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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 August 2023 are as follows: -

A. (i). **Storage Position of Important Reservoirs:** Central Water Commission (CWC) is monitoring live storage position of **150** important reservoirs spread all over the country and issuing bulletin on every Thursday. Live storage in these reservoirs as on **31.08.2023** was **113.42** billion cubic meters (BCM), which is **77%** of the live storage of corresponding period of last year and **91%** of storage of average of last ten years.

(ii). **CWC launched 'FloodWatch'**, a Mobile App for flood forecasting on 17.08.2023 utilizing advanced technologies such as satellite data analysis, mathematical modelling, and real-time monitoring to deliver accurate and timely flood forecasts. The app aims to disseminate information related to the flood situation and forecasts up to 7 days on a real-time basis.

(iii). DoWR, RD & GR released **6th Minor Irrigation Census Report** on 26.08.2023. As per the report there are 23.14 million Minor Irrigation Schemes in the country, out of which 21.93 million are Ground Water (GW) and 1.21 million are Surface Water (SW) Schemes. There has been increase of about 1.42 million in MI schemes during 6th MI Census compared to 5th Census.

(iv). **1st All India Workshop** for launch of 7th Minor Irrigation Census, 2nd Census of Water Bodies, 1st Census of MMI Projects and 1st Census of Springs was held on 17.08.2023 at SCOPE Complex. Officers from Central Ministries and Nodal Departments nominated from States/UTs participated in the deliberation.

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

- **Meeting with World Bank Executive Directors Team:** On 05.08.2023, DG, NMCG, along with senior NMCG officials, attended a meeting held with the World Bank Group's Executive Directors at Agra during the study visit to India to understand the transformational impact of World Bank projects in the country.

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- **Stockholm World Water Week 2023:** World Water Week 2023, a prominent global event organized by the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) bringing together experts, policymakers, researchers, practitioners, and stakeholders from around the world to discuss and address various water-related challenges held from 20th to 24th August 2023, was attended by officials from NMCG.

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 August 2023: -

- Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti chaired a meeting on the issue of less availability of water from Nohar Feeder, Baruwali Distributary and Gang Canal to Rajasthan on 07.08.2023.
- Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti chaired a meeting of Consultative Committee regarding "Implementation of DRIP Phase-II & Phase-III" and "Dam Safety paradigm in India after implementation of Dam Safety Act 2021" on 07.08.2023.

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

- Secretary (WR) held a review meeting on Coastal Management (Coastal Erosion, Data Collection & MIS and Salinity ingress) in hybrid mode on 01.08.2023.
- Meetings on Modified PKC with integrated ERCP with DG (NWDA) and officials of State of Madhya Pradesh & Rajasthan were held under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR) on 02.08.2023 and on 23.08.2023 respectively.
- Secretary (WR) held a meeting to review the budget outlay and value of sanctioned projects of NMCG on 02.08.2023.
- 2nd and 3rd meetings of Steering Committee for guiding and coordinating the Organization of the International Dam Safety Conference 2023 were held on 04.08.2023 and 23.08.2023 respectively under the chairpersonship of Special Secretary (WR).
- Secretary (WR) attended the meeting on the issues of flood management in the country with special reference to NCT of Delhi (to review the role & working of dam/barrage gates) on 08.08.2023.
- Secretary (WR) chaired a review meeting with WAPCOS to discuss the delayed projects on 10.08.2023.
- A review meeting regarding reuse of treated waste water of thermal plants was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR) on 11.08.2023.
- Secretary (WR) held a meeting with CWC on the water scenario of UT of Ladakh on 11.08.2023.
- A joint meeting of Indian and Bhutanese officials on Punatsangchhu-I Hydroelectric project was attended by Secretary (WR) and Secretary (Power) on 14.08.2023.
- Special Secretary (WR) held a meeting on signing of agreement with Ms SMEC, Engineering & Management Consultancy Services for Central Project Monitoring Unit (CPMU), DRIP Phase-II & Phase-III on 14.08.2023.

- Secretary (WR) attended Cabinet Secretary's review meeting regarding Namami Gange and Mission for completion of prioritized irrigation projects on 23.08.2023.
- Secretary (WR) held a review meeting with Chief Secretary, UP on issues of Ken-Betwa Link Project & Hindon River along with official from NMCG & NWDA on 25.08.2023.
- Secretary (WR) held a meeting on Farakka Barrage issues with GM, Farakka, officials from M/o Home Affairs & CISF on 25.08.2023.
- A meeting to discuss the funding options for National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR) on 29.08.2023.
- Secretary (WR) held a meeting to review NMCG/NRCP projects on 31.08.2023.
- On 07.08.2023, DG (NMCG) addressed the "*Jal Sujalam – A Global Summit on Wastewater as a Resource*" organized by Water Digest. The day-long summit centered on the theme of 'used water,' promoting discourse and solutions for urban rejuvenation.
- DG (NMCG) delivered a keynote address at the Inaugural Session of "Water-Tech 2023: Transforming Water Management with Cutting Edge Technology within & Beyond" organized by CII on 10.08.2023.

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

- To review the progress of Okhla & Rithala STP projects with Delhi Jal Board and the concessionaire, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of DG (NMCG) on 02.08.2023.
- Chairman, CWC held a discussion with Professor Eelco Van Beek, Dutch Advisor for India-Dutch Water Cooperation on 09.08.2023.
- Joint Secretary (A, IC&GW), National Project Coordinator, Atal Bhujal Yojana, chaired a meeting with representatives of various Ministries for collection of data for Atal Jal Mobile application on 14.08.2023.
- To review the progress under Atal Bhujal Yojana, Joint Secretary (A, IC&GW) chaired a meeting with project directors of 7 States on 23.08.2023.
- Chairman, GFCC attended the technical level meeting under India-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission framework to discuss various water resources related matters on trans-boundary rivers on 23.08.2023.
- Chairman, CWC held a meeting with Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Relief & Rehabilitation and Ministry of Disaster Management, Government of Maharashtra to discuss Lower Tapi Project of Jalgaon, Maharashtra on 25.08.2023
- 7th World Water Summit & Expo 2023 on 25th - 26th August 2023 was attended by Chairman, GFCC along with Member (P).

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

- Aquifer maps and Management Plans for 3 districts (1 district of Odisha, 2 districts of Andhra Pradesh) have been shared with concerned district authorities i.e. DM/DC in the month of August 2023.

- As a part of the NAQUIM studies, CGWB has constructed 5 high discharge wells in the States of Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Gujarat (2) during the month of August 2023.

G. National Water Mission (NWM): -

- On 02.08.2023, An MoU was signed between National Water Mission, Ministry of Jal Shakti and Sarkaritel.com/ Jalprahari.in to sensitize all the stakeholders and communities to achieve the goals of Water Conservation by implementing programme in a structured manner.
- To discuss the measures on Rain Water Harvesting including Roof Top Rain Water Harvesting, a meeting was held under the chairpersonship of AS&MD, National Water Mission on 04.08.2023.
- **2nd meeting** of the Sub-committee to study water security plans (WSPs) of Gram Panchayats and to recommend their inclusion in Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPD), was held on 07.08.2023.
- A meeting of deliberation on organizing "Jal Itihas Utsav" in collaboration with Ministry of Culture & Tourism was held under the chairpersonship of Special Secretary (WR) on 18.08.2023.

H. Miscellaneous Matters: -

- **India-Bangladesh bilateral meetings:** - 82nd India-Bangladesh Joint Committee meeting as per the provisions of the Ganga/ Ganges Waters Sharing Treaty 1996 and Technical Level Meeting under Joint Rivers Commission framework were convened during 23rd and 24th August 2023 at New Delhi.
- **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.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


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