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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 September, 2021 are as follows:-

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

Central Water Commission (CWC) is monitoring live storage position of 130 important reservoirs spread all over the country. Overall storage position in 130 reservoirs as on 30.09.2021 was 138.327 billion cubic meters (BCM), which is 92% of the live storage of corresponding period of last year and 104% of storage of average of last ten years.

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

- On 16th September 2021, a tripartite Concession Agreement was signed between NMCG, Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam and M/s. Enviro Infra Engineers Pvt. Ltd. in JV with Bhugan Infracon Pvt. Ltd. for the development of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) in Bareilly under Hybrid Annuity PPP mode. The contract was awarded at a total cost of Rs. 233.72 crore.
- On 01st September, 2021, NMCG signed an MoU with South Asian Institute for Advanced Research (SAIAR) for 'Capacity Building on Integrated River Basin Management with a focus on Geospatial Technology in Riverine Ecosystem' to create an academic platform to engage young students as well as develop a research and capacity building hub to support regional development in the eastern region.

C. National Water Mission (NWM): -

- 30th Water Talk entitled "Urban Water Management in India - Issues & the Way forward" was delivered by Dr. M. Ramachandran, IAS (Retired), Former Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Urban Development & former Chief Secretary, Uttarakhand State, held on 17th September 2021.
- On 10th September 2021, 12th Water Tech Talk was delivered by Dr. Sumit Sen, Sr. Scientist; IIT Bombay, who has shared his work, in his presentation entitled "Sharing Data to Share Water".

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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 September, 2021: -

- 3rd meeting of the Governing Body of North Eastern Regional Institute for Water and Land Management (NERIWALM) was held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti on 16th September, 2021 at Guwahati. Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti also reviewed implementation of Ground Water Irrigation Schemes i.e. *Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana - Har Khet Ko Pani - Ground Water* (PMKSY-HKGP-GW) in North Eastern States.
- The 4th, 5th and 6th meetings with District Magistrates (DMs) of various States was held on 7th September, 2021 and 29th September, 2021 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti in the series of "Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain (JSA:CTR)". All the participating officers were urged to take active part in JSA:CTR campaign to make it successful.
- The 8th meeting of the Empowered Task Force of NMCG was held on 22nd September, 2021 under the Chairmanship of Shri Bishweswar Tudu, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Jal Shakti.

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

- A meeting to discuss Pennaiyar River water sharing dispute was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR) on 01st September, 2021 through video conference.
- The 7th Executive Council Meeting of NERIWALM was held on 03rd September, 2021 under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR) to discuss about administration, finances and technical activities of the institute and review the progress of activities.
- The review meeting of Shahpurkandi Dam Project held under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR) on 06th September, 2021.
- The meeting regarding interaction by Hon'ble Prime Minister with Secretaries to Government of India attended by Secretary (WR) on 18th September, 2021.

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

- A meeting under the chairmanship of ADG (MI-Stats) was held with Sr. Technical Director (NIC) and Technical Director (NIC) on 15th September, 2021 to discuss the central level data validation and checking of tabulation reports of 6th MI Census and Census of Water Bodies after completion of data entry/validation by States.

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- To review the progress of the 6th MI Census and Census of Water Bodies and related issues, two meetings were held under the chairmanship of ADG (MI-Stats) with Nodal Officer of respective State Governments on 20th September, 2021 and 28th September, 2021, respectively.
- 14th meeting of Task Force for interlinking of Rivers was held under the chairmanship of Advisor, DoWR, RD & GR (Ministry of Jal Shakti) on 29th September, 2021.
- On 3rd September, 2021, the 3rd Meeting of the Joint Working Group on Indo-Dutch Strategic Partnership on Water was organized under the co-chairmanship of Director General, NMCG and Mr. Henk Ovink, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, Government of Netherlands.
- On 24th September, 2021 DG, NMCG chaired a review meeting on upgradation progress and compliance status of 2.1 MLD CETP in Textile Centre, Pilkhuwa, UP.

G. Surface Minor Irrigation and Major/Medium Irrigation projects: -

- An amount of Rs. 192.93 crore under the Special Package to address agrarian distress in Vidarbha, Marathwada and other chronically drought prone areas of rest of Maharashtra through completion of 83 Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI) and 8 Major/ Medium Irrigation (MMI) projects of the State of Maharashtra has been sanctioned/released in the month of September, 2021 for the various ongoing SMI/MMI projects.

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

- Under NAQUIM programme, CGWB has constructed 11 high discharge wells in the States of Madhya Pradesh (1), Odisha (2), Assam (2), Karnataka (3), Gujarat (2) and Jammu (1). These wells have been drilled in hard rock areas and alluvium areas with discharge ranging from around 330 to 1,101 litres per minute (lpm).

I. 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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