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Water Coverage (India)

- **Kalpataru Projects Wins ₹2,349 Crore EPC Orders:** Kalpataru Projects International secured new work orders worth **₹2,349 crore** in the domestic market, spanning transmission and distribution (T&D) and buildings and factories (B&F) segments. With this, the company's year-to-date order inflows for **FY 2027** have crossed **₹22,000 crore**. MD & CEO Manish Mohnot said the strong momentum positions the EPC firm—which also operates in water, railways, oil and gas, urban mobility, highways, and airports—for sustainable future growth.

- **DDA Finishes 645-Vehicle Parking Facility in Delhi:** The Delhi Development Authority has completed a **₹40 crore** multilevel parking...

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... facility at Bhikaji Cama Place, slated for inauguration in the first week of **November 2026**. The **645-vehicle** facility includes capacity for **424 cars**, **193 scooters**, **20** spaces for persons with disabilities, and **9 EV charging points**. As part of a broader plan, DDA aims to develop **232 surface parking lots** by year-end to reduce roadside congestion in commercial hubs.

- **Delhi Replicates Sabarmati Model for Yamuna Riverfront:** The Delhi government has moved to replicate Ahmedabad's Sabarmati riverfront along the **Yamuna**, with the first phase (Palla to Wazirabad) to be completed in its current term, followed by a second stretch (Wazirabad to Kalindi Kunj). The river spans **52 km** in Delhi, with the **22 km** Wazirabad–Okhla stretch most polluted. Officials have upgraded **28 of 37** sewage treatment plants and plan **250 MGD** additional treatment capacity, targeting visibly cleaner water within **2.5 years**.

- **Tamil Nadu Launches 40,000 Water Conservation Works:** Tamil Nadu has undertaken over **40,000** water conservation projects this fiscal year under **VB-G RAM G**, including **13,000+** ponds, **1,752** check dams, and **10,598** groundwater recharge shafts—nearly **tenfold** more than the **~1,000** built last fiscal. Over **17,000** workers are desilting **19,085 km** of channels, focusing on stressed districts like Tiruvannamalai, Villupuram, and Tirupur. The Union govt. released **₹2,176 crore** as first instalment under the **60:40** Centre-state funding pattern, prioritizing water security and groundwater recharge.

- **Punjab's Groundwater Crisis Pushes Water-Saving Irrigation:** Punjab's groundwater extraction has hit **156.36%** of sustainable

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limits, per the **2025** Central Ground Water Board assessment, driven by paddy cultivation. Alternate Wetting and Drying (AWD) saves **30-35%** irrigation water while raising yields to **27.37 quintals/acre** versus **24.25** conventionally. Project PRANA, by Manav Vikas Sansthan with The Nature Conservancy, has brought over **1 lakh acres** under AWD across **18 districts** using sensors and digital monitoring.

- **JJM Uses Basohli Utsav for Water Conservation Push:** Jal Jeevan Mission J&K, with JKAACL and Natrang, staged street theatre at **Basohli Utsav 2026** (October 19 to 21) to promote water conservation under the Jal Utsav framework. Using the Mata Ki Kahani narrative, the performance stressed that infrastructure alone cannot secure water, urging spring protection, rainwater harvesting, and pollution prevention. A digital screen at the venue showcases **JJM 2.0** achievements, reinforcing community ownership of drinking-water systems.

Water Coverage (Global)

- **SHARAKAT Awards Honor Nine Water Project Winners:** The fourth **SHARAKAT Awards 2026**, held at Hilton Riyadh under Minister **Eng. Abdulrahman bin Abdulmohsen Al-Fadley**, honored winners across **9** categories advancing Saudi Arabia's water sector. Key winners include **Juranah ISWR** (Fastest Financial Close), **Jubail-Buraidah IWTP** (Best Financing Model), **Shuaibah 3 Conversion IWP**, **Madinah 3 ISTP**, **Rabigh 3 IWP**, **Ras Al-Khair**, **Tabuk 2 ISTP**, **Taif ISTP** (Innovation), and **Shuqaiq 3 IWP** (Community Impact). The awards, running since **2022**, support **Vision 2030**.

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- **PRASL Initiative Transforms Smallholder Farmer's Yields in Mozambique:** Arlindo Elias Massingue, a **47-year-old** farmer in Boane, Mozambique, now grows **30 tons** of potatoes per hectare under the PRASL initiative—a partnership between Solidaridad, HEINEKEN Africa Foundation, Kvuno, and Hiveonline. After training in climate-smart agriculture with support from SDAE and Bayer, he gained access to certified seeds and quality inputs. He employs **25** seasonal workers, purchased an irrigation pump, diversified crops, and now mentors cooperative members.

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