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'TN's project is violation of SC, tribunal ruling'

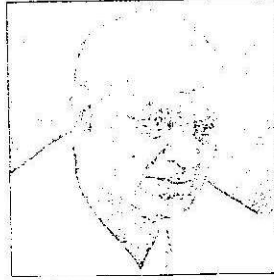
PANDAVAPURA (MANDYA DIST), DHNS

Former prime minister and JD(S) national president H D Deve Gowda on Friday said that the Rs 14,000 crore Cauvery river-linking project, launched by the Tamil Nadu government, was a violation of the Supreme Court and Cauvery River Water Dispute Tribunal rulings in 2018.

He was speaking at a felicitation programme for the winners of the gram panchayat election, organised by the JD(S) in the town.

Gowda said, "The Tamil Nadu government is launching the river-linking project, supported by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is a conspiracy to demand the surplus water."

"As per the Supreme Court's direction, we have to release 177.2 tmcft of water to Tamil Nadu. If a dam is constructed at Mekedatu it is possible for us to save 45 tmcft of water. This will help us to solve the irrigation and drinking water problems. But now, Tamil Nadu has planned a contrary project,"



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Gowda said.

He said, "There is a need for 5.3 tmcft of water for drinking purpose for nine districts, including Bengaluru. Hence, we should oppose the river-linking project of Tamil Nadu."

"I have always raised my voice, whenever injustice was meted out to Karnataka. When Siddaramaiah was chief minister, injustice was meted out to our state in the Cauvery issue. I had launched a hunger strike in Bengaluru, against it. However, Prime Minister Narendra Modi requested me to drop the protest and the issue was resolved. Even now, we have to fight against the project and the people should add strength to my fight," Gowda said.