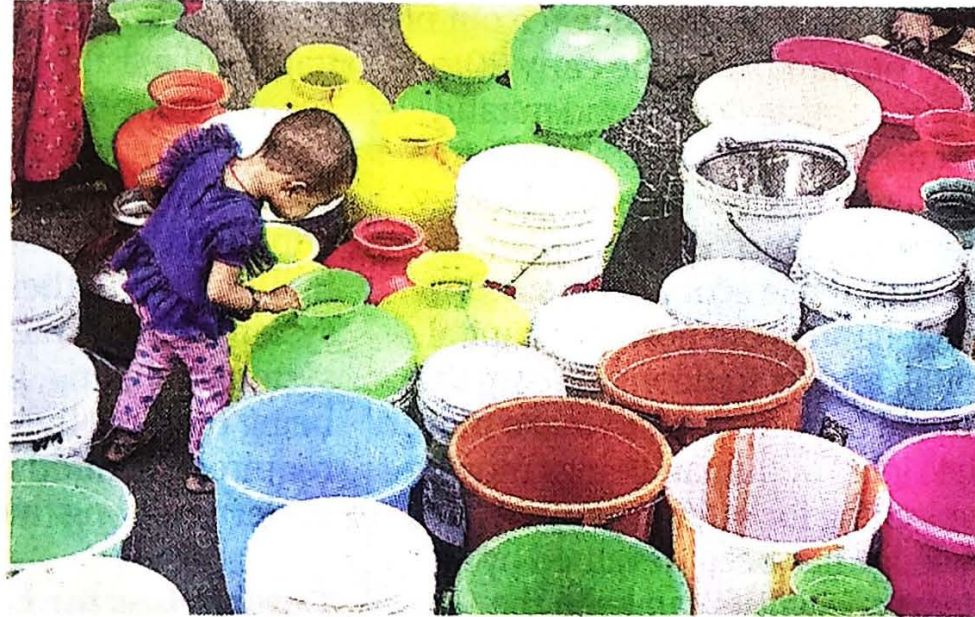


Bengaluru to save nearly 60 MLD water through supply cut to big consumers

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Amid a raging water crisis in the city, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) now aims to save 60 million litres per day (MLD) of water through supply cut to big consumers. This will make up for 12% of the 500 MLD water deficit the city faces daily this summer.

The BWSSB has categorised big consumers into three categories – bulk users (over 2 crore litres a day), big consumers (who use 20 lakh to 40 lakh litres a day), and those who consume between 40 lakh and 2 crore litres a day. Together, they consume 525 MLD, which is 36% of the water the city draws from the



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Cauvery river every day.

The board announced a 20% supply cut to 38 bulk users that include defence establishments, HAL, Biocon, Nimhans, Bangalore University, among others, on March 15. Through this, the city is saving nearly 12

MLD daily. Hospitals are exempted from this cut.

Now, the supply cut will be expanded to other big users, mostly big commercial establishments, apartment complexes and industries that consume between 20 lakh and 2

crore litres of water a day. There are nearly 20,000 such consumers across Bengaluru.

“We have already met consumers who use between 40 lakh and 2 crore litres a day. On April 4, we will meet those who consume between 20 lakh and 40 lakh litres a day. These users use 475 MLD. In the first phase, we are cutting supply to big consumers by 10% in the month of April. Through this, BWSSB will save nearly 50 MLD of water every day,” said Ram Prasath Manohar V., Chairman, BWSSB.

Depending on the water situation in May, the board may go for a second phase and cut supply to these big users by another 10%, he added.