

Water level in India's main reservoirs rise to 26 of total live storage capacity CWC

NEW DELHI : Amid heavy rains in different parts of the country, water levels in 150 main reservoirs of the country have increased to 26 per cent of the total live storage capacity, still lower than in the same period last year, according to official data.

Last week, the water level was at 22 per cent.

The current live storage stands at 46.311 billion cubic meters (BCM), which is 26 per cent of the total live storage capacity of these reservoirs. This is a significant drop compared to the same period last year, when the live storage was 58.864 BCM, according to Central Water Commission's (CWC's) Friday bulletin.

The reservoirs being monitored have a combined total live storage capacity of 178.784 BCM, representing



69.35 per cent of the overall estimated live storage capacity in the country.

Despite the extensive storage capacity, the current figures reveal that the available storage is only 79 per cent of last year's levels and 90 per cent of the normal storage, which is calculated based on the average storage over the past 10 years.

year's 63 per cent and the normal storage level of 35 per cent.

The eastern region, which includes Assam, Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal, Tripura, Nagaland, and Bihar, also shows a decrease.

The 23 reservoirs in this region have a combined live storage capacity of 20.430 BCM, with current storage at 4.132 BCM (20 per cent of capacity). Last year, the storage was at 22 per cent, and the normal storage level was 24 per cent.

In the western region, covering Gujarat and Maharashtra, the 49 reservoirs have a total live storage capacity of 37.130 BCM.

Currently, the storage is 9.398 BCM (25 per cent of capacity), down from 32 per cent last year and the nor-

mal storage level of 27 per cent. The central region, comprising Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh, has 26 reservoirs with a total live storage capacity of 48.227 BCM.

The current storage is 13.035 BCM (27 per cent of capacity), lower than last year's 39 per cent and the normal storage level of 32 per cent.

The southern region, including Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu, shows a mixed trend. The 42 monitored reservoirs have a total live storage capacity of 53.334 BCM, with the current storage at 13.767 BCM (26 per cent of capacity). This is better than last year's 22 per cent but still below the normal storage level of 27 per cent.

The bulletin highlights that the overall storage position in the country is less than the corresponding period of last year and the normal storage during this time.

Specifically, the total live storage of the country, based on data from the 150 reservoirs, is estimated at 66.782 BCM against an overall capacity of 257.812 BCM.

The current storage levels suggest potential challenges for water management and agricultural activities, especially in regions that are heavily reliant on reservoir water for irrigation and daily use.

The CWC's ongoing monitoring and weekly updates aim to provide critical data to help manage and mitigate water scarcity issues across the country.

Amid growing bonhomie, India asks Russia to advance S-400 missile system deliveries



NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Amid the growing close ties between India and Russia, New Delhi has asked Moscow to expedite and advance the deliveries of the S-400 air defence missile system deliveries.

The Russian side has told India that they would be able to deliver the fourth and the fifth squadrons of the highly capable system by March 2026 and October 2026 respectively due to delays caused by their ongoing conflict with Ukraine.

India and Russia signed a contract with Russia in 2019 for buying five squadrons of the highly capable air defence system with ability to hit targets at up to 400 plus kilometres.

"India has requested the Russian side during the recent talks to expedite the deliveries for meeting Indian Air Force requirements and try to advance the deliveries," defence officials told ANI.

The Russian side has assured to look into the request, they said.

Russia has already supplied three of these air defence systems which have already been operationalised and deployed along both the China and Pakistan front.

The two remaining squadrons were expected to be delivered by 2024 but the supplies got delayed due to their own issues and war

there. India has deployed these missiles in areas from where it can tackle any aerial intrusion by enemy fighter aircraft, cruise missiles and even ballistic missiles.

The Indian Air Force, which recently received the indigenous MR-SAM and Akash missile systems as well as the Israeli Spyder quick reactions surface-to-air missile systems, believes the S-400 will be the game changer for it.

The Indian Air Force has significantly improved its air defence capabilities in recent years.

The Indian Air Force has now started working on its own Project 'Kusha', which would allow it to have an indigenous system developed by DRDO to take down enemy platforms at long ranges.

Air defence systems have been deployed in a big way by the Chinese military across the Line of Actual Control while India has also deployed own systems to counter any enemy misadventure there.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was in Moscow earlier this week and held meetings with President Vladimir Putin after which both countries are now seen as very close and have also decided to enhance their military joint ventures in production and maintenance of various weapon systems.

Uttarakhand: 5 arrested for carrying radioactive materials in Dehradun

DEHRADUN (UTTARAKHAND) : Dehradun Police on Friday arrested five accused for carrying radioactive material and a radiographic camera from the Rajpur Road area of the Dehradun district in Uttarakhand.

These accused were arrested from a house in Brook and Woods Colony, situated on Rajpur Road in Dehradun.

The arrested accused hails from Madhya Pradesh, Delhi and Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh. Ajay Singh, Senior Superintendent of Police of Uttarakhand's capital Dehradun, while speaking exclusively to ANI, said that the police have arrested five people from a house in Brook and Woods Colony on Rajpur Road in Dehradun, from whom radioactive material and radiographic camera were found.

He stated that when the police tried to open the box, the arrested individuals told them that opening it could be difficult because of the presence of radioactive chemicals inside it.

The SSP said that the arrested people are residents of Madhya Pradesh, Delhi and Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh.

SSP Ajay Singh told ANI that on interrogation it was found that the radioactive material box with which these people had come to Dehradun was going to be dealt for crores.

The SSP said that after an investigation by the intelligence agencies and the SDRF team, it was found that there was radioactive material in this box. SSP Ajay Singh said that Bhabha Atomic Research Center, which is a premier agency, has also been contacted. Further investigation is being carried out.

The rules for radioactive materials are governed by the Atomic Energy Act, of 1962. The central government can prohibit the manufacture, possession, use, transfer, export, import, transport, and disposal of radioactive substances without written consent. Radiography cameras use X-rays or gamma rays to create images of the inside of an object or body. These images can be used to inspect industrial objects.



"Stop hatching conspiracy... Truth can be troubled but not defeated": Aam Aadmi Party after SC grants interim bail to Arvind Kejriwal

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Aam Aadmi Party on Friday hailed the Supreme Court decision to grant interim bail to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, on his plea challenging arrest by the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) in the alleged liquor scam case and slammed the Bharatiya Janata Party for "hatching a conspiracy" against the AAP.

The apex court today granted interim bail to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in the case in connection with the now scrapped excise policy, registered by the ED.

Addressing a press conference, Delhi Minister Atishi asked the BJP to stop hatching a conspiracy against other parties and said that truth can be troubled but not defeated.

"BJP knew that he (Arvind Kejriwal) has been granted bail by the Rouse Avenue Court, they know that he will get bail by the Supreme Court too. That is why, they hatched another conspiracy and the day on which the bail hearing was scheduled to come up before the Supreme Court, they made CBI arrest Arvind Kejriwal a day before that. Why was he arrested by the CBI? Because if he received bail in ED case, he would come out of jail and work for the people of Delhi 10 times faster," Atishi said.

Atishi asked the BJP why Kejriwal was arrested by the CBI and asked it to "end its arrogance". "I would like to tell the BJP today, one after the other - every court in this country has exposed your conspiracy... every court is granting bail to Arvind Kejriwal. I would like to tell BJP, end your arrogance and stop hatching conspira-



cy against other parties. Truth can be troubled but not defeated," she added.

AAP leader Sandeep Pathak addressing a press conference termed the Supreme Court judgement as "historic".

"Today's judgement by the Supreme Court is a historic verdict. Today's judgement makes it clear that the alleged excise policy case is created by the BJP and the Supreme Court has completely dismantled this false case," Pathak said.

Delhi minister Saurabh Bharadwaj said that the lower court granted Kejriwal bail and observed that "ED is acting with bias". "PMLA is a black law. The provisions for bail under this are so difficult that it is almost impossible to get bail... First, the lower court granted him bail and observed that "ED is acting with bias"... So, today's bail by the Supreme Court is a huge thing. Centre had anticipated that Supreme Court would grant him bail in the ED matter. So, to ensure that he continues to be in jail even after bail, the CBI arrested him... The burden of proof lies on the CBI. So, I don't think there will

be much issue. It's just a matter of time, Arvind Kejriwal will come out of jail," Bharadwaj said.

A bench headed by Justice Sanjiv Khanna referred to his petition challenging his arrest by the ED to a larger bench.

Supreme Court while granting interim bail to Kejriwal in the ED case observed that the Delhi Chief Minister has suffered incarceration of 90 days and it's conscious that he is an elected leader.

Kejriwal's lawyer Rishikesh Kumar described the verdict as "a big victory." "The Supreme Court has granted him interim bail and the issue of Section 19 and necessity of arrest has been referred to a larger bench. CM Kejriwal will remain in custody as his bail in the CBI case is still pending. This is a big victory," Kumar told ANI.

Supreme Court lawyer Shadan Farasat representing Kejriwal said, "The court observed that in so far as his arrest is concerned, there are certain aspects on the necessity of arrest... They said Mr Kejriwal has undergone a large period of incarceration already and

therefore, directed his release and bail immediately in the ED matter."

The top court had reserved the verdict on Kejriwal's plea on May 17.

On May 10, the apex court granted Kejriwal interim bail till June 1 in the money laundering case registered by the ED in connection with the Delhi Excise Policy, however, ordered that he shall not visit the Office of the Chief Minister and the Delhi Secretariat.

The court directed him to surrender on June 2, following which he had surrendered on June 2.

While filing an appeal in the apex court, Kejriwal had contended that his arrest after the announcement of the General Elections was "motivated by extraneous considerations".

On April 9, the High Court dismissed his plea for release from jail and rejected his argument of political vendetta amid the looming Lok Sabha elections.

"Yet another headline-grabbing exercise": Congress targets Centre for declaring June 25 as "Constitution Murder Day"

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Congress General Secretary Jairam Ramesh on Friday targeted "non-biological" Prime Minister Narendra Modi hours after the Government of India announced that June 25 will be remembered annually as "Constitution Murder Day" in remembrance of the Emergency declared by the Indira Gandhi government in 1975.

In a series of tweets on X, Jairam Ramesh said, "Yet another headline-grabbing exercise in hypocrisy by the non-biological PM who had imposed an undeclared Emergency for ten long years before the people of India handed him a decisive personal, political, and moral defeat on June 4, 2024 - which will go down in history as ModiMukti Diwas".

"This is a non-biological



PM who has subjected the Constitution of India and its principles, values, and institutions to systematic assault," His post added.

He added, "This is a non-biological PM whose ideological parivar had rejected the Constitution of India in Nov 1949 on the grounds that it

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Hatya Diwas' will help keep the eternal flame of individual freedom and the defence of our democracy alive in every Indian, thus preventing dictatorial forces like the Congress from repeating those horrors," the Home Minister added.

Reacting to the Centre's announcement, the ruling Trinamool Congress leader (TMC) Kunal Ghosh said at a press conference that the BJP is trying to divert attention from its anti-people policy.

"She has been criticized, Indira Gandhi lost once and Indira Gandhi came back to power as the Prime Minister. So that chapter was just one page of history and years later, the BJP is trying to divert attention from its anti-people policy, disasters and the bad condition of the country, they are trying to play this old card.

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(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Khushbu Devi (Borrower) Rajesh Gupta (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. LHPTN00001408852 & LHPTN00001408853	Residential Building On Mauza-Shahpur, Mohalla Andar Nagar, Ward No. 11, Thana-Shahpur, Thana No. 54, Khata No. 792, Plot/Khesra No. 6095(P), Dist.-Ara, Bhojpur	Rs. 11,79,889/- July 02, 2024	Rs. 21,65,400/- Rs. 2,16,540/-	August 05, 2024 11:00 AM 03:00 PM	August 14, 2024 02:00 PM 03:00 PM
2.	Pravin Kumar (Borrower) Mira Devi (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. LHPTN00001486649 & LHPTN00001486651	Khata No. 124 (New)/56 (Old), Plot No. 639 (New)/457 (Old), Moh- Chandauti, P S No. Chandauti, P S No. 180, Ward No.- 29, Distt.- Gaya, Bihar	Rs. 24,02,929/- July 02, 2024	Rs. 37,94,400/- Rs. 3,79,440/-	August 05, 2024 11:00 AM 03:00 PM	August 14, 2024 02:00 PM 03:00 PM
3.	Vijay Kumar Agarwal (Borrower) Raj Kishori Agrawal, Nand Lal Agarwal (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. LHPTN00001521019 & LHPTN00001521021	Plot No. 1857 (Part), Thana No.37, Khata No. 31, 36 And 274, Holding No.24/23, Ward No.70/55/36/31, Sheet No.274, Circle No.223, Mauza Nagala, P S Malsalami, District- Patna	Rs. 53,83,745/- July 02, 2024	Rs. 53,55,000/- Rs. 5,35,500/-	August 05, 2024 11:00 AM 03:00 PM	August 14, 2024 02:00 PM 03:00 PM

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