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Filthy Yamuna does its bit to cool down Delhi

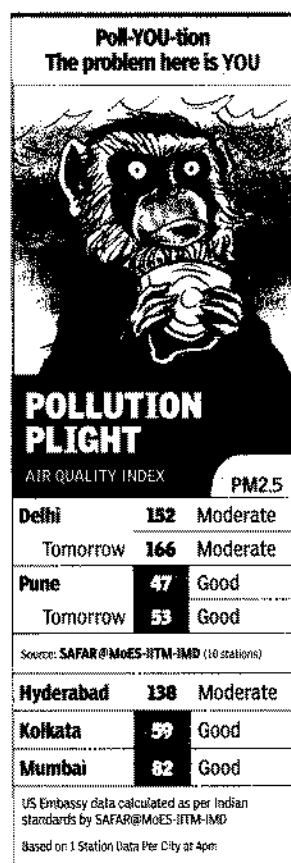
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New Delhi: Believe it or not, the sewage-filled Yamuna is playing a major role in keeping Delhi's temperatures under control.

If the Yamuna had a healthy flow, it could help check the urban heat island (UHI) phenomenon in the city. The surface temperature in and around Yamuna is about half of what's recorded in built-up or open areas in summer. According to a recent study by the department of geography of Delhi School of Economics, the Yamuna, avenue trees and the Ridge, which is an outcrop of the Aravalis, have also ensured that the UHI effect in Delhi is lower than that of Mumbai.

A series of studies by Ram Babu Singh, head of department of geography, reveals that parts of Delhi, especially open areas of western and south-western Delhi, traffic nodes, open concrete stretches like the airport and the area around it as well as built-up urban areas record the highest temperatures because they radiate heat. Areas with vegetation or water bodies are obviously the coolest. But the difference in surface temperatures of these areas is massive, to say the least.

For instance, in summer (April-May) the surface temperature where Yamuna's depth is the maximum records about 23 degrees Celsius compared to the surface temperature of built-up, agricultural areas or open concrete areas such as the airport, which re-



cords 43 to 45 degrees. In parts of Yamuna where the water quality is poor and scanty, the surface temperature increases to 28 degrees. This gives scientists reason to believe that if Yamuna had a flow, it could help maintain Delhi's extreme heat.

"The river has relatively high heat storing and transfer capacity. It passes through six districts of Delhi and acts as a heat moderator for the city. Lakes and drains in the city also play a similar role. Even

though there is a small proportion of area covered with water bodies, the spatial location of these features has a vital role in UHI creation. The temperature of the drains ranges from 28 to 29°C," says the study.

The built-up or highly urbanized pockets in both Delhi and Mumbai have experienced a two degree rise in average temperature, according to Singh. In Delhi, these areas include Janakpuri, Okhla industrial area, Jangirpuri, Shahdara and others. "We have been trying to say vegetation and land use have a very close relationship with each other. It's apparent in these studies," added Singh.

The study published in "Environments" journal concludes: "In Mumbai, there exists strong UHI, but this is weak for Delhi.... Delhi has a larger area under green cover, and hence, the UHI effect is diminished. In Mumbai, the absence of tree cover, along with other factors, has led to increased surface temperature. In this scenario, it becomes imperative to focus on a stricter implementation of urban planning."

But Delhi's UHI effect is definitely increasing, say scientists. According to a recent study by Centre for Atmospheric Sciences at IIT-Delhi, the diurnal temperature range (difference between the maximum and minimum temperature) is decreasing rapidly. The DTR for Delhi that was 12.48 degrees in 2001 has reduced to 10.34 degrees in 2011, indicating that the minimum temperature at night time or early morning is steadily increasing.

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Ganga will be pollution-free by October 2016, says Uma Bharti

Gargi Parsai

NEW DELHI: River Ganga will show first signs of being pollution-free by October next year and the first project on inter-linking of rivers (Ken-Betwa) will take off within a year, Water Resources Minister Uma Bharti said here on Thursday.

She said the "Namami Gange" project had been "delayed" as the Centre decided to bear the entire funding, instead of asking States to give a matching grant, and thus had to re-work its financial plans and approvals. A sum of Rs. 12,000 crore has been set aside for the project.

Asking the Congress not to politicise the Ganga and inter-linking of rivers, she denied the charge of a saffron agenda and said that the river was connected with the livelihood of 50 crore people and the entire economy of populous States such as Bihar and Uttar Pradesh were dependent on it.



Union Minister Uma Bharti says 'Namami Gange' project is delayed as Centre decided to bear entire funding - PHOTO: SANDEEP SAXENA

Speaking on the one year of her Ministry, she said the government would have to enact a law or bring a policy that would ensure sustainability of pollution-free Ganga. "We are moving in that direction and need wider consultations," the Minister said.

Criticising the Congress

for finding holes in the Damanganga-Pinjal and Partapi river links, Ms. Bharti offered to make "presentations" on the Ganga and river-linking before Congress president Sonia Gandhi, party leader Mallikarjun Kharge and Samajwadi Party chief Mulayam Singh to enable them to explain the factual

position to their party leaders.

"If you say that it is a saffron agenda, then you should re-think. I am ready for a presentation at their residence," the Minister said.

Asked about displacement of people that the rivers linking project will bring, Ms. Bharti said not a single person would be removed if he/she was not convinced about a better life and four-times the compensation.

Ground water management

The Centre would send teams of young entrepreneurs abroad to study river and ground water management and how to do more irrigation from less water. The teams would be sent to Israel, Australia and the United Kingdom.

Ms. Bharti said the government was aware of lowering of ground water levels and was working on better management.

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Jaitley downplays monsoon fears, says govt has enough food stocks

Finance Minister says inflation won't go up and concerns are misplaced

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

Seeking to play down the fears of a deficient monsoon affecting the economy, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley today said foodgrain production and inflation would not be adversely affected and the "concerns were misplaced".

The Finance Minister said in the past 48 hours, ever since the Met Department predicted deficient monsoon this year, several conclusions were being drawn in an exaggerated manner.

Giving the message that the government was on top of the situation and seeking to allay concerns of foreign investors as well as the domestic constituency, Jaitley was attempting to keep the focus on an economy that was on recovery mode.

Dismissing worries on



Sees economy on recovery path

- Finance Minister Arun Jaitley (pic) says there was a similar situation last year but the output of foodgrain had actually gone up
- He doesn't see the fall in the stock markets as a trend and cites improvement in the GDP, rise in indirect tax collection, forward movement of stalled projects and fall in bank non-performing assets as indicators that the economy is recovering and will continue to do so
- The IMD has predicted deficient rains for mainly the north-west region comprising Punjab, Haryana and western Uttar Pradesh, which Jaitley says have good irrigation facilities

account of fall in foodgrain production and a spike in inflation, Jaitley said there was a similar situation last year but the output of foodgrain had actually gone up.

On inflation, he said: "The government has enough food stocks. Inflation was not allowed to climb up even last year though rains had been deficient."

Jaitley said the IMD had predicted deficient rains for mainly the northwest region comprising Punjab,

Haryana and western Uttar Pradesh, which he said had good irrigation facilities.

He also did not see the fall in the stock markets in the last couple of days as a trend and cited improvement in the GDP, rise in indirect tax collection, forward movement of stalled projects and fall in bank non-performing assets as indicators that the economy was recovering and would continue to do so.

"The kind of speculation that we have been seeing

and speculative analysis that we have been reading about appears to be somewhat misplaced," he said.

Jaitley said he had met IMD officials to take stock of the monsoon forecast and said rather than the sheer volume of rainfall, more significant was its geographical spread and timing.

The IMD has predicted that rainfall was likely to be only 88 per cent of the long-term average. The RBI cited risks to inflation from the mon-

soon and suggested the government draw contingency plans to deal with the impact of poor monsoon on prices.

"Assuming that the advance predictions are correct, on account of geographical distribution the impact on foodgrain production may not be very significant," he said. The Minister recalled that there was a similar monsoon pattern last year.

Jaitley said conclusions to be drawn on that basis of either inflation or some kind of distress situation was far-fetched. "I don't anticipate any situation of this kind even with the kind of prediction which has been made," he said.

The government, Jaitley said, was going to take a decision on raising the minimum support price of farm products. "Consultations are on and soon the matter will go to the Cabinet," he said.

Age can't stop her from doing her bit for nature

Indra Shekhar Singh

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NEW DELHI: Indra De's house at Kalkaji Extension is a zero-waste zone. Initially her husband was alarmed by her peculiar habit of storing plastic, old tires, broken pieces of glass and tiles in a room. But that did not deter Indra's passion for recycling.

Indra's husband soon saw how, with economy and beauty, his wife re-moulded waste material into flower pots, garden decorations and even built a solar dryer and central cooling system -- all for less than ₹1,000.

Indra, 76, was one of the first residents in south Delhi to start tagging bags and separating plastic from biodegradable waste. "Nothing is waste for me. I try and find use for everything thing," she says.

Her message is simple. People miss out on the value of little things. They always think they can buy another one and junk the old as rubbish and useless. Others assume the government will clean up the mess. "Back in Chennai, people always keep their surroundings clean. I simply tried to keep the tradition alive," says Indra.

A successful radiologist in England, Indra moved to India with her children to acquaint them with the country. Since the

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INDRA DE

early 90s, she has involved herself in community events. In 1996, she approached the Municipal Corporation of Delhi to adopt a barren patch of land in front of her house and worked to convert it into a garden. "People were shocked to see me sweep the garden. I did it for my happiness and my plants. The plants are my children," she says.

Indra's aim is to improve Delhi's green cover and make people conscious of the importance of recycling waste and she believes everyone can go green if they use their minds just a bit.

Her age doesn't prevent her from living each day to the fullest. At this age, she herself gets drums full of cow dung from buffalo dairies and loads them in her WagonR. She has changed the scheme of her house to optimise rainwater harvesting. With each rain, she saves 5,000 litres of water which she uses to water her adopted garden.

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Uttarakhand fails to gather data on natural resources

Kavita Upadhyay

DEHRADUN: Almost two years after the former Uttarakhand Chief Minister Vijay Bahuguna announced that Uttarakhand would be the first State in the country to gather data for Gross Environment Product (GEP) to monitor the "health" of natural resources across Uttarakhand, the Congress government has failed to adhere to the plan.

The announcement for gathering data for GEP was made soon after the 2013 Uttarakhand disaster when it was felt by the State government that it was essential to cater to development but environment concerns of the State must not be overlooked.

A committee was formed to monitor GEP. Environmentalist Anil Prakash Joshi who is a member of the committee to monitor the GEP said: "After the disaster Mr. Bahuguna announced that Uttarakhand would be the first State to produce GEP data. A committee of experts was formed. However, the committee has met only twice and nothing substantial has been achieved on the GEP agenda."

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Rain to hit Kerala in two days: IMD

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 4

Monsoon may strike Kerala within 24-48 hours after a delay of four days, the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) said today.

Though the day temperatures are all set to rise by 2 to 3 degree Celsius over plains of northwest and adjoining west and central India from tomorrow, IMD's Long Range Forecasting division chief D Sivananda Pai said conditions were now favourable for onset of monsoon.

Already, Punjab, Rajasthan, Haryana, Chandigarh and Delhi have recorded 2 to 5 degree Celsius below normal temperature after rain and thundershowers lashed most parts of these states.

The trough of low over southeast Arabian Sea and adjoining Lakshdweep area was more marked today.

Under its influence, rain-fall activity over Kerala has increased. Wind flow over southeast Arabian Sea has

also become favourable.

Pai said the event may occur as early as tomorrow but the declaration would depend upon conditions and factors prevailing at that point in time. The official announcement would be made on the basis of the data recorded at 14 weather stations, amount of rains received, wind pattern and cloud formation.

Notably, the IMD had earlier predicted monsoon onset on May 30, with an error margin of four days. However, it changed the forecast when after reaching Hambantota in Sri Lanka the monsoon's pulse lost its strength. However, many meteorologists still believe that the prevailing El Nino effect may further delay its arrival till June 8. They say the monsoon arrival will only be symptomatic, that is fulfilling basic requirement.

In April, the IMD said rains would be 93% of the average, which is categorised as "below normal". Its revised projection says it will be 88%, which means "deficient".

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Treating untreated waste that flows into Yamuna

Staff Reporter

NEW DELHI: Only half of Delhi is connected to sewer lines, which means that the other half's waste flows, untreated, into the Yamuna.

Though the Delhi Jal Board is constantly expanding its 7,200-km-long sewer network, rapid development has left large portions of the city without any alternative. A senior DJB official said: "We are trying our best to add more colonies to the network, but there is so much unplanned development."

Recently, the DJB passed a proposal to construct 31 new sewage treatment plants (STPs), 27 sewage pumping stations and 600 km of sewer lines. It has expanded its treatment capacity from 613 million gallons per day (MGD) to 704 MGD.

But, its current STPs at 22 locations are working at 58 per cent of their installed capacity. It is also working on the ambitious interceptor sewer, which when completed is expected to reduce pollution in the Yamuna by decreasing the biological oxygen demand by 60 to 70 per cent.

Sushmita Sengupta, the deputy program director of the Centre for Science and Environment's water unit, said more than new STPs, expanding the use of existing

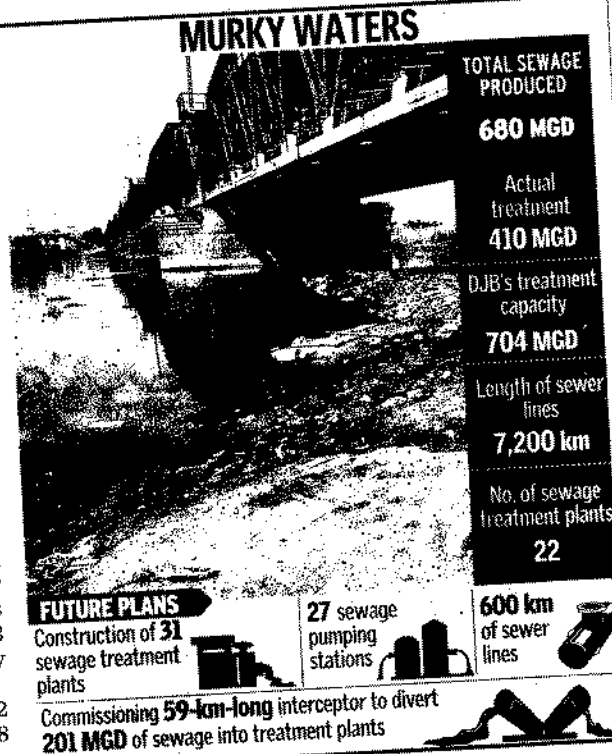
ones was more important.

"There is a need for decentralised treatment as urbanization will keep happening; more colonies will keep coming up," she said.

Whatever Delhi is doing isn't working well enough. The Union Environment Ministry's annual report (2014-2015) says that the Central Pollution Control Board found the pollution

level in the 40-km stretch of the Yamuna it studied unchanged over the years. The CPCB did find "gradual reduction in pollution load contributed by the major drains in NCT-Delhi."

However, the report added: "This might be due to less availability of fresh water in the river, essential to maintain its self-purification capacity."



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ENSURING FOOD SECURITY

Jaitley says monsoon fears misplaced

'Its geographical distribution is what matters'

Puja Mehra

NEW DELHI: Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said here on Thursday that concerns about the impact of a deficient monsoon on the economy were "misplaced" and "far-fetched".

He told presspersons that conclusions were being made in an exaggerated manner after the India Meteorological Department forecast on Tuesday that rainfall would be only 88 per cent of the long-term average.

"The speculation and analyses we have seen in the last 48 hours ever since India predicted a deficient monsoon this year, appear to be somewhat misplaced," he said.

Mr. Jaitley said what was relevant was the geographical distribution of the monsoon and the timing of rain. "These are almost as significant, if not more, as the volume of rainfall ... by which the impact is more significant than the sheer volume itself."

The Minister said food-grain production would not be affected significantly by a below-normal rainfall in the north-western region as it was well irrigated, while the monsoon had been projected to be normal in the rest of the country.

Also, India had enough



Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley addressing a press conference on the monsoon forecast, in New Delhi on Thursday. — PHOTO: KAMAL NARANG

foodgrain stocks to meet any contingency," he said. "The food management we saw last year prevented any form of inflationary trends and this year too, price rise will be curbed," he said.

He had allocated an additional Rs. 5,000 crore in the Budget for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, which was expected to help address the problem of rising distress in rural incomes.

"The advance predictions appear to be suggesting that

rainfall will be closer to normal in the southern, central and north-eastern zones ... slight inadequacy if at all will be in the north-west ... so that will be parts of Haryana, western Uttar Pradesh and Punjab where irrigation facilities are available," he said.

The Finance Minister said incoming data on the economy had been showing that the recovery trend was continuing. Of this, he said, the latest figures on indirect tax collections, in particular, were encouraging.

Monsoon to hit Kerala anytime now: IMD

NEW DELHI: The southwest monsoon is expected to hit the Kerala coast in the next 48 hours after a delay of four days, the India Meteorological Department said on Thursday.

In a statement, the department said the monsoon could hit Kerala anytime now as rainfall activity had increased over the State.

The start of the monsoon in Kerala marks the official onset of the rainy season in the country. The usual date of onset is June 1.

The department had initially said the rains would hit the southern State on May 30, but revised the forecast to June 5.

"The trough of low pressure over the southeast Arabian Sea and adjoining Lakshadweep is more marked on Thursday. Under its influence, rainfall activity over Kerala has increased. Wind flows over the southeast Arabian Sea are also becoming favourable,"



Eager wait for rain.

the IMD said in a statement.

Intense rain

Private forecasting agency Skymet said rain was likely to get intense in the next two days.

"While the rain remained minimal in the last couple of days over Kerala, it picked up in the last 24 hours. Rainfall activity is likely to get intense in the next two days and more showers are expected over the State and adjoining parts. As we move ahead, more parts of Kerala are likely to be bathed by good pre-monsoon rain, ushering in monsoon in India," Skymet said. — PTI

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Uma: No forceful eviction of tribals

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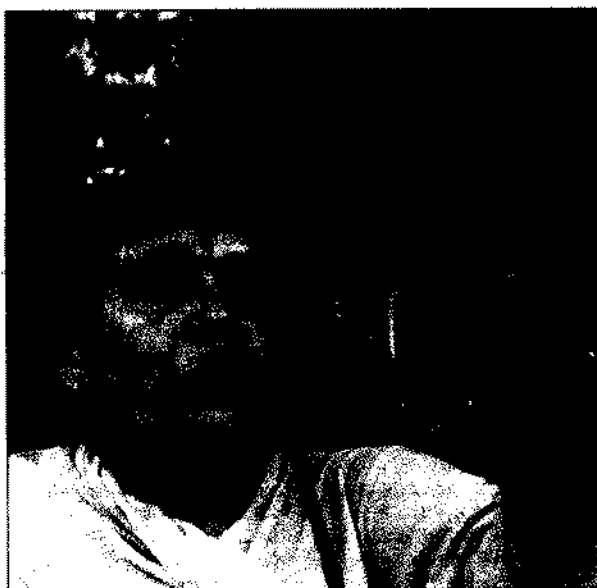
Asserting that the government won't allow any forceful eviction of tribals and poor for carrying out water-related projects, Union water resources minister Uma Bharti also said the Ganga projects and other schemes of her ministry would show results by October 2016.

"We need some time. Water is such a complex subject. On Ganga and other projects, we will start showing results by October 2016," she said.

Dwelling at length on various facets of the working of her ministry during last one year, the minister said the "achievements of one year of the Modi government can be compared with one thousand years' performance".

She lashed out at the Congress and counseled Sonia Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge to "desist" from doing politics on projects for cleaning Ganga and river interlinking projects.

"One Congress leader says that Namami Gange is a programme with saffron agenda. I am ready for a pre-



Union minister for water resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Uma Bharti addresses a Press conference in the capital on Thursday. SNS

sentation before Opposition leaders like Sonia Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge and Mulayam Singh Yadav on what Ganga project is all about," she told reporters at a Press conference held here to highlight achievements of her ministry on the completion of NDA government's first year.

"This project is also about economy and jobs

for 50 crore people along the river Ganges," she said and argued that the entire economy of Bihar and UP was dependent on the Ganga.

"If you say that it is a saffron agenda, then you should re-think. I am ready for a presentation at their residence," she said.

Ms Bharti said the Centre has decided to fully fund the massive clean-up project for which Rs 20,000 crores

has been earmarked recently.

On displacement of tribals and other poorer sections for major projects like Polavaram, she said: "*Koi jabardasti eviction nahi hogi* (There will not be any eviction by force)". The eviction will be carried and projects made functional only after local tribals and others have accepted the relief packages drawn up by the government(s) both at the Centre and the state level, she added.

On the spread of arsenic in eastern India, she said the ministry is looking at possibilities of utilising water from deeper layers of aquifers to tackle the problem.

The minister attacked the Opposition in Maharashtra for playing politics over Damanganga-Pinjal and Par-Tapi links, implemented by the NDA government. "It is very sad.... to manage river water going waste into the sea, we have initiated the Par-Tapi link," she pointed out and slammed Congress leaders for describing the project as pro-Gujarat and not in the interest of Maharashtra.

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आवंटित राशि का 99 फीसदी धन खर्च किया : उमा भारती

नई दिल्ली, (वार्ता): केंद्रीय जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री उमा भारती ने 'नमामि गंगे' कार्यक्रम के तहत 76 परियोजनाओं को मंजूरी दिए जाने का दावा करते हुए आज कहा कि उनके मंत्रालय ने पिछले वित्त वर्ष में आवंटित राशि का 99 फीसदी पैसा खर्च किया है। सुश्री भारती ने यहां मंत्रालय के एक साल पूरा होने पर आयोजित प्रेस कॉन्फ्रेंस में कहा कि गंगा की सफाई के लिए 20 हजार करोड़ रुपए मंजूर हुए हैं जिनमें से 497479 करोड़ रुपए की 76 परियोजनाओं की मंजूरी दी जा चुकी है। इस कार्यक्रम के लिए सात हजार करोड़ रुपए की जल्द ही खर्च किया जा रहा है और शेष 12 हजार करोड़ रुपए की योजना का खाका तैयार किया जा रहा है। उन्होंने कहा कि नमामि गंगे परियोजना पर पांच राज्यों

सत्ता का एक साल

'नमामि गंगे' के तहत 76 परियोजनाओं को दी स्वीकृति : 50 हजार लोगों को रोजगार भी मिलने की उम्मीद

2014-15 के दौरान 99 फीसदी आवंटन का इस्तेमाल किया है। उन्होंने उन खबरों की गलत बताया जिनमें कहा गया है कि पिछले वित्त वर्ष के दौरान जल संसाधन मंत्रालय ने आवंटित निधि का सिर्फ 37 फीसदी ही खर्च किया है। उन्होंने कहा कि गंगा की सफाई का काम तीन दशक से चल रहा है लेकिन इस दिशा में अब तक कोई बड़ा काम

प्रदूषण फैलने की बड़ी वजह रेत खनन की बताते हुए कहा कि यह बड़ी समस्या है और लाखों लोग गाद से प्रभावित हैं। इसके लिए एक समित गठित की गई थी और यह समिति 15-20 दिन में अपनी रिपोर्ट उन्हें सौंप देगी। उनका मंत्रालय इस रिपोर्ट की पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय को भेजेगा। केंद्रीय मंत्री ने कहा कि इसी तरह से आर्सेनिक की समस्या से निबटने के लिए सरकार ने परियोजना तैयार कर दी है और इस बारे में रिपोर्ट तैयार है।

केन बेतवा नदी जोड़ो योजना इसी साल : उमा: जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री उमा भारती ने आज कहा कि नदी जोड़ो कार्यक्रम मोदी सरकार की महत्वाकांक्षी योजना है और इसकी शुरुआत इसी वर्ष केन बेतवा नदी परियोजना से शुरू हो जाएगी।

सुश्री भारती ने कहा कि नदी जोड़ो योजना की शुरुआत 1980 में हुई थी और उनकी सरकार ने इस परियोजना को विशेष महत्व दिया है। उन्होंने कहा कि केन बेतवा से जुड़ी जनसुनवाई का काम पूरा हो चुका है। यह काम मध्य प्रदेश प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड की सौंपा गया था। इस संबंध में बोर्ड ने परियोजना के पहले चरण से जुड़ी रिपोर्ट जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय को सौंप दी है। मंत्रालयों से जुड़ी स्वीकृतियां देने की प्रक्रियाएं अंतिम दौर में हैं और इस साल के अंत तक इस परियोजना के शुरू होने की उम्मीद है।

'जलक्रांति' अभियान आज से :

उमा भारती ने कहा कि मानसून में कम बारिश होने के पूर्वानुमान के मद्देनजर लोगों में जल संरक्षण के प्रति जागरूकता लाने के लिए कल से 'जलक्रांति' अभियान शुरू किया जा रहा है। कई राज्यों में तो भूजल का स्तर खतरनाक स्थिति में पहुंच गया है और इस संबंध में राज्यों को चेतावनी देने की तैयारी की जा रही है।



नई दिल्ली में गुरुवार को राजग सरकार के एक वर्ष पूरा होने पर पत्रकारों को सम्बोधित करती केन्द्रीय जल संसाधन, नदी विकास व गंगा पुनरुद्धार मंत्री उमा भारती। (छाया : प्रै.ट.)

की अर्थव्यवस्था टिकी हुई है। इस परियोजना से 50 हजारों लोगों की रोजगार मिलने की उम्मीद है। उनका कहना था कि गंगा की सफाई के लिए 29 साल से काम चल रहा है और उनको इस अहम कार्य के लिए 29 माह का समय दिया जाना चाहिए। केंद्रीय मंत्री ने दावा किया कि उनके मंत्रालय ने वित्त

नहीं हुआ है। मंत्रालय ने इन तीन दशकों में गंगा की सफाई के लिए उठाए गए कदमों की जानकारी हासिल करने के वास्ते एक सतर्कता टीम गठित की है जो अपनी रिपोर्ट मंत्रालय को सौंपेगी। इस रिपोर्ट के आधार पर निर्मल गंगा की सफाई के लिए रणनीति तैयार की जाएगी। सुश्री उमा ने भारती गंगा में

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मौसम का हाल बताने वाली देश की प्राइवेट कंपनी स्काईमेट का दावा 'कमजोर नहीं, सामान्य रहेगा मॉनसून'

मौसम विभाग के अनुसार इस बार मॉनसून सामान्य से कम यानी 88 प्रतिशत तक जा सकता है। प्राइवेट कंपनी स्काईमेट का मानना है कि मॉनसून सामान्य रह सकता है। मॉनसून में देरी का यह मतलब नहीं निकालना चाहिए कि बारिश की बौछारें कम होंगी। यहां पर देर आए, दुरुस्त आए वाली कहावत सटीक बैठेगी। मुकाबला काफी दिलचस्प है, एक तरह सरकारी विभाग तो, दूसरी तरफ प्राइवेट फर्म की भविष्यवाणी, कौन सही है? इसका फैसला तो बरसात की फुहारें ही बताएंगी।

■ जोसफ बर्नाड, नई दिल्ली

जहां हर तरफ सूखा आने की आशंका जताई जा रही है। भारतीय मौसम विभाग ने कमजोर मॉनसून की भविष्यवाणी कर दी है। आम आदमी से लेकर शेयर मार्केट तक सूखे की आशंका से परेशान है। मार्केट में गिरावट का दौर जारी है। इधर सरकार भी संभावित सूखे से निपटने के लिए बैठक कर रणनीति बनाने में लगी है। मौसम की जानकारी देने वाली प्राइवेट कंपनी स्काईमेट इस बात पर कायम है कि इस बार मॉनसून सामान्य ही होगा। स्काईमेट

के वाइस प्रेजिडेंट (मौसम) जी.पी. शर्मा ने एनबीटी से बातचीत में कहा है कि देर से मॉनसून आने का मतलब नहीं कि यह कमजोर होगा।

कितनी होगी बारिश?

इस सवाल पर जी.पी. शर्मा ने कहा कि अगर बारिश 89 सेंमी होती है तो वह सामान्य मानी जाती है। हमारे हिसाब से इस बार बारिश इतनी तो होगी ही। हां, यह हो सकता है कि यह 88 सेंमी हो जाए या फिर बढ़कर 90 या उससे ज्यादा सेंमी पर पहुंच जाए।

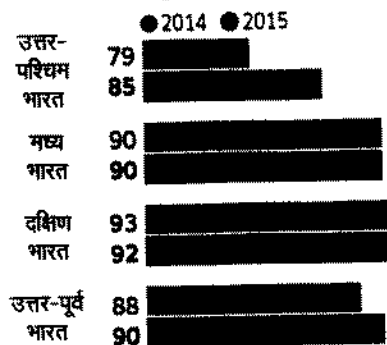


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शर्मा के अनुसार यह तकनीकी पहलू है। अगर अल नीनो पिछले साल से जारी है, तो दूसरे साल अलनीनो से मॉनसून ज्यादा प्रभावित नहीं होता। कहने का मतलब है कि जिस साल से अलनीनो शुरू होता है, उस साल ही मॉनसून प्रभावित होता है। साल 2014 में अलनीनो शुरू हुआ था। तब मॉनसून की बौछारें सामान्य से कम यानी 88 प्रतिशत रही थीं। साल 2015 में अलनीनो पिछले साल से जारी है। ऐसे में साल मॉनसून के कमजोर रहने की संभावना कम है।

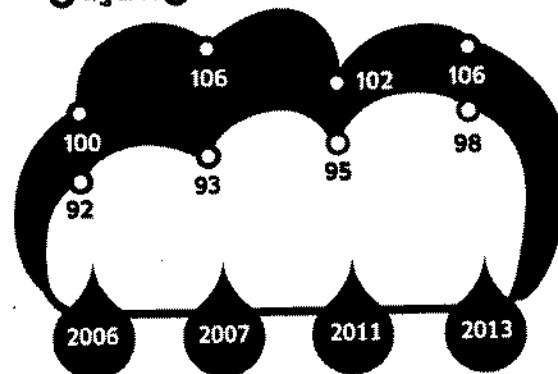
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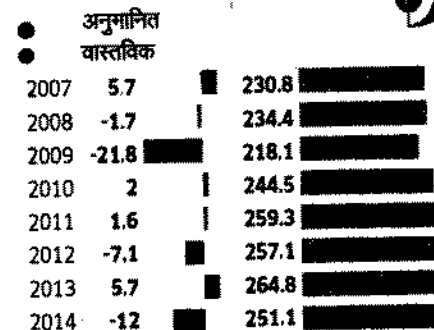


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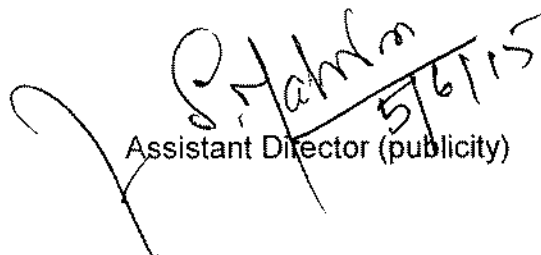
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