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

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

8th June 2022

Dear Sir,

The important issues/developments related to the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation during the month of May 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 26.05.2022 was 56.398 billion cubic meters (BCM), which is 108% of the live storage of corresponding period of last year and 136% of storage of average of last ten years.

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

- **Executive Committee Meeting:** The 42nd Executive Committee Meeting of NMCG held on 19th May 2022 under the chairmanship of DG, NMCG approved 11 projects with an estimated cost of around Rs 660 crore.
- **Clean Yamuna Campaign:** On 28th May 2022, NMCG along with a group of NGOs organized cleanliness drive at 7 Ghats on Yamuna to mark the commencement of the "Clean Yamuna Campaign". Students from various schools and colleges participated in the Shram Daan activities organized for the campaign.
- **Ganga Quest-2022:** NMCG in association with Tree Craze Foundation organized Ganga Quest- an annual online national quiz on rejuvenation of Ganga to engage youth and school children and raise public awareness. This year, the competition commenced on 7th April 2022 (World Health Day) and concluded on 29th May 2022. With over 7 lakh registered participants, around 1.73 lakh participated in the competition from India and 180 countries.
- **Project Site Visit:**
 - On 14th May 2022, DG NMCG visited West Bengal to review the recently completed 9.5 MLD Nabadwip STP (under trial since April 2022) along with Chief Engineer, KMDA and Chairman Nabadwip Municipality. Additionally, DG NMCG also visited Prabhupada Ghat in Mayapur, which has been sanctioned under Clean Ganga Fund.
 - On 29th May 2022, DG NMCG inspected the 7 MLD STP at Transport Nagar, Ramnagar, which was commissioned in 2021.



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• **Signing of Contract/MoUs:**

- On 10th May 2022, an agreement was signed for Project Engineer Services for upgradation of 4.5 MLD Common Effluent Treatment Plant for tanneries at Banthar, Unnao, UP.
- On 13th May 2022, an MoU was signed between NMCG and World Wide Fund for Nature-India (WWF-India) for a knowledge partnership on Ganga Rejuvenation, with a focus on urban water management, support to District Ganga Committees and wetland conservation.
- On 25th May 2022, NMCG signed two quadripartite agreements for development of sewerage infrastructure of 35 MLD STP in Maheshtala, West Bengal under Hybrid Annuity PPP mode worth Rs. 273.52 crore.

C. National Water Mission (NWM): -

- **37th 'Water Talk** entitled "*Community Participation in Water Management*" was delivered by Ms. Kanupriya Harish, Executive Director, Jal Bhagirathi Foundation on 27th May 2022.
- **20th 'Water Tech Talk'** entitled "*Overhaul water conservation in India by technology progress to tackle formidable climate challenges*" was delivered by Professor Nayan Sharma, Adjunct Professor, CTRANS, Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee on 13th May 2022.

D. Important meetings/conferences held at the level of Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti & Hon'ble Ministers of State (Jal Shakti) during the month of May 2022: -

- A review meeting was held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble MoS (JS&TA) Shri Bishweswar Tudu, on all issues related to river Mahanadi and its basin through video conference on 02nd May 2022.
- Shri Prahlad Singh Patel, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry for Jal Shakti took two meetings on issues relating to rejuvenation of Narmada River on 9th May 2022 and 17th May 2022 which were attended by Regional Director, North Central Region, Bhopal.
- Shri Bishweswar Tudu, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry for Jal Shakti chaired a review meeting of ongoing central Government projects on 11th May 2022 at Zilla Seva Sadan, Rajpipla, Narmada District, Gujarat.
- Joint Review-cum Discussion between Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh was held on 12th May, 2022 at Lucknow to review the issues related to the ongoing projects under Namami Gange Programme (NGP).

- Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti chaired a meeting to review the progress of Heli-borne Geophysical Studies and NAQUIM studies on 13th May 2022 at Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi.
- A brainstorming session and review meeting of both the departments of Jal Shakti (DoWR, RD & GR, DoDWS) was chaired by the Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti on 25th May, 2022 at Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi
- Hon'ble Minister (Jal Shakti) reviewed North Koel Project, ongoing projects of WAPCOS & NPCC, Farakka Barrage Project, and budget announcements on 26th May, 2022.

E. Important meetings/conferences attended by Secretary (WR) during the month of May 2022: -

- Secretary (WR) attended meeting taken by Advisor to PM (Shri Amit Khare) on the issues raised by Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, on 2nd May 2022.
- Secretary (WR) attended meeting chaired by Hon'ble PM on heat-wave & monsoon preparedness, on 5th May 2022.
- A review meeting of NMCG/NRCP projects (PM's Portal) was held on 5th May 2022 under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR).
- A meeting on implementation of revised procedure for flow of funds under Centrally Sponsored Schemes and to review expenditure and progress made was held through VC on 10th May 2022.
- Review meetings on PMKSY-AIBP, CADWM, Maharashtra Package and projects of Goa and Maharashtra were held on 9th May 2022; projects of MP, UP, Punjab, J&K, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, and WB on 10th May 2022; and for projects in the States of AP, Telangana, Karnataka, Odisha, Bihar, Jharkhand and Manipur on 13th May 2022 under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR).
- A review meeting regarding the progress of Polavaram Irrigation Project was held on 18th May 2022 under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR).
- Secretary (WR) attended the Conference on Jal Shakti Abhiyan (CTR) with Central and State Nodal Officers, held on 19th May 2022.

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

- On 2nd May, 2022, DG, NMCG, chaired a meeting for the confirmation of Key Water Management Issues for the development of Ramganga River Basin Management plan, organized by GIZ India.

- On 6th May 2022, a meeting was held under the chairmanship DG, NMCG to explore the best business models on Safe Reuse of Treated Water under India-EU Water Partnership
- Shri Sunil Kumar, Chairman, CGWB and Sh P.K. Jain, Member (South), visited NCR Bhopal office for review of activities related to Rajbhasha and other activities of CGWB, NCR, Bhopal on 16th and 17th May 2022.
- On 18th May 2022, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Urban Development, West Bengal, and DG, NMCG to review the projects of West Bengal under Namami Gange Programme.
- On 23rd May 2022, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of DG, NMCG with International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) regarding implementation of Arth Ganga.
- Chairman, CWC along with Member (D&R) was on study visit of the Standing Committee on Water Resources (2021-2022) and participated in the discussion with CWC officials at Chennai on 26th May 2022.

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

- Under NAQUIM Programme, CGWB has constructed 10 high discharge wells in the States of Chhatisgarh (2), Gujarat (1), Karnataka (2), West Bengal (2), J&K (1), Rajasthan (1) and Jharkhand (1) with discharge upto 790 litres per minute (lpm).

H. State Projects: -

- A meeting was taken by Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister (Jal Shakti), in presence of Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble MoS Science & Technology (I/C), Earth Science (I/C), PMO & Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension on 13th May, 2022 to review the current status and way forward for Ujh Multipurpose (National) Project, Jammu & Kashmir.

I. Brahmaputra & Barak: -

The 13th Expert Level Mechanism (ELM) Meeting on trans-border rivers between India and China was held on 18.05.2022 {during 13:30 hrs to 17:00 hrs (IST)} through video- conferencing. The meeting *inter alia* discussed the hydrological flood reports for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021; application of the hydrological data provided by the Chinese side and discussions on the flood data reporting of the Langqen Zangbo/Sutlej River. The meeting was held in a cordial atmosphere.

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J. Flood Management (FM): -

The 78th meeting of the India - Bangladesh Joint Committee, as per the provisions of Ganga Water Sharing Treaty-1996, was held at Dhaka on 19th May, 2022 after undertaking a visit to the joint observation site at Hardinge Bridge, Bangladesh on 18th May, 2022. An Indian delegation headed by Commissioner (FM) & Member, Joint Rivers Commission, India visited Bangladesh for this meeting and visit.

K. Interlinking of Rivers & Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project: -

16th meeting of the "Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers" was held on 17th May 2022 under the Chairmanship of Shri Sriram Vedire, Advisor, DoWR, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti and Chairman of the Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers.

L. Indus Water Treaty:-

Under the provisions of the Indus Waters Treaty 1960, the 118th Meeting of Permanent Indus Commission was held on 30 & 31.05.2022 at New Delhi to finalize the Annual Report of the Commission.

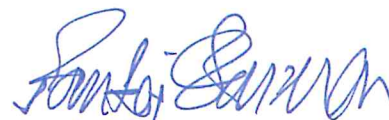
M. Increasing efficiency in decision making: -

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.

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 faithfully,



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