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### 3 panels to look after dam safety 13th March 2019

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BHUBANESWAR: Odisha Government has constituted Dam Safety Review Panel following the directions from Central Water Commission (CWC) for inspection of large dams in the State once in every 10 years.

Earlier, the State had two committees which have now been reconstituted into three panels each having six members.

The panels will review the existing dams as well as those in the proposed Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) II. While the first panel will be headed by former CWC chairman AB Pandya, the second will be chaired by former CWC member AK Ganju. The third panel will be headed by former CWC chairman RC Jha.

According to a notification, the panels will function as per the guidelines and terms of reference issued by CWC and ensure timely completion of comprehensive dam safety evaluation. Odisha has 163 large dams out of which 38 have been identified for rehabilitation and improvement works under DRIP by Odisha Water Resources department in the first phase.

The panels will inspect both structural and non-structural issues in all dams, some of which are more than 100 years old. In the first phase, older dams have been taken into consideration for repair and restoration work. While already 90 per cent work has been completed, the remaining work is expected to be over by June next year.

The CWC will consider repairing and maintenance of dams after the panels submit their inspection reports. The panels will carry out thorough inspection of dams once in every 10 years even after the repair works as provisioned in the guideline. An official of Water Resources department said the panel will focus on leakages in dams, improvement in dam drainage and ability to withstand higher floods besides hydrological assessments.

"With advanced technology, the panels would go for surveillance and monitoring of dams through underwater and geo-physical investigation," he added.

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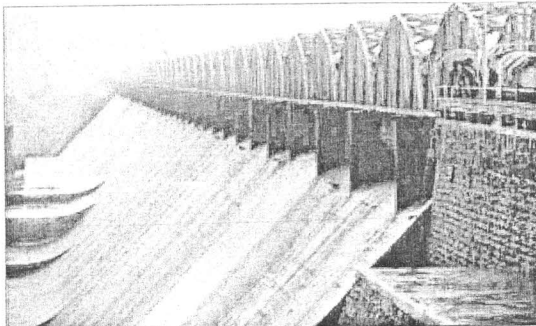
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# Gargai dam project one step closer to reality

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One of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation's (BMC) most ambitious projects to take care of the city's ever-growing water needs, Gargai dam has been in the pipeline for years. Taking the project one step closer to reality, the civic body has appointed the Central Water and Power Research Station (CWPRS) to conduct a study of the proposed Gargai dam's construction area that falls in seismic zone 3. It has also appointed WAPCOS LTD to conduct flood related studies under the guidance of Central Design Organisation, Nashik.

All dams falling under earthquake-prone zones require a study to be conducted



Picture for representation

before getting the no objection certificate from the Central Water Commission. The proposed site of Gargai dam falls under earthquake seismic zone 3 which is classified as Moderate Damage Risk Zone.

Thus, the civic body has appointed the institute to study the site. "CWPRS is a government institute and is the only body which can conduct such studies," said a BMC official. The proposal of sanctioning

## VETTING THE SITE

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the appointment of the institute has been passed in the standing committee meeting on Tuesday. Cost of the study is expected to be around Rs 13.77 lakh. The BMC made a provision of Rs 122 crore for

the project in 2019-20 budget.

The dam is expected to add 440 million litres daily to the city's water supply.

The city gets a supply of 3,800 MLD of water daily from seven dams. Gargai, Pinjal and Damanganga dams will give additional water supply of 2891 MLD water to the city by 2050. The primary work of Gargai, which will be on Vaitarna river in Palghar, has already started and the civic body submitted various reports of the dam to different bodies for permission.

Of the other projects that are behind the schedule is the Pinjal Project which is with the state government and the disputed Damanganga Pinjal River Link Project which has to be signed by Gujarat and Maharashtra governments.

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## Meeting Goals

### Ganga clean-up progress unimpressive even as the highest monitoring body has failed to meet in three years

**T**HE NATIONAL GANGA Council (NGC), which is headed by prime minister Narendra Modi, has never met since it was constituted in October 2016, as per *The Wire*. Given it was the highest level of monitoring in the Ganga clean-up command chain, this should be deeply embarrassing for a government that promised unprecedented action on saving the river. The Union ministry of water resources, river development and Ganga rejuvenation (Ganga ministry) had notified the Council on October 7, 2016, even as it dissolved National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA). The Ganga ministry also came out with a five-level command-chain at the national, state and district levels for the cleaning and sustainable management of the river. While there has been some progress under the Namami Gange programme, the fact that the NGC hasn't met even once since inception brings the government's commitment to cleaning up the river under a cloud.

Apart from the National Ganga Council, the October 2016 notification also spoke of the formation of an Empowered Task Force headed by the Union water minister. On the website of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), no minutes of meetings are available of the Empowered Task Force as well. The NMCG's executive council, however, met on March 8. But, the efforts of this body, in which the Namami Gange programme is housed, have been unimpressive—a CAG report from December 2017 highlighted delays and non-implementation of projects related to the cleaning of the river, installation of sewage treatment plants, and construction of toilets in households along the course of the river. Further, the Central Pollution Control Board found in a study that, of the 39 places that the Ganga passes through, the river was clean in only one after the monsoon in 2018. And in a reply to a question in the Lok Sabha this year, it was also revealed that, under the Namami Gange programme, out of the 131 approved sewage treatment projects for the river, only 31 had been completed as of November 30, 2018. The river's continued degradation jeopardises the lives of the millions of humans and flora and fauna that depend on it. The government therefore needs to get its act together.

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## भारत की सख्ती पर गिड़गिड़ाया पाकिस्तान, कहा, 'अगर पानी रोका तो पाक करेगा ये काम'

नई दिल्ली। 10 मार्च को मोदी सरकार में केंद्रीय मंत्री अर्जुन मेघवाल ने कहा कि पाकिस्तान की ओर जाने वाली तीन नदियों का पानी भारत ने रोक दिया है। उन्होंने कहा 'पाकिस्तान में बहने वाली पूर्वी नदियों के 0.53 मिलियन एकड़ फीट पानी को रोक कर इसे संग्रहित किया गया है। जब भी राजस्थान या पंजाब को इसकी जरूरत होगी, उस पानी का उपयोग पीने और सिंचाई के उद्देश्यों के लिए किया जा सकता है।' इस बयान के बाद से पाकिस्तान एकदम बौखलाया हुआ है। उसने गिड़गिड़ाते हुए कहा कि, भारत सिंधु जल समझौते तहत उसकी तरफ बहने वाले पानी को रोक नहीं सकता। पाकिस्तान के शीर्ष अधिकारी ने कहा कि "अगर भारत रावी, सतलज और ब्यास नदियों का पानी रोकेगा तो इस्लामाबाद इंटरनैशनल कोर्ट फॉर आर्बिट्रेशन में जाएगा।" भारत के रुख को देखते हुए पाकिस्तान के पर्मानेंट कमिशन के एक शीर्ष अधिकारी का कहना है कि 'भारत लगातार पानी को लेकर आक्रामकता दिखाता' रहा है। आपको बता दें कि पुलवामा हमले के बाद से भारत पाकिस्तान को सबक सिखाने के लिए कमर कस चुका है। पाकिस्तान को आतंकवाद को लेकर दोहरे रवैये से पूरी दुनिया वाकिफ हो चुकी है, जिसको लेकर अब उसके ऊपर अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दबाव भी बना हुआ है। बता दें कि पानी को रोकने को लेकर केंद्रीय मंत्री नितिन गडकरी ने भी पिछले महीने कहा था कि भारत ने अपने हिस्से के पानी को पाकिस्तान में जाने से रोकने का फैसला किया है। जिसपर पाकिस्तान ने कहा था कि भारत अगर अपने हिस्से का पानी बंद करता है तो पाक को कोई चिंता नहीं होगी।

