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D.O. No. F-12011/1/2023-Coord

10<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

Dear Sir,

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

**A. Storage Position of Important Reservoirs (CWC):** The Central Water Commission (CWC) is monitoring live storage of 143 important reservoirs spread all over the country and issuing bulletin on every Thursday. Live storage in these reservoirs as on 23.02.2023 was 96.592 billion cubic meters (BCM), which is 94% of the live storage of corresponding period of last year and 118% of storage of average of last ten years.

**B. DHARA 2023:** On 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023, National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) in collaboration with National Institute of Urban Affairs organized "DHARA 2023: Driving Holistic Action for Urban Rivers" in Pune, Maharashtra. Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti inaugurated the conference attended by 51 Municipal Commissioners/Additional Commissioners of member cities of the River Cities Alliance. Issues related to river management were deliberated upon in the two day conference.

**C. National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG):**

- **Executive Committee Meeting:** In the 47<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee of NMCG held under the chairmanship of DG, NMCG on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2023, 9 projects worth Rs. 1,278 crore were approved, including 7 projects pertaining to pollution abatement in the Ganga Basin and 2 relating to ghat development. A novel project of Rs. 1.9 crore called "Survey, Investigation for Rejuvenation and Conservation of Shahdara Drain with nature-based treatment" was also approved.

- **World Wetlands Day:** On 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2023, NMCG along with World Wide Fund for Nature-India (WWF-India) celebrated the World Wetlands Day at Sheesh Mahal (Irrigation Department, UP), Narora Barrage, Upper Ganga Ramsar site. DG, NMCG along with Biodiversity Consultant, NMCG attended the event. During the event, DG, NMCG also inspected the 100 acre biodiversity park at Ram Ghat and the Turtle Rescue Center at Anu Vihar, Narora Atomic Power Stations (NAPS) residential colony.

- **Uttar Pradesh Global Investors Summit (UPGIS) 2023:** On 10<sup>th</sup> February, DG NMCG visited Lucknow to attend the Uttar Pradesh Global Investors Summit (UPGIS) 2023 held from 10-12 February 2023 at Lucknow and participated in session on "Tourism: leveraging the cultural heritage for tourism in the modern progressive Uttar Pradesh".



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- **Sustainable Water Management Conclave:** On 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2023, NMCG in association with APAC News Network organized the 7<sup>th</sup> Water Management Conclave on the theme "Awareness to Technology Adoption - Sustainability in Water Waste Water Sector" at New Delhi.

- **Project Site Visits:**

i) **CETP at Jajmau & Rooma, Kanpur:** On 1st February 2023, Executive Director (Technical), NMCG visited Kanpur for the inspection of the 20 MLD CETP at Jajmau, 1.5 MLD CETP and 20 KLD TADOX pilot plant at Rooma.

ii) **STP & CETP at Rooma and Jajmau, Kanpur:** On 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023, DG, NMCG along with ED (Technical), NMCG visited Kanpur to inspect 130 MLD STP and 20 MLD CETP plant at Jajmau. DG, NMCG also inaugurated the trial run of 20 KLD TADOX pilot plant at 1.5 MLD CETP Complex, Rooma, Kanpur.

iii) **STP at Pankha & Unnao:** On 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2023, DG NMCG and ED (Technical) visited Kanpur to inspect 30MLD STP at Pankha and 15 MLD STP at Unnao. During the visit, DG NMCG also inaugurated 6 ton capacity pilot plant of "Tallow Extraction from fleshing waste" in Super Tannery in Kanpur, a waste to wealth initiative by Solidaridad.

iv) **STP and Pond Rejuvenation projects at Ayodhya:** On 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 DG, NMCG along with representatives of UPJN visited Ayodhya to review the progress of work in the STP, water bodies and pond rejuvenation and review the status of the projects under Namami Gange Programme.

**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 2023:**

- A meeting on Jawai, ERCP and Water Charter for Rajasthan Hathnikund was held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti on 01.02.2023.
- On 09.02.2023, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti to discuss issues related to DoWR, RD & GR projects/schemes in the State of Rajasthan.
- Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti reviewed the preparation of Jal Shakti Abhiyan, 2023 in a meeting held on 10.02.2023.
- On 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2023, a meeting regarding the land subsidence situation in and around Joshimath, Chamoli District, Uttarakhand was held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti.
- On 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2023, a meeting regarding the petition OA No. 21/2023 -Ashwani Yadav vs Government of NCT Delhi before the Hon'ble NGT(PB), New Delhi - Order dated 09.01.2023, was held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti.

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- A delegation led by Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti participated in Water Week organized by Water Global Practice (GP) of World Bank Group on 27.02.2023 and visited Tennessee Valley Authority (USA) on 28.02.2023.

**E. Important meetings/conferences held at the level of Secretary (WR) during the month of February 2023:**

- Secretary (WR) had a meeting with H.E. Mr. Md. Mustafizur Rahman, High Commissioner of Bangladesh on 01.02.2023.
- A meeting was held under the joint Chairpersonship of Secretary (WR) and Secretary (DWS) to discuss strategy / action plan for implementation of Jal Shakti Abhiyan – 2023 on 02.02.2023.
- A meeting on "Monitoring of Glacier Movement" taken by Advisor to PM was attended by Secretary (WR) on 09.02.2023 through video conference.
- A meeting for recasting of PMKSY was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR) on 10.02.2023.
- MoA between IIT Roorkee and CWC for establishment of International Centre of Excellence for Dams was signed in the presence of Secretary (WR) on 14.02.2023.
- A meeting for discussion on engagement with I2U2 (India-Israel-UAE-USA) on water was held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 under the chairmanship of Special Secretary (WR).
- A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR) with Central Ministries/Departments to discuss implementation strategy of Jal Shakti Abhiyaan-2023 on 15.02.2023 at New Delhi.
- Secretary (WR) chaired a meeting to explore possibility of MoU between NMCG and CWC for collaboration for cleanliness of river banks at CWC's HO sites on 16.02.2023 with DG, NMCG and Chairman, CWC.
- A review meeting on the progress of Kelo Irrigation Project, Chhattisgarh and Integrated Anandpur Barrage Project, Odisha under PMKSY-AIBP was held on 20.02.2023 through hybrid mode.
- A meeting regarding "Navigation arrangements at Polavaram Irrigation Project" under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR), was held on 23.02.2023 through hybrid mode.

**F. Other important Meetings/Conferences/Events held during the month of February 2023:-**

- A meeting regarding detailing of risk assessment of Tapi Basin under Phase II India EU water partnership was held on 14.02.2023.
- On 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2023, a meeting was held with H.E. Naor Gilon, Israeli Ambassador to India, to discuss strengthening the Indo-Israel partnership in the water sector. The meeting was held in the presence of Mr. Lior Asaf, PhD, Water Attaché Israeli Embassy and senior officials of NMCG.

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- The Standing Committee on Water Resources held a meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2023 for 'Examination of the Demands for Grants (2023-24)' attended by officers of DoWR, RD & GR led by Secretary (WR).
- On 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2023, a meeting was held to review the actions taken on the NMCG direction dated 17.01.2023 regarding non-compliant 6MLD CETP in Tronica City, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.
- On 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2023, a meeting was held with the representative of three start-ups "Planys, Nimble Vision, and Innogle" and other senior officials of the Department of Telecommunications on 'Implementation of pilot project on real time water quality monitoring with submerged sensors in the Ganga river basin' within 40-50 km stretch of river.
- To sensitize and enhance awareness about Atal Bhujal Yojana, a focussed IEC campaign under 'Atal Bhujal Pakhwada' was organized in all the States under Atal Bhujal Yojana during 13-27 Feb, 2023. Various activities such as awareness Rath, Prabhatpheri, expert talks, exhibitions, competitions in schools etc. were organized during two weeks in all States.
- Secretary (WR) along with Mission Director, National Water Mission attended the meeting chaired by the Cabinet Secretary on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 with Chief Secretaries and Secretaries of Central Government Ministries/Departments concerned on preparations for the Jal Shakti Abhiyan 2023.
- A delegation led by Secretary (WR) attended the meeting of the Neutral Expert appointed under the Indus Waters Treaty to discuss issues relating to Kishenganga and Ratle hydro-electric projects with India and Pakistan called on 27 – 28 February, 2023 at The Hague, Netherlands.

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

- As a part of the NAQUIM studies, during the month of February 2023, CGWB has constructed 05 high discharge wells - 1 each in the States of Odisha, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Chhattisgarh.
- 04 Public Interaction Programs (PIP) under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsava were organized in States of Kerala, J&K and Chhattisgarh by CGWB.

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

- 37<sup>th</sup> National Water Mission webinar session on "Best Practices of Water Management – Dialogues with District and Municipal Administrator" was held under the chairpersonship of AS & MD, NWM on 04.02.2023.
- 44<sup>th</sup> Water Talk entitled "Water Literacy" was delivered by Mr. Ayyappa Masagi, Founder & Director, Water Literacy on 24.02.2023.



- Meeting of the Selection and Screening Committee was held under the chairpersonship of Additional Secretary & Mission Director, National Water Mission on 21.02.23 for selection of women achievers for the event "Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman (SSSS), 2023 under the category Jal Shakti Abhiyan- Catch the Rain and Water Warriors.

**I. National Water Development Agency (NWDA):**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Ken Betwa Link Project Authority was held on 23.02.2023 under the chairmanship of CEO, KBLPA/ DG, NWDA at New Delhi.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Technical Advisory Group of Ken Betwa Link Project Authority (TAG-KBLPA) held on 24.02.2023 under the chairmanship of Shri D. P. Bhargava, Former Director, (Technical), NHPC at New Delhi.
- An amount of Rs. 221.73 crore has been released to Madhya Pradesh Tiger Foundation Society (MPTFS) on 14.02.2023 towards meeting the requirements stipulated in Stage-I Forest Clearance.
- 1<sup>st</sup> installment (advance payment on signing of MoU) for Phase I works has been received by NWDA from Government of Bihar for survey & investigation and preparation of working DPR of Kosi - Mechi intra-State link project.

**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.** 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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