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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES,
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 May 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 bulletins every Thursday. The overall storage position in 150 reservoirs as on **30.05.2024** was **41.705 BCM** which is **77%** of the live storage of corresponding period of last year and **94%** of average storage of last ten years. Out of the 150 Reservoirs being monitored, **20** reservoirs are of Hydro-Electric projects having total live storage capacity of **35.299 BCM and 13** Reservoirs of these had Storage more than the average of previous 10 years.
- B. Stakeholders Consultation Workshop on the Guidelines for National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) & DPR Preparation:** National River Conservation Directorate (NRCD) under this Department organized a workshop on 06.05.2024, on the "Guidelines for National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) & the preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR)". This workshop was intended to serve as a platform for all stakeholders such as government agencies, environmental organizations, community representatives and experts to come together and contribute their perspective towards development of the guidelines and plans for river conservation. During the session, Secretary DoWR, RD & GR inter-alia emphasized the need for a robust methodology for data collection during DPR preparation to enable better risk management, given the acute problems faced in the river system, including population growth, pollution, reduced flow, and climate change. Based on the recommendations/suggestions made by the Stakeholders, the NRCP guidelines would be revised and issued.
- C. Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting on River Basin:** - On 31st May 2024, the Department (NRCD) organized a Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting on CAMP Project in collaboration with cGanga, at National Environment Engineering Research Institute (NEERI), Nagpur. The focus of the meeting was to delineate the responsibility of research, monitoring and gathering of the technical knowledge required for the development of Condition Assessment and Management Plan (CAMP) in respect of 6 River basins namely, Mahanadi, Godavari, Krishna, Cauvery, Narmada, and Periyar. It may be mentioned here that the task for development of CAMP has been entrusted to 12 institutions including various IITs, NITs, and NEERI.

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- D. Collaborative Workshop: Enhancing River Conservation and Tailored Strategies for Sustainable Urban Development:** - A workshop was organized by the Department (NRCD) on 09.05.2024 under the Chairpersonship of Secretary DoWR, RD & GR to discuss initiatives on water conservation in rivers in collaboration with MoHUA and World Bank. During the workshop, Department delivered a detailed presentation on the Healthy River Program, outlining the undertaken efforts and existing challenges. AS (A&CV), MoHUA emphasized the necessity of tailoring strategies to the unique needs of different states and cities. Secretary DoWR, RD & GR advocated for an integrated approach in Urban River Management and adoption of innovative technologies.
- E. 52nd Water Talk Seminar Series:** - On 31st May 2024, the Department organized the 52nd seminar series of '**Water Talk**', under the theme "**Empowering Women and Communities through Inclusive Water Security Indicators**". This platform has been established to foster dialogue and knowledge exchange among participants on various water-related subjects. The primary objective of 'Water Talk' is to raise awareness, enhance stakeholder capacities, and inspire active engagement in water conservation and preservation efforts.
- F. Release of Ground Water Resource Assessment Report (GWRA) 2023 of Kerala, Jharkhand and Lakshadweep :** During his visit to Kerala, JS (A, IC &GW) released GWRA 2023 report of Kerala and UT of Lakshadweep and the Groundwater Quality report of Kerala on 29.05.2024. Furthermore, various water conservation sites in Thiruvananthapuram district were inspected for the Ground Truth verification for the 5th National Water Award. Furthermore, the Dynamic Ground Water Resource Assessment Report of Jharkhand was also released by Chairman, CGWB, DoWR, RD & GR on 14.05.2024. These reports mark significant milestone in understanding and managing the concerned State's water resources by providing critical data and analysis on groundwater availability, quality, and sustainability essential for informed decision-making and sustainable water management practices.
- G. Important meetings / conference held at the level of Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti during the month of May -2024**
1. A meeting was held on 31.05.2024 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti to discuss Delhi Water Supply issues.
- H. Important meetings / conference held at the level of Secretary DoWR, RD & GR during the month of May -2024**
1. A meeting was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (DoWR, RD & GR) to discuss the **expansion of Atal Bhujal Yojana to Jharkhand and Bihar** states on 02.05.2024.
 2. Secretary DoWR, RD & GR participated in the **SGoS meeting**, held under the Chairpersonship of Cabinet Secretary to discuss the **100 days agenda** on 03.05.2024.

3. Secretary DoWR, RD & GR held a joint Meeting with Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj to discuss **inclusion of Water Security Plans in Gram Panchayat Development Plan** on 07.05.2024.
4. Secretary DoWR, RD & GR participated in the Cabinet Secretary's meeting of **SGoS-1** (Rural & Agriculture) to discuss **Vision 2047** and next Five-Year Plan on 07.05.2024.
5. Secretary DoWR, RD & GR held a meeting with World Bank on Atal Bhujal Yojna on 08.05.2024.
6. A meeting was held on 08.05.2024 under the Chairpersonship of Secretary DoWR, RD & GR to review the practices adopted under the Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF) initiative and its intended outcomes.
7. Secretary DoWR, RD & GR held discussions on **Atal Bhujal Yojana** and its convergence with **Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare, Ministry of Rural Development** and **Ministry of Panchayati Raj** on 08.05.2024.
8. A review meeting was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary DoWR, RD & GR on 10.05.24 on the progress of **ET Based Tool for Assessment of Irrigation projects** and benchmarking of irrigation projects.
9. A meeting was held under the chairpersonship of the Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR on 17.05.2024 to review the status of the Flood Management Works namely "**Comprehensive flood management works on the river Jhelum & its tributaries Phase-II (part-A), J&K**" under FMBAP scheme.
10. A meeting was held on 20.05.2024 under the Chairpersonship of Secretary DoWR, RD & GR to discuss the **establishment of the Smart Lab on Clean Rivers (SLCR)** as a part of the India-Denmark Partnership.
11. A meeting was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary DoWR, RD & GR to discuss the issues of providing hydro-meteorological data of 32 stations maintained by the Royal Government of Bhutan and to support the technical exchange visit of a Bangladesh delegation on 24.05.2024.
12. Under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, DoWR, RD&GR, DIB meeting for inclusion of Amreng Irrigation Project of Assam was held on 29.05.2024.
13. A Bilateral Meeting with Secretary DoWR, RD & GR and Netherlands Ambassador was held on 29.05.24 for cooperation in water sector.
14. A meeting was held on 30.05.2024 under the Chairpersonship of Secretary DoWR, RD & GR on the proposed **National Water Museum** with the senior officials of the Department focusing on the museum's potential role in educating the public about water conservation, showcasing India's rich water heritage, and promoting sustainable water management practices.

I. Other important meetings/conference held during the month of May 2024:

1. A Joint meeting between CWC, IIT-Roorkee and NWDA was held on 06.05.2024 under the Chairmanship of DG, NWDA to finalize the Model Water Balance Study (Hydrological Studies) of Kuno Basin using System Studies and Modeling Techniques conducted by IIT, Roorkee.
2. A meeting to review activities of "CGWB, ER, Kolkata" and "CGWB, MER, Patna, SUO- Ranchi and Div-V, Ranchi" was held on 13th-14th May 2024, under the Chairmanship of Chairman, CGWB, DoWR, RD & GR. During the meeting, Chairman CGWB released 3 reports namely "Detailed study of Fluoride affected area in Northern parts of Purulia District, West Bengal", "Gangtok Municipal Corporation under NAQUIM 2.0 studies of AAP 2023-24" and "Report of Dynamic Ground Water Resource 2023 for the state of Jharkhand".
3. A meeting was held on 28.05.2024 under the chairmanship of ADG, MI (Stat), DoWR, RD & GR with PIMD, MOSPI, to identify relevant datasets from the Department which can be shared with MOSPI as per National Metadata Structure.
4. On 28th May, 2024 DG, NMCG attended the meeting held under the Chairpersonship of AS, PM to discuss the progress of projects sanctioned under Namami Gange Programme.
5. A Meeting to review the work of India Water Week-2024 to be organized in 17th-21st September, 2024 was held on 31.05.2024 under the Chairmanship of JS (Admin, IC & GW), DoWR, RD & GR.

J. National Mission for Clean Ganga: Major Activities:

1. **Meeting with German Delegates:** On 09.05.2024, a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of DG, NMCG with the Deputy Head of the Economic Division, German Embassy to discuss the status of projects aimed at rejuvenating the Ganga River, supported through bilateral cooperation between India and Germany.
2. **Meeting to Explore tourism opportunities in the Ganga Basin:** On 7th May 2024, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of the DG, NMCG to explore tourism opportunities in the Ganga Basin focused on enhancing eco-tourism, cultural heritage tours and community involvement to boost socio-economic development while preserving the river's ecological health.
3. **Review of Wildlife Institute of India Phase-II project and Jalaj Project:** On 27th May 2024, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of the DG, NMCG with representatives from the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) to review the WII Phase-II project "Planning and Management for Aquatic Species Conservation and Maintenance of Ecosystem Services in the Ganga River Basin for Clean Ganga" and Jalaj Project focusing on biodiversity conservation and community engagement in which Ganga Praharis promote ecological, economic sustainability and work towards the strengthening of Self Help Groups.

4. **Project Site Inspection: -**

- I. **STP site at Bareilly and Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh:** On 10th May, 2024, the Executive Director (Projects), NMCG, along with officials from NMCG, Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam, and other stakeholders, conducted an inspection of the ongoing NMCG 63 MLD STP work in Bareilly and the 25 MLD STP work in Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh. The inspection was followed by a review meeting to discuss the progress with various stakeholders.
- II. **STP Site at Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand:** On 31st May, 2024, the Executive Director (Projects), NMCG, along with officials from NMCG and Uttarakhand Jal Nigam, inspected the ongoing Interception and Diversion (I&D) and STP work in Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand. After the inspection, a review meeting was held to discuss the progress with various stakeholders.

K. Inter-Linking of Projects

1. A Meeting to review the progress of DPR preparation works in respect of Modified Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal (PKC) Link Project was held on 20.05.2024 under the Chairmanship of JS (RD&PP), DoWR, RD&GR.
2. 15th meeting of Consultancy Evaluation Committee (CEC) for the engagement of Project Management Consultancy (PMC) Services for Ken-Betwa Link Project held on 30.05.2024 under the Chairmanship of DG, NWDA, DoWR, RD & GR.

L. Miscellaneous

1. An Interactive Programme for the Assistant Secretaries (IAS : 2022 Batch) was organized by the Department from 21st to 24th May 2024 and 29th May 2024 aimed at familiarizing them with the Department set up and different schemes and programs being implemented .
2. Field visit and social media campaigns for outreach Activities on Mission Life (Lifestyle for Environment) for mass-mobilization relating to the World Environment Day was done by NWM, DoWR, RD & GR on 31st May 2024 in Rishikesh.

With Regards,

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