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Ryots blame IMD's 'wrong' forecast for crop loss

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A farmers' Union leader in Madhya Pradesh's Malwa region has threatened to move court against what he claimed as the IMD's 'wrong' predictions leading to crop losses for cultivators in recent times.

However, a senior scientist of the India Meteorological Department said farmers might have been 'misled', as a private weather service predicted early monsoon this year, in contrast to forecast of the IMD. He also said that cultivators should check whether the information was coming to them from genuine sources.

"In most of the cases, the weather predictions released by the IMD have failed. This has led to huge losses for farmers," Bharatiya Kisan Sangh's Malwa prant (region) spokesman Bharat Singh Bais claimed on Wednesday. He said they



Children play cricket on a road during heavy rain, in Mumbai on Wednesday. — Photo:PTI

were planning to move court against the IMD's 'wrong predictions' and a final decision in this regard will be taken soon. Bais, an Ujjain-based farmers' leader, said at times, farmers prepare

themselves for sowing as per the IMD's weather forecast. "But the failed forecast led to huge losses and sown crops got damaged, as it happened during the recent rains. About 300-400 hectare

of land was lying unused (without sowing) in Ujjain district alone due to the IMD's wrong rain predictions," he said. In such a situation, farmers cannot trust the IMD's forecast, he said. PTI

Monsoon to revive in north India from Aug 19

NEW DELHI: After a gap of nearly two weeks, the Southwest Monsoon is set to revive in north India from August 19, the IMD said on Wednesday. The IMD said scattered to fairly widespread rainfall activity with isolated heavy falls are very likely over east Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand from August 19 to 21.

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16 Reasons Why Efforts To Clean Up Yamuna Are Going Down The Drain

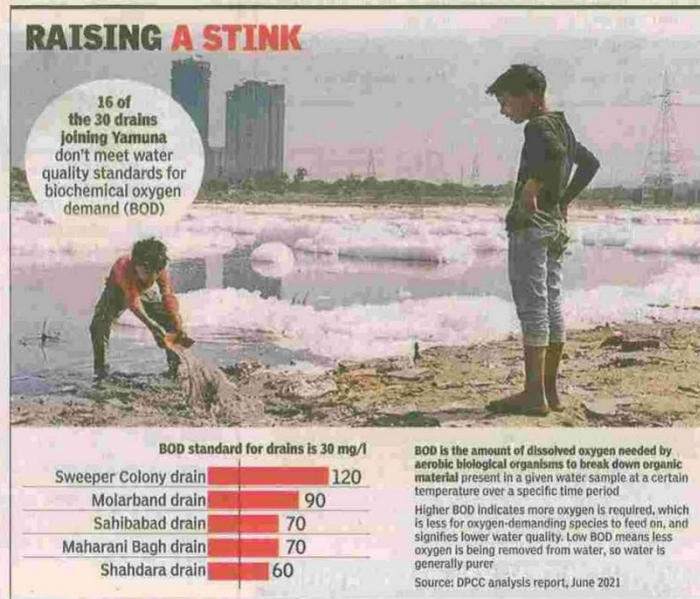
Over Half Of 30 Drains That Discharge Water Into River Don't Meet Norms

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New Delhi: A report by Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) on the assessment of water quality of drains says 16 out of the 30 drains that discharge into the Yamuna are not meeting the prescribed parameters of biochemical oxygen demand (BOD). Some drains are also flouting prescribed standards of chemical oxygen demand (COD) and total suspended solids (TSS).

Apart from analysing the Yamuna water quality at eight sites, DPCC took samples from the drains to identify the polluting ones. The latest water quality status report, which is based on the samples collected in June, stated the Sweeper Colony drain was the most polluted. It contributed 120mg/l BOD, 544mg/l COD and 310mg/l TSS. The prescribed standards for drains are 30mg/l for BOD, 250mg/l for COD and 100mg/l for TSS.

Two more drains, which did not meet the prescribed standards of COD, were Molarband (384mg/l) and Metcalf House (256 mg/l) drains. Nine drains



failed to meet TSS parameters.

A DPCC official said, "As each drain gets trapped, the improvement in water quality

is accessed through these parameters. Many minor drains get merged with major drains and hence, the as-

essment of water quality helps in identification of minor drains that discharge a heavy load of pollutants en-

ding up in the river."

The analysis will also help in identifying from where sewage is entering into the system or industrial areas that discharge untreated effluents into the river, he added. The monthly report is shared with various authorities to help them improve the water quality.

According to officials, there are 18 major drains that fall into the Yamuna in the stretch between Wazirabad and Okhla in Delhi. "Of these, trap has been completed in 13 drains and two major drains — Najafgarh and Shahdara — are included in Interceptor Sewer Project where substantial flow of sub-drains under their command areas will be trapped and treated. Further, in situ treatment in these drains are also being proposed," said a report submitted by the environment department to the Union Jal shakti ministry.

The report stated that for the remaining three drains, an action plan has been prepared, which requires construction of sewage treatment plants (STPs) at the mouth of two drains, Mori Gate and Barapullah.

Millennium Post- 19- August-2021

Monsoon set to revive in north India from today, says IMD

OUR CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: After a gap of nearly two weeks, the South-west Monsoon is set to revive in north India from August 19, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Wednesday.

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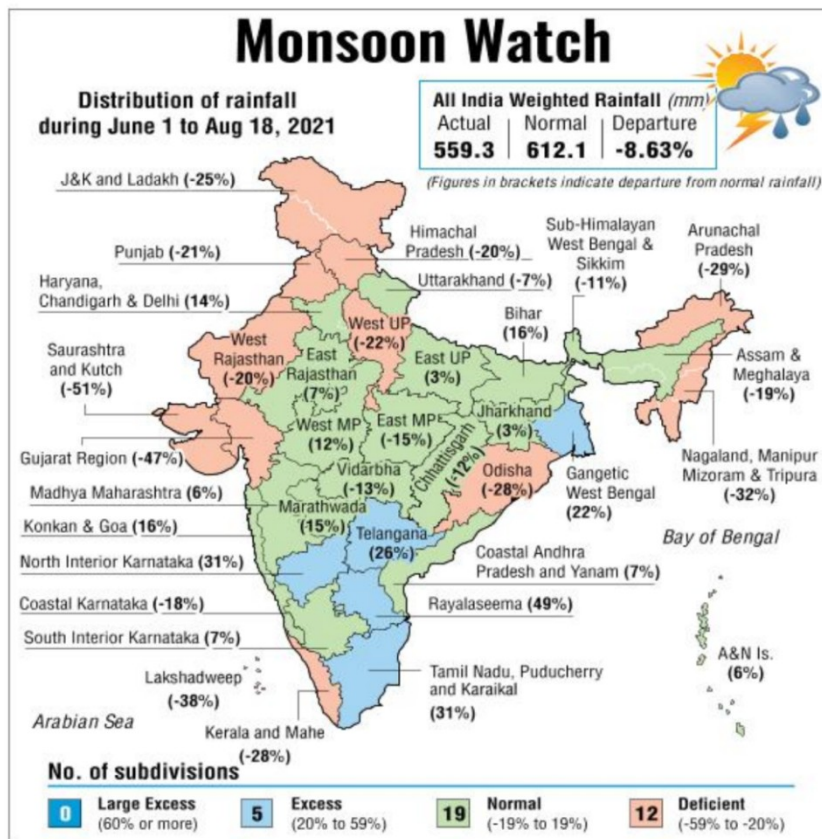
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The IMD said the current rainfall spell over Gujarat, Maharashtra, Odisha, Jharkhand, Gangetic West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, northeast India and sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Sikkim will continue till August 19.

It said fairly widespread to widespread rainfall activity with isolated heavy falls are very likely over Gujarat, Maharashtra, Odisha, Jharkhand,



Gangetic West Bengal on August 18 and 19; over Madhya Pradesh from August 18 to 20; and over Telangana and

Chhattisgarh on August 18.

The IMD said widespread rainfall activity with isolated heavy to very heavy falls are

very likely to continue over northeast India and sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Sikkim during the next two days.

Indian Express- 19- August-2021

Make every effort to revive Ganga...country's future: HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

LUCKNOW, AUGUST 18

THE ALLAHABAD High Court has said that the future of India to a "large extent" will depend on the well-being of the river Ganga, and that it is "imperative that every effort should be made to revive the river and make it pollution-free".

Justices Ritu Raj Awasthi and Dinesh Kumar Singh of the court's Lucknow Bench pointed out that after being elected as Prime Minister in May 2014, Narendra Modi said that it was his "destiny to serve Maa Ganga".

The court said that despite being the "lifeline of the nation, having been worshipped, providing sustenance to a large population, over the time the river has become highly polluted".

The court made the remarks

while dismissing a petition filed by M/S Geo Miller & Co. Pvt. Ltd., which had moved court after its bid for a project under the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) in Uttar Pradesh was turned down for not having met the technical qualification criteria. The petition had alleged bias in award of contract. The court said that "the course of action adopted by the NMCG is well within its power and does not call for any interference by this Court".

"Looking at the large public interest involved, even if it is assumed that there has been some technical and procedural aberration in awarding the contract in favour of respondent No.4 but since, same has been without any malafide or arbitrariness, public interest would demand that such aberration is to be ignored," said the judges.

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JAL JEEVAN MISSION

Bihar minister disputes Centre data, flags higher number in state scheme

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 18

BIHAR WATER Resources Minister Sanjay Kumar Jha on Wednesday disputed figures reported by the Centre on the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) dashboard, saying only 8.44 lakh tap water connections have been provided in Bihar under the central scheme for rural households, and not 1.46 crore as shown.

The rest of the tap water connections, Jha said, were provided under two other schemes, including Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal scheme which is run by the Nitish Kumar government on its own and which accounts for the largest chunk of the total number.

This is the first time a state — one ruled by the JD(U) in alliance with the BJP — has disputed the figures on the JJM dashboard.

Reacting to *The Indian Express* report based on dashboard figures that say Bihar provided 1.46 crore



Bihar Water Resources Minister Sanjay Kumar Jha

tap water connections to rural households under the JJM since it began in 2019, Jha in a tweet gave the breakup of the connections under different schemes.

"Thanks to vision of Hon CM Shri @NitishKumar, 87% of Bihar rural households have access to clean tap water. The scheme-wise breakup of tap connections provided in Bihar is as follows: 1. Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal: 152.16 lakh; 2. Jal Jeevan Mission: 8.44 lakh; and 3. NRDWP: 2.32 lakh," tweeted Jha, who is also the national general secretary of the JD(U).

The Bihar minister's objection is significant as Bihar has the single largest contribution in the central data. If Bihar's numbers are

discounted, the national figure will drop to 3.36 crore from 4.74 crore as reported on the JJM dashboard on Wednesday.

In his Independence Day speech, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said: "I am happy that in just two years of Jal Jeevan Mission, more than 4.5 crore families have started getting tap water."

An email sent by *The Indian Express* to the spokesperson for Union Jal Shakti Ministry, seeking a response on the data, remained unanswered till press time.

Jha said the Bihar government has provided tap water connections to rural households with its own money. "Our Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal scheme was conceived in 2015 and implemented from 2016. The state government has been running this scheme from its own money. This has been possible only due to personal monitoring by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar," he told *The Indian Express*.

He said the Bihar government

has used the Jal Jeevan Mission in less than 5 per cent of rural wards in the state to provide the tap water connections to rural households. "Under @jaljeevan_Bihar has done work in 4,891 wards out of a total of 1,14,651 rural wards. 1,346 wards taken up under the erstwhile NRDWP. Remaining 1,08,414 wards covered under state government's Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal scheme," he tweeted.

Tagging *The Indian Express* report, he tweeted, "This is a remarkable story! Giant vision of CM Shri @NitishKumar of Har Ghar Nal Ka Jal... has ensured 87% of rural households in Bihar with tap water connections — among top 4 best states in India."

A source in Jal Shakti Ministry said the Centre has released about Rs 771 crore to Bihar under the JJM in the past two years, and that Bihar's performance is better than other states because it started working on its own scheme well before the launch of the JJM.

The Statesman- 19- August-2021

HP gets deficient rainfall in August

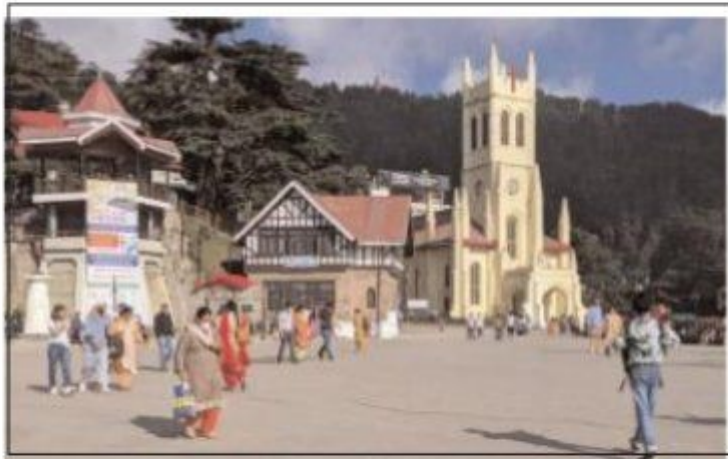
STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, 18 AUGUST

Himachal Pradesh has recorded 17 per cent less rainfall in monsoon season from 1 to 15 August, a state meteorological official said on Wednesday. The official said Himachal Pradesh had recorded cumulative rainfall of 431.8 mm from 1 to 15 August as compared to normal rainfall of 523.1 mm.

All districts had recorded deficient rainfall except Kullu district which had recorded 446 mm rainfall as compared to normal rainfall of 347 mm.

Lahaul Spiti district had recorded highest deficient rainfall of 64 per cent, followed by Chamba 44 per cent, 19 per cent in Una, Kin-



naur, 18 per cent in Sirmaur and Bilaspur, Shimla 12 per cent, Bilaspur 11 per cent, Mandi 7 per cent and Kangra 6 per cent. Meanwhile, the state had recorded surplus rainfall of 289.1 mm in the period from 1 to 31 July as compared to nor-

mal rainfall of 273 mm in the month.

The official further stated that monsoon rains will reactivate from 19 August and a yellow alert for heavy rains had been issued for all districts, barring Kinnaur and Lahaul Spiti till 21 August.

Asian Age- 19- August-2021

Monsoon to return, IMD issues orange alert for Delhi-NCR

New Delhi, Aug. 18: The southwest monsoon is set to revive in the northern India from August 19, the IMD said on Wednesday. The weather department has predicted moderate rainfall in the upcoming 2-3 days.

There will be fairly widespread rainfall in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Odisha, Jharkhand and Gangetic West Bengal on Wednesday and Thursday. East Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand are expected to witness isolated heavy rainfall starting Thursday which will continue till Saturday.

IMD has issued an orange alert for moderate rain in the capital on Saturday, with the revival of the monsoon in northwest India. The precipitation is expected to bring the maximum temperature down to 32 degrees Celsius in three to four days. On Wednesday, the capital recorded a maximum temperature of 38 degrees Celsius, four notches above normal. The minimum temperature settled at 27.4 degrees Celsius.

Delhi has recorded just 63.2 mm rainfall against the normal of 157.1 mm

so far this month as the capital and its adjoining areas in northwest India had entered a break monsoon phase, the second this season, on August 10. The IMD has now forecast moderate to isolated heavy rain in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab and Delhi between August 19 and August 23 with the revival of the monsoon.

Weather experts said good rainfall in the last 10 days of the month is expected to cover the precipitation deficit in the capital.

Normally, the capital gauges 247.7 mm rainfall in August. During the monsoon season, there are spells when the monsoon trough shifts closer to the foothills of the Himalayas, leading to a sharp decline in rainfall over most parts of the country. However, rainfall increases along the foothills of the Himalayas, Northeast India and parts of the southern peninsula.

In July, the monsoon had entered the first break phase even before reaching most parts of northwest India, including Delhi.

— PTI

Rajasthan Patrika- 19- August-2021

इंदिरा गांधी नहर: भाखड़ा बोर्ड बांधों में किस्तों में कर रहा शेयर का निर्धारण छह माह बाद भी सिंचाई रेग्यूलेशन नहीं, दस जिलों में फसलों पर संकट



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हनुमानगढ़. इंदिरागांधी नहर में सिंचाई पानी चलाने का रेग्यूलेशन करीब छह माह से नहीं बन पाया है। पानी की कमी का हवाला देकर भाखड़ा ब्यास मैनेजमेंट बोर्ड (बीबीएमबी) बांधों में किस्तों में शेयर निर्धारित कर रहा है। एक से दो माह तक राजस्थान को कुल कितना पानी लगातार मिलेगा, इसकी गारंटी बीबीएमबी की ओर से नहीं मिलने के कारण राजस्थान के अधिकारी इंदिरागांधी नहर का सिंचाई रेग्यूलेशन जारी नहीं कर पा रहे हैं। इस नहर से हनुमानगढ़, श्रीगंगानगर, चूरू, बीकानेर, नागौर, जैसलमेर, जोधपुर सहित प्रदेश के दस जिलों में जलापूर्ति होती है।



हनुमानगढ़. खेत में लगा नलकूप।

गुणवत्ता में आया सुधार

इस समय इंदिरागांधी नहर में प्रवाहित हो रहे पानी की गुणवत्ता में सुधार है। बीते दिनों मई में नहरबंदी खत्म होने के बाद जब इसमें पानी

प्रवाहित हुआ था तो केमिकल युक्त था। लेकिन इस समय जिस पानी की आवक हो रही है, उसकी गुणवत्ता ठीक है।

कोढ़ में खाज अघोषित बिजली कटौती: पोंग व भाखड़ा बांधों के जल ग्रहण क्षेत्रों में बरसात नहीं होने से इंदिरागांधी नहर में मार्च के बाद अब तक पानी नहीं चला है। लंबे समय तक आइजीएनपी का सिंचाई रेग्यूलेशन जारी नहीं होने के कारण किसानों ने ट्यूबवैल के सहारे

फसलों की बिजाई की। बिन सिंचाई पानी के कुछ जगह फसलें झुलसने लगी हैं। कृषि कनेक्शन वाले क्षेत्रों में एक से दो घंटे की अघोषित कटौती कोढ़ में खाज का काम कर रही है। जोधपुर डिस्कॉम के अधिकारियों का कहना है कि बिजली की मांग बढ़ने से कट लग रहा है।

फैक्ट फाइल

40 अरब का होता है कृषि उत्पादन अकेले हनुमानगढ़ जिले में खरीफ का।

20 प्रतिशत कम उत्पादन होने की आशंका इस बार सिंचाई की कमी से।

1680 फीट के करीब है भाखड़ा बांध की भराव क्षमता, यह बांध अभी तक 1616 फीट तक ही भर पाया है।

1335 फीट तक हो पाया है पोंग बांध का जल स्तर 18 अगस्त तक, बीबीएमबी ने अगस्त 2021 में इसका जल स्तर 1360 फीट करने का लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया है।

नहरी पानी की कमी के चलते किसानों ने नलकूप से की बिजाई, अब अघोषित बिजली कटौती से किसान हो रहे परेशान।

Amar Ujala- 19- August-2021

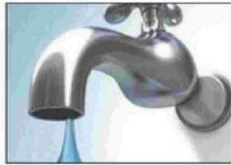
जल बोर्ड के कई संयंत्रों में शोधन घटा

चिंताजनक : मशीन पुरानी होने के कारण पर्याप्त मात्रा में शुद्ध नहीं कर पा रहे हैं पानी

विनोद डबास

नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली जल बोर्ड के कुछ संयंत्रों में तीन वर्ष की तुलना में वर्तमान में पानी का शोधन कम हो गया है। इनमें से कई संयंत्रों में पानी के शोधन में हल्की गिरावट होने का सिलसिला जारी है। हालांकि बोर्ड ने गत सात साल के दौरान करीब सवा सौ एमजीडी पानी का शोधन बढ़ाया है। जल बोर्ड ने दो नए संयंत्र चालू किए हैं। इसके अलावा पहले से स्थापित संयंत्रों में पानी के शोधन की क्षमता बढ़ाई है।

दिल्ली जल बोर्ड वर्तमान में 10 संयंत्रों और भूजल के माध्यम से राजधानी में 935 एमजीडी पानी का शोधन कर रहा है। वर्ष 2014-15 के दौरान वह आठ संयंत्रों एवं



वर्तमान में 935 एमजीडी पानी का शोधन कर रहा है दिल्ली जल बोर्ड

भूजल से 806 एमजीडी पानी की आपूर्ति करता था। उसने गत सात साल में अपने संयंत्रों और भूजल के पानी का शोधन बढ़ाया है, लेकिन गत तीन साल से कुछ संयंत्रों में पानी का शोधन कम होने लग गया है। बताया जा रहा है कि इन संयंत्रों में मशीन पुरानी होने के

कारण शोधन में गिरावट आनी शुरू हो गई है।

जल बोर्ड के आंकड़ों के अनुसार, हैदरपुर-2 संयंत्र में गत वर्ष तक पानी के शोधन में बढ़ोतरी हो रही थी, लेकिन इस साल इस संयंत्र में शोधन में दो एमजीडी की गिरावट आ गई है। इस संयंत्र में वर्ष 2014-15 में 116 एमजीडी और गत वर्ष 123 एमजीडी तक पानी का शोधन बढ़ गया था। इसी तरह नांगलोई व भगीरथी संयंत्र में भी गत वर्ष तक शोधन में बढ़ोतरी का सिलसिला जारी था, लेकिन इन दोनों संयंत्रों में इस साल एक-एक एमजीडी पानी का शोधन कम हो रहा है। नांगलोई संयंत्र में गत छह साल के दौरान पानी का शोधन 38 से 43 एमजीडी पहुंच गया था। वहीं भगीरथी संयंत्र में

106 एमजीडी से 114 एमजीडी हो गया था।

सोनिया विहार संयंत्र में दो साल पहले तक पानी का शोधन बढ़ा और गत वर्ष शोधन में कोई बढ़ोतरी नहीं हुई, मगर इस साल शोधन में एक एमजीडी गिरावट हो गई है। इस संयंत्र में 140 एमजीडी से 142 एमजीडी शोधन हो गया था। चंद्रवल संयंत्र में तीन साल पहले तक शोधन में बढ़ोतरी हुई और दो साल पहले तक शोधन सामान्य रहा, लेकिन गत वर्ष से शोधन में दो एमजीडी की गिरावट हो गई है। इस संयंत्र में पानी का शोधन 89 एमजीडी से बढ़कर 91 एमजीडी हो गया था।

उधर हैदरपुर-1, बवाना, द्वारका व ओखला संयंत्र में वर्ष 2014-15 से इस साल तक शोधन में

बढ़ोतरी होने का सिलसिला जारी है। हैदरपुर-1 में 100 से 110 एमजीडी, बवाना में 11 से 20 एमजीडी, द्वारका में 35 से 51 एमजीडी और ओखला में नौ से 21 एमजीडी शोधन हो गया है, जबकि वजीराबाद संयंत्र में गत सात साल के दौरान शोधन में उतार चढ़ाव का दौर जारी है। हालांकि इस साल शोधन एक बार फिर उच्च स्तर पर पहुंचा हुआ है। इस संयंत्र में वर्ष 2014-15 में 128 एमजीडी शोधन होता था। वर्ष 2018-19 तक इस संयंत्र में चढ़ाव के बाद शोधन 124 एमजीडी रह गया था। हालांकि इस संयंत्र में चढ़ाव व उतार के बाद इस साल वर्ष 2016-17 व 2019-20 की तरह शोधन 131 एमजीडी हो रहा है।