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केंद्रीय जल आयोग
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जल संसाधन विकास एवं सम्बद्ध विषयों से संबन्धित समाचार पत्रों की कटिंग को केंद्रीय जल आयोग के अध्यक्ष के अवलोकन के लिए संलग्न किया गया है. इसकी साफ्ट कापी केंद्रीय जल आयोग की वेबसाइट पर भी अपलोड की जाएगी.

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Ammonia levels to affect water supply

New Delhi: Delhi has once again witnessed an alarming hike in ammonia levels in the raw water coming from Haryana. The levels reached more than six times the maximum treatable limit on Monday. Delhi Jal Board has issued an advisory stating that water supply may be hit in some parts of the city on Tuesday morning.

"As the level of ammonia pollutant in the Yamuna at Wazirabad pond is high and on increasing trend, water production has been curtailed from water treatment plants at Wazirabad, Chandrawal and Okhla. Water supply shall be affected in the evening of December 28 and the morning of December 29 and so on till the ammonia level reduces to treatable limit," the DJB spokesperson stated.

Areas likely to be affected include NDMC localities, Civil Lines, Moolchand, South Extension, Greater Kailash, Kamala Nagar, Paharganj, old and new Rajendra Nagar, Patel Nagar, Kalkaji, Govind Puri and Sangam Vihar. Other areas, which may be impacted, include Model Town, Gulabi Bagh, Punjabi Bagh, Cantonment areas and parts of South Delhi. TNN



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Review Sanjay Lake plan, says activist

New Delhi: Yamuna activist Manoj Mishra on Monday wrote to LG Anil Baijal and CM Arvind Kejriwal for a third-party evaluation of the proposed Sanjay Lake View Complex project.

Sanjay Lake is the ox-bow waterbody of the Yamuna and located on the river's previous channel, said Mishra, convener of Yamuna Jiye Abhiyaan. Its floodplain sensitivities are as grave as the Yamuna's, he added.

"Any highrise apartment on it is highly susceptible to damage and destruction from liquefaction in case of a serious earthquake," Mishra wrote, claiming that plans of green buildings and reuse of waste water couldn't take away the fundamental risks involved in such constructions. "Sanjay Lake requires a restoration plan that secures its catchment for it can't continue to remain propped up" through groundwater extraction.

However, a Delhi Development Authority official said, "A public consultation will be carried out before starting any work. The area is not part of the Yamuna floodplain and the lake's catchment area would not be affected."

The plan includes highrise apartments with uninterrupted view of the huge waterbody in east Delhi and various commercial units. **TNN**

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KCR sanctions Huzurnagar Lift Irrigation Scheme

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, DEC. 28

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao on Monday announced sanctioning of Huzurnagar Lift Irrigation Scheme.

Reviewing works of Water Resources Department at Pragathi Bhavan, he also instructed officials to complete Chanaka-Korata project barrage in Adilabad district by June 2021.

He wanted a review of all medium irrigation projects in combined Adilabad district, apart from left-over works, including Chennur Lift Irrigation Scheme. They should be completed as early as possible, he underlined.

The Chief Minister wanted principal secretary (Water Resources) Rajat Kumar and other senior officials to visit areas under the combined Adilabad district, review the situation, and take action on various projects accordingly.

The officers have been instructed to develop ayucut under Asifabad, Bellampalli, and Mancherla constituencies, apart from taking necessary measures with regard to Pranahita Project.

The Chief Minister asked officials concerned to invite tenders immediately for Kuppi project in Adilabad district, Ghattu Project in Mahabubnagar district, and Nagamadugu lift irrigation project under Jukkal

Engineer-in-chief posts raised to six

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The number of engineer-in-chief posts will be raised from three to six so that each ENC will look after one out of the administration, operation and maintenance wings exclusively. It was also decided to increase chief engineer posts from 19 to 22; superintendent engineer posts from 47 to 57; executive engineer posts from 206 to 234, deputy executive

engineer posts from 678 to 892, AEE posts from 2436 to 2796, technical officer posts from 129 to 199, assistant technical officer posts from 173 to 242, junior technical officer posts from 346 to 398, and non-technical personal assistant posts from 31 to 45.

Accordingly, the superintendent posts will also be increased from 187 to 238 and record assistant posts from 134 to 205.

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The Chief Minister asked officers to take up permanent repair works at Konareddy Tank in Wardhannapet constituency.

He instructed that pending works of Konayamakula Lift Irrigation Scheme in Parakala constituency should be completed forthwith. Asking officials to take up survey of Achampet Lift Irrigation Scheme, he wanted all tanks damaged during the recent rains to be repaired on a permanent basis.

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[Holistic Approach]

945 new posts in Water Dept

KCR finalises its restructuring process; major, medium, minor irrigation divisions under one umbrella

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

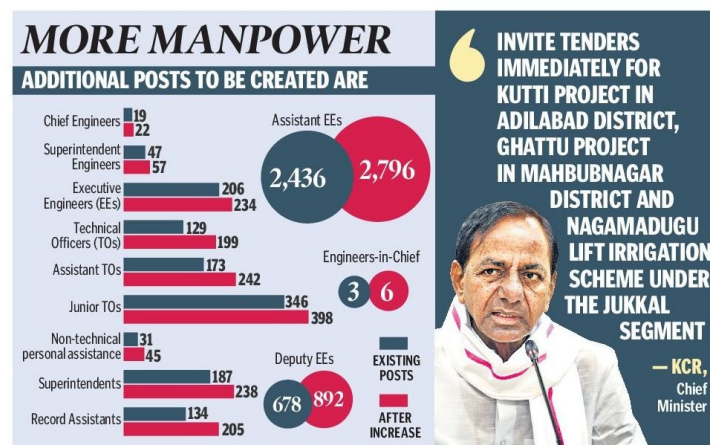
The Telangana government has revamped the Water Resources Department in tune with the major changes that have taken place in the Irrigation sector in the State.

Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao on Monday finalised the restructuring process and functions of the department bringing major, medium and minor irrigation divisions under a single umbrella.

All water resources, including projects, reservoirs, canals and tanks within a territory, will now function as a single unit headed by a Chief Engineer (CE).

At a meeting the Chief Minister had with top officials of the Water Resources Department at Pragathi Bhavan here, it was decided to increase the number of Engineers-in-Chief from the existing three to six and assign them with specific responsibilities of general administration, and operation and maintenance, besides assigning three senior officers with responsibilities in the ENC cadre replacing the regional CEs.

While the territorial jurisdictions have been in-



creased from the existing 13 to 19 at the field level, each jurisdiction will be headed by a CE. The 19 water resources territories include Adilabad, Mancherial, Nizamabad, Kamareddy, Jagtial, Karimnagar, Ramagundam, Warangal, Mulugu, Sangareddy, Gajwel, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Wanaparthy, Mahabubnagar, Nagarkurnool, Hyderabad, Kothagudem and Khammam. Subsequently, the government has given a nod for creating 945 additional

posts in various cadres in the Water Resources Department.

Projects in fast lane

Reiterating that the construction of irrigation projects was high on the agenda of the State government, Chandrashekhar Rao instructed the officials concerned to complete a few link projects on a fast-track mode. He instructed the officials to complete the Chanaka-Korata barrage, pumphouse, canals and

other works in erstwhile Adilabad district by June next. Emphasising the need to review the progress of all the medium irrigation projects in erstwhile Adilabad district, the Chief Minister asked Water Resources Principal Secretary Rajat Kumar and other senior officials to personally visit the erstwhile district, review the situation and take action accordingly.

He wanted them to increase ayacut under the Asifabad, Bellampalli and

Mancherial constituencies, and initiate necessary measures for the progress on the Pranahita project in erstwhile Adilabad. He also wanted all the leftover works, including the Chenur LI Scheme, to be completed at the earliest.

The Chief Minister directed the officials concerned to invite tenders immediately for the Kutti project in Adilabad district, Ghattu Project in Mahabubnagar district and Nagamadugu Lift Irrigation Scheme under the Jukkal constituency to begin works. He instructed the officials to complete the embankment works on the Godavari in Warangal district before the next rainy season.

Further, Chandrashekhar Rao wanted the authorities to take up repair works on Konareddy Tank in the Wardhannapet constituency on a permanent basis. He also instructed them to complete the pending works of the Konayamakula lift Irrigation Scheme in the Parakala constituency and conduct survey for the Achampet Lift Irrigation Scheme. He also announced the sanction of the Huzurnagar Lift Irrigation Scheme. (SEE PAGE 2)

HP to explore water sports in Pong dam reservoir

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, 28 DECEMBER

Himachal Pradesh chief minister Jai Ram Thakur on Monday said that permission should be sought from the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) to carry out sports activities such as parasailing, paragliding, water scooter, kayaking, speed boat, cruise boat, water zorbing balls, house boat, shikara, floating jetty and floating restaurant in the Pong dam reservoir.

While presiding over the first meeting of Pong Area Development Board here, he said that possibilities should also be explored for setting up of an Institute of Excellence in Water Sports in collaboration with Indian Navy/ Coast Guard so that it becomes an attraction for tourists. Thakur said that the



CM Jai Ram Thakur presides over first meeting of the Pong Area Development Board, says birds watching also needs to be given impetus to boost tourism

main objective of the Board is to ensure integrated and planned development of the Pong area and prepare policies and plans to promote tourism and culture in the Pong area and also help in generating employment opportunities. He said the Pong dam would also be developed under the 'Nai Raahein Nai Manzilein' tourism scheme.

He said that there should be clarity in the concept only than desired targets could be achieved. He said that Rs 7.96 crore was being spent under this scheme

to develop it as a major tourist's attraction.

The chief minister said that effective steps must be taken to undertake permissible activities in the area. He said that effective steps must also be taken to attract private funding for execution of tourism projects. He said that steps would be taken to strengthen the Pong Area Development Board. He said that better road connectivity would be provided alongside the Pong Dam area so that tourists could

be wooed to visit this destination. Expressing his displeasure over the poor implementation of ADB funded Tranche-I project worth Rs 8.33 crore, Jai Ram Thakur said that inquiry would be constituted in this regard and a report may be submitted within a month to bring out the truth. The chief minister said that activities of Regional Water Sports Centre at Maharana Pratap Sagar, Pong dam must be diversified to attract watersports lovers to this area. He said that lakhs of migratory birds visit this sanctuary area every year thus more watch towers should be erected to facilitate the visitors to have a glimpse of these birds.

He said some key points should be developed in the vicinity at Fatehpur Sub Division to give impetus to bird watching from tourism point of

view. Thakur said Ransar Giri Island in the Pong Dam could also be developed as thousands of tourists visit this Island by boats every year. He said that floating jetties should also be provided at various strategic places so that people could enjoy the boating. MLA and Member of the Board Hoshiyar Singh said that the Pong dam area has immense tourism potential. He said that Haripur Guler painting is world famous and needs to be revived. He said that several temples around Haripur need to be renovated to attract tourists. Focus must be laid on development of those areas from tourism point of view which were away from the Pong Dam area.

Chief Secretary Anil Khachi gave various points of view for development of Pong Dam area.

SAVE MUSI CAMPAIGN: TALES OF A DYING RIVER

RUBBER DAM: A MOCKERY OF MUSI BEAUTIFICATION

Readers may share the information they have with pictures, if any, on encroachments on the Musi river on cityhanshyderabad@gmail.com

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NAYAPUL

THE rubber dam based on Australian technology which was constructed on the Musi by spending crores of rupees continues to be an irritant for locals. For over a decade, the structure built as part of Musi beautification programme remains not only inefficient but has also turned into a choking point for water flow. It has also morphed into a mosquito breeding ground.

According to social activists, who are closely associated with Medha Patkar of Narmada Bachao Andolan (NBA) apart from private constructions and factories in the city, the government is playing a major role in encroachment of the river.

"The city of Hyderabad was not only planned well on the banks of Musi to ensure enough water supply, but also the then rulers ensured that it remained free from flooding through different measures. One of the instances of major encroachments of the river is the island on which MGBS was constructed and later the entire island slowly encompassed other facilities such as dumping yard, huge metro station, a GHMC park and river slowly shrank," observed Syed Bilal, the vice-president of Human Rights Forum.

Bilal said that crores of rupees were spent on the beautification of Musi but all projects failed to achieve their purpose. "For the beautification, the government has established a rubber dam by spending huge amounts. But, it has become inefficient and useless. Rather it has turned hindrance to free flow of water and whenever one sees huge piles of unattended garbage there," he said. During the recent floods, the water in Musi was flowing above the MGBS bridges and nearly touched the bridge of Salarjung, he added.

Another observer said that there are not

■ Activists allege govt itself playing a role in major encroachment of the once lifeline to the city

■ The dam not only proved to be inefficient but has turned into a choking point for water flow. It has also morphed into a mosquito breeding ground

■ To help the river regain past glory and retain it, activists suggest desiltation of river and removal of garbage and debris. Besides, nalas must be renovated

croachments near the Salarjung bridge, two bridges of Nayapul till Muslimjungpul. The only issue is that the depth of the river has reduced. Earlier, the depth of the Musi was huge 30-40 feet, now, it is not even half. It is because the river has turned into a construc-

tion waste and garbage dump yard. Tonnes of tonnes of debris are being discarded on its banks and due to this the depth of the river is reduced and no cleaning and development of the river turned it to an eyesore," said K Venkatesh, an activist.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

To save the Musi and restore its past glory, the government should desilt the river and clear all the accumulated debris as well as garbage - most importantly the shifting of the dumping yard is must. The government also should come up with fencing and construction retaining walls along the entire river stretch.

To stop the pollution of the river, the dumping yard should be shifted as earliest, the park and dam which were established in the river should be maintained and the areas must be cleaned from time to time.

For its beautification, there is nothing to establish or spend crore of rupees. Instead, to help the river restore and retain its glory, major nalas (stormwater drains) which are connected to the Musi must be



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Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao holding a meeting with top irrigation officials at Pragathi Bhavan on Monday

1,000 Irrigation posts to be filled

CM sets deadline for officials to complete pending projects

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD

THE Telangana state government now seems to be focussing on long-pending medium and minor irrigation particularly in Warangal, Nalgonda, Adilabad and Mahbubnagar districts.

Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao, who held a high-level meeting with irrigation officials, cleared filling 1,000 posts in the key irrigation department which has been overhauled and rechristened as the Water Resources department recently.

KCR put a timeline for the officials to complete the Chanaka-Korata project barrage, pump house and canals by June 2021 to ensure irrigation facility in the old Adilabad district. All the leftover works, including the Chenur lift irrigation scheme would also be completed quickly. Necessary measures would be taken to develop the ayacut under Asifabad, Bellampalli, and Mancherla constituencies by completing the works of the Pranahita project.

As part of the action plan, the Kuppi project in Adilabad district, Ghattu project in

Mahbubnagar district and the Nagamadugu lift irrigation project under the Jukkal constituency would also be taken up on a priority basis. The CM instructed the officials to complete the embankments works on Godavari in Warangal district before next rainy season. The CM also instructed the officials to complete the repair works of the Konareddy tank in the Wardhannapet constituency, pending works of the Konayamakula lift Irrigation scheme in the Parakala constituency, survey for the Achampet lift irrigation scheme. Another decision taken at the meeting was the sanctioning of the Huzurnagar lift irrigation scheme.

The high-level meeting finalised the administrative structure and form of the department. The CM has decided to identify the 19 Water Resources Regional Centres in the State and each centre would be headed by a Chief Engineer as the monitoring officer. Six Engineers-in-Chief are also appointed, and responsibilities are given. It is estimated that after the revamp of the entire irrigation wing, it is estimated 945 posts are required additionally.

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यमुना में अमोनिया बढ़ने से जलापूर्ति बाधित रहेगी

नई दिल्ली | वरिष्ठ संवाददाता

यमुना नदी में अमोनिया का स्तर बढ़ने पर मंगलवार सुबह कई इलाकों में जलापूर्ति बाधित रहेगी। जल बोर्ड अधिकारियों के मुताबिक यमुना नदी में वजीराबाद में अमोनिया का स्तर बढ़ गया है, जिससे वजीराबाद, चंद्रावल और ओखला जलशोधन संयंत्र प्रभावित हुए हैं। इनसे कम क्षमता में पानी

की सप्लाई हो रही है। इसकी वजह से नई दिल्ली, उत्तर दिल्ली और दक्षिणी दिल्ली में जलापूर्ति प्रभावित रहेगी।

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Luni river rejuvenation project to improve irrigation, drinking water supply in 9 dists

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Jaipur: A major rejuvenation project is likely to be carried out at seasonal river Luni to provide water for irrigation, drinking and to revive old streams in nine districts of the state.

The central government run Arid Forest Research Institute (AFRI), Jodhpur, has prepared a detailed Luni River Rejuvenation project for the ministry of environment and climate change.

The project will see the plantation of 60.77 lakh trees which will be different as per the landscape along its basin. The plantation will pass through hilly tracts, plains, urban area and agriculture fields. The project will cost around Rs 534 crore and directly and indirectly impact around 2 crore people spread in nine districts.

Since ancient times, the river forms its basin extending over present-day Ajmer, Barmer, Bhilwara, Jalore, Jodhpur, Nagaur, Pali, Rajsamand, Sirohi and Udaipur districts of Rajasthan either full or in parts. It has always been an important habitat of wildlife like blackbuck, chinkara, leopard, crocodile, etc.

Over the centuries, the basin region is facing climatic adversities - low and erratic rainfall, extremes of temperatures, wind velocity and evaporation and poor soil conditions. The situation has aggravated since human habitat and livestock populations have increased manifold in the basin region. It has given birth to problems like vegetation removal, overgrazing and groundwater depletion.

“Most recently or in the last 3-4 decades, the new problem of industrial effluent has spoiled the water quality in the streams and in underground water. The problems have been analysed and experts have come to the conclusion that natural resources, which have been protecting the natural course and can reverse the damage caused in the last few hundred years ago, to be used to revive the ancient river,” said Genda Singh, scientist and head, forest and climate change division at AFRI.

Plantation work will begin after it covers the first 100 km when the water quality changes from freshwater to saline due to run-off water from the salt-rich saline surfaces and industrial pollutants in the way. The forestry intervention will enhance the water conservation leading to the biological diversity and yield of non-timber forest produce (NTFPs).