



Current Affairs of the Day

China gives green light for first downstream dams on Brahmaputra

China has given the green light for dams on the lower reaches of the river in Tibet, just before it enters India.

Highlights:

1. A draft of China's new Five-Year Plan (2021-2025), which is set to be formally approved on Thursday, has given the green light for the first dams to be built on the lower reaches of Yarlung Zangbo river, as the Brahmaputra is known in Tibet before it flows into India.
2. The inclusion of the projects in the draft plan suggests the authorities have given the go-ahead to begin tapping the lower reaches for the first time, which marks a new chapter in the hydropower exploitation of the river.