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Water discharge at Joshimath again

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Fresh water discharge sparks Joshimath fears

Senior Officials Investigating Cause Of Flow, Says SDM

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TRIGGERING PANIC: Heavy water discharge was reported on the Narsingh temple bypass road where muddy water was seen spouting down the hillside

Dehradun: Heavy water discharge was reported on the Narsingh temple bypass road, below subsidence-hit Joshimath town's main market on Sunday morning, with muddy water seen spouting down the hillside.

Panic-stricken residents flocked to the spot fearing the worst, since the last time such a discharge was noticed was on January 2, when an aquifer inside the Jaypee company colony in Marwari municipal ward had burst. The water outflow from the aquifer, which peaked at over 500 litre per minute (LPM), had continued for weeks, aggravating the land subsidence in the town and forcing over 250 families to leave their houses and move to shelter homes.

Meanwhile, district officials claimed that the water discharge may have been a Jal Sansthan pipe that had burst, adding that the matter is being investigated by the officials of the sansthan.

Speaking to **TOI**, Kum Kum Joshi, SDM Joshimath,

said, "I visited the place from where the water discharge was reported. Later, it was found that the water was coming from the Jal Sansthan water tank which is situated right above it. The water flow stopped within two hours. If it was an aquifer burst, the flow would not have stopped so soon." Joshi said, "senior officials have been informed about the development and a thorough geological investigation has been sought to establish the real reason behind the water discharge."

Meanwhile, convenor of Joshimath Bachao Sangharsh Samiti, Atul Sati, said, "The water discharge has caused soil erosion in the nearby area and might pose danger to residents in the vicinity. The government must publicise the detailed study report carried out by scientific institutions in January."

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PM to lay foundation stone for ₹2,500cr K'taka water projects

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Continuing with the trend in recent times of inaugurating predominantly safe drinking water projects across the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Shivamogga and Belagavi districts in Karnataka Monday to lay the foundation stones of projects under Jal Jeevan Mission.

The PM will lay the foundation stones of projects worth more than Rs 2,500 crore, which will benefit more than 13 lakh people of the two districts.

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Recently on February 6, PM Modi laid the foundation stones of two Jal Jeevan Mission projects at Tiptur and Chikkanayakanahalli in Tumakuru. The Tiptur Multi-Village Drinking Water Supply Project will be built at a cost of over Rs 430 crore. The

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multi-village water supply scheme to 147 habitations of Chikkanayakanahalli taluk will be built at a cost of around Rs 115 crore.

The projects will facilitate provision of clean drinking water for the people of the region.

On 19th January, he laid the foundation stone of Yadgiri multi-village drinking water supply scheme under Jal Jeevan Mission at Kodekal in Yadgiri district. A water treatment plant of 117 MLD will also be built under the scheme.

The project, which costs more than Rs 2,050 crore, will provide potable water to about 2.3 lakh households of more than 700 ru-

ral habitations and three towns of the Yadgiri district.

On 31st October, 2022, PM visited Banaskantha, Gujarat and water supply projects worth over Rs 8,000 crore were started in the district including the Kasara to Dantiwada Pipeline from the main Narmada Canal, strengthening of Sujlam Suflam Canal, an extension of Modhera-Moti Dau pipeline to Mukteshwar Dam-Karmavat Lake, lift irrigation scheme for 11 villages of Santalpur Taluka, among others.

On 19-20th October 2022, the PM visited Gujarat and dedicated to the nation and laid the foundation stone of various water supply projects in Junagadh, Rajkot and Vyara.

PM Modi laid the foundation stone of two water supply projects and for the construction of a godown complex for the storage of agri products at Junagadh. He also laid the foundation stone of sewage and water supply projects for Porbandar.

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Water, power crises

Firm up contingency plans for early summer

THE onset of an early summer has triggered alarm bells over the looming water and power crises. With very little rainfall projected, hot as well as dry spring and summer months are on the anvil. In Himachal Pradesh, warnings have already been issued over the possible drying up of water bodies. Plans are afoot to devise emergency measures. Water resource management and conservation are not possible without community involvement and the adoption of innovative solutions by the private sector. Hydro-literacy in schools and civil society is vital. With 18 per cent of the world's population, but only 4 per cent of water resources, India is among the most water-stressed nations. As climate change exacerbates this pressure on water resources, the dependence on an increasingly erratic monsoon is misplaced.

Groundwater levels have declined by over 60 per cent between 2007 and 2017. Of the extracted water, almost 90 per cent is used in agriculture. Not just pollution of surface water, which has collateral losses in health-care, the country is staring at vanishing ponds, lakes, tanks and wetlands. A large share of the blame lies with rampant encroachment of water bodies, not rapidly changing weather patterns. The Jal Shakti Abhiyan was started in 2019 as a movement for water conservation, recharge and rain-water harvesting in water-stressed districts. Its rapid expansion and active participation by states, which are also monitoring encroachments, provide an opportunity to rejuvenate rivers and recharge aquifers. At the micro level, doing away with the multiplicity of departments that govern water and allied issues will give a fillip to promoting sustainable projects.

In Punjab, the effect of the sudden rise of temperature on the wheat crop has farmers worried. Electricity cuts are impacting frequent light irrigation as advised by experts. Power deficit is bound to lead to outages in several states in the coming months. The Centre and state governments need to urgently firm up contingency plans.

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Modi to inaugurate projects worth ₹2k-cr in poll-bound K'taka today

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BELAGAVI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on Monday inaugurate and lay foundation stone for projects worth ₹2,252 crore, and hold a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) roadshow in Belagavi in poll-bound Karnataka, a state minister said.

Modi will also release the 13th instalment of about ₹16,000 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) through direct benefits transfer to over 80 million beneficiaries. Eligible farmer families are provided a benefit of ₹6,000 per year in three equal instalments of ₹2000 each under the central scheme.

“Around 5.11 lakh (511,000)

farmers of Belagavi district will get the benefit from the scheme to the tune of ₹102 crore,” district in-charge minister Govind Karjol told reporters. “In addition to Centre, the state adds another ₹4,000 annually. So, each farmer gets a total of ₹10,000 a year.”

The PM will also dedicate to the public several projects during his fifth visit this year to Karnataka, where assembly elections are due for April-May.

The PM will dedicate the Belagavi railway station building to the nation, redeveloped at a cost of about ₹190 crore, and launch the Londa-Belagavi rail line doubling project worth ₹932 crore.

The PM will also lay the foundation of a project under the Jal Jeevan Mission to the tune of ₹1,130 crore. Modi will address a

public gathering organised by the ruling BJP at Malini Nagar in Belagavi city. “We are expecting around 300,000 people from Belagavi Lok Sabha constituency (to attend it),” said Karjol.

The district administration has postponed to March 6 the first-year pre-university (PU) examinations scheduled on February 27 in all government, aided and unaided private colleges in Belagavi and surrounding areas.

On Monday, Modi will also inaugurate the greenfield airport in Shivamogga, developed at a cost of ₹450 crore. He will lay the foundation stone for two railway projects— the Shivamogga-Shikaripura-Ranebennur new rail line and the Koteganguru rail coaching depot — besides other development projects.

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लगातार सूख रही यमुना, होली से पहले पानी की किल्लत का खतरा

■ विशेष संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली

यमुना के जलस्तर में बीते दो दिनों से लगातार कमी आ रही है। इसकी वजह से होली से पहले ही राजधानी में जलसंकट का खतरा बढ़ रहा है। पिछले साल मार्च के आखिर तक जो स्थितियां आई थीं, इस साल वे फरवरी के आखिर में ही शुरू हो गई हैं। दिल्ली जल बोर्ड से मिली जानकारी के अनुसार रविवार को यमुना के वजीराबाद तालाब में जलस्तर कम होकर महज 671.70 फीट रहा। शनिवार को यह 671.80

फीट था। यह सामान्य से 2.8 फीट कम है। वजीराबाद तालाब का सामान्य जलस्तर 674.50 फीट है। अधिकारियों के अनुसार हरियाणा की तरफ से यमुना

में कच्चा पानी कम छोड़ा जा रहा है। इस बार सर्दियों में बारिश न होने और फरवरी में ही गर्मी बढ़ जाने की वजह से हरियाणा में पानी की डिमांड भी बढ़ रही है। डीजेबी के अनुसार वजीराबाद तालाब में जलस्तर की कमी की वजह से वजीराबाद वॉटर ट्रीटमेंट प्लांट में पानी का उत्पादन कम हो रहा है। यह प्लांट अपनी क्षमता 136 एमजीडी की तुलना में करीब 15 प्रतिशत कम काम कर रहा है।

पानी की कमी की वजह से रामलीला ग्राउंड, दिल्ली गेट, सुभाष पार्क, मॉडल टाउन, गुलाबी बाग, पंजाबी बाग,

कई इलाकों में पानी की सप्लाई होगी प्रभावित, कम प्रेशर से आएगा पानी



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जहांगीरपुरी, मूलचंद, साउथ एक्सटेंशन, ग्रेटर कैलाश, मजनू का टीला, विधानसभा, सीजीओ कॉम्प्लेक्स, डिफेंस कॉलोनी, राजघाट, एलएनजेपी अस्पताल, डब्ल्यूएचओ, आईपी स्टेशन, आदर्श नगर, जीपीओ, निगमबोध घाट, तिमारपुर, गोपालपुर, आजादपुर, शालीमार बाग, वजीरपुर, मुखर्जी नगर, बुराड़ी और इसके आसपास के इलाके, दिल्ली कैट के कुछ हिस्से और साउथ दिल्ली में पानी कम दबाव में सप्लाई किया जाएगा। यह स्थिति तब तक बनी रहेगी जब तक हरियाणा की तरफ से यमुना में पर्याप्त पानी नहीं छोड़ा जाता।

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केन-बेतवा लिंक

मार्च में तय होगा परियोजना का सीईओ

भोपाल. केन-बेतवा लिंक परियोजना के दफ्तर के लिए कोलार स्थित विश्वेश्वरैया भवन को चुना गया है। परियोजना की मॉनिटरिंग के लिए 13 सदस्यीय कमेटी होगी। सीईओ के लिए इंटरव्यू प्रक्रिया 2 मार्च से शुरू होगी। परियोजना में 10 गांव डूब में हैं। कुल 21 गांव प्रभावित होंगे। इन गांवों में लगभग 70 प्रतिशत आबादी जनजातीय है।