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## Goa BJP passes resolution against Kalasa-Banduri project

PANAJI, DHNS: In an interesting twist to the Mahadayi plot, following BJP's crushing defeat in Karnataka, the ruling BJP in Goa passed a political resolution on Thursday, to urge its government in Goa to 'take all steps necessary' to oppose the Karnataka government's plans to construct the Kalasa-Banduri project.

The political resolution was passed by the state executive committee of the BJP in Goa, the highest decision-making body in the state. "The latest development, wherein the DPR (detailed project report) of Karnataka state pertaining to Mahadayi river has been approved by the Central Water Commission, has posed a threat to the very existence of this river," the resolutions said.

"This State Executive Committee strongly urges the

state government to take all necessary steps to safeguard Goa's lawful rights and interest over the water of River Mahadayi and reiterates its unflinching commitment and support to the state govt in its fight to save River Mahadayi," it added.

Interestingly, the DPR was passed by the Central Water Commission last year, when the BJP was heading the government in Karnataka. Soon after the DPR was passed, Union Home Minister Amit Shah had said that the BJP governments at the Centre, Karnataka and Goa had worked together to successfully resolve the Mahadayi deadlock, even as an embarrassed Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant had challenged the nod given to the Kalasa-Banduri DPR in the Supreme Court.

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# 'Natural disasters caused 2.5 mn internal displacements in India'

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**NEW DELHI:** Natural disasters, especially heavy floods and cyclones, triggered around 2.5 million internal displacements in India in 2022, according to a report by the Geneva-based Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre.

South Asia witnessed 12.5 million internal displacements due to disasters in 2022 with 90 per cent of the movements in the region being triggered by floods.

"All countries recorded flood displacement but Pakistan, India and Bangladesh were the most affected. Most movements occurred during the southwest monsoon between June and September," the report said.

Last year, India and Bangladesh started to experience flooding even before the official onset of the monsoon season.

Assam was affected by early floods in May and the same areas were once again flooded in June. Nearly five million people were affected across the state.

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Torrential rain that hit India in May also caused rivers to overflow in neighbouring Bangladesh, triggering nearly 5,500 displacements.

Storms triggered around 1.1 million internal displacements across South Asia in 2022. Cyclone Sitrang led to 66,000 displacements in Odisha and West Bengal.

Cyclone Asani triggered 1,500 displacements in Andhra Pradesh and Cyclone Mandous 9,500 in Tamil Nadu.

The Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre further said that disaster reports in Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan tend only to be produced for medium- to large-scale events, meaning small-scale disasters that together could lead to significantly higher displacement

figures are not included.

"Assessments also tend to focus on disaster damage and loss but not on displacement, so figures have to be extrapolated from housing destruction data by applying average household size calculations. When displacement is specifically reported, data only captures people in relief camps or evacuated by authorities, not those who seek shelter with host families or in informal sites, which leads to underestimates," it said.

The frequency of extreme weather events such as floods and heat waves is projected to rise manifolds in India in the future due to climate change, according to a report by researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar, last year.

The study said the risk will increase significantly under the warming climate and variability in the El Nino-Southern Oscillation – a recurring climate pattern involving changes in the temperature of waters in the central and eastern tropical Pacific Ocean.

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# Water levels in state dams go as low as 32.93%

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**MUMBAI:** Water levels in the dams across the state has reduced to 32.93% by the middle of May and considering the prediction that El Nino could affect the coming monsoon, the state government has asked the local bodies to assess the water availability and supply situation and prepare plans to save water.

Due to the water crisis, about 334 villages and 774 hamlets have been getting water through 245 tankers. Out of that, 118 tankers are running in Thane, Palghar, Raigad and Ratnagiri districts.

Also, the local administrations of metro cities of the state have been forced to supply water through tankers to the areas in the outskirts of the city.

Pune has decided to cut water supply for a day every week, and Nashik also has the same plan but is yet to take a final decision.

Maharashtra has a total of 3,040 small, medium and major dams across the state with a total live storage capacity of 40,378mcum (million cubic metres).

In 2022, Maharashtra

received a good monsoon, and all its dams were full. However, by the middle of May 2023, the live (usable) storage of all these dams has been reduced to 32.93%.

Konkan regions, including Thane, Palghar, Raigad, have much less water available in their major dams compared to last year. Major dams in these areas had 45.12% water last year during the same period and now, these dams have 37.36% water storage.

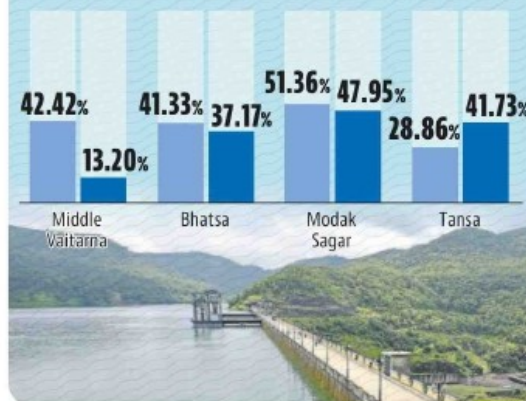
Water availability in Pune region is the lowest compared to others. Water storage in the dams of this region has reduced to 24.35% whereas, all other regions have more than 35% water in their dams.

As per the norms, every local body had to utilise the available water till July 15. However, due to the El Nino effect, recently the CS office had asked all the municipal corporations to stretch the use of available water till August 31.

This has resulted in water cuts in various cities. Recently, Pune municipal corporation has declared that water supply will be cut one day every week. Nashik has also prepared the same proposal but there has been no decision on it due to political pressure.

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■ Water level in 2022 ■ Water level in 2023





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# 40 years on, UP's lost river Neem springs back to life

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**Meerut:** Lost for more than four decades, the Neem river in UP's Hapur district has been brought back to life after repeated pleas by activists and environmentalists to the state government to remove squatters and structures on its banks finally led to action. The rejuvenation work, going on for two years, was completed after huge swathes of encroached land were cleared.

On Wednesday, a "river rejuvenation utsav" was inaugurated by Swatantra Dev Singh, cabinet minister of jal shakti along with Dinesh Khatik, junior minister for jal shakti in UP.

The Neem river emanating from Hapur district meanders through Bulandshahr and Aligarh districts, covering a distance of about



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"With its comeback, villages and areas along the river will benefit. Besides, there will be restoration of natural habitat for plants and animals," said Raman Kant Tyagi, founder of Indian River Council based in Meerut.

Tyagi said, "The origin of

the river was traced in Datiyana village in 2021 through satellite mapping and British gazetteer. But, for many decades, farmers had been diverting the water and changing its course. With the help of the district administration, the farmers were sensitised about the significance of the river, which was once considered a lifeline for the region, comprising nearly 200 villages that were affected in one way or the other."

He added, "The farmers agreed to vacate the land. A proposal was sent to the state government by the minor irrigation department. After getting approval, a river rejuvenation project was started which has now concluded."

The campaign's success has led environmentalists to demand urgent action to revive the Yamuna and Hindon.

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# मध्यप्रदेश को मिला जल-संरचनाओं के संरक्षण एवं संवर्धन में सर्वोच्च पुरस्कार

मुख्यमंत्री चौहान ने पुरस्कार पर मप्र के नागरिकों, जन-प्रतिनिधि एवं अधिकारियों को दी बधाई

## यह उपलब्धि बहुत गौरव की बात

मप्र को मिली इस उपलब्धि पर मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि जल-संरचनाओं का संरक्षण, संवर्धन एवं उचित प्रबंधन, पर्यावरण-संरक्षण का एक महत्वपूर्ण घटक है। यह बहुत गौरव की बात है कि समूचा मप्र इस दिशा में एकजुट होकर प्रयास कर रहा है। यह सम्मान मप्र की इसी सोच का प्रमाण है।

## [सर्वश्रेष्ठ राज्य श्रेणी के विभिन्न घटकों में मिली उपलब्धि]



सर्वश्रेष्ठ राज्य श्रेणी में विभिन्न घटकों-जल जीवन मिशन एवं जल शक्ति अभियान की उपलब्धियों, जल-संसाधन के संरक्षण एवं संवर्धन के प्रयास, वाटर पोलिसी, सिंचाई के परंपरागत तरीकों के स्थान पर माइक्रो इरीगेशन तकनीकी का प्रयोग, नवीन माइक्रो इरीगेशन प्रोजेक्ट्स का क्रियान्वयन, जल उपयोग की दक्षता (एफीशिएंसी), जल-संरचनाओं का पुनरुद्धार, सीवेज एवं औद्योगिक अपशिष्ट पानी को उपचारित कर पुनः उपयोग आदि क्षेत्रों में प्रयासों एवं उपलब्धियों का मूल्यांकन किया जाता है। इसी में मप्र को यह उपलब्धि मिली है।

## इन श्रेणियों में मिला पुरस्कार

चतुर्थ राष्ट्रीय जल पुरस्कार के तहत राज्यों, संगठनों और व्यक्तियों आदि को 11 विभिन्न श्रेणियों-सर्वश्रेष्ठ राज्य, सर्वश्रेष्ठ जिला, सर्वश्रेष्ठ ग्राम पंचायत, सर्वश्रेष्ठ शहरी स्थानीय निकाय, सर्वश्रेष्ठ मंडिया (प्रिंट और इलेक्ट्रॉनिक), सर्वश्रेष्ठ स्कूल, कैम्पस उपयोग के लिए सर्वश्रेष्ठ संस्थान श्रेणी में आरडब्ल्यूए, धार्मिक, उच्च शिक्षण संस्थान, सर्वश्रेष्ठ इंडस्ट्री, सर्वश्रेष्ठ एनजीओ, सर्वश्रेष्ठ वॉटर यूजर एसोसिएशन और सीएसआर गतिविधि के लिए सर्वश्रेष्ठ उद्योग की श्रेणी में पुरस्कृत किया जा रहा है। विभिन्न श्रेणियों में पुरस्कार विजेताओं को प्रशस्ति-पत्र, ट्रॉफी और नकद पुरस्कार प्रदान किए जाएंगे।

## पानी के महत्व के प्रति जनता के बीच जागरूकता अभियान

हितधारकों और लोगों को जल-संसाधन प्रबंधन के प्रति समग्र दृष्टिकोण अपनाने और प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए एकीकृत राष्ट्रीय जल पुरस्कार की परिकल्पना की गई है। यह पुरस्कार, पानी के महत्व के प्रति जनता के बीच जागरूकता पैदा करने और प्रभावी जल प्रबंधन में सर्वोत्तम प्रथाओं को अपनाने के लिए प्रेरित करने का भी प्रयास करते हैं। जल शक्ति मंत्रालय की ओर से पहला राष्ट्रीय जल पुरस्कार 2018 में प्रदान किया गया था। जल-आंदोलन को जन-आंदोलन में बदलने के लिए 2019 में जल शक्ति अभियान और जल जीवन मिशन शुरू किया गया था, जिसमें कई पुनर्माण संरचनाएं बनाई गईं और इसमें करोड़ों लोग शामिल हुए। राष्ट्रीय जल पुरस्कारों ने सर्वोत्तम जल-संसाधन प्रबंधन प्रथाओं को अपनाने के लिए स्टार्ट-अप्स के साथ प्रमुख संगठनों को वरिष्ठ नीति निर्माताओं के साथ जुड़ने और विचार-विमर्श करने का एक अच्छा अवसर प्रदान किया है।