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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 February 2024 are as follows :-

- A. **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 **29.02.2024** was **77.399 BCM** which is **83%** of the live storage of corresponding period of last year and **94%** of storage of average of last ten years. Out of the 150 Reservoirs being monitored, **20** reservoirs are of HE projects having total live storage capacity of **35.299 BCM**, and **10** Reservoirs of these had Storage less than or equal to average of previous 10 years.
- B. **Flood Management and Border Areas Programme (FMBAP):** - The Union Cabinet approved the DoWR, RD & GR proposal for continuation of centrally sponsored "FMBAP" programme with a total outlay of Rs.4,100 Crore for a 4 year period from 2021-22 to 2025-26. The Scheme has two components '**Flood Management Programme (FMP)**' and '**River Management and Border Areas (RMBA)**' having outlays of Rs.2940 Cr and Rs.1160 Cr respectively. Under FMP central assistance will be provided to states for taking up critical works related to flood control, anti-erosion, and in RMBA central assistance will be provided on common border rivers with neighbouring countries including hydrological observations and flood forecasting etc.
- C. **Signing of MoU for Transfer of Rajasthan's share of Yamuna water :** An MoU was signed on 17.02.2024 between Government of Haryana and Rajasthan with DoWR, RD&GR for implementation of project for utilization of Rajasthan share of Yamuna water. Under the MoU, both states agreed to jointly prepare DPR for transfer of water through underground pipelines for meeting drinking water and other requirements of Churu, Sikar, Jhunjhunu and other districts of Rajasthan. Both states agreed to extend full cooperation in preparation and finalization of the DPR within a period 4 months. The MoU was the outcome of consensus arrived in the Meeting held by Hon'ble MoJS with Hon'ble Chief Ministers of the two states on the same day.

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- D. **Visit of Committee on Petitions Lok Sabha:-** The Committee on Petition, Lok Sabha visited Lucknow on 27.02.2024 for an informal discussion on petition/representation related to WAPCOS Ltd. The WAPCOS appraised the committee about the steps taken by them towards transparency and accountability in the functioning of WAPCOS Ltd. The Committee made their valuable suggestions for improving the functioning of WAPCOS in the future.
- E. **Site Visit of MoJS at Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh :** On 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024, the **Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti**, along with the Minister of Jal Shakti & Disaster Management, Government of Uttar Pradesh and other senior officials visited the 20 MLD Jajmau Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) in Kanpur to review the progress of the CETP. During the visit, the Honorable Minister commended the efforts made to expedite the project's implementation.
- F. **Condition Assessment & Management Plan for Six Rivers:** The event 'Condition Assessment & Management Plan for Six Rivers' was inaugurated by the Hon'ble MoJS on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2024. The event aimed at establishing Centers for River Basin Management studies on Condition Assessment & Management Plan (CAMP) for six river basins, namely Godavari, Narmada, Mahanadi, Cauvery, Krishna, and Periyar.
- G. **Important meetings/conference held at the level of Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti and Hon'ble MoS during the month of February 2024**
1. Under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti, 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Upper Yamuna Review Committee was held on 21.02.2024.
  2. Union Minister of Jal Shakti, chaired a meeting on Rehabilitation of Firozpur Feeder off taking from Harike Barrage in Punjab. The meeting was attended by MLA Jayveer Singh Brar, Chairman CWC and officials from Water Resources Department of Rajasthan and Irrigation Department of Punjab along with Farmers from Ganganagar & Hanumangarh area of Rajasthan.
- H. **Important meetings/conference held at the level of Secretary (WR) during the month of February 2024:**
1. A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR) regarding the Water Use Efficiency data for Irrigation Projects & its status and way ahead for doubling of water use efficiency as part of Vision @2047 on 06.02.2024.
  2. Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR chaired a meeting on 07.02.2024 with all DM's/DC's and CEO Zila Panchayat's of the districts covered under Atal Bhujal Yojana to review the progress under Atal Bhujal Yojana.
  3. Secretary (WR) participated in Inaugural Session of **International Water Conclave Shillong** held on 9-10<sup>th</sup> February, 2024. The event was graced by Hon'ble CM Meghalaya and other Ministers of Meghalaya.

4. A meeting on Core Committee of Indus Water Treaty (IWT) was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR) on 16.02.2024.
5. Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR chaired 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Investment Clearance Committee on 16.02.2024 with the officers of State Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Uttarakhand, GFCC, NITI Aayog, CWC and DoWR, RD & GR to consider the investment clearance proposals in respect of Major and Medium irrigation, flood control and multipurpose projects under PMKSY-AIBP.
6. A meeting was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR to discuss the progress on District Waterbody Atlas and organizing regional workshops on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2024 at Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi.
7. Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR attended a meeting chaired by Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj to discuss the inclusion of Water Security Plans (WSPs) in Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) on 26.02.2024.
8. Secretary DoWR, RD & GR attended a meeting with Cabinet Secretary to discuss the way ahead for JSA: Catch the Rain Campaign on 27.02.2024.
9. A meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR to review expenditure progress and distribute Revised Estimates (RE) for the fiscal year 2023-24 on 26.02.2024.
10. A meeting under the chairmanship of Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR was held with representatives from World Bank, to review the progress of the 2nd NGRBA Project sanctioned under the Namami Gange Programme.
11. Secretary (WR) held a Meeting with Secretary (Mines) on the "existing collaborative projects between GSI and CGWB", "to integrate India Water Resources Information System (India WRIS) data into the NGDR portal of Ministry of Mines" and "explore new areas of collaboration" on 28.02.2024.
12. Secretary (WR) along with Commissioner (SPR) and Commissioner (CAD) held Meeting for development of next phase of CGIAR research and innovation portfolio, known as Portfolio 25 – *CGIAR System Organisation* on 29.2.2024.
13. Secretary (WR) held meeting with Secretary (Expenditure) on PIB meeting on Polavaram Irrigation (National) Project on 29.2.2024.

#### **I. National Mission for Clean Ganga:- Major Activities**

1. **Launch of Namami Niranjana Abhiyan:** On 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024, NMCG launched the "Namami Niranjana Abhiyan" aimed at ensuring the perennial flow of the Niranjana (Falgu) river and bolstering the ongoing efforts of the "Niranjana (Falgu) River Recharge Mission".

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The inauguration ceremony was presided over by Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, **Honorable Governor of Bihar**. The Falgu River, revered as Niranjana in Bodhgaya and Falgu in Gaya, holds profound significance for the people of the region.

2. **Launch of Jalaj Dashboard :** On 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, DG, NMCG, DoWR, RD & GR launched the Jalaj dashboard, an in-house developed centralized platform that aims to digitally monitor the progress of various Jalajs by tracking monthly meeting minutes. The dashboard, designed to bolster the PRAYAG concept, serves as a decision support system providing data-driven insights to stakeholders involved in collaborative governance by facilitating efficient resource allocation, it aligns with the mission's objectives of ensuring effective water resource management.
3. **India Awards 2024:** On 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, NMCG received the prestigious **Association of Geospatial Industries (AGI) "India Awards 2024"** for Excellence in Water Resources. The award was presented by the Surveyor General of India, Survey of India, at the India Geospatial Leadership Summit 2024 in New Delhi. NMCG was recognized for its PRAYAG initiative (Platform for Real-time Analysis of Yamuna, Ganga & their Tributaries) which enables continuous monitoring of river water quality, the performance of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs), Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs), etc., along the Ganga and Yamuna rivers.
4. **River Ranching Programme 2024:** On 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (ICAR), Barrackpore under Namami Gange Programme Launched Workshop (Phase III) & **River Ranching Programme 2024** at Farakka and Mayapur, West Bengal, At Farakka, DG, NMCG, DoWR, RD & GR inaugurated the Hilsa Ranching Station, initiating a milestone in conservation efforts.
5. **ICC Water & Wastewater Innovation Summit:** On 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2024, DG, NMCG delivered a keynote address at the "ICC Water & Wastewater Innovation Summit" in New Delhi. The summit was organized by the Indian Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with Startup India and TERI-NTCoE, aimed to support the vision for an "Eco-friendly, Water Secure India". DG, NMCG also discussed the Global River Cities Alliance (GRCA) and the Memorandum of Cooperation (MOCP) signed at COP-28, involving 143 Indian cities and 11 countries.
6. **Planning Water Conservation for Climate-resilient Cities :** On 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2024, DG, NMCG, delivered a keynote address on '*Planning water conservation for climate-resilient cities*' organized by the Centre for Science and Environment in collaboration with Namami Gange. Recognizing the significant impact of climate change on the global water sector, including urban flooding and inconsistent rainfall patterns, initiatives such as Catch The Rain, RCA (River Cities Alliance), and URMP (Urban River Management Plan) to ensure proper rainwater conservation and effective urban planning. Moreover, the discussion also focused on the 'National Framework for Safe Reuse of Treated Water' prepared by NMCG for non-potable purposes.

7. **Executive Committee meeting of NMCG** : The 54<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting was held on 13.02.2024, under the chairmanship of the DG, NMCG. In this meeting, the committee approved eight projects worth ₹194 crore, including two (16MLD + 2MLD) Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) with Interception and Diversion (I&D) in Nagda, Uttar Pradesh, and a 15 MLD SABRE-enabled system STP at Trans-Yamuna, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh, etc.

8. **Project Site Visits :-**

- I. **Site Visit of STP at Naini, Prayagraj:** On 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, DG NMCG, along with other senior officials from UP Jal Nigam, conducted an inspection visit to the Naini Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) to inspect the completed 72 MLD, STP and Interception & Diversion (I&D) works, ensuring the plant's proper operation and maintenance of required quality standards.
- II. **Site Visit of STP at Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh** : On 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, the Executive Director (Projects), NMCG, DoWR, RD & GR along with other senior officials from NMCG, UP Jal Nigam, conducted an inspection visit to the 21 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant sanctioned under HAM at Ghazipur city to review the progress.
- III. **Site Visit of STP at Okhla, New Delhi:** On 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, the Executive Director (Admin) of NMCG, along with other senior officers from NMCG, DJB, and SUEZ, visited the 564 MLD (124 MGD) Wastewater Treatment Plant at Okhla. During the visit, they inspected the progress of construction work on the plant.

9. **Signing of MoU :-**

- I. On 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2023 an MoU was signed between **NMCG and Organization for Industrial Spiritual and Cultural Advancement (OISCA)**, Japan to undertake 5-year initiatives including tree planting along the Ganga, sludge reuse, a model farm for natural farming, NF training, and women's health promotion. It highlights a commitment to environmental sustainability and community well-being in the Ganga River basin through various collaborative efforts.
- II. On 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, an MoU was signed between **NMCG and Gurukula Kangri (DU)** for ecological research, sustainable agriculture, water quality improvement, and community engagement initiatives in the Ganga River Basin.

J. **National River Conservation Plan**

1. Grant-in-Aid of Rs.68,66,25,000/- was released for the project 'Pollution Abatement and Conservation of Tapi River at Surat, (Gujarat)' under National River Conservation Plan during FY 2023-24 on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

2. Grant-in-Aid of Rs. 43,17,00,000/- was released for the Externally Aided Project (EAP) 'Pollution Abatement and Conservation of Mula-Mutha River at Pune, (Maharashtra)' under National River Conservation Plan during FY 2023-24 on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024.

**K. Inter Linking of Projects:**

1. A meeting for preparation of DPR including Hydrology of Modified Parbati-Kali Sindh-Chambal Link project was chaired under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DoWR, RD&GR on 19.02.2024.
2. 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of Consultancy Evaluation Committee (CEC) for the Engagement of Project Management Consultancy (PMC) Services for Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority (KBLPA) at held on 02.02.2024 and 29.02.2024 at New Delhi.
3. 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of Technical Advisory Group of Ken Betwa Link Project Authority (TAG-KBLPA) held on 17.02.2024 at Sinchai Bhawan, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
4. 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority (KBLPA) was held at Bhopal on 27.02.2024.

**L. National Water Mission: Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain 2023:**

So far, a total of **121 numbers pre-monsoon & 50 numbers post-monsoon visits have been made by** the Central Nodal Officers (CNOs) along with Technical Officers, nominated under JSA CTR – 2023 against Water Stress Districts (WSD) to review the progress of ongoing and completed works in the districts on "**Source Sustainability for Drinking Water**", water conservation related structure and other of JSA: CTR-2023 including reviewing the progress on Amrit Sarovar's. Cabinet Secretary also took a meeting to discuss the way ahead for 'JSA: Catch the Rain campaign' on 26.02.2024, which was attended by Secretary (WR).

**M. Other Important meetings/conference held during the month of February 2024:**

1. On 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, a review meeting was convened under the Chairmanship of the DG, NMCG with the Denmark Embassy. The meeting aimed to present the progress of various activities within the Smart Laboratory for Clean Rivers (SLCR) initiative.
2. On 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of DG, NMCG, with officials from the Asian Development Bank to discuss the recently launched 'Global River City Alliance' at COP28 and to seek support for the planning and implementation of the Urban River Management Plan.

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3. The First meeting of the Negotiation Committee on Pennaiyar River Water Disputes was held under the chairmanship of Chairman, CWC on 21.02.2024.
4. A meeting on Committee for Joint Flood Study in wake of floods in HP, Punjab and Uttrakhand in 2023 was held under the chairmanship of Chairman, CWC on 29.02.2024.
5. A meeting was held under the chairmanship of AS&MD, NWM on Mandating Low Flow Fixtures as per BIS code on 28.02.2024.
6. Central Ground Water Board, WCR, Ahmedabad, SUO Ranchi and NCR Bhopal organized a training program on "Source Sustainability of Ground Water" in the month of February 2024.
7. The first meeting of Mahadaayi Prawah was held at Goa on 13.02.2024 under the Chairmanship of Shri P Scott, Chairperson, M- Prawah, whereby the party States- Goa, Karnataka & Maharashtra were present.

**N. Miscellaneous Matters :**

A joint field visit of GFCC & Govt of Bihar led by Chairman, GFCC was made during 12-14 February, 2024 to address the issues of flooding due to Ganga, Kosi, Mahananda and Barandi rivers raised by Shri Dulal Ch. Goswami, Honorable Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha).

*With Regards,*

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