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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 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 **30.11.2023** was **116.57** billion cubic meters (BCM), which is **78%** of the live storage of corresponding period of last year and **91%** of storage of average of last ten years.

(ii) The 25th Congress and 74th IEC Meeting of International Commission on Irrigation & Drainage (ICID); The 25th ICID Congress was organized by the Department (CWC) in association with Government of Andhra Pradesh from 2-4th November, 2023 at Vishakhapatnam. The event was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti (MoJS) and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh. During the event Hon'ble Minister MoJS laid emphasis on the importance of sustainable water management in the context of food & ecosystem security and delivered the N. D. Gulhati Memorial lecture on "*Ensuring Water and Food Security through Climate Resilient government's commitment to water resource management*". Hon'ble CM, Andhra Pradesh shared his vision for the state's water resource development and the need for innovative solutions to address water related challenges. The prestigious ICID Congress brought together a global congregation of around 1300 experts, researchers, and professionals which include 350 foreign delegates from 40 countries who are dedicated to addressing the challenge of water resource management, irrigation and drainage.

The 74th International Executive Council (IEC): The 74th IEC meeting of International Commission on Irrigation & Drainage (ICID) was held at Vizag, Andhra Pradesh concluded on 08.11.2023, with final meeting among ICID President, Vice Presidents, Other office bearers and representatives from 29 different National Committees. Among various agenda items discussed during the meeting, Dr. Marco Arcieri (Italy) was elected as new ICID President along with 3 new Vice Presidents, one each from China, Thailand and Uzbekistan.

(iii) Geospatial Excellence Award: National Water Informatics Centre (NWIC), a subordinate office of the Department mandated as central water resources data repository, received *Geospatial Excellence Award* for Water Resource Management on the occasion of Geo Smart India 2023 at Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC), Hyderabad.

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B. National Mission for Clean Ganga: -

- **Ganga Utsav:** 7th Edition of Ganga Utsav was organized by National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) on 04.11.2023 in the presence of Secretary (WR) and DG (NMCG). The event also marked the release of 33rd Edition of Namami Gange Magazine, the new Chacha Chaudhary series and the Voyage of Ganga Booklet, based on Ganga Pustak Parikrama in collaboration with National Book Trust, India. Ganga Utsav 2023 commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp & Namami Gange Anthem followed by enthralling Flute Recital by acclaimed artist Pt. Ajay Prasanna. The event was vibrant fusion of music, dance, knowledge, culture and dialogue and concluded with a captivating performance of fusion music of Pt. Siddharta Banerjee.
- 8th Edition of the **Indian Water Impact Summit (IWIS)** was inaugurated by Hon'ble Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways on 22.11.2023. The summit was organized by the NMCG and the Centre for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (c-Ganga) from 22.11.2023 to 24.11.2023. The theme of IWIS 2023 is 'Development vis-à-vis Land, Water and Rivers', aimed at uniting scientific experts, stakeholders, and government representatives to address dynamic challenges and opportunities in India's water sector.
- In the Climate Investment and Impact Summit started on 23.11.2023, an MoU was signed between Dr. Vinod Tare, of c-Ganga, IIT Kanpur and Mr. Tomaz Rodic, Director, Slovenia, Centre of Excellence for Space Sciences & Technologies to implement the best technologies and satellite usage in river basin management.
- In the **52nd Executive Committee meeting** held on 14.11.2023, the committee approved three projects of Rs. 183 crores, including 21 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) with 11.75 I&D Network for Khoh River at Kotdwar, Uttarakhand.
- **Greening Global Citizenship Education in Multi-Stakeholder Partnership:** NMCG and IVECA Centre for International Schooling, CoNGO with the support of UNDGC, co-organized an event on "*Greening Global Citizenship Education in Multi-Stakeholder Partnership*" on 13.11.2023. The event seeks to foster collaboration, innovation and inclusivity among diverse stakeholders in accelerating global progress toward achieving the SDG goals.
- On 05.11.2023, **4th World Environment Summit 2023** was organized in collaboration with institutions and organizations including CSIR-NEERI, Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar College, University of Delhi, Zoological Survey of India, Kolkata, MoEF&CC, Government of India, GRC India, MSMECCI, and in foreign partnership with Villa College Maldives, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal and Zoological Society of Bangladesh. The event brought together more than 1000 participants, including academicians, scientists, medical professionals, policymakers, research scholars, environmentalists, educators, journalists, social activists etc;
- DG (NMCG) inaugurated the **Ganga Sustainability Run** at Rishikesh organized by Vivekananda Youth Connect Foundation along with Parmarth Niketan, Rishikesh to an effort to create awareness of GANGA's ecosystem on 05.11.2023.

- **Exhibition of Hon'ble PM Mementos-** On 24th November 2023, DG (NMCG) visited exhibition at the National Gallery of Modern Art in Delhi, where 912 gifts/ mementos presented to Hon'ble PM was e-auctioned. The funds generated through the auction, will be donated towards Namami Gange's efforts of preserving and restoring our national river Ganga, and enhancing its delicate ecosystem. The auction is a testament to Hon'ble PM's commitment to the noble cause.

C. External Cooperation and Skoch Gold Award (for Water): -

- The 6th India-Australia Joint Working Group meeting on water cooperation between Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India and the Department of Climate Change, Energy and Water, Government of Australia was held on 08.11.2023. The event brought together representatives from both Indian and Australian Governments for a productive discussion on enhancing cooperation in water sector and charting the way forward with respect to various ongoing & proposed activities.
- Joint Secretary (A, IC&GW) and Project Coordinator Atal Bhujal Yojana chaired a meeting to review the Atal Bhujal Yojana on 17.11.2023 and congratulated Atal Jal Team for winning the Skoch Gold Award in Water Category on 18.11.2023.

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

- Secretary (WR) attended various meetings on *Green Credit Programme* held under the chairmanship of PS to Hon'ble PM on 07.11.2023 and under the chairmanship of Hon'ble PM on 16.11.2023 respectively.
- A meeting on Vision for Viksit Bahart@2047 – consultation with Sectoral Group of Secretaries (SGoS) was attended by Secretary (WR), held in virtual mode on 08.11.2023.
- A discussion on finalization of Check List of Jal Shakti Kendras (JSK) with follow up discussion on funding for Vyakti Vikas Kendras (Art of Living) was held on 13.11.2023 under the chairpersonship of Secretary (WR).
- A meeting to review progress on utilization of satellite data provided by Department of Space (through satellites RISAT-A, 1B etc;) in water resources sector was held on 15.11.2023 under the chairpersonship of Secretary (WR).
- Secretary (WR) attended a meeting on review of Teesta Dam & Implementation of Dam Safety Act, 2021 taken by Advisor to Hon'ble PM on 15.11.2023.
- Secretary (WR) held a meeting on Constitution of Ganga Management Board on 17.11.2023.
- A review meeting on PMKSY-AIBP, CADWM, Special Package, DRIP, Implementation of Dam Safety Act and Atal Bhujal Yojana in Maharashtra was held under the chairpersonship of Secretary (WR), followed by meeting with Chief Secretary, Maharashtra on 20.11.2023.

- Secretary (WR) held a meeting to review various issues related to Implementation of Externally Funded DRIP Phase-II & Phase-III and Implementation of Dam Safety Act 2021 on 21.11.2023.
- Secretary (WR) chaired 72nd meeting of Governing Body Meeting of National Water Development Agency (NWDA) on 22.11.2023.
- Secretary (WR) attended Inaugural Session of 1st Climate Investment and Technology Impact Summit (CITIS-2023) held in Dr. Ambedkar International Centre on 23.11.2023.
- Secretary (WR) reviewed identified projects of Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Tamil Nadu & Telangana being funded under PMKSY-AIBP and CADWM with the officers of concerned State Governments through hybrid mode on 24.11.2023.
- A meeting was chaired by Secretary (WR) on 28.11.2023 to discuss the preparation for COP-28 side events to be held from 30th November to 12th December 2023, Dubai, UAE.
- Secretary (WR) held a meeting to review the progress of balance works of North Koel Reservoir Project on 29.11.2023.

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

- On 01.11.2023, a review meeting was held under the chairmanship of DG, NMCG on the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) projects in Uttar Pradesh. The meeting included discussions on project progress in Mathura, Agra, Kanpur, Farrukhabad, Mirzapur, and Ghazipur, as well as procurement issues with the State Mission for Clean Ganga in Uttar Pradesh (SMCG-UP) and the Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam (UPJN).
- On 02.11.2023, a review meeting was held focusing on the ongoing projects in Bihar under the Namami Gange Programme. The meeting included discussions on the progress of projects in Danapur, Munger, Chhapra, Digha, Kankarbagh STP, and network projects. Procurement issues with the State Project Management Group in Bihar (SPMG-Bihar) and the Bihar Urban Infrastructure Development Corporation (BUIDCo) - Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) were also discussed.
- Chairman (CWC) chaired the C-Congress Session on 07.11.2023 during the ongoing 74th International Executive Council (IEC) meeting of ICID, which concluded on 04.11.2023 and briefed the representatives of National Committees such as *Tajikistan, Australia, Malaysia, Iraq, Nigeria, France and China* about the financial & technical aspects of the Congress, planning for holding future ICID events.
- Joint Secretary (A, IC&GW) held a meeting on innovative Lake Management System (LAMAS) for diagnosing and monitoring the health of water bodies on 13.11.2023, which was attended by Director (MI-Stats).
- Chairman (CWC) chaired the meeting with Ghana Delegation on flood forecasting and hydrological observation – *Central Flood Control Room and Dam Safety* on 15.11.2023.

- On 21.11.2023, a meeting was held with World Bank officials to review the status of projects funded by World Bank implemented under Namami Gange Programme at the level of DG(NMCG).
- On 22.11.2023, DG, NMCG chaired a session on 'River Cities Alliance, a Global Step Forward' during CITIS-2023 summit ahead of the global launch of River Cities Alliance during COP28 in UAE.

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

- One Mid Term Review Workshop for NAQUIM 2.0 studies in water stressed area (Overexploited, Critical and Semi-critical (OCS) areas and areas with poor ground water availability) was organized by CGWB, WR, Jaipur during 01.11.2023-02.11.2023 at Bhujal Bhawan Jaipur.
- As a part of the NAQUIM studies, during the month of November 2023, CGWB has constructed 3 High discharge wells (Exploratory well) in the State of Odisha (1), Maharashtra (1), Jharkhand (1).
- CGWB, SECR Chennai signed an MoU with Anna University on 02.11.2023 for collaborative studies/research in the emerging and newer fields of ground water and other areas including sharing of facilities and labs.

G. National Water Mission (NWM): -

- **Jal Dharohar Portal:** Beta version of Jal Dharohar Portal based on 1st Water Bodies Census of Minor Irrigation (MI) has become available in public domain at <https://indiawris.gov.in/wris/#/jaldharohar> from 01.11.2023.
- To review the progress of works undertaken for organizing the **Jal Itihas Utsav**, a review meeting was taken by Additional Secretary & Mission Director, National Water Mission on 10.11.2023.

H. Ken Betwa Link Project Authority (KBLPA) & National River Conservation Plan: -

- 4th meeting of the Tender Evaluation Committee for Tender for EPC execution of Daudhan Dam, Upper-Level Tunnel, Lower-Level Tunnel etc; of Ken-Betwa Link Project held on 08.11.2023 through hybrid mode.
- 9th and 10th meeting of Consultancy Evaluation Committee (CEC) for engagement of Project Management Consultancy (PMC) Services for KBLPA to discuss the issues and further course of actions, held on 21.11.2023 and 30.11.2023 respectively.
- 5th meeting of the Steering Committee of Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority held under the chairmanship of JS(RD&PP) on 30.11.2023.
- Administrative approval & Expenditure sanction for the project pollution abatement and conservation of River Jhelum at Chuntkul and Gawkadal areas in Srinagar (J&K) under National River Conservation Plan has been accorded at a cost of Rs. 66.17 crore on 08.11.2023.
- Grant-in-Aid of Rs. 5.67 crore as 5th Installment in favour of *Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun* has been released for sanctioned projects of assessment of ecological status of select 6 Indian Rivers under National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) on 02.11.2023.

- Grant-in-Aid of Rs. 10.00 crore has been released for the project Pollution Abatement and Conservation of Tapi River at Surat (Gujarat) under NRCP on 03.11.2023.
- Grant-in-Aid of Rs. 3.74 crore as 8th installment for the project rejuvenation and conservation of Nambul River at Imphal under NRCP has been released on 29.11.2023.
- Grant-in-Aid of Rs. 10.00 crore for the project pollution abatement of rivers Devika and Tawi at Udhampur in Jammu & Kashmir under NRCP has been released on 30.11.2023.

I. 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 7.3.4**. 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 Regards,

Yours faithfully,



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