

Soak opera in Millennium City

Waterlogging after a bout of heavy rain threw life out of gear and brought traffic to a standstill in Gurgaon through the night Thursday. Gridlocks were seen Friday too. SAKSHI DAYAL and ABHISHEK ANGAD talk to people who faced the nightmarish situation.

SAKSHI DAYAL

The Sheetla Mata Mandir in Gurgaon, located 7 km off Huda City Centre Metro station, is one of the most well known sites in the city. Thousands of devotees visit the temple to pay their respects to the wife of Guru Dronacharya. In the monsoon months, however, the devotees find their faith tested by hardships. Wading through a waterlogged road to the temple, being trapped in traffic jams for hours, being tossed around in vehicles going over potholes are a part of the route to divinity. While those who come and leave after a visit encounter the problems briefly, residents of the area deal with them daily during the monsoon. They say waterlogging is the norm after even 30 minutes of "normal rainfall".

"There are health and safety issues because of mosquito breeding and open sewers, but the waterlogging also disrupts the lives of professionals," says Sumit Kumar, a resident of the area who works in a communication solutions firm. "Taxi and auto drivers refuse to come here, so it is not even possible to commute. On bad day, we have to take the day or part of the day off unless we are willing to wade through the water and get to work wet and dirty."

District authorities say the situation on the Sheetla Mata Mandir Road and the colonies around is not entirely their fault. "Since the area is located within 900 meters of an ammunition depot, we cannot do construction to resolve the issue. For now, all we can do is clean the drains," says an official of the Municipal Corporation of Gurgaon. "Further measures can be taken depending on the verdict of the case regarding the restricted zone of the ammunition depot. It is pending before the Punjab and Haryana High Court." The official adds, "The surface drains have been made only for draining the water on the roads, but since there is no drainage for the ammunition depot, and there is a natural slope from there toward the road, the water accumulates and creates problems."

However, this line of defence does not hold good for areas where such technicalities are not prevalent, but the problems are. In Baldev Nagar, for instance, residents complain they have to take precautionary measures every time rain appears imminent. "Whenever the sky is overcast, I park myself at the entrance of the house with a broom to remove the water that flows in," says Ritu Rathi, a resident of the area. "Often, this is also of no use. In June this year, water filled up and stayed for over 10 hours. What can you do when such waterlogging happens? You just close your doors, hoping that it will stop some water from coming in, and wait."

Baldev Nagar residents claim they have complained to the MCG and other agencies and sought help, but it has not arrived yet.

Similar problems are noted even in several "posh colonies" of the city. Many of these colonies are managed by private builders and real estate developers and not the district authorities. In Sushant Lok, for instance, residents say 30 minutes of "medium rainfall" leaves the streets waterlogged. Water often enters the homes and basements, say residents. "This leads to economic issues for us as well, because the boundary walls of independent bungalows get ruined, meaning people have to paint and repair them at their own cost. Basements are submerged and cars parked on the roads can start stalling," says Dr A K Nagpal, president of the Sushant Lok Residents' Welfare Association.

Residents claim they have approached the builder for the maintenance and infrastructure of the colony several times, but there has been no improvement. Dr Santosh Mor, vice-president of the residents' welfare body, says, "No water harvesting is done anywhere in the area and the drainage system is very bad. Until the drainage infrastructure is fixed and sewage system in and around the colony is improved, this issue will continue to plague us." Residents of these colonies are hoping the MCG will take over the maintenance, because "things cannot possibly get worse". Nagpal says, "We are hoping that if the MCG takes over, maybe things will improve for us. Right now, this is a posh colony in name only."



Senior professionals in many firms fear a recurrence of such episodes might have a negative impact on Gurgaon's reputation as an industrial hub. Manoj Kumar

STRUGGLE IN THE SLUMS

Life at the tail end of the growth story

ABHISHEK ANGAD

IN THE GURGAON of corporate offices in high-rise buildings and residential complexes in DLF area, hundreds of jhuggis stand in nearby slums. These jhuggis are home to thousands of people, many of whom are the domestic workforce for the offices and apartments nearby. The waterlogging wreaked havoc on both, but those in the slums without the wherewithal and amenities struggled to cope.

Not far from Hero Honda Chowk, many in the slums around DLF skipped work due to the waterlogging near their houses and mopped their floors continuously, waiting for water to recede. Worse still, sewage was mixed in the water.

In the slum at Nathupur village, 32-year-old Nashiba Biwi, who came to Delhi from West Bengal seven months ago, spent hours cleaning her one-room house over the last couple of days. On Saturday, it rained and she could not go for work yet again. A pile of discarded waste lay outside her house, mixed in the mud. The area outside her house was covered in muck and people kept slipping. Her younger son had fever and slept on a bed. The elder son, who quit studies due to lack of money, stored



A man steps gingerly over a muddy stretch in Sikandarpur near Cyber City on Saturday. Manoj Kumar

water in a bucket.

"Whenever it rains, it is dirty all over the place. Our house leaks and there are chances of someone falling ill in the area. Living in dirt is common for us," says Biwi, who works in three houses in apartments nearby and earns Rs 3,000 per month. She came to Delhi with her husband in search of better life.

Not far from her house, Munna Sheikh (21), also from West Bengal, is saving

money to "return home" some day. Munna, who came to Delhi in 2012, works as an office boy. The route to his house in a slum had ankle-deep water after the rains Thursday and Friday. He pays Rs 2,100 for his one-room house. Its condition is better than Biwi's house.

In his part of the slum, access to water is a big problem during monsoon. "People stand in queues to collect water which is not clean. During the rainy season, it is

worse. Some people fill the water in the bucket and let the dirt settle to use it, even for drinking," says Munna. "I will save from my monthly salary of Rs 8,400 and will move back to my village," says Munna.

Unlike in Delhi, these slums are not on government land. They are on the private land and the owner arranges for the services. Abhishek Gujjar, who "partly owns" a slum, says they liaison with the corporation to avail of facilities in the area.

"Initially there was no proper sewerage for the washrooms, but later we managed to make a deal with the corporations," he says. Gujjar says the area has been sold to DLF and once work starts the people in the slum "are on their own".

In the slum at Chakkarpur village, at 11 pm Friday, there was no electricity and most men were out in the open, chatting. The place reeked of urine. There are five toilets each for men and women nearby.

A woman who lives in the slum says, "Whenever it rains, the washrooms overflow with sewerage and we have to wait for the water to recede."

This slum is on a slope and residents say that whenever it rains, water accumulates. Mohammad Qudus (44), who works as a cleaner in a mart, says, "We mop the floor continuously. It is a continuous process."

Industry wants permanent solutions, not temporary ones

SAKSHI DAYAL

THE WATERLOGGING and ensuing traffic snarls in Gurgaon through the night Thursday and Friday morning have raised concerns among senior professionals in many organisations based in the Millennium City. They fear a recurrence of such nightmarish episodes might have a negative impact on Gurgaon's reputation as an industrial hub.

Several companies, anticipating a gridlock similar to the one Thursday evening, suggested their employees work from home Friday or leave office early to avoid

the rush hour traffic.

"Our operations are thrown out of gear by such issues. Employees come to work late or have to leave early. Productivity and working hours get affected, calls are impacted. Such situations can be fatal for our industry," says Deepak Ohyan, executive director of Dell and executive member of NASSCO. "What we want is a permanent solution to these problems, not the temporary ones we are getting so far."

A senior HR manager at an MNC seconds this view, but also blames traffic snarls on the "apathy of traffic police" in Gurgaon. "Traffic police are not to be seen and it adds insult to the daily struggle in indisciplined

traffic." He adds, "One can only hope that traffic management authorities can be made to attend to their responsibilities." Owners of restaurants also express concerns about losses they have to suffer due to "poor infrastructure", which gets exposed during the monsoon season. A bakery owner says, "Our home deliveries suffer when such gridlocks happen."

Bhim Singh, who works at an electronics company's service centre on Sheetla Mata Mandir Road, says they faced massive problems due to Thursday's waterlogging and traffic jam. "Whenever there is waterlogging, our technicians face delays in attending to customers, but on Thursday

the situation was worse. Our tempo that was coming with supplies and got stuck in traffic near Hero Honda Chowk and eventually stalled. We got our consignment only on Saturday because on Friday it had to be repaired in the workshop." He adds, "For us, such problems can be very damaging. We can lose customers for no fault of ours."

Waterlogging also scares auto drivers. Rajesh, who has been driving a three-wheeler in the city for the last three years, says he stop when the roads get waterlogged because there is a danger of his vehicle stalling. "It is better suffer a smaller loss by not plying than risk spending a larger amount on repairs."

INTERVIEW

NAVDEEP SINGH VIRK,
Commissioner of Police, Gurgaon

'Bad urban planning and haphazard growth have led to the problems'

ABHISHEK ANGAD

What happened on Thursday evening when the traffic came to a standstill?

The basic problem is there is a drainage problem and water has come on to the roads. When there is four to five ft of water on the road, there is no way the traffic can move. There is no way the police can ensure that the traffic moves. You can row a boat in the water, but can't run a vehicle. The problem is not new. I would say it is bad urban planning and haphazard growth which have led to the problems and over the years, various government departments have not paid heed to it. For the last 10 years, I am seeing jams at the



Honda Chowk due to the same reason. This time it was acute. Unless we solve the drainage problem, this will keep happening. And the way Gurgaon has been developed, if there is traffic jam at two or three points, then the whole city is gridlocked.

What is the plan of action so that this doesn't happen again?

That has to be checked with authorities concerned. All I can say is that if there is waterlogging, there will be a problem.

How did the police manage the situation?

Our idea was to grab more resources and have the water removed, which did not happen. Then we realised the road was not going to open at that particular point. Later the traffic was diverted. We got it reversed and using alternate roads and sent commuters to their destinations via Sohna or Pataudi. That is how the blockage was cleared, but since the water was there again in the morning (Friday), traffic piled up.

If it rains again, will there be a problem?

What I am told is that the Municipal Corporation and Highways have deployed extra pumps and will try to pump out the water depending on how much water comes. We have cut the median (divider) and in case there is a problem again, we will allow the traffic on the wrong side. This is the back-up plan as of now.

Did other authorities come together for a solution?

Director Urban local bodies from Chandigarh, the Corporation commissioner, people from HUDA and I had a meeting. We have made a few plans on how to react and are hopeful that this rainy season we will avert any bad incident again. We have made an informal standard operating procedure, but the solution to the problem is not short term. Draining water out automatically needs a long-term solution, otherwise this may happen again.

What were the challenges during the night-long work clearing traffic?

A major challenge was to convince people to drive according to plan. The traffic going towards Jaipur was blocked, so some cut across the medians (dividers) and jammed the other side of the road. No one was reaching home early by doing this. The thinking of people has to change. We cannot progress like this. We, as a society, have to think.

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BABUS KIN EXEMPTED FROM DECLARING ASSETS

DEADLINE ALSO EXTENDED FOR ITS SUBMISSION UNDER LOKPAL ACT

PTI & SNS

New Delhi, 31 July

Central government employees and executives of NGOs have been exempted from filing details of assets and liabilities of their spouses and dependent children under the newly amended Lokpal Act.

As per the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act 2013, all public servants were required to file details of their assets and liabilities, besides those of their spouses and dependent children every year.

Parliament had on Thursday passed a bill to amend the Lokpal Act.

"The new law mandates that every public servant shall make a declaration of his assets and liabilities. The clauses in the Lokpal Act regarding the submission of such details of their spouse and dependent children have been done away with," a senior official in Depart-

The amendment to Lokpal Act passed by both Houses of Parliament does not give much relief to government and foreign-funded NGOs except for extension of the deadline for submission and doing away with the requirement for declaring assets and liabilities of their spouses and dependent children.

VENKATESH NAYAK

ment of Personnel and Training (DoPT) said.

The clause related to making public such declarations have also been removed in the new legislation, he said.

"The amendment to Lokpal Act passed by both Houses of Parliament does not give much relief to gov-

ernment and foreign-funded NGOs except for extension of the deadline for submission and doing away with the requirement for declaring assets and liabilities of their spouses and dependent children," said Venkatesh Nayak, who works with an NGO named Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative.

"Overall, they amount to rolling back those portions of the Lokpal law that make government servants directly accountable and transparent to the people, especially if they acquire assets disproportionate to their known sources of income," he added.

He said with the latest changes, people have lost their right to know the financial profile of government servants that the Lokpal Act provided for in its original form.

The last date for public servants to file assets details is 31 December, as per a

DoPT order. This is the sixth time that the government has extended the date for about 50 lakh government employees to file the details of assets and liabilities whereas for Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) and their executives, this is the first such extension. The existing deadline was to end today.

The declarations under the Lokpal law are in addition to those filed by the employees under various service rules.

As per rules, every public servant shall file declaration, information and annual returns pertaining to his assets and liabilities as on 31 March every year or before 31 July of that year. DoPT had last month issued an order bringing

NGOs receiving more than Rs one crore in government grants and donations above Rs 10 lakh from abroad under the ambit of the Lokpal.

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EVEN RAINFALL DISTRIBUTION ACROSS REGIONS WILL GIVE A BOOST TO THE FARM SECTOR, SAYS CRISIL

Good monsoon likely to push growth up

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
Mumbai, 31 July

A good monsoon with even rainfall distribution across regions will give a boost to the farm sector and may push India's GDP growth beyond the eight per cent mark in the current financial year, Crisil has said.

However, stress in rainfall in certain parts of the country and excess downpour in some other regions may be a cause for worry, the credit rating agency said in a report.

In a positive scenario ~ good monsoon backed by favourable temporal and spatial distribution ~

agriculture growth can surge to six per cent from a weak base of last year and, therefore, push up GDP growth above eight per cent, it said.

According to the report, assuming rainfall is evenly distributed across time and regions, GDP growth may rise to 7.9 per cent, if agricultural growth comes at four per cent and CPI inflation remains contained at five per cent in the current fiscal.

Despite a slow start in June, rains have caught up and were just one per cent below normal as of 25 July. This has helped reservoirs to bounce back from the lows seen in the

RIPPLE EFFECT

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■ There would also be less strain on the banking system in terms of generation of fresh NPAs in case the harvest is satisfactory

beginning of the fiscal, boosting farmers' confidence, the report said.

Excess rainfall in 89 districts across eight states could impact sow-

ing and, therefore, agricultural output for the kharif season. Hence, spatial and temporal distribution of rainfall in the second half of the

season, especially in August, will be crucial, it added.

In mid-June, rainfall was deficient in all the regions except the south

peninsula. Latest data show rainfall is normal or above normal in all the regions barring the east and North-east, which account for 16 per cent of foodgrain output.

States such as Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, which have low irrigation coverage, have received normal or above normal rainfall.

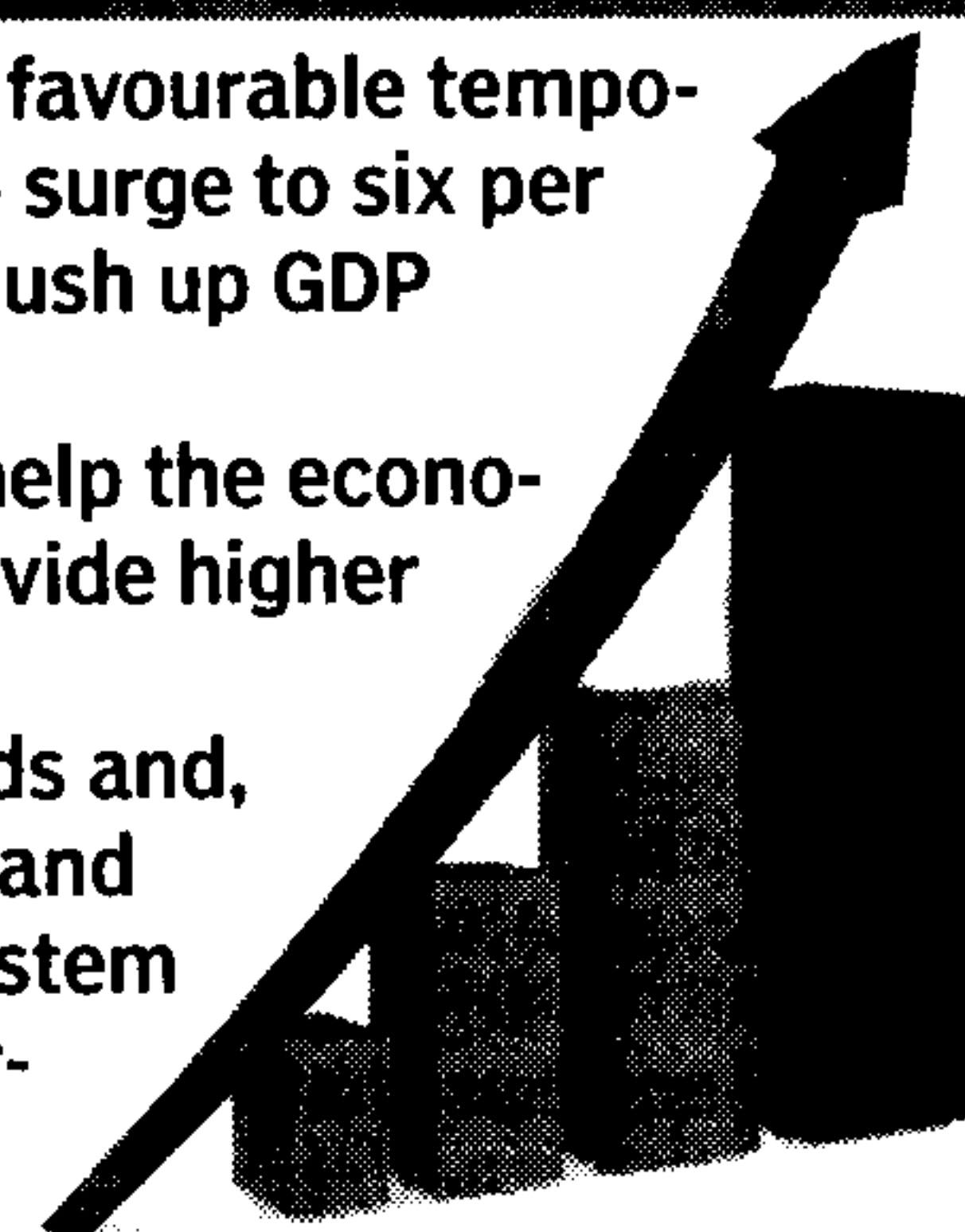
However, the rainfall has not been well distributed, with Assam (25 per cent below normal), Gujarat (48.3 per cent), Kerala (20 per cent) and Himachal Pradesh (27.9 per cent) being rain-deficient as of 25 July.

As per the report, it

does appear that the farm sector will perform well this year and help the economy in two ways ~ keep prices under control and provide higher incomes to the farmers that could be spent on industrial goods and, hence, contribute to an extent to the revival in demand.

The industries that would be affected by the kharif crop would be edible oils, sugar, textiles, food products and packaging.

There would also be less strain on the banking system in terms of generation of fresh NPAs in case the harvest is satisfactory, it added.



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SCANT RAIN IN DELHI, RELATIVE HUMIDITY UP TO 100 PER CENT

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, 31 July

A day after heavy rains lashed the city creating waterlogging and traffic snarls in several areas, the national capital received scant rainfall today even as relative humidity upto 100 per cent troubled people.

The maximum temperature settled at 31.3 degrees Celsius, three notches below the normal.

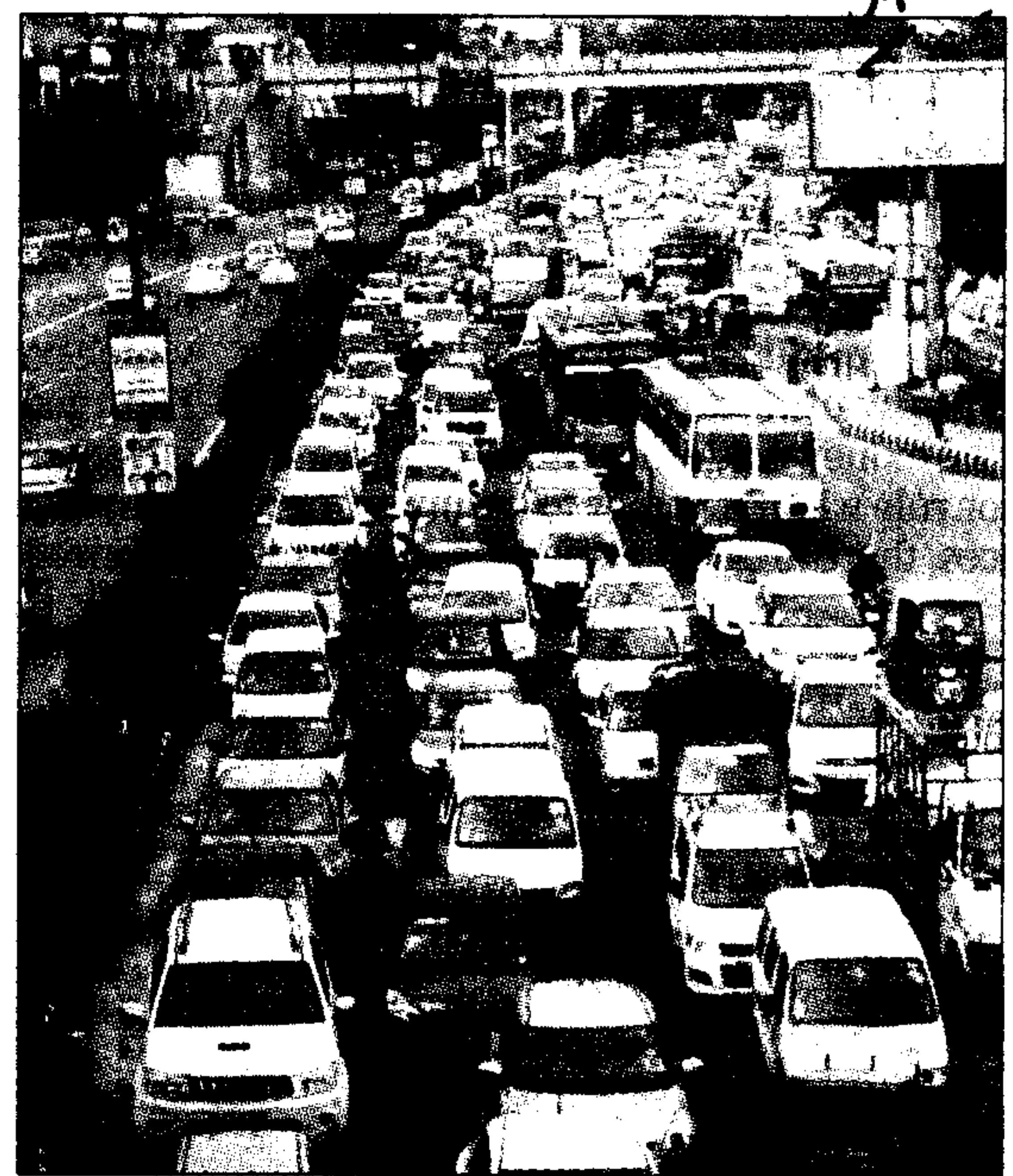
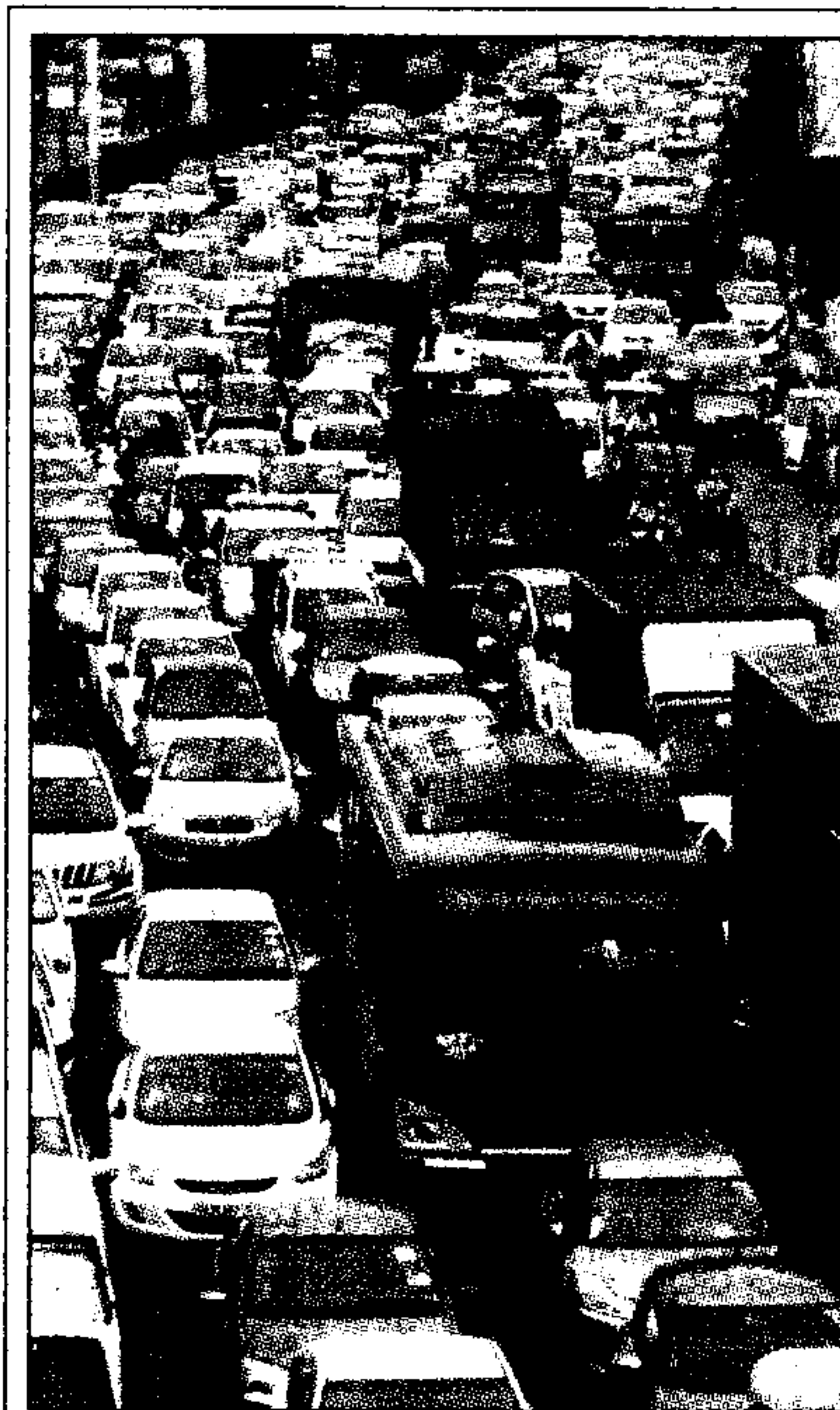
According to an MeT official, the minimum temperature was recorded at 26 degrees Celsius, one degree below the normal, while the humidity oscillated between 76 and 100 per cent.

"23.2 mm rainfall was recorded till 8.30 AM. However, zero rainfall was recorded thereafter even though the sky remained partly cloudy," the official said.

The weatherman has predicted partly cloudy sky for tomorrow with a possibility of light rain.

"The maximum temperature is likely to be at 32 degrees Celsius and the minimum can be 26. Partly cloudy sky with the light rain/drizzle is likely to occur tomorrow," the official said.

The downpour Yesterday had triggered traffic snarls at various intersections



The combination of photographs taken from Akshardham flyover depict a huge traffic congestion on NH 24 in the Capital on Sunday. sns

and busy roundabouts, including ITO and Dhaula Kuan. The maximum and

minimum temperatures yesterday were 29.1 and 26 degrees Celsius respectively.

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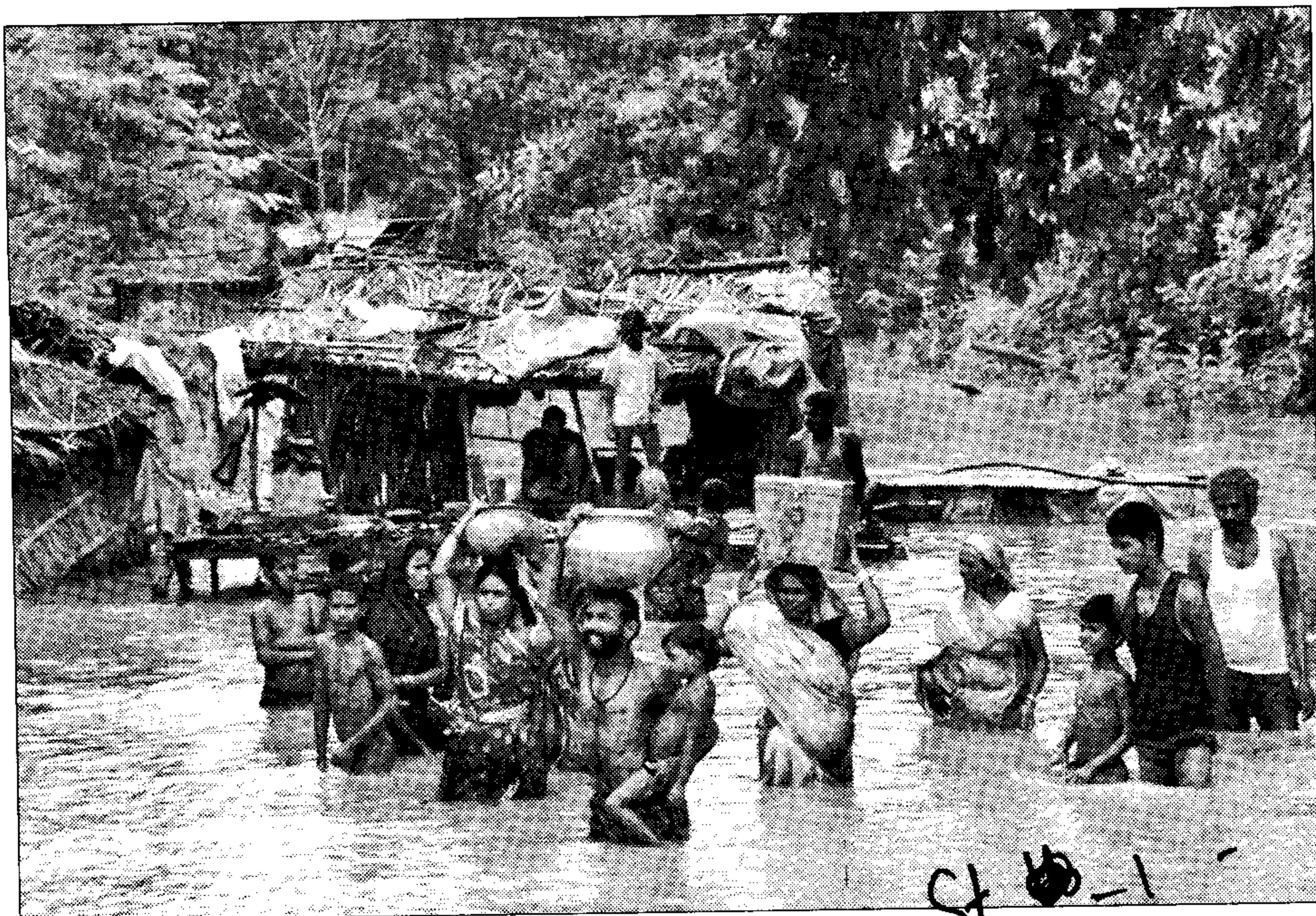
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an official release said today.

Bihar still reels under flood



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Patna, 31 July

The flood situation remained grim in 12 districts of Bihar where an estimated 27.50 lakh people were affected though no fresh casualty was reported, with the toll standing at 26.

River Ghaghra is flowing above the danger mark at Darauli and Gangpur-Siswan district, Bagmati at Benibad in Muzaffarpur district, Koshi at Baltara in Khagaria district, Mahananda at Dhengraghat in Purnia district and Jhhawa in Katihar district.

With several rivers in spate, as many as 12 districts have been flooded, affecting over 27.50 lakh people spread over 200 lakh hectare area, the Disaster Management Department said in a state-

ment today.

The flood has also damaged crops in 3.39 lakh hectares of land, it said.

Altogether 5521 houses and 4641 hutments have been damaged, the statement said, adding the damage to houses/hutments has been assessed at Rs 67.91 lakh while the valuation of public properties damaged in the flood was being assessed.

Launching massive rescue and relief operations, the state government has pressed into service 1063 boats to rescue the affected people, with 5.98 lakh of them already shifted to safer places. The state government has set up 415 relief camps where 2.96 displaced people have been sheltered. It has also deployed 112 medical teams to treat the ailing people at relief camps.

Arrangements have been made for food and other requirements of the flood-affected people with 3037 quintal flattened rice, 641.8 quintal jaggery, 1.84 lakh matchsticks, 3540 candles, besides kerosene oil, polythene sheets and food packets (42,100) distributed among them.

The Disaster Management Department statement further said that a team of NDRF has been positioned each in Supaul, Gopalganj, Muzaffarpur, Darbhanga and Didarganj at Patna, while one team of SDRF has been positioned in Khagaria, Sitamarhi, Purnia, Bhagalpur, Madhubani and Madhepura district.

In addition, two teams each of NDRF and SDRF have been kept at Bihta near Patna on wait.

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NDRF rescues 10,000 people

Prime Minister says Centre working closely with the State governments to help those affected

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: Over 10,000 people have been rescued from the flood-hit parts of the country, including Assam and Bihar, the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has said.

"Forty-four self-contained rescue teams have been pre-positioned to assist the State governments in rescue and relief. Twelve flood rescue teams are engaged in relief and rescue in Assam," the NDRF said in a statement.

So far, over 10,000 people had been evacuated nationwide this monsoon.

"In addition to the rescue work, NDRF teams established medical camps in Assam and Bihar and provided medical care to 1,233 persons. The operation is in progress," it said. Eight teams were operating in the marooned areas of Bihar.

A control room was monitoring the situation round the clock, it said.

Odisha death toll rises

Meanwhile, the situation in Assam and Bihar re-



SERVICES AFFECTED: The flooded Thane railway station, following heavy rain on Sunday. — PHOTO: PTI

mained grim on Sunday even as the death toll in lightning strikes in Odisha went up to 41. In Bihar, where the flood toll stood at 26, an estimated 27.50 lakh people have been affected in 12 districts, though no fresh casualty was reported.

Till Saturday evening,

floods in Assam had claimed 31 lives, and affected nearly 37 lakh people in 3,300 villages in 28 districts.

On the flood situation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his monthly 'Mann ki Baat' programme said the State governments and the Centre are working closely,

making all efforts to help the affected people.

Incessant rains also lashed Mumbai and suburban areas, including the neighbouring Thane district which witnessed very heavy downpour since early Sunday morning, causing train delays. The weather depart-

ment has predicted very heavy rainfall in Mumbai and its suburbs over the next 24 hours.

In Odisha, heavy rainfall and thundershowers coupled with gusty surface wind are likely to lash several parts due to a low pressure area over the Bay of Bengal.

The meteorological centre in Bhubaneswar said rain or thundershower is likely to occur at most places over north and south Odisha on Monday.

Fishermen cautioned

Gusty surface wind with 35 to 45 kmph speed and up to 50 kmph may prevail along and off south Odisha coast. Sea condition would be moderate to rough in south Odisha coast and fishermen are advised to be cautious while venturing into the sea.

While the national capital recorded scant rainfall, neighbouring Uttar Pradesh continued to receive heavy downpour with many rivers, including the Ganga and the Sharda, flowing near or above the danger mark.

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Floods, lightning claim 74 lives

Over 27 Lakh In Bihar, 16 Lakh In Assam Hit

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The flood situation in Assam, where two more people were killed on Sunday, and Bihar remained grim, while the death toll in lightning strikes in Odisha in the last 24 hours climbed from 32 to 45, taking the overall number of casualties to 74.

In Assam, 29 people have so far died as more than 16 lakh people remain affected in 21 districts. About 150 rural roads have been damaged, and 1.47 lakh people are forced to live in 310 relief camps. So far, 1,729 people have been rescued. Rain and thundershowers are likely in Assam in the next 24 hours.

After union home minister

Rajnath Singh's visit to the state on Saturday, former chief minister and AGP functionary Prafulla Kumar Mahanta accused the BJP-led Centre of having failed to deal with the crisis. AGP is a government ally in Assam's BJP-led government. Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal said that a committee to avert breaches in any embankment in flood-hit Assam would be set up.

Floodwaters in Assam's Kaziranga National Park started receding on Sunday, uncovering several more carcasses of animals. At least 198 animals, including 16 rhinos, have so far died. About half of the park's 430-sq km area is still under water. In Bihar, the situation in four districts of

Purnia division hit by Mahananda, Bakra, Parman and Kosi rivers remained grim with 3 lakh people living in 415 relief camps. So far 26 people have died. About 150 jawans of disaster response forces are conducting rescue and relief operations in Purnia.

Overall, 27.5 lakh people in 2,162 villages are affected in Bihar's 12 districts. Five engineers were on Sunday suspended for alleged corruption in flood-protection measures in West Champaran district.

Uttar Pradesh continued to receive heavy downpour with many rivers, including Ganga and Sharda, flowing near or above the danger mark, creating flood-like situations in several villages.

IMD hits bullseye on rains forecast

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New Delhi: The India Meteorological Department has hit the bullseye with its countrywide monsoon forecast for July. The month ended with a rain surplus of 7%, exactly as IMD had predicted, leading to higher than normal sowing activity across the country.

In its second-stage monsoon forecast released on June 2, IMD had predicted monsoon's performance in July to be 107% of the long term average (that is, a surplus of 7%), with a model error of 9%. It has forecast 104% rain in August and an "above-normal" monsoon performance at 106% of average.

Halfway into the monsoon season, the department's regionwise forecasts are also more or less on track. As against a predic-

tion of 108% of average rainfall for the entire season in northwest India, the region has so far received 106%. Central India too has so far received 106% of average rainfall, as against a forecast of 113% for the season.

Likewise, the prediction for south India was again 113% while actual rain so far has been 104%. For east and northeast India, actual rain has been 87% of average while the prediction is 94%.

The department will soon update its forecast for the remaining two months of the monsoon season.

With many parts of the country receiving adequate rain in July, the kharif sowing has shown a healthy trend. Total sown area till July 29 was 6% higher than normal. The area under paddy cultivation so far is 231.92 lakh hectares, which is around 2.5% higher than normal.



FLOOD OF WOES: Submerged railway tracks at a Thane local station. Monsoonal showers saw July end with a rain surplus of 7%

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Gurgaon is doomed, we better learn our lessons

METRO MATTERS



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A friend posted on Facebook early last week: "Gurgaon, you are everything no city should ever be. Please do not reproduce". Routine civic melt-downs often launch such rants. But, two days later, it turned out to be almost prophetic.

As heavy rain lashed Delhi and its suburbs, Gurgaon sunk. Its choked drains ensured that roads, the famed Expressway included, went under water in no time. With a traffic gridlock lasting 20 hours, National Highway-8 rivalled Indonesia's infamous three-day jam.

Any other city could have blamed it on antiquated infrastructure. In Lutyens' Delhi, for instance, the sewerage lines were laid by the British and have not been replaced since. Elsewhere in the national Capital, the drains were overhauled in 1981, and almost 40% of Delhi is anyway not linked to the drainage network.

But what is Gurgaon's excuse?

Rising from the fields 35 years ago, it had all the time, space and resources to build itself into India's best city. But today, Gurgaon, touted as the Millennium City of India, is a textbook case of how a city shouldn't be built.

Between 2001 and 2011, Gurgaon registered a population growth of 74%. To put it in perspective, the headcount in Delhi increased by just 21% in those 10 years. Today, Gurgaon boasts of the country's most expensive gated communities. But outside the high walls, there is no civic infrastructure and little public facilities.

Town planning here has always been an after-thought. It is only when 16 pedestrians were killed within a month of the opening of multi-lane Expressway in 2008, the authorities decided to build crossovers,



■ Gurgaon went under water last week as heavy rain lashed the national capital region.

PARVEEN KUMAR/ HT FILE

and slip lanes. It is only after last week's embarrassment, the Haryana government sanctioned ₹1,000 crore to fix the drains and started road projects that were stuck for years for lack of funds.

The next test is a monsoon away.

Ironically, for a city so susceptible to water-logging, Gurgaon has almost no water left to drink. A decade ago, it was declared a "dark zone" by the Central Groundwater Authority, which warned that if people did not stop extracting water, Gurgaon would have none left by 2017.

Cut to 2012. The Punjab and Haryana high court observed that the Millennium City was still extracting three times more water than what it naturally replenished and barred the government from issuing fresh licences for construction unless a developer gave an undertaking that no groundwater would be used for construction work.

Meanwhile, Gurgaon is already living on borrowed water. The NCR canal brings the Yamuna water as and when required. On paper, there is compliance of the high court order. But water continues to be extracted through 'registered' bore wells which feed most gated communities in Gurgaon. Never mind the sinking aquifers, the lawns, swimming pools, golf courses never run dry.

Like water and drainage, garbage management was also an afterthought for Gurgaon plan-

ners. It was only in 2009 when residents of upscale DLF-1 led massive protests against the illegal dumping of garbage in a 60-acre plot behind their condominiums and renamed the area 'Kachra Chowk' to shame the authorities, a solid waste treatment plant was commissioned.

But the Bandhwari solid waste plant works in fits and starts. As a result, garbage is thrown just about anywhere, including in the drains, water channels, ponds, and across the Aravalli forest, the only green resource in a concrete jungle.

Like the rest of the NCR, Gurgaon falls in high-risk seismic zone IV. The last time when an earthquake of 6.0 magnitude hit Gurgaon in 1960, it was a safe, low-built village. Today, its skyline is littered with at least 1,100 high-rises.

No survey was ever conducted in Gurgaon to find out how many of these buildings meet the structural safety norms. Three-and-a-half decades later, it may not even be feasible retrofitting such a concretised and crowded sprawl.

Clogged. Parched. Stinking. Rickety. Call it mindless urbanisation or manifestation of a rare death wish, Gurgaon has built too fast, and too much on the foundation of a necropolis. By the time it is abandoned — as abandoned it will be unless a series of miracles happen — hope we will have learnt how not to conceive a city.

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Deluge paralyses Bengaluru

Thousands evacuated from ground floor dwellings, commuters stranded

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

BENGALURU: In the worst case of flooding the city has witnessed in a decade, large parts of south eastern part of Bengaluru, home to the city's IT hub with large residential areas and garment factories, was left inundated as three lakes overflowed on Friday.

The first flood reports came from Madiwala at 3 a.m. on Friday, and by end of day, nearly 600 cars were submerged, 30 trees uprooted and several cases of wall collapse reported in the city.

For the first time in 10 years, those in ground floor apartments and individual houses were evacuated using dinghies in Kodichikkanahalli and Bilekahalli.

People in localities between Hosur Road and Bannerghatta Road were in knee-deep water, and several hundred families had to be given freshwater and bis-

cuits as relief. Many moved into neighbours' homes on higher floors.

Stretches of arterial Hosur and Bannerghatta roads faced flooding, resulting in an excruciating traffic pile.

Lakhs of commuters, including school children, were stranded for hours. The normally choked Silk Board junction virtually resembled a lake and some people even began fishing in the waters.

While the southeast received a torrential 90 mm of rain between 8.30 p.m. on Thursday and 8.30 a.m. on Friday, the average in the rest of the city was 40 mm.



OVERNIGHT CRISIS: Police and fire services personnel distribute relief material in Kodichikkanahalli in Bengaluru on Friday. — PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

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26 dead, 22 lakh affected in Bihar floods

PATNA/GUWAHATI: Twenty-six people have died and about 22 lakh have been affected so far in Bihar floods with many rivers, including Kosi, flowing above the danger mark.

While Kishanganj alone accounted for eight flood-related deaths, seven perished in Purnia district, the State Disaster Management Department said on Friday.

Katihar and Madhepura districts accounted for two deaths each, while Araria and Saharsa recorded one casualty each, it said in a statement.

An estimated 21.99 lakh people have been affected by flood across 10 districts — Purnia, Kishanganj, Araria, Darbhanga, Madhepura, Bhagalpur, Katihar, Saharsa, Supaul and Gopal district, the statement said.

Assam also continued to be ravaged by floods as an estimated 19 lakh people were affected due to heavy rainfall and swelling of rivers triggered by incessant rain in the upper catchment areas of Arunachal Pradesh and Bhutan.

Among the worst-affected districts were Lakhimpur, Golaghat, Bongaigaon, Jorhat, Dhemaji, Barpeta, and Goalpara. — PTI

BOATS DEPLOYED IN SOME PARTS OF BENGALURU TO EVACUATE STRANDED PEOPLE

SNS & PTI

Bengaluru, 29 July

The IT capital ground to a halt today following incessant rains since last night which caused flooding in major parts of the city. Lakes near urban areas like BTM Layout and Madiwala, for instance, flooded the residential stretches with people using the opportunity to catch some fish as well.

The situation in the prestigious Electronic City, which houses scores of software companies, was no better with the traffic snarls being the order of the day.

The poor infrastructure that the city has been grappling with for decades, once again exposed its vulnerability to natural disasters. Poor sewerage apart, the flooding in major parts of the city has been caused by the brazen violation of rules and encroachment of lakes by powerful builders.

Hundreds of office goers were stranded last night itself in their offices with the rain fury remaining unabated. A few of them reached their homes in the wee hours of the morning with help from the police and fire brigade authorities.

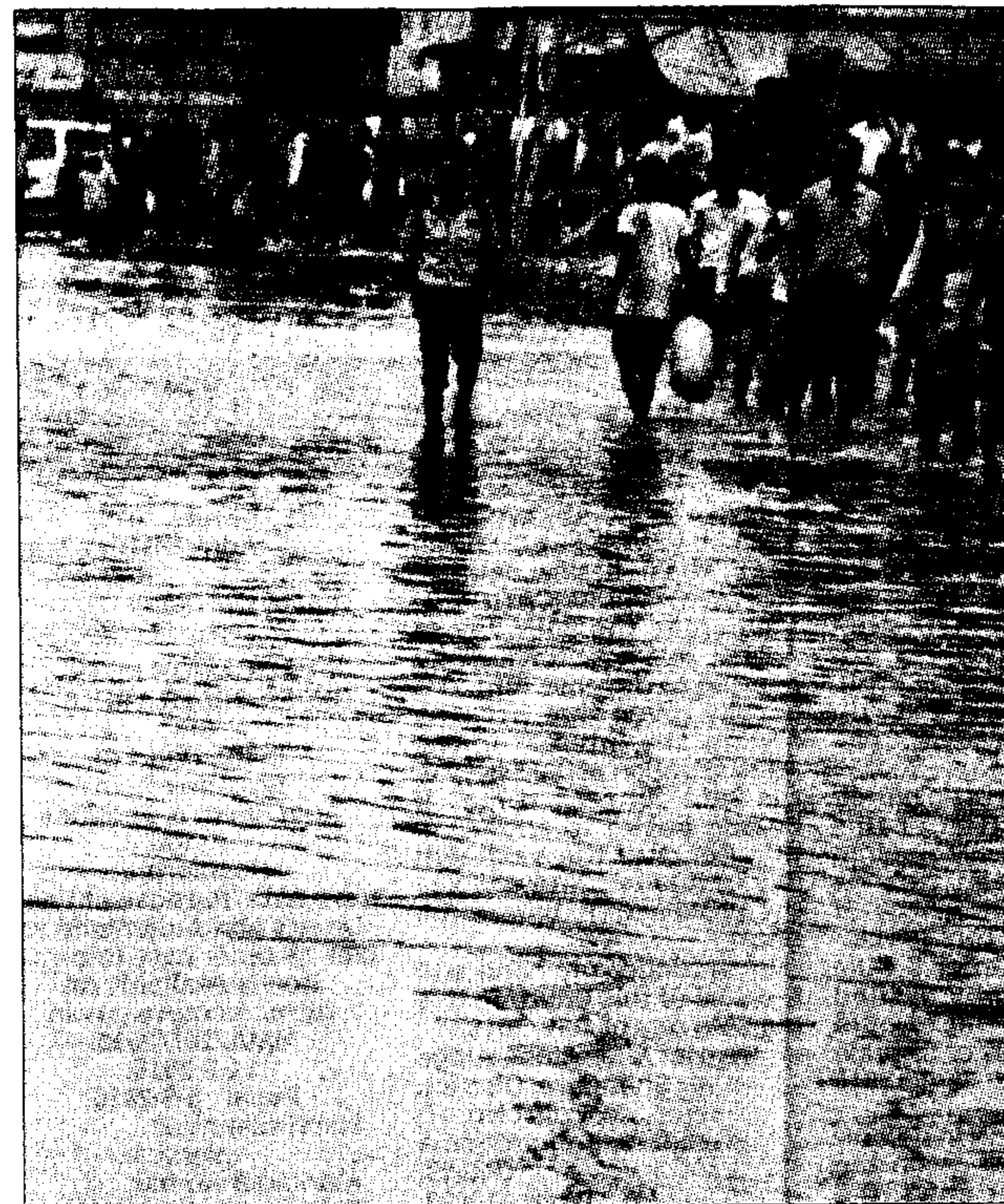
Boats were also deployed in some parts of the IT city to evacuate stranded people.

Kodichikkanahalli and Bilekahalli were severely affected with water entering the houses in these areas. The city witnessed overflowing lakes and drainages coupled with uprooted trees, compounding woes of the people with submerged low-lying areas. The Fire department has deployed boats in Kodichikkanahalli to evacuate stranded people out of their buildings.

Emergency service personnel have been pressed into service since early morning.



(Top) Building collapse at Karol Bagh on Thursday night, in the Capital. Heavy rains and subsequent waterlogging cripple Gurgaon. SNS



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An area of 1.83 lakh hectare has been submerged, while the crops spread over .83 lakh hectare got damaged even as the quantum of loss was under assessment.

Altogether 392 pucca houses have been damaged, while the number of damaged kuchcha houses stood at 4,703. As many as 4,639 hutments have also been damaged in the deluge.

The value of damage to houses and hutments stood at Rs 67.91 lakh even as assessment was being made about value of damaged public properties.

A total of 8,850 boats have been pressed into service to evacuate people stranded in flooded areas with about 3.89 lakh people being evacuated so far. PTI

NDRF continues rescue ops in flood-hit areas

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, 29 July

The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) continued with rescue operations in the flood-hit areas of the country rescuing over 600 people today.

According to NDRF, 44 self-contained flood rescue teams of NDRF have been pre-positioned in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Jammu and Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal to assist the state administrations in rescue and relief work.

"NDRF teams are fully equipped with boats, deep divers, lifebuoy, life jackets



and other flood rescue equipment. The flood rescue and evacuation operation by NDRF in various flood-prone areas of country is in full swing," said an NDRF

official.

In a press release, NDRF said 13 flood rescue teams are deployed in Assam where they evacuated 203 people at Jorhat, 37 at Kokrajhar, 80 at Charang, 73 at Kamrup Rural and 104 at Jorhat district. In addition to rescue work, a mobile hospital was established by NDRF team at Meragarh and Missamora under Majuli district. The medical team attended to 163 sick people and distributed medicines to needy.

"Nine flood rescue teams of NDRF are deployed in Bihar in connection with monsoon season. NDRF teams evacuated 43 people at Supaul, 34 at Bhetia, 250 at Purnia and 70 at Gopalganj," said the press re-

lease.

NDRF teams established medical camps at Peru block in Muzzafarpur district and Supaul and distributed medicines to 63 people at Supaul and 45 people at Muzzafarpur. A 24x7, NDRF control room in New Delhi is closely monitoring the situation and is in touch with other agencies.

Earlier NDRF rescued more than 900 people across the flood-affected states in the country.

A videos of the flood-affected areas provided by NDRF shows villagers taking shelter in a hut nearby. The water level kept rising and started to seep into the hut and the surrounding areas. NDRF personnel rescued them.

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Sugarcane prospects bleak after drought

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BEED, 30 JULY: The rains have been on course this year in Beed district's Hivarshinga village, after four long years of scarcity. But its residents, despite the near 100 per cent sowing activity this season, are still counting their losses from the drought gone by. Almost 75 per cent of the village takes off to labour in sugarcane fields in neighbouring Western Maharashtra in the post-Dussera period. Owing to less rains and a shrinkage in sugarcane area due to the drought, they fear their working season will shrink further from the four months it came down to last year.

Official statistics only confirm their fears. According to data put out by the Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA), the total area under sugarcane in Maharashtra is expected to come down to 7.80 lakh hectares in the 2016-17 sugar season due to consecutive droughts; the figure was 10.5 lakh hectares in 2015-16. Across the country, the area available for crushing during the 2016-17 season is estimated to fall by 5.5 per cent, thus affecting production volumes.

"Already over the last three years, the work season has gradually shrunk from six months to four and lesser," says Baburao Kute from Hivarshinga. Kute has sown soyabean on his 6-acre non-irrigated plot this kharif season. After the harvest, like hundreds in his village, he will take off with his wife and bullock cart to work in cane fields in neighbouring districts. "In a month's time or so, contractors attached to respective suagr factories will



start scouting for those interested in going," says Kute, who has been going to work in Solapur district every year for the past 15 years.

Although there are no official figures, as per estimates by NGOs and activists, there are around ten lakh sugarcane workers (ustod kaamagar in local parlance) in Maharashtra. Eight lakh of these are in Beed alone. The drought of the last four years has had a severe impact on their livelihood.

"Around five years ago, we'd work through 6-7 months, at the end of which the contractors would pay us Rs 10,000-12,000 over and above the advance already handed out to us in instalments through the season," says Kamal Gaikwad from Aher Wadgaon village in Beed. "Now, we are having to return part of the advance."

The average rate for a 'koita' (couple) per crushing season is Rs 40,000-60,000; experienced koitas can earn up to Rs 1 lakh. If the koita includes a bullock cart or tractor that are used to transport cane, the advance amount could go up to Rs 2.5 lakh.

The shrinkage of the season

does not mean a reduction in work hours or pressure though. Sangeeta Dhobale from Hivarshinga says the workday begins at 6 or 7 in the morning, and goes on till about 10-11 in the night, without any provision for breaks; neither is there the concept of a weekend. If you take the average rate of Rs 50,000 per koita for six months, the daily wage per person for 14-16 hours of back breaking manual labour works out to around Rs 140.

Sugarcane workers, especially women, are also at the mercy of contractors and sugar factory officials. All women labourers this correspondent spoke to mentioned catcalls, harassment and molestation and even rape as being part of the routine.

Most sugarcane workers are beginning the year with a debt. Even if the monsoon stays normal through its course, its benefits in terms of harvestable area under sugarcane will only accrue in another couple of years. Till then, in the absence of any government support, the cane workers will feel the heat of drought, nevermind the rains.

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UNION HOME MINISTER MAKES AERIAL SURVEY, PROMISES HELP Assam flood situation remains critical, death toll rises to 29

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Assam left red-faced as B'desh pic included in flood report to Centre

press trust of india

GUWAHATI, 30 JULY: In a major goof-up, Assam government today included a two-year old world-famous photograph of Bangladesh's Noakhali flood in its interim report on Assam flood to Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh. The report, handed over by Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal to Singh during his day-long visit to survey the flood condition in the state, comprises nine photographs.

Out of this, one is the famous picture of Noakhali flood, where a young boy rescues and carries a baby deer amidst flood water. The picture, taken by wildlife photographer Hasibul Wahab and distributed by Caters News Agency

in February 2014, received global appreciation at that time.

The photo showed the boy, Belal, in his 20s risking his life to rescue the baby deer with waters reaching his eyes.

Senior Assam government officials owned up the mistake when pointed out but tried to shift the blame on "some" DCs who forwarded the picture to the state capital. "It is a big mistake. We accept it. Actually some DCs have forwarded this to us because of similarity with situation in Kaziranga National Park," a senior official said on condition of anonymity.

Another official said residents in and around Kaziranga have been rescuing animals during current wave of flood and this might have "misled" officials to include the picture.

were washed away. The Brahmaputra is flowing above the danger mark at Guwahati, Nematighat in Jorhat, Tezpur in Sonitpur, Goalpara and Dhubri towns. Its tributary Burhidehing is flowing above danger level at

Khowang in Dibrugarh, Dhansiri at Numaligarh in Golaghat, Jia Bharali at NT Road Crossing in Sonitpur, Puthimari at NH Road Crossing in Kamrup, Beki at Road Bridge in Barpeta and Sankosh at Golakganj in Dhubri.



sincerely trying to help the people with our all resources," he said. The worst-affected districts are Lakhimpur, Golaghat, Bongaigaon, Jorhat, Dhemaji, Barpeta, Goalpara, Dhubri, Darrang, Morigaon and Sonitpur. ASDMA said nearly two lakh hectares of crop area are under flood waters, while a number of roads, embankments, bridges and other infrastructure

Nagaon and Kaziranga. "The state government currently has Rs 620 crore under SDRF. I have asked them to spend it without any hesitation. If more fund is needed, we are there and we will help in every possible way," he said.

Around 36-37 lakh people across 28 districts have been affected by the floods, Singh said after a meeting with CM Sarbananda Sonowal and other state officials. Sonowal said 970 relief camps have been opened in which around five lakh people have taken shelter.

"This time the floods are very severe. Hundreds of villages have completely been washed away. Schools, roads, embankments have been either washed away or badly damaged. We are

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GUWAHATI, 30 JULY: The flood situation in Assam remained critical with three more persons perishing, taking the toll to 29 in the current deluge even as Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh made an aerial survey today of the affected areas.

Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) said one person each died at Kalgachia in Barpeta district, Dalgaon in Darrang district and Lakhimpur in Goalpara district.

"I did not imagine that the situation is so grave. I have spoken to the Chief Minister and his officials. The problem is a big challenge," Singh told a press conference after making an aerial view of flood-hit Morigaon,

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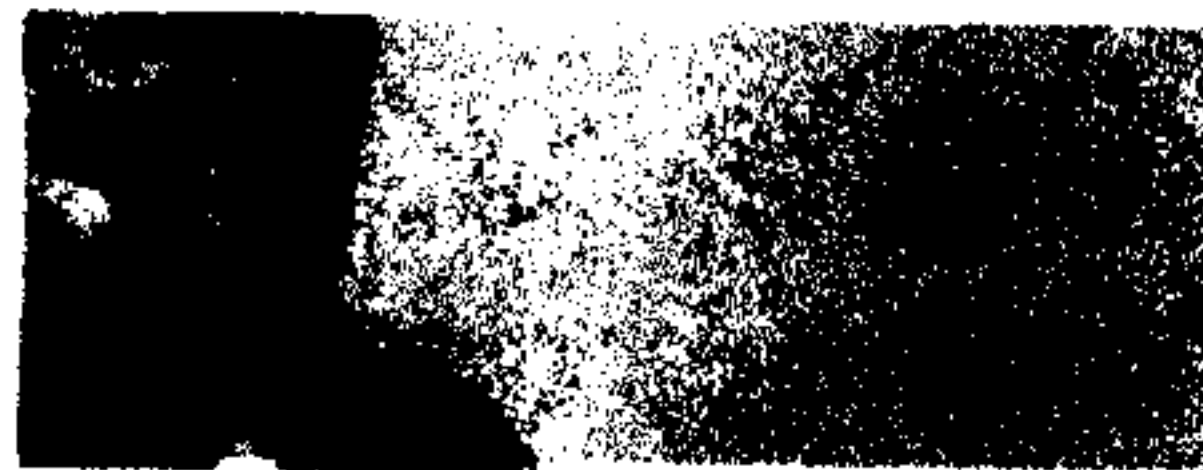
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It was far better in good Gaon days



NARDEEP SINGH DAHIYA
EDITOR, DELHI

This is freshly reminted Guru Gram's first great date to remember, the day the cars stood still. Residents of this promised land will remember it with loathing, and the monsoon will now come with foreboding.

But it wasn't always like this, not in the pre-Y2K years when the silvery manic buses of Haryana Roadways would make it to this sleepy district headquarters from Dhaula Kuan in 25 minutes flat. No matter what.

Here's a perspective on how it happened. Gurgaon is a mostly sandy bowl-shaped region. Monsoon runoff from the surrounding higher ground, essentially the Aravallis towards Faridabad, would drain into Gurgaon. A system of networked drainage channels, punctuated by check dams, would divert the water towards larger ones like the Najafgarh Drain, and the



*** There are plateaus of concrete across the Millennium City that do not let rainwater seep through.**

excess would be gone.

They would say "Jharsa baandh mein paani chadh gaya hai (the water level is rising in the Jharsa dam)", is the childhood memory of my 75-year-old mother who was born in Gurgaon village. She recalls how her brothers would go out to gaze at the yearly Jharsa spectacle. The worst she remembers is "maybe a couple of inches of water" in the outlying fruit orchards of the Gurgaon village zamindars, and that too "wouldn't last a day

before it seeped into the ground".

Now there's no bandhs, no drainage, no checks. There are plateaus of concrete that do not let rainwater seep through. Now there is a new national highway cutting through the cyberhalla of Haryana's "happening city".

The drainage networks have been filled in and built over by the BHK brigades. It's a circulatory system clogged with cement, and it doesn't work anymore.

Worse, the new drains aren't slanted smartly enough to be

efficient at their one job. They don't connect like they should, and, worst of all, even these aren't being desilted.

In the middle of this mess is NH8, dipping, curving, rising though litters of underpasses and service roads. Add to this a vehicular population that planners obviously never saw coming, sprinkle it with lines of generally ill-behaved Kanwaris of the monsoon month, and all it takes is less than 5 cm of rain in a 24-hour period to jam it up.

Gurgaon is a monster already. Yamuna water is being picked up before Delhi and pumped up a slope to quench its growing thirst. Homes are scarce, and murderously expensive. Power supply is erratic and prone to breakdowns. Traffic is a nightmare through the year.

Some years ago, we paid ₹42 every day on NH8 to get to our workplaces and back. That lunacy was wiped away by the tsunami of traffic that Gurgaon suffers every day.

Now there's this. Where do we go from here?

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(Clockwise from top left) A Bodo woman crosses floodwaters along a bamboo bridge; Vehicles move at snail's pace due to heavy rains; a waterlogged Hero Honda chowk; Villagers wade through knee-deep waters; Fire and emergency services rescue people; and a view of a flood relief camp. — PHOTOS: PTI, MANOJ KUMAR, K MURALI KUMAR, AFP.

31 villages submerged, 22,000 affected in Malda

MALDA (WB): Over 31 villages were submerged in flood waters of the Fullara river affecting a population of 22,000 in Malda district, official sources said.

Breach in Ganga

Besides this, the swollen Ganga breached a 2-km stretch of an embankment at Birnagar near Farakka

Barrage leading to repair work on war footing.

Harishchandrapur block 2, Ratua block 1 and Kaliachak block 1 were the most hit by floods and erosion, ADM, Land Reforms, Malda, Kanchan Chowdhury told a press conference.

At least 1,000 families were affected by erosion of the Ganga in Kaliachak 3

block, he said.

Flood shelters

Three flood shelters have been opened and food items are being distributed to the affected people.

North Bengal Development Minister Rabindra-nath Ghosh will be visiting the flooded areas along with District Magistrate Sarat

Dwivedi.

Ms Chowdhury said round-the-clock work is on to repair the breached embankment and protect the Farakka Barrage.

Sarkartola, Meinatola and Chinabazar were the most hit by the swollen Ganga and 100 families were shifted to safer places, he said. - PTI

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Delhi gets record-breaking amount

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Palam Observatory records 144 mm of rainfall in 24 hours; waterlogging seen at several stretch

STAFF REPORTER

NEW DELHI: The Capital has received the highest amount of rain in 24 hours — breaking a 10-year-old record — private weather forecasting agency Skymet said on Saturday.

Palam Observatory recorded 144 mm of rainfall in the span of 24 hours — from 8.30 a.m. on Friday.

Out of this, 80 mm of rainfall was recorded in a span of mere three hours — from 5.30 am to 8.30 am on Saturday. It is the most rainfall Delhi has recorded in a span of 24 hours in the last 10 years, said Skymet.

Ripple effects

The ripple effects of heavy rain were seen across the city as traffic movement was disrupted due to waterlogging. The ongoing Kanwariya movement worsened traffic situation in border areas such as the Delhi-Ghaziabad border on NH-24 and the Badarpur border that connects Delhi to Faridabad.

Traffic movement was particularly bad on busy roundabouts including ITO and Dhaula Kuan. Affected areas included Paschim Vihar, Alakhnanda and Azad Pur, which was also waterlogged. Traffic was also crawling at Mahipalpur Chowk and the Rangpuri U-turn near Radisson hotel.

The ongoing Kanwariya movement created traffic snarls in Shahdara, Azadpur, Kalindi Kunj and along the NH-24.

Traffic movement on roads connecting Delhi and Gurgaon, which witnessed massive jams the past two days due to severe waterlogging on NH-8, was much better on Saturday.

The Delhi Traffic police have been actively tweeting about various jams and waterlogging situations to keep commuters aware.

On Saturday, the maxi-



DOUBLE WHAMMY: Waterlogging due to heavy rain slowed down traffic on Saturday; the Kanwariya movement (below) worsened the situation in border areas of Delhi. PHOTOS: R. V. MOORTHY

imum temperature was recorded at 30 degrees Celsius, four notches below normal. The minimum temperature was 25 degrees Celsius, a notch below normal.

The weatherman has predicted more rain in the coming days.

On Sunday, the maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to hover around 30 degree Celsius and 26 degree Celsius, respectively.

Skymet has attributed the heavy rain to the monsoon trough, which is running in close proximity of Delhi-NCR.

"As we proceed, the monsoon trough will oscillate towards north, while the circulation is now prevailing over Haryana and Delhi. Both the systems will continue to give good monsoon rain over Delhi," it added.



BJP surveys waterlogged city

STAFF REPORTER

NEW DELHI: Several contingents of the Delhi BJP leaders surveyed the Capital's waterlogged areas on Saturday and followed it up with appeals to the government departments concerned to remedy the situation.

North East district in-charge Jayendra Dabas surveyed the Kanjhawala area while the party's national

secretary Sardar R.P. Singh surveyed Pusa Road in Central Delhi.

Complaints

Both Mr. Dabas and Mr. Singh demanded that the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) and the Public Works Department (PWD) get their act together in relation to the waterlogged streets at the locations surveyed by them.

Local Councillor Ashish

Sood lodged a formal complaint regarding waterlogging at the Janakpuri East Metro Station, while former east Delhi Mayor Harsh Malhotra lodged his protest about waterlogging at Mansarovar Park.

The issue of waterlogging between Lajpat Nagar Metro Station and Moolchand was broached in a complaint to DJB officials by former south Delhi Mayor Savita Gupta.

Gurgaon firms scramble as rain hits productivity

SAMARTH SONI

GURGAON: Several multinational corporations and outsourcing companies in Gurgaon suffered losses in terms of productivity and employee attendance this week as a result of the heavy downpour and waterlogging.

For many multinational firms, brand credibility has been severely undermined.

"It is not just a productivity drop. International clients see Gurgaon as a safe place to do work and business," said Harsh Vinayak, senior vice-president of NTT Data. "Things only get worse for us when these problems surface," Mr. Vinayak added.

Flexible timings, work-from-home option

The annual occurrence has now prompted many firms to adopt alternate methods to deal with below-average employee attendance.

"The higher management has been very cooperative and understanding of their (employees) problems," said

Companies search for solutions to deal with below-average employee attendance during rainy season

Megha Jha, an employee at software development and consultant giant Nagarro.

Ms. Jha said that the company's flexible timings have made things easier, allowing staff to leave before 5 p.m. to avoid getting stuck in traffic.

A few firms have also allowed some employees, whose work does not require them to be in the office, to work from home.

"It's been chaos everywhere, but since we have the option to work from home, it hasn't really affected us," said Pooja Chaudhary, an employee at American Express.

Although the efficacy of the Gurgaon Police to manage the crisis has been put into question, thousands took to Twitter to express their support for their efforts.

Meanwhile, the police

have blamed the negligence and inactivity of the municipal administration for the chaos.

"This is a self-created disaster that happens every year. The Gurgaon administration has completely overlooked the problem," said Sanjay Mehta, regional vice-president of the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce.

"If they can't gather funds, private companies would be happy to provide, because this problem affects them as well," Mr Mehta said. In fact, firms like Nagarro have decided to take matters into their own hands to influence change and prevent further business losses.

Nagarro CEO and NASSCOM Regional Council chairperson Manas Fuloria said: "We will run a campaign in our companies to drive better and more sensibly. We are also considering a social media campaign to call out people who are driving on the wrong side of the road."

(The writer is an intern with The Hindu)

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बाढ़ को आपदा घोषित किया जाना हल नहीं : राजनाथ



असम के मोरीगांव में शनिवार को गृहमंत्री राजनाथ सिंह बाढ़ पीड़ितों से मिलने पहुंचे।

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असम में बाढ़ के हालात का जायजा लेने आए केंद्रीय गृहमंत्री राजनाथ सिंह ने शनिवार को कहा कि बाढ़ को राष्ट्रीय आपदा घोषित कर देना समस्या का समाधान नहीं है।

कहा, बल्कि बाढ़ जैसे हालात से निपटने के लिए दीर्घकालिक योजना की जरूरत है। उन्होंने स्वीकार किया कि असम की स्थिति गंभीर और चुनौतीपूर्ण है। राजनाथ सिंह ने शनिवार को बाढ़ प्रभावित मोरीगांव और नौगांव का हवाई सर्वेक्षण किया और बाढ़ में मोरीगांव के राहत शिविर भी गए। इस दौरान उनके

असम की रिपोर्ट में बांग्लादेश की तस्वीर

असम सरकार को शनिवार को उस समय शर्मिंदगी का सामना करना पड़ा, जब बाढ़ पर राज्य की ओर से पेश रिपोर्ट में बांग्लादेश में आई बाढ़ की तस्वीर होने का पता चला। राज्य सरकार ने केंद्रीय गृहमंत्री राजनाथ सिंह के सामने पेश करने के लिए एक अंतरिम रिपोर्ट तैयार की थी, जिसमें यह गड़बड़ी सामने आई।

साथ राज्य के मुख्यमंत्री सर्वानंद सोनोवाल और पीएमओ में पूर्वोत्तर मामलों के मंत्री जितेंद्र सिंह भी मौजूद थे।

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भारी बारिश से बाढ़ की स्थिति गंभीर

मुंबई/पटना, (एजेंसियां) देश के कई राज्यों में भारी बारिश के कारण बाढ़ की स्थिति गंभीर हो गई है। बाढ़ से बिहार में 30 और पूर्वोत्तर राज्य असम एवं मेघालय में कई लोगों की जानें गई हैं वहीं भारी बारिश से मुंबई में जनजीवन अस्त-व्यस्त हो गया है। ठाणे में मकान ढहने से नौ लोगों की मौत हुई है।

ठाणे के भिवंडी कस्बे में एक रिहाइशी भवन के ढहने से चार बच्चों एवं तीन महिलाओं सहित नौ लोगों की मौत हो गई, जबकि अन्य 10 लोग घायल हो गए। भिवंडी की तहसीलदार वैशाली लंबाटे ने कहा कि यह दो मंजिला इमारत सुबह करीब 9:30 बजे ढही। शांति नगर पुलिस थानांतर्गत गैबी नगर में स्थित इस दो मंजिला इमारत में सात से

आठ परिवार रहते हैं। मौसम विभाग ने अगले 24 घंटों के दौरान मुंबई और इसके उपनगरों में भारी बारिश होने का अनुमान जताया है। वहीं उत्तर बिहार की सभी प्रमुख

नदियों के जलग्रहण

क्षेत्रों में रुक-रुक कर हो रही वर्षा से

बिहार के बाढ़

प्रभावित 12 जिलों

में स्थिति अभी भी

गंभीर बनी हुई है वहीं

बाढ़ के पानी से अब तक

30 लोगों की डूबकर मौत हो

चुकी है। आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग के

आधिकारिक सूत्रों ने आज यहां

बताया कि जलग्रहण क्षेत्रों में हो रही

बारिश से उत्तर बिहार के 12 जिलों

में बाढ़ की स्थिति गंभीर बनी हुई

है। उत्तर बिहार के पूर्णियां, किशनगंज, अररिया, दरभंगा, मधेपुरा, भागलपुर, कटिहार, सहरसा, सुपौल, गोपालगंज, पूर्वी

चंपारण और मुजफ्फरपुर

जिले के 62 प्रखंड के

2162 गांव बाढ़ की

चपेट में हैं।

सूत्रों ने बताया

कि दरभंगा जिले के

अलग-अलग थाना

क्षेत्रों में आज बाढ़ के

पानी में डूब जाने से एक

महिला समेत दो लोगों की

मौत हो जाने से मरने वालों की संख्या

बढ़कर अब 30 हो गयी है। बाढ़

प्रभावित किशनगंज एवं पूर्णियां में

सात-सात, सुपौल में आठ, दरभंगा,

कटिहार एवं मधेपुरा में दो-दो और

अररिया एवं सहरसा में एक-एक व्यक्ति की अब तक डूबकर कर मौत हुई है। प्रभावित 12 जिलों के 2162 गांव के 27 लाख 50 हजार लोग बाढ़ से प्रभावित हुए हैं। बाढ़ के कारण इन जिलों में 3.39 हेक्टेयर में लगा फसल नष्ट हुआ है।

मेघालय के गारो हिल्स क्षेत्र में बाढ़ की चपेट में आने से तीन लोगों की मौत हो गई और अन्य दो लापता हैं। बाढ़ का पानी घटना शुरू हो गया है। ब्रह्मपुत्र नदी में जलस्तर बढ़ने से गारो हिल्स क्षेत्र में बाढ़ आ गई थी। पश्चिम गारो हिल्स के उपायुक्त प्रवीण बक्शी ने बताया कि फुलबाड़ी और राजबाला इलाके से आज तीन शव बरामद किए गए जिनमें तिलापारा इलाके की आठ वर्षीय लड़की अतुबा बेगम भी शामिल है।

बिहार
में 30 की मौत, ठाणे
में भवन ढहने से चार
बच्चों सहित 9 की मौत,
मुंबई में जनजीवन
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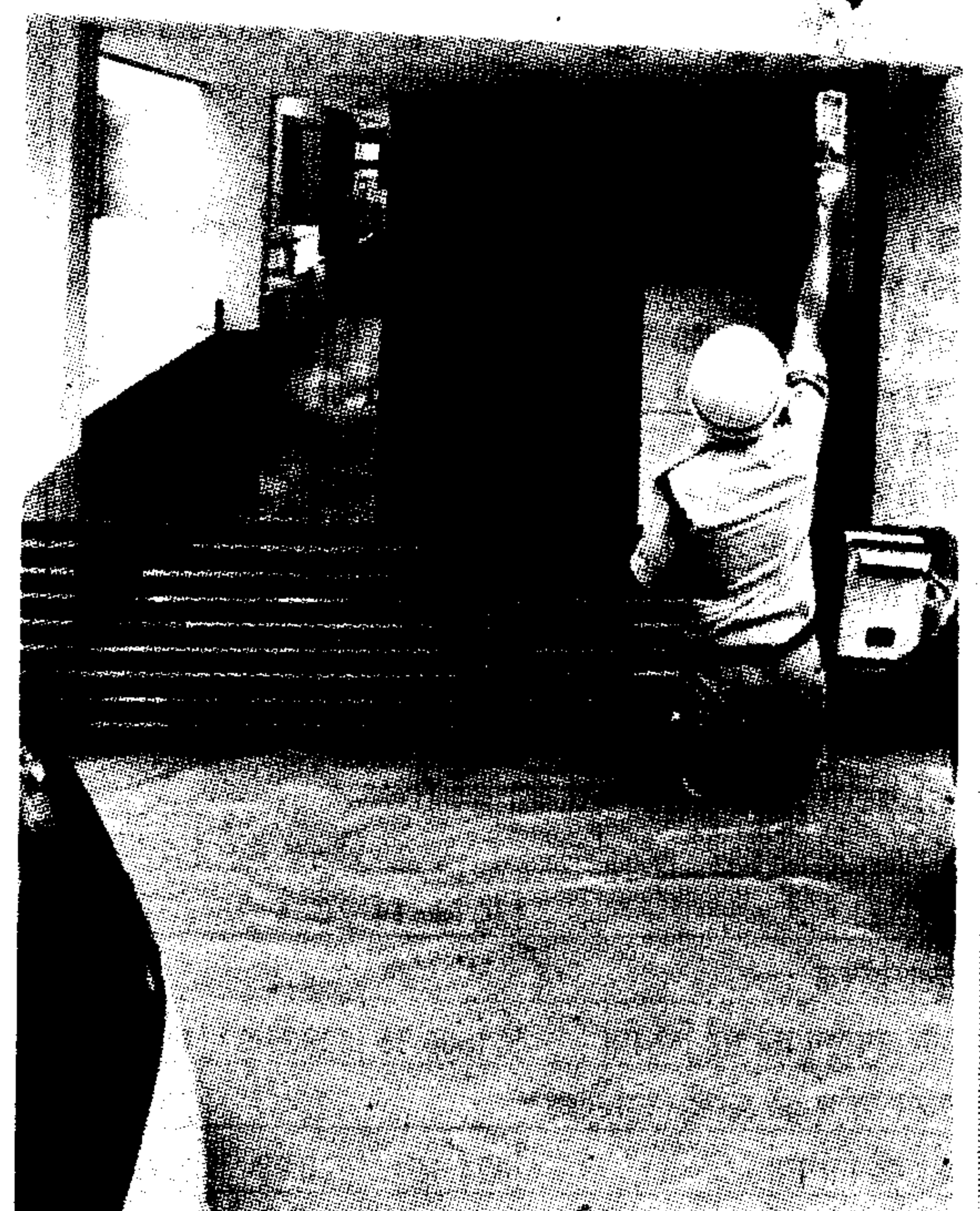
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बेंगलुरु में भी आफत भरी बारिश



गुरुवार की रात से शुक्रवार तक चलती रही बारिश ने बेंगलुरु जैसे आधुनिक शहर की पोल खोल कर रख दी। लोगों ने सुरक्षित स्थानों की शरण लेने के लिए किशतियों की मदद ली। सारे शहर में पॉश कालोनियों तक पानी भर गया और लोग ऊपर की मंजिलों पर कैद होकर रह गए। पुलिस के अलावा विभिन्न आपदा राहत कर्मचारियों ने लोगों की मदद की और उनकी आवश्यकता अनुसार जरूरी सामान पहुंचाया। मौसम विभाग के अनुसार बारिश रविवार तक जारी रह सकती है। प्रशासन ने लोगों को सावधान रहने के साथ-साथ आपदा राहत स्टाफ और पुलिस को भी 24 घंटे अलर्ट रहने को कहा है। सभी चित्र बेंगलुरु शहर में आफत भरी बारिश की कहानी बयान कर रहे हैं।

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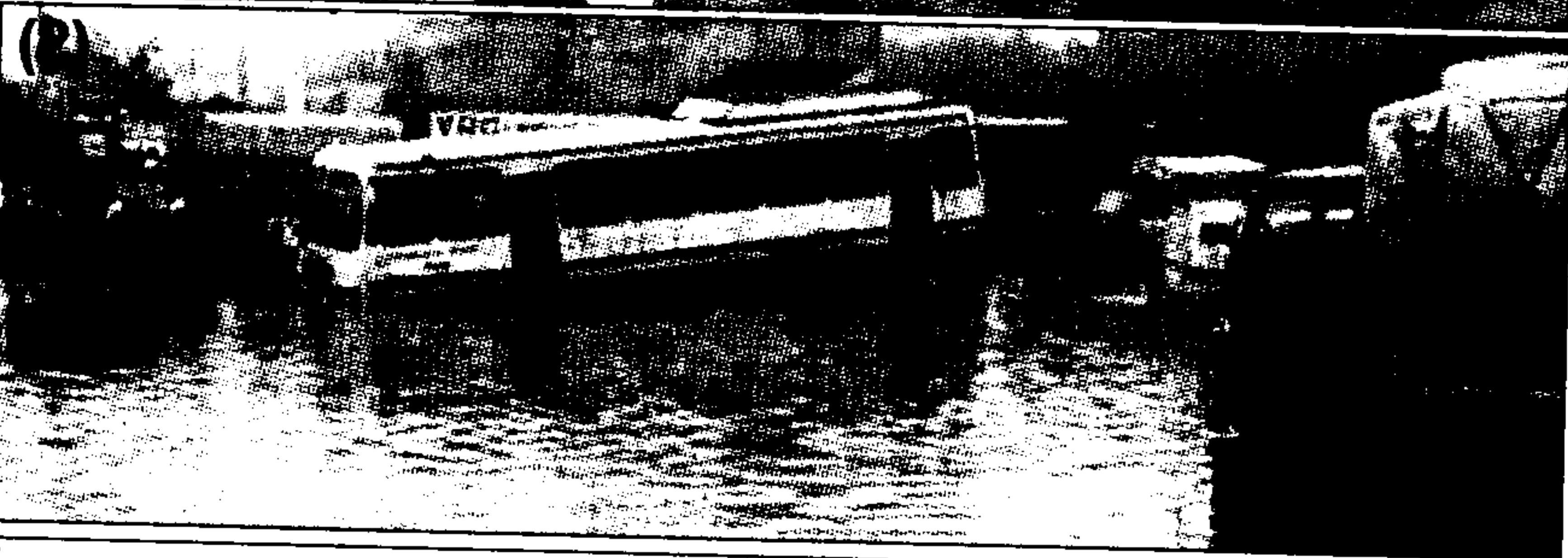
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गुरुग्राम में पानी और जाम से कोहराम

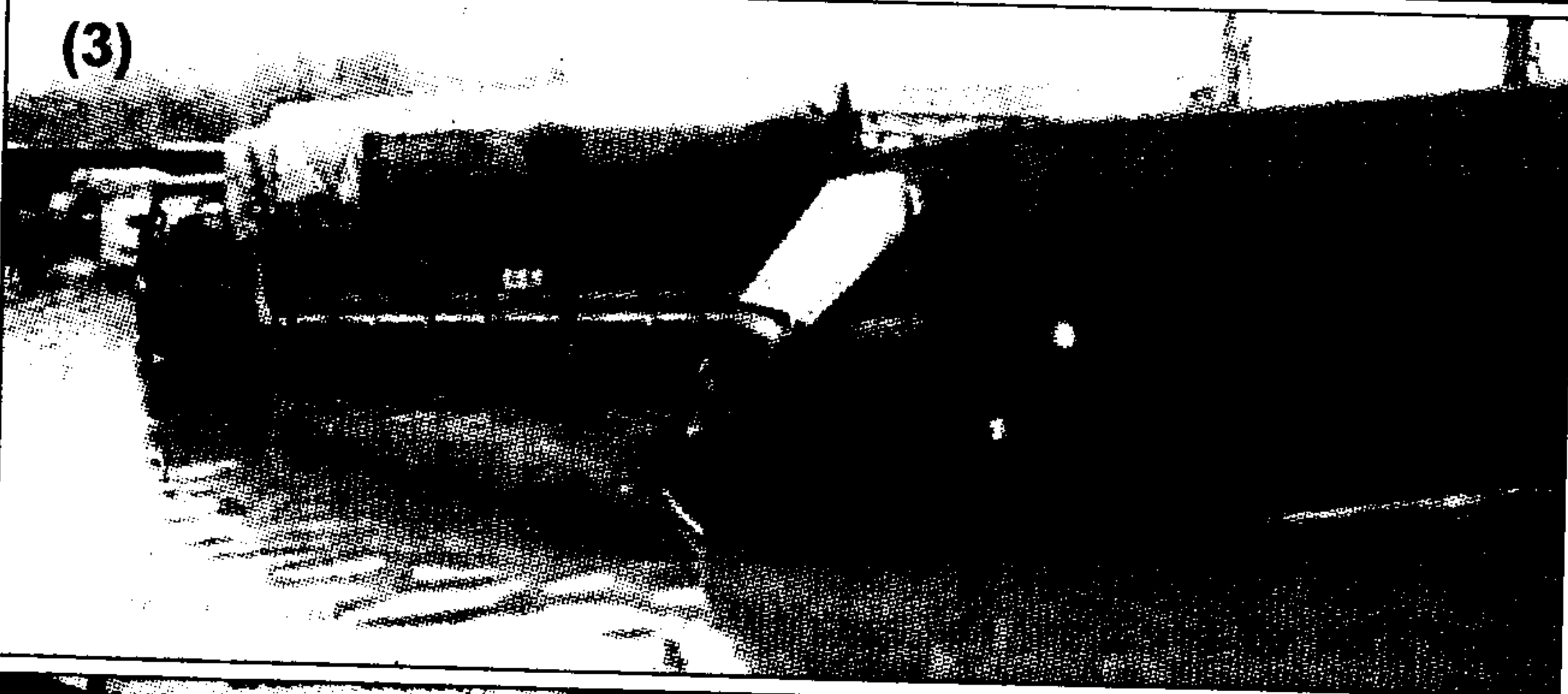
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नई दिल्ली. देश के कई राज्यों में तेज बारिश और उसके बाद आई बाढ़ ने कहर मचा रखा है। उत्तराखंड, बिहार, उत्तर प्रदेश, राजस्थान, कर्नाटक, असम सहित 10 राज्य भारी बारिश की चपेट में हैं। अब तक 31 लोगों को जान गंवानी पड़ी है। असम के 28 जिलों में 26 लोगों की मौत हो गई। उत्तर प्रदेश में शारदा, घाघरा और राप्ती नदियां उफान पर हैं। ओडिशा में बिजली गिरने से 27 लोगों की मौत और 35 झुलस गए।

जाम के चलते पुलिस आयुक्त का तबादला

बारिश के चलते गुड़गांव में लगे भीषण जाम के बाद पुलिस आयुक्त नवदीप विर्क का तबादला रोहतक कर दिया गया। उनकी जगह संदीप खैरवार ने ली है। गुड़गांव तीन दिनों तक लंबे जाम की चपेट में रहा।

...और यहां लाखों जिंदगियां मुश्किल में



दिल्ली में भारी बारिश से जनजीवन अस्त-व्यस्त हो गया। लोगों को रोजमर्रा की जरूरतों के लिए काफी मुश्किलों का सामना करना पड़ा।

असम: खतरे में गांव

असम के 21 जिलों में बाढ़ से 26 लोगों की मौत हो गई, जबकि 37 लाख से अधिक लोग प्रभावित हैं। केंद्रीय गृहमंत्री राजनाथ सिंह ने शनिवार को असम के बाढ़ प्रभावित क्षेत्रों का जायजा लिया।

बिहार: 24 घंटे भारी

बिहार में बाढ़ और बारिश से तकरीबन 27 लाख लोग प्रभावित हैं। मौसम विभाग के मुताबिक, अगले 24 घंटे में बिहार में बाढ़ का कहर बढ़ सकता है।

उत्तराखंड: पुल बहे

बादल फटने की वजह से उत्तर काशी के सभी छोटे बड़े पुल बह गए हैं, जहां अभी तक प्रशासनिक मदद भी नहीं पहुंच पाई। मसूरी में बारिश से शहर की अधिकांश सड़कें टूट गई हैं। टिहरी उत्तरकाशी का मुख्य मार्ग एक हफ्ते से पूरी तरह से बंद पड़ा है।

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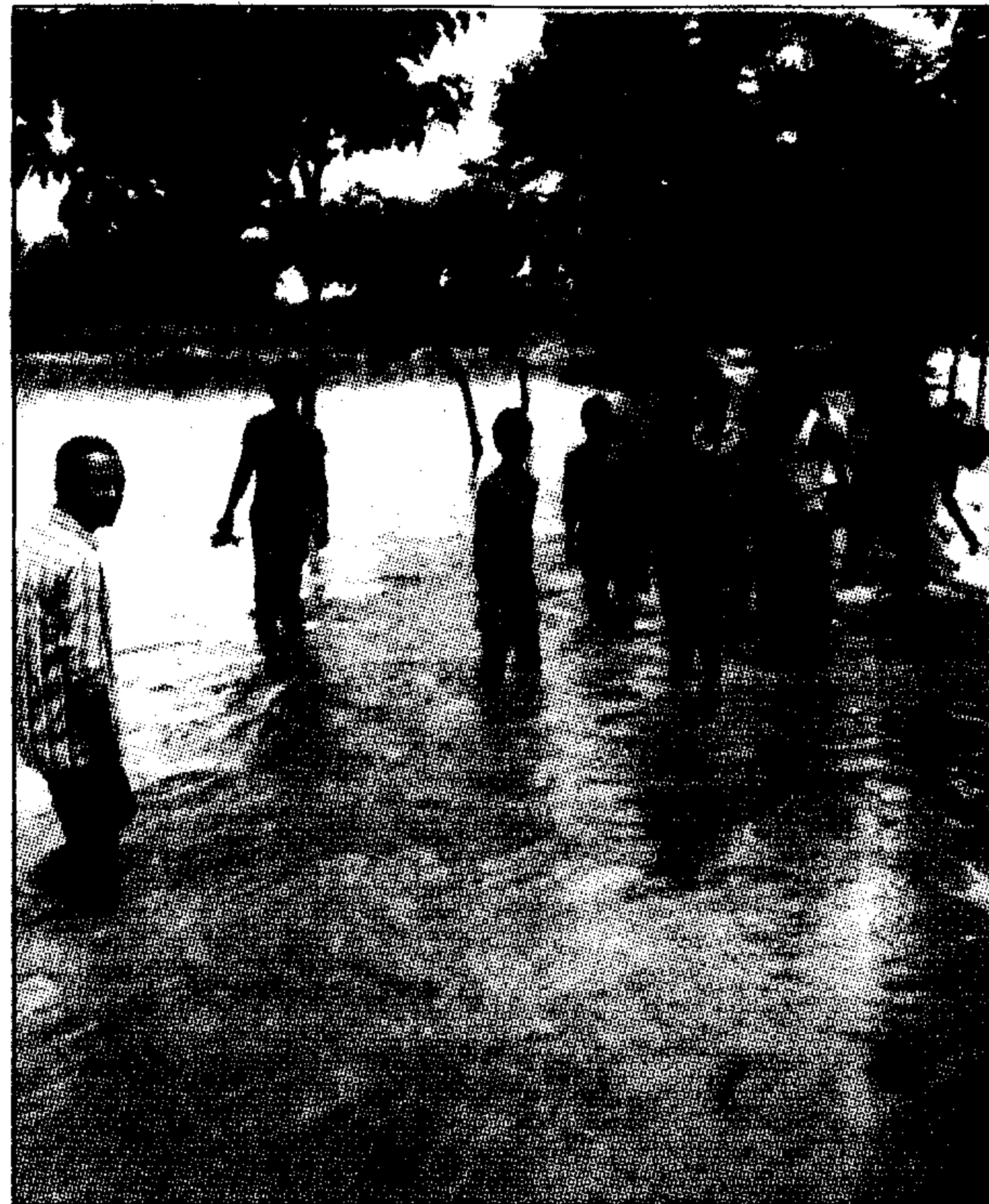
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मोरी गांव में केन्द्रीय गृह मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह असम के मुख्यमंत्री सर्वानंद सोनोवाल के साथ बाढ़ प्रभावित लोगों से मिलते हुए। (मध्य) बिहार के कटिहार जिला में बाढ़ प्रभावित क्षेत्र में हरियाणा के गुड़गांव में महाजाम के बाद अभी भी सड़कों पर पानी जमा है। (छाया : प्रेट्र.)

गृह मंत्री असम में

बाढ़ स्थिति को गम्भीर बताया, किया हवाई सर्वेक्षण

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बाढ़ से बेबस हुआ देश : कई राज्य जलमग्न

नई दिल्ली, (एजेंसियां): भारी बारिश से आई बाढ़ के कारण उत्तर प्रदेश, उत्तराखंड, बिहार और असम समेत आधा भारत बेबस हो चुका है। गृह मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह ने आज असम के बाढ़ प्रभावित क्षेत्र का दौरा किया जबकि उत्तर प्रदेश में उफनती नदियों ने राज्य के मैदानी इलाकों में कहर बरपा रखा है। घाघरा, शारदा, सरयू और राप्ती नदी की बाढ़ से राज्य के सात जिले बुरी तरह प्रभावित हैं। बस्ती, गोंडा, बलरामपुर, सीतापुर नदियां उफान पर हैं। 75 से अधिक गांवों प्रभावित

हैं और लोगों को सुरक्षित स्थानों पर पहुंचाया गया है।

उत्तराखंड में भारी बारिश से सड़कों को काफी नुकसान पहुंचा है और कई इलाकों में बाढ़ स्थिति गम्भीर होती जा रही है। केन्द्रीय गृह मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह ने असम के बाढ़ प्रभावित क्षेत्रों का दौरा किया और कहा कि राज्य की 'गंभीर एवं चुनौतीपूर्ण' स्थिति उनकी कल्पना से परे है। बाढ़ से 26 लोगों की मौत हुई है और करीब 37 लाख लोग प्रभावित हैं। सिंह के साथ असम के मुख्यमंत्री सर्वानंद सोनोवाल और

डीओएनईआर मंत्री जितेंद्र सिंह आदि थे। उन्होंने कहा कि राज्य के पास 620 करोड़ रुपये पहले से हैं और जरूरत पड़ी तो केंद्र और धनराशि मुहैया कराएगा।

उन्होंने राज्य के कुछ स्थानों का हवाई सर्वेक्षण करने के बाद एक संवाददाता सम्मेलन में कहा, "मुझे कल्पना नहीं थी कि स्थिति इतनी गंभीर है। मैंने मुख्यमंत्री और उनके अधिकारियों से बात की है। समस्या एक बड़ी चुनौती है।" सिंह ने बताया कि 28 जिलों में बाढ़ से 26 व्यक्तियों की जान गई है और करीब 37 लाख

लोग प्रभावित हैं। उन्होंने कहा, "राज्य सरकार के पास वर्तमान में राज्य आपदा प्रतिक्रिया कोष (एसडीआरएफ) के तहत 650 करोड़ रुपये हैं। मैंने उनसे बिना किसी संकोच के उसे खर्च करने के लिए कहा है। यदि और धनराशि की जरूरत हुई, हम हैं और हम हर संभव तरीके से मदद करेंगे।"

यह पूछे जाने पर कि क्या केंद्र समस्या को राष्ट्रीय आपदा घोषित करेगा, गृह मंत्री सिंह ने कहा कि समस्या को कोई नाम दे देना मदद नहीं है। सिंह ने कहा, "बाढ़ को

एक राष्ट्रीय आपदा घोषित करना कोई हल नहीं है। हमें यह पता लगाना चाहिए कि बाढ़ क्यों आती है, हमें क्या कदम उठाने चाहिए और हम नुकसान को कैसे कम करेंगे।" उन्होंने कहा, "मैं राज्य सरकार से समस्या पर एक कार्ययोजना तैयार करने के लिए कहूंगा। इसके अलावा बिहार में भी बाढ़ स्थिति गम्भीर है और 2 लाख से अधिक लोग सुरक्षित स्थानों पर पहुंचाए जा चुके हैं। कटिहार क्षेत्र के कई गांवों जलमग्न हो चुके हैं और कोसी नदी बाढ़ का प्रकोप दिखा रही है।

Untamed rivers flow as lakhs take the blow

No let-up in Bihar, Assam House collapse kills 9 in Maha Odisha lightning strikes toll 32

NEW DELHI, JULY 31

The flood situation in Assam and Bihar remained grim today even as a rain-triggered building collapse in Maharashtra's Bhiwandi claimed at least nine lives while the death toll in lightning strikes in Odisha went up to 32 with three more casualties.

In Bihar, where the flood toll stood at 26, an estimated 27.50 lakh people have been affected in 12 districts, though no fresh casualty was reported.

Rivers Ghaghra, Bagmati, Koshi and Mahananda are flowing above the danger mark at several places. The floods have also damaged crops in 3.39 lakh hectares.

Till yesterday evening, floods in Assam had claimed 29 lives and affected nearly 37 lakh people in 3,300 villages in 28 districts of the state.

On the flood situation, PM Narendra Modi on his monthly 'Mann ki Baat' programme said the state governments and the Centre were working closely, making all efforts to help those affected.

In Bhiwandi, nine persons were killed when a building collapsed due to heavy rains while incessant downpour in Mumbai, Thane and Palghar hit normal life. The weather department has predicted very heavy rainfall in Mumbai and its suburbs.

In Odisha, where at least 32 people have lost lives in lightning strikes in the past two days,

heavy rainfall and thunder-shower coupled with gusty surface wind are likely to lash several parts due to a low pressure area over the Bay of Bengal. The meteorological centre in Bhubaneswar said rain or thundershower was likely to occur at most places over north and south Odisha tomorrow. Sea condition would be moderate to rough in south Odisha coast.

While the national capital recorded scant rainfall, neighbouring UP continued to receive heavy rain with many rivers, including the Ganga and the Sharda, flowing near or above the danger mark, creating flood-like situation in several villages. While Baheri recorded 17 cm rain, Palliakalan, Hamirpur and Bareilly registered 14 cm, 13 cm and 12 cm rain, respectively.

In Uttarakhand, five pilgrims were injured following a landslide in Rudraprayag where incessant rain led to blocking of several roads, including the Chardham yatra routes.

Debris falling from hillside has obstructed many routes, including Rishikesh-Gangotri, Rishikesh-Yamunotri, Rishikesh-Badrinath National Highway affecting the ongoing Chardham yatra.

In West Bengal, Darjeeling in the north and the coastal resort town of Digha in the southern tip recorded moderate rains, while the rest of the state received little or no rainfall. — PTI



Villagers move on a boat at Jhargaon in Assam; and (below) rescuers pull out a sniffer dog from the rubble of a building (left) that collapsed in Bhiwandi near Mumbai.

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MONSOON FURY

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Mumbaikars commute in deep water

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MUMBAI: Heavy rain that battered large parts of suburban Mumbai and a landslide at the centuries-old Parsik tunnel left thousands of Central Railway commuters stranded for hours on Sunday, as railway tracks at Thane, Kalwa, Dombivli and Thakruli were flooded up to eight inches.

Suburban services on the mainline came to a standstill between 11.50am and 1.15pm after the landslide, derailing services on the line through the day.

To make things worse, a technical failure at Thane on the transharbour line that runs from Thane-Vashi-Panvel affected services on that stretch from 11.05am to 11.35am.

"Slow services between Thane and Diva were suspended from 11.50am to 1.15pm because of the heavy rain and waterlogging at Kalwa. The services were diverted to the fast corridor and this resulted in 22 full and 32 partial train cancellations," confirmed AK Singh, CR's public relations officer.

The Parsik tunnel, built in 1873, is one of Asia's oldest. Every monsoon, it reports several leakages and the need for immediate repair comes to light. Slums and other encroachments over it, however, have hampered repair efforts, railway officials and Thane Municipal Corporation (TMC) authorities claim. TMC said numerous attempts to clear the area have gone in vain.

Commuters, however, fear this long neglect is a major disaster in waiting. To ease traffic, the usual Sunday mainline mega block was cancelled. But harbour line commuters were faced with blocks between Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (CST) and Chunarhatti.

All trains between CST and Panvel were suspended from 11.04am to 3.49pm.

Commuters on a CST-bound local from Dombivli also complained about mud and boulders entering the train, following which the train was stopped near Kalwa for more than half an hour.

"The rains were so heavy and the winds so strong that boulders started flying into our coaches. Thankfully, nobody was hurt. But it is high time authorities repair this tunnel. Every year, during the monsoon, we have some problem or the other at Parsik tunnel," said Kunika Pardesi, a Kalyan resident.



■ (Clockwise from top) A man wades through an inundated track at Thane station ; A woman stands with her children in a flood-hit village in Bihar's Katihar district; Two children use a country boat to cross the flood water in Assam's Kaziranga National Park on Sunday.

PRAFUL GANGURDE/HT, PTI

Rains cut off Tripura's fuel supply, disrupt life

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AGARTALA: Heavy rains over past three months have crippled National Highway 8, Tripura's only physical link to the rest of India, leaving the landlocked state stranded amid a mounting fuel crisis.

Locally called Assam Road, the NH-8 is now a slushy stretch where trucks carrying essential commodities are stranded.

The state with 37 lakh people is currently getting only half the quantity of goods it needs. This has led to a price rise. A litre of petrol in the state capital costs upward of ₹300, while diesel is above ₹150. There is a shortage of cooking gas as well. LPG cylinders are being sold at above ₹2,500 in the black market.

The petrol crisis deepened on Sunday as four pumps in the state capital remained shut. The state government first resorted to rationing for fuel products and last week enforced a system where vehicles with odd registration numbers will get fuel on odd dates and the even-numbered ones on other dates. The implementation sparked protests, and the plan was eventually suspended till August 1.

Meanwhile, Railways minister Suresh Prabhu assured on Sunday to send fuel to Tripura by trains.

"Tripura is facing a fuel shortage due to the poor condition of the National Highway. In the hour of crisis, we will take steps to arrange railway wagon to transport petrol," the minister said.

27.5 lakh affected by floods in Bihar

PATNA: The flood situation remained grim in 12 districts of Bihar where an estimated 27.50 lakh people were affected, the disaster management department said in a statement on Sunday.

Rivers Ghaghra-Darauli and Gangpur-Siswan in Siwan district, Bagmati-Benibad in Muzaffarpur district, Koshi-Baltara in Khagaria district, Mahananda-Dhengraghat in Purnia district and Jhhawa in Katihar district were flowing above the danger mark inundating 12 districts.

The flood has also damaged crops in 3.39 lakh hectares of land, the department said. Launching large-scale rescue operations, the state government has pressed into service 1,063 boats to rescue people, with 5.98 lakh of them already shifted to safer places.

PTI

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SHIMLA WETTEST: Girls take refuge under umbrellas during heavy rain in Shimla on Sunday. The city was the wettest in the state with 79 mm rain. PTI

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बिहार परेशान...कटिहार में सुरक्षित स्थानों की ओर जाते लोग। 10 जिलों में 22 लाख लोग बाढ़ से प्रभावित हैं। अब तक 26 लोगों की मौत हो चुकी है। कोसी के साथ गंडक, बूढ़ी गंडक, महानंदा नदियों का जलस्तर अप्रत्याशित रूप से बढ़ा है। वहीं, नेपाल सीमा से सटे कोसी बैराज को उड़ाने की धमकी दी गई है। जिसकी सुरक्षा कड़ी कर दी गई है।

बारिश, बाढ़ और बिजली से बेहाल

■ एजेंसियां, पटना

भारी बारिश के कारण शनिवार को भी उत्तर और पूर्वोत्तर भारत में जिंदगी जाम और बाढ़ से जूझती दिखी। बिहार, बंगाल, असम, अरुणाचल के अलावा बेंगलुरु, हैदराबाद, मुंबई और जोधपुर में भी लोग बारिश से बेबस नजर आए। इस कारण से सब्जी और जिंदगी की तमाम जरूरी चीजों की सप्लाई में बाधा पड़ी है, जिससे इनकी चढ़ती कीमतें लोगों को और रुला रही हैं। अकेले बिहार और असम में बारिश जनित घटनाओं से 52 की मौत हो चुकी है। ओडिशा में शनिवार को बिजली गिरने की अलग-अलग घटनाओं ने 30 की जान ले ली।

बिजली ने लीं 30 जानें

■ एजेंसियां, भुवनेश्वर : ओडिशा में विभिन्न जगहों पर शनिवार को बिजली गिरने से 30 लोगों की मौत हो गई। इन घटनाओं में 36 अन्य लोग गंभीर रूप से घायल हो गए। भद्रक व बालेश्वर जिले में बिजली गिरने से 7-7 तथा खोर्धा जिले में 5, जबकि केन्दुझर, नयागढ़, मयूरभंज और जाजपुर जिले में एक-एक व्यक्ति की मौत हुई। भद्रक जिले के विशालपटा गांव में खेत में काम कर रहे 2 लोगों पर बिजली गिरी। बालेश्वर जिले के सोरो ब्लॉक में 3 लोगों की मौत हुई है।



राजनाथ ने असम के हाल का लिया जायजा

गृह मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह ने शनिवार को असम के सीएम सर्बानंद सोनोवाल के साथ नागांव, मोरीगांव और काजीरंगा समेत कई बाढ़ प्रभावित इलाकों का हवाई सर्वेक्षण किया। इस राज्य के 28 जिले बाढ़ प्रभावित हैं, जहां अब तक 26 मौतें हो चुकी हैं। हालांकि राजनाथ ने इस विभीषिका को प्राकृतिक आपदा घोषित करने से इनकार किया। उन्होंने आपदा में मारे गए लोगों के परिवारीजनों के लिए 4-4 लाख रुपये मुआवजे की भी घोषणा की। वहीं पड़ोसी राज्य त्रिपुरा में पेट्रोल की इस कदर किल्लत हो रही है कि यह 300 रुपये प्रति लीटर मिल रहा है।

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Lightning claims ^{31 July} 30 lives in Odisha

SATYASUNDAR BARIK

BHUBANESWAR: Lightning caused havoc in Odisha on Saturday, claiming close to 30 lives and leaving many injured.

Majority of the casualties were reported from the northern districts such as Mayurbhanj, Balasore and

Bhadrak. The three districts together reported 17 deaths.

Eight persons struck by lightning succumbed to injuries in Bhadrak district.

In the neighbouring Balasore district, seven persons died due to lightning strikes since Saturday morning.

Most of the victims were farmers, agricultural la-

bourers and commuters who had taken shelter under trees.

In the Jaleswar area of Balasore, lightning killed two brothers. The duo, identified as Pankaj Kumar Rout and Arun Kumar Rout of the Manakana village, were planting paddy seedlings in a field when tragedy struck.

District administration sources said another two persons, including a woman, who were struck by lightning died on the spot.

Four deaths were reported from the Bhushandpur area of the Khurda district. All the victims were fishermen who had ventured into deep sea.

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Rescuers scramble to save animals in flooded wildlife parks of Bihar, Assam

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PATNA/GUWAHATI: The torrential rains over the past weeks may have inconvenienced many humans, but they've actually endangered animals — even the national animal.

Across the flooded Valmiki Tiger Reserve in Bihar and Kaziranga National Park in Assam, smaller animals are struggling to avoid drowning while the bigger ones like the tiger and rhinos face a threat to their lives from poachers, who take advantage of the situation to hunt them down.

But at the VTR and KNP, dedicated groups of forest guards and amateur wildlife enthusiasts are working round-the-clock to keep wildlife casualties to a minimum and rescue smaller and younger animals which don't

have the strength to negotiate the strong currents and are often swept away.

At the VTR, 50 swimmers employed by the forest department are helping in rescue of wildlife such as hog deer and barking deer, carrying them to dry land. Nearly 400 forest guards are also working with anti-poaching squads, tiger trackers and regular patrol teams, officials said.

At KNP, rescuers are adopting innovative means to help the confused animals.

On Friday, rescuers carefully covered the eyes of a rhino calf with a piece of cloth to prevent more trauma to the young animal during the journey to safety and a shelter. The rhino was separated from its mother and was lost in the surging flood waters of the Brahmaputra.

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■ Rhinos in Kaziranga face a threat to their lives from poachers, who may take advantage of the situation to hunt them. PTI PHOTO

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Assam tries to stay afloat

CRISIS Rajnath surveys flood-affected areas in state; more than 80 deaths in rain-related incidents across the country

Agencies

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GUWAHATI: Home minister Rajnath Singh went on an aerial survey on Saturday of flood-affected areas in Assam, where at least 26 people have been killed by heavy rains, with millions of people displaced.

"I visited certain flood-affected areas of Assam. The situation is grim but CM (Sarbananda Sonowal) and his team are doing well to manage the situation," Singh said after a meeting to review the situation in the state.

"NDRF teams are working on the ground. The NDRF along with SDRF and army have saved more than 6,000 lives in Assam... The Centre is ready to provide all possible help. I have received a memorandum from the Assam government. An inter-ministerial team will visit Assam soon," the home minister added.

Singh also said he had asked the

state government to "adequately utilise the money in the NDRF".

Although rainfall decreased as of Saturday, officials in Assam, a tea-growing and oil-rich state, added water levels across rivers were still overflowing. "Overflowing rivers are flooding new areas, making things worse," said Keshab Mahanta, Assam's water resource minister.

Authorities in the state opened more than 800 temporary shelters and food and medicines distribution centres, a senior official at the state disaster management authority said.

Authorities were trying on Saturday to rescue people stranded in flooded areas after a week of heavy rain killed at least 52 people and uprooted thousands of others from their homes in Assam and Bihar.

In other rain-related incidents, at least 30 people were killed after being struck by lightning in different parts of



■ Villagers carry flood relief items on a country boat in flood-affected Pasahbari, 30 kilometres from Guwahati, in Assam on Friday.

PTI PHOTO

Odisha on Saturday, police said.

Vast tracts of Assam's Kaziranga National Park, home to the rare one-horned rhino, and another wildlife reserve were under water, the state government said in a state-

ment. Forest officials found the remains of six rhinos drowned by floodwaters in Kaziranga, the statement said. Another rhino was killed in another national reserve in the state.

The Brahmaputra river and

its tributaries were overflowing their banks in 18 of Assam's districts, washing away roads and highways and toppling power pylons. Floodwaters entered homes in at least 14 districts, leading to house collapses.

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Floods, lightning claim over 60 lives

NEW DELHI, JULY 30

Rains lashed northern and eastern parts of the country, aggravating the flood situation in Assam, Meghalaya, Bihar and West Bengal, where 34 persons have died, while lightning claimed 27 lives in Odisha.

Floods in Assam have killed 29 persons and affected nearly 37 lakh people across more than 3,300 villages in 28 districts of the state, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh said.

Official reports said flood waters have risen following heavy rainfall in the upper catchment areas of Arunachal Pradesh and Bhutan as well as in the state.

In Meghalaya, three persons were killed and two went missing as floodwaters submerged the West Garo Hills district today. Even as

the back flow of Brahmaputra and Jinjiram rivers has gone down marginally, many villages were inundated due to incessant rainfall.

In Bihar, many rivers are flowing above danger level, as flood continued to wreak havoc, affecting 26.19 lakh people. Two more districts of

East Champaran and Muzaffarpur were declared as flood-hit. Two girls were swept away by waters of Burhidangi river in Kishanganj. — PTI



RAINING MISERY

29

dead in Assam
floods

27

killed in Odisha
lightning



(Left) Villagers wade through a flooded road in Bihar's Katihar, and Home Minister Rajnath Singh speaks to flood-hit people in Assam's Morigaon on Saturday. PTI

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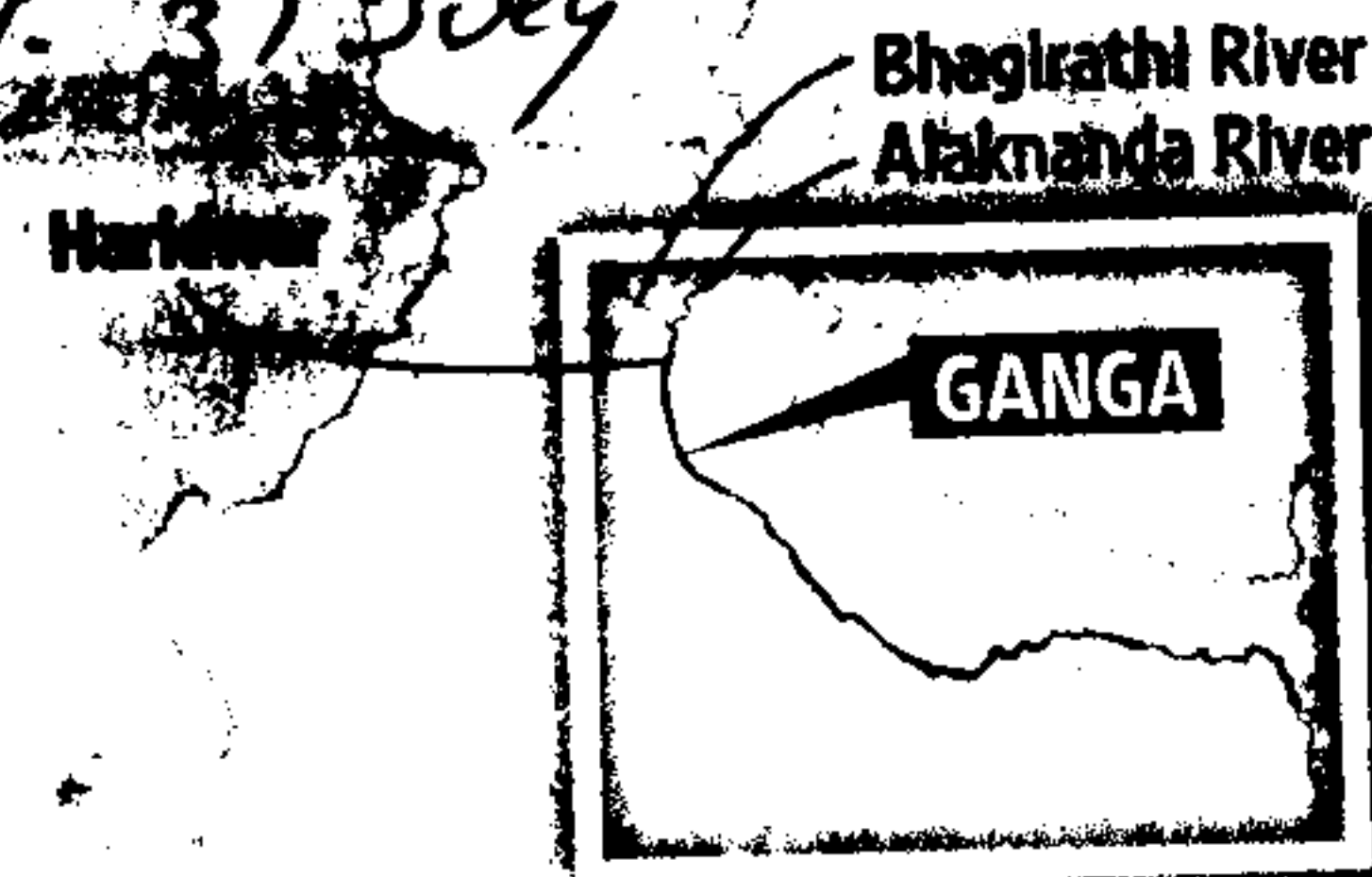
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WHEN GANGA CHURNS MONEY

Rishikesh post office has so far collected approximately 28,000 litres of Ganja Jal, This is enough to make 1.40 lakh bottles of 200 ml each



GANGA JAL RATES

POSTAL DEPARTMENT CHARGES

₹15 for 200 ml

₹22 for 500 ml

PRIVATE FIRMS' CHARGES

₹60-₹120 for 200-250 ml

₹270 for 150-200 ml in designer brass pots

WATER QUALITY

Alaknanda and Bhagirathi meet at Devprayag to become Ganga. The Ganga flows through Rishikesh and Haridwar in Uttarakhand and then enters UP

STANDARD LIMITS

Dissolved Oxygen (DO)
Standard 6mg/L or more

Biochemical oxygen
Standard 2mg/L or less

Total coliform count*
Standard 50 or less

ALAKNANDA RIVER

9.4 mg/L

1 mg/L

0

BHAGIRATHI RIVER

9.6 mg/L

1 mg/L

0

GANGA RIVER at Lakshman Jhula

10.4 mg/L

1 mg/L

26

*Coliform count indicates the extent of bacterial contamination of water. It is taken as microbiological analysis (mpn) per 100 ml.

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Flooding, rain give rise to fear of epidemic in city

Reshma Ravishanker

BENGALURU: The breaching of Kodichikkanahalli lake and the resultant flooding have given rise to health concerns. The fear of an epidemic looms large over the city, doctors warn.

Water-borne diseases such as cholera, typhoid and gastroenteritis are what people should be cautious about. Drinking and bathing in water contaminated with chemicals and microbes may cause a range of diseases.

Viral infection

Dr Ansar Ahmed, medical superintendent, Epidemic Diseases Hospital, said that with the contamination of water, chances of bacterial and viral infections were high.

"Among diseases that could affect people immediately are cholera, acute gastroenteritis and typhoid. It is advisable to boil and filter water before consuming it. Boiling would kill the microbes while filtering it helps do away with the chemical precipitates," he told Deccan Herald. As late reactions, one could have severe asthma or skin al-



A boy tries to swim in the flood water at Kodichikkanahalli on Friday. DH PHOTO

lergies, he added.

Dr Jaikumar from the Public Health Institute said that dysentery could be a common complaint if untreated water got mixed with treated water. "Loose stools with blood and mucus and fever are the symptoms," he said, adding that in the long run, there was also the risk of Hepatitis 'C' and typhoid.

Dr Sudheendra Udbalker, consultant dermatologist, Fortis Hospitals, said that if the moisture remained in the atmosphere for too long, it could result in fungal and bacterial infections. In acute conditions, it could lead to dermatitis.

"Chemicals in the water

What to do?

- Drink only boiled and filtered water.
- Wash clothes and utensils with portable water before use.
- Wear thoroughly dried clothes. Keep feet dry.
- Use hand sanitiser and disinfectants.

could act as irritants. One must look out for symptoms such as white patches between the toes, swollen or itchy skin and consult a professional if need be."

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TIMES NATION | Rain Fur

Rain havoc in eastern India, toll 59

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Delhi/ Guwahati/ Bhopal:

Flood situation aggravated in Assam, Meghalaya, Bihar and West Bengal on Saturday with death toll reaching 32 even as another 27 people were killed in lightning strikes in Odisha.

Assam was the worst affected with the toll reaching 7 even as Union home minister Rajnath Singh made aerial survey of the state's flood-hit districts. "Over 30 lakh people and 28 districts have been affected. The problem is enormous," said Singh, who was accompanied by chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal, among others. "Just declaring floods as a national problem is not the solution. The need of the hour is to find out what measures can prevent such a calamity," he added.

Three deaths were reported from lower and central Assam, in the downstream region of the Brahmaputra. With no rain in the past 24 hours, the situation in upper Assam, located on the upstream of the river, improved on Saturday. Floodwaters receded from parts of Dibrugarh, Tinsukia, Dhemaji, Jorhat and Lakhimpur districts in upper Assam. Around 400 relief camps and 102 highland shelters, housing more than 2.40 lakh people, were in operation on Saturday. Over 1.9 lakh hectares of crop area is still



A cow jumps to cross flood water in Assam's Morigaon district; (right) Home minister Rajnath Singh and Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal visit flood-affected people at a relief camp in Assam's Morigaon district on Saturday

under water, mostly in Morigaon district in central Assam and Barpeta in lower Assam.

Among the downstream districts, Darrang is the worst hit with 1.85 lakh people affected as on Saturday. More than three lakh have been affected in the western districts of Goalpara and Bongaigaon while final reports from two other vulnerable districts, Barpeta and Dhubri, have not yet been received by the state disaster management authority.

Meanwhile, a rhino, which escaped the floods at Kaziranga National Park and took

shelter on a high land outside the protected area, succumbed to bullet injuries on Saturday. The rhino was accidentally hit by bullets fired by forest guards in self-defence on Friday.

In Meghalaya, at least three people were killed and two went missing as flood waters submerged the West Garo Hills district today, an official said. In Bihar, many rivers are flowing above danger level as floods continued to wreak havoc, affecting 26.19 lakh people. Two more districts, East Champaran and Muzaffarpur, were declared flood-hit on

Saturday. An official said two minor girls were swept away by the waters of Burhidangi river in Kishanganj district and their bodies were fished out with the help of NDRF personnel.

In Odisha, eight deaths were reported from Bhadrak district, seven in Balasore, five in Khurda, three in Mayurbhanj and one each in Kendrapara, Jajpur, Keonjhar and Nayagarh, police said. Weather office issued a warning of heavy rainfall in Bhind, Morena, Dattia and parts of Bundelkhand over the next 24 hours.

Rajnath gets Assam report with B'desh pic

Guwahati: In a major goof-up, Assam government today included a two-year old world-famous photograph of Bangladesh's Noakhali flood in its interim report on Assam flood to Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh.

The report, handed over by Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal to Singh during his visit to survey the flood condition in the state. It is the famous picture of Noakhali flood, where a young boy rescues and carries a baby deer amidst flood water. The picture, taken by wildlife photographer Hasibul Wahab and distributed by Caters News Agency in February 2014, received global appreciation at that time.

Senior Assam government officials owned up the mistake, but tried to shift the blame on "some" DCs. Another official said residents in and around Kaziranga have been rescuing animals during current floods and this might have "misled" officials to include the picture. AGENCIES

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B'luru: Rains turn homes to ponds

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: At 4am on Saturday, a loud noise woke up Anand G, a businessman and resident of Kodichikkanahalli, off Bannerghatta Road. The sight was shocking: there was smoke all over and the furniture and electronic items were floating in the muddy water that had seeped into his house.

"My television blazed after the water level rose. The refrigerator, dish washer, music system and three of my cars were damaged. Though the fi-

re department staff and homeguards cleared the streets of rainwater, there's no drinking water or food. We are depending on the food and water sponsored by the local corporator and the packets provided by the firemen," said Anand, who shifted to the third floor with his family.

Kodichikkanahalli has been one of the worst rain hit areas, and the residents are yet to recover from the damage, adding to their woes. They fear more rainfall will worsen the situation.

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Heavy rain brings Vihar close to the brim, pothole woes overflow

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: The city witnessed significant rainfall in the last two days, bringing Vihar Lake barely a metre away from overflow level on Saturday. Tulsi, another lake which supplies water to Mumbai, recently overflowed.

Rainfall recorded from June 1 this year by the IMD Colaba and Santacruz observatories has been much higher compared than the same time last year. According to data from the BMC's automatic weather stations, rainfall recorded on Sa-

'Girl's fatal mishap due to bad roads'

A day after student Prajakta Fulore (16), died on being hit by a dumper in Kalyan, her family said the accident was due to potholes. "We learned Prajakta lost control of her scooter due to a pothole and fell on the road, when she was run over by a dumper," a relative said.

turday between 8am-2pm at Borivli was 41.67mm, at Malwani was 31.75mm, Bhandup 20.55mm, Malad 25.64mm and at Byculla was 22.07mm.

The full supply level of Vihar lake is 80.12 metres and it currently stands at 79.07 metres. Total rain over Vihar lake this year was 2,637.60mm, last

RICH CIVIC BODY, BUT POOR ROADS



A potholed road in Nerul after the early morning showers on Saturday

RAINFALL BETWEEN JULY 29-30 (8.30AM-8.30AM)

Colaba	Santacruz
95.4mm	114.5mm



TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SINCE JUNE 1-JULY 30

Colaba	Santacruz
1,250.2mm	1,606mm

TOTAL WATER STOCK IN LAKES AS ON JULY 30

2016	2015
9.3 lakh million litres	8 lakh million litres
Tulsi Lake overflowed on July 19 this year	
Vihar Lake was barely 1.1 metres away from overflow level, as on July 30	

Pic: K K Choudhary

COMPLAINTS WITH BMC

Potholes reported by citizens in 2016 since the beginning of monsoon

1,959

City Area

652

Western Suburbs

788



Eastern Suburbs

519

Complaints Pending

131

Total potholes reported by citizens in 2015 since the beginning of monsoon

2,239

year so far it was 1,520mm. But the BMC said major lakes supplying water to Mumbai like Bhatsa, Upper Vaitarna and Middle Vaitarna have still received less rainfall compared to last year. For example Bhatsa had received 1,378mm of rain so far in 2015, while this year it has only received 1,234mm.

However, the showers have multiplied manifold the number of potholes reported so far. Once a pothole related complaint is registered, the BMC is expected to attend to it within 24-48 hours, but citizens said the reality was different. Rohan Roy, a resident of the western suburbs, said the road from

Malvani to Madh remains potholed despite complaints. "I registered a complaint on the BMC app a few days back, but the road remains a mess," said Roy. Citizens can complain on www.mcgm.gov.in, the BMC mobile application and the toll free number 1292/1293 or (from MTNL) 022 22691293.

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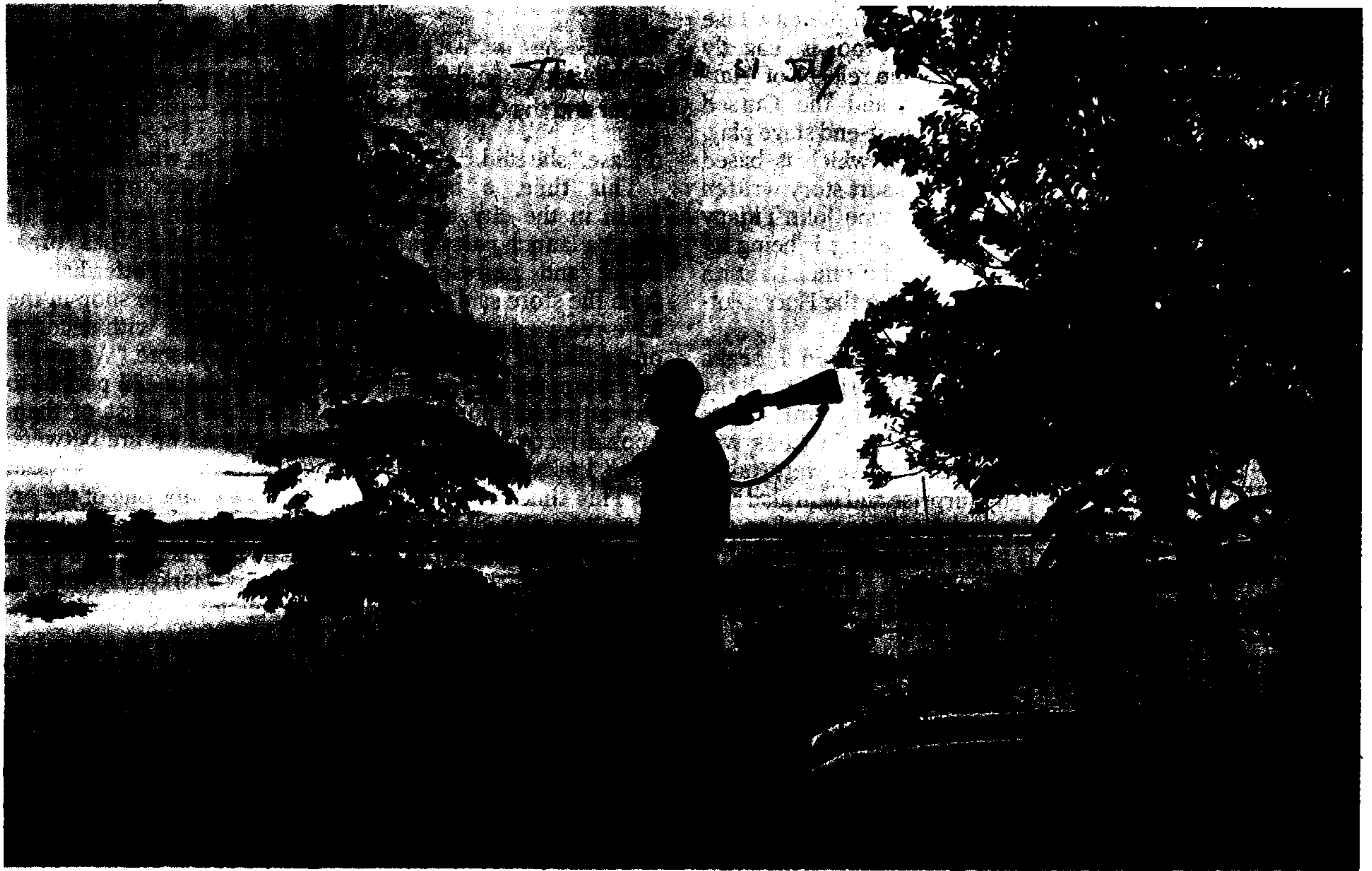
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WATER WATCH: Forest guards keep vigil at the flooded Kaziranga National Park in Assam. Vast tracts of the park, home to the rare one-horned rhino, are under water. — PHOTO: AP

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Cars plough through a flooded street in Gurgaon on Saturday. (PTI)

The Telegraph - 31.7.11 Gurgaon traffic

Gurgaon, July 30 (PTI): The traffic situation in Gurgaon eased today with police officers being deployed at 14 crucial points in the city, including Hero Honda Chowk, to ensure smooth vehicular flow.

Police commissioner Navdeep Singh Virk said there were no snarls in the city but traffic movement was slow. "There is no jam but traffic movement is slow. The ACP and other officers are present on the spot. All mediapersons are requested to cooperate so that there is no panic among citizens," he said.

However, traffic snarls caused by waterlogging were reported from Sohna Road and other major roads. A 5km-long snarl was reported from Badshahpur Vatika Chowk.

Long tailbacks were witnessed on gridlocked roads in Gurgaon over the last two days because of severe waterlogging on NH-8 after heavy rain lashed Delhi's satellite city. Thousands of commuters were stranded and authorities clamped prohibitory orders near Hero Honda Chowk.

Schools were also ordered to be shut down for two days.

Virk said 14 crucial points had been identified on NH-8 and other parts of the city where forces, including SHOs and four ACPs, had been deployed in the west, east and south zones round the clock.

Unplanned urbanisation and encroachments were among the reasons for the severe waterlogging in Gurgaon, Union minister Venkaiah Naidu said. He stressed the need for a crackdown on encroachers of drains, canals and lakes.

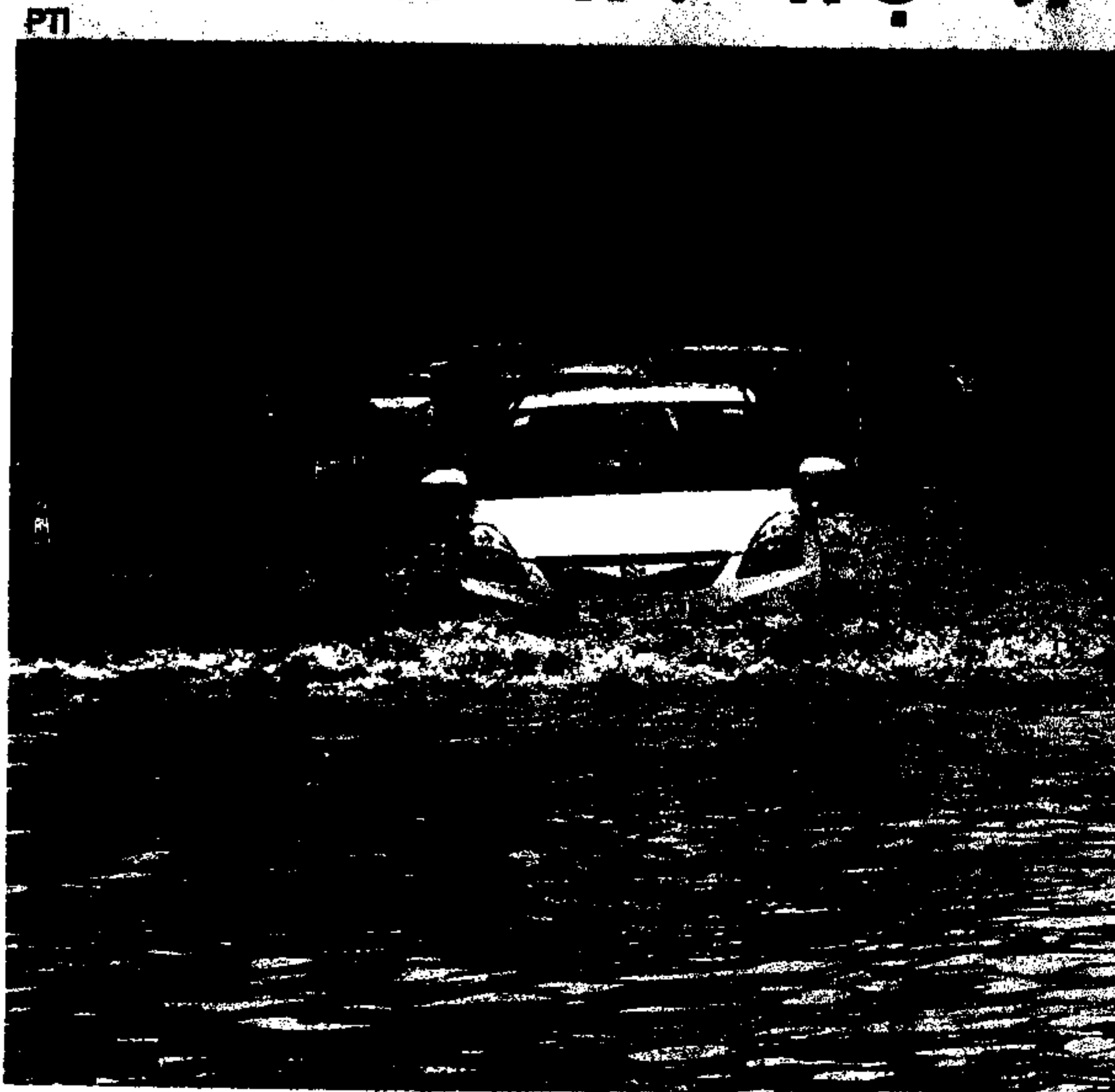
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N.B-7 31 July बारिश और बाढ़ से लोग बेहाल



गड्ढे में गिरा बाइकर, टैंकर ने कुचला

साउथ दिल्ली के वसंत कुंज इलाके में स्मॉल्डर मॉल के पास गड्ढे में भरे बारिश के पानी ने एक बाइकर की जान ले ली। मोहन गार्डन में रहने वाले प्रवीण (45) बाइक से आ रहे थे। उन्हें अंदाजा नहीं था कि जहां पानी खड़ा है, उसके नीचे गड्ढा है। उनकी बाइक उसमें जाकर उछली और वो गड्ढे में गिर पड़े। पीछे टैंकर आ रहा था, उसने प्रवीण को कुचल दिया। उनकी मौत हो गई। इस रोड पर ये गड्ढा पहले से था लेकिन बारिश की वजह से गहरा हो गया है। पानी भरे रहने से गाड़ी चलाने वालों को अंदाजा नहीं हो पाता।

बारिश का रिकॉर्ड : दिल्ली के पालम इलाके में बारिश ने 10 साल का रिकॉर्ड तोड़ दिया। यहाँ पिछले 24 घंटों में 144 मिमी बारिश हुई। इससे पहले 2009 में 126 मिमी बारिश का रिकॉर्ड था। बारिश से कई जगह ट्रैफिक जाम रहा।

असम में 31 मौतें ▶ पेज 15

गुड़गांव : एक्सप्रेस-वे के महाजाम के बाद शनिवार को सड़कों पर रहत रही, लेकिन सोहना रोड समेत कई जगह अब भी पानी भरा है। बादशाहपुर वाटिका चौक पर पांच किमी लंबा जाम लगा। ट्रैफिक संभालने के लिए 14 जगहों पर 24 घंटे पुलिस अफसरों की तैनाती के निर्देश दिए गए हैं। (प्रस)

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Urban deluge

Deccan Herald
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Residents look on as a street in Kodichikkanahalli is flooded on Friday. DH PHOTO/ M S MANJUNATH

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85 dead, 68 lakh displaced as rains pound north & east

Rajnath Singh
undertakes
aerial survey
in Assam

DEVESH PANDEY

NEW DELHI: With the monsoon trough moving toward northern parts of India, overflowing reservoirs and swirling rivers in combination with lightning strikes have claimed 85 lives over the last few days in Assam, Bihar and Odisha, displacing close to 68 lakh people and rendering tens of thousands homeless.

The National Disaster Response Force and State rescue and relief teams evacuated people from the danger zones and moved them to camps.

In Assam, which was the worst-affected on Saturday, more than two dozen lives were lost in the floods, and about 37 lakh people in 3,300

villages were displaced from their homes. Close to 80 per cent of the Kaziranga National Park, home to the one-horned rhinoceros, lay submerged.

Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh, accompanied by Minister for Development of North Eastern Region (DONER) Jitendra Singh and

Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonwal, conducted an aerial survey of the flood-hit areas of the State. In all, 14 NDRF flood rescue teams have been deployed and 64 boats pressed into service in Assam.

Mr. Singh held a review meeting with the Chief Minister, senior officials and res-

cue and relief teams, and promised all help from the Centre.

The swollen Ganga breached a two-km stretch of an embankment at Birnagar near the Farakka Barrage. ADM (Land Reforms) for Malda, Kanchan Chowdhury, told a press conference that repairs were under way on a war footing.

In Bihar, flood waters affected over 26 lakh people in 2,034 villages. Among the rivers flowing above the danger level are Bagmati at Benibad, Kamlabalan at Jhanjharpur and Kosi at Baltara, the Disaster Management Department said in a statement.

(With inputs from Satyasundar Barik in Bhubaneswar, Imran Gowhar in Bengaluru and agencies)

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Life has come to a screeching halt in regions across the country because of incessant rainfall Lives lost Over 85 Displaced: Nearly 68 lakh people	Delhi Highest rainfall in a span of 24 hours in the past ten years (144 mm) was recorded
Assam Dead: At least 29 Displaced: 37 lakh people 14 NDRF flood rescue teams have been deployed and 64 boats pressed into service in Assam	Bihar Dead: 26 Affected: 26 lakh 112 medical teams deployed by State government in flood-affected areas
	Odisha Dead: 30 8 lightning deaths reported from Bhadrak

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नेपाल के कई जिलों
में सोमवार से ही
मूसलाधार बारिश के कारण
आई बाढ़ में करीब 80
लोगों की मौत हो गई है।

राजस्थान में बीते 24 घंटों के दौरान जयपुर के कुछ हिस्सों में भारी बारिश रेकॉर्ड की गई। भरतपुर, उदयपुर, जोधपुर में हल्की बारिश हुई।



अफ्रीकी देश नाइजर में कतिपय जमात घटनाओं में 11 मौतें दर्ज की गई हैं। 80 हजार लोग बेघर हो गए हैं।

NB 7 30. July

महाराष्ट्र से लेकर असम तक पानी ही पानी

मुंबई की स्पीड पर ब्रेक

मुंबई में रुक-रुककर हो रही बारिश ने इस शहर की स्पीड पर जैसे ब्रेक लगा दिया है। बारिश की वजह से मुंबई के निचले इलाकों में 2 फुट तक पानी भर गया है। वहीं लाइफलाइन मानी जाने वाली लोकल ट्रेनों के आवागमन पर भी काफी असर पड़ा है। वेस्टर्न एक्सप्रेस हाइवे मेट्रो स्टेशन के नीचे का पूरा इलाका पानी से भर गया।

मिजोरम में भूस्खलन में 2 की मौत

मिजोरम-म्यामांर सीमा पर न्गुर गांव में एक घर के भारी भूस्खलन की चपेट में आ जाने से एक महिला और 3 वर्षीय उसकी बेटी की मौत हो गई। इस हादसे में 6 अन्य घायल हो गए। इस गांव में चार दिनों से लगातार हो रही बारिश से नौ परिवार दूसरी जगह चले गए हैं।

लोकसभा में उठा मुद्दा

बिहार में अब तक 22 मरे

विद्यार्थी मंच की क्रसबी बेंच में विभिन्न विषयों में उत्कृष्ट और नैतिकता के क्षेत्र में। उनके जगहों पर नदियों के जलमय में बने ही बने। निराला कर्म की गई है। विद्यार्थी मंच में लोग भी उत्कृष्ट कर रहे हैं। यह एक 22 लोगों की टीम है। इसी टीम के सदस्यों को प्रत्येक वर्ष में भारत विविधों में उत्कृष्ट की गई है। विद्यार्थी मंच में अधिकांशों को सफल रहने के निर्देश दिए हैं।



लोकसभा में शुक्रवार को एआईयूडीएफ के राधे श्याम विश्वास ने कहा कि असम में हर साल बाढ़ के कारण गंभीर स्थिति उत्पन्न हो जाती है। इस बारे में केंद्र सरकार विशेषज्ञों की एक टीम बनाए।

चारधाम यात्रा के सभी रास्ते बंद

उत्तराखण्ड में गुरुवार रात और शुक्रवार को भारी बारिश के कारण चारधाम यात्रा के सभी रास्ते बंद हो गए। भूस्खलन और बारिश की वजह से हाइवे के साथ ही पैदल मार्ग भी बंद है।

रेलवे असम को निशुल्क डिब्बे देगा

■ भाषा, गुवाहाटी : रेल मंत्री सुरेश प्रभु ने कहा है कि रेलवे असम सरकार को राज्य के बाढ़ प्रभावित जिलों में जरूरी वस्तुएं पहुंचाने के लिए निशुल्क डिब्बे मुहैया कराएगी। सीएम सर्वानंद सोनोवाल से प्रभु ने यह भी कहा कि सरकार बेकार पड़े रेलवे ट्रकों का इस्तेमाल बाढ़ की वजह से विस्थापित लोगों को सतर्कता के लिए पूरा इन्टरनेट पर निगरानी रखेगी।

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जाम से मिलेनियम सिटी की मिट्टी पलीद

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गुड़गांव और बेंगलुरु देश की आईटी इंडस्ट्री का चेहरा रहे हैं। यहां के लोग किस बुरे हाल में जी रहे हैं, इसका आईना गुरुवार-शुक्रवार को दिखा।

गुड़गांव में महज तीन घंटे की बारिश के बाद लगा महाजाम सोशल मीडिया के जरिये पूरी दुनिया में चर्चा का विषय बन गया।

इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर के मामले में देश के सभी बड़े शहरों का कमोबेश यही हाल है। लेकिन राजनीति है कि रोटी सेंके बिना मानसूनी नहीं।

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मिलेनियम सिटी कहे जाने वाले गुड़गांव के इतिहास में ऐसा भीषण जाम पहले कभी नहीं लगा। गुरुवार शाम को महज तीन घंटे की बारिश और ड्रेन टूटने से सड़कें लबाब हो गईं। करीब 14 घंटे तक गुड़गांव एक्सप्रेस-वे महाजाम का शिकार रहा। राजीव चौक से लेकर हीरो होंडा चौक होते हुए खेड़कीदौला टोल तक हजारों गाड़ियां पूरी रात अटकी रहीं। इनमें सवार भूखे-प्यासे लोगों की पूरी रात गाड़ियों में बेचैनी में बीती। खासकर महिलाओं और बच्चों का बुरा हाल रहा। लोग खाने-

पीने को भी तरस गए। नाइट शिफ्ट वाले ऑफिस नहीं पहुंच पाए। ईवनिंग शिफ्ट करने वाले घर नहीं पहुंच पाए। शुक्रवार को मल्टी नेशनल कंपनियों में लोगों ने छुट्टी ले ली। प्रशासन ने दो दिन के लिए स्कूल भी बंद करा दिए। सोशल मीडिया में जाम की तस्वीरें और खबरें आने के बाद अफसर हरकत में आए। युद्ध स्तर पर काम शुरू किया गया। सुबह 5 बजे स्थिति काबू में आने लगी और 7 बजे जाम खुलने लगा। दोपहर तक हालात सामान्य हो गए। वैसे, हीरो होंडा चौक पर जाम नई बात नहीं है। हर मॉनसून में यहां और शहर के तमाम इलाकों में पानी भर जाता है। ▶▶ पेज 4

गुड़गांव में गुरुवार शाम से 14 घंटे का महाजाम

5pm : राजीव चौक से हीरो होंडा चौक और सोहना रोड पर जाम की शुरुआत।

10pm : लोगों के हंगामे के बाद प्रशासन ने जाम खुलवाने के प्रयास शुरू किए।

2am : एक्सप्रेस-वे पर पानी का लेवल 2 फीट से बढ़कर 4 फीट हो गया।

5am : राजीव चौक से कारें निकलने को दूसरे रास्ते खुलवाए।

7am : शुक्रवार सुबह जाम खुलने लगा, दोपहर तक ट्रैफिक सामान्य।



Sudeshan

गुड़गांव में सोहना रोड पर पानी आने से जाम लग गया। यह सड़क दिल्ली से राजस्थान को कनेक्ट करती है।

8 किमी सादे 14 घंटे में

गुरुवार रात को गुड़गांव में बारिश के बाद सोहना रोड पर जाम शुरू हुआ। लोगों ने 8 किमी सादे 14 घंटे में गुड़गांव में जाम का सामना करना पड़ा। उन्होंने कहा कि जाम का कारण पानी का लेवल बढ़ना था। इस तरह हजारों लोगों को रात भर जाम में फंसा हुआ रहा। अगली सुबह पर जाम का सामना करना पड़ा। किसी तरह द्वाराका एक्सप्रेसवे से गुड़गांव सुबह 7:30 बजे में जाम का सामना हुआ।

सोशल मीडिया पर चुटकी

जाम लगने के बाद गुड़गांव ट्रिक्टर पर टैप ट्रेड्स में शामिल हो गया। सल्लह दी गई कि कैब कंपनियों को कूज व बोट सर्विस शुरू कर देनी चाहिए। किसी ने लिखा कि गुड़गांव में पानी में चलने वाली कारों की टेस्ट ड्राइव हो रही है। किसी ने इसका नाम बदलकर 'गुरुग्राम' करने पर चुटकी लेते हुए कहा कि लगता है प्रकृति भी गुरुग्राम को मध्यकालीन युग में ले जा रही है। (प्रस)

सियासत भी हुई जमकर

जाम शुरू होने के बाद सियासत भी हुई जमकर। गुड़गांव जाम से गुजरते हुए सिटी सीएम मनीष प्रसादिया ने कहा कि गुड़गांव जाम गुरुग्राम रहने से ही विकास नहीं होता। वहीं हरियाणा के सीएम भूपल सिंह खंडहर ने दिल्ली सरकार के रवैये पर नाराजगी जताई और सहयोग न मिलने का आरोप लगाया।

कई बड़े शहरों में मुश्किल

बारिश और जल जमाव ने शुक्रवार को भारत के कई प्रमुख शहरों को प्रभावित किया। दिल्ली-एनसीआर, बेंगलुरु, मुंबई और हैदराबाद में जनजीवन अस्त-व्यस्त रहा। दिल्ली में कई फ्लाईओवरों के नीचे और अंडरपास में पानी भर गया। हाईटेक सिटी बेंगलुरु में झील का पानी ओवरफ्लो होकर सड़कों पर आ गया और लोग सड़क पर मछली मारते देखे गए। ▶▶ पेज 18

इनसे बिगड़े हालात

- मरम्मत के लिए बंद की गई बादशाहपुर ड्रेन बारिश के पानी का दबाव नहीं झेल सकी और टूट गई।
- ड्रेन और बारिश का पानी एक्सप्रेस-वे और आसपास के इलाकों में भर गया।
- कार सवारों में आगे निकलने की जल्दबाजी और 100 से ज्यादा गाड़ियां खराब होने से स्थिति ज्यादा बिगड़ गई।
- हीरो होंडा चौक पर बन रहे फ्लाईओवर से ट्रैफिक निकलने में दिक्कत आई।

ये सरकारी उपाय

- गुड़गांव और दिल्ली पुलिस ने एडवाइजरी जारी कर दिल्ली से आने वाले ट्रैफिक को कम कराया।
- भीड़भाड़ घटाने को हीरो होंडा चौक पर कुछ घंटे के लिए निषेधाज्ञा लगा दी गई।
- हरियाणा के सीएम खट्‌टर ने इमरजेंसी बैठक कर तुरंत उपाय करने को कहा।
- केंद्रीय परिवहन मंत्री नितिन गडकरी ने नेशनल हाइवे अथॉरिटी चीफ को हालात संभालने के लिए टीम भेजने को कहा।

दिनांक ३० जून १९८८ को निम्नलिखित समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित मानसून/ बाढ़ सम्बन्धी समाचार

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ज्यादा बारिश की वजह से लगा जाम

■ विस, चंडीगढ़ : हरियाणा सरकार ने गुड़गांव में जाम की वजह ज्यादा बारिश को बताया। ट्रैफिक मैनेजमेंट के लिए स्टेट डिजास्टर रेस्पॉन्स फोर्स और इंडियन रिजर्व बैटलियन की एक-एक कंपनी के अलावा होमगार्ड के 250 जवान गुड़गांव की सड़कों पर उतारे गए।

मुख्य सचिव डी. एस. ठेसी ने कहा कि हालात गंभीर इसलिए बने क्योंकि भारी बारिश से बादशाहपुर ड्रेन ओवरफ्लो हो गई। एनएच-8 पर हीरो होंडा चौक के पास एक फ्लाईओवर बन रहा है। इस कारण ट्रैफिक को साइड लेन से निकाला जा रहा था। भारी जलभराव की वजह से कई गाड़ियां फंस गईं। पानी की निकासी के लिए काम कर रहे चार



पंप नाकाफ़ी रहे। बादशाहपुर ड्रेन ओवरफ्लो होने के कारण के बारे में पूछने पर बताया गया कि इस बात की जानकारी नहीं है कि दिल्ली एरिया में बादशाहपुर ड्रेन की सफाई की क्या स्थिति है पर गुड़गांव के हिस्से में इस ड्रेन की नियमित सफाई होती है।

गुड़गांव जिला प्रशासन के प्रवक्ता के मुताबिक, भारी बारिश और दिल्ली से गुड़गांव की तरफ बारिश का पानी आने के कारण यह स्थिति बनी। इसके अलावा, पिछले 12 घंटों से विभिन्न चौराहों और जगहों पर कारों के बंद होने से सड़कों पर हालात खराब हुए। भारी बारिश के मद्देनजर अगले 15 दिनों में एहतियात के तौर पर उपायुक्त टी. एल. सत्यप्रकाश ने सभी सिविक एजेंसियों को अलर्ट रहने के निर्देश दिए हैं।

मुख्य सचिव ने बताया कि अगले तीन दिनों के लिए फ्लैश फ्लड मैनेजमेंट वर्क किया जाएगा। सभी संबंधित इंजीनियर्स को दिशा-निर्देश दिए गए हैं। सभी ऐसे अतिक्रमणों को हटाने के लिए कहा गया है, जिससे पानी निकासी में दिक्कत आ रही है। नगर निगम आयुक्त को कहा गया है कि सितंबर के अंत तक ट्रैफिक मैनेजमेंट के लिए पर्याप्त संख्या में होमगार्ड की तैनाती की जाए, ताकि पूरे शहर में ट्रैफिक जाम की स्थिति से निपटने का प्रबंध किया जा सके। मुख्य सचिव डी. एस. ठेसी ने बताया कि गुरुवार शाम सात बजे सरकार को जानकारी मिली थी कि भारी बारिश की वजह से गुड़गांव में ट्रैफिक जाम के हालात बन गए हैं।

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19 lakh people affected

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State reels under flood fury

GUWAHATI, July 29: Assam continued to be ravaged by flood today as an estimated 19 lakh people were affected in the State due to heavy rainfall and swelling of rivers triggered by incessant rains in upper catchment areas of Arunachal Pradesh and Bhutan.

The worst affected districts are Lakhimpur, Golaghat, Bongaigaon, Jorhat, Dhemaji, Barpeta, Goalpara, Dhubri, Dar-

rang, Morigaon and Sonitpur, the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) said.

The other affected districts are Sivasagar, Kokrajhar, Dibrugarh, Goalpara, Tinsukia, Biswanath, Nalbari, Baksa, Udalguri, Kamrup (M), Chirang, Kamrup and South Kamrup, the ASDMA added.

The Brahmaputra is flowing above the danger mark at Guwahati, Neamatighat in Jorhat,

Tezpur in Sonitpur, Goalpara and Dhubri towns.

To provide succour to the affected people, relief has been distributed as per requirement in all the flood affected districts and funds for providing relief have been placed with the district administrations in advance.

The NDRF, SDRF and the Army are helping the district administration in evacuating the affected population to safe places. A total of 19 lakh peo-

ple were directly or indirectly affected by floods.

State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) teams, with deep divers, have also been attached to the 27 fire stations of the State.

Meanwhile, eight rhino cubs, displaced and separated from their mothers, were rescued by the Kaziranga National Park and Centre of Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation (CWRC) team. — PTI

Overnight rain hits normal life in Mumbai

MUMBAI: Heavy rains lashed Mumbai late on Thursday night, slowing down the early morning and peak hour rail, road and air traffic in the commercial capital and its suburbs.

Traffic jams were reported from arterial roads like Western Express Highway, Eastern Express Highway and Jogeshwari-Vikhroli Link Road as people struggled to get to work.

Services of the Central Railway (CR) and Western Railway (WR) were delayed by 10 to 15 minutes in the morning, though was resorted to normalcy by afternoon.

The CR's Trans-Harbour services were the worst-hit among the four lines.

Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport (CSIA) experienced delays up to 20 minutes in take-offs and landings of flights.

There were reports of heavy rain in Mumbai and the three adjoining districts of Thane, Palghar and Raigad.

The fresh spell of rain started on Thursday evening.

However, it intensified around midnight and continued till the early hours - resulting in water-logging at several parts of low-lying areas of Mumbai like Sion, King's Circle, Andheri Subway and Kurla.

The Regional Meteorological Observatory predicted heavy rain for the next 48 hours for the city and the Konkan coast.

"Heavy to very heavy rainfall is likely to occur at isolated places in districts of North Konkan during 96 hours in South Konkan-Goa during the next 120 hours," the weathermen said, predicting a wet weekend.

"The rain can be attributed to a cyclonic circulation which is currently over South Gujarat and its adjoining areas. This weather system has also activated the offshore trough running along the West Coast further enhancing the ongoing Mumbai rain," according to skymetweather.com.

Mumbai and its suburban areas received over 80 mm rainfall in the last 36 hours, according to data collected from R M C - I M D , skymetweather.com and the Mumbai corporation.

The Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) used pumps to prevent water-logging in some places.

A man was crushed as a tree fell over the car he was seated in Malad western suburbs.

Two cars, including the one occupied by the victim, were crushed and two others were damaged in the incident.

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Heavy rain lashes Delhi

NEW DELHI, PTI: Heavy rain lashed the national capital on Friday, bringing down the maximum temperature to five notches below normal even as high humidity levels and traffic snarls troubled Delhiites.

The Safdarjung observatory, the reading of which is considered the official figure for the city, recorded 10.1 mm rainfall between 8.30 am and 5.30 pm.

Weather stations at Palam, Ridge, Ayanagar and Lodhi Road recorded 64 mm, 10.2, 14.4 and 41 mm rainfall, respectively, during the same period. The maximum temperature was recorded at 29.5 degrees Celsius, five notches below the season's average.

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Rajnath to conduct aerial survey

Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh will undertake an aerial survey of flood-affected areas of Nagaon, Morigaon and Kaziranga in Assam on Saturday.

He will also be visiting Bhagatgaon camp of flood-affected residents in Morigaon district, an official statement said. Singh will hold a meeting with Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and other state government Officers in Guwahati before returning to Delhi.

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The calves were separated during the floods from the mighty Brahmaputra that sub-

merged into the Assam River. The cubs were trapped in a fence near a village and were trying to flee. The CWRC teams rescued them and transported them to the CWRC ICU ward, said Rajin Barman, the director of CWRC.

The ASDMA has opened a round-the-clock Control Room with phone numbers 1070, 1079 (Toll-free) and 0361-2237011 (Landline) for any information and assistance.

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Relief camps

Authorities have opened 70 relief camps and distribution centres, where almost 2.3 lakh people are sheltered across the districts, the ASDMA said.

2.13 lakh hectares of agricultural area has been inundated besides washing away several roads, embankments, bridges and other infrastructure facilities.

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Troublemakers during bandh will be dealt with sternly: minister

RAF, BSF deployed in four North-Karnataka districts

BENGALURU: Home Minister G Parameshwara on Friday said strict action will be taken against those who try to take law into their hands on the pretext of observing Karnataka bandh on the issue of the Mahadayi river water sharing.

"The police have been directed to take strict action against those who indulge in violence and cause inconvenience to public during the bandh. We will not tolerate public nuisance. Security has been beefed up in sensitive districts of Belagavi, Dharwad, Haveri and Gadag," he told reporters here.

Two battalions of Rapid Action Force (RAF) and Border Security Force (BSF) have been deployed in the four districts to maintain law and order. Three Additional Director Generals of Police Raghavendra H Auradkar, Bhaskar Rao and Kamal Pant have been entrusted with the responsibility of monitoring law and order in the four districts. The police



Rapid Action Force personnel take out a march in Hubballi on Friday on the eve of Karnataka bandh against the Mahadayi Water Disputes Tribunal's interim order. DH PHOTO

have taken 56 persons into preventive custody in Belagavi and 36 persons in Hubballi, the Minister said.

Asked whether the Congress would support the bandh call, Parameshwara, who is also the state Congress

president, said the party will support any peaceful protest that is in the interest of the state.

"We will support peaceful protest that is in the interest of the state. It is the right of every citizen to protest if there is any injustice. But we don't support violence," he added.

He said the government will not declare holiday for schools and colleges in view of the bandh. But the deputy commissioners of districts will be authorised to take an appropriate decision based on the local situation.

122 arrested

The police have arrested 122 people and slapped 14 cases in connection with violent protests in Gadag, Hubballi-Dharwad, Haveri and Belagavi on Thursday against the Mahadayi Water Disputes Tribunal's order rejecting the state's interim plea.

In Navalgund and Nargund, the protesters damaged government offices and set many government vehicles on fire. Damage to public property in Navalgund alone is estimated to be Rs 70 lakh.

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Vehicles piled up below the underbridge in Betageri, following heavy rains in Gadag on Friday afternoon. (Right) Water was released in the Chikkadevaraya canal near K Shettahalli in Srirangapatna taluk, Mandya district, on Friday. DH PHOTOS

Moderate to heavy rains in many parts of state

BENGALURU, DHNS: Several parts of the state received moderate to heavy rains late on Thursday night and on Friday morning.

Though no casualties were reported, normal life has come was disrupted in many districts.

Gadag district has been receiving good rains for the past couple of days. Ron and Shirahatti taluks have also received good rains. The district received 53.4 mm rainfall on Friday.

The skies were overcast since morning and opened up in the afternoon. Most of the low-lying areas were inundated and normal life came to a halt. Motorists had to negotiate heavy rain, accompanied with gusty winds.

Several parts of Ballari district have received good rains.

Hosapete and Hagaribommanahalli received continuous rains from Thursday night to Friday morning.

Power supply was disrupted for several hours. Rains receded in Uttara Kannada district on Friday. It drizzled in Bhatkal, Honnavar and Kumata for some time. Though a cloudy atmosphere prevailed in most parts of the district, it did not rain.

Heavy rains lashed Raichur city and other parts of the district late on Thursday night and on Friday morning. Lingsugur, Sindhanur, Manvi, Deodurg, Siravar, Hutti, Balaganur, Devasugur and Shaktinagar in the district received good showers.

Active in Davangere

Monsoon gained momentum

in Davangere and Chitradurga districts on Friday. Various villages and towns in both the districts received moderate to heavy rains in the last 24 hours.

Though rain disrupted normal life in city forcing people to remain indoors, it brought much sought after relief to the farming community. Rain lashed parts of Dakshina Kannada on Friday morning. In the last 24 hours, the district received an average of 13.4 mm rainfall. Kodagu district received an average of 16.71 mm rainfall. The water-level in Harangi reservoir stood at 2,857.91 feet. The inflow of water was 1,910 cusecs while 1,667 cusecs water is released into the river.

Water released to canals

Water was released into all the

canals in Srirangapatna taluk, Mandya district, from Krishnarajasagar (KRS) reservoir, on Thursday, bringing cheers among the farming fraternity.

Approximately 4,500 cusecs of water is being released into the canals. The Visvesvaraya canal has received 2,998 cusecs and the LBLI canal the lowest of 58 cusecs. The Chikkadevarayasagar and Virija canals, said to be 350 years old, have seen water after a year as upgradation works were under progress. Since the sub-canals too were cemented, the water released flowed to a distance of 25 km in just 24 hours.

Moderate to heavy rains lashed various parts of Shivamogga district on Friday. Hosanagar, Shivamogga, Thirthahalli and Bhadravathi received rains intermittently

throughout the day. Shikaripur, Sagar and Sorab received moderate rains. The water-level in Linganamakki dam rose to 1,780.35 feet against the maximum level of 1,819 feet. The inflow of water was 2,121 cusecs.

Highest in Mysuru

Heavy rains that pounded Mysuru city and the surrounding areas on Thursday evening. The city has received 105.3 mm rainfall on Thursday, highest in the season so far.

The rains that continued to pour the whole night left several low-lying areas inundated and trees uprooted at many places. Rainwater gushed into hundreds of houses at Kanakagiri, Vidyananyapuram, Dharam Singh Colony in JP Nagar, Devaraj Urs Colony and other places.

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July registers excess rainfall

DC - 28 July

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 29

With more than the month's normal of 18 cm of rain, Hyderabad has registered surplus rains in July. Moderate to heavy rains in the last week of the month ensured that the city crossed the average by 16 per cent (as on Friday).

The Met department meanwhile has predicted heavy rain at isolated places in all 10 districts of Telangana up to August 2.

The Southwest Monsoon has been active over the state from July 11 with Adilabad in Telangana received the highest rainfall since the start of monsoon, recorded 30 per cent well above normal. Karimnagar stands second with 26 per cent excess rainfall followed by Khammam (22 per cent).

After a day's break, the rains were back on Friday in Hyderabad with Somajiguda, Panjagutta and Begumpet witnessing heavy drizzles. Heavy rains lashed the twin cities in the evening, during the rush hour.

The Begumpet observatory recorded 4 mm of rain from 8.30 am to 8.30 pm on Friday. But checks of the Telangana State Planning and Development department measured that the northern side of Hyderabad received below 3 mm.



Officials restrain the crocodile that was rescued at the Water Board office near the Manjeera wildlife sanctuary. The reptile was later released into the river.

CROCODILE AT WATER BOARD OFFICE

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 29

Forest department officials rescued a 8.5 feet mugger crocodile on Friday which had settled down close to a water pipeline located near the Hyderabad Water Board building which is located close to the Manjeera wildlife sanctuary that is home to nearly 500 crocodiles.

Sanctuary forest range officer Bachi Reddy said, "It took us about two hours to rescue the crocodile, we released it back into the Manjeera

river. The river is dry, and the crocodile may have reached the office whose premises was filled with water following rain."

The forest department has been regularly getting reports of crocodiles found in agricultural fields close to human habitations and even in canals in villages far away from the river from the start of this year.

Not much has changed since onset of southwest monsoon this year for the around 500 crocodiles which have been jostling for food and space in Manjeera river due to poor inflow of water.

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Lakes flow into homes as rain pelts B'luru

Motorists Held Up For Hours, More Showers Likely

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Bengaluru: Several densely populated neighbourhoods in Bengaluru's IT hub woke up at dawn on Friday to find the deluge from four consecutive nights of rain flooding not only roads, but also their houses. With residents stranded, the fire brigade deployed at least 100 men and 10 boats for evacuation of the affected areas in south and south-east Bengaluru.

At least five lakes between Bannerghatta Road and HAL Airport Road overflowed, turning thoroughfares into canals. The storm water drains leading to the Madivala, Hulimavu, Yemalur, Bellandur and Akshaynagar lakes were in spate well before dawn. In the worst-affected areas of Kodichikkanahalli, Akshayanagar, Arakere Layout, Yemalur and Kariyammanna Agrahara, houses got submerged as flood waters rose up to 10 feet.

The situation had begun to deteriorate on Thursday itself as the affected areas found themselves in knee-deep waters. The level kept rising as the rain intensified past midnight. At least 150 houses in Kodichikkanahalli (behind IIM) had fallen un-

ROWING TO THEIR RESCUE: Firemen in boats supply food and water to people marooned after the deluge

der 7 feet of water by dawn. Thankfully, firemen had arrived by then. However, in other areas, several commuters, especially office-goers, remained stuck on water-undated roads for hours on end. There were several complaints that commutes as short as half-hour-long took up to four hours.

There were several reports of vehicle breakdown, while residents of many areas could not as much as step out of their apartments. As many as 10 trees were uprooted in several, while the collapse of a compound wall at an IAF facility damaged seven vehicles. The rain has again exposed the creaking

road infrastructure in the city, often referred to as the Silicon Valley of India.

The IMD recorded a rainfall of 41.8mm in the city between 8.30am on Thursday and Friday, and 70.6mm at the HAL airport station. The rainfall recorded at the HAL Airport station was the highest for July in 68 years, said officials. And the misery is far from over. The weatherman has predicted similar showers over the next three days. Karnataka CM K Siddaramaiah, who is visiting his ailing son in Belgium, directed mayor B N Manjunath Reddy to attend to the problems of residents in rain-affected areas.



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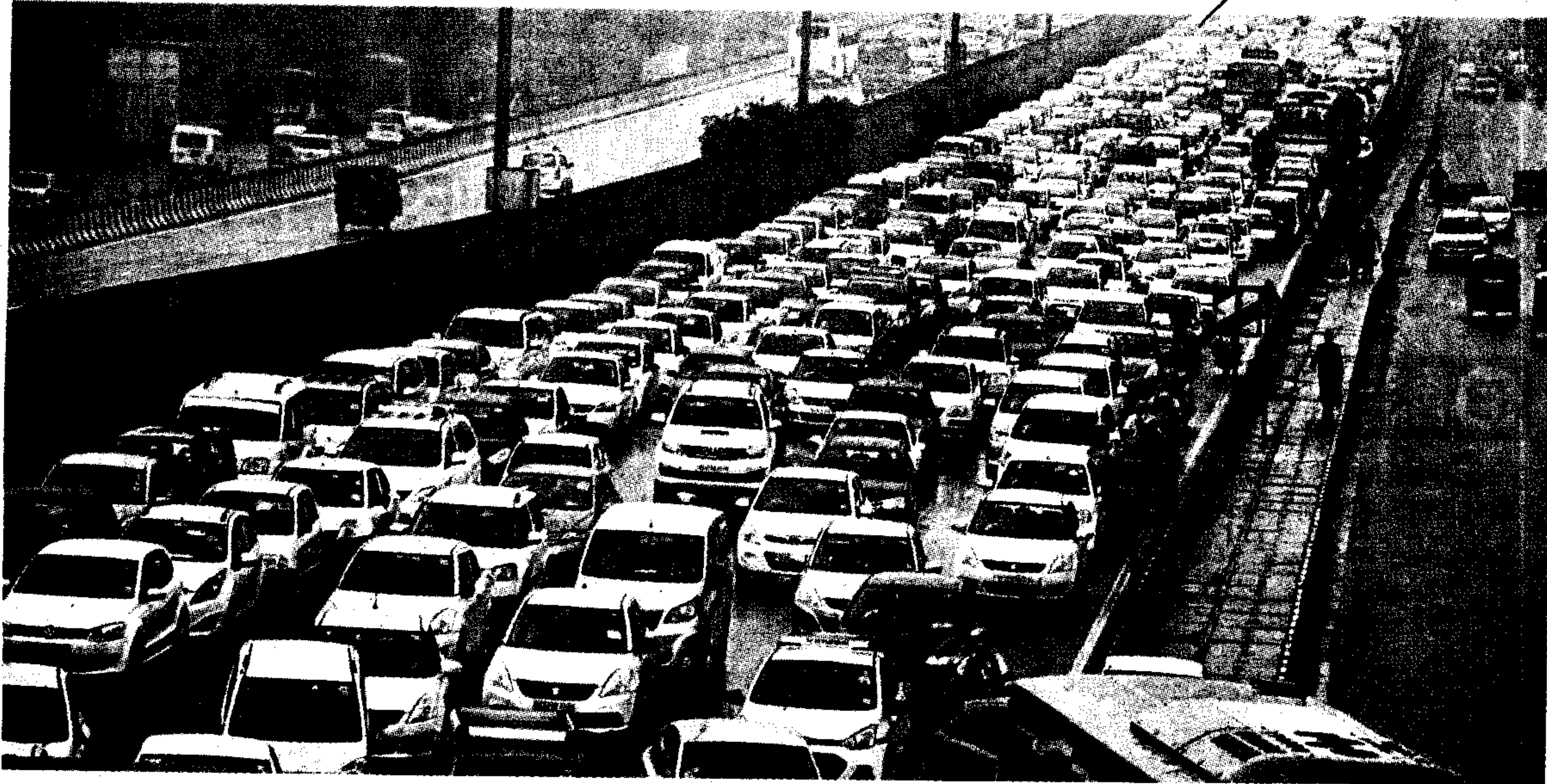
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Long road to nowhere The Hindu - 30 July



BUMPER-TO-BUMPER: After heavy rain and the breach of the Badshahpur drain, Gurgaon witnessed its worst-ever traffic jam on the intervening night of July 28-29 as thousands of motorists were stuck on a stretch of the Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway for more than 12 hours. Traffic normalised only late on Friday. — PHOTO: PTI (REPORT ON PAGE 9)

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Check dam blocking water: Ryots

STAFF REPORTER

VELLORE: The apprehensions of farmers in the district came true on Friday as the check dam built across the Palar in Andhra Pradesh brimmed with water following heavy rainfall in the last two days. Only a few weeks ago, Andhra Pradesh government completed work on raising the height of the check dam by 12 feet, located at Perumpallam in Chittoor district on Andhra Pradesh-Tamil Nadu border.

"If the height of the check dam had not been raised, water would have flown into the riverbed in Vellore at least till Vaniyambadi. There was nearly five to six feet of water at the dam on Thursday," said R. Mullai, district secretary of Tamil Nadu Vivasai-gal Sangam. He said although water level was up, it would not help recharge water table in the villages because of the rocky terrain. R. Janarthanan, a farmer in Vadakarai,



ARRESTING THE FLOW: The water level is rising at the check dam near Perumpallam in Chittoor district after heavy rain.

— PHOTO: SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

said earlier, at least one to 1.5 ft of water would flow in the Palar following rains. "With the raising of check dam height, the Palar in Tamil Nadu will not get even a single drop of water. Not just agriculture but drinking water supply also will be hugely hit," he said.

He pointed out that coconut palms on several acres of land in this part of the district have started withering because of scarcity of water. "At least one lakh more trees are nearing the withering

stage in the upper Palar region because of lack of water," he added.

The Palar Urimai Paadhu-kaapu Kuzhu is planning to launch a vehicle campaign against the Andhra Pradesh government for violating the 1892 river water agreement by raising the height of the check dam. The committee had been seeking action against officials of the Public Works and Revenue departments for failing to act when the construction work was on for four months.

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A Karnataka fire & emergency service staffer provides relief material to a marooned family in the flooded locality of Kodichikkanhalli following incessant rain in Bengaluru on Friday.

— PTI

RAIN FURY IN BIG CITIES

HEAVY RAINS and waterlogging crippled Gurugram, Bengaluru and Delhi, leaving tens of thousands of people stranded for hours in nightmarish traffic jams and inundated houses.

GURUGRAM

■ Commuters were stranded for several hours as water from nearby lakes submerged the arterial NH-8 connecting Delhi and Gurugram, causing massive traffic jams and triggering a blame game.

144 Section was briefly imposed on the highway.

4.6cm Rain Delhi and Gurugram received in 3 hours.

BENGALURU

■ Low-lying areas were inundated by the worst flooding in recent times.

■ Boats were deployed in some parts of Bengaluru, areas towards Electronic City.

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City rainfall surpasses last year's mark

'Intensification' Of Monsoon To Stay For 24 Hours

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Mumbai: After a dry spell, good rainfall was recorded all over Mumbai from Thursday to Friday. The rainfall recorded so far this year has crossed the amount recorded in the same period in 2015. Weathermen said the rainfall recorded so far has been good in other parts of the state too. The quantum of water in lakes servicing Mumbai has crossed the 9 lakh million litre mark on Friday.

A 17-year-old boy, Nikunj Gurav, fell into a lake at Sanjay Gandhi National Park in Borivli (E) on Friday evening, even as heavy rain lashed the city. The Kasturba Marg police and fire brigade carried out a search till night but there was no word on the boy. Gurav, who lives at Pushpa Park in Malad and is in class XI at Dalmia College, had gone to the park for an outing with friends.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said the rainfall recorded from 8.30am on Thursday to 8.30am on Friday by the Colaba observatory was 65.8mm, and at Santacruz it was 110.4mm.

The rainfall recorded from June 1 by IMD Colaba and Santacruz has been 1,154.8mm and 1,491.5mm respectively. This has surpassed the total recorded last year for the same period by the observatories, which was 1,122.5mm and 1,439.5mm respectively.

V K Rajeev from the IMD said, "The monsoon has so far been good in Mumbai as well other parts of the Konkan, Goa and Marathwada. The rainfall recorded all over the city in the last 24 hours was an intensification of the monsoon due to increased wind speed. This will continue for the next 24 hours." Maharashtra, one of the Ground Zeroes of farmer distress in recent years, has got excess rain in 20 districts, while showers have been normal in 13. Two districts have reported defi-

GOOD NEWS

Rainfall from July 28-29 (8am-8am) (Figures in mm)

C ward (Mumbadevi)	101.83
Wadala	107.41
Andheri	103.08
Borivli	100.55
Chincholi	112.75
Marol	100.85
S ward (Bhandup)	139.68

Rainfall recorded since June 1 this year

Colaba	Santacruz
1,154.8 mm	1,491.5 mm

Rainfall recorded from June 1-July 29, 2015

Colaba	Santacruz
1,122.5 mm	1,439.5 mm

Potholes reported by citizens this monsoon

2016	2,174	Potholes attended to by	Potholes pending
2015	1,945	BMC this year	1,815 in 2016
			130

Potholes reported in 2016

City area	Western suburbs	Eastern suburbs
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Water stock on July 29, 2016

2016	9.13 lakh million litres	2015	7.41 lakh million litres
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A man and his daughter ride their way through

Potholes on JVLR, WEH bring traffic to a crawl

Mumbai: Vehicular traffic was thrown out of gear as heavy rain lashed the city on Friday. The Western Express Highway and Jogeshwari-Vikhroli Link Road were affected the most, particularly due to potholes. The BMC said 1,945 complaints of potholes were recorded so far, of which it 1,815 were attended to.

Slow-moving traffic was reported on the south-bound arm of the WEH near the domestic airport and at Gulmohar Road in Vile Parle since 7.45am. Snarls were also reported on the Santacruz-Chembur Link Road from Chembur towards BKC. Many motorists took to social

networking sites to vent their ire.

Congestion was reported between the Amboli signal and Andheri on S V Road, Mith Chowky junction to Inorbit mall on Link Road, south-bound arm of Sion Hospital flyover, Terminal 2 (airport) exit on WEH, D N Nagar Metro station to JVPD Circle, north-bound arm of Matunga flyover, Priyadarshani-Sion stretch and Chakala junction at Andheri.

Water-logging caused traffic jams on LBS Marg at Gandhi Nagar, Powai Lake to Larsen & Toubro, King's Circle, IIT Powai, JVLR and Eastern Express Highway. TNN

Engineers to get SIM cards, phones

The BMC on Friday told the Bombay HC it will give mobile phones and SIM cards to its road engineers so that they can receive and redress citizens' complaints on potholes. A bench of Justices Shantanu Kemkar and M S Karnik was hearing a suo motu PIL on the "pathetic condition of roads in Mumbai". At a previous hearing, the court had directed BMC to publish mobile numbers of road engineers of the 24 wards so that citizens can WhatsApp complaints. TNN



A traffic jam at Dadar on Friday

MNS gives PWD 7-day deadline

The Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) has issued a seven-day ultimatum to PWD engineers to fix the pothole-riddled 25-km Sion-Panvel highway. Its activists have threatened to take away the chairs from the PWD office after that. Officials are said they were trying to fix the road but rain played spoilsport.

PWD executive engineer Satish Shravge said they had already issued notices to the contractor to expedite road repair work. TNN

cit rain.

The automatic weather stations of the IMD have also recorded significant rain in the 24-hour period between July 28-29, especially in Mum-

badevi, Wadala, Andheri, Borivli, Bhandup and Marol, where it crossed 100mm.

Deputy municipal commissioner (general administration de-

partment) Sudhir Naik said there was no water-logging problems in those areas. The water quantum in the lakes on July 29 was 9 lakh million litres, while last year on the

same day it was 7.41 lakh million litres, which should suffice the needs of the city for almost 243 days. This is considering that Mumbai needs 3,750 million litres of water daily.

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Monsoon havoc: Downpour continues, regions in north

Heavy rain cripples Gurgaon

GURGAON: Thousands of office goers and other commuters were on Friday stranded in Gurgaon as heavy rain led to waterlogging on National Highway 8.

The downpour caused massive traffic jams, forcing authorities to shut down schools in Delhi's satellite. Some offices also declared holiday.

Many motorists abandoned their vehicles and waded through knee-deep water which accumulated on both the carriageways of Delhi-Jaipur road, including Hero Honda Chowk, bringing traffic to a standstill with the tailback extending up to 15-20 km.

The chaos started on Thursday itself after heavy rain led to waterlogging near Hero Honda Chowk from 4 pm as the main drain overflowed. The NH 8, which is the main carriageway from Delhi to Jaipur, was choked with hundreds of trucks unable to move and the situation worsened as morning commuters, too, came on the road.

Gurgaon's central Hero Honda Chowk remained inundated. An underconstruction underpass and flyover near the Chowk led to a diversion at the spot which further slowed the traffic, while the drainage system failed completely.

Gurgaon Police has issued an advisory asking people coming to the city from Delhi to avoid travelling.

"People coming to Gurgaon from Delhi are advised to stay

back today (Friday) to avoid being stuck in traffic jams due to flooding on roads," it said on Twitter.

Deputy Commissioner of Gurgaon, T L Satyaprakash, on Friday declared a two-day holiday in Gurgaon schools. Some MNCs also declared a day-off in Gurgaon as their vehicles, which pick and drop employees, were stranded in traffic.

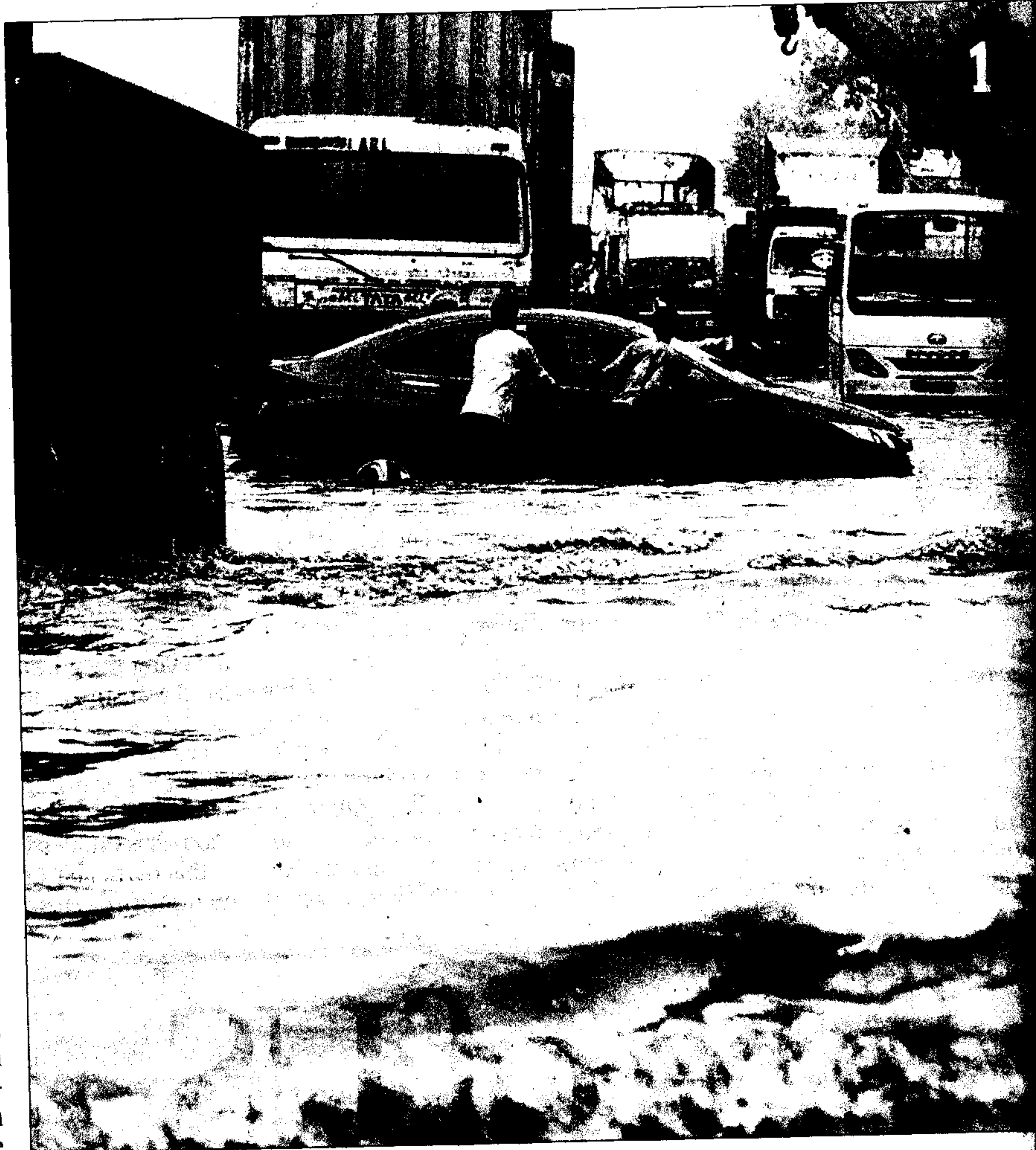
The Haryana government called an emergency meeting to discuss the situation as it came under attack from the Opposition Congress and Aam Aadmi Party.

"As the BJP passes the buck, Gurgaon chokes. What an awful ordeal 4 commuters esp ambulances that may have been stuck for hrs!," Congress vice president Rahul Gandhi tweeted.

Congress spokesperson Randeep Surjewala accused the Mahar Lal Khattar government of ignoring basic infrastructure in Gurgaon.

"Now, we are no longer in power... the BJP has an MP, all MLAs and corporations are of the BJP. The state and central governments are of BJP. What have you done in the last 24 months?" he asked, adding the BJP government has increased the floor area for buildings without ensuring proper electricity, water, sewage facilities and roads. The heavy evening downpour on Thursday left commuters stranded — many without fuel and water — on their way back home from Gurgaon till well past midnight.

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MONSOON TRAVAILS

The Hindu - 31 July

Weathermen forecast respite for Assam in comi

August to witness above normal rainfall, warn agencies

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: The India Meteorological Department said rainfall in Assam may come down in the week ahead after Saturday's peak. Private weather agency, Skymet, also said "Light to moderate Monsoon rains with isolated heavy showers will continue to lash Assam till August 1. Rain intensity will decrease thereafter till August 5."

August, by all accounts, is slated to see heavy rains with both the IMD and the Skymet suggesting that India will get four to nine per cent more rain than usual for the month. However the north-east as a whole is expected to get only 94 per cent of its usual monsoon quota, according to the IMD's updated monsoon forecast in June.

Reduced rains however don't necessarily imply a reduced flood risk as the latter is dependent on topography and disaster management efforts on the ground.

In Bihar, two more districts of East Champaran and Muzaffarpur were declared as flood-hit on Saturday. About 1.86 lakh hectares of agricultural land have been affected by the floods in Mahananda, Bakhra, Kan-

kai, Parmar and Kosi rivers. Crops spread over 3.39 lakh hectares have been affected, but the quantum of loss is still to be assessed.

The State government has deployed 112 medical teams to treat people in the flood-affected areas.

Record rains in Delhi

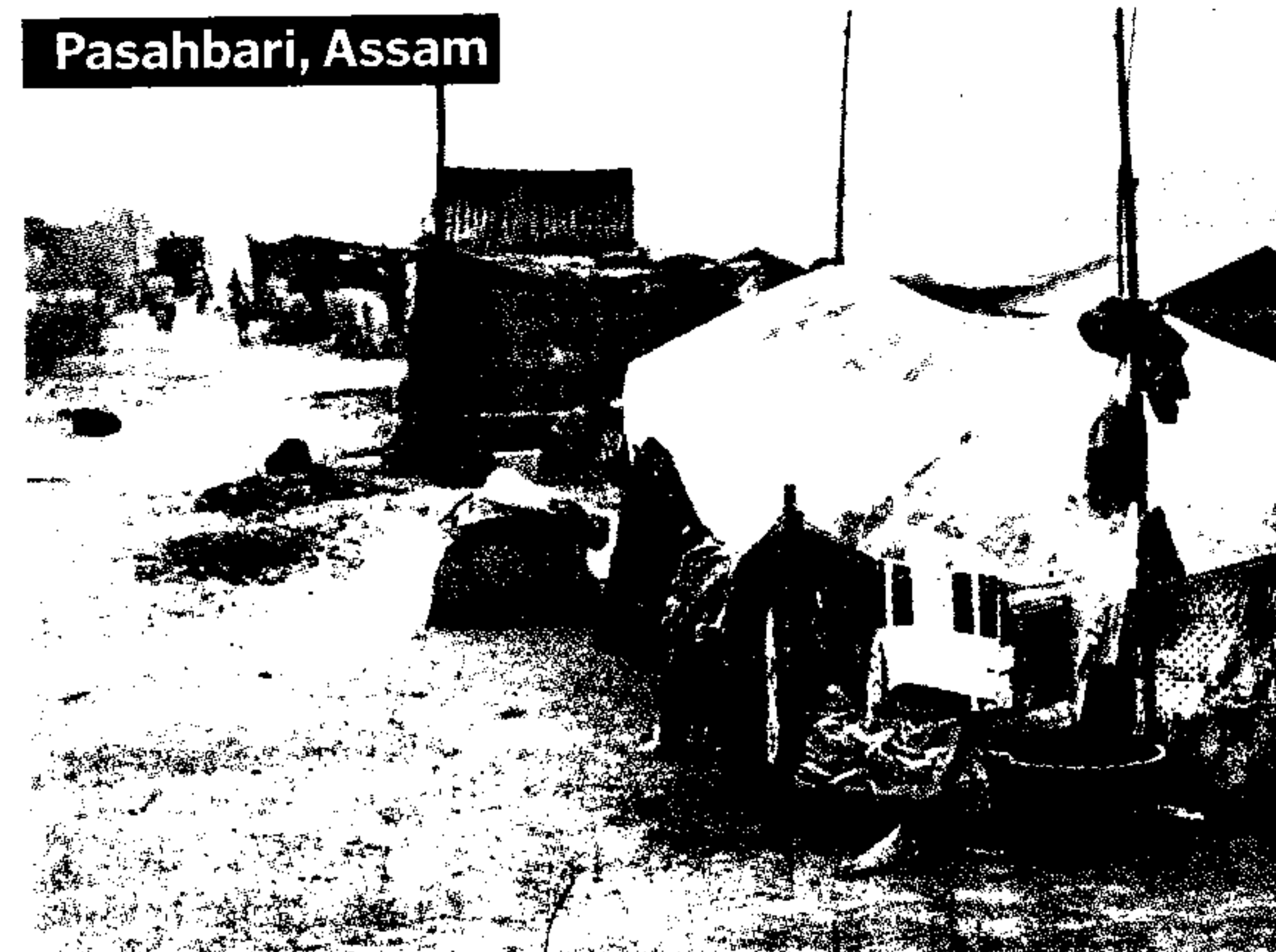
The effects of Friday's massive gridlock in Gurgaon due to the flooding of streets continued to be felt in the national capital with several areas witnessing crawling traffic. New Delhi received its highest rainfall in 10 years, making life difficult for motorists.

In Bengaluru, which slipped into chaos on Friday, a small army of fire and emergency service personnel, working in shifts, spent all night helping residents clean the silt-covered areas and erect temporary flood barrages (sand sacks). Last week, a joint team of the Assam forest department and the Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation rescued eight baby rhinos — all between a month and a year old — from Kaziranga National Park.

(With inputs from Imran Gowhar in Bengaluru and agencies)



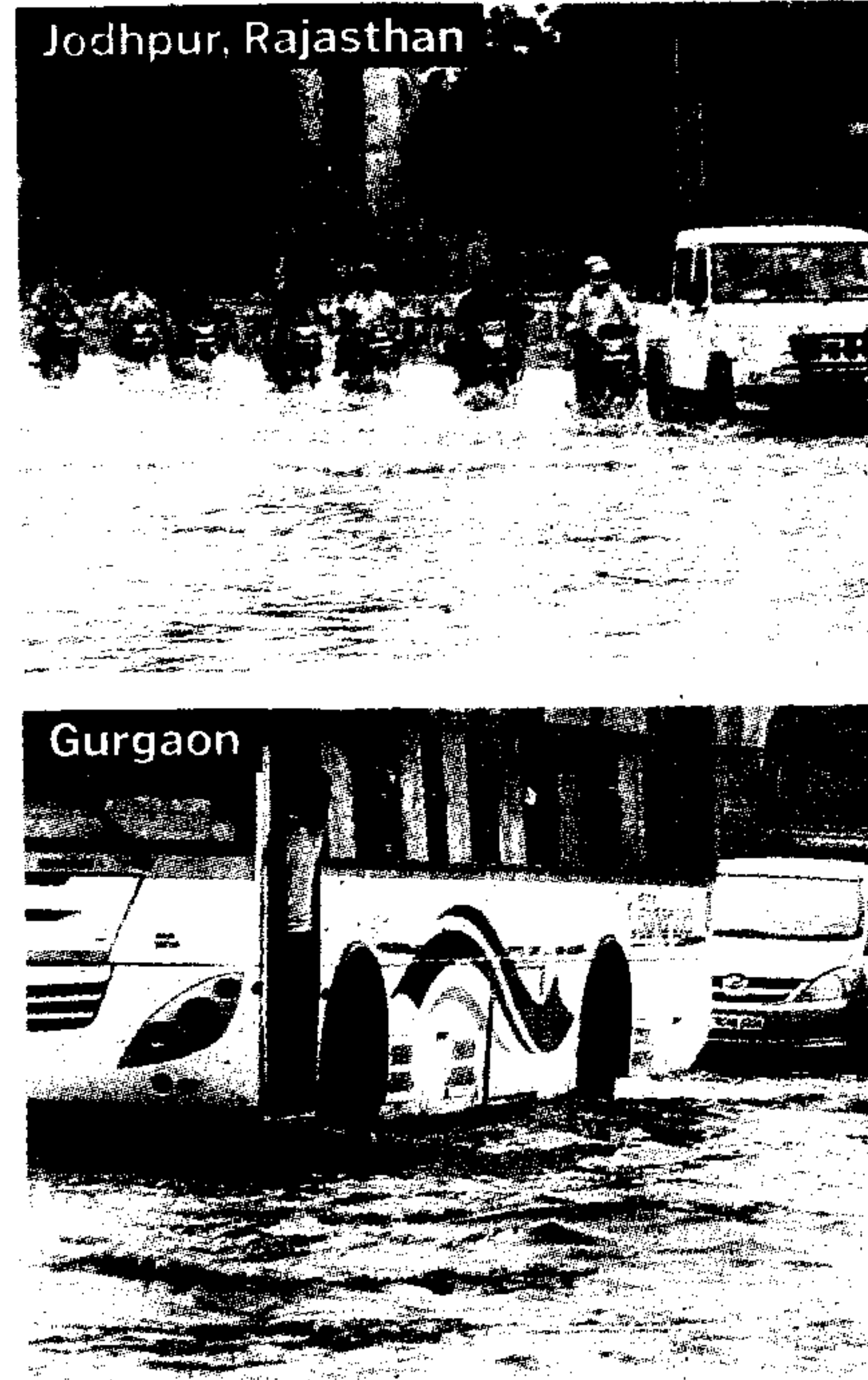
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‘स्पंज सिटी’ मॉडल से दिल्ली बचा सकती है बारिश का पानी

बारिश के पानी की बर्बादी रोकने की चीन की योजना ‘स्पंज सिटी’ पूरी दुनिया को माने लगी है। अमेरिका और जर्मनी ने इस पर काम शुरू कर दिया है, दिल्ली भी यह मॉडल अपनाकर जलभराव मुक्त बन सकती है।

यह कैसे काम करता है?

स्पंज सिटी के तहत शहरों का इनेजे सिस्टम और वाटर हार्वेस्टिंग को इस तरह विकसित किया जाता है ताकि बारिश का पानी धरती में जाए और भूजल स्तर बेहतर हो। चीन के 641 शहरों में बाढ़ व जलजमाव के बाद अप्रैल, 2015 में 16 शहरों को स्पंज सिटी में तब्दील करने का प्रोजेक्ट शुरू किया गया। इसमें 14 अन्य शहरों को जोड़ लिया गया है।

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प्रतिशत बारिश का पानी सड़कों पर आ जाता है।

दिल्ली के ग्रीन स्पेस दीवारों से घिरे हैं। उनमें बारिश का पानी जा नहीं पाता है। इनफिल्ट्रेशन टोपोग्राफी से पानी जमीन के अंदर ले जाने की व्यवस्था करनी होगी।

—मृगांका सक्सेना, (अर्बन और टीओडी एक्सपर्ट)

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यूटीपैक में सिफारिशें लटकी

दिल्ली में सड़कों के डिजाइन का काम यूटीपैक के पास है, लेकिन यूटीपैक की तमाम सिफारिशें और गाइडलाइंस जमीन पर नहीं उतर पा रही हैं। बारिश के पानी से जुड़ी हिंगोरानी की सिफारिशें भी यूटीपैक के पास पड़ी हैं। उन्होंने इन्हें दिल्ली सरकार को 2012 में सौंपा था।

पानी गर्मी में काम आएगा

लैंडस्केप आर्किटेक्ट आकाश हिंगोरानी कहते हैं बारिश के पानी को शहर के अंदर भेजने से एक तो जलभराव से बचा जा सकता है दूसरा यह पानी भू-गर्भ जलस्तर को बढ़ाएगा। यही पानी गर्मी में शहर के काम आएगा। बारिश के पानी को शहर में मौजूद पार्कों और ग्रीन स्पेस में भेजा जाए। बेट लैंड बनाई जाए। वर्षा जल संचयन पर गंभीरता से काम हो।

जलभराव से बचाव को ‘जीरो रन ऑफ’

राजधानी दिल्ली के मास्टर प्लान-2021 में जलभराव से बचने के लिए ‘जीरो रन ऑफ’ को अपनाने की बात कही गई है। इसके मुताबिक बारिश के पानी को पहले शहर के अंदर मौजूद पार्कों और दूसरे हरित जगहों में भेजकर जमीन के अंदर पहुंचाया जाए, लेकिन इस पर काम न के बराबर हो पाया है। विशेषज्ञों का कहना है शहरों को सुंदर बनाने के पक्का किया जा रहा है। फिर उस पर गमले रखकर हरियाली की जा रही है। हमें ग्रीन स्पेस को बचाना और बढ़ाना होगा और 3-एस (स्लो-स्प्रेड एंड शोक) के जरिए पानी को जमीन के अंदर पहुंचाना होगा। चीन समेत दुनिया भर के तमाम देशों में इस अपनाया जा रहा है।

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पालम इलाके में पिछले 24 घंटों से झमाझम बारिश हो रही है। शुक्रवार सुबह 8.30 बजे से शनिवार सुबह 8.30 बजे तक यहां 143.6 मिलीमीटर बारिश हुई है। यह पालम में 24 घंटे में बारिश का दस वर्षों का रिकॉर्ड है। इससे पहले 28 जुलाई 2009 को इस इलाके में 24 घंटे में 126 मिलीमीटर बारिश हुई थी।

पालम में अब तक सबसे अधिक बारिश नौ जुलाई वर्ष 1972 को 265.8 मिलीमीटर हुई थी, जो अब तक का रिकॉर्ड है। पालम में एक जुलाई से अब तक 359 मिलीमीटर बारिश हुई है। यह सामान्य से 77 फीसदी अधिक है।

शनिवार सुबह 8.30 बजे से
शाम 5.30 बजे तक बारिश

इलाके	बारिश
पालम	8.0
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आयानगर	1.5
अक्षरधाम	3.7
जाफरपुर	6.1
नोएडा	8.0
फरीदाबाद	3.0

(बारिश मिलीमीटर में)

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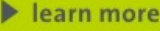
सामान्य से 34 प्रतिशत ज्यादा है।
सफदरजंग इलाके में भी जुलाई में अब तक 269 मिलीमीटर बारिश हुई है। यह सामान्य से 34 प्रतिशत ज्यादा है।

पिछले 24 घंटे में जाफरपुर इलाके में 123 मिलीमीटर बारिश हुई है, जबकि आयानगर इलाके में 90 मिलीमीटर बारिश हुई है। नजफगढ़ इलाके में 60 मिलीमीटर बारिश हुई है। रविवार को सुबह से ही आसमान में बादल रहने की संभावना है।

बारिश की संभावना बना हुई है। शनिवार को दिल्ली में अधिकतम तापमान 30.1 डिग्री सेल्सियस रहा। यह सामान्य से चार डिग्री सेल्सियस कम है। वहीं न्यूनतम तापमान 26 डिग्री सेल्सियस रहा। यह सामान्य से एक डिग्री सेल्सियस कम है। सुबह 8.50 बजे से शाम 5.30 बजे तक 22.4 मिलीमीटर बारिश हुई। हवा में आर्द्रता का स्तर 100 प्रतिशत के करीब बना हुआ है।



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ड्राइविंग लाइसेंस से बाइक सवार की पहचान प्रवीन कुमार भारती के रूप में हुई। वह सेक्टर-3 मोहनगार्डन, उत्तमनगर का रहने वाला था। शनिवार को प्रवीन की बाइक बसंतकुंज इलाके में सड़क पर गड्ढे में फंस गई। वह बाइक को

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डीडीए फ्लैटों में पानी घुसा

डीडीए के एलआईजी फ्लैटों में बारिश का पानी घुस गया है। शुक्रवार और शनिवार को आई बारिश के बाद द्वारका सेक्टर-23 स्थित गोल्फ लिंक सोसायटी के निचली मंजिल के फ्लैटों में जलभराव हो गया है। जबकि सोसायटी परिसर में पानी जमा होने से लोगों को भारी परेशानी हो रही है। डीडीए की 2360 फ्लैट वाली इस हाउसिंग सोसायटी के बच्चों को स्कूल जाने में दिक्कत हो रही हैं। वहीं, नीचे आकर बाहर जाने के लिए लोगों को पानी में से गुजरना पड़ रहा है।

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जलभराव की शिकायत पर नगर निगम में यहां फोन करें : निगम में टोल फ्री नंबर 1533 पर कॉल कर सकते हैं। वहीं, 8588887773 पर व्हाट्सएप के अलावा मोबाइल एप एनडीएमसी-311 डाउनलोड कर इसका प्रयोग कर सकते हैं।

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