Krishna Raja Sagara Dam(KRS)- Mysore rajaru laid the foundation of Krishnaraj sagar Dam on Kaveri river . The region of [Mysore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mysore_(region)) and especially Mandya had historically been dry, and had witnessed mass migration to adjoining areas in the hot summers. A severe [drought](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drought) in 1875–76 had wiped out one-fifth of the population of the [Kingdom of Mysore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kingdom_of_Mysore). Crop failures were common due to lack of water for irrigation. The Cauvery river was seen as a potential source of irrigation water for the farmers in and around [Mysore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mysore) in the erstwhile [Kingdom of Mysore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kingdom_of_Mysore). The Chief Engineer of Mysore [M. Visvesvaraya](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M._Visvesvaraya) presented a blueprint of a dam to be built across the River near the village of [Kannambadi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kannambadi). However, he was faced with opposition from the finance ministry of the government of Mysore who said the project would "serve no purpose" and that the electricity produced from it would not be of complete use due to lack in demand.