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CHINA FOR MORE DAMS ON TIBETAN RIVERS INSTEAD OF BRAHMAPUTRA: MEDIA

China, which is constructing many hydropower projects in Tibet, plans to focus on dam building on rivers close to its provinces and not on the Brahmaputra which sparked concerns in India, state media reporters. China had last month rejected as "false and untrue" a media report that it was planning to build a 1,000-km long tunnel to divert water from the Brahmaputra river in Tibet close to Arunachal Pradesh to the parched Xinjiang region. India, as a riparian state, had flagged its concerns to China about various dams being built by it on the Brahmaputra river, which is known in China as Yarlung Tsangpo.

Read more at:

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/china-for-more-dams-on-tibetan-rivers-instead-of-brahmaputra-media/articleshow/61765398.cms>

KARIBA DAM REHABILITATION PROJECT MAKING STEADY PROGRESS

Progress on the Kariba Dam rehabilitation project (KDRP) is steady with the plunge pool currently in the implementation phase and the spillway refurbishment works under procurement, the Zambezi River Authority has announced. The Authority, which operates, maintains and manages the Kariba Dam on behalf of the governments of Zambia and

Zimbabwe, hosted the 6th technical Joint Mission of multiple stakeholders directly involved in the implementation of the \$294 million project (KDRP) in early November at Siavonga, Zambia. The joint mission monitors the implementation of the KDRP and provides professional scrutiny and technical guidance from some of the world's top experts to ensure the scheme complies with international dam safety standards.

Read more at:

<http://www.waterpowermagazine.com/news/newskariba-dam-rehabilitation-project-making-steady-progress-5986192>



SITE C COMPLETION COST COULD SOAR FURTHER WITH THREAT OF FIRST NATIONS LAWSUIT

The cost of British Columbia's Site C project could balloon even further, per lawsuits planned by two First Nations groups should the province decide to complete the controversial hydropower plant. Speaking during a recent meeting with provincial officials and the B.C. Utilities Commission, representatives from the West Moberly and Prophet River First Nations said they would seek damages worth US\$780 million if the government gives the 1,100 MW facility the go-ahead. Site C's developer, BC Hydro, has maintained that it has consulted with First Nations throughout the plant's development, though that claim was disputed by West Moberly Chief Roland Willson during the groups' most recent meetings.

Read more at:

<http://www.hydroworld.com/articles/2017/11/site-c-completion-cost-could-soar-further-with-threat-of-first-nations-lawsuit.html>

INDIA PLANS TO FAST-TRACK HYDRO PROJECTS IN KASHMIR REGION

India plans to as much as quintuple development of hydroelectric power in Jammu and Kashmir, a state that faces water disputes. The state government is planning to add more than 5,000 megawatts of power using the flow of its rivers within the next five to six years, according to Nirmal Kumar Singh, the state's deputy chief minister and minister for the power-

development department. While neighboring Pakistan has expressed concerns about potential water shortages that might result, Singh said he doesn't expect the hydro plans to create friction between the two nuclear-armed powers.

Read more at:

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/energy/power/india-plans-to-fast-track-hydro-projects-in-kashmir-region/articleshow/61753001.cms>

ONLINE TOOL TO HELP MONITOR DAM LEVELS

Piotr Wolski of the Climate Systems Analysis Group (CSAG) at UCT has produced an online tool, the Big Six Monitor, which allows people to monitor the current and projected state of Western Cape dams. The Big Six Monitor shows the amount of water in the major Western Cape Water Supply System (WCWSS) dams currently and in the recent past. It also shows the storage in the dams projected for the period between now.

Read more at:

<https://www.iol.co.za/capetimes/news/online-tool-to-help-monitor-dam-levels-12074463>