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MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES,
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

12th May, 2023

Dear Sir,

The important issues/developments related to the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation during the month of April 2023 are as follows: -

- A. Storage Position of Important Reservoirs:** Central Water Commission (CWC) is monitoring live storage position of **146** important reservoirs spread all over the country and issuing bulletin on every Thursday. Live storage in these reservoirs as on **27.04.2023** was 64.13 billion cubic meters (BCM), which is **96%** of the live storage of corresponding period of last year and **120%** of average storage of last ten years.
- B. Ministerial Level Meeting of India - Netherlands Joint Working Group:** The first Ministerial Level Meeting of India - Netherlands Joint Working Group was held on 3rd April 2023 in New Delhi in the presence of Hon'ble Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Government of India and Hon'ble Minister of Infrastructure and Water Management, Government of Netherlands. The partnership provides the necessary impetus to expand the bilateral water cooperation, while recognizing the importance of Sustainable Development Goals, water safety, water availability and water quality for well being and sustainable development of the present and future generations.
- C. Launching of Monitoring Centre - "PRAYAG":** On 20th April 2023, Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti launched the Monitoring Centre "PRAYAG" Platform for Real-time Analysis of Yamuna and Ganga & their Tributaries at National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) office in New Delhi. PRAYAG is a real time monitoring center for planning and monitoring of projects, river water quality, etc. through various online dashboards such as Ganga Tarang Portal, Jajmau Plant through Online Drone Data, PMT Tool Dashboard, Ganga Districts Performance Monitoring System, etc.
- D. National River Ranching Programme 2023:** NMCG, in association with ICAR-CIFRI, organized the "National River Ranching Programme 2023" of Indian Major Carps (IMC) and Mahseer at various locations in Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar and Jharkhand in river Ganga from 2nd April 2023 to 31st May 2023. In the month of April 2023, more than 8.5 lakhs fish juveniles Indian Major Carps (IMC) comprising Rohu, Catla, Mrigal and Calbasu were ranched in the river Ganga. On 17th April 2023, 50,000 juvenile IMC fish were released in the Ganga River at Atal Ghat, Kanpur in the presence of the DG, NMCG.

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E. Launch of Ganga Bhog: On 22nd April, 2023, on the World Earth Day, 'Ganga Bhog- Gangotri se Ganga Sagar tak' was launched at Triveni Ghat, Rishikesh under Arth Ganga initiative. The ceremony at Rishikesh was also joined virtually by women from 61 locations in Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal. The core of the Ganga Bhog initiative comprises 5 Ma – Ma Ganga, Mandir, Mahila, Mitti and Mota-Anaj or Millets. The idea is to have laddoo like products from millets produced locally and prepared by local women in the Prasad/Bhog offered in temples on the banks of river Ganga.

F. National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG): –

- **48th Executive Committee Meeting:** The 48th Executive Committee Meeting of NMCG was held under the chairmanship of DG, NMCG on 18th April 2023. During the meeting eight projects worth approximately Rs. 638 crore were approved. The focus was on projects to reduce pollution in river Hindon, which is a tributary of river Yamuna. As part of the comprehensive 'Hindon Rejuvenation Plan', 4 projects estimated at Rs. 407.39 crore were approved for pollution reduction in the Shamli district. As part of the preparation for the 2025 Kumbh at Prayagraj, 1 project for the development of 7 ghats in Prayagraj was approved. 2 sewerage management projects (Bihar and Madhya Pradesh), and 1 project for ghat development at Haridwar, Uttarakhand were also approved.
- **Namami Gange-Universities Connect:** On 12th April 2023, NMCG and APAC News Network organized "Namami Gange: Universities Connect" event. Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti, presided over the function, where Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) were signed between NMCG and Chancellors/Vice-Chancellors of 49 universities to foster awareness among the youth on water conservation and river rejuvenation. These MoUs strive to bring the student communities to the forefront of the mass movement for creating a sustainable ecosystem of our rivers.
- **Meeting With Ethiopian delegation:** On 24th April 2023, a meeting was held between NMCG, World Bank and official Delegation from Ethiopia. This meeting marked the beginning of the official study tour which is being undertaken by the delegation from Ethiopia from the 24th April to 28th April 2023.
- **Signing of Agreement:** On 5th April 2023, a quadripartite substitution agreement was signed between NMCG and Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam (Rural) and Agra Waste Water Management Private Limited and Catalyst Trusteeship Limited (representative lenders of Oesterreichische Entwicklungsbank AG "OeEB"). A quadripartite escrow agreement was also signed between NMCG, Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam (Rural), Agra Waste Water Management Private Limited and Union Bank of India in the presence of DG, NMCG, SE (UPJN-R), Deputy Austrian Ambassador and other senior officials for Hybrid Annuity Based PPP mode STPs project of Agra, Uttar Pradesh.

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Project Site Inspection:

- **CETP at Jajmau, Kanpur:** On 17th April 2023, DG NMCG along with other senior official of NMCG, UP Jal Nigam and other stakeholders conducted an inspection of the 20 MLD CETP at Jajmau, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- **WWTP at Okhla, Delhi:** On 18th April 2023, DG, NMCG along with other senior official of NMCG conducted an inspection of the 564 MLD CETP at Okhla, Delhi. The inspection was followed by a review meeting of the progress with various stakeholders.
- **STP at Dinapur, Varanasi:** On 26th April 2023, NMCG officials, along with Hungary delegates and UP Jal Nigam, visited 140 MLD STP at Dinapur. On the Dinapur STP campus, the team also visited the laboratory to see the SCADA room. During the visit the delegates were briefed about Namami Gange activities taken up in Varanasi and the Ganga River Basin.

G. Important meetings/conferences held at the level of Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti & Hon'ble Minister of State (Jal Shakti) during the month of April 2023:-

- Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti held a review meeting regarding projects related to Rajasthan on 13.04.2023.
- 11th meeting of Empowered Task Force on National Mission for Clean Ganga was chaired by Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti on 20.04.2023. During the meeting, the Hon'ble Minister also released the comic series 'Chacha Chaudhary ke Sath, Ganga ki Baat'.
- Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti chaired a meeting to discuss the ongoing schemes of CGWB, Ministry of Jal Shakti in Arunachal Pradesh on 25.04.2023.

H. Important meetings/conferences held at the level of Secretary (WR) during the month of April 2023:

- Secretary (WR) held a meeting with Chief Secretary, Government of Arunachal Pradesh to discuss the major bottlenecks/ issues related to USMSP on 03.04.2023.
- Secretary (WR) held a discussion with CGWA and State Authorities regarding Implementation of Ground Water Regulations on 05.04.2023.
- Special Secretary (WR) held a review meeting on progress with WAPCOS and CGWB towards Dam Sites at Indroka and Bastawa Mata Villages in Jodhpur Rajasthan on 06.04.2023.
- A briefing meeting on the proposed International Conference in Meghalaya (MD, NWM and Team) was held on 06.04.2023 under the chairmanship of Special Secretary (WR).
- Secretary (WR) attended meeting on EFC of continuation of Flood Management and Border Areas Programme during FY 2021-26 on 12.04.2023.

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- Secretary (WR) and Secretary (DWS) held a joint Meeting with Chief Secretaries of all States / UTs on 25.04.2023 to review the progress made by States in effective implementation of Jal Shakti Abhiyan.
- Secretary (WR) held a meeting on "Water Security Challenges and Way forward" on 27.04.2023.
- Review meeting on progress of ongoing projects (SPR) of Karnataka, Manipur, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala and Maharashtra States was held on 27-28th April 2023 under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR).
- Secretary (WR) attended a meeting of Committee of Secretaries (CoS) on Outreach Activities on Life for Environment (LiFE) on World Environment Day 2023 through video conference on 28.04.2023.

I. Other important Meetings/Conferences held during the month of April 2023: -

- In connection with Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 06.09.2022, a meeting on technical issues with the officers of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha & Telangana was held on 03.04.2023 under the chairmanship of Chairman, CWC.
- 1st Meeting on conducting joint detailed technical study to formulate an integrated plan to combat threat of erosion posed by Ganga Padama river was held on 06.04.2023, under the chairmanship of Chairman, CWC.
- A video conference held on 18.04.2023 under the chairpersonship of Deputy Director General, MI (Stats) for discussion on forthcoming censuses to be conducted under Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Irrigation Census" with the concerned officers of NIC and NWIC.
- On 19th April 2023, the 5th Steering Committee review meeting was organized for the NMCG-PTB program focused on strengthening water quality infrastructure for the Ganges river under the chairmanship of DG, NMCG.
- On 19th April 2023, a meeting was held with NEERI and ICMR to discuss the project i.e. "A Detailed Study to Understand the Non-Putrefying Properties of River Ganga in Both Water and Sediment" under the chairmanship of DG, NMCG.
- On 20th April 2023, 1st Steering Committee meeting of the NMCG-TERI Centre of Excellence on Water Reuse was held under the chairmanship of DG, NMCG.
- A video conference held on 20th April 2023 under the chairpersonship of Deputy Director General, MI (Stats) with Census Commissioners/Nodal Officers of all States/UTs and CWC to have a discussion on conduct of proposed census of Major and Medium Irrigation (MMI) projects under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme- "Irrigation Census".
- The 2nd meeting of the working group for reorientation of PMKSY-AIBP and CADWM Scheme was held on 25th April 2023 under the chairmanship of Member (WP&P), Central Water Commission at New Delhi.

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J. National Aquifer Mapping and Management (NAQUIM) Programme:

- As a part of the NAQUIM studies, during the month of April 2023, CGWB has constructed 03 high discharge wells in Telangana (1), Maharashtra (1) and Jharkhand (1).
- A workshop on NAQUIM 2.0 guidelines was co-chaired by Chairman, CGWB and JS (Admin/IC&GW) on 14.04.2023, which was also attended by Regional Director(s) of CGWB and other senior officers from region.

K. National Water Mission (NWM):

- **46th Water Talk** entitled "Right to Water and Sanitation for Urban Poor in Delhi" was delivered by Professor Maheshwar Singh, Professor of Political Science, National Law University, Delhi on 21.04.2023.
- **Bureau of Water Use Efficiency:** Meeting(s) of each Subgroup of Task Force namely Sub-Group on Irrigation and Sub-Group on Power were held on 14.04.2023 and 19.04.2023 respectively.
- **All India Annual State Ministers' Conference:** A meeting was held on 10.04.2023 to formulate an integrated and comprehensive strategy for implementation of recommendations made during the All-India Annual State Ministers' Conference of Water related to water budgeting and management.

L. External Assistance & International Cooperation (EA&IC) and Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority (KBLPA):

- A meeting of Joint India-Hungary Working Group on Water Management was held on 25.04.2023 in New Delhi. A three year working programme was signed during the meeting to guide future course of cooperation between the two countries in water management.
- CEO, KBLPA/ DG, NWDA along with ACEO (HQ/P), Lucknow held a meeting with Principal Secretary, I&WRD, Uttar Pradesh on 06.04.2023 to discuss the issues related to implementation of components of Uttar Pradesh in Ken-Betwa Link Project and work plan for current financial year 2023-24.
- 5th meeting of the Consultancy Evaluation Committee (CEC) for the Engagement of Project Management Consultancy (PMC) services for Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority (KBLPA) was held on 27.04.2023 under the chairmanship of CEO, KBLPA / DG, NWDA.

M. Miscellaneous Matters-

- **Increasing efficiency in decision making:** - As per the latest edition of Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure (CSMOP), the channel of submission has been reduced to four levels by issuing departmental instructions. It has been observed that the Desk Officer System is not suitable for adoption in this Department, considering its allocation of work.

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- The department has adopted e-Office from February 2017 and is presently using the **version 7.2.5**. The Central Registry Unit has been digitized.

N. The incumbency details of the posts in the Department and its organizations under the purview of the ACC have been updated on AVMS portal.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


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