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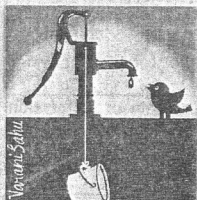
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Groundwater: A Dangerous Threshold

The country's turbulent water economy calls for prompt policy attention and sustained follow-through action. New research shows that the largest groundwater depletion in the world is happening in northern India, with Delhi as the epicentre of the crisis, and water being pumped out 70% faster than estimated earlier. Such a state of affairs is wholly unsustainable. The way forward is to proactively address pressing issues in surface water and groundwater policy in a holistic, multidisciplinary approach.

The 2016 Mihir Shah committee report, which called for restructuring the Central Water Commission (CWC) and Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) for a new paradigm in partici-



patory demand management and the breaking up of watertight silos in policymaking, has been gathering dust. Now, groundwater provides nearly two-thirds of our irrigation needs but a tipping point seems to have been reached. Over the last four decades, around 84% of the total addi-

tion to irrigation has come from groundwater, with investment in canal networks long neglected. It has led to over-exploitation and fast-depleting water tables.

The report recommends a paradigm shift for participatory watershed management, a nationwide river rejuvenation programme, transparent regulatory mechanisms and cost-effective recycling and reuse of urban and industrial waste water, based on proven successes across various states. The report calls for the setting up of a National Water Commission, with multidisciplinary expertise including in hydrology (present CWC), hydrogeology (CGWB), meteorology, river ecology, agronomy, environmental economics and participatory resource management. The gap between irrigation potential created and that realised needs to be quickly bridged.

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Financial Express,

Friday, 8th March 2019;

Govt okays NHPC plan to buy Lanco's Teesta hydro project for ₹907 crore

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, March 7

THE GOVERNMENT ON Thursday approved a proposal for state-run hydropower giant NHPC to take over debt-laden Lanco's 500 MW Teesta hydro-electric power project for ₹907 crore in Sikkim.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) at its meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave its approval for the investment sanction for acquisition of Lanco Teesta Hydro Power Ltd (LTHPL) and the execution of balance work of the Teesta Stage-VI Hydro Electric Project by the NHPC Ltd in Sikkim, an official statement said.

The project will be implemented at an estimated cost of ₹5,748.04 crore (at July 2018 price level), which includes a bid amount of ₹907 crore for the acquisition of the LTHPL and the estimated cost of balance work of ₹3,863.95 crore, which includes Interest During Construction (IDC) and Foreign Component (FC) of ₹977.09 crore, it said.

By taking up this project, this sink cost

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will be utilised and this investment till now will also be used for generation of energy, the statement said adding that the bid amount will be used to discharge the liability of banks and financial institutions, etc.

The project shall help in meeting peaking demand of energy, balancing and ramping requirement of the grid, and shall accelerate process of development of Sikkim, it said.

Teesta Stage-VI is a Run of River (RoR) Scheme in Sirwani Village of Sikkim to utilise the power potential of Teesta River Basin in cascade manner. The project also consists of construction of a 26.5 metre high barrage across river Teesta. The project would generate 2,400 million units of electricity in a 90% dependable year with an installed capacity of 500 MW (4x125MW).

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नई दिल्ली | वरिष्ठ संवाददाता

दिल्ली में एक बार फिर पश्चिमी विक्षोभ की सक्रियता से अगले सप्ताह बारिश होने की उम्मीद है। सोमवार व मंगलवार को हल्की बारिश होने का अनुमान मौसम विभाग ने जताया है।

दिल्ली में गुरुवार सुबह ठंड ने एक बार फिर दस्तक दी। विभाग के अनुसार, गुरुवार सुबह न्यूनतम तापमान 9 डिग्री सेल्सियस रिकॉर्ड किया गया है, जो कि सामान्य से तीन डिग्री कम है। वरिष्ठ मौसम वैज्ञानिक कुलदीप श्रीवास्तव के

प्रदूषण के स्तर में बढ़ोतरी

न्यूनतम तापमान में गिरावट होने से गुरुवार को दिल्ली में प्रदूषण के स्तर में भी वृद्धि दर्ज की गई है। केंद्रीय प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड के अनुसार, गुरुवार को वायु गुणवत्ता सूचकांक 217 पर दर्ज किया गया है। वायु गुणवत्ता मापने के पैमाने में इसे खराब की श्रेणी में रखा जाता है।

अनुसार सुबह आसमान में बादल रहने की वजह से न्यूनतम तापमान में गिरावट दर्ज की गई है। हालांकि, आने वाले दिनों में न्यूनतम तापमान में 3 से 4 डिग्री की वृद्धि होगी। वहीं, अधिकतम तापमान भी 27 डिग्री सेल्सियस के करीब रहेगा।