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Water level in KRS dips further

Officials confident of weathering crisis till monsoon showers arrive

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The light showers over the past few days in southern Karnataka has done little to stop the water level at the Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) reservoir from dipping even further.

The water level in the reservoir dipped to 74.17 ft at 6 a.m. on Monday and then to 73.95 ft in the evening.

For the first time in the year, the levels have dipped below the Minimum Draw-down Level (MDDL), which signifies the minimum water needed for power generation and irrigation of 74 feet. The reservoir had



Going down: The Krishnaraja Sagar reservoir as seen on Monday.

80.87 ft of water on April 17 last year.

However, with more than 14 ft of water – or around

4.04 thousand million cubic feet of water – left until 'dead storage' is reached, officials are confident of

weathering the crisis until the monsoon showers hit the region in June.

'Enough water'

"MDDL is only a marker and will not affect drinking water supply. Below this line, water will not flow into irrigation canals. There is enough water left to provide for Bengaluru and other towns," said B. Shivashankar, Managing Director, Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Ltd.

Officials said with Bengaluru needing 1.5 TMC of water till June, and Mysuru, Mandya, Ramanagaram and other places also needing water, it is a touch-and-go situation till the reservoir levels rise.

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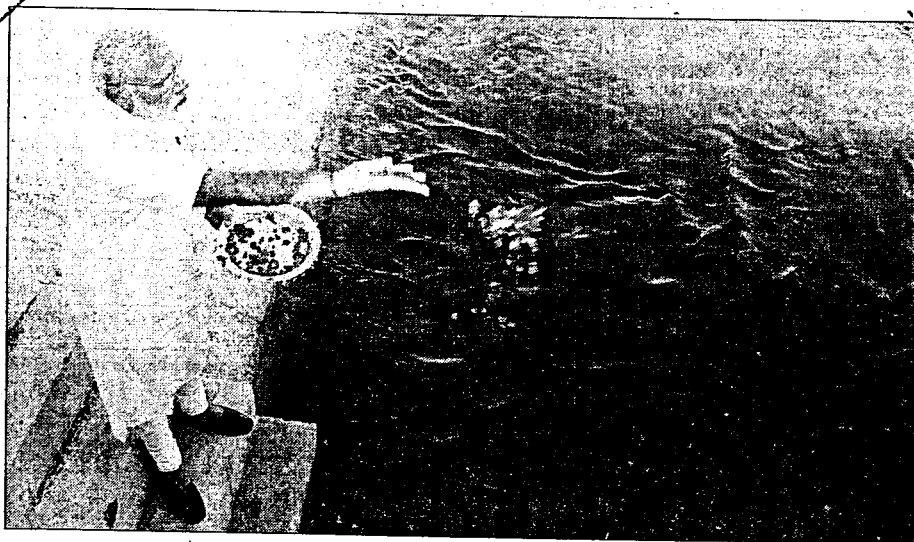
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PM Narendra Modi inaugurates Phase 1 of SAUNI Yojana in Botad on Monday. Express

'Water is prasad, nobody has right to waste'

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BOTAD, APRIL 17

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Monday said that nobody has the right to waste a drop of Narmada water being pumped to reservoirs in Saurashtra as part of Saurashtra Narmada Avtaran Irrigation (SAUNI) Yojana as the project was being funded by taxes collected from the poor.

"The Gujarat government has estimated a budget of Rs 16,000 crore to pump water by SAUNI Yojana... If we channel water through open canals, the expense can be less. But we decided

that we will pump water through pipelines as only then can we take water to the last farm.... I request all brothers and sisters, I request the entire Gujarat. These pipelines have been laid by taxes collected from the poorest of Gujarat. This is an attempt to supply water to the poorest. This water is a prasad (gift) of God. Neither me nor you have any right to waste a drop of it," Modi said.

The PM was addressing a public meeting here after dedicating to the public phase-I of Link-II of SAUNI Yojana. The Link-II pipeline canal has been designed to pump Narmada water

into 17 dams in Botad, Bhavnagar and Amreli districts. The 257-km line will have capacity to carry 258 million cubic metres of water.

The PM also praised Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan for his yatra to conserve the Narmada. Meanwhile, in Jabalpur, BJP president Amit Shah said that after completion of the Narmada Sewa Yatra campaign, the river will be ranked among the cleanest in the world.

The PMO tweeted, "Water is a 'prasad' from nature. This is being done so that our farmers are happy. Work happened with great effort, not via short cuts."

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NGT seeks info on Ganga

New Delhi: The National Green Tribunal on Monday asked the Centre to clarify what should be the minimum environmental flow in the Ganga, in a bid to ensure uninterrupted water supply in the river. The NGT said that unless excessive extraction of water and discharge of high pollutants is controlled, it would be difficult to restore Ganga to its pristine condition. A bench headed by NGT chairperson Justice Swatanter Kumar directed the Environment Ministry, Ministry of Water Resources and Central Pollution Control Board to provide complete information on environmental flow to be maintained in the river. PTI

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कैलाशनगर, समोली, डबल, मोरकुक्का और जीवना गांव में पानी के नमूने लिए। टीम ने भूजल और नदी दोनों जगह से पानी के नमूने लिए हैं। हिंडन और काली नदी के चलते इन गांवों का पानी प्रदूषित है। स्थानीय लोगों का दावा है कि खराब पानी का असर उनके स्वास्थ्य पर पड़ रहा है। हिन्दुस्तान ने इस मुद्दे को प्रमुखता से उठाया था। अब केंद्रीय मंत्री की पहल पर पानी की जांच शुरू हुई है। यह टीम तीन सौ पानी के नमूने एकत्र करेगी।

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नई दिल्ली। राष्ट्रीय हरित अधिकरण (एनजीटी) ने सोमवार को केंद्र सरकार से पूछा कि गंगा में न्यूनतम पर्यावरणीय जल प्रवाहन कितना होना चाहिए, ताकि इस आधार पर बिना रुकावट के नदी में जल आपूर्ति सुनिश्चित करई जा सके।

जस्टिस स्वतंत्र कुमार की अध्यक्षता वाली पीठ ने कहा कि जब तक पानी को अत्यधिक निकाले जाने और नदी में उच्च प्रदूषकों को बहाए जाने पर नियंत्रण नहीं लगाया जाता, तब तक गंगा को उसके असली रूप में वापस नहीं लाया जा सकेगा। (वि. सं.)