

**MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RD & GR
CENTRAL GROUND WATER BOARD (CGWB)**

Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for October 2020

1. Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month

1.1 Important policy decisions taken:

1.2 Major Achievements during the month:

(a) National Aquifer Mapping and Management (NAQUIM) Programme:

- NAQUIM reports of erstwhile Medak (9385 sq. kms) and Mahabubnagar (16658 sq. kms) districts were approved in State Ground Water Co-Ordination Committee (SGWCC) meeting held under Chairmanship of Dr. Rajat Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary, I&CAD, Govt. of Telangana on 19th Oct. 2020.



SGWCC meeting

- As a part of the studies carried out during the month of October 2020, CGWB has constructed 13 high discharge wells in the States of Telangana (5), Kerala (1), Maharashtra (2), Jharkhand (4) and Chhattisgarh (1). The wells have been drilled in hard rock areas with discharge ranging from around 266 to 2160 litres per minute (lpm).



High Yielding well at Areguda (EW), Asifabad district, Telangana (Outsourcing – Soft Rock)

(b) PMKSY-HKGP-GW: Second State Level Technical Advisory Committee meeting (Tamil Nadu) for PMKSY-HKGP-GW Irrigation was held on 01.10.2020 in which new proposals with cost estimate of 1.59 Crores in Nagapattinam district and 44.90 Crores in 11 districts of Tamil Nadu were presented.

(c) Training Programmes conducted by Rajiv Gandhi National Ground Water Training & Research Institute (RGNGWTRI): RGNGWTRI, the training Institute of CGWB, has initiated online training programmes for its Officers as well as for Professionals from State Govt. Water Departments and other organisations:

Four National Level (Tier- I) online trainings were conducted by RGNGWTRI during October 2020 in which 176 trainees participated.

Four State Level (Tier- II) online training on Regional Groundwater Management issues were conducted during October 2020 in which 216 participants were imparted training.

(d) Meetings:

- A meeting was held on 20.10.2020 under the Chairpersonship of Joint Secretary, Department of Water Resources, RD&GR, Govt. of India to discuss about the Status of issuance of NOC and to expedite speedy disposal of pending applications.
- Sh. G. C.Pati, Chairman, CGWB & CGWA delivered a talk on “Artificial Recharge-Integrating Science and Technology” under National Groundwater Lecture Series on Saturday, 3rd October 2020 in the webinar organized by Indian National Chapter of International Association of Hydrogeologists (INC-IAH).
- Chairman, CGWB took the 44th meeting (*via*. online) of CGWA on 20th October 2020. In the meeting issues like guidelines to regulate and control ground water extraction in India including abstraction of saline water, imposition of environmental compensation on existing users, accreditation of consultants, inclusion of PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry (PHDCCI) certified auditors in the list of water auditors etc. were discussed.
- Online review meeting of CGWA held under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary, DoWR, RD&GR on 23.10.2020.
- First meeting of Organising Committee of 7th India Water Week 2021 held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DoWR, RD&GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti on 28th October, 2020 through Video Conference. Chairman, CGWB attended the meeting.
- Dr. P. Nandakumaran, Member (South) visited the CGWB, Nagpur on 27.10.2020 to discuss about the issues related to grant of NOCs with Regional Director & Senior Officers. During the meeting issues regarding pending applications and action taken for clearing applications for GW extraction were also discussed with the concerned officer's.
- Sh. S. Marwaha, Member (CGWB) visited CGWB, Chandigarh on 26.10.2020 to discuss about the issues related to NoC and pending applications in CGWA.
- Shri Anoop Nagar, Regional Director, CGWB, Chandigarh and Officers from CGWB, Chandigarh attended an online meeting with Additional Chief Secretary (Irrigation) Haryana, regarding Atal Bhujal Yojna on 08.10.2020. In the meeting, it was emphasized that the works related to Atal Bhujal shall be expedited and Water User Associations should have at least 50% women members.

(e) Workshops/Seminars/ Lecture/Talk/ Trainings:

- Hon'ble Union Minister Sri Gajendra Singh Sekhawat, MoJS, delivered the 18th Water Talk on 16th October 2020. The water talk was attended by Chairman, CGWB, all Members, Regional Directors/HoO and Officers of CGWB.
- Officers from SUO Shillong presented and submitted paper on 'Augmentation of crop production through sustainable use of ground water' in an online International conference on water resources 2020 organised by Central University of Karnataka.
- Online awareness programs regarding the new guidelines of ground water abstraction (dated 24.09.2020) for obtaining/ renewal of No Objection Certificate (NOC) to regulate



and control groundwater extraction in the country were organized by several Regional Offices of CGWB. The program was conducted for the Industrialists, Govt. Agencies and other Ground Water users.

(f) Public Interaction Program (PIP): As a part of the PIP carried out during the month of October 2020, CGWB has conducted 4 no. of PIP in the States of Kerala (1), Assam (2) and Delhi (1). The program was attended by 159 people (including 88 female participants).



PIP at Barikadonga vill. ,Baksa Distt., Assam

2. Important policy matters held up on account of prolonged inter-ministerial consultations

3. Compliance of CoS decisions

Sl. No.	No. of CoS decisions pending for compliance.	Proposed action plan/time lines for compliance of CoS decisions	Remarks
	NIL	NA	All decisions are either implemented or are under implementation.

4. Compliance of Status regarding decisions/directions of ACC

Sl. No.	No. & date of decision	Gist of decision & specific direction, <i>if any</i>	Compliance details	Remarks

5. No. of cases of 'sanction of prosecution' pending for more than three months:

6. Particulars of cases in which there has been a departure from the Transaction of Business Rules or established policy of the Government

7. Status of implementation of e-Governance

Total No. of files	Total of e-files
All files are being processed through e-office at CGWB, CHQ.	

8. Status of Public Grievances

No. of Public Grievances redressed during the month	No. of Public Grievances pending at the end of the month.
13	Nil

9. Information on the specific steps taken by the Ministry/Department for utilization of the Space Technology based tools and applications in Governance and Development