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Rains wreak havoc in east India

75 Killed As Landslides, Flooding Cripple Life In Bengal And Manipur

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

The toll of the recent heavy rains and floods in eastern India crossed 75 on Sunday. Fifty deaths have been reported in West Bengal, owing to lightning, wall collapse, electrocution, snake bite and drowning. Odisha reported a total of five deaths, whereas Saturday's landslide in Manipur killed 20 people.

Heavy to moderate rains continued to lash parts of eastern India even as the depression over Gangetic West Bengal prompted a forecast of heavy rain in different places. Rivers are approaching danger levels as dams release water, creating a flood-like situation.

In south Bengal, the flood has claimed 50 lives, including that of four children, besides rendering a large number of people homeless. Over 36 lakh people from over 12 districts have been hit

All of Bengal's deaths have been reported from the state's south, where a large number of people have been rendered homeless. Over 36 lakh people from more than 12 districts have been affected, said the disaster management department. CM Mamata Banerjee was compelled to put off her north Bengal tour to oversee relief efforts.

"Several districts, including North and South 24 Parganas, Murshidabad, Burdwan and Howrah, have been affected. Disaster management teams are working on a war footing," the CM said.

Communication systems and transportation have been hit hard, with reports of building collapses from various places. Fishermen have been warned not to venture out into the sea on the Bengal coast. Nearly two lakh houses and 4,72,645 hectare of crops have been damaged. Over 2 lakh people have taken shelter in 1537 relief camps.

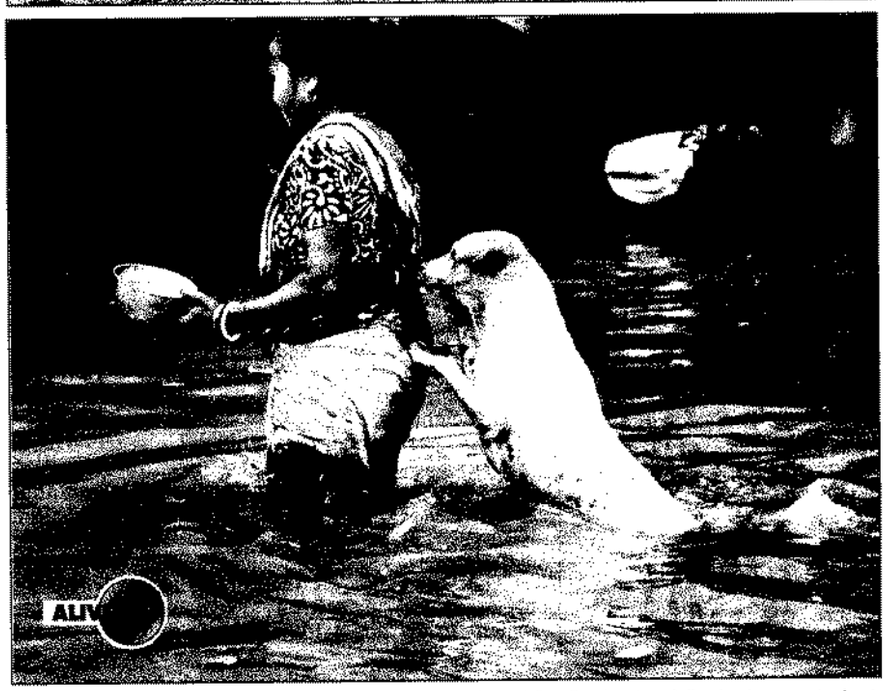
Jharkhand continued to reel under torrential rain for the third consecutive day on Sunday as district administrations and the state disaster management department went on high alert. Fire and emergency services, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Army and BSF units have also been mobilized.

"Till evening, all major rivers, including Swarnarekha and Kharkai, were flowing a little under danger level. Water levels in reservoirs are rising steadily, but are under danger mark," colonel Sanjay Srivastava, deputy secretary of the state disaster management department told **TOI** on Sunday. Though no loss of life have been reported, several mud houses were swept away, Srivastava said.

Light to moderate rains were reported in Guwahati between Saturday and Sunday in Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram. However, Manipur remained dry after flash floods and landslides that killed 20 people on Saturday. The Met department has forecast heavy rain over the next few days in Assam, Meghalaya and Arunachal.

The Met department also warned of heavy rainfall in north Chhattisgarh late on Sunday night. "It could continue till Tuesday," IMD Raipur Director M L Sahu said.

In Odisha, over five lakh people have been affected by floods following cyclone Komen-induced rains, official sources said. Weather officers predicted moderate rainfall in the state this week.



WATERWORLD: People try to retrieve a car washed away by swirling flood waters following incessant rain at Kakching, Manipur, on Saturday. (top). A dog clings on to a woman on a flooded street in Kolkata on Sunday

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LBA done, PM to meet Didi to discuss Teesta

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Modi-Mamata meet on August 11

New Delhi: With the land boundary agreement (LBA) now complete, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is now set to begin work on the Teesta water sharing agreement with Bangladesh.

On August 11-12, Modi and Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee will meet in New Delhi to take stock of things after enclave exchange as well as work out a checklist for Teesta, which is tougher given the implications for Bengal farmers. Modi himself has stepped in before bureaucratic miserliness becomes a political problem with Mamata, who has been a fairly supportive nonally. Mamata has been invited so the Centre and the state can work out a financial support package that will cover the effects of both the LBA and Teesta agreement for Bengal.

The execution of the LBA was one of the successes for the otherwise inefficient state, when two nations worked as one. However, it created an interesting quandary for New Delhi and Bengal government, since India had reckoned many more living in Bangladesh would opt to come to India. Accordingly, Bengal was informed that a package of Rs 3,009 crore would be given for rehabilitation. With the final number being only 979, the Centre has told Mamata that the payout would be much less. Needless to add, Mamata was livid, believing she was being shortchanged, but also because she has to build infrastructure in the enclaves from the ailing state treasury.

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BENGAL FLOOD SITUATION GRIM; DEATH TOLL 48

SIX MORE DEATHS REPORTED, ARMY JOINS RELIEF OPERATIONS

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The flood situation in the southern districts of the state remained grim today with the government putting the death toll at 48 while 2.14 lakh people have taken shelter in 1,337 relief camps in the districts affected by the deluge.

The weather office has forecast more rains in the next 24 hours. With at least six more deaths being reported from different districts today, the death toll from rains and floods has climbed to 48, the Disaster Management Department said.

More than 36 lakh people have been hit by the floods in the twelve districts. As many as 9691 villages and 47 municipalities have been affected, the department said.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today held a meeting with senior officials at the state secretariat to review the situation. She told reporters that she had instructed the officials to monitor the situation round-the-clock and take prompt appropriate steps.

Miss Banerjee blamed lack of dredging work by Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) as one of the reasons for the floods in the state. At the Nabanna meeting, she said that DVC has not been dredging the Damodar river for years, which has contributed to the floods.

More water was released today from several barrages including Durgapur, Tilpara, Massanjore and Hingla dams. Bhagirathi and Ajoy riversis are also flowing above danger level. Breach of dykes took place in some places in Burdwan, North 24-Parganas, Birbhum and state irrigation and waterways department has been asked to make emergency repairs.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said heavy to very heavy rain might occur at isolated places of Purulia, Bankura, Birbhum, Bardhaman, Howrah, East and West Midnapore districts.

Three more flood-related deaths were reported from Murshidabad district today. A 62 year-old woman, Rani Bibi from Anandanagar area of Barwan block was swept away this afternoon when she stepped into a deep rut on a road in the locality while wading through waist-deep water and got caught by the current of the Kuey river. Local residents recovered her body.

A child, Tuhina Khatun (2) from Aadhoa village near Ballapur area of Farakka block was crushed to death after the wall of her hut collapsed due to rain and flood damage at the base of Farakka Feeder Canal close to NH-34.

A 70 year-old daily wager, Moktar Ali Mirza from Teniya area of Bharatpur-II block was bitten by a snake last night when he was wading through flood waters. He died as his family could not get to medical assistance in time.

In Hooghly district, a five-year-old child, Bristi Malick, died after a wall fell on her while she was moving to a safer place with her parents.

The flood situation in the district has also worsened, with dozens more villages in Goghat and Dhanekhali going under flood waters.

With heavy overnight rain, vast areas of Barrackpore industrial belt include several parts of Basirhat and Sandeshkhali continue to be flooded. Most of Habra remain under water.

Several more areas of Birbhum were flooded after the rains last night. Road connection between Bolpur and Sainthia has been disrupted. Several stretches of NH-60 are also under water. The link between Illambajar and Parui has also been disrupted as a bridge has been destroyed. Rain continued for the whole day without interruption.

In South 24-Parganas, the coastal areas were flooded again today due to high tide in the rivers.

Burdwan recorded three more casualties this morning when a house collapsed in Arjundihi village in Katwa-I block where two brothers, Asgar Mallik (16) and Raushan Mallik (25) were trapped under the debris when their thatched house collapsed amidst incessant rainfall. A housewife Padma Ghosh (52) died when her house collapsed in Paraj village in the district.

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Army rescue operation in Gujarat, Rajasthan

Flood-like situation prevails in Gujarat and south Rajasthan, Army joins rescue workers in bringing stranded people to safety. • File photo

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From restoring railway tracks to rescuing a drowning mother and her baby, and even a dog, the Army and Air Force personnel have come handy in the flood-hit areas of Rajasthan and Gujarat.

Troops of Southern Command and South Western Command have been involved in rescue operations in flood-affected areas of Gujarat and parts of Rajasthan.

"They have evacuated more than 1,000 people to safer area and provided relief items such as food, drinking water and medicines and medical cover to over 2,400 people. A total of 28 relief teams, seven medical teams and seven ETFs (Engineer Task Forces) were deployed," Army sources said. The Army Flood Relief Columns are located in Banaskantha and Bhuj in Gujarat, and Chirpatiya, Dhanera and Sanchor in Rajasthan.

Due to heavy rains and floods in the region from 27 July to 30 July, the lone connecting road to Shervo from Hudco village was severely damaged and hence all communication and supplies were cut off.

A team from the Army as well as Gujarat Police was tasked with relief and evacuation on 31 July. The evacuation began in the afternoon and about 200 villagers including 17 infants and 32 children had to be evacuated on foot.

The Indian Air Force too came to the rescue of the flood affected people with the force doing multiple sorties for flying people to safer areas and dropping thousands of food packets.

In Rajasthan: Five persons, including four teenage boys, have drowned in different parts of Rajasthan which was lashed by heavy rains.

The South-West monsoon shifted its centre over Bikaner division in the last 24 hours as Karanpur city recorded 5 cm of rainfall till 8:30 AM today, the maximum in the state, officials said. At least a dozen villages remained inundated in Sanchore tehsil due to incessant rains, which reduced since Friday, officials said.

A Sirohi district official said the Abu-Road and Mount Abu (hill station) road, which was damaged by shooting stones due to heavy rains, was still under repair and traffic was not allowed on the route yet.

The civil administration has pressed 25 rescue and relief teams into action in Sanchor and Bheenmal tehsils, covering a dozen of villages, the official said.

Two minor boys ~Mahaveer Singh (12) and Girdhari (14) ~ drowned when they went to take bath in a pond which was swelled up due to rains at Dulmerastation village in Bikaner district yesterday, the Lunkaransar police said today. The bodies were fished out and handed over to their parents after postmortem, the police said. Two more boys, identified as Valegopal and Sushil, were reportedly drowned in Luni river near Samdadi town of Jodhpur district last evening, officials said, adding that divers were searching for both since last night.

The fifth victim, 35-year-old Bhema Ram, slipped into an overflowing pond yesterday when he went there to observe the water level in Dantiya village in Sirohi district, a district official said. Meanwhile, One of the major rivers in Rajasthan, Luni river or Maru Ganga, revived after over ten years due to heavy rainfall in the region, as thousands thronged the area to worship the river, the official said.

Low to moderate rains also occurred in Jaipur and Ajmer districts in the last 24 hours.

Moderate rains is likely to occur in Bikaner division in the next 24 hours, a forecast said.

In Punjab: Rains lashed many parts of Punjab and Haryana for the second consecutive day today, a MeT department official said.

Most parts of Punjab, including Patiala, Amritsar, Ludhiana, Mohali, Ropar and Jalandhar also received rainfall. In Haryana, Karnal, Panchkula, Kalka, Yamunanagar and Kurukshetra were also lashed by rains, the official added.

Following the rainfall, the day temperatures hovered below normal level at some places in the two states, with mercury hovering in the range of 28-32 deg Celsius.

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Landslip leaves 500 stranded in Uttarakhand

UTTARKASHI At least 500 people were left stranded after a landslip blocked a highway in Uttarakhand on Saturday. Triggered by rain, Gangotri highway was blocked by stones and rocks falling from a hill, causing tourists and pilgrims to wait for hours for it to be reopened.

"We were coming from Gomukh and we were told that for more than an hour a landslip has taken place from the top and the rain hasn't stopped. Trees have fallen and rocks are falling, which has jammed the road," said one stranded person, Suri in Uttarkashi town.

Disaster management officer, Devendra Patwal, said rocks were still falling on the reopened route.

"We are trying to open the route but continuous falling of rocks is causing a hindrance. I have been informed that the route has been opened but the rocks continue to fall. One has been injured and taken to hospital," said Mr. Patwal.

One resident, Siroru Lal described what happened.

"There is a big landslide and from the top it is sliding downwards and falling over the houses. Now the land is sliding from the other part also and the village is in danger," said Lal.

Additional Deputy Commissioner of Kangra, Sudesh Kumar Mokhta, said those affected will be compensated. - ANI

West to east, rain wreaks havoc

WEST BENGAL

Situation turns grim as reservoirs release water

ENS & PTI
KOLKATA, AUGUST 2

FLOOD SITUATION in south Bengal remained grim on Sunday with death toll nearing 50 and nearly 37 lakh people affected by the deluge in the 12 districts of the state.

While dark clouds hovered over the state and intermittent rains lashed different areas, the authorities' immediate worry was heavy discharge of water from reservoirs, both in Bengal and Jharkhand.

The Durgapur barrage in Bengal was scheduled to release about 65,000 cusecs of water on Sunday, with authorities warning that the release may go up to 90,000 cusecs.

There were scores of other dams releasing water simultaneously like Tilpara, Hinglo, Kangshabati, Massanjore, Maithon and Galudi in Jharkhand. The rivers in these areas like Subarnerekha , Kangshabati, Damodar were swollen and the reservoirs full.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who had often described floods during the Left regime as "man-made" because it was caused largely due to release of water from dams, regretted that her government was watching vast areas getting submerged as water was being released from a large number of dams. Speaking to mediapersons on Sunday, Mamata said: "So far, we have witnessed man-made floods and we have restricted them quite successfully. But the situation at present is rendered beyond control."

The CM, who reviewed the flood situation with senior officials added that the water retention capacity of some dams had been reduced as their condition was not good.

Advising the people in vulnerable areas to take shelter in relief camps to avoid "untoward incidents", Mamata said: "I know that it is difficult to stay out of home, but life is priority. So, you must stay in relief camps for two to three days."

Due to water being released from the dams, over 210 blocks in several districts across the state were inundated.

Holding the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) responsible for releasing excess water resulting in floods in the state, Mamata said: "DVC is doing business... We love them but that does not mean they will submerge Bengal... Two years ago, we had written to the Centre that more than two lakh cusecs of water can be reserved in DVC reservoir only if dredging is done. I will again write to them."

Mamata also cancelled her visit to North Bengal form August 4 to 7.

"Altogether 1,537 relief camps have been set up to shelter over 2.14 lakh marooned people and 204 medical camps have been opened," sources said.

They said 38,046 houses were damaged and crop over an area of 4,72,645 hectares has been damaged.

In Purbasthali in Burdwan, the Army had to be called in as roads were submerged and thousands of villages were marooned. Speedboats were pressed in to service to ferry people to relief camps. The NDRF teams were also sent to different areas in Ghatal, Moyna, Panskura, Udainarayanpur, Amta areas in Midnapore, Hooghly and Howrah districts. Large parts of Singur were inundated as rivers in the area breached the banks and flooded human settlements.

Villagers wade through Mirati village in Birbhum district of West Bengal on Sunday. *PTI*

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MANIPUR

NDRF reaches village hit by landslide, 3 more rescued

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
IMPHAL, AUGUST 2

A TEAM of the National Disaster Response Force reached Joumol village in Manipur Sunday and rescued 3 more people, a day after a massive landslide hit the small hamlet with 10 households and 74 inhabitants near the Myanmar border. At the time of the landslide there were 18 people present at the village, which falls under Chandel district's Khengjoi sub-division.

The Assam Rifles had rescued four villagers from the disaster site Saturday, while other three had managed to move to safer ground when disaster hit taking the total number of survivors to ten. Eight villagers were still missing. Officials said their fate was yet to be ascertained.

The National Highway in Chandel district, which connects Imphal city to the Indo-Myanmar border town of Moreh and further to Myanmar, caved in at two points including at Paraolon, where a battalion of the 6 Dogra Rifles was ambushed by militants earlier in June.

Meanwhile, villagers from Senam and Tengnoupal vacated their houses to move to safer locations.

GUJARAT:
14 districts and population of about 40 lakh affected

ODISHA
5 people lost their lives, 4.8 lakh people affected in 7 districts

houses in Hollenjang, Wayang and Tuitung villages in Chandel, 26 houses at PM Dingpi village were swept away due to heavy heavy rainfall.

Incessant showers have lashed Manipur over the past one week causing floods in different districts across the state.

Overflowing Imphal and Thoubal rivers flooded certain areas of the main Imphal city, including Singjamei, Lamphelpat and Langol. Hotel Imphal had to be shut down due to flooding. More than 40 villages in the Sugnu Assembly constituency were reportedly flooded due to the swollen Chakpi river.

The state government, meanwhile, had set up relief camps in Thoubal and Chandel districts for displaced villagers.

The Imphal-Ukhrul road caved in by three feet and over a stretch of 50 metres at the Naga gate near Ukhrul district hospital, Hungdung halting movement of all heavy vehicles.

The Kamjong-Ukhrul road, Manipur's second approach road to Myanmar that connects 30 villages in the area, remained cut off for three continuous days due to landslides and heavy rainfall.

Villages located near Manipur river - Serou, Nungou, Chairel, Thongyam and Tangjeng Khunjao — were also flooded and hundreds of families forced to take shelter in forest rest houses in the area and with neighbouring villagers of the Churachandpur district.

The water level, meanwhile, started receding in both the Imphal valley as well as the hill districts Sunday morning.

Apart from displacing villagers, the flooding in nearly all of Manipur's nine districts submerged huge tracts of paddy fields. In Churachandpur, some 1300 hectares of paddy fields remained inundated despite receding waters.

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Light at the end of the tunnel

T. Karnakar Reddy

Water is being let out for the diversion tunnel at Nagarjunasagar project on Saturday.
– PHOTO: SINGAM VENKATARAMANA

NALGONDA: Nagarjunasagar irrigation officials with the help of V5 Technologies, an Hyderabad-based firm, is using latest cameras, drone cameras, laser rays and model boats to study the status of 'diversion tunnel'.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mora Vishnu Prasad, Executive Engineer, Nagarjunasagar, said the diversion tunnel was constructed before starting dam works to divert river flow from construction area.

The total length of this tunnel is 789 meters with 9 meters of diameter, the inlet of which is located at least 500 meters inside the reservoir, and the outlet is located downstream of the reservoir, to the right of the main power house.

After completion of dam work, the authorities installed gates to this tunnel. Though the gates functioned for a few years, the authorities could not even operate them for the last couple of decades as they gathered rust.

Of late in the last couple of years, the tunnel is said to he leaking with the outpour being 20 cusecs a day. A high-power dam safety committee will take a view on whether to close the leakage or explore other options.

From the existing crest gates of the main dam, the irrigation authorities can draw water only up to 510-feet level, the dead storage point.

However, Mr. Prasad said that the 'Chute' gates, that were installed during the later years, could help draw water up to 485-feet level. Interestingly, water can be drawn up to 400-feet level from diversion tunnel, since its inlet is located deep inside the reservoir.

Superintendent Engineer B. Vijayabhaskar Rao said that they had invited tenders to get the gates of tunnel repaired to contain the leakage but there was no response from any company since working on it was too complex.

Engineering experts from IITs and technical experts from reputed companies – both from the country and abroad, tried to resolve the issue but without any success. The issue turned a challenge to engineering fraternity of the country.

Finally, Mr. Rao said that they roped in the services of V5 Technologies to videograph the tunnel to come to an understanding on its status.

A week ago, the authorities sent drone cameras into it but they could not succeed in videographing it. Now, this Sunday, the company plans to use laser rays and model boats, installed with cameras, to videograph the tunnel.

Since water continuously flows down from the tunnel, authorities said that the model boat will travel against the stream to picture the status of canal by travelling 800 meters up to inlet.

Bengal flood situation grim

Flood situation in south Bengal turned grim on Saturday with 1.19 lakh people taking shelter in relief camps in 12 districts, even as weatherman forecast more heavy rains in the next two days.

"So far 966 relief camps have been set up sheltering 1.19 lakh affected people," West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee told newspersons here. "We have opened 124 medical camps," she said.

Speaking about the flood situation in the State after a review meeting, the Chief Minister said 12 districts in the Gangetic plains were affected, while the number of rain or flood related deaths did not increase and the toll stood at 39.

Ms. Banerjee then left for Udaynarayanpur in Howrah district, which has been badly affected, to see the flood situation for herself. She is expected to visit more flood affected areas soon, officials said.

They said that so far 1.8 lakh houses have been damaged and crop was lost in over 2.10 lakh hectares due to the floods.

State Urban Development Minister Firhad Hakim went to Arambagh in Hooghly district during the day and oversaw relief arrangements for the affected people. Other Ministers have also been asked to visit flood affected areas to coordinate relief operations.

Ms. Banerjee said her government would try to support the flood-affected people with its own resources as she was not hopeful about much help from the Centre.

"Did the Centre send any help for Darjeeling disaster [landslides last month]?" an annoyed Ms. Banerjee shot back when reporters asked her whether Centre's assistance was sought.

Flooding of farmland, towns and villages were reported from several districts of South Bengal like Howrah, Hooghly, Burdwan, Bankura, South 24 Parganas and East Midnapore with heavy downpour occurring in Gangetic West Bengal in the last few days.

Heavy rainfall also lashed Kolkata and adjoining areas since Friday and disrupted normal life, throwing road and rail traffic out of gear since early this morning as most parts of the city were submerged.

The MeT department recorded 143.2 mm rainfall in the last 24 hours till 5.30 pm today and has forecast heavy to very heavy rains in Gangetic West Bengal for another two days.

A rickshaw-puller wades through a water-logged street in Kolkata on Saturday. Heavy rain since Friday has disrupted normal life in the city. – PHOTO: PTI

ALL THE MAJOR RIVERS IN ODISHA ARE FLOWING BELOW THE DANGER LEVEL AND INFLOW OF RAIN WATER FROM WEST BENGAL HAS CAUSED MAROONING OF SOME MORE VILLAGES IN BALASORE DISTRICT

Odisha villages marooned

Though the flood situation in Odisha improved significantly, the inflow of rain water from the neighbouring West Bengal today caused marooning of 10 more villages in the bordering Balasore district even as the toll in the current spell of flood is five, officials said.

"All the major rivers in the State are flowing below the danger level. However, inflow of rain water from West Bengal, where heavy rainfall occurred under the effect of cyclonic system Komen, has caused marooning of some more villages in Balasore district," Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) G.V.V. Sarma said.

As per reports received from the Collectors of the concerned districts, the SRC said about 4.79 lakh people of 597 villages under 15 Blocks and one ULB in five districts namely Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Jajpur, Bhardak and Balasore have been affected by the current spell of flood.

Replying to a question, the SRC said so far five persons have died in the current spell of floods in the State. The death cases came from Balasore (2), one each from Mayurbhaj, Jajpur and Keonjhar. While four persons died of drowning, one succumbed to snake bite during the floods, Mr. Sarma said.

While the number of villages marooned in recent floods in Balasore district was 10 till Friday, it increased to 20.

"Marooned villages of Balsore district as on date have thus increased to 20 (Jaleswar Block—15 and Bhogarai Block—5)," the SRC said adding that water from all other villages which were earlier marooned has been cleared by now.

Preliminary estimate indicate that dwelling houses of about 664 families have been affected in Jajpur district, the SRC said adding that assessment of damage to private houses in other districts was under assessment. As per report of the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation (RWSS), 2937 tube wells and 1 piper water supply system have been affected due to flood, he said.

As many as 32 groups have been engaged for repair/ disinfection of tube wells. Bags of bleaching powder (25kg each) have been provided for disinfection. Thousands of water pouches have been distributed in the flood affected areas.

20 killed in Manipur landslide

Twenty people were killed in a landslide triggered by heavy incessant rain at Zoumoal village in Manipur's Chandel district on Saturday, police said.

Superintendent of Police of Chandel district Herojit Singh said 20 people were killed in the landslide at the village under Khangbarol sub-division of the district. The SP said that a police team has been sent to the spot which is located near Indo—Myanmar border. — PTI

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Dry days: 17% rain deficit in July

Amit Bhattacharya, Vishwa Mohan & Neha Madaan | TNN

New Delhi: After a wet June, when other systems had countered the adverse effects of El Nino, monsoon took a drier turn in July and the month ended with a countrywide rain deficit of 17%. However, kharif sowing remained robust, boosted by good rain spells in several parts of the country.

With the dip in rains, monsoon's performance in the first half of the season — June 1 to July 31 — was 5% below the long term average. June had a monsoon surplus of 16%.

Heavy rains in Gujarat, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Jharkhand and parts of central India masked the fact that July this year was the driest since 2002 in terms of average rainfall across the country. The month started on a weak note and rains remained below par till July 19, except for a brief four-day period from the 9th.

But there were several redeeming features. "The rainfall, although weak, has been fairly well distributed across most parts of the country," said D Sivananda Pai, head of India Meteorological Department's long range forecasting section.

However, some distress zones of low rainfall have started emerging. Rains were consistently weak through July in south India as well as subdivisions such as Marathwada and Madhya Maharashtra. From July 1 till 29, the southern peninsula recorded the highest rainfall deficiency in the country, at 46%.

"We had forecast an 8% rainfall deficit for July, but it has turned out to be more. A typical feature this year has been that most rain-causing disturbances have been coming from the east. Indian Ocean's monsoon circulation has been weak, which means that the monsoon pulses are not progressing from the south, which has caused a significant rainfall deficiency in the southern parts," a Met department official said.

However, rains in the north, most parts of central India and many regions of the east were close to normal. This is reflected in the kharif crop sowing figures. The overall sown area has, so far, been far ahead of the corresponding figures last year, which was a bad monsoon year.

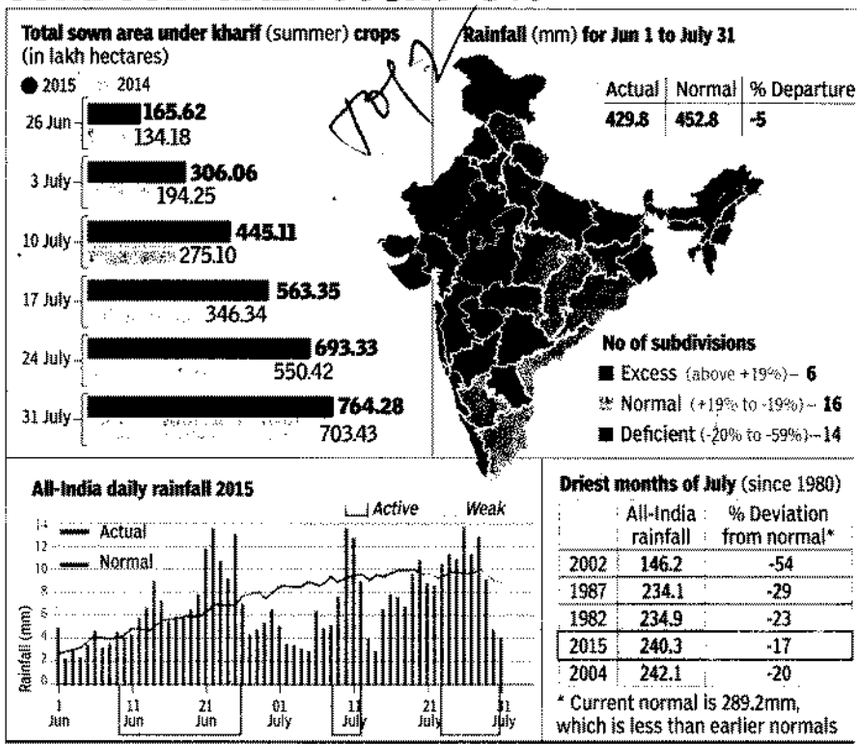
The area under kharif as on Friday (July 31) was still less than what was reported at this time in 2013, when rains were plentiful in the monsoon months. As compared to 819.99 lakh hectares as on August 2, 2013, the kharif sown area this year was 764.28 lakh hectares as on July 31.

The monsoon is predicted to be active through the first week of August, raising hopes that the net sown area would grow in the coming days.

Several agencies, however, have predicted a relatively dry period in the country after the first week of August when the monsoon could go into a break, increasing the overall rain deficit.

In its monsoon update in June, IMD had forecast a 10% rain deficit in August. The department will issue another update for the second half of the season in a day or two. It had in June predicted a drought year, with overall seasonal rains at 12% below normal. Meanwhile, private forecaster Skymet downgraded its prediction for the season from 102% to 98%, still staying within the normal range.

JUNE-JULY RAIN COUNT -5%



Driest months of July (since 1980)

	All-India rainfall	% Deviation from normal*
2002	146.2	-54
1987	234.1	-29
1982	234.9	-23
2015	240.3	-17
2004	242.1	-20

* Current normal is 289.2mm, which is less than earlier normals

PM explores ways on sugar exports

PM Modi called for renewed efforts to raise ethanol blending of fuel and exploring all possibilities for sugar exports as he brainstormed with key ministers and officials to resolve the problems faced by the sector. He reviewed the progress with regard to the Rs 6000 crore incentive package approved by the Centre in June and emphasized that the farmers' interest be kept foremost at all times. TNN

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20 killed in Manipur landslide

Joumol Village Buried, Dwellers And Cops Toil To Clear Debris

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Imphal: At least 20 people were killed as a landslide triggered by incessant rain buried Joumol village in Manipur's Chandel district bordering Myanmar on Saturday.

A team of police and rescuers was rushed to the village to rescue the survivors. Sources said villagers were toiling hard to clear the debris. "The exact number of casualties would be known after the rescue work is over. So far, 20 villagers have died, while one survived," an official said. Elsewhere in the state, normal life was paralysed as overflowing rivers flooded several low-lying areas, including those in Imphal. "We are shocked to hear the news. Because of the floods, we could not move out to join rescue work," said a resident of Chandel.

Hundreds of people have been cut off from the rest of the state after flood waters washed away four suspension bridges — two each in Chandel and Thoubal districts — on Friday. Reports said a bridge in Chakpikarong in Chandel was on the verge of collapse. Floods have hit large swathes of agricultural land, fish farms and residential areas in the two districts. Livestock has also been killed. In Chandel, many villagers have been forced to shift to safer areas. A relief camp has been set up at a school at the district headquarters.

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

Students take selfies on a water-logged street in Kolkata on Saturday

Bengal rains: Toll touches 47

Kolkata: A girl was swept away by the water current in West Bengal's Murshidabad district, while a woman died in a house collapse in Howrah as the flood toll shot up to 47 on Saturday due to heavy overnight rains across the state.

The rains triggered by the cyclone Komen crippled normal life in Kolkata, hitting the train services.

Chief minister Mamata Banerjee had on Friday evening put the death count at 39 but relentless widespread rain on Saturday led to at least eight fatalities in the districts.

In Murshidabad's Andulia, a girl was carried away by a strong current and in Howrah's Panchla, rains triggered the collapse of a mud house leading to the death of a woman and injuring her husband.

In Nadia, four deaths were reported by district administration officials while West Midnapore witnessed at least two fatalities. Nearly two lakh houses have been damaged while over a lakh residents are in relief camps due to the incessant rain triggered flood-like situation in the state, Banerjee said on Saturday.

The nagging rains are due to a deep depression over Bay of Bengal causod by Komen.

"As many as 1.8 lakh houses have been damaged and 12 districts are affected due to the flood-like situation. 966 relief camps are sheltering 1.19 lakh people across the state," Banerjee said at the state secretariat 'Nabanna' in Howrah.

Crops spread over 2.10 lakh hectares of farmland were destroyed in the rain-hit districts, she added.

The chief minister took stock of the situation in Howrah's Udaynarayanpur during the day and asserted her government would aid in relief of the affected people with its own resources as she was not expecting much help from the central government. IANS

53 lives lost due to heavy rains in Guj

Palanpur (Guj): The death toll due to heavy rains earlier this week which created a flood-like situation in north Gujarat has reached 53, officials said today.

Of these 28 deaths have occurred in the worst-affected Banaskantha district

"The death toll has reached 53 including 28 deaths in worth-hit Banaskantha district," said state emergency control room officials.

According to an official release, looking at the large scale devastation due to floods in north Gujarat and Kutch, chief minister Anandiben Patel on Saturday announced to give higher compensation for the loss of property. In addition to Rs 3,800 given under the Centre's Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), the Gujarat government have announced to give Rs 3,200 more to those who have lost their household and belongings in the flood, taking the total compensation to Rs 7,000, it added.

Meanwhile, MoS home Haribhai Chaudhary on Saturday arrived in Banaskantha, his constituency, for a two-day visit to take stock of situation. He held a review meeting with local officials and will visit the flood affected region on Sunday.

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'Can groundwater use be charged?'

Apex Court Asks Centre, Delhi Govt If Metered Usage Would Curb Wastage

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New Delhi: As groundwater levels continue to plunge at an alarming rate, particularly in urban areas in the country, the Supreme Court on Friday asked the Centre why extraction of groundwater through borewells should not be regulated and meters be installed to curb wasteful use of the precious natural resource.

A bench of Justices T S Thakur, V Gopala Gowda and R Banumathi issued notice to Centre on a PIL seeking its direction to regulate extraction of groundwater. It also sought a response from the Delhi government on charging people to extract groundwater.

According to a World Bank report India is the largest groundwater user in the world—using nearly a quarter of the global total. There are nearly 5 lakh illegal borewells in just the capital for extracting groundwater. A National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) study says almost 16% of Delhi's urban households and 30% of its rural ones don't have sufficient drinking water throughout the year.

The court passed the order on a PIL filed by Ramesh Ailwadi seeking a direction to governments to price the groundwater resource as is done in the case of water being supplied by local authorities.

His counsel Prashant Bhushan told the bench that making installation of meters for borewell would discourage wasteful use of water.

"Groundwater depletion is of grave concern, and limiting its use, metering it and charging against such consumption will not only help water conservation but will also bring revenue to the government which can further be used for other incidental activities by the government to safeguard the degrading groundwater table," he said.

Bhushan said that in order to contain environmental consequences due to the lowering of the water table, the state had the obligation to see that unregulated use of groundwater did not lead to environmental degradation.

PRECIOUS RESOURCE WASTED

The petitioner had first approached the Delhi high court which refused to pass any order for regulating extraction of groundwater. "In our opinion, the decision whether groundwater is allowed to be drawn free or to be made a paid commodity is a policy matter outside the domain of the courts and it is not for the courts to adjudicate whether it should be free or the consumers thereof be made to pay," the HC had said.

Challenging the order of the HC, the petitioner said that a limited, scarce and valuable natural resource like groundwater could not be allowed to be exploited without any limit and that too free of cost and pleaded the apex court to examine the issue.

"Groundwater forms part of natural resources and of which government is the guardian and has the responsibility to ensure that the same is distributed to subserve the common good. It is further the case of the petitioner that wastage of this precious resource by those who have been able to obtain groundwater installations violates Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India," the petition said.

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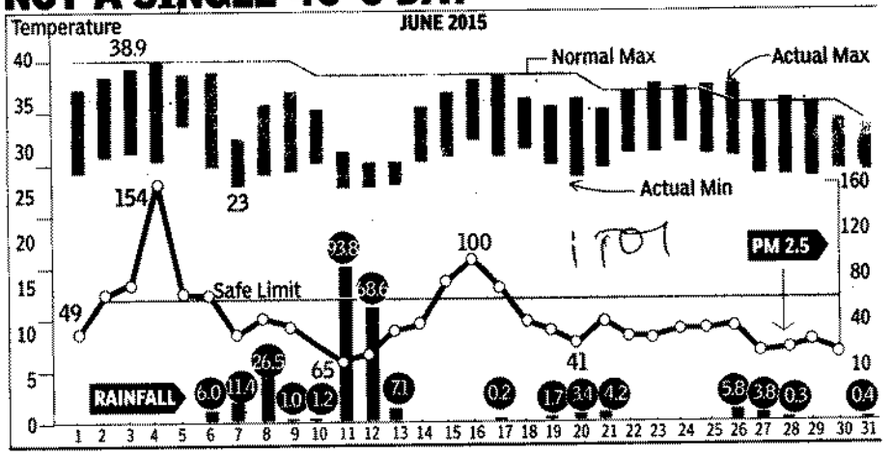
July surprise: Rain kept weather mild, air clean

NOT A SINGLE 40°C DAY



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New Delhi: Beating forecasts of a relatively dry and oppressive month, the weather in July came as a pleasant surprise for Delhiites. The city saw as many as 18 rainy days, which kept temperatures in the mild zone for most part of the month.

The rainfall also ensured that air pollution levels in July were among the lowest in recent months, with the PM2.5 level breaching the safe limit of 60 microgram per cubic metre only on eight days.

The city received total rainfall of 235.4mm during the month, 12% above the normal of 210.6mm. What stood out in the rain pattern was its distribution through the month, with the first shower being recorded on July 6 and the last on the 31st.

Only on two days — July 11 (93.8mm) and July 12 (68.6mm) — did the rain turn into a deluge and caused major disruptions in the city's traffic flow.

July usually has the most oppressive weather of the year in Delhi, with high humidity coupled with heat pushing up use of air-conditioners for periods longer than any other time of the year. That's why the city invariably reaches its highest peak electricity load in July, beating the record high of the previous year.

WEATHER

Max 31.6°C (-2)/Min 25°C (-2)
Moonrise: Saturday – 7.50pm
Moonset: Sunday – 7.34am
Sunrise: Sunday – 5:44am
Sunset: Saturday – 7.12pm
Generally cloudy sky. Rain likely. Maximum & minimum temperatures on Saturday will be around **31°C & 24°C.**

But 2015 has been different. This year, the peak load was reached in June and it was less than last year's record. While June saw the maximum temperature in Delhi hitting 45 degree Celsius as a heatwave across India made international news, July did not see the mercury touch 40 degrees on any day.

The maximum temperature during the month was 39.8 degrees C recorded on July 4. In contrast, July last year had six 40 degree-plus days.

The unusually mild July weather this year was not without precedent. It closely resembled conditions experienced in 2013, when the highest July rainfall in 10 years was recorded in Delhi. The difference, however, was that a markedly different weather was expected in 2015, because it's an El Nino year.

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Myanmar flood toll reaches 27

1,50,000 AFFECTED: *The runway of Kalay Airport among flooded houses, at Sagaing division. At least 27 people have been killed and more than 150,000 affected by flooding in Myanmar in recent days, with the government declaring the four worst-hit areas in central and western Myanmar as 'national disaster-affected regions'. U.N. warned the toll was likely to rise.* — PHOTO: REUTERS

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NGT issues notice to two treatment plants

Tribunal asked why compensation should not be imposed on them

Akanksha Jain

NEW DELHI: The Lawrence Road and Okhla Common Effluent Treatment Plants were issued a showcause notice by the National Green Tribunal on Friday, asking why an environmental compensation not be imposed on them for lack of upkeep and performance.

Both these plants have been found to be releasing treated water with high biochemical oxygen demand (BoD) of 30 milligram per litre into the Yamuna river.

BoD is the amount of dissolved oxygen needed by aerobic biological organisms in a water body to break down organic material.

High BoD is an indicator of the level of organic pollution of water.

The CETP at Lawrence Road is maintained by the DSIIDC, while the one at Okhla was made by the DSIIDC and later handed over to the Okhla CETP Society.

The NGT has now sought evidence asking why the plants should not be asked to pay an environmental compensation.

The Lawrence Road and Okhla plants have been pulled up for lack of upkeep. FILE PHOTO

Representatives of the Okhla CETP society averred that the Delhi Jal Board, while removing silt/sludge, was pushing it into the conveyer system of their plant.

"We may notice at this stage itself that the DSIIDC itself has produced report by the NEERI where it is recorded that maintenance of this plant is extremely poor, and suggested short terms and long term measures, which include de-slugging of the equalization tank and upgradation of maintenance standards of the filters appropriately. Similar are the state of affairs with the Okhla Plant," the bench said on Friday.

A day before, the Bench had suggested the CEPTs take expert advice from Central Pollution Control Board or any other agency to upgrade their systems. It even cited example of certain hotels, which installed efficient effluent treatment plants in very little time. The matter will now come up for hearing on August 3.

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MANGROVES PROTECT AGAINST TSUNAMIS SAYS EXPERT

Nature at its own guard

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Stressing that mangroves are as important as coral reefs and helpful in protection from sea-related calamities like tsunami, a noted scientist has called for conservation of these coastline habitats of trees and shrubs in the country.

The conservation can be done by creation of mangrove parks, biosphere reserves and sanctuaries, Mangrove Society of India's Executive Secretary Dr Arvind Untawale said.

He was speaking recently at the inauguration of a day-long national convention on mangroves here organised by *Paryavaran Dakshata Manch*, a city-based NGO working towards conservation of natural wealth.

"Everyone of us, small or big, needs to take the responsibility for the destruction of nature. Mangroves are a speciality of the tropical belt. The general view is that mangroves are wasteland and non-productive. Mangroves are most productive, in fact they are more than or as important as coral reefs," he said. Explaining the significance of mangroves, Untawale said they play an important role in forming a vital part of the marine food chain and help in the recycling of nutrients and provide many natural as well as medicinal products.

They are effective in pollution control and also help in controlling the 'Green House' effect by absorbing carbon dioxide. They are a source of rich and varied bio-diversity. They also give scope for education, research work, eco-tourism and help in the socio-economic status, the scientist said.

Mangroves form an important link in the food chain, the fallen leaves are used by detritus which form the feeding, breeding and nursery ground for fish, he said, adding that they also are home to the small and big fish as well and so many birds who feed on them.

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मुख्यमंत्री को लिखा पत्र : पीथमपुर औद्योगिक संगठन ने मुख्यमंत्री शिवराजसिंह चौहान को पत्र लिखा है। इसमें दिसंबर माह से ट्यूबवैल के मीटरीकरण और इससे दोहन किए जा रहे पानी पर 1.55 रुपए प्रति किलो लीटर के हिसाब से ली जा रही राशि का विरोध किया है।

36 ट्यूबवेल से ही आवश्यकता पूरी

पत्र में बताया गया है, पीथमपुर में वर्तमान में 18 एमएलडी यानी 1.80 करोड़ लीटर पानी की जरूरत रोजाना होती है। एकेवीएन के आंकड़े पर विश्वास करें तो मात्र 36 ट्यूबवेल के जरिये ही यहां की जरूरत पूरी हो जाएगी।

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चक्रवाती तूफान 'कोमेन' के असर से हो रही भारी बारिश से कोलकाता समेत दक्षिण बंगाल में शनिवार को सामान्य जनजीवन अस्त व्यस्त हो गया। सड़क और ट्रेन सेवा चरमरा गई। विमान सेवा पर असर नहीं पड़ा, पर एयरपोर्ट के पास पानी भर गया। महानगर और दक्षिण बंगाल के अधिकांश जिलों के इलाके जलमग्न हो गए हैं। बरसात से राज्य में तीन और लोगों के मरने की खबर है। इसके साथ ही अब तक बरसात ने 42 लोगों की जान ले ली है। फसलों और सड़क मार्ग को भी भारी नुकसान पहुंचा है। इधर, मौसम विभाग ने अगले 48 घंटे तक राज्य में बारिश होने की चेतावनी दी है। सबसे अधिक बारिश कोंटाई में हुई है। वहां 160 मिलीमीटर बारिश हुई है, जबकि साल्टलेक में 150 मिलीमीटर और कोलकाता में 133.6 मिलीमीटर बारिश रिकार्ड की गई है। हावड़ा और सियालदह में ट्रेन सेवा कुछ देर तक बंद रही। भयावह स्थिति को देखते हुए स्कूलों ने शनिवार को छुट्टी दे दी। ऑफिस जाने वालों को परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा। सड़कों पर बसें नगण्य रही। ऑटो तथा ठेले वालों ने लोगों से मनमाना किराया वसूला। भारी बारिश के कारण पूरे महानगर में शनिवार को पानी भर गया। कहीं कहीं घुटने भर तक पानी देखा गया। दक्षिण बंगाल के जिलों में बाढ़ सी स्थिति पैदा हो गई है। हाबरा के मछन्दपुर में ट्यूशन पढ़ कर लौट रही अर्पिता पानी की तेज धारा में बह गई। वहीं, हावड़ा में इमारत का हिस्सा ढहने से एक महिला की मौत हो गई। करंट लगने से कोलकाता में एक जने के मरने की खबर है। हावड़ा, बनगांव, गाईघाटा, बसीरहाट, बैरकपुर, निमता, नोआपाड़ा, बरानगर सहित दक्षिण बंगाल के कई इलाकों में पानी भर गया है।

24 से 48 घंटे तक बारिश की संभावना

चक्रवाती तूफान 'कोमेन' के पश्चिम बंगाल में टकराने से बारिश हो रही है। मौसम विभाग के उप महानिदेशक देवेंद्र प्रधान ने बताया कि निम्न दबाव का केंद्र मुर्शिदाबाद का बहरमपुर है। अगले 24 से 48 घंटे तक बारिश होने की संभावना है। विभाग का कहना है कि चक्रवाती तूफान 'कोमेन' के निम्न दबाव में तब्दील हो जाने से भारी बारिश हो रही है। इसका असर अगले 48 घंटे तक रहेगा। (कार्यालय संवाददाता)

कहां कितनी बारिश हुई

मौसम विभाग के अनुसार, कोलकाता में 133.6, मिदनापुर में 89, बर्दवान में 90.4 बांकुड़ा में 57, आसनसोल में 62 मि. मी. बारिश हुई है।

बारिश से हालात बिगड़े

संकट

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कोलकाता. लगातार बारिश के कारण शनिवार को दक्षिण बंगाल के विभिन्न जिलों में स्थिति और बिगड़ गई। भारी बारिश और जलाशयों के पानी छोड़े जाने से राज्य के करीब 12 जिले प्रभावित हुए हैं। इक्कीस लाख हेक्टेयर जमीन पर फसल डूब गई। मुख्यमंत्री ममता बनर्जी ने बाढ़ प्रभावित इलाकों की समीक्षा के लिए नवान्न में बैठक की। बैठक में मुख्य सचिव, गृह सचिव, वित्त मंत्री डॉ. अमित मित्रा, आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग के मंत्री जावेद अहमद खान, जनस्वास्थ्य व अभियांत्रिकी विभाग के मंत्री सुब्रत मुखर्जी, शहरी विकास मंत्री फिरहाद हकीम उपस्थित थे। बैठक के बाद मुख्यमंत्री ने संवाददाताओं को बताया कि एक लाख 80 हजार मकान क्षतिग्रस्त हुए हैं। सरकार की ओर से खोले गए 946 राहत शिविरों में कुल एक लाख 19 हजार लोगों ने शरण ली है।

21 लाख हेक्टेयर जमीन पर फसल डूबी

मुख्यमंत्री ने बताया कि उत्तर 24 परगना, बर्दवान,पश्चिम मिदनापुर, बांकुड़ा में सबसे अधिक फसलों को नुकसान पहुंचा है। करीब इक्कीस लाख हेक्टेयर जमीन पर खेती डूब गई है। और बारिश होने पर नुकसान का दायरा और अधिक बढ़ जाएगा। खेतों से पानी उतरने के बाद फसलों की स्थिति स्पष्ट होगी। तभी नुकसान का आंकड़ा तय हो सकता है। सरकार किसानों समेत अन्य बाढ़ पीड़ितों को हर संभव सहायता प्रदान करेगी।

पहुंचाई जा रही राहत सामग्री

मुख्यमंत्री ने बताया कि राहत शिविरों में राहत सामग्री पहुंचाई जा रही है। उन्होंने समस्त जिलों की मेडिकल टीम को तत्परता के साथ लोगों तक पहुंचने को कहा है।

बाढ़ में फंसे तीन हजार से अधिक लोगों को बचाया

पालनपुर बारिश से प्रभावित उत्तर गुजरात के बनासकांठा जिले में राहत एवं बचाव कार्य युद्ध स्तर पर चल रहे हैं। जिले के प्रभावित गांवों में पानी का निकाल करने, पीने के पानी की आपूर्ति एवं विद्युत आपूर्ति पूर्ववत करने के कार्य में जिला प्रशासन तंत्र लगा हुआहै।दूसरी ओर बाढ़ में फंसे 3 हजार से अधिक लोगों को एनडीआरएफ एवं एयरफोर्स के जवानों ने रेस्क्यु ऑपरेशन कर बाहर निकाला है। गुजरात राज्य आपदा प्रबंधन प्राधिकरण की मुख्य कार्यकारिणी अधिकारी (सीईओ) मंजू शर्मा ने बताया कि भारी बारिश की प्राकृतिक आपदा से प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में रविवार तक जनजीनव पूर्ववत हो सके, इस दिशा में कार्य किया जा रहा है।जिन क्षेत्रों में पानी भर गया है, वहां से पानी को निकाला जा रहा है और बचाव कार्य के दौरान एनडीआरएफ, बीएसएफ, एसआरपी एवं भारतीय वायु सेना के हेलिकॉप्टरों की मदद से कुल 3 हजार 82 लोगों को सुरक्षित स्थल पर पहुंचाया गया है। बचाव राहत के बाद पीने का पानी, विद्युत आपूर्ति एवं फूड पैकेट की उपलब्धि को राज्य सरकार ने अधिक गतिशील बनाया है। जिला कलक्टर दिलीप राणा ने बताया कि प्राकृतिक आपदा के बाद प्रशासन ने पुनर्वसन के कार्य को गतिशील बनाया है।उन्होंने लोगों से भयभीत नहीं होने और परिस्थिति के समय जिला प्रशासन तंत्र का सम्पर्क करने की अपील की है।

कच्छ जिले के होदका गांव में बाढ़ पीड़ितों को सुरक्षितस्थान पर पहुंचाने के दौरान महिला को नवजात बालक सौंपते भारतीय सेना के जवान।

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बुआई ने पकड़ी रफ्तार

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पन्द्रह दिन में बुआई का रकबा हुआ दुगुना

वर्षा की देरी के कारण अनाज की फसल पर किसानों का जोर

जयपुर @ पत्रिका . एक ओर जहां प्रदेश के कई इलाकों में बाढ़ के हालात है, वहीं दुसरी ओर किसान भी रिकार्ड तोड़ बुआई में जुटे हुए है। इसका अंदाजा इस बात से लगाया जा सकता है कि पिछले पन्द्रह दिनों में प्रदेश में बुआई का रकबा करीब दोगुना हो गया है।

कृषि विभाग के आंकड़ों के अनुसार प्रदेश में 9 जुलाई तक लक्ष्य के मुकाबले 45 प्रतिशत ही बुआई हुई थी, वहीं अगले पन्द्रह दिनों में यह आंकड़ा 78 प्रतिशत पहुंच गया। यह आंकड़ा पिछले साल से करीब पैंतीस प्रतिशत अधिक है। पिछले साल इस अवधि में लक्ष्य की तुलना में पचास प्रतिशत ही बुआई हुई थी।

अनाज की खेती पर जोर

मौसमी देरी के कारण किसानों का रूझान इस बार अनाज की फसल पर अधिक है। इसमें बाजरा, ज्वार, मक्का सहित अन्य मोटा अनाज की बुआई लक्ष्य की 81 प्रतिशत हो चुकी है। धान की फसल का लक्ष्य भी इस बार 6 हजार 313 हैक्टयर था। इसके मुकाबले 5 हजार 128 हैक्टयर की बुआई हो चुकी है। कृषि विभाग की ओर से बाजरा की बुआई का लक्ष्य 44 सौ हैक्टयर तय किया गया था। उसके मुकाबले अब तक 83 प्रतिशत बुआई हो चुकी है।

देरी के कारण दलहन की बुआई कम

वर्षा की देरी के कारण दलहन की बुआई की तरफ किसानों का रूझान कम रहा है। दलहन बुआई का समय निकल जाने के कारण किसानों ने दलहन के स्थान पर नकद फसल की अधिक बुआई पर जोर दिया है। दलहल बुआई का लक्ष्य इस बार भी गत वर्ष जितना 2560 हैक्टयर ही रखा गया था। उसके मुकाबले में 19 सौ हैक्टयर में अब तक बुआई हो चुकी है।

एक नजर बुआई पर

फसल	लक्ष्य	9 जुलाई	26 जुलाई
धान	150	67.5	126.1
ज्वार	650	358	518
बाजरा	4400	2158	3641
मक्का	1100	722	834
मूंग	1040	530	876
मोठ	1200	154	717
उड़द	200	129	210
तिल	450	181	319
मूंगफली	460	360	425

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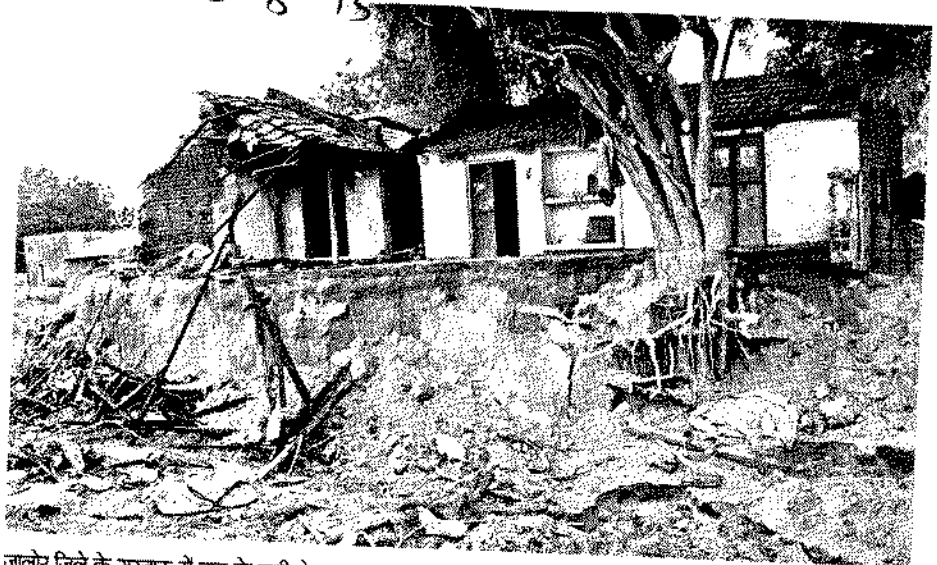

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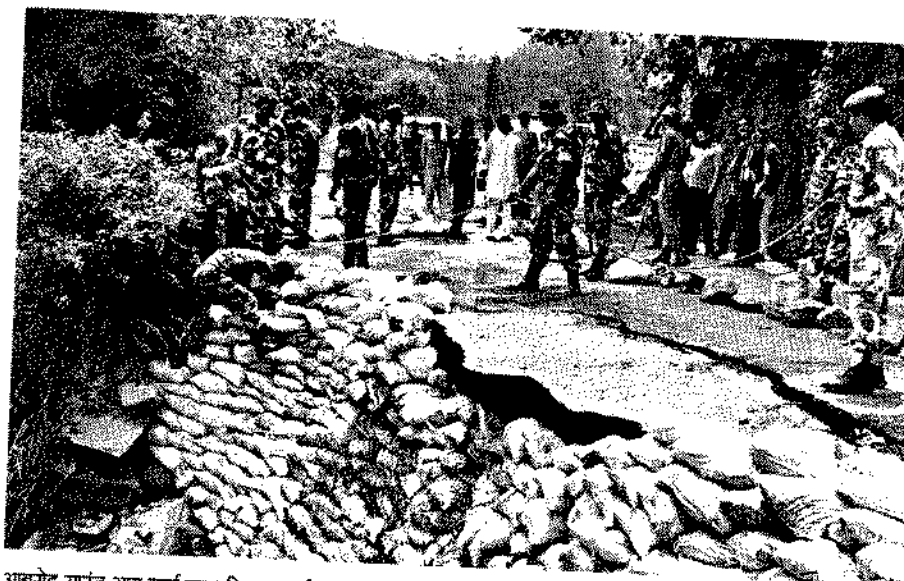

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भारी बरसात से आई बाढ़ का पानी धीरे-धीरे कम होने लगा है। इससे जन-जीवन सामान्य हो रहा है वहीं पानी कम होने के बाद पानी की तबाही और बर्बादी के मंजर सामने आ रहे है।

बाढ़ के पानी ने रानीवाड़ा व सांचौर क्षेत्र का नक्शा ही बदलकर रख दिया है। बाढ़ की वजह से क्षेत्र में करोड़ों की निजी और सरकारी संपत्ति को नुकसान पहुंचा है। समूचे रानीवाड़ा क्षेत्र में सड़कें, बिजली, जल आपूर्ति और संचार सुविधाओं को नुकसान के साथ ही लोगों के घरों को भी नुकसान पहुंचा है। सरकारी इमारतों-सड़कों को काफी नुकसान हुआ है। कई भवन बरसात में ढह गए है तो, कइयों की छत टपकने लगी है। जिला प्रशासन ने सरकारी इमारतों सहित लोगों को हुए नुकसान का सर्वे करना शुरू कर दिया है। क्षेत्र में अधिकतर राजकीय विद्यालयों को नुकसान पहुंचा है। राप्रावि टेटोप, राप्रावि साजनार नाडी पांचला, राप्रावि नैनोल सहित एक दर्जन सरकारी भवन गिर चुके है। इन गांवों तक पहुंचने के लिए रास्ता बन्द होने से प्रशासन पहुंच नहीं पाया है। इलाके की तमाम सरकारी स्कूले अघोषित रूप से बन्द है। सांचौर के पूर्व उप प्रधान दरगाराम बताते है कि अभी तक गांवों में प्रशासन नहीं पहुंचा है। कई गांवों में राहत सामग्री का अभाव है। एक-एक पटवारी के पास अनेक मंडलों का कार्यभार होने से त्वरित गति से नुकसान का सर्वे नहीं हो रहा है।

जालोर जिले के हाड़ेचा के निकट बावरला में डूबे घरों को छोड़कर सड़क पर खाना बनाते लोग। पत्रिका

महामारी का डर

भीनमाल. तेज बारिश के बाद क्षेत्र मृत पशुओं के मिलने से लोगों को महामारी का डर सता रहा है। खेत-खलिहानों व तालाबों में सैकड़ों पशु मृत पड़े हैं। फिलहाल इन मृत पशुओं को दफनाने को लेकर कोई व्यवस्था नहीं है। नदी-नालों में तेज बहाव से दर्जनों पशु इसमें बह गए। शहर सहित ग्रामीण क्षेत्र में नदी-नालों में गाय बहकर तालाबों में आ गई है। जिससे तालाबों का पानी दूषित हो गया है। इसके अलावा तालाबों से दुर्गन्ध से लोग परेशान है। पूनासा गोशाला से दो दर्जन गाय व नोहरा गांव से करीब एक दर्जन गाय पानी के साथ बह गई। शहर में आई बाढ़ के बाद कृषि मंडी में रखे जींस बेकार हो गए है। मंडी में बीज अंकुरित होने के बाद सड़ने से उनमें दुर्गन्ध उठ रही है। मंडी व्यापारी ने बताया कि मंडी में लाखों रुपए का ग्वार, जीरा, इसबगोल, अरण्डी, मतीरे के बीज, गेहूं, रायड़ा सड़ गया है।

डूबने से तीन की मौत

जालोर जिले के दांतिया में तालाब में भरे बाढ़ के पानी में डूबने से एक युवक हेमाराम की मौत हो गई। बांसवाड़ा के कड़ेलिया झरने में नहाते समय गहरे पानी में डूबने से रवि डूब गया। बूंदी जिले की भीलवाड़ा से जुड़ी सीमा पर भड़कत्या माता स्थल पर पिकनिक मनाने आया एक युवक भीलवाड़ा निवासी मोहित पाटनी नहाते समय पानी में डूब गया। बाड़मेर जिले के सम्मदड़ी में लूणी नदी में डूबे दो युवकों में से एक सचिन का शव रविवार सुबह मिला। वहीं गोपाल की तलाश जारी थी। एनडीआरएफ की दो टीम ने तलाशी अभियान शुरू किया हुआ है।

कर रहे निस्तारण

बाढ़ में मृत पशुओं के निस्तारण के लिए पशुपालन विभाग को निर्देश दे रखा है। पशुपालन विभाग मृत पशुओं के निस्तारण में जुटा हुआ है।

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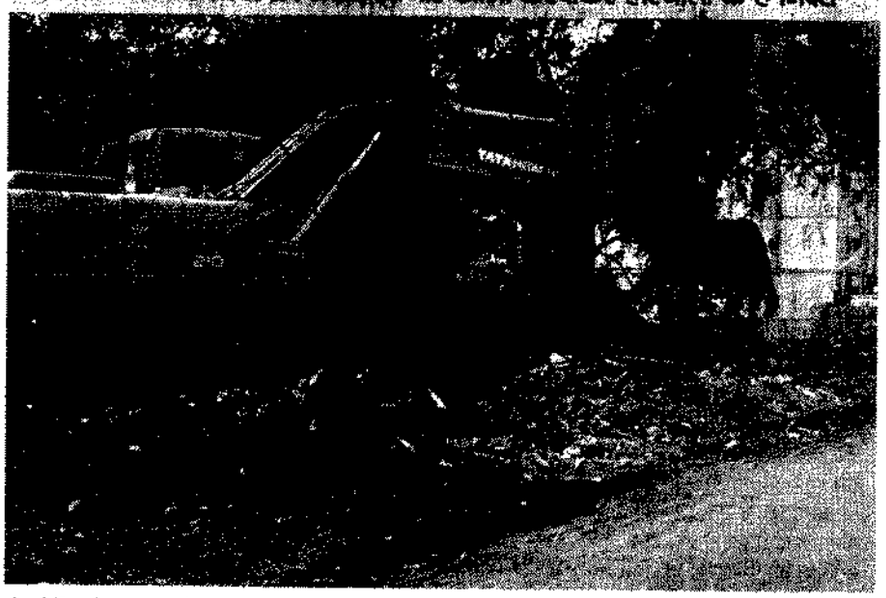
खान नदी को लेकर नेशनल ग्रीन ट्रिब्यूनल (एनजीटी) की फटकार का असर दिखने लगा है। निगम ने नदी किनारे पड़ा मलबा हटवाना शुरू किया है। नदी की सफाई को लेकर एनजीटी ने नगर निगम की दलीलों को खारिज करते हुए नदी किनारे के हिस्सों को खाली करवाकर वहां हरियाली करने के लिए कहा था।

नदी किनारे सबसे ज्यादा मलबा जिन स्थानों पर है, उसमें शांतिपथ पर लोखंडे ब्रिज से भंडारी ब्रिज तक हिस्सा शामिल है। यहां नदी के किनारों पर मलबों के ढेर लग गए थे, जबकि ठीक सामने निगम का तीन नंबर जोनल कार्यालय भी है। इन्हें हटाने के लिए निगम ने एक पोकलेन मशीन, एक जैसीबी और डंपर लगाए। दिनभर में 40 डंपर से ज्यादा मलबा हटाया गया। मलबा हटवाने की जिम्मेदारी निगम के बिल्डिंग दरोगा हेमंत शिंदे को दी है। शिंदे के मुताबिक, सड़क किनारे मलबे को पूरी तरह से हटवाकर अन्यत्र स्थान पर भेजा जा रहा है।

एनजीटी की फटकार का असर, किनारे खाली करवाकर हरियाली के हैं निर्देश



लोखंडे ब्रिज के पास नदी के किनारों से निगम ने मलबा हटाया।

पुलिस ने रोके डंपर

मलबा भरकर अन्यत्र ले जाने वाले डंपरों को चेकिंग के दौरान पुलिसकर्मियों ने रोक लिया था। भंडारी ब्रिज पर शांतिपथ के नजदीक पुलिस के जवानों ने डंपर रोका, बाद में निगम अफसरों की समझाइश के बाद इन्हें छोड़ा गया।

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छत्तीसगढ़ सहित देश के सात राज्यों की 46 फीसदी नदियों के पानी की गुणवत्ता खराब है। यही नहीं, इसके कारण नदियों के आसपास भूजल की गुणवत्ता में भी गिरावट आई है। यह खुलासा द एनर्जी एंड रिसोर्स इंस्टीट्यूट (टेरी) ने पर्यावरणीय सर्वे में किया है।

टेरी ने छत्तीसगढ़, मध्यप्रदेश, दिल्ली, ओडिशा, पश्चिम बंगाल, उत्तरप्रदेश, आंध्रप्रदेश में रेंडमली सर्वे किया है। रिपोर्ट में कहा गया कि नदियों में शहर का सीवरेज वाटर बिना किसी ट्रीट के डाल दिया जाता है। नदियों के किनारे शहरों में सीवरेज पानी नदी में डालने के मामले में 64 फीसदी सरकारी नियमों का उल्लंघन किया जाता है। 89 फीसदी लोगों ने माना कि प्रदूषित नदी का असर सीधे लोगों के स्वास्थ्य पर पड़ता है। यही नहीं, 81 फीसदी लोगों ने यह भी माना कि प्रदूषित नदी से जलजनित बीमारियां होती हैं। हालांकि सर्वे में सभी राज्यों के 78 फीसदी लोगों ने माना कि स्वच्छ भारत अभियान से नदियों का प्रदूषण स्तर कम होगा।

हवा सांस लेने लायक नहीं

सर्वे रिपोर्ट में कहा गया कि छत्तीसगढ़ सहित सात राज्यों की हवा सांस लेने लायक नहीं है यानी वायु प्रदूषण तेजी से बढ़ा है। इसके कारण इन राज्यों के जलवायु परिवर्तन पर विपरीत असर पड़ा है। इन राज्यों में जल प्रदूषण की रोकथाम के लिए बनाई नीतियों का मात्र 17 फीसदी ही पालन होता है। रिपोर्ट में कहा गया है कि राज्यों की खराब पर्यावरणीय स्थिति का असर 93 फीसदी लोगों के स्वास्थ्य पर सीधे पड़ता है। इनमें 38 फीसदी पर जल प्रदूषण, 32 फीसदी पर कचरे का और 30 फीसदी पर वायु प्रदूषण का विपरीत असर पड़ता है।

वास्तविक मुद्दों से दूर

आम आदमी की सोच वास्तविकता मुद्दों से दूर होती है। वास्तविक मुद्दों के प्रति वह सरकार पर विश्वास बनाए रखने के लिए प्रतिदिन भयभीत रहता है।

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रिपोर्ट से खुलासा होता कि आम आदमी पर्यावरणीय मुद्दों से जुड़ा होता है। उसकी आमदनी, शिक्षा और उम्र मायने नहीं रखते। विकास और पर्यावरण एक-दूसरे से जुड़े हुए हैं।

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मणिपुर के थोऊबाल जिला में भारी वर्षा से आई बाढ़ में पुल ही बह गया (दाएं) राजस्थान के सिरोही जिला के दरेरा में बाढ़ से बही रेलवे लाइन। (छाया : प्रैट्र, जितेंद्र राजावत)

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केवल गुजरात में ही 40 लाख लोगों पर असर आपदा राहत टीमें बचाव कार्यों में जुटी

नई दिल्ली, (भाषा): भारी बारिश से सर्वाधिक प्रभावित गुजरात, राजस्थान, पश्चिम बंगाल और ओडिशा में मृतकों की संख्या बढ़कर कम से कम 150 हो गयी है वहीं 80 लाख से ज्यादा लोग बाढ़ से प्रभावित हुए हैं। गुजरात में पिछले कुछ दिनों से हुई भारी बारिश के कारण बनी बाढ़ की स्थिति से 14 जिले और करीब 40 लाख लोग प्रभावित हुए हैं। एक आधिकारिक बयान में कहा गया है कि बाढ़ पीड़ितों के बीच भोजन के 10 लाख से ज्यादा पैकेट हेलीकाप्टरों से गिराए गए। प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में अस्थायी राहत शिविरों की स्थापना की गयी है। गुजरात में राहत एवं बचाव कार्य के लिए राष्ट्रीय आपदा मोचन बल (एनडीआरएफ) की कुल 17 टीमें तैनात की गयी है। राजस्थान में अब तक बारिश के कारण 28 लोगों की मौत हो चुकी है और राज्य में कई स्थानों पर बाढ़ जैसी स्थिति बनी हुई है। राजस्थान के कई जिलों में भारी बारिश हुई है और जालौर, झालावाड़, बारां, सिरोही, बाड़मेर तथा डुंगरपुर जिलों में स्थिति विशेष रूप से गंभीर है। राजस्थान में एनडीआरएफ की आठ टीमें राहत एवं बचाव कार्य में लगी हुयी है।

इसके अलावा राज्य आपदा मोचन बल, पुलिस और आरएसी की टीमें भी राहत एवं बचाव कार्य में लगी हुयी हैं। राजस्थान में अब तक 630 से ज्यादा लोगों को बचाया गया है। इसके अलावा प्रभावित लोगों के बीच राहत सामग्री वितरित की गई है। पश्चिम बंगाल में बाढ़ की स्थिति आज भी विकट बनी रही। मरने वालों की संख्या बढ़कर तकरीबन 50 हो गई है जबकि 2.14 लाख लोगों ने बाढ़ से प्रभावित 12 जिलों के 1537 राहत शिविरों में आश्रय लिया है। मौसम विज्ञानियों ने अगले 24 घंटे में और बारिश होने का अनुमान जताया है। सूत्रों ने बताया, '2.14 लाख से अधिक लोगों को आश्रय देने के लिए कुल 1537 राहत शिविर स्थापित किए गए हैं और 204 चिकित्सा शिविरों को खोला गया है।' उन्होंने कहा कि तकरीबन 37 लाख लोग इससे प्रभावित हुए हैं।

ओडिशा में मृतकों की संख्या पांच हो गयी है और 600 से ज्यादा गांव तथा करीब 4.8 लाख लोग प्रभावित हुए हैं। इस बीच केंद्र ने एनडीआरएफ की दो टीमें मणिपुर के चंदेल जिले में भेजी है। चंदेल जिले में कल 20 लोग भूस्खलन की चपेट में आ गए थे। एक आधिकारिक बयान में कहा गया है कि बल की 22 सदस्यों की एक टीम वहां प्रभावित इलाके में पहुंच गयी है जबकि दूसरी टीम के आज देर शाम तक पहुंचने की उम्मीद है।

पीएम मोदी के लिए जान भी दे सकता हूं: साक्षी महाराज

नई दिल्ली, (सं): विवादित बयानों को लेकर अक्सर चर्चा में रहने वाले बीजेपी सांसद साक्षी महाराज ने कहा है कि पीएम मोदी के लिए वह जान तक दे सकते हैं। उन्होंने यह भी कहा कि बाबरी मस्जिद की ढहाने में कांग्रेस, एसपी और बीएसपी का भी हाथ है।

न्यूज चैनल 'आज तक' को दिए इंटरव्यू में साक्षी महाराज ने प्रधानमंत्री मोदी की तारीफों के भी पुल बांध दिए। उन्होंने कहा "मोदी जी का सम्मान बढ़ाने के लिए मैं अपनी जान भी दे सकता हूं। मैंने कभी कुछ गलत नहीं कहा मेरे बयानों को गलत ढंग से पेश किया जाता है।" राम मंदिर मुद्दे पर बात कहते हुए साक्षी महाराज ने कहा, "बाबरी मस्जिद को तोड़ने में कांग्रेस, एसपी और बीएसपी को भी भूमिका थी। श्रीराम को जन्मभूमि अयोध्या का तो शिलान्यास ही कांग्रेस ने करवाया था।"

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हिन्दुस्

मानसून के पहले दो महीनों में 19 संभागों में 57 फीसदी तक कम बारिश, उत्तर और पूर्वी हिस्से पर मंडरा रहा बाढ़ का खतरा

आधा देश बाढ़ तो आधा सूखे की ओर बढ़ा

मौसम की मार

नई दिल्ली | विशेष संवाददाता

देश के कई हिस्सों में जहां बारिश से तबाही मची हुई है, वहीं देश के आधे से भी ज्यादा हिस्से में सूखे के हालात हैं। मौसम विभाग के अनुसार उत्तर प्रदेश, बिहार समेत देश के 19 संभाग सूखे की चपेट में हैं। 10 में सामान्य बारिश हुई है जबकि सात में सामान्य से ज्यादा बारिश हुई है।

मौसम विभाग के अनुसार एक जून से लेकर दो अगस्त तक के आंकड़ों को देखें तो देश भर में सामान्य से छह फीसदी कम बारिश हुई है। कुल बारिश का आंकड़ा तो संतोषजनक है। लेकिन बारिश का वितरण बेहद असमान है। कहीं बारिश तबाही मचा रही है तो कहीं सूखा पड़ रहा है। सबसे ज्यादा खतरा उत्तर और पूर्वी हिस्से पर मंडरा रहा है।

मानसून के पहले महीने में उत्तर भारत में अच्छी बारिश हो गई थी। लेकिन पूरा कृषि बेल्ट पंजाब, हरियाणा, उत्तर प्रदेश, बिहार, पूर्वी मध्य प्रदेश, विदर्भ, तेलंगाना, मराठवाड़ा, मध्य महाराष्ट्र, कर्नाटक का तटीय क्षेत्र, रायलसीमा, केरल के ज्यादा हिस्से सूखे की चपेट में हैं। वहां बारिश की कमी 21 से 57 फीसदी तक पहुंच गई है।

मणिपुर के काकचिंग में रविवार को बाढ़ में बह रही कार को बचाने की कोशिश करते कुछ स्थानीय लोग। • प्रेट्र

किस संभाग में कितनी कमी

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(बारिश की मात्रा प्रतिशत में)

चार राज्यों में 83 की मौत, 80 लाख प्रभावित

नई दिल्ली | एजेंसियां

मूसलाधार बारिश से सर्वाधिक प्रभावित गुजरात, राजस्थान, पश्चिम बंगाल और ओडिशा में मृतकों की संख्या बढ़कर कम से कम 83 हो गई है। वहीं 80 लाख से ज्यादा लोग बाढ़ से प्रभावित हुए हैं।

गुजरात में पिछले कुछ दिनों से हुई भारी बारिश के कारण बनी बाढ़ की स्थिति से 14 जिले और करीब 40 लाख लोग प्रभावित हुए हैं। एक आधिकारिक बयान के मुताबिक बाढ़ पीड़ितों के बीच भोजन के 10 लाख से ज्यादा पैकेट हेलीकॉप्टरों से गिराए गए। गुजरात में राहत एवं बचाव कार्य के लिए राष्ट्रीय आपदा मोचन बल (एनडीआरएफ) की कुल 17 टीमें तैनात की गई हैं।

राजस्थान में अब तक बारिश के कारण 28 लोगों की मौत हो चुकी है और राज्य में कई स्थानों पर बाढ़ जैसी स्थिति बनी हुई है। राजस्थान के कई जिलों में भारी बारिश हुई है और जालौर, झालावाड़, बारां, सिरोही, बाडमेर तथा डुंगरपुर जिलों में स्थिति विशेष रूप से गंभीर है। राजस्थान में एनडीआरएफ की आठ टीमें राहत एवं बचाव कार्य में लगी हुई हैं। पश्चिम बंगाल में बाढ़ के दौरान विभिन्न वजहों से 50 से अधिक लोगों की मौत होने की खबर है। राज्य के कुछ हिस्सों में चक्रवात कोमेन के कारण भारी बारिश हुई है। बाढ़ के कारण राज्य के 12 जिलों में 37 लाख लोग प्रभावित हुए हैं।

भारी वर्षा की चेतावनी

इस बीच मौसम विभाग ने कहा कि देश के पूर्वी हिस्से बिहार, झारखंड, छत्तीसगढ़, पूर्वी मध्य प्रदेश, ओडिशा, पश्चिम बंगाल के कुछ हिस्सों तथा उत्तर-पश्चिम हिस्से जम्मू-कश्मीर, हिमाचल प्रदेश, उत्तराखंड में अगले तीन-चार दिनों के दौरान भारी से भारी बारिश हो सकती है।

गुजरात के भुज में रविवार को बाढ़ प्रभावित इलाके से एक महिला और उसके बच्चे को सुरक्षित जगह पर भेजता सेना का जवान। • प्रेट्र

प्रशासन ने केदारनाथ यात्रा रोकी

रुद्रप्रयाग। भारी बारिश के कारण रविवार को केदारनाथ जाने वाले तीर्थयात्रियों को सोनप्रयाग से आगे जाने की अनुमति नहीं दी गयी। उधर केदारनाथ से लौट रहे तीर्थयात्रियों को सुरक्षित पड़ावों पर ठहराया गया।

मौसम को देखते हुए ज्वाइंट मजिस्ट्रेट आशीष चौहान ने सभी सेक्टर मजिस्ट्रेटों को सतर्कता बरतने के निर्देश दिए हैं। केदारघाटी में रविवार को हुई तेज बारिश के कारण सोनप्रयाग और गौरीकुंड के बीच मुनकटिया में पैदल मार्ग पर मलबा आ गया। तीर्थयात्रियों की सुरक्षा को देखते हुए प्रशासन ने सोनप्रयाग से आगे नहीं जाने दिया।

पैदल मार्ग में एक यात्री की मौत के बाद प्रशासन ने सेक्टर मजिस्ट्रेटों को सख्त निर्देश दिए हैं कि यदि बिना प्रशासन की अनुमति के आवाजाही कराई तो एफआईआर दर्ज की जाएगी। **(हिंदी)**

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पश्चिम बंगाल समेत कई सूबों में मूसलाधार बारिश, मणिपुर में भूस्खलन से 21 लोगों की मौत

'कोमेन' से कई राज्यों में बिगड़े हालात

आफत

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चक्रवाती तूफान कोमेन के कारण पश्चिम बंगाल, झारखंड, ओडिशा, मणिपुर, नगालैंड और त्रिपुरा में मूलसलाधार बारिश हो रही है। इसकी वजह से बंगाल, मणिपुर और ओडिशा में बाढ़ जैसे हालात पैदा हो गए हैं तथा आम जनजीवन प्रभावित हुआ है।

मौसम विभाग के मुताबिक पश्चिम बंगाल में 24 घंटों में 133.6 मिलीमीटर बारिश दर्ज की गई है। बंगाल में भारी बारिश के कारण 39 लोगों की जान चली गई है जबकि लगभग सात लाख लोग इससे प्रभावित हुए हैं। बाढ़ से हालात बिगड़ने के कारण राज्य के 12 जिलों में बनाए गए राहत शिविरों में 1.19 लाख लोगों को शरण लेनी पड़ी है। अब तक 966 राहत शिविर और 124 मेडिकल शिविर बनाए गए हैं।

भूस्खलन से 21 मरे : मणिपुर के चंदेल जिले के चौउमोल गांव में शनिवार को हुए भीषण भूस्खलन में 21 लोगों की मौत हो गई। मणिपुर-म्यांमार सीमा से लगे इस क्षेत्र में पिछले कुछ दिनों से लगातार बारिश होने के कारण भूस्खलन से कई मकान धंस गए। इस प्राकृतिक आपदा से हजारों लोग प्रभावित हुए हैं। भूस्खलन और बारिश जनित संकट में फंसे लोगों को सुरक्षित बाहर निकाले का काम युद्ध स्तर पर किया जा रहा है। वहीं केंद्रीय गृह मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह ने फोन पर मणिपुर के मुख्यमंत्री ओकराम इबोबी से राज्य का हाल जाना और हरसंभव मदद का आश्वासन दिया। राजनाथ सिंह ने कहा, एनडीआरएफ की टीमों को राहत एवं बचाव कार्य के लिए मणिपुर भेज दिया गया है।

तूफान की स्थिति: मौसम विभाग के अनुसार कोमेन कमजोर पड़ चुका है। यह अगले 24 घंटों के अंदर गहरे निम्न दबाव में तब्दील हो जाएगा। यह बांग्लादेश के जेशो में इसका केन्द्र है और उत्तर ओडिशा, पश्चिम बंगाल और झारखंड पर इसका प्रभाव है। इसके कारण झारखंड में अगले 24 घंटों में कहीं-कहीं भारी बारिश हो सकती है।

तीन विमानों का मार्ग बदला : चेन्नई में भारी बारिश के मद्देनजर दो अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ान समेत तीन उड़ानों का गंतव्य स्थल शनिवार को बदला गया। हवाई अड्डा अधिकारियों ने बताया कि फ्रैंकफर्ट और सिंगापुर से आने वाले दो विमानों को क्रमशः बेंगलुरु और तिरूचिरापल्ली भेज दिया गया। दोनों विमानों को सुबह यहां में उतरना था। उन्होंने बताया कि पुणे से चेन्नई आ रहे एक घरेलू विमान को बेंगलुरु भेज दिया गया। इन विमानों का गंतव्य स्थान आखिरी क्षण में बदलने के चलते उन पर सवार होने का इंतजार कर रहे यात्रियों को दिक्कत हुई।

पश्चिम बंगाल के बीरभूम में बारिश से जलमग्न प्रसिद्ध कनिकली काली मंदिर। • प्रेट्र

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मानसून आकलन

जुलाई माह के आखिरी हफ्ते में बरसा सबसे ज्यादा पानी

जुलाई में आखिरी हफ्ते में देश में सबसे ज्यादा पानी बरसा। 23 से 29 जुलाई की अवधि में औसत वर्षा मात्रा 67.8 मिलीमीटर के मुकाबले 82 मिलीमीटर पानी गिरा। देखा जाए तो इस दौरान 21 फीसदी ज्यादा बरसात हुई। प्रतिदिन 10 मिलीमीटर पानी बरसा। इससे जुलाई में बारिश की कमी 26 से घटकर 15 फीसदी पर पहुंच गई और कम वर्षा की स्थिति से देश उबर गया।

22% सामान्य से कम बारिश हुई थी 2014 में जुलाई तक।

83% सामान्य से कम बरसात हुई जुलाई 2015 तक।

19 सबडिवीजन में बेहद कम, 17 में सामान्य वर्षा हुई थी। किसी भी सबडिवीजन में सामान्य से ज्यादा बारिश नहीं हुई थी जुलाई 2014 तक।

06 सबडिवीजन में ज्यादा, 17 में सामान्य और 13 में कम बारिश जुलाई 2015 तक रिकार्ड की गई।

पांच से दस गुना ज्यादा हुई बारिश चौथे हफ्ते में

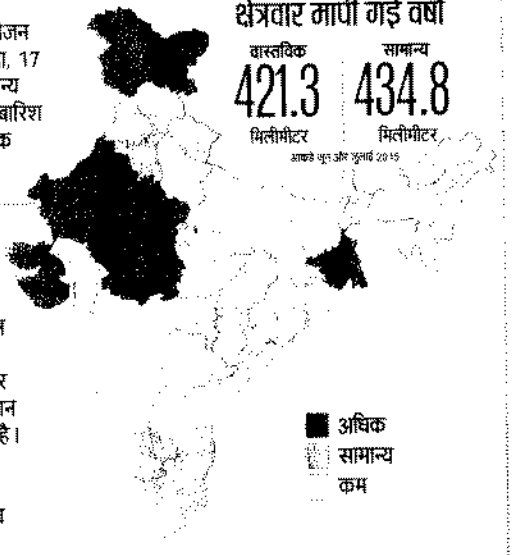
राजस्थान के ऊपर बने डिप्रेशन के कारण आखिरी सप्ताह में राजस्थान, गुजरात और पश्चिम मध्य प्रदेश में जबरदस्त पानी बरसा। इन तीनों क्षेत्रों में रोजाना वर्षा औसत के मुकाबले पांच से दस गुना ज्यादा बारिश दर्ज की गई। इससे इन इलाकों में बाढ़ की स्थिति पैदा हो गई। अब यह डिप्रेशन कमजोर पड़ गया है।

दो महीने के आंकड़े

- मानसून महीने में जून में मेडन जूलियन ऑसिलेशन (एमजेओ) के कारण सामान्य से 16 फीसदी ज्यादा बारिश हुई। जुलाई में सामान्य से 15 फीसदी कम पानी गिरा।
- जून और जुलाई महीने में कुल मिलाकर 96 फीसदी यानी 452 मिलीमीटर बरसात दर्ज की गई। इसे सामान्य कहा जाएगा।

स्काईमेट ने जारी किया नया अनुमान

- मौसम एजेंसी स्काईमेट ने मानसून अनुमान को अप्रैल महीने के 102 फीसदी (दीर्घावधि औसत) से घटाकर 98 प्रतिशत कर लिया है। नया अनुमान अगस्त-सितंबर महीने पर आधारित है।
- अगस्त और सितंबर का अनुमान 92% और 112% (गलती की संभावना +/-9%) मासिक दीर्घावधि औसत पर आधारित है।



अगस्त और सितंबर की संभावना

- स्काईमेट का कहना है की अगस्त के पहले पखवाड़े में पर्याप्त वर्षा होगी। फिर 15 से 20 अगस्त तक पानी नहीं गिरेगा।
- 20 से 24 अगस्त और फिर महीने के अंत में बरसात होगी। दक्षिण प्रायद्वीप में बारिश की अभी भी कमी है जो बरकरार रहेगी।
- एमजेओ अगस्त में नदारद रहेगा। इस गैरमौजूदगी के बावजूद दूसरी मौसम प्रणालियों के बूते पानी बरसेगा। एमजेओ सितम्बर में लौटेगा और बारिश कराएगा।
- इंडियन ओसेन डेपोल (आईओडी) अगस्त में सकारात्मक होगा और बारिश कराएगा।

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कोमेन से तेज हुई बारिश कई हिस्सों में बाढ़ - हिं - 1-8-15

राजस्थान के जालोर में एनडीआरएफ की टीम बाढ़ में फंसे लोगों को निकालने में जुटी रही।

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चक्रवाती तूफान कोमेन के पश्चिम बंगाल पहुंचने से देश के कई हिस्सों में भारी बारिश हो रही है। बंगाल का सीमावर्ती राज्य होने की वजह से झारखंड पर सबसे अधिक इसका पड़ा है।

उत्तर प्रदेश, पंजाब, हरियाणा, चंडीगढ़ और जम्मू कश्मीर के कई हिस्सों में भी शनिवार को झमाझम बारिश होने के आसार हैं। गुजरात, राजस्थान और पूर्वोत्तर के कई क्षेत्र में बाढ़ की स्थिति बनी हुई है और लोगों को सुरक्षित स्थानों पर पहुंचाया जा रहा है।

मौसम विभाग के मुताबिक चक्रवाती तूफान कोमेन का झारखंड पर भी असर पड़ा है। शुक्रवार को तेज हवाओं के साथ पूरे राज्य में बारिश हुई। पश्चिम बंगाल का सीमावर्ती इलाका होने के कारण संताल परगना में 150 मिलीमीटर बारिश हुई। दुमका में बारिश के कारण भारी तबाही हुई है।

राजस्थान में बाढ़ का कहर

राजस्थान में पिछले कई दिनों से जारी मूसलाधार बारिश के कारण राज्य के अनेक जिले बाढ़ की चपेट में हैं। बाड़मेर ,जोधपुर, बीकानेर और जैसलमेर में बाढ़ का पानी कहर बरपा रहा है। जालोर और सांचौर में भारी बारिश से अनेक गांव बाढ़ की चपेट में हैं। जालोर और सांचौर में एनडीआरएफ तथा एसडीआरएफ की टीमें तैनात की गई है। जालौर में लगभग तीन दर्जन गांव बाढ़ के पानी के कारण टापू बन गए हैं।

साढ़े नौ हजार को बचाया

बारिश के कारण गुजरात के बनासकांठा, पाटन, महेसाणा के अलावा अहमदाबाद और कच्छ तथा मोरबी में बाढ़ जैसी स्थिति बनी हुई है। इन इलाकों में राहत एवं बचाव कार्य के दौरान अब तक पानी में फंसे साढ़े नौ हजार से अधिक लोग बचाए।

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शुक्रवार को दस साल में सबसे कम रहा मैक्सिमम टेंपरेचर

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बारिश, सुहावना मौसम और हल्की हवाएं.... कुछ ऐसा ही मौसम आने वाले दिनों में दिल्लीवालों को देखने को मिल सकता है। मौसम वैज्ञानिकों के मुताबिक अगले दो दिनों में अच्छी बारिश होने की उम्मीद है। मैक्सिमम टेंपरेचर भी 29 से 30 डिग्री सेल्सियस रहने का अनुमान है।

3 और 4 अगस्त को भी हो सकती है हल्की बारिश

शुक्रवार को दिन भर दिल्ली में काले बादल छाए रहे। दोपहर को कुछ जगहों पर हल्की बारिश हुई। साथ ही मैक्सिमम टेंपरेचर नॉर्मल से दो डिग्री सेल्सियस कम के साथ 31.1 डिग्री सेल्सियस दर्ज हुआ। मौसम विभाग के आंकड़ों के मुताबिक दिल्ली में 31 जुलाई के दिन साल 2005 से 2014 के बीच इतना कम मैक्सिमम टेंपरेचर कभी दर्ज नहीं हुआ। मिनिमम टेंपरेचर नॉर्मल से दो डिग्री कम के साथ 25.2 डिग्री सेल्सियस रहा।

मौसम विभाग ने अपने बुलेटिन में कहा है कि शनिवार को बादल छाए रह सकते हैं। कई इलाकों में बारिश होने की संभावना है। मैक्सिमम टेंपरेचर 31 डिग्री और मिनिमम टेंपरेचर 24 डिग्री सेल्सियस रहने का अनुमान है। उत्तर भारत में जल्द ही वेस्टर्न डिस्टरबेंस पहुंचेगा, जिससे मौसम के बदलने के आसार हैं। दिल्ली और आस पास के इलाकों में मौसम में बदलाव की वजह से तापमान भी गिरने की उम्मीद है।

स्काइमेट के मौसम वैज्ञानिक महेश पलावत ने कहा कि अब मॉनसून लाइन दिल्ली के नॉर्थ पर पहुंच गई है। वेस्टर्न डिस्टरबेंस इफेक्ट से भी दिल्ली के साथ पंजाब, हरियाणा और उत्तर प्रदेश जैसे राज्यों में 1 से 2 अगस्त तक अच्छी बारिश होने की संभावना है। इसके बाद 3 और 4 अगस्त को भी दिल्ली के कुछ इलाकों में हल्की बारिश हो सकती है। पलावत ने कहा कि 21 से 31 जुलाई के दौरान दिल्ली में कम बारिश हुई है।

Rajesh Mehta

मौसम में बदलाव से तेज बारिश और तापमान भी गिरने की उम्मीद

मौसम विभाग ने कहा कि 1 से 31 जुलाई की सुबह 8:30 बजे तक पालम में 360 मिमी और सफदरजंग में 235.2 मिमी बारिश दर्ज हुई है। सफदरजंग में पिछले साल की तुलना में साल 2015 में ज्यादा बारिश हुई है। सफदरजंग में 2014 में 103 मिमी और 2013 में 340.5 मिमी बारिश दर्ज हुई थी।

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गुजरात में साबरमती और खारी नदी में आई बाढ़ से टूटे पुल को पार करता एक व्यक्ति : (छाया : प्रैट्र)

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भारी बारिश से कई राज्यों का बुरा हाल

जयपुर, कोलकाता, अहमदाबाद, (वार्ता, भाषा): मानसून की भारी बारिश ने राजस्थान, पश्चिम बंगाल और गुजरात में सचमुच तबाही मचा दी है। हिमाचल, ओडिशा में भी बुरा हाल है। राजस्थान के जालौर, चूरू, हनुमानगढ़ के शहरों में पानी भरा है। गुजरात के अहमदाबाद, भुज में हालात नाजुक हैं। इन सभी राज्यों में लाखों गांव जलमग्न हैं। हिमाचल में ब्यास नदी उफान पर है। ऊपरी इलाकों में बारिश ने कहर बरपाते हुए इंसान की मुश्किलें बढ़ा दी हैं। पश्चिम बंगाल में पिछले दो दिन से बारिश जारी है। अब तक 50 लोग मारे जा चुके हैं। रेल व सड़क मार्ग पर जाम ही जाम है। इंसान बेबस होकर रह गया है।

बंगाल में कहर : पश्चिम बंगाल के दक्षिणी जिलों में भारी वर्षा के कारण आम जनजीवन अस्त-व्यस्त है। सुबह से यहां पर सड़क से लेकर रेल तक सारी यातायात व्यवस्था ठप्प है और शहर के अधिकांश इलाके जलभराव की समस्या से ग्रस्त हैं। मौसम विभाग ने आज सुबह साढ़े आठ बजे तक पिछले 24 घंटों में 133.6 मिलीमीटर वर्षा दर्ज की है

हर तरफ जाम

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और कल तक गंगा से सटे पश्चिम बंगाल के इलाकों में भारी बारिश होने की संभावना जताई है। इसमें कहा गया है कि 'कोमेन' चक्रवात गुरुवार को बंगलादेश पहुंचा था और अभी भी आंशिक रूप से यहां बना हुआ है। यह कमजोर होकर विक्षोभ में बदल गया है। मौसम विभाग ने बताया कि इसका रुख पश्चिम-उत्तर पश्चिम की ओर है ओर यह धीरे-धीरे कमजोर होकर एक निम्न दाब क्षेत्र के रूप में बदल रहा है। बंगाल के दक्षिणी क्षेत्र के कई जिलों जैसे कि हावड़ा, दक्षिण 24 परगना और पूर्वी मिदनापुर में बाढ़ जैसे हालात है। क्योंकि पिछले कुछ दिनों में यहां भारी वर्षा हुई है। मुख्यमंत्री ममता बनर्जी ने कल कहा था कि विकट मौसम परिस्थितियों के कारण 39 लोगों की जान चली गई है जबकि लगभग सात लाख लोग इससे प्रभावित हुए हैं। उत्तरी और दक्षिणी कोलकाता में कई सड़कों पर जलभराव की समस्या बनी हुई है जिससे यातायात प्रभावित हो रहा है।

बारिश ने ली एक लाख पशुओं की जान : दुग्ध उत्पादों के नामी-गिरामी ब्रांड अमूल से जुड़ी गुजरात की एक प्रमुख सहकारी डेयरी बनास डेयरी के चेयरमैन पारथीभाई भटोल ने यह सनसनीखेज दावा किया है कि हाल में राज्य में हुई भारी वर्षा से अकेले बनासकांठा जिले में एक लाख पशुओं की मौत हुई है। प्रतिदिन औसतन लगभग 35 लाख लीटर दूध जमा करने वाली इस डेयरी के चेयरमैन ने यह भी कहा कि तीन दिन की अनवरत वर्षा से उनके दैनिक संग्रहण को दो लाख लीटर तक नीचे गिरा दिया था जो अपने आप में एक रिकार्ड है। उन्होंने कहा कि चार दिन पहले जब पहली बार वर्षा का कहर हुआ तो हमारा संग्रहण दो लाख लीटर तक गिर गया। इतना कम संग्रह पहले कभी नहीं हुआ। एक दिन बाद यह आंकड़ा 5 लाख लीटर हुआ और उम्मीद है कि एक दो दिन में यह 10 लाख लीटर हो जाएगा।

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उदयपुर @ पत्रिका. अब सेई बांध का पानी बहकर गुजरात नहीं जाएगा। जल संसाधन विभाग की टीम 24 घंटे के प्रयासों के बाद शनिवार सुबह सेई बांध के जाम गेट को निकाल दिया। इसके साथ ही सेई का पानी पाली जिले के जवाईसागर बांध खोल दिया गया। उदयपुर जिले में आने वाले इस बांध का गेट लम्बे समय से फंसा हुआ था, जबकि ओवरफ्लो होने के बाद पानी बहकर गुजरात जा रहा था। अधिशासी अभियंता (क्वालिटी कंट्रोल) गोपाल दाना विभागीय अभियंताओं तथा निजी इंजीनियरों की टीम के साथ शुक्रवार से गेट को निकालने में जुटे रहे। आखिरकार टीम शनिवार सुबह गेट निकालने में कामयाब रही। बांध से जवाई बांध के लिए पानी छोड़ दिया गया है। इसकी भराव क्षमता 1300 एमसीएफटी है। जवाई बांध पाली व जालौर के पेयजल के लिए आरक्षित है।

गत दिनों हुई बरसात का दौर भले ही फिलहाल थम गया, लेकिन चंबल की लहरों का उफान अब भी लोगों को आकर्षित कर रहा है। झरने की तरह कलकल बहती चंबल को देखकर कोई भी ठहर सा जाता है। कई लोग तो चंबल के इस सौन्दर्य को कैमरे में कैद करने से भी नहीं चूकते, वहीं कुछ जान की परवाह किए बगैर किनारे पर जहां जगह मिलती है सौन्दर्य को एकटक निहारते रह जाते हैं। कोटा बैराज की डाउन स्ट्रीम में उफनती चंबल की लहरें। पत्रिका

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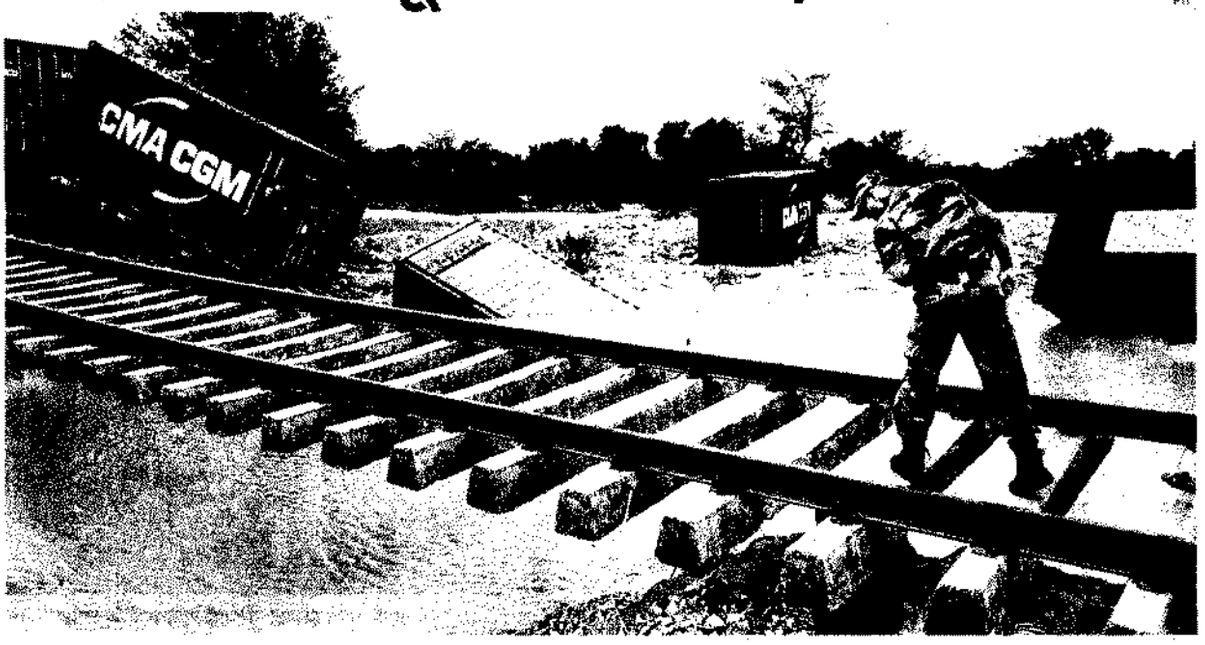

राजस्थान के सिरोही जिले में रेल लाइन की यह तस्वीर बाढ़ से हुई तबाही का हाल बता रही है। भारी बारिश और बाढ़ ने राजस्थान, गुजरात, मणिपुर, ओडिशा, पश्चिम बंगाल और झारखंड में काफी नुकसान पहुंचाया है। गुजरात में 75, पश्चिम बंगाल में 47 और मणिपुर में 20 लोगों की मौत होने की खबर है। ओडिशा व झारखंड में कई नदियां खतरों के निशान से ऊपर बह रही हैं। ▸▸ पेज 14

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People try to retrieve a vehicle washed away by swirling flood waters in Manipur's Thoubal district on Saturday. PTI PHOTO

Cyclone Komen brings eastern states to a halt

DELUGE More than a million people evacuated and 68 killed, death toll could rise

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KOLKATA/IMPHAL: At least 68 people were killed and more than a million evacuated as heavy rainfall lashed eastern India through the weekend after cyclone Komen created a depression over parts of Bangladesh.

West Bengal, Manipur and Odisha were the hardest hit and the death toll could rise as many people were missing. Seven deaths were reported from West Bengal on Sunday, taking the toll over the past week to 48, while in Manipur 20 people were killed in a single village swept away by a landslide in Chandel district on the Myanmar border. More than 1.8 million people in 5,600 villages across 12 districts of West Bengal were affected by floods and waterlogging. More than 1.1 million people were moved to relief camps in the state.

"I have postponed my trip to North Bengal. Again heavy rainfall in Bengal, Jharkhand & Odisa and dams are at dangerous level. We have monitored situation all night & held review meetings," chief minister Mamata Banerjee tweeted on Sunday.

In the last four years, there has been no flood like this year's. So far we have witnessed man-made floods and we have restricted them quite successfully. But the situation at present is rendered beyond control.

MAMATA BANERJEE, West Bengal CM

Home minister Rajnath Singh is monitoring the situation and minister of state Kiren Rijiju is expected to visit the affected areas to oversee relief work. Cyclone Komen, which made landfall in Bangladesh on Thursday, remained practically stationary there and weakened into a depression. The weather phenomenon would move west and gradually weaken into a well-marked low-pressure area, officials said.

Dozens of houses were destroyed in Hollenjang, Wayang and Tuitung villages in Manipur and several areas in and around state capital Imphal were flooded as rivers flowed above the danger mark. Several roads in the northern and southern parts of Kolkata were under knee-deep water. Arterial roads such as Central Avenue, Park Street, Theatre Road, Hospital Road, Amherst Street and Diamond Harbour Road were waterlogged.

Around 10 villages in Odisha were marooned and nearly 479,000 people were affected across the state but the situation was less alarming than that in West Bengal.

"All the major rivers in Odisha are flowing below the danger level. However, inflow of rain water from West Bengal, where heavy rainfall occurred under the effect of cyclonic system Komen, has left some villages in Balasore district marooned," special relief commissioner GVV Sarma said.

At least four children were killed and four other people seriously injured after they were struck by lightning in Barasat in West Bengal's North Paraganas district on Sunday, police said.

An elderly man was crushed to death after a portion of his house collapsed and a two-year-old was killed in Murshidabad district when a wall collapsed.

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मॉनसून Meter

मौसम विभाग ने कहा है कि मंगलवार तक गंगा के मैदान और पश्चिम बंगाल में हिमालय के दक्षिणी हिस्से में भारी बारिश होगी।

हिमाचल में मॉनसून 31 जुलाई तक 20 प्रतिशत औसत से कम रहा है।

लखनऊ में अगले 24 घंटों के दौरान रुक-रुक कर बारिश होने का अनुमान है।

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पूर्वी और उत्तर-पूर्वी भारत में करीब 100 लोगों के मरने की आशंका

■ एजेंसियां

भारत और पड़ोसी बांग्लादेश व म्यांमार में कोमेन तूफान से भारी तबाही हुई है। कम से कम करीब 100 लोगों के मारे जाने की खबर है जबकि लाखों लोग प्रभावित हुए हैं। कहां क्या हालात हैं आइए जानें :

पश्चिम बंगाल : यहां भारी बारिश से कम से कम 47 लोग मारे गए हैं। राज्य के कई हिस्से पानी में डूबे हुए हैं और 12 जिले बुरी तरह प्रभावित हैं। कोलकाता में बाढ़ जैसे हालात हैं, हालांकि स्थिति में कुछ सुधार हुआ है। यहां ट्रेन सर्विस प्रभावित हैं और सड़कों पर भी घुटने तक पानी होने से आवाजाही मुश्किल हो चुकी है। मुर्शिदाबाद में एक लड़की पानी के तेज बहाव में बह गई, वहीं हावड़ा के पंचला में एक महिला कच्चा घर ढहने से मारी गई।

झारखंड : राज्य के गिरिडीह और छतरा जिलों में लगातार भारी बारिश से निचले इलाके पानी में डूब गए हैं। जिले की नदियां खतरे के निशान से ऊपर बह रही हैं।

ओडिशा : राज्य में भारी बारिश जारी रहने से बालासोर जिले में कई गांवों से संपर्क कट गया है। यहां भी लोग रिलीफ कैंपों में रह रहे हैं। पांच लोगों की जान जा चुकी है जिनमें तीन इंजीनियर हैं।

गुजरात : पांच जिलों में बाढ़ जैसे हालात हैं जिससे अब तक लाखों लोग प्रभावित हो चुके हैं। भारी बारिश से 75 लोग मारे गए हैं।

मणिपुर : यहां के खांगबोराल सब डिविजन के जोउमोल गांव में जमीन खिसकने से 20 लोग मारे गए हैं।

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Floods kill over 100 in five states

Cyclone 'Komen' batters East | Highway linking Imphal with border town cut off

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 2

At least 102 people lost their lives and more than170 lakh people were affected in fresh floods due to excessive rains in worst-affected Rajasthan, West Bengal, Odisha, Manipur and Gujarat.

While the death toll touched 48 in West Bengal, 28 died in Rajasthan and five in Odisha, a Home Ministry statement said here today.

A total of 36,90,627 people in 9,691 villages of 210 blocks in 12 districts in West Bengal have been affected due to floods, while a population of 40 lakh in Gujarat and 4,80,399 in Odisha, it said.

In West Bengal, 48 deaths have been reported from various parts of the state during the floods owing to lightening, wall collapse, electrocution, snake bite and drowning. As reported by the state government due to cyclone "Komen", heavy to very heavy rainfall occurred at isolated places in almost all of south West Bengal districts, the statement said.

In Rajasthan, 28 people have lost their lives, out of which 12 people died during past few days owing to very heavy rainfall and a flood-like situation in many parts of the state. The situation is "grim" particularly in Jalore, Jhalawar, Baran, Sirohi, Barmer and Dungarpur, the statement said.

In Gujarat, 14 districts and population of about 40 lakh were affected in recent floods due to heavy rainfall.

In Odisha, seven districts namely Jajpur, Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Bhadrak, Balasore, Jharsuguda and Deogarh have been affected by the floods, the statement said. Five persons lost their lives and 644 villages and 4,80,399 people were affected. 1574 people have been evacuated to safer places, it said. The water level on all major rivers in Manipur is, however, receding as rains stopped since yesterday. The Asian Highway No.1 connecting Imphal with Moreh on the Myanmar border has been cut off.

"One person was killed while he was trying to protect his home at Serou village from the surging waters of the Sekmai river," Robert Leisangthem, said a resident of Kakching in Thoubal. This takes the toll to 21 after 20 persons were killed in a landslide at Journul village in neighbouring Chandel district on Saturday. — Agencies

Villagers in West Midnapore district of West Bengal on Sunday. PTI

Army, Air Force take over rescue operation

- From restoring rail tracks to rescuing people, the Army and the Air Force have come handy in the flood-hit areas
- Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh dialled the CMs of the affected states and promised them of Centre's assistance
- Nearly 2 lakh houses have been damaged in 12 West Bengal districts and over a lakh have been rendered homeless
- The worst-affected districts in Bengal are North and South 24 Parganas, Murshidabad, Burdwan and Howrah
- Crops on over 2.1 lakh hectares of farmland have been destroyed across the state

WADING THROUGH MISERY

102 people killed in West Bengal, Rajasthan, Odisha, Manipur and Gujarat in fresh floods

170 lakh people have been affected in these five states with Bengal and Rajasthan hit worst

State	Toll	Affected
W-Bengal	48	37 lakh
Rajasthan	28	40 lakh
Manipur	21	5 lakh
Odisha	5	48 lakh
Gujarat	—	40 lakh

'Situation beyond control'

"So far, we have witnessed man-made floods and we have restricted them quite successfully. But the situation at present is rendered beyond control"

Mamata Banerjee, WB CM

A vehicle stuck in Thoubal district of Manipur. PTI

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बारिश के बावजूद कांवड़ मेला शुरू

■ प्रस, देहरादून श्रावण मास में 12 दिन चलने वाला कांवड़ मेला आज दिनभर हुई बरसात में शुरू हुआ। हालांकि प्रशासन इस मेले में जुटने वाली भीड़ के लिहाज से इसे इस बार गिनीज बुक ऑफ वर्ल्ड रेकार्ड में दर्ज कराने का प्लान कर रहा है। प्रदेश का पर्यटन विभाग इसके लिए खासा सक्रिय है। मेले का पहला दिन बरसात के बावजूद गंगा नगरी में कांवड़ियों की बम-बम भोले के नारों से गुंजता रहा। इस मेले के चलते शहर में धारा 144 लागू हो गई है।

क्यों होता है मेला

कांवड़ मेले को लेकर ऐसी मान्यता है कि इसकी शुरुआत से भगवान शिव कैलाश से दक्षेश्वर बनकर अपने ससुराल कनखल पहुंचते हैं। शुक्रवार शाम से ही पूर्णिमा लग जाने कि वजह से कांवड़िए शनिवार हरिद्वार में जगह जगह बम बम भोले की ध्वनि के साथ कांवड़ों में जल भरते दिखे।

दूर-दूर से पहुंचे कांवड़िए

राजस्थान, मध्यप्रदेश और दूरदराज के प्रदेशों से कांवड़ियों के आगमन के साथ वापसी भी होती रही है। शनिवार को 6.30 बजे से पंचक लगने के कारण इसी को ध्यान में रखते हुए अधिकतर कांवड़िए इससे पहले कांवड़ उठाने की जल्दी में दिखे। सरकार ने कांवड़ स्पेशल रेलगाड़ियां भी शुरू की हैं। जिसके तहत शनिवार 1 अगस्त से 12 अगस्त तक पांच जोड़ी कांवड़ स्पेशल ट्रेनों को चलाया जाएगा यह ट्रेनें हरिद्वार, ऋषिकेश, बरेली, हरिद्वार, दिल्ली, बिजनौर हरिद्वार, दिल्ली शामली हरिद्वार, दिल्ली सहारनपुर हरिद्वार के मध्य ट्रेनें चलेंगी। बरेली हरिद्वार के बीच ट्रेन सिर्फ दो दिन चलेगी। बाकी ट्रेनें रोज एक चक्कर लगायेंगी।

धार्मिक यात्राओं पर जारी बारिश का खलल

चमोली जिले में शनिवार को दिनभर मौसम साफ रहने से बदरीनाथ और हेमकुंट साहिब यात्रा सुचारु रूप से चलती रही। हालांकि जिला मुख्यालय गोपेश्वर और आसपास के इलाकों में दोपहर बाद बूंदाबांदी से ठंडक महसूस की गई। पिछले तीन दिनों चमोली जिले का मौसम अच्छा है। बदरीनाथ राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग भी लगातार खुला रहने से बदरीनाथ धाम और हेमकुंट साहिब यात्रा को लेकर श्रद्धालुओं में खासा उत्साह देखा जा रहा है। शनिवार को सुबह से आसमान में बादल छाए थे लेकिन यात्रा मार्ग पर बारिश न होने से बदरीनाथ धाम में जहां 800 यात्रियों ने आवाजाही की वहीं हेमकुंड साहिब में 200 यात्रियों ने मत्था टेका। चारधाम यात्रा के रास्ते पर बदरीनाथ राजमार्ग को छोड़ गंगोत्री, यमुनोत्री व केदारनाथ राजमार्ग पर मौसम का खलल बना हुआ है। इस सबके बावजूद बदरीनाथ, केदारनाथ, गंगोत्री व यमुनोत्री के साथ ही हेमकुंट यात्रा सुचारू रूप से चल रही है।

मणिपुर में लैंडस्लाइड से दब गया गांव, 20 मरे

■ टीएनएन, इम्फाल : म्यांमार सीमा पर मणिपुर के चंदेल जिले के जौपी इलाके का एक गांव शनिवार को भूस्खलन की चपेट में आ गया। इसमें 20 लोगों के मरने की खबर है। पुलिस के मुताबिक, खेंगजॉय खंड के इस कस्बे में राहत और बचाव कार्य शुरू हो गए हैं। पड़ोसी गांव वाले यह नहीं बता पा रहे हैं कि गांव का कितना बड़ा हिस्सा भूस्खलन में दब गया। बताया गया है कि इस आपदा से जानमाल के पूरे नुकसान का अनुमान खुदाई पूरा होने के बाद ही लगाया जा सकेगा।

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Manipur landslide buries village near Myanmar border; 20 dead

IMPHAL, AUGUST 1

At least 20 people were killed and several houses swept away as a landslide, caused by heavy rain, devastated a village in Manipur's Chandel district bordering Myanmar on Saturday, officials said.

The death toll is likely to increase as many people are still missing, officials here said. An official of the state disaster management wing said the tragedy took place after a massive landslide hit Joumol village, about 170 km south of Imphal.

"Assam Rifles jawans and villagers from the nearby areas have rushed to the spot immediately after the disaster and rescued many people from the area," the official said. Many houses of Hollenjang, Wayang and Thitung villages were also swept away by the colossal landslides.

"According to the preliminary report, 20 persons died in the landslips. The total numbers of dead and injured from these areas are yet to known," the official said. The official said the exact number of casualties would be known after the rescue work is complete.

Manipur along with other northeastern states has been witnessing heavy rains due to cyclone "Komen" in the last three days. — IANS

Centre rushes NDRF teams

NEW DELHI: The Centre on Saturday directed the NDRF to move forces to Manipur for rescue and relief operations in the landslide-affected areas where at least 20 persons have lost their lives. Home Minister Rajnath Singh has spoken to Manipur Chief Minister O Ibobi Singh over phone and promised him all central assistance to deal with the situation. PTI

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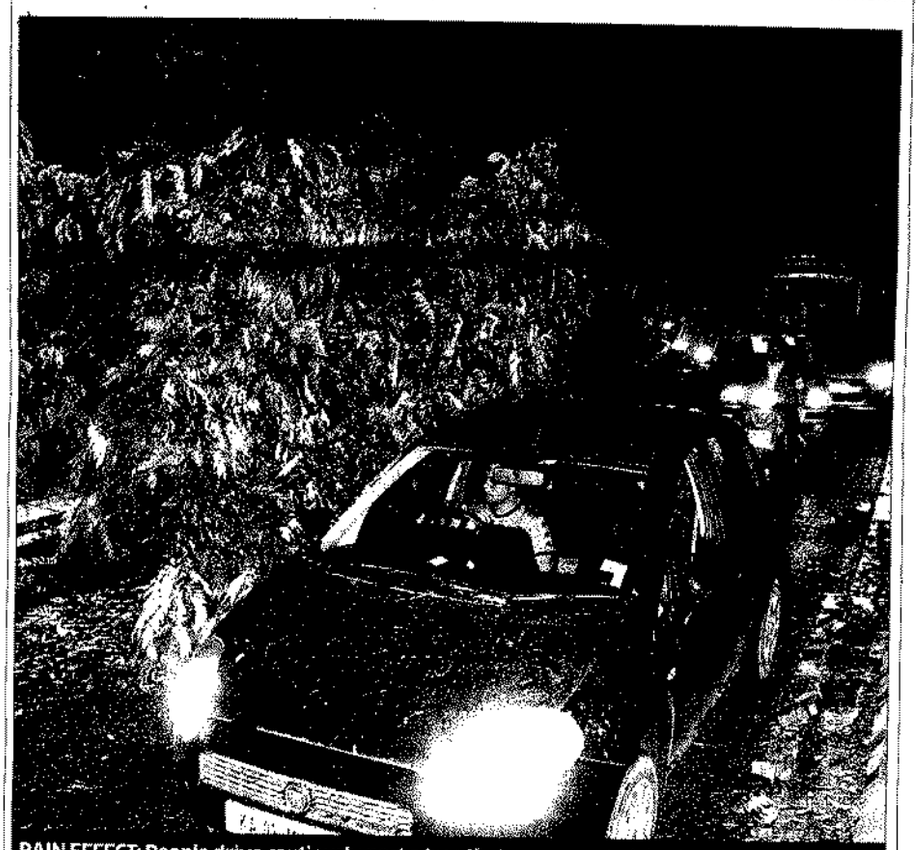

RAIN EFFECT: People drive cautiously past a tree that was uprooted due to rain on Cunningham Road on Saturday. KPN

Showers spoil weekend plans in City

BENGALURU: Showers lashed the City on Saturday evening, hampering weekend shopping.

People were found either caught in a traffic jam or under a shelter to avoid the downpour.

Many parts of the City including MG Road, Brigade Road, Cubbon Road, Hosur Road and Residency Road had bumper-to-bumper traffic. According to the Varuna Mitra call centre of the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre, most parts of the City received rainfall with Singanayakanahalli near Yelahanka recording the highest at 39 mm, followed by Chikkajala at 28.5 mm. Bidarahalli in Bengaluru East recorded 19.5 mm, followed by Yelahanka recording 17.5 mm, Bommanahalli with 14.5 mm and Tavarekere in Bengaluru South recording 10 mm.

However, the Meteorological department recorded only 2.2 mm of rainfall in the City and 3.6 mm in HAL Airport. A tree was uprooted at Devadas Petrol Bunk near High Grounds police station due to the rainfall.

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Heavy rain, landslide wreak havoc in N-E

Rain, from Page 1

Large tracts of agricultural land in Sugnu, Nungu, Tangjeng and Serou are submerged, sources added.

The National Disaster Response Force personnel will be airlifted on Sunday morning to Imphal. The Army has been kept on stand by. The Asian Highway No 1 which connects Imphal and border town of Moreh has been cut off. Annoyed over the government's slow response, enraged locals chased the chief secretary and his team who visited the affected areas on Saturday.

Meanwhile, swollen rivers in southern Mizoram rendered about 100 families homeless, while one house was swept away by swirling Chhimtuipui River. The Darzokai village on the banks of the Chhimtuipui river is marooned.

Sources in the Assam State Disaster management Authority added that though there is no flood-like situation in the state, but heavy rainfall in neighbouring Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh might lead to flash floods over the week.

In West Bengal, flood situation turned grim on Saturday with 1.19 lakh people taking shelter in relief camps in 12 districts of the state even as the Met department predicted heavy rain in the next two days, reports PTI. In Chennai, three flights, including two international on routes, were on Saturday diverted following heavy downpour. Two international flights arriving from Frankfurt and Singapore, respectively, which were supposed to land in Chennai on Saturday morning, were diverted to Bengaluru and Tiruchirapalli. Another domestic aircraft from Pune was diverted to Bengaluru.

DHNS & PTI

Rains keep pace, lash parts of State

BENGALURU, DHNS: Several parts of the State received moderate rains on Saturday.

Moderate to heavy rains lashed several parts of Shivamogga district. Hosanagar, Thirthahalli, Bhadravathi, Shivamogga, Sagar, Sorab, parts of Shikaripur taluks received good spell of rains.

Intermittent rains lashed malnad region in the district. In the last 24 hours, Bhadravathi taluk received the highest rainfall of 19.60 mm, followed by Sorab (12.20 mm), Thirthahalli (10.80 mm), Sagar (7.60 mm), Shivamogga (7.40 mm), Hosanagar (3 mm) and Shikaripur (2 mm).

Water level in Linganamakki dam rose to 1783.05 feet against the maximum level of 1,819 feet as catchment area received rainfall of 22.80 mm.

The inflow of water was 9,486 cusecs and the outflow was 6,730 cusecs.

The water level in Bhadra dam rose to 164.85 feet against the maxium level of 186 feet as catchment area received rainfall of 4.60 mm.

The inflow of water 3,220 cusecs and the outflow was 1,377 cusecs. Water in Tunga dam has reached maximum level of 588.24 feet.

Uttara Kannada

Rains continued to lash Uttara Kannada district on Saturday. While the coastal parts of the district received heavy rains there was moderate rains in malnad and semi-arid regions of the district.

There was drizzling in Bhatkal, Honnavar, Ankola, Kumta and Siddapura.

Chikkabailapur

Farmers of the district heaved a sigh of relief with rain lashing the district for an hour in the evening. The farmers here were awaiting a good shower to take up agricultural activities.

Moderate to heavy rains lashed Shivamogga on Saturday. DH PHOTO

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Heavy rain, landslide wreak havoc in N-East

20 killed in Manipur; 1.19 lakh hit in West Bengal

GUWAHATI/ KOLKATA/ CHENNAI: At least 20 people were killed in Manipur's worst-ever landslide on Saturday as rain under the influence of Cyclone Komen wreaked havoc in West Bengal, affecting nearly 1.2 lakh people.

A massive landslide swept away almost the entire Joumol village in the Chandel district of Manipur bordering Myanmar. Over 1 lakh people were displaced, as incessant rain over a week caused massive flash floods in Chandel, Thoubal and Imphal Valley in the last 73 hours. The situation worsened on Saturday as rain inundated agricultural fields and washed away several roads and bridges across the state.

The weather department has predicted more rain and thunderstorm in Manipur in the coming 24 hours. "We fear 20 people have died in landslide caused by heavy rain in Joumol village....rescue operation is still on," Chandel Deputy Commissioner Robert Singh Khetrimayum told *Deccan Herald* over phone. Sources in the Assam Rifles said that troopers who were patrolling the Indo-Myanmar border were pressed in to rescue the villagers.

Pallel in Thoubal district and entire Chandel districts are badly affected. Farmers in this area, known as the rice bowl of Manipur, have lost their harvest.

» Rain, Page 10

The waterlogged taxiway and runway at Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport after heavy rain in Kolkata on Saturday. PTI

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'Inflated desilt claim flooded city'

'Ineffectiveness' Of Civic Vigilance Dept Blamed Too

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Mumbai: The BMC is under the scanner for its handling of the June 19 floods, with the state government directing a probe into the civic failure and the Bombay high court hearing a PIL on related issues. But citizens and opposition members say the reasons are so obvious that a long, time-consuming probe is not needed at all.

The immediate reason for the city being flooded in the aftermath of the downpour, they say, is the contractors' exaggerated claims of work on cleaning up silt. Another reason behind this disaster—and several other civic governance lacunae—is the ineffectiveness of the BMC's vigilance cell.

Congress corporators alleged that the city is prone to floods because of large-scale corruption in the civic department and the probe team's connivance with those responsible for the mess. They have demanded that such inquiries must be conducted by retired civic officials or outside agencies.

Municipal commissioner Ajoy Mehta had formed a five-member team led by deputy municipal commissioner Prakash Patil to launch an inquiry into the floods. On Friday, though, chief minister Devendra Fadnavis announced that Mehta himself will now lead the probe team.

Mehta's office, though, said it is not aware of the announcement and is awaiting a written directive to comment on it.

"Nothing much comes out in such investigations as inquiry officials try to protect responsible officers and the city remains vulnerable to floods. But we have hope with Mehta. He was forthcoming and formed a probe team after our allegation that it was desilting work which caused the floods," said Devendra Amberkar, Congress corporator and opposition leader in the BMC.

Congress corporator Mohsin Haider collected desilting records from the civic authority for examination and alleged that he found the work claim was not true. Several villages where the BMC is said to have dumped silt have disputed the claim. At one place, the plot owner—a BMC staffer—said he was not aware of the dumping. Congress raised the issue in the general body meeting after which the commissioner formed a committee to probe the details. Deputy municipal commissioner Patil, who led the inquiry, the vigilance officer, the deputy city engineer and the deputy chief engineer (solid waste management) were part of the committee. The panel submitted its initial report to Mehta on June 30 and is likely to submit the final report on August 17.

"Such an inquiry should be conducted through outside agencies or retired civic officials. Strong action should be taken against responsible contractors and officers," said Amberkar.

Meanwhile, the high court, while hearing a PIL recently, told the BMC that everybody was blaming the civic body for water-logging.

WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR LAST MONTH'S DELUGE?

Rainfall in the island city and suburbs in the 36 hours between June 18 and 19, 8.30am to 8.30pm

Colaba	Santacruz
285mm	416.6mm

The BMC's claims
- Removed **4** lakh cubic metres of silt from across the city before monsoon
- Had a budget of ₹**145** crore to clean big and small nullahs

Opposition's allegations
- Contractors with civic officials forged documents to exaggerate desilting claims
- Another reason is ineffectiveness of the BMC's vigilance department

State govt directive
- Municipal commissioner Ajoy Mehta will now head the probe into the June 18-19 floods. Earlier, it was being handled by a five-member team led by deputy municipal commissioner Prakash Patil

High court to civic body
While hearing a PIL recently, Bombay high court told the BMC that everybody was blaming it for water-logging

Which pumping station did not work on June 19
- Cleveland pumping station, built at a cost of ₹**116** crore and inaugurated just two days before the downpour. It developed a snag after a boulder got stuck in one of its gates during the rainfall

173mm in 15 hours: city struggles to stay afloat

RITH BASU AND DEEPANKAR GANGULY

Calcutta, Aug. 1: Large parts of Calcutta went under water as the city received as much as 173mm of rain in 15 hours, from 10pm on Friday to 1pm on Saturday.

The spring tide in the Hooghly at 1.17am and again at 1.40pm on Saturday worsened the situation as water in Tolly's Nullah overflowed and clogged drainage channels in Kalighat, resulting in prolonged waterlogging in many parts of south Calcutta. Kalighat Road was under waist or knee-deep water.

The weather office predicted heavy rain in south Bengal in phases over the next 48 hours as Cyclone Komen, which has turned into a depression, stayed put at Jessore in Bangladesh, 102km from Calcutta, for most of Saturday.

The depression may enter Nadia by Saturday night and weaken into a well-marked low pressure area before crossing over to Jharkhand.

Metro decodes the phenomenon that caused Saturday's deluge:

How much rain did Calcutta get?

A steady shower that started on Friday evening continued through the night. The Calcutta Municipal Corporation's figures reveal the city received 118mm of rain in eight hours, from 10pm on Friday to 6am on Saturday. Another 55mm was recorded between 6am and 1pm, taking the total rainfall to 173mm in 15 hours, since 10pm on Friday.

Why the waterlogging?

Calcutta's drainage system can drain out only 6mm of water an hour. To drain out 173mm in 15 hours, 11.5mm would have to be drained per hour, which is twice the capacity of the drainage system.

However, even "6mm per hour" remained a far cry for most part of the day because of the spring tide in the Hooghly.

A waterway called Camac Street on Saturday afternoon. Picture by Pradip Sanyal

Large parts of the city — including Hospital Road, Sarat Bose Road, Southern Avenue, Kali Temple Road, CR Avenue (off Muktaram Babu Street), Thanthania, Rashbehari Avenue, Amherst Street and College Street — were under water even a couple of hours after rain had stopped around 1pm.

What caused Tolly's Nullah to overflow in Kalighat?

The water level in the Hooghly rose from 5.6ft to 23.3ft, 1.6ft more than what was expected, under the combined impact of the spring tide and Cyclone Komen, which turned into a depression after making landfall in Bangladesh on Thursday.

The Hooghly water flowed over the lock gate in Kidderpore and entered Tolly's Nullah during high tide on Friday night and Saturday afternoon, raising the water level of the canal. The water blocked underground sewerage channels and innundated Kalighat Road and other thoroughfares.

On Sunday, the tide can be even higher.

What caused the rainfall on Friday and Saturday?

The Komen effect. The system has been constantly sucking moisture from the Bay of Bengal.

What lies ahead?

"We expect heavy showers in south Bengal on Sunday and Monday, especially in the western districts. Calcutta should get decent rainfall, too," said Devendra Pradhan, of the India Meteorology Department, Calcutta.

Were flights or trains disrupted?

Flights were not disrupted though several hangars (areas where planes are parked) were waterlogged. The Calcutta-Lalgola-Hazarduari Express was cancelled. Local trains ran late from Sealdah and Howrah stations.

Three deaths

A 55-year-old man died after a part of a two-storeyed house at 10 Hindusthan Park, off Gariahat, collapsed around 10pm. Amitabha Kar was lying on a sofa on the first floor when the ceiling caved in. A civic official said incessant rain over the past few days might have triggered the collapse. Debashis Kumar, a mayoral council member, said the Calcutta Municipal Corporation had declared the structure "condemned" at least 10 years ago.

Asif Iqbal died after being electrocuted while trying to roll up the wet iron shutters of his shop in Topsia. "A wire running through the shutter wet with rainwater seems to have caused the electrocution," an official said. Halima Khan, 43, died after a wall of her mud house in Howrah's Panchla collapsed on Friday following the continuous rain.

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Navy team scours Kullu's river belt

Manikaran mishap Crew conduct search from Sarsari to Larji dam to locate bodies

DUSHYANT SINGH PUNDIR AND ABHINAV VASHISHT
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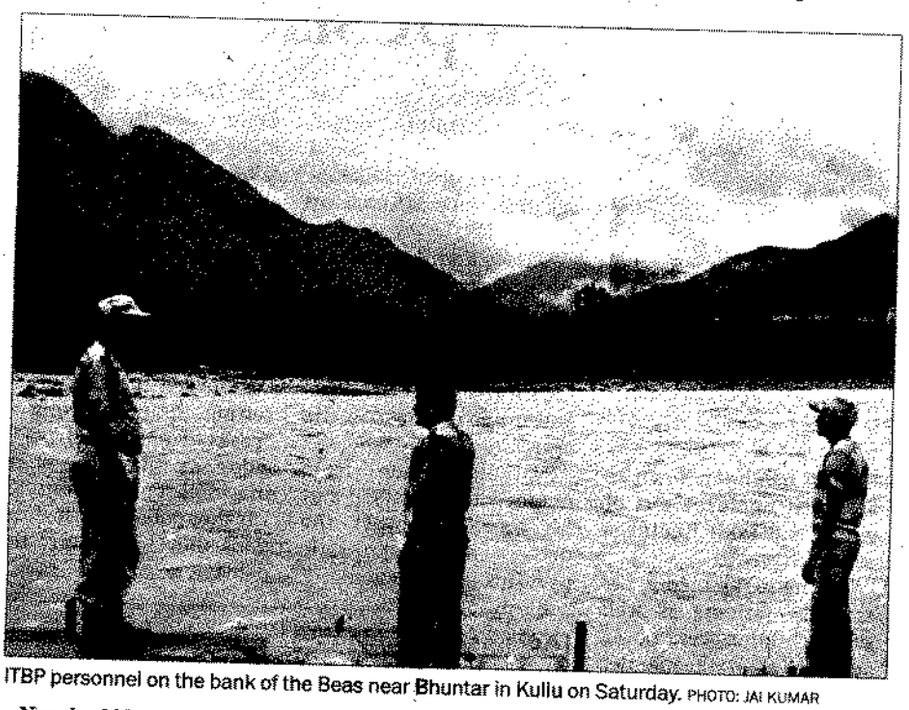
KULLU, AUGUST 1

A six-member team of the Navy today conducted a survey from Sarsari on the Bhuntar-Manikaran road to the Larji dam. An overloaded 52-seater bus from Punjab plunged into the Parbati river near Sarsari in the district on July 23.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rakesh Kanwar said a 12-member Navy team headed by Commander Tilak Thakur would conduct a search operation with sonar imaging system and other equipment in the river from tomorrow.

The DC said six members of the team arrived on Friday. He said they conducted a survey from Sarsari to Larji dam today and identified some potential spots.

He said the other six members of the team would arrive with equipment on Saturday night and would start the search operation.



ITBP personnel on the bank of the Beas near Bhuntar in Kullu on Saturday. PHOTO: JAI KUMAR

Nearly 600 personnel of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), Home Guards and state police were pressed into service for the search operation.

Later, the strength was reduced to 160 personnel. They included 40 NDRF, 40 ITBP and 60 SSB personnel, the rest being from the Home Guard and the police.

The entire 18-km stretch from Sarsari to the Larji dam was divided into four segments to effectively conduct the search operation.

As efforts of the NDRF, SSB, ITBP and Home Guard failed to yield desired results, the district administration sought the assistance of the Navy in tracing the missing persons. The crew reached here from Visakhapatnam for the search operation.

Nearly 69 pilgrims were on board the ill-fated bus when it fell into the swollen river. Eight persons died on the spot and three bodies were later recovered from the river. At least 23 persons were injured and 35 went missing, who were feared to have been washed away in the river.

A large number of relatives and friends of the missing persons from Mansa, Barnala and Bathinda had been camping at a local gurdwara and visiting the accident spot every day in the hope of finding their near and dear ones. However, there were very few chances of survival of the missing persons.

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Third landslide since June on E-way, motorists scared

Boulders Fell Close To Site Of June Incident At Khandala

George Mendonca & Vijay Singh | TNN

Navi Mumbai: Incessant rains on Saturday caused yet another major landslide on the Mumbai-Pune Expressway, near the Khandala tunnel. The landslide, the third on the route in just over a month, left motorists spooked and caused huge traffic disruptions late into the night.

Around 3.15pm, huge boulders fell on the three lanes of the Mumbai carriageway, some 500 metres ahead of the Khandala tunnel, which blocked traffic movement.

Fortunately there were no casualties in this landslide, compared to the previous one on July 19 at Adoshi tunnel, which killed three persons and injured four others. Moreover, Saturday's landslide occurred barely about 100 metres away from the spot where another similar incident occurred on June 22.

By 3.45pm, the IRB agency's rescue team, Expressway traffic police and Lonavala police arrived with machinery to clear the debris. Mumbai-bound traffic was diverted along one of the three lanes of the Pune carriageway.

Later, as the traffic snarl swelled, light motor vehicles coming from Pune were diverted from the Lonavala exit to meet the Expressway ahead and also through an alternate route towards Khopoli to further head towards Mumbai.

Inspector Ajit Bartakke of the Khopoli traffic unit said, "Due to the landslide that occurred some 500 metres before the Khandala tunnel, vehicular movement was affected on both carriageways. The IRB agency's rescue team summoned machines like dumpers, JCBs, loader and excavator to remove the boulders." The MSRDC's superintending engineer also reached the spot. The agency said precautionary measures, like strengthening the netting on the hillside, had been initiated to prevent any more boulders slipping on moving vehicles below due to heavy rainfall during the rest of the season.

By 6pm, the debris from the landslide was shifted to one side of the road and state highway patrol personnel said that the JCBs were likely to clear all boulders in a few hours. However, officials said that vehicular movement was not allowed on the affected stretch till late on Saturday night as a preventive measure.

Pics: Aashish Gharat

RECENT DISRUPTIONS ON EXPRESSWAY

Saturday's landslide near Khandala, on the Mumbai-Pune Expressway, disrupted traffic along the route till late in the night

JUNE 22 | A major landslide near the Khandala tunnel disrupted traffic on the Mumbai-bound side of the Expressway for 12 hours

➤ However, it didn't cause any casualties or injuries

JULY 19 | Three persons were killed due to a landslide near the Adoshi tunnel on the Mumbai-Pune Expressway

➤ Work to remove loose rocks and strengthen the netting along the hillside near the Adoshi tunnel on the Expressway commenced on July 25

➤ The Expressway section between Khopoli and Anda Point was blocked between 10am and 5pm and traffic was diverted for 12 days

➤ However, all traffic diversions on the Expressway will be lifted from August 2 as the work is scheduled to be completed and debris cleared by Saturday night

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Residents fill PH Road potholes with rubble

Vexed over delays in repairing damage, people take on task to prevent accidents

Residents have so far covered one kilometre of the road's damaged portion. – PHOTO: K.PICHUMANI

K. Lakshmi

CHENNAI: Frustrated over the delay in relaying the damaged portion of Poonamallee High Road near Maduravoyal, residents have started filling the potholes with rubble to prevent accidents.

Two weeks ago, several residents had attempted to re-lay the 4-km long pothole ridden road between Koyambedu and Maduravoyal. But, they were stopped by the Maduravoyal police then and the officials from National Highways Authority of India had assured the residents to relay the road in a week's time.

The road has remained battered even since the elevated corridor between Chennai port and Maduravoyal was stalled four years ago. However, as there was no progress on repairing the damaged road that is used by people of several localities, residents started to fill potholes with debris particularly near the unfinished pillars. PH Road is a national highway – Bengaluru Highway (NH 4). B.Varadarajan, president of Federation of Maduravoyal Residents' Welfare Associations, said: "The portion of the road is in a battered shape due to lack of maintenance. Many motorists have been injured in accidents, particularly during the night as street lighting is very poor."

> **The road has remained battered since the elevated corridor between Chennai Port and Maduravoyal was stalled four years ago**

Residents were then assured of better road in a week's time by NHAI officials. The residents made it clear that they will till July end for the work to take off and there was no progress, they will launch an indefinite fast from Monday onwards. (August 3).

Residents have so far covered one kilometre of the road's damaged portion. S.Yuvaraj, president of the Public Environment and Awareness Society said: "We will finish filling up potholes in four days. We plan to meet State Highways Minister and NHAI officials to finalise tender soon and repair the road."

NHAI officials said estimates for carrying out restoration works were already been drawn up. The stretch was widened by NHAI and handed over to the State Highways and was taken back by the NHAI for the sake of the Elevated project. If the State government did not show interest in the project, they will return the stretch to them for maintenance, officials added.

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दो दिन तक तेज बारिश

शुक्रवार को दस साल में सबसे कम रहा मैक्सिमम टेंपरेचर

■ नगर संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली

बारिश, सुहावना मौसम और हल्की हवाएं.... कुछ ऐसा ही मौसम आने वाले दिनों में दिल्लीवालों को देखने को मिल सकता है। मौसम वैज्ञानिकों के मुताबिक अगले दो दिनों में अच्छी बारिश होने को उम्मीद है। मैक्सिमम टेंपरेचर भी 29 से 30 डिग्री सेल्सियस रहने का अनुमान है।

3 और 4 अगस्त को भी हो सकती है हल्की बारिश

शुक्रवार को दिन भर दिल्ली में काले बादल छाए रहे। दोपहर को कुछ जगहों पर हल्की बारिश हुई। साथ ही मैक्सिमम टेंपरेचर नॉर्मल से दो डिग्री सेल्सियस कम के साथ 31.1 डिग्री सेल्सियस दर्ज हुआ। मौसम विभाग के आंकड़ों के मुताबिक दिल्ली में 31 जुलाई के दिन साल 2005 से 2014 के बीच इतना कम मैक्सिमम टेंपरेचर कभी दर्ज नहीं हुआ। मिनिमम टेंपरेचर नॉर्मल से दो डिग्री कम के साथ 25.2 डिग्री सेल्सियस रहा।

मौसम विभाग ने अपने बुलेटिन में कहा है कि शनिवार को बादल छाए रह सकते हैं। कई इलाकों में बारिश होने की संभावना है। मैक्सिमम टेंपरेचर 31 डिग्री और मिनिमम टेंपरेचर 24 डिग्री सेल्सियस रहने का अनुमान है। उत्तर भारत में जल्द ही वेस्टर्न डिस्टरबेंस पहुंचेगा, जिससे मौसम के बदलने के आसार हैं। दिल्ली और आस पास के इलाकों में मौसम में बदलाव की वजह से तापमान भी गिरने की उम्मीद है।

स्काइमेट के मौसम वैज्ञानिक महेश पलावत ने कहा कि अब मॉनसून लाइन दिल्ली के नॉर्थ पर पहुंच गई है। वेस्टर्न डिस्टरबेंस इफेक्ट से भी दिल्ली के साथ पंजाब, हरियाणा और उत्तर प्रदेश जैसे राज्यों में 1 से 2 अगस्त तक अच्छी बारिश होने की संभावना है। इसके बाद 3 और 4 अगस्त को भी दिल्ली के कुछ इलाकों में हल्की बारिश हो सकती है। पलावत ने कहा कि 21 से 31 जुलाई के दौरान दिल्ली में कम बारिश हुई है।

Rajesh Mehta

मौसम में बदलाव से तेज बारिश और तापमान भी गिरने की उम्मीद

मौसम विभाग ने कहा कि 1 से 31 जुलाई की सुबह 8:30 बजे तक पालम में 360 मिमी और सफदरजंग में 235.2 मिमी बारिश दर्ज हुई है। सफदरजंग मे पिछले साल की तुलना में साल 2015 में ज्यादा बारिश हुई है। सफदरजंग में 2014 में 103 मिमी और 2013 में 340.5 मिमी बारिश दर्ज हुई थी।

मॉनसून Meter

दक्षिण के राज्यों में बारिश में कमी 20 फीसदी, जबकि पूरे देश में पांच फीसदी की कमी दर्ज की गई है।

शनिवार को भी पश्चिमी बंगाल और उत्तरी ओडिशा के कुछ इलाकों में कोमेन साइक्लोन के कारण बहुत बारिश होगी।

जम्मू-कश्मीर, हिमाचल, उत्तराखंड, ईस्ट और वेस्ट यूपी, असम, मेघालय और मणिपुर में कई जगह भारी बारिश के आसार हैं।

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Rains resume in parts of State

BENGALURU: Rains resumed in several parts of the State on Friday after a brief lull.

Karwar received incessant rains since Thursday night. It rained 171.8 mm in the district in the past 24 hours.

Bhatkal recorded a rainfall of 49.4 mm followed by Honnavar (26.6 mm), Ankola (26.4 mm) Kumta (17 mm), Joida (14.2 mm) and Karwar (10.6 mm). Yadgir district also received good rains on Friday bringing relief for the farmers who were anxiously waiting for the showers. Surpur, Hunasagi and Kembhavi received rains for more than an hour.The sky remained overcast throughout the district.

Rains have resumed in Haveri district also. It rained intermittently across the district. Sowing has been completed on 90 per cent of cultivable land in the district.

Ballari received rains for about 30 minutes in the evening. Vehicular movement was affected due to flash showers. Bagalkot got its maiden rains on Friday, two months after the onset of monsoons.

Shivamogga

After a brief lull, intermittent rains lashed several parts of the district. Hosanagar, Sagar, Thirthahalli, Shivamogga, Bhadravathi, some parts of Shikaripur and Sorab received intermittent rains.

In the last 24 hours, Sorab received the highest rainfall of 9.00mm, followed by Thirthahalli (8.20 mm), Sagar (7.80 mm) and Hosanagar (5 mm). Water level rose to 1782.90 feet against the maximum level of 1819 feet in Linganamakki dam. The water level in Bhadra dam rose to 164.80 feet against the maximum level of 186.00 feet.

Mangaluru and Kodagu

Intermittent rains lashed across Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts on Friday. In the last 24 hours, Moodbidri received 52.4 mm, followed by Mangaluru (34.3 mm), Belthangady (29.4 mm) and Bantwal (26.9 mm). Meanwhile, Udupi district experienced normal showers in some areas during the last 24 hours. Sea erosion has intensified at Kodi Kanyana and Padukere.

On the other hand, the rain was weak in Kodagu district. The water-level in Harangi reservoir stood at 2857.13 feet.

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17% deficit in July rains, sowing unaffected

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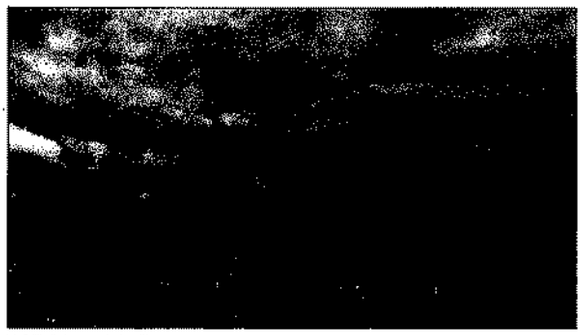
New Delhi: After a bright start in June, monsoon weakened in July under the adverse impact of El Nino conditions and the month ended with a countrywide rain deficit of 17%, although good wet spells in several parts of the country boosted kharif crop sowing.

With the dip in rains in July, monsoon's performance in the first half of the season — June 1 to July 31 — was 5% below the long term average. June had a monsoon surplus of 16%. July this year has ended up being the driest since 2002 in terms of average rainfall across the country. The month started on a weak note and rains remained below par till July 19, except for a brief four-day period from the 9th. But there have been several redeeming features.



NOT SO GLOOMY

"The rainfall, although weak, has been well distributed across most parts of the country," said D Sivananda Pai, head of India Meteorological Department's long range forecasting section.

Some distress zones of low rainfall have started emerging. Rains were consistently weak through July in the south as well as subdivisions such as Marathwada and Madhya Maharashtra. From July 1 till 29, southern peninsula recorded the highest rainfall deficiency in the country, at 46%.

"We had forecast an 8% rainfall deficit for July, but it has turned out to be more. A typical feature this year has been that most rain-causing disturbances have been coming from the east. Indian Ocean's monsoon circulation has been weak, which means that the monsoon pulses are not progressing from the south, which has caused a significant rainfall deficiency in the southern parts," a Met department official said.

However, rains in the north, most parts of central India and many regions of the east have been satisfactory. This is reflected in the kharif crop sowing figures. The overall sown area has, so far, been far ahead of the corresponding figures last year, which was a bad monsoon year.

The area under kharif as on Friday (July 31) was still less than what was reported at this time in 2013, when rains were plentiful in the monsoon months. As compared to 819.99 lakh hectares as on August 2, 2013, the kharif sown area this year was 764.28 lakh hectares as on July 31. The monsoon is predicted to be active through the first week of August, raising hopes that the net sown area would grow in coming days.

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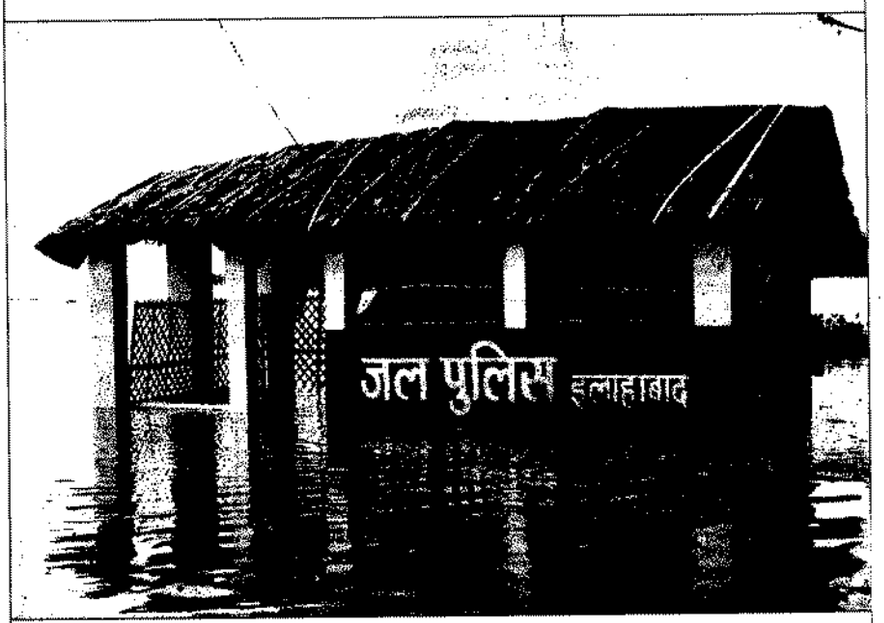

FLOOD SPARES NONE: A police post is submerged at Sangam after heavy rain in Allahabad. But monsoon weakened in July under the adverse impact of El Nino conditions, resulting in a countrywide deficit of 17%. With the dip in rain in July, monsoon's performance in the first half of the season was 5% below average. This year, July has ended up being the driest since 2002 ▶ **Report, P 14**

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No way out

Floodwaters of river Ganga enter Lord Bade Hanuman temple in Allahabad on Friday. PTI

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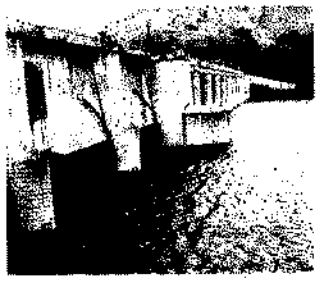
Kerala accuses TN of politicising Mullaperiyar issue

Krishnadas Rajagopal

NEW DELHI: Expressing severe doubts about the "reliability" of an Intelligence Bureau report on Mullaperiyar dam being vulnerable to terror attacks, the Kerala government accused Tamil Nadu of politicising the long-standing dam dispute at the cost of national security.

An affidavit filed by Kerala Chief Secretary Jiji Thomson for the State in the Supreme Court, said subsequent disagreement of Tamil Nadu government with the IB report about perceived threats from LTTE exposed its "duplicity". The report was annexed to a plea by Tamil Nadu to replace Kerala police personnel with a central force to guard the dam.



A view of Mullaperiyar dam. – FILE PHOTO

Tamil Nadu relied on a September 2014 'Industrial Security Inspection Report', which did not give any specific inputs of terror threats to vital installations, but warned of Pakistan-sponsored pan-Islamist terror outfits, "remnant cadres of LTTE" and Naxals. Shortly after this, Tamil Nadu government filed a supplementary affidavit in the Supreme Court dismissing any threats to the dam from the LTTE. In its affidavit, Kerala said it has reservations about the IB report, but still has gone ahead to establish a separate police station dedicated to provide round-the-clock security to the dam and the Periyar water-spread.

"The State of Kerala as a precautionary measure does not intend to take any risk at all, particularly the risk arising from LTTE across the border," it said.

The State said it cannot afford to take any risk as damage to the "structure would result in release of water flooding the downstream Periyar valley causing a catastrophe of unimaginable magnitude affecting the lives and properties of millions of people". "The threat perception from terrorist outfits would be fully considered from all the angles. The Intelligence Bureau would be consulted on the security arrangements on a regular basis besides submitting half yearly reports," Kerala informed the apex court.

Kerala said the Centre has already conveyed that deployment of central forces was possible only with the permission of the State government. It argued that the security inspection of the dam was in breach of the protocol, as the State of Kerala was neither made part of the inspection team nor kept informed.

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NINE DAYS AFTER MANIKARAN BUS MISHAP

Now, hope on sonar imagery system

12-member crew of Navy reaches Kullu tonight to start search operation

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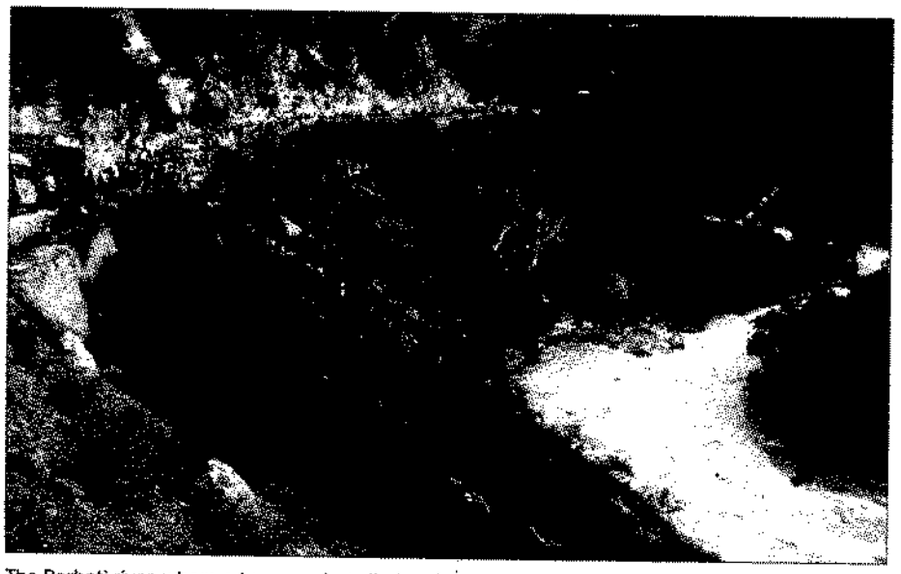
The Kullu administration is pinning hope on the sonar imagery system reaching Manikaran tonight with the 12-member crew of the Navy after the massive search operations to locate the remaining 35 bodies of Manikaran bus accident victims made little headway.

The crew from Visakhapatnam is on the way and will reach Kullu tonight. It will start the search operation to locate the remaining bodies from tomorrow, Special Secretary (Disaster Management) DD Sharma said, adding that eight divers of the Navy were also part of the 12-member team.

As per the final list, there were 69 passengers in the overloaded 52-seater bus that plunged into the Parbati river on July 22 on the Bhuntar-Manikaran road. Eleven bodies had been recovered, 23 persons were injured in the accident while the search for 35 missing persons was still on, said Deputy Commissioner Kullu, Rakesh Kanwar. More than 600 personnel from the police, SSB, Indo-Tibet Border Police, National Disaster Response Force, civil defence, Home Guards and divers of the BBMB had been pressed into rescue operations.

A large number of relatives and friends of the missing persons from Mansa, Barnala and Bathinda are camping near the accident spot, waiting for a miracle to happen.

The chances of survival of the missing persons, feared to have been washed away in the strong currents, are almost remote. But they are offering prayers hoping to get the bodies so that the last rites could be performed. "We are followers of faith, which is why my brother went on the pilgrimage to Manikaran. He is still missing and we are waiting for his body to perform the last rites," said Manjit, eagerly waiting for some news to pour in.



The Parbati river, where a bus carrying pilgrims fell. FILE PHOTO

Sonar system

Sonar imagery is a technique that uses sound propagation (underwater) to navigate, communicate and detect objects on or under the surface of water. Sonar, the short form for sound navigation and ranging, is helpful for exploring and mapping the ocean because sound waves travel farther in the water than radar and light waves.

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Submerged villages in Patan and Banaskantha districts, in pictures shot by Indian Air Force during sorties from Ahmedabad, Jamnagar, Jodhpur and Phalodi, showing flood devastation in Gujarat on Thursday. – UNI

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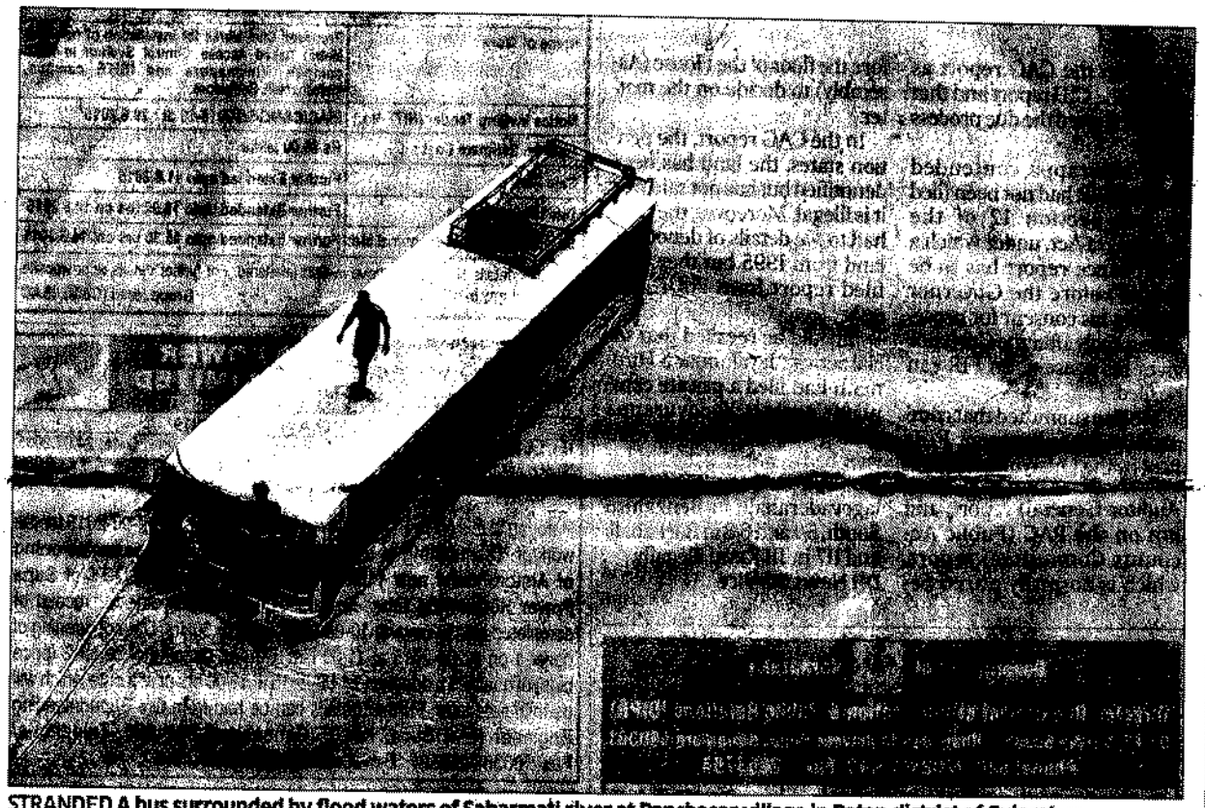
Rain wreaks havoc in North, North-East

AHMEDABAD/BHUBANESWAR/LUCKNOW/GUWAHATI, DHNS: Death toll in states in northern and north-eastern India crossed 80 as heavy rain continued to lash them on Thursday. While 25 deaths were confirmed in Gujarat alone, two persons died in Odisha and the toll in Uttar Pradesh touched 55 with five more casualties reported from various parts during the day.



STRANDED A bus surrounded by flood waters of Sabarmati river at Panchasar village in Patan district of Gujarat. PTI

Overflowing dam

The Sardar Sarovar Dam in Gujarat was overflowing on Thursday, thanks to heavy downpour in the neighbouring Madhya Pradesh. Its water level rose to 121.94 metres, which is more than its current height of 121.92 metres.An executive engineer at the Kevadiya Colony at the foot of the dam said the overflowing generally happens in September but this year, it occurred two months before because of heavy rain in the upstream. The good news for the state is that the overflowing Sardar Sarovar Dam would ensure better irrigation in various parts of the state.

Bordering districts of Banaskantha and Kutch were the worst affected by the rain with 14 teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) working in full force to rescue the distressed. The army, Border Security Force and Indian Air Force (IAF) also swung into action. Mobile medical teams were also in action.

In Ahmedabad, the administration evacuated over 2,000 people from low-lying areas along the Sabarmati River, which received 1.8 lakh cusec of water from the upstream Dharoi Dam. The local administration was put on high alert as the water-level rose above the danger mark late on Thursday night.

4 lakh hit in Odisha

Five districts in Odisha, including Balasore, Bhadrak, Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj in the north and Jajpur in the coastal belt were badly affected by floods. Of the 4 lakh people hit in these districts, 1.56 lakh were in Bhadrak alone, said official sources.

The administration has evacuated 2,238 people from villages marooned in the affected districts. Over 1,050 people have been rescued from Mayurbhanj district. The rescued people have been given shelter in temporary camps.

The Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force and NDRF personnel have been deployed for the rescue operations.

The local Met office has predicted heavy to very heavy rain in the next two days because of a depression on the Bay of Bengal which has turned into a severe cyclonic storm.

UP rivers in spate

Overflowing water of Ken and Betwa rivers inundated over 50 villages in Hamirpur district of Uttar Pradesh, reports said. The Agra-Mumbai highway has also been closed at several places because of the floodwater. The Ganga and Yamuna rivers were also in spate at Allahabad, forcing several people flee their homes for safer places.

Heavy rain in the neighbouring Uttarakhand caused the rise in the water levels of Ganga and Yamuna, it was said.

Flash floods in Manipur

Flash floods caused by incessant rainfall for the past two days have wreaked havoc in Manipur. Pallel in Thoubal district and entire Chandel district were badly affected.

According to the government, the Sengmai (Sengvai) River was overflowing, causing flood at Pallel in Thoubal District and some adjoining villages of Chandel district since Wednesday evening.

The water levels of the Sengmai and Chapki rivers were also rising

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Cyclone 'Komen' makes landfall

Bhubaneswar, July 30: The Odisha government on Thursday issued a fresh flood alert in the wake of cyclone 'Komen' which is expected to worsen the flood situation in five districts where three persons have died and about 4 lakh people have been affected.

"Keeping the possible impact of cyclone Komen in mind, the district collectors have been directed to remain alert to meet any eventuality," Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) G.V.V. Sarma said.

Quoting the IMD forecast, Sarma said the northern districts of Odisha are expected to experience heavy rainfall under the influence of Komen in the next 2-3 days.

Sarma said that bodies of all three persons killed in the flood were retrieved by personnel of the Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force.

He, however, said that there had heen a slight improvement in the flood situation with no major rainfall occurring as the water level in the three rivers Subarnarekha, Budhabalang and Baitarani was receding fast.

Replying to a question, the SRC said of the 358 villages under 11 Blocks and one ULB in five districts like Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Jajpur, Bhardak and Balasore, about 60 villages continued to remain marooned for the second consecutive day today. He said 3.93 lakh people have been affected by the current spell of flood.

Asked about the breaches on river embankments, Sarma said two breaches occurred on the Baitarani one in Jajpur district and the other in Bhadrak district.

"The officials have been working day and night to repair the breaches in river embankments," Sarma said.

Most of the people evacuated on Friday have returned to their homes, except 250 persons residing in a relief camp in Balasore district, he said.

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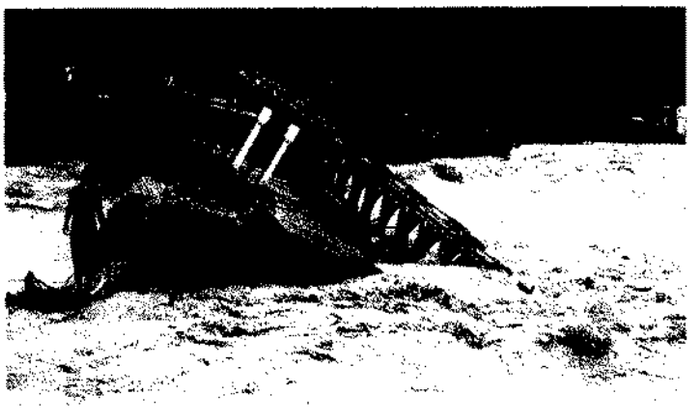
MONSOON MAYHEM

The water-logged runway at the airport after heavy rains in Kolkata on Saturday. Flood situation in south Bengal turned grim with 1.19 lakh people taking shelter in relief camps *— PTI*



People look at the bridge which is washed away by the flood water in Thoubal district in Manipur on Friday *— PTI*

20 killed in Manipur landslide

Imphal, Aug 1: Twenty people were killed in a landslide triggered by heavy incessant rain at Zoumoal village in Manipur's Chandel district on Saturday, police said.

Superintendent of Police of Chandel district Herojit Singh said 20 people were killed in the landslide at the village under Khangbarol sub-division of the district.

The SP said that a police team has been sent to the spot which is located near Indo-Myanmar border.