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# Groundwater level: 60% state area 'red'

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**CHANDIGARH, JUNE 13**

About 60 per cent of the state's area, spanning 85 out of the 141 blocks, falls in the "red category" as far as groundwater level is concerned, Additional Chief Secretary, Irrigation and Water Resources Department, Devender Singh, told the first meeting of the Haryana Water Resources Authority here today.

He said the water-table was a cause of concern in 14 of the 22 districts of Haryana. In the year 2004, out of the 114 blocks in the state, 55 had come under the red category, which was about 48 per cent due to the groundwater exploitation. But in 2020, out of 141 blocks, 85 blocks had

reached the red category, which was 60 per cent.

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, who presided over the meeting, said for the smooth availability of groundwater, river water and treated water to the farmers in the state, a centralised water monitoring system should be prepared over the next two years in which districts, blocks and villages should be included.

He said the groundwater level had gone down to 80 ft in some districts, including, Kurukshetra, Karnal, Kaithal and Panipat, in the last five decades.

Haryana Water Resources Authority chairperson Keshni Anand Arora said a customised water plan would be prepared.

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# Widespread rain across state, Kandaghat wettest

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**SHIMLA, JUNE 13**

Southwest monsoon arrived in the state today, a fortnight ahead of the scheduled dates. Light to moderate rains occurred at most places. Normally, the monsoon arrives around June 29.

“Southwest monsoon has arrived in all parts of Himachal and moderate rains occurred in most parts of the state,” the director of the local MeT station, Manmohan Singh, said.

The earliest arrival of monsoon in Himachal was recorded on June 9 in 1999, June 13 in 1998, June 15 in 2013. The latest arrivals were witnessed on June 17 in 1998, July 2 in 2019 and June 24 in 2020.

On Sunday, Kandaghat was the wettest with 51.6

mm of rains, followed by Shahpur with 36.5 mm of rains, Dalhousie with 28 mm, Nahan 23 mm, Una and Bijahi 22 mm each, Gaggal 21 mm, Jhandutta and Nadaun 20 mm each, Saloni 18 mm, Baldwara 17 mm, Dharmpur 16 mm, Nagrota Suriyan, Shillaro and Kheri 15 mm each, Sarahan and Wangtoo 14 mm each, Solan 12 mm, Dharamshala, Banjar, Sarkaghat, Kasauli and Kahu 11 mm each, Palampur and Jubbarhatti with 10 mm of rains each.

Himachal recorded 41.6 mm of rains from June 1 to June 13, which is 39 per cent more than normal and monsoon are expected to be good this year. The local Met office has issued yellow (thunderstorm and lightning) and orange (heavy rainfall, thunderstorm

and lightning) warnings in low and middle hills in four to 10 districts for the next four days and predicted a wet spell in the region till June 19.

Una district received 153 per cent excess rains, followed by Sirmaur with 93 per cent, Solan 92 per cent, Mandi 65 per cent, Kangra 81 per cent, Chamba 47 per cent, Shimla and Hamirpur 46 per cent each and Bilaspur 35 per cent. However, Lahaul & Spiti received 79 per cent deficit rains while Kinnaur and Kullu districts received one per cent deficit rain from June 1 to 13.

Sky remained overcast across the state and maximum temperatures decreased by 2°C or 3°C to remain 4°C to 5°C below normal and Una was the hottest in day with the maximum of 34.6°C. Kalpa at 10.5°C was the coldest at night.

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# IMD downgrades rain alert for State

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

Hyderabad experienced a cloudy and breezy Sunday with light showers in isolated areas towards the afternoon. The temperatures in the city dropped by at least three degrees and the maximum temperature recorded on Sunday was 31 degrees Celsius.

Meanwhile, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has taken down the heavy rainfall warning they had posted a few days back. Dr K Nagarathna, Director of IMD-Hyderabad said that orange warning has been taken down, and a yellow warning across the State has been posted.

"There will be moderate rain in Hyderabad for a couple of days due to the east-west trough from the cyclonic circulation across



According to IMD, there will be moderate rain in Hyderabad for a couple of days. — Photo: Rajesh Narre

south Chhattisgarh, north Telangana, north interior Karnataka and south Konkan. However, after a couple of days, the rains are likely to come down too," she said.

The IMD officials have posted a five-day thunder-

storm warning across various districts of the State. Thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and gusty winds of 30-40 kmph are very likely to occur at isolated places over Telangana. Heavy to very heavy rainfall is very likely to

occur at isolated places and heavy rainfall very likely to occur at a few places in the districts including, Adilabad, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Jagtial, Rajanna Sircilla, Mulugu, Warangal (Rural), Warangal (Urban) and Janagaon.

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# Heavy rains lash Mumbai; train, bus services hit

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MUMBAI, 12 JUNE

Heavy rains, coupled with thunderstorm and strong winds, lashed Mumbai and its suburbs on Saturday, leading to disruption of train and bus services as tracks and roads got waterlogged at several locations, officials said.

A Central Railway spokesperson said the suburban train services between Dadar and Kurla stations on the main line were suspended after the water rose above the track level, while a Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST) official said that several of its buses had to be diverted due to water-logging at some points.

At 10 am on Saturday, the



Children play on a waterlogged street after heavy rain, at Sion in Mumbai on Saturday.

India Meteorological Department (IMD) had issued a thunderstorm warning for a few districts in Konkan region, including Mumbai, for the next three hours from that time.

"Thunderstorms accompanied with lightning and

moderate to intense spells of rain with gusty winds 30-40 kmph are likely to occur at isolated places," the IMD said in its warning for Mumbai, Thane, Palghar, Raigad and Ratnagiri districts of Konkan.

It had earlier issued an

orange alert' for Mumbai for Saturday. An orange alert implies that authorities should be prepared to handle any situation arising out of severe weather condition.

The Central Railway official said, "Due to more than 61.21 mm rainfall in the last one hour, coupled with a high tide of 4.34 metres at 1.32 pm and closing of Mithi river floodgates, water level has been rising on track between Kurla and Sion.

The suburban services on the Harbour line also slowed down due to water-logging on tracks near Chunabhatti station as a result of "extremely heavy rain", he said.

Trains have been running at a restricted speed for safety reasons, the official said.

The operations of local trains on other sections of the main line and other routes, including the Thane-Vashi line, are normal, he added.

A Western Railway spokesperson said that the suburban services on their corridors are running without any disruption, but they are closely monitoring the situation.

Water-logging was witnessed at several locations in Bandra east, Hindmata, King's Circle, Kurla Kamani and Wadala.

The BEST spokesperson said the undertaking diverted its buses on at least 17 locations due to water logging on roads.

Mumbai has been witnessing heavy rains since Wednesday.



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# Monsoon covers 80% of country's area

NEW DELHI

CONTINUING its rapid progress since its onset on June 3, the southwest monsoon has now covered nearly 80 per cent of the geographical area of the country within 10 days.

By Sunday, monsoon has covered the entire Odisha, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit-Baltistan and Muzaffarabad and some parts of Haryana, Chandigarh and northern Punjab, covering nearly 80 per cent of the country's geographical area. The India Meteorological Department (IMD)



A view of Ullal beach as monsoon approaches Mangaluru on Sunday

on Sunday afternoon said that the monsoon has reached the doorstep of Delhi, where it is most likely to arrive during the next two

to three days. The normal dates for the onset of monsoon over Chandigarh and Delhi are June 26 and June 27 respectively. Punjab and

Haryana on Sunday morning experienced rainfall in several parts. A day prior it rained in the states from 5.30 pm on Saturday to 8.30 pm on Sunday. The weather office stated that the Union Territory of Chandigarh received 20.6mm rainfall. Mohali and Panchkula received equally heavy showers. In Punjab, several districts such as Bathinda received 49.4 mm rainfall, Faridkot 24.4 mm, Hoshiarpur 23 mm, Adampur 17.2 mm, Muktsar 51 mm, Balachaur 19.1 mm, Rajpura 57.6 mm, Ludhiana 15 mm and Jalandhar 10 mm.

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## लंबा है इंतजार

**गंगा** नदी को लेकर जितनी प्रतिबद्धता, पारदर्शिता, ईमानदारी और संवेदना प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी ने दिखाई है, उतनी शायद किसी भी राजनेता ने अब तक नहीं दिखाई है। किंतु जब प्रधानमंत्री जैसी शख्सियत गंगा में व्याप्त गंदगी को लेकर चिंतित हों, इसके बावजूद पतित पावन नदी की दशा पहले से और ज्यादा दारुण होने लगे तो तकलीफ भी होती है और गुस्सा भी आता है।

याद कीजिए नरेन्द्र मोदी जी ने 2014 में पर्चा भरने से पहले जब यह कहा था कि मुझे भाजपा ने वाराणसी नहीं भेजा है, ना ही मैं खुद आया हूँ। मुझे 'गंगा मां' ने बुलाया है। यानी गंगा नदी को लेकर मोदी जी के दिलोदिमाग में आदर और सहृदयता भी होगी फिर भी यह मैली है। इस कदर मैली की उन्हीं के संसदीय क्षेत्र वाराणसी में गंगा का रंग हरा हो गया है। करोड़ों-अरबों रुपये गंगा को साफ करने के लिए खर्च हो चुके हैं, फिर भी इसकी हालत में रत्ती भर भी सुधार नहीं दिखता है। वाराणसी में सीवर का पानी और केमिकल के चलते गंगा हरी दिखती है। इसमें शैवाल बढ़ रहे हैं। वाराणसी के जितने भी बड़े-छोटे सीवर हैं, सब गंगा में गिरते हैं। इस पर रोक क्यों नहीं लग पाया है, यह हैरतअंगेज है। इसी तरह की समस्या दिल्ली में यमुना नदी की है। वहां भी नदी में शैवाल की मात्रा तेजी से बढ़ रही है, जिससे पानी की आपूर्ति पर असर पड़ रहा है।

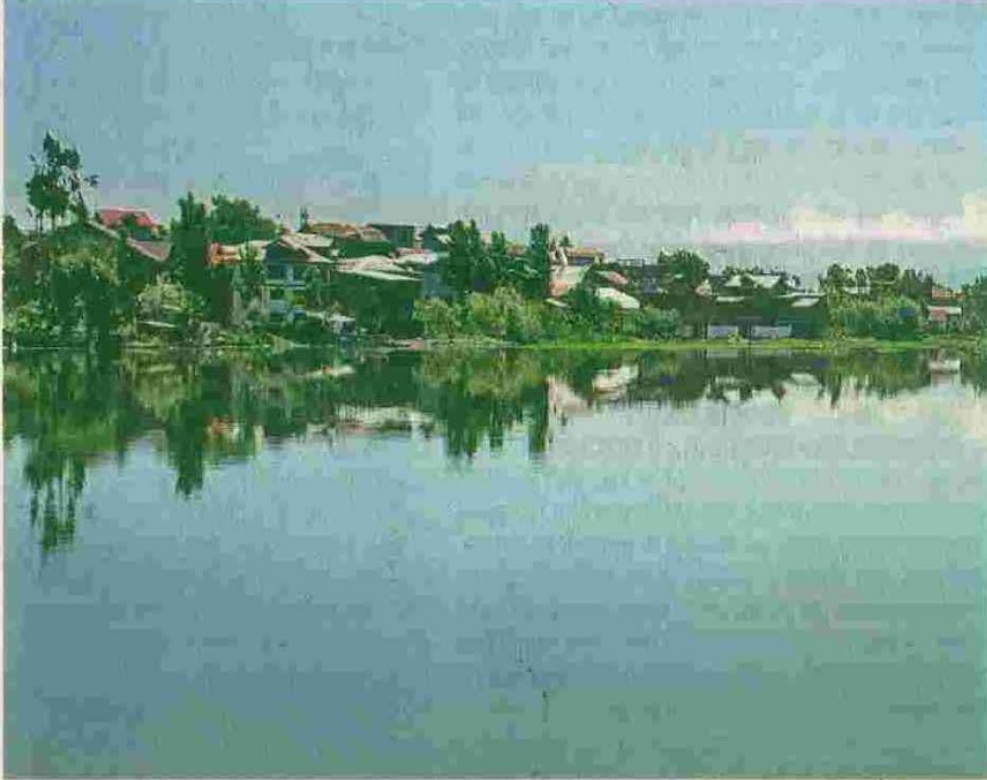
वर्ष 2014 में मां गंगा की सफाई का वादा कर सत्ता में आने वाले प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी ने 2019 को कानपुर में नेशनल गंगा काउंसिल की पहली बैठक में हिस्सा लिया था। बैठक के बाद प्रधानमंत्री ने नाव में बैठकर सीसामऊ नाले का सच देखा। केंद्र सरकार ने तब गंगा की सफाई के लिए वर्ष 2020 की समयसीमा तय की थी और 20 हजार करोड़ रुपये खर्च करने का वादा किया था। केंद्र सरकार के इस 'नमामि गंगे' अभियान के बावजूद यह पवित्र नदी अभी भी अपने अस्तित्व के लिए लड़ाई लड़ रही है। हालांकि गंगा से छल सिर्फ नरेन्द्र मोदी ने ही नहीं किया। 1986 में तत्कालीन प्रधानमंत्री राजीव गांधी ने भी गंगा की सफाई का काम वाराणसी से शुरू किया था। जलवायु परिवर्तन को लेकर मुखर रहने वाले मोदी से कम-से-कम देशवासियों को गंगा नदी की साफ-सफाई का भरोसा था। मगर यह भरोसा तो फिलहाल गंगा की दयनीय दशा की वजह से टूटता दिख रहा है। भारतीय अध्यात्म, संस्कृति, समृद्धि और सौहार्द की सनातन स्रोत मां गंगा कब स्वच्छ होगी, यह शायद कोई नहीं जानता।



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## मंडे पोजिटिव फोटो स्टोरी

# श्रीनगर की खुशालसर झील दफन हो चुकी थी, लोगों ने चार माह में 1000 ट्रक कचरा हटाकर इसे जिंदा किया



हारून रशीद, श्रीनगर | श्रीनगर के लोगों की इच्छाशक्ति ने असंभव सी लगने वाली बात को संभव कर दिखाया है। इन्होंने कचरे के मैदान में तब्दील हो चुकी 1.6 किमी लंबी और 600 मीटर चौड़ी खुशालसर झील को जिंदा कर दिया है। झील की दुर्दशा देखकर एक पर्यावरण समूह ने इसी साल फरवरी में स्थानीय लोगों की मदद से झील को जिंदा करने का बीड़ा उठाया। सिर्फ चार महीने में करीब 1000 ट्रक कचरा निकाला और झील ने आकार लेना शुरू कर दिया। पर्यावरण समूह के अध्यक्ष मंजूर अहमद वांगनू कहते हैं- शुरुआत में लोगों ने हमें गंभीरता से नहीं लिया। काम शुरू हुआ तो लोग साथ जुड़ने लगे। रोज 10-20 ट्रक कचरा हटाने लगे। इस पूरे काम में सिर्फ 15 लाख रु. खर्च हुए। इससे पहले दूसरी जगह इतने बड़े काम पर 50 करोड़ रु. से ज्यादा सरकारी खर्च होता रहा है।

## फरवरी में ऐसी थी झील



## डल व नगीन झील से जुड़ी है, यहां वॉटर गेम्स शुरू होंगे

खुशालसर झील जूनीमार और आली मस्जिद क्षेत्र के बीच में है। यह नगीन और डल झील से जुड़ी है, जिससे श्रीनगर में झीलों का नेटवर्क बनता है। लेकिन, लापरवाही ने इसे खत्म कर दिया था। अब लोगों की उम्मीद है कि जल्द ही यह झील पुरानी शान वापस पाएगी। यहां अब वॉटर स्पोर्ट्स इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर तैयार होगा।