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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 November, 2021 are as follows:-

A. Storage Position of Important Reservoirs (CWC): -

Central Water Commission (CWC) is monitoring live storage position of 133 important reservoirs spread all over the country. Overall storage position in 133 reservoirs as on 25.11.2021 was 136.744 billion cubic meters (BCM), which is 96% of the live storage of corresponding period of last year and 113% of storage of average of last ten years.

B. National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG): -

- **Ganga Utsav – A River Festival 2021:** From 1st to 3rd November 2021, National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) celebrated 5th Edition of Ganga Utsav for river Ganga and other rivers across the country. The celebrations were attended by Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti and other dignitaries. During the event, NMCG also achieved the Guinness Book of World Record for the most photographs of handwritten notes uploaded on Facebook in one hour.
- **River Cities Alliance:** On 25th November 2021, Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti launched the River Cities Alliance. A novel initiative, the historical River Cities Alliance will give its 30 member cities from different parts of the country opportunities to ideate, discuss and exchange information for sustainable management of urban rivers.
- **Ganga Mashaal:** The Ganga Mashaal was flagged off on the last day of the Ganga Utsav, i.e. 3rd November 2021 from New Delhi by Hon'ble Union Minister of Jal Shakti. The Mashaal Yatra started from Rishikesh, Uttarakhand on 8th November and ended at Bakkhali Sea Beach, West Bengal on 25th November 2021.

C. National Water Mission (NWM): -

- 32nd Water Talk entitled "Conserving the Critical Common-Water" was delivered by Ms. Nidhi Pundhir, Director, HCL on 19th November 2021 on wide range of topics dominating the sector specific concerns.

- 14th Water Tech Talk entitled "*Application of Artificial Intelligence & Digital Twin technologies for Water Management*" was delivered by Shri Niraj Swami, Founder & CEO, SCAD.AI on 12th November 2021.
- 3rd Water Biz Talk entitled "*Exploring Business opportunity in Water Ecosystem*" was delivered by Shri Agendra Kumar, Managing Director at ESRI India & President, Association of Geospatial Industries on 26th November 2021.

D. 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 November, 2021: -

- The event of 5th Edition of "Ganga Utsav - 2021" was held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti on 01st November 2021.
- A meeting to discuss the issues related to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana (KRMB & GRMB) was held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti on 08th November 2021.
- Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Govt of India visited CGWB, Bhujal Bhawan, Faridabad and took a review of the activities of the Board on 11th November 2021.
- The 35th Annual General Meeting of the NWDA Society and 19th Meeting of the Special Committee for Interlinking of Rivers were chaired by Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti on 12th November 2021.
- Hon'ble Minister (Jal Shakti) in a meeting held on 12th November 2021, reviewed the impact of "Special Campaign Drive" for disposal of pending VIP references, parliamentary assurances, public grievances, weeding out of records, cleanliness drives etc.
- A review meeting of National Projects was held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti on 16th November 2021.
- Hon'ble Minister addressed the gathering of the 3-day BRICS Water Ministers' Meet held during 16-18th November, 2021 on 18th November, 2021

E. Important meetings/conferences held at the level of Secretary (WR, RD&GR) during the month of November, 2021:

- Secretary (WR) attended the pre-budget discussions to finalize RE 2021-22 and BE 2022-23 in respect of Grants/Appropriations of the Department, chaired by Secretary (Expenditure) on 01st November 2021.
- Meeting of Investment Clearance in respect of Lakhwar Project was held through video conference on 02nd November 2021.

- Secretary (WR) attended the Annual General Meeting of National Institute of Hydrology and 35th AGM of National Water Development Agency and 19th Meeting of Special Committee on Inter-Linking of Rivers on 12th November 2021.
- Secretary (WR) reviewed the PMKSY (AIBP/CAD) projects with State Governments separately from 23rd to 29th November, 2021.
- Secretary (WR) chaired the meeting to review the projects above Rs. 500 crore of NMCG with DG (NMCG) and State Government officers, through video conference on 30th November 2021.

F. Other important Meetings/Conferences held during the month of November, 2021: -

- Chairman (CGWB) co-chaired the BRICS forum session of "Technological innovations in Water Management" on 16th November 2021 and also attended the Water Ministers' meeting of BRICS on 18th November 2021.
- 76th meeting of the India-Bangladesh Joint Committee was convened at Dhaka, Bangladesh on 25th November 2021 for the finalization of the Annual Report for the lean season of the year 2021, attended by Commissioner (FM), DoWR and Member, Joint Rivers Commission, India.
- On 16th November 2021, DG, NMCG chaired the session on 'Climate Change Impacts - Challenges and Opportunities in Water Sector' during the BRICS water forum.
- On 29th November 2021, a review meeting on 'Biodiversity & Afforestation and Small River Rejuvenation, Ground Water Management and Spring Rejuvenation' was held under the chairmanship of DG, NMCG.

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

Under NAQUIM programme, CGWB has constructed 14 high discharge wells in the States of Kerala (2), Gujarat (2), Karnataka (1), Himachal Pradesh (1), Andhra Pradesh (2), Madhya Pradesh (1), Tamil Nadu (1), Uttar Pradesh (1) and Odisha (3). The wells have been drilled in hard rock and alluvium areas with discharge ranging from around 138 to 720 litres per minute (lpm).

H. 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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