



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

11th November, 2022

Dear Sir,

The important issues/developments related to the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation during the month of October 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 **27.10.2022** was **154.45** billion cubic meters (BCM), which is **108%** of the live storage of corresponding period of last year and **117%** of storage of average of last ten years.

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

- **National Unity Day:** On 31st October 2022, on the occasion of 'National Unity Day', NMCG organized Ganga Run from Chandi Ghat to CCR Tower in Haridwar, Uttarakhand to raise awareness for national unity and maintenance of the *nirmalta* and *aviralta* of river Ganga and its tributaries. The event was flagged off by the Hon'ble Union Minister of Jal Shakti who also participated in the run. An MOU was also signed between NMCG and Patanjali Research Institute, Haridwar in the presence Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti.
- **Swachhta Divas:** On 2nd October 2022, on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti and Swachhta Divas, NMCG organized a cleanliness drive at the ITO Chhat Ghat in association with partner NGOs, Delhi Jal Board, Municipal Corporation Delhi, Ganga Vichar Manch, students, volunteers etc.
- **Yamuna Aarti:** On 2nd October 2022, a *Maha Aarti* of Yamuna was organized at Sur Ghat, Delhi under Arth Ganga initiative. It is being done as a part of Arth Ganga and such *Aartis* will be done in many selected ghats in the next two months.
- **Vishaal Kisan Sammelan:** On 4th October 2022, NMCG in association with Sahakar Bharati organized a training workshop on 'Vishaal Kisan Sammelan' in Bayanpur village, Sonipat, Haryana under the Arth Ganga initiative.
- **Ganga Book Parikrama:** NMCG in association with The National Book Trust (NBT) launched "Ganga Pustak Parikrama" to raise awareness regarding literature related to Ganga. DG (NMCG) flagged off the mobile book exhibition at Haridwar Chandi Ghat on 11th October 2022.
- On 13th and 14th October 2022, DG (NMCG) visited Haridwar, Kedarnath, Badrinath, Gangotri and Rishikesh in Uttarakhand to assess the progress of STPs & RFD projects sectioned under NMCG.

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• **Signing of MoU: -**

- On 19th October 2022, an MoU was signed between NMCG and Art of Living's Vyakti Vikas Kendra India Trust in the presence of Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti to undertake various activities under Arth Ganga initiative such as natural farming, river rejuvenation, afforestation, protection of cultural heritage, amongst others.
- On 31st October 2022, an MoU was signed between DG (NMCG) and representative of Patanjali Research Institute, Haridwar in the presence of Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti for the promotion of natural farming at the ground level under Arth Ganga initiative.

C. 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 October 2022: -

- Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti inaugurated the "International Dam Safety Conference" organized by CBIP and CWC during 10th to 12th October 2022 at Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti took a review meeting of Jal Jeevan Mission scheme at Leela Palace, Chennai on 12th October 2022, which was attended by Regional Director, SECR.

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

- Secretary (WR) participated in celebration of Swachh Bharat Diwas, organized by Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation and graced by Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Hon'ble President of India as Chief Guest on 2nd October 2022 at Vigyan Bhawan.
- Secretary (WR) attended the PIB meetings related to National Aquifer Mapping and Management (NAQUIM), inclusion of Upper Bhadra Project of Karnataka and inclusion of Ujh Project of Jammu & Kashmir, held on 6th and 12th October 2022, respectively.
- On 13th October 2022, a review meeting to discuss on the amendment/ repeal of the Northern India Canal and Drainage Act 1873 was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR) with the representatives of the Governments of Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Uttarakhand and Delhi.
- A meeting on strategy and roadmap for doubling water use efficiency in the country as in Vision@2047 was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR) on 21st October 2022.

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- Secretary (WR) attended the meeting held by Minister (Power) to discuss the issues related to operationalization of 1,200 MW Sardar Sarovar PSP in pumping mode on 26th October 2022.
- To review the NEWMA Bill, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR) on 27th October 2022.

E. Other important Meetings/Conferences held during the month of October 2022: -

- To discuss the technical issues of Polavaram Irrigation Project with the officers of the States of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha & Telangana in connection with Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 06.09.2022, a meeting was held on 07th October 2022 under the chairmanship of Chairman, CWC.
- To review the implementation of Atal Bhujal Yojana in the States of Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, a meeting was held between Additional Secretary (WR) and Chief Secretaries of Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh on 10th October 2022 and 14th October 2022, respectively.
- A video conference to discuss the status of funds and issues faced by States/UTs in PFMS due to the new procedure of release of funds in CSS was held on 21st October 2022 under the chairmanship of Additional Director General MI (Stats).
- In view of the visit of Secretary (Power) to Bhutan, a briefing meeting was attended by Chairman, CWC held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy on 26th October 2022.

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

Under NAQUIM programme, CGWB has constructed 11 high discharge wells in Maharashtra (1), Odisha (1), Gujarat (1), Andhra Pradesh (3), U.P. (1), Bihar (1), Jharkhand (1), Karnataka (1), Jammu (1) during the month of October 2022.

G. National River Conservation Plan (NRCP): -

- 6th installment 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 the National River Conservation Plan.
- Grant-in-aid of Rs. 21.74 crore was released for up-gradation & rehabilitation of sewer network in Zone-I, Gangtok towards pollution abatement of river Rani Chu in Sikkim under the National River Conservation Plan during financial year 2022-23.

H. External Aided & International Cooperation: -

- A delegation led by Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti visited 73rd IEC and 24th ICID Congress in Australia during 04th to 07th October 2022.

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I. National Water Mission (NWM): -

- A bureau of water use efficiency (BWUE) was set up under the scheme "Implementation of National Water Mission" vide Office Order No. 738/2022 dated 20th October 2022 for promotion, regulation and control of efficient use of water in irrigation, industrial and domestic sector. The bureau will function as a division under the overall supervision of Additional Secretary (WR) and Mission Director (NWM) under the administrative control of Department of Water Resources, RD & GR.
- **41st Water Talk** entitled "Opportunities and Challenges of Indian Water System an Israeli Perspective" was delivered by Dr. Lior Asaf, Water Attache-Embassy of Israel, New Delhi on 21st October 2022.

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. Special Cleanliness Campaign 2.0: Secretary (WR) reviewed the progress of Special Cleanliness Campaign 2.0 held during 2nd to 31st October, 2022 in four meetings and personally took rounds to inspect the cleanliness activities being carried out in the Department. As a result of the campaign, pending cases of 40 VIP references were disposed of, 138 grievances were settled, Implementation Reports/ Dropping Requests in 16 Parliamentary Assurances were submitted, 60,513 old files were reviewed, 21,626 files were weeded out, amount of Rs. 68,17,887 was earned through disposal of scrap, and 65,844 square feet space was freed. The cleanliness campaigns were held at 321 locations all over the country.

With warm regards,

Yours faithfully,


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