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Assam flood: 31.5 lakh people affected, 12 fresh fatalities



A view of damaged house due to flood following heavy rainfall, in Bajali district of Assam, Wednesday. — Photo: IANS

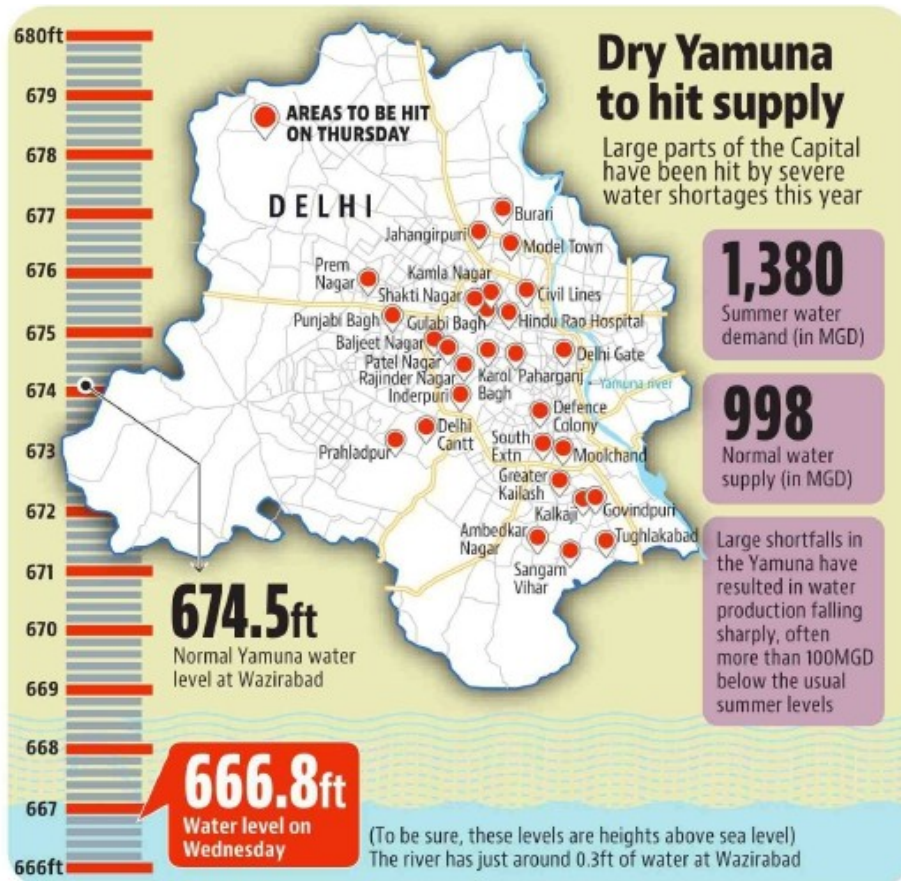
GUWAHATI

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by Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) said. The fresh fatalities have pushed the toll due to floods and landslides in the State this year to 151. The number of affected people increased to 31.54 lakh in 26 districts, up from 24.92 lakh on the previous day. Brahmaputra, Beki, Kopili, Barak and Kuchiyara rivers were flowing above the danger level.

Most localities of Silchar town were under water with residents facing shortage of food, drinking water and medicines. The town is submerged for the last 10 days due to breach of dyke at Bethkundi, and work is underway to repair it, Deputy Commissioner Keerthi Jalli said. Priority is being given to reach out to affected people with clean drinking water and food. PTI

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‘Yamuna level lowest since 1965, expect supply strain’

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NEW DELHI: The water level in Yamuna on Wednesday was measured at 666.80 feet – the lowest since 1965 – the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) said, warning water supply will remain hit across several areas in north, west, central, south Delhi as well as locations in New Delhi and the Delhi Cantonment.

Early this month, water level at Wazirabad went down to 667.6ft against the normal level of 674.5ft. It was just 0.6ft above the 667ft at the Wazirabad barrage that was recorded in 1965, the jal board officials said.

The water utility said Delhi was receiving less raw water into the Delhi Sub Branch (DSB) and the Carrier Line Channel (CLC), impacting water production at the Chandrawal and Wazirabad water treatment plants. This warned that the crisis may deepend further if sufficient water is not released by Haryana, the

water utility added.

“Due to less receipt of raw water in Delhi Sub Branch (DSB), Carrier Line Channel (CLC) and reduction of pond level i.e. 666.80 feet against the normal level of 674.50 feet in river Yamuna at Wazirabad, the water production has been affected adversely in Chandrawal and Wazirabad Water Treatment Plants (WTP). Delhi Jal Board has done rationalisation of water supply in whole Delhi. Therefore, water supply will be available at low pressure in the morning and evening of Thursday and so on, till the sufficient water is released by Haryana in DSB, CLC and in the Yamuna,” the DJB said in a statement on Thursday.

According to officials, areas where water will be available at low pressure include Civil lines, Hindu Rao Hospital and its adjoining areas, Kamla Nagar, Shakti Nagar and its adjoining areas, Karol Bagh, Pahar Ganj and NDMC areas, Old and New Rajinder Nagar, Patel Nagar (East and

West), Baljeet Nagar, Prem Nagar, Inderpuri and its adjoining areas, Kalkaji, Govindpur, Tughlakabad, Sangam Vihar, Ambedkar Nagar, Prahladpur and its adjoining areas, Ramleela Ground, Delhi gate, Subhash Park, Model Town, Gulabi Bagh, Punjabi Bagh, Jahangirpuri, Moolchand, South Extension, Greater Kailash, Defence Colony, Burari and its adjoining areas, parts of Cantonment areas and south Delhi.

“If the water level remains low on Thursday, the water crisis may extend,” a DJB official added.

Delhi has been facing a water shortage for nearly two months now, with the problem first surfacing in April.

The water utility had on earlier this month, written another letter, requesting Haryana to release more water into Delhi from Somb – a Yamuna tributary. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had also requested Haryana earlier this month to release additional water in the Yamuna on humanitarian grounds.

Heavy rain worsens Assam flood situation, 12 more die

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Guwahati: Twelve more people died in floods and landslides in Assam on Wednesday as incessant rain across the state rapidly reversed the improving situation within 12 hours. With this, the death toll in the year's rainy season since April 6 has risen to 151.

Of the 12, are 11 flood deaths — two each in Cachar and Chirang districts and one each in Barpeta, Biswanath, Darrang, Dhemaji, Golaghat, Lakhimpur and Nagaon districts. The landslide casualty took place in Guwahati.

The overflowing rivers hit over six lakh people in the last 12 hours, forcing authorities and the affected people to set up new relief camps to accommodate more than 1.4 lakh people since Tuesday night.

According to the Assam State Disaster Management Authority report, the affected population on Wednesday increased to over 31 lakh from over 25 lakh just 12 hours back, while the inmates in relief camps have increased from 1.76 lakh to 3.12 lakh in the same period.

The Central Water Commission has flagged the flood status as "severe" at several monitoring stations of the Brahmaputra river at Neamatighat in Jorhat district, Tezpur and Dhubri. The flood status due to Kopili river at Dharamtul, Beki river and the Barak river at Silchar and Karimganj have also been marked as "severe". The flood status of the Brahmaputra and several of its tributaries at other places have been labelled as "above normal." The CWC in its flood report said, "From the last two days, very heavy rainfall is reported from Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. Hence Brahmaputra's main stem (Dhubri, Goalpara, Jorhat, Sonitpur districts) and its tribu-



MISHAP AVERTED: Locals said a roadside barrier prevented a vehicle from falling into a 200m deep gorge near Mandakini river in Uttarakhand

taries such as Manas (Bongaigaon district), Subansiri (Lakhimpur district), Burideking (Dibrugarh district), Desang

(Sibsagar district) are in rising condition with severe to above normal flood situation as per CWC data.

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SILCHAR TOWN UNDER WATER FOR LAST 10 DAYS

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MPOST BUREAU

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Priority is being given to



A woman at her flooded house

reaching out to affected people with clean drinking water and

food, while medical camps are being organised by the health department in all the 28 municipal wards in Silchar to ensure the prevention of water-borne diseases.

“Short-term public health measures must be adopted by the people to prevent the spread of diseases in the post-flood period,” she said.

As many as 2,675 villages in 79 revenue circles have been affected across the state, with 3,12,085 people having taken shelter in 569 relief camps.

Cachar is the worst affected with 14.30 lakh people suffer-

ing, followed by Barpeta (5.49 lakh) and Nagaon (5.19 lakh). Five embankments have been breached, while 177 roads and five bridges have been damaged.

A total of 548 houses have been fully damaged, and 1,034 have been partially damaged due to the floods.

Large-scale erosion has been reported in Baksa, Barpeta, Biswanath, Bongaigaon, Kokrajhar, Lakhimpur, Morigaon, Nagaon, Nalbari, Sonitpur, South Salmara, Tamulpur and Tinsukia districts, while Cachar and Tinsukia witnessed urban flooding.

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Water level in Yamuna lowest since 1965; supply to remain affected in many parts of Delhi: DJB

OUR CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: Water supply will remain affected in many parts of Delhi on Thursday due to Haryana releasing less water in the Yamuna and two canals, the Delhi Jal Board said on Wednesday.

The water level in the Wazirabad pond stood at 666.8 feet, the lowest since 1965, as against the normal of 674.5 feet. Besides less water is being received from Haryana through the Carrier Lined Canal (CLC) and the Delhi Sub Branch (DSB), the

utility said.

Operations at the Wazirabad and Chandrawal WTPs have been hit.

Water supply will remain affected till the situation improves, it said.

The Chandrawal and Wazirabad have a treatment capacity of 90 MGD and 135 MGD, respectively.

Water will be available at low pressure in northeast Delhi, west Delhi, north Delhi, central Delhi, south Delhi, including Delhi Cantonment, and New Delhi Municipal Council areas,



the DJB added.

The DJB's water supply capacity increased to 990 MGD earlier this year, but the utility hasn't been able to touch this mark for over a month, primarily due to Haryana releasing less

water in the river, according to officials.

The utility had on June 18 written another letter, the ninth time since April 30, requesting Haryana to release water from the Somb, a tributary of the Yamuna, in addition to increasing the flow in the river and the two canals.

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had earlier this month requested Haryana to release additional water in the Yamuna on humanitarian grounds.

Delhi requires around 1,380 MGD of water, while the DJB

supplies around 990 MGD.

Haryana supplies a total of 610 million gallons of water a day to Delhi through two canals — CLC (368 MGD) and DSB (177) — and the Yamuna (65 MGD).

CLC and the DSB are supplied water from Hathni Kund via Munak canal and Bhakra Beas Management Board.

Besides, Delhi receives 253 MGD from Uttar Pradesh through the Upper Ganga Canal, and the rest is drawn from ranney wells and tube wells installed across the city.

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Global warming to impact water resources, agriculture: Study

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NEW DELHI

Global warming is expected to increase the intensity and frequency of future drought in several global regions, adversely affecting the water resource, agriculture, and energy sectors, as per a study by the National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES).

"Given that the current water management practices and existing infrastructures in these sectors are based on historical statistics or experiences, under a changing climate, these practices and infrastructures may eventually become insufficient. "Therefore, it is critical to better understand when severe drought conditions expressed as "unprecedented" will become frequent," said the study. The projected impacts of warming show significant

regional disparities in their intensity and the pace of their growth over time," said the corresponding lead author Yusuke Satoh, a research associate professor at Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology. "Regarding precipitation and temperature, preceding studies report the timing at which the impact of climate change emerges.

However, no study had successfully estimated the timing in terms of drought focusing on river discharge at a global scale," added Tokuta Yokohata, a coauthor and a Chief Senior Researcher of the Earth System Risk Analysis Section at the Earth System Division, NIES. "A temporal evaluation about future drought conditions in comparison to our historical experiences is essential to take appropriate climate change strategies, especially for cli-



mate adaptations, in the long term and in time."

The paper published in Nature Communications estimates the periods when drought conditions will shift to an unprecedented state in a warmer world. The research group evaluated changes in drought day frequency for 59 global subcontinental regions until the end of the 21st century. They estimated the time of first emergence (TFE) of consecutive unprecedented drought, which is the first onset of exceedance beyond the

maximum bound of the historical climate variability during the reference period (1865-2005) that occurs consecutively for a certain number of years.

"Appropriate and feasible climate mitigation and adaptation plans are essential for overcoming the expected extraordinarily severe dry conditions. Particularly regarding adaptation, it is crucial to improve our preparedness in the given time horizon before unprecedented drought conditions emerge," said Satoh.

असम में मूसलाधार बारिश से बाढ़ के हालात बिगड़े

■ गुवाहाटी (भाषा)।

असम में मूसलाधार बारिश के कारण पांच और लोगों के जान गंवाने से बुधवार को बाढ़ की स्थिति बिगड़ गई और प्रभावित लोगों की संख्या बढ़कर 24.92 लाख हो गई है जबकि कछार जिले का सिलचर शहर पिछले 10 दिनों से जलमग्न है। अधिकारियों ने यह जानकारी दी। मौसम विज्ञान विभाग ने कोकराझार, चिरांग और वक्सा जिलों के लिए 'रेड अलर्ट' तथा धुबरी, वारपेटा, बोंगईगांव, उदलगुड़ी, विश्वनाथ, लखीमपुर, धीमाजी और डिब्रूगढ़ में 'ओरेंज अलर्ट' जारी किया है। मौसम कार्यालय ने दक्षिण सलमारा, कोकराझार, चिरांग तथा वक्सा जिलों में वृहस्पतिवार तक 'ओरेंज अलर्ट' जारी किया है। असम राज्य आपदा प्रबंधन प्राधिकरण (एसडीएमए) द्वारा जारी एक बुलेटिन के अनुसार, पांच और लोगों के जान गंवाने से असम में इस साल बाढ़ तथा भूस्खलनों में मरने वाले लोगों की संख्या बढ़कर 139 हो गई है जबकि तीन और लोग लापता हैं। कुछ स्थानों पर ब्रह्मपुत्र, वेकी, कोपिली, वराक और

कुशियारा नदियां खतरे के निशान से ऊपर वह रही है। हालांकि ज्यादातर बाकी नदियों में जल स्तर कम हो रहा है।

उपायुक्त कीर्ति जल्ली ने कहा कि सिलचर के ज्यादातर इलाके अब भी जलमग्न हैं तथा निवासियों को भोजन, पेयजल तथा दवाओं की किल्लत हो रही

प्रभावित लोगों की संख्या

24.92 लाख हुई

कछार जिले का सिलचर शहर पिछले 10 दिनों से जलमग्न

है। वेथकुंडी में बांध टूटने के कारण यह शहर पिछले 10 दिनों से जलमग्न है। इसकी मरम्मत का काम चल रहा है। उन्होंने कहा, प्रभावित लोगों तक स्वच्छ पेयजल और भोजन के साथ पहुंचने को प्राथमिकता दी जा रही है जबकि स्वास्थ्य विभाग जल जनित बीमारियों की रोकथाम के लिए चिकित्सा शिविर लगा रहा है।

राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन, असम की निदेशक एम एस लक्ष्मी प्रिया के नेतृत्व में एक दल सिलचर में डेरा डाले हुए है ताकि

प्रभावित लोगों को उचित चिकित्सा सुविधाएं सुनिश्चित की जा सकें। शहर के 28 नगरपालिका वार्डों में चिकित्सा कर्मियों को तैनात किया गया है जबकि विभिन्न राहत केंद्रों पर स्वास्थ्य शिविर लगाए गए हैं, जहां लोगों को डायरिया की रोकथाम के लिए ओआरएस के पैकेट दिए गए हैं।

राज्यभर में 72 राजस्व मंडलों के तहत कुल 2,389 गांव बाढ़ से प्रभावित हैं जबकि 1,76,201 लोगों ने 555 राहत शिविरों में शरण ली है। बाढ़ के पानी से 155 सड़कें और पांच पुल क्षतिग्रस्त हो गए हैं जबकि सात तटबंध टूट गए हैं। कुल 64 मकान पूरी तरह क्षतिग्रस्त हो गए हैं और 5,693 मकानों को आंशिक रूप से नुकसान पहुंचा है।

बुलेटिन में कहा गया है कि चिरांग, डिब्रूगढ़, हैलाकांडी, कोकराझार, मोरीगांव, नलवारी, सोनितपुर, तमुलपुर और उदलगुड़ी जिलों से बड़े पैमाने पर मिट्टी धंसने की खबरें हैं। करीमगंज और लखीमपुर जिलों में भूस्खलन की दो घटनाएं हुईं और कछार तथा मोरीगांव बाढ़ की चपेट में हैं।