

Water level in major reservoirs down 1%

THE WATER level in 91 major reservoirs across India has plunged to 27% of their total capacity from 28% last week, the water resources ministry said on Thursday. There is 42.973 billion cubic metres (BCM) of water available in the reservoirs, according to a statement issued by the ministry. The latest levels in the reservoirs are 85% of the storage reported in the corresponding period last year, the ministry said. It is also 90% of the decadal average of the storage. Reservoirs in states such as Punjab, Jharkhand, Odisha, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Telangana have reported lower water levels than last year. Rajasthan has reported a water storage equal to that available last year. Major dams in Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Tripura, Maharashtra, Uttarakhand, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu have reported better storage vis-a-vis last year.

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