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MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES,  
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

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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 February 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 24.02.2022 was 101.21 billion cubic meters (BCM), which is 111% 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):**

- **World Wetland's Day Celebrations:** On the occasion of World Wetlands Day, DG, NMCG presided over a webinar on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022, on the theme 'Connecting Wetlands, Rivers and People: Challenges, Experiences and Opportunities'. The webinar was organized jointly by NMCG and World Wide Fund (WWF).
- **Magh Mela in Prayagraj:** From 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2022, Magh Mela, an annual festival was started near the banks of river Ganga and opened for public on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022. Namami Gange, for the last few years, has been showcasing its efforts as well as activities through expositions at Magh Mela in Prayagraj. This year, an exhibition was set up by team Namami Gange and a presentation was made wherein significant information was imparted to the visitors about the Namami Gange Programme.
- **Signing of Contract:** On 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022, an agreement was signed between Banthar Industrial Pollution Control Company (BIPCC) and M/s EMS Infracon Pvt. Ltd. for up-gradation of 4.5 MLD Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) on Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) Technology at Banthar Tannery Cluster, Banthar, Uttar Pradesh. The cost of the project is Rs. 111 crore which includes 75% of NMCG share as grant-in-aid and 25% share of BIPCC.
- **Project Site Visit:**
  - On 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022, DG (NMCG) reviewed sewerage projects in Varanasi with Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam including 50 MLD Ramanna STP and Assi Ghat. He also reviewed the work of Ganga Task Force, which is restoring the river and making an endeavor to bio-remediate the Assi river as part of rejuvenation of river Ganga.



- Executive Director (Technical), NMCG visited Ramgarh Tal at Gorakhpur to review the performance of two STPs (15 MLD and 30 MLD) as per the stipulated discharged norms of CPCB on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 and 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022, respectively.
- PMC team visited West Bengal during 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022 for on-site review of the projects under Namami Gange Programme.

**C. National Water Mission (NWM):**

- **35<sup>th</sup> Water Talk** entitled "Natural Farming & Water Conservation" was delivered by Padma Shri awardee, Shri Bharat Bhushan Tyagi on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022.
- **17<sup>th</sup> Water Tech Talk** entitled "Conglomerative measure to enhance Water Use Efficiency in Irrigation Sector" was delivered by Dr. Dilip G. Durbude on 11<sup>th</sup> February 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 February 2022:**

- A meeting regarding issues related to Odisha was held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State (JS) on 04<sup>th</sup> February 2022. This was attended by Chairman CWC.
- Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti chaired a meeting to discuss "Demand for Grants 2022-23" pertaining to DoWR, RD & GR on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

**E. Important meetings/conferences held at the level of Secretary (WR, RD&GR) during the month of February 2022:**

- 12<sup>th</sup> Central Monitoring Committee (CMC) meeting held under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR) on 04<sup>th</sup> February 2022 to review the progress made by the States towards increasing the installed capacity of the STPs and their respective utilization.
- A review meeting regarding "Progress of Projects Sanctioned under Namami Gange Programme (NGP)" was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR) on 07<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

**F. Other important Meetings/Conferences held during the month of February 2022:**

- The first Industry Meet for the NMCG-TERI - ***The Energy and Resources Institute Centre of Excellence on Water Reuse*** was organized on 03<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 under the chairmanship of DG (NMCG).
- On 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022, two meetings to review the progress of Kanpur (STP) project under Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) and to review the project sanctioned to IIT Roorkee on "Rejuvenation of dying springs in Tokoli Gad Catchment of Tehri Garhwal district using Geochemical & Geophysical techniques" were held under the chairmanship of DG (NMCG).

- 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) was held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022 under the chairmanship of Chairman, CWMA. And 58<sup>th</sup> meeting of Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWPRS) was held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2022 under the chairmanship of Chairman, CWRC.
- The oral evidence before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources for Examination of Demands for Grants for the year 2022-23 was attended by Secretary (WR) and other senior officers on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022
- 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Dam Design Review Panel (DDRP) was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 through video conference for suggestions on critical design issues regarding components of Polavaram Irrigation Project.
- Central Level Expert Group (CLEG) meeting for country wide Ground Water Resource Assessment 2022 was held under the chairmanship, CGWB on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022.
- On 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022, DG, NMCG attended a meeting under the chairmanship of Chief Executive Officer, NITI Aayog on NMCG Online Computerized Monitoring System (OCMS) projects undertaken under Namami Gange Programme.

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

- Under NAQUIM programme, CGWB has constructed 08 high discharge wells in the States of Kerala (1), Maharashtra (1), Madhya Pradesh (1), Uttar Pradesh (1), Odisha (2) and Gujarat (2). These wells have been drilled in hard rock and alluvium areas with discharge ranging from around 11 to 1,518 litres per minute (lpm).
- To understand the dynamics of deep aquifer recharge, a discussion meeting on isotope study in the Ramganga Basin was held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022 between CGWB and European experts.

**H. National River Conservation Plan (NRCP):**

- Grant-in-aid of Rs. 75 crore was released for the project pollution abatement and conservation of Tapi river at 85 km stretch from Kakrapar Barrage to ONGC Bridge, Surat (Gujarat).
- Release of 5<sup>th</sup> installment of grant-in-aid of Rs. 10 crore for the project Pollution Abatement of River Rani Chu at Gangtok (Zone-III) in Sikkim.
- Release of 4<sup>th</sup> installment of grant-in-aid of Rs. 10 crore for the project Pollution Abatement of rivers Devika and Tawi at Udhampur in Jammu & Kashmir.
- Release of 4<sup>th</sup> installment of grant-in-aid of Rs. 20 crore only for the project Rejuvenation and Conservation of Nambul River at Imphal.

**I. National Water Development Agency:**

- Third Consultation Meeting of NWDA to explore the way forward for the implementation of Godavari (Inchampalli)-Cauvery (Grand Anicut) Link Project with the Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretaries of WRD of Party States was held on 18.02.2022.
- Draft DPR of Bedti-Varada link project was submitted to the Govt. of Karnataka (Volume-I & II/ Report & Annexures) on 17.02.2022 and Volume-III (Drawings) on 25.02.2022.

- MoU was signed between Scientist-E (C-III) CSMRS and Superintending Engineer, Investigation Circle NWDA, Gwalior on 02.02.2022 for consultancy services for carrying out the construction materials survey and laboratory investigation of coarse and fine aggregate sample for Ken-Betwa Link Project.
- MoU was signed with Director Hydrology (Central) Central Water Commission (CWC) New Delhi for carrying out the Design Flood Estimation 1-D Modeling for GD Curve and to prepare report in respect of Pailani barrage and Marauli barrage on Ken river (Proposed as part of Ken-Betwa Link Project Phase-I) in the d/s of Barriyarpur pickup weir.

**J. 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.

**K. Important Notifications issued during the month:-**

- (i) Notification for constitution of Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority and Steering Committee was published in the official gazette on 11.2.2022;
- (ii) Notifications for constitution of National Committee on Dam Safety and establishment of National Dam Safety Authority, with rules, were published in the official gazette on 17.2.2022.

- L.** 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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