



D.O. No. F-12011/1/2022-Coord

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Dear Sir,

The important issues/developments related to the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation during the month of April 2022 are as follows:-

A. Storage Position of Important Reservoirs (CWC): -

Central Water Commission (CWC) is monitoring live storage position of 140 important reservoirs spread all over the country. Live storage in these reservoirs as on 28.04.2022 was 65.315 billion cubic meters (BCM), which is 108% of the live storage of corresponding period of last year and 128% of storage of average of last ten years.

B. National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG): -

- On 5th April, 2022, a meeting of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources was held for the oral evidence of the representatives of DoWR, RD & GR on subject "Conservation, Development, Management and Abatement of pollution in river Ganga and its Tributaries under Namami Gange Programme with particular reference to project deliverables and timelines as well as performance of State Governments".
- On 6th April 2022, Hon'ble Union Minister for Jal Shakti launched the Ganga District Performance Monitoring System (GDPMS) portal. The portal shall digitally monitor the work performance of District Ganga Committees on various project related activities.
- On 17th April 2022, NMCG hosted a Hot Issues Workshop in the Singapore International Water Week 2022 on the topic 'Sustainable Wastewater Management in Developing Countries - An Innovative Indian Approach in River Rejuvenation'. DG-NMCG and ED-Technical participated in the workshop virtually.
- From 22nd April to 24th April, 2022 Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti and DG-NMCG attended the 4th Asia Pacific Water Summit in Kumamoto, Japan. During their visit, they interacted with the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Japan and Hon'ble Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism.
- **Project Site Visit:-**
 - On 6th April 2022, Hon'ble Union Minister for Jal Shakti along with DG-NMCG and CEO-DBJ, inspected the construction progress of the 564 MLD Okhla STP (largest STP in Asia).
 - On 9th April, 2022 DG-NMCG along with VC-NITI Aayog and NMCG officials visited the Ghat built at Pooth, Uttar Pradesh. During the visit, they also interacted with the officers of Tourism & Jal Nigam Department, UP.



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- On 11th April 2022, DG, NMCG visited Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun and chaired the 6th Monitoring Committee Meeting regarding the NMCG-WII Phase II project, under Namami Gange program.
- Signing of Contract: On 11th April 2022, a Concession Agreement was signed for the development of 33 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant and associated infrastructure (under Hybrid Annuity PPP Mode) worth Rs. 148.33 crore in Faizabad Town, Uttar Pradesh.

C. National Water Mission (NWM): –

- 36th Water Talk entitled “Water Watch at Siruthuli” was delivered by Mr. R. S. Krishnawamy, Member, Apex Community, Siruthuli on 15th April 2022.
- 19th Water Tech Talk entitled “Irrigation efficiency improvement through on-farm water management” was delivered by Dr. Ashish Pandey, Professor, IIT Roorkee on 08th April 2022.

D. 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 2022: –

- On 5th April 2022, the third meeting of the Group to Develop the Arth Ganga Model was held under the chairmanship of Hon’ble Union Minister of Jal Shakti along with Vice Chairman NITI Aayog.
- On 6th April 2022, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Hon’ble Union Minister for Jal Shakti on reuse of treated wastewater by thermal power plant and industries like petrochemical refineries.
- A review meeting on issues/projects related to water resources of DoWR, RD & GR was held under the chairmanship of Hon’ble Minister of Jal Shakti at Jaipur on 08th April 2022.
- Hon’ble Minister for Jal Shakti held a meeting on 16th April 2022 at New Delhi regarding the issue of construction problems in the scoured reaches of ECRF dam of Polavaram Irrigation Project with various stake holders such as DDRP (members), WRD (Andhra Pradesh), CWC, CSMRS, PPA and subject experts.
- Shri Bishweswar Tudu, Hon’ble Minister of State, Ministry of Jal Shakti chaired a review meeting on ongoing schemes of Ministry of Jal Shakti in Tripura on 12th April 2022.
- Shri Prahlad Singh Patel, Hon’ble Minister of State, Ministry of Jal Shakti took a review meeting on 13th April 2022 at IISc, Bangalore.
- Shri Bishweswar Tudu, Hon’ble Minister of State, MoJS chaired a meeting during his visit to Gaya District (Aspirational District) from 17th April 2022 to 19th April 2022, held at DM office, Gaya in which status of Ground Water Scenario of Gaya District as well as strategies to solve the issues were discussed.

E. Important meetings/conferences held at the level of Secretary (WR) during the month of April 2022: -

- On 2nd April 2022, Secretary (WR) attended interaction meeting taken by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India with the Secretaries to the Govt. of India.
- The first Steering Committee meeting of Ken – Betwa Link Project (KBLP) was held on 07th April 2022 under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR).
- A meeting to review the NMCG/NRCD Projects (PM's portal) was held on 13th April 2022 under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR).
- The National Stakeholders Conference on Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – Technical Session on the theme “*Water Sufficient Village*” was held on 16th April 2022, attended by Secretary (WR).
- On 18th April, 2022, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Secretary, DoWR RD & GR on budget and targets for 2022-23 and deliberation on Vision@2047.
- A meeting with the officials of CPCB and NMCG regarding Gang/Indira Gandhi Canal in Rajasthan was held on 25th April 2022 at the level of Secretary (WR).

F. Other important Meetings/Conferences held during the month of April 2022:-

- A meeting of all stakeholders for Finalization of Development of Integrated Landscape Management Plan along with the five Supplementary Plans prepared by WII, Dehradun with reference to Ken-Betwa Link Project in Panna Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh held on 06th April 2022 under the chairmanship of Director General, NWDA.
- Chairman CWC chaired the 5th meeting of the committee for “Study on the issue of flood and siltation in River Ganga and its tributaries due to Farakka Barrage in the State of Bihar through video conference, held on 19th April 2022.

G. National Aquifer Mapping and Management (NAQUIM) Programme: -

- Under NAQUIM Programme, CGWB has constructed 05 high discharge wells in the States of Gujarat (2), Karnataka (2) and Uttar Pradesh (1) with discharge ranging from around 200 to 320 litres per minute (lpm).

H. State Projects: -

- A meeting was taken by Secretary (WR, RD & GR) on 11th April 2022 to review of implementation of Lakhwar Multipurpose National Project.

I. External Aided & International Cooperation (EA&IC): -

- Visit of 3 members delegation led by Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti to participate in the 4th Asia Pacific Water Summit (APWS), held at Kumamoto City, Japan during 23-24 April 2022.

J. Flood Management (FM): -

- The 77th meeting of the India - Bangladesh Joint Committee, as per the provisions of Ganga Water Sharing Treaty-1996, was held at Kolkata on 14th April, 2022 after undertaking a visit to the Joint Observation sites at Farakka on 12th April 2022. A Bangladesh delegation headed by Member, Joint Rivers Commission, Bangladesh visited India for this meeting and visit.

K. Important Notifications & Acts: -

- Amendments with respect to Gazette Notifications of KRMB and GRMB dated 15.07.2021 have been notified in the Gazette on 01st April 2022 extending the date of implementation of Clause 1(I), 2(g) and 2(f) till 14.07.2022.
- As per the provision of Dam Safety Act 2021, National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) has been set up vide OM dated 04th April 2022.

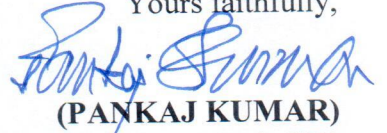
L. Increasing efficiency in decision making: -

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. The Department has adopted e-office from February 2017 and is **presently using the version 7.2.1**. The Central Registry Unit has been digitized.

M. 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 faithfully,



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