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# Expect heavy rain, storm in next 2 days

SHIMLA, MAY11

Two Nepalese labourers were killed as lightning struck them at Mahasu gram panchayat in Sarahan of Shimla district late last evening.

Resham and Vishal, working for Shishupal and residing in Rampur, were returning to their houses after finishing the orchard work when the tragedy struck. As it was raining heavily, both took shelter under a tree and died due to lightning.

Meanwhile, the MeT office issued an orange warning of heavy rainfall, thunderstorm, hails and gusty winds in eight districts Una, Bilaspur, Chamba, Kangra, Kullu, Mandi, Shimla, Solan for May 12 and

Hamirpur, Chamba, Kangra, Kullu, Mandi, Shimla, Solan and Sirmaur for May 13. It predicted a wet weather in the region till May 15.

Intermittent rain lashed parts of the state and Pandoh was the wettest with 31 mm of rain followed by Chamba 16 mm, Keylong 15 mm, Seobagh 12 mm, Mandi 11 mm, Bajaura, Baghi and Kheri 10 mm each, Rampur 9 mm, Rohru, Narkanda, Bijahi and Ghamroor 8 mm each, Bilaspur, Una and Joginder-nagar 7 mm each, Banjar, Kothi, Sainj and Bhuntar 5 mm each, Manikaran and Berthin 4 mm each and Sarkaghat, Dalhousie, Mehre and Gohar 3 mm each. — TNS

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# Seetamma Sagar dam works to begin by May end

STATE BUREAU

Kothagudem


Irrigation officials were directed to begin coffer dam works of the Seetamma Sagar Multi-Purpose Project (SSMPP) by the end of May at Ammagaripalli village in Aswapuram mandal of Kothagudem district.

Project Engineer-in-Chief (ENC) C Muralidhar and Secretary to Chief Minister Smita Sabharwal on Tuesday inspected the project site and reviewed the progress of works and the ongoing works of the Sitarama Lift Irrigation Project (SRLP).

At a meeting with officials at Manugur, Sabharwal said the State government had accorded administrative approval for the construction of the barrage with radial gates and guide bunds.

The 40.608-km-long right guide bund and 55.822-km-long left guide bund would be used to preserve flood water. The water would then be diverted into the SRLP, she noted.

She directed district officials to speed up the land acquisition and hand over the land to irrigation officials. If any hindrances crop up in the execution of the project works, such issues should im-



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— **SMITA SABHARWAL**  
CMO SECRETARY

mediately be brought to the government's notice.

Sabharwal further said the SSMPP is aimed at storing 36.57 tmc of water and the works should be executed on a war footing following the Covid guidelines.

Reviewing the progress of Sathupalli trunk canal works, she said it was planned to supply water next crop season. With the help of the main canal tanks and others, water bodies would be filled.

Muralidhar told the officials to make arrangements for the dry run of the third pump of the SRLP and asked engineering officials to ensure workflow as per the schedule.

District Collector MV Reddy, Additional Collector K Venkateswarlu and others were present.

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# 'Cap Sammakka barrage works'



CMO Secretary Smita Sabharwal arriving at the Sammakka barrage project site at Tupakulagudem in Mulugu district.

## STATE BUREAU

MULUGU

CMO Secretary Smita Sabharwal on Tuesday instructed officials to complete pending works of the Sammakka barrage across the Godavari river at Tupakulagudem of Kannaigudem mandal in Mulugu district. She, along with officials of the Irrigation Department and the executing agency, inspected and reviewed the works.

Sabharwal said the barrage, regulator and railing works should be completed by the month end to store water. Responding to this, project Superintending Engineer (SE) Sudheer said the barrage works were almost complete and the remaining works would be completed on a war footing.

The barrage was taken up under the PV Narasimha Rao Kanthanapally Sujala Sravanthi Scheme with a storage capacity of 6.94 tmc

to stabilise the ayacut of 6.21 lakh under J Chokka Rao Devadula LI Scheme and 7.50 lakh acres under the SRSP Stage-I & II. The provision for generating 240 MW hydropower was also proposed.

The Tupakulagudem barrage is located 23 km downstream of the Ichampally project site. As part of re-engineering, the location of the Kanthanapally barrage has been shifted 17 km upstream at Tupakulagudem.

The estimated cost of the project is Rs 1,624 crore.

An administrative approval was accorded for Rs 2,121 crore. A supplemental agreement was concluded on Feb 2, 2017, by Superintending Engineer for Rs 1,624.83 crore with M/s SEW-Rithwik (JV), Hyderabad, with the time period for the completion of work as 36 months ie February 18, 2020. However, the deadline was extended up to May 16, 2021.



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## SUDDEN DOWNPOUR



A thunderstorm accompanied by heavy rainfall hit Kolkata and other districts of south Bengal on Tuesday afternoon. According to officials, four people were killed in rain-related incidents. In Murshidabad, a farmer died in a lightning strike in Samserganj while working in the field. IANS



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# A prerogative?

While there are repeated appeals asking people to wash their hands frequently, many struggle to afford the 'privilege'



MRIDULA NARAYAN

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When the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic hit the world, one of the first measures put in place was frequent 'hand-washing'. World Health Organization Chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus tweeted numerous times about the importance of washing hands to prevent oneself from being infected by SARS-CoV-2.

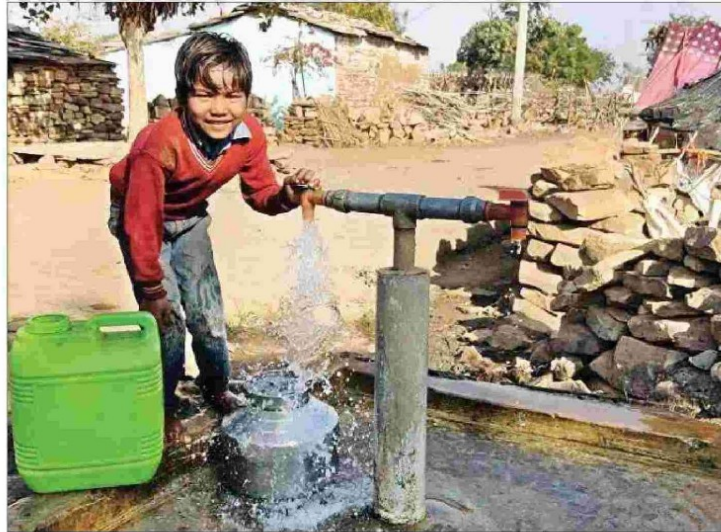
Hours before a country-wide lockdown commenced in India, grocery and medical shops ran out of soaps and sanitisers because people stocked up and wanted to wash their hands as often as possible.

Access to water and soaps may not have been a challenge for many of us and washing our hands may have been a privilege. Yet, to families and children like Himanshi, washing hands frequently (at least 10 times a day) was not easy and has never been a privilege, leave alone washing hands with soap.

In her Adivasi village in Baran, Rajasthan — one of the hottest and most dry districts of India — Himanshi was sensitised not to shake hands or play with her friends. She was also told to wash her hands as often as possible.

For that, this little 11-year-old had to hop across another village to reach a common well and fetch a bucket of water. What was worse was that the water was brown in colour, which indicated that it was not safe.

Himanshi and her siblings had often fallen sick with diarrhoea, fever and stomach ache over the past many years. The pandemic and lockdown



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became an additional threat to their vulnerability. Social distancing while lining up to fetch water was not an option. The carrying of pots and buckets of water for a distance of more than a kilometre was an even more difficult task.

In September 2020, giggles and cheer filled the roads in Himanshi's village. There was a sense of relief and comfort among the villagers. World Vision India, the non-profit I work for, installed a 'Hub and Spoke' solar water supply system to increase household access to safe water.

The Hub and Spoke model involves taking the best source of water available to distribute water to the last mile, covering households up to 300 metres. The water is stored in 5,000-litre overhead tanks, which

then supply running water to community stand posts with four taps, each close to people's homes. The community was also trained on water management and conservation to bring about positive behavioural changes.

Eight-year-old Bhola, whose village also has the Hub and Spoke model installed, says, "Water collection is now very easy for us. We have access to fresh and clean water very close to our home."

We conducted a sample survey this March across 13 districts in Rajasthan, Bihar, Jharkhand, Assam, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Punjab and Andhra Pradesh covering 123 households. We found that only 18 households had access to taps in their homes or near their homes. Besides

taps, some villages had access to safe water through water tankers. Yet, including those households, only 37 of them had access to safe water.

Children were asked during the survey as to how frequently they washed their hands from March 2020 to February 2021. It was found that only 8.1 per cent of children, with no proper access to water, were able to wash their hands at least five times a day. Strikingly, that is lesser than 22.97 per cent of children with access to safe water.

The Government of India has been spearheading and actively working towards the goal to install a functional tap in every rural home under the 'Jal Jeevan Mission'. Some 36.83 per cent of households have been equipped with a

functional tap since the commencement of the programme. Of these, 20 per cent received a functional tap over the past year, which shows that the need for easy access to safe water has increased multi-fold.

The data from Jal Jeevan Mission shows us that 63.17 per cent of households still don't have access to water within their homes. In states like Rajasthan and Jharkhand, only 0.93 per cent of villages have a tap within their home. It will take another three years or more for every rural home to have a tap.

This is why models like Hub and Spoke are extremely crucial for rural homes at this point, given the pandemic's impact on the country and the globe. The Hub and Spoke model is cost-effective and ensures last mile water connectivity.

Some 88.89 per cent of children in Rajasthan and 62.5 per cent of children in Jharkhand with access to safe water through the Hub and Spoke model, washed their hands at least five times a day. This was in contrast to the 24.5 per cent of children with no proper access to water, who washed their hands at least five times a day.

"Our village is very happy and enjoys water throughout the year now," says Surajmal Sahariya, the village leader and president of the Water Management Committee in Bhola's drought-prone village.

Himanshi continues to wash her hands frequently. "Now, water is so easily accessible to me that I don't have to go far with my mother to fetch it," she says.

*Views expressed are personal* DTE

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## वैशाख में सावन-भादो की तरह बारिश, तापमान 11 डिग्री गिरा

■ राजधानी में सुबह एक घंटे में 6.6 मिमी बारिश

रायपुर. मई माह में गर्मी प्रचंड पर रहती है, लेकिन इस बार मई के महीने में सावन-भादों सी बारिश हो रही है। पिछले चार-पांच दिनों से तो हर दिन बारिश हो रही है। कभी सुबह तो कभी रात में तेज बारिश हो रही है। मंगलवार की अलसुबह चार बजे से सुबह नौ बजे तक कभी तेज तो भी हल्की बारिश होती रही। राजधानी में चारों तरफ अंधेरा छा गया था। इसके बाद देखते ही देखते ही तेज हवा के साथ जमकर बारिश होने लगी। करीब एक घंटे तक

बारिश हुई। इससे कुछ इलाकों में जलभराव भी हो गया था। राजधानी रायपुर में सुबह एक घंटे में 6.6 मिमी बारिश हुई। इसके अलावा रात से लेकर सुबह 8 बजे तक 23.8 मिमी बारिश दर्ज की गई है। वहीं प्रदेश में सबसे अधिक बारिश गुंडरदेही में 60 मिमी बारिश दर्ज की गई। पिछले कुछ दिनों से हो रही लगातार बारिश से दिन के तापमान में सात से आठ डिग्री तक गिरावट आई है। राजधानी में दिन का तापमान 30.7 डिग्री रहा, जो सामान्य से 11 डिग्री कम था।

**इस वजह से हो रही बारिश :** एक चक्रीय चक्रवाती घेरा विदर्भ के ऊपर 1.5 किलोमीटर ऊंचाई तक

### आज भी गरज-चमक के साथ बारिश

प्रदेश में 12 मई को कुछ स्थानों पर हल्की वर्षा होने अथवा गरज चमक के साथ छोटें पड़ने की संभावना है। प्रदेश में एक-दो स्थानों पर गरज चमक के साथ अंधड़ चलने तथा आकाशीय बिजली गिरने की भी संभावना है। वर्षा का क्षेत्र मुख्यतः मध्य

छग रहने की सम्भावना है। सरगुजा और बस्तर संभाग में एक दो स्थानों पर गरज चमक के साथ छोटें पड़ सकते हैं। गरज-चमक के साथ अंधड़ चलने और आकाशीय बिजली गिरने की संभावना है।

स्थित है। एक उत्तर-दक्षिण द्रोणिका/ हवा की अनियमित गति विदर्भ से केरल तक मराठवाड़ा और अंदरूनी कर्नाटक होते हुए 0.9 किलोमीटर ऊंचाई तक स्थित है। एक पूर्व-पश्चिम द्रोणिका मध्य

पाकिस्तान और उससे लगे उत्तर राजस्थान से उप हिमालयन पश्चिम बंगाल और असम तक हरियाणा, उत्तर प्रदेश के मध्य भाग होते हुए 0.9 किलोमीटर ऊंचाई तक स्थित है।

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### केंद्र ने राज्यों से गंगा के किनारे सख्त निगरानी रखने को कहा

नई दिल्ली, प्रेद : बिहार और उत्तर प्रदेश के कुछ इलाकों में शव बहते मिलने के बाद केंद्र सरकार ने राज्यों से कहा है कि वह अपने क्षेत्र में सख्त निगरानी रखें और गंगा व सहायक नदियों में शव विसर्जित करने पर रोक लगाएं। नमामि गंगे प्रोजेक्ट के तहत देश में गंगा की स्वच्छता सुनिश्चित करने के लिए बने राष्ट्रीय गंगा स्वच्छता अभियान (एनएमसीजी) ने जिलाधिकारियों की अध्यक्षता वाली जिला गंगा कमेटियों को आगाह किया है कि संक्रमण की आशंका वाले शवों का अंतिम संस्कार सभी सुरक्षा प्रोटोकाल के साथ किया जाए।