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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 April, 2021 are as follows:

A. Storage Position of Important Reservoirs-

Central Water Commission (CWC) is monitoring live storage position of 130 important reservoirs spread all over the country. Over all storage position in 130 reservoirs as on 29.04.2021 was 58.55 BCM, which is 81% of the live storage of corresponding period of last year and 120% of storage of average of last ten years.

B. National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) -

- NMCG in association with Tree Craze Foundation is organizing the Ganga Quest-2021 (third edition) from 7th April, 2021 (World Health Day) to 8th May, 2021 (World Migratory Bird Day) - an online national quiz on rejuvenation of Ganga and its ecosystem, water conservation, ecological sustainability and other related issues for engaging youth and school children. It aims to build public awareness and ensuring of people's participation in the mission.
- On 13th April, 2021 a meeting to review the progress of projects in the State of Uttar Pradesh was held through video conferencing. Four projects at Chunar, Ramana, Ramnagar and rehabilitation of existing infrastructure at Prayagraj are under trial run whereas Kanpur District-I project is in process of commissioning.
- On 15th April, 2021 a meeting to review the projects in the State of Bihar was held through VC.

C. National Water Mission (NWM):

- The "Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain" is being undertaken in 623 districts across the country.

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- 6th Water Tech Talk was delivered by Dr. Nupur Bahadur, fellow at The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) on "TERI Advanced Oxidation Technology – TADOX" on 09th April, 2021 under the chairmanship of AS & MD, NWM.
- 25th Water Talk (13th e-Water Talk) seminar series to promote dialogue and information sharing among the participants on various water related topics was organized by National Water Mission on 16th April, 2021.

D. Ken-Betwa Link Project-

- The National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has requested Government of Madhya Pradesh vide letter dated 19th April, 2021 for verification of the revenue land for transfer to forest department for compensatory afforestation and submission of report to MoEF&CC for according of Stage-II forest clearance for the Ken-Betwa Link project.

E. Important meetings/conferences held during the month of April, 2021 at the level of Hon'ble Minister/Minister of State-

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F. Important meetings/conferences held at the level of Secretary (WR, RD&GR) during the month of April, 2021 -

- 11th meeting of the reconstituted Principal Committee on NGT matter OA No. 06 of 2012 was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR, RD & GR) on 06th April, 2021.
- 9th meeting of the National Inter-Departmental Steering Committee for NAQUIM was held on 12th April, 2021 under the chairmanship of Secretary (WR, RD & GR). It was attended by NISC members and representatives from various States and Central Departments.
- A meeting of "Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain" with the representatives of the Departments/Ministries (MoPR, DoLR, MoYA, MoEF&CC, MoHUA, MoRD, DARE) regarding detailed discussion on KPIs and their reporting modalities, was held through VC on 07th April, 2021.
- Secretary (WR) held a video-conference with State Chief Secretaries/ State Nodal Officers of Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain (JSA:CTR) campaign on 15th April, 2021. The States expressed their support to the campaign and narrated the steps being taken by them for this campaign.
- Secretary (WR) attended the virtual summit between Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and Netherlands, held through VC on 09th April, 2021.
- Secretary (WR) participated in Consultation Meeting on ISBIG schemes with Pr. Secretaries/Secretaries of WR of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh, held through VC on 16th April, 2021.

G. Other important Meetings/Conferences held during the month of April, 2021-

- A meeting was held under the chairmanship of DG, NMCG with IIM, Lucknow to review the status of the project "Developing a model framework for implementation of Arth Ganga concept" on 12th April, 2021.
- Chairman, CGWB chaired meeting of Expert Appraisal Committee, CGWA for evaluation of projects before grant of NOC for abstraction of ground water relating to Industry/Infra/Mining category on 13th & 16th April, 2021 held through virtual mode.
- 3rd review meeting of implementation of network R&D projects on "Submarine Ground Water Discharge (SGD)" led by NCESS, Ministry of Earth Sciences was held on 27th & 28th April, 2021 under the chairmanship of Chairman, CGWB.
- 17th meeting of Sub-Committee-II for system studies functioning under SCILR (Sub-Committee for Inter Link River) was held on 08th April, 2021.

H. Surface Minor Irrigation & Major/Medium Irrigation projects:

- An amount of Rs. 11.26 crore under the Special Package to address agrarian distress in Vidarbha, Marathwada and other chronically drought prone areas of rest of Maharashtra, has been sanctioned/released in the month of April, 2021 for the various ongoing SMI/MMI projects. It is aimed to effect completion of 83 Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI) and 8 Major/Medium Irrigation (MMI) projects in the State of Maharashtra.

I. National Aquifer Mapping and Management (NAQUIM) Programme (CGWB):

- Under NAQUIM program, CGWB has constructed 4 high discharge wells in the States of Madhya Pradesh (1), Himachal Pradesh (1), Karnataka (1) and Rajasthan (1). One of the high discharge well drilled in the Shiwalik formation at Minjgran, in Kagra district of Himachal Pradesh yielded a discharge of 1,260 lpm (litres per minute).

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,



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