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# MAMATA CALLS ALL-PARTY MEET ON 8 AUG

WILL DISCUSS FLOOD SITUATION IN THE STATE; GUV BACKS CM'S MOVE TO MEET PM ON 11 AUGUST FOR FINANCIAL PACKAGE

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

Kolkata, 4 August

Chief minister Mamata Banerjee has called an allparty meeting on 8 August in Nabanna to discuss flood situation in the state, which the CPI-M described as "a belated move taken under pressure from the Opposition parties".

Governor KN Tripathi, who had an aerial view of some of the flood hit areas, justified the chief minister's decision to meet the Prime Minister on 11-12 August regarding the ravages caused by the flood in the state. "I personally surveyed the flood affected districts for about an hour and realised that the chief minister has taken a judicious decision to meet the Prime Minister seeking fund for the flood. ravaged districts, "the Governor said while attending a programme at the state Assembly

On the other hand, both the leader of the Opposition Surja Kanta Mishra and Congress Legislature Party leader Md Sohrab wrote to Miss Baneriee demanding a discussion with all parties.

Dr Mishra, however, said





Waterlogging at the Academy of Fine Arts in Kolkata on Wednesday. (R) During the rains in Kolkata on Wednesday. «Biswajit Ghoshal.

he had not yet received any official communication in this regard.

Earlier, both the CPI-M and the Congress had alleged that the state government wasn't taking them into confidence to combat the ongoing flood situation.

The floods claimed two more lives today taking the death toll to 85.

A total of 62 lakh people

of 235 blocks in the 12 districts have been affected.

Miss Banerjee will meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 11 August in Delhi to discuss the flood situation and seek a financial package for Bengal.

Slamming the chief minister for her "arrogance" in conducting relief operations only by her government agencies, Left Front chairman Biman Bose said "such a move is unheard of in post independence West Bengal which has the tradition of all-out cooperation to reach succour to the victims during any natural calamity".

Mr Bose lashed out at the DVC for causing deterioration in the flood situation in 12 districts and flayed the state government for "ignoring the meteorological office forecasts about for mation of a cyclonic condition in the Arabian sea and consequently in the Bay of Bengal". The BJP will attend the all party meeting convened by the chief minister Miss Mamata Banerjee on 8 August, state BJP president Mr Rahul Sinha said today.

He said that instead of calling an all party meeting

the chief minister should have set up an inspection team comprising representatives of all political parties to visit the flood torn areas. He maintained that the all party meeting would be just an eve wash as only the chief minister would speak and the others would be mute spectators.

In a statement issued today Mr Siddharth nath

Singh, all Indiageneral secretary of BJP in charge of West Bengal said that even when there was a natural calamity caused by floods in West Bengal, Hon'ble CM Mamata Banerjee cannot give up her arrogance. Few days back she had said that her Govt, will not begs anyone for money. This was a very unfortunate comment during crisis when Lakhs of families are affected due to floods in Bengal.

Partho visits Singur: Mi Partha Chatteriee today paid a visit to the floor affected areas in Singui Haripal and supervised relief operations.

Mr Chatteriee wa accompanied by TMC dis trict President Mr Tapa Dasgupta, district magi: trate Mr Beccharam Mann and other senior distric officials.

Mr Chatteriee met th flood victims who have take shelter in the camps. F held an administrative mee ing with the senior officia of the district. He urge them to distribute wate purifying tablets and ensu checking of epidemic or break.

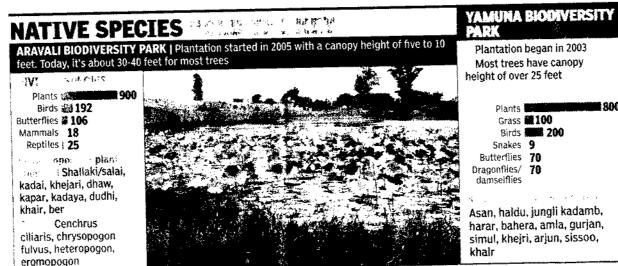
# Aravali, Yamuna biodiversity parks show the way

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The key to successful plantation drives in cities is, perhaps, simulating how forests grow organically. You also have to choose the native species that is suited for that specific ecological range. The two biodiversity parks under Delhi Development Authority (DDA) --Yamuna to the north and Aravali in the south - have been developed on these two principles.

These parks don't just have a variety of native tree species, creating a dense canopy. They have several varieties of shrubs, grasses, aquatic plants and herbs to create layers akin to a real forest.

"Any land, even a wasteland, can be revived with this type of planned plantation," says M Shah Hussain, scientist incharge at the Aravali biodiversity park. "We had mirring pits here and the soil was in a very degraded state. The insides of the mining pits and surrounding areas were moist, demanding species suited to a slightly moist range while the rest is dry. We decided to plant native forest communities that are commonly found from Mount Abu to Udaipur, Haryana.



Delhi and elsewhere." The park was also designed to attract the bird and animal

species usually seen in the Aravalis. "The interaction between various species is important. There is always a natural cycle of flow which starts with decomposers that add nutrients to the soil that leads to growth of grasses. herbs, shrules and trees. That's how the food chain forms. It's important that in any plantation we consider the entire cycle," explains Hussain.

After almost 10 years of planting saplings here, the park now boasts of

guite a few rare sightings, like the Indian Pitta and the Oriental Pied Hornbill. Some mining pits act as rainwater storage sites and have got transformed into seasonal wetlands. There are about a lundred acres of grasslands too, a habitat for many birds of prey, muniya, baya

Plantation began in 2003

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- a weaver bird - partridges, shrikes, a variety of insects and snakes.

The Yamuna biodiversity park, on the other hand, replicates the river floodplain ecology where the ground water table is comparatively much higher. "The survival rates were high here because we targeted and planted only the Yamuna species. A dedicated team was constituted to monitor and protect the saplings from cattle or disease. The other important aspect of planning the park was to create three to four storeys of forests starting with grasses or legtimes up to the top canopy that's now more than 25ft high," explains Faiyaz A Khudsar, scientist in charge at the park. Legames like rhyncosia also grow here. Similar emphasis is on aquatic plants like lotuses and water lilles.

CR Babu, Professor Emeritus, Delhi University, and head of Center for Environmental Management of Degraded Ecosystems (CEMDE), the brain behind the plantation projects, says native specles survive better because they grow in their original ecosystem while the foreign ones create a new ecosystem. The same planting process is being followed in Tilpat Valley

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## Rains here to stay

WE'W DELIN: After days of sultry weather and no rain, parts of the city received heavy showers on Wednesday.

Howevers this did not manage to bring down temperatures with the maximum settling at at 35.1 degrees Celsius, which is two degrees above normal, and the minimum temperature settling at 26 degrees Celsius.

The weather station at Safdarjung, which is the official station of the city, recorded 0.2 mm of rainfall in the past 24 hours ending at 8 30 p.m. During the day, the station recorded 0.8 mm of rain, which was much lower than that at the Palam, Ghaziabad, Ridge and Pitampura stations that recorded 10.7 mm, 33.0 mm, 28.2 mm, and 30 mm of rain respectively on Wednesday,

according to the MeT department. Humidity levels oscillated between 68 and 88 per cent.

The forecast for August 6 reads cloudy sky with the possibility of rain/thundershowers in many areas.

The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be between 34 and 26 degrees Celsius respectively.

Cloudy weather with chances of rain are likely to continue till August 11.

Civic agencies across the city did not receive many complaints of water logging, even though there were reports of delays in traffic and water logging at areas near the Azadpur flyover, Zhakira and Inderlok, Minto Road and the Outer Circle in CP, among others.

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# Flood situation improves in Bengal, toll reaches 85 🖔

KOLKATA, AUGUST 5

The flood situation in West Bengal showed further improvement today on account of little or no rainfall since yesterday and a reduced quantity of water discharge from barrages upstream, even as the death toll rose to 85.

Two more deaths were reported today, taking the toll to 85, sources in the Disaster Management Department said. "Altogether, 2,546 relief camps have been set up to shelter over 4.56 lakh marooned people and nearly 667 medical camps opened," the sources said, adding the total number of affected people was nearly 63 lakh.

As many as 1,12,235 houses were damaged and 3,78,184 houses damaged partly. The crop over an area of 8,20,435 hectares has been damaged.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has demanded ade-



People wade through a waterlogged road in Kolkata on Wednesday, рт

#### Rijiju surveys landslide-hit Manipur

IMPHAL: Union Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju on Wednesday made an aerial survey of the landslide and floodhit areas in Manipur. He said ₹8.5 crore would be sanctioned immediately from the National Disaster Response Force fund for relief work in the state on his return to Delhi. - PTI

quate funds from the Centre for the post-flood work. She has sought an appointment with Prime Minister Narendra Modi during her visit to Delhi on August 11 and 12 to place her demands for flood damages from the National Disaster Relief Fund. The CM, who blamed the Damodar Valley Corporation for an "abnormal" release of water aggravating the flood fury, said she would raise the issue during his meeting with the PM. - PTI

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कोटा . चम्बल नदी की डाउन स्ट्रीम में बुक्कर को मछली पकड़ने गए पांच युक्क चम्बल के बहाव में फंस गए। यहां कोटा बैराज से पानी की निकासी शुरू कर दी गई और देखते ही देखते ये चारों तरफ से घर गए। तीन युक्क तो जैसे-तैसे पानी से बाहर आ गए लेकिन दो वहीं चददानों में फंस गए। चारों तरफ से पानी से घरने के बाद जानकारों को फोन किया तो नगर निगम की रेस्क्यू टीम मौके पर पहुंची। बैराज से पानी की निकासी रोकी गई, इसके बाद दोनों को बाहर निकाला गया। पानी में फंसने के बाद चट्टानों के बीच बैठा युवक। फोटो : हाबुलाल शर्मा

#### पत्रिका ने चेताया था



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राजस्थान पत्रिका ने अपने बुधवार के अंक में चम्बल की डाउन स्ट्रीम में मछली पकड्ते हुए युवकों का फोटो प्रकाशित किया था। इसमें बताया था कि ऐसा करना जान के लिए खतरनाक साबित हो सकता है। इसके बाद भी लोग है कि मानते ही नहीं। बुधवार दोपहर ही युवक पानी में फंस गए।

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#### कोलकाता @ पत्रिका

patrika.com/city लगभग डेढ़ घंटे जमकर हुई बारिश से बुधवार को कोलकाता में सामान्य जनजीवन अस्त-व्यस्त हो गया। तेज बारिश के कारण जगह-जगह पानी भर जाने से महानगर एक तरह से ठहर सा गया। सडकों पर पानी भर जाने से ट्रैफिक व्यवस्था चरमरा गई। महानगर की रफ्तार पर ब्रेक सा लग गया। शाम तक लोग ट्रैफिक जाम और जलजमाव से जूझते रहे। डलहौजी और कॉलेज स्ट्रीट सहित पूरे उत्तर कोलकाता की स्थिति बदहाल रही। उत्तर कोलकाता में बुधवार साढ़े 12 बजे से झमाझम बारिश हुई। ठनठनिया इलाके में सर्वाधिक 107 मिलीमीटर बारिश हुई। पामेरबाजार और मानिकतल्ला में क्रमशः 78 और 75 मिलीमीटर बारिश हुई। मौसम विभाग के अनुसार स्थानीय स्तर पर निम्न दबाव का क्षेत्र बनने से तेज बारिश हुई। बारिश के कारण महानगर में ट्रैफिक व्यवस्था चरमरा गई। मौलाली, अम्हस्टं स्ट्रीट, कॉलेज स्ट्रीट, धर्मतल्ला सहित उत्तर कोलकाता में गाडियों को घंटों रेंगना पड़ा।

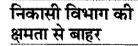
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निगम का कहना है कि कोलकाता नगर निगम की निकासी लाइनों व प्रमिपंग रटेशनों की क्षमता प्रति घंटे 6 मिलीमीटर बारिष्ठ के पानी को निकालने की है। महानगर में बुधवार को 75 मिलीमीटर से अधिक बारिष्ठ हुई। निगम अपनी क्षमता के अनुसार काम कर रहा था। निगम ने महानगर के निकासी विभाग पर करोड़ों रुपए खर्च किए। एशियन डेक्लपमेंट बैंक से 1800 करोड़ खर्च कर विकसित किया गया। इसके साथ ही जवाहर लाल नेहरू नेशनल अर्बन रिन्युअल मिश्चन के 500 करोड़ रुपए खर्चे किए गए, लेकिन महानगर की निकासी स्थिति नहीं बदली। बरिष्ठ का असर महानगर के बोई पाड़ा अर्थात कॉलेज स्ट्रीट पर पड़ा। बारिश का पानी दुकान के अंदर चला गया। इस वजह से समय से पहले ही दुकानों को बंद कर दिया गया।



हावड़ा के कई इलाकों में बाद के हालात जस के तस बने हुए हैं। बुधवार को बाद के पानी में घिरे उदयनारायणपुर इलाके के लोग।

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patrika.com/citv मुख्यमंत्री ममता बनर्जी ने दक्षिण बंगाल के 12 जिलों में बाढ़ की भयावह स्थिति के मद्देनजर 8 अगस्त को सर्वदलीय बुलाई है। बाढ पीडितों की मदद के लिए सरकार अब कोई जोखिम उठाना नहीं चाह रही है। राज्य सचिवालय में होने वाली बैठक के लिए छोटे-बडे समस्त पंजीकृत राजनीतिक दलों को आमंत्रित किया जा रहा है। राज्य में बाढ से अब तक 85 लोगों की मौत हुई है। लाखों हेक्टेयर जमीन पर खेती का नुकसान हुआ है। नेता प्रतिपक्ष डॉ. सूर्यकांत मिश्र ने गत सप्ताह सर्वदलीय बैठक बुलाने की मांग सरकार से की थी।

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मुख्यमंत्री ने प्रमुख विपक्षी पार्टियों वाममोर्चा, कांग्रेस और भाजपा से विशेष रूप से उपस्थित रहने का अनुरोध किया है। राजनीतिक दलों के नाम आमंत्रण पत्र बुधवार को ही रवाना किया गया। चक्रवाती तफान कोमेन के असर से गत संप्ताह लगातार बारिश और जलाशयों से बडी मात्रा में पानी छोडे जाने के कारण राज्य के 12 जिलों में बाढ़ आ गई है। मुख्यमंत्री ने राहत सामग्री बांटने पर परोक्ष रूप से विरोधी दलों पर अंकुश लगा रखा है। वाममोचां चेयरमैन विमान बोस, विपक्ष के नेता डॉ. मिश्रा और अन्य विरोधी दल के नेताओं ने इसकी आलोचना की है। राज्य सरकार ने दक्षिण बंगाल के 12 जिलों को बाढग्रस्त घोषित कर दिया है। बाढ प्रभावित जिलों में लोगों को राहत व पुनर्वास के लिए ममता प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी से मुलाकात

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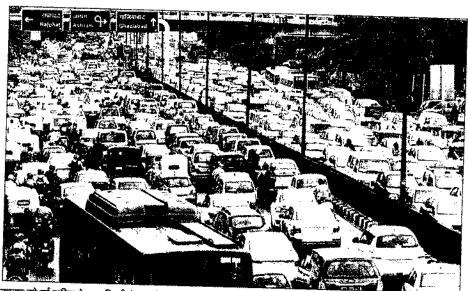
मौसम विभाग ने गुरुवार को राजधानी तेज हवाओं के साथ बारिश होने के संभावना है। दिन में अधिकतम तापमान 34 डिग्री सेल्सियस व न्यूनतम तापमान 26 डिग्री सेल्सियस के करीब रहेगा।

मध्य प्रदेश व छत्तीसगढ़ में बने कम दबाव के क्षेत्र के चलते यह बारिश दर्ज की जा रही है। मौसम विभाग के आंकड़ों के अनुसार पिछले 24 घंटों में सफदरजंग में 0.8 मिलीमीटर बारिश दर्ज की गई है। जबकि सुबह 8.30 बजे से शाम 5.30 बजे तक रिज इलाके में 28.2 मिलीमीटर

#### संभावना

- पिछले 24 घंटों में रिज क्षेत्र में सबसे ज्यादा बारिश हुई
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बारिश दर्ज की गई। पालम में 10 मिलीमीटर से अधिक बारिश दर्ज की गई। गुरुवार को राजधानी में अधिकतम तापमान 35.1 डिग्री सेल्सियस दर्ज किया गया। यह सामान्य से दो डिग्री सेल्सियस अधिक है। जबकि न्यूनतम तापमान 26.5 डिग्री सल्सियस दर्ज किया गया।



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राष्ट्रीय हरित प्राधिकरण यानी एनजीटी ने उत्तराखंड में चलने वाले रिवर राफ्टिंग शिविरों पर रोक लगा दी है। गंगा नदी और पर्यावरण के हित में यह कार्रवाई बहुत पहले राज्य व केंद्र सरकार को करनी चाहिए थी। लेकिन पर्यटन और व्यवसाय के नाम पर इसे चलाया जाता रहा। आज बद्रीनाथ-केदारनाथ राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग पर ऋषिकेश से 35-40 किलोमीटर दूर शिवपुरी कौडियाला तक इंच-इंच गंगा के बालुई तट पर दोनों तरफ सैकड़ों की संख्या में तबू लगे हुए हैं। साल में लगभग आठ माह ये तट और इनकी रेत लगातार मानवीय दबाव में पिसती है। तटों की पारिस्थितिकीय भार वहन क्षमता का नियमित वैज्ञानिक आकलन किए बिना ही कैंपिंग, राफ्टिंग जैसी गतिविधियों के लिए यह जगह दी जा रही है।

. आधिकारिक आकलन के अनुसार, ऋषिकेश में हर साल करीब चार लाख साहसिक पर्यटक आते हैं। लाखों की संख्या में पहुंच रहे कैंपर्स के मल-मूत्र गंगा तटों पर कैसे ठिकाने लगाए जाते हैं, इसका भी कोई पारदर्शी आकलन नहीं है। कुछ वर्ष पहले हुए शोधों के बाद चेताया गया था कि ऋषिकेष से ऊपरी गंगा तटों पर बढ़ते आवासीय कैपिंग तंबुओं के कारण गंगा में प्रदूषण बढ़ रहा है और समीय के जंगलों में वानस्पतिक और पशु पक्षियों की विविधता भी घट रही है। कैंपिंग साइटों के 500 मीटर के दायरे और उनसे बाहर के दायरे में आज से लगभग छह-सात वर्ष पहले किए गए वैज्ञानिक अध्ययनों में जैव विविधताओं में अंतर

देखा गया था। अब तो पारिस्थितिकीय स्थितियां और ही खराब हो गई हैं।

गंगा तटको सागर तटजैसे नाम देकर व्यावसायिकता के नए आयम देने की कोशिश जारी है। गंगा के तटों का गोवा बीच, मिनी बीच, मरीन डाइव जैसे नामकरण करके पर्यटकों को बीच संस्कृति-सा एहसास दिलाने का वादा किया जाता है। इसी क्रम में दुर्घटनाएं भी हो जाती हैं। कुछ समय पहले उत्तर प्रदेश के एक मंत्री की बेटी भी ऐसे ही हादसे का शिकार हो गई थी।

स्थानीय लोग इन स्थितियों से बहत खुश नहीं हैं। कैपों की लगातार तेज रोशनी, आवाज, रंगीन तंबू, कूड़ा-कचरा जैसे इसके तमाम कारण हैं। लोगों की शिकायत है कि रिवर कैंपों के आस-पास के लगातार उत्सवी माहौल में उनको निजता के साथ अपने प्रियजनों का दाह संस्कारकरना भी मुश्किल लगने लगा है। स्थानीय महिलाओं ने तो इन तटों पर जाना भी बंद कर दिया है। कहां तो बात यह हो रही थी कि गंगा के किनारे ऐसे पेड़-पौधे लगाए जाएंगे, जो गंगा-जल को साफ करते हों। और कहां इन तटों पर इस पवित्र नदी को प्रदक्षित करने का व्यवसाय फल फूल रहा है। कैंपों और लोगों की लगातार आवाजाही के दबाव ने यह संभावना खत्म कर दी है कि इन तटों पर प्राकृतिक रूप से पेड़-पौधे पनप सकेंगे। एनजीटी के फैसले का यह अर्थ नहीं है कि गंगा में रिवर राफ्टिंग बंद होने जा रही है, अभी तो इसे फैसले को चुनौती दी जाएगी।

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उत्तर पश्चिम भारत को छोड़कर देश के बाकी जोन्स में बारिश में कमी बरकशर है। पूरे देश में 6% बारिश कम हुई है। ) गुरुवार को असम और मेघालय में कुछ स्थानों पर बहुत ज्यादा बारिश होगी। दिल्ली में कुछ स्थानों पर बारिश हो सकती है।

परिचन बंगाल के उपहिमालयी इलाकों, रिविकम, अरुणायल प्रदेश और कर्नाटक के तटीय इलाकों में भारी बारिश होगी।



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## बंगाल को अभी राहत का इंतजार

पश्चिम बंगाल में बारिश थमने से बुधवार को जिंदगी पटरी पर दिखी। बांधों से पानी छूटना बंद होने से बाढ़ का असर भी कम रहा। प. बंगाल की मुख्यमंत्री ममता बनर्जी केंद्र से राहत की मांग के लिए 11 और 12 अगस्त को दिल्ली दौरे पर होंगी। उन्होंने प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी से मुलाकात का समय मांगा है।

#### कमला नदी में नाव पलटी

बिहार के दरभंगा जिले के कुशेश्वरस्थान थाना इलाके में कमला नदी में एक नाव पलट जाने से तीन लोगों की मौत हो गई, जबकि दो बच्चे अब भी लापता हैं।

#### रिजीजू ने किया मणिपुर का सर्वे

कंद्रीय गृह राज्यमंत्री किरण रिजीजू ने बुधवार को मणिपुर में बाढ़ प्रभावित इलाके का हवाई सर्वे किया। उन्होंने कहा कि राहत कार्य के लिए जल्द 8.5 करोड़ रुपये मंजूर किए जाएंगे।

#### IIM की बाउंड्री गिरी, तीन मरे

इंदौर के भारतीय प्रबंध संस्थान (आईआईएम-आई) की बाउंड़ी ढहकर झोपड़ी पर गिर जाने से एक परिवार के तीन लोगों की मौत हो गई, जिसमें महिला और दो बच्चे हैं।

#### म्यांमार को सहायता

बाढ़ प्रभावित म्यांमार में मरने वालों की संख्या 69 तक हो गई है। उसे अंतरराष्ट्रीय सहायता देने के प्रयास में बुधवार को तेजी दिखी। लोगों को सुरक्षित स्थानों पर पहुंचाया गया।

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#### नगर संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली

दिल्लीवालों को गर्मी से सहत मिल गई। बुधवार को कई इलाकों में तेज बारिश से मौसम सुहावना हो गया। वेस्ट दिल्ली, ईस्ट दिल्ली, सफदरजंग, कनॉट प्लेस, लोदी रोड जैसे इलाकों में अच्छी बारिश हुई। मौसम वैज्ञानिकों ने उम्मीद जताई है कि 9 अगस्त तक ऐसे ही बरिश हो सकती है। इससे पहले दिल्ली में 1 से 12 जुलाई तक काफी अच्छी बारिश दर्ज हुई थी। 12 जुलाई के बाद मौसम विभाग के अलावा दूसरी एजेंसियों ने अच्छी बारिश की भविष्यवाणी की थी, लेकिन तेज बारिश नहीं हुई। मौसम वैज्ञानिकों ने कहा कि वेस्टनं डिस्टरबेंस की फ्रीक्वेंसी ज्यादा मजबूत नहीं थी। साथ ही पिछले 20 से खा राजस्थान में मौजूद थी, जिससे वहां पर काफी अच्छी बारिश हुई।

बुधवार को बारिश के साथ तेज हवाएं भी चली। मैक्सिमम टेंपरेचर नॉर्मल से दो डिग्री ज्यादा के साथ 35.1 डिग्री सेल्सियस दर्ज हुआ। मिनिमम टेपरेचर सामान्य के साथ 26.5 डिग्री सेल्सियस दर्ज हुआ। मौसम विभाग ने अपने बुलेटिन में कहाँ कि ने बताया कि दिल्ली में अगस्त महीने के गुरुवार को बारिश होने की संभावना है। मैक्सिमम टेपरेचर 35 डिग्री और मिनिमम टेंपरेचर 26 डिग्री सेल्सियस दर्ज होने का अनुमान है। हरियाणा और पंजाब के पास के आस पास के राज्यों में चक्रवाती हवाओं



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मौसम वैज्ञानिकों ने उम्मीद जताई है कि इस सिस्टम से दिल्ली और आस-पास के इलाकों में भी नमी वाली हवाएं पहुंच सकती हैं। वहीं अगले दो दिनों तक उत्तर प्रदेश के कई इलाकों में अच्छी बारिश होने की संभावना है। स्काइमेट के मौसम वैज्ञानिक शुरुआती दिनों में कई जगहों में बारिश दर्ज हुई। आने वाले दिनों में 9 अगस्त तक इसी तरह बारिश होने की संभावना है। दिल्ली

चक्रवाती हवाओं का सिस्टम बना हुआ है। का सिस्टम बन हुआ है। साथ ही वेस्टर्न डिस्टरबेंस इफेक्ट से भी मौसम में बदलाव हुआ है। मॉनसून रेखा भी दिल्ली में मौजूद है। इन सभी सिस्टम के एक साथ मिलने से बधवार को कई इलाकों में अच्छी बारिश हुई। उम्मीद है कि गुरुवार को अच्छी बारिश होने की संभावना है। अक्षरधाम में बीते 24 घंट में 73 मिमी बारिश दर्ज हुई है। वहीं यमुना स्पोर्ट्स कॉम्पलेक्स में 33 मिमी और हिंडन में 31.6 मिमी बारिश बुधवार की दर्ज हुई।

## दिनाकं 🟡 🚉 🚉 को निम्निषिखित समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित मानसून/ बाढ़ सम्बन्धी समाचार

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## TRAFFIC JAMS, SWEATY WEATHER FOLLOW RAIN

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**NEW DELHI:** Scattered rain lashed the Capital on Wednesday even as high humidity brought little relief to residents.

According to a Met department official, between 8.30am and 5.30pm, the rain gauge at Safdarjung recorded 0.8 mm of rainfall while areas under Ridge, Palam and Lodhi Road recorded 28.2 mm, 10.7 mm and 1.8 mm of rains during the same period.

The rain triggered waterlogging at several places, causing traffic jams. According to Delhi Police, traffic jams were reported at ITO and Connaught Place in central Delhi, Shadipur Depot in west Delhi and Dhaula Kuan, and Ashram in south Delhi.

"The maximum temperature was recorded at 35.1 degrees Celsius, two notches above the season's average, while the minimum temperature was recorded at 26.4 degrees Celsius, which is nor mal for this time of the year. The humidity in airoscillated between 65% and 88%," the official said.

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On Thursday, Delhi can expect a generally cloudy sky along with the possibility of rain in many areas. On Tuesday, the maximum temperature settled at 37 degrees while the minimum was 26 degrees Celsius.



 Rain on Tuesday afternoon caused a jam at ITO.

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## Met says it issued rain warning, railways deny

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phopal: Local weather officials said a heavy rain warning was issued to the rail division under which the accident spot in Harda falls, but railway authorities contested that saying another train passed safely 10 minutes before the incident and there was no apprehension.

The accident could not have been prevented at all as it was a "natural calamity due to unprecedented rain in a short time", railway minister Suresh Prabhu said amid reports that the railways ignored a meteorological warning. The Regional

Meteorological Centre (RMC) said it sent out a warning of 'heavy to very heavy rainfall' in some areas of Hoshangabad division, under which Harda falls.

"We send out weather-related warnings to different agencies listed with the state relief commissioner's office and the railway office is one of them," RMC director Anupam Kashyapi said.

However, divisional railway manager Rajeev Kumar told HT no such warning was received.

"The section has existed for 50 years and never before has any such incident happened. A train passed the same section 10 minutes before the accident, thus there was no such apprehension," he said.

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Two derailed trains lie next to each other following flash floods near Harda in Madhya Pradesh. AFP

## Flood triggered mishaps; 29 dead

#### HARDA (MP), AUGUST 5

Twenty-nine persons were killed when two trains derailed while crossing a railway bridge struck by flash floods in Harda district of Madhya Pradesh last night, sending 17 coaches and an engine tumbling into a rainswollen river.

The twin derailments that occurred around the same time (around 11.30 pm) last night involved the Varanasi-bound Kamayani Express from Mumbai and the Mumbai-bound Janta Express originating from Patna that was coming from the opposite direction. Officials said 25 persons were injured and over 250 rescued.

There were conflicting versions on the exact number of casualties in the accidents that occurred between Khirkiya and Bhirangi stations on Khandwa-

#### Heavy rain caused tragedy: Prabhu

- The prima facie cause of the tragedy is stated to be a flash flood due to heavy rain. Suresh Prabhu, RAUWAY MINISTER (IN RALYA SABHA)
- with believe this (twin mishaps) happened because of natural reasons and not because of human error. Wherever there is black cotton soil, there is bound to be soil erosion. Railway is serious about safety, and we constantly monitor our tracks.

#### PM announces ₹2 lakh for victims

- N PM Narendra Modi has announced an ex gratia of ₹2 lakh for the kin of each of those killed in the twin train derailments
- The seriously injured will
- get ₹50,000 each from the PM's Relief Fund
- The relief will be in addition to the assistance already announced by the Railways

Itarsi section, 160 km from Bhopal, after 500-m rail tracks over a small bridge sank in a sudden surge of water caused by a heavy rain in the area. "Twenty-nine bodies, including that of 13 men, 11 women and five children, have been recovered so far from the mishap site," said MP Government spokesman Anupam Rajan.

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Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu, however, told Parliament that as per information available, 12 passengers were killed. Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Bhopal, Alok Kumar said 11 passengers of the Janta Express and one from the Kamayani Express were found dead.

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said 25 passengers had been killed in the mishap while 50 were injured. Twelve bodies were found inside the derailed train coaches, he told reporters at the mishap site.

Prabhu said a flash flood caused the swollen Machak to overflow and wash out a section of the rail tracks, leading to derailment of the two trains. "The prima facie cause of the incident is stated to be flash flood due to heavy rains," Prabhu told the Rajya Sabha amid a din created by slogan-shouting Opposition members.

"We felt a sudden jerk. When we opened the door and checked, there was water everywhere. In no time, the train tilted and we all got trapped and remained stuck for three hours," a survivor said. "The water level on the track was almost waist-high," said another survivor.

Though the MP Government said 21 coaches of the two trains had derailed, Alok Kumar said seven coaches of the Janta Express and its engine; and 10 of the Kamayani Express had derailed.

"Prima facie, it appears that the cause behind the mishap was heavy rain that was never witnessed in Harda region in my recent memory. Due to it, support material under the tracks got washed away and the overhead contact of the engine got disconnected because of which the trains got stranded on the tracks over the bridge on the Machak river," Chouhan said.

The Railway Ministry has ordered an inquiry into the twin derailments and announced an enhanced ex gratia of Rs 2 lakh each to the next of the kin of deceased.—PTI

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# Villagers in Manipur mend broken bridges themselves

Ratnadip Choudhury

GUWAHATI: Every day, NTS Plowish used to cross the Chakpikarong bridge to reach his workplace in Thoubal district, the concrete bridge being the only connectivity for villagers in Chandel district like him.

The flash flood on July 31, however, broke the chief source of livelihood for 40,000 people in about 40 villages in the two districts in Manipur, cutting them off from the rest of the state. "We are cut off since July 31," Plowish told *Deccan Herald* by phone. "Two concrete bridges have been broken. We lost houses, harvest and roads."

"No one knows the extent of damage to the properties. We are donating money from our pocket to build makeshift bridges. Are we not Indians? Is not our plight being noticed?" asked a tearful Plowish.

Locals said they had to search the body of a villager



The temporary bridge built by villagers after Chakpikarong bridge – that serves more than 40,000 people of both Thoubal and Chandel districts of Manipur– collapsed on July 31 due to flash floods, DEEPAK OINAM

drowned in the floods after calls for help to the authorities did not yield desired result.

Doing things for themselves without depending on the government seemed like a recurring theme in the continuing tragedy of flash floods in the area. The state government has come under condemnation for its slow reaction to the flood.

Since Sunday, villagers from

both the districts are risking their lives to place bamboo sticks on the broken parts of the bridge above the dangerously overflowing Chakpi river to restore connectivity.

By Monday morning, they indeed succeeded in putting up the makeshift bridge, even as the river showed signs of receding.

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## Flood situation in UP grim; toll reaches 58

**LUCKNOW**, **DHNS**: The flood situation in Uttar Pradesh remains grim on Tuesday with several rivers continuing to be in spate.

The toll in flood and rains related incidents have reached 58 with three more deaths reported from various parts of the state.

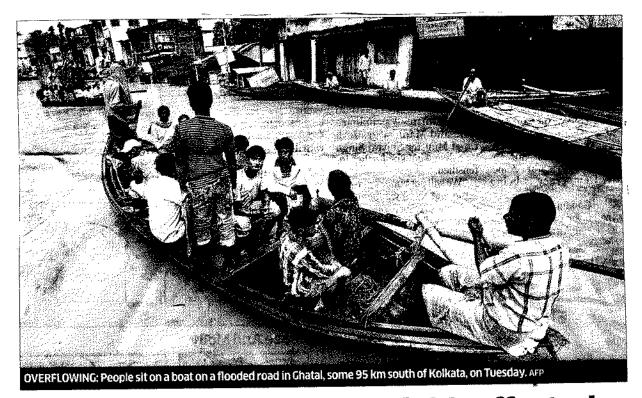
Reports said waters of Ghaghra, Sharda, Ramganga and Tons rivers inundated large tracts of a ricultural land in Lakhimpur Kheri, Baharaich, Gonda and other districts, forcing thousands to

The Ganges and Yamuna rivers have been rising at Allahabad inundating many low lying areas. Hundreds have fled Allahabad's flooded areas.

Experts said heavy rain in neighbouring Nepal resulted in flooding of Sharda and other rivers.

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## Bengal flood toll rises, 60 lakh affected

KOLKATA, DHNS: The flood situation in southern West Bengal remained grim on Tuesday with the death toll reaching around 90. Almost 60 lakh people were in utter distress even as the water level in most rivers in the region started receding.

Government sources said around a lakh houses were submerged while several thousand hectares of agricultural land were damaged across 12 districts of the state.

"Close to 80 lakh hectare of farmland have been damaged

and more than 10,000 cattle have been lost," said Chief Minister Banerjee, whom Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh assured the Centre's help in rescue operations.

The damage in the agriculture sector has left a serious affect on the markets.

Prices of vegetables and other food items have shot up sharply and although state Agriculture Minister Purnendu Basu felt things were under control and the prices wouldn't spiral even if the flood water receded after a week, other

quarters had different thoughts. "The acute shortage of vegetables could keep prices sky high for the next 3-4 months," said a member of the chief minister's task force on agriculture. The farmers' organisations also believe that the worst is yet to come.

In Kolkata and adjoining areas, onion is selling at Rs 50 a kilogram (kg) compared to Rs 38 from before the flood.

Prices of other vegetables have also shot up by at least Rs 10-20 a Kg. While farmers' organisations apprehend prices of brinjal and cabbage to shoot up over the next month, chillies are currently going at RS 120 a kg, which was Rs 80 even 10 days ago.

#### Over 4 lakh in camps

Meanwhile, sources in the state Disaster Management Task Force (DMTF), which has placed over four lakh people in around 2,500 relief camps across South Bengal, said the maximum casualties were caused by lightning strikes, structural collapse, electrocution, drowning and snake bites.

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# Monsoon active in three districts

BENGALURU: A couple of districts in the State continued to receive good rainfall on Thesday too. Uttar Kannada, Shivamogga and parts of Tumakuru districts have received rains.

Monsoon was active in Ut-

tar Kannada district and all the three regions, the coastal region, the Malnad region and the plains, received good rainfall on Tuesday.

rains, farmers have expedited agriculture activities in the fields. Water level in the Linguistant fall on Tuesday.

Bhatkal, Honnavar and Ankola in the coastal region received intermittent rainfall throughout the day. Sirsi, Siddapur and Yellapur in the Malnad region received sporadic rainfall, while Haliyal and Mundagod which come under the plains; also received scattered rainfall.

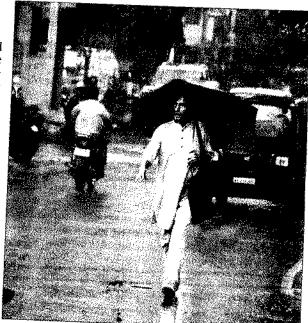
Moderate to heavy rainfall lashed several parts of Shivamogga district on Tuesday.

Hosanagar, Thirthahalli, Bhadravathi, Shivamogga, Sorab, Sagar and some parts of Shikaripur taluks received intermittent rainfall throughout the day. Following good rains, farmers have expedited agriculture activities in the fields. Water level in the Linganamakki dam rose to 1783.40 feet against the maximum level of 1819 feet as the catchment area in the dam received 32.2 mm of rainfall. The inflow into the dam was 7676 cusecs and the outflow stood at 5, 584 cusecs.

Parts of Tumakuru district have received light to moderate rains on Tuesday. While Tumakuru and Gubbi taluk recorded moderate rainfall, parts of Koratagere, Madhugiri and Tiptur taluks witnessed light showers.

Agricultural activities have gained pace at villages under Kora, Hebburu and Urdigere hoblis of Tumakuru taluk.

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A man puts up his umbrella as heavy rain lashes Shivamogga city on Tuesday. DH PHOTO

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# World glaciers melting at record rates: Study

GENEVA, PTI: Glaciers all over the world are melting at an alarming rate, with the first decade of the current century seeing up to thrice the rates of the 20th century, a new global study has warned.

The World Glacier Monitoring Service, domiciled at the University of Zurich, has compiled worldwide data on glacier changes for more than 120 years.

In this study, observations of the first decade of the 21st century (2001-2010) were compared to all available earlier data from in-situ, air-borne, and satellite-borne observations as well as to reconstructions from pictorial and written sources.

"The observed glaciers currently lose between half a metre and one metre of its ice thickness every year - this is two to three times more than the corresponding average of the 20th century," said Michael Zemp, Director of the World Glacier Monitoring Service and lead author of the study.

"Exact measurements of this ice loss are reported from a few hundred glaciers only. However, these results are qualitatively confirmed from field and satellite-based observations for tens of thousands of glaciers around the world," said Zemp.

According to the interna-

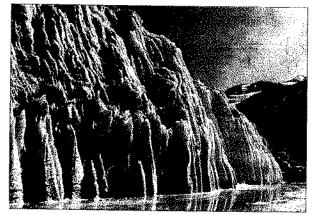
tional team, the current rate of glacier melt is without precedence at global scale, at least for the time period observed and probably also for recorded history, as indicated also in reconstructions from written and illustrated documents.

In addition, the study shows that the long-term retreat of glacier tongues is a global phenomenon. Intermittent re-advance periods at regional and decadal scales are normally restricted to a subsample of glaciers and have not come close to achieving the Little Ice Age maximum positions reached between the 16th and 19th century.

As such, glacier tongues in Norway have retreated by some kilometres from its maximum extents in the 19th century. The intermittent re-advances of the 1990s were restricted to glaciers in the coastal area and to a few hundred metres.

In addition, the study indicates that the intense ice loss of the past two decades has resulted in a strong imbalance of glaciers in many regions of the world

"These glaciers will suffer further ice loss, even if climate remains stable," said Zemp.



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# Pamban bridge strengthened, gets new girders

16 more corroded girders to be replaced; railways to float tender soon

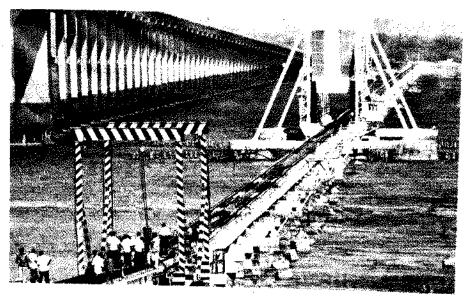
Special Correspondent

PAMBAN: Re-girdering work on the century-old Pamban rail bridge, which began in January, drew to a close with MR Hi Tech Engineers, the private firm which was awarded the contract, replacing the last - the 28th - girder on Tuesday.

As part of strengthening the country's first cantilever bridge, the railways decided to replace 28 highly corroded girders with new ones at a total cost of Rs. 3.16 crore.

Ramanathapurambased private company completed re-girdering, working three days a week - Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays without disrupting the train services.

The company was given a four-hour window period between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. to avoid disturbance to train services when the work was



The re-girdering work on Pamban rail bridge was completed without disturbing the train services. - PHOTO: L. BALACHANDAR.

in progress.

V. Rajendran, Bridge Engi-

present when the last girder was replaced, expressed satisneer from Chennai, who was faction over the completion

of the work. Chief Bridge Engineer M. Suyambulingam inspected the work on July 28 and reviewed the progress of the work.

This was the first time after the gauge conversion in 2007 that the corroded girders were replaced. The 28 highly corroded girders identified by the railways between the 60th and the 145th spans were more than II years old. During gauge conversion, only 22 new girders were laid and the remaining 122 were strengthened after re-bracing, sources said.

Even as the private firm was replacing the corroded girders, railway officials identified 16 more highly corroded girders and decided to replace them at a cost of Rs. 2.22 crore.

The girders were located between 40th and the 65th spans and between 112th to the 125th spans. The Railways expected to float the tender soon for the work, the sources