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IMD insists rain will be deficient this year

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 3

With the El Nino conditions strengthening from weak to moderate, the southwest monsoon is expected to under-perform in August and September. India Meteorological Department (IMD) today reiterated its June prediction of deficient monsoon this year. According to the IMD, the probability of rains being below normal is very high (86%).

"Quantitatively, the rainfall over the country as a whole during the second half of the season (August to September) is likely to be 84% of the LPA (long period average) with a model error of plus or minus 8%. Rainfall during August is likely to be 90 plus or minus 9% of the LPA as was forecast in June. The season (June to September) rainfall over the country as a whole is likely to be 88% of LPA with a model error of plus or minus 4% as was forecast in June," the IMD said.

According to the IMD, from April to July El Nino conditions (sea surface temperature

Bumper harvest TM

- The total sown area as on July 31 stands at 764.28 lakh hectare compared to 703.43 lakh hectare last year
- Rice has been sown on 227.81 lakh hectares, pulses 82.44 lakh hectares, coarse cereals 148.49 lakh hectares, oilseeds 148.52 lakh hectares and cotton in 101.91 lakh hectares, indicating a bumper harvest

variation in the Pacific Ocean) have strengthened from weak to moderate level and there is a 72% probability of El Nino conditions to become strong during remaining part of the monsoon season.

However, there is also 86% probability of current neutral Indian Ocean Dipole (another factor affecting monsoon) conditions to continue for the rest of the season. Private forecaster Skymet had lowered its full season forecast for the 2015 southwest monsoon season from 102% of the LPA to 98% with a model error of 4%. For August, Skymet said rains would be 92% of the LPA and for September it would be 112% of the LPA, both with an error margin of 9%.

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PROTECTED WETLAND

PLAN TO DIVERT RIVULETS THAT POUR INTO KOLLERU LAKE

Call to save waterbody

G. Venkataramana Rao

The Andhra Pradesh Government is planning to divert most of the rivulets and drains that pour into the Kolleru lake, a protected wildlife sanctuary, and instead route them to the Polavaram Right Main Canal (PRMC). Environmentalists suspect that this is a backdoor move to reduce the size of the Kolleru lake.

As per the international Ramsar Convention, inflows to a protected wetland cannot be diverted for other purposes.

The government is building the Polavaram Right Main Canal (PRMC) to irrigate the Krishna delta. But in doing so, two rivulets, Budameru and Tammileru, and 70 drains major and minor drains, will cease to flow into the Kolleru.

If the inflows into the lake have to be protected, the government would have to construct undertunnels for these rivulets and drains to continue to flow into the Kolleru lake as they do now. According to the Irrigation Department, they currently supply 1.11 lakh cusecs, that is 9.6 tmcft, to Kolleru per year.

Undertunnel

But the government is loath to building the undertunnel and would rather let them drain into the PRMC.

On more than one occasion, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has spoken of diverting water from these streams while not mentioning the damage it would cause



Kolleru is one of the largest freshwater lakes in India. It is an important wetland with as many as 257 water fowl, 81 of them migratory. — PHOTO: CH. VIJAYA BHASKAR

to the Kolleru ecology. He is under pressure to supply irrigation to the farmers of the Krishna delta to make up for the lack of reliable supplies from the Krishna basin.

The government has been lobbying the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests for the shrinkage of the lake. Cutoff of inflows to the Kolleru will aid the government's declared intention of resizing the lake down from contour +5 to contour +3.

Kolleru is one of the largest freshwater lakes in India. It is an important wetland with as many as 257 water fowl, 81 of them migratory. The lake is a roosting spot for the grey pelican. Kolleru was designated a Ramsar wetland in 2002. Though it was protected up to contour +10 by the international convention, the Central and State

Governments have been able to protect it only until contour +5 by declaring it a wildlife sanctuary.

Patanjali Sastry, an environmental activist who has petitioned the Supreme Court challenging the bid to resize the lake, says the government has no right to divert inflows away from the Kolleru without studying the ecological impact of it. This will lead to a gradual drying up of the lake, he warns.

Mr. Sastry says diversion of water on the scale the Chief Minister is proposing is not an easy matter. A detailed study of the likely impact of the diversion on downstream areas would have to be conducted first, he said. "He has no right to do it," Mr. Sastry said.

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Flood situation in Bengal grim, death toll rises to 69, lakhs hit

Shiv Sahay Singh

KOLKATA: The flood situation in West Bengal remained grim on Monday as the barrages in the State and adjoining areas discharged more water. According to the State government officials, among others Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) has released over 1 lakh cusecs of water since Sunday midnight.

The death toll due to the floods has increased to 69 while 2.1 lakh people have been sheltered in over 1,500 relief camps in the State. About 37 lakh people in 12 districts of the State have been affected by the floods.

Along with 19 teams of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), the Army has been assisting in flood relief and rescue operations. Army personnel have been deployed at Bardhaman district one of the worst affected districts of the State.

At least 47 municipalities, 210 blocks and 9,691 villages of the State have been affected by rising waters. Thousands of acres of standing crops have been destroyed.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who visited flood affected district of North 24 Parganas, blamed the release of water from barrages for the deterioration of the situation.

"The flood situation has improved in Birbhum and Murshidabad districts, whereas condition in Bardhaman continues to be the same," Ms. Banerjee told mediapersons before beginning her tour of Ashoknagar in North 24 Parganas.

"The flooding in Hooghly and Howrah districts has



Children sit on the roof of a house in a flooded village in Murshidabad on Monday. - PHOTO: PTI

worsened and will deteriorate a bit further as DVC (Damodar Valley Corporation) has released more water," she said. Ms. Banerjee announced a compensation of Rs. 4 lakh to the families of those killed in the floods.

Gujarat, Rajasthan, Odhisha also affected PTI reports from New Delhi:

In Gujarat, 71 people have lost their lives due to floods in 14 districts where 40 lakh people were affected. More than

10 lakh food packets have been distributed to the victims.

In Rajasthan, 38 deaths have been reported during the past few days owing to heavy rainfall and floods. More than 630 people have been rescued from various districts in Rajasthan. Relief materials have been distributed.

In Odisha, 4,80,399 people were affected by the floods which has claimed five lives so far. The Union Home Minister Singh spoke to Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and reviewed the flood situation.

'Sunderbans vulnerable'

Soumya Das

KOLKATA: A recent report submitted by the South 24 Parganas district administration to the State government has revealed that at least 8 lakh people in eight blocks in the Sunderbans area are vulnerable to cyclones and floods.

The report paints a sorry picture of the flood and cyclone shelters in these

blocks. In the district 13 blocks are in the Sunderbans.

According to the report, of the 23 traditional flood shelters in the district, seven are in a "dilapidated" condition, two are "damaged" and two others are in need of repairs. As per the report, the flood shelter in the Kantamari area under the Kultali block seems to exist only on paper.

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Second half of monsoon to be weak: IMD

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 3

THE FIRST half of the monsoon season may have deceived forecasts of poor rain but the Met department has stuck to its outlook and predicted on Monday a weaker rainfall in the remaining two months of the monsoon.

The Indian Meteorological

Department said rainfall over the country as a whole in August and September was likely to be 84 per cent of normal, with a model error of eight per cent.

June and July have had reasonably good rainfall and the cumulative deficiency on Monday was only six per cent. June specifically was very good, bringing rain that were 116 per cent of normal. July produced only 83 per cent rainfall but it

was spread out evenly. The IMD said the 84 per cent outlook for August and September means that the rainfall for the entire season would be 88 per cent, broadly in line with the forecast of 87 per cent it made in June.

The weak outlook is once again being blamed on El Nino, an unusual warming of certain areas off the coast of South America that has a negative impact on monsoon rains in India.

New Delhi: Delhi's alarmingly poor air quality has been making headlines round the world. Scientific reports and testimonies of people have given enough proof of the respiratory and cardiovascular diseases both children and adults have been suffering from. Even stepping out for a morning walk, a cycle ride or a trip to the market can make you sick. Against such a gloomy backdrop, TOI has been introspecting on what can be done while the state government, Centre and judiciary are engaged in debating and driving policies to improve air quality.

Perhaps, the most effective step that one can take to improve air quality is to plant saplings and nurture them till they grow into big trees. This can protect us and the future generations from the adverse effects of air pollution. These trees can also make neighbourhoods less scorching in summer by improving the micro-climate. They will attract a variety of birds, improve biodiversity and restrict desertification in Delhi.

With this objective in mind, we are launching a TOI Green Drive with Hero MotoCorp and the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) on August 4. It aims to plant at least one lakh saplings on August 30 in Tilpat Valley in Maidan Garhi, south Delhi, a part of the Delhi ridge.

In the run-up to the big plantation day that is likely to see participation of more than

10,000 people—along with several spiritual organizations—TOI will organize plantation drives at Sanjay Lake in Mayapuri Vihar, Phase II; Sector 16, Dwarka; district park in Kalkaji (Aastha Kunj); Sidhola village, NH1, G T Road; Vishal Bagh to Ghoga Crossing; Bakoli village, NH1, G T Road; and Sector 28, Rohini. More than 2,000 saplings of Delhi's native species will be planted in each area.

Lieutenant governor Najeeb Jung will inaugurate the drive on Tuesday at Sanjay Lake in Mayapuri Vihar, Phase II. Residents and children from 10 schools will be planting saplings here.

Though air pollution can primarily be checked by regulating its sources, such as vehicles, thermal power plants, burning of waste such as dry leaves or garbage, and dust, scientists and experts TOI consulted said plantations can have multiple benefits for Delhi's degraded environment.

CR Babu, Professor Emeritus, Delhi University, and the brain behind the biodiversity parks in the city, believes apart from reviving several Aravalli forest species, the plantation drive can even bring back animals and bird species that disappeared long ago.

"Greenery can help in three ways. It can reduce the urban heat island effect which causes air pollution levels to rise. Green belts can stop the wind-blown

dust from entering the city or neighbourhoods. It, of course, absorbs carbon dioxide which is a greenhouse gas...there are so many ways plantations can help," said Gufiran Beig, project director, System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research (SAFAR).

Delhi suffers massively from the urban heat island phenomenon—certain urban areas are extremely hot compared to others with less concretization or more green cover. A study by Indian Institute of Technology, for instance, had found several parts of Delhi were sizzling in summer. Connaught Place, Sitaram Bazar and Bhikaji Cama Place, for instance, had recorded a difference of about 8.3 degree Celsius in temperature from their surrounding

areas. Ozone, a highly hazardous gas, is known to rise in heat islands because it's created due to chemical reactions between oxides of nitrogen, volatile organic compounds and carbon monoxide in the presence of sunlight and high temperature. PM2.5 particles also remain suspended in the heat at these pollution hotspots.

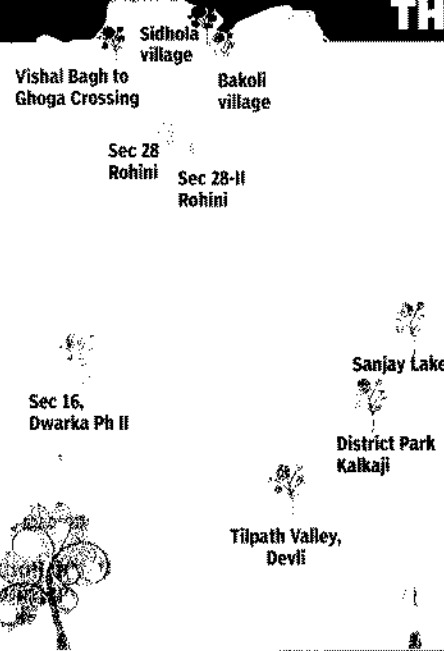
A US Forest Service and Davy Institute study on impact of trees on PM2.5 (fine, respirable pollution particles) found that urban trees and forests are saving an average of one life every year per city. In New York City, trees save an average of eight lives every year by countering particulate pollution. Delhi, often described to be a harsh city because of its extreme and prolonged summer, requires shade.

Urban forests can create the much-needed canopy cover and a carbon sink, bring back birds, grow fruits and flowers and bring down the temperature in the area.

Environmentalists are excited that the TOI Green Drive will help rejuvenate a part of the Delhi ridge that has become highly degraded over the years. Wedged between Sainik Farms and Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary, the 80ha Tilpat Valley is important because of its ability to retain water in several natural deep pits in the area. The catchment has degraded because of the shrinking forest cover here.

The TOI Green Drive is supported by BLK Super Specialty Hospital as medical partner, WWF-India as NGO partner and Times NIE.

Photo: Yogesh Kumar



January-July 2015

PM2.5
(24-Hour Average)
Days In Different
AQI Categories
For Delhi



AQI: Air Quality Index: **PM2.5:** Fine, respirable pollution particles
Source: SAFAR@MoES-ITM-IMD

ONCE THESE SAPLINGS GROW INTO TREES IN A FEW YEARS, THE AIR AND LOCAL CLIMATE IN TILPAT VALLEY WILL IMPROVE CONSIDERABLY

• Trees will absorb a lot of carbon dioxide from air and reduce dust

• Foliage will block sunlight, and evaporation from leaves will increase the cooling effect

Localized heating that occurs due to excessive concretization—called urban heat island effect—will come down

Foliage will also act as buffer against noise
Variety of birds and wildlife might increase

Erosion will reduce and land will become more fertile as some plants fix nitrogen in soil while decaying matter (humus) adds carbon

The valley, being a low-lying area, will be a natural rainwater harvesting and groundwater recharge site



DDA biodiversity project to kick off

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The TOI Green Drive at Tilpat Valley, bordering the Asola Bhatti wildlife sanctuary, where about one lakh saplings will be planted on August 30 will in a way signal the beginning of DDA's Tilpat Valley biodiversity park project.

This plantation is unique because it will involve reviving forest species from various parts of the Aravalis—Gujarat to Delhi. This would ensure the rich biodiversity of the Aravalis which is increasingly getting degraded is recreated and protected in Tilpat Valley.

Tilpat Valley is also one of the deepest parts of Delhi. It can act as a water recharge zone for south Delhi, according to CR Babu, Professor Emeritus and head of the Center for Environmental Management of Degraded Ecosystems (CEMDE). He is the brain behind this park being developed.

"There are a few scattered trees of vilayti keekar or prosopis juliflora, an invasive species, in Tilpat Valley now and some weeds and grasses too. The area is very important because it has gentle slopes and some flattened ridges. They can act as ground water recharge zones. We will plant 30 biological communities here," said Babu.

The one lakh saplings that will be planted on August 30 will be of 50 to 60 such native Aravali species. "Our strategy is to plant 2500 to 3000 saplings in each hectare. We will ensure that these ecological communities do not compete with each other for soil, water and other resources but co-exist. For at least two years, these plantations will need a lot of care and protection with regular watering and a boundary wall or barbed wire to keep the cattle away. Initially, water will be stored at the site in a tank but later rainwater stored in the deep pits here will be used for the dry season," added Babu.

Tilpat Valley will start providing its ecological service to Delhi in 10 years when the canopy height of these saplings reach 25 to 30 feet. "There are several benefits that this park will provide: improve weather conditions; ensure greater



Illustration: Arya Prasad

SOME FOREST TREE COMMUNITIES THAT WILL BE REVIVED

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Karthai	Haldu
Kullu	Jungli
Salai	Kadamb

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water recharge; act as a physical barrier to dust; prevent dry weather through transpiration; act as a CO2 sink with the humus in the soil acting as a permanent store for carbon; absorb several pollutants; and, most importantly, act as a habitat for carnivores," explained Babu whose team is very excited about the possibilities.

The park can be a true wildlife habitat where animals like leopards and hyenas won't just visit but stay, believes the CEMDE team. Since Asola Bhatti sanctuary borders Tilpat, it can act as a wildlife corridor too. "Tilpat Valley used to have springs long ago. We plan to revive these too," Babu's team members said.

Recreational public zones and walkways on the periphery will be developed once the park is ready.

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Floods are manmade and preventa

SIR, Recent reports in your paper do suggest that the floods in West Bengal have been caused either by breaches in the embankments or the flow of rivers over the side-bunds and into the countryside. The Chief Minister has blamed it on the unusually heavy rainfall; and yet water has been released from barrages. To keep herself in the clear, she is intent on blaming the vagaries of Nature and the DVC for releasing water from the dams. The fact of the matter is that floods in India are generally manmade and hence preventable. Breaches occur in embankments on account of outdated technology. Rivers overflow because of their limited capacity (cubature), which in turn is caused by a rise in the level of the river-bed as the catchment sediment settles down. Both factors are beyond human control. It is time for innovations in erosion control and flood management. The bunds should be breach-resistant. In a democratic country, it is a breach of trust if every monsoon is marked by the loss of life and property. Curative technology is as important as flood relief.

Yours, etc., SB Chattopadhyay,
Kolkata, 3 August.

NIGHT AT NABANNA

SIR, There is no point blaming



the KMC or the state administrators; the floods have caught everybody off guard. The Opposition ought not to politicise a natural calamity. Even after three days, parts of Kolkata are still submerged. This is inexcusable. If the Chief Minister and other ministers visit the flooded areas immediately, it will only deflect the attention of the district administrations. They can well direct rescue and relief operations from the administrative headquarters in Kolkata. Staying up the night at Nabanna and the KMC headquarters will not help the government to deliver.

Yours, etc., Tusar Kanti Kar,
Howrah, 3 August.

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Dry spell dashes farmers' hopes given by light rains

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HYDERABAD, AUG. 2

Erratic rains and long dry spells have cast a shadow over the Kharif season in Telangana.

While farmers and agriculture officials are worried, they have not given up hopes of good rains in the coming days. Farmers who had sowed crops had found some relief due to light showers during the Godavari Pushkaralu, but after that the monsoon seems to have vanished, leaving rain-fed crops under moisture stress.

According to the Telangana Agriculture department, 66 per cent of the crop area has been sown so far. As against the total season normal of 41,43,302 hectare in nine districts of the state barring Hyderabad, so far, the area sown as on date is 27,41,261 hectare.

The sowings ranged from 50 per cent in Khammam, 59 per cent in Mahbubnagar, 62 per cent in Ranga Reddy to 78 per cent in Nizamabad and 85 per cent in Adilabad. Agriculture minister Pocharam Srinivas Reddy is monitoring the situation and is hoping for rains in the days to come.

"The situation is not so good. There has been a long dry spell, which is affecting crops, especial-

District	Season normal	Total Area sown
■ Ranga Reddy	1,90,838	1,17,625
■ Nizamabad	3,27,664	2,54,488
■ Medak	4,34,541	2,76,204
■ Mahbubnagar	7,31,830	4,31,712
■ Nalgonda	5,25,371	3,28,970
■ Warangal	5,05,756	3,20,642
■ Khammam	3,48,706	1,74,189
■ Karimnagar	5,14,953	3,58,408
■ Adilabad	5,63,640	4,79,023
TOTAL	41,43,302	27,41,261

(Figures are in hectares)

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— JHANSI LAKSHMI,
deputy director
of agriculture,
Natural Calamities Evaluation
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ly paddy. The irrigated area has 90 per cent paddy crop. Paddy sowings will continue till August 15. As long as there is inflow of waters, there is no problem," Ms Jhansi Lakshmi, deputy director of agriculture, Natural Calamities Evaluation Cell, told this newspaper.

Agriculture officer Vijay Kumar, who is monitoring the situation, said contingency plans would be put in place if the dry spell continued.

"The paddy crop is at the transplantation stage to tillering stage in assured irrigation sources. Cotton, jowar, red gram, groundnut, turmeric, sugarcane and oth-

er crops are at the vegetative stage. Green gram, black gram, soybean is at a vegetative to flowering stage. Maize is at a knee high stage. Due to less and uneven distribution of rainfall in the state, rain-fed crops are facing moisture stress symptoms in some places," an agriculture official said.

From June 1 till date, the six districts of Nizamabad, Medak, Karimnagar, Ranga Reddy, Hyderabad and Mahbubnagar recorded deficit rainfall. Adilabad and Nalgonda had normal rainfall while Warangal and Khammam had excess rainfall.

This has affected sowings.

Adilabad is the only district, which recorded 76 to 100 per cent rainfall, and has normal crops coverage. The coverage at Ranga Reddy, Nizamabad, Medak, Mahbubnagar, Nalgonda, Warangal and Karimnagar area ranges from 51 to 75 per cent while Khammam has the least crop coverage with 26 to 50 per cent.

FROM JUNE 1 TO JUNE 30, CUMULATIVE RAINFALL (%)



■ Adilabad	12
■ Hyderabad	41
■ Karimnagar	25
■ Khammam	18
■ Mahbubnagar	58
■ Medak	61
■ Nalgonda	11
■ Nizamabad	51
■ Ranga Reddy	48
■ Warangal	17

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El-Nino impact to worsen

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, AUG. 2

The IMD's forecast of a deficient rainfall this year is appearing to hold true for Telangana.

Senior officials from IMD maintain that the El-Nino effect may strengthen further in the second part of the Southwest Monsoon season. "The Telangana region has received 19 per cent less than normal rains so far in the last two months. This was predicted in the beginning of the season. As per the forecast, the coming few days will witness light to moderate rains accompanied by thundershowers at isolated places," said assistant meteorologist M. Narasimha Rao.

As per the IMD forecast, the first four days of August are expected to bring normal rainfall to northern parts of Telangana, whereas the rest of the week is expected to be at least 5 per cent less than normal.

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Drought brings AP down to dry earth

M. ROUSHAN ALI | DC
HYDERABAD, AUG. 2

Several mandals in Andhra Pradesh are staring at yet another drought. Due to deficit rainfall, the area sown in the state is only 12.87 lakh hectares as on date as against the normal area of 42.56 lakh hectares for the season.

Though officials of the agriculture department are in a positive frame of mind over increasing the area of sowing as south-west monsoon extends up to Aug. end and Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka are known to receive good rains in the last month of Southwest Monsoon, sources said officials are only being optimistic as the situation on the ground is really bad.

Even this 12.87 lakh hectares sowing, which accounts for only 30 per cent of the total area that is normally covered by sowing during Kharif, was done due to good rains in June i.e. the beginning of Southwest monsoon.

After June, there has been a long lull. Though there has been little spells of rains in July, it is not significant and can be termed as a dry spell. Due to deficit rainfall, further



District	Season normal	Total Area sown
Srikakulam	2,45,339	79,661
Vizianagaram	2,04,171	64,547
Visakhapatnam	2,04,914	70,205
East Godavari	2,62,550	1,19,839
West Godavari	2,79,361	1,29,331
Krishna	3,56,647	1,14,138
Guntur	5,35,101	1,45,879
Prakasam	2,30,266	45,429
Nellore	86,136	36,087
Kurnool	6,00,069	1,08,085
Anantapur	8,83,591	2,10,616
Kadapa	1,60,021	26,236
Chittoor	2,07,498	1,36,795
Total	42,55,664	12,86,848

(Figures are in hectares)

sowing could not be taken up and now officials are preparing the farmers at the ground level to go for short-duration and contingency crops for which seed supply to the districts is in progress.

"It is too early to say that drought has hit the state. Yes the situation at the ground level is not good but we have Aug. during which the state gets rains. We are confident that even the crop sown area will increase during Aug. as rains come. Kharif season extends from June to Oct. end and not everything is lost." T.

Vijay Kumar, special chief secretary, Agriculture and Cooperation (Agriculture) Department, said.

Experts said the Southwest Monsoon is crucial for agriculture sector and entered AP on June 12 and spread over the entire state by June 13 except in Srikakulam district where it entered on June 22.

South-coastal and Rayalaseema region recorded deficient rainfall of minus 42 per cent. The overall state average rainfall from June 1 to July 29 is 223 mm against a normal of 238 mm.

Seema worst hit with -36% rainfall

AYESHA
MINHAZ | DC
HYDERABAD, AUG. 2

Rayalaseema has been the worst impacted region this year till now among AP and TS. The subdivision has recorded 36 per cent less than normal rains till now this season.

Though there were fairly widespread rains in Rayalaseema after the onset

of monsoon, it has largely been inactive after that.

According to IMD, coastal AP received 12 per cent more than normal rain till now. Around 50 days of the south west monsoon season are still left. Heavy rain will occur at isolated places in the districts of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, East and West Godavari, Krishna and Guntur of coastal AP for the next 24

hours, but this will subside soon, IMD officials said.

According to IMD inference, for the first four days, there will be isolated to scant rain in Rayalaseema and largely scant rains in coastal Andhra Pradesh. While the second week of August looks optimistic for Rayalaseema region, current forecasts predict around 5 per cent less than normal rains for coastal AP, as per IMD.

COASTAL AP (%)

Guntur	+19	Royalaseema
Krishna	+11	Anantapur -30
Nellore	-38	Chittoor -18
Prakasam	-17	Cuddapah -33
Srikakulam	+5	Kurnool -55
Vizag	+45	2NO WEEK OF AUG. MAY BRING RAIN TO RAYALASEEMA
Vizianagaram	+28	
West Godavari	+9	

Less rainfall takes a toll on AP revenues

S.N.C.N. ACHARYULU | DC
HYDERABAD, AUG. 2

Andhra Pradesh government is worried over the prevailing drought situation for second consecutive year. The officials said the drought situation will have cascading effect on the state government revenue as well as on the people.

Officials said about six districts are facing drought situation in the state. Due to drought, the production of food grains will come down. At the same time per capita income and Gross Domestic production will also come down.

The state's revenue through Vat and excise will have great impact. The state is getting ₹2,500 crore from Vat and about ₹600 crore through excise department every month. If the people lack purchasing power, the sales of various goods

will come down, and as a result, the state government's revenue through Vat will have a negative impact.

The government has to depend for funds on the Centre or borrowings. In the first quarter, the government's own tax and non-tax revenue is not bad. Compared to last June, this year state government got around ₹1,200 crore more revenue. But in the coming months the state government will face financial crisis due to drought.

AP finance minister Yanamala Ramakrishnuudu said if there is severe drought situation it will impact the state government's revenue. He said, the business activity will come down government's income will reduce and expenditure will increase. However, Mr Ramakrishnuudu said it is too early to predict on drought situation and have to wait and watch for some more time.

DROUGHT STATISTICS

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MANDALS IN AP

2009: 626 mandals
2011: 409 mandals.
2013: 123 mandals.
2014: 238 mandals.

2015

Almost all mandals in six districts of Prakasam, Nellore, Chittoor, Kadapa, Anantapur and Kurnool are staring at drought

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TS earnings safe as agri contributes little

L. VENKAT RAMI REDDY | DC
HYDERABAD, AUG. 2

The drought conditions in the state for the second consecutive year will not have much of an impact on the state's revenues, feels the Telangana government. The reason, the contribution of agriculture sector for the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) is little over 17 per cent, and has been on a decline since 1995.

The state's economy at present is primarily driven by the services and industry sector. But the government is more concerned about farmers and the rural economy if there is a drought again this year.

The new state of Telangana already holds the dubious distinction of standing second in the country for farmers' suicides last year, as per data released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).

The government is worried that more farmers may commit suicides this year if the monsoon fails as they had already invested a lot in

crops due to good rains in June.

The crops, however, are failing due to a dry July.

"Telangana registered a GSDP of nearly ₹4 lakh crore in 2014-15. The economy grew by 5.3 per cent over 2013-14. This was because of the 9.7 per cent growth witnessed in the services sector. The agriculture sector meanwhile declined by 21.3 per cent," said finance minister Etela Rajender.

He said the services sector had contributed 57 per cent to the GSDP, while it was only 17.9 per cent from agriculture and 25 per cent from industry.

The gap has only widened over the years. However, he said, it's not about revenues, but the government was concerned about large scale migration of people from villages to towns in search of livelihoods in case of drought.

RISE IN MOSQUITO DENSITY TRIGGERS FEAR OF DISEASES

KANIZA GARARI | DC
HYDERABAD, AUG. 1

The dry spell of July has led to an increase in mosquito density in the city resulting in a spurt in dengue and malaria. City hospitals registered four to five cases of dengue every week in July.

Senior paediatrician Dr Mohammed Altaf said, "Dengue is increasing. GHMC officers have to ensure that they register cases properly so that they can identify endemic areas."

Leaking drains, road works and broken water pipelines are creating puddles in residential areas. Paediatrician Dr Farhan Merchant said, "The early onset of dengue indicates that it must be monitored properly. But the GHMC is not serious."

Godavari likely to make Krishna boom

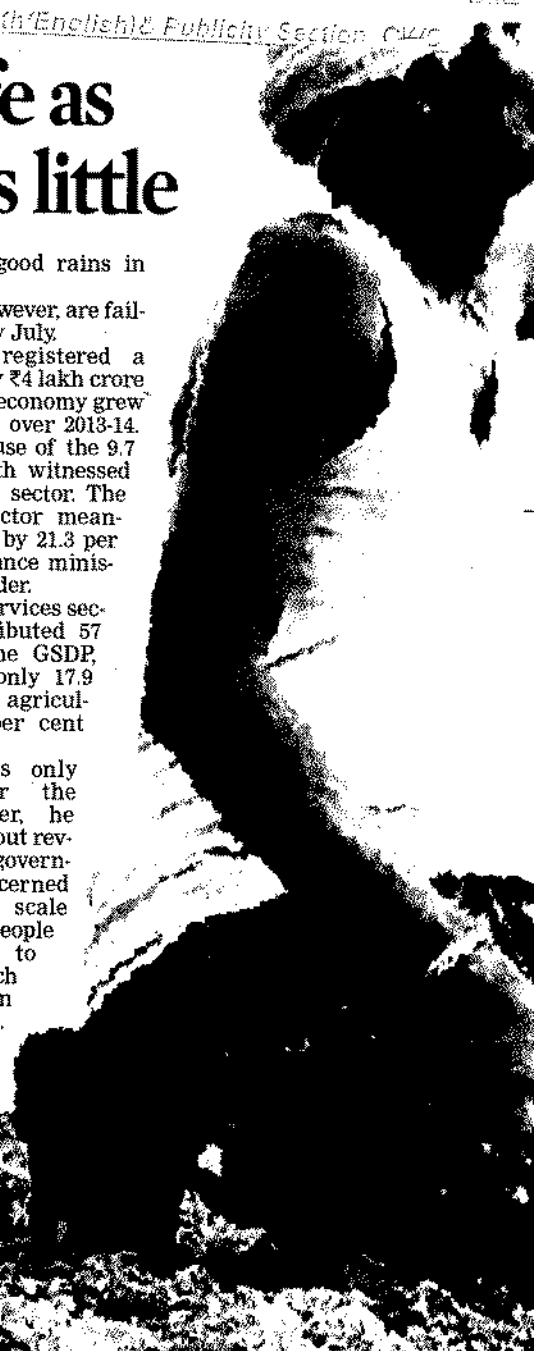
Ch. V.M. KRISHNA
RAO | DC
HYDERABAD, AUG. 2

The AP government is planning to divert 8,000 cusecs of Godavari water per day to Prakasam barrage from August 15 through Pattiseema Lift Scheme. If that materialises, it will be a boon for the 13 lakh acres under Krishna Delta presently craving for water.

With the inflows reaching Prakasam in early July, farmers started

sowing seed beds and at some places, started transplantation of paddy.

But after a few days, the inflows to Prakasam barrage stopped, forcing the farmers in area under irrigation in distress. If the Godavari water reaches Prakasam through Pattiseema, there will be no problem for Krishna Delta this season, though remaining area under various Krishna-based projects will face problems.



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बीएसएफ के जवानों ने पेश की मिसाल, तैयार किया 'अजय सरोवर'

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अत्यधिक बारिश और बाढ़ यूं तो तबाही लाते हैं, लेकिन शहर में सीमा सुरक्षा बलों के जवानों ने इस बाढ़ में भी अच्छाई दूँद निकाली और उसके विनाशक स्वरूप को विकास का रूप देते हुए विशाल तालाब का निर्माण कर दिया।

एरोड्रम रोड स्थित बीएसएफ, केंद्रीय आयुध व युद्ध कोशल विद्यालय के जवानों ने अपने इस कार्य से बता दिया कि सीमाओं की

रक्षा का ही नहीं, बल्कि पर्यावरण को सहेजने का जज्बा भी उनमें है। उनके इस कार्य से न केवल बीएसएफ परिसर हरा-भरा और खूबसूरत नजर आने लगा है, बल्कि आसपास की कॉलोनियों में भूजल स्तर भी बढ़ गया है।

बंदूक उठाने वाले इन्हीं मजबूत हाथों ने जब कुदाल, तगारी और फावड़े को थामा तो धरती मां का आँचल पानी से लबालम कर दिया। साहसी जवानों द्वारा तैयार इस तालाब का नाम 'अजय सरोवर' है।

जवानों ने जल की महत्ता को समझा और बीएसएफ कैम्प में ही पसीना बहाकर एक किमी लंबे-चौड़े क्षेत्र में तालाब निर्माण कर लिया। तालाब के कारण इस परिसर में प्रवेश करने पर चारों तरफ हरियाली नजर आती है। पूरा परिसर लहराते पेड़ों से पटा नजर आता है। हाल में हुई बारिश से तालाब भर चुका है। सीमा पर खून बहाने को तत्पर रहने वाले जवानों ने इसे मेहनत से सहेजा है, इसलिए नाम दिया है 'अजय सरोवर'।



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बाढ़ से आया सहेजने का विचार

काफ़ी बड़े इलाके में बीएसएफ परिसर फैला हुआ है। एयरपोर्ट से लगी काफ़ी खाली जमीन है। अफसर बताते हैं, पहले बारिश होने पर आसपास का पानी बीएसएफ परिसर में भर जाता था। कई बार तो बाढ़ की स्थिति बन जाती थी। वर्ष 2003 में अफसरों ने इस स्थिति को देख तय किया कि क्यों न इस पानी को सहेजा जाए। जिम्मेदारी जवानों के मजबूत कंधे पर आई तो उन्होंने भी जी-जान से कार्य किया।

बीएसएफ के तत्कालीन अफसर व वर्तमान आईजी सुनीलकुमार वर्मा की देखरेख में लगातार गहरीकरण किया गया। दो हिस्सों में तालाब बन चुका है, जो करीब एक किलोमीटर के हिस्से में फैला है। एक हिस्से में डैम बनाकर पानी को सहेजा गया है। चूंकि इस बार बारिश अच्छी हुई है इसलिए अब डैम से पानी दूसरे हिस्से में भर चुका है और पूरा दृश्य मनोहारी नजर आता है।

हो गई वाटर रिचार्जिंग

पश्चिम इलाके में यशवंत सागर के पानी का फायदा होता था। अब अजय सरोवर के कारण आसपास की कॉलोनिजों में जल संकट की स्थिति नजर नहीं आती और बीएसएफ परिसर भी हरा-भरा रहता है। डिप्टी कमांडेंट बीके सिंह बताते हैं, तालाब का फायदा आसपास की कॉलोनी में भी है। वहां का भूजलस्तर ऊपर आ गया है।

बीएसएफ के जवानों द्वारा तैयार किया गया तालाब लबालब है।

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सेना और एनडीआरएफ की कई टीमों बचाव एवं राहत कार्यों में लगी हुई हैं

बाढ़ से छह राज्यों में मची तबाही

मौसम की मार

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मूसलाधार बारिश के कारण गुजरात, राजस्थान, पश्चिम बंगाल, ओडिशा, मणिपुर और जम्मू-कश्मीर में बाढ़ जैसे हालात बने हुए हैं। इन राज्यों में बाढ़ से अब तक 180 लोगों की मौत हो चुकी है। सेना और एनडीआरएफ की कई टीमों प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में बचाव एवं राहत कार्यों में जुटी हुई हैं। लोकसभा में सोमवार को बाढ़ के कारण मारे गए लोगों के प्रति शोक प्रकट किया गया।

जम्मू-कश्मीर के लेह जिले में भारी बारिश के कारण रविवार रात अचानक आई बाढ़ से कई मकान क्षतिग्रस्त हो गए। वहीं विभिन्न बांधों और जलाशयों से फिर से पानी छोड़े जाने के बाद पश्चिम बंगाल के दक्षिणी जिलों में बाढ़ की स्थिति और विकट हो गई। इसके कारण 12 प्रभावित जिलों में 37 लाख से अधिक लोगों की परेशानियां और बढ़ गई हैं। इससे राज्य में अब तक 69 लोगों की मौत हो चुकी है। पश्चिम बंगाल की मुख्यमंत्री ममता बनर्जी बचाव एवं राहत कार्यों का जायजा लेने के लिए उत्तरी 24 परगना के हावड़ा और अशोकनगर का दौरा करेंगी।

नगालैंड में पांच गांवों का संपर्क टूट: नगालैंड में फेक जिले के मेलुरी उपमंडल के पांच गांवों का बाढ़ के कारण शेष राज्य से संपर्क टूट गया है। फोकुगरी सर्किल के तहत न्यू थेवती, ओल्ड थेवती, लेतसाम, फोकुगरी और अवांगखु गांव सबसे ज्यादा प्रभावित हुए हैं।

किन्नौर जिला पूरे देश से कटा: हिमाचल प्रदेश के जनजातीय जिले किन्नौर में ज्यादातर इलाकों में बारिश के कारण जमीन धंसने और चट्टानों के गिरने से

पूर्वोत्तर और मध्य भारत में अगले दो दिन भारी बारिश

पूर्वोत्तर, मध्य भारत में मंगलवार और बुधवार भारी बारिश हो सकती है। मध्यप्रदेश के कुछ इलाकों में 150 मिमी तक बारिश की आशंका है। मौसम एजेंसी एक्सपर्ट के मुताबिक चक्रवाती तूफान कोमेन के प्रभाव से यह बारिश होगी। इससे पहले कोमेन प. बंगाल, ओडिशा में बाढ़ का कहर बरपा चुका है।

बिहार में कोमेन-मानसून मिलन

बिहार में भी कोमेन और मानसून का प्रभाव देखने को मिल रहा है। मानसून रेखा का पूर्वी सिरा हिमालय की तराई वाले भागों की तरह जाने से अगले दो दिन यहां अच्छी बारिश होने की संभावना है।

उत्तर भारत में भी बरसात

मौसम विभाग ने दो दिन उत्तर प्रदेश (खासकर तराई हिस्सा), राजस्थान और हरियाणा में बारिश की संभावना जताई है।

फिर कम गिरेगा पानी

हफ्ते के दूसरे हिस्से में बारिश में कमी आने लगेगी। मध्य प्रदेश के बाद कोमेन का असर भी कम होने लगेगा और यह देश के पश्चिमी हिस्से तक पहुंचने से पहले काफी कमजोर हो जाएगा। फिर अगस्त के बाकी दिनों में सामान्य से कम बारिश होगी। सिर्फ देश के पश्चिमी तट और पहाड़ी इलाकों में कभी कभार बादल मेहरबान होंगे।



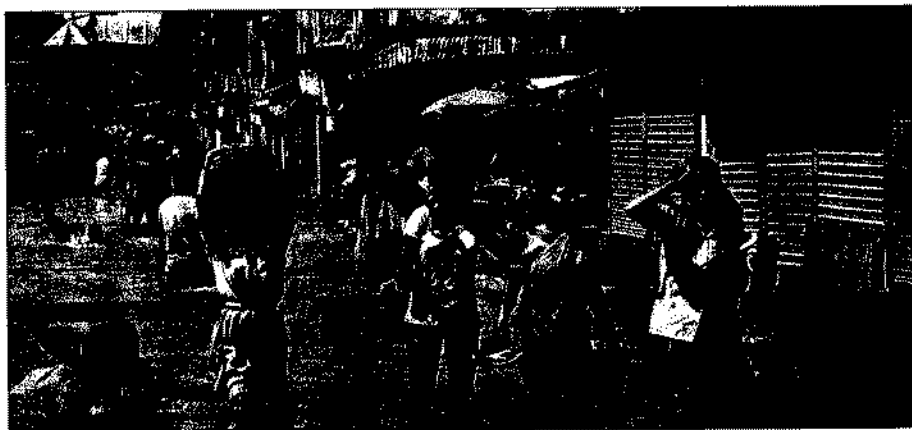
अगस्त-सितंबर में अलनीनो सेक देगा बारिश

भारतीय मौसम विभाग ने सोमवार को जारी रिपोर्ट में कहा कि अलनीनो प्रभाव होने के चलते अगस्त और सितंबर में बारिश सामान्य से कम होगी। इससे देश भर में जून के सितंबर की बारिश में सामान्य से 88 एमएम तक की किरकट आएगी।

सड़क वातायात अवरूद्ध हो गया है। जिससे इसका संपर्क देश के अन्य हिस्सों से कट गया है।

पर्वतीय जिलों भारी बारिश का अलर्ट: मौसम विभाग ने उत्तराखंड के छह पर्वतीय जिलों में अगले 48 घंटे भारी बारिश का अलर्ट जारी किया है। उत्तरकाशी, चमोली, रुद्रप्रयाग, अल्मोड़ा, नैनीताल और पिथौरागढ़ जिलों में अपेक्षाकृत भारी बारिश हो सकती है।

अन्य स्थानों पर भी हल्की से मध्यम बारिश होने के आसार हैं। प्रदेश के पर्वतीय क्षेत्रों में सोमवार को बारिश से राहत मिलने के बाद अब अगले 48 घंटे फिर भारी बारिश का सामना करना पड़ सकता है।



कोलकाता में सोमवार को बाढ़ के पानी में डूबी सड़क से गुजरते स्कूली बच्चे। • एएफपी

पड़ोसी देश भी बारिश से बेहाल



पेशावर में सोमवार को राहत शिविर से खाना लेकर घर लौटते बच्चे। पाकिस्तान में बाढ़ से अब तक 116 लोगों की मौत हो चुकी है। • एपी

पाकिस्तान

बाढ़ से 116 लोगों की जान गई

इस्लामाबाद। पाकिस्तान में भारी बारिश के कारण आई भयावह बाढ़ में कम से कम 116 लोगों की मौत हो गई। बाढ़ से 7.5 लाख से अधिक लोग प्रभावित भी हुए हैं। पाकिस्तान में पिछले महीने से कई इलाकों में लगातार बारिश हो रही है।

नदियों के उफान पर होने के कारण कई इलाकों तक पहुंचने में प्रशासन को खासी दिक्कत का सामना करना पड़ रहा है। सेना और दूसरी एजेंसियों ने करीब चार लाख 50 हजार लोगों को सुरक्षित स्थानों तक पहुंचा दिया है। हालांकि अधिकारियों ने आगाह किया है कि लगातार बारिश के कारण परेशानियां और बढ़ सकती हैं। बाढ़ से संबंधित घटनाओं में कम से कम 61 लोग घायल हुए हैं और 2,747 मकानों को नुकसान पहुंचा है। सरकार ने 481 राहत शिविर और 150 चिकित्सा शिविर स्थापित किए हैं।

नेपाल

90 की मौत, 117 घर बारिश से ढहे

काठमांडू। नेपाल में भारी बारिश, बाढ़ एवं भूस्खलन के कारण पिछले दो महीनों में कम से कम 90 लोगों की मौत हो गई है। संसद में रविवार को पेश एक रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक, विभिन्न प्राकृतिक आपदाओं के कारण 117 घर, चार पुल, और एक स्कूल नष्ट हो गया है।



म्यांमार के बागों में सोमवार को बाढ़ का जायजा लेती नेता दिपक्ष आंग सांग सू की। • एपी

म्यांमार

47 मरे, दो लाख लोग प्रभावित

यंगून। म्यांमार में पिछले कुछ दिनों से जारी भारी बारिश के कारण आई बाढ़ से अब तक 47 लोगों की मौत हो चुकी है। बाढ़ से दो लाख से अधिक लोग प्रभावित हुए हैं। सूत्रों ने बताया कि भारी बारिश के कारण 12 प्रांतों के 42 शहर प्रभावित हुए हैं।

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आपदा का कहर

नदियां उफान पर, लाखों लोग प्रभावित

पाकिस्तान में बाढ़ से 116 लोगों की मौत

इस्लामाबाद, (भाषा): पाकिस्तान में भारी बारिश के कारण आई भयावह बाढ़ में कम से कम 116 लोगों की मौत हो गई और 7.5 लाख से अधिक लोग प्रभावित हुए हैं। नदियों के उफान पर होने के कारण कई इलाकों में पानी से घिरे लोगों तक पहुंचने में प्रशासन को खासी दिक्कत का सामना करना पड़ रहा है।

राष्ट्रीय आपदा प्रबंधन प्राधिकरण ने कहा कि पीड़ितों तक पहुंचने के लिए प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं। बाढ़ से कम से कम 752,274 लोग प्रभावित हुए हैं।

सेना और दूसरी एजेंसियों ने करीब 450,000 लोगों को सुरक्षित स्थानों पर पहुंचाया है, लेकिन अधिकारियों ने आगाह किया है कि निरंतर बारिश के कारण परेशानियां और बढ़ सकती हैं। वर्षा और बाढ़ से संबंधित घटनाओं में खैबर पख्तूनख्वाह में 59, पंजाब में 22, पाकिस्तान



पाकिस्तान में पेशावर के गांवों में भरे बाढ़ के पानी में से गुजरते ग्रामीण।

के कब्जे वाले कश्मीर में 20, बलूचिस्तान में 10 और गिलगित-बाल्टिस्तान में पांच लोगों की मौत हुई है। आपदा राहत एजेंसी ने कहा

कि बाढ़ से संबंधित घटनाओं में कम से कम 61 लोग घायल हुए हैं। खैबर पख्तूनख्वाह में 26 और बलूचिस्तान में 24 लोग घायल हैं।

म्यांमार में बाढ़ से भारी नुकसान: म्यांमार में पिछले कुछ दिनों से जारी भारी बारिश के कारण आई बाढ़ से बुरी तरह प्रभावित हुए इलाकों तक पहुंचने के लिए राहत एवं बचावकर्मी आज भी संघर्ष कर रहे हैं। इस भयानक बाढ़ की चपेट में आने से अब तक 47 लोगों की मौत हो चुकी है और दो लाख से अधिक लोग प्रभावित हुए हैं।

आधिकारिक सूत्रों ने बताया कि भारी बारिश के कारण 12 प्रांतों के 42 शहरों के दो लाख से अधिक लोग प्रभावित हुए हैं। इसके अलावा मकान, रेलवे लाइन, पुल तथा सड़कें बुरी तरह क्षतिग्रस्त हो गई हैं। देश के अधिकांश हिस्सों में अब भी वर्षा हो रही है और अनेक स्थानों पर जलभराव के कारण जनजीवन अस्त-व्यस्त हो गया है और हजारों लोगों को राहत शिविरों में शरण लेनी पड़ रही है।

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डीवीसी, तीलपाड़ा समेत अन्य जलाशयों से सोमवार को फिर से पानी छोड़े जाने के कारण दक्षिण बंगाल के जिलों में बाढ़ से हालात और बिगड़ गए। प्रभावित 12 जिलों के 222 प्रखण्डों में 52 लाख से अधिक लोग पीड़ित हैं। बाढ़ से मरने वालों की संख्या बढ़ कर 69 हो गई। 55 हजार से अधिक मकान बाढ़ की भेंट चढ़ गए। कुल 2213 राहत शिविरों में तीन लाख 63 हजार 736 लोग ठहरे हुए हैं। मुर्शिदाबाद, बर्दवान और बीरभूम में स्थिति गंभीर बताई जा रही है। दामोदर, अजय, भागीरथी समेत अधिकांश स्थानीय नदियां खतरे के निशान से ऊपर बह रही हैं। बर्दवान जिले के प्रभावित इलाकों में स्थिति भयावह होने के कारण जिला प्रशासन ने सेना का सहारा लिया है। इससे पहले एनडीआरएफ और एसडीआरएफ की टीम युद्ध स्तर पर राहत व बचाव कार्य कर रही थी।

आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग के अनुसार दक्षिण बंगाल में बाढ़ स्थिति और बिगड़ी है। डीवीसी, दुर्गापुर, पंचेत, मैथन और तीलपाड़ा जलाशय



से सोमवार को दो लाख 95 हजार 937 क्यूसेक पानी छोड़ा गया। इससे कुछ नए इलाकों में पानी भर गया। डीवीसी और दुर्गापुर बराज से पानी छोड़े जाने से बर्दवान, हावड़ा और हुगली के कई गांव जलमग्न हो गए। आमता व उदयनारायणपुर में भी स्थिति बिगड़ी है। बर्दवान जिले के कुल 31 प्रखण्डों में से 27 प्रभावित हैं। जिले में कटवा, दाईहाट व मेमारी समेत पांच नगरपालिका इलाके भी बाढ़ से प्रभावित हैं। कलना, कटवा, मंगलकोट, आउसग्राम और केतुग्राम सरीखे इलाकों की हालत अत्यंत खराब है। अजय नदी का जलस्तर बढ़ जाने के कारण कटवा-नूतनहाट, नूतनहाट-गुसकुरा राज्यमार्ग पर पानी भर गया। जिला प्रशासन के अनुसार पूर्वस्थली-एक व दो, कालना-एक, केतुग्राम-दो, कटवा-एक व दो, मंतेस्वर, मेमारी-एक व दो और जमालपुर प्रखण्ड सबसे अधिक क्षतिग्रस्त हैं। उन इलाकों पर विशेष रूप से निगरानी रखी जा रही है।

द्वारका और मयूराक्षी नदी में उफान आने के कारण कांदी महकमा के भरतपुर स्थित रुइया में और बरंचा में नदी बांध टूट गया। कांदी महकमा के 48 गांवों में पानी भर गया है।

उतरी सेना

सेना के जवान बर्दवान के बाढ़ प्रभावित पाटली, जुआडांगा, बाबलाडांगा समेत अन्य इलाकों में सोमवार को राहत व बचाव कार्य में जुटे रहे। सेना के पूर्वी कमान की ओर से सेना अभियंता टास्क फोर्स और मेडिकल टीम पर्याप्त मात्रा में राहत सामग्री के साथ अभियान चला रही है। घायल और बीमार लोगों को ये तुरंत चिकित्सा सुविधा उपलब्ध करा रहे हैं। राष्ट्रीय आपदा प्रबंधन टीम भी बाढ़ पीड़ित लोगों को बचाने में उतर पड़ी है। एनडीआरएफ ने पूर्व मिदनापुर से 250 ग्रामीणों को बचाया। रातुलिया से 150, उदयपुर व जिगुदिया में 100 ग्रामीणों को निकालकर सुरक्षित जगहों पर ले जाया गया।

रात भर सचिवालय में रहीं ममता

मुख्यमंत्री बनर्जी बाढ़ की स्थिति पर निगरानी करने के लिए रविवार को रात भर सचिवालय नवान्न में रहीं। मुख्यमंत्री सोमवार की दोपहर बाढ़ उत्तर 24 परगना के बाढ़ प्रभावित अशोकनगर और हाबरा इलाके में गईं। इधर, मुख्यमंत्री ममता बनर्जी ने सचिवालय नवान्न में संवाददाताओं को बताया कि बारिश थमने और जलाशयों से पानी छोड़ने पर अंकुश लगने पर ही स्थिति में सुधार संभव है। अगले 24 घंटे के भीतर इसमें सुधार होने की उम्मीद है। हावड़ा व हुगली में पानी घटने की स्थिति में है। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि लगातार बारिश और जलाशयों से पानी छोड़े जाने के कारण ही स्थिति बिगड़ी है। अगले 48 घंटे तक सतर्कता बरतने की आवश्यकता है। अधिकारियों के साथ बह खुद व्यक्तिगत रूप से स्थिति पर नजर रख रही हैं।

दिनांक ५ अगस्त, १९९० को निम्नलिखित समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित मानसून/ बाढ़ सम्बन्धी समाचार

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Bengal flood situation remains grim

KOLKATA, AUGUST 3

With fresh discharge of water from the barrages and continuing high tide, the flood situation in south Bengal remained grim today as the death toll mounted to 69 while 3.63 lakh people took shelter in 2,213 relief camps in 12 affected districts.

Twenty-one fresh deaths were reported today from the affected districts, taking the toll to 69, Disaster Management Department sources said, adding that incidents of lightening, wall collapse, electrocution, snakebite and drowning were to blame for the fatalities.

"Altogether 2,213 relief camps have been set up to shelter over 3.63 lakh marooned people and 461 medical camps opened," the sources said. The total number of affected people was nearly 52 lakh.

The sources said 55,899 houses were damaged and 2,72,488 houses were destroyed partly. Crop over an area of 5,18,173 hectares was damaged due to the floods.

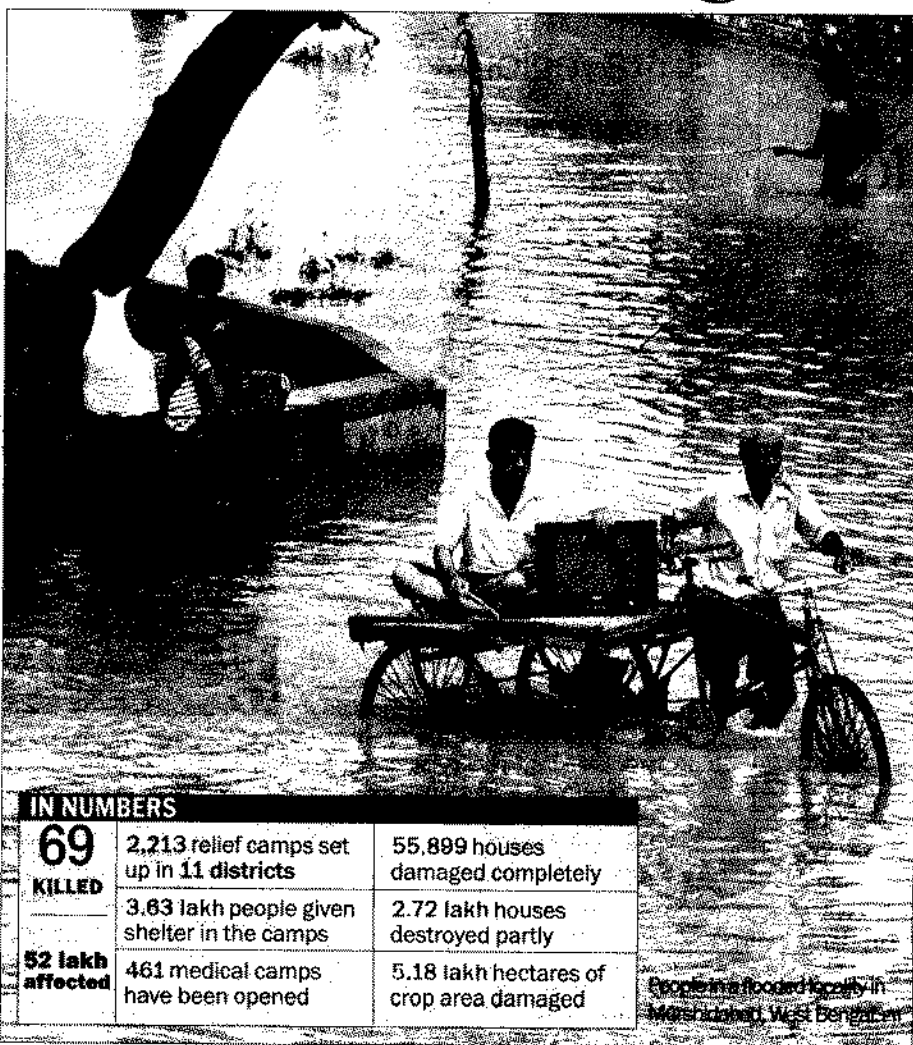
State Irrigation Minister

Rajib Banerjee said, "Even though there was reduced rainfall today, the situation remained unchanged in Burdwan, Hooghly, Howrah, West Midnapore and East Midnapore districts because of fresh release of water following heavy rains in upper catchment areas." The districts of South 24-Parganas, North 24-Parganas, Nadia, Murshidabad, Bankura and Birbhum were the other badly affected regions, he said.

"The situation remained unchanged in the affected districts mainly because of high tide and release of water from different barrages. However, the situation is likely to improve after the discharge of water from the barrages is controlled," Rajib Banerjee said.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee reviewed the latest flood situation in a meeting with senior officials at the state secretariat.

Last night, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh had spoken to the CM over phone enquiring about the latest flood situation. PTI



IN NUMBERS

69 KILLED	2,213 relief camps set up in 11 districts	55,899 houses damaged completely
52 lakh affected	3.63 lakh people given shelter in the camps	2.72 lakh houses destroyed partly
	461 medical camps have been opened	5.18 lakh hectares of crop area damaged

People in a flooded locality in Murshidabad, West Bengal

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उत्तर-पश्चिम भारत को छोड़कर देश के बाकी हिस्सों में वर्षा में कमी बनी हुई है। दक्षिण के राज्यों में 22% कम बारिश दर्ज की गई है।

जम्मू-कश्मीर, हिमाचल प्रदेश, उत्तराखंड, वेस्ट एमपी और बिहार में भी कुछ स्थानों पर भारी बारिश होगी।

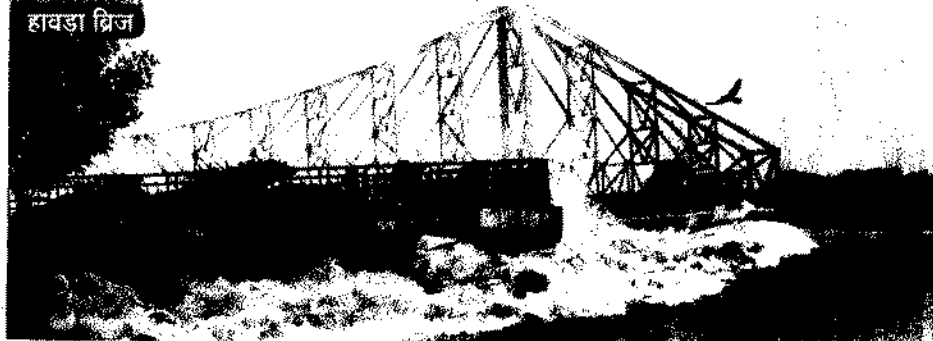
मंगलवार को पूर्वी मध्य प्रदेश के कई इलाकों में बहुत भारी बारिश होने की संभावना है।



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बंगाल के 12 पश्चिमी जिलों की 37 लाख आबादी प्रभावित

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बारिश और बाढ़ से जूझ रहे पूर्वी और पश्चिमी भारत में हालात बदतर बने हुए हैं। खासकर पश्चिम बंगाल के दक्षिणी जिलों में बांधों से पानी छोड़े जाने से परेशानी और बढ़ गई है। यहां के 12 जिलों के 37 लाख लोग सबसे प्रभावित हैं। मामले की गंभीरता

देखते हुए राज्य की मुख्यमंत्री ममता बनर्जी रविवार को रातभर राज्य सचिवालय से बाढ़ की स्थिति को व्यक्तिगत रूप से मॉनिटर करती रहीं।

ममता ने किया मदद का ऐलान

ममता ने टुमन या बाढ़ में मरे गए शख्स के परिवार को चार लाख रुपये मदद का ऐलान किया है। उन्होंने केंद्र का नाम लिए बिना कहा कि मैं आपदा प्रभावित लोगों तक मदद पहुंचाने के लिए किसी के

आगे धीख नहीं मांगूंगी। राज्य में बाढ़ के कारण मरने वालों की तादाद राज्य में 69 हो गई है। 12 जिलों में लगे 1,537 राहत शिविरों में 2.14 लाख लोग रह रहे हैं। मौसम विभाग ने कहा है कि मंगलवार तक गंगा के मैदान और पश्चिम बंगाल में हिमालय के दक्षिणी हिस्से में भारी बारिश होगी।

लेह में अचानक आई बाढ़

जम्मू-कश्मीर के लेह जिले में भारी बारिश के कारण अचानक आई बाढ़ से कई मकान क्षतिग्रस्त हो गए। पुलिस अधिकारी ने बताया कि भारी बारिश के कारण रविवार रात को आई अचानक बाढ़ से लेह के चार गांव प्रभावित हुए हैं।

पड़ोसी भी परेशान

पाक में बाढ़ ने 116 लोगों की जान ली है। इस कारण से 7.5 लाख से ज्यादा लोग प्रभावित हुए हैं। सेना और सुरक्षाबलों ने 4.5 लाख लोगों को बचाकर शेल्टरो तक पहुंचाया है। सबसे ज्यादा तबाही खैबर पख्तूनख्वा में हुई।

कोलकाता



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Death toll in WB floods crosses 50

Staff Reporter

KOLKATA: With seven more deaths reported on Sunday, the toll in the floods in West Bengal over the past few days has crossed 50.

The latest casualties were reported in North 24 Parganas, Bankura and Murshidabad districts.

In Manipur, at least 20 were killed in a landslide at Zoumoal village in Chandel district, the police said. President Pranab Mukherjee has condoled the deaths in the two States.

Four persons were killed in a lightning strike at Dakshin Akhratola village in the Sandeshkhali area of Bashirhat sub-division in the southern part of West Bengal.

"Eight persons were playing in a field when they were struck by lightning. While four were declared brought dead at the district hospital in Bashirhat, the others are critically injured and undergoing treatment," Additional Superintendent of Police, North Parganas, Bhaskar Mukherjee said.

In Bankura, a middle-aged man was crushed to death as a wall collapsed on him, the police said.

In Murshidabad, a child was killed in a similar manner in the Farakka police station area. On Saturday, seven persons were killed in Purba Medinipur, Paschim Medinipur, Nadia and Kolkata.

The Damodar Valley Cor-



DEEP IN TROUBLE: People wade through floodwaters following incessant rain in Thoubal district of Manipur on Saturday. - PHOTO: PTI

poration, which operates several power stations on the Damodar river, has started releasing water from two dams, displacing many people from their lands.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee held a high-level meeting with State officials here in the afternoon. "Various districts such as Murshidabad, Bardhaman, Howrah, Hooghly and North and South 24 Parganas are affected. We have already deployed disas-

ter management teams there on a war footing," she told presspersons.

Voicing her concern, she said the situation was deteriorating every day as more areas were getting inundated. She has postponed here trip to the northern districts.

Ms. Banerjee, who earlier said only the State government would distribute relief material, urged other political parties and non-governmental organisations to assist

The Damodar Valley Corporation has started releasing water from two dams, displacing many people from their lands

in the relief and rescue operations.

Isolated rain likely

The regional weather office said Cyclone Komen, which had earlier turned into a deep depression, had weakened into a low-pressure system and had gone to Jharkhand. "We are expecting partly cloudy skies and isolated rain in a few places. But overall there is no forecast of heavy rain," senior meteorologist D. Pradhan said.

Kolkata received 23.1 mm of rain in the 24 hours to 5.30 p.m. on Sunday.

The depression formed over Jharkhand and adjoining Gangetic West Bengal moved west-southwestwards and was centred on Gangetic West Bengal and adjoining Jharkhand, about 70 km east-northeast of Ranchi this morning.

As a result, the weather may deteriorate over the next few days and rain would occur at most places over Gangetic West Bengal during the next 24 hours, an official release said.

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Seema worst hit with -36% rainfall

**AYESHA
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Rayalaseema has been the worst impacted region this year till now among AP and TS. The subdivision has recorded 36 per cent less than normal rains till now this season.

Though there were fairly widespread rains in Rayalaseema after the onset

of monsoon, it has largely been inactive after that.

According to IMD, coastal AP received 12 per cent more than normal rain till now. Around 50 days of the south west monsoon season are still left. Heavy rain will occur at isolated places in the districts of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, East and West Godavari, Krishna and Guntur of coastal AP for the next 24

hours, but this will subside soon, IMD officials said.

According to IMD inference, for the first four days, there will be isolated to scant rain in Rayalaseema and largely scant rains in coastal Andhra Pradesh. While the second week of August looks optimistic for Rayalaseema region, current forecasts predict around 5 per cent less than normal rains for coastal AP, as per IMD.

COASTAL AP (%)

Guntur	+19	Rayalaseema
Krishna	+11	Anantapur -30
Nellore	-38	Chittoor -18
Prakasam	-17	Cuddapah -33
Srikakulam	+5	Kurnool -55
Vizag	+45	
Vizianagaram	+28	
West Godavari	+9	

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With the major rivers in Manipur in spate, flood waters of the Chakpi river wreaked havoc on the Serou bridge on Saturday. – UB Photos (See report on Page-10)

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Landslide kills 20 in Manipur

SOBHAPATI SAMOM

IMPHAL, Aug 1: Around 20 villagers were reported killed in a landslide in Manipur's Chandel district while a 60-year-old man drowned in Thoubal district in the flash flood triggered by incessant rains and subsequent heavy rain since the last three days inundating many villages and agricultural fields and washing away five bridges in the districts.

As the heavy rains continued non-stop from Wednesday to Friday, landslide occurred burying around 20 villagers besides sweeping away 12 houses at Jomol village, about 168 km south of here under Khengjoi Sub-division around 6.30 in the morning, sources said. Rescue operations have been undertaken by Assam Rifles and nearby villagers. But the state disaster management team could not reach the spot due to landslides at several locations along the stretch of Imphal-Moreh Highway. Thus, the bodies of the dead could not be retrieved till filing of this report.

The flash flood inundated some portion of Indo-Myanmar route in Thoubal district and

several villages under Heirok, Yairipok, Wangjing, Salungpham, Keirenbikhok, Khangabok, Wabagai, Keirak, Kakching, Hiyanglam-Hiranmei, Langmeidong, Lamjao, Pallel areas besides washing away some houses at Pallel area and one bridge built over a canal at Yairipok area in Thoubal district.

Reports from Thoubal and Chandel districts said authorities have surveyed the damage and the affected people to provide government assistance, sources added.

Two more houses of Chakpikarong Khupi village and four suspension bridges have also been washed away by flood water and Chakpi river, sources added. There were about a dozen worst affected houses around the Chandel district headquarters and Chakpikarong area. The district authority has opened a relief camp at Maha Union higher secondary school by setting up a control room.

Reports from other districts said major rivers including Imphal, Iril, Kongba, Nambul have started to flow at an alarming level on Saturday. Some of the people residing on the riverbanks have started shifting to safer places.