

# Water storage level of 91 major reservoirs of the country goes down by two percent

The water storage available in 91 major reservoirs of the country for the week ending on March 08, 2018 was 54.394 BCM which is 34% of total storage capacity of these reservoirs. This percentage was at 36 for the week ending on March 01, 2018. The level of water storage in the week ending on March 08, 2018 was 89% of the storage of corresponding period of last year and 91% of storage of average of last ten years.

The total storage capacity of these 91 reservoirs is 161.993 BCM which is about 63% of the total storage capacity of 257.812 BCM which is estimated to have been created in the country. 37 Reservoirs out of these 91 have hydropower benefit with installed capacity of more than 60 MW.

The northern region includes States of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Rajasthan. There are six reservoirs under CWC monitoring having total live storage capacity of 18.01 BCM. The total live storage available in these reservoirs is 5.16 BCM which is 29% of total live storage capacity of these reservoirs. The storage during corresponding period of last year was 26% and average storage of last ten years during corresponding period was 32% of live storage capacity of these reservoirs. Thus, storage during

current year is better than the corresponding period of last year but is less than the average storage of last ten years during the corresponding period.

The Eastern region includes States of Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal and Tripura. There are 15 reservoirs under CWC monitoring having total live storage capacity of 18.83 BCM. The total live storage available in these reservoirs is 10.39 BCM which is 55% of total live storage capacity of these reservoirs. The storage during corresponding period of last year was 61% and average storage of last ten years during corresponding period was 51% of live storage capacity of these reservoirs. Thus, storage during current year is less than the corresponding period of last year but is better than the average storage of last ten years during the corresponding period.

The Western region includes States of Gujarat and Maharashtra. There are 27 reservoirs under CWC monitoring having total live storage capacity of 31.26 BCM. The total live storage available in these reservoirs is 11.51 BCM which is 37% of total live storage capacity of these reservoirs. The storage during corresponding period of last year was 44% and average storage of last ten years during corresponding

period was 40% of live storage capacity of these reservoirs. Thus, storage during current year is less than the storage of last year and is also less than the average storage of last ten years during the corresponding period.

The Central region includes States of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. There are 12 reservoirs under CWC monitoring having total live storage capacity of 42.30 BCM. The total live storage available in these reservoirs is 14.56 BCM which is 34% of total live storage capacity of these reservoirs. The storage during corresponding period of last year was 52% and average storage of last ten years during corresponding period was 37% of live storage capacity of these reservoirs. Thus, storage during current year is less than the storage of last year and is also less than the average storage of last ten years during the corresponding period.

The Southern region includes States of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, AP&TG (Two combined projects in both states), Karnataka, Kerala and

Tamil Nadu. There are 31 reservoirs under CWC monitoring having total live storage capacity of 51.59 BCM. The total live storage available in these reservoirs is 12.77 BCM which is 25% of total live storage capacity of these reservoirs. The storage during corresponding period of last year was 18% and average storage of last ten years during corresponding period was 32% of live storage capacity of these reservoirs. Thus, storage during current year is better than the corresponding period of last year but is less than the average storage of last ten years during the corresponding period. Referring to the importance of efficient use of water resources through drip irrigation the Minister cited the example of Madhya Pradesh which has achieved agricultural growth of 23% as against the national average of four per cent by promoting drip irrigation. The Minister referred to the 30 proposed projects of river connectivity in the country at an expenditure of Rs. 8 lakh crore. He said "The challenge is to find suitable cost effective, environment friendly technology for efficient water transfer without compromising the quality".

# Alternate technology is the need of the hour for Mega Water Conveyance Systems – Gadkari

Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Shri Nitin Gadkari has said that alternate technology is the need of the hour for mega water conveyance systems in the country. Inaugurating an international workshop on the "Use of Large Diameter Pipes for Mega Water Conveyance System" in New Delhi today the Minister stressed the need for developing water grids in the country on the lines of power grid and road networks. Shri Gadkari said that we do not have shortage of water in the country but lack proper planning and management of water resources. He said 25 to 30% of agricultural workforce in the country migrates from rural to urban areas only due to problems of irrigation and resultant difficulties related to agricultural. Referring to the importance of efficient use of water resources through drip irrigation the Minister cited the example of Madhya Pradesh which has achieved agricultural growth of 23% as against the national average of four per cent by promoting drip irrigation. The Minister referred to the 30 proposed projects of river connectivity in the country at an expenditure of Rs. 8 lakh crore. He said "The challenge is to find suitable cost effective, environment friendly technology for efficient water transfer without compromising the quality".

of our government as it is the dream of our Prime Minister to double the income of farmers by the year 2022. He said that irrigation and water conveyance through canals is very costly and it takes a lot of time due to environment and forest clearances and land acquisition problems. The Minister said Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra have started using pipes for water conveyance in place of canal. Dr Singh urged the experts to find cost effective and eco-friendly alternatives to fulfill the objective of 'Har Khet ko Pani'.

Shri UP Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation highlighted the benefits of large diameter pipes for water conveyance and said that many canals in the country are being constructed for many years and are still not complete. As opposed to canal systems, piped conveyance of water does not require land acquisition and forest clearance. The problems of contamination of water is also greatly reduced, as also loss due to evaporation, he said. The Secretary said the country needs cheaper, cost effective and eco-friendly technologies. Shri Singh hoped that experts will find such solution in the workshop and assured that his Ministry will take quick action on them.

The day long workshop has been organized by WAPCOS and National Water Development Agency jointly under the aegis of the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.

# Decrease in Number of Train Accidents

The number of consequential train accidents (including accidents at Unmanned Level Crossings mainly caused due to negligence of road vehicle users) have decreased from 135 in 2014-15, to 107 in 2015-16 and further to 104 in 2016-17. In the current year (upto 28th February, 2018) the number of consequential train accidents have further reduced to 70 as compared to 99 in the corresponding period of the previous year.

Safety is accorded the highest priority by Indian Railways and all possible steps are undertaken on a continual basis to prevent accidents and to enhance safety. These include timely replacement of over-aged assets, adoption of suitable technologies for upgradation and maintenance of track, rolling stock, signalling and interlocking systems, safety drives, greater emphasis on training of officials and safety inspections at regular intervals to monitor and educate staff for observance of safe practices. Preventive and predictive maintenance of the Railway assets is undertaken to ensure safe train operation. Safety devices/systems being used to prevent accidents include Electronic Interlocking, track circuiting, provision of Block Proving Axle Counters, Colour Light LED Signals, Train Protection and

Warning System, Vigilance Control Device, Fog Pass Device, usage of 52 kg/60 kg, 90 or higher UTS rails and Pre-stressed Concrete Sleepers, use of Ultrasonic Flaw Detection of rails and welds at predefined periodicity to detect internal flaws in rails/welds. Electronic monitoring of track geometry is carried out to detect defects and plan maintenance. Steel Channel Sleepers on girder bridges is being used while carrying out primary track renewals. Further, it has been decided to lay Thick webs switches, Weldable Cast Manganese Steel crossings on identified routes. Progressive use of Linke Hofmann Busch Coaches, use of Centre Buffer Couplers with Integral Coach Factory Coaches, etc. Railway tracks are replaced on age cum condition basis through track renewal works which is an ongoing process. Other measures include training of loco pilots and other safety category staff, improvement of their working conditions including proper rest and periodic medical examination etc. Besides, patrolling of tracks, footplate inspections and safety reviews at various levels, etc. are regularly conducted to continuously monitor and improve safety aspects of the Indian Railways.

This information was made available in reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.

# World Television Premiere of 'Tiger Zinda Hai' on Sony MAX

Mumbai, After breaking all records on the silver screen, the blockbuster movie, Tiger Zinda Hai is all set for its World Television Premiere on Sony MAX, the leading Hindi movies channel from Sony Pictures Networks on Sunday, 18th March at 1PM. Directed by Ali Abbas Zafar, Tiger Zinda Hai brings back the Bollywood's super hit pair, Salman Khan and Katrina Kaif in the lead roles along with outstanding performance by support cast of Paresh Rawal, Kumud Mishra, Angad Bedi and Iranian actor Sajjad Delafrooz.



A sequel to the 2012 superhit film Ek Tha Tiger, Tiger Zinda Hai continues the story of two super spies Tiger and Zoya eight years

later. Shot across various international and picturesque locations coupled with high end production, this mega espionage drama promises edge of the seat thrill, romance and tons of entertainment. (19-10)

# Shilpa Shetty pays the ultimate honor to a choreographer on Super Dancer 2!



This season of Super Dancer Chapter 2 has been one of the most successful dance reality show so far. With back to back awe-inspiring performances, contestants are winning the hearts of the audience and don't want to leave behind a single reason to keep the show in the news. In the upcoming Sunday episode (11 March), viewers will surely be glued to their screens as the show celebrates Motherhood with a Mother's special theme. The versatile singer, Sunidhi Chauhan who recently became a proud mother made her first appearance after having a baby boy. She was overwhelmed to see the breathtaking performances

in the show. The entire episode was a melting pot of emotions as everyone including Shilpa Shetty and Sunidhi Chauhan became nostalgic when it came to their mothers. Shilpa also narrated a few instances about how her mother used to handle everything at the same time and she has realized the importance of a mother after being one. The highlight of the evening was a beautiful performance by Super Dancer Akash Thapa and Vivek which got everyone teary eyed on the set. The act showcased the intense love between a mother and a son which touched the Shilpa's heart. (19-8)

# Surgeries can now be planned online at your handiness

New Delhi: Surgeries can now be planned as per your convenience and at the best hospitals. 3Hcare.in, the online portal until now had provided similar facilities in the field of diagnostics and with its expansion in helping people to plan their surgeries online is proving advantageous.

"With free quotation facilities available on the website, a patient is able to choose from the best of the hospitals. Covering almost all the leading and renowned hospitals across Delhi – NCR, our new vertical has been launched for the ease of the public. Now the patient need not wait for getting date for their surgery, or visit different hospitals for price comparison or time availability and most importantly, quoted comparison can help them plan their financials efficiently." Said CA (Dr) Ruchi



Gupta, Founder and CEO, 3Hcare.in

The portal includes all the information that a patient may require to know before planning their surgery. Latest technological treatment methods available are known to be minimally invasive and can be performed as a day care procedure. With availability of all the specialities on the portal, 3Hcare.in provides the best in class hospitals at the best discounted price as per the wish of the patient. (19-10)

# Bidding system for coal mines

Under the provisions of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015, auction of coal mines is conducted in an electronic platform through a transparent mechanism.

Bidding Process for the regulated sector (power) and non-regulated sectors (Cement, Iron and Steel, Captive Power) has been kept different. Forward e-auction has been adopted for non-regulated sector and reverse-cum-forward e-auction has been adopted for regulated sector. The meth-

odology adopted for the bidding is fixed bid system where the bidder quotes in Rs./tonne for coal extracted from the coal mine. Under the provisions of the said Act, 89 coal mines have so far been successfully allocated. Of these 89 coal mines, 31 have been allocated through e-auction and 58 have been allotted to Government Companies.

The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P. (C) No. 1384/2015 titled M/s Sharda Energy and Minerals Ltd.

# Music series under Incredible India Heritage Series in Delhi, Varanasi and Kochi

The Ministry of Tourism is organizing a music series under the Incredible India Heritage Series in Delhi, Varanasi and Kochi, which are important tourist centres of the country. This music series organised through SPIC MACAY would be held over a period of 6 weekends with the objective to promote the rich cultural heritage of the country and to reinforce the principle of 'Tourism for All'. The artists, who would be performing in the programme series include Hindustani as well as Carnatic Vocalists and Instrumentalists. Similarly the best of our Folk traditions will be showcased by performances of Qawwali, Kabir Gayan, Choir, Baul and various folk art forms from across the nation.

Hindustani classical music vocalist from Mumbai. She pursues the Jaipur-Atrauli Gharana. 11th March will see performances by Parvathy Baul, a Baul folk singer, musician and storyteller from Bengal and one of the leading Baul musicians in India. The Warsi Brothers from Rampur (Uttar Pradesh) will perform Qawwali who are the grand sons of Padmasri Aziz Ahmed Khan Warsi, the world famous Qawwal. Their Qawwali bears a distinct impression of the gayeki of Delhi Gharana and is noted for its melody and improvisation. They are recognised specially for their Traditional Sufiana Qawwali, Ghazal, Thumri, Bhajan and Classical Bandish.

The Delhi leg of the series starts on 10th March, 2018 at Red Fort with performance by Ustad Shahid Parvez Khan, a sitar player of Hindustani classical music, followed by Dr. Ashwini Bhide-Deshpande, a

Violinist Dr. L. Subramaniam, Mridangam player Dr. Umayalpuram K. Sivaraman, and Santoor player Pt. Shiv Kumar Sharma will perform at Arab ki Sarai, Humayun's Tomb on 17th March, 2018; while the Capital City Minstrels (Choir) and Smt. Malini Awasthi (Thumri) will perform on 18th March, 2018.

# Tori – Balumath Rail Line & Balumath-CCL siding dedicated to the nation

Minister of State of Railways & Communications, Shri Manoj Sinha today dedicated to the nation the Tori-Balumath rail line and Balumath-CCL Siding. Flagging off the train through Virtual Conferencing from Rail Bhavan today, Shri Manoj Sinha said "need for streamlining transportation of nearly 170 million tonnes/per day of Coal had been felt for long from Jharkhand's Latihar region. Since 2005-06, the Tori-Shivpur 44 km new railway line had been approved. Till 2013-14 the progress was quite slow and only Rs. 145 Crore could be spent. Subsequent to its inclusion in Hon'ble Prime Minister's PRAGATI portal, the project

work was fast-tracked and as a result, 19.3 km Tori-Balumath section has been completed with an expenditure of about Rs. 1063 Crore. The revised sanctioned cost of this project is 1589 crore rupees. Out of this stretch today the 19.3 km run from Tori to Balumath has been commissioned due to the sincere commitment of Ministry of Railways and Jharkhand Government".

The Tori-Shivpur new line (44.0 Km) is being constructed primarily for coal evacuation from Amrapali and Magadh coal mines of Latehar and Chatra districts of Jharkhand. This area has huge coal deposit. Between Tori to Balumath there are 3

stations, 5 major bridges, 7 ROBs and 39 minor bridges. As per initial estimate, CIL proposed to evacuate total 80 rakes of coal daily work from various coal blocks. Two sidings are being developed by CIL to connect Amrapali and Magadh coal mines to rail net work.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister congratulated the officers of the East Central Railway and particularly the engineers of the construction wing who helped complete the construction despite challenges of the difficult geographical terrain. The Tori-Shivpur rail line project is funded by Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) - a coal producing subsidiary of Coal

India Limited (CIL). Commissioning of Tori-Balumath rail line and Balumath-CCL Siding will help to evacuate 5 to 6 rakes of coal everyday in first phase which will result in annual offtake of 6-7 million tonne (MT). On completion of the complete stretch Tori-Shivpur-Kathoria rail line, around 100 MT of coal will be evacuated annually from North Karanpura Coalfield of Jharkhand.

CCL, with active support from central & state governments, has commissioned many long pending projects in the last 4 years. This includes two mega coal mining projects viz. Magadh OCP and Amrapali OCP.

# Medical Termination of Pregnancy

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare conducted extensive consultative process (initiated in 2006) with experts representing Central Ministries and Departments including AYUSH, NGOs, academic institutions, State Governments, professional associations including Federation of Obstetric & Gynaecological Societies (FOGSI) and Indian Nursing Council (INC), civil society representatives and lawyers, with the objective of proposing suitable amendments. Inputs were also sought from National Commission for Women (NCW) and the Ministry of Law and Justice.

Following the inter-ministerial consultations, the draft Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) (Amendment) Bill, 2014 was placed in public domain for comments. Taking into account both the public opinion and the recommendations from the deliberations, the proposed MTP (Amendment) Bill, 2016 has been drafted.

The proposed amendments to MTP Act 1971 focuses on improving the scope of legal access to MTP for special category of women which includes survivors of rape, victims of incest, single women (unmarried/divorced/widowed to be established on the basis of self-certification of woman), and other vulnerable women (differently-abled women). The upper gestational limit for termination of pregnancy for survivors of rape has been proposed to be increased from 20 weeks to 24 weeks.

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