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Aim to make Yamuna clean, fully navigable soon, says LG

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NEW DELHI: Lieutenant governor VK Saxena and National Green Tribunal (NGT) chairperson justice Adarsh Kumar Goel on Tuesday inspected an 11km stretch of the Yamuna between Kashmere Gate and the ITO barrage on boat — a stretch of the river whose navigability was ascertained by the Indian Navy last month.

The boat ride was undertaken on an Indian Navy boat, and senior officials from all stakeholder departments, including the Delhi Development Authority, the irrigation and flood control (I&FC) department, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, and the Delhi Jal Board were also present.

Speaking after the inspection, Saxena, who heads an NGT-appointed high level committee on the Yamuna's rejuvenation, said once the waterway becomes fully navigable, it will allow the public to involve themselves at a physical level with the river.

After the inspection, Saxena said, "Cleaning works on the 11km stretch of the river till the ITO barrage had been successfully completed recently and is there for anyone to see. Any long-term solution to the rejuve-



Delhi LG VK Saxena and senior officials went on a boat ride on the Yamuna on Tuesday afternoon.

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nation of the Yamuna will have to involve the common residents of Delhi, and once the waterway becomes fully navigable, citizens could start involving themselves at physical level with the river. This, will help develop a sense of belongingness in the people towards the Yamuna."

Last month, the Indian Navy had carried out a navigability assessment of the Yamuna. The assessment, completed on June 24, had revealed that the river's depth ranges between 0.9m and 4m. For the exercise, locally available amphibious desilting equipment was deployed, and an

approximately 30m wide channel was created to make it easier for the boat to traverse the river.

Bhim Singh Rawat, a Yamuna activist and member of the South Asia Network on Dams, Rivers and People (SANDRP) said while such a plan will certainly connect people to the river, it will require sufficient environmental flow throughout the year.

"We will have to ensure desilting and dredging through the year. During the lean season, the Yamuna primarily receives water through drains and so the HLC needs to look at a way to sustain this water level," he said.

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Life disrupted as monsoon gains strength in State



Bouncing back: Heavy rain lashed Kottayam on Tuesday. After deficit rainfall in June in many parts of the country, the monsoon made a strong comeback in the State in July. VISHNU PRATHAP

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The first major heavy spell of the southwest monsoon left a trail of destruction across the State on Tuesday. Traffic was disrupted as trees fell at many places in heavy rain and wind. Uprooted trees disrupted power supply at many places.

The Southern Railway had to cancel two MEMU trains on the Kollam-Punalur route after a tree fell on the tracks in the morning.

The Kerala State Road Transport Corporation bus station in Kochi was flooded following heavy rain in the morning. Passengers had a tough time wading through floodwaters.

Considering the sharp rise in the water level in the Manimala river, the Central Water Commission issued a warning for Kottayam and Pathanamthitta districts. Connectivity to hill destinations such as Wagamon faced major disruptions.

Heavy rain accompanied by squally wind dam-

aged 75 houses in different parts of Alappuzha, while eight people belonging to two families were shifted to a relief camp.

Coastal areas hit

Strong waves battered the State coast with seawater entering houses displacing many at Ponnani in Malappuram, Veliyatham Parambu near Nayarambalam, and Kannamaly and some of the wards in Chellanam in Ernakulam.

According to the State control room, two persons, one each in Palakkad and Kasaragod, died in rain-related incidents so far in State while one went missing in the Iruvazhinji river at Kodyathur in Kozhikode on Tuesday. A total of three camps have been opened in the State.

Meanwhile, the India Meteorological Department declared an orange alert for 12 districts, except Thiruvananthapuram and Kollam, warning of heavy to very heavy rain on Wednesday. A yellow alert has been issued for Kollam on Wednesday warning of iso-

lated heavy rain.

Fishermen have been advised not to venture into sea, as squally weather is likely to prevail over the coast.

A high-wave alert has also been issued for the Kerala coast till Wednesday night. The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services have forecast high waves in the range of 3.5 - 3.7 metres until 11.30 p.m. on Wednesday between Vizhinjam and Kasaragod.

Cherthala in Alappuzha recorded the highest rainfall of 15 cm in the past 24 hours ending at 8.30 a.m. on Tuesday followed by Kottayam, Kudulu in Kasaragod, and Ranni in Pathanamthitta with 14 cm each.

In view of the heavy rain forecast, a holiday has been declared for educational institutions except some professional colleges in Kannur, Kasaragod, Idukki, Kottayam, Thirissur, and Ernakulam districts on Wednesday.

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T.N.'s Cauvery water share in June is seventh instance of poor realisation in 10 years

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The poor realisation of Cauvery water in June this year marked the seventh occasion in the last 10 years of Tamil Nadu having received less than the State's share for the month.

Against the stipulated quantity of 9.19 thousand million cubic feet (tmc ft) for June, the State got a mere 2.833 tmc ft, a short-fall of 6.357 tmc ft. This was in contrast to what the State received in the corresponding month of 2022: around 16.5 tmc ft, the highest quantity since 2013 when the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal's final award was published in the Union government's gazette.

The monthly quota underwent a marginal change after the Supreme Court delivered its judgment in February 2018 on the issue.

The realisation this June was also the fourth instance of the State having received less than one-third of its share. The other three occasions were June 2016, 2017 and 2019 when it realised 2.854 tmc ft, 0.77 tmc ft and 2.06 tmc ft

Water watch

Tamil Nadu's realisation of Cauvery water in June

Year	Quantity realised (in tmc ft)
2013-14	11.61
2014-15	5.978
2015-16	12.593
2016-17	2.854
2017-18	0.77
2018-19	13.29
2019-20	2.06
2020-21	6.204
2021-22	7.697
2022-23	16.458
2023-24	2.833



Tmc ft - thousand million cubic feet | **Note:** The quantity stipulated was 10 tmc ft for the period from 2013-14 to 2017-18, and 9.19 tmc ft since 2018-19

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respectively.

The realisation during June 2017 – 0.77 tmc ft – was also the lowest for the month in the last 10 years.

On the morning of Tuesday, the water level in the Mettur dam stood at 86.77 ft as against the full level of

120 ft. The storage was 49.034 tmc ft as against the full capacity of 93.47 tmc ft. On the corresponding day last year, the dam had about 18 tmc ft more than it had now. The storage then was 67.842 tmc ft and the level stood at 102.29 ft.

Assuming that the present level of drawal of nearly 1 tmc ft continues with the existing rate of inflow, the storage may last for 35 days, making allowance of five tmc ft each for dead storage and drinking water requirements.

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Duraimurugan heads to Delhi to get Karnataka release Cauvery water

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State water resources minister S. Duraimurugan left for New Delhi on Wednesday to urge the Cauvery Water Management Authority to direct Karnataka to release Tamil Nadu its legitimate share of Cauvery water for June and July as the storage position had dipped to such a low level that water might not last for more than 10 days.

The neighbouring state had not yet released the 6 TMC feet of water that they should have released in June and was refusing to share the July quota, too, citing shortage in their reservoirs, Mr



■ **HOLDING BACK:** Karnataka has not yet released the June quota of 6 TMC and was refusing to share the July quota, too, citing shortage in their reservoirs, Mr Duraimurugan said.

Duraimurugan told reporters at the airport before boarding an Air India flight to Delhi.

Asked about the alleged soft stance adopted by the government in getting its due share of water from Karnataka, the minister denied any softening in its demand for the rightful share, saying that he was going to make a direct appeal to the chairman of the Cauvery Water Management Authority, which was the arbitrator between the two riparian

states.

Tamil Nadu was approaching the authority, which was supposed to monitor the supply of water to the lower riparian state and was empowered to direct Karnataka to honour its mandate and release the required quantity of water, he said.

To a question on the state government not approaching the Karnataka government, which was being ruled by its ally, the Congress, he said similar issues had cropped up in

the past when M.G. Ramachandran and J. Jayalalithaa had been chief ministers with the governments in the neighbouring states under the control of their friendly parties.

All that the state wanted Karnataka to do was to release its legitimate share of water in the Cauvery and there was no question of friendly or unfriendly parties being in power there, the minister said.

He expressed the hope that the Authority would prevail upon Karnataka to release water when a reporter wanted to know the next course of action in the event of the neighbouring state reneging in its responsibility.

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13 pumps of KLIS up and running

Pranahita River comes alive, bringing first inflows of the year



The inflows from Pranahita rose to 27,000 cusecs on July 3 before falling to 18,000 cusecs on Tuesday.

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The Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS), the world's largest lift irrigation project, is up and running, with all 13 pumps of the project's Link-1 starting to lift water.

The project authorities commenced pumping of water for the season, a day after Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao's high level review on the adverse seasonal conditional prevailing in the State impacting the sowing for the Kharif (Vanakalam) season. He had asked Irrigation officials to go all out for giving adequate supplies for both drinking water and irrigation.

At a juncture when almost all the river basins and sub-basins remained dry due to deficient rainfall in their catchment, the Pranahita River came alive, bringing the first inflows of the year supporting the mega Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project. The Pranahita sub-basin is the seventh largest in India. Normal rainfall was

Historic day PRANAHITA BRINGS RELIEF WITH FIRST INFLOWS OF THE YEAR

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18,700
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Six pumps at Medigadda lifting

12,708 CUSECS

Four pumps at Annaram lifting

11,724 CUSECS

Three pumps in at Sundilla lifting

7,830 CUSECS

registered in its catchment in the last week of June. Medigadda received some 6500 cusecs from the river, a tributary of Godavari, four days ago.

The inflows from Pranahita rose to 27,000 cusecs on July 3 before falling to 18,000 cusecs on Tuesday. The initial flow helped in building up the storage levels at Medigadda (Lakshmi) Barrage before starting pumping from the barrage. Six of the pumps at the barrage were put to use lifting 12,708 cusecs.

"We have started the season on a positive note. Once the inflows start from Pranahita, we need not worry any more. The beauty

of Pranahita River is that once the first flows of the year start from the river, it would not go down below 10,000 cusecs at any point of time till the end of the season. That is the major dependable source of Lakshmi Barrage," KLIS Engineer-in-Chief N Venkateswarlu said.

Link-1 of the KLIS has three barrages - Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla. Water being lifted from Medigadda will help building the storage levels at Annaram, named Saraswati Barrage. Four pumps have become operational at Annaram Barrage yielding 11,724 cusecs. Three pumps were made operational at Sundilla Barrage (Parvathi

Barrage) discharging 7,830 cusecs. The water drawn from all three stages of KLIS Link-1 is being pumped into Sripada Yellampalli project, from where water is to be given to some 37000 acres of new and existing ayacut in 21 districts.

Water was being pumped into the Mid Manair and from there, to Ranganayaka Sagar. The priority is drinking water as well as irrigation supplies. "We are certain to give water to the ayacut as normal rainfall is expected in July," Venkateswarlu said. There is not much scope from the Babli Project end so far this year. The project in Maharashtra had less than half a TMC when its gates were opened on July 31 as directed by the Supreme Court. There were zero inflows from the project as on today, he added. Similarly, water levels in the Sriram Sagar project (SRSP) have to be built up before releasing water to ayacut. Kaleshwaram water would be pumped into SRSP as well if situation warrants, he said.

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Proposal to form Pennaiyar river tribunal awaits final nod: Centre to SC

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Union government on Tuesday told the Supreme Court that a proposal for the formation of the Pennaiyar Water Dispute Tribunal, to resolve issues of sharing water between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka had been submitted to the Cabinet secretariat for consideration and was awaiting final approval.

In an affidavit, the water resources department of the Jal Shakti Ministry said, "in order to constitute a Tribunal, a proposal for formation of Pennaiyar Water Dispute Tribunal under the relevant section of the Inter State Water Dispute Act, 1956, has been submitted to the Cabinet secretariat for consideration and approval of the union cabinet. It is submitted that the union cabinet is yet to take a final decision in the matter."

The top court had, on May 2, granted the union government one month's further time for setting up the tribunal and issuing a gazette notification for it.

The court was then hearing an original suit filed by Tamil Nadu against Karnataka.

In its plea, Tamil Nadu claimed that the rights and interest of the state in river Pennaiyar and its tributaries, an inter-state river, had been prejudicially affected by the executive action of Karnataka by its various works, and in violation of the 1892 and 1933 agreements.

It alleged that Karnataka had taken up construction of a reservoir across River Markandeya, a tributary of Pennaiyar, diversion of surplus waters of Varthur tank, implementation of lift irrigation scheme at Yellamallappa Chetty tank, pumping of water at Belahalli, besides a scheme to pump the waters of Pennaiyar from Thattanur village to distribute to 160 tanks.

On November 14, 2019, the Supreme Court permitted the Tamil Nadu government to invoke the powers of the union government in terms of the provisions of the Inter-State Water Disputes Act and seek the constitution of a tribunal on the dispute over sharing of water.

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Water Levels at Less Than Half in 75% of Reservoirs

May hit irrigation in rabi season, drinking water availability

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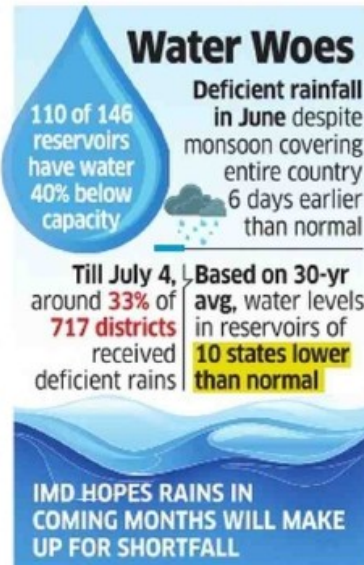
New Delhi: Water levels in 110 out of the 146 reservoirs that are monitored by the Central Water Commission (CWC) are 40% or below their capacities, according to latest CWC data, raising concerns about irrigation activities during the rabi season and the availability of drinking water until May 2024.

Several parts of India received deficient rainfall in June, despite the monsoon covering the entire country six days earlier than normal, said experts.

Insufficient rainfall in the first month of the rainy season has affected sowing of main kharif crops such as paddy. Till July 4, around 33% of 717 districts for which data are available received deficient rains, while for another 10%, it was even worse, according to India Meteorological Department (IMD).

"If the situation remains the same, it can impact agriculture in the rabi season when we grow wheat, gram, barley and some oil-seeds," said Nitin Bassi, senior programme lead at the Council on Energy, Environment and Water. Supply of drinking water can also be affected, he added.

As on June 30, water levels in the reservoirs of 10 states are lower than the normal levels based on their 30-year average, according to latest data from the Cen-



tral Water Commission. The deficiency ranges from 11% to 80% in Bihar, West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Kerala, Karnataka, Tripura and Nagaland.

However, the water level was better than the last 10-year average, the CWC said in an email to ET.

Based on inputs from the CWC and other departments, the Crop Weather Watch Group under the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare reviews the crop condition and agricultural activities on a weekly basis to take further actions.

India's hydrological year starts in June and continues till May of next year. Filling of reservoirs happens during the June-September monsoon season.

The gross irrigated area in the country was 112 million hectares out of which about 41 million hectares were irrigated by surface water in 2019-20.

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शानन प्रोजेक्ट देकर बड़े भाई का फर्ज निभाए पंजाब : सुक्खू

हिमाचल के सीएम बोले- वाटर सेस का विरोध ठीक नहीं, कमेटी की रिपोर्ट आने पर ठोकेंगे चंडीगढ़ पर दावा

चंडीगढ़। शानन प्रोजेक्ट हासिल करने, चंडीगढ़ में 7.19 फीसदी हिस्सेदारी और हिमाचल में चल रही विद्युत परियोजनाओं पर वाटर सेस लगाने को लेकर हिमाचल सरकार अपने रुख पर कायम है। हिमाचल प्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री सुखविंदर सिंह सुक्खू का कहना है कि यह हमारे हक हैं और हम इन्हें हासिल करेंगे।

पंजाब को अपना बड़ा भाई बताते हुए सुक्खू का कहना है कि पंजाब शानन पावर प्रोजेक्ट हिमाचल को सौंपकर अपना हक अदा करे। हिमाचल भी छोटा भाई होने के नाते पंजाब से अपील करेगा कि वह हमारा हक कानूनी रूप और नियमों के तहत हमें सौंप दें। उन्होंने कहा कि पानी देना पुण्य का कार्य है और हरियाणा भी हमारा भाई है। हम उसे सतलुज का पानी सीधे लेने के लिए हिमाचल से रास्ता देने को तैयार हैं। हरियाणा सरकार के अधिकारी अपना प्रोजेक्ट लेकर आएँ और बात आगे बढ़ाएं। अमर उजाला से बातचीत में चंडीगढ़ पर अपने दावे को लेकर सुक्खू ने कहा कि कृषि



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- नशा तस्करों की संपत्तियां नष्ट करने से सरकार को परहेज नहीं

मंत्री चंद्र कुमार की अध्यक्षता में कैबिनेट सब कमेटी बनाई गई है। इसमें उद्योग मंत्री हर्षवर्धन चौहान, राजस्व मंत्री जगत सिंह नेगी और बिजली विभाग के सचिव को सदस्य बनाया है। इस कमेटी की रिपोर्ट के बाद हिमाचल कानूनी रूप से चंडीगढ़ की जमीन पर 7.19% हिस्सेदारी का दावा ठोकेगा। भाखड़ा ब्यास प्रबंधन बोर्ड (बीबीएमबी) से 4 हजार करोड़ रुपये की रॉयल्टी के सवाल पर उन्होंने कहा कि इसके

केंद्र सौतेला व्यवहार न करे

वाटर सेस को केंद्र सरकार द्वारा गलत करार देने के सवाल पर सुक्खू का कहना है कि केंद्र को हिमाचल के साथ सौतेला व्यवहार नहीं करना चाहिए। जब सिक्किम और जम्मू समेत अन्य राज्यों में ऐसा हो सकता है तो हिमाचल में क्यों नहीं। वाटर सेस से हिमाचल को सालाना दो हजार करोड़ रुपये का राजस्व मिलेगा। उन्होंने कहा कि पंजाब और हरियाणा अपने उपभोक्ताओं को सस्ती बिजली देने के लिए अन्य टैक्स कम करें, लेकिन सेस का विरोध नहीं करें।

लिए भी हम पूरा प्रयास कर रहे हैं। सब कमेटी इसके लिए भी सुझाव देगी और उसी रिपोर्ट के आधार पर आगे बढ़ा जाएगा। सुक्खू ने कहा कि वाटर सेस का पंजाब और हरियाणा को विरोध नहीं करना चाहिए, क्योंकि हिमाचल सरकार की ओर से पंजाब और हरियाणा में आ रहे पानी पर सेस नहीं लगाया गया है। हिमाचल में ही पानी को रोककर जहां बिजली बनाई जा रही है, वहां पर सेस लगाया गया। ब्यूरो