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# At 22%, lake water stock hits 3-yr low; no cut yet, says BMC

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**Mumbai:** The total water stock in the seven lakes that supply to Mumbai dropped to a three-year low on April 22 to 21.9% or 3.2 lakh million litres of the total required annual quantum of 14.5 lakh million litres. By comparison, on the same date last year, water stocks stood at 28.6% and in 2022 the situation was even better at 31.2%.

Civic officials have not yet officially announced a water cut despite the low lake levels. Purshottam Malawade, chief engineer of the civic hydraulic department, said BMC has not planned any water cut yet. "A review of the water situation would be done next month and accordingly a decision would be taken," he said.

In Feb this year, the state irrigation department had approved BMC's request for additional reserve water stock from Bhatsa (1.4 lakh million litres) and Upper Vaitarna (93,500 million litre).

While June 11 is the official onset date for monsoon over Mumbai, in most recent years, the city has seen a softer arrival with the rains picking pa-

## 'LOW PRESSURE IN PARTS OF CITY'

■ Total water stock in lakes as on Apr 22 (% of required quantum)



ce later in the month.

Meanwhile, in several parts of Mumbai, residents have already begun to complain about low pressure water supply.

Asif Zakaria, former BMC corporator from Bandra, alleged there was already an unofficial water cut. He posted on X: "Owing to an acute water cut housing societies are being forced to order tanker water. Many societies cannot afford such additional cost."

Meanwhile, Lourdes D'souza of Dharavi Beth Bachav Samiti, Gorai Village, said as their village falls at the "fag end" of the water supply network, they have not been getting any. "We are forced to de-

pend on bottled water for our consumption. We have borewells but their water levels have dipped too. Besides, that water cannot be used for drinking. In spite of the fact that no water is reaching our area, we are being sent water bills which isn't fair. Promises are made to resolve the water issue when elections are round the corner," she said.

On July 1, 2023, BMC had implemented a 10% water cut, but withdrew it on Aug 8 when the total water stock rose to 11.8 lakh million litre or 81.4% of the required quantum. By Oct 2, the lake levels touched 99.2%, owing to good rainfall in June-end, July and Aug.

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## धरा को प्रदूषण मुक्त करते हुए स्वच्छ- सुंदर बनाने का दिया संदेश

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विश्व पृथ्वी दिवस के अवसर पर नगर आयुक्त विक्रमादित्य सिंह मलिक ने कवि नगर जोन अंतर्गत स्थित संत कबीर नगर पार्क में पौधारोपण किया।

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