‘Pattiseema scheme will help revive Krishna delta’

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The Pattiseema Lift Irrigation Scheme will help revive the Krishna delta to its past glory and infuse life back into the Krishna that has dried up completely, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has said.

Releasing water to the Krishna Eastern Delta from the new regulator here on Wednesday, Mr. Naidu said the Krishna delta, which was once highly fertile, had dried up and turned saline.

Delayed release

Water could not be provided in time to the crops because of mushrooming reservoirs and barrages in Maharashtra and Karnataka. And because of delay in the release of water, the crops were often destroyed by cyclones that usually hit the State in November, he said. This year, water was released one week in advance, and farmers would benefit from it, Mr. Naidu added.