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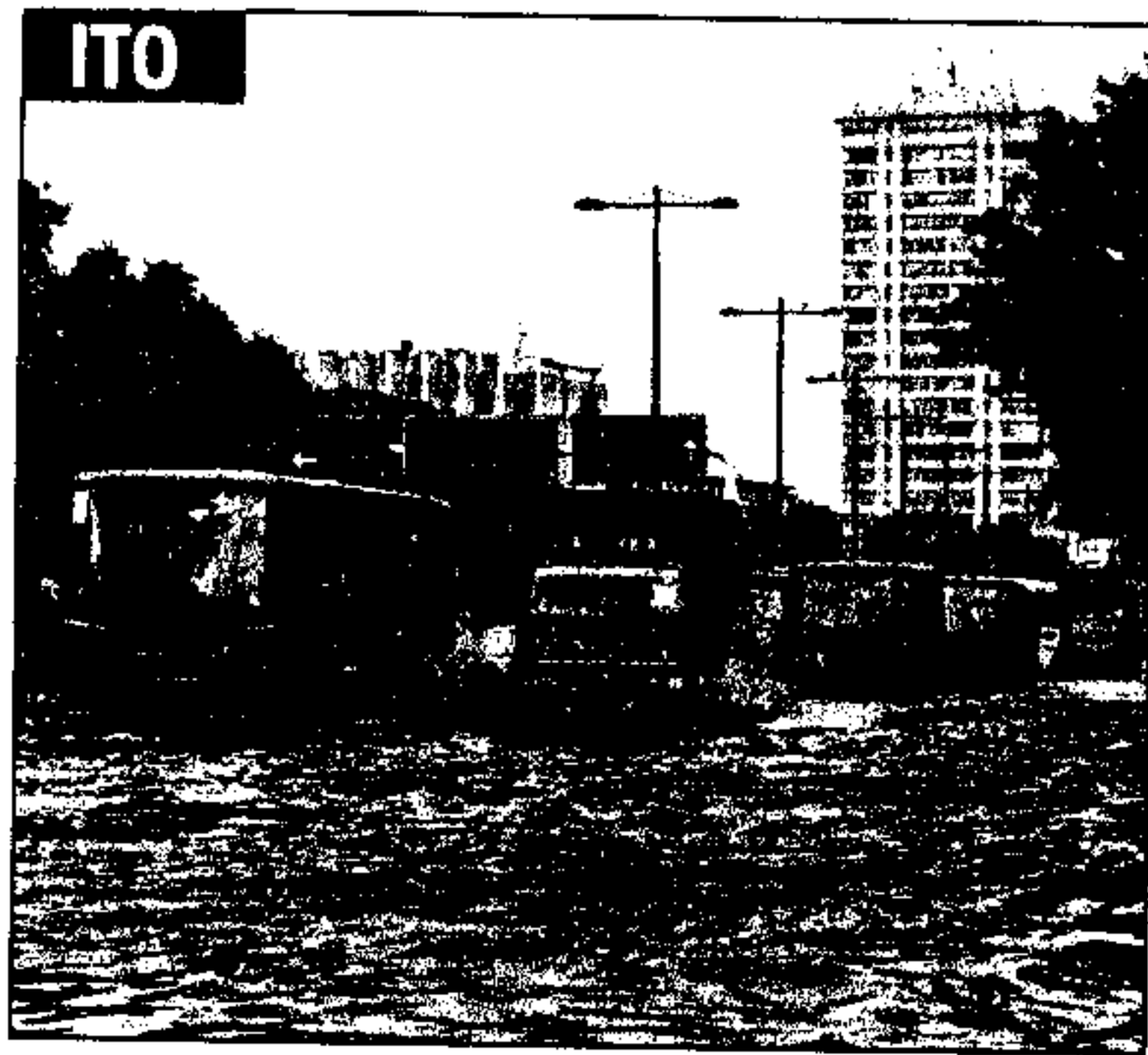
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CAPITAL CITY IN A MEGA MESS

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■ Waterlogging and bumper-to-bumper traffic was seen across Delhi and NCR on Wednesday after heavy showers in the morning.

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01 सितंबर H.T. FUN FOR SOME IN A WATERLOGGED CITY



■ Children play on a flooded road in old Delhi's Turkman Gate area on Wednesday. But Delhiites had no such fun as heavy rain lashed the Capital in the morning, clogging roads and triggering long traffic snarls, especially during rush hour. »REPORT ON P2

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Heavy rain sends cab prices through the roof

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NEW DELHI: Heavy showers across the Capital on Wednesday flooded roads and triggered miles-long traffic snarls but commuters had a bigger worry: rapidly spiking cab fares and alleged discrepancy in bills.

Office-goers across the city reported that cab-hailing apps Uber and Ola charged them fares much higher than normal during the morning downpour. Many were forced to shell out the amount as autos were sparse on the roads and buses were packed due to waterlogging.

Sample this: HT's health editor Sanchita Sharma boarded an UberGo cab from Vasant Enclave in south Delhi to Kasturba Gandhi Marg in central Delhi — an 11-km stretch for which she pays around

FARE BREAKDOWN	
Base Fare	40
Distance	214.52
Time	74.87
Normal Fare ₹329.39	
Surge x2.8	592.90
Subtotal ₹922.29	
CHARGED	
Cash	₹922.29

■ HT's health editor Sanchita Sharma paid ₹922 for a ride for which she normally pays ₹140.

₹140. On Wednesday, however, she paid ₹922. She said she was not informed before riding that the surge would be six times.

"The predicted fare was ₹214.52, and I expected it to be around ₹300 as we took a slight detour within the NDMC area due to water-logging. But I was charged ₹922. We could not have added more than

four to five kilometres. The final bill showed I travelled 35.7 kilometres," she said.

HT tried to contact Uber and Ola, but didn't get any immediate response.

Many other commuters had similar stories to tell. Mahima Rana, booked an Ola from Dwarka sector-6 to Gurgaon

Cyber City and was informed by the driver on the phone that the usual fare amount of ₹190 will be surged. She finally paid ₹396.

"There was no mention of surge pricing while I was booking the cab. The driver called me and told me that the bill will be more than the usual," she said.

Another office-goer, Akshay Jangra, also said he paid ₹403 to Uber on Wednesday against an usual fare of just ₹95.

Such elevated prices may be against the law as the Delhi government banned surge-pricing — a practice where cab-hailing applications hike fares depending on demand. The restriction was put in place after many complained that Uber and Ola were fleecing commuters desperate for a cab during a shortage.

The ban was reinstated in August and cab aggregators

were asked to comply with price caps notified by the government. But many commuters have since reported that while Uber and Ola have dropped the name "surge pricing", the practice of charging users higher fares continues.

Aggregators say surge pricing helps provide incentives to drivers and facilitate more cabs.

PWD BLAMES CIVIC BODIES

As Delhi suffered massive waterlogging due to heavy rain on Wednesday, PWD minister Satyendra Jain attributed the civic mess to the city's 'unplanned' drainage system. Even as the PWD said that it stationed 825 water-lifting pumps and deployed 1,078 men on several waterlogged roads, the agency blamed the MCD drains and the DJB sewer manholes for water-logging on PWD roads. **HTC**

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Sisodia blames Jung for clogged roads, traffic jams

NEW DELHI: Deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia said on Wednesday that bureaucrats handpicked by lieutenant governor Najeeb Jung are neither attending meetings nor listening to their ministers, even as he put the onus of waterlogging and traffic gridlock across the city on the Centre and the L-G.

Sisodia's attack on Jung came after rain pounded the national capital, crumbling the city's civic infrastructure and two days after the L-G affected a major reshuffle of the city-state bureaucracy, invoking sharp reactions from the AAP government.

The L-G also set up an independent panel on Tuesday to examine files cleared by the AAP government. Sisodia said that since the appointment of the panel, Delhi government (read officers) has had to focus on "appeasing LG's powers" and not the welfare of its residents.

Sisodia said the city has been shamed as foreign dignitaries got stuck in traffic and Prime Minister Narendra Modi and L-G should take responsibility for it. **HTC**

Over 200 DTC buses break down, passengers stranded

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NEW DELHI: Commuter woes were aggravated on Wednesday as over 268 Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) buses broke down in different parts of the city, following the torrential rains and the resultant waterlogging.

Over 25 passengers got trapped in one of these buses after the doors got jammed. Delhi Traffic Police and Delhi Fire Services officials pulled out the passengers using a ladder from the roof of the bus.

The stretch below the underpass was filled with around six feet deep water. After the breakdowns, officials barricaded the stretch for traffic. It took around 45 minutes for traffic personnel to pull out all the passengers from the bus.

"Since the water level was really high, the doors of the bus got jammed and passengers could not come out," said a senior traffic official.

DTC officials said that the



■ A DTC bus that broke down below the Zakhira underpass. **HT PHOTO**

chances of breakdown of low-floor buses are higher than the regular buses. Since the engine is closer to the ground, water seeps into it and affects operation.

Last year, on an average

over 200 buses broke down on the city's roads every day. However, these are only the complaints received by Delhi Traffic Police. Officials said, the original number is much higher.

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Heavy rains cause waterlogging, traffic jams; Kerry stuck again

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 31

Heavy rains affected the traffic movement in the morning due to waterlogging in several areas of the Capital today. It was the season's highest rainfall with the continuous downpour.

US Secretary of State John Kerry was 40 minutes late for an event at the IIT as his convoy waded through waterlogged roads from his hotel, otherwise a 15-minute ride.

On Monday too he and his convoy were stuck in the massive traffic near Satya Marg due to rain-induced waterlogging caused by heavy rains.

Army Chief Dalbir Singh was also caught in traffic jam today. He was to reach the India Habitat Centre for an army event, but couldn't make it in time because of



Vehicles waded through a waterlogged street on Ring Road near Indraprastha Metro Station after heavy rains in New Delhi on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MANAS RANJAN BHUI

the traffic congestion.

The city received 63.1 mm rainfall as per the reading of the Safdarjung observatory while the Palam observatory recorded 55.6 mm rainfall, the highest in this season.

According to Met, 53 mm of rainfall was received within a

span of two hours this morning with the intensity being the highest in Delhi.

Waterlogging in various areas, including Shantipath, Press Enclave Road, Dhaura Kuan, Zakir Husain Marg, AIIMS flyover and Zakhir underpass,

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A weather official

among other areas, crippled the traffic movement giving Delhiites a tough time.

Barapullah flyover towards DND, Ashram Chowk, Ring Road Maharani Bagh, Lajpat Nagar, Sarai Kale Khan, Raja Garden towards Mayapuri and Gymkhana towards Teen Murti Marg were also among the major waterlogged points.

Weatherman has predicted continuous downpour in the city with a possibility of thunderstorm.

“The rains will continue to lash the city tomorrow as well. The maximum and

minimum temperatures are expected to hover around 30 and 25 degree Celsius,” the official added.

South Delhi was the worst hit with severe traffic congestion being seen at the stretch on IIT-Delhi and Munirka, Press Enclave Road, Chirag Delhi and Nehru Place flyover, Sadik Nagar, BRT to Moolchand, Lala Lajpat Rai Marg, Nehru Place to Zamrudpur, Maharani Bagh, Lajpat Nagar, Lado Sarai T-Point, West End Marg near Saket Metro Station, AIIMS Loop and under South Ex. flyover.

Long tailbacks were witnessed in and around Gymkhana towards Teen Murti Marg, Bhairon Road towards Mathura Road Roundabout, Gol Dak Khana, Kali Bari Marg, Leela Palace Hotel, Okhla Underpass, Chandni Chowk.

(WITH AGENCY INPUTS)

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53 mm rainfall, Gurgaon deluged again

Badshapur drain touches danger mark | District authorities on toes

SUMEDHA SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

GURGAON, AUGUST 31

Gurgaon recorded season's heaviest rainfall today. The downpour, recorded at 53 mm, started at around 8 am and continued till 10:30 am. The NHAI, civic authorities and the police were on their toes to avoid any July 28-like situation.

"We are working to the best of our capability. The police force has done a commendable job and will ensure that Gurgaon has jam-free monsoons," said Police Commissioner Sandeep Khairwar.

Areas like Hero Honda Chowk, Sohna Road, Manesar, Udyog Vihar, Old Gurgaon Road, Sheetla Mata road and Rajeev Chowk were also flooded. The water level in the Badshapur drain touched the danger mark and Hero Honda Chowk had 22 cusec of water.

Water from the Aravallis flooded low-lying areas in

Manesar and Sohna and Hero Honda chowk.

"The Badshapur drain and Delhi's Nazafgarh drain were overflowing. This led to waterlogging in surrounding areas, but the Gurgaon administration cleared the area in an hour. The MCG deputed officials and used pumps in all sectors. The absence of storm water drains is causing the problem of flooding and it will take some months to fix it. Over all, we and the police department managed to keep things moving," said Deputy Commissioner TL Satya Prakash.

"The Badshapur drain and part of the Aravallis in Ghata is a major concern and we are working on it. Hero Honda Chowk, the key trouble spot, will be fixed soon. The Aravallis lost natural drainage to previous government's real estate ambitions, but we are working to revive the lost dams and drains," said Environment Minister Rao Narbir.



Vehicles wade through a waterlogged road following heavy rainfall in Gurgaon on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: SAYEED AHMED



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Rao Narbir, ENVIRONMENT MINISTER

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मुश्किलों की बरसात...

दिल्ली-एनसीआर में लगातार दूसरे दिन भी झमाझम बारिश हुई, जिसकी वजह से कई जगहों पर जलभराव हो गया। दोपहर बाद मौसम सुहावना जरूर हुआ, लेकिन घर से कामकाज पर निकले लोगों के लिए बुधवार बेहद मुश्किलों भरा दिन रहा।



Sunil Kataria

जलभराव बर्दाश्त नहीं

दिल्ली हाई कोर्ट ने कहा कि हम साल दर साल जलभराव को बर्दाश्त नहीं कर सकते। बुधवार की बारिश से नोएडा, गुडगांव सहित कई जगह जाम लगा रहा। सभी उड़ानें लेट हुईं। कई डायवर्ट हुईं।

ग्लोबल शर्मिंदगी

बारिश में सड़क पर पानी भरने से जाम में फंसे अमेरिकी विदेश मंत्री जॉन केरी आईआईटी दिल्ली 40 मिनट देरी से पहुंचे। उन्होंने चुटकी लेते हुए कहा कि आप लोग यहां नाव से आए हैं? आपको सलाम करता हूं। उनका यह कमेंट सोशल मीडिया पर दुनिया के सामने शर्मिंदार करने वाली बात के तौर पर लिया गया। ट्वीट्स आए कि मजाक में कही गई यह बात एक तरह से आइना दिखाने वाली है। अमेरिकी मीडिया में भी यह खबर सुर्खियों में रही। ▶▶ पेज 5

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'नाव खरीदने का टाइम आया'

सिलेब्रिटीज, नेताओं से लेकर आम लोगों तक ने जाहिर की नाराजगी, बुधवार को दिनभर ट्रेंड करती रही दिल्ली की बारिश

■ प्रमुख संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली

तेज बारिश से परेशान दिल्लीवाले को पास दिल की भड़ास निकालने के लिए सिर्फ सोशल मीडिया का ही सहारा था। आम में फंसे लोगों ने ट्विटर पर जमकर अपना गुस्सा निकाला। लोगों ने न सिर्फ वॉटरलॉगिंग का मुद्दा उठाया, बल्कि जिम्मेदार अथॉरिटीज पर भी सवाल उठाए। सिलेब्रिटीज से लेकर आम लोगों तक ने इस प्लैटफॉर्म पर नाराजगी जाहिर की और चुटकियां भी लीं। ट्विटर पर बुधवार को दिनभर #DelhiRains ट्रेंड करता रहा।

क्रिकेटर गौतम गंभीर ने ट्वीट कर लिखा कि शायद अब नाव खरीदने का वक्त आ गया है, क्योंकि जिम्मेदार अथॉरिटीज हमारी बेसिक समस्याएं सॉल्व

नहीं कर पा रही हैं। एक्टर कबीर बेदी ने एयरपोर्ट के रास्ते पर वॉटरलॉगिंग का एक विडियो पोस्ट करते हुए लिखा कि आज सुबह सड़क की हालत ऐसी थी। मेरी किस्मत अच्छी है कि मुझे फ्लाइट मिल गई। इसी तरह कई लोगों ने प्रशासन पर निशाना साधा और कहा कि यह परेशानियां बारिश की वजह नहीं, बल्कि निक्कमे प्रशासन की वजह से हो रही हैं। एक ट्वीट में @facepalm92 ने लिखा कि आज शांति पथ से न जाएं। वरना आप ऐसे फंसेंगे कि शायद अपने बच्चे की ग्रेजुएशन तक निकल न पाएं।

#DelhiRains :
ट्विटर पर गुस्सा
और मजाक

बारिश पर कई लोगों ने चुटकियां भी लीं। @saket71 ने लिखा कि जो लोग आईफोन लेने के लिए लंबी लाइनें देखकर हैरान होते हैं, उन्हें देखना चाहिए कि



बीजेपी और अकांली दल के नेता वॉटर लॉगिंग के विरोध में दिल्ली सचिवालय के बाहर बोट लेकर पहुंच गए

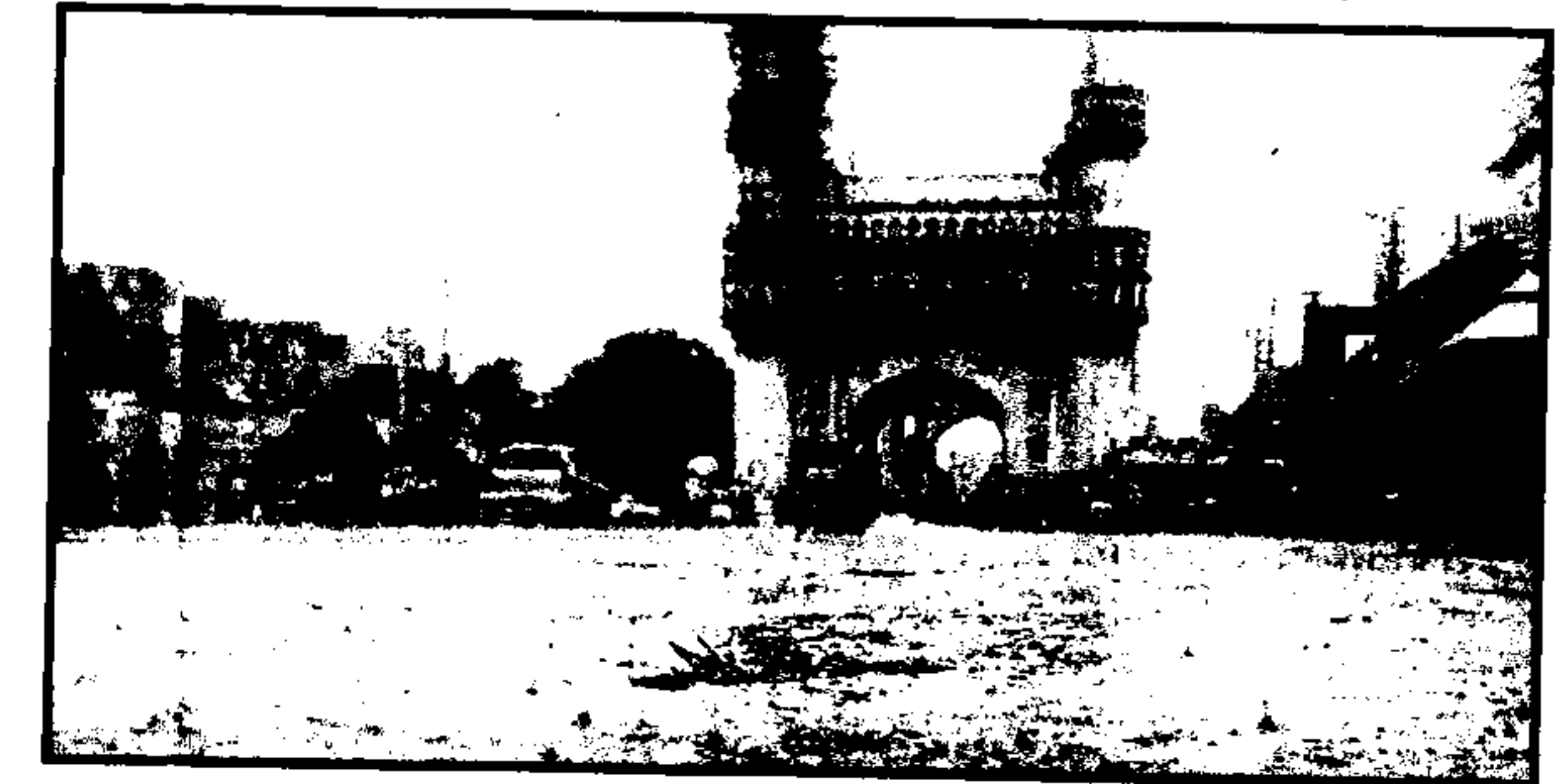
किस तरह लोग आज समोसे खरीदने के लिए इंतजार कर रहे हैं। कई लोगों ने लिखा कि सबने उड़ता पंजाब देख लिया है, अब 'तैरती दिल्ली' देख सकते हैं। ट्विटर पर @ruchikokcha ने लिखा कि यहाँ बारिश शुरू होने पर लोग कहते हैं कि बहुत रोमांटिक मौसम है। वहीं लोग अब दो घंटे बाद कह रहे हैं कि 'यह बारिश क्यों नहीं रुक रही।' इस बारिश ने गुड़गांव के भयंकर जाम की भी याद दिला दी। लोगों ने सवाल उठाए कि उस दिन से सरकार ने क्या सबक लिया है? ऐसे में 'गुरुग्राम' का जिक्र होना लाजमी थी। @babumoshoy ने ट्वीट कर तंज कसा कि गुरुग्राम के बजाय गुड़गांव का नाम बदलकर जामनगर रख देना चाहिए। @priyankar_bose ने लिखा कि दिल्ली में हर बार भारी बारिश के बाद ऐसा ही होता है और बारिश खत्म होने के बाद लोग हर बार इसे भूल जाते हैं।

दिवकतों की बारिश

भारी बारिश ने देशभर में कहर बरपाया, हैदराबाद में 7 की मौत

■ आईएनएस, हैदराबाद : देश के अलग-अलग हिस्सों में भारी बारिश, बाढ़ और आकाशीय बिजली गिरने की खबरें आ रही हैं। इन आपदाओं में अभी तक सैकड़ों लोगों की जानें गई हैं और प्रकृति की इस नाइंसाफी का सिलसिला लगातार जारी है, जिससे जानमाल की काफी क्षति हो रही है। हैदराबाद में बुधवार को हुई भारी बारिश के कारण हुए हादसों में 7

लोगों की मौत हो गई। सुबह करीब 7 बजे शुरू हुई भारी बारिश दोपहर तक जारी रही। बारिश के कारण दीवारें या घर गिरने की घटनाओं में मारे गए लोगों में 4 बच्चे शामिल हैं। वहीं मध्य प्रदेश के सिंगरौली जिले में मंगलवार रात दो अलग-अलग घटनाओं में आकाशीय बिजली की चपेट में आने से एक युवा दंपती की मौत हो गई और 7 लोग गंभीर रूप से झुलस गए।



साइक्लान वाले मॉनसून का अटैक

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राजधानी में बुधवार की बारिश ने नए रेकॉर्ड बनाए। इस सीजन में यह सबसे तेज बारिश रही। मौसम विभाग के सफदरजंग स्टेशन में सुबह 8:30 बजे से शाम 5:30 बजे के बीच 63.1 मिमी बारिश दर्ज की गई। सुबह 8:30 बजे के बाद पूरी दिल्ली में अंधेरा छा गया और घंटों बेहद तेज बौछारें बरसती रहीं। मौसम विभाग के मुताबिक, अगले दो दिनों तक ऐसी ही बारिश की संभावना है।

मौसम वैज्ञानिक रविंदर विशन ने बताया कि दिल्ली में चक्रवाती हवाओं के सिस्टम ने दस्तक दी है, जिसके कारण ज्यादातर इलाकों में इतनी तेज बारिश हुई है। गुरुवार को भी इतनी ही तेज बारिश होने की संभावना

है। शुक्रवार को भी बारिश हो सकती है। लेकिन 3 सितंबर से बारिश की स्थिति नहीं बनेगी। इसके बाद मौसम एक हफ्ते तक साफ रह सकता है।

स्काइमेट के मौसम वैज्ञानिक महेश पलावत ने कहा कि अभी दिल्ली और हरियाणा में चक्रवाती हवाओं का सिस्टम सक्रिय है, जिससे मूसलाधार बारिश हुई है। दिल्ली में दक्षिण-पूर्वी दिशाओं से नमी वाली हवाएं पहुंची हैं। आने वाले दिनों में वेस्टर्न डिस्टर्बेंस भी एक्टिव होगा, जिसके बाद बारिश हो सकती है। हालांकि अब मॉनसून सिस्टम के फिर से सक्रिय होने के चांस कम हैं।

बुधवार को बारिश की वजह से सुबह 8 से 10 बजे के दौरान विजिबिलिटी पर भी असर पड़ा। घने बादलों के कारण छाए अंधेरे के कारण गाड़ियां चला रहे लोग दिन में ही लाइट्स ऑन करने को मजबूर हुए। मौसम विभाग ने अपने बुलेटिन में कहा है कि गुरुवार को बादल छाए रह सकते हैं। बारिश



होने के साथ आंधी भी चलने की संभावना है। अधिकतम तापमान 31 डिग्री और न्यूनतम 25 डिग्री रहने का अनुमान है। बुधवार को मैक्सिमम टेंपरेचर नॉर्मल से चार डिग्री कम के साथ 30.4 डिग्री दर्ज हुआ। मिनिमम टेंपरेचर नॉर्मल से एक डिग्री कम के साथ 26 डिग्री दर्ज हुआ।

वहीं हवा में अधिकतम नमी का स्तर 98 पर्सेंट दर्ज हुआ। लगातार दो दिनों से इतनी ज्यादा नमी दर्ज हो रही है। मौसम वैज्ञानिकों के मुताबिक, दिल्ली में इस सीजन में पहले भी कई बार भारी बारिश हुई है, लेकिन इस बार की बारिश थोड़ी अलग थी, क्योंकि दिल्ली के आसमान में चक्रवाती हवाओं का सिस्टम सक्रिय था। जिससे पूरी दिल्ली के मौसम में एक साथ परिवर्तन आया। इससे पहले मौसम का सिस्टम दिल्ली में अलग-अलग जगहों पर सक्रिय होता था, जिससे सिर्फ खास हिस्से में बारिश हो रही थी। इस सीजन में पूरी दिल्ली में एक साथ बारिश पहली बार हुई है।

बसों के ब्रेकडाउन से और बढ़ी परेशानी

■ विस, नई दिल्ली : बारिश का असर डीटीसी व क्लस्टर स्कीम की बसों पर भी पड़ा। कई जगह पर डीटीसी व क्लस्टर बसों का ब्रेकडाउन हुआ, जिसके चलते ट्रैफिक जाम की स्थिति भी बनी। आनंद पर्वत के पास लिबर्टी की तरफ टी-पॉइंट पर एक डीटीसी बस के ब्रेकडाउन के चलते ट्रैफिक पर असर पड़ा। साउथ दिल्ली के अधचिनी में भी डीटीसी की बस खराब होने से कुछ समय के लिए ट्रैफिक जाम रहा। नॉर्थ और वेस्ट दिल्ली में भी कई जगह पर डीटीसी बसों का ब्रेकडाउन हुआ। इंद्रलोक के पास कई घंटे तक हेवी ट्रैफिक रहा। दरअसल जखीरा पुल पर पानी भरने के चलते बसें मोती नगर की तरफ नहीं जा सकीं। इंद्रलोक के पास एक साथ करीब 7-8 क्लस्टर स्कीम की बसों की लाइन लग गई और इन बसों के चलते ट्रैफिक की समस्या देखने को मिली। बारिश के चलते लोगों को बसों के लिए लंबा इंतजार भी करना पड़ा। हालांकि डीटीसी अधिकारियों का कहना है कि बसों की कमी नहीं थी।

01 सितम्बर

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The Times (Delhi)
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The Times of India (Chennai)

The Assam Tribune (Guwahati)
The Times of India (Mumbai)
The Telegraph (Kolkata)
हिन्दुस्तान (पटना)

The Deccan Herald (Bengaluru)
The Deccan Chronicle (Hyderabad)
Central Chronicle (Bhopal)

PWD को आई 230 शिकायतें

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पीडब्ल्यूडी ने दावा है कि वॉटरलॉगिंग की हर कंप्लेंट पर एक्शन लिया गया है। सुबह से ही डिपार्टमेंट की टीम एक्टिव थी। साथ ही यह भी कहा गया कि ऐसी कोशिश की गई, जिससे लोगों को कम से कम परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा।

पीडब्ल्यूडी कंट्रोल रूम में बुधवार को 230 शिकायतें आईं। डिपार्टमेंट के अधिकारियों का कहना है कि जहां से भी शिकायत आई, उस जगह पर पीडब्ल्यूडी की टीम पहुंची और पानी हटाया गया। हालांकि, भारी बारिश के कारण कुछ जगह पर वॉटरलॉगिंग क्लियर होने में 30 से 45 मिनट का समय लगा। अधिक से अधिक एक घंटे के अंदर जलभराव की समस्या दूर की गई। पीडब्ल्यूडी ने 825 पंप लगाए और 1078 कर्मचारियों को ड्यूटी पर तैनात किया था। 825 पंप में से 296 पोर्टेबल पंप थे। 178 मेंटिनेंस वैन को भी सड़कों पर उतारा गया।

पीडब्ल्यूडी के मुताबिक, कई जगहों पर एमसीडी के नालों की गाद के कारण वॉटरलॉगिंग हुई। तीनों एमसीडी ने नालों की सफाई का दावा किया था, लेकिन इन नालों ने पीडब्ल्यूडी के नालों को भी ओवरफ्लो किया और वॉटरलॉगिंग हुई। इससे पीडब्ल्यूडी के नालों की कैपिसिटी पर असर पड़ा और पानी जमा हो गया। इसके अलावा कुछ जगहों पर दिल्ली जल बोर्ड के सीवर मैनहोल्स भी वॉटरलॉगिंग का एक कारण बने, लेकिन पीडब्ल्यूडी ने जल बोर्ड के साथ मिलकर इस समस्या को दूर किया।

पीडब्ल्यूडी के मुताबिक, कई जगहों पर बारिश से बचने के लिए टू-वीलर डाइवर फ्लाईओवर के नीचे रुक गए, जिससे ट्रैफिक स्लो हो गया। कई जगह पर ट्रैफिक सिग्नल खराब थे और डीटीसी बसों का ब्रेकडाउन भी एक कारण रहा। आरयूबी, पुल प्रह्लादपुर के पास दिल्ली जल बोर्ड के सीवर मैनहोल के ओवरफ्लो के कारण वॉटरलॉगिंग हुई और इस जगह पर पांच पंपों के सहारे पानी क्लियर किया गया। एम्स के पास रिंग रोड पर एनबीसीसी द्वारा ड्रेनेज सिस्टम डैमेज किए जाने के चलते समस्या हुई। नरेला-बवाना रोड पर सीआरपीएफ कैंप के पास डीडीए की ओर से रोड बनाए जाने के चलते जलभराव हुआ।

धूल गया पॉश और स्लम का फर्क भी

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महज 3 घंटे के अंदर आसमान से बरसी 63 मिलीमीटर बारिश ने राजधानी में सुपर पॉश और स्लम बस्तियों के बीच का फर्क धो डाला। राजधानी में इस सीजन में इतनी ज्यादा बारिश इससे पहले दर्ज नहीं की गई थी। पूरी दिल्ली में जगह-जगह जो वॉटर लॉगिंग हुई, उससे विदेशी दूतावासों समेत बाकी वीवीआईपी इलाके भी अछूते नहीं रहे। इसने दिल्ली के ड्रेनेज सिस्टम और सिविक तैयारियों का सच एक बार फिर सामने ला दिया। अमेरिकी एंबेसी के बाहर भी घुटने तक पानी भर गया। कांग्रेस उपाध्यक्ष राहुल गांधी के 12, तुगलक लेन स्थित घर के बाहर भी सड़क पर पानी जमा हो गया।

बुधवार की बारिश से अनगिनत जगहों पर जलभराव की दिक्कतें हुईं। नॉर्थ और साउथ एमसीडी व एनडीएमसी के तहत आने वाले एरिया में कई जगहों पर वॉटर लॉगिंग हुई। साउथ एमसीडी के तहत 61 जगहों पर, जबकि नॉर्थ एमसीडी में 56 जगहों पर वॉटर लॉगिंग हुई। लुटियंस दिल्ली में कई एंबेसीज हैं। यहां अमेरिकी एंबेसी के बाहर पानी भरने से ट्रैफिक शांतिपथ एरिया से आगे मूव नहीं हो सका। जनपथ एरिया में भी कई जगहों पर वॉटर लॉगिंग हुई। नई दिल्ली के अफ्रीका एवेन्यू, बाबा खड़क सिंह मार्ग, पंचकुइयां रोड, पुराना किला के पास भी पानी भर गया था।

वहीं साउथ एमसीडी ने जानकारी दी कि उसके एरिया में आने वाली 61 जगहों पर जलभराव की शिकायतें मिली हैं।



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नॉर्थ ईस्ट

नॉर्थ ईस्ट के इलाकों में इस तरह बच्चों को निकलना पड़ा

■ महज तीन घंटे में बरसी 63 मिमी बारिश से लगभग हर जगह पानी ही पानी

■ दूतावासों के बाहर भी पानी भरा, राहुल गांधी के घर के बाहर भी वॉटर लॉगिंग

नजफगढ़ के मंडे मार्केट, वसंत विहार के ई-ब्लॉक, राजपुर खुर्द के भूप सिंह एरिया, देवली गांव, खिड़की गांव, हौज खास के डी-ब्लॉक, पंचशील पार्क एस-ब्लॉक, छतरपुर के एमसीडी ऑफिस के पास, मालवीय नगर एल-ब्लॉक, बी-ब्लॉक इंदिरा एनक्लेव, साकेत डी-ब्लॉक, संगम विहार जैसे इलाकों में जलभराव हुआ। साउथ एमसीडी के वेस्ट जोन में एच-ब्लॉक सरिता विहार, कालकाजी पोस्ट ऑफिस, डिफेंस कॉलोनी डी-ब्लॉक, संगम विहार गली नंबर-16,

नेहरू नगर, ग्रेटर कैलाश एन-ब्लॉक, श्याम नगर गोविंदपुरी, निजामुद्दीन एफ-ब्लॉक, बदरपुर, निजामुद्दीन प्रतिभा स्कूल, सी-ब्लॉक लाजपत नगर, संगम विहार ए-ब्लॉक, डिफेंस कॉलोनी फ्लाईओवर के नीचे, साउथ एक्स पार्ट-2 कोटला मुबारकपुर के पास, सीआर पार्क जैसे इलाकों में जलभराव की शिकायतें मिलीं। नॉर्थ एमसीडी एरिया में 56 जगहों पर वॉटर लॉगिंग की शिकायतें मिलीं।

मूसलाधार बारिश के बाद लुटियंस जोन में भी कई जगह पानी भर गया। एनडीएमसी का कहना है कि नाले के पानी के बैकफ्लो मारने की वजह से पानी सड़कों पर आ गया। काउंसिल ने दावा किया कि आधे घंटे में ही शांति पथ, जनपथ, अफ्रीका एवेन्यू जैसे एरिया से पानी निकाल दिया गया।

डूबता दिल्ली

कौन कितने पानी में...

महज कुछ घंटों की तेज बारिश ने एक बार फिर दिल्ली की सिविक एजेंसियों की तैयारियों के दावों पर पानी फेर दिया। सड़कें नदियां बन गईं, ट्रैफिक कराहने लगा। स्लम से लेकर वीवीआईपी इलाकों तक में लोग वॉटर लॉगिंग से परेशान नजर आए।

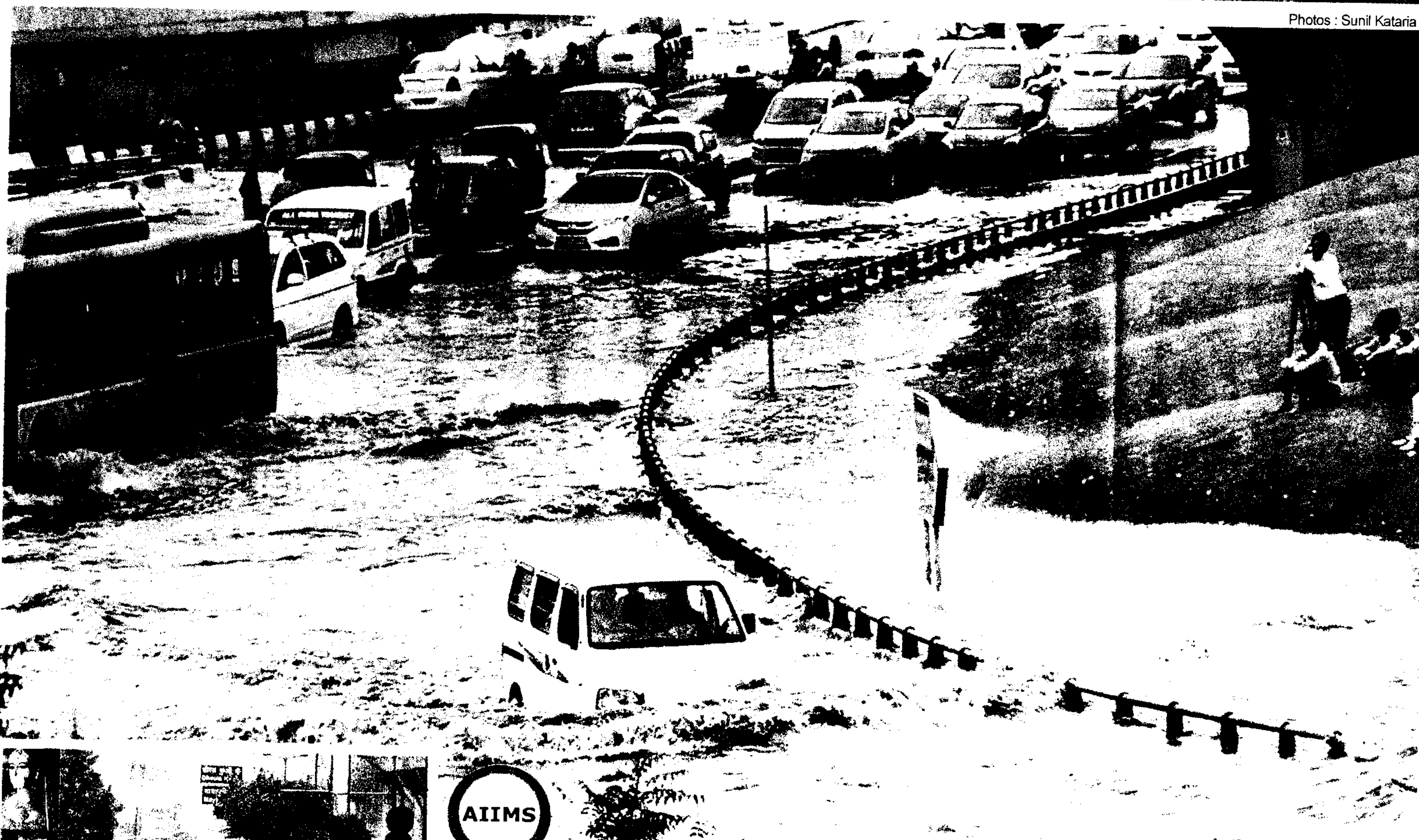


Anindya Chatopadhyay

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बारापूला
फ्लाईओवर

बारापूला एलिवेटेड रोड पर ऊपर लगा रहा लंबा जाम और नीचे भर गया बारिश का पानी



बारिश में दिक्कतें,
कोर्ट ने समझीं

विस, सुप्रीम कोर्ट : राजधानी दिल्ली में हुई बुधवार को भारी बारिश का मामला सुप्रीम कोर्ट के सामने भी उठाया गया। वकीलों की ओर से सुप्रीम कोर्ट के सामने गुहार लगाई गई कि बारिश के कारण जगह-जगह जाम लगा हुआ है। ऐसे में कई वकील सुप्रीम कोर्ट समय पर नहीं पहुंच पाएंगे। इससे उनकी पेशी में देरी होने के कारण उनके मामले में एडवर्स ऑर्डर पास न किया जाए। सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने इस आग्रह को मान लिया।

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एम्स फ्लाईओवर पर पानी भरने से कई गाड़ियां खराब हो गईं, हॉस्पिटल आने वाले मरीजों को भी हुई परेशानी



यहां कई घंटों लंबा जाम लगा रहा, लोग हुए परेशान

हाई कोर्ट ने जताई नाराजगी

❖ विस, हाई कोर्ट : बुधवार को बारिश के कारण हुए वॉटरलॉगिंग और सड़क जाम के मामले में हाई कोर्ट ने गहरी नाराजगी जाहिर की है और कहा है कि साल दर साल ये बर्दाश्त नहीं किया जा सकता। हाई कोर्ट ने कहा कि ड्रेनेज सिस्टम बंद होने का कोई स्पष्टीकरण नहीं हो सकता। अदालत ने कहा कि हर साल की तरह इस साल भी इस तरह की चीजों को बर्दाश्त नहीं किया जा सकता। दिल्ली हाई कोर्ट में साउथ दिल्ली में वॉटरलॉगिंग मामले की सुनवाई चल रही है इसी दौरान हाई कोर्ट के जस्टिस बीडी अहमद और जस्टिस आशुतोष कुमार की बेंच ने उक्त टिप्पणी की। जस्टिस आशुतोष कुमार ने कहा कि वह जब कोर्ट आने के लिए सुबह निकले थे, तब वाइस प्रेजिडेंट के निवास के बाहर भी सड़कों पर पानी भरा हुआ था।

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The Deccan Herald, 31/8/2016

Heavy rains lash Dharwad

BENGALURU: Several parts of the state received moderate rains on Tuesday. However, it rained heavily in Dharwad city and surrounding areas for more than an hour in the afternoon.

The sky was overcast in Dharwad since morning. But it began to rain only towards the afternoon. Rainwater gushed into many low-lying areas in the city. Hubballi city and surrounding areas received intermittent rains. There were reports of light rains in Belagavi. Parts of Raichur and Gadag districts received moderate rain whereas there was light rain in Uttara Kannada district. Moderate to heavy rains continued to lash Shivamogga on Tuesday. Heavy rains lashed Thirthahalli for hours together in the morning. Hosanagar, Sagar received good spell of rains intermittently.

Belur town in Hassan district received rains for more than 45 minutes on Tuesday afternoon. Channarayapatna, in Hassan



Students head home as it rains in Belagavi on Tuesday.

DH PHOTO

too experienced rains for an hour. Moderate rains lashed across Mandya district on the day. Srirangapatna, Malavalli, Maddur and Mandya taluks re-

ceived rains for half an hour. Parts of Mysuru city and surrounding places also received light showers.

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Deccan Herald, 31/8/2016

Caught in the rain



A two-wheeler rider braves the rain that lashed the city late on Tuesday evening. DH PHOTO

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Motorists in Secunderabad encountered rains on Tuesday that made it difficult for them to drive.

— DC

Heavy rains, flooding in Telangana, AP districts

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, AUG. 30

A few districts in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh received very heavy rainfall on Tuesday.

Mahbubnagar in Telangana received the highest rainfall of 16 cm, followed by Nalgonda at 4 cm. Many districts in the two states recorded more than 7 cm rainfall.

Kadapa in AP recorded 23 cm, followed by Krishna district of Coastal Andhra at 12 cm, Guntur

at 9 cm and West Godavari at 7 cm. A met department official said, "Though the low pressure area above west-central Bay of Bengal did not intensify, the upper air cyclonic circulation is accelerating the monsoon currents, which is causing heavy rains in TS and AP. There is a heavy rainfall warning for Telangana and AP for the next five days."

In Telangana, the Met department has warned of heavy to very heavy rains at isolated places in the

districts of Nalgonda and Mahbubnagar, and heavy rain at isolated places in the remaining districts.

In AP, heavy to very heavy rains are likely to occur in Coastal Andhra and Rayalaseema.

Hyderabad meanwhile recorded light rains measuring 1.2 mm. The city will witness one or two spells of rain, at times heavy, in certain areas. The maximum and minimum temperatures will remain 29°C and 21°C degrees.

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PM to visit Guj more often in run up to polls

- **Sanosara (Jamnagar):** Addressing his first public rally in his home state of Gujarat after becoming the Prime Minister in 2014, Narendra Modi said the lessons he learnt as CM proved very useful to him in governing the country.

Inaugurating the first phase of the ambitious Saurashtra-Narmada Avataran Irrigation Scheme on Tuesday, that aims to fill up 115 dams of water-deficient Saurashtra with surplus Narmada water, Modi also promised that he would visit Gujarat frequently, now that he was "well settled" in New Delhi.

"There were complaints from Anandiben and party workers that I haven't been visiting Gujarat ever since I left for



KEEPING A CHECK: The state goes to polls in 2017

Delhi. But when I became the PM, everything was new for me and I had to work hard to get accustomed there. After two years, I am settled there and won't give you a chance to complaint any more," Modi said.

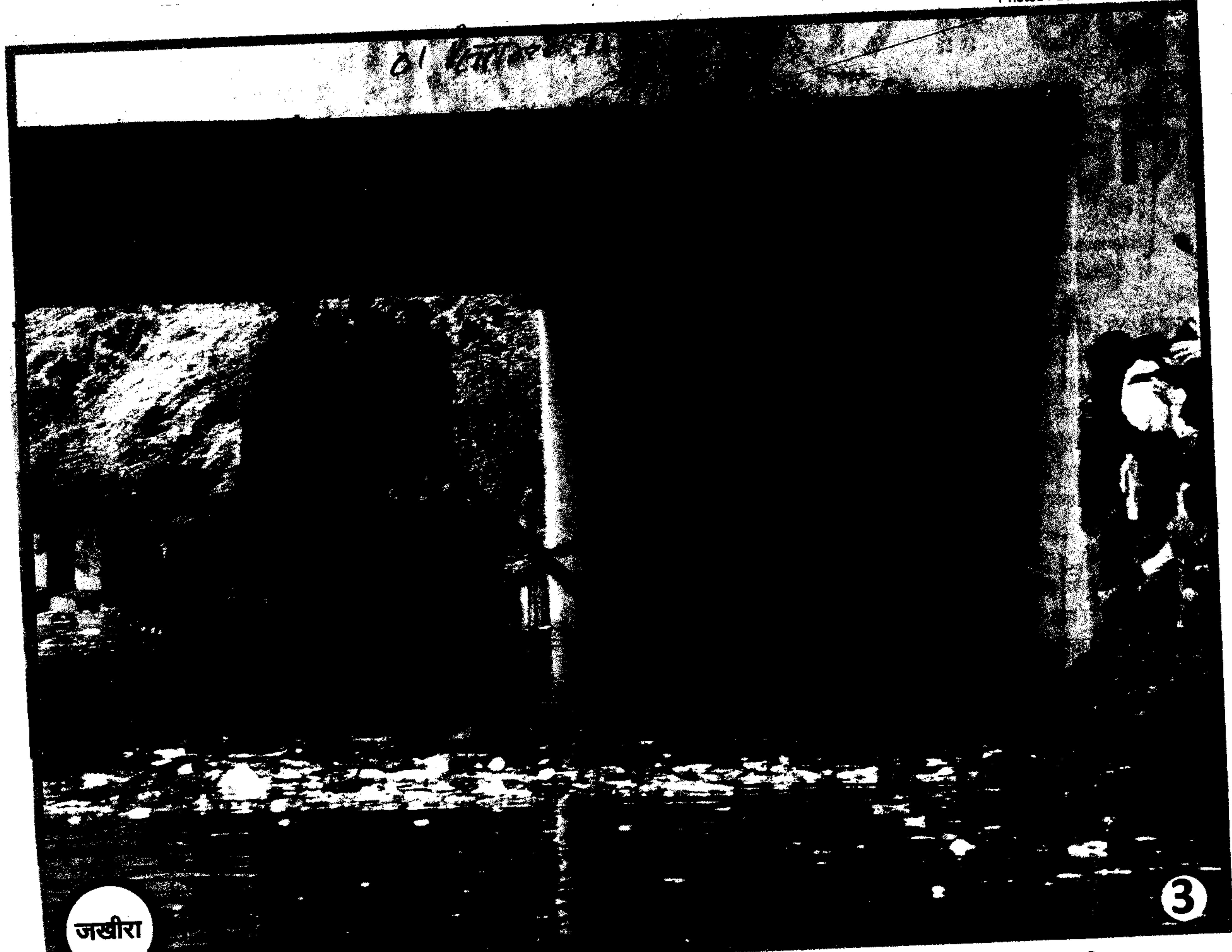
Gujarat goes to polls in 2017 and Modi's assurance of regular visits could come as a huge succour to the state BJP which is besieged by Dalit uprising and Patidar reservation stir that could potentially hit the

party's 21-year winning streak in the state.

Modi, however, did not even make a veiled attempt to express his disapproval of the reservation stir. The only mention of the downtrodden community he made was while saying that 45% of people who have received free gas connections in Uttar Pradesh were Dalits. Talking in Gujarati, he listed out various schemes of the Central government which he said have started yielding results. This was possible because all the schemes – giving gas connections to the poor, distribution of energy-efficient LED bulbs, building village roads, urea availability and crop insurance – had been executed in a 'mission mode.'



Photos : Surender Kumar, PTI



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राज्यीय जेणों की मदद से बस के ऊपर सीढ़ी लगाकर सवारियों को सही सलामत बाहर निकाला गया

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The long walk The Hindu, 31/8/2016



STRUGGLING FOR SURVIVAL: Villagers wade through floodwaters in Vaishali district of Bihar on Tuesday. With six more deaths reported from Bhojpur district, the toll due to floods in the State has risen to 165. Though the water level in the Ganga has started receding, the river is still flowing above the danger mark in several places. — PHOTO: RANJEET KUMAR

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The Hindu, 31/8/2016

Rain likely to continue till Thursday evening

STAFF REPORTER

CHENNAI: Mild showers and pleasant weather may continue for another day, bringing in some much-needed respite for residents.

However, the residents have started dreading traffic jams such as those created on Tuesday afternoon, after the heavy bout of rain.

The meteorological department has predicted that

the rain may reduce gradually after Thursday evening.

Officials said an upper air circulation and formation of a trough had led to these light showers.

While Nungambakkam received 0.7 cm of rain, Meenambakkam got 1 cm on Tuesday.

The skies will continue to be cloudy and there may be rain or thundershowers in some areas of the city for the

next 24 hours, officials said. The maximum and minimum temperature in the city was 35 degree Celsius and 26 degree Celsius respectively.

Rain in the afternoon also triggered traffic congestion in various roads across the city.

Other cities in the State including Madurai, Tiruchi and Salem are also likely to receive rain over the next 24 hours.

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Rain leaves Delhi traffic in a mess

Capital receives 15.2 mm of rainfall

NEW DELHI, PTI: Delhi crawled under massive traffic jams due to water-logging with motorists stuck on roads after a spell of showers in the national capital on Monday.

The city received 15.2 mm rainfall. Vehicular movement was affected across the city, including at ITO, Vikas Marg, South Extension, Khanpur, Mahipalpur, Hari Nagar, IIT crossing, Nehru Place, Yusuf Sarai Market and Munirka.

Traffic also crawled at major intersections such as Laxmi Nagar, Kashmere Gate, Dwarka, Dhaula Kuan, Sarai Kale Khan, Moolchand, Karkarduma, Rajghat, Kalindi Kunj.

"We received over 150 calls about waterlogging and heavy traffic in different parts of the city. There were over 50 water-

logging points that hampered traffic movement," said Sandeep Goel, Special Commissioner of Police (Traffic).

The problem was further aggravated due to a large number of vehicles, Monday being the first working day of the week.

"It usually takes 35 minutes for me to reach my home in Laxmi Nagar from my office in Connaught Place, but today I got stuck for three hours," Manoj Gupta, a software engineer, said.

Severe waterlogging was also reported on stretches at Mathura Road, Vayusenabad, Wazirabad Road and Tigri on Mehrauli Badarpur Road.

Commuters were barely able to move as MG road, Mayapuri, Nigam Bodh Ghat, Kela Ghat, Durga Puri Chowk and Mandoli T-Point were jam-packed due to waterlogging.

Bihar toll touches 159

The toll in Bihar floods rose to 159 with three more deaths being reported on Monday, while the situation in Uttar Pradesh improved due to receding river waters.

The floods in Bihar caused by overflowing of Ganga, Sone, Punpun, Burhi Gandak, Ghaghra, Kosi and other rivers have affected 37.74 lakh people in 2,029 villages of 12 districts, the Disaster Management Department said.

A total of 7.06 lakh people have been evacuated so far from the affected districts of

Buxar, Bhojpur, Patna, Vaishali, Saran, Begusarai, Samastipur, Lakhisarai, Khagaria, Munger, Bhagalpur and Katihar, it said.

The Ganga is flowing above the danger mark at Digha Ghat, Gandhi Ghat, Hathidah (in Patna), Bhagalpur and Kalgau (in Bhagalpur district), and in Munger and Buxar districts.

In Uttar Pradesh, with lesser rainfall in the past few days, water in major rivers have started receding, though some of those continue to flow above danger mark.

According to a Central Wa-



CAPITAL TROUBLES: A huge traffic jam at ring road after heavy rain in New Delhi on Monday. PTI

John Kerry stuck in traffic jam

The US Secretary of State John Kerry was stuck on the road in Delhi on Monday as the heavy downpour resulted in traffic congestion. PTI reports.

Shortly after Kerry landed in Delhi, some mediapersons accompanying him posted on social media that his convoy had got stuck in traffic congestion on the road from the airport to the hotel he would be staying. Kerry arrived in New Delhi after concluding a visit to Bangladesh.

ter Commission report, water in the Ganga is receding, but the river is still flowing above danger level at Varanasi, Ghazipur and Ballia.

Around 8.7 lakh people in 987 villages of Varanasi, Allahabad, Ghazipur and Ballia are affected due to floods and relief and rescue operations are on.

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Heavy rains in Gadag, Ballari

BENGALURU: Heavy rains lashed parts of Gadag and Ballari districts on Monday.

While it rained for more than an hour in Gadag town, Mundaragi, Dambal and Naregal received moderate rains. The farmers in the district were a worried lot with there being no rains for the past one week. Onion and cotton crops had started to wither away for want of rains. There was waterlogging in several places in the town affecting movement of vehicles.

Hoovinahadagali hobli in Ballari district received good rains towards the evening. Rains had vanished after farmers sowed the land in June. Farmers say that Monday's rain won't help them salvage the kharif crop. Moderate to heavy rains lashed various parts of Shivamogga district.

Heavy rains lashed Bhadravathi town for more than 30 minutes in the afternoon. Thirthahalli, Hosanagar, some parts of Shivamogga received

moderate rains. Water level in Linganamakki dam rose to 1,792.80 feet against maximum level of 1,819 feet.

Dakshina Kannada district experienced drizzle for most part of the day. In the last 24 hours, the district has received an average of 11.6 mm rainfall.

On the other hand, Kodagu district received an average of 5.74 mm rainfall. The water level in Harangi reservoir stood at 2,856.03 feet.

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A motorcyclist braves the rain in Gadag on Monday. DH PHOTO

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Deccan Herald - 20/8/2016

Reduced lake area reason for floods in city, says Palike commissioner

BENGALURU: The total lake area in the city has shrunk from 2,342 hectares to 918 hectares leading to massive flooding, according to Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Commissioner N Manjunath Prasad.

Speaking at the BBMP council meeting on Monday, the commissioner explained that the extent of lakes in Bengaluru before 1973 was 2,342 hectares, which came down to 1,992 hectares by 1974. It further decreased to 1,582 hectares in 1992 and 1,083 hectares in 2002.

By 2007, the total lake area is hardly 918 acres.

"The proportion of the rainfall is still the same (900 mm annually) for the last 50 years but the water storage capacity has reduced drastically, leading to flooding," said Prasad.

He added that sewage pipes have been connected to the stormwater drains and during rains, rainwater gets mixed with the sewage affecting the natural course of water flow. Further, dumping waste, sewage and debris have choked the stormwater drains. He recalled that in 2006 the city was flooded and ten years later, the



BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE COMMISSIONER N MANJUNATH PRASAD: The proportion of the rainfall is still the same (900 mm annually) for the last 50 years but the water storage capacity has reduced drastically, leading to flooding

city faced a similar situation.

"Encroachment of stormwater drain is the main reason of floods at Bilekahalli, Koda Chikkanahalli, Madivala and Sarakki," said Prasad justifying the demolition drive.

Village maps

As the Palike members sought to know the basis for identifying the stormwater drains, the commissioner explained that the village maps remain the basis for the survey.

He said the demolition at Doddabommasandra was carried out following a 300-page report on the encroachment on

stormwater drains.

He said the builders have been demanding to consider the Comprehensive Development Plan-2007 (CDP-2007) as the basis, which was not possible.

He added that based on the High Court and Supreme Court directives, the survey of stormwater drains was carried out three years ago.

The leader of opposition, Padmanabha Reddy urged the Commissioner to consider diverting the course of stormwater drain to minimise the damage to the private properties.

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'Houses illegal, layouts legal'

The layouts formed on 41 lakebeds in the city are legal but the houses in the buffer zone of these layouts are illegal. Commissioner N Manjunath Prasad said the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) formed layouts on 41 lakebeds which have been approved by the state government. "These lakes continue to remain in the revenue records as lakebeds. However, these layouts have necessary approvals from the state government as well as the BDA and hence they are legal," said the commissioner. Now that the National Green Tribunal has redefined the buffer zone of the stormwater drains and lakes, houses which do not have necessary approvals continue to remain illegal and hence, building plan approvals cannot be given to them, he added.

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GDP growth slows to 7.1% in April-June

Monsoon, Pay Boost In Quarters Ahead

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The country's economic growth slowed in the April-June quarter of 2016-17 as output in key sectors such as agriculture, construction and mining moderated, triggering calls for a cut in interest rates and accelerating policy initiatives to step up growth.

Data released by the Central Statistics Organisation (CSO) showed gross domestic product (GDP) grew an annual 7.1% in the first quarter of 2016-17, slower than previous quarter's 7.9% growth and lower than 7.5% expansion in the same period last fiscal.

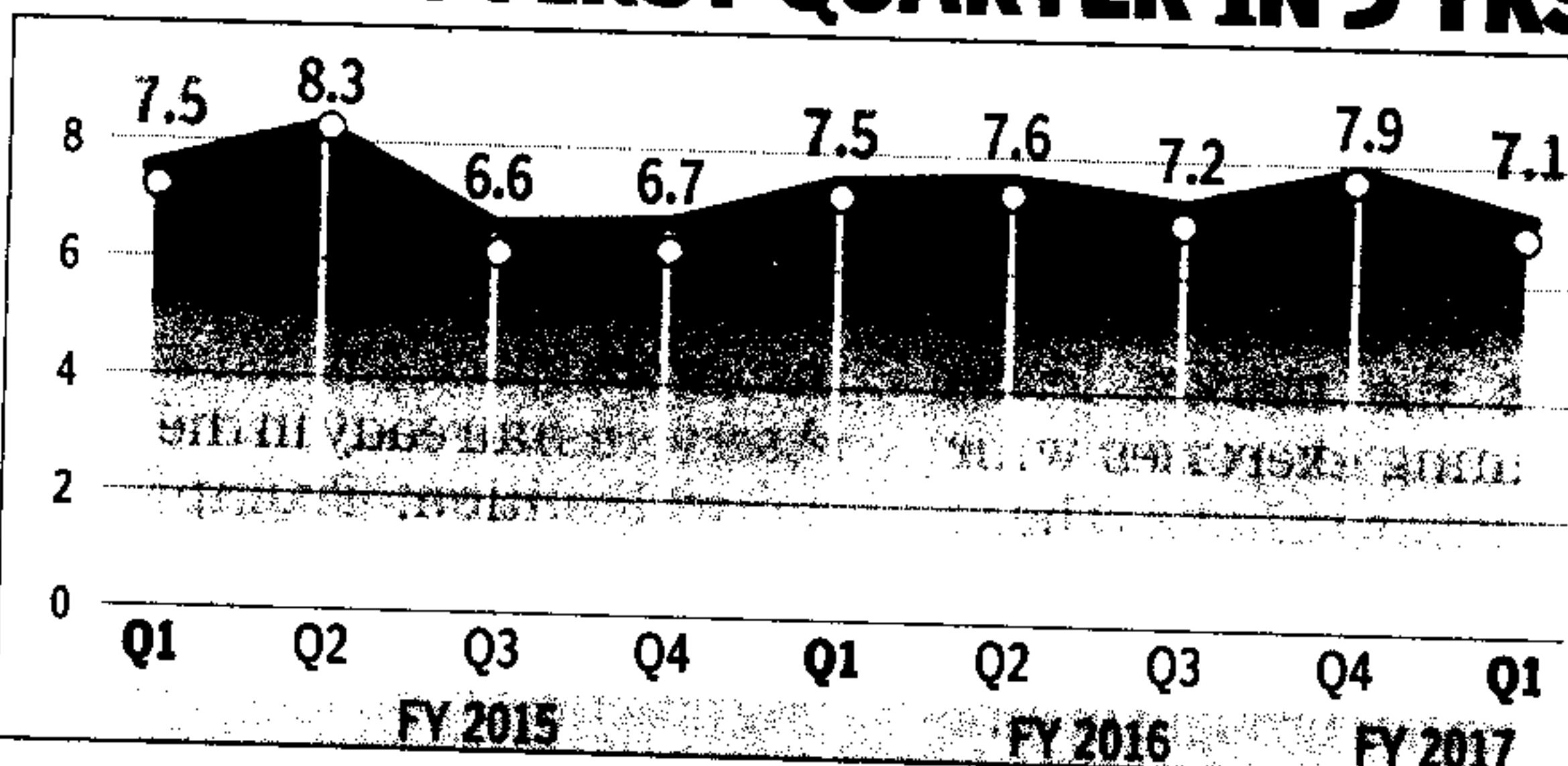
The farm sector grew 1.8% during the quarter compared to 2.6% last year, partly due to the impact of patchy rains.

The mining sector contracted 0.4% compared to a growth of 8.5% in April-June last year. The construction sector, a key employment generating segment, slowed to 1.5% compared to 5.6% in Q1 2015-16. The manufacturing sector rose a surprising 9.1% in the June quarter compared with 7.3% growth in the year-ago period.

Government spending remained the key driver of growth during the June quarter as private sector expenditure remained muted. Public administration, defence and other services grew 12.3% in April-June quarter compared with an expansion of 5.9% in the year earlier period.

"GDP growth was supported by private and government consumption activity in Q1 FY2017, as well as a smaller drag from net exports," said Aditi Nayar, senior economist at ratings agency Icria. "The performance of the services sector benefited from a sharp growth in the government's non-interest revenue expenditure, as reflected in uptick

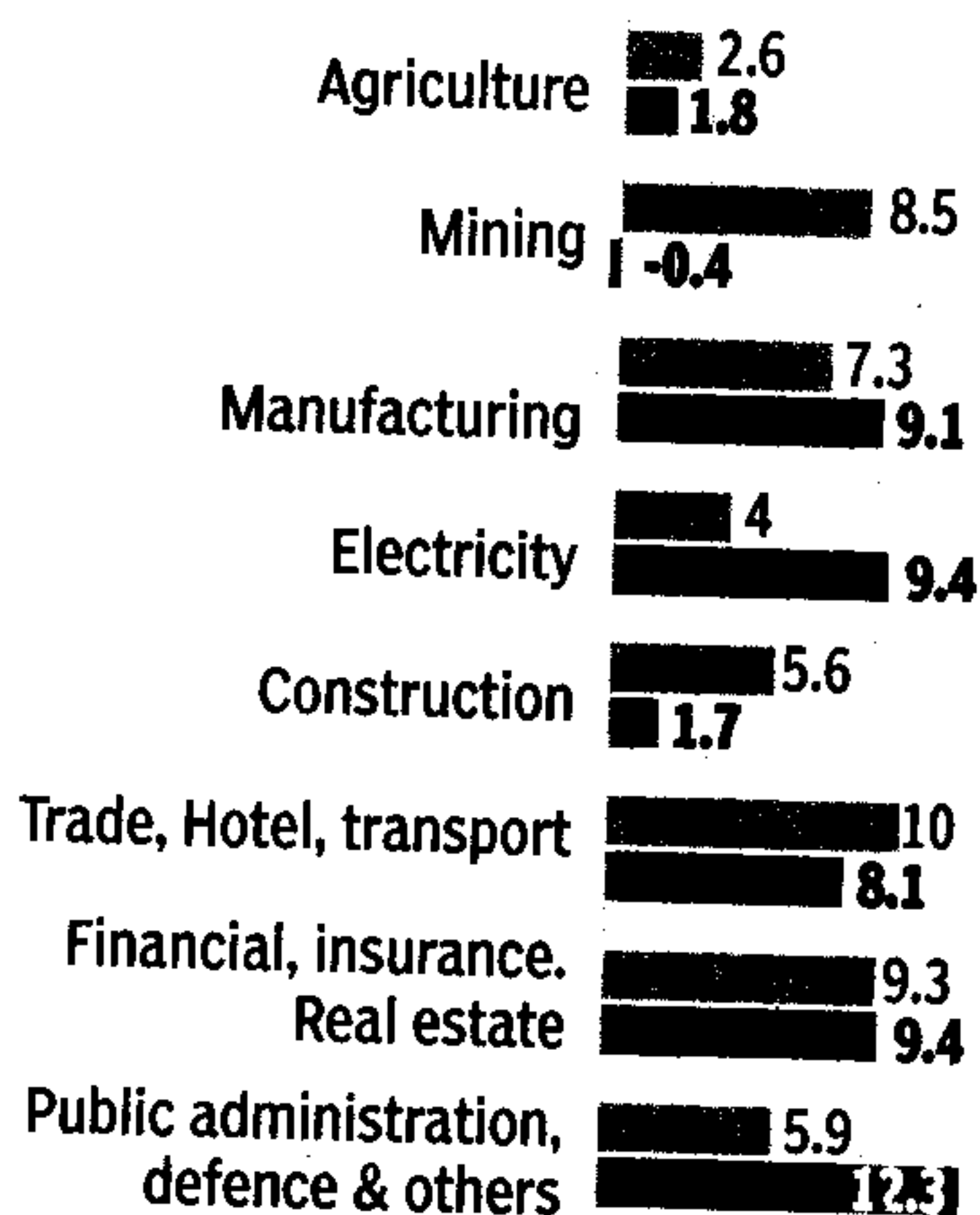
WEAKEST FIRST QUARTER IN 3 YRS



MANUFACTURING AND PUBLIC SPENDING COMPENSATE FOR MINING AND AGRICULTURE

QUARTERLY ESTIMATE OF GVA (gross value added)

%age change over Q1 of previous year



IT'S NOT THE TIME OF PANIC BECAUSE



Good monsoon will revive rural demand



Higher govt salaries will boost consumption



India still remains fastest growing large economy, beating China's 6.7% Q1 growth

Source: CSO

in expansion of public administration, defence and other services," she added.

Finance ministry said growth dividends of good monsoon may be reaped in the subsequent quarters and Pay Commission pay-outs can give boost to consumption.

The Indian economy, Asia's third largest, still remained the fastest growing economy in the world despite the moderation in growth in the June quarter. China grew 6.7% in the first quarter.

Robust monsoon rains

and the impact of the 7th Pay Commission are expected to provide a boost to growth in the months ahead. The effect of several reform measures unleashed by the government are also expected to add to growth. Expectations of lower interest rates are also expected to provide a boost although sticky inflation numbers may prompt RBI to be cautious on rates.

Policy makers are confident of achieving 8% growth in the current financial year on the back of strong monsoon, reform steps and low interest rates.

CLOGGED ROADS CAN'T BE TOLERATED EVERY YEAR: HC

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi high court on Wednesday reacted sharply to waterlogging on major roads and crippling of traffic in the Capital saying, "We cannot tolerate this year after year."

Justice BD Ahmed, who is hearing a matter relating to waterlogging with justice Ashutosh Kumar, said when he was on the way to court on Wednesday morning, "even the road in front of the vice-president's residence was waterlogged".

"There is no justification for clogged drains," the bench said.

It said pools of water collected on roads after rains due to poor drainage became breeding grounds for mosquitoes, leading to the spread of vector-borne diseases such as dengue and chikungunya.

The court was shown recent pictures of waterlogging in South Extension Part-I and Kushak Nallah.

The HC was hearing a public interest litigation over steps to check waterlogging in South Delhi.

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तीन घंटे में 10 सेंटीमीटर से ज्यादा बारिश, पश्चिम यूपी के कई शहरों में भी झमाझम बरसात ५-1.9. हैदराबाद में 15 साल का रिकॉर्ड टूटा



हैदराबाद/नई दिल्ली/मेरठ | हिटी

हैदराबाद में बुधवार को बादल आफत के रूप में बरसे। तीन घंटे में ही शहर और बाहरी इलाके में 10 सेंटीमीटर से ज्यादा बारिश हुई, जो 15 वर्षों का रिकॉर्ड है।

शहर में मूसलाधार बारिश की वजह से हुए दो अलग-अलग हादसों में सात लोगों की मौत हो गई। पहला हादसा दीवार ढहने से हुआ जिसमें एक चार लोगों की मौत हो गई। दूसरे हादसे में एक घर की छत गिर गई जिसमें तीन लोग मारे गए। इनमें परिवार की दो लड़कियां और एक महिला शामिल थी।

अस्पताल में भर गया पानी: हैदराबाद में बुधवार को भारी बारिश के कारण केवल शहर की सड़कें और निचले इलाके ही नहीं, बल्कि अस्पताल व रेलवे स्टेशन भी जलमग्न हो गए।

मेरठ में भारी बारिश: मेरठ और आसपास के जिलों में बुधवार को झमाझम बारिश हुई। बिजली गिरने से एक महिला की मौत हो गई। दो अन्य जगह बिजलीघर में आग लग गई। बुलंदशहर में बिजली गिरने से एक महिला की मौत हो गई और दो घायल हो गई। बागपत में दीवार गिरने से बच्ची की मौत हो गई।

मेरठ में लगातार तीसरे दिन हुई बारिश से उमस और भीषण गर्मी से निजात मिली। बुधवार सुबह पौने दस बजे शुरू हुई बारिश दो घंटे तक तेज और फिर रुक-रुककर हुई। बिजनौर में बुधवार सुबह 9 बजे रिमझिम शुरू हुई।



हैदराबाद में बुधवार को भारी बारिश के बीच फंसे लोगों को निकालते पुलिसकर्मी। • प्रे

बाढ़ से बेहाल

यूपी ने केंद्र सरकार से 1000 करोड़ मांगे

उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने प्रदेश में बाढ़ प्रभावितों को मदद देने के लिए केंद्र सरकार से 1000 करोड़ रुपये की मांग की है। प्रमुख सचिव राजस्व अरविंद कुमार की तरफ से बुधवार को इस संबंध में सचिव गृह मंत्रालय भारत सरकार को पत्र भेजा गया है। उन्होंने राष्ट्रीय आपदा मोचक निधि से 1000 करोड़ रुपये की सहायता तत्काल देने का अनुरोध किया है। प्रदेश के कई जिले मौजूदा समय बाढ़ की चपेट में हैं। इससे बाढ़ की चपेट में आए गांवों का जनजीवन अस्त-व्यस्त हो गया है।

नुकसान का आकलन होगा

यूपी के सिंचाई मंत्री शिवपाल यादव ने कहा कि राज्य में बाढ़ से भारी नुकसान हुआ। केंद्र की टीम व यूपी की टीम जल्द नुकसान का आकलन करेगी। उसके बाद निर्णय लिया जाएगा। उन्होंने साफ किया कि डूब क्षेत्र में पक्के मकान बन चुके हैं। इन्हें हटाया नहीं जा सकता।

नवगछिया-सहरसा का सड़क संपर्क कटा

बिहार में गंगा के जलस्तर में चार दिनों से गिरावट जारी है, लेकिन आपदा कम होने का नाम नहीं ले रही है। गंगा के तटबंधों पर पानी का दबाव बने रहने के कारण स्थिति विकराल होती जा रही है। बुधवार को विशु राउत पुल के पहुंच पथ पर कमरभर पानी होने के कारण नवगछिया का सहरसा से सड़क संपर्क कट गया। खरीक प्रखंड के राघोपुर में गंगा खतरे के निशान से 1.85 मीटर ऊपर बह रही है, जिससे राघोपुर-काजीकोरैया जमींदारी बांध पर दबाव बढ़ने लगा है।

बांध का कुछ हिस्सा कटा

बिहार के बिहपुर प्रखंड सीमा पर स्थित नरकटिया-नन्हकार जमींदारी तटबंध पर विशु बाबा स्थान के पास घंसान के बाद बांध का कुछ हिस्सा कट गया है। यदि यह बांध टूट गया तो नरकटिया, सोनवर्षा, गौरीपुर समेत दर्जनों गांव होते हुए बाढ़ नारायणपुर तक पहुंच जाएगी।

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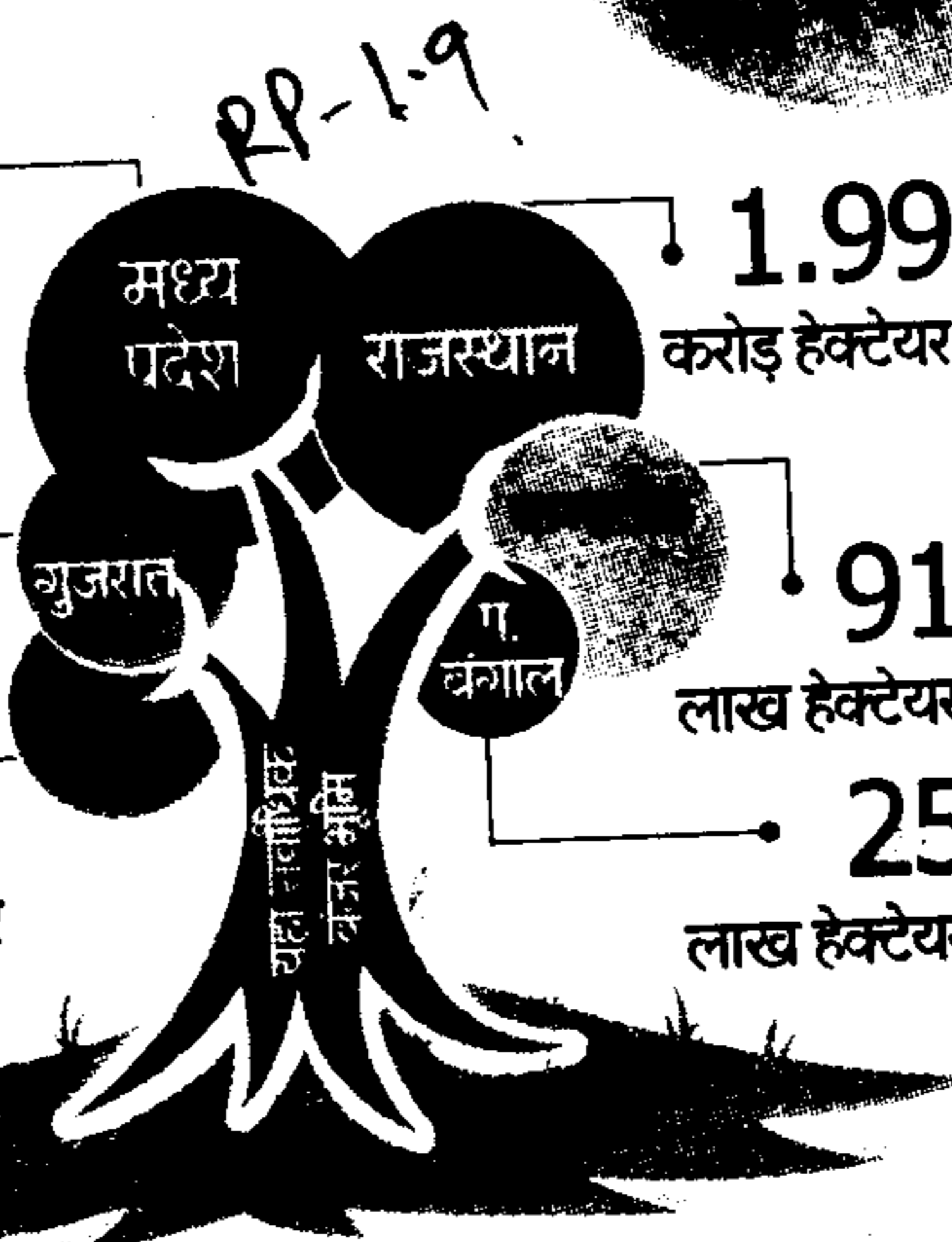
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छत्तीसगढ़ के बस्तर में अधिक उत्पादन की लालसा से कीमती उपजाऊ जमीन असुरक्षितता की भेंट चढ़ रही है। यह बात मिट्टी परीक्षण में पता चली।

मग्न में सबसे तेजी

मग्न में दो दशकों से बीहड़ों में दो गुना वृद्धि हुई है। प्रभावित इलाका चंबल, यमुना, साबरमती, माही नदियों और इन नदियों की सहायक नदियों किनारे बसे एमपी, यूपी, राजस्थान, गुजरात है।

खनन भी जिम्मेदार

बीहड़ के बाद सबसे अधिक नुकसान खनन उद्योग ने किया। तीन दशकों में खनिज उत्पादन पांच गुना बढ़ा लेकिन इसके एवज में लाखों हेक्टेयर जमीन को वीरान हो गई। रासायनिक खादों का उपयोग के कारण भी जमीन के फटने की शिकारों सामने आईं।

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AT A LOSS: Relatives of people who died in a wall collapse due to heavy rain in Hyderabad on Wednesday. — PHOTO: G. RAMAKRISHNA

Seven killed as heavy rain wreaks havoc in Hyderabad

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

HYDERABAD: Seven people including three children, belonging to two families, were crushed to death in different incidents of wall and building collapse as heavy rain lashed the twin cities early on Wednesday morning.

Bilkis (27) and her two daughters Zeba (two) and Maria (five) were killed in a wall collapse at Bholakpur (Mush-eerabad). In another incident, an under-construction wall collapsed on a hut where the family of Balaswamy Yadav (40) was sleeping, killing him, his 18-year-old daughter Parvati and 11-year-old son Bhaskar (11) on the spot. His wife Chennamma (35) later succumbed to injuries at a private hospital.

Mayor B. Rammohan and Municipal Minister K.T. Rama Rao visited Gandhi Hospital, where the bodies were taken for post-mortem, consoled the family members and later, announced an ex-gratia of up to Rs.4 lakh each through various government schemes to the kin of the deceased. Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar

Rao condoled the deaths and gave instructions for increasing the compensation.

Water logging of roads, colonies, inundation of low lying areas especially slums and traffic jams in almost all the main roads became the feature from dawn to noon. Schoolchildren and office goers bore the brunt as the skies opened up with great force.

More rains predicted

Three to five centimetres of rain was recorded by the GHMC rain gauges in different circles till 8 a.m. itself and by noon the rainfall was more than 11.8 cm at Amberpet, Malkajgiri 9 cm, Saidabad 8.7 cm, Qutbullapur 8 cm, Khairatabad 7.7 cm, Ameerpet 6.5 cm, etc.

The Met office has forecast heavy rains for the next 48 hours owing to a depression in the Bay of Bengal. GHMC personnel including the Commissioner B. Janardhan Reddy, senior staff and field personnel fanned out to different parts of the city to tackle emergencies as alarm one and later alarm two were sounded when there

was no let-up in rain. The Mayor too arrived at the GHMC head office to personally monitor the relief measures.

Roads and areas in Banjara Hills, Begumpet, Secunderabad, Nampally, Dilsukhnagar, Nagole, Ranigunj, L.B.Nagar, Uppal, Mettuguda, Tarnaka, Shankarmutt, Musheerabad, Vidyanagar, Malakpet, Filmnagar, Kacheguda, Koti, Abids, Basheerbagh, Bowenpally, Marredpally, NTR Marg, Madhapur and several others were inundated.

Dr. Reddy appealed to people not to venture out till there is some let-up unless for emergencies as the municipal sanitation staff and traffic police struggled to bring some order to the chaos. A new outlet built near the Marriot Hotel at Tank Bund was opened to let out 120 cusecs of water from Hussainsagar lake as it reached the full tank level of 513.4 metres.

Commuters faced a harrowing time as buses were held up in jams and trains too had to be cancelled on a few routes as rainwater submerged the tracks.

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It is pollution that made Gangetic dolphins 'blind', says Uma Bharti

Species not using its eyes after 125 years of pollution: Minister

JACOB KOSHY

NEW DELHI: Nothing, not even Darwinian evolution, can challenge Union Water Resources Minister Uma Bharti's stance that pollution has blinded the Gangetic river dolphin.

On Aug 4, in the Lok Sabha, Ms. Bharti stated that "pollution for over 125 years in the Ganga" had caused the dolphin to "stop" using its eyes and rely on other senses to navigate. *Platanista gangetica*, the biological name of the Gangetic river dolphin, also called the "blind" river dolphin or the "side-swimming dolphin" is unique to India and an endangered species.

A Right to Information query by a media agency to the Water Resources Ministry earlier this month found that the Ministry had conducted no study to establish a theory on why the mammal was blind. On Wednesday, the Ministry put out a press statement explaining that Ms. Uma Bharti was right and "...a presentation was made by an expert (to the Minister) on aqua life in which the Minister was informed that dolphins in Ganga are getting blind due to pollution in the river. Therefore, the statement by the Minister is factually correct," the statement said.

A Ministry spokesperson did not share the name of the



Uma Bharti

expert and *The Hindu* could not obtain this information from other departmental officials.

Evolutionary biology has it that the Gangetic dolphin has been 'blind' for about 20 million years and shares its limited eyesight with its international freshwater river-dolphin cousins, namely the Yangtze, Amazon, La Plata and the Indus dolphins.

"The Gangetic dolphin lost its eyes in the course of evolution to adapt to the muddy water of rivers. They largely navigate by echo-location or sonar," said Qamar Qureshi, a wildlife ecologist who specialises in river-dolphin conservation at the Wildlife Institute of India.

The mammal evolved over millennia, according to an October 2000 paper in the Proceedings of the Royal Society of London, *Evolution of river dolphins*, when rising sea levels inundated large areas of the Indo-Gangetic basin, creating a shallow marine habitat.

Species such as the Gangetic dolphin were able to adapt to this muddied, saline environment that however came at the expense of vision, or at least vision in the way it works in humans. Gangetic river dolphins navigate using sound waves made by clicking sounds through their throat that bounce off targets and return to their large, flat heads with extremely sensitive auditory systems. They also have rods and cones, found in mammal eyes, that help tell light from dark.

"Pollution is certainly responsible for the plight of the dolphin but not in this way," said Mr. Qureshi. Dams over the Ganga and Brahmaputra, overfishing and industrial effluents had made survival of the mammal difficult in India. There are no more than 2,500 dolphins in India with most along the Brahmaputra, Bihar, Allahabad and Chambal regions, he added.

One of the stated aims of the Rs. 20,000 crore National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) is to improve aquatic life in the river and restore dolphin populations. On Wednesday, however, the NMCG had ordered an inquiry to find out how "factual information" (from the unnamed expert who had briefed the Minister) was not added to the RTI query, the Ministry statement added.

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Cut Cities Free

India's urban nightmare can be ended with legislative changes and capacity building

US secretary of state John Kerry is unlikely to forget his visit to New Delhi in a hurry. Not once but twice his meticulously planned trip was derailed by routine monsoon showers, leading him to humorously quip to his IIT Delhi audience, "I don't know if you came here in boats." The same day, seven people died in rain related incidents in Hyderabad. India's cities are collapsing. The ruralist bias of India's political economy dictates that while urban India generates a massive proportion of India's GDP, there is very little investment in them in return. It is worth reminding populist politicians that working cities are in everybody's interest, including villagers.

It is almost 25 years since the 74th constitutional amendment mandated setting up of municipalities as institutions of self-government.



But the spirit underpinning the amendment has been ignored by states even as they ask for decentralisation and more powers from the Centre. Thus India's economic dynamos Chennai, Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru and Hyderabad have all been crippled by poor or non-existent urban infrastructure. It is shameful that about half the households in India's start-up capital Bengaluru do not have a sewerage connection or around the same proportion in Mumbai live in slums. Moreover,

when projections indicate that urban population will increase by another 200 million in the next 15 years, change cannot be postponed.

Urban governance reforms must be based on the principle of accountability. It is time to narrow accountability to a single office such as an elected mayor, as successful cities across the world do. The mayor should be the executive head of a city, equipped with sufficient legal powers and financial resources to get things done. Congress leader Shashi Tharoor introduced a private member's bill to get balkanised urban governance system to function as a coherent body with appropriate legislative backing. But this should be done by states without any prompting.

From public transport systems and traffic control to managing solid waste disposal and drainage, enormous investment is needed to upgrade skills and resources. An expert group in 2011 estimated urban infrastructure over a 20-year period needed an investment of Rs 39.2 trillion. This is far less than what urban India contributes to the economy annually. A resource crunch, therefore, cannot be an excuse. Unless both Centre and states can find the political will to carry out urban governance reforms, talk about smart cities or Swachh Bharat will remain just idle chatter.

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Rain pounds Hyderabad, 7 dead

SURESH DHARUR

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

HYDERABAD, AUGUST 31

At least seven persons were killed in two incidents of wall collapse as heavy rain lashed Hyderabad and its surrounding areas today.

Four of a family were killed at Ramanthapur in the Uppal area following a wall collapse, while three members of another family (woman and her two girls) died in a building collapse at Bholakpur in Musheerabad.

Victims at Bholapur were identified as Bilkis Begum (25), her two daughters Zeba (5) and Mariya (2), while those killed at Ramanthapur were Balaswamy, Chinamma, Parvathy and Shekar. Another building collapsed at Lal Darwaja in Old City, but no one was injured.

Normal life was thrown



Policemen rescue commuters who were stuck due to heavy rain under a railway bridge in Hyderabad on Wednesday. PTI

out of gear as incessant rain battered the city. House collapses, water-logging of roads, and inundation of slums were reported from different parts of the city.

Massive traffic congestions were reported from various parts of the city and several vehicles were stuck in knee-deep water. Officegoers had a tough time

commuting to their workplaces with several roads overflowing, while many localities in low-lying areas also got inundated.

Commissioner of Greater

Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) B Janardhan Reddy instructed officials to make arrangements to evacuate people staying in dilapidated buildings.