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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 November 2022 are as follows: -

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

Central Water Commission (CWC) is monitoring live storage position of **143** important reservoirs spread all over the country. Live storage in these reservoirs as on **24.11.2022** was **149.90** billion cubic meters (BCM), which is **106%** of the live storage of corresponding period of last year and **119%** of storage of average of last ten years.

B. 7th India Water Week 2022:-

The 7th India Water Week-2022 was organized during 1-5 November 2022 at India Expo Centre Greater Noida with theme "**Water Security for Sustainable Development with Equity**". The event commenced with the inauguration of the event by Hon'ble President of India on 1st November, 2022 during which Hon'ble Governor and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh were present. The event ended with the valedictory address by Hon'ble Vice President of India in the august presence of Hon'ble Union Ministers of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Jal Shakti. The event was well attended throughout with extensive media coverage. The participation in the event was quite inclusive covering nearly all stakeholders working in the field of water sector i.e. departments/organisations of MoJS, Central Ministries, State Governments, delegates from a number of foreign countries, industry, international organizations, civil society, NGOs, academic institutions, researchers, students, school children etc. The inaugural function was attended by about 2,000 participants. The state-of-art exhibition was attended by about 100 industries, State Governments and international organizations. International organizations (ICID, IWMI, World Bank) participated in conference and organized sessions. Partner Country viz. Denmark organized one side event. Various Departments under MoJS organized nine technical sessions showcasing and covering programs/schemes of Ministry of Jal Shakti. The event also included 10 seminars and 10 panel discussion. During the event 200 abstracts/papers were received and about 100 presentations/poster presentations were made.



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

- **Ganga Utsav 2022-** On 4th November 2022, NMCG organised Ganga Utsav 2022 to commemorate declaration of river Ganga as the national river, along with celebrating all rivers in the country. The Chief Guest of the morning session was Shri G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister for Culture, Tourism & DoNER, who was joined by Shri Bishweswar Tudu, Hon'ble Minister for State of Jal Shakti and Tribal Affairs, H.E. Freddy Svan, Royal Danish Ambassador to India, Shri Sriram Vedire, Advisor, Ministry of Jal Shakti and Shri G. Asok Kumar, Director General, NMCG. The Chief Guest of the evening session was Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Union Minister of Jal Shakti. The Ganga Utsav witnessed events like story-telling, dialogues with eminent personalities, satsang, film screening, display of traditional art forms etc. State level mega events of Ganga Utsav were also organized at 15 different locations. It may be stated here that 75 separate events in Ganga and its tributary basin cities and towns have been planned to be conducted up till August 2023. NMCG also joined with U.P. Government for Dev-Dipawali celebrations from 5th to 7th November, 2022.
- NMCG team along with representatives from GIZ, SPMG-UK, SMCG-UP, CWC, CGWB, UPPCB, UKPCB, UP-Jal Nigam, concerned State Irrigation Departments carried out on-site review on **Field Mission to Ramganga Basin** by international consultants. The six days' field mission from 6th to 11th November, 2022 included conducting site visits, meetings and some ground level stakeholder interaction in Moradabad, Haldwani, Ramnagar, Kashipur, and Kalagarh.

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 November 2022: –

- **GeoSmart India 2022:** From 15th to 17th November, 2022, Hyderabad. During the event Hon'ble Union Minister of Jal Shakti delivered the keynote address. The theme for this year's conference was "Geo Spatial by Default: Empowering Billions", and it was co-hosted by the Indian Society of Remote Sensing and the Indian Society of Geomatics. In GeoSmart India 2022, NMCG set up the Namami Gange pavilion and won the Best Exhibitor award by Geospatial World for the best content and display.
- Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti visited Meghalaya from 02.11.2022 to 04.11.2022 and reviewed implementation of flagship programmes of Government of India in the State.
- Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti took a joint review meeting with Maharashtra State administration in presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister on 14.11.2022 at Mumbai on programmes implemented by Ministry of Jal Shakti.

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

- Secretary (WR) attended the vigilance awareness week event organized by WAPCOS at CSOI, Vinay Marg, New Delhi on 03.11.2022.
- Secretary (WR) chaired meeting with the officials of TERI, NMCG, MoHUA, Power Sector companies/associations and Ministry of Power regarding benchmarking industrial water use to assist policy for enhancing industrial water use efficiency in India on final report submitted by TERI on 09.11.2022.

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

- **Meeting with the Board of Trustee of the Clean Ganga Fund:** On 24th November 2022, Secretary (WR), DG, NMCG and NMCG officials attended the 5th meeting of the Board of Trustee of the Clean Ganga Fund held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance.
- **International River Symposium, Vienna:** From 28th to 30th November 2022, NMCG participated in the International River Symposium, Vienna. On 28th November, DG NMCG presented on the topic 'Addressing Pollution & Ecosystem Degradation in the Ganga' in the session 'River Monitoring, protecting, restoring and managing rivers from a triple planetary crisis angle (nature-climate-pollution)'. On 29th November 2022, DG NMCG addressed in the Closing Plenary and shared the experiences and learnings learnt from Ganga River Basin Management. On 30th November, 2022 Executive Director Technical attended a roundtable discussion to share challenges and learnings from river basin management.

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

- Aquifer maps and Management Plans for 6 districts in 4 States (Maharashtra (1), Tamil Nadu (1), Kerala (3), Odisha (1) have been shared with concerned district authorities (DM/DC).
- As a part of the NAQUIM studies, during the month of November, 2022, CGWB has constructed 13 high discharge wells in Maharashtra(1), Tamil Nadu(1), Madhya Pradesh(1) Odisha(3), Andhra Pradesh (3), Jharkhand(1), Karnataka (1) and Rajasthan (3).

H. National River Conservation Plan (NRCP): -

- 6th instalment of grant-in-aid of Rs. 3.75 crore was released for the project 'Pollution Abatement of River Rani Chu at Gangtok Zone-III' in Sikkim under National River Conservation Plan.
- Grant-in-aid of Rs. 21.74 crore was released for the project 'Up-gradation & Rehabilitation of Sewer Network in Zone-I Gangtok for Pollution Abatement of River Rani Chu' in Sikkim under the National River Conservation Plan.

I. External Aided & International Cooperation: -

- A six member Indian delegation led by Secretary (WR, RD & GR) participated in the meeting of Neutral Expert on Indus Water Treaty issues (Kishenganga and Ratle Hydroelectric Plants) at World Bank headquarter in Washington DC, USA on 21.11.2022.

J. National Water Mission (NWM): -

- Till 30.11.2022, 581 districts have been visited by the Central Nodal Officers (CNOs) along with Technical Officers, nominated for JSA CTR – 2022, for interaction with district authorities on JSA:CTR campaign.
- The 42nd "Water Talk", entitled "Mainstreaming Water Use Efficiency in India need for Pluralism in Water Governance" was delivered by Shri M. S. Siddiqui, Advocate & Founding Partner, India Environment Law Organization (IELO), New Delhi.

K. 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.

With warm regards,

Yours faithfully,


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