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■ The Ministry of Jal Shakti has signed an agreement with 12 technical education institutions for basin management of six rivers under the National River Conservation Plan. The MoA was signed by G Ashok Kumar, Project Director on behalf of NRCD and the Directors of the consortium institutes.

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TN plans third check-dam across Palar costing ₹70 crore

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The Tamil Nadu government is planning to construct a third check-dam across the Palar at Nallathur, at an estimated cost of ₹70 crore. Besides providing water for irrigation and drinking purposes, the check-dam project is expected to improve the groundwater table in the nearby villages.

Farmers, who welcome the Tamil Nadu government's efforts to stop the construction of a dam across the Palar at Kupparam in Andhra Pradesh, also demand more schemes to utilise the Palar water.

The Palar, besides providing water for irrigation in Chengalpet, is also a major source of drinking

water for Chennai suburbs till Alandur. Even in the driest of times, underground water from the Palar riverbed is pumped and supplied to

Chennai's suburbs and Chengalpet district. Though the river is dry on the surface for almost 10 to 11 months, it stores a huge amount of water underground.

Check-dams at many places across the Palar is a long-time demand of farmers and a check-dam at Nallathur is one of them.

The PWD is providing water to the Kalpakkam atomic plant from the Palar by digging deep borewells and setting up several pumping stations. A check-dam at Nallathur will be useful to supply water to the Kalpakkam

atomic plant and to irrigate agricultural land on both sides of the river.

The proposal for a check-dam at the place at an estimated cost of ₹32 crores was presented by the PWD department. The project was implemented in the Vayalur-Cuddalore area on the Palar bed for 1,190 metre and a height of 16 metre. The check-dam was completed in 2019 and 1 tmc ft of water is stored.

Another check-dam was constructed in the Vallipuram-Eesur area, 13 km from the first check-dam. Both check-dams have been used for irrigation and drinking water purposes for the last five years.

In December last year, the river received a huge

quantity of water due to heavy rains brought in by Cyclone Michaung.

However, the check-dams were quickly filled and the remaining water drained into the sea without any utility. The need for a third check-dam was highlighted by the December 2023 floods and the PWD had come out with another proposal to construct a check-dam.

A project at a cost of ₹70 crore was prepared by the PWD and submitted to the government for clearance. Once the clearance is given, the department will start construction of the check-dam.

Farmers are demanding the construction of check-dams at a distance of 10 to 15 km from each other to store water for summer use.

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ED arrests man in money laundering case linked to Jal Jeevan Mission in Rajasthan

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The Enforcement Directorate on Friday said it has arrested a man named Piyush Jain in connection with its money laundering investigation linked to alleged irregularities in the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Rajasthan. Piyush Jain was arrested on Thursday and a special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court in Jaipur sent him to four days of ED custody, the federal agency said. This is the first arrest by the ED in this case.

The money laundering case of

the ED stems from an FIR registered by the anti-corruption bureau (ACB) where it was charged that Padamchand Jain (proprietor of Shree Shyam Tubewell Company), Mahesh Mittal (proprietor of Shree Ganpati Tubewell Company), Piyush Jain and others were “involved in giving bribes to public servants in order to obtain illegal protection, tenders, getting bills sanctioned and covering up irregularities for work executed by them in respect of various tenders received by them from the Public Health and Engineering Department (PHED)”.

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Maharashtra releases 0.6 tmc water for TS

STATE BUREAU

Hyderabad

Maharashtra Irrigation officials on Friday released 0.6 tmc of water from the Babli project for Telangana. The water release was made according to the Supreme Court orders issued in 2013 to meet the drinking water needs in downstream reaches.

Irrigation officials from both Maharashtra and Telangana States and representatives of the Central Water Commission were present as water was released. As per the Supreme Court orders, which were issued while clearing the project, Maharashtra would lift the gates of the Babli project on July every year and keeps it open till October 28 letting the Godavari waters for utilisation in the downstream stretches. The same orders made it obligatory for Maharashtra to let 0.6 tmc of water from Babli project on March 1 every year.

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नेडान डेम का किया निरीक्षण केंद्रीय मंत्री गजेन्द्र सिंह शेखावत ने पोकरण में किसानों की समस्याएं सुनीं

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जैसलमेर। जोधपुर सांसद और केंद्रीय जल शक्ति मंत्री गजेन्द्रसिंह शेखावत पोकरण विधानसभा क्षेत्र के ग्रामीण इलाकों के दौरे पर हैं। केंद्रीय मंत्री गुरुवार रात को साकड़ा गांव पहुंचे और रात्री विश्राम के बाद शुक्रवार को साकड़ा में ग्रामीणों से मुलाकात की। साकड़ा में सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य केंद्र के आदर्श वार्ड का लोकार्पण भी किया। इस दौरान उन्होंने कहा की प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के संदेश 'जहां बीमार, वहीं उपचार' की दिशा में जोधपुर लोकसभा क्षेत्र के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में स्वास्थ्य को लेकर काम जारी है। इस दौरान पोकरण विधायक महंत प्रतापपुरी, साकड़ा प्रधान भगवतसिंह तंवर, पोकरण के पूर्व विधायक शैतानसिंह राठौड़ समेत भाजपा के कई स्थानीय नेता मौजूद रहे। साकड़ा में जन सुनवाई कार्यक्रम के बाद केंद्रीय मंत्री



निकटवर्ती ग्राम पंचायत नेडान में नव निर्मित डेम का निरीक्षण करने पहुंचे। इस दौरान उन्होंने ग्रामीणों की समस्याओं को सुना और समाधान का आश्वासन दिया। जोधपुर सांसद ने शुक्रवार को फलसुंड में स्थानीय किसानों और राजपूत समाज के लोगों से मुलाकात की। उन्होंने किसानों की मांगों को सुना और उनकी मांगों की पूर्ति का आश्वासन दिया। केंद्रीय मंत्री गजेन्द्रसिंह शेखावत पोकरण विधानसभा क्षेत्र के दो दिवसीय दौरे पर हैं। वे शनिवार को अजासर, दिधु, छयण, भिखोड़ाई, राजमथाई, भनियाना क्षेत्र का भी दौरा करेंगे।