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Wretched of the earth

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A Rohingya family wades through a creek on the Myanmar border to somehow reach Bangladesh on Tuesday. Dhaka plans to develop a flood-prone island in the Bay of Bengal.

The island will temporarily house tens of thousands of Rohingya Muslims fleeing violence in Myanmar. Close to 125,000 have crossed into Bangladesh in just 10 days. AP/PTI **PAGES 7,13**

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This year's floods worst in a decade

Over 1,000 Dead, 3.4 Crore People Affected

**23 STATES HIT,
8L HOMES
DAMAGED**

Population affected

3.4 crore+

Children affected

1.3 crore+

Persons killed

1000+

Districts **280**

States (mainly 6) **23**



Cropped area affected

3 lakh hectares
(prelim.)



Homes damaged/

destroyed
8 lakh +



Schools

damaged
16,000

23 STATES HIT, 8L HOMES DAMAGED

Nepal: **17 lakh**

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As the monsoon prepares to recede, India faces a mammoth recovery task from the worst floods in a decade. Over 3.4 crore people across 280 districts have been affected by floods that left more than 1,000 dead.

Very preliminary estimates indicate that over 3 lakh hectares of crops, mainly paddy, have been destroyed. Over 8 lakh homes, mostly kachcha units have been damaged or destroyed. An estimated 16,000 schools too have suffered damage. The vast network of state-run health centres in far-flung rural areas has also suffered extensive damage although concrete numbers are not available.

Records show this year's monsoon floods were the worst since 2007, when 4.1 crore people were affected.

The past few days have brought some respite as most rivers in UP, Bihar and West Bengal are now flowing at normal levels and rainfall too has been scattered or isolated, although it continues in Assam

and adjoining states. Flood waters are reportedly receding across the affected swathe but lakhs of people continue to receive food and other essentials from relief camps and community kitchens set up by state governments.

The immediate issue will be preventing the spread of diseases, especially water-borne ones such as diarrhoea, and mosquito-borne ones like dengue, malaria and encephalitis, warn experts. Subsequently, the onerous task of recovery faces the affected people who are mostly dependent on agriculture.

The flooding was mainly in UP, Bihar, north Bengal, Odisha and Assam. Although most of these states received normal or even slightly below par rainfall this monsoon season, rivers flowing down from the Himalayas were in spate because of heavy rains in the mountains and upper catchment areas.

Excess rains caused unprecedented flooding in Gujarat, Rajasthan and parts of western Maharashtra, including Mumbai. IMD offi-

cials say that nearly all flood-prone areas in the country have experienced flooding at some point this season.

The same rivers — Brahmaputra and Ganga with their numerous tributaries — which inundated the northern and eastern plains caused flooding in downstream Bangladesh, affecting 80 lakh people in 32 districts.

Meanwhile, upstream catchment areas falling in Nepal experienced some of the worst floods with 17 lakh people impacted in 35 districts of the country. Over 140 people have perished in the floods and an estimated \$8.8 billion worth of crops destroyed, mainly in the terai districts of Nepal. While Pakistan has not been as extensively affected, 136 persons have lost their lives in heavy rains and floods in Sindh and Balochistan.

The death toll in these devastating floods across the subcontinent has crossed 1,200 and the population affected is 4.5 crore, according to UN agencies, making 2017 monsoon floods one of the most destructive in recent years.

Source: MHA, State Disaster Management depts., UN-OCHA

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Nat'l grid to curb water deficit on Gadkari's agenda

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New Delhi: Just like a national grid for power or security, India will also have a water grid with the aim of ensuring no area of the country faces any water deficit. Achieving this objective will be the primary task before him, Union transport and shipping minister Nitin Gadkari told **TOI** after assuming additional charge of the water resources ministry on Monday.

The concept of water grid in India is mainly centres around the existing inter-linking of rivers (ILR) plan which was conceived in order to transfer water from surplus zones to deficit zones via inter-connected rivers. At present, the ministry is focussed on three ILR projects — Ken-Betwa link (Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh), Par-Tapi-Narmada and Damanganga-Pinjal links (Gujarat and Maharashtra).

"My priority will be to roll out first three projects. Water as a subject is close to my heart. Taking water to fields and expanding drip irrigation are key to farmers' welfare. Farmer suicides are linked to water deficit. I would like to address this issue as my priority, besides completing all the ongoing Ganga rejuvenation projects," Gadkari told **TOI**. He said ministry will take all possible steps to "clean rivers and can't let them die."

The inter-ministerial task force, comprising of representatives from ministries including drinking water and sanitation, rural development and panchayati raj and urban development, would specify a definite time-line by which these projects would be completed.

Gadkari promised to fast-track project implementation and said all projects, which were conceived by his predecessor



Nitin Gadkari assumed additional charge of the water resources ministry on Monday

Uma Bharti, would be completed on time. Most of the programmes of the ministry are about to take off soon, he added. Gadkari took charge in presence of Bharti and later jointly briefed the media. Bharti, who took charge of drinking water and sanitation ministry, said Gadkari was always in the loop while she was working and finalising details of Ganga rejuvenation projects.

She said, "Namami Gange programme *kipahli ahuti maine dali aur iski poornahuti Gadkari ji dalenge*" (I have initiated the Namami Gange programme and Gadkari would now complete it).

Gadkari was accompanied by Arjun Ram Meghwal and Satya Pal Singh who took charge as MoS in the ministry. Satya Pal is the new entrant while Meghwal was earlier MoS in the finance ministry.

Gadkari takes charge at a time when the ministry has started awarding contracts for setting up new sewage treatment plants (STPs) in different cities. The National Mission for Clean Ganga had only last month awarded contracts for setting up STPs in Haridwar and Varanasi under Hybrid Annuity based PPP model.

Under this model, the contractors will not only establish the STP but will also operate and maintain it for a period of 15 years.

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नई, (वार्ता): जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री नितिन गडकरी ने कहा कि केन बेतवा सहित नदी जोड़ की तीन तथा बांध निर्माण की दो परियोजनाओं पर काम अगले तीन माह में शुरू कर दिया जाएगा और प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी इनकी शुरुआत करेंगे।

श्री गडकरी ने मंत्रालय के कामकाज के बारे में वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों साथ समीक्षा बैठक के बाद पत्रकारों से कहा कि केन-बेतवा, पार-तापी-नर्मदा तथा रमणगंगा-पिंजल नदी जोड़ परियोजनाओं के साथ ही पंचेश्वर और उत्तरी कोयल बांध

परियोजना की शुरुआत तीन माह में कर दी जाएगी। इन परियोजनाओं पर 40 से 50 हजार करोड़ रुपये खर्च आने का अनुमान है और इन परियोजनाओं का

शिलान्यास प्रधानमंत्री करेंगे। समीक्षा बैठक में श्री गडकरी के अलावा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री अर्जुन राम मेगवाल तथा सत्यल सिंह भी मौजूद थे। श्री

गडकरी ने कहा कि गंगा से जुड़ी परियोजना का काम श्री सिंह देखेंगे और सिंचाई परियोजनाओं का कार्य श्री मेगवाल देखेंगे। उन्होंने कहा कि इन परियोजनाओं को आरंभ करने को लेकर राज्यों के बीच जो भी

● केन-बेतवा, पार-तापी-नर्मदा व रमणगंगा-पिंजल नदियां जुड़ेंगी

● पंचेश्वर व उत्तरी कोयल बांध कार्य भी होगा प्रारंभ

विवाद हैं उनके समाधान के लिए संबंधित राज्यों के मुख्यमंत्रियों की एक पखवाड़ के भीतर बैठक बुलाई जाएगी और उनकी समस्याएं सुनकर समाधान निकाला जाएगा। केंद्रीय मंत्री ने कहा कि केन बेतवा को जोड़ने

से छह लाख हेक्टेयर भूमि को सिंचाई होगी और इस पर करीब 18 हजार करोड़ रुपए की लागत आएगी। इसी तरह से पंचेश्वर बांध का निर्माण होने से नेपाल के साथ संबंध सुधरेगे और इससे राजस्थान तक लोगों को पीने का पानी उपलब्ध होगा।

इस संबंध में जल संसाधन सचिव के साथ नेपाल के एक प्रतिनिधि मंडल ने विचार-विमर्श भी किया। उत्तर कोयल परियोजना से

33 हजार हेक्टेयर भूमि को सिंचाई होने का अनुमान लगाया गया है। जल संसाधन मंत्री ने अधिकारियों को निर्देश दिया कि परियोजनाओं की लागत कम करने के लिए प्रौद्योगिकी का इस्तेमाल करें और इसके लिए भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थानों और संबंधित क्षेत्र के विशेषज्ञों को सलाह लें।

