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## India puts off Pak visit for Indus basin inspection

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** A visit by an Indian team to Pakistan for inspection of projects in Indus river basin this month has been postponed, official sources said. While the postponement came amid tensions prevailing in ties since the Pulwama attack, officials did not rule out the possibility of the visit taking place in the next few months.

"There's a window of 12 months for that visit to take place so there's a lot of time," said an official on condition of anonymity. A similar visit by Pakistani team was also postponed in 2018 before it finally took place in January this year.

India is currently preparing to host a Pakistan delegation at Attari on March 14 to finalise the modalities for opening of the Kartarpur corridor. Despite the conflict, the government has continued to maintain that it will not stop people-to-

people contacts with Pakistan.

During the 115th meeting of the Permanent Indus Commission held in Lahore from August 29-30, 2018, both commissioners had agreed to undertake the treaty-mandated tours of the Indus basin on both sides, the official said.

The tour of the Pakistani side was originally scheduled in October 2018 but was postponed because of local bodies polls in Jammu & Kashmir. The Pakistani team visited India later in the last week of January to inspect projects in the Chenab basin.

The Indian team was supposed to visit Pakistan this month, a senior official said. Under Article VIII of the Treaty, both commissioners are mandated to undertake, once every five years, a general tour of inspection of the rivers for ascertaining the facts connected with various developments and works on both sides.

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## लगातार छठे हफ्ते बारिश के आसार

■ विस, नई दिल्ली : दिल्ली और आसपास के क्षेत्रों में बीते दो से तीन दिनों से मौसम शुष्क बना हुआ है, लेकिन अब एक बार फिर हफ्ते की शुरुआत में बारिश की संभावना है। यह लगातार छठा हफ्ता है जब दिल्ली में बारिश होगी। सोमवार के बाद 13 और 14 मार्च को भी बारिश की संभावना बनी हुई है।

इस बीच पिछले अब दोपहर में दिल्ली में गर्मी की तपिश महसूस होने लगी है। रविवार को तापमान 27 डिग्री रहा जो सामान्य से 2 डिग्री कम

है। लेकिन न्यूनतम तापमान भी 10.8 डिग्री रहा। सोमवार को तापमान 27 डिग्री तक रह सकता है। 14 मार्च के बाद तापमान में फिर एक से दो डिग्री की गिरावट आ सकती है। मौसम विभाग के अनुसार जम्मू कश्मीर के पास एक वेस्टर्न डिस्टर्बेंस पूर्व की तरफ जा रहा है। लेकिन एक अन्य वेस्टर्न डिस्टर्बेंस फिर से उत्तर भारत की पहाड़ियों की तरफ बढ़ रहा है जो अभी उत्तरी पाकिस्तान के ऊपर पहुंच गया है। इस सिस्टम से 11 मार्च को हल्की फुहारें पड़ सकती हैं।

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# Flows of funds for river Ganga

By Mail Today Bureau in New Delhi

**B**eing at an event recently organised by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) to generate funds for river cleaning under Clean Ganga Fund (CGF) in the Capital, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said, "All of us have to do our bit, if we want to see Mother Ganga flowing Aviral and Nirmal." During the programme, he launched the 'Kartavya Ganga Campaign' song as an activity relating to the Ganga rejuvenation.

'Nahi Rukenge, Swachh Karenge' the clarion call of the 'Kartavya Ganga' song, received a thumping response from the audience including Nitin Gadkari, union minister of water resources, river development and Ganga rejuvenation (MOWR, RD & GR); Dharmendra Pradhan, union minister of petroleum and natural gas; Dr. Satya Pal Singh, minister of state, MOWR, RD & GR, Arjun Ram Meghwal, minister of state, MOWR, RD & GR; Hema Malini, member of parliament; MC Mary Kom, member of parliament; the Trichur Brothers, Prasoon Joshi and other dignitaries present during the programme.

"I have pledged to ensure completion of all projects of NMCG within 13 months to make Maa Ganga Nirmal," said Gadkari, adding, "Under the leadership of PM Modi, finance ministry is providing ₹27,000 cr. Out of 276 sanctioned projects, 82 projects have already been completed."

Following the example set by Gadkari, who earlier donated ₹1 lakh during the Namami Gange event in Kumbh, Jaitley, Pradhan, Meghwal and Dr. Singh donated ₹1 lakh each to the Clean Ganga Fund. Hema also pledged to donate ₹1 lakh to the fund.

Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) donated ₹34 crore, a group of businessmen from Mumbai donated ₹2,56,30,000. During the programme, Sunil Mehta, MD, PNB donated ₹2 cr., VA Tech Wabag pledged to

donate ₹1 cr. The faculty and members of Wildlife Institute of India have contributed one day's salary to the fund. Prior to this, Team NMCG, led by Rajiv Ranjan Mishra, director general of NMCG along with other partners like SBI, UBI, HDFC and EIL etc. made individual contributions to Clean Ganga Fund on January 15, 2019, coinciding with the start of the Kumbh Mela at Prayagraj.

"I request everyone to get strongly associated with this Mission and take up more projects either on their own or in association with NMCG or contribute directly to the Clean Ganga Fund," said Pradhan while addressing the gathering.

The Kartavya Ganga song has been developed by Prasoon Joshi

and sung by Shanker Mahadevan. The song captures myriad views of Ganga and exhorts people to connect with the Clean Ganga Movement. "This song will remind people about the beauty of river Ganga and also inspires them to become a part of the Clean Ganga Campaign," said Joshi during his speech.

The launch of the 'Pravasi Ganga Programme' to support the Clean Ganga Fund and connect with non-resident Indians and foreign nationals with an interest in conservation of Ganga was another highlight of the programme.

Besides, several corporates are engaging with NMCG to take up various projects aimed at cleaning of Ganga or bringing about a better people connect at the ghats on the river.

The dignitaries present at the event also launched the Namami Gange floating museum (Ganga Tarini) at Varanasi and Ganga Interpretation Centre (Ganga Darpan) at Sarnath developed by Wildlife Institute of India (WII) in collaboration with NMCG. 'Biodiversity profile of the Ganga River', a book launched during the event will serve as baseline data inventory for future monitoring of biodiversity of the the holy river and to indicate the overall ecological health of the river.

Another book 'Conservation Reference Guide' provides concise and practical information with a proper scientific protocol for rescue as well as release of aquatic animals. This will be used by the rescue and wildlife officers, who are working tirelessly to save the biodiversity and ecology of the holy river.



Under the leadership of PM Modi, finance ministry is providing ₹27,000 crore for the projects of NMCG.



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# Shahpur Kandi project stone laid again

Former PM Narasimha Rao had laid foundation of ₹2,700-cr venture 24 yrs ago

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**PATHANKOT, MARCH 8**

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Friday laid the foundation stone of the ambitious 206-MW Shahpur Kandi dam project to be built on the Ravi.

The project, when completed in 2022, will allow the country to control its share of the Ravi waters flowing into Pakistan.

The CM was accompanied by Power Minister Gurpreet Singh Kangar and Gurdaspur MP Sunil Jakhar.

This is the second such ceremony. On April 20, 1995, the then Prime Minister, PV Narasimha Rao, had laid the foundation stone and had claimed that the project will be completed in three years. However, the venture hit a roadblock due to various reasons.

The dam has the potential



CM Capt Amarinder Singh and Gurdaspur MP Sunil Jakhar at the Shahpur Kandi project site on Friday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

to provide irrigation water to vast tracts of land in Punjab and J&K. The Indus Waters Treaty, which was signed between India and Pakistan in 1960, had envisaged that the country got full rights

for the utilisation of waters of the Ravi, Beas and Sutlej. However, at present, some water of the Ravi flowed into Pakistan through Madhopur headworks and the dam plans to minimise it.

## Work halted repeatedly

■ **April 20, 1995:** The then Prime Minister, PV Narasimha Rao, laid the stone of the project and claimed it would be completed in three years. However, the venture hit a roadblock due to various reasons

■ **November 2001:** The dam work was initially approved by the Planning Commission but the work could not make much progress as the state was facing fund crunch

■ Later when the construction work began, it again got halted following a dispute between Punjab and J&K

by the Planning Commission in November 2001 but the work could not make much progress due to the fund crunch in the Punjab Government. Later when the work began, it again got halted following a dispute between Punjab and J&K. A series of meetings held bilaterally and the Centre finally paved the way for an agreement between the two states," Jakhar said.

"The dam's construction is expected to generate hundreds of jobs for both skilled and unskilled workers."

An official disclosed that the dam had been designated as a 'national project' following which its construction would be monitored regularly by the Ministry of Water Resources. The Centre would extend whatever assistance is required by Punjab and J&K for the implementation of the project.

"The overall cost of the project is pegged at Rs 2,715.70 crore and is slated to be completed by June 2022," an official said.

"The construction of the dam was initially approved

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# Reservoir storage levels dip to 36% of capacity

## OUR BUREAU

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The cumulative water storage in major reservoirs across the country plummeted sharply to 58.723 billion cubic metres (BCM) in one week, according to data released by the Central Water Commission (CWC).

The total storage of water in 91 CWC-monitored reservoirs on Thursday stood at 36 per cent of the storage capacity as compared to 40 per cent a week ago.

Among the States that have reported lower storage as compared to the corresponding period last year were Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Kerala. On the other

## Water Storage

Region	Water capacity (billion cubic metres)	% of live capacity on March 7, 2019	% of live storage capacity corresponding week in 2017-18
Northern Region	9.63	53	29
Eastern Region	9.46	50	56
Western Region	8.01	26	37
Central Region	16.94	40	34
Southern Region	14.69	28	25
<b>All India</b>	<b>58.723</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>34</b>

hand, water storage levels are better compared to last year in Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, the statement said.

The Western region seems to be the worst hit, with

severe drought conditions prevailing. The water storage in 27 key reservoirs in the region stood at 8.01 BCM – 26 per cent of the live capacity. The water storage in the same period last year was at 37 per cent.

Dams in South India, too, have been affected with total storage at 28 per cent. However, this year's levels are relatively better than the previous year's 25 per cent.

Storage levels in reservoirs in the North, which has been receiving ample winter rains, have improved dramatically. As against 29 per cent storage in the corresponding period last year, the storage was 53 per cent of the total live storage, i.e., 18.01 BCM.

The storage in eastern India and central India was 50 per cent and 40 per cent, respectively, as compared to 56 per cent and 34 per cent during the corresponding period last year, the statement said.