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Condition in Delhi 'critical', NGT seeks reply on groundwater

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New Delhi: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has sought explanation from the secretaries of the water resources department of 21 states, including Delhi, to explain the status of groundwater and steps being taken to conserve it in their respective states.

The bench headed by NGT chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava have also sought explanation from Central Ground Water Authority, and the Union ministries of Jal Shakti and environment, forest and climate change through their secretaries. The replies will have to be filed before a week of the next hearing on February 9, 2024.

NGT took suo motu cognizance of media reports on the United Nations stating that the groundwater levels in India would be low by 2025. Calling the state of Delhi "critical", NGT pointed out that more than 47% of its area was overexploited in terms of groundwater extraction. "Out of the 1,487.6 sqkm recharge-worthy area of the state, 709.8 sqkm, which is 47.7%, falls in the overexploited zone, 179.4 sqkm is critical. 396.7 sqkm is semi-critical," NGT said, citing a report from the Central Ground Water Authority, New Delhi that was submitted to it on November 22. The tribunal added that 12,000 private tube-wells had also been registered with the Delhi Jal Board.

"The total annual groundwater recharge has been assessed as 0.41 billion cubic metre (bcm) and the annual extractable groundwater resources is 0.37bcm. The total current annual groundwater extraction is 0.36bcm and the stage of groundwater extraction is 98.16%," the tribunal stated.

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Sample taken to check water quality in Rewari following NGT directives

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REWARI, NOVEMBER 28

Following the directives of the National Green Tribunal (NGT), a joint team of the district administration, comprising the Rewari SDM, BDPO and Regional Officer, Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB), today reached Kharkara village here and took samples of groundwater and dirty water accumulated in the village pond.

Prakash Yadav of Kharkara village had filed a complaint with the NGT claiming that sewage discharged from residences in the village accumulated in the pond after flowing through the streets' drains. It was not only polluting the pond water but also affecting the quality of groundwater.

"The groundwater exploited by the villagers through submersible and hand

Dirty water discharged from houses accumulates in village pond

pumps is not fit for consumption following the reason. Many villagers, especially children, have fallen ill after consuming the contaminated water while the accumulation of dirty water has also become a breeding ground for mosquitoes," Yadav told *The Tribune*.

He said the village pond was meant for the accumulation of rainwater so that it could be used for bathing animals and it also kept the water table up.

Acting on the complaint, the NGT had formed a joint committee, comprising the DC, Rewari, Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB) Secretary and Kharkara gram sarpanch to inspect the spot and ascertain the

veracity of the complaint.

The NGT said the committee would suggest remedial and preventive measures, including identification of the contaminated submersible, hand pumps and tubewells, if the allegation was found to be correct. It also asked the committee to assess the water quality and make a provision for the supply of fresh potable water to the village residents.

Harish Sharma, Regional Officer, HSPCB, said samples had been taken to ascertain whether the dirty water being accumulated in the village pond was affecting the quality of groundwater or not? "The sample reports will come within five days," he added.

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Water released from overflowing Chembarambakkam lake

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Kanchipuram Collector Kalaiselvi Mohan on Tuesday issued a warning to people living along the banks of Adyar river, as water from Chembarambakkam reservoir was released since the storage reached 22 feet which is near its full capacity.

She asked the people to remain safe and not to go near the river to watch the floods or take selfies. The river flows through Tiruneermalai, Tirumudivakkam, Kundrathur, Sirukalathur, Kavanur and Vazhudhiampedu in



Water being released from Chembarambakkam lake.

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Kanchipuram. It crosses Ramapuram, MGR Nagar, Jaffer Khan Pet, Saidapet,

Kotturpuram and Adyar in Chennai.

The total capacity of the

lake is 24 feet but water is released once the level reaches 22 feet after the 2015 deluge in the city. At present 200 cubic feet of water is released and it would be increased if the reservoir receives more water due to rains. The total capacity of the lake is 3,645 million cubic feet and the present storage is 3,195 million cubic feet.

The lake reached its full capacity in the south west monsoon season itself even though rainfall is less in the northeast monsoon season compared to previous years. Due to recent rains in catchment areas, the water level is increasing.

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मुंबई में नदी के नीचे बनेगी एक और नदी!

क्लाइमेंट चेंज के परिणामों से महानगर को बचाने की योजना

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■ **मुंबई:** महानगर में नदियों के नीचे, अंडरग्राउंड नदी बनाने का प्लान बनाया जा रहा है। हाल ही में जापानी विशेषज्ञों की उपस्थिति में इसे लेकर बैठक हुई। महाराष्ट्र इंस्टिट्यूट ऑफ ट्रांसफॉर्मेशन (मित्रा) के CEO प्रवीण परदेशी ने यह जानकारी दी। मुंबई में आयोजित अर्बन ट्रांसफॉर्मेशन समिट में एमएमआर के विकास को लेकर कई महत्वपूर्ण मुद्दों पर चर्चा हुई, जिसमें कई वरिष्ठ अधिकारी और विशेषज्ञ शामिल थे। परदेशी ने कहा कि मुंबई

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मेट्रोपॉलिटन रीजन महाराष्ट्र जीडीपी में 54% योगदान देता है। क्लाइमेंट चेंज के चलते हमें समुद्र के स्तर बढ़ने के खतरे के मद्देनजर तैयारी करने की जरूरत है। हम इसलिए नदी के नीचे नदी बनाने की योजना बना रहे हैं, जिसमें पानी जमा हो सके। इसका पूरा रोड मैप अगले कुछ महीनों में तैयार हो जाएगा। जापान में इसका सफल प्रयोग हो रहा है। बीएमसी के अडिशनल कमिश्नर पी वेलारासू ने कहा कि यह प्लान अभी प्रारंभिक स्टेज पर है। रिपोर्ट तैयार होने पर इसके सभी पहलुओं पर विचार कर अंतिम निर्णय लिया जाएगा।

‘केंद्र की मदद जरूरी’

आर्किटेक्ट हफीज कॉन्ट्रैक्टर ने कहा कि सरकार के पास बहुत बड़ी लैंड बैंक है, इसे कुछ समय के लिए उपयोग कर स्लम फ्री मुंबई का सपना साकार किया जा सकता है। परदेशी ने कहा कि मुंबई में करीब आधी जमीन केंद्र सरकार के विभिन्न विभागों के पास है, ऐसे में नीति आयोग द्वारा मुंबई के विकास के लिए बनाया जा रहा रोड मैप बिलकुल सही कदम है। जमीन ही सबसे बड़ा असेट है।

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Govt approves 14 new project under Rural Water Supply-State Plan

**BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, NOV 28**

In an effort to bring a transforming change in lives of the state's rural population, the Haryana Government has decided to implement 14 new projects worth more than Rs. 32.69 crore under Augmentation Rural Water Supply-State Plan in 2 districts namely Fatehabad and Hisar.

Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal accorded administrative approval for these projects to be implemented by the Public Health Engineering Department here today.

Giving more information in this regard, an official spokesperson said that new works under Augmentation Rural Water Supply-State Plan include Laying of balance sewer lines in MC area of Narnaund Town of District Hisar with an estimated cost of Rs. 4.23 crore, Construction of Canal Based Water Works Baliyala for Group of 2 no. Vil-

lage Baliyala and Bora Tehsil Ratia, District Fatehabad with an estimated cost of Rs. 7.23 crore, Providing and laying of DI Water Supply pipeline in various Streets of village Karandi Tehsil Tohana Distt. Fatehabad with an estimated cost of Rs. 23.32 lakh, Construction of Independent Canal Based Water Works at Village Madh, Block Nagpur Tehsil Ratia District Fatehabad with an estimated cost of Rs. 3.93 crore, Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme at Village Nangal, Tehsil Ratia District Fatehabad with an estimated cost of Rs. 1.04 crore, Providing and Laying of DI Water Supply pipeline in various streets of village Dulat Tehsil Tohana Distt. Fatehabad with an estimated cost of Rs. 24.35 lakh, Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme at village Rattakhara Tehsil Ratia Distt Fatehabad with an estimated cost of Rs. 1.54 crore.

The remaining projects are Replacement of Existing Distribution system and Repair of Water Works structures at vil-

lage Alawalwas, Ratia, Fatehabad with an estimated cost of Rs. 2.77 crore, Providing Independent Canal Based Water Works At Village Birabadi, Tehsil Ratia District Fatehabad with an estimated cost of Rs. 3.17 crore, Estimate for construction of a sump well, providing and laying of rising main for assured raw water at water supply scheme at village Buwan Tehsil Tohana Distt. Fatehabad with an estimated cost of Rs. 1.86 crore, Construction of an Additional Boosting Station, Rising Main For Dadupur Dhani and Repair of Existing Structure of Water Works At Village Dadupur, Tehsil Ratia District Fatehabad with an estimated cost of Rs. 1.83 crore, Updating Water supply Scheme at Village Dariyapur Tehsil, Distt. Fatehabad with an estimated cost of Rs. 1.11 crore, Updating Water supply Scheme in Village Gadli Tehsil, Distt. Fatehabad with an estimated cost of Rs. 1.34 crore, Augmentation of water supply scheme and construction of Boosting station, repair of water works structures.