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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, 2021 are as under:-

**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 27.05.2021 was 50.819 billion cubic meters (BCM), which is 85% of the live storage of corresponding period of last year and 128% of storage of average of last ten years.

**B. National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) –**

- Construction of 10 million liters per day (MLD) sewage treatment plant (STP) at Ramnagar, Uttar Pradesh has been completed and is under trial run.
- Ganga Quest-2021: NMCG, in association with Tree Craze Foundation, a not-for-profit organization, has been organizing the Ganga Quest, an online national quiz on rejuvenation of Ganga and its ecosystem and water conservation. In view of the good response from applicants, registration and participation date for the quiz has been extended twice till 29<sup>th</sup> May and thereafter to 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.

**C. National Water Mission (NWM) –**

- **8<sup>th</sup> Water Tech Talk on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021** was delivered by Dr. Ashwagosh Ganju, Former Director, SASE, DRDO on '**Empanelment of State-of-the Art Technology tools for resolving indeterminate Snow-Ice Water Resources for the Sustenance of Himalayan Ecosystems**' a significant initiative and research work undertaken by him. This time, the total viewership crossed over 50,000 across all platforms.

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

- On 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021, Secretary (WR) along with DG (NMCG) chaired a meeting to review the position and action taken by the States of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar on the recent instances of several unclaimed or unidentified corpses or partially burnt bodies being found floating/dumped in the river Ganga at different locations in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. Secretary (WR) highlighted the instructions already given and called for expeditious action and also underscored the need to give equal attention to such incidents in urban and rural areas along Ganga and other rivers.
- Secretary (WR) attended the meeting of National Crisis Management Committee on "Tauktae" cyclone taken by Cabinet Secretary on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

**E. Other important Meetings/Conferences held during the month of May, 2021-**

- On 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021, Executive Director (Technical), NMCG attended a meeting with Additional Solicitor General of India (ASG), held through VC in the issue of Yamuna water sharing between Delhi and Haryana, on which a report from Secretary (WR) has been submitted in Hon'ble Supreme Court.
- On 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021, DG (NMCG) participated in a meeting convened by CPCB with CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (IITR), NMCG, SPCBs, on commitment to river water quality monitored for detection of SARS CoV-2 contamination in river water due to disposal of dead bodies in river Ganga and its tributaries.
- On 04<sup>th</sup> May 2021, Member (WP&P), CWC chaired the 4th meeting of the Committee for Planning BRICS Water Ministers Meeting & BRICS Water Forum during IWW-2021.

**F. National Aquifer Mapping and Management (NAQUIM) Programme:**

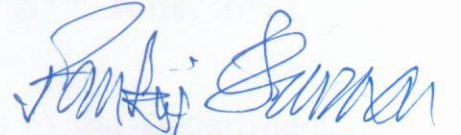
- Under NAQUIM programme, CGWB has constructed 07 high discharge wells in the States of Gujarat (1), Madhya Pradesh (2), Odisha (1) and Rajasthan (3). The wells have been drilled in hard and soft rock areas with discharge ranging from around 492 to 1,800 litres per minute (lpm).

**G. National Projects:**

- An amount of Rs. 333 crore has been released to Government of Andhra Pradesh on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 under Polavaram Project.

*With warm regards,*

Yours faithfully,



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