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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 July 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 **27.07.2023** was 85.94 billion cubic meters (BCM), which is **85%** of the live storage of corresponding period of last year and **111%** of storage of average of last ten years.

B. National Mission for Clean Ganga: -

- **National River Ranching Programme-2023:** NMCG in association Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute ICAR, organized a ranching programme on 01.07.2023 at Ram Ghat, Ballia, Uttar Pradesh. In the event, 2.1 lakh advanced fingerlings (> 450g) of Indian Major Carps were released in the river by Hon'ble MP Ballia, Uttar Pradesh and Director, CIFRI along with state fisheries and agriculture officials.
- **Conference on Circularity for Sustainable Recovery of Resources for a Circular Economy:** On 07.07.2023, NMCG, in collaboration with VA Tech Wabag, organized a workshop on "Conference on Circularity for Sustainable Recovery of Resources for a Circular Economy".
- **River City Alliance (RCA) Meeting:** NMCG, in collaboration with the National Institute of Urban Affairs, organized a training programme on 27.07.2023 at Patna under the RCA initiative.
- **Ganga Bhog Programme:** On 12.07.2023, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of DG, NMCG and representative of HESCO, to promote "Ganga Bhog" at mandirs along Maa Ganga under Arth Ganga initiative. It is another attempt under Arth Ganga initiative to involve people in connecting faith and livelihood.
- **Executive Committee Meetings:** 49th and 50th Executive Committee meetings of NMCG was held under the chairmanship of DG, NMCG on 11.07.2023 and 31.07.2023 respectively. During the meetings, 3 projects worth about Rs. 40 crore and 7 projects worth about Rs. 692 crore were sanctioned.
- **Training on Occupational Health & Safety Audit:** On 20.07.2023, NMCG organized a virtual safety training programme on "Occupational Health and Safety Audit (OHSA)" in which more than 400 participants participated, including concessionaries, state officials associated with NMCG projects, etc.

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- **Project Site Visit: -**

- **CEPT at Mathura:** On 24.07.2023, Hon'ble Minister of State for Jal Shakti & Tribal affairs along with DG, NMCG and representative of UP Jal Nigam visited to 6.25 MLD CETP, Mathura and Trans-Yamuna STPs and reviewed the progress status of NMCG projects.
- **Kanpur STPs and CETPs:** On 27.07.2023, DG, NMCG visited Kanpur to inspect the progress of STPs and CETPs being constructed under Namami Gange Programme.
- **Visit of Bodhgaya, Bihar:** - On 15.07.2023 & 16.07.2023, DG, NMCG visited Bodhgaya, Bihar, to strategize the rejuvenation of the long-dead River Niranjana (Falgu). After discussions plans were chalked out for its revival, involving scientific studies and consultation.
- **Signing of MoU:** - On 15.07.2023, An MoU was signed between NMCG and IIM, Bodhgaya to collaborate on various fronts for academic excellence in water quality and sustainable development.

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 July 2023: -

- Hon'ble Minister of State (JS), Shari Prahlad Singh Patel visited CGWB, NCR, Bhopal Office on 15.07.2023 to review the activities of CGWB regional office.
- A meeting to discuss the various issues related to Cauvery River Basin was held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti on 18.07.2023.
- Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti held a meeting regarding the extended hydrological predictions by CWC on 18.07.2023.
- To expedite consensus on preparation of DPR of Modified Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal Link and its implementation, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti on 19.07.2023.

D. Important meetings/conferences held at the level of Secretary (WR) and Special Secretary (WR) during the month of July 2023:-

- Secretary (WR) held a meeting to review PMKSY projects on 03.07.2023.
- Secretary (WR) co-chaired the 08th Governing Body meeting of Pancheshwar Development Authority at Nepal on 06.07.2023 and 07.07.2023.
- Joint working group meeting(s) of India-EU partnership was chaired by Special Secretary (WR) on 10.07.2023 and 12.07.2023.
- 18th meeting of Investment Clearance Committee was convened under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR) on 10.07.2023.
- A meeting regarding way forward for diaphragm wall of Earth-Cum-Rock-Fill (ECRF) dam of Polavaram Irrigation Project (PIP) was held on 10.07.2023 under the chairpersonship of Special Secretary (WR).
- To review the NMCG/NRCP projects (PMs Portal), a meeting was held on 12.07.2023 under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR).
- Secretary (WR) chaired a meeting on the matter of North Koel Project on 13.07.2023.
- 152nd meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR) on 14.07.2023.

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- The first meeting of Steering Committee on Coastal Management (Coastal Erosion, Data Collection & MIS and Salinity ingress) was held on 14.07.2023 under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR).
- Secretary (WR) held a meeting to review the issues of Dam Safety and other related issues on 17.07.2023.
- On 18.07.2023, Special Secretary (WR) attended a meeting on draft NEWMA Bill with Chief Secretary and Principal Secretary (Water Resources), Government of West Bengal.
- A review meeting on progress of dam construction work at Indroka and Bastawa Mata sites in Jodhpur, Rajasthan was held on 21.07.2023 at the level of Special Secretary (WR).
- 2nd meeting of the Task Force constituted for formulating and integration strategy for implementation of the recommendations made during All India Annual State Ministers' Conference on Water was held on 23.07.2023 under the chairpersonship of Special Secretary (WR).
- A meeting for considering the issues related to creation of National Water Commission, by merging Central Water Commission and Central Ground Water Board, was held under the chairpersonship of Special Secretary (WR) on 25.07.2023.
- A review meeting to discuss the plans prepared by SPMUs of Karnataka & Rajasthan towards welfare of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) living in Gram Panchayats covered under the Atal Bhujal Yojana, was held on 25.07.2023 under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR).
- A meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources, Lok Sabha Secretariat on "Review of Upper Yamuna River Cleaning Project upto Delhi and River bed management in Delhi" was attended by Secretary (WR) on 27.07.2023.

E. Other important Meetings/Conferences held during the month of July 2023: -

- JS (A,IC&GW) & National Project Coordinator for Atal Jal Yojana, D/o Water Resources chaired a meeting to review the implementation of the scheme in the States with the officers of National and State Project Monitoring Units (NPMU and SPMUs) on 26.07.2023 .
- Chairman, CWC chaired the meeting with officials of Govt. of Nepal regarding issues pertaining to DPR finalization of Pancheshwar Multi-Purpose project and the various aspect of irrigation planning and other benefits of the project, held on 03.07.2023.
- Chairman, CWC held discussion on 19.07.2023 with Ms Cindy Malvicini, Deputy Director General, South Asia Regional Department, Asian Development Bank regarding support for irrigation management programme (SIMP) which is an ongoing project between CWC and ADB, Flood Management, River Rejuvenation, Basin Planning etc.
- A review meeting on 24.07.2023 was held under the chairmanship of Chairman, CWC to discuss the issue of seepage from upstream cofferdam of Polavaram Irrigation Project.

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

- As a part of the exploratory drilling under NAQUIM studies, CGWB has constructed 06 high discharge wells in the States of Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Gujarat (2) in the month of July 2023.
- Aquifer maps and management plans for 35 districts (03 districts of West Bengal, 08 districts of Madhya Pradesh, 02 districts of Andhra Pradesh, 05 districts of Chhattisgarh, 01 district of Gujarat, 12 districts of Bihar, 01 district of Jharkhand, 03 districts of Odisha) have been shared with concerned district authorities (DM/DC).
- National compilation of Dynamic Ground Water Resource Assessment 2022 was shared with States of Kerala, Karnataka and Maharashtra.

G. National Water Mission (NWM): -

- **40th National Water Mission webinar session** on "Best Practices of Water Management: Dialogue with District & Municipal Administrators" was held on 01.07.2023 under the chairmanship of AS&MD, NWM.
- A meeting for State Specific Action Plan (SSAP) - Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh & Tripura was held under the chairpersonship of AS&MD, NWM on 13.07.2023 to approve the SSAP as well as release of funds to States/Nodal Agencies based on the recommendations of the Technical Committee.
- 49th Water Talk entitled "Traditional Methods of Water Conservation" was delivered by Shri Umashankar Pandey, Water Conservationist & Padma Shri Awardee on 21.07.2023.
- AS&MD, NWM chaired a meeting regarding technical support in preparing water, snow harvesting and glacier conservation programme in Ladakh, held on 14.07.2023 through virtual mode.
- A meeting was held under the chairpersonship of AS&MD, NWM on 27.07.2023 to discuss the matter related to Geo-tagging of Water Bodies data in the country.

H. Miscellaneous Matters: -

- **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 7.2.5**. 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.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


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