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Water quality monitoring machines set up in Periyar

Real-time surveillance units to analyse pollution levels in Eloor-Edayar stretch of river;
seven CCTV units set up in Edayar and two directed towards river at Eloor

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Two real-time water quality monitoring machines have been set up to analyse pollution levels in the Eloor-Edayar stretch of the Periyar river.

The facility is part of efforts to bridge the gap in the pollution monitoring systems in the region. The Kerala State Pollution Control Board (PCB) had for long remained clueless about the source of pollution owing to lack of adeq-



A view of the Periyar in the Eloor-Edayar industrial area. FILE PHOTO

uate real-time monitoring facilities.

Real-time water quality monitoring units have been installed at the north of Eloor and Pathalam. It is

for the first time that such a facility has been installed in the river close to the regulator-cum-bridge at Pathalam. The PCB expects that it will be beneficial as the

area remains one of the most polluted stretches of the river.

A real-time water quality monitoring unit at Eloor, which was set up years ago, was damaged in the 2018 floods.

Nine CCTV units have also been set up in the area. Seven units have been set up in Edayar while two have been directed towards the river at Eloor. The footage from the nine cameras will be received at the Environment Surveillance Centre of the PCB at Eloor.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**ILO WARNING ON WAGES**

Sir — All is not well and is bad news as the warning by the Global Wage Report 2022-23 by the International Labour Organization (ILO) of rising inflation that has caused a striking decline in real monthly wages highlighting the urgent need for policies to prevent further poverty, inequality, and social unrest, and the November data by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) data, which shows a rise in unemployment in India for the third consecutive month since September 2022 that reached 8 percent.

The CMIE data of December 2, 2022, shows an even higher unemployment rate of 8.1 per cent in the country. The urban unemployment rate was 9 per cent while the rural unemployment rate was 7.7 per cent, showing comparatively more hardship for the urban unemployed compared to the rural areas. The ILO global report on wages across the world said that the global monthly wages fell in real terms to -0.9 per cent in the first half of the year marking the first instance of negative growth this century. As a result, the purchasing power of middle-class families has been reduced, while low-income households have been hit particularly hard.

The jobless growth is indeed a worrisome trend. We cannot be happy as a nation which is high on GDP but low on per capita income. The per capita income is of course directly related to the employment the people get in the country at all levels. Besides, the fear of recession is also very real as no income in the hands of the people means low demand and thus goes the vicious cycle of lesser and lesser jobs. Hope the government is mindful of this.

Bhagwan Thadani | Mumbai

INDIA AT HELM OF AFFAIRS

Sir — Excellent that India, a peace loving suave nation, assumes the presidency of G20 (from Dec 1st for a year) and of UNSC (by rotation on December month). India has all-round goodwill. It has grown tremendously on all fronts in

Save our soil

Once you take the life out of the soil, it will become an inert sand - Sadhguru. Every year December 5th is witnessed as World Soil Day to raise awareness about the importance of soil and our lives and its campaign

"Soils: Where food begins" aims to raise awareness of the importance of maintaining healthy ecosystems. Like us, soils need a balanced and varied supply of nutrients in appropriate amounts to be healthy. Agricultural systems lose nutrients with each harvest, and if soils are not managed sustainably, fertility is progressively lost, and soils will produce nutrient-deficient plants. Over the past years the nutrients and vitamins in plants have gradually decreased. Almost 74 Nations around the world have pledged concrete actions to save soil in their countries. It is high time we understand the importance of saving soil and saving climate.

Tashi Baheti | Ujjain

spite of hiccups of overpopulation (140 crore), regular weather catastrophes wrecking havoc on its economy and unpredictable weather hitting agriculture, its main occupation.

India should make excellent coordination by involving as many relevant members as possible on the given subject. To tread the path of realistic approaches, optimal choices, latest technology usage, suitability, realistic solutions and realistic peaceful coordination. While dealing with G20 members, it should realise that Small scale industries are apron strings of big industries. Any sudden major changes will adversely affect both large scale and small scale units too. Hence India should be in touch with international "expertised Scientists communities". It should help the smaller and poorer nations financially to achieve 100% clean inexpensive energy as they are victims of rapid industrialization of big nations. At the UN Security Council, India can achieve realistic peaceful coordination between Russia and Ukraine by involving as many common friends of both nations. After all, war is pyrrhic. All involved and many others too will be losers. No winners in a war.

Madhu PV | Secunderabad

NAGARJUNA SAGAR LIES IN A LIMBO

Sir — As bifurcation differences over water sharing between the two Telugu states simmer after the earlier meetings failed to break the deadlock, the latest meeting called by KRMB to address the issues relating to water sharing after the two states giving their consent for rule curve relating only to Srisailem reservoir is heartening but at the same time remaining elusive on Sagar rule curve and Nagarjunasagar is surprising.

Notwithstanding the bone of contention existing for long over the water sharing between the two states, one hopes, Central Water Commission intervenes and resolves Sagar rule curve amicably because time is ripe for both the states to come to a reasonable understanding and resolve the differences in a give and take policy by prioritizing growth and development instead of bickering and prolonging the matter because water been an elixir of life need to be shared and not allowed to be flown down to join the sea.

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समिति के समक्ष पेश 27 में से छह डीपीआर मिलीं मानकों के अनुरूप

गाजियाबाद (एसएनबी)। सोमवार को जल जीवन मिशन कार्यक्रम के तहत जिला पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता समिति की बैठक में मै. एलसीइन्फा टीसीएल जेवी, अहमदाबाद द्वारा चयनित 27 डीपीआर उप्र जल निगम (ग्रामीण) गाजियाबाद द्वारा प्रस्तुत की गईं। 27 डीपीआर में से एसडब्ल्यूएसएम द्वारा निर्धारित मानकों के अनुरूप मात्र 6 डीपीआर पाई गईं। जिलाधिकारी ने 6 डीपीआर को शासन को प्रेषित करने के निर्देश दिए तथा शेष 21 डीपीआर की जांच के लिए लोक निर्माण विभाग, लघु सिंचाई एवं जल निगम के अभियंताओं की जांच समिति बनाकर जांच कराने के निर्देश दिए।

गौरतलब है कि जल जीवन मिशन कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत जनपद गाजियाबाद के

ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में पाईप पेयजल योजनाओं के माध्यम से प्रत्येक घर में पेयजल कनेक्शन देकर जलापूर्ति किया जाना प्रस्तावित है। जिले में जल जीवन मिशन कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत कुल 154 ग्रामों में नई पाईप पेयजल बिछाने

जल जीवन मिशन के अंतर्गत जिला पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता समिति की बैठक सम्पन्न

की योजना है। जिसमें से कुल 113 ग्रामों की 103 डीपीआर पूर्व में राज्य पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता मिशन, लखनऊ को भेजी गई थी। प्रस्तुत डीपीआर के अंतर्गत विकास खंड रजापुर के 7, विकास खंड मुरादनगर के 11, विकास खंड भोजपुर के 4 एवं विकास खंड

लोनी के 5 समेत 27 ग्रामों में पाइप लाइन से घरों में पेयजल उपलब्ध कराया जाना प्रस्तावित है।

योजनाओं के अंतर्गत 27 ओवर हैड टैंक, 27 ट्यूबवेल, 67.21 किमी. पाइप लाइन बिछाई जानी प्रस्तावित है। प्रस्तुत 27 योजनाओं की लागत 54.65 करोड़ है। मानक के अनुसार पाई गई 6 डीपीआर में मुरादनगर की 3, भोजपुर की 1, लोनी की 1 एवं रजापुर की 1 डीपीआर शामिल है। इन 6 डीपीआर के अंतर्गत 6 नलकूप, 6 ओवर हेड टैंक 28.06 किमी. पाइप लाइन का काम प्रस्तावित है। इनकी लागत 15.25 करोड़ है। बैठक में सीडीओ विक्रमादित्य सिंह मलिक समेत जल निगम के अधिकारी मौजूद थे।