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Assam floods claim three lives; 7.35 lakh people hit

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GUWAHATI, AUGUST 31

A fresh wave of flood induced by incessant rains since August 28 has so far claimed three lives while affecting over 7.35 lakh people from 1,597 villages in 56 revenue circles spread over 18 districts in the state, the Assam State Disaster Management Authority said.

The Brahmaputra is flowing over the danger mark at Dibrugarh, Jorhat, Tezpur and Dhubri, while its tributaries are showing a rising trend and flowing above the danger level at many places across the state.

Flood has created havoc in Dibrugarh and Dhemaji towns in the state while

standing crop over 1.18 lakh hectares has been inundated.

At several places, roads and embankments had been damaged by floodwater, snapping surface communication.

The districts affected include Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Dhemaji, Lakhimpur, Sonitpur, Jorhat, Kamrup, Kokrajhar, Bongaigaon, Barpeta, Goalpara, Morigaon, Nagaon, Baksa, Cachar, Udalguri, Nalbari and Darrang. Over 51,000

affected people are lodged in 168 relief camps set up by the government.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi on Monday directed to provide immediate relief to people affected by floods induced by excessive rains in the state. Gogoi directed the officers to keep vigil and take remedial steps. He reviewed the situation at a meeting at the conference room of his office in Assam secretariat.

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22% rain deficit in Aug, third driest since 1993

Amit Bhattacharya &
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New Delhi/Pune: August ended with a higher-than-anticipated rainfall deficit of 22% and with India Meteorological Department officials saying the monsoon could start withdrawing in the next few days, the chances of a second successive drought year

in the country appear high. IMD said the all India weighted average rainfall in August was 204.2mm against a normal of 261mm, making it the third lowest August rainfall in over two decades. Since 1993, monsoon in August has been weaker only in 2009 (also an El Nino year) and 2005.

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Monsoon retreat on the cards: IMD

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IMD had predicted a 10% rain shortfall for the month. July and August are the wettest months of the season. With both ending with high deficits this year, it is unlikely that overall monsoon rains would be higher than 90% of normal—the cut-off mark for a drought year. Currently, the overall monsoon deficiency stands at 11%.

Adding to the bleak scenario is the prospect of the monsoon's retreat beginning soon. "The start of monsoon withdrawal is on cards," said IMD director general L S Rathore.

The monsoon's retreat, beginning from northwest India, is declared by IMD based on three criteria observed in the region — absence of rain for at least five straight days, a significant drop in moisture and reversal of monsoonal winds by the formation of an anti-cyclone. "We are seeing signs of the first two conditions. In the next few days it is likely that all three criteria

JULY BAD, AUGUST WORSE

► Wettest months of July and Aug see high monsoon deficit this year: **-16% in July and -22% in Aug**

► Monsoon **11% less than normal** though the season beginning June 1

► South peninsula worst off at **-21%**, followed by central India (-15%), northwest (-10%), east & northeast (-2%)

► IMD predicts **poor rains in September**, with deficit likely to be 25%. But Sept rains notoriously unpredictable, could spring pleasant surprise

► Monsoon likely to **withdraw from northwest India** in next few days

will be met," Rathore said.

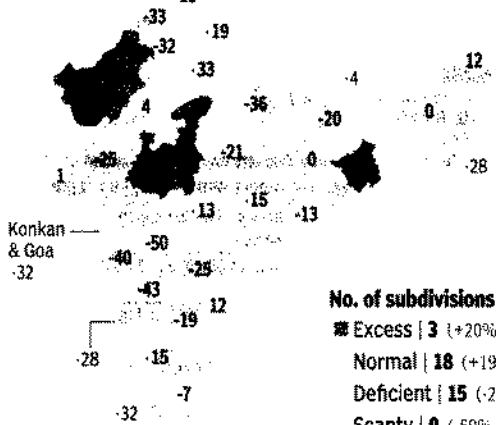
Monsoon's withdrawal from the country is a long drawn process that usually takes more than a month to complete. Although the normal date for the process to

start is September 1, monsoon's withdrawal at this stage from northwest India would increase the rain deficit in the region where Punjab, Haryana and west Uttar Pradesh already have a sig-

Rainfall (in mm) from June 1 to Aug 31

Actual	Normal	% Departure
632.2	714.1	-11

% rainfall deviation from normal



No. of subdivisions

■ Excess | 3 (+20% or more)

Normal | 18 (+19% to -19%)

Deficient | 15 (-20% to -59%)

Scanty | 0 (-59% to -99%)

nificant shortfall.

IMD has predicted a 25% rain deficit in September, the last month of the monsoon season.

For the full report, log on to www.timesofindia.com

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WATER WOES

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An inundated locality in Assam's Dibrugarh Monday. The flood situation in the state worsened on Monday with the Brahmaputra and its 100-odd tributaries inundating fresh areas, taking the total number of affected people to more than seven lakh. PTI

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Flood situation grim in Assam, hits 4.65 lakh



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The flood situation today remained critical in Assam, affecting 4.65 lakh people in 14 districts where one lakh hectares of cropland have been inundated by the surging waters of the swollen Brahmaputra and its tributaries.

Over 1,100 villages and localities are reeling under the flood waters in Dhema-ji, Lakhimpur, Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Kokrajhar, Bongaigaon, Sonitpur, Barpeta, Jorhat, Goalpara, Morigaon, Cachar, Golaghat and Nagaon districts, according to the daily flood bulletin of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority.

The current wave of floods has claimed 13 lives so far and one lakh hectares of cropland has been submerged.

A mother and her minor son were washed away by the Sessa river at Thakuthan on the outskirts of Dibrugarh city last night when they were going to a relief camp there, an official said.

Monika Das (36), her hus-

band Milon Das and son Dudu (6) were washed away by the river, but her husband was rescued by the people, while the two others remained untraced, he said.

The Brahmaputra has been flowing above the danger level in Dibrugarh, Nematighat in Jorhat and Dhubri, while the Jia Bharali at NT Road Crossing in Sonitpur, Puthimari at NH Road Crossing in Kamrup, Beki at Road Bridge in Barpeta, Katakhal at Matijuri in Hailakandi and Kushiara in Karimganj district, the bulletin said.

There are also reports of the overflowing flood waters damaging roads in Dibrugarh, Sonitpur, Goalpara and Nagaon, while two bridges have been damaged in Sonitpur district, it said.

Incessant heavy showers for the past four days have caused waterlogging in Dibrugarh where one person was electrocuted and over 50,000 people affected prompting the administration to close educational institutions today, officials said. Nearly 1900 relief camps have been opened.

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नदियां किसके हवाले

भारत में गंगा सिर्फ नदी नहीं है, बल्कि इसका अपना आध्यात्मिक तथा धार्मिक स्थान है। ठीक इसी तरह, भारत में अन्य नदियों का भी विशेष स्थान है, उन्हीं में से एक यमुना भी है, जिसका इतिहास श्रीकृष्ण से जुड़ा हुआ है। आज इसकी स्थिति एक गंदे नाले से ज्यादा कुछ नहीं है, जो दुखद है। एक ओर दुःख होता है कि यमुना और गंगा की सफाई के लिए सिर्फ

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बंद बैठकों और कमेटियों के गठन से ज्यादा कुछ नहीं हुआ है। एक खबर आई कि यमुना की सफाई गंगा की तर्ज पर होगी, लेकिन छेपी कब, वह बताना कठिन है। एक के बाद दूसरी सरकार आती है और फिर शुरू हो जाता है बैठकों का दौर, पर क्या इस सबका फलबल हुआ है?

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36 नदियों को बचाने के लिए अभियान

नई दिल्ली | प्रमुख संवाददाता

देश की 36 बड़ी नदियों को बचाने के लिए नदी यात्राएं निकालने का अभियान सोमवार को गुड़गांव से शुरू हुआ। नदियों के किनारे निकाली जाने वाली इस यात्रा का मकसद लोगों को जागरूक करना और नदी संरक्षण कानून बनवाने के लिए केंद्र सरकार पर दबाव बनाना है।

गांधी शांति प्रतिष्ठान में जल-जन जोड़ो अभियान द्वारा आयोजित एक अहम बैठक में जल विशेषज्ञों ने यह फैसला किया है। जल पुरुष राजेंद्र सिंह एवं दूसरे जल विशेषज्ञों का कहना है कि देश में नदियों के संरक्षण के लिए फिलहाल कोई कानून नहीं है।

सरकार और जनता का ध्यान इस तरफ खींचने के लिए नदी यात्राएं निकाली जाएंगी। जहां से ये यात्राएं

जल विशेषज्ञों ने बिल तैयार किया है

अभियान के संयोजक संजय सिंह के मुताबिक, संसद के शीतकालीन सत्र में प्राइवेट तौर पर एक बिल पेश कराया जाएगा। जल विशेषज्ञों द्वारा तैयार इस बिल पर सांसदों की सहमति ली जा रही है। इसके लिए भाजपा सांसद वरुण गांधी ने अपनी सहमति भी दे दी है। इस विषय पर सभी राज्यों के सांसदों को विस्तृत जानकारी दी जाएगी। अभियान का मकसद है कि नदी संरक्षण के मुद्दे पर राष्ट्रीय स्तर की बहस हो। शीतकालीन सत्र के दौरान जंतर-मंतर पर जन संसद आयोजित की जाएगी।

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गुजराती, वहां की नदी को निर्मल बनाने का प्रयास किया जाएगा। इस अभियान के तहत पहली यात्रा साबी नदी के किनारे होगी।

बता दें कि यह नदी राजस्थान और हरियाणा में होकर गुजरती है। राजस्थान में तो इस नदी में पानी है, लेकिन हरियाणा व दिल्ली में यह सूखी पड़ी है। हरियाणा, राजस्थान, उत्तराखंड, उत्तर प्रदेश,

बिहार, कर्नाटक, महाराष्ट्र, गुजरात व मध्यप्रदेश की 36 नदियों के किनारे नदी यात्राएं निकालेंगी। इन यात्राओं में जल विशेषज्ञों के अलावा स्थानीय निवासी भी हिस्सा लेंगे। नदी के किनारे पर ही रोजाना एक बड़ी जनसभा होगी। इसमें संबंधित क्षेत्र के सांसद, विधायक एवं स्थानीय निकाय के प्रतिनिधियों को बुलाया जाएगा।

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Relief for region's farmers as dams full despite deficient rain

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ROPAR, AUGUST 31

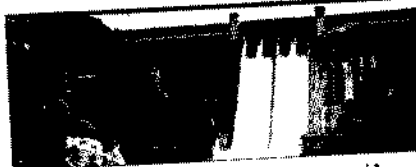
The farming community in Punjab, parts of Haryana and Rajasthan, can relax: despite deficient monsoon in the region, the reservoirs at the three dams that feed the state's canals are almost full to capacity.

The vast network of canals, considered the life-line of Punjab's agricultural economy, draws its water from the Bhakra (on the Sutlej), Pong (Beas) and Ranjit Sagar (Ravi) dams. Apart from Punjab, neigh-

boursing Haryana and Rajasthan also receive a substantial amount of water from these reservoirs.

Bhakra Beas Management Board Member (Irrigation) SK Sharma said the water level in these dams was nearing capacity, 20 days before the filling period deadline. "We are in a very comfortable position. There will be no shortage of supply for irrigation or drinking purpose," he said.

More than 1.5 crore acres — 77 lakh acres in Punjab, 53 lakh acres in Rajasthan and 22 lakh acres in



Three dams and their capacity

Dam	Level (in ft)		Capacity
	(Aug 31, 2015)	(Sept 1, 2014)	
Bhakra	1,676.71	1,672.43	1,680
Pong	1,387.07	1,365.19	1,390
Thein	1,706.43	1,685.33	1,722

Haryana — are irrigated by these reservoirs. This year, the inflow of water at these dams has remained

States that will benefit

- Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Chandigarh use water from Bhakra, Pong and Ranjit Sagar dams
- Punjab has 77 lakh acres under canal water irrigation, Rajasthan 53 lakh acres and Haryana 22 lakh acres
- Bhakra and Pong dams are managed by the Bhakra Beas Management Board and the Ranjit Sagar dam by the Punjab government
- Ranjit Sagar supplies water to Punjab and Rajasthan
- There are chances these dams would be filled to capacity before the September 20 deadline

on the higher side compared to the period last year. At Bhakra, the inflow stood at 33,297 cusecs

against 22,492 cusecs in 2014. The outflow was recorded at 23,500 cusecs, against 25,800 last year.

At Pong, the inflow was 13,289 cusecs, more than the double of 6,060 cusecs last year. The outflow last year was 16,044 cusecs, compared to 11,207 cusecs this year.

At Ranjit Sagar, also called the Thein dam, the inflow today stood at 11,598 cusecs, against 5,680 last year. The outflow was recorded at 16,819 cusecs, compared to 17,307 cusecs in 2014.

Bhakra officials said due to better inflow this year, there were chances that the dams would be filled to capacity even before the September 20 deadline.

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A bridge underwater



Villagers stand on a half-submerged wooden bridge at Bengalipara in the flood-hit Baska district of Assam on Sunday. PTI

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Cauvery water flows quietly to Tamil Nadu

MANDYA: While Water Resources Minister MB Patil has been persistently denying on releasing water to Tamil Nadu from KRS dam, citing low reservoir level, water is being released to neighbouring state.

The minister had recently said that the water level in the KRS reservoir is low and that the water would be retained in the dam to meet drinking water needs and irrigation. He added that water would not be released to Tamil Nadu.

On Sunday, a total of 7,805 cusecs of water was released from the dam. Of which, 3,261 cusecs of water was released into Visvesvaraya Canal while 4,367 cusecs was released to Cauvery river. Of the water released to river, about 2,200 cusecs of water reaches Chikkadevaraya, Virija, Bangaradoddi, Ramaswamy and Rajapameshwari canals for agricultural activities, while the remaining 2,167 cusec flows to Tamil Nadu, according to Cauvery Neeravari Nigam sources.

The Cauvery Consultative Committee meeting resolved to release the water into the canals on a rotation basis. Ac-

cordingly, the water would be released into canals for 20 days in a month.

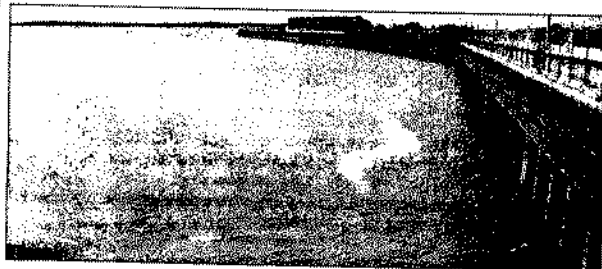
According to Superintending Engineer of Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Shankare Gowda, "Based on the current inflow to the dam, water can be released to canals only upto November."

Joint Director of Agriculture department, Rajasulochana said, "The farmers have been advised not to grow sugar cane and cultivate paddy on a limited level. The distribution of paddy seeds have also been stopped anticipating shortage of water."

The total storage capacity of the KRS reservoir is 49.45 tmc ft (124.80 feet level) while the current level is 26 tmc ft. Apart from eight tmc ft reserved for drinking water purpose and dead storage, the available water level is just 18 tmc.

Meanwhile, Raitha Hitharakshana Samiti president and former MP G Madegowda has warned that an agitation would be launched, if the authorities do not stop releasing water to Tamil Nadu.

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Water release from Mettur stepped up

Special Correspondent

SALEM: Release of water from Mettur dam for samba cultivation in Cauvery delta region was stepped up on Sunday.

About 14,000 cusecs was released from the dam on Saturday evening and it was stepped up to 16,000 cusecs on Sunday. Additional 500 cusecs is being let out from

the dam for farm activities under the East-West canal scheme in the western districts.

The water level in the dam stood at 92.26 feet on Sunday evening against its full level of 120 feet. The inflow into the dam was 9,436 cusecs. The storage of the dam was 55.272 tmcft against its full capacity of 93.470 tmcft, PWD sources said.