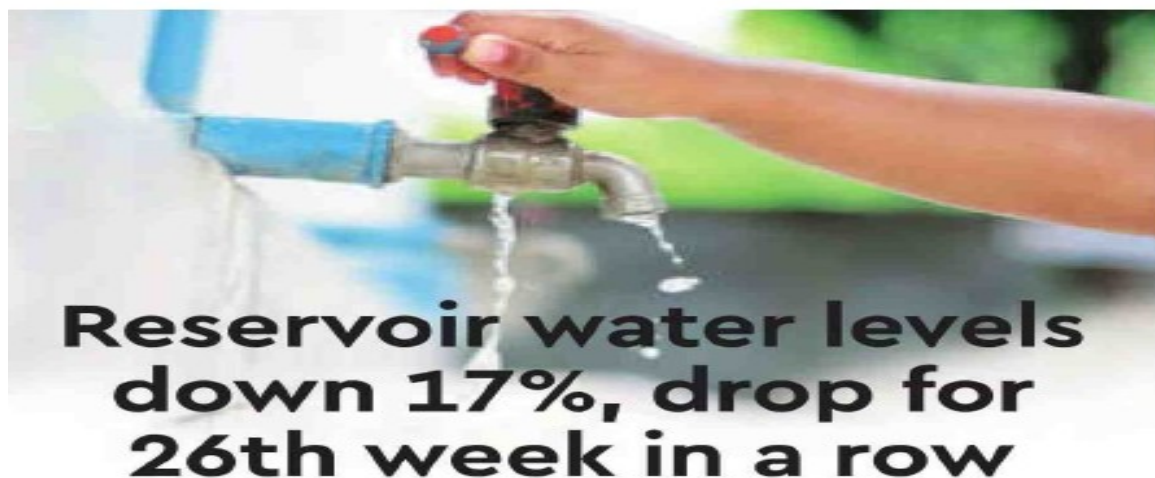


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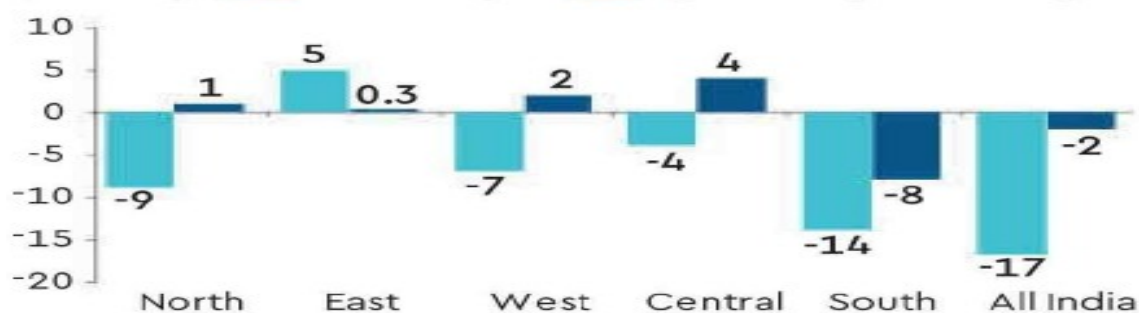


WATER LEVELS IN 150 major reservoirs have fallen sharply to 17% below last year's level on Thursday, due to deficient monsoon last season and scanty rainfall in winter months, reports **Sandip Das**. This the 26th week in a row the water levels have declined. Water levels are 2% below last 10-year average. The reservoir's capacity is filled up to 35%. As many as 42 of them in

southern states currently have only below 20% of the capacity filled, as per the Central Water Commission. Of these, five have gone dry. The 23 reservoirs in the east, however, hold 5% more water than last year. Lower water level, especially in the south, is likely to impact the supplies in several places in summer months and hit summer crops such as paddy and pulses.

Water levels at reservoirs

(% change) ■ From last year ■ Against 10 year-average



Source: CWC, as on April 4, 2024

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Storage in S. Indian reservoirs plunges to 20% of capacity

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The water level in the 42 major South Indian reservoirs dropped to 20 per cent of the capacity with the storage in 37 of them dipping to below 50 per cent the capacity this week.

The Central Water Commission (CWC) in its weekly bulletin on live storage status of the 150 major Indian reservoirs said the storage in the southern region declined to 10.571 billion cubic metres (BCM) of the 53.334 BCM capacity. During the period a year ago, the level was 34 per cent and the average storage over the past 10 years is 28 per cent. Five of the reservoirs in the region have gone dry, while another six could also see the levels declining to zero if there is no rainfall over the next few days.

LEVEL 35% OF CAPACITY

A third of the reservoirs in the country whose levels have dropped below 50 per cent is in the southern region. Among the States, the situation is precarious in Andhra Pradesh, where the storage declined to 9 per cent of the capacity with the levels being 75 per cent lower than normal. The level

Dicey South

States	No. of reservoirs	Capacity*	Live storage*	% of storage (in %age)	Last year's storage	% departure from 10 years average
AP & Telangana#	2	11.121	0.987	9	16	-37
AP	4	4.670	0.408	9	56	-75
Telangana	7	4.653	1.167	25	40	-14
Karnataka	16	24.625	5.345	22	31	-22
Kerala	6	3.829	1.621	42	39	4
TN	7	4.436	1.043	24	64	-38
Total	42	53.334	10.571	20	34	-28

Source: Central Water Commission; *in billion cubic metres #reservoirs common for Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

in Tamil Nadu is 38 per cent below normal and in Karnataka it is 22 per lower than normal.

According to the CWC's weekly bulletin, the storage in the major 150 reservoirs was 35 per cent of the 178.784 BCM at 61.801 BCM. The storage was 83 per cent of the capacity last year and the average level in the past 10 years is 98 per cent. The storage is lower across the regions, barring the eastern one. It is for the 26th week in a row that the level had dipped.

WORRISOME BIHAR

Of the 10 reservoirs in the northern region with a capacity of 19.663 BCM, the level this week was 6.338 BCM or 32 per cent. This is marginally lower than the 33 per cent av-

erage storage in the past 10 years. In Punjab and Rajasthan, the storage was 7 per cent and 10 per cent of the capacity, respectively.

In the eastern region, the storage in the 23 reservoirs was 45 per cent of the 20.430 BCM capacity at 9.242 BCM. The level in Bihar was 78 per cent below normal — the highest in the country, while in Bengal and Nagaland it was 24 per cent and 8 per cent lower than normal, respectively.

The storage in the 49 reservoirs in the western region was 40 per cent of the 37.130 BCM capacity at 14.835 BCM. In Maharashtra, the level was 11 per cent lower than normal.

Of the 26 reservoirs in the central region, the level was 43 per cent of the 48.227 BCM capacity at 20.815 BCM.

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हैप्पी बर्थ डे टू नर्मदा डैम: राज्य की जीवनरेखा डैम का पहले पीएम ने किया था उद्घाटन

5 अप्रैल: आज नर्मदा डैम का 64वां जन्मदिन; 6 दशक पूरे, वर्ष 1960 में बनकर तैयार हुआ

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गुजरात की जीवनधारा माने जाने वाले नर्मदा बांध का उद्घाटन 5 अप्रैल 1960 को भारत के पहले प्रधानमंत्री पंडित जवाहरलाल नेहरू ने किया था, जिसका आज 5 अप्रैल को 64वां जन्मदिन है। नर्मदा बांध से मात्र 3 किमी दूर साधु पहाड़ी पर प्रधानमंत्री द्वारा सरदार पटेल की विश्व की सबसे ऊंची प्रतिमा का



अनावरण करने के बाद पर्यटकों के बीच नर्मदा बांध के प्रति आकर्षण बिल्कुल भी कम नहीं हुआ है। 5 अप्रैल को नर्मदा बांध 64 साल का

हो गया है। नर्मदा बांध ने 6 दशक पूरे कर लिए हैं और सातवें दशक में भी इसकी अजेय यात्रा जारी है। आज नर्मदा बांध सही मायने में गुजरात की जीवन रेखा बन रहा है। प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की केंद्र सरकार ने बांध की ऊंचाई 121.92 मीटर तक बढ़ाने की अनुमति देने के बाद नर्मदा बांध की अधिकतम ऊंचाई 141.50 मीटर पूरी हो चुकी है और बांध के 30 गेट लगाए जा चुके हैं।