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### Mahanadi water war: BJP's Pradhan slams N BJP's Raman Singh

#### SAMPADPATNAIK

BHUBANESWAR, JUNE 1

BREAKING THE silence of the Odisha BJP on the state's water war with BJP-ruled Chhattisgarh, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan Friday criticised Chief Minister Raman Singh, saying Odisha's rights over the Mahanadi waters cannot be compromised.

"Raman Singh's statement on Mahanadi should be condemned. Water Minister Sanjeev Baliyan has said in Parliament that Chhattisgarh has made a mistake (by constructing barrages)," Pradhan said in a statement to the press. "BjP Odisha unit is clear on this. Odisha's interests cannot be compromised," he said.





Pradhan to Singh: Odisha won't compromise its rights

He was responding to the Chhattisgarh Chief Minister who, earlier this week, said: "We are using the Mahanadi waters. We will use more in future." He had also called the Odisha government's protests over Mahanadi "an election issue" which, he said, would disappear after the polls.

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### Mahanadi

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Odisha is scheduled to go to assembly elections along with the Lok Sabha polls next year. The Mahanadi row with Chhattisgarh has escalated and pressure has been mounting on the state BJP to speak out — the BJD and Congress have maintained that the damming of the Mahanadi in Chhattisgarh will choke water supply to Odisha.

Pradhan's statement is a significant departure from the stance of his party's Odisha unit which has steadfastly refrained from criticising Chhattisgarh.

The BJD, which described Raman Singh's statement as "destructive" and "violative of the Constitution", had demanded a response from Pradhan. After the Union Minister condemned Singh's remarks, BJD Rajya Sabha MP and spokesperson Pratap Deb said, "BJP has admitted the truth".

State leaders of the BJP conceded

Pradhan may have also been under pressure to call out the Chhattisgarh CM after the BJD campaign on the Mahanadi issue last month. The BJD launched its Jansachetana Yatra on May 16, with Jharsuguda and Bargarh districts, two points where the Mahanadi enters Odisha from Chhattisgarh, as key focus areas. The Yatra covered 15 riparian districts, including Sambalpur, Subarnapur, Boudh, Angul, Dhenkanal, Nayagarh, Cuttack, Khordha, Jajpur, Kendrapara and Puri.

At the concluding event of the Yatra in Jagatsinghpur, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, addressing a rally, said: "BJP leaders from Odisha support Chhattisgarh, yet shed crocodile tears (for Odisha)."

The BJD had also attributed its victory in the Bijepur assembly bypoll to the BJP's silence on the Mahanadi. In March, the BJD won the seat by more than 41,000 votes despite a high-voltage campaign by the BJP that was led, among others, by Dharmendra Pradhan.

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### Centre notifies Cauvery authority



It will decide on water sharing

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Days after the Karnataka Assembly election results and three months after the Supreme Court's order, the Union government on Friday issued a notification for the Cauvery Water Management Authority.

The authority will decide water-sharing among Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu and the Union Territory of Puducherry.

MPs of both the AIADMK and the DMK had stalled the winter session of Parliament over the delay in the formation of the authority. They had accused the BJP government of delaying it for electoral gains in Karnataka.

The authority's mandate will be to monitor the storage, apportion shares, supervise operation of reservoirs and regulate water releases with the assistance of the Regulation Committee. It will regulate water release by Karnataka at the the Biligundulu gauge and discharge station located on the common border of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

# Cauvery authority will take stock every June

Centre's help can be sought if States do not cooperate

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

The Cauvery Water Management Authority, notified by the Centre on Friday, will determine the total residual storage in the specified reservoirs on June I every year. "The share of each State will be determined on the basis of the flows together with the available carry-over storage in the reservoirs," the notification says.

The withdrawals will be allowed on the basis of the share worked out for each State.

"If the Authority finds that any Government of the party States, namely Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka and Union territory of Puducherry do not cooperate in implementing the decision or direction of the Tribunal, it can seek the help of the Central Government for implementation of the Award of the Tribunal as modified by the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide Order of 16th February, 2018," the notification says.

Five-year tenure

The chairman of the authority will be appointed by the Central government for a tenure of five years. He has to be a senior and eminent engineer with wide experience in water resource management or an IAS officer in the rank of secretary or addi-

tional secretary. There will be two part-time members representatives of the Central Government of the rank of Joint Secretary to be nominated by the Ministry of Water Resources, River Deveand lopment Rejuvenation and Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare respectively and four part-time members from party States - administrative secretaries in charge of Water Resource Departments of Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and the union territory of Puducherry who shall be nominated by the State governments and Union territory administration respectively.

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# Mercury to hover around 41°C, rain likely later this week

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NEWDELHI: It was a comparatively cooler weekend as the temperature remained below 40° Celsius for the second consecutive day. The maximum temperature on Sunday settled at 39.7°Celsius and the minimum temperature was 27.7.

The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) said that the maximum temperature on Sunday was a notch below the season's normal. It was also slightly above Saturday's temperature, where the maximum was recorded at 38.3°Celsius, two degrees below the season's normal, while the minimum settled

at 26.6°Celsius, a degree below normal.

The weathermen said that in the next three days, the maximum temperature is likely to hover around 40°Celsius with partly cloudy sky. Last week, temperature in the city did not comedown below 43 throughout the week.

According to the IMD, on Wednesday the maximum temperature is likely to hit 41°Celsius with chances of "dust or thunderstorms", before the temperature goes down.

"There are chances of rain with winds on Thursday, and on Friday and Saturday it is likely to remain cloudy," a senior official of the IMD said.

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### Patnaik urges Union minister to stop work on Polavaram project

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE BHUBANESWAR, 2 JUNE

Odisha chief minister Naveen Patnaik took serious exception to 'stop work orders' on the contentious Polavaram project, being kept in abeyance repeatedly without Odisha being informed about it.

Mr Patnaik shot off a letter to Union minister for environment, forest and climate change Harsh Vardhan in this regard saying the construction work of the Polavaram Project should be stopped immediately till issues pertaining to Odisha are resolved.

The project work is going on a war footing basis despite repeated objections at letters to the PM and the Central government, the Odisha chief minister said.

Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) has kept the "StopWork Order" in abeyance from time to time without informing Odisha which will be severely affected due to the construction of Polavaram Project, he said.

The construction of Polavaram Project is in violation of the Godavari Water Dispute Tribunal (GWDT) Award, and it is being constructed without correctly assessing the backwater extent in the Sabari and Sileru limbs in the territory of Odisha.

Odisha has filed a petition in the Supreme Court and the matter is subjudice.

The Environmental Clearance (EC) granted in 2005 is invalid as no public hearing was conducted in the Malkangiri district of Odisha which will be severely affected due to construction of Polavaram Project in its present formulation.

The EC granted by MoEF in favour of Polavaram Pro-

pject was set aside by the National Environment Appellate Authority (NEAA) in 2007.

But the orders were suspended by the High Court of Andhra Pradesh. Odisha and Chhattisgarh had filed a transfer petition before the Supreme Court which accepted that the matter be moved from Andhra Pradesh High Court to the apex court.

The MoEF in 2015 had decided to keep the "StopWork Order" in abeyance for one year based on Andhra Pradesh's letter assuring not to impound the reservoir of the project till issues raised by Chhattisgarh and Odisha are resolved.

However, the reservoir is bound to be impounded as the construction of the dam along with spillway is going on in full swing, which will result in submergence in the territory of Odisha, the CM said. Andhra Pradesh had said it will redesign the project, but has never consulted Odisha while changing the design parameters. News item/letter/article/editorial published on 03.06.2018

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### Now, Cauvery water release to farmers under Authority wa

Ajith Athrady

NEW DELHI: Karnataka will not be able to release Cauvery water to its farmers as it pleases in future as the Cauvery Water Management Authority will regularly monitor it.

According to the authority, notified by the Union Ministry of Water Resources, "The authority shall ensure that the respective state governments construct proper hydraulic structures at all important anicut sites in the river basin with a provision for appropriate regulation mechanisms. Besides, regular monitoring of the withdrawals at such diversion structures on the part of the state would be necessary."

The authority will also ask the states to furnish carry-over



The Cauvery Water Management Authority will monitor storage, apportionment, regulation and control of Cauvery waters. DH FILE PHOTO

storage details in reservoirs, including inflows and outflows, rainfall data, the area

said the notification. "Karnataka used to supply Cauvery water to its farmers without irrigated and water utilised, the permission of the Union

government. In future, Karnataka will not enjoy that privilege," said an official in the Ministry of Water Resources. Besides, the authority or any member or any representative can enter any land or property where a hydraulic structure or any work of gauging or measuring device exists or is being operated or maintained by any agency in the Cauvery basin.

The gazette notification also says that the authority will have the power to hold and dispose of property, enter into contracts, sue and be sued and do all such acts as may be necessary for the proper exercise and discharge of its jurisdiction, powers and functions.

Every basin state will have to follow the directions of the authority. If any states fail to cooperate in implementing the decision or direction of the of the Union government for implementation of the award, the notification said. Further, if any delay or shortfall is caused in the release of water on account of default of any party state, the authority will take appropriate action.

The authority will monitor storage, apportionment, regulation and control of Cauvery waters. It will also supervise the operation of reservoirs and with the assistance of the regulation committee, and look at the regulated release of water by Karnataka at Biligundlu gauge. The notification further said that the authority at the beginning of the water year (June 1 each year) would determine the total residual storage in the specified res-

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### Polavaram: Andhra's lifeline caught in bureaucratic row

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

WEST GODAVASRI (AP), 3 JUNE

The Polavaram Irrigation Project, billed as the lifeline of resource-starved Andhra Pradesh, is apparently bearing the brunt of a long-drawn slanging match between the Centre and the state government.

Officially known as the Indira Sagar Multipurpose Project, it is expected to irrigate 2.91 lakh hectares, generate 960 MW of power, and fulfil the water needs of industries and 540 villages in Andhra. But bureaucratic wrangles between the Centre and the state have dealt heavy blows to the project.

Though the project had been under contemplation since 1941, the works started in 2005. Efforts to complete it gained momentum in 2015, following the bifurcation of the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh, says Ramesh Babu, the superintending engineer of the project.

He says 54 per cent of the works have been completed and the rest will be finished by December 2019. But he does not sound very assuring. The reason - a large number of the

affected families have not been rehabilitated yet.

"That's the main roadblock. The major component of the project is Rs 33,000 crore for rehabilitation."

Unless we resettle the affected families, we cannot complete the dam. We cannot submerge the villages," he says

CMN Chandrababu Naidu suggests Andhra Pradesh may stop paying taxes to the Centre if it doesn't provide funds for the rehabilitation work.

"The rehabilitation work has been completed to a certain extent. As and when the Centre gives the money, we will complete the rest of it.

"The central government will have to give the money. It is our right and is mentioned in the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act. They cannot go against it. If they do all these things... Why should we pay taxes to the Centre? Prime Minister Narendra Modi is not doing us any favours," he says.

Officials say Naidu visited the project site 30 times in the last three years. He reviews the work every Monday, in keeping with his slogan "Polavaram on Somavaram". They say the main components of Polavaram are - a dam across the Godavari and two main canals, one to its right and the other to the left. For constructing the dam, it is imperative to resettle the affected people. Around 3,000 of the 98,000 affected families have relocated.

The cost of resettling the affected villagers was calculated according to the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, Babusays

says.

"We have submitted revised estimates to the Centre, which is scrutinising them. Once that is completed, we are expecting to receive the funds required." he says.

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He adds the release of funds by the Centre doesn't match the pace of the work at the project site.

Andhra Irrigation Minister D Uma Maheswara Rao says the onus to rehabilitate the villagers is on the Centre, which had declared Polavaram a national project in 2014 and promised to bear the construction cost for the period starting from April 1, 2014

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### Another day of rain floods many parts of Bengaluru

Afternoon showers uproot 25 trees, inundate streets, cripple traffic

BENGALURU: At least 25 trees were uprooted and many localities in southern, northern and central Bengaluru were flooded as Saturday's downpour exposed the city's shoddy infrastructure.

Uttarahalli in southern Bengaluru received the highest rainfall at 52.5 millimetres while Domlur in the city's eastern parts recorded the lowest rainfall at 14 millimetres, according to the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre.

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Rainwater overflowed on the cantonment railway station underpass, Racecourse Road, BTS Road, KR Road, at Sholay Circle and in Fati-ma Layout (Thanisandra) and Anepalya.

South Bengaluru areas like VV Puram, Sarakki and Kumaraswamy, Layout received moderate rainfall. Banashankari, in South Bengaluru, lost about five trees while a tree each was uprooted in JP Nagar 25th Main, on Dickenson Road, in Dollars Colony, Jayanagar, Hebbal, Hanumanthanagar and Maruthi Sevanagar between 2 pm and 8 pm.

Rainwater even entered the metro stations at Banashankari and Mantri Square Sampige Road. A live wire fell and kept dangling just outside Laxman Rao Park in Jayanagar, posing a serious threat to walkers. The rainfall crippled vehicular movement on Hosur Road, at Anepalya Junction, near Town Hall and in other

Mayor R Sampath Raj inspected the affected areas and ordered the BBMP's



Motorists struggle to navigate a flooded MG Road on Saturday. DH PHOTO/B K JANARDHAN



A two-wheeler was crushed when a tree got uprooted in Saturday's thundershowers in Banashankari 1st Stage. DH PHOTO/ANAND BAKSHI

zonal officers to undertake ological Department has relief work by mitigating the damage. The India Meteor- Sunday as a gloomy weather

prevailed throughout Satur-**DH News Service** 



An electric wire dangles outside Laxman Rao Park



A man leaps to cross a waterlogged KH Road.

#### **HDK: Drive soon** to clear SWDs

With the early onset of the monsoon taking a toll on the city, Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy on Saturday said the government would launch a drive to clear encroachments on stormwater drains. Speaking to reporters, he said rampant encroachment caused flooding. He has called a meeting of BBMP, BDA and BWSSB officials on June 4.

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### Villagers at receiving end of toxic Ghaggar

PARVESH SHARMA

KHANAURI (SANGRUR), JUNE 3 The release of industrial waste into the Ghaggar has made lives of lakhs of residents miserable in the past decade.

In Gurdaspur, the authorities acted promptly after the spill of molasses into the Beas, but toxins flowing into the Ghaggar have been making residents prone to cancer, hepatitis, skin problems, kidney failures and other ailments but the authorities seem to be blind to the problem.

"Industrial waste has been flowing in the Ghaggar without any break for the past decade. It has contaminated the groundwater of the area and we are forced to use highly polluted water for our daily needs as we do not have any alternative. Cancer and other health problems are increasing with the passage of time," said Kewal Singh from Chandu village, which is located on the



embankment of the Ghaggar.

As one travels from Khanauri to Moonak side, the problems only multiply. Residents of many villages, including Baupur, Banarasi, Andana, Shahpur Theri, Chandu, Mandavi, Makraud Sahib and Phuld, are suffering due to the waste being discharged by the industry, which is located more than 100 km away from them.

"Businessmen and residents of other towns are getting employment and other benefits from the industry in their area but we are suffering because industrialists are releasing their waste into the Ghaggar which crosses from our area. This is happening with the active connivance of officials," said Baljit Singh from Mandavi village, who

lost his father to cancer in 2013. During strong winds, the situation becomes even more difficult for the residents as foul smell emanates from the river. Not just humans, the toxins have

badly affected the health of animals also. Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCC) chairman Kahan Singh Pannu said the

problems were created by the

industry in Haryana. "To prevent the release of industrial waste into the river, our teams are on surveillance round the clock. But the Haryana industry is releasing waste into the Tangri, Markanda and another canals, which is entering the Ghaggar in Patiala district. We have been taking up the matter with the Haryana authorities to stop it," he said.

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Industrial waste flowing into the Ghaggar near Khanauri in Sangrur. TRIBUNE PHOTO

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### जल सत्याग्रह से कांग्रेस ने हल्ला बोला

### अभियान शुरू

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राजधानी में पानी की किल्लत के विरोध में शुक्रवार को कांग्रेस ने जल सत्याग्रह की शुरुआत की। इसके तहत दिल्ली प्रदेश कांग्रेस कमेटी के अध्यक्ष अजय माकन के नेतृत्व में जेपी कैम्प, आरके पुरम सेक्टर सात से प्रदर्शन की शुरुआत की गई। कांग्रेस ने घोषणा की कि दिल्ली के आम लोगों की पानी की समस्या को ध्यान में रखते हुए ये जल सत्याग्रह एक जून से 30 जून तक चलाया जाएगा।

इस जल सत्याग्रह कार्यक्रम के दौरान माकन सहित कांग्रेस कार्यकर्ताओं ने मटके फोड़कर अपना विरोध जताया। घर-घरं जाकर केजरीवाल सरकार द्वारा दिल्ली के लोगों को प्रयाप्त मात्रा में साफ पानी न दे पाने के खिलाफ तथा दिल्ली में सिक्रय टैंकर माफिया के विरोध में पर्चे बांटे गए।

इस मौके पर माकन ने कहा कि आम आदमी पार्टी की सरकार का दिल्ली के आम लोगों को जो मुफ्त पानी देने का वायदा था उसकी पोल खुल गई है। दिल्ली में अब पानी ही नहीं है ऐसे में पानी मुफ्त दिए जाने की बात सफेद झुठ है।



कांग्रेस प्रदेश अध्यक्ष अजय माकन नई दिल्ली के आरके पुरम में शुक्रवार को जल संकट झेल रहे लोगों से मिले। ● अनुश्री फडणवीस

### पानी पर जान जा रहीं

माकन ने कहा कि अनाधिकृत कॉलोनियों, जेजे कलस्टरों में पानी के लिए युद्ध जैसी स्थिति बन चुकी हैं। पानी को लेकर तीन मासूमों ने भी जान गंवा दी है। आलम यह है कि गंदा पानी पीकर बच्चे बीमार हो रहे हैं और बच्चों के हाथ में जहां कलम होनी चाहिए वहां उन्हें पानी की बाल्टियां लेकर पानी ढोना पड़ रहा है। वहीं दूसर्री तरफ टैंकर माफिया जनता को लूट रहा है।

### माफिया खेल कर रहे

उन्होंने कहा कि दिल्ली में प्रतिदिन 906 एमजीडी पानी ट्रीट हो रहा जिसके हिसाब से प्रत्येक व्यक्ति को 210 लीटर या 20 बाल्टी पानी प्रतिदिन मिलना चाहिए। परंतु दिल्ली के लोग बूद-बूंद पानी के लिए तरस रहे हैं। इससे साफ है कि ट्रीट हो रहा पानी आम लोगों तक नहीं पहुंच रहा है। पानी माफिया सरकार की मिलीभगत से पानी चोरी कर रहे हैं।

### पीने लायक नहीं बचा

माकन ने कहा कि 2016 में जहां पानी के 2.3% सैंपल फेल हो रहे थे, 2017 के दौरान यह बढ़कर 3.99% हो गए हैं। अमोनिया के स्तर में वृद्धि होने से अब कई इलाकों में दिल्ली का पानी पीने के लायक नहीं बचा है। पानी से जुड़ी बीमारियां जान ले रही हैं। इस सरकार के दौरान डायरिया इत्यादि से 1 लाख 40 हजार लोगों की मौतें हो चुकी हैं। Hindustan Times
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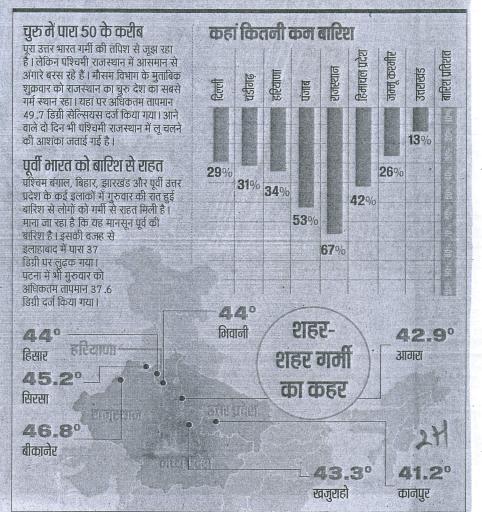
### पश्चिमोत्तर में गर्मी की वजह बारिश में कमी

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मौसम विभाग के आंकड़ों पर गौर करें तो गत पांच वर्षों से दिल्ली सहित पश्चिमोत्तर भारत में गर्मी की विभिषिका बढ़ती जा रही है। अभी भी दिल्ली सहित तमाम शहरों में पारा 42 डिग्री सेल्सियस के पार चल रहा है। अगले हफ्ते में स्थिति में सुधार होने की उम्मीद नहीं है। विशेषज्ञों की मानें तो इसकी बड़ी वजह मार्च से मई के बीच होने वाली बारिश में कमी है।

क्षेत्रीय मौसम पूर्वानुमान केंद्र नई दिल्ली में वैज्ञानिकों ने कहा,दिल्ली सहित पश्चिमोत्तर भारत में भीषण गर्मी की वजह 1 मार्च और 30 मई के बीच होने वाली बारिश में कमी है। उन्होंने कहा, इस साल इस अवधि में दिल्ली में सामान्य से 29 फीसदी कम बारिश हुई। इस वर्ष मई में 19 दिन ऐसे रहे जब दिल्ली में दिन का अधिकतम तापमान 40 डिग्री से ऊपर दर्ज किया गया। ऐसी स्थिति 2013 में देखी गई थी, जब 24 दिन पारा 40 डिग्री के पार रहा। मौसम विभाग में पूर्व वैज्ञानिक एके जसवाल ने कहा, वर्ष 2014 में दिल्ली में 10 दिन ऐसे रहे जब बारिश या बौछारें पड़ी। इससे गर्मी का प्रकोप लगातार तीन दिन से अधिक नहीं होता था।

लेकिन इस साल 1 मार्च से 30 मई के बीच पूर्वोत्तर भारत में सामान्य से बहुत कम बारिश हुई। इससे सबसे अधिक प्रभावित राजस्थान रहा, जहां इस अवधि में सामान्य से 67 फीसदी कम बारिश हुई।



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सामुदायिक नेतृत्व के लिए रमीन मैग्सेसाय एवं जलसंरक्षण कार्य के लिए स्टॉकहोम जल पुरस्कार से सम्मानित। मारे देश में अधिकांश गांव पानी की कमी के कारण शहरों की ओर बढ़ रहे हैं। यह कोई राजस्थान के रेगिस्तानी इलाके की ही कहानी नहीं है। मध्यप्रदेश, महाराष्ट्र, कर्नाटक का भी यही हाल है। पहाड़ी इलाकों में भी हालात अच्छे नहीं हैं। इन दिनों हम हिमाचल प्रदेश की राजधानी शिमला जैसे शहर को भी पानी की कमी से जूझते हुए देख रहे हैं। वहां पर्यटकों की संख्या में लगातार कमी आ रही है। स्थानीय लोग भी पानी की कमी के कारण अन्यत्र पलायन को मजबूर हैं।

शिमला के हालात तो एक चेतावनी है हमारे लिए। वह यह कि हम अब भी नहीं सुधरे तो अगले दस वर्षों में देश के शहरों के हालात सीरिया जैसे न हो जाएं। सीरिया, तुर्की और इराक में बहने वाली यूफ्रेटस नदी की सभ्यता काफी पुरानी है। सीरिया में तो भारत से पहले ही खेती की शुरुआत हो चुकी थी। तुर्की ने जब यूफ्रेटस नदी पर अतातुर्क बांध बनाया तो यह नदी सूखने लगी। सीरिया में तो लोगों ने खेती छोड़ना शुरू कर दिया। वर्ष 2014 में वहां पानी की इतनी किल्लत होने लगी कि लोग जर्मनी.

**लोग** फिलहाल पानी की कमी के कारण गांवों को छोड़कर शहरों की ओर आ रहे हैं। अभी तो उनके लिए जैसे-तैसे पानी की व्यवस्था हो रही है। यदि गांवों से शहरों की ओर पलायन होता रहा तो क्या अगले 10 वर्षों में पानी हमें मिल सकेगा?

फ्रांस, स्वीडन, बेल्जियम आदि देशों की ओर पलायन करने लगे। अक्सर लोग कहते हैं कि अगला युद्ध पानी के लिए होगा लेकिन मेरा मानना है कि यह युद्ध तो शुरू हो गया है। इसका केंद्र इस समय सीरिया है और यह जॉर्डन, फलस्तीन, सुडान, जिम्बाब्वे में चल रहा है।

भारत की कावेरी नदी का संघर्ष इससे बिल्कुल अलग है। हम सौभाग्यशाली हैं कि हमें अपना देश छोड़कर नहीं जाना पड़ रहा। भारत में तो लोग फिलहाल पानी की कमी के कारण गांवों को छोड़कर शहरों की ओर आ रहे हैं। अभी तो उनके लिए पानी की जैसे-तैसे व्यवस्था हो रही है। यदि गांवों से शहरों की ओर पलायन होता रहा तो क्या अगले 10 वर्षों में पानी हमें मिल सकेगा? जरूरी हो गया है कि हम वर्षाजल की हर बूंद को सहेजें और भू-जल भंडारों के पुनर्भरण के प्रयास करें क्योंकि सतह से ऊपर रह जाने वाले जल को वाष्पीकृत करके सूरज चुरा लेता है। कई बार वर्षाजल मिट्टी को भी बहा ले जाता है तो वहां नमी की कमी से हरियाली नहीं होती और क्षेत्र अकालग्रस्त हो जाता है।

नदी में जमा मिट्टी जल स्तर को ऊंचा कर देती है तो बाढ़ का खतरा भी बन जाता है। वर्षाजल का कुप्रबंधन सूखा और बाढ़ का कारण बनता है। हमें समय रहते सावचेत होना होगा। सही मायने में पानी, जवानी यानी हमारे युवाओं और किसानी यानी खेती-बाड़ी को गांवों में ही रोकना होगा।

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### बूंद-बूंद पानी को तरस रही है पहाड़ों की रानी

पानी के स्रोत सूख जाने या उनका पानी पीने लायक न रह जाने ने शिमला के जल संकट को बहुत बढ़ा दिया है।

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जब परी दिनया दक्षिण अफ्रीका की राजधानी केपटाउन को 'जीरो डे' की ओर बढ़ता देखकर परेशान हो रही थी, हमारे अपने शिमला ने भी इस दिशा में कदम बढ़ा दिए। विश्व भर में पर्यटन के लिए जानी जाने वाली पहाड़ों की रानी शिमला में अब इतना पानी भी नहीं रह गया कि लोगों की मुलभूत जरूरतें पूरी हो सकें। एक तरफ लोगों को पानी नहीं मिल रहा, दूसरी तरफ इसे लेकर धरने, प्रदर्शन और नारेबाजी का सिलसिला अब दैनिक हो गया है। पानी के बंटवारे के लिए झगड़े आम बात हो चुके हैं। पानी बांटने के काम के लिए अब पुलिस की मदद ली जा रही है। मेयर, उप मेयर, विधायक व सांसद, सभी लोगों से मुंह छिपाते से फिर रहे हैं। हिमाचल प्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री जयराम ठाकुर खुद हर रोज पानी के हालात का जायजा ले रहे हैं। संकट इतना बड़ा है कि कुछ दिन पहले लोगों ने आधी रात को मुख्यमंत्री निवास का घेराव करने की कोशिश की थी। सरकार ही नहीं, हाईकोर्ट भी इस मसले पर सिक्रय हो गया है।

लेकिन शिमला में पानी की कमी कोई नई बात नहीं, 1980 के दशक से यह पर्वतीय नगर पानी के संकट से जुझता रहा है। लेकिन इस बार संकट सचमुच काफी बड़ा है। शिमला की अबादी के लिए पानी की कुल आवश्यकता 4.5 करोड़ लीटर है, लेकिन केवल 2.2 करोड लीटर पानी ही जट पा रहा है। यह माना जाता है कि 15 से 20 प्रतिशत तक पानी वितरण के दौरान लीकेज में बेकार चला जाता है। इस लिहाज से लोगों को उनकी जरूरत का आधा पानी भी नहीं मिल पा रहा। ब्रिटिश काल में देश की ग्रीष्मकालीन राजधानी शिमला को अंग्रेजों ने बसाया था। तब 1875 में इस नगर में पानी आपूर्ति व्यवस्था 16 हजार की आबादी के हिसाब से की गई थी। अब यह आबादी कई गुना बढ़ चुकी है। इन दिनों पर्यटन के मौसम में रोजाना 20 से 30 हजार सैलानी यहां आते हैं। यानी इन संसाधनों पर लगभग 15 प्रतिशत का अधिक दबाव पड़ता है। जाहिर है कि पानी की यह कमी उस समय हुई, जब इस शहर में पानी की मांग कुछ

सबसे ज्यादा परेशानी 670 होटल व गेस्ट-हाउस मालिकों को झेलनी पड़ रही है। लेकिन इनमें से केवल 268 ने ही पानी के व्यावसायिक कनेक्शन ले रखे हैं। धंधा चौपट होने के डर के बावजूद वे पानी की व्यवस्था नहीं कर पा रहे हैं। पानी की परेशानी को देखते हुए स्थानीय लोगों और कुछ संगठनों ने अब पर्यटकों से शिमला नहीं आने की अपील की है। पानी न होने की खबरों के बाद पर्यटकों की संख्या कम होना तो तय ही है। दूसरी तरफ कुछ लोगों ने अपने परिवार के सदस्यों को शिमला से अपने पैतृक घरों को भी भेज दिया है। स्कुलों में छुट्टियां घोषित हो चुकी हैं।

हालांकि सरकारी आंकड़े यही बताते हैं कि शिमला में पानी की कमी नहीं है। बताया जाता है कि विभिन्न स्रोतों से कुल 6.5 करोड़ लीटर पानी उठाने की क्षमता है। चुरट, चहेड़ु, कोटी ब्रांडी व 50 अन्य स्रोतों से दो करोड़ लीटर व गुम्मा, गिरी व अश्विनी खड्ड से 4.5 करोड़ लीटर पानी उठाने की क्षमता है। लेकिन मौसम की मार और लीकेज के कारण पानी 4.5 करोड़ लीटर से ज्यादा नहीं मिल पाता। इस बार मौसम की भी मार पड़ी

इस मौसम में वहां पानी की वैसे ही कमी रहती है, उस पर पर्यटकों की भारी आमद से संसाधनों पर अतिरिक्त दबाव बन जाता है।

है। सर्दियों में बर्फबारी कम हुई थी और पिछले कई सप्ताह से बारिश भी नहीं हुई। अश्विनी खड्ड समेत इस शहर में पानी के कई स्रोत ऐसे हैं, जिनका पानी अब पीने योग्य नहीं रह गया।

शिमला अब देश का पहला ऐसा शहर बन गया है, जहां पानी की 'राशनिंग' की जा रही है। तत्काल कोई और रास्ता भी नजर नहीं आ रहा। लेकिन इससे समस्या हल नहीं होने वाली। अब स्थाई हल यही सुझाया जा रहा है कि 10 करोड़ लीटर क्षमता वाले स्रोत कोल डैम से पानी लाया जाए। साथ ही अन्य स्रोतों में पानी को साफ रखने की स्थाई व्यवस्था करते हुए मंडारण क्षमता बढ़ाई जाए। वरना शिमला देश के 21 नगरों की विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन की रिपोर्ट की 'जीरो-डे' सूची से बाहर नहीं हो सकता, जिसमें कहा गया है कि 2030 में इन नगरों में नल सूखे मिलेंग। फिलहाल सारी उम्मीदें इंद्रदेव पर टिकी हैं। तत्काल राहत तो कुछ जोरदार बारिशों से ही मिलेगी। (ये लेखक के अपने विचार हैं)

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### बाहरी दिल्ली में पानी की बूंद-बूंद को तरसे लोग

पश्चिमी दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी): बाहरी दिल्ली के किराडी और नरेला विधानसभा क्षेत्र के तहत बसी सैंकडों कॉलोनियों में पीने के पानी की अनियमित आपूर्ती के कारण लोग मारे-मारे फिर रहे हैं लेकिन दिल्ली जल बोर्ड के अधिकारियों की सेहत पर इसका कोई असर नहीं पड रहा है। नरेला के पाना पापोषिया ब्राह्मण चौपाल के पास करीब 2 महीने से दिल्ली जलबोर्ड का पानी लगभग 40 घरों में नहीं आ रहा है। इन लोगों का कहना है कि पाना पापोषिया का ही निवासी यहां का वॉल, जो पीतल का था, को खोलकर ले गया और खराब वॉल लगा दिया तब से पानी आना बंद हो गया जिसकी नामजद शिकायत दिल्ली जल बोर्ड और मख्यमंत्री दिल्ली सरकार से भी की गई है परंत



आज तक कोई कार्यवाही नहीं हुई और पानी के लिए लोग तरस रहे हैं।

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### किराड़ी में एक सप्ताह से सप्लाई ठप्प

स्थानीय निवासियों का कहना है कि पहले तो तीसरे दिन पानी की सप्लाई आती थी लेकिन अब तीसरे दिन भी पानी नहीं आने से गर्मी के मौसम में लाखों लोगों के सामने पीने के पानी की समस्या खडी हो गई है। उन्होंने बताया कि ऐसा गंभीर पेयजल संकट पहले कभी नहीं आया था। इस समय यहां पर लोगों की दिनचर्या ही प्रभावित हो गई है। स्थानीय निवासी और आरडब्ल्यूए के पदाधिकारी कई बार विधायक और जलबोर्ड के अधिकारियों से मुलाकात कर चुके हैं लेकिन यह समस्या सुलझने के बजाय दिन-प्रतिदिन गंभीर होती जा रही है। इस लाखों लोग पानी के लिए परेशान हैं, मुस्लिम बहुल इलाकों में रोजेदारों को पानी के बिना परेशानी का सामना करना पड रहा है। मेहनत मजदूरी करने वाले और नौकरीपेशा लोगों को पानी के केन खरीदकर गुजारा करना पड़ रहा है। इतना ही पानी की टंकियों या दर दराज के क्षेत्र में जहां पानी होता है ये लोग तड़के चार बजे ही साइकिल पर प्लास्टिक के केन टांग कर पीने के पानी का जगाड़ करते हैं। लगभग एक सप्ताह से पानी नहीं आने से गरीब लोगों के आगे पीने के पानी का इस समय भारी संकट खड़ा हो गया है।

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Heavy rain floods the stretch between Balehonnur-Kalasa in Chikkamagaluru district on Saturday. (Right) The waterlogged Ashoka Road in Mysuru as pounded the city. DH PHOTOS

### Monsoon intensifies, covers more districts

**BENGALURU: The monsoon** covered more areas in the state on Saturday.

Suntikoppa hobli in Kodagu district experienced rain accompanied by thunder and lightning in the afternoon. There was drizzling in Napoklu throughout the day.

Mysuru city received heavy downpour for nearly an hour since 4 pm. The roads were inundated, causing inconvenience to vehicle riders.

Parts of HD Kote, Hunsur, and Nanjangud taluks received good rainfall for more than an hour. Chikkaballapur, Chamarajanagar, Mandya and Hassan districts too received heavy showers. Widespread showers have been reported throughout Gadag district. Rain accompanied by thunder and lightning hit the twin towns of Gadag-Betageri for one hour. There were showers in Nargund too.

Ayouth who had taken shelter under a tree was washed

#### **Lightning kills** ex-MLA's brother

Venkataraddi Hanumanaraddi Konaraddi (52), brother of former MLA NH Konaraddi, died as lightning struck him, when he was working in the fields at Chilakwad village, Navalgund taluk in Dharwad district on Saturday evening, reports DHNS from Dharwad.

away in a flash flood in a nallah at Bhutramanhatti in Belagavi taluk on the Pune-Bengaluru national highway on Saturday. His body was found 200 metres from the spot. Imran Nadaf, 22, a resident of Kotabagi village in Hukkeri taluk, is the deceased. Parts of Belagavi district received heavy down-

#### Rain havoc: Kumaraswamy directs relief on war-footing

Chief Secretary K Ratna Prabha, following the direction by Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy, ordered all district in-charge secretaries to rush to the respective districts to take immediate steps to mitigate the damages caused by the rain, and to oversee the relief work in affected areas.

The chief secretary also instructed the officials to give detailed reports on the extent of damage caused by thunderstorm by Monday. She also suggested the officials and to take up relief works on war-footing. Thundershowers have wreaked havoc in several parts of the state including Belagavi, Gadag, Chikkamagaluru, Mysuru and Chamarajnagar. The chief minister has instructed the officials to be on alert 24X7 and give updates on the situation to the chief minister's office on the real-time basis. The chief minister, earlier, had a detailed discussion with the chief secretary and the deputy commissioners, and instructed the officers to ensure sufficient funds are available for the relief works. The chief secretary briefed the chief minister on the measures taken in the districts.

pour for about one hour dur- KSRTC bus which was being ing the early evening hours. A washed away in rainwater in

the city was retrieved by passersby.

#### Streams overflowing

Heavy rain accompanied by strong wind was reported throughout Kottur taluk in Ballari district on Friday night. The streams and tanks in the taluk are overflowing. Good rains have been reported from Kudligi taluk.

There was heavy downpour in Dharwad city on Saturday evening. Rains accompanied by gusty winds and thunderstorms lashed the city for more than one hour.

Chittapur and Chincholi taluks in Kalaburagi district received light rainfall on Sat-

Heavy rain coupled with gusty wind lashed Subrahmanya and surrounding areas in Dakshina Kannada district on Saturday evening. Several houses have been damaged when trees fell on them.

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### rain; labourer killed, 3 hurt

BENGALURU, DHNS: A daily wage labourer was killed and three injured after a compound wall came crashing down on a shed at Balaji Layout in Vidyapeetha ward, South Bengaluru, due to heavy rain on Saturday.

A senior police officer said the incident occurred around 1.45 am when the wall of a neighbouring house came crashing down on two sheds where a family was staying.

While Mahantesh (30) died on the spot, his wife Parvathi (22), her elder brother Sharanappa (34) and his wife Shobha (27) were trapped under debris and sustained injuries.



The wall next to a construction site that collapsed on a shed killing a labourer in Bengaluru on Saturday. DH PHOTO/S K DINESH

law of the deceased, who was sleeping near the office, was

Gautham, the brother-in-the first to witness the incident and ran out and called for help.

### Another day of rain floods of 3/6/10 many parts of Bengaluru

Afternoon showers uproot 25 trees, inundate streets, cripple traffic

**BENGALURU: At least 25 trees** were uprooted and many localities in southern, northern and central Bengaluru were flooded as Saturday's downpour exposed the city's shoddy infrastructure.

Uttarahalli in southern Bengaluru received the highest rainfall at 52.5 millimetres while Domlur in the city's eastern parts recorded the lowest rainfall at 14 millimetres, according to the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring

Rainwater overflowed on the cantonment railway station underpass, Racecourse Road, BTS Road, KR Road, at Sholay Circle and in Fatima Layout (Thanisandra) and Anepalya.

South Bengaluru areas like VV Puram, Sarakki and Kumaraswamy Layout received moderate rainfall. Banashankari, in South Bengaluru, lost about five trees while a tree each was uprooted in JP Nagar 25th Main, on Dickenson Road, in Dollars Colony, Jayanagar, Hébbal, Hanumanthanagar and Maruthi Sevanagar between 2 pm and 8 pm.

Rainwater even entered the metro stations at Banashankari and Mantri Square Sampige Road. A live wire fell and kept dangling just outside Laxman Rao Park in Jayanagar, posing a serious threat to walkers. The rainfall crippled vehicular movement on Hosur Road, at Anepalya Junction, near Town Hall and in other

Mayor R Sampath Raj in-



Motorists struggle to navigate a flooded MG Road on Saturday. DH PHOTO/B K JANARDHAN



A two-wheeler was crushed when a tree got uprooted in Saturday's thundershowers in Banashankari 1st Stage. DH PHOTO/ANAND BAKSHI

spected the affected areas relief work by mitigating the and ordered the BBMP's damage. The India Meteor-Sunday as a gloomy weather DH News Service

zonal officers to undertake ological Department has prevailed throughout Satur-



An electric wire dangles outside Laxman Rao Park.



A man leaps to cross a waterlogged KH Road.

#### **HDK: Drive soon** to clear SWDs

With the early onset of the monsoon taking a toll on the city, Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy on Saturday said the government would launch a drive to clear encroachments on stormwater drains. Speaking to reporters, he said rampant encroachment caused flooding. He has called a meeting of BBMP, BDA and BWSSB officials on June 4.

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## Monsoon rains likely to be normal this year

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, May 30: The long range forecast for the 2018 southwest (SW) monsoon rainfall made by the India Meteorology Department (IMD) today has stated that rainfall over the country between June and September is most likely to be normal that is 96 to 104 per cent of the long period average (LPA).

The SW monsoon had set in over Kerala yesterday and it is expected that during the next 48 hours, it will arrive in the northeastern region of the country.

The IMD has maintained that quantitatively, monsoon season rainfall for the country, as a whole, during the above period, is likely to be 97 per cent of the LPA with a model error of plus-minus four per cent. Region-wise, it said, the seasonal rainfall is likely to be 100 per cent of the LPA over Northwest India, 99 per cent of the LPA over Central India,

95 per cent of the LPA in South Peninsula and 93 per cent of the LPA over Northeast India, all with a model error of plusminus eight per cent.

Moreover, the monthly rainfall over the country as a whole is likely to be 101 per cent of its LPA during July and 94 per cent of the LPA during August, both with a model error of plusminus nine per cent, said the IMD in its forecast. The SW monsoon today further advanced into remaining parts of Kerala and some parts of central Arabian Sea, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, the IMD said.