

नौ साल बाद अक्टूबर में तापमान 40 के पास

राजधानी में तेज गर्मी,
आमजन बेहाल

जयपुर@ पत्रिका. अक्टूबर में गर्मी का नौ साल का रिकार्ड टूट गया है। अक्टूबर में अधिकतम तापमान 39.6 डिग्री सेल्सियस को छू गया है, जो कि इससे पूर्व इसी महीने में वर्ष 2006 में दर्ज किया गया था। बीते दिन रविवार को राजधानी का अधिकतम तापमान 39.6 डिग्री सेल्सियस दर्ज किया गया। सोमवार को हालांकि इसमें 0.2 डिग्री की कमी आई और वह 39.4 डिग्री सेल्सियस रहा। विशेषज्ञों के अनुसार

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An Uttarakhand Human Rights Commission (UHRC) team, after spending three days at Gangotri near the source of the Ganga, and witnessing rampant pollution of the river there, has issued a notice to the state chief secretary, asking him to submit a report on the steps taken to check disposal of waste by the proliferating shops, restaurants and hotels in the area. The chief secretary has been asked to reply within six weeks on what the government intends to do to check the pollution of the Ganga, which is known by the name Bhagirathi in Gangotri.

The order dated October 1, 2015, a copy of which is with TOI, says, "On our visit to Gangotri, we were shocked to see that all the shops, restaurants, eating places and hotels were discharging their effluents in the river Bhagirathi without getting the same treated."

The commission has also sent a copy of the order to the Prime Minister's office in New Delhi while fixing November 16 as the next date of hearing of the matter.

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DPCC closure notice to defunct Britannia plant

Akanksha Jain

NEW DELHI: The Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) seems to have gone overboard when it comes to implementing the National Green Tribunal's order of not allowing industrial units to operate without an effluent treatment plant and, thus, polluting the Yamuna.

Serving notices to 1,200 units found spewing toxic waste into the river, the agency also issued an order of closure to an already shut Britannia Industries factory on Lawrence Road.

What it did not realize was that the factory was closed down in 2014. All that remains now is a small office.

Britannia Industries received a copy of the order which said that in case it did not comply, its water and power connection would be discontinued.

Responding to this, Britannia moved the NGT saying the factory had already been closed down and that it did not need much water and power for the office on site.

Counsel for Britannia In-



The NGT had asked for 1,200 units spewing waste into the Yamuna to be shut. PHOTO: PRASHANT NAKWE

dustries, R. Jawahar Lal, said "the factory was shut in 2014. The confusion happened because there were a series of plots allotted to the factory and all these plots were consolidated into one in the 1990s." Mr. Lal also said that even if the NGT order is kept in mind, the factory had an effluent treatment plant before it was shut down.

The DPCC, meanwhile, accepted the mistake before the NGT on Monday.

The matter will now come up for hearing on Thursday.

It is to be noted that in June this year, the NGT had asked the DPCC to shut 1,200 industrial units found spewing toxic waste into the Yamuna through rainwater drains.

Only 13 of the 28 industrial clusters in Delhi have common effluent treatment plants, even as untreated chemicals put to waste the crores of rupees being spent to revive the Yamuna.



Heavy erosion by river Brahmaputra at Bhuragaom area in Morigaon district on Saturday.
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ennihalla near Navalgund in Dharwad district overflows following heavy rains on Sunday. (Right) Standing sugar cane crop destroyed in heavy rain in
 ippani of Belagavi district. (Below) A waterlogged road in Tumakuru on Sunday. DH PHOTOS

Climate change

■ Arnab Jyoti Das

Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed," said Mahatma Gandhi. Climate change is no more just an environmental concern. It has emerged as the biggest developmental challenge for the planet posing threat to human health along with its economic impacts, especially in the developing nations making it a major issue of governance as well. Global Footprint Network (GFN), a sustainability think tank has revealed that humanity has already used 100% of the resources produced by the earth this year, meaning any consumption from now on represents an unsustainable burden on the planet. Known as 'Earth Overshoot Day', the moment when humanity exceeds nature's budget for the year was reached on August 13, 2015, six days earlier than in 2014. The only way to reverse the trajectory and push it back would be the global commitment to reduce carbon emissions by 30% by 2030 and that would see the day pushed back to September 16.

Significantly, at a time when India is confronted with development imperatives, we have been severely affected by climate change. The consequences can be seen in melting glaciers, changing monsoon patterns, rising sea levels, changing ecosystems and fatal heat waves. Scientists are not the only ones talking about the changes. From the apple growers in Himachal Pradesh to the farmers in Vidharbha (Maharashtra) and those living in disappearing islands in the Sunderbans are already struggling with the impacts of climate change. Sudden increase in the frequency and severity of floods and storms have resulted in the destruction of homes, agricultural lands, medical facilities etc impacting particularly on people residing in marginal living condition and forcing unprotected populations to seek safer ground, often increasing environmental and social pressures in their new locations. Cities like Mumbai and Chennai have witnessed significant environmental stresses in recent years. Crowding due to population displacement is likely to exacerbate existing housing problems in the mega cit-

ies. Also, noise, overcrowding and other possible features of unplanned urbanisation may increase the prevalence of mental disorders, such as depression, anxiety, chronic stress, schizophrenia and suicide.

The major brunt of global climate change in terms of adverse health impact is mostly borne by the poor and developing countries, even though the developed countries account for maximum greenhouse gas emission. Though India has contributed only 2% of the total carbon emissions from fossil fuel burning over the last 100 years, still it is likely to experience greater effects from the 'extreme weather' events. As two-third of the Indian population depends directly on the climate sensitive sectors like agriculture, fisheries and forests, it is bound to have an adverse impact.

Eighteen heat-waves were reported in India between 1980 and 1998, with a heat-wave in 1988 affecting ten states and causing 1300 deaths. In June, 2005, there was another record in the state of Odisha with an unusual mercurial rise in summer, the capital city of Bhubaneswar recorded the highest temperature of 46.3 degree Celsius which was 10 degrees above normal, leading to a heat wave. The Indian metropolitan city of Mumbai was besieged with India's heaviest downpour of the century in July, 2005, killing nearly 600 people. According to the Indian Meteorological department, it was the heaviest ever (83.82 cm) in India in last 100 years. The record-breaking Mumbai rain or heat waves in Odisha may not have a direct causal association with global climate change but at the same time, it cannot be ignored as 'simple local aberrations.'

Studies show that exposure to temperatures at either side of a 'comfort range' is associated with an increased risk of mainly cardio pulmonary mortality and respiratory disease. India is at a higher risk with wide variation in temperature and higher level of air pollutants. The Intergovernmental panel on climate change (IPCC) fourth assessment report on human health also concludes that the frequency and in-

tensity of heat waves increased the number of deaths and serious illness.

In 2014, the World Health Organisation (WHO) in its Ambient Air Pollution (AAP) database, revealed that thirteen of top 20 dirtiest cities were Indian. Delhi topped the list followed by Patna, Gwalior and Raipur. Realising the problem, the government formulated a policy for abatement of pollution providing multi-pronged strategies in the form of regulations, legislations, agreements, fiscal incentives etc. Over time, the thrust has shifted from curative measures to prevention and control through adoption of clean technology, reuse and recycling, natural resource accounting, environmental audit to bring about sustainable development and promote clean energy. A recent example is the Rs 2,315 crore Hubli-Ankola railway line cutting across the Western Ghats in Karnataka which has been shown a red signal by the Supreme Court of India's panel on forest and wildlife, which said that the project's "huge and irreparable" ecological impact would "far outweigh" its actual tangible benefits. Mobile enforcement teams have also been deployed on regular basis at various locations for prosecution of polluting vehicles and not having Pollution under control (PUC) certificates.

India's investment in climate change appears to be ramping up domestically as well. People are very particular in buying any vehicle or electrical equipment, they look for fuel economy and power savings guide certified by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE). Many youngsters have chosen to make significant changes in their lifestyle, students in various universities across India choose to commute by cycling or using public transport. Best way forward is by making investments in leapfrog technologies such as '100% renewable energy'. Dharnai in Bihar (India), is a shining example. The village faces extreme poverty, and high illiteracy rates. But life in Dharnai has transformed in the 10 months since an affordable solar grid arrived, the first village in India where all aspects of life are powered by solar energy.

Nabarangpur rings in irrigation plan to tackle monsoon woes

ANIL SASI

FOR A district with just a single industrial unit and where nearly 90 per cent of the population is dependent on farming for sustenance, the lack of irrigation facilities is a perennial bugbear. For Nabarangpur District Collector Rashmita Panda, the roll-out of one such medium-scale irrigation scheme — the Turi Guntak project — is top on the implementation list to improve the irrigation potential of the district, where an estimated 1.56 lakh hectares out of the 1.85 lakh hectares of cultivable land — or 84 per cent of cultivable land — is dependent on rain water. Inadequate rain, as was the case this year, has led to some degree of crop damage of paddy, maize and sugarcane, three of the main crops grown in Nabarangpur.

Of 10 blocks in the district, only four — Chandahandi, Nabarangpur, Nandahandi and Umerkote — have irrigation potential of 35 per cent of the cultivable land. The remaining six blocks have minimal irrigation coverage. "The Turi-Guntak medium irrigation project is being pursued as a top priority. In my tenure, I hope to see it getting commissioned," Panda, a 2010 batch IAS officer, told. Nabarangpur is the focus of a year-long assignment launched by on August 15, 2015, to track poverty and transformation in India's poorest district. As per the official district statistics, only 29,823 hectares of total cultivable area of 1,85,824 hectares are covered under assured irrigation, with farmers being forced to take up only single crop over an area of 1,47,132 hectares due to lack of irrigation facility.

DISTRICT ZERO

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The proposed Turi-Guntak MI project, about 13 kms from the district headquarters, had been accorded preliminary clearance by the Central Water Commission. On completion, the project is expected to irrigate around 23,000 acres of land. Apart from the Turi-Guntak project, two other medium irrigation projects, Lower Bhaskel MI project and the Angi MI project, as well as an integrated electricity and irrigation scheme on the Tel river, are in various stages of project appraisal. Progress on the ground, though, in each of these projects, has been hanging fire for years. All these projects are over and above a scheme to provide irrigation from the Indravati reservoir, which is expected to be extended to Nabarangpur.

S P Majhi, a paddy cultivator in the district, is circumspect. "This year, the rains have betrayed us. The (Odisha) Water Resources Department has announced



The Turi river, where the irrigation project is proposed to be set up.

plans to supply water from river Indravati through a 300 metre long tunnel that is expected to irrigate about 15,000 ha of land in three blocks in Nabarangpur. But, for long, such plans have remained just on paper, with nothing to show for it on the ground." The district collector's office said the extension of the Indravati project, taken up in the course of a high-level review meeting in June, pegs the costs of the proj-

ect at Rs 243 crore. "The drawing and design of the project is under consideration of the Central Water Commission," an official said.

Following the review meeting of the irrigation projects of the district by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik in June this year, the State Government is reported to have set an ambitious target to create additional irrigation potential of 21 per cent during

next four years. Plans include bringing 39,286 hectares (ha) of cultivable land under assured irrigation by 2018-19, with an overall investment of Rs 343.88 crore.

The infrastructure includes setting up 275 lift irrigation points, 4199 bore-wells, 11 medium irrigation projects, 640 micro irrigation projects, four mega lift irrigation points and 111 check dams in the district to achieve the target.

Nation

Centre launches new system to assess crop yield, losses

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The Centre has launched a new project, Kisan [C(K)rop Insurance using Space technology And geoinformatics], to fasten the payment of crop insurance claims to farmers and improve estimations.

The project, through satellite and drone-based imaging and other geospatial technology, would get timely and accurate data on crop yield. The pilot study has been launched in rice and cotton fields of the ongoing kharif season in four districts, Kurukshetra (Haryana), Shimoga (Karnataka), Yavatmal (Maharashtra) and Seoni (Madhya Pradesh).

It will be carried into the 2015-16 rabi season in eight districts in same states to assess the yields of rice, wheat and sorghum, said Minister of State for Agriculture Sanjeev Kumar Balyan. The aim is to cover the entire country after assessing the results, he said.

The government also launched an Android-based app for collection of data of hailstorm with the support of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to assess large-scale damage to standing crops. The facility will be used by state agriculture officials to help the Centre arrive at quick assessment of damage to crops because of hailstorm. At present, there is no comprehensive approach to collect hailstorm data.

The app will collect real time data about hailstorm occurrences along with photographs and geographical coordinates (longitude and latitude). This will support in deciding the crop loss more objectively and in a very fast manner.

The app can be used through smartphones for collection of hailstorm data along with photographs and locations and can be uploaded on real-time to ISRO's Bhuvan server.

The programme envisages use of high resolution remote sensing data both from satellite and drone-based imaging, sophisticated modelling activity and other geospatial technology for improving the accuracy of crop yield estimation through more efficient crop cutting experiments.

About the project

- The project, Kisan, will work through satellite and drone-based imaging and other geospatial technology
- It would get timely and accurate data on crop yield and any losses in the event of natural calamities
- Initially the project has been launched in four districts in the country, including Kurukshetra in Haryana
- The government also launched an Android-based app for collection of data of hailstorm

Downpour brings some succour to drought-hit State

BENGALURU: The drought-hit State has every reason to heave a sigh of relief, with widespread moderate rains in the last couple of days.

The showers are expected to continue for the next one week at least. There is nothing unusual about the State receiving rains during this period, say experts.

The upper air cyclonic trough formed between Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea over Karnataka is bringing the rains, according to G S Srinivas Reddy, Director of the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Cell.

He said the south-west monsoon officially concluded on September 30. The withdrawal of monsoon, which yields rains, begins after eight to 10 days. The north-east monsoon starts later.

Asked whether the State had overcome the drought situation, Reddy said, "The State has faced deficit rain of 21 per



MAROONED Vehicles make their way through the waterlogged Old Madras Road in Bengaluru on Sunday. DH PHOTO

cent. The hydrological drought is severe. The water level in major reservoirs is just 54 per cent. Still, the present rains, which can be termed as good and widespread, are going to

help sowing activities. We are expecting more rains. The water table will increase."

It is not just Karnataka which is receiving good rains. Other states in South India are

also getting rains.

Reddy said that there was no flood-like situation, despite the catchment areas of Bennihalla river in Dharwad district receiving heavy showers. Us-

Bengaluru drenched

On Sunday, Bengaluru Urban district received more than 50 mm of rain, considered rather heavy. The condition is likely to continue for at least the next couple of days, according to Srinivas Reddy.

ally, there is three mm rain during this season. But the actual rain received was 180 mm. It is north Karnataka which is receiving better rain than the south. On Sunday too, Dharwad district received heavy rains due to thunderstorm activities.

The coastal districts also have reasons to be happy because of the sufficient rains received in the last few days.

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EDMC clears waste around Hindon Canal after NGT rap

• [Akanksha Jain](#)

After being rapped by the National Green Tribunal for shirking its responsibility to check indiscriminate waste disposal in and around the Hindon canal, the East Delhi Municipal Corporation has issued notices to residents' welfare associations of Mayur Vihar Phase- I, Dallu Pura Village and New Ashok Nagar, which have been developed by the Delhi Development Authority near the canal.

Advocate Balendu Shekhar, appearing for EDMC, also submitted that the municipal solid waste lying in the area has been cleared.

The tribunal has now sought complete details of persons who have been served with notices.

The NGT was hearing a matter initiated by petitioner J.P.Sharma highlighting how heaps of municipal solid waste can be seen around the Hindon Canal at Vasundhara Enclave, Mayur Vihar Phase I, Dallu Pura Village and New Ashok Nagar.

Near the area, a police station has been constructed on the outlet of the drain, obstructing its flow.

The tribunal had earlier ordered that notices be served to all 45 societies in Vasundhara Enclave asking why they should not pay compensation under the 'polluter pays principle'.

The NGT took note of the fact that there is massive collection of municipal solid waste around the Hindon Canal and directed the EDMC to remove the same in a week.

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World

Flash floods at French Riviera

US' Carolina flooded too; eight dead

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A man walks past cars which are stacked against each other outside an apartment a day after rains caused flooding in Mandelieu-La Napoule, France, on Monday. Reuters

Torrential rainfall that South Carolina's Governor Nikki Haley called a "once-in-a-millennium downpour" flooded the south-eastern US state on Sunday, causing eight deaths in the Carolinas

- The storm had dumped more than 50 cm of rain in parts of central South Carolina since Friday, the National Weather Service said
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Rubble from elevated road project chokes Yamuna banks

DUMPING GROUND Activist writes to L-G, chief minister as solid waste and debris from Barapulla elevated road project destroys one of the cleanest stretches of riverbed

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NEW DELHI: Ignoring a ban on dumping waste on the banks of the Yamuna and despite heavy penalties in place to prosecute violators, the floodplains of the river continue to be a favourite dumping spot. At times, various development projects being built on its banks are behind the wastelands.

The National Green Tribunal in January this year had imposed a fine of ₹50,000 on any instance of dumping on the river bed but that has not stopped violators.

Hindustan Times on Monday visited one such site near Sarai Kale Khan and found how an entire channel of the river has been brazenly obstructed by the contractor working in 'zone O (river zone)' with solid waste and rubble for the Barapulla elevated road project.

Nearly two km from the Sarai Kale Khan bus terminus, one of the comparatively cleaner stretches of the river is being brazenly destroyed.

Despite decades of planning and spending thousands of crores on various projects to clean the river, Yamuna has become more and more polluted over the years.

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) as part of its January 13 order had asked various stakeholders to implement the Maili se Nirmal Yamuna Revitalisation Project 2017 to clean up the river.

But on the ground, the water is getting dirtier every day.

Activist Manoj Misra has written to Lieutenant-Governor Najeeb Jung and Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal against this indiscriminate dumping of soil and solid waste on the river bank of the Yamuna by contractors "as a



■ Ongoing construction for the Barapullah elevated road project is damaging the Yamuna riverbed. SANJEEV VERMA/HT PHOTOGRAPHY

SANJEEV VERMA/HT PHOTO

total disregard of the integrity of the river channel in the name of developmental activity".

"Why is development necessarily destructive in Delhi? It seems the PWD and its contractor doesn't see the river over which it is raising an elevated road. We have been informed

that similar obstruction by the PWD has also been raised in the river bed downstream of the Okhla barrage. We fail to understand as to why a temporary pontoon bridge couldn't have been raised over the said channel to convey its man and material across the river?" Misra told Hindustan Times.

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MANOJ MISRA, social activist who works to save the Yamuna

The activist has made a plea to the L-G and CM that the matter should be investigated and the illegal activity should be stopped. "The agencies concerned and their contractors should also be fined in an exemplary manner so that such disregard of the river is not repeated," he said.

More heavy rains predicted for TS, AP

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HYDERABAD, OCT. 4

Moderate rain and thundershowers will occur at many places in Telangana and AP, the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Monday.

Heavy rains has been predicted in isolated places in all the 13 districts of Andhra Pradesh.

The meteorological department said that heavy rains would occur

at isolated places all over Telangana, including Hyderabad, except in Karimnagar, Adilabad and Nizamabad districts in the next 24 hours.

In the last 48 hours, the two states recorded moderate rains at a few places.

On Sunday, Thimmajipeta mandal of Mahbubnagar district in Telangana recorded the maximum rainfall of 8 cm, followed by Nagarkurnool, Kothagudem (Warangal)

● **Thimmajipeta mandal of Mahbubnagar district in Telangana recorded the maximum rainfall of 8 cm.**

● **In Andhra Pradesh, Palakonda of Srikakulam district recorded the maximum rainfall of 8 cm.**

● **The IMD has predicted more rains in both the states.**

at 7 cm, Gudur, Manchal

(Ranga Reddy) Jadcherl (Mahbubnagar) at 6 cm and Golkonda (Hyderabad) and Chinna Chintakunta (Mahbubnagar) at 5 cm.

In AP, Palakonda of Srikakulam district recorded the maximum rainfall of 8 cm followed by Kurupam (Vizianagaram) 7 cm, and Muddanur (Kadapa) at 6 cm and Settur, Gooty (both Anantapur), Chimakurti (Prakasam) and

Merakamudidam (Vizianagaram) at 5 cm.

The meteorological department said that the maximum temperature rose appreciably at one or two places over coastal Andhra Pradesh and Telangana state, fell at one or two places over Rayalaseema.

Temperatures were appreciably above normal at many places over Telangana and coastal AP, the IMD said.

14 DEAD AS LIGHTNING STRIKES IN 2 STATES

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, OCT. 4

Eleven persons in Telangana and three women in AP were killed by lightning.

In Warangal district the deaths were reported from Eturnagar, Tadvai and Chintalapalli. In Karimnagar, three farmers including a woman were killed in their fields at Chinnamet-

palli, Dammannapet and Brahmanapalli. Deaths attributed to lightning strikes were reported from Chungal in Nizamabad, Balgeru in Mahbubnagar, Venkatapur and Chintagudu in Adilabad and from Nalgonda.

In AP, three women died at Ramanujapuram (West Godavari district), Nizampatnam and Kakunamu (Guntur district).

Heavy rains lash north Karnataka districts

BENGALURU: Heavy rains pounded several parts of North Karnataka on Sunday.

Copious rains in Navalgund of Dharwad district pushed the water levels in Tupparihalla and Bennihalla. Both the waterbodies are overflowing and the tahsildar has asked the villagers in the vicinity not to venture into waters. Fakeerappa Dollin, a 62-year-old farmer was washed away in Tuparihalli when he was crossing the waterbody along with his bullocks.

The tank in Srikantnagar of Garaga overflowed and water gushed into more than ten houses in the vicinity. All the tanks and lakes in Kundagol have filled to the brim following heavy rains.

Rain waters washed away groundnut and Bt cotton crops. Several houses in Ingalagi and Mattikatti villages have been damaged.

Families shifted to safety

Nippani, Ramadurga and Chikkodi in Belagavi district received rains for more than two hours. There have been reports property loss in Nippani. Heavy rains accompanied with strong winds have destroyed standing crops of sugar cane and tobacco. Ten families in Ganeshavadi near Nippani were shifted to government school building.

Rains coupled with lightning wreaked havoc in Bagalkot. It rained for more than an hour in Ilkal and surrounding villages. Water gushed into low-lying areas. Roads were waterlogged affecting movement of vehicles. Haveri district too received rains on Sunday.

The coastal and malnad regions of Uttara Kannada district received moderate rains.

Raichur town received heavy rains on Sunday evening bringing a huge relief for the resi-

dents reeling under sweltering heat. The 30-minute showers resulted in waterlogging on roads affecting the movement of vehicles. Rainwater gushed into low-lying areas.

Several parts of Shivamogga district received moderate rains. While it drizzled in Shivamogga town, Shikaripur, Theerthahalli, Hosanagar and Agumbe received moderate rains. Holalkere town in Chitradurga district received heavy rains for more than hour towards evening.

Heavy rains pounded Tumakuru and several parts of district. Skies opened up on Sunday evening and the rains lashed the city for couple of hours. There are reports of moderate rains in Mysuru and Hassan districts. Ballari and surrounding villages received incessant rains for more than four hours

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Six killed by lightning

Three persons were struck dead by lightning at Halyal village in Afzalpur taluk in Kalaburagi district. The deceased have been identified as Basavaraj Athanur, 25, his sister, Ragini Athanur, 16, and Sharanappa Siddappagouda Police Patil, 60, police said.

Two women were struck dead by lightning near Shahbad in Kalaburagi district. The deceased have been identified as Chandamma Siddappa Adin (51) and her daughter-in-law Sakkubai (27).

A shepherd was killed by lightning on the outskirts of Yadgir town. The deceased has been identified as Hanmanth Quater (18).



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Citizens push an ambulance that got stuck at the Somjaiguda Crossroads after heavy rains lashed the city. Several roads were inundated causing inconvenience to both pedestrians and motorists. (Photo: DC)

Hyderabad: The twin cities were lashed by heavy rains and thundershowers from Saturday night. On Sunday, Hyderabad recorded 31.2 mm rainfall, 1,000 per cent more than the normal rain expected on this date, according to the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD). Many of the city's main roads and bylanes were flooded within hours and GHMC's emergency cell was bogged down with distress calls.

Panjagutta, Khairatabad, Lakdikapul, Abids, Koti, Kacheguda, Narayanguda, Chaderghat, Banjara Hills, Jubilee Hills, Miyapur, Kukatpally, Secunderabad, Malkajgiri, Mehdiapatnam and other areas saw heavy rainfall. There were traffic snarls across the twin cities due to the waterlogged roads.

Amberpet Junction, Fever Hospital, Barkatpura, Chaderghat, Nalagonda crossroad, Saidabad, Saroornagar, RK Puram, Masab Tank and Lakdikapul saw slow traffic movement for long periods towards the evening. Traffic was slow in several areas near Hitec City too due to flooded roads.

Waterlogging was reported at Bible House, AS Rao Nagar, Kavadiguda, Jubilee check-post, Jubilee bus stand, Malkajgiri, Neredmet, LIC Colony in West Maredpally, Trimulgherry, Tarnaka, Tolichowki and other low-lying areas. At several low-lying areas in the city, drainage water mixed with rainwater while water entered houses in the Old City, Sheikpet, Karkhana and Ameerpet.

According to the Indian Meteorological Department, isolated places in the twin cities — Hyderabad and Secunderabad — will see heavy rains and thundershowers. Moderate showers will continue for the rest of the week, as predicted by the IMD.

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Workers clear the debris of the Hussaini Alam Ashoorkhana after it collapsed injuring two children inside the house. The building was in a dilapidated condition and no steps were taken earlier to repair it. (Photo: DC)

Hyderabad: The two children of mutawalli (caretaker) Nasreen, 11, and Sohail, 7, were critically injured after a wall at the Hussaini Alam Ashoorkhana collapsed and are undergoing treatment at the Osmania General Hospital. Other members of the family were in the rooms on the ground floor, in the compound. The wall that collapsed was the entrance area to the Ashoorkhana, which has a huge compound, an ablution pond and the main building where prayers are said during Muharram.

Mir Firasat Ali Baqri said, “The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Commissioner’s (GHMC) office had given a notice in February 2014 stating that the wall was weak and would collapse. Despite that, they failed to vacate it. At the same time, Rs 30 lakh had been sanctioned for repair of the whole area of Hussaini Alam but the works were never carried out. Where has the money gone?”

Municipal commissioner Somesh Kumar and senior officers visited the area after the mishap on Sunday and said that notices had been given to the owners to vacate twice but there had been no response from them.

The Ashoorkhana is located in Barah Galli; the road is very narrow and the wall collapsed on the road. Meanwhile, the BJP State Minority Morcha has demanded that the injured children be shifted to corporate hospitals for better treatment.

Deputy Chief Minister Mahmood Ali visited the children at the hospital and declared an ex gratia of `2 lakh each for the deceased and also gave `50,000 for the funeral from his own salary.

Members of the community were not happy. Mr Diyanath Ali Khan said, "The Ashoorkhanas require repairs. It is important that the Wakf board takes up the works seriously. Had proper protocol been followed, this incident could have been avoided. Thousands of people throng the Ashoorkhanas during Moharram. Most of the structures are old and in a dilapidated condition, there is a need for carrying out proper repairs and ensuring stability of the structures."

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The snow-capped Kailash Range as seen from Bhadarwah in J&K's Doda district on Monday

नजरिया

रोगों से जूझते टिहरी बांध के गांव

टिहरी बांध के पास बसे गांव उन समस्याओं के शिकार बन रहे हैं, जिनके बारे में सोचा नहीं गया था।

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टिहरी बांध के चारों ओर बसे सौड़, उप्पू, डांग, मोटणा, भैंगा, जसपुर, डोबरा, पलाम, भल्लियाणा और धरवाल आदि गांवों में सितंबर की शुरुआत से ही नई समस्या खड़ी हो गई है। इन गांवों में मलेरिया और वाइरल बुखार का प्रकोप फैल रहा है। सात-आठ सितंबर को सौ से ज्यादा लोगों को तेज बुखार, सिरदर्द, बदन दर्द जैसी शिकायतों के कारण नई टिहरी जिला अस्पताल में भर्ती होना पड़ा। मरीजों की इतनी अधिक संख्या थी कि उन्हें वार्ड के बाहर भी लेटना पड़ा। भर्ती मरीजों में दो लोगों की मौत भी हो गई। इसका कारण यह है कि टिहरी झील का जल स्तर ऊपर उठने से झाड़ियों व अन्य स्थानों पर मच्छर पैदा हो गए हैं, जो झील से सटे ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में भारी परेशानी पैदा

पर तब उनको खारिज कर दिया गया।

टिहरी बांध में समाहित भागीरथी और भिलंगना नदियों के किनारों पर अनेक स्थानों पर भूस्खलन क्षेत्र है। इनमें से कंगसाली, डोबरा और स्यांसू के ऊपरकी नदी धारा पर स्थित भूस्खलन क्षेत्र प्रमुख हैं। इसी तरह, रोलाकोट के आस-पास भूस्खलन क्षेत्र बन जाने की आशंका भी बताई गई थी। भिलंगना घाटी में नंदगांव, खांड, गडोलिया वगैरह कई स्थान चिन्हित किए गए थे। इन सभी क्षेत्रों में इस समय भूस्खलन की समस्या पैदा हो गई है। हर साल बांध में पानी बढ़ने और कम होने के प्रभाव से यहां के गांव अस्थिर हो गए हैं। उन्हें पुनर्वास की अपनी मांग सरकार तक पहुंचाने के लिए अदालत की शरण तक लेनी पड़ी है। दूसरी ओर, टिहरी जल

कर रहे हैं। झील के किनारे बहकर आई लकड़ी और अन्य गंदगी भी इसका कारण है। झील के किनारे रहने वाले लोग पानी से दुर्गंध आने की शिकायत भी कर रहे हैं।

यह दिक्कत आने वाले समय में और बढ़ सकती है, क्योंकि बांध में लगातार बढ़ रहे 'गाद' के कारण उसका जल स्तर ऊपर उठ रहा है। भागीरथी और भिलंगना नदियों की 20 सहायक जल धाराएं हैं, जहां से भूस्खलन जारी है। इसके कारण टनों मलबा बांध में जमा हो रहा है। अनुमान है कि हर साल प्रति सौ वर्ग किलोमीटर झील में 16.53 हेक्टेयर मीटर मलबा जमा हो रहा है। इससे डेल्टा बनने के प्रमाण सामने आ रहे हैं। इन सच्चाइयों का वैज्ञानिकों ने पहले भी अपनी दर्जनों रिपोर्टों में खुलासा किया था,

विकास निगम कई स्थानों पर अपने वैज्ञानिकों को भूस्खलन क्षेत्र के उपचार के लिए भेजता है, लेकिन उनके जलाशय से उत्पन्न भूस्खलन को वे नहीं रोक पा रहे हैं।

टिहरी बांध पर 2000 मेगावाट विद्युत उत्पादन के लिए पिछले 35 वर्ष में अरबों रुपये खर्च हो गए, लेकिन वास्तव में अभी तक 1000 मेगावाट से ज्यादा विद्युत उत्पादन के प्रमाण नहीं मिले हैं। लेकिन स्थानीय नागरिकों के लिए इससे पैदा होने वाली समस्याएं लगातार बढ़ती ही जा रही हैं। इतना ही नहीं, अब तो ऐसी समस्याएं भी सामने आ रही हैं, जिनके बारे में पहले बहुत ज्यादा सोचा ही नहीं गया था।

(ये लेखक के अपने विचार हैं)