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Plan in place to tackle water crisis

Low level in NSP may impact drinking water supply in Nalgonda

STATE BUREAU
NALGONDA

Nalgonda municipality has prepared a plan with Rs 1.74 crore to tackle drinking water scarcity in the town in the coming Summer season. The water level in Nagarjuna Sagar Project (NSP) has reached a dead storage level and the fall in groundwater levels is likely to have a severe impact on the drinking water supply in Nalgonda town, which has a 2,25,076 population.

Low water levels in reservoirs and drinking water supply sources have left officials on tenterhooks as it will be extremely difficult to manage drinking water needs during summer. At present, drinking water is being drawn from Udhaya Samudram, which is filled with Krishna water through the SLBC canal.

The officials were expecting that a serious drinking water problem could arise after three or four months in the town. The water level in NSP fell to 520 feet against a full storage level of 590 feet and current water storage in the project was 149 tmcs (48%) as against cross storage capacity of 312 tmcs.

There were 38,985 water tap connections in Nalgonda town. In addition to this, 270 bore wells were also available to draw water for supplying to the people. At present, 30.38 MLD of water is being supplied to 38,985 water taps every day. Officials say demand for drinking water would imminently increase in the summer. The municipality focussed on plugging the leakages on pipelines to avoid water wastage. To avoid the drinking water problem, 10 private water tankers would be hired for the summer at a cost of Rs 25 lakh. In addition to this, Rs 9 lakh were sanctioned for repairing the bore wells, he added.



Water being released to left canal of Nagarjuna Sagar Project for drinking on Wednesday.

Water released to NSP left canal

NALGONDA: Water was released to the left canal of Nagarjuna Sagar Project (NSP) on Wednesday for drinking water purposes. Following instructions from Irrigation Minister Tummala Nageshwar Rao, NSP officials released 1,000 cusecs of water to the left canal at

5.30 pm for drinking water requirements of Khammam district. As water in Palleru Reservoir in Khammam reached dead storage level, there was a drinking water shortage in the district. Officials said the State government had issued instructions for the re-

lease of water to the left canal of NSP to solve the drinking water problem in Khammam. A total of 6000 cusecs of water would be released to the left canal. The water would reach the Palleru reservoir, from which the water would be drawn for drinking water purposes.

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The Statesman - 01- February-2024

MP secures approval for ₹75k cr Parvati-Kalisindh-Chambal river link project and ₹10,405 crore road schemes in state

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

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The Madhya Pradesh cabinet, led by Chief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav, on Wednesday thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the Rs 75,000 crore worth Parvati-Kalisindh-Chambal rivers link project and Union Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari for granting road projects worth Rs 10,405 crore to MP.

During the cabinet meeting, CMDr Yadav said the Parvati-Kalisindh-Chambal Link Project, pending for almost two decades, would now take shape with the initiative of



Prime Minister Modi.

The project would benefit 12 districts of Malwa and Chambal region of Madhya Pradesh and 13 districts of Eastern Rajasthan. The CM expressed happiness that

availability of drinking water would increase in these areas and water would also be available for irrigation and industrial use.

He informed that the state's share, in the project worth Rs

75,000 crore, is 10 per cent, whereas the Centre's share is 90 per cent.

Dr Yadav also said that the bhoomi puja of another major venture, the Ken-Betwa link project, would be con-

ducted in February 2024.

Chief Minister Yadav said that National Highway projects would provide quick and easy road transport facilities in all the divisions of the state.

Before the cabinet meeting, Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel held an informal meeting with the CM, all the cabinet ministers and ministers of state at the Governor House in the morning. This was the Governor's first interaction with the entire council of ministers after the formation of the Dr Mohan Yadav-led BJP state government in December 2023.

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The Economic Times - 01- February-2024

Normal to above-normal rainfall likely in north India in Feb: IMD

OUR CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) stated on Wednesday that normal to above-normal rainfall is anticipated in north India in February, following a drier-than-usual December and January. Addressing a press conference on Wednesday, IMD Director General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said India may cumulatively experience above-normal rainfall in February. Northwest India recorded just 3.1 mm of rainfall in January, the second lowest since 1901, the IMD reported.

North India, consisting of seven meteorological subdivisions, is most likely to receive above-normal rainfall (more than 122 per cent of the long period average) in February.

"Monthly rainfall over the country as a whole during February is most likely to be above normal (more than 119 per cent of the long period average)," Mohapatra said.

Based on data from 1971-2020, the long period average (LPA) of rainfall over north



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India and the country as a whole in February is 65 mm and 22.7 mm, respectively.

North India receives about 18 per cent of its annual rainfall between January 1 and March 31. Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, in particular, receive 31 per cent of their annual rainfall during this period.

The rainfall during these months is extremely crucial for rabi crops and water management in the region.

Normal to above-normal rainfall is predicted over northeast and central India. Below-normal rainfall is likely over south peninsular India.

Most parts of the country are likely to witness above-normal minimum temperatures in February while northwest, west central, northeast and parts of

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east-central India are likely to see above-normal maximum temperatures, according to the IMD. Normal to below-normal maximum temperatures are likely in most parts of peninsular India and parts of east-central India, the Met office said.

The strong El Nino conditions — abnormal warming of surface waters in the central Pacific Ocean — are likely to weaken steadily and turn to ENSO-neutral conditions by the end of the spring season.

Fog prevailed over the Indo-Gangetic plains from December 25 to January 30, one of the longest spells over the region in recent years, with meteorologists attributing it to fewer western disturbances affecting the region.

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Chetan Singh Jauramajra urges union Government to include Punjab in Atal Bhujal Yojana

Says, Punjab is being ignored despite continuous communication

Baljit Singh Brar
Chandigarh, January 31



Expressing concern over the unaddressed requests of the state government, Punjab Water Resources and Soil & Water Conservation Minister S. Chetan Singh Jauramajra urged the union government to incorporate Punjab into the Atal Bhujal Yojana.

Emphasizing the urgent need for inclusion the Punjab as the state is facing a critical situation due to continuous groundwater depletion, he lamented that



the union government was not paying any heed despite constant correspondence from the state government. During a discussion on safeguarding water resources

from pollution and preventing the decline of groundwater levels, S. Chetan Singh Jauramajra in a meeting with Rajya Sabha Member Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal

at the Punjab Civil Secretariat, highlighted the repeated attempts by the Water Resources Department to draw attention of the union govern-

ment towards the major issue. He also urged Sant Seechewal to strongly advocate for Punjab's inclusion in the scheme with the union government.

Criticizing the union government for excluding Punjab from the Atal Bhujal Scheme, which is designed to assist states facing severe groundwater issues, the Cabinet Minister said that despite the state's alarming groundwater situation, the central government has been continuously neglecting the state, which has over-exploited its precious natural resource to brim the national food

stock. Meanwhile, Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal said that as a member of the Parliamentary Committee on Water Resources, he already strongly objected to the exclusion of Punjab under this scheme and had also written to include Punjab in this scheme.

Addressing another concern raised by Sant Seechewal regarding the construction of a road on the Dhusi Bundh of the Sutlej River, S. Chetan Singh Jauramajra instructed the officials to coordinate with the Punjab Mandi Board for prompt implementation in this regard.