

Water storage level of 91 major reservoirs of the country goes up by four percent

PIB
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The water storage available in 91 major reservoirs of the country for the week ending on August 16, 2018 was 84.743 BCM which is 52% of total storage capacity of these reservoirs. This percentage was at 48% for the week ending on August 09, 2018. The level of water storage in the week ending on August 16, 2018 was 112% of the storage of corresponding period of last year and 96% 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.

REGION WISE STORAGE STATUS:-

NORTHERN REGION
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 9.76 BCM which is 54% of total live storage capacity of these reservoirs. The storage during corresponding period of last year was 79% and average storage of last ten years during corresponding period was 69% of live storage capacity of these reservoirs. Thus, storage during current year is less than the corresponding period of last year and is also less than the average storage of last ten years during the

corresponding period.

EASTERN REGION

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 9.87 BCM which is 52% of total live storage capacity of these reservoirs. The storage during corresponding period of last year was 47% and average storage of last ten years during corresponding period was 44% of live storage capacity of these reservoirs. Thus, storage during current year is better than the corresponding period of last year and is also better than the average storage of last ten years during the corresponding period.

WESTERN REGION

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 11.05 BCM which is 35% of total live storage capacity of these reservoirs. The storage during corresponding period of last year was 50% 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 storage of last year and is also less than the average storage of last ten years during the corresponding period.

CENTRAL REGION

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 20.50 BCM which is 48% 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 57% 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.

SOUTHERN REGION

The Southern region includes States of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, AP&TG (Two combined project 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 33.57 BCM which is 65% of total live storage capacity of these reservoirs. The storage during corresponding period of last year was 29% and average storage of last ten years during corresponding period was 52% live storage capacity of these reservoirs. Thus, storage during current year is better than the corresponding period of last year and is also better than the average storage of last ten years during the

corresponding period. States having better storage than last year for corresponding period are Odisha, Chhattisgarh, AP&TG (Two combined projects in both states), Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu. States having equal storage than last year for corresponding period is Maharashtra. States having lesser storage than last year for corresponding period are Tripura, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.

State Govt. honours former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee

Declares holiday; to observe 7-Day Mourning till Aug. 22

DIPR
August 17,

The Government of Manipur declared holiday today for all Government Offices and Government Educational Institutions on the demise of Former Prime Minister of India, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. According to a press release issued by Joint Secretary, General Administration Department, all banks in

Manipur will also remain closed tomorrow (August 17, 2018) as mark of respect to the departed dignitary.

The State will also observe seven days mourning from August 16, 2018 till August 22, 2018. During this period the national flag will be flown half mast on all the buildings throughout the State where it is regularly flown. There will be no official entertainment during the mourning

Assam Rifles organises Sports Week at Muallam Village

IT News
Imphal, Aug 17,

"Sports Week" organized by the Assam Rifles Singhat Battalion in association with the Presbyterian Youth Fellowship (PYF) since August 16 is being underway at Muallam village in Churachandpur district. The Assam Rifled organized the Sports Week with an effort to build friendly relations with the locals and promote unity, peace and harmony in the region by bringing the different tribes together through the medium of sports. The Sports week aims to attract the youth towards sports and encourage the talented players to take up sports as a career. It will be concluded on August 22.



Sports items like football, volleyball and goal post nets for the various events were provided by the Assam Rifles. During the week, various events such as Marathon, Long Jump, High Jump, Football and Girls Volleyball are being organised. This year a total of 17 teams from all across the District are participating in various sporting events. The overwhelming participation of teams and huge turnout of spectators during the event has made the event a grand success.

Eye screening camp concludes at press club

From our Correspondent
Guwahati, Aug 17,

Most of the city based scribes are facing various eye related problems, where ten percent of them need urgent medical attention. Over 70% of the participants in a day long eye screening camp at Guwahati Press Club also diagnosed with losing the power of eyesight. City based ASG Eye Hospital, a part of nationwide super-specialty eye hospitals' chain

that was initiated by eye experts from AIIMS, organized the screening camp today (16 August), where around 50 scribes participated. Senior ophthalmologists Mohammad Dilshad and Balwinder Singh examined the eyes of participants and offered free consultations, where corporate manager Syed Aminul Hussain and relationship manager Debashish Baruah were also present.

Infinity Ride competes a successful fundraising cycling ride through India's most difficult motorable route; fund raised to support Para Athletes

Aditya Mehta Foundation aims to train 100 athletes for 2020 Paralympics

Agency
Manali, August 16,

Infinity Ride- Aditya Mehta Foundation's (AMF) ambitious fundraising charity cycle ride for supporting Para Athletes in the country saw a successful completion to its fourth edition. The team was greeted by Shri Kiran Rijjii, Hon'ble Union Minister of Home (State) and Shri Abhinav Kumar Inspector General along with other top officials from Border Security Force (BSF) as the overwhelming team of 30 riders, including the Indian para-cyclists at the flag-in ceremony in Malali taking a ride on Wednesday afternoon.

The Border Security Force (BSF) had lent their support to AMF in this good cause with a mission to not only raise funds but also secure training of 100 para athletes and prepare them for the Tokyo Para Games in 2020.

The flag-off which had taken place at the Ridge in Shimla, ten days back saw the riders traversing over 700 plus kilometres through the arguably world's second most difficult motor-able route to reach Manali, the culminating point as the nation celebrated the 72nd Independence Day on Wednesday.

"We had to negotiate the worst climate conditions and slippery mountainous tracks to complete this journey. There were many of us who were not professional riders yet the motto of Infinity Ride, kept them going despite the difficulties and hardships. We have not only been successful in finishing the rise but also handsome money has been raised through the fundraising initiative." Aditya Mehta, founder of Aditya Mehta Foundation and also the coach of the Indian para-cycling team, said on the occasion, after completing the strenuous fourth edition of the charity ride.

Beating the torrential rain, landslides and the muddy mountainous tracks the 20 fundraising riders and 10 Indian Para Cyclists taking part in the charity ride; coming from different parts of the country had joined hands to strengthen the Infinity Ride, cycling the difficult terrains of Himachal for the cause.

Each of these riders had targeted to raise funds to the tune of Rs. 3 lakh which will serve the AMF's purpose



of funding the deserving para-athletes in various sports and also find potential talents who can win medals for the country in the Paralympics two years from now through the 'Mission 100' initiative. The initiative also has the full backing of the Cycling Federation of India.

The Director General of BSF, K.K. Sharma too echoed on the same line, said, he saw real potential in the initiative to not only encourage and bring together people from various walks of life to support para sports and the genuinity of the efforts encouraged BSF to join hands with AMF. "Parasports has huge potential and the Infinity Ride's aim of contributing and supporting para athletes over the years is a very noble initiative," he said.

"With the Paralympics less than two years away, it is our dream to find 100 such top para athletes who can go on to win medals at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics.

The AMF would need partners to realise the mission and BSF is firm believer of the work that Aditya and his Foundation is doing and we will continue to support and make the initiative a movement to contribute towards the growth of para sports in India," further added the DG BSF.

The other dignitaries present at the ceremonial flag-off of the last phase of the Infinity Ride from Palchan to Manali saw SS Deswal, Special DG; Shri Ram Swaroop Sharma, MP, Mandi; Shri ID Sharma (JG-Training) and Shri S Bhains apart from the presence of the Union Minister of Home as they joined the riders on their last lap of the journey.

Incidentally, the three earlier rides were held between Bengaluru and Hyderabad (2015), Manali to Khardung La (2016) and Hyderabad to Tirupati (2017)

Route Map at a glance
Day 1: Shimla to Narkanda 65 km [5th August]

- Day 2: Narkanda to Rampur 90 km
- Day 3: Rampur to Kalpa 95 km
- Day 4: Sangla to Kalpa 50 km
- Day 5: Kalpa to Pooh 60 km
- Day 6: Pooh to Nako 35 km
- Day 7: Nako to Tabo 60 km
- Day 8: Tabo to Kaza 60 km
- Day 9: Kaza to Losar 60 km
- Day 10: Losar to Chhatru 50 km
- Day 11: Chhatru to Manali via Rohtang 95 km on 15th of August, 2018.

About Aditya Mehta Foundation - "Our vision is to make India a superpower in the world of Para Sports"- Aditya Mehta Foundation (AMF) is a non-profit organisation which aids people with disabilities to pursue sports while also providing them self-sustenance. The Foundation, started in 2013, has grown by leaps and bounds in a short span. Based in Hyderabad, the Foundation has managed to span out to virtually every corner of the nation. It represents a unique cause and seeks to help a neglected part of a fairly large population.

About Infinity Ride
The AMF raises funds through its signature Fund Raising event, the **Infinity Ride**, and also scouts for talent among the disabled population of India. It also provides counselling for them and help them get better at their sport or even find a sport that is suitable for them. It provides the necessary equipment, training and funding for these athletes as well to help them grow in their sport and compete at the International level. Along with the civilian talent, a major part of the foundation's efforts is directed at finding and nurturing talent from nation's Central Armed Police Forces (BSF, CRPF and ITBP), which have a number of soldiers who have suffered debilitating or permanent injuries while serving the country at the border or in axal-hit areas and now are trained to become potential talents for the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics. In its fourth edition, this year the ride will take place from Shimla to Manali; traversing 700 km of difficult and mountainous terrain with support of Border Security Force (BSF)