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42-yr-old rain record in Shimla broken

86 mm received in 24 hrs in April | Thunderstorm disrupts power supply

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SHIMLA, APRIL 22

A severe hailstorm and thunderstorm accompanied by intermittent heavy rain lashed Shimla and its surrounding areas today, disrupting normal life. Shimla received 86 mm of rain in the past 24 hours, breaking the 42-year-old record of heavy rainfall in one day in April. The temperature in the capital city fell to 4°C. Earlier Shimla had received the maximum rainfall of 111 mm on April 15, 1979.

The thunderstorm disrupted power supply, uprooted trees and blew off roofs of kaccha houses at several places. Dodra Kwar was cut off from the rest of the state. As many as 179 roads in the state were blocked. The highest number of 140 roads was blocked in Lahaul and Spiti district, followed by 16 each in Chamba and Kinnaur, seven in Kullu, and one in Shimla.

Tribal areas received another spell of fresh snowfall; Keylong witnessed 18 cm of snow, followed by Kalpa 16



Roads turn white after heavy hailstorm in Shimla on Thursday. PHOTOS: AMIT KANWAR

mm and Kothi 3 mm.

Widespread rain lashed the region. Manali received 74 mm of rain, followed by Jogindernagar 71 mm, Dalhousie 66 mm, Kothi 65 mm, Baijnath 56 mm, Palampur 54 mm, Bhuntar 40 mm, Dharamsala and Narkanda 38 mm each, Sundernagar 37 mm, Tander 35 mm, Mandi and Tissa 34 mm, Malan 33 mm, Banjar and Chhatrari 32 mm each, Seobagh

31 mm, Jubbar Hatti 28 mm, Janjehli 27 mm, Khadralla and Keylong 26 mm each, Bharari 25 mm, Bhoranj and Bakloh 24 mm each, Bijahi and Bajura 23 mm each, Naina Devi and Karsog 22 mm each, Kasol and Sangla 21 mm each, Moorang 20 mm and Ghumarwin and Bilaspur 18 mm each.

The local Met office has issued a yellow warning of a thunderstorm and lightning

at isolated places in Bilaspur, Shimla and Sirmour districts tomorrow. It has also predicted a wet spell in the region on April 23, 24 and 28. The minimum temperatures were three to four degrees below normal and Keylong was the coldest at night recording minus 0.7°C. The maximum temperatures were nine to 10 degrees below normal and Nahan with 26.7°C was the hottest.

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Fresh snowfall in higher reaches

SRINAGAR, APRIL 22

Several areas in the higher reaches of Kashmir received fresh snowfall on Thursday while the plains were lashed by rains, officials said.

The wet spell has brought down the temperature in the valley. The world-famous ski-resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir's Baramulla district also received fresh snowfall on Thursday, the officials said.

It was snowing in Sonamarg resort in Ganderbal and Machil area in Kupwara till last reports came in, they said.

There are reports of light snowfall in some other areas in the higher reaches of the valley as well while the plains of the Kashmir Valley were lashed by rains since early



A woman walks amid snowfall in Ganderbal district. PTI

morning, the officials added.

The Meteorological (MeT) office forecast widespread light to moderate rains and snowfall in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday and said there is a possibility of rains at isolated places on Fri-

day as well.

The current wet spell is likely to continue till Friday after which the weather is expected to improve, the MeT office said, adding that it is likely to stay mainly dry till the month-end. — PTI

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UP: 5 people killed in rain-related incidents

LUCKNOW: Five people died in rain-related incidents in Uttar Pradesh as a thunderstorm lashed parts of the state accompanied with gusty winds, a Meteorological department spokesperson said here on Thursday. "Two people died in Ayodhya and one each in Lakhimpur Kheri, Gonda, Firozabad in incidents of felling of trees and other in the rain/thunderstorm that hit the state late on Wednesday night," the official said. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday directed officials to provide Rs four lakh financial assistance to the families of those killed in the dust/thunderstorm-related incidents.

He asked them to ascertain the losses incurred and also sought a report from the relief commissioner. According to the Met officer, light to moderate rain and thunderstorm occurred at a few places over eastern Uttar Pradesh and at isolated places in the western part of the state. Lucknow, Barabanki, Gonda and Sitapur received 3 cm downpour each, and Elgin Bridge (Barabanki), Maharajganj, Ballia, Shrawasti, Unnao, Bareilly and Moradabad recorded 2 cm each, the official said.

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Rashtriya Sahara 23-April-2021

महाराष्ट्र को हर घर नल के लिए 3000 करोड़

नई दिल्ली (एसएनबी)। जल जीवन मिशन के तहत प्रत्येक ग्रामीण परिवार को पानी के नल का कनेक्शन उपलब्ध कराने के लिए महाराष्ट्र सरकार को चालू वर्ष के लिए 3000 करोड़ रुपए केन्द्रीय निधि के रूप में आवंटित किए गए हैं। महाराष्ट्र सरकार चालू वर्ष में 27.45 लाख परिवारों को इस वर्ष जल कनेक्शन उपलब्ध कराएगी।

जल जीवन मिशन के तहत चालू वित्तीय वर्ष की वार्षिक योजना महाराष्ट्र सरकार ने बृहस्पतिवार को केन्द्रीय जलशक्ति मंत्रालय के समक्ष प्रस्तुत की। महाराष्ट्र सरकार की ओर से दी गई जानकारी के अनुसार, महाराष्ट्र में कुल 1.42 करोड़ ग्रामीण परिवार हैं जिनमें से 91 लाख (64%) को नल का जल आपूर्ति मिल रही है। वर्ष 2021-22 में, राज्य में 27.45 लाख नल कनेक्शन देने की योजना है। राज्य में 13 जिलों, 131 ब्लॉकों और 12,839 गांवों में प्रत्येक परिवार को हर घर जल देने का लक्ष्य है। राज्य सरकार को 2020-21 में 1828.92 करोड़ रुपये का केन्द्रीय कोष आवंटित किया गया था, जिसमें से राज्य सरकार ने केवल 457 करोड़ रुपये ही खर्च किए हैं। चालू वित्तीय वर्ष में महाराष्ट्र को जल जीवन मिशन के तहत केन्द्रीय निधि

■ इस साल 27.45 लाख नल कनेक्शन देने का लक्ष्य

से लगभग 3,000 करोड़ रुपये मिलने की संभावना है। महाराष्ट्र सरकार की ओर से केन्द्र को दी गई जानकारी के अनुसार, वर्ष 2020-21 में राज्य के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में 37.15 लाख नल जल कनेक्शन प्रदान किए गए हैं। राज्य में अब तक 1 जिला, 20 ब्लॉक और महाराष्ट्र के 7,737 गांवों को, हर घर जल घोषित किया गया है।

महाराष्ट्र सरकार के अनुसार राज्य में 42 हजार कर्मियों के कौशल प्रशिक्षण की योजना बनाई गई है, जिसमें राज्य और जिला जल और स्वच्छता मिशन के अधिकारी, इंजीनियरिंग कैडर के अधिकारी, राज्य और जिला कार्यक्रम प्रबंधन इकाई के कर्मचारी, सदस्य, स्वच्छाग्रही शामिल हैं। इसके अलावा राज्य में लगभग 76 हजार लोगों को राजमिस्त्री, प्लंबर, फिटर, मोटर मैकेनिक, पंप ऑपरेटर इत्यादि के रूप में प्रशिक्षित किया जाएगा, जिनकी सेवाओं का उपयोग जल आपूर्ति के बुनियादी ढांचे के निर्माण के साथ-साथ उनके संचालन और रखरखाव में किया जाएगा।

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