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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 June 2023 are as follows: -

- A. **Storage Position of Important Reservoirs:** Central Water Commission (CWC) is monitoring live storage position of **146** important reservoirs spread all over the country and issuing bulletin on every Thursday. Live storage in these reservoirs as on **30.06.2023** was 47.95 billion cubic meters (BCM), which is **98%** of the live storage of corresponding period of last year and **110%** of storage of average of last ten years.
- B. **4th National Water Awards:** - The 4th National Water Awards Ceremony was held on 17th June 2023 at Vigyan Bhawan. Hon'ble Vice President of India in the august presence of Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti, Hon'ble Minister of State (Jal Shakti & Tribal Affairs) and Hon'ble Minister of State (Jal Shakti & Food Processing Industries) conferred the awards to the winners for their contributions made in water conservation/ management. Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti congratulated the States of Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh & Bihar (joint) for winning the first, second and third position, respectively.
- C. National Workshop on **Integrated Management of Sediments in River Basins and Reservoirs for Sustainable Development** was organized by Central Water Commission under Ministry of Jal Shakti on 19th June 2023. More than 200 delegates from different Central Ministries, States/UTs, Academic Institutes and Implementing Agencies of Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) participated in the workshop. The workshop aimed at deliberations with stakeholders in formulating sustainable action plans for sediment management in rivers, reservoir and water bodies.
- D. **14th Expert Level Mechanism (ELM)** meeting on trans-border rivers between India and China was held from 20th to 21st June 2023. The meeting *inter alia* discussed the reviewing of hydrological data of Yarlung Zangbo-Brahmaputra river in flood season, application of hydrological data provided by China to India, technical exchange and renewal of the MoU on flood reporting of Yarlung Zangbo-Brahmaputra river and Langqen Zangbo-Sutlej river. India and China established Expert Level Mechanism (ELM) in 2006 to discuss various issues related to trans-border rivers.

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E. **International Day of Yoga (IDY):** Hon'ble Minister (Jal Shakti) and Hon'ble MoS (Jal Shakti & Tribal Affairs) observed the 9th International Day of Yoga on 21.06.2023 at Chandigarh and Odisha, respectively. The day was observed in the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, including a session on "Benefits and Technique of Rajyoga". National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) organized 'Ghat Par Yoga' at BSF Camp, Zero Pushta, Sonia Vihar in Delhi on the bank of river Yamuna.

F. **National Mission for Clean Ganga: -**

- **Celebration of World Environment Day & Mission LIFE campaign:** NMCG in collaboration with the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) organized the Mission LIFE campaign through Ganga Praharis from April to June 2023. In the campaign, participation of over 23,000 individuals was witnessed across 41 districts in seven Ganga River Basin States (Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Bihar, Jharkhand, and West Bengal). The campaign concluded on 05.06.2023.
- **River Cities Alliance:** On 26.06.2023, DG, NMCG, delivered a keynote address during the inaugural session of the "Managing Urban River - From Planning to Practice" training program held at Kolkata via video conferencing. The program was organized by NMCG and National Institute of Urban Affairs as part of the RCA initiative.
- **National River Ranching Programme 2023:** On 16.06.2023, NMCG in association with Pantajali Sevashra and ICAR-CIFRI released Mahseer fish fingerlings into the Ganga River at Devprayag for conservation and restoration of fishes of the Ganga river. So far more than 90 lakh fish seeds have been ranched at different locations and more than 20 lakh were released in the previous two months under National River Ranching Program.
- **Women and Water Dialogue Series:** On 05.06.2023, NMCG in collaboration with GIZ and with the support of SPMG UK, Rishikesh Nagar Nigam and District Administration Dehradun, organized the 3rd Women and Water Dialogue Series at Triveni Ghat, Rishikesh. The panel discussions were organized as part of the Indo-German Bilateral Cooperation to support Ganga River Rejuvenation. The theme of the event was to reduce plastic waste in water bodies.
- **Innovative Sewage Treatment Technology:** On 28.06.2023, DG, NMCG visited Pune (Maharashtra) to witness an innovative sewage treatment technology developed by Liam Ryan in Belfast and introduced in India by c-Ganga, IIT Kanpur.
- **Signing of Agreement:** On 07.06.2023, a tripartite MoU was signed between NMCG, HCL Foundation and the Indian National Trust for Art & Cultural Heritage to facilitate the planting of 10,000 Rudraksha saplings

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in the upper hills of Uttarakhand, with the objective of restoring the lost forests and contributing to the treatment of Ganga's catchment. This MoU embodies a commitment to environmental preservation, fostering collaboration, and promoting community-based livelihoods.

• **Project Site Visit: -**

- **STP at Okhla, Delhi:** On 10.06.2023, ED(Tech), NMCG along with delegates from the German Embassy, World Bank, Delhi Jal Board and GIZ visited Okhla 564 MLD capacity STP.
- **CETP at Mathura, UP:** On 14.06.2023, ED (Tech), NMCG along with SPV members, officers from UPPCB, Project Engineer, EPC contractor of CETP Mathura and NMCG officials inspected 6.25 MLD CETP (textile based) at Mathura. Further, trans-yamuna STPs (20 MLD TTRO, 16 MLD UASB based and 14.5 MLD WSP) were also visited and operational performance was also reviewed.

G. Atal Bhujal Yojana: -

- Quality Council of India, the Third-Party Government Verification Agency (TPGVA) for Atal Bhujal Yojana, has submitted its sixth report on verification of the achievements under Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLI) in June 2023.
- JS (Admin/IC&GW), National Project Coordinator, Atal Bhujal Yojana, D/o Water Resources, RD & GR chaired a meeting with officers of NPMU and all SPMUs to review the implementation of *Atal Bhujal Yojana* in the States on 21st June 2023.

H. 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 June 2023: -

- On 01.06.2023, Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti held various meeting(s) regarding issues of Polavaram Project, Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP), Koshi Machai Project.
- On 21st June 2023, International Yoga Day was celebrated by CGWB, NWR, Chandigarh and SER, Bhubaneswar in the gracious presence of Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti and Hon'ble Minister of State (Tribal Affairs) respectively.

I. Important meetings/conferences held at the level of Secretary (WR) during the month of June 2023: -

- A meeting held on 01.06.2023 between Hon'ble Prime Ministers of India and Nepal with respective delegations was attended by Secretary (WR).

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- A meeting on regulation of ground water extraction for maintenance of Cricket Playgrounds (NGT case) was held on 02.06.2023 under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR).
- 4th meeting of Steering Committee of Ken-Betwa Link Project (SC-KBLP) was held on 05.06.2023 under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR).
- A meeting on WARIMS project implementation was held on 05.06.2023 under the chairpersonship of Special Secretary (WR).
- On 06.06.2023, a meeting regarding data sharing agreement on glacier management with the representatives of MEA, ISRO/NRSC, and the officers of CWC and NIH, Commissioner (Indus) and Commissioner (FM) was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR).
- Review meeting regarding NMCG/NRCP projects (PM's portal) was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR) on 07.06.2023.
- On 07.06.2023, a review meeting on progress of dam construction work at Indroka and Bastawa Mata sites in Jodhpur, Rajasthan was held under the chairpersonship of Special Secretary (WR).
- DIB meeting for appraisal of the approval of Rs. 160.50 crore for construction of Model Villages in Arunachal Pradesh on pilot basis was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR) on 08.06.2023.
- A meeting regarding CADWM modernization scheme (PMSKAU) was held on 13.06.2023 under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR).
- A review meeting regarding PMKSY-AIBP and CADWM projects was taken by Secretary (WR) on 21.06.2023.
- Meetings of the task force constituted for formulating an integrated and comprehensive strategy for implementation of the recommendation made during the *All-India Annual State Minister's Conference on Water* were held on 15.06.2023 and 23.06.2023 under the chairpersonship of Special Secretary (WR).

J. Other important Meetings/Conferences held during the month of June 2023: -

- On 02.06.2023, DG (NMCG) chaired a meeting of the Planners' Circle, a dedicated forum established to harness the knowledge and experience of seasoned planners in order to re-imagine the structure and purpose of the statutory Master Plan instrument.
- 2nd meeting of National Committee on Dam Safety (NCDS) constituted as per Dam Safety Act 2021, was held under the chairmanship of Chairman, CWC on 06.06.2023.
- On 07.06.2023, Chairman, CWC chaired a meeting with the delegation from Embassy of Denmark, Mr. Olus of DHI and his team to discuss the establishment Centre of Excellence for Smart Water Resource Management.

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- Chairman, CWC chaired the meeting with Bhutan delegation regarding Punatsangchhu Hydroelectric Project on 08.06.2023.
- First meeting of Monitoring Committee for the project "*Selection guidelines for constructed wetland system for treatment of sewage in India*" was held on 20.06.2023 under the chairmanship of DG (NMCG) with IIT Roorkee.
- A virtual meeting on proposed 1st Census of Springs, was held under the chairpersonship of DDG (MI Stats), with officers of NIH & NIC on 22.06.2023.

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

- As a part of the exploratory drilling under NAQUIM studies, CGWB has constructed 01 high discharge well in Assam in the month of June 2023.
- Aquifer maps and management plans for 41 districts of 07 States/UTs - West Bengal (14), Chhattisgarh (10), Bihar (10), Jharkhand (01), Odisha (02), Jammu & Kashmir (02) and Ladakh (02) have been shared with concerned district authorities i.e., DM/DC.

L. National Water Mission (NWM): -

- A Steering Committee meeting for **SSAP- Andaman & Nicobar Islands** was held under the chairpersonship of Additional Secretary and Mission Director, National Water Mission on **02.06.2023** in hybrid mode to approve the State Specific Action Plan (SSAP) as well as release of funds to State/Nodal Agency based on the recommendations of the Technical Committee.
- An MoU between Ministry of Jal Shakti and Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana (BJS) was signed on 16th June 2023, to address the problem of acute water crisis in many parts of the country.
- **48th Water Talk** entitled "*Indigenous Knowledge and Water in Urban Context*" was delivered by Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar, Principal Secretary to Lt. Governor, Delhi on 23rd June 2023.

M. Miscellaneous Matters: -

- **Flood Protection Works:** Chairman, GFCC with Member (P) inspected the progress of flood protection works to be executed before flood 2023 of Gandak river embankment at Balmikinagar, Uttar Pradesh during 13-14th June 2023.
- **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.

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- The department has adopted e-Office from February 2017 and is presently using the **version 7.2.5**. The Central Registry Unit has been digitized.
- 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,

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