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Sharing during scarcity: On Krishna and Godavari River Management boards

The Union Ministry of Jal Shakti's gazette notification on the jurisdiction of the Krishna and Godavari River Management Boards over projects and assets in the fields of irrigation and hydropower, though delayed, is a welcome development.

The two river boards can now administer, regulate, operate and maintain 36 projects in the Krishna Basin and 71 in the Godavari to ensure judicious water use in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

The two states have been in a continuing dispute over the utilization of the water resources from the two rivers, which led to their bifurcation. The conflict also prompted Telangana to move the Supreme Court, withdrawing which petition made the Central Government take steps to resolve the ongoing water disputes.

The Centre must now see to it that the empowered Boards function fairly, as the Union government's decision will be final regarding matters concerning the jurisdiction of the two bodies.

Words to look out for

Reluctant:

- **Synonyms:** unwilling, averse, hesitant
- **Antonyms:** eager, enthusiastic, keen
- **Word usage:** The reluctance of the government regarding lockdown implementation garnered huge criticism.

Bifurcation:

- **Synonyms:** division, split, branch
- **Antonyms:** affinity, alliance, association
- **Word usage:** The bifurcation of marks was based on attendance percentage.

Adverse:

- **Synonyms:** opposing, contrary, hostile
- **Antonyms:** friendly, peaceful, nice
- **Word usage:** The adverse impacts of COVID-19 are far-reaching.

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Message from Tokyo: Good news already: Our contingent is diverse regionally, socially. Women are key members

The Tokyo Olympic contingent from India is arousing much hope with its diversified portfolio of 127 athletes from all over the country. Not only are states like Punjab and Haryana sending in athletes, but new sporting hubs are also cropping up in states like Kerala, Maharashtra, Tamil, Nadu, Manipur, et al, which have contributed majorly to this year's teams.

Another significant aspect of this year's contingent is the athletes' humble backgrounds, with Revathi Veeramani, orphaned at 7, raised by a daily wage grandmother, and now a member of India's 4x400m mixed relay team for Tokyo; Assam's pugilist Lovlina Borgohain hailing from distant Golaghat district, around 287 km from Dispur; and Gymnast Pranati Nayak's father being a bus driver.

Furthermore, this year's Tokyo Olympics Teams tell another story: A better gender balance in top-level sports, with 49% of all countries' athletes in Tokyo being women. One can only hope that India's medal haul is equally rich and diversified this year.

Words to look out for

Contingent:

- **Synonyms:** corps, company, forces
- **Antonyms:** entity, individual, unit
- **Word usage:** The Indian contingent is expected to perform considerably well in the Olympics.

Pugilist:

- **Synonyms:** boxer, fighter, pug
- **Word usage:** The pugilist was banned from the competition due to doping allegations.

Exemplify:

- **Synonyms:** demonstrate, typify, illustrate
- **Antonyms:** befuddle, disguise, confuse
- **Word usage:** The gravity of the project was typified by the team assembled to complete it.

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