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# Irrigation infra gets ₹50k cr push

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## Web portal for green nod for small projects

**New Delhi:** The Centre will spend Rs 50,000 crore over next five years to develop basic irrigation infrastructure and water conservation models in the country under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (Prime Minister's Agriculture Irrigation Scheme). The scheme aims to irrigate every farm in India under its motto 'Har Khet Ko Pani' (water for every farm) to increase productivity through efficient use of water.

The scheme is to be implemented through district and state-specific irrigation plan and will be monitored by a National Steering Committee, headed by the Prime Minister. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister, gave its approval to the scheme on Wednesday.

Announcing the approval, Union agricultural minister Radha Mohan Singh said, "The major objective of the PMKSY is to achieve convergence of investments in irrigation at the field level, expand cultivable area under assured irrigation, improve

Almost a year after going online for assessing environmental clearance applications of bigger projects, the Centre on Thursday launched a web portal for smaller projects that need to get approval from state authorities.

As many as 19 states including Maharashtra, Gujarat, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Manipur and Punjab instantly joined the online clearance system. TNN

on farm water use efficiency to reduce wastage of water, enhance the adoption of precision-irrigation and other water saving technologies".

The programme architecture of PMKSY aims at 'decentralized state level planning and execution' structure, in order to allow states to draw up a 'District Irrigation Plan' (DIP) and a 'State Irrigation Plan' (SIP).

"The programme will be supervised and monitored at the national level by an inter-ministerial national steering committee (NSC) under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister", said Singh.

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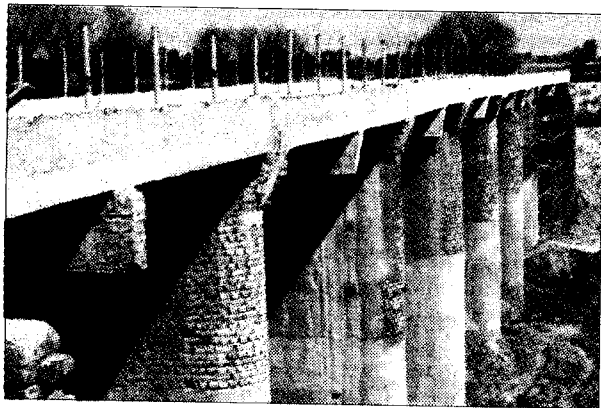
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# Without state help, Sirsa villagers build bridge



A bridge under construction that will connect Panihari and Alika villages in Sirsa district. PHOTO: SANJEEV SHARMA

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**SIRSA, JULY 2**

Ever since independence, residents of 10 villages ran from pillar to post to get a bridge constructed over Ghaggar but to no avail.

All these decades, villagers petitioned bureaucrats in Sirsa and Chandigarh but to no avail. Residents of Panihari village, 16 km from Sirsa, had to cross the Ghaggar in boats to reach Alika village or Kalanwali and Rori.

Likewise, residents of Alika

village had either the option of travelling 30 km more to reach Sirsa or risk crossing the river which was in spate during the monsoons in boats. Villagers decided enough was enough when two children were drowned last year.

Panihari and Alika villagers decided to pool money to construct the bridge. Keeping politicians at bay, they laid the foundation stone of the bridge at a low-key function on Baishakhi last year after preparing a rough estimate with the help of an engineer.

Almost 14 months later, the 250-foot long and 40-foot wide bridge has been completed at the cost of ₹1.25 crore.

"We have decided that we are not going to invite any politician or bureaucrat to inaugurate the bridge," said Jiwan Singh, a villager. Villagers pooled ₹1,000 per acre of their landholding for the project. Some senior citizens contributed their pension.

Former MLA Gopal Kanda gave ₹5.51 lakh and Sirsa MP Charanjit Singh Rori donated ₹1 lakh.

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# Last wk of June saw 14% dip in rainfall

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**New Delhi:** Rainfall dipped sharply to 14% below normal for the week ending Wednesday as monsoon weakened in large parts of the country after two weeks of bountiful showers. Met officials said rain activity could remain subdued for up to two weeks.

Overall, monsoon remained 10% above normal for the season but the surplus was diminishing by the day, with rain activity falling dramatically in the core monsoon regions.

Rainfall data for June 25-July 1 released by IMD on Thursday showed central India (except Gujarat) and the northeast were largely dry during the week while the north received good rains.

## RAIN DIP

### Weekly Monsoon Performance

	(Figs in %)
June 4-10	-5
June 11-17	20
June 18-24	44
June 25-Jul 1	-14

► Monsoon not likely to revive in next 2 weeks or so

► But rainfall to increase from July 6 to 9, mainly in hill states, & to lesser extent in northern plains and central India

This was the worst monsoon week this season and it came, ironically, after the wettest week (June 18-24), when a 44% rain surplus was recorded.

"There's no activity in either Bay of Bengal or Arabian

**Overall, monsoon remained 10% above normal for the season but the surplus was diminishing by the day**

Sea which could bring substantial rain into the mainland," said India Meteorological Department director B P Yadav.

Yadav said larger weather systems were not favourable for the monsoon. Storms were building up in the Pacific, with a likelihood of typhoons developing in the next few days. "This is taking energy away from the southwest monsoon and changing the flow patterns," he added.

A rise in the number of typhoons is one of the effects as-

sociated with the current warming phase of the tropical Pacific called an El Nino. Experts also said that the Madden Julian Oscillation, a travelling pulse of wet weather that had energized the monsoon for two weeks, had moved into an adverse phase.

However, some wet weather was headed for north India from Monday. Till then, hot and humid weather in Delhi and much of northwest India is likely to continue.

"A change in the pattern can be expected by Monday. The main impact will be in the northern hill states. We are expecting very heavy rain in J&K. Rains will also pick up, although not substantially, in the northern plains and central India. This likely to last till July 9," Yadav said.

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Fountains and parks were favoured destinations across Britain as temperatures touched record highs on Tuesday and Wednesday. Reuters

## UNPRECEDENTED HEATWAVE

# Behind the 'Indian' summer in Europe, climate change and an African scorcher

### AGENCIES

JULY 2

WHAT LIES behind the extraordinarily high temperatures experienced across Europe this week? Meteorologically, it is the result of the development of an area of high pressure above the Iberian Peninsula, which pushed hot winds north and east up to the southern Baltics, Belarus and western Ukraine, and as far north as southern Scandinavia.

Alongside have come the familiar warnings that the world's climate has changed fundamentally — bringing with it extreme, and sometimes catastrophic, weather events.

The United Nations has issued an unusual safety advisory, and the World Health Organisation (WHO) and World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) have warned of future heatwaves in places where they have never occurred before.

"Climate change is not only likely to bring about changes in the frequency and duration of heatwaves in 'core' heatwave regions but also an alteration of the geographical distribution of heatwave disasters," WMO and WHO have warned. They have also said that progressive urbanisation was part of the problem, because cities tended to be hotter than the countryside, and had the effect of putting vulnerable groups such as the elderly and the unwell at greater risk.

Spain and Portugal, in the line of a mass of hot air flowing north from Africa, reported temperatures of 44 degrees Celsius this week. Temperatures in Madrid touched 40 degrees for two days in a row, the highest for June since 1945. The Portuguese mainland,

coming out of an uncommonly dry winter and spring, faced a severe summer drought.

On Wednesday, the temperature at London's Heathrow airport was 36.7 degrees Celsius, a July record not matched anywhere in the UK, according to the Met Office. The highest temperatures climbed to in July was 36.5 degrees nine years ago in Wisley.

Paris saw its temperature rise to 39.7 degrees Celsius on Wednesday, the second highest reading since 1873, according to Météo-France.

Belgium and The Netherlands saw highs in the vicinity of 35 degrees Celsius. In southern France, temperatures crossed 40 degrees — making many famous holiday spots hotter than places in India this week.

In Britain, where there were reports of roads melting, trains running slower, and garbage not getting picked up because garbage vans were apparently overheating, many commuters outside the London subway, however, said they didn't mind the heat. Some responded with a classic British quip: "Mustn't complain."

"I'm loving it. I can't complain," said Maggie Cloud, a university student who planned to relax in the park. "We pay so much money to go abroad to holidays, and now we have the weather here. It's cheaper."

In Spain, tourists looking for sun and beach time didn't mind the heat either.

"Beautiful. We're coping very well," said Petroneo Zaldumbide, a 65-year-old Ecuadorean on holiday.

Things appeared changing towards the other extreme on Thursday in Britain, though, with rain and a huge storm in the northeast that knocked out power to thousands of homes.

# IN SHORT SUPPLY The capital needs a mass awareness programme on water conservation to tide over the shortage and ensure a better future

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**NEW DELHI:** The city might be living on borrowed water but the indiscriminate use of this precious resource does nothing to betray this fact.

Leaving taps open, pipe leakages, switching on water pumps and forgetting to switch them off and even leaving the tap running while brushing your teeth are indicators of how far we have to go when it comes to developing a water culture among the people of Delhi.

According to experts, the reason people don't value water is that it is a cheap commodity. Most people are either pumping free water from the ground or paying what are among the lowest rates for water in the world, making it a highly

valuable commodity that comes cheap. Added to that, the government has announced 20,000 litres of free water per household per month.

Water activist Manoj Misra feels there is a need for sensitisation. "We have taken water for granted. People should understand that one day we might open the tap and there might be no water. It is scarce resource and there is a clear-cut possibility that there may not be any left one day. We have to learn to live within limited water," Misra said.

A draft policy has been prepared by the Delhi Jal Board, which will have detailed aspects of demand management, reduction of consumption, conservation, utilisation of recycled water and year-wise targets, along with a possible water commission. This might be a reality in a matter of months. But is the city missing out on public participation when it comes to water conservation?

Take for example an innovative campaign by a Los Angeles advertising agen-

cy Omelet, which offers residents the signage, 'I am conserving water! Won't you join me', declaring their preference for water conservation over prim and proper lawns. By choosing to be a part of this out-of-the-box and smart campaign, dead grass on the lawn showcases a homeowner as someone who uses water for survival rather than maintaining outward appearances in the form of a lush, green lawn. According to a pro-environment website, the simplicity and genius of the campaign has clearly struck a chord with Californians, with demand for the signs outpacing supply.

Back home, the regular advertisements before a movie screening or between TV shows showcases an ailing Mukesh suffering from oral cancer due to chewing tobacco.

A similar shocking campaign is missing when it comes to water conservation.

The Delhi Jal Board says it is doing its bit to make sure people are aware of what needs to be done.

"The DJB has been carrying out awareness campaigns through various communication channels such as print media, posters, OOH advertising and FM channels and so on, to sensitise and educate the citizens of Delhi about water conservation and rain water harvesting. We have launched a Facebook page where all the subjects pertaining to water including water conservation are promoted regularly. We have also created a mascot called 'Jal Dost' which is being used in its communication strategies," a Jal Board official said.

These campaigns, however, have not remained with the people.

Jyoti Sharma, president of Forum for Organised Resources Conservation and Enhancement (FORCE) feels residents need to be partners for conservation efforts to be successful. "When agencies initiate a campaign, if people don't participate these won't work," Sharma said.

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Sewerage management.

**AMEETA WATTAL**, Principal, Springdales, Pusa Road

# We need to involve children from all walks of life when it comes to the crucial issue of water

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**NEW DELHI:** Involving children in campaigns on water conservation is of prime importance, says National Progressive Schools' Conference president Ameeta Wattal. She is also the principal of Springdales School Pusa Road, one of the first institutions in Delhi to have a rainwater harvesting plant.

Do you think children today are being

involved in campaigns, especially around water conservation, the way they should be?

I think that a lot of things have gone completely off the radar vis-s-vis children. We are in a place these days where we are only talking to adults about issues. A strange culture has developed where children have got marginalised and even



the Central Board for Secondary Education has gone silent when it comes to awareness campaigns involving children. Schools and NGOs are making efforts on their own but these are not institutionalised. It is suppressing the activism of thought in children.

Why is it important to involve school children in the dialogue around water conservation?

We recently held a session in school where we discussed the water map of the country and the children were shown the real picture of water availability. Children need to be involved and be made aware of the immediate danger they are in terms of water availability. We are talking about Digital India, but there is no focus on water. These are very important things. The kids will be effecting and influencing attitudes and policies about this issue.

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## CABINET CLEARS SCHEME TO BOOST IRRIGATION NETWORK

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**NEW DELHI:** The government on Thursday approved a ₹50,000-crore scheme, the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana, to boost the country's irrigation network over the next five years.

The proposal to launch the programme was announced soon after the Narendra Modi-led government assumed power last year.

The government will also launch a national online platform for trading agricultural commodities under the National Common Market programme, agriculture minister Radha Mohan Singh said. The new platform would help farmers get better prices and give them the freedom to decide when to sell their produce, he added.

The farm-sector schemes could help the government tide over criticism of a rural distress and opposition to a land bill aimed at making acquisition of farm land for factories easier.

Nearly 60% of India's farmland lacks irrigation, making a majority of the farm economy dependent on the June-September monsoon, which is expected to be deficient this year. The programme is aimed at boosting agricultural productivity, which contributes about 15% of the national income, and supports two-thirds of the population.

"This (amount) can also be utilised to help the material component in MNREGA," said Arun Jaitley, finance minister.

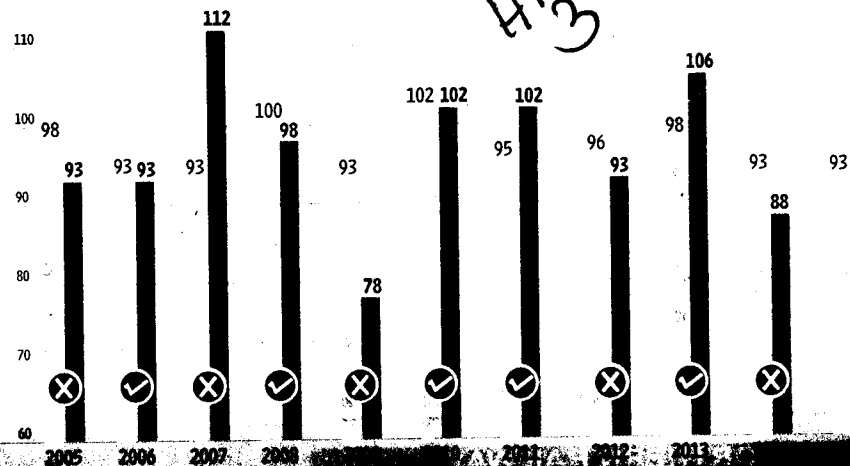
## CHASING THE RAINS

The joke is, we could be better off flipping a coin to guess the monsoon. We compared the data and found Met's current model needs an upgrade, given that monsoon patterns are changing

IMD's monsoon forecast success rate in the last 10 years

In 5 out of 10 times between 2005 and 2014, actual rainfall has been similar to IMD forecasts

Monsoon in % IMD Forecast Actual  
Prediction ✓ Successful ✗ Failed



\* FOR ALL YEARS, WE HAVE USED MET'S SECOND, UPDATED FORECAST IN JUNE TO CALCULATE ITS SUCCESS RATE  
\* IF ACTUAL RAINFALL WAS WITHIN THE IMD'S PREDICTED CATEGORY, THEN FORECAST WAS COUNTED AS CORRECT  
\* MONSOON BETWEEN 94%-106% IS CONSIDERED NORMAL

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# Deficient or normal: Forecasters battle it out this monsoon season

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**NEW DELHI:** Sitting on a charpoy in his farm on a dry riverbed in the heart of Delhi, Ramesh Singh smiles as he looks at his field, shining green. The rains have been 16% surplus in June despite the official outlook of a "deficient" monsoon.

Government predictions going wrong barely raise eyebrows. This year, however, the forecast must spare the India meteorological department the blushes.

For the first time in its 140-year-old history, the IMD, or Met department, has serious competition. Skymet Weather Services Pvt Ltd, the country's lone private forecaster, has virtually challenged the Met's predic-

## MET DEPARTMENT HAS PREDICTED POOR RAINS, WHILE SKYMET, INDIA'S LONE PRIVATE WEATHER FORECASTER, TALKS OF A HEALTHY MONSOON

tion of patchy rains with that of a normal monsoon.

The IMD forecast for July, which accounts for over a third of the season's rain, too, differs widely from Skymet's. While the Met sees a "considerable dip" in rains, Skymet talks of a rainy July

The Met has forecast a deficient monsoon -- 88% of the average of 89 centimeters. The monsoon is considered normal if

it is within 94-106% range.

Skymet's monsoon forecasts, since it began projecting in 2012, have been largely similar to the Met's but slightly more accurate. This has caught much attention, given that the monsoon is critical for Asia's third-largest economy. In 2104, both failed to predict a drought.

This year, a growing El Nino, a weather pattern marked by higher sea temperatures known to choke the monsoon, is a major reason for Met's 'deficient' forecast. Both Skymet and the IMD see a 90% probability of a drought due to this, but differ on the conclusions.

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## Forecasters battle it out this monsoon season

"I think the Met has put too much weight on the El Nino," says Mahesh Palawat, chief meteorologist at Skymet and a former Indian Air Force weatherman.

In technology and manpower, Skymet, which has secured \$4.5 million (about R28 cr) in funding from British investors, is no match to the publicly funded IMD.

The Met has been able to correctly predict the rainfall category -- such as normal or below normal -- at least 50% of the time in the past decade.

The accuracy levels go up for a longer period.

Skymet has been predicting the monsoon for about four years, too small a period, some analysts say, to test its long-term accuracy.

Some glaring misses by the Met, however, have led to frustrations. For instance, in 2009 when it predicted normal rains, India saw its worst drought in 30 years.

Skymet believes a range of mitigating factors will keep monsoon normal. One, is the Indian Ocean Dipole, or IOD,

which is the difference in sea-surface temperature between two spots in the ocean. If the IOD stays "positive or a neutral", the monsoon overcomes the El Nino.

"The IOD is currently neutral and is on track to becoming positive in August. This is favourable," says Skymet's CEO Jatin Singh.

The forecaster points to another oceanic weather pattern -- the Madden-Julian oscillation that brings rain along its path. It moved over the Indian Ocean in June, bringing good

rains, and is expected back this month.

The Met says it is convinced about poor rains in July and August. "No model globally is 100% accurate. Our model has been consistently improved and we are confident about our forecast," says Shailesh Nayak, secretary, earth sciences department. The confidence stems from both the standard forecasting model and a new one being tested in collaboration with the US pointing to poor rains.

For now, the jury is still out.



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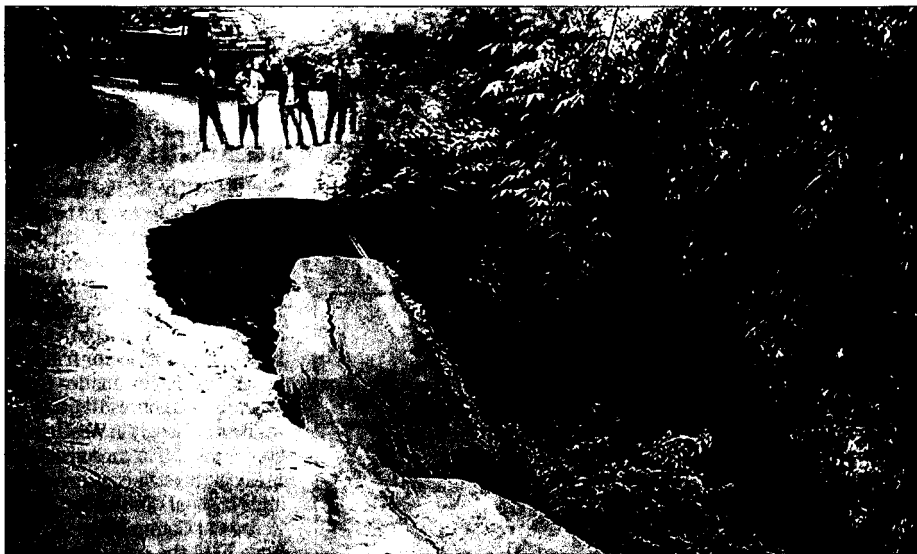
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■ People look at a damaged road in the landslide-hit area of Mirik near Siliguri on Thursday.

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## Mamata, Rijiju visit landslide-hit areas in Darjeeling, toll 30 ~~43~~

**DISASTER** Centre, state can together help tide over the crisis, says Rijiju

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**DARJEELING:** Union minister of state for home Kiren Rijiju accompanied by Darjeeling MP SS Ahluwalia visited some landslide-affected areas of the region on Thursday.

West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee also visited landslide affected areas of Mirik on Thursday. Rijiju stressed on Centre-state cooperation to help tide over the crisis.

In Kalimpong, Rijiju said, "The situation is grim. The existing infrastructure of the hills has been badly affected due to the landslides. The Central government will extend all possible cooperation to the state to revamp the affected infrastructure. Soon we will send an inter-ministerial team to access the extent of damages."

**NH 10, CONNECTING THE SIKKIM CAPITAL GANGTOK WITH THE PLAINS OF SILIGURI, REMAINS CUT OFF**

An inter-ministerial team from the Centre comprising officials from the Union home, agriculture, road transport, rural development and health ministries would visit the landslide affected areas of Darjeeling shortly to access the damages caused by the killer landslides that wreaked havoc in the region on Tuesday. The death toll stands at 30 with 10 persons still missing.

Incessant rainfall on Tuesday resulted in multiple slides all over the Darjeeling Hills with the Kalimpong sub-division and

Mirik in Kurseong sub-division worst affected. Vital road links were snapped with Darjeeling and Sikkim was cut off on Tuesday morning.

Working on a war footing road links were restored in the later part of the day (Tuesday). However National Highway 10 (connecting the Sikkim Capital Gangtok with the plains of Siliguri) remains closed owing to a major slip at Setijhora, 28km from Siliguri.

The Union minister reiterated Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement of providing ₹2 lakh each to the next of kin of the deceased and ₹50,000 to the injured from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund. Along with this, the Centre would sanction an additional ₹4 lakh each to the families of the deceased though the State Disaster Response Fund.

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## J&K flood-hit people will get 'maximum help': Rajnath

**Srinagar:** Union Home Minister **Rajnath Singh** on Thursday said his government would provide "maximum support" to the flood affected people of Jammu and Kashmir who suffered huge losses in floods last September. He also hinted at the possibility of the Centre releasing more funds for the state.

Speaking to reporters after darshan at the Amarnath shrine on the first day of the pilgrimage, Singh said the Centre would provide all possible help to the people of the state in coming days.

Asked why the Centre released a meagre amount for relief, Singh said funds were always given in installments. "We have already given some money. After it is utilised, more money will be released for flood affected people," he said.

Recently, the Centre had announced the release of Rs 1,667 crore for the flood-hit state, but controversy erupted when it deducted Rs 500 crore to settle the bill of Defence Ministry. **ENS**

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राज्य सरकार ने अधिसूचना जारी कर मानसागर (जलमहल) झील और उसके आसपास की 382.24 एकड़ भूमि को संरक्षित क्षेत्र (प्रोटेक्टेड) घोषित कर दिया है। स्वायत्त शासन विभाग की ओर से बुधवार को जारी की गई अधिसूचना के मुताबिक संरक्षित क्षेत्र में अब नया निर्माण, मरम्मत, खनन सहित अन्य किसी भी प्रकार की गतिविधि का संचालन नहीं हो सकेगा। झील के संरक्षित घोषित किए गए क्षेत्र में वह क्षेत्र भी शामिल है, जहां एक निजी कंपनी ने रिसोर्ट बना लिया है। खास बात यह है कि अब कंपनी संरक्षित क्षेत्र में किए गए निर्माण का उपयोग नहीं कर सकेगी और इसमें नया निर्माण कार्य भी प्रतिबंधित रहेगा।

राज्य सरकार ने झील और वाटर बॉडीज के संरक्षण के लिए झील विकास प्राधिकरण एक्ट-2015 का गठन किया है। इसी के तहत मानसागर (जलमहल) झील का क्षेत्र संरक्षित (प्रोटेक्टेड) घोषित किया है। अधिसूचना के मुताबिक झील क्षेत्र (वाटर बॉडी) 284.51 एकड़ भूमि सहित कुल 382.24 एकड़ जमीन को संरक्षित की श्रेणी में शामिल किया गया है। इस जमीन में झील में पानी आने के रास्ते और नालों सहित चारों तरफ की भूमि शामिल है। ऐसे में यह संरक्षित क्षेत्र राज्य सरकार की संपत्ति हो गया है। अब झील और आसपास के क्षेत्र में पानी, मिट्टी, पत्थर, पेड़-पौधे, जीव-जंतु सहित सभी प्रकार की सम्पत्ति राज्य सरकार में निहित होगी और उन्हें नुकसान पहुंचाने या छेड़छाड़ करने पर एक्ट के तहत कठोर कार्रवाई होगी।

**ये थी कलक्टर की रिपोर्ट :**

जयपुर कलक्टर की रिपोर्ट के आधार पर मानसागर (जलमहल) झील क्षेत्र को संरक्षित घोषित करने के लिए हाल ही में झील विकास प्राधिकरण ने प्रस्ताव मंजूरी के लिए राज्य सरकार को भेजा था। नीचे उनके



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## रिपोर्ट के खास बिंदु

- झील में बना भवन ऐतिहासिक महत्व का।
- वर्ष 2000 के मुकाबले 2004 में पानी का भराव काफी कम।
- झील की भराव क्षमता 85 घन मीटर से 40.19 घन मीटर हुई।
- 2000 के गूगल नक्शे के अनुसार झील का जल भराव क्षेत्रफल 320 एकड़, वर्तमान में 283.54 एकड़।
- वर्तमान में राजस्व रिकॉर्ड में

भराव क्षेत्रफल 235.19 एकड़।

● वास्तविक भराव क्षेत्रफल राजस्व रिकॉर्ड में दर्ज हो।

● झील में गंदे व सीवरेज से जुड़े पानी की आवक पर रोक लगे।

● पर्यावरण सुधार के लिए झील को मूल स्वरूप में लाया जाए।

● देश-विदेश से आने वाले पर्यटकों को झील में रह सकें।

● नौकायन व एडवेंचर स्पोर्ट्स विकसित हों।

## रिसोर्ट को लीज पर दी थी जमीन

अरुटीडीसी ने मानसागर झील के पास की 100 एकड़ भूमि करीब 10 वर्ष पहले जलमहल रिसोर्ट प्राइवेट लिमिटेड को टयूरिज्म प्रोजेक्ट के लिए 99 साल की लीज पर दी थी। यह प्रकरण फिलहाल सुप्रीम कोर्ट में विचारणीय है। हाईकोर्ट ने 2005 में कंपनी को आवंटित भूमि की लीज-

डीड निरस्त करने के आदेश दिए थे। सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने इस मामले में लीज अवधि घटाकर 30 साल करने के आदेश दिए थे। इसी बीच सरकार ने अब मानसागर झील को संरक्षित घोषित कर दिया है। ऐसे में अब यहां होटल व अन्य कोई प्रोजेक्ट आगे नहीं बढ़ पाएगा।

वेटलैंड घोषित करने के लिए जिला कलक्टर ने पहले वन एवं पर्यावरण विभाग को स्टेटस रिपोर्ट दी थी। इसमें यहां व्यावसायिक गतिविधियों पर रोक, झील में सीवरेज के पानी को बंद करने व ईको-टयूरिज्म विकसित कर झील को मूल स्वरूप में लाने को कहा गया था। यह रिपोर्ट कलक्टर ने राजस्व, वन विभाग,

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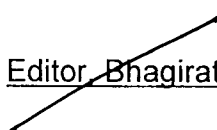
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