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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 January are as follows:-

- **Storage Position of Important Reservoirs:** Central Water Commission is monitoring live storage position of 150 important reservoirs spread all over the country and issuing bulletin on every Thursday. Overall storage position in 150 reservoirs as on **25.01.2024** was **95.326 BCM** which is **82%** of the live storage of corresponding period of last year and **95%** of storage of average of last ten years. From the 150 Reservoirs, **20** reservoirs are of hydro-electric projects having total live storage capacity of **35.299 BCM**, out of which **11** Reservoirs have Storage less than or equal to average of previous 10 years.
- **Inauguration of Projects:** On January 25, 2024, the **Hon'ble Prime Minister** inaugurated the following projects with a cumulative cost of ₹ 790.5 Crores.
  - i. (a) Construction of 30 MLD STP at Masani, Mathura (under Hybrid Annuity-based PPP (HAM) model under Namami Gange Program).
  - (b) Rehabilitation of existing (30 MLD at Trans Yamuna and 6.8 MLD STP at Masani, Mathura) total 36.8 MLD.
  - (c) Construction of 20 MLD TTRO plant (Tertiary Treatment and Reverse Osmosis Plant), Masani, Mathura.
  - ii. Construction of 58 MLD STP with 264 km and sewerage Network at Moradabad.
- **'All India Secretaries' Conference on Water Vision @ 2047- Way Ahead:**

Ministry of Jal Shakti organized two-day 'All India Secretaries' Conference on Water Vision @ 2047 - Way Ahead' at Mahabalipuram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 with the key objective to strengthen the water security of the country. 32-States and Union Territories, 30-Secretaries and more than 300 delegates participated in this conference, sharing their best practices and action taken on the 22 recommendations of "1<sup>st</sup> All India Annual State Ministers' Conference on Water" held on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh and to highlight best practices in various water related issues. In order to document the journey of the Jal Shakti Abhiyan and best practices of water conservation in various parts of the country, NWM compiled the best practices under 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain' in the form of an e-Book. This e-Book was launched during the event.

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The Conference was graced by Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti. A special attraction of the Conference was 'Publication Curation' where over 150 important publications from Centre/ States/ Civil Society Organizations etc. were displayed. A Round Table Conference of Secretaries and CEOs was also held during the Conference to discuss important issues pertaining to water sector wherein 12 CEOs participated. 33 presentations were made and 7 movies were showcased during five thematic sessions of the Conference which include (i) Climate Resilience and River Health; (ii) Water Governance; (iii) Water Use Efficiency; (iv) Water Storage and Management; and (v) People's Participation/Jan Baghidari. The Conference ended with a presentation of important takeaways emerged during the deliberations held in 2 days' Conference on which feedback of the stakeholders were invited.

- **Atal Bhujal Yojana**

Secretary (WR) took a meeting to review the progress of Atal Bhujal Yojna by visiting the Pipariya Village of Salaiya Gram Panchayat of Raj Nagar Block, District Chhattarpur, MP along with Joint Secretary (A, IC & GW) Govt. of India, Principal Secretary, Govt. of MP, were present along with Collector Chhattarpur and Project Director, SPMU, Atal Bhujal Yojana, MP. Secretary (WR) interacted with the villagers regarding ground water awareness under Atal Jal Yojna. Also, villagers shared their experiences on ground water management and initiatives taken for adaptation of water saving methods and new initiatives practices.

Secretary (DOWR, RD&GR) also visited Panna Tiger Reserve with the Field Director, Panna Tiger Reserve to discuss implementation of Integrated Landscape Management Plan with the coordination of all the stakeholders.

- **Ken Betwa Link Project Authority and Godavari-Cauvery Link Project**

1. Under the Chairmanship of Secretary (WR), 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Steering Committee of Ken Betwa Link Project Authority was held at Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2024. The Meeting was attended by the Principal Secretary, WRD, MP, JS (A, IC&GW), Collector & DMs of Panna and Chhattarpur with the representative from I&WRD, UP, Forest Department of UP &MP, Field Director, PTR, NITI Ayog, MOEF&CC, WII, NWDA, CWC, KBLPA. Secretary (WR) highlighted the importance of project for Bundelkhand region and emphasized for timely land acquisition for Daudhan Dam and Link Canal was highlighted.
2. 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Tender Evaluation Committee for Daudhan Dam under Ken-Betwa Link Project held on 16.01.2024 through video conference.
3. 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Consultancy Evaluation Committee (CEC) for the Engagement of Project Management Consultancy (PMC) Services for Ken-Beta Link Project Authority (KBLPA) at NWDA, New Delhi held on 29.01.2024.
4. DPR of tanks of Madhya Pradesh under Ken-Betwa Link Project has been prepared and circulated on 17.01.2024.
5. DPR of Godavari-Cauvery link project for diversion of 4189 MCM has been prepared and circulated to the concerned states on 16.01.2024.
6. Officers of CWPRS, Pune started vertical shear wave velocity based seismic studies and geophysical investigations pertaining to Damanganga - Vaitarna — Godavari link project on 30.01.2024.



- **Important meetings/conference held at the level of Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti and Hon'ble MoS during the month of January 2024**
  1. Hon'ble MoJS inaugurated 14 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) with 2.4 km Interception & Diversion (I&D) Network worth ₹ 77.36 crores in Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh on 04<sup>th</sup> January 2024.
  2. Hon'ble MoJS laid the foundation stone for the 220 MLD Meerut sewage treatment plant (STP) with interception and diversion (I&D) project worth ₹370 crore in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024.
- **Important meetings/conference held at the level of Secretary (WR) during the month of January 2024**
  1. A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR) to review expenditure progress and allocated resources for the Revised Estimates (RE) 2023-24 and Budget Estimates (BE) 2024-25, emphasizing financial accountability and planning for the upcoming fiscal year on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024.
  2. Secretary (WR) held Meeting to discuss appointment/status of Assessors in Tribunals on 3.1.2024.
  3. Secretary (WR) attended Meeting of Chief Minister, Telangana with M(JS) on various water resource projects on 4.1.2024.
  4. Under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR), 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Screening Committee for PMKSY-AIBP was held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at New Delhi in physical mode with the officers of State Government of Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, NITI Aayog, CWC and DoWR, RD & GR to consider for inclusion of Nira Deoghar Irrigation Project of Maharashtra State and Phina Singh Multipurpose Project of Himachal Pradesh State under PMKSY-AIBP.
  5. Under the Chairmanship of Secretary (WR) a presentation on "Heliborne Survey" was held on 8.1.2024.
  6. Secretary (WR) participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of National Level Steering Committee under NHP on 10.1.2024.
  7. Secretary (WR) with representatives of NMCG, NRCD, MoHUA, and CPCB took 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Central Monitoring Committee on the matter regarding OA No.673 of 2018 on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024.
  8. Meeting under the Chairmanship of Secretary (WR, RD & GR) on Mandating Low Flow Fixtures & Sanitaryware as per BIS code IS 17650 Part 1 & 2 was held with National President, Indian Plumbing Association on 12.01.2024.
  9. A Presentation on Annual Capacity Building Plan (ACBP), DoWR was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR) on 17.01.2024.
  10. A follow-up meeting under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (WR, RD & GR) held on 17.01.2024 wherein Principal Secretary (GoAP), Secretary (GoTS), Chairman (CWC), Chairman (KRMB) and IGP (CRPF) were present. It was ~~inter alia~~ decided that both the States (at the Engineer-in-Chief level) & KRMB will discuss and finalized the protocols for handing over the Nagarjuna Sagar & Srisailem Projects and all 15 prioritized components/outlets to KRMB & come out with the action plan within 7 days and hand over 15 prioritized components/outlets of Nagarjuna Sagar Project and Srisailem Project within one-month time period.

11. A presentation was made under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR) on Indo-Israel collaboration towards the establishment of the Centre of Water Technology on 31.01.2024.
  12. A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR, RD & GR) to review the progress of projects from Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Manipur and Maharashtra with the officers of Government of Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Manipur, CSMRS, NVDA, HPPCL, CWC, North Central Railway and DoWR, RD & GR.
- **Global Conclave 2024:** On 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, DG, NMCG participated in the Global Conclave 2024 '*Advancing Human Development in the Global South*' organized by the Institute for Human Development (IHD), New Delhi in partnership with NITI Aayog, Govt. of India and Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS). During the event DG, NMCG delivered the keynote address on the theme "*River-Cities Nexus: Positioning Ecological, Social, and Cultural Resilience*". This three-day event forms a part of the IHD Silver Jubilee Celebrations which began in January-2023 and will conclude by March-2024.
  - **International Conference on Future of Water Resources (ICFWR-2024):** On 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024, DG, NMCG delivered the keynote address on the International Conference on Future of Water Resources (ICFWR-2024) organized by Indian Water Resources Society (IWRS) in collaboration with the Department of Water Resources Development and Management at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee.
  - **Pavitra Ganga Conference:** On 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, DG, NMCG delivered the inaugural address at the Pavitra Ganga conference on "Wastewater Treatment and Reuse: Challenges and Solutions in India," organized by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) and VITO, along with Indian and European partners. The aim of this conference was to enhance existing treatment installations and implement decentralized sewage treatment for urban and peri-urban settings, with water reuse and resource recovery within the framework of the Circular Economy.
  - **Public Interaction Program (PIP):** During the month of January 2024, CGWB has conducted 12 PIPs in the State of Gujarat (1), Uttar Pradesh (1), West Bengal (2), Bihar (1), Jharkhand (1), Kerala (1), Andhra Pradesh (2), Telangana (2), Chhattisgarh (1). The programs were attended by around 1007 people.
  - **Other important meetings/Conference held during the month of January 2024**
    1. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources undertook an on-the-spot study visit to Bhubaneswar, Tirupati, Mysuru and Bengaluru from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 in connection with examination of various programmes and schemes of the DoWR, RD& GR. JS (A, IC & GW) along with other officers facilitated the visit and participated in the discussions along with other officers from the Ministry.

2. On 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of DG, NMCG to discuss the project titled "**Fluvial geomorphology mapping of Hindon River basin.**" During the meeting, a brief presentation outlining the project was delivered.
3. On 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, a meeting was conducted under the chairmanship of DG, NMCG to discuss the status of the implementation plans for Urban River Management Plans (URMP) in Ayodhya and Aurangabad, as released by the Hon'ble Minister during DHARA 2023.
4. On 9<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, meetings were held under the chairmanship of DG, NMCG with the representative of World Bank to review the progress and developments of World Bank Projects.
5. Under the Chairpersonship of AS&MD, NWM a meeting was held on 12.01.2024 to have a discussion on "Various aspects involved in methodology and data collection for calculation of scores on SDG Indicators 6.4.1 & 6.4.2".
6. The second meeting to finalize the MoU between Polavaram Project Authority and DoWR, GoAP was held by the 3-member group comprising of JS & FA (DoWR, RD & GR), CEO (PPA) and Principal Secretary (DoWR, GoAP) on 17.01.2024 through Video conference.
7. The 83<sup>rd</sup> India-Bangladesh Joint Committee meeting was held at Dhaka, Bangladesh including inspection visit to Joint Hydrological observation site at Hardinge Bridge in Bangladesh during 23-24 January 2024 as per the provisions of the Ganga/Ganges Water Sharing Treaty-1996.
8. During the Parliament Estimates Committee meeting on the subject "Assessment of Sewage Treatment Projects under "Namami Gange" Programme", DG, NMCG provided a concise overview and update on the current status of the project on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.
9. Under the chairmanship of DG, NMCG, 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Monitoring Committee of NMCG-WII was held to assess and strategize initiatives focused on conserving biodiversity and advancing the rejuvenation efforts of the Ganga River on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.
10. On 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of DG, NMCG, with the representative of the European Union to discuss the Pavitra Ganga dashboard's role in monitoring and presenting solutions. Additionally, the meeting aimed to deliberate on the future trajectory and prospects of wastewater reuse, safety, and technology development in the Indian scenario.
11. Chairman and Member(C), GFCC attended meeting and site visit of Kosi High Level Committee (KHLC) from 29<sup>th</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2024 for recommendation.

• **Miscellaneous Matters**

1. Chairman and Member(C), GFCC attended Workshop on Morphological Studies of Kosi, Bagmati and Yamuna Rivers using Remote Sensing Techniques on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 at IIT, Delhi.
2. Chairman and Member(C), GFCC attended International Conference on Future of Water Resources from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 at IIT, Roorkee.



3. On 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2024, DG, NMCG, along with other senior UP Jal Nigam officials, visited Ayodhya to inspect the construction of the 33 MLD, Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) and Interception & Diversion (I&D) work. During the inspection, UP Jal Nigam provided information on the sewage infrastructure works undertaken in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh, for the Pollution Abatement of River Saryu/Ghaghara.
4. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Modified Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal-ERCP link project signed on 28.01.2024 amongst States of MP, Rajasthan and Govt. of India.
5. RGNGWTRI, the training Institute of CGWB, DoWR, RD & GR at Raipur, Chhattisgarh, during the month of January-2024, organized 8 (5 Tier-I, 3 Tier-III) training programmes in which 398 persons including 109 women were imparted training.
6. Central Ground Water Board, NWR, Chandigarh organized a training program on "Source Sustainability of Ground Water" from 23.01.2024 to 24.01.2024 in Jind District of Haryana State. Officers from Regional Office of CGWB and officers of Haryana state participated in the training.
7. Central Ground Water Board, WCR, Ahmedabad participated in 10<sup>th</sup> Vibrant Gujarat Global Trade Show-2024 from 09.01.2024 to 13.01.2024 at Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

*With Regards,*

Yours sincerely,



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