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Waves lash the shoreline in Mumbai on Monday as Cyclone Tauktae, packing ferocious winds and threatening a destructive storm, surge bore down disrupting the countrys response to its devastating Covid-19 outbreak. — AFP

Cyclone makes landfall in Guj., Diu 6 killed, 17 injured as Tauktae batters India's West Coast

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AHMEDABAD, MAY 17

Strong winds and heavy rains battered the West Coast of India as Cyclone Tauktae made its landfall in Gujarat and Diu on Monday 8 pm. At least six persons were reported to have died and 17 injured in Maharashtra.

The Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm (ESCS) crossed the Gujarat coast between Porbandar and Mahuva (Bhahnagar) between 8 and 11 pm with maximum sustained wind speed of 155-165 kmph. Diu reported 133 kmph wind speed at 9.30 pm.

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killed in Konkan region. Of them, three persons died in Raigad district, a sailor died in Sindhudurg district while two persons were killed in Navi Mumbai and Ulhasnagar after trees fell on them, in Thane district.

Two boats, with seven sailors were on board, anchored at the Anandwadi harbour in Sindhudurg district capsized. A sailor, identified as Rajaram Kadam, from Devgad taluka in the district died in the incident, while three others were missing. The three other sailors were safe, said the officials.

■ **Page 4: Navy rescues 410 stranded on 2 barges**

55 flights to Mumbai airport cancelled

Mumbai, May 17: More than 55 flights, both incoming and outbound, were cancelled at the city's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) on Monday after the private airport operator was forced to suspend all air services at 11 am due to cyclone 'Tauktae'.

These cancellations apart, some seven incoming flights were also diverted to various airports.

The CSMIA for the fourth time in the day extended the closure of operations till 10 pm after first announcing that the airport will remain closed for three hours, starting 11 am. Major airports in Gujarat shutdown till Tuesday as a precautionary measure. Three major airports — Ahmedabad, Surat and Vadodara - will remain closed for both domestic and international flights till Tuesday, officials said. — PTI

Telangana Today 18-May-2021

Tauktae wreaks havoc

Makes landfall on Saurashtra coast, claims 8 lives in Karnataka, 6 in Maharashtra



Strong sea waves near the Gateway of India as cyclone Tauktae approaches, in Mumbai on Monday afternoon. — Photo: PTI

MUMBAI

Very severe cyclonic storm 'Tauktae' with winds gusting up to 185 km per hour began making landfall on Gujarat's Saurashtra coast near Diu on Monday night, after dumping heavy rains on Mumbai, forcing the evacuation of over 2 lakh people in Gujarat and leav-

ing two barges with 410 people on board adrift in the Arabian Sea.

Six persons were killed in Maharashtra's Konkan region in separate incidents related to the severe cyclonic storm and three sailors remained missing after two boats sank in the sea earlier in the day, officials said. Eight people lost

their lives so far in the cyclone-hit coastal and surrounding Malnad districts of Karnataka, officials said. Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said on Monday seven rain-related deaths had been reported in the State since May 12.

"The landfall process of extremely severe cyclonic storm Tauktae has started as

forward sector of eye of the storm is entering the Saurashtra coast to the east of Diu," the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said in Ahmedabad. The wind speed at the Union Territory of Diu was 133 kmph when the cyclone started making its landfall at around 9.30 pm, the Met office said. (SEE PAGES 2, 7)

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Of the six, three persons died in Raigad district, a sailor in Sindhudurg district while two persons were killed in Navi Mumbai and Ulhasnagar after trees fell on them, in Thane district, officials said.

Two boats anchored at the Anandwadi harbour in Sindhudurg district capsized, an official statement said, adding seven sailors were on board the two vessels. Of them, a sailor, identified as Rajaram Kadam hailing from Devgad taluka in the district, died in the incident, while three others went missing. The other three sailors are safe, the statement said. As of 2 pm on Monday, 1,886 houses in Raigad were partially damaged, while five houses were destroyed completely due to the cyclonic storm, the government said. Earlier, minister of state Aditi Tatkare said 2,299 families (or 8,383 people) were shifted to safer places in view of the cyclonic storm in Raigad.

The district received 23.42 mm rainfall till 2 pm, the statement said. Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar said a large number of trees fell in the Konkan region due to the cyclonic storm. The government will have to send additional teams of its personnel to the affected region to restore normalcy once the cyclone threat is over, he said. Pawar also urged people to not step out of their homes. Two persons were killed in Navi Mumbai and Ulhasnagar. PTI



Rescue team clears a tree that fell on a parked car due to strong winds triggered by the cyclone, in Mumbai on Monday. — Photo: PTI

121 villages affected in Karnataka, eight dead

BENGALURU/MANGALURU

Eight people have lost their lives so far in the cyclone Tauktae-hit coastal and surrounding Malnad districts of Karnataka, officials said on Monday. According to a situation report by Karnataka State Disaster Management Authority officials, till this evening, 121 villages in seven

districts of Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Uttara Kannada, Kodagu, Chikkamagaluru, Hassan and Belagavi have been affected by the cyclone. Among the 121 villages affected, a maximum of 48 are from Uttara Kannada district. Among the eight deaths reported, two each are from Dakshina Kannada and Belagavi, and

one each from Uttara Kannada, Udupi, Chikkamagaluru and Shivamogga, officials said.

While two deaths have been reported in Dakshina Kannada because of drowning in sea due to a tug being adrift, two died in Belagavi due to house collapse. A fisherman who went to tie his boat died in Uttara Kan-

nada died as he got hit by another boat, while one person died of electric mishap in Udupi. One death each were reported in Chikkamagaluru and Shivamogga due to house collapse and lightning respectively. Damage to 387 houses have been reported. Among them, 57 houses are fully damaged and 330 partially damaged. PTI

180 Army teams on standby

NEW DELHI: The Indian Army said on Monday it has put 180 teams and nine engineer task forces on standby to face any contingency as Cyclone Tauktae is likely to hit the Gujarat coast on Monday evening. "Sector Commanders and Divisional HQ (headquarter) are in touch with District

Collectors and the Revenue Commissioner who is the nodal agency for relief activities in Gujarat," the Army said in a statement.

The Army said it has identified likely areas — talukas as well as districts — where the impact could be higher and it has geared up its columns. PTI

PM promises all help to States

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday spoke to the Chief Ministers of Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Goa and the Lt Governor of Daman and Diu over their preparedness to deal with severe cyclonic storm Tauktae. In a telephonic conversation with Maharashtra Chief Minister Ud-

dhav Thackeray, Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant and Daman and Diu Lt Governor Praful Patel, he took stock of situation and preparedness to deal with the cyclonic storm if it impacts these States and the UT, more than what was expected. PTI

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Thousands shifted as Cyclone Tauktae tears into Gujarat

MUMBAI

A very severe cyclonic storm with winds gusting up to 185 km per hour began making landfall on the Gujarat coast Monday night, after dumping heavy rains on Mumbai, forcing the evacuation of over 1.5 lakh people in Gujarat and leaving two barges with 410 people on board adrift in the Arabian Sea.

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An IAF plane deployed to carry NDRF personnel and tonnes load to Ahmedabad as part of preparations for Cyclone Tauktae. IAF planes C-130J and 1 An-32 have been engaged to carry rescue personnel from various centres to Ahmedabad on Monday

wadi harbour in Sindhudurg district capsized, an official statement said.

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The Centre has offered all help to Gujarat to deal with the cyclone and asked the Army, Navy and the Air Force

to remain on standby to assist the administration if the need arises, the Gujarat government said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah are in touch with the state government and have extended all possible help, said Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani after holding a meeting with collectors of coastal districts which are likely to face the maximum brunt of the cyclone.

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Tauktae makes landfall in Guj

Heavy rain, strong winds lash Mumbai | 6 dead | Flights suspended

MUMBAI, MAY 17

A very severe cyclonic storm with winds gusting up to 185 km per hour began making landfall on the Gujarat coast Monday night, after dumping heavy rains on Mumbai, forcing the evacuation of over 1.5 lakh people in Gujarat and leaving two barges with over 400 people on board adrift in the Arabian Sea.

Tropical storm "Tauktae", which had intensified into a very severe cyclonic storm, lies close to the Gujarat coast, the IMD said. "The landfall process has started and will continue during next two hours," the IMD said. Six persons were killed in Maharashtra's Konkan region in separate incidents related to the severe cyclonic storm and three sailors remained missing after two boats sank in the sea, officials said. Three persons died in Raigad district, a sailor in Sindhudurg district and two persons were killed in Navi Mumbai and Ulhasnagar in Thane district after trees fell on them.

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As the cyclone moved past



Waterlogging at Bhendi Bazaar due to heavy rain and strong winds triggered by Cyclone Tauktae in Mumbai on Monday. PTI

the Maharashtra coast in the morning, Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport initially announced the suspension of operations from 11 am to 2 pm and later decided to keep all operations shut till 8 pm.

Over 1.5 lakh people were shifted from low-lying coastal areas in Gujarat, while 54 teams of the NDRF and SDRF remained deployed, an official said.

At least 17 Covid-19 patients on ventilator support in the Porbandar Civil Hospital's ICU were shifted to other facilities on Monday as a precautionary measure because of Cyclone Tauktae, which is heading towards the Gujarat coast, an official said. The Centre has offered all help to Gujarat to deal with the cyclone and asked the Army, Navy and the Air Force to remain on standby to assist the administration if the need arises, the Gujarat Government said. Winds blew at 114 kmph in Mumbai on Monday afternoon as the cyclonic storm passed close to the Mumbai coast, civic officials said.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Monday took stock of the situation in Mumbai. — PTI

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चक्रवात ताउते का महाराष्ट्र में कहर, कोंकण में छह की मौत

जनसत्ता ब्यूरो
नई दिल्ली, 17 मई।

महाराष्ट्र के कोंकण क्षेत्र में भीषण चक्रवाती तूफान 'ताउते' से जुड़ी अलग-अलग घटनाओं में छह लोगों की मौत हो गई। तीन नाविक लापता हैं। अधिकारियों ने सोमवार को यह जानकारी दी। जिन लोगों की मृत्यु हुई, उनमें से तीन लोग रायगढ़ में, एक सिंधुदुर्ग जिले में मारा गया वहीं दो लोगों की मौत नवी मुंबई व उल्हासनगर में उन पर पेड़ गिर जाने से हो गई।

सिंधुदुर्ग जिले में आनंदवाड़ी हार्बर पर खड़ी दो नौकाएं डूब गईं। दोनों नौकाओं पर सात लोग सवार थे। इन सात लोगों में से एक की पहचान जिले के देवगढ़ तालुका के राजाराम कदम के तौर पर की गई है जिनकी मृत्यु हो गई, वहीं तीन अन्य लापता हैं। बाकी तीन नाविक सुरक्षित हैं। दूसरी ओर, 'ताउते' के 'अत्यंत तीव्र चक्रवाती तूफान' के रूप में गुजरात में दस्तक देने के पहले राज्य सरकार ने 1.5 लाख से अधिक लोगों को सुरक्षित स्थानों पर पहुंचाया है और आपदा प्रतिक्रिया टीमों को तैनात किया है। सेना, नौसेना और वायुसेना को तैयार रहने को कहा गया है। महाराष्ट्र सरकार के बयान के मुताबिक, रायगढ़ में 1,886 मकान आंशिक रूप से क्षतिग्रस्त हो गए, वहीं तूफान बाकी पेज 8 पर



गुजरात में 1.5 लाख लोगों को सुरक्षित स्थानों पर पहुंचाया गया।
कर्नाटक में प्रभावित तटीय क्षेत्र व मलनाड जिले में अब तक छह लोगों की मौत

प्रधानमंत्री ने महाराष्ट्र, गुजरात और गोवा के मुख्यमंत्रियों से बात की

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प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने सोमवार को चक्रवात 'ताउते' के कारण तटीय राज्यों व केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों में उत्पन्न स्थिति के मद्देनजर महाराष्ट्र, गुजरात और गोवा के मुख्यमंत्रियों के अलावा दमन और दीव के

उपराज्यपाल से चर्चा की और ताजा स्थिति की जानकारी ली। मौसम विभाग के चक्रवात चेतावनी विभाग के अनुसार, 'पूर्व मध्य अरब सागर के ऊपर बना अत्यधिक भीषण चक्रवाती तूफान पिछले छह घंटों के दौरान काफी तेज गति से उत्तर-उत्तर-पश्चिम की ओर बढ़ा।

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रुड़की आईआईटी वैज्ञानिकों ने शुरू किया अध्ययन बांध पर बनी झीलों से उत्सर्जित हो रही हानिकारक गैसों

एजेसी ► रुड़की

जल विद्युत परियोजना के लिए बन रहे बांध और इनसे बनी कई किलोमीटर लंबी झीलों के पानी से उत्सर्जित होने वाली गैसों ग्लोबल वार्मिंग की वजह बन रही हैं। इनमें मीथेन आदि गैसों हिमालय समेत अन्य क्षेत्रों में प्राकृतिक असंतुलन की वजह बन रही हैं। आईआईटी के वैज्ञानिक झीलों से उत्सर्जित होने वाली गैसों के दुष्प्रभाव एवं इसके समाधान पर अध्ययन कर रहे हैं।

जल विद्युत परियोजना को बढ़ावा देने के लिए देशभर के कई बांधों पर बनाए जा रहे डैम

नेशनल हाइड्रो पावर कॉर्पोरेशन ने दिया है प्रोजेक्ट

नेशनल हाइड्रो पावर कॉर्पोरेशन नई दिल्ली की ओर से आईआईटी रुड़की और संस्थान के एक स्टार्ट अप इनोवेंट वाटर सोल्यूशन प्राइवेट लिमिटेड को एक प्रोजेक्ट सौंपा गया है। इसके तहत संस्थान के पूर्व वैज्ञानिक डॉ. नयन शर्मा, डॉ. बीआर गुर्जर बांधों से बनी झीलों से उत्सर्जित होने वाली मीथेन, कार्बन डाई ऑक्साइड और नाइट्रस ऑक्साइड की मात्रा और इसके दुष्प्रभाव का अध्ययन कर रहे हैं।

रावी नदी पर बने चमेरा डैम की स्टडी की



अध्ययन के लिए हिमाचल प्रदेश की रावी नदी पर डलहौजी के पास बने चमेरा डैम को चुना गया है। यहां कई किलोमीटर लंबी झील बनी है। वैज्ञानिक डॉ. नयन शर्मा ने बताया कि वैश्विक स्तर पर हुए अध्ययन में यह साबित हुआ है कि पिछले 20 वर्षों में मीथेन, कार्बन डाई ऑक्साइड के मुकाबले जलवायु परिवर्तन में 86 गुना ज्यादा नुकसान पहुंचा रही है।

पांच हजार से अधिक झीलों का काम सौंपा

ऐसे में देशभर में बनी पांच हजार से अधिक झीलों का अध्ययन और मीथेन के उत्सर्जन को कम करने के उपायों को अमल में लाया जाना जरूरी है।

बैक्टीरिया पनपने से बन रही खतरनाक गैसों

वैज्ञानिक डॉ. नयन शर्मा ने बताया कि वायुमंडल में मौजूद हवा में ऑक्सीजन होती है, लेकिन झील आदि में यह ऑक्सीजन पानी की सतह पर जमा सेडीमेंट तक नहीं पहुंच पाती। इसके कारण यहां बैक्टीरिया पनपने लगते हैं जो मीथेन के साथ ही कार्बन डाई ऑक्साइड और नाइट्रस ऑक्साइड जैसी हानिकारक गैसों उत्सर्जित करते हैं।

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तेज हवा के साथ बूदाबांदी के आसार तौकते तूफान से बदल गया मौसम का मिजाज

लखनऊ@ पत्रिका. अरब सागर में सक्रिय ताउते तूफान का असर उत्तर प्रदेश में भी देखने को मिल सकता है। चक्रवात ताउते और पश्चिमी विक्षोभ के चलते मौसम में बदलाव के आसार हैं। मौसम विभाग का अनुमान है कि अनुमान है कि अगले दो से तीन दिनों में तेज हवाएं चलेंगी और बारिश होगी। स्थानीय मौसम विभाग निदेशक जेपी गुप्ता ने कहा है कि ताउते तूफान के चलते प्रदेश के कई जिलों में बदली की आशंका बन रही है। प्रदेश के विभिन्न हिस्सों में बारिश होने के साथ-साथ तेज हवाएं चलेंगी। जम्मू कश्मीर पर पश्चिमी विक्षोभ बना हुआ है जिसके चलते 18-19 मई को अलग-अलग स्थानों पर बादलों के साथ बारिश होने की संभावना है। पश्चिमी उत्तर प्रदेश में कुछ स्थानों पर 20 मई से मौसम को बूदाबांदी पड़ेगी तो वहीं कुछ स्थानों पर सिर्फ तेज हवाएं ही चलेंगी। मौसम में परिवर्तन से तापमान में गिरावट दर्ज होगी।



अधिकतम तापमान 40 डिग्री सेल्सियस रहा

पिछले सप्ताह भी मौसम में उतार-चढ़ाव की स्थिति देखने को मिली। आम दिनों में जहां मई महीने में 41 से 44 डिग्री सेल्सियस का तापमान देखने को मिलता है वहीं पिछले दिनों बूदाबांदी, तेज हवा से तापमान कम होकर 38 डिग्री सेल्सियस तक पहुंच गया था।

रविवार को दिन में अन्य दिनों की अपेक्षा धूप तीखी होने के साथ ही गर्मी भी अधिक रही। पारा 40 डिग्री पार चला गया। सोमवार को भी अधिकतम तापमान 40 डिग्री सेल्सियस के आसपास रहा जबकि न्यूनतम तापमान 35 डिग्री सेल्सियस रहा।

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पीछोला झील: लॉकडाउन में निखरी फिजा तो पानी भी साफ



उदयपुर की विश्व प्रसिद्ध पीछोला झील लॉकडाउन के कारण पर्यटक नहीं आने से शांत नजर आ रही है। वहीं झील में नावें भी बन्द होने से झील का पानी भी साफ नजर आने लगा है। गणगौर घाट से पीछोला झील का मोबाइल से लिया गया पेनोरमिक नजारा।

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