bachawat Tribunal; Tribunal II – the Brijesh Kumar Tribunal.

Tamil Nadu link: Chennai's drinking-water lakes are Poondi, Puzhal (Red Hills), Chembarambakkam, Cholavaram and Kannankottai–Thervoy Kandigai. Telugu Ganga water is stored at Poondi and sent on to the other lakes. CM Vijay's August 2026 Karnataka visit on the Cauvery–Mekedatu issue was cancelled.

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