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Flood alert: Evacuation begins, Yamuna may touch 207m today

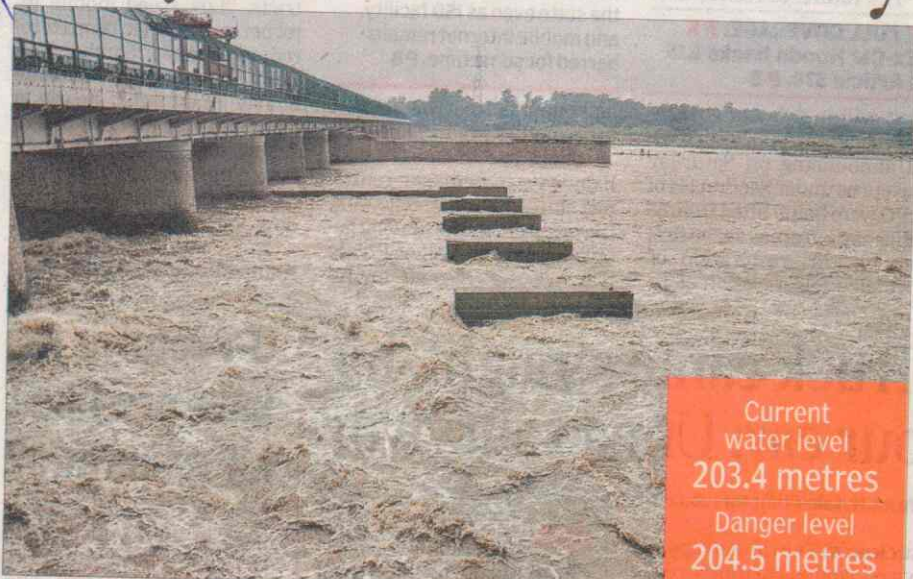
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New Delhi: With the Yamuna set to cross the danger mark of 204.5 metres, Delhi government on Sunday sounded a flood alert and started evacuating people living on the floodplain. The river was flowing at 203.4 metres on Sunday evening and its water level was expected to rise further on Monday as 8.28 lakh cusecs of water was released from Haryana's Hathni Kund barrage at 6pm, an official said.

The water level is likely to cross 207 metres, about 1.5m above the danger level.

District magistrate (east) Deepak Shinde asked the SDM to complete the evacuation process by 9am on Monday. "The water level in Yamuna is rising due to heavy rain as well as release of water from Hathni Kund ... and may rise up to 207 metres by 10am at ORB (Old River Bridge) by August 19, putting public life and property at risk (sic)," the order stated.

Over 50 people were evacuated on Sunday night from Kanchan Colony, Wazirabad, in the wake of the flood alert and shifted to makeshift camps set up by the central district administration. As and when required, more evacuations would be carried out, an official said. The last available official report



showed the discharge of water at Hathni Kund barrage at 7,33,967 cusecs around 8pm. The SDMs have been asked to ensure that all necessary arrangements were made at relief camps in coordination with other departments.

Officials said preparations were being made to erect tents in nearby areas to accommodate the displaced people. In July last year, traffic movement on Old Yamuna Bridge in Delhi was barred for a few days after the water level breached the danger mark and touched 205.5 metres.

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Flood in Krishna river recedes

Inflows gradually fall at all reservoirs but several residential areas waterlogged

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The flood in the Krishna River has been coming down gradually with inflows to Almati in Karnataka and other reservoirs downstream registering a downward trend.

As of Sunday evening, Almati was discharging only two lakh cusecs and Srisaillam in Andhra Pradesh was handling an inflow and outflow of 5.69 lakh cusecs. As per flood forecast, the inflows were gradually falling at all the reservoirs.

Nagarjuna Sagar

The Nagarjuna Sagar Project too was handling 4.22 lakh cusecs of inflow and outflow. The inflow at the Pulichintala project was 5.16 lakh cusecs. Over 5.50 lakh cusecs was being released while maintaining a flood cushion



Glad tidings: The inflow into the Srisaillam dam in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh, has come down considerably. ■ U. SUBRAMANYAM

of 9.31 tmcft. As a result, the inflows to Prakasam Barrage also came down to 5.48 lakh cusecs from 6.43 lakh cusecs on Saturday evening.

The outflow from the barrage was 6.23 lakh cusecs. However, several residential areas in Vijayawada and oth-

er mandals, agriculture fields in Krishna and Guntur districts were still under a sheet of water.

Water Resources department officials estimate that it would take a day for the inflow and outflow to come down by one lakh cusecs.

Home Minister M. Sucharita, who inspected a relief camp in Guntur district, said the government was able to avoid loss of life with effective flood relief management. Two persons died in Guntur and Krishna districts. She promised all help to farmers and people until normalcy returns.

Crops damaged

She said 34 villages of 18 mandals in Krishna and 53 villages of 14 mandals in Guntur were affected and thousands of acres of crops were damaged.

As per the Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority's preliminary report, 4,235 houses in Krishna and 537 houses in Guntur were submerged and over 20,000 people were lodged in relief camps.

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Ghaggar swells again, residents on the edge

PARVESH SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SANGRUR, AUGUST 18

The rise in water level in the seasonal rivulet Ghaggar has been giving sleepless nights to area residents, yet again.

Though the administration has started strengthening the embankments of the Ghaggar, the residents say without it's widening, more breaches may take place if the water level continue to rise.

Meanwhile, the villagers are yet to receive any financial compensation for the loss of thousands of acres of standing crops due to a breach in the Ghaggar in July.

Some officers, on anony-

ty, said the state had submitted its proposal before the Central Water Commission (CWC) for taming the Ghaggar six years ago. The CWC in March 2019 had ordered a feasibility study by an independent agency like the Central Water and Power Research Station, Pune.

"Capt Amarinder Singh is pursuing the matter with the Centre and during the last Congress government in Punjab, we had completed 22 km of widening of the Ghaggar. However, the work was suspended by the previous SAD-BJP government. We are taking the required steps to prevent any problem in the



The repair work of the Ghaggar embankments underway.

"I suffered huge loss due to the Ghaggar breach in July and have not received any relief till date. Many of us have taken money from private lenders to sow the crop again. The government must take steps to prevent re-flooding in our area.

Karnail Singh, RESIDENT, BHUNDAR BHAINI VILLAGE

area," state Cabinet Minister Vijay Inder Singla, who was in Sangrur, told *The Tribune*.

Former Punjab Finance Minister Parminder Singh Dhindsa, who is also Lehra SAD MLA, alleged that even after the massive devastation on thousands of acres in July, the state government was yet to wake up to the Ghaggar problem.

Sangrur, DC Ghanshyam Thori: "The strengthening work of the Ghaggar embankments is going on. Our teams are monitoring the situation closely to prevent floods in the area. At present, the Ghaggar is at 735 feet while the danger mark is at 750 feet."

Chief Secy meets DCs, demands ground report

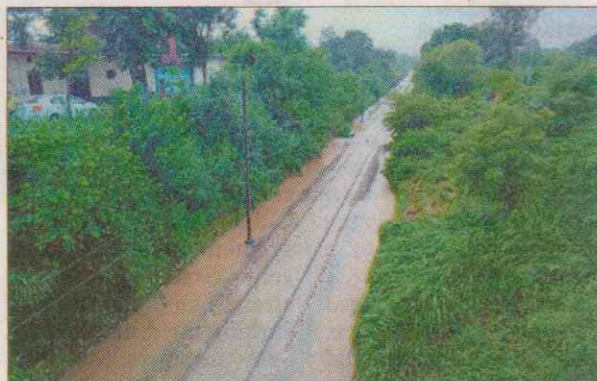
No info on crop damage; more rain may cause harm

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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 18

As more spillage was reported from the Bhakra Dam on Sunday, the state government's Disaster Management Group held a meeting to review the situation.

The meeting was chaired by Chief Secretary Karan Avtar Singh, who sought a ground report on flood preparedness from all Deputy Commissioners in the state. The district administrations in Pathankot, Gurdaspur, Jalandhar, Ferozepur, Nawanshahr, Ropar and Ludhiana were asked to evacuate all families living near the embankments of the rivers. Also, the administration was asked to remain vigilant as more rains were



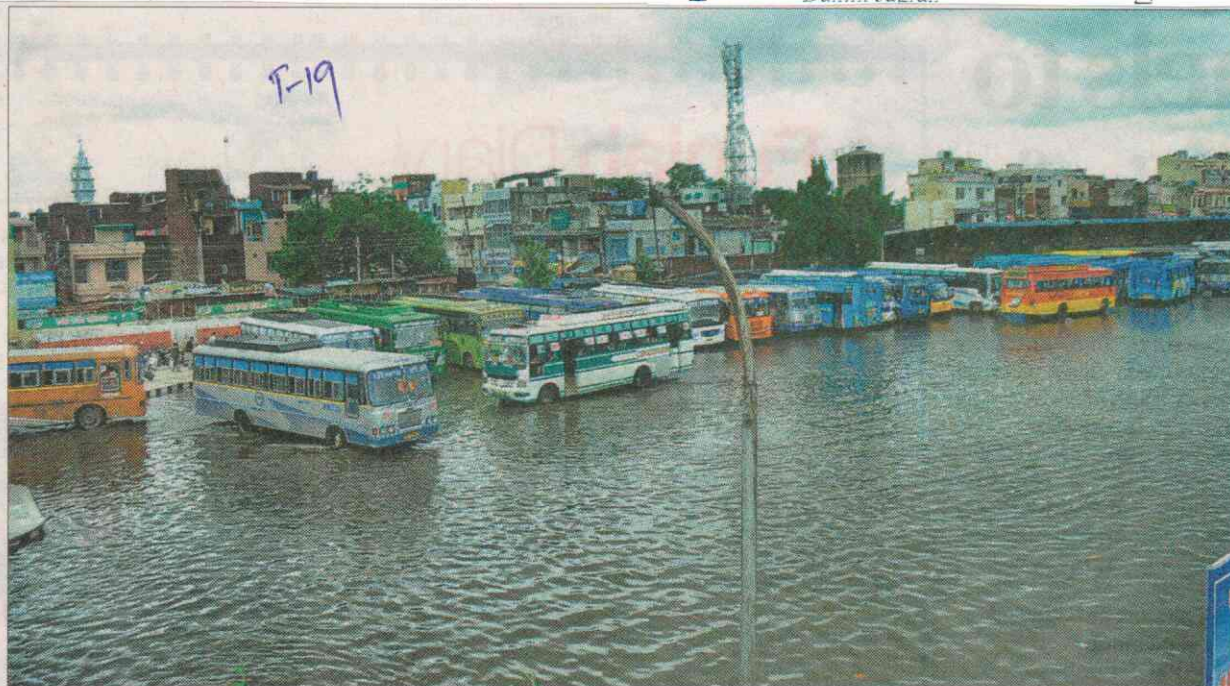
A flooded railway track in Ropar district on Sunday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

expected to lash the region.

The Agriculture Department, too, has been keeping a strict vigil to check any adverse affect on standing crops. Agriculture Director Sutantar Kumar Aeri told *The Tribune* that so far, no reports of crop damage had

been received. "Water is standing in the fields and if it subsides within two-three days, the crops will be safe," he said, adding that he had issued instructions to all field staff to help farmers drain out the standing water from fields.

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The bus terminal gets waterlogged following a heavy spell of rain in Patiala on Sunday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: RAJESH SACHAR

Bhakra level dips, no more water discharge for now

Inflow peaked at 3.11 lakh cusecs on Sunday, highest since 1988

VIJAY MOHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 18

After touching a 30-year-high on Sunday morning, inflows into the reservoir at Bhakra Dam in Himachal Pradesh began to subside later in the day. The authorities then decided not to release additional water downstream for the time being.

"The water inflow peaked at 3.11 lakh cusecs on Sunday morning, the highest since 1988," said a senior official at the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB). "By evening, the water level came down to 1.15 lakh cusecs. Since rain in the catchment area subsided, there will not be any further increase in the volume being discharged," he added.

The water level recorded at Bhakra on Sunday was 1,679.5 feet, just a few inches

“By Sunday evening, the water level came down to 1.15 lakh cusecs. Since rain in the catchment area has subsided, there will not be any further increase in the volume being discharged.”

Senior BBMB official

short of its permissible limit of 1,680 feet. The BBMB authorities expect the level to touch the upper mark by 10 or 11 pm tonight. By this time, officials estimate the inflow to drop below 1 lakh cusecs. It will be after eight years that the reservoir, which had almost emptied out last summer due to historically low inflows, will fill up to its maximum capacity.

"We are constantly assessing the situation and we have decided that as of now the volume of water being discharged through the sluice gates need not be raised further. Only the

additional water accumulated so far will continue to be released downstream," another BBMB official said.

With the water levels rising rapidly, the BBMB had decided to partially open the dam's four sluice gates to cater for increased inflows. "We are discharging 54,000 cusecs, of which 18,000 are from the sluice gates at the top of the dam and 36,000 cusecs through the power generating tunnels," he added. "The gates have been opened to the extent of only 6 per cent. When fully open, they have the capacity to discharge 3

lakh cusecs."

At Pong, the other major dam in Himachal that lies across the Beas, the water level recorded on Sunday was 1,370 feet against its maximum limit of 1,390 feet. BBMB officials, however, said no excess water was being discharged from Pong and its sluice gates remained closed.

Notably, the region has received bountiful rains over the past 24 hours, covering up much of the monsoon deficiency being experienced by Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh. Rains in Punjab, which till last week were 15 per cent below the long term average, are now surplus by 5 per cent. With 70 mm rain being received against the normal of 5 mm, Punjab has witnessed an excess of 1,300 per cent over the past 24 hours.

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Recurring Kerala floods

After the 2018 floods in Kerala, described as a once-in-a-century deluge, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan led a team to the Netherlands to study the problem of repeated flooding in the light of climate change. Nothing much is known about the team's findings or action taken by the government. Kerala faces an almost similar flood this year and the state government is ill prepared to cope with the situation as the death toll is mounting day by day. Last year's floods brought high levels of silt from the high ranges, reducing the depths and narrowing the mouths of the rivers. Kerala is blessed with abundant rainfall and 44 fast-flowing rivers that drain into the Arabian Sea. Even after 12 months, this silt has not been cleared, reducing the carrying capacity of the rivers. A judgment of the Kerala High Court in 2017 ordered inclusion of a clause in building rules which said the natural drains and streams shall not be obstructed by building construction. It is yet to be implemented. Ecologically fragile areas are being utilised for government-supported infrastructure projects or for building houses. All landslide and flood-affected areas in the State are in Ecologically Sensitive Zones, as categorised by the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel, popularly called the Gadgil Commission, report. It suggested shifting from large-scale cultivation of single commercial crops on steep slopes leading to soil erosion and increased run-off, controlling massive encroachment and deforestation in the catchment areas of major rivers.

Submitted in 2011, the Gadgil Commission report was kept under lock and key by the Ministry of Environment and Forests for eight months. Even an RTI petition failed to bring out the report for public discussion. Only after the Delhi High Court passed an order was the report made public. One of the key proposals of the report was to designate the entire Western Ghats as an Ecologically Sensitive Area and then assign three levels of sensitivity to the regions. These were ESZ-1, ESZ-2 and ESZ-3 depending on the topography, climatic features, hazard and vulnerabilities, ecological resilience and origin of rivers. The idea was to ensure sustainable development in these areas by focussing on conservation of the eco system. The report recommended controls on mineral extraction and mining and stated that no new mining licences be granted until conditions improved. It also highlighted that many of the reservoirs, especially in the steep valleys, are silting up prematurely due to massive encroachment and deforestation of catchment areas consequent to construction of dams. A classic case is the Idukki dam wherein the entire catchment area is encroached along with the dam construction. The Post-Disaster Needs Assessment report for Kerala prepared by the UN following the 2018 floods examined some of the gaps in law and policy and suggested remedial measures. It was not followed up. The Gadgil report was rejected.

Himachal flood toll: At least 22 people were killed and 12 others injured in rain-related incidents in Himachal Pradesh on Sunday, officials said. An official said the total loss to the state property amounted to 490 crore. Officials said teams of the National Disaster Response Force had been called in Kangra's Nurpur and Solan's Nalagarh subdivisions to meet any eventuality.

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Bihar village struggles in flood aftermath with no relief in sight

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AURAI(MUZAFFARPUR): "Pull nahi to vote nahi" (No Bridge, No Vote) reads the banner hanging at the entrance of Dumri Shankarpur village, which came up in May this year, shortly before the Lok Sabha elections were to be held.

Last month, heavy rains in Nepal and adjoining north Bihar districts had caused the Lakhandei to breach its banks and flood several villages in Muzaffarpur's Aurai block. Among the several villages badly affected was Dumri Shankarpur, located around 160 km northwest of capital Patna, and flanked by two rivers — Lakhandei on the west and Bagmati on the east — and is prone to floods almost every monsoon.

Over 221 people died in the two worst affected states of Assam and Bihar — 130 in Bihar alone, as 13 of the state's 30 districts were flooded by six rivers in spate, displacing 8.84 million people.

A month on, districts like Darbhanga, Madhubani, Muzaffarpur, Sitamarhi and West Champaran, which were among the worst affected, still have stagnant water in low lying areas. Close to 116, 653 people are still living in relief camps.

In Dumri Shankarpur, largely inhabited by Muslims, broken houses, water-logged fields, submerged bore wells and uprooted electric polls show the extent of the devastation. However, what affected the villagers most was the damage caused to the chachri, a 50-ft long bamboo bridge at least



Water-borne diseases are claiming lives in Dumri Shankarpur in Bihar.

PARWAZ KHAN/HT PHOTO

10m above the river, which has been the main connection between this village and the town for the past 40 years.

The rains and flooding weaken the bamboo pillars, but this time around, a portion of it was washed away all together.

"This is our lifeline," says Mohammed Jamshed, 65, a farmer, said. "Several people have fallen down while crossing it and got injured," he added.

The villagers have been demanding a reinforced concrete bridge on Lakhandei for the last four decades. As their plea fell on deaf ears, the villagers boycotted the parliamentary polls held in April-May, this year.

"There was no option. Our people continue putting their lives at risk everyday to cross the chachri," argued Mohammed Muk-eem, 45.

The villagers hope the floods would at least help draw the authorities' attention at long last.

District Magistrate Alok Ran-

jan Ghosh said the government has accepted Dumri villager's demand for a bridge. "There were some technical issues that have been resolved now. A pillar-based bridge would be constructed shortly," he said, but did not stipulate any deadline.

"Nobody wants to live in such conditions. We want to move to safer places but the government is not serious to relocate us," asks Mohammed Saklain Raza.

After the 2017 floods, the government had offered to rehabilitate the villagers, with compensation. The residents however, refused alleging irregularities.

The story of Dumri and Bawangamha is repeated across villages. The government has not been able to reach out to many. Though the Nitish Kumar-led government announced a direct debit transfer of ₹6000 to all affected families, only 836,000 have received funds. The rest would be paid by August 20, disaster management officials said.

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लुधियाना, जालंधर, (सुनीलराय कामरेड): पंजाब के कई इलाकों में भादों माह की तेज बारिश और भाखड़ा बांध के फ्लड गेट खोले जाने से राज्य के कई हिस्से जलथल हो चुके हैं। बाढ़ की परिस्थितियों के कारण सूबे के कई दर्जनों गांव पानी की चपेट में आए हैं। रविवार की सुबह भाखड़ा डैम से और अधिक पानी छोड़े जाने से सूबे के कई इलाकों में बाढ़ आने की संभावनाएं बनी हुई हैं। इसी के चलते एसएस नगर जिले के 67 गांव खाली करवाने के आदेश दिए गए हैं। इससे पहले जालंधर और फिरोजपुर के कई गांव खाली करवाए गए हैं। बिगड़ते हालात के मध्यनजर मुकाबले के लिए फौज को भी बुलाया गया है। बारिश के चलते रावी दरिया में जल स्तर बहुत बढ़ गया है। दरिया के साथ लगती मकौड़ा पत्तन की सड़क पर चार फीट पानी भर गया। इससे नजदीक ही स्थित गुज्जरों के 20 घर पानी में डूब गए। पानी में फंसे गुज्जर परिवारों को थाना बहरामपुर की पुलिस ने निकालकर सुरक्षित जगह पहुंचाया। भारत-पाक सीमा पर कई जगह फेंसिंग भी पानी में डूब गई। पठानकोट के नजदीक गांव जेतपुर में लगी कंटीली तार भी डूब गई है और इसी के साथ

फिल्लौर में दरिया खतरे के निशान की ओर बढ़ रहा

बाढ़ के हालात के मद्देनजर रविवार को सांसद संतोख चौधरी ने फिल्लौर में स्थिति का जायजा लिया। मौके पर सांसद के साथ उनके बेटे विक्रमजीत सिंह चौधरी, अन्य कांग्रेस नेता, एडीसी जसवीर सिंह, एसडीएम राजेश शर्मा आदि भी मौजूद थे। इधर, शाहकोट में विधायक लाडी शरोवालिया के साथ डीसी वरिंदर शर्मा ने हालात का जायजा लिया। फिल्लौर में दरिया खतरे के निशान की ओर बढ़ रहा है।

दिल्ली में भी यमुना खतरे के निशान तक पहुंचने की तैयारी की जा रही है। सीमा सुरक्षा बल की पोस्ट के अंदर पानी इकट्ठा हो गया है, जिसके चलते बीएसएफ के जवानों को दुश्मनों पर नजर रखने के लिए भारी दिक्कतों का सामना करना पड़ रहा है। विभाग से प्राप्त जानकारी के मुताबिक आज सुबह हरिके वर्करस में 54,000 क्यूसिक, राजस्थान फीडर को 11,000 क्यूसिक पानी और फिरोजपुर फीडर को 9432 क्यूसिक पानी छोड़ा गया था।

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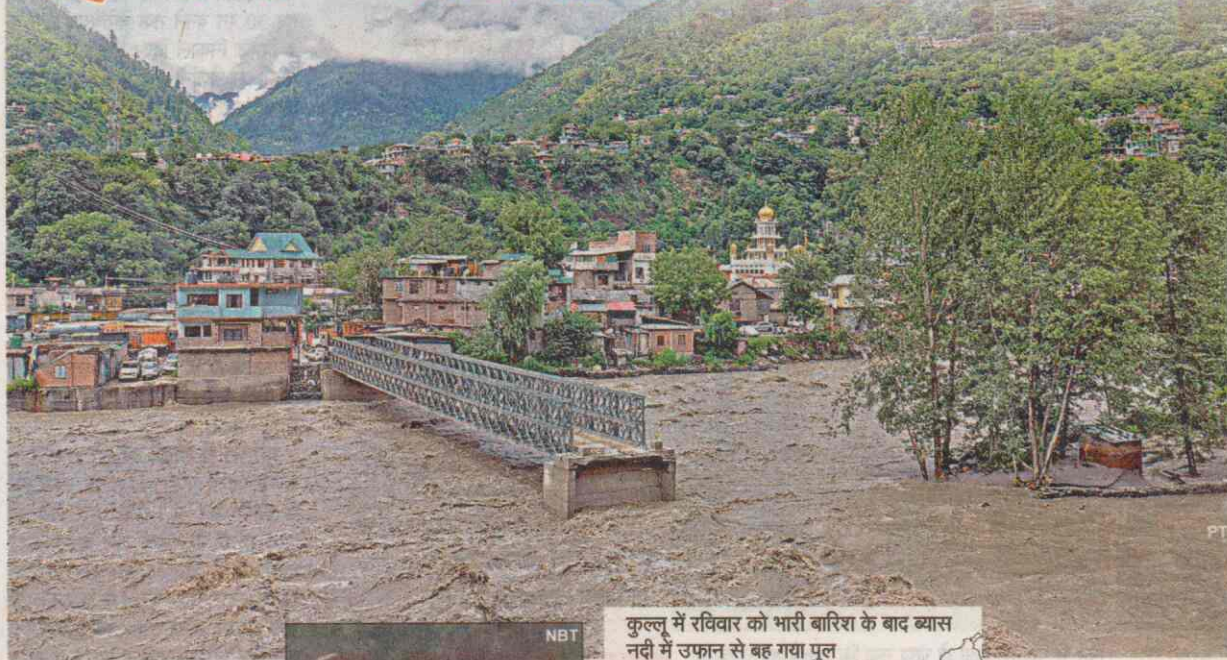
लोगों की अब तक मौत हो चुकी है इस साल पूरे भारत में बाढ़, बारिश और जमीन खिसकने से

एनबीटी : बाढ़ और बारिश का कहर अब उत्तर भारत में भी देखने को मिल रहा है। केरल, कर्नाटक आंध्र सहित दक्षिण के कई राज्यों को निशाना बनाने के बाद रविवार को बाढ़ का प्रकोप हिमाचल, पंजाब, हरियाणा और राजस्थान में देखने को मिला। हिमाचल में बाढ़, जमीन धंसने और बादल फटने से 18 लोगों की मौत हुई, जबकि उत्तराखंड के उत्तरकाशी इलाके के मोरी ब्लॉक में ही 14 लोगों के मरने की खबर है। पंजाब के 81 गांवों को एहतियातन खाली कराने का आदेश दिया गया है। चारधाम की पैदल यात्रा रोक दी गई, जबकि मंदाकिनी नदी पर आवाजाही के लिए बनाई गई अस्थाई पुलिया नदी के उफान में बह गई।

भारी बारिश से सबसे ज्यादा नुकसान हिमाचल, उत्तराखंड और पंजाब में

हिम के गले तक पानी

70 बरसों में सबसे ज्यादा बारिश हुई हिमाचल प्रदेश में रविवार को



उत्तराखंड उत्तरकाशी में 14 की मौत



जिम कॉर्बेट के पास बाढ़ में बही इनोवा, 2 मरे

उत्तराखंड में भारी बरसात के बाद जिन कॉर्बेट पार्क भी बाढ़ की चपेट में आ गया है। रामनगर से मरचुला जा रहे दिल्ली के पर्यटकों की एक कार भी उफनते नाले में बह गई। इसमें सवार दो महिलाओं की मौत पर मौत हो गई जबकि दो अभी लापता हैं। इस कार में आठ लोग सवार बताए जा रहे हैं। जब कार बहने लगी तो कार चला रहा व्यक्ति बाहर निकल आया। उनके 5 साल के बच्चे को स्थानीय लोगों ने रेस्क्यू कर बचाया। हादसे का शिकार हुए दो परिवार दिल्ली के शास्त्री नगर और रोहिणी इलाके के हैं। शनिवार देर रात से हो रही बारिश से रामनगर के आसपास नदी नाले उफान पर हैं। लोगों को चेतावनी दी गई है कि नालों में पानी का बहाव देखकर ही पार करें। जिम कॉर्बेट पार्क के धनगढ़ी घेरे के उफान पर आ जाने से हजारों वाहन इस कई घंटे खड़े रहे।

कुल्लू में रविवार को भारी बारिश के बाद ब्यास नदी में उफान से बह गया पुल

हिमाचल प्रदेश 18 की मौत

हिमाचल प्रदेश में भारी बारिश से जुड़ी घटनाओं में रविवार को तीन बच्चों सहित 18 लोगों की मौत हो गई। उफनती ब्यास नदी के किनारे बड़े पैमाने पर हुए भूस्खलनों के कारण मंडी और कुल्लू शहरों के बीच चंडीगढ़-मनाली राजमार्ग पर यातायात बाधित हो गया है। मंडी-जोगिंदरनगर राजमार्ग को भी यातायात के लिए बंद किया गया है। अधिकारियों ने यह जानकारी दी। राज्य के कई जिलों का बाढ़ के कारण गांवों का संपर्क कट गया है। राज्य के तमाम हिस्सों में हुई लैंड स्लाइड्स और फ्लैश फ्लड के कारण 323 रास्तों और राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग संख्या 5 पर वाहनों की आवाजाही बंद हो गई है। शिमला के आरटीओ कार्यालय के पास भूस्खलन की घटना में तीन लोगों के मारे जाने की सूचना है। इसके अलावा इस घटना में एक अन्य शख्स के मलबे में दबे होने की खबर है। वहीं, बारिश के कारण एक मकान की दीवार गिरने के कारण एक मजदूर की भी मौत हुई है।

पंजाब 81 गांव खाली कराने के आदेश

पंजाब के जालंधर में बाढ़ विकराल रूप ले सकता है। इसके महेनजर प्रशासन ने 81 गांवों को फौरन खाली कराने का आदेश दिए हैं। मीडिया रपटों के मुताबिक, जालंधर के डिप्टी कमिश्नर वरिंदर कुमार शर्मा ने फिल्लौर, नाकोदर और शाहकोट के एसडीएम को निचले इलाके में बसे और बाढ़ से प्रभावित होने वाले गांवों को खाली कराने और लोगों को सुरक्षित स्थान पर पहुंचाने का आदेश जारी किया है। बता दें कि जालंधर और उसके आसपास के इलाकों में ये हालात रोपड़ हैडवर्क से 1,89,940 क्यूसेक पानी छोड़े जाने की वजह से पैदा हुए हैं। पंजाब के आनंदपुर साहिब में भाखड़ा डैम से छोड़े गए पानी की वजह से सतलुज नदी उफान पर है। कई इलाकों में सतलुज का पानी किनारे तोड़ कर लगातार गांव की तरफ आ रहा है। मीडिया रपटों के मुताबिक, गांव के लिंक रोड पानी में डूबने की वजह से करीब 6 से 8 गांवों का संपर्क पूरी तरह से आनंदपुर साहिब और पंजाब के अन्य हिस्सों से कट चुका है।

विस, देहरादून/ नैनीताल : राज्य के उत्तरकाशी के मोरी क्षेत्र में भारी बारिश ने कोहराम मचाया हुआ है। यहां 14 लोगों के मरने की खबर है। तूणी क्षेत्र में 15 घरों के बहने और लोगों की गुमशुदगी की बात सामने आई है। वहां लोगों ने पूरी रात जागकर काटी। बताया जाता है कि 1970 में तूनी में इसी तरह की भीषण बाढ़ आई थी।

मोरी के माकुड़ी, टिकोची, आराकोट के इलाके बाढ़ से बुरी तरह प्रभावित हुए हैं। मोरी इलाके के आराकोट में 3 लोगों के बहने की सूचना है। टिकोची में 4-5 लोग और कुछ गाड़ियों के बहने की सूचना है। आराकोट से लगे डगोली गांव में दोनों तरफ नाले उफान पर हैं। यहां पाबर नदी का पानी ईशाली गांव को जोड़ने वाले झूला पुल को छूते हुए बह रहा है। रविवार तड़के खतरा भांप कर ग्रामीणों ने अपना घर-दुकानें छोड़ दिया। पहाड़ी पर चढ़कर शरण ली। माकुड़ी गांव में सरोजनी देवी की मलबे में दबने से मौत हो गई। इसी गांव में चतर सिंह का मकान मलबे में तब्दील हो गया। इस

परिवार के पांच सदस्य लापता बताए जाते हैं। आराकोट में पाबर नदी के किनारे से शिक्षक का शव बरामद हुआ है। टिकोची में 10-15 मकान बह गए हैं। टिकोची में किसी जनहानि की अभी सूचना नहीं है। मोरी के ग्राम पंचायत मौण्डा खकवाड़ी तथा ग्राम चिवां और ग्राम गोकुल ग्राम माकुड़ी में 5 से 7 लोग मलबे में दबने की खबर है। बारिश और बाढ़ की स्थितियों को देखते हुए प्रशासन ने उत्तरकाशी के लोगों को रेस्क्यू करने के लिए यहां एसडीआरएफ, रेड क्रॉस, आईटीबीपी और एनडीआरएफ की टीमों को भेजा है, जिन्हें इलाके में फंसे लोगों को सुरक्षित स्थानों पर ले जाने के लिए कहा गया है।

रोकी गई चारधाम की पैदल यात्रा: चारधाम यात्रा भी बारिश के काण प्रभावित हुई है। केदारनाथ धाम में लगातार हो रही बारिश से प्रशासन ने पैदल यात्रा को रोक दी है। मौसम ठीक होने पर ही यात्रा सुचारू की जाएगी। इस समय केदारनाथ धाम, लिनचोली, भीमबली यात्रा पड़ाव में लगभग 350 यात्री रुके हुए हैं।

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Rain fury this year deadlier than earlier, toll already over 1,000

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New Delhi: Flood fury across much of India has already claimed 1,058 lives this monsoon, close to last year's overall toll of 1,211. Over 150 people have died in Kerala, the second-highest after Maharashtra (245 deaths), as it faces extraordinary damage with authorities being forced to release water from dams because of torrential rain.

The flood death counts are increasing year on year: from 936 in 2016 to 1,200 in 2017.

Rain fury this time has been severe across more parts of

Deaths	
Maharashtra	245
Kerala	155
W Bengal	154
Bihar	130
Gujarat	107
Karnataka	94
Assam	94
MP	69
Odisha	10

Total: 1,058

As of Aug 16, 2019;
Source: Union home ministry

An NDRF man rescues a boy in Vijayawada

the country than usual. Maharashtra recorded 245 flood-related deaths, followed by Kerala (155), West Bengal (154), Bihar (130), Gujarat (107) and 94 each in Assam and Karnataka, according to an assessment of the home ministry.

So far, state and central

agencies have evacuated over 18 lakh people. Over 7,800 relief camps have been opened in 152 districts of nine states. The Centre has deployed 101 NDRF teams and 57 from Army, IAF and Navy along with six copters for rescue and relief operations as losses start mounting.

At least a dozen districts in Kerala stare at a crisis. Around 7.5 lakh people were evacuated across 22 districts in Maharashtra and 305 relief camps are providing temporary shelter to the homeless.

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Centre and states spent ₹6,900 cr for flood relief

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Disaster Response Funds (2019-20)

All figures in ₹ crore

States	Funds released (SDRF)	Funds released (NDRF)
Maharashtra	676	2474
Odisha	552	789
Karnataka	204	515
Gujarat	566	NA
Bihar	417	NA
W Bengal	415	NA
Assam	252	NA
Kerala	52	NA
Total	3,134	3,778

Total ₹6,912 crore

Note: Funds released by states under SDRF (State Disaster Response Fund) and NDRF (National Disaster Response Fund); Kerala has balance of ₹2,107 cr in SDRF

Source: Union home ministry

It's flood season in India and both the central and state governments have opened their purses for rescue and relief. Till Friday, the Centre and states together released over Rs 6,900 crore in eight states to safeguard human lives even as estimation of economic loss is yet to begin.

Poll-bound Maharashtra has seen the highest release of Rs 3,150 crore for rescue and relief operations where Rs 676 crore has been released through its SDRF while the Centre has contributed Rs 2,474 crore through NDRF. The death toll of 245 in Maharashtra has been the highest among states affected by floods.

Every year it's the same story as the Centre and states spend little towards disaster risk reduction and more towards relief and rescue operations. A UN report last year had estimated that India suf-

fered economic loss of \$80 billion in 20 years till 2017 due to disasters, most of it from floods, storms, droughts and other extreme weather events.

India is among the world's top five countries in suffering economic loss due to natural

calamities, yet it has not changed its approach towards building resilient infrastructure or safeguarding its population from imminent disasters that has only increased in intensity year after year.

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Maha gets surplus rain but 11 districts remain parched

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PUNE: Despite a delayed south-west monsoon, Maharashtra has received unprecedented rainfall and has now become the wettest state in the country with 32 % excess rainfall, leaving behind the northeastern states, officials said.

However, despite receiving excess rainfall, majority parts of the state, including Marathwada and Vidarbha have remained dry, data shows.

Two-and-a-half-months after the onset of the monsoon season, at least 11 districts in the state still show severe rainfall deficiency.

India Meteorological Department (IMD) data revealed that Solapur district recorded 42% rainfall deficiency which was highest in the state, followed by Beed at 41%, Latur at 29%, Parbhani and Yavatmal at 27%, Washim at 25%, Jalna at 23% and Osmanabad at 21% rainfall deficiency as of August 14.

As per data released by the IMD till August 14, Maharashtra has recorded 902.3mm of rainfall against 685.8mm average rainfall. Maharashtra tops the list of the wettest states in the country followed by Sikkim and Gujarat, which have recorded 26 % and 22% excess rainfall respectively.

Anupam Kashyapi, head of weather at IMD, Pune, said, "This year Maharashtra has recorded surplus rainfall because of the



■ A man walks on the dry riverbed of Tawarja dam in Latur. IMD data revealed Latur recorded 29% rainfall deficiency. PRATIK CHARGE/HT

DESPITE RECEIVING EXCESS RAINFALL, MAJORITY PARTS OF THE STATE, INCLUDING MARATHWADA AND VIDARBHA HAVE REMAINED DRY

presence of strong westerlies or upper air circulation over northern region."

He further explained, "Central Maharashtra, specifically western region of the state, is where we had observed the convergence of the Arabian sea branch of the monsoon and the Bay of Bengal branch of the monsoon. Also, the

presence of the offshore trough gives a big push for a heavy downpour."

IMD revealed that states like Manipur, Delhi and Haryana were poor monsoon performing states which recorded 59 %, 35% and 33% rainfall deficiency in this season.

A delayed and weak monsoon had created a worrisome situation in the country.

As of August 14, the country has received 582mm of rainfall, as against the country average of 578mm with 1% excess of rainfall. As far as the entire country is concerned, five states had recorded excess rainfall, 21 states have recorded normal rainfall and nine states have recorded rainfall deficiency.

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Yamuna flowing near warning level

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NEW DELHI

With the Yamuna flowing near the warning level, agencies concerned are closely monitoring the situation to deal with any possible flooding, an official said on Saturday.

At 4 p.m. on Saturday, the Yamuna's water level reached 203.27 metres, slightly below the warning level of 204.5 metres, the official said, adding: "At 10 a.m., over 21,000 cusecs water was released from Hathani Kund Barrage in Haryana. Besides, around 17,000 cusecs water was also released from the barrage."

'Flood-like situation'

"We have been closely monitoring the water level of Yamuna. Preparation are being made to deal with the flood-like situation," the official said. In July last, traffic movement on Old Yamuna Bridge in Delhi had been closed for a few days after the water level breached the danger mark. Last year, Yamuna's water level had reached 205.5 metres.

'A good sign': Yamuna fills 15 acres of reservoir

Pilot project to store floodwater to be completed by August-end

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NEW DELHI

Yamuna floodwaters filled about 15 acres of a 25-acre reservoir, which is being built as a pilot project to store water from the river along the floodplains, said officials.

"This is the first time that the reservoir has been filled with water from the Yamuna and it is a good sign," an official privy to the development said.

Water overflowing from the Yamuna during monsoon will be stored in the 25-acre reservoir between Palla and Wazirabad and it will help recharge the groundwater, which is depleting in the city. The reservoir, which will have 1.5-metre to 2-metre depth, is being constructed on a 40-acre piece of land.

"Water will flow into the shallow reservoir through the inlets at the river when the water level is above 207.5 metres at Sungherpur. On Friday, it filled about 15 acres of the reservoir," the official said.



The water level was high and flowed over a piece of land between the reservoir and Yamuna, said officials.

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Most of the water in the reservoir percolated and on Saturday, water was there only in about five acres of the reservoir.

Inlets yet to be built

"We are yet to build the inlets from the river to the reservoir but since the water level was high, it flowed over a piece of land between the reservoir and Yamuna," the official said.

The Irrigation and Flood Control Department is also

in the process of installing around 12 piezometers to measure the water table before and after percolation. This will be used to access the success of the project.

On August 9, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat had inaugurated the work on the reservoir. The official said the working is happening round the clock and the reservoir is set to be completed by August 20.

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Rain ravages Kangra, Kullu, Chamba

Traffic on 323 routes hit | Rivers in spate | Water level in dams near danger mark | Schools, colleges shut

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SHIMLA, AUGUST 17

Heavy rain across the state during the last 24 hours wreaked havoc, triggering landslides and disrupting vehicular movement on 323 routes, with Kangra, Kullu and Chamba being the worst affected districts.

As a precautionary measure, the Kangra district administration announced the closure of all educational institutions today. Most rivers were in spate and streets in Nurpur, Palampur and Dharamsala in Kangra were submerged.

The water level in most dams was close to the danger mark. The level in the BBMB, Talwara, was measured at 1363.40 feet, the BBMB, Pandoh, 2,920 feet, NTPC Kol Dam 636.79 feet, BBMB, Nangal, 1,674.54 feet and Larji Dam, Kullu, at 968.60 metre.

"We are monitoring the situation but there is no cause for alarm as the dams are releasing water and in constant touch with Punjab," said DC Rana, Director-cum-Special Secretary, HP Disaster Management Authority.

A total of 175 lives have been lost since July 1 to August 17, including those due to accident, drowning and house collapse. The PWD and Irrigation Department have suffered a loss of Rs 290.64 crore and Rs 167.82 crore. The total loss has been pegged at Rs 474.37 crore.

The Kullu district administration diverted traffic



The damaged portion of the Pathankot-Mandi national highway at Ladwara on Saturday. PHOTO: ASHOK RAINA



DAMS AND THE WATER LEVEL

SITE	PRESENT LEVEL	DANGER LEVEL
BBMB Talwara	1,363.40 feet	1,390 feet
BBMB Pandoh	2,920 feet	2,941 feet
NTPC Kol Dam	636.79 feet	642 m
BBMB Nangal	1,674.54 feet	1,680 feet
Larji Dam, Kullu	968.60 m	971 m
Kheari Chamera I	759.48 m	760 m
Kariyan Chamera I	1,156.80 m	1,162 m
Dharwala Chamera III	1,386.3 m	1,397 m
Baira Saul Surgani	1,105.00 m	1,122 m
Karcham Dam, Kinnaur	1,808.51 m	1,810 m
Song Tong project	1,945.50 m	1,945.80 m
Yamuna division	380.10 m	384.50 m
Beas, Hamirpur	2,920.00 feet	2,941.00 feet
Sutlej, Shimla	1,492.05 m	1,495.50 m

131-MM RAIN IN KANGRA

Kangra: The town recorded 131 mm rain in the past 24 hours, causing damage to national highway at Ladwara. A

number of roads were blocked and damaged. A part of Pathankot-Mandi highway was washed away at Ladwara.

Kewal Singh Pathania, Cong leader, said he had approached the authorities to build a retaining wall, but to no avail.

through Akhara Bazaar as the bailey bridge connecting left bank to the town was damaged. The Meteorological Department issued a warning of very heavy rain in Kangra, Chamba, Hamirpur, Bilaspur, Una and Mandi. The depart-

ment issued a warning of very heavy rain tomorrow in Mandi and Kangra.

"As per forecast, the rainfall activity is likely to decrease significantly from August 19, there will be very heavy rain over the next 24

hours in Mandi and Kangra districts," said Manmohan Singh, Director of the local Met centre.

Most parts of Kangra and Chamba have been lashed by heavy rain, resulting in substantial rise in the water

level in the rivers, nullahs and water channels. Most towns have received heavy rain since last night with Kangra 118 mm, Dharamsala 115.6 mm, Dalhousie 84 mm, Chamba 65 mm and Shimla 40 mm.

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Flood alert as Sutlej water enters villages

BBMB opens Bhakra floodgates | Swan in 'spate too' | Fields in 12 Anandpur Sahib villages flooded

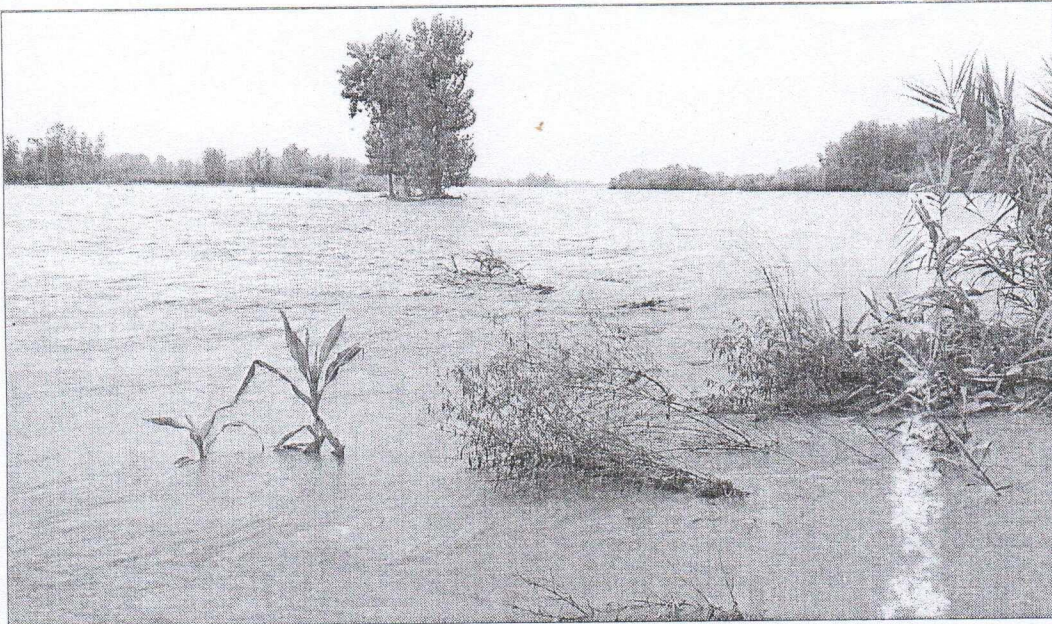
ARUN SHARMA
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ANANDPUR SAHIB, AUGUST 17

A day after floodgates of Bhakra Dam were opened due to increase in the water level in the reservoir and forecast of downpour in the catchment area, the Sutlej water flooded fields of nearly a dozen villages.

The water entered the fields from the damaged part of a bandh near Lodhipur. Villages such as Burj, Chandpur Bela, Nikkuwal, Mendali Kalan, Dasgrain, Khanpur, Bela Dhiani, Shahpur Bela and Gajpur were in knee-deep water. Nearly 10 houses at Dasgrain village were also inundated. Besides, a culvert near Bela Dhiana village was damaged, which cut off the village from adjoining areas.

The situation turned more alarming with the rising water level of the Swan river, a tributary of the Sutlej. A total of 53,200 cusecs has been released from the Bhakra Dam since 3.30 pm yesterday. The water level at Bhakra touched 1,674.61 ft at 1 pm, up from 1,673 ft at 6 am yesterday. Water can be stored in the



Water released from the Bhakra Dam inundates fields of several villages near Anandpur Sahib on Saturday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

BUNDH WASHED AWAY IN 2010

Residents of several villages along the banks of the Sutlej have to face floods almost every year since August 2010, when a 1000-ft stretch of a bundh at Lodhipur village was washed away. The then Dy CM Sukhbir Badal had visited the site and promised to repair it, but to no avail. Former Anandpur Sahib MP Prem Singh Chandumajra, who visited the affected villages on Saturday, blamed the Congress for the situation. TNS

“I will meet senior BBMB officials to apprise them of the situation and seek remedial measures, including reduction in the release of water from the dam.”

Sumeet Jarangal, ROPAR DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

reservoir up to 1,685 feet only.

Sources said the BBMB had been releasing 40,000 cusecs in the Sutlej and the remaining water was being discharged in canals. The report of rising water flow in

the Swan, which emanates from Himachal Pradesh and merges with the Sutlej near Anandpur Sahib, has further aggravated the situation. Due to incessant rains in Himachal Pradesh, the

water flow in the Swan was recorded at 29,000 cusecs at 5 pm. The water will reach here around 10 pm and after merging with 40,000 cusecs of the Sutlej, it can play havoc in the area.

Ropar Deputy Commissioner Sumeet Jarangal, who visited the affected villages, said he would meet senior BBMB officials to apprise them of the situation and seek remedial measures, including reduc-

tion in the release of water from the dam.

Late in the evening, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh tweeted that the NDRF had been summoned to monitor the situation.

Level in Pong Dam below average, more rain won't harm

VIJAY MOHAN
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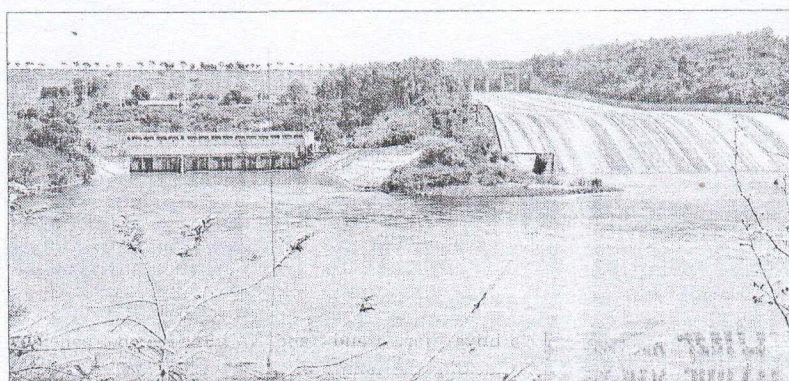
CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 17

While the forecast of heavy rains in the region over the next few days poses a risk to life and property, it is also welcome news to the water management authorities as far as the Pong Dam is concerned. The reservoir at the dam, which lies in Himachal Pradesh across the Beas, is at present filled up to 60 per cent of its total capacity, which is still a notch below the average storage of the past 10 years at this time of the season.

“Unlike the Bhakra Dam, where the water inflow is primarily dependent on snowmelt, rain water accounts for over 80 per cent

of the Pong Dam's inflow,” an official of the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) said. Following unusual heavy rains in autumn last, the Pong Dam had filled up to full capacity but the storage had fallen to 32 per cent by early July this year, according to data available with the Central Water Commission. Both the Bhakra and Pong dams are critical for power generation and irrigation in the region. They have an installed generation capacity of 1,325 MW and 396 MW, respectively, and supply water for drinking and irrigation to Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Delhi and Chandigarh.

One reason for the Pong Dam's relatively low storage



The reservoir at the Pong Dam is at present filled up to 60 per cent of its total capacity, which is still a notch below the average storage of the past 10 years at this time of the season.

is low rainfall in the dam's catchment area. Monsoon has been deficient by 21 per cent so far in Himachal, with the

shortfall in the upper areas like Lahaul and Spiti and Chamba being as high as 68 per cent and 50 per cent,

respectively. Bhakra, on the other hand has already filled up to over 82 per cent of its capacity, which is about 20 per

cent more than the average storage of the past 10 years. With warnings of heavy rainfall issued by the Meteorological Department, the BBMB authorities had opened the dam's sluice gates yesterday to release more water than usual for catering to heavy inflow.

Since the dam's filling season officially extends up to September 30 and rains as well as snowmelt are likely to continue, the BBMB authorities expect that the Bhakra Dam's reservoir will reach its maximum permissible limit of 1,680 feet, with an additional 3 ft buffer to cater to any emergent situation like a cloudburst. This level was last achieved in 2011. The level recorded at the Bhakra Dam today was 1,675 ft.

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185 tmcft let out from Prakasam barrage

Inflows into reservoirs on the Krishna falling but Godavari flooding on the rise

THARUN BODA
VIJAYAWADA

With Krishna river receiving heavy inflows for the past six days, over 185 tmcft of water was discharged into the sea from Prakasam Barrage, whose storage capacity is 3.07 tmcft, as of Saturday.

The discharge, which began at 25,000 cusecs on Tuesday, reached 8.06 lakh cusecs on Saturday, the highest since 2009 (10.94 lakh cusecs) and the second-highest since 1998 (9.31 lakh cusecs), due to heavy inflow into the Srisailem reservoir from Alamatti in Karnataka.

"So far, the surplus discharged to the sea from Prakasam Barrage is 185 tmcft. The outflow will gradually



Safety move: A child being rescued in Krishnalanka area of Vijayawada on Saturday. ■ V. RAJU

come down as inflow into reservoirs upstream is reducing," Krishna Delta System chief engineer R. Satish Kumar told *The Hindu*.

Meanwhile, water levels

in Godavari increased and the inflow to Dowleswaram went up to 7 lakh cusecs during the early hours bringing back flood woes in several villages.

Naidu, 38 others asked to move to safer places

VIJAYAWADA

Former A.P. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and 38 others in Undavalli and Thulluru villages were served flood alert notices by the authorities on Saturday in the wake of the rising water levels in Guntur district upstream of the Prakasam Barrage. "As a precautionary measure, they were asked to move to a safer place," said Guntur District Collector I. Samuel Anand Kumar.

The inflow and outflow came down to 6.35 lakh cusecs at Dowleswaram by evening and the same amount of water was released into the sea.

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मातृकुण्डिया बांध में पानी की आवक शुरू

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राजसमंद, रेलमगरा, बनास नदी में पानी की आवक की बात जोह रहे बनास नदी किनारे के गांवों के लिए केचमेन्ट क्षेत्र में हुई अच्छी बारिश खुशियों की सौगात लेकर आई है। कुरज, बामनिया कलां, जीतावास, खण्डेल, पनोतिया सहित क्षेत्र में विगत दो-तीन दिनों से हो रही अच्छी बारिश से तमाम पानी बहकर बनास नदी में पहुंच गया। बरसाती पानी के नदी में पहुंचने के साथ ही इसमें पानी का तेज बहाव शुरू हो गया है।

कुरज एवं खण्डेल क्षेत्र से बहकर आने वाला पानी जीतावास में बनास नदी में मिल रहा है। वहीं, भीलवाड़ा जिले के पोदलां, माझावास, सुरावास क्षेत्रों के केचमेन्ट में हुई बारिश का पानी जगपुरा के समीप चंद्रभागा नदी में होता हुआ बनास में समाहित हो रहा है। इसके चलते उपखण्ड क्षेत्र के गिलुण्ड में बनास अच्छे वेग से बह रही है। बनास नदी की पूरी सतह पर पानी पहुंचने की सूचना क्षेत्र में फैलते ही आसपास से बड़ी संख्या में



पिछोला से जगी फतहसागर की आस: पिछले एक सप्ताह से रुक-रुक कर जारी तेज बारिश से चहुंओर जलाशयों में पानी की अच्छी आवक हुई है। उदयपुर की पिछोला झील का जलस्तर आठ फीट होने के बाद स्वरूपसागर लिंक नहर के गेट खोलने से फतहसागर में समाती जल राशि का नजारा।

पत्रिका

ग्रामीण नदी पेटे पर पहुंच गए और हरीभरी वादियों के मध्य से गुजरती जल राशि को अपने मोबाइल कैमरों में कैद किया। दूसरी ओर रेलमगरा क्षेत्र के केचमेन्ट में हुई बारिश का पानी गिलुण्ड के एनिकट से बनास में होकर मातृकुण्डिया बांध में पहुंच रहा है। क्षेत्रभर में हुई अच्छी बारिश से गिलुण्ड क्षेत्र से गुजर रही डिण्डोली, धमाणा फीडर ओवरफ्लो

होकर बह रही है। फीडरों के ओवरफ्लो होने से कई जगह खेतों में पानी का बहाव शुरू हो गया, जिससे फसलों को नुकसान भी हुआ है। शनिवार को क्षेत्र में बारिश का दौर रुक गया और रुक-रुक कर फुहारें गिरती रही।

बीस साल बाद छलका मोही का एनिकट: जिला मुख्यालय के समीप गांव मोही में करीब पैंतीस

साल पूर्व बना एनिकट शुक्रवार को करीब बीस साल बाद छलका। जैसे लोगों को एनिकट छलकने की सूचना मिली तो ग्रामीणों का हुजूम छलकते एनिकट को देखने उमड़ पड़े। गौरतलब है कि इस एनिकट के पानी का रिसाव गांव से दूर के कुओं में होता है। इसके चलते ग्रामीणों ने बीस वर्ष पहले एनिकट को तोड़ दिया था।

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नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी): उत्तराखंड और हिमाचल प्रदेश जैसे उपरी राज्यों में पड़ रही जोरदार बारिश के चलते दिल्ली में यमुना में पानी का स्तर बढ़ने की आशंका है।

हालांकि, राजस्व और सिंचाई एवं बाढ़ नियंत्रण विभाग के अधिकारी और कर्मचारी जलस्तर खतरे के निशान के पास पहुंचने से पहले ही संभावित बाढ़ से निपटने के लिए स्थिति की करीबी से निगरानी कर रहे हैं। पूर्वी जिला राजस्व विभाग के एक

अधिकारी ने बताया कि दिल्ली में पुराने यमुना पुल पर पानी का जलस्तर मांपा जाता है। शनिवार शाम करीब पांच बजे यमुना का जलस्तर 203.27 मीटर पर पहुंच गया, जो खतरे के स्तर 204.5 से कुछ ही नीचे है।

अधिकारी ने बताया कि सुबह 10 बजे हरियाणा के हथिनी कुंड बैराज से 21,000 क्यूसेक पानी छोड़ा गया। इसके अलावा भी बैराज से करीब 17,000 क्यूसेक पानी और छोड़ा गया है लेकिन इससे बाढ़ जैसे

हालात पैदा होने की आशंका नहीं है। उन्होंने कहा कि हम सारी स्थिति पर नजर रख रहे हैं। अधिकारी ने बताया कि बाढ़ की स्थिति से निपटने के लिए पहले ही पूरी तैयारियां की जा चुकी हैं। पिछले साल जुलाई में दिल्ली में यमुना के पुराने पुल पर यातायात कुछ दिनों के लिए रोक दिया था। दरअसल, नदी का जलस्तर खतरे के निशान को पार कर गया था। पिछले साल, यमुना का जलस्तर 205.5 मीटर तक पहुंच गया था।

जल विवाद सुलझाने के लिए ओडिशा से चर्चा करेगा छत्तीसगढ़

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रायपुर, आशीष शर्मा (पंजाब केसरी): छत्तीसगढ़ के बस्तर की जीवनदायिनी इंद्रावती नदी को बचाने सरकार ने कवायदें शुरू कर दी हैं। इस मामले में मुख्यमंत्री भूपेश बघेल ने ओडिशा सरकार से पहल करने सिंचाई मंत्री को निर्देश दिए हैं। गर्मी के सीजन में इंद्रावती नदी सूख जाती है। वहीं बारिश के मौसम में नालियों से उपर पानी बहने लगता है। दरअसल, इंद्रावती नदी का अधिकांश जल ओडिशा की ओर बह जाता है। इंद्रावती जल विवाद लंबे

समय से सुलझ नहीं पाया है। इससे छत्तीसगढ़ में विशेष तौर पर बस्तर को नुकसान उठाना पड़ रहा है। इस मामले में ओडिशा सरकार से चर्चा कर जल्दी ही समाधान निकाला जाएगा। उन्होंने बस्तर में चर्चा के दौरान कहा वर्तमान पीढ़ी को जल समस्या से निपटने अभी से खुद भी उपाय करने होंगे। इस मामले में जल्दी ही ठोस कार्ययोजना के साथ समस्या दूर करने की पहल होनी चाहिए। बस्तर अंचल में सीवरेज ट्रीटमेंट प्लांट की सौगात देने के बाद सीएम

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ने उम्मीद जताई कि इससे नालों के गंदे पानी का शुद्धिकरण हो पाएगा। बस्तर में ओडिशा

की सीमा पर बन रहे इंद्रावती जौरा नाला स्ट्रक्चर के मामले में लगातार विवाद की स्थिति रही है। पूर्व के वर्षों में इन विवादों को सुलझाने कोई ठोस उपाय नहीं किए गए हैं। अब इस मामले में ओडिशा सरकार से बातचीत की पहल शुरू हो रही है। माना जा रहा है कि इस मामले में दोनों सरकारों के बीच कोई समझौता हो सकता है। इंद्रावती नदी को बचाने बस्तर में पहले ही संघर्ष हो रहा है। स्थानीय लोगों ने मिलकर भी सरकार से गुहार लगाई है।

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Include Flood Control in Dam Safety Bill ET-17

The widespread havoc caused by floods nationwide points to the pressing need for structural, non-structural and institutional measures to mitigate flooding and landslides. In this context, the skirting of flood control by the Dam Safety Bill, 2019, now passed by the Lok Sabha, is striking.

The fact is that dams, reservoirs and other water storage systems, both natural and man-made, are an effective means for reducing flood peaks. Reservoirs can indeed provide a long-term solution to the problem of flooding. Their effectiveness in moderating floods downstream would, of course, depend on the capacity available for absorbing the flood runoff. Note that the National Water Policy 2002 did recommend a clear-cut provision for 'adequate flood cushion' in water storage projects nationwide, and further that flood control be given 'overriding consideration' when it comes to reservoir operations. After all, if reservoirs are filled up at the beginning of the monsoon season to meet demands for irrigation, hydro-



power or industrial supply, a large quantity of water might suddenly need to be released mid-season, potentially causing largely preventable flooding downstream. And, yet, the Dam Safety Bill appears to lack specific scope for flood prevention.

Of late, Maharashtra and Karnataka reportedly failed to co-ordinate release of water from the Almatti dam, on the Krishna, which appears to have raised flooding levels. Hence the need for a National Dam Safety Authority, with flood control very much under its purview. In tandem, we do need more effective floodplain zoning norms, especially in fragile ecosystems like the Western Ghats, better resource allocation for drainage channel improvement in rivers, and sustainable measures to prevent riparian soil erosion.

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Responding to floods

India needs a holistic approach

BS-17

At the beginning of his Independence Day speech, Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed grief on the loss of lives because of floods in various parts of the country and acknowledged the hardship being faced by people in those regions. He also highlighted that all efforts were being made by government agencies to bring normalcy. So far at least 225 people have died in states such as Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Kerala, and millions have been displaced. Floods have affected over 8.8 million people in Bihar. About 300,000 people are reported to have been taken to relief camps in Kerala. The state had suffered substantial damage even last year in what was termed as once in a century calamity.

While the intensity of floods may differ in various regions in different years, the broader story is repeated almost every year. First, parts of the country struggle for survival with a severe shortage of water in the summer months. For instance, Chennai made headlines this year because of water shortages and it could be just a matter of time before other cities face a similar fate. But, as the calendar shifts to monsoon months, large parts of the country are exposed to floods. The government does its bit before moving on to some other pressing issue. The same story is repeated every year with unfailing regularity. In fact, things could get worse in coming years if corrective measures are not taken straightaway.

There are two broad reasons for the recurrence of natural disasters such as floods. First, the changing weather pattern is affecting the quantity and distribution of rain. Even this year, the rainfall was in deficit the initial period before recovering significantly in recent weeks. Second, unplanned development is putting enormous stress on the ecosystem. The encroachment on water bodies and deforestation for development not only affect the natural carrying capacity of the system but also reduce the possibility of groundwater recharge. India needs to work on improving the system of water management, so that the excess in some period and deficit in others can be addressed. Mr Modi in his speech rightly highlighted the need for grassroots level involvement in the conservation of water. Better management of water will reduce instances of floods to a large extent and help accomplish the mission of providing water to all households.

At a broader level, India will need to work with a holistic approach to minimise the impact of extreme weather conditions. Among other things, agriculture would be severely affected because of changing weather patterns. Therefore, it is important to revisit the nature of development in both urban and rural areas and find ways to protect the environment. Since this will take a long time to yield results, in the short run, it is important to improve the state capacity to fight extreme weather challenges like floods. The silting of riverbeds and the reduction in the carrying capacity of river channels need focused policy attention. The forecasting system has improved significantly in recent years and should be used more effectively to save human lives. Naturally, this will require better coordination between the Centre and state governments along with adequate allocation of resources.

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Relief for Marathwada ^{H-17} as Jayakwadi gates open

Water discharged as dam filled to 92% of live storage capacity



Almost full: Eight sluice gates of the Jayakwadi dam have been opened. • YOGESH LONDHE

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Bringing some relief to the parched Marathwada region, eight sluice gates of the Jayakwadi dam have been opened to discharge water thanks to heavy rain in north Maharashtra.

The current discharge of around 4,500 cusecs from the reservoir has been prompted due to incessant showers in Nashik district and other parts of north Maharashtra, causing the Godavari river to swell and fill up the dams there.

The release of the water from these upstream dams has in turn led to the accumulation of more than 2 lakh

cusecs in the Nath Sagar reservoir of Jayakwadi.

Authorities said the discharge from Jayakwadi was prompted after the dam filled up to 92% of its live storage capacity. At the same time last year, the dam had filled up to barely 28% of its live storage capacity.

While Nashik and Nandurbar in the north and Sangli, Satara, Kolhapur and Pune in western Maharashtra have been reeling under the onslaught of excess rain, the eight districts of Marathwada continue to remain arid despite two months of the monsoon season drawing to a close.

Jayakwadi dam is the chief

water source for industries in Marathwada, mainly in Aurangabad. The water discharge is expected to benefit areas in at least four districts in the region – Aurangabad, Beed, Jalna and Parbhani – and help resolve the water situation in talukas near the Godavari river bank.

This is the first time in two years that the dam's storage capacity has exceeded 90%.

Till Thursday, authorities were releasing 1,200 cusecs of water from the Paithan left bank canal, 900 cusecs from the right bank canal, and 1,589 cusecs off water from the hydropower project towards the Apegaon and Hiradpuri barrages.

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'Our problem is we are overdrawing... that's depleting our aquifers'

17-05

Jal Shakti Minister **GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT** has the task of bringing clean tap water to all households by 2024. With ₹3.5 trillion coming its way for the Jal Jivan Mission, announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Independence Day speech, the Jal Shakti ministry will reach out 140 million rural households over the next five years. He tells **Ruchika Chitravanshi** that the challenge is to make water productive and manage it well on both the supply and demand sides. Edited excerpts:

How do you plan to make this as big an initiative as Swachh Bharat?

This is the most relevant subject today, not only for our country but for the whole world. India has 18 per cent of the total human population and even more livestock. Against that we have only 4 per cent of potable water. We depend mainly on underground water. The total water that we get from rain is about 4,000 billion cubic metre (bcm). Of this, only 3,000 bcm is harvestable. Our reservoir capacity is somewhere around 250 bcm. Even if I add all the small ponds it would be no more than 300 bcm.

Our biggest reservoir is the

aquifer. All the replenishable water

that we get through reservoirs is

much less than what we get from

underground sources. Our problem

is that we are overdrawing. That is

depleting our aquifers. Sixty-five per cent

of our total water requirement depends on

underground water. Most pressure is on

this resource. Our challenge is to harvest

maximum water both above and below

ground. This means identifying rivers

which we have lost, reviving them and also

harvesting ground water. We will do

aquifer mapping for 256 districts by March

31. So we know what the situation is and then we can accordingly plan recharge activities.

How are you tackling the demand-side challenges?

On the demand side, 6 per cent of our total consumption is for domestic use, 5 per cent for industry and 89 per cent is for agriculture. We have to address the biggest stakeholder. There is no doubt that individuals have to take steps. But look at countries with a tenth of our water. They have succeeded on four pillars — water management, judicious use of water — especially how can we save water in agriculture, reuse of water and use of technology.

Then our rivers are drying because of deforestation and urbanisation.

Afforestation and other activities

have to be taken up. Our water is the

least productive water. We have to figure

out how we can make it most

productive. Haryana government has

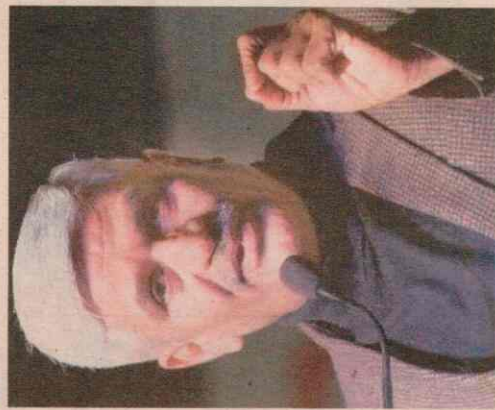
said that if instead of rice you grow corn

then state procure 100 per cent of the

crop. 18,000 hectare land has

transferred to the crop. Maharashtra for

instance has made drip irrigation



compulsory for sugarcane farming.

Water is the most-scarce resource. How realistic is Har Ghar Jal? When are you rolling it out?

We are launching it very soon. It is our

commitment. It is going to stress on the

resources. As on date we have 81 per cent

coverage and access to the water — 40

litre per capita per day is accessible to

more than 80 per cent through hand

pumps etc. Our commitment is to

provide 55 litres of water to each and

every household through taps. It is going

to create a load on sources but we have

not designed this programme in that

way. It is a three-fold approach. Source sustainability is the first thing through recharge of groundwater. Then we will provide tap water and thereafter the grey water will be reused for agriculture or to reach groundwater.

Have you identified the households you have to reach through the Jal Jeevan Mission?

There are 180 million households of which we have to go into 140 million households. This is rural. In urban areas there is much higher coverage and it is being done through Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation. Problem is in rural areas where the coverage is only 18 per cent. In states including West Bengal, Bihar, Chhattisgarh it is less than 5 per cent.

How do you address the last-mile problem?

It has to be implemented by states. But we have kept it on challenge mode. The state which will work faster and perform better will be incentivised and given access to more funds.

With Kerala under deluge, many feel dams are responsible for floods. Not at all! Dams are there to mitigate floods. I don't know where this idea has come from.

The government has brought various water-related departments under one roof of Jal Shakti ministry. Will we see more consolidation here?

In the second phase of integration we are

expecting urban water supply, sewage will fall into our domain. Not any time soon but we will be doing it.

There has been a lot of concern over interlinking of rivers and how it will impact eco-system. What is your view?

We have identified 31 links and they can solve the problem of flood and drought to some extent. They can also help in rejuvenation of water bodies. But it is still a big challenge and states will have to come on board for that. Most of the river basins we are talking about for interlinking have surplus water at the time of monsoon only, not in the lean period. States will have to come forward and agree, only then can this happen.

Are you also discussing the issue of water pricing?

It is again a state subject. They have to take a call.

What is the government doing to keep in check ground water extraction and recharge by industries?

We refer to the guidelines that were formed after the Supreme Court directions. It is the Central Ground Water Board that gives permission for extraction of water. There was an order by the National Green Tribunal that in the zones which are over or critically exploited, we cannot give any permits. At other places they (industry) have to recharge after extraction.

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भाखड़ा बांध से छोड़ा गया 40,000 क्यूसेक पानी

जालंधर, (भाषा): भाखड़ा बांध से 40,000 क्यूसेक पानी छोड़े जाने के बाद प्रशासन ने जालंधर जिले में सतलुज नदी के आसपास तथा निचले इलाकों में रहने वालों को शुक्रवार को चौकन्ना रहने को कहा। जालंधर के उपायुक्त वरिंदर कुमार शर्मा ने कहा कि पहाड़ी क्षेत्र में भारी वर्षा के बाद जलाशय से अतिरिक्त पानी छोड़ना

पड़ा और शनिवार तक जिले में इस पानी के पहुंच जाने की संभावना है। मौसम विभाग ने भी अगले तीन दिनों के दौरान जिले में भारी बारिश का अनुमान व्यक्त किया है। हालांकि उपायुक्त ने आशवासन दिया कि

पहाड़ों पर भारी बारिश से बांध पानी से हुए लबरेज



घबराने की कोई जरूरत नहीं है। शर्मा ने कहा कि नदियों के तटों के समीप रहने वालों को जलस्तर में वृद्धि को लेकर सतर्क रहने की जरूरत

है क्योंकि सतलुज से जिले के निचले इलाकों में लोगों के लिए खतरा पैदा हो सकता है। उन्होंने एक बयान में कहा कि जिला प्रशासन स्थिति पर नजर रखे हुए है।

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सरकार-“दबाव में आकर पानी को देने संबंधी कोई समझौता न करे”

फिरोजपुर, (अमित): शिरोमणी अकाली दल के अध्यक्ष सरदार सुखबीर सिंह बादल ने आज कहा है कि सतलुज यमुना लिंक नहर के मुद्दे पर होने वाली किसी भी मीटिंग में कांग्रेस सरकार को भाग लेने की कोई आवश्यकता नहीं है। इसके साथ ही उन्होंने सरकार को चेतावनी दी कि वह किसी भी दबाव में आकर पंजाब के पानी को देने संबंधी समझौता न करे।

यहां शहर तथा कैंट में अलग अलग जन सभाओं को संबोधित करते हुए अकाली दल अध्यक्ष ने कहा कि कांग्रेस सरकार को ऐसी किसी भी मीटिंग में अपने अधिकारी नहीं भेजने चाहिए, जिसका मुख्य उद्देश्य एसवाईएल को मुकम्मल करने संबंधी चर्चा करना हो। इस मामले पर अकाली दल का स्टैंड बिल्कुल स्पष्ट है। पंजाब के पास देने के लिए पानी की एक भी अतिरिक्त बूंद नहीं है। इस बात को ध्यान में रखते हुए इस मुद्दे पर हरियाणा तथा केंद्र सरकार के साथ किसी भी सांझी मीटिंग में भाग लेने से कोई लाभ नहीं होगा। सरदार बादल ने कहा कि उन्हें उम्मीद है कि मुख्यमंत्री कैप्टन अमरिंदर सिंह राज्य के अधिकारियों को यह कहने के



सुखबीर बोले

● अकाली दल-भाजपा मिलकर विधानसभा चुनाव लड़ेंगे

निर्देश दे चुके हैं कि पंजाब सरकार अपनी जमीन पर एसवाईएल नहर का निर्माण नहीं होने देगी। उन्होंने कहा कि इससे कम रखी गई शर्त के नतीजे घातक सिद्ध होंगे, जिससे राज्य के लोगों तथा किसानों को अनपेक्षित परिणाम भुगतने पड़ेंगे। एक सवाल का जवाब देते हुए अकाली दल अध्यक्ष ने कहा कि अकाली दल भाजपा का सबसे पुराना सहयोगी है।

नशों की होने लगी होम डिलीवरी

इलाके में बड़े पैमाने पर चल रहे अवैध रेत माईनिंग के बारे में पूछे जाने पर सरदार बादल ने कहा कि पीसीसी के पूर्व अध्यक्ष प्रताप सिंह बाजवा द्वारा इस संबंधी तथ्यों समेत दोष लगाए जा चुके हैं। सरदार बादल ने राज्य में नशों की बढ़ रही तस्करी के लिए कांग्रेस सरकार की निंदा करते हुए कहा कि नशा तस्करों के होंसले इतने खुल चुके हैं कि वह अब नशों की होम डिलीवरी देने लगे हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि यह सब इस कारण से हो रहा है क्योंकि इन तस्करों को कांग्रेसी नेताओं का संरक्षण प्राप्त है।

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देश के विभिन्न हिस्सों में भारी बाढ़ पर केंद्रीय जल संसाधन मंत्रालय भी नजर रखे हुए है। बाढ़ के पूर्वानुमान की जानकारी देने वाला केंद्रीय जल आयोग भी बाढ़ के पैटर्न को लेकर सतर्क है।

मानसून के बाद इस साल की बाढ़ को देखते हुए बेहतर बाढ़ प्रबंधन पर राज्यों के साथ विचार विमर्श किया जाएगा। इस बार देश के उन हिस्सों में भी भारी बाढ़ आ रही है, जो आम तौर पर इससे दूर रहते थे। केंद्रीय जल आयोग देश के चुनिंदा बांधों की निगरानी के साथ

बाढ़ पूर्वानुमान का काम भी करता है। बाढ़ नियंत्रण का काम राज्य सरकारों के पास होने से वह केवल सलाह की भूमिका में रहता है। इस बार देश के मध्यप्रदेश, राजस्थान, केरल, कर्नाटक के उन क्षेत्रों में भी भीषण बाढ़ आई है जो इसके लिए नहीं जाने जाते हैं। ऐसे में सटीक पूर्वानुमान लगाना मुश्किल हो रहा है। इसका एक कारण जलवायु परिवर्तन भी माना जा रहा है। जिसने वर्षा व बाढ़ के पैटर्न को बदला है।

सूत्रों के अनुसार, मानसून के बाद इस साल की बाढ़ वाले क्षेत्रों का विस्तृत अध्ययन किया जाएगा। मौसम विभाग

से भी इस बारे में आंकड़े जुटाए जाएंगे। इसके बाद राज्य सरकारों के साथ समन्वय का काम किया जाएगा। बांध सुरक्षा कानून के बाद केंद्रीय जल आयोग का दायरा भी बढ़ेगा और वह ज्यादा प्रभावी ढंग से काम कर सकेगा।

इससे भी बाढ़ प्रबंधन को बेहतर किया जा सकेगा। मंत्रालय के एक अधिकारी ने कहा कि राज्यों में बाढ़ के कार्यक्रम को उतनी प्राथमिकता नहीं मिलती है, जितनी जरूरत है। अगर राज्य पहले से ही इसकी तैयारी करें तो इससे होने वाले भारी भरकम नुकसान से बचा जा सकता है।

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कुप्रबंधन का शिकार

उत्तर राजस्थान में बहने वाली एकमात्र बरसाती नदी घग्घर कुप्रबंधन का शिकार है। इसके बहाव क्षेत्र में बने अवैध बांधों से इसके अस्तित्व का संकट भी पैदा हो गया है। विलुप्त हो चुकी सरस्वती नदी के अवशेष के रूप में भी इसकी मान्यता है। प्रदेश के हनुमानगढ़, श्रीगंगानगर जिले से होकर बहने वाली इस नदी के पानी का सदुपयोग कर हजारों बीघा में खेती हो सकती है। हिमाचल की शिवालिक पहाड़ियों (कालका) से निकलने वाली घग्घर नदी पंजाब-हरियाणा में करीब साढ़े तीन सौ किलोमीटर का सफर तय कर हनुमानगढ़ जिले के टिब्बा क्षेत्र से राजस्थान में प्रवेश करती है। श्रीगंगानगर जिले के अनूपगढ़ क्षेत्र से आगे यह भारत-पाक अंतरराष्ट्रीय सीमा तक जाती है। ज्यादा पानी आने पर यह अंतरराष्ट्रीय बॉर्डर को पार कर पाकिस्तान के फोर्ट अब्बास नामक स्थान तक जाती है। पांच हजार वर्ष पूर्व कालीबंगा सभ्यता इसी नदी के तट पर विकसित हुई थी। लेकिन राजस्थान की इस एकमात्र अंतरराष्ट्रीय नदी की देखभाल करने वाले घग्घर बाढ़ नियंत्रण खण्ड को वर्ष 2014 में समाप्त कर दिया गया। घग्घर का बहाव क्षेत्र करीब 6 बीघा चौड़ाई माना जाता है। प्राकृतिक बहाव कोई रोक नहीं सकता, इसी नियम के तहत बहाव क्षेत्र से अवैध बांधों को हटाया जाता है। आज घग्घर की चौड़ाई कहीं चार बीघा तो कहीं तीन बीघा तक सिमट कर रह गई है।

खास बात यह है कि घग्घर के पानी का उपयोग करने के लिए हरियाणा में ओढ़ बांध बनाया हुआ है। जहां बरसाती पानी एकत्र कर हरियाणा सरकार किसानों को देती है। राजस्थान में भी सालों पहले इस नदी के पानी से सूरतगढ़ के टिब्बा क्षेत्र को सिंचित करने के लिए तीन नहरों का निर्माण किया गया। लेकिन, घग्घर पर बांध बनाकर पानी को नहरों में डालने का प्रबंधन सरकार नहीं कर पाई। सूरतगढ़ क्षेत्र में घग्घर नदी पर 25 प्राकृतिक झीलें बनी हुई हैं, पर आज दो-तीन झीलों में ही पानी पहुंच पाता है। किसानों के लिए यह वरदान की तरह है। घग्घर के आस-पास और बहाव क्षेत्र में किसान चावल की खेती इसी के पानी से करते हैं। इसी नदी के कारण हनुमानगढ़ को राजस्थान में धान का कटोरा कहा जाता है। घग्घर के पानी के साथ उपजाऊ मिट्टी आती है जिससे किसान को खाद का उपयोग नहीं करना पड़ता। इस क्षेत्र के भूमिगत जलस्तर को भी इसी नदी ने बचा रखा है। यहां के किसान घग्घर नदी पर बने डायवर्सन से इंदिरा गांधी नहर में पानी डालने, बहाव क्षेत्र के विवादों और हरियाणा व पंजाब की तरह नदी पर बांध बनाकर किसानों को उपयोग के लिए पानी देने के मामले में सरकार और कोर्ट तक जा चुके हैं। फिर भी कोई समाधान नहीं हो रहा। सरकार को प्रकृति से उत्तरी-पश्चिमी राजस्थान को वरदान के रूप में मिली इस बरसाती नदी के संरक्षण और पानी के समुचित उपयोग के लिए विस्तृत योजना बनाकर काम करना चाहिए।

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कोटा. लोकसभा अध्यक्ष ओम बिरला शुक्रवार को जिले के कैथून कस्बे में अतिवर्षा से प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में पहुंचे तथा प्रभावित परिवारों से मिलकर समस्याओं के शीघ्र समाधान के लिए प्रशासनिक अधिकारियों को निर्देश प्रदान दिये।

लोकसभा अध्यक्ष कैथून के बीच से होकर गुजर रही नदी में पानी भराव को देखते हुए पहले कोटा रोड की तरफ बसे हुए लोगों के बीच पहुंचे तथा बाढ़ से प्रभावित क्षेत्रों का मौका निरीक्षण कर आमजन को जिला प्रशासन द्वारा की गई सुविधाओं की जानकारी ली। उन्होंने प्रभावित परिवारों को भोजन, आवास आदि की व्यवस्था के लिए अधिकारियों को निर्देश देकर भामाशाहों को भी ऐसी घड़ी में मदद के लिए आगे आने का आह्वान किया।

लोकसभा अध्यक्ष इसके बाद सड़क मार्ग से ताथेड होते हुए सांगोद रोड की तरफ बसी हुई आबादी के



हाड़ौती में पिछले तीन दिनों से जोरदार बारिश के चलते कोटा जिले के कैथून कस्बे में बाढ़ के हालात पैदा हो गए हैं। लोकसभा अध्यक्ष ओम बिरला ने भी ट्रैक्टर पर बैठकर हालात देखे।

क्षेत्र में पहुंचे तथा जिला कलक्टर मुकानन्द अग्रवाल व पुलिस अधीक्षक ग्रामीण राजन दुष्यंत से बाढ़ प्रभावित परिवारों के लिए की गई व्यवस्थाओं की जानकारी ली। उन्होंने कहा कि अतिवर्षा से प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में समय पर राहत कार्य चलाये जाकर पानी निकासी के लिए त्वरित उपाय किये जावे।

उन्होंने कहा कि ऐसे परिवारों को भोजन एवं आवास की समस्या का सामना नहीं करना पड़े इसके लिए भी व्यापक बंदोबस्त किये जावें। उन्होंने पानी भराव के कारण मौसमी बिमारियों की रोकथाम के लिए भी अतिरिक्त चिकित्सा दल तैनात कर दवाओं की उपलब्धता भी सुनिश्चित करने के निर्देश दिये।

प्रोटोकॉल तोड़कर अपनों के बीच पहुंचे बिरला

लोकसभा अध्यक्ष क्षेत्रीय विधायक कल्पना देवी, जिला कलक्टर एवं पुलिस अधीक्षक के साथ पानी भराव वाले स्थानों में ट्रैक्टर में सवार होकर पहुंचे तथा प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में पानी निकासी एवं राहत कार्यों का जायजा लिया। उन्होंने आम लोगों से रूबरू होते हुए कहा कि पानी निकासी के उपाय किये जा रहे हैं, वे सुरक्षित स्थानों पर जाकर प्रशासन द्वारा किये जा रहे प्रयासों में सहयोग करें। उन्होंने अधिकारियों को निर्देश दिये कि क्षेत्र में पानी की निकासी के उपाय के साथ विद्युत आपूर्ति एवं पेयजल सप्लाई शीघ्र सुचारू की जावे। पानी भराव से आवासों की क्षति एवं जन-धन के नुकसान का सर्वे करवाकर

आपदा नियमों के तहत समय पर राहत प्रदान करें। उन्होंने कहा कि एसडीआरएफ, सिविल डिफेंस एवं सेना द्वारा किये जा रहे राहत कार्य समन्वय के साथ किये जायें आवश्यकता पड़ने पर अतिरिक्त दल एवं संसाधन उपलब्ध कराये जाकर प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में किसी प्रकार की क्षति नहीं होने दें। जिला कलक्टर ने बताया कि बुधवार से ही एसडीआरएफ एवं सिविल डिफेंस का दल पानी भराव वाले स्थानों में तैनात है। प्रशासन द्वारा लोगों को सुरक्षित स्थानों पर समय पर पहुंचाने से किसी भी प्रकार की मानव क्षति नहीं होने दी तथा भोजन की व्यवस्था भी कि जा रही है।

कोटा शहर के प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में भी पहुंचे

लोकसभा अध्यक्ष शुक्रवार को सांय कोटा नगर निगम क्षेत्र की सोगरिया, रेलवे स्टेशन क्षेत्र, पुरोहित जी की टापरी एवं प्रेम नगर आवासीय क्षेत्रों में पहुंचे तथा अतिवर्षा से प्रभावित

परिवारों से मिले। उन्होंने अधिकारियों को पानी निकासी के लिए इंतजामात करने तथा मूलभूत आवश्यकताओं की व्यवस्था करने के निर्देश दिये।