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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 March 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 31.03.2022 was 79.396 billion cubic meters (BCM), which is 107% 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): -

- Roorkee Water Conclave 2022: From 2nd to 4th March 2022, NMCG, in association with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee and National Institute of Hydrology (NIH), organized 2nd edition of Roorkee Water Conclave 2022 with the theme of "Water Security for Sustainable Development".
- On 2nd and 3rd March 2022, NMCG was awarded the Special Jury Award at the 7th edition of India Industry Water Conclave and 9th edition of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) Water Awards.
- **Project Site Visit:**
 - On 3rd March 2022, DG, NMCG visited and reviewed the progress of Tertiary Treatment Plant (TTP) and Masani STP in Mathura. The 20 MLD TTP is being set-up to supply treated wastewater to Mathura Refinery of Indian Oil Corporation Limited. Mathura's STP is country's first Integrated Sewage Infrastructure project which is also based on One City – One Operator concept.
 - On 17th March 2022, DG, NMCG, visited and inspected the Rehabilitation and Up-Gradation of Rithala Phase-I Wastewater Treatment Plant with capacity of 182 MLD.
 - On 23rd March 2022, DG, NMCG along with NMCG and DJB officials visited Kondli STP in Delhi to review the progress of the work. The project includes rehabilitation & upgradation of Phase-I, II & III (45 MGD) STP with effluent standards of BOD-10mg/l, TSS-10mg/l. Once the work is completed, the quality of water entering Shahdara drain & Yamuna downstream of Delhi will improve to a great extent.



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- Cyclathon in Action for Ganga's Glory: On 19th March 2022, DG, NMCG joined Atulya Ganga team to raise awareness for Clean Ganga in their Buxar-Patna leg & completed 52 km from Arrah to Danapur. Atulya Ganga cyclathon is an initiative by Army Veterans. It started on 1st of March 2022 from Gangotri and will end on 1st April 2022 at Ganga Sagar. On the way along with Namami Gange team, they participated in public events highlighting Ganga's importance.
- 'Young Minds: Pledging River Rejuvenation': On the occasion of World Water Day i.e. 22nd March 2022, the National Mission for Clean Ganga organized an event titled "Young Minds: Pledging River Rejuvenation" comprising students and leading educators from different schools and colleges, with an aim to emphasize upon the importance of river rejuvenation and water conservation.
- Yamunotsav-2022: National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and Bharatiyam on 27th March 2022 organized Yamunotsav in association with a group of NGOs at ASITA East River Front, ITO Bridge, to celebrate the glory of Yamuna with a "pledge to keep it clean". More than 1,000 people gathered at the Yamuna Ghat in the morning to celebrate Yamunotsav, which witnessed live paintings, street plays, classical performance, spiritual performance, music and dance events etc.
- On 29th March 2022, a Strategic Partnership of Water was virtually signed by Mr. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Jal Shakti, the Republic of India, and Mr. Mark Harbers, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, Kingdom of the Netherlands. The signing of the strategic partnership on water was held on the occasion of the first introductory Ministerial Level Meeting as part of Indo-Dutch Collaboration.

C. National Water Mission (NWM): -

- 18th Water Tech Talk entitled "*Conserving Wetlands and Rivers: Challenges and Opportunities*" was delivered by Dr. Ruchi Badola, Scientist G/Senior Professor, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.
- Hon'ble President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind felicitated the winners (57) of the 3rd National Water Awards instituted by the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti and launched the Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain campaign 2022 (version 3.0) with tagline "*Catch the Rain, where it falls, when it falls*" on 29th March 2022 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. This campaign is being implemented from 29th March 2022 to 30th November 2022 in all the districts (rural as well as urban) of the country.
- The First Information Brochure of the 7th Edition of India's International Water Resources Event India Water Week - 2022, planned to be organized from 1-5 November 2022 at India Expo Centre, Greater Noida, was released on 29th March 2022 in the august presence of Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti.

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 March 2022: -

- Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti along with Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh visited the Polavaram Irrigation Project and R&R colonies on 4th March 2022 and reviewed progress of the project.
- On 8th March 2022 and 10th March 2022, Hon'ble Union Minister of Jal Shakti chaired the review meeting of NMCG projects under Namami Gange.
- On 15th March 2022, Hon'ble Union Minister of Jal Shakti, chaired the 9th Empowered Task Force (ETF) meeting along with Hon'ble Minister of State for Jal Shakti to ensure proper action plan for Ganga rejuvenation and to monitor implementation process and address bottlenecks thereof, attended by Secretary (WR), Secretary (DWS) and DG (NMCG).
- A review meeting was held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti on 16th March 2022 at New Delhi to review critical works in Polavaram Irrigation Project relating to downstream coffer dam, ECRF main dam in Gap-I & II and spill channel works.
- Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti, Hon'ble Ministers of State for Jal Shakti along with officials of DoWR, RD & GR and DoDWS attended the Jal Shakti Abhiyaan: Catch the Rain campaign version 3.0, which was inaugurated in the presence of Hon'ble President of India on 29th March 2022.

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

- Secretary (WR) attended the meeting of the Parliamentary Committee on Petitions to consider the petition praying to conserve and revitalize dying rivers across the country, held on 4th March 2022.
- Secretary (WR) attended the Committee of Secretaries (CoS) meeting chaired by Cabinet Secretary to review the status of implementation of budget announcements for year 2022-23, held through video conference on 5th March 2022.
- A meeting to review the utilization of ISRO data by various Wings & Organizations of DoWR, RD & GR was held on 07th March 2022 under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR).
- Secretary (WR) attended the meeting chaired by Cabinet Secretary on issues pertaining to Punatsangchhu-I and Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Projects in Bhutan, held on 10th March 2022.
- Expenditure Review meetings were held under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR) on 14th March 2022, 21st March 2022 and 29th March 2022.

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

- On 8th March 2022, DG, NMCG delivered the keynote address in the 4th edition of monthly webinar series on 'Igniting Young Minds, Rejuvenating Rivers' organised by NMCG in association with APAC News Network & APAC Foundation.
- 59th and 60th meeting of Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) under the chairmanship of Shri Navin Kumar, Chairman, CWRC were held on 10th March, 2022 and 30th March, 2022 respectively.

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- 20th (Emergency) Dam Design Review Panel (DDRP) meeting was held on 25th March 2022 through video conference for suggestions of experts on the construction methodology for the ECRF dam in the scoured area of GAP- II of Polavaram Irrigation Project.

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

- Under NAQUIM programme, CGWB has constructed 14 high discharge wells in the States of Himachal Pradesh (1), Andhra Pradesh (2), Chhattisgarh (3), Assam(1), Uttar Pradesh (6) and Karnataka (1). The wells have been drilled in hard rock and alluvium areas with discharge ranging from around 240 to 2,070 litres per minute (lpm).
- Two talks on Ground Water Modeling Talk Series were delivered by Dr. S. Suresh, Regional Director and Shri. S.K. Sinha, Retired Scientist 'D' CGWB on 4th and 18th March 2022.

H. National River Conservation Plan (NRCP): -

- Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction was accorded for the project Pollution abatement and Conservation of river Godavari at Rajamahendravaram, Andhra Pradesh under NRCP at a cost of Rs. 88.43 crore.
- Grant-in-aid of Rs. 1.06 crore was released to Government of Sikkim for the project Pollution Abatement of River Rani Chu at Gangtok (Zone-II) in Sikkim under NRCP during the financial year 2021-22.
- Grant-in-aid of Rs. 2.61 crore was released for the project Upgradation & Rehabilitation of sewer Network at Gangtok (Zone-I) for pollution abatement of river Rani Chu in Sikkim under the NRCP during FY 2021-22.

I. National Water Development Agency: -

- Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) held meeting on 14.03.2022 for reconsideration of Environmental clearance for Lower Orr Dam Project under Ken-Betwa phase-II.
- Work was awarded to Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee for model water balance study (Hydrological studies) of Kuno basin using system studies and modeling techniques on 16.03.2022.
- Revision of Water Balance Study Report of Upper Cauvery Sub-Basin of Cauvery basin was completed.

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

- An MoU signed between the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India and the Ministry of the Environment of Japan in the areas of decentralized domestic waste water management on 19th March 2022.
- Visit of three members' Indian delegation led by Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister of Jal shakti to participate in the 9th World Water Forum (WWF) in Dakar, Senegal during 21st - 23rd March 2022 took place.
- Visit of two members' India delegation led by Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti to participate in the World Expo, 2020 in Dubai, UAE during 23rd - 24th March 2022 took place.

K. Important Notifications & Acts (BM): -

- In terms of provisions of Dam Safety Act, 2021, statutory rules notified on 18.02.2022 for National Committee on Dam Safety/ National Dam Safety Authority have been laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha on 28th March 2022 and Lok Sabha on 31st March 2022.
- After report forwarded by Vansadhara Water Dispute Tribunal on 21st June 2021, and further consultation with Ministry of Law & Justice, the Tribunal has been dissolved vide notification dated 10th March 2022.
- The Annual report of NWDA for the year 2020-21 was laid on the tables of both Houses of Parliament on 28th and 31st March, 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. The QCI Team from DARPG visited the Department on 14.03.2022.

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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