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Indus Waters Treaty: Centre advises J&K to scale up efforts for 'better utilisation'

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The Union government on Friday instructed officials in Jammu & Kashmir to scale up efforts for "better utilisation of the country's rights under the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT)" over the three rivers flowing through the Union Territory. Deputy National Security Adviser Sari Vikram Mis-

ri chaired the second meeting of the special task force in Srinagar "to ensure exercise of India's rights under the IWT", a spokesman said.

The meeting took stock of the progress made on various hydro power projects in J&K. It was noted that progress had been made on several fronts and emphasis was laid on completing the works on all the

Indus Basin Projects in a timely manner to enable better utilisation of India's rights under the IWT, the spokesman said.

The high-level meeting was attended by top officials, including J&K's Principal Secretary of the Power Development Department, officials from the Ministry of External Affairs and Commissioner (Indus) and the Ministry of

Jal Shakti.

The Deputy NSA also met J&K Lieutenant-Governor (L-G) Manoj Sinha and apprised him of the ongoing efforts to monitor implementation of hydro power projects in the Indus Basin under the directions of the Prime Minister's Office. "The L-G assured full cooperation in this national endeavour," the spokesman said.

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Delhi govt will completely clean Yamuna by 2025 under CM's 6-point action plan: Min

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NEW DELHI: Water minister Saurabh Bharadwaj revealed the details of the government's progress and highlighted key milestones achieved so far under the 'Clean Yamuna by 2025' plan in a press conference held on Friday.

The plan encompasses various strategic initiatives that will address the longstanding pollution issues and modernise the sewage system in Delhi. With the implementation of this plan, the Delhi government aims to ensure the sustainable development of the city while safeguarding its natural resources. Bharadwaj highlighted the government's proactive approach towards cleaning the Yamuna river and modernising the sewage system in Delhi. He revealed



that 4,08,183 households have already been provided with free sewer connections under the Kejriwal government's initiatives.

Bharadwaj said that the residents of Delhi are aware that cleaning of the Yamuna river has been a priority of the Delhi government. He said that there are several rivers that pass through major cities in the country and multiple state governments as

well as the Centre are working on cleaning these rivers. "Today we will present in front of you a scientific plan that has been devised by the Delhi government to clean up the Yamuna river. Arvind Kejriwal had conducted an important press conference in November 2021 and presented a 6-step approach that the Delhi government would begin work on," he said.

Explaining the benefit of adding more colonies to the sewerage system, the Delhi Water minister said that if a colony is not connected to the grid, then the sewage generated from it will eventually flow into the Yamuna through small and big drains. But by providing the colony with a sewerage system, you ensure that the sewage is taken to a STP, said Bharadwaj. Enlisting other equipment

that will assist in cleaning of the Yamuna river, he added that Delhi earlier did not have any Automatic Sewer Cleaning Machines but now there are 200 such machines that are being used to clean the sewage lines in the national Capital.

The Water minister also said that in some unauthorised colony areas within Delhi, the sewer lines have been installed, but since getting a connection is expensive, people have not been able to pay for it. Therefore, in order to keep Delhi clean and Yamuna free from pollution, free sewer connections are being provided by the government to Delhi residents under the Mukhyamantri Muft Sewer Connection Yojana. He added that so far 4,08,183 connections have been provided to households under this scheme.

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Nine years of Modi rule: 9.88 cr tap water connections in rural houses

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NEW DELHI: At a time when the Opposition parties are cornering the government, which is led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, over the issues of inflation, unemployment, etc, there is a lot for the government to showcase its achievements as the Centre has provided 9.88 crore tap connections in nine years of its governance.

According to Jal Shakti Ministry data, prior to 2014, there were just 2.19 crore tap connections in the country and after the launch of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in 2019, over 8.86 crore tap water connections were provided to rural households.

Notably, the JJM scheme was launched on August 15, 2019 by the Prime Minister from the ramparts of the Red Fort. At the time of JJM launch, there were over 16.21 crore (16,21,46,959) households without tap water connection and till date (May 26), 8.86 crore (8,86,13,579) rural households have been provided with tap water connections, which means 54.65 percent rural households are getting clean drinking water through taps.

As of now, 12,09,76,417 households have tap water connection. However, as per the data, there were just 2.19



Prior to 2014, only 2.19 crore tap water connections and after launch of Jal Jeevan Mission in 2019, over 8.86 crore connections have been established

crore tap water connections during 1947 to 2014, which was mainly under the regime of Congress. The time period of March 1998 to May 2004 was under the rule of the BJP-led government.

There were over 3.23 crore households with tap water connections till August 15, 2019,

which is 16.64 per cent of the total households and after the launch of the JJM in nearly four years, 62.20 per cent households are with tap water connections.

Among the 34 states & UTs, eight states have achieved 100 percent tap water connections, while Himachal Pradesh has completed 98.44 per cent tap water connections and Bihar has achieved 96.21 per cent tap water connection coverage.

The states like Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab, Telangana, Puducherry, Andaman & Nicobar and Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu have achieved 100 percent tap water connection to households.

The coverage of tap water connection in Madhya Pradesh is 49.36 percent followed by Kerala (48.85%), Chhattis-

garh (45.64%), Uttar Pradesh (44.31%), Rajasthan (38.70%), Jharkhand (35.31%) and West Bengal (33.25%).

Similarly, under Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin, the government has been able to achieve 100 percent sanitation coverage in 2019 as since 2014 till date, additional 11.19 crore toilets have been made and all toilets have been geo-tagged as well as verified.

As per the data, in contrary to nine years of Modi government, 8.92 crore toilets were built during 2004 to 2014 and with this number of toilets, the reported sanitation coverage was only 39 percent.

"Also, all these numbers were not verified with geo-tagging, which was introduced in May 2014 and there were no beneficiary details," it stated.

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India reviews progress on Indus basin projects

To enable better use of rights under water treaty

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NEW DELHI, MAY 26

The second meeting of the task force to ensure the exercise of India's rights under the Indus Water Treaty was held on Friday. It noted that progress had been made on several fronts and emphasis was laid on completing the works on all the Indus basin projects in a timely manner.

Chairing the review meeting, Deputy National Security Adviser Vikram Misri said the purpose is to utilise India's rights under the Indus Water Treaty with Pakistan, said a Jammu and Kashmir State Power Development Corporation statement.

"It was noted that progress had been made on several fronts and emphasis was laid on completing the works on all the Indus basin projects in a timely manner to enable better utilisation of India's rights



The Indus flows through Leh in the Ladakh region. FILE

under the Indus Water Treaty," the statement from the government-run Jammu and Kashmir State Power Development Corporation said.

India has already served a notice to Pakistan seeking modifications in the Indus Water Treaty.

The meeting on the Indus Water Treaty was attended by officials from the Ministries of External Affairs, Jal Shakti, Jammu and Kashmir administration among others.

Misri also called on J&K

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and informed him of the efforts to monitor the implementation of hydro power projects in the Indus basin. "The L-G assured full cooperation of the UT administration in this national endeavour," said the Power Development Corporation statement.

Misri also met senior military and security officials and was briefed on the prevailing situation in the Kashmir Valley.

(With PTI inputs)

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Micro-irrigation projects on 2.5 lakh acres soon: Khattar

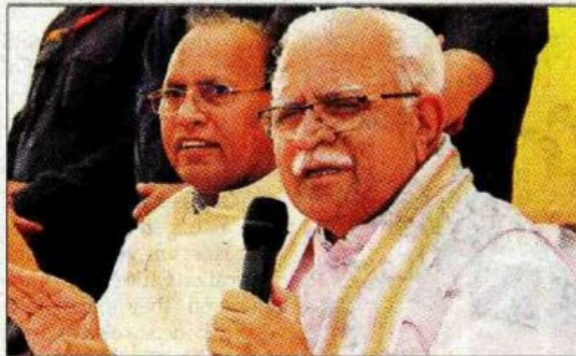
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MAHENDRAGARH, MAY 26

The state government was planning micro-irrigation projects on 2.5 lakh acres of agricultural land and constructing 4,000 on-farm water tanks to facilitate this project. An action plan was also ready for the construction of various structures for rainwater harvesting to improve the water table.

This was stated by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar while holding Jan Samvad programme in Satnali on the concluding day of his three-day visit to the district on Friday. He laid the foundation stone of a micro-irrigation project worth Rs 8.21 crore for four villages and inaugurated the building of Government Veterinary Hospital.

"We have promoted micro-irrigation, which has turned out to be helpful in ground-water conservation to a large extent. In order to move this programme ahead, a target of installing 1,000 piezometers



The Chief Minister addresses a gathering during Jan Samvad programme at a village in Mahendragarh on Friday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

DONGRA AHIR VILLAGERS HOLD PROTEST

- Residents of Dongra Ahir village organised a protest outside the house where the Chief Minister stayed after Jan Samvaad programme in the neighbouring Sihma village. They shouted slogans against the state government
- They were opposing the CM's announcement of giving Sihma village the status of sub-tehsil. "We have been raising the demand of getting the status of sub-tehsil for our village, but the CM ignored it completely and announced the same for Sihma," said one of the protesters of Dongra Ahir village

in villages by identifying low-water areas has been established under the Atal Bhujal Yojana for 2023-24," he added.

Later, while addressing the

Jan Samvaad in Nangal Sirohi, the CM announced to shift the CHC being run in the old building of the PHC in a new building so that the people of

the area could get better health services. He also felicitated the beneficiaries of the Mukhyamantri Vivah Shagun Yojana, automated pension scheme and meritorious students besides giving cards to the eligible beneficiaries of Chirayu Haryana.

Khattar inspected the waterworks in Bhalkhi village and said providing clean drinking water to the common man was the priority of the government. In order to provide uninterrupted water supply during the summer season, new waterworks were being constructed across the state.

Earlier in Bawania village, the CM exhorted the women to adopt self-employment by forming self-help groups. "There are immense possibilities of sewing centres, coarse grain products, pickles and other small-scale industries around the IMT to be built on about 10,086 acres in Khudana village. The women can avail its benefits by forming self-help groups," he added.

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Indus Waters Treaty at a glance

The Treaty was signed in 1960 after nine years of negotiations between India and Pakistan

World Bank is signatory of the Treaty

The Treaty allocates the Western Rivers (Indus, Jhelum, Chenab) to Pakistan

INDIA GETS EASTERN RIVERS (RAVI, BEAS, SUTLEJ)

The Treaty sets out a mechanism for cooperation and information exchange between the two countries

The disagreement between India and Pakistan concerns the design features of the Kishenganga and Rattle hydroelectric power plants

IN 2016, PAKISTAN ASKED THE WORLD BANK TO FACILITATE THE SETTING UP OF A COURT OF ARBITRATION TO LOOK INTO ITS CONCERNS

The Treaty is considered one of the most successful international pacts



SOURCE: WORLD BANK

India sought appointment of a neutral expert for the same purpose

FORMER US PREZ EISENHOWER TERMED THE TREATY AS 'ONE BRIGHT SPOT'

Indus Water Treaty: Task Force takes stock of hydro power projects in J&K

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

THE second meeting of the Task Force on Indus Water Treaty took place in Srinagar on Friday. The meeting was chaired by Deputy National Security Advisor Vikram Misri.

Misri took stock of the progress made on various hydro power projects in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir. He also met Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and apprised him of the ongoing efforts to monitor implementation of hydro power projects in the Indus Basin under the di-

rections from the Prime Minister's Office.

Meanwhile, the LG assured Misri of full cooperation of the UT administration in this national endeavour.

Meanwhile, Misri met with the top military and security officials in the Union territory during his visit. He was briefed on the ongoing situation in Jammu & Kashmir.

Misri appreciated the security arrangement in Srinagar for the just-concluded G20 Working Group on Tourism meeting. It was noted that progress had been made on sev-

eral fronts and emphasis was laid on completing the works on all the Indus Basin Projects in a timely manner to enable better utilisation of India's rights under the Treaty.

The meeting was attended, by the Principle Secretary Power Development Department, J&K UT and officials of the concerned executing agencies. Officials from the relevant Government of India ministries and agencies, including the Ministry of External Affairs and Commissioner (Indus) Ministry of Jal Shakti, attended the meeting.

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भास्कर एक्सप्रेस • राज्य सरकार ने केंद्र की एजेंसी वेब-कोर्स से बनवाई डीपीआर ईआरसीपी : 13 नहीं, सिर्फ 3 जिलों जयपुर, दौसा और टोंक को ही मिलेगा पीने का पानी

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क्या है नवनेरा-ईसरदा लिंक... पेयजल मिलेगा, लेकिन सिंचाई का पानी नहीं

राजस्थान पानी की समस्या से जूझ रहा है, लेकिन राज्य और केंद्र सरकार की आपसी लड़ाई के कारण 13 जिलों की प्यास बुझाने वाला ईस्टर्न राजस्थान कैनाल प्रोजेक्ट (ईआरसीपी) अटका हुआ है। सिंचाई और पेयजल के लिए बनाई गई परियोजना की डीपीआर में तकनीकी खामी दूर न करने पर अड़े राज्य ने अब एक ऐसा रास्ता निकाला है, जो केवल तीन जिलों के पीने के पानी उपलब्ध कराने का रास्ता बन पा रहा है। सरकार ने पिछले साल और इस साल की बजट घोषणाओं में 9600 व 13800 करोड़ रुपए का बजट रखा था, जिसे केवल 3 जिलों के लिए बनाए जा रहे नवनेरा, गालवा बैराज और ईसरदा डैम के निर्माण में खर्च होना है। ईआरसीपी के नाम पर इस नई परियोजना के लिए राज्य ने केंद्र की उसी एजेंसी वेब-कोर्स से नई डीपीआर बनवाई है।

यह सिर्फ 3 जिलों जयपुर, दौसा और टोंक को पेयजल उपलब्ध कराने के लिए बनाया गया प्रोजेक्ट है। इसमें सिंचाई के लिए पानी का प्रावधान नहीं है। यह ओवरसाइज प्रोजेक्ट है जो सीडब्लूसी के नियमों के अनुसार नहीं है। इसमें करीब 10 हजार करोड़ का खर्च आएगा।

अड़चन : 75% निर्भरता के प्रोजेक्ट के कारण यहां भी मध्य प्रदेश से विवाद है।
 • प्रोजेक्ट पर खर्च होने वाली पूरी राशि राज्य सरकार को खुद खर्च करनी होगी।
 • भविष्य में विस्तार की गुंजाइश नहीं।

ईआरसीपी : राष्ट्रीय प्रोजेक्ट का दर्जा चाहता है राजस्थान, एमपी का भी पेंच

राज्य 50% निर्भरता पर डैम बनाना चाहता है। 40% राशि राज्य, 60% केंद्र को वहन करनी होगी। 13 जिलों में पेयजल, 2 लाख हेक्टेयर नए क्षेत्र में सिंचाई व 80 हजार हेक्टेयर सिंचित क्षेत्र के लिए पानी उपलब्ध कराने की योजना।
अड़चन: एमपी 50% निर्भरता वाली योजना पर राजी नहीं। राज्य इसे राष्ट्रीय परियोजना घोषित कराने की मांग पर अड़ा है, जबकि सीडब्लूसी की गाइडलाइन के अनुसार केवल 75% निर्भरता पर ही नेशनल प्रोजेक्ट घोषित किया जा सकता है।

केंद्र की अलग सोच : नदी जोड़ो प्रोजेक्ट से बुझाना चाहता है प्यास

केंद्र का प्रस्तावित प्रोजेक्ट, नदी जोड़ो परियोजना का हिस्सा है। इसमें 13 जिलों में पीने का पानी और 2 लाख हेक्टेयर नए क्षेत्र और 80 हजार हेक्टेयर मौजूदा सिंचित क्षेत्र के लिए सिंचाई का प्रावधान है। साथ ही एमपी के 6 जिलों को लाभ और 1 लाख हेक्टेयर सिंचाई के लिए पानी भी देने की योजना है। इसमें केंद्र 90% राशि देगा और राज्य को सिर्फ 10% खर्च करना होगा।
अड़चन : राजनीतिक कारणों से राज्य सरकार इस पर राजी नहीं हो रही है।