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Who among the following rulers of Vijayanagara Empire constructed a large dam across Tungabhadra River and a canal-cum-aqueduct several kilometres long from the river to the capital city? (a) Devaraya I (b) Mallikarjuna (c) Vira Vijaya (d) Virupaksha Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

Devaraya I. Built a dam on the **Tungabhadra** and a long aqueduct into Vijayanagara.

(b)

Mallikarjuna. A later Sangama king; not this irrigation work.

(c)

Vira Vijaya. Not the builder named in the chronicles for this dam.

(d)

Virupaksha. Another later name.

Summary

Official key is (a) **Devaraya I**. Nuniz and later historians credit him with a large dam across the **Tungabhadra** and a canal-aqueduct several kilometres into the capital. The other three are not that builder.

Related possible facts

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Devaraya I

Sangama, c. 1406-22; also known for the Bahmani wars.

Tungabhadra

River at Hampi / Vijayanagara.

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