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Hydro projects of 5,950 MW stalled

Policy for revival on the cards

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NEW DELHI

As many as 16 hydro power projects of 5,950 MW capacity are stalled due to financial constraints and other reasons, which may prompt the government to bring in a hydro policy at the earliest.

"A total of 37 hydro power projects of 12GW generation capacities are under construction in the country. Out of these, 16 projects with a total generation capacity of 5,950 MW are either stalled or held up due to financial constraints and other reasons," a senior official said.

The official said out of the 16 projects, 10 are stalled due to financial stress.

According to the Central

Electricity Authority estimates, the annual loss of energy generation from these stalled hydro projects is about 18,761 million units.

The official said the government is working on a hydro policy that would provide for longer loan repayment period, lower interest rate and other incentives which would help bring down the tariff of these projects.

The Power Ministry has informed about formulating a hydro policy to Parliamentary Standing Committee on Energy. The policy will also shore up the hydro power sector, which is facing stiff competition from other clean sources and also from thermal power.

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Rain in Punjab and Haryana

Prolonged period of dry spell ends in the two States

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
CHANDIGARH

Many places in Punjab and Haryana received rain on Sunday, ending a prolonged period of dry spell in the two States.

The Meteorological Department here said places like Amritsar, Ludhiana, Patiala, Pathankot, Adampur, Halwara, Bathinda, Pathankot, Gurdaspur, Hisar, Roh-tak, Gurugram, Faridabad and Bhiwani received rainfall.

Also, in a respite to the people from the biting cold

weather conditions, the minimum temperatures rose above normal limits.

Chandigarh, the common capital of the two States, recorded a low of 10.7 degrees Celsius, up five notches against normal.

Ludhiana records 10.1

In Punjab, Ludhiana recorded a low of 10.1 degrees, up five notches above normal, while Patiala's low settled at 9.8 degrees, three more than normal.

Amritsar registered a low of 6.4 degrees, up three

points. Pathankot (10.1 degrees), Adampur (9.6), Halwara (10.8) and Faridkot (7.5) also recorded above normal temperatures.

Karnal in Haryana recorded a low of 10.4 degrees, up three notches, Narnaul recorded a low of 9 degrees, up four notches while Roh-tak's the minimum settled at 8.8 degrees, up two degrees against normal.

Ambala registered a low of 10.7 degrees, up five notches while Hisar's minimum settled at 8.1 degrees, a notch above normal.

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GST panel allows Kerala to levy 'calamity cess'

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NEWDELHI: The ministerial panel under Bihar deputy chief minister Sushil Modi on Sunday approved levy of 1% 'calamity cess' by Kerala for a period of two years to fund rehabilitation work in the state hit by floods.

The goods and services, which will attract the 1 per cent cess, would be decided by Kerala, Modi said, adding that if any other state wants to levy the 'calamity cess' it has to approach the GST Council for approval.

Besides, the Group of Ministers under Modi has also suggested to the GST Council to allow additional borrowing over the permitted limit by states hit by natural calamity. "Kerala had asked the GST Council for levying cess to fund rehabilitation work. The GoM has recommended to the Council that Kerala be allowed to levy 1 per cent cess for two years. Also the Centre and states will together decide on increasing the borrowing limit under FRBM for funding natural calamity," Modi told reporters after the meeting of the GoM.

The GST law provides for levy of special taxes for a specified period to raise additional resources during any natural calamity or disaster.

Separately, another ministerial panel under Minister of State for Finance Shiv Pratap Shukla, on giving relief to MSMEs under the goods and services tax, deliberated on the exemption threshold for such businesses. Currently, businesses with turnover of up to ₹20 lakh are exempt from the Goods and Services Tax (GST).

Modi, who is a member of the

panel on MSME relief, said the GoM was unanimous that the exemption limit for the MSMEs which are supplier of goods should be increased but there was no unanimity among states.

Hence, it was left to the GST Council to decide. While Delhi suggested that the limit should be hiked to turnover of up to ₹40 lakh, Bihar suggested it at ₹50 lakh. Another suggestion was that for MSMEs with turnover between ₹50 to ₹60 lakhs, GST of ₹5,000 be levied, and those between ₹60-75 lakhs, it should be ₹10,000-₹15,000.

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Bhakra board gets national-level award

Chandigarh: The Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) has been conferred with the national-level Central Board of Irrigation and Power Award for being the "Best Performing Utility in Hydro Power Sector". In the water resources sector, two of BBMB's units — the Beas-Sutlej Link and the Beas Dam at Pong — were also adjudged the "Best Maintained Projects (functional for more than 10 years)" on account of their rigorously followed detailed maintenance schedules, round-the-clock vigil and use of the latest technology for their upkeep. These awards were received by BBMB chairman DK Sharma from Raj Kumar Singh, MoS for Power and New and Renewable Energy, at a function organised in New Delhi. TNS

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अंडमान की तरफ बढ़ा तूफान 'पाबुक'

■ **भाषा, नई दिल्ली :** चक्रवाती तूफान 'पाबुक' अंडमान और निकोबार द्वीपसमूहों की तरफ बढ़ रहा है। इन इलाकों को 'येलो' अलर्ट पर रखा गया है। गृह मंत्रालय के एक अधिकारी ने मौसम के एक बुलेटिन के हवाले से बताया कि चक्रवातीय तूफान 'पाबुक' के चलते अंडमान द्वीपसमूहों, अंडमान सागर और मध्यपूर्वी एवं दक्षिणपूर्वी बंगाल की खाड़ी से सेटे इलाकों में सात जनवरी तक सागर उफान पर रहेंगे। **NT-6**

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NGT stays notification on groundwater

Tribunal calls Dec. 12 fiat 'unsustainable'

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NEW DELHI

Terming a December 12 notification issued by the Union Water Resources Ministry on the extraction of groundwater, as "unsustainable," the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has asked the Centre to "not give effect" to it as it had "serious shortcomings."

A Bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel said, "It is clear that rather than laying down stricter norms for extraction of groundwater for commercial purposes and putting in place a robust institutional mechanism for surveillance and monitoring, extraction of groundwater has been liberalised adding to the crisis, unmindful of the ground situation and likely impact it will have on environment."

Coming down heavily on the Ministry, the Bench said, "The so-called regulation is illusory. The so-called conditions are incapable of meaningful monitoring as shown by past experience



The Tribunal came down heavily on the Water Resources Ministry.

also. There is no check on injection of pollutants in the groundwater in the impugned notification."

Taking into account the Ministry's suggestion of levying a water conservation fee, it said, "The fee virtually gives licence to harness groundwater to any extent."

The NGT directed the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change to constitute a committee to examine "the issue of appropriate policy for conservation of groundwater".

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'India fifth in renewable power capacity'

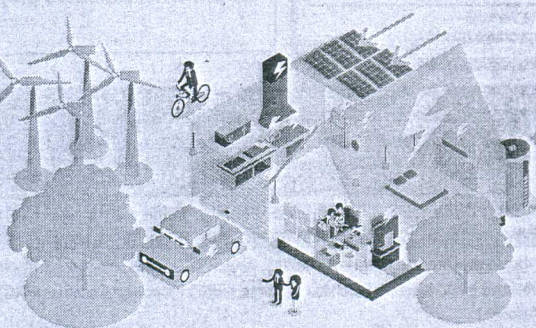
As per Global Status Report-2018 of REN21 (Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century), India ranked fifth in renewable power capacity (including hydropower) and fourth (not including hydropower) as of end 2017

A total of 81.15 billion units (BU) of power have been generated in the year 2018-19 (up to October 2018) from all renewable energy sources

Renewable energy projects are mostly being implemented in the private sector. As on November 30, 2018, a total capacity of around 73.95 GW has been installed in the country of which 37.84 GW has been added during the last four and half year

Measures taken by the

Government to support the renewable energy sector, inter-alia, include: fiscal and promotional incentives such as capital subsidy, accelerated depreciation, waiver of Inter State Transmission System (ISTS) charges and losses, viability gap funding (VGF) and permitting FDI up to 100 per cent under the automatic route. Also, to ensure cheaper generation of renewable energy, projects are awarded through transparent bidding process, i.e. through e-reverse auction



According to the foreign direct investment (FDI) data cell of the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), the FDI equity inflow from April 2015 to June 2018 in the Non-Conventional Energy Sector is:

YEAR	FDI IN \$ MN
2015-16 Apr-Mar	776.51
2016-17	783.57
2017-18	1,204.46
2018-19 Apr-Jun	452.89
Grand Total	3,217.43

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ओडिशा पर फिर तूफान का खतरा, सात जिलों में हाई अलर्ट घोषित

भुवनेश्वर, (एजेंसी) : ओडिशा पर एक और चक्रवाती तूफान का खतरा मंडरा रहा है। मौसम विभाग के मुताबिक, दक्षिण चीन से उठा पाबुक चक्रवाती तूफान अंडमान होते हुए ओडिशा की ओर बढ़ रहा है। इसके चलते प्रदेश के सात जिलों में अलर्ट घोषित किया गया है। इन सात जिलों में बालेश्वर, भदरक, जगतसिंहपुर, केंद्रपाड़ा, पुरी, गंजम और खुर्दा जिला शामिल हैं। इन जिलों में स्थानीय प्रशासन को सतर्क रहने और स्थिति पर नजर रखने को कहा गया है। मछुवारों अगले दो दिन तक गहरे समुद्र में न जाने की हिदायत दी गई है। प्रदेश के आपदा प्रबंधन की ओर से जारी निर्देशों के मुताबिक, चक्रवात पाबुक 3 जनवरी



● **दक्षिण चीन से उठा पाबुक चक्रवाती तूफान : मछुवारों को अगले दो दिन समुद्र में न जाने की हिदायत**

2019 को दक्षिण पूर्व पोर्ट ब्लेयर से तकरीबन 1500 किलोमीटर दूरी पर था। यह तूफान 6 जनवरी की शाम को अंडमान द्वीप को पार करके ओडिशा की ओर आ सकता है। यहां से होते हुआ यह चक्रवात 7-8 जनवरी को म्यांमार की ओर जा सकता है जहां यह

कमजोर पड़ जाएगा। इस दौरान उपरोक्त जिलों में तेज हवा के साथ बारिश होने की सम्भावना है। गौरतलब है कि पिछले साल अक्टूबर महीने में आए चक्रवाती तूफान तितली ने भारी तबाही मचाई थी। इस तूफान में 57 लोगों की मौत हो गई थी। मूसलाधार बारिश के कारण आई बाढ़ ने राज्य में जनजीवन को अस्त व्यस्त कर दिया था। इस तूफान में 57,131 घर तबाह हो

गए थे जबकि करीबन 2200 करोड़ के नुकसान होने का आंकलन किया गया था। मुख्यमंत्री नवीन पटनायक ने 17 अक्टूबर को प्रभावित हुए मृतकों के रिश्तेदारों के लिए अनुदान राशि 4 लाख रुपए से बढ़ाकर 10 लाख रुपए कर दी थी।