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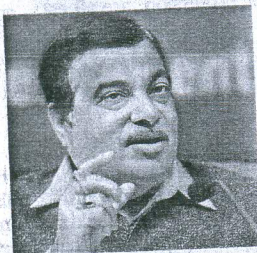
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Speed up Uttarakhand Ganga projects: Gadkari

Minister tells officials and contractors to complete the projects in the State by December 2018



Nitin Gadkari

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Union Water Resources and Ganga Rejuvenation Minister Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday instructed officials and contractors involved in the Uttarakhand Namami Gange Project to complete all infrastructure work relating to sewage treatment plants, cleaning the ghats and res-

toring crematoria by December 2018.

The Minister's comments followed a review meeting on the progress of the mission and is in line with the government's commitment to ensure that 80% of the Ganga is clean by May 2019.

298 projects

The 20,000 crore Namami

Gange mission consists of 298 projects – 194 of which deal with constructing STPs, rural sanitation and bioremediation – largely spanning Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar and Jharkhand, which are responsible for most of the pollution.

Sixteen out of 31 sanctioned STP projects in Uttarakhand are complete and

work is in progress on the remaining 15 STPs. Projected sewerage generation in the year 2035 in Uttarakhand is 122 MLD (Million Litres per Day) while the existing treatment capacity is 97.6 MLD. The projects under implementation will create a capacity for treating 131.7 MLD sewage after completion.

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FLOOD SCARE IN KERALA AS DAM FILLS UP



■ Water level in Idukki reservoir in Kerala rose to 2,395 feet while its capacity is 2,403 feet. The Kerala government on Tuesday began an evacuation drive after it was decided to open the shutters of the reservoir across the Periyar river after 26 years. Cochin airport and at least 20 towns in Idukki and Ernakulam districts have been put on alert.

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Inflow into Idukki dam slows down

Precautionary measures continue

A CORRESPONDENT
IDUKKI

The water inflow into the Idukki dam, which is nearing the full reservoir level, has slightly declined with an average increase of 0.02 ft an hour on Tuesday.

The Kerala State Electricity Board was taking the water estimate every hour after it announced an orange alert on Monday night. Precautionary measures and rehabilitation works continued in the five grama panchayats downstream of the dam, with representatives of grama panchayats and block panchayats overseeing the eviction process in case the dam was opened.

The buildings to be functioned as relief camps were set ready. At least a 12-hour



Canal clearing work at Cheruthoni in view of the likely release of water from the Idukki dam into the Periyar.

notice would be given to the people to be shifted to the relief camps and there would be no opening of shutters during the night time.

Minister visits dam

Water Resources Minister Mathew T. Thomas who visited the dam categorically denied the chances of a trial

run by opening the dam shutters.

He said there was only an increase of 0.44 ft during the past 17 hours.

He said the trial run would be considered only when there was a rise of water level to be considered for that. At present no such situation prevailed, he said.

Monsoon tightens grip

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Whipped up by an upper air cyclonic circulation off the northern coast of Odisha, heavy rain and strong winds lashed Kerala since Monday night, triggering floods, landslips, and coastal erosion. The southern districts saw heavy thunderstorm activity as the monsoon resumed its active phase after a brief lull.

Two deaths, one each in Thiruvananthapuram and Malappuram, were reported. The weather office issued a heavy to very heavy rainfall warning till August 2. Powerful waves battered the coastal belt in Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Alappuzha, Ernakulam, and Malappuram districts.

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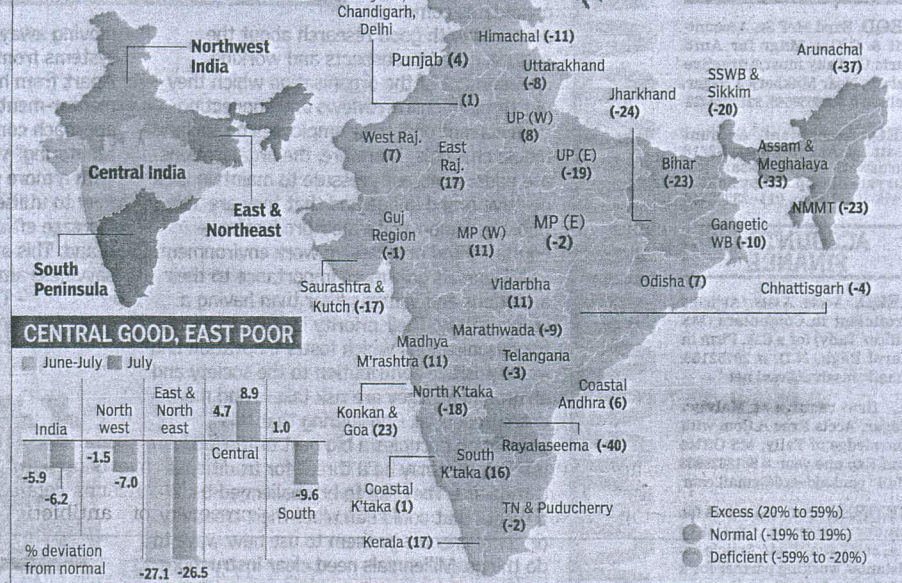
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July rains less than normal but late surge may aid sowing

JUNE-JULY RAIN 6% BELOW PAR



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New Delhi: The monsoon fell below expectations in July, which ended with a countrywide rain shortfall of 6%, but late showers in the paddy belts of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal have improved the overall rainfall distribution.

With the monsoon becoming inactive in central and south India, the all-India rainfall deficit grew in the past six days (July 25) from 2% to 6%. However, during the same period, the rain shortfall reduced sharply from 42% to 19% in UP, 46% to 23% in Bihar and 35% to 24% in Jharkhand.

Large rain deficits in these states, and West Bengal, have been the main reason for sluggish kharif sowing this year. According to the latest figures released last Friday, paddy sowing was nearly 12% less than the normal for the corresponding period. This was mainly on account of depressed sowing in these four states, where the area under paddy was nearly 27 lakh hectares below the normal for the same period.

With the window for sowing of paddy fast shrinking, how much the late surge in rainfall in these states improves sowing figures remains to be seen. Showers are expected to continue in east UP, Bihar and Jharkhand for

the next few days. Rains have also picked up over the past week in the northeast, another region where the monsoon shortfall has been high.

"The late rains in UP and the east and northeast region have made July rainfall more or less well distributed across the country," said D Sivananda Pai, the India Meteorological Department's lead monsoon forecaster. IMD had forecast 1% above normal rains in July. While the actual figure fell short of the forecast, rainfall during the month has been good in most parts of central, south and north-west India, with the exception of UP and Rayalseema.

Full report on www.toi.in

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RELIEF WORK ON; TRAIN MOVEMENT DISRUPTED ON LOHA PUL

Yamuna breaches 206-metre mark, highest level in 5 years

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: For the fourth consecutive day, the water levels in the Yamuna continued to rise as it crossed the 206-metre mark on Tuesday morning — the highest in the past five years.

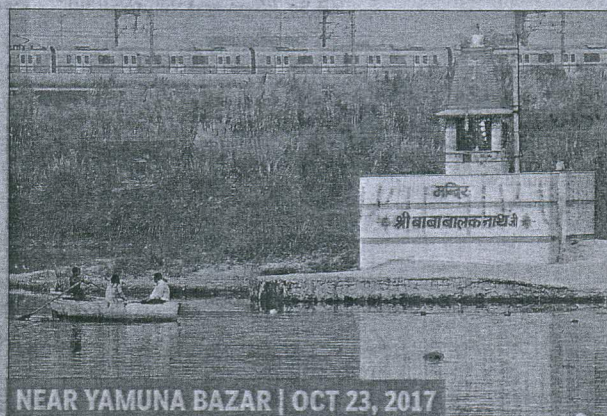
At 8pm, the water level was 206.05 metres as another 28,126 cusecs of water was released from Hathnikund Barrage, taking the total release to 5 lakh cusecs in four days. As several low-lying areas remain impacted, Central Water Commission classified the water levels as 'steady'.

So far, 10,564 people have been evacuated by the Delhi government and around 1,461 tents have been set up. Emergency services are also being provided wherever required, said officials. "The water levels reached further inwards on Tuesday. Meals are being provided three times a day and we have medical staff on the standby along with disaster management teams," said K Mahesh, DM (east and Shahdara).

A number of ghats along Kashmere Gate ISBT got submerged with sandbags being used to stop the flow towards Ring Road since Monday. "We placed sandbags on Monday but the water level has almost reached the road in some parts. More sandbags will be used if required," said an official. Delhi's revenue, flood and irrigation minister, Kailash Gahlot, has taken stock of the situation after visiting some of the affected areas.

Meanwhile, Old Yamuna Bridge, popularly known as Loha Pul, remained shut with the traffic being diverted towards Geeta Colony, the police said. The railway operations on it, too, were stopped in the early hours, and two passenger trains were cancelled, 19 short-terminated and 17 diverted.

The highest ever water level recorded at Old Yamuna



NEAR YAMUNA BAZAR | OCT 23, 2017



JULY 31, 2018

No. of tents/
centres
1,461

No. of people in
tents/centres
10,546

No. of people
evacuated
13,915

In the last 24 hours, **282 more tents/centres** have been set up, 1,911 people have been shifted and **4,705 people have been evacuated**

Bridge was 207.49 metres in 1978, while it touched 207.32 metres in 2013 — the last time Delhi saw such a situation.

The Ghaziabad administration has also sounded an alert after the river water entered the floodplains in Loni on Tuesday, affecting agricultural activities.

Loni SDM Satendra Singh said, "Seven-eight labourers, who were keeping a watch on rose cultivation in the floodplains, have been shifted to safe places. The inhabited areas are on the opposite side of the Alipur dam in Loni, and they are safe at present.

The water level receded by 10cm by the evening."

The areas adjoining Hindon river got flooded after water back-flowed into the river and breached the walls made by farmers to protect their land, said Neeraj Kumar Lamba, executive officer, irrigation department.

Gopal Rai, a resident of Nagla who shifted with his family to Panchayat Bhawan, said, "The current in the Hindon is quite strong and there are chances that water may reach our home. As a safety measure, we have shifted here. Two-three other families

Yamuna's water levels at 8pm on Tuesday

206.05m

TREND: STEADY

Warning level | 204m

Danger level | 204.83m

Highest water level ever recorded | 207.49m (1978)

AREAS AFFECTED



have also taken shelter at Panchayat Bhawan."

In Noida, the Yamuna water entered farmlands along the 29km-long embankment on the floodplains on Tuesday. The district administration said they still didn't need to start any relief work.

However, the rising level of water has destroyed crops on hundreds of acres on the floodplains. Ali Hasan, a resident of Gulawati village, said, "I have 20 acres along the floodplains, and the crops have been ruined."

With inputs from Noida and Ghaziabad

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पानी बढ़ने से नदी की सेहत सुधरी

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इस साल पहली बार यमुना नदी में जल की गुणवत्ता बेहतर हुई है। विशेषज्ञों का कहना है कि बाढ़ के पानी के कारण ऑक्सीजन की मात्रा बढ़ने से हालात में सुधार आया है। इससे प्रदूषणकारी तत्व बह गए हैं।

यमुना में जल स्तर सोमवार को 204.83 मीटर को पार कर गया। इसके बाद निचले इलाके में रहने वाले 10

विशेषज्ञों की राय

- बाढ़ के पानी के कारण ऑक्सीजन की मात्रा बढ़ने से हालात में सुधार
- साथ ही, यमुना के पानी में से प्रदूषणकारी तत्व भी बह गए हैं

हजार लोगों को बाहर निकालना पड़ा। देश की सबसे महत्वपूर्ण नदियों में एक यमुना उत्तराखंड, हरियाणा, दिल्ली और उत्तरप्रदेश से होकर गुजरती है। यह इलाहाबाद में गंगा में मिल जाती है। यमुना को देश में सबसे प्रदूषित नदी भी माना जाता है। हालांकि, विशेषज्ञों का

कहना है कि प्रवाह बढ़ने से पिछले दो दिनों में यमुना के जल की गुणवत्ता में सुधार हुआ है।

यमुना जिए अभियान के संयोजक मनोज मिश्रा ने सुधार को अस्थायी प्रभाव बताया और यह मानसून के बीतने के साथ ही खत्म हो जाएगा। उन्होंने कहा कि यह प्रवाह बढ़ने के कारण हुआ है। यमुना जैवविविधता पार्क में वैज्ञानिक फयाज खुदसर ने कहा कि हर साल कुछ समय के लिए गुणवत्ता ठीक हो जाती है और इस गुणवत्ता को बरकरार रखने के लिए आर्दभूमि बनाने की जरूरत है।

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मौसम विभाग की चेतावनी

अगले 48 घंटे होगी जोरदार बरसात, नदियां उफनाई



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लखनऊ. लगातार बारिश का कहर झेल रहे प्रदेशवासियों को अभी अगले 48 घंटे तक राहत मिलने के आसार कम हैं। राजधानी समेत दर्जन भर जिलों में दिनभर बारिश की संभावना बनी हुई है।

मौसम विभाग ने अगले 48 घंटों के दौरान पूर्वांचल के दर्जन भर जिलों में भारी बारिश की चेतावनी जारी की। मौसम विभाग ने अपने पूर्वानुमान में कहा है कि अगले 24 से 48 घंटों के दौरान राज्य के अधिकांश क्षेत्रों में बादल छाए रहने तथा हल्की से मध्यम बारिश होने का अनुमान है। इस दौरान हालांकि राज्य में भारी बारिश की उम्मीद नहीं है।



राजधानी स्थित मौसम विभाग के निदेशक जेपी गुप्ता के अनुसार, दिन में रुक-रुककर तेज बारिश होती रहेगी। अगले 48 घंटों के दौरान लखनऊ एवं पूर्वांचल के कई जिलों में भारी बारिश होगी। इससे तापमान में कमी दर्ज की जाएगी।

जेपी गुप्ता के मुताबिक, मानसून पूरी तरह से उप्र में पहुंच चुका है। इसका असर दिखाई देगा। अगले सप्ताह के अंत तक अच्छी बारिश

होने की पूरी संभावना है।

बारिश के कारण मरने वालों की संख्या 80 पहुंच गई है। राहत आबुक्त संजय प्रसाद ने कहा कि उत्तर प्रदेश के विभिन्न हिस्सों में रविवार से हो रही बारिश में दस लोगों की मौत हो गई है जबकि सात अन्य घायल हुए हैं।

पिछले हफ्ते सबसे अधिक 11 मौतें सहारनपुर में हुईं। बारिश से जुड़ी घटनाओं में 44 मवेशियों की

इन जिलों में बाढ़ का खतरा

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इस बीच केन्द्रीय जल आयोग की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार शारदा नदी लखीमपुर के पलियाकला में और घाघरा नदी बाराबंकी के एलिंगन ब्रिज पर और अयोध्या में खतरे के निशान से उपर बह रही है। रिपोर्ट में कहा गया कि फतेहगढ़, कन्नौज, कानपुर देहात, गढ़ मुक्तेश्वर, इलाहाबाद, वाराणसी, गाजीपुर और बलिया में गंगा का

जलस्तर चढ़ रहा है। बागपत, मथुरा, आगरा, औरैया, कालपी और हमीरपुर में यमुना का जलस्तर चढ़ रहा है। गोमती नदी का जलस्तर सीतापुर के नीमसार में चढ़ रहा है जबकि सिद्धार्थनगर में राप्ती नदी का जलस्तर चढ़ रहा है। जैसे जैसे इन नदियों के जल स्तर में वृद्धि हो रही है वैसे वैसे यहां के लोग परेशान हो रहे हैं।

मौत हो गयी और 451 मकान क्षतिग्रस्त हो गये। राज्य सरकार के एक प्रवक्ता ने बताया कि मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ ने सभी जिलों के आला अधिकारियों को निर्देश दिया है कि वे जनता को सचेत करें और प्रभावित क्षेत्रों का व्यापक दौरा करें। साथ ही जर्जर भवनों को तत्काल खाली कराये। योगी ने अधिकारियों को वित्तीय एवं चिकित्सकीय मदद मुहैया कराने को भी कहा है।

राजधानी के चारबाग स्टेशन के पटरियों के बीच इतना पानी भरा जिसका असर ट्रेनों की आवाजाई पर पड़ रहा है। रेलवे के अधिकारियों के मुताबिक, बारिश की वजह से कई रेलगाड़ियां अपने नियत समय से देर से चल रही हैं। श्रमजीवी एक्सप्रेस बरेली एक्सप्रेस, वाराणसी लखनऊ इंटरसिटी एक्सप्रेस, शताब्दी एक्सप्रेस सहित कई गाड़ियां घंटों देर से चल रही हैं।