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Floods refuse to relent across the country

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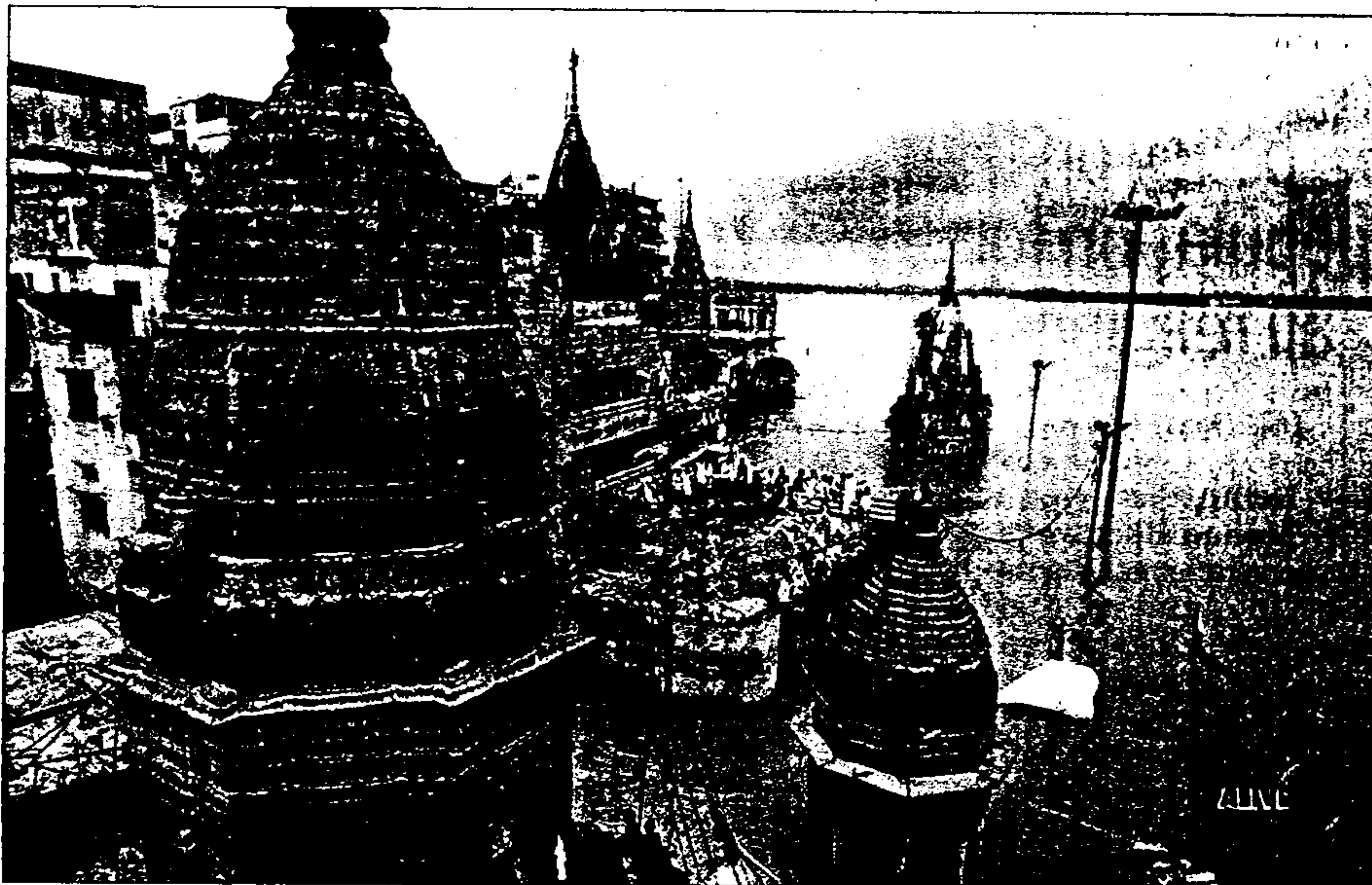
Floods across the northern and eastern parts of the country showed no sign of ebbing on Monday as normal life continues to be thrown out of gear.

At least 19 people have been reported dead in Bihar in the last three days till Monday as floodwaters flowing over several arterial roads including national highways with 12 districts badly affected. The Ganga, Sone and Punpun rivers are flowing well over the danger mark. However, the level of the Ganga has receded in Patna city.

According to Bihar disaster management department sources, 133 persons have lost lives in floods since June 1. The department reported 11 deaths on Saturday, three on Sunday and five on Monday. The situation in Kaimur, Roh-tas, Buxar, Bhojpur, Patna, Bhagalpur, Lakhisarai, Begu-sarai, Vaishali, Saran, Khaga-ria, Munger and Samastipur districts were grim.

In Uttar Pradesh, the Ganga and its tributaries are continuing to swell causing havoc in several districts. The situation was grim in Ballia, where the Ganga was flowing 2.69m above the danger mark of 57.61m. In Ghazipur, the river was flowing 2.12m above the danger mark, and in Mirzapur the water level had swelled to 0.61m above the danger mark. Though the water levels remained steady in Mirzapur and Ballia on Monday, it is expected to rise on Tuesday.

The flood situation has led to the closure of schools in Allahabad and Varanasi. In Allahabad, the Ganga and Yamu-



MEANWHILE, IN THE TEMPLE TOWN: Cremations being performed on the roof of a building in Varanasi on Monday as the famous Manikarnika Ghat is flooded

Flood-hit Bihar received below par rain, says Bihar CM

Patna: Twelve of its districts have been inundated by floodwaters. Nevertheless, Bihar has a monsoon deficit of 16% so far this year. Revealing this here on Monday, CM Nitish Kumar said except for two years in the last one decade — when the state received 1,000mm rainfall — it never recorded its average annual rainfall of 1,200-1,500mm. "In eight of the last 10 years, the state received less than 900mm rainfall, causing drought-like situation in many districts. Ironically, much of the state gets flooded almost every year due to heavy rain in Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and parts of Nepal," he said. "This year too, we have a rainfall deficit of 16%. The flood in Bihar has happened because the monsoon trough has shifted south, causing heavy rains in Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh leading to a rise in water level in Sone," the chief minister said, adding that silt deposits had turned Ganga "shallow". TNN

na are over the danger mark inundating several areas.

The situation in Varanasi is quite grim with the Ganga and its tributary Varuna in spate inundating several areas and affecting about a population of 400,000, flood nodal officer Manilal Yadav said. The Varanasi district administration ordered the closure of all schools for the next three days on Monday.

Varanasi, the city known for its cremation grounds, is facing another crisis with several of its ghats submerged. This has forced funeral processions to hire boats to reach the only available elevated platform for last rites in shifts.

"Around 75-100 bodies arrive here on a daily basis but the elevated platform can accommodate only six pyres at a time. We have no option

but to burn the pyres in shifts. Except this elevated platform, everything else is submerged," said a member of the Brahmin community, Guru Prasad Chowdhary.

In Madhya Pradesh, the Chambal river is in spate affecting 222 villages in three districts— Sheopur, Morena and Bhind.

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CM Chouhan draws flak after getting a 'lift' in flood-hit Panna

BHOPAL, Aug 22: Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has drawn flak and ridicule for a photograph showing him being lifted by

The picture, which has gone viral on internet with netizens taking pot-shots at the BJP leader, was issued yesterday by the State Public Relations

backfired but Principal Secretary S K Mishra contended that the Chief Minister was a 'Z' security protectee and the security personnel had to ensure that

flood-hit people in Panna and other parts, the Chief Minister has himself become a problem for people (security personnel)," Congress leader Arun Yadav said.

He said that the "real face" of Chief Minister has been exposed in the photo. "Now people know him well. We seek his resignation over the photo, depicting his feudal mindset," the Congress leader said.

In social media, social activist Ajay Dubey posted the photo of Chief Minister being lifted by security personnel with a caption "I am a prince".

Dubey took a dig at Chouhan saying the picture has revived memories of feudalism.

Reacting to the photo, one Sachin Jain posted "Liability, isn't it".

Likewise, journalist Abhilash Khandekar, who had written Chouhan's biography, has reacted to the photo commenting it as "Inhuman. Indecent". - PTI



security personnel to cross a swollen nullah in the State's Panna district to meet flood-hit people there, with the Opposition Congress saying it reflected his "feudal mindset".

Department after his visit to the rain-ravaged district but was later withdrawn.

MP Congress chief Arun Yadav said that Chouhan's "photo-stunt" for cheap publicity had

he is not bitten by any poisonous animal in the flood waters.

"Chouhan in a bid to garner cheap publicity has indulged in this photo stunt. Instead of mitigating the problems of

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Water has come

Deccan Herald 24/8 Vegetable prices skyrocket after floods

Even though the Ganga and its tributaries—Sone and Punpun—have started showing a receding trend in the last 36 hours, vegetable prices in and around the state capital have skyrocketed, DHNS reports from Patna.

The reason is that a large part of the diara areas (riverine belt) and surrounding villages in central Bihar, which grow huge quantity of vegetables, remain largely submerged due to swollen rivers. This has resulted in leafy vegetables going out of stock. The prices of those which are available like ladies' finger, brinjal, tomato, parwal, green chillies and coriander have increased by 30 to 50%.

The steep hike is primarily because the vegetable-producing areas like Fatuha, Bakhtiyarpur and Raghapur remain submerged due to the overflowing Ganga and its tributaries.

"Patna is like a saucer. It is surrounded by three rivers with Ganga/Gandak on the north, Sone in the west and Punpun in the south. With all the rivers in spate, most of the vegetable-producing areas are underwater," explained Suresh Kumar, a retailer.

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Inflow into Mettur up

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SALEM: The inflow into the Mettur Dam further rose to 7,998 cusecs on Monday evening, thanks to the release of water from Krishnarajasagar and Kabini reservoirs in Karnataka.

The dam was receiving 6,600 cusecs of water on

Sunday. The water level in the dam rose to 66.26 feet on Monday against its full level of 120 feet. The storage level stood at 29.572 tmc. About 500 cusecs of water is being discharged from the dam for meeting the drinking water needs of the delta districts, according to the Public Works Department sources.

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PMO open to single water panel

JACOB KOSHY

NEW DELHI: The Prime Minister's Office (PMO), it is learnt, is receptive to the idea of forming the proposed National Water Commission (NWC) by merging the Central Water Commission (CWC) and the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB).

The NWC was the key recommendation of a report submitted last month by a committee headed by water expert Mihir Shah that was tasked with reorganising river water management in the country.

This comes ahead of a crucial meeting in the Ministry of Water Resources on Wednesday, where the future of surface and groundwater management in the country will be deliberated on.

Since 1945 the CWC has been tasked with managing surface water and its associated structures such as dams and barrages. The CGWB, on the other hand, is largely



CWC members check the water level at the Prakasam Barrage in Vijayawada. — PHOTO: SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

concerned with the quality of groundwater. The proposed NWC pushes for an integrated policy, greater cognisance of over-extraction of groundwater. It will also maintain environmental stability by ensuring States that share water do not draw from river basins more than what is ecologically tenable.

According to documents viewed by *The Hindu*, top officials in the PMO, the NITI Aayog, the Ministry of Water Resources and the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sani-

tation decided in a meeting on July 28 that a group headed by the Secretary of the water ministry would look at the proposals of the Mihir Shah committee and this group would "examine the possibility of integrating the CWC and CGWB."

States will get more power

As of today, States must get a technical clearance from the CWC before they can go ahead with constructing dams and other reservoirs. Were an NWC to come into

being, this power would devolve to the States and other research institutions, with the Central body becoming a research organisation and a repository of data on India's river basins.

The Shah report was scathing in its assessment of the CWC's competence to manage India's future water needs. "CWC and CGWB suffer from a lack of professionals," said the summary of the report. "Several States testified that huge delays in techno-economic appraisal by the CWC had become a matter of concern."

However, the possibility of an integration hasn't gone down well with the CWC. In an e-mail to *The Hindu*, an association of engineers associated with the organisation said the Shah committee report was "based on incorrect water resource scenario, wrong interpretation of data, selective literature review to suit certain ideology and is not aligned with constitutional & legal framework of the country."

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**Ganga in spate, five
States reel under floods**

NEW DELHI: The Ganga and many of its tributaries were in spate, and the monsoonal deluge left thousands of people in five States struggling to cope on Monday.

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Deccan 25/8 Heavy rain to lash Gujarat

The Meteorological Department has forecast heavy rains over North and Central Gujarat in the next 48 hours, even as the Northern region received copious downpour in the last 24 hours, *DHNS* reports from Ahemdabad.

The weather bureau said rains would occur due to low pressure over South Rajasthan and associated upper air cyclonic circulation extending up to mid-tropospheric level.

In the last 24 hours, Radhanpur in Patan district and Modasa in Aravalli district recorded 188 mm and 171 mm rains respectively.

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Eight killed in Bihar flood, toll rises to 127

NEW DELHI, PTI: Eight people were killed and lakhs affected due to floods in Bihar and West Bengal, where major rivers are flowing above the danger mark.

Two boys are feared dead after they were washed away in flash floods in the Tawi river in Jammu on Wednesday.

In Bihar, with eight fresh

deaths, the toll in the current round of floods rose to 29. While five deaths were reported from Samastipur, one each was reported in Nalanda and Khagaria, the State Disaster Management Authority said, adding that the floods caused by rising waters of Ganga, Sone, Punpun, Burhi Gandak, Ghaghra and Kosi have affect-

ed 29.71 lakh people in 4,222 villages in 24 districts of the state.

In Aurangabad district, one person was killed and eight others were feared dead when a country boat ferrying flood victims capsized in the swollen Punpun river on Tuesday evening.

With the latest deaths, toll

in Bihar floods, including those in Kosi areas earlier, rose to 127.

In West Bengal, West Midnapore, Hooghly, Howrah, Bankura, Burdwan and Nadia districts have been affected due to the release of water by Damodar Valley Corporation. In Malda district, around 135 houses were washed away due to erosion in the Ganga river.

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Heavy rains lash city

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 24

Heavy rains lashed the national Capital today bringing down the mercury to two notches below normal even as humidity levels shot up.

"The maximum temperature was recorded at 31.8 degree Celsius, two notches below normal while the minimum temperature was recorded at 27 degree Celsius, a notch below normal," a MeT official said.

The Safdarjung observatory recorded 5.6 mm rainfall while the reading at Palam observatory was 10.1 mm. Humidity levels oscillated between 87 and 64 per cent.

Weatherman has predicted a cloudy morning tomorrow with possibility of rains in a few areas towards the afternoon.

"The maximum and minimum temperatures are expected to hover around 35 and 26 per cent," the official added.

Yesterday, the maximum and minimum temperatures were recorded at 33.7 degree Celsius and 27 degree Celsius respectively.—PTI

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Sudden water release from MP dam may have caused Bihar floods

AMITABH SINHA

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 24

WHILE BIHAR Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has been blaming the Farakka barrage for the flooding in Patna and elsewhere in the state, it is now getting increasingly clear that sudden release of large volumes of water from Bansagar dam in Madhya Pradesh could have been the main reason for the worst "man-made floods" in the country in several years.

Bansagar, about 50 km south of Rewa town in Madhya Pradesh, is a multi-purpose irrigation-cum-hydroelectric project on Sone river that flows through eastern Uttar Pradesh and south Bihar before meeting Ganga at Patna. The reservoir has a capacity to store over 5 billion cubic metres of water.

With central India, particularly Madhya Pradesh, having received very good rainfall this season, water level at the reservoir was steadily rising from the first week of July. Throughout August, water level in the reservoir was well above 336 m, very close to the full reservoir level of 341.64 m. With more rains forecast later in the month, it was expected that water would be slowly released from the reservoir to avoid a breach.

However, Madhya Pradesh authorities hoarded the water till the level crossed 341 m on August 18. Information on the website of state's water resources department shows that after that mark was reached, the dam released as much as 14,08,571 cusec of water between August 18 and August 20. Prior to that, water was released only once in the previous 10 days. The sudden

release of huge volumes of water flooded downstream areas which were already having good rain during that time.

"If water had been released in phases over a longer duration, this kind of flooding could have been avoided," a water official in central government said.

"It is difficult to say whether there would not have been flooding in Bihar in the absence of such massive release of water in a short period, but the situation would definitely have been much better. Some amount of flooding is definitely a result of good rainfall in Himalayan region in the last two weeks which have brought waters in rivers like Ghagra or Rapti that flow into Bihar," he said.

Another official said states tend to hoard water in their reservoirs due to uncertainties in rain-

fall in future. However, this time the forecast by Indian Meteorological Department had been repeatedly predicting continued good rainfall over central India.

Data shows that Bansagar dam released 59046 cusec of water at 8 am on August 18, immediately after the water level crossed the 341 m mark. It released another 1,42,672 cusecs at 5.30 pm. The next morning, it discharged a massive 5,57,906 cusecs at one go. The dam had opened 16 of its 18 gates to let the water flow out. On August 20, it released even more water, 6,48,947 cusecs in three tranches. Some water was released Tuesday and Wednesday as well.

Despite the discharges, the water levels in the Bansagar reservoir has been kept well above the 340 m mark. On Wednesday, it was at 340.9 m.

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Karnataka calls all-party meet to discuss Cauvery



The meeting will take stock of the water storage situation in reservoirs in the Cauvery basin. — FILE PHOTO

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BENGALURU: With Tamil Nadu moving the Supreme Court seeking release of Cauvery waters, the Congress government in Karnataka, which is facing deficient rainfall in the catchment areas, has called an all-party meeting on Saturday in Bengaluru to decide the next course of action.

Karnataka Water Resources Minister M.B. Patil told a press conference here on Thursday that the all-party meeting convened by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah would take stock of the grim water storage situation in the reservoirs in the Cauvery basin and the problems faced by farmers.

"We need the water stored in the dams in the Cauvery basin for drinking purposes and have strictly instructed our farmers not to take up cultivation of water-intensive crops. But Tamil Nadu is seeking water for irrigation purpose," he said.

"We will convince the Supreme Court, the Centre and the Cauvery Monitoring Committee about the deficient rainfall and poor storage position in Karnataka's dams," he said.

Referring to Tamil Nadu's contention that there was a deficit of 22.934 tmcft of water to be released by it, Mr. Patil said as per Karnataka's official records, the shortfall was only 12 tmcft. It may be noted that Tamil Nadu has filed an application before the Supreme Court seeking directions to Karnataka to release 50.052 tmcft of water.

T.N. team meets CM

Meanwhile, a delegation of representatives from all the farmers' associations in Tamil Nadu, led by the former MP K.P. Ramalingam, met Mr. Siddaramaiah in Bengaluru on Thursday and appealed to him to release Cauvery waters to their samba crop on humanitarian grounds.

Mr. Siddaramaiah told them about the grim storage position in Karnataka and said it would be difficult to release water now. He assured them of releasing water in the coming days if there was a good rainfall in the catchment areas. He requested the farmers' leaders from the neighbouring State to understand the position of Karnataka which was finding it difficult to provide even drinking water.

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Mahanadi dispute: Centre calls meet of Odisha, C'garh CMs

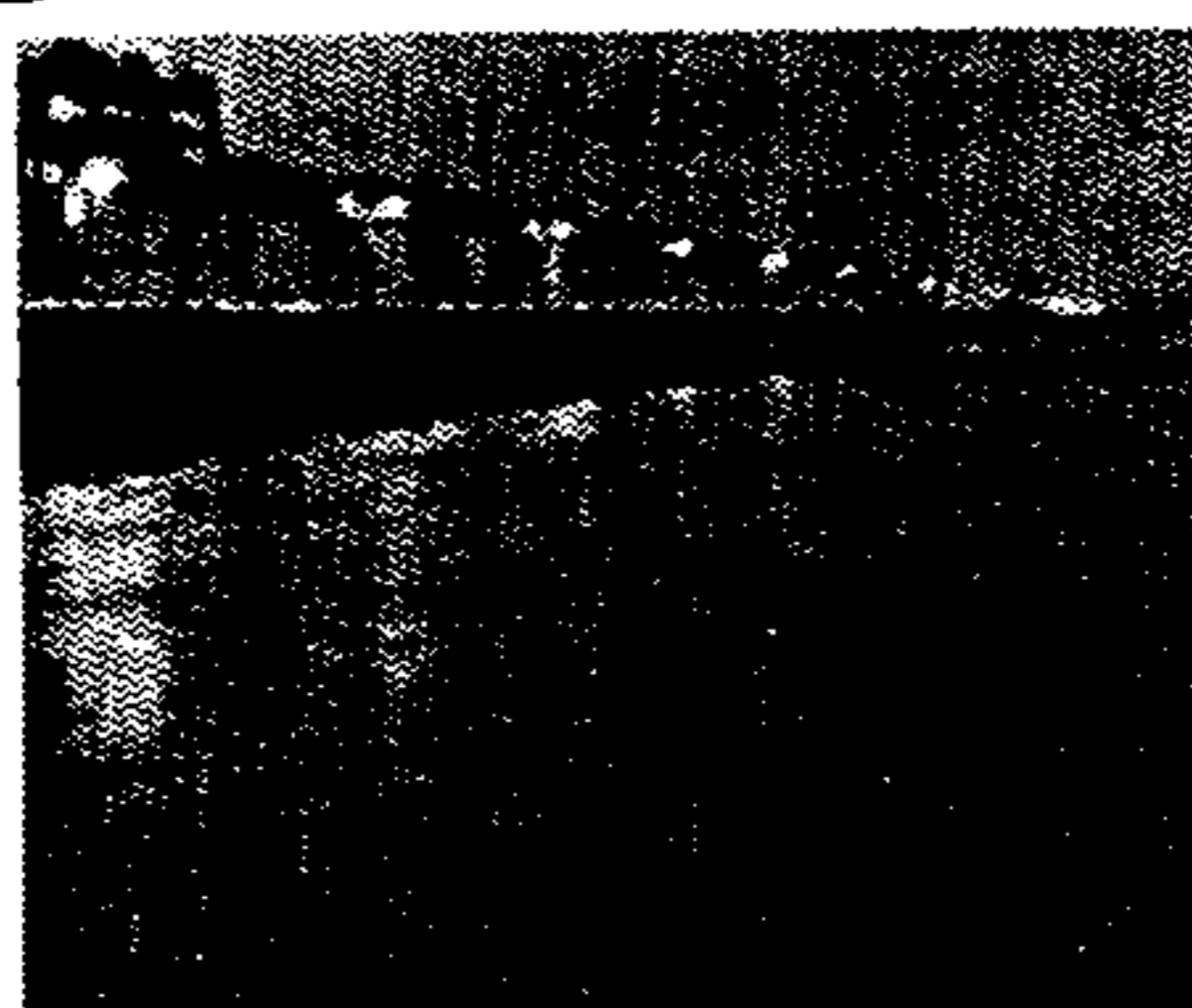
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The Centre has called a meeting of the Chhattisgarh and Odisha chief ministers in September to discuss and resolve the Mahanadi water dispute.

Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Uma Bharti said the top brass of the Ministry has already been asked to complete the task of information exchange to Odisha and Chhattisgarh government at the earliest.

She said the Centre would hold a meeting with the two chief ministers on a mutually convenient date between 10 and 20 September in New Delhi.

Earlier in the day, Ms Bharti met a delegation from Odisha led by Union Petrole-



um Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and assured them that she would ensure that no injustice was done to Odisha.

The chief ministers of the two states have been engaged in a war of words over the water distribution of Mahanadi river. The downstream state, Odisha, opposed upstream Chhattisgarh's ongoing construction of a series of barrages to utilise the larger share of the Mahanadi waters in its catchment area. It has sought intervention from the Centre to resolve the issue.

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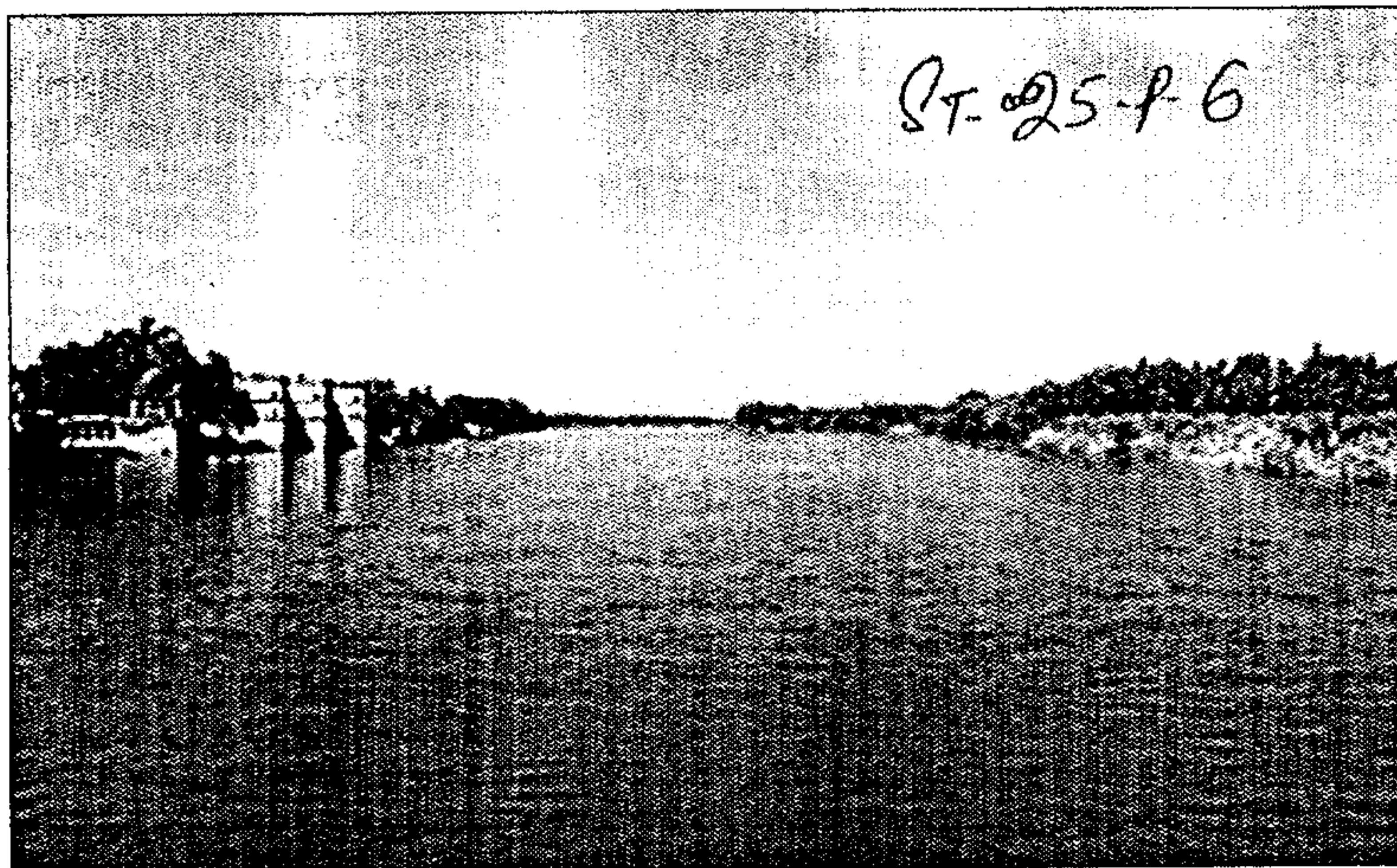
TAMIL NADU FARMERS TAKE TO THE STREETS OVER K'TAKA FAILURE TO RELEASE WATER

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ension over Cauvery waters between the states of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, has erupted this season too, with the latter refusing to release river water as per the verdict of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal, which has caused farmers in Tamil Nadu to take to the streets.

This also prompted the Tamil Nadu government to file an interdictory petition in the Supreme Court asking the apex court to direct Karnataka to release water from Cauvery and announce a Rs 30 crore package to help delta farmers raise the Samba crop if water from the neighbouring state of Karnataka continued to be insufficient. State chief minister Jayalalitha reiterated her government's resolve to pursue all legal measures to uphold Tamil Nadu's rights over the Mokedatu dam.

When states like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Assam are ravaged by floods, with Bihar alone recording deaths in the last five days, south India is a study in contrast as both Tamil Nadu and Karnataka are experiencing a drought-like situation with this year's monsoon ending as a failure.



Karnataka has expressed its inability to release water from Cauvery as stipulated by the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal and declared that the reservoirs of the state are precariously short of water. According to a statement issued by the government of Karnataka on 18 August, water level in Krishna Raja Sagar Dam which supplies water to Mettur Dam in Tamil Nadu is less than 13 tmcft, the lowest storage level in the last four decades.

The Karnataka government has asked farmers in the state to opt for only semi-arid crops like maize, pulses and ragi because of the precarious water situation but farmers in

Tamil Nadu have announced a series of agitations to force Karnataka to part with its legally allocated share of water as the season for Samba crop is hardly weeks away.

Thousands of farmers and cadres of several political parties were arrested in various locations across Thanjavur and Tiruvarur districts in Tamil Nadu this week when they tried to stage road blockades demanding the release of Cauvery water. The protesters urged the Union government to immediately constitute Cauvery Management Board (CMB) and Cauvery Water Regulation Committee to implement the final award of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT). Called

by farmers and farm workers associations affiliated to Left parties, the protest was supported by the CPI, CPM, MDMK, VCK and TMC. With the DMK extending support, the protest evoked good response. Most of the Tamil Nadu's delta districts are reeling under severe drought-like situation.

"The Kuruvai (short term crop) cultivated in the June-August period was a wash out in the five Cauvery Delta districts as there was no release of water by Karnataka. The fate of Samba crop will not be any different in these districts. It is good that the Tamil Nadu government has announced a package for the Cauvery Delta districts following the failure of the Kuruvai crop. The same financial package should be made available to the Samba farmers in non-Cauvery Delta farmers," said R V Giri, president, Consortium of Indian Farmers Association.

Meanwhile farmers and experts in the water resource management area are of the opinion that the permanent solution to the problem is the interlinking of rivers in the country.

"This has become an annual ritual. While the North Indian states squirm because of floods, states like Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh face serious drought," said Radhakrishnan, senior DMK leader.

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Food parcels being unloaded from an IAF helicopter on the outskirts of Allahabad on Thursday. REUTERS

Floods bring focus back on desilting

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While levels of the Ganga continue to pose threat, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's assertion to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the need of a "national silt management policy" is expected to initiate movement in the direction which has so far been dealt with in an "ad hoc manner".

Government functionaries indicate the suggestion has "re-started" the thought process for a proper management of this very real and recurring environmental problem — rising level of silt in rivers due to various factors, including infrastructure projects like dams, and posing recurring threat to man and property, year after year.

The water retention capacity of the Ganga and other rivers has reduced due to siltation, becoming one of the major causes for flooding, says environmental expert Himanshu Thakkar. Lamenting the

Situation grim in UP

28 districts in Uttar Pradesh remained adversely affected by floods on Thursday as several rivers continue to flow above the danger mark

8.7 lakh people in 987 villages in Varanasi, Allahabad, Ghazipur and Ballia had been hit due to floods, Relief Commissioner's office said

While water levels of the Ganga and the Yamuna at some places have decreased, other rivers are still flowing above the danger mark

"ad hoc manner" in which this very crucial issue of siltation is being dealt currently, whether it is while building infrastructure projects on rivers or for navigation purpose, he calls for a concrete effort.

"It is strange how silting does not find a mention either in the National Water

Bihar death toll rises

135 persons have died so far in Bihar floods, caused by a spate in the Ganga, Kosi and other rivers, with eight fresh deaths being reported on Thursday

31.33 lakh people in 1,934 villages in 12 districts had been severely hit, a Disaster Management Department statement said

The Ganga is flowing above the danger mark in Patna, Bhagalpur, Munger and Buxar districts. The affected people are being evacuated to safer places

Policy or any other document built for management of water resources in the country," he says. "There has been no concrete effort in this direction so far even while we are talking of building inland waterways and other infrastructure on rivers," he adds

Now the reason why there has to be a national policy for

"silt management" or "desilting" is for the following reason. As per experts, run of a river till the delta an extremely dynamic process involving several factors — water, silt and biodiversity — a reason enough for tackling the issue comprehensively, keeping all of them in mind.

"Along with water, a river transfers silt from mountains to the delta. Fertile plains formed all along are a result of this process. Any imbalance in this process is bound to create environmental issues. Deforestation results in increase in silt load and construction of dams, as happened in this case, stops the transfer. Less silt at delta will cause a major imbalance vis-a-vis sand in sea," explains Thakkar.

Which is one reason why "avoidable flood disaster" in Bihar and UP are being attributed to mismanagement of two dams — Bansagar at Sone in Madhya Pradesh and Farakka on the Ganga in West Bengal — and decreased capacity of rivers to carry the water.

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It's the season of flooding, but monsoon is 2% below normal

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NEW DELHI: The monsoon has been 2% below normal, rather than surplus, as predicted, despite a season of floods taking hold in several states of the country.

The annual rainy season that runs from June through September has, however, been active and fairly well-spread, which augurs well for rural incomes and food production after two years of drought.

States or regions that have recorded deficient rainfall are Andaman and Nicobar, most of the northeast, Kerala, Gujarat and Punjab. In terms of distribution, 64% of the total area in the country has got normal rainfall, while 16% has recorded deficient rainfall. About 20% has seen excess rains, the reason for the flooding.

The monsoon is said to be average or normal if rainfall is between 96% and 104% of a 50-year average of 89 cm for the entire four-month season. The India Meteorological Department had forecast monsoon rains at 106% or above normal.

The slightly below-normal monsoon appears remarkable with widespread flooding in states, such as Assam, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar, and swollen rivers.

“The flooding is more due to consistent rains. The main reason is water discharged from dams, which are full after heavy rains in Madhya Pradesh and Uttarakhand,” a weather official said.

Floods are common in many parts of India even when the monsoon is normal.

A slower-than-predicted La Nina, a weather pattern marked



■ People use boats to move out of a flood-hit area in Allahabad on Thursday.

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by a cooling Pacific that boosts rains in India, has kept the monsoon from being surplus.

According to data from the IMD, the country has received 647.5 mm rainfall between June 1 and August 24, against a normal of 663.5 mm. The official weather bureau has forecast the rains to be above normal.

A near-normal monsoon is a blessing, as surplus rains could have damaged crops and led to more severe flooding.

From an agricultural point of view, the rains have progressed well, with 30 of the 36 meteorological divisions receiving normal to excess rainfall. Until August 19, farmers had planted summer crops on 99.3 million hectares, up 5.8% compared to the same period last year.

DOLPHINS MOVE TO SAFER PLACES TO AVOID STRONG GANGA CURRENT

PATNA: Even as Bihar accounts for more than half the number of Ganga dolphins, they are hardly visible these days in the swirling waters of the flooded river. Reason: They are not used to staying in strong current and have shifted to safer locations in the riverine areas and small tributaries. Prof RK Sinha, who was conferred with Padma Shri Award this year for his research on dolphins, said there was an ancient belief that return of dolphins to their original habitat in the Ganga was an indicator of receding floods. Sinha said dolphins return to Ganga after floods, but at times get trapped in ditches or stay back in pool.

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Child swept away, parts of Malda face destruction

MALDA: As the flood situation remained grim in parts of Malda district on Thursday, a child was swept away in swirling water as 29 villages were flooded by the swollen Ganga in the region. A district official said the two-year-old was swept away in Kaliachak block number three. Several gram panchayat areas, including Manikchak, Birnagar and Krishnapur were partially under water.

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Selfie-takers hamper rescue work in affected areas

ALLAHABAD: Even as thousands are battling flood, some 'selfie-takers' are flooding the affected areas and hampering rescue work. A volunteer, engaged in relief work in Rajapur, said that many families were visiting flood-hit areas and taking selfies. "Many youths even hire boats to cruise around flood-hit areas and have fun," he said. Similar scenes were witnessed on bridges where onlookers were spotted clicking selfies. **HTC**

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127 killed, lakhs homeless as flood situation turns grim in UP, Bihar

NATURE'S WRATH NDRF teams rushed to marooned areas for relief operation

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VARANASI: Swollen Ganga upset lives of five lakh people in 424 villages of three eastern UP villages, while the river began receding in Patna though 24 of Bihar's districts continued to be under water on Wednesday.

Two people perished in the last 24 hours in Uttar Pradesh which had 150 villages completely marooned, even as the death toll in Bihar rose to 127 with 29.71 lakh people in 4,222 villages and 146 talukas being affected in the deluge caused by rivers Ganga, Sone, Punpun, Burhi Gandak, Ghaghra and Kosi.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached out to the people in his parliamentary constituency Varanasi, tweeting his office "is closely monitoring the situation & is in touch with local authorities".

NDRF teams have been sent to Varanasi, besides Allahabad, Ghazipur and Ballia, UP relief commissioner DK Singh said. A



■ People waded through flood waters on a banana raft in Hajipur, Bihar, on Wednesday. PTI PHOTO

total of 8.7 lakh people in 987 villages were affected by the flood in that state.

"Flood waters have affected two more districts—Mirzapur and Mahoba. Now, 28 districts of the state are affected," he added.

The Ganga touched danger mark in Kanpur district's villages of Katari area, prompting authorities to issue an alert and shift residents to safer places.

In three eastern UP districts, including Varanasi, 127 mud houses and 984 huts were devastated. Thousands of hectares of crops were flooded.

In Bihar's Bhojpur district, authorities took 17 hours—after an intervention by the state disaster management brass—to evacuate a heavily-pregnant woman from flood-affected Sinha village. Seema Devi, 22, was

rushed to the district hospital.

In Patna, the Central Water Commission predicted a six-cm decrease in the level of the Ganga by Thursday morning.

Authorities in Bihar said they evacuated 2.82 lakh people so far. A total of 778 relief camps were being run in the flood-hit areas, giving shelter to 5,99,606 people. The most affected districts were Patna, Bhagalpur, Munger and Buxar.

Rising waters in Varanasi have affected 1.97 lakh people of 124 villages. "Of these, 59 villages are marooned. The flood has affected around 30,900 hectares of crops and devastated 107 mud houses and damaged 745 huts," a top official said.

The situation was still worse in Ghazipur, where the flood affected 259 villages, disrupting the life of 2.24 lakh people. Crops were submerged on 27,000 hectares of agricultural land.

Flood has also hit life in 41 villages of the adjoining Chandauli district, where 16 flood outposts have been set up.

With agency inputs



PREGNANT WOMAN RESCUED AFTER 17 HRS

PATNA: It took 17 hours and state disaster management's intervention to rescue a pregnant woman, stranded at a flooded village in Bhojpur district, 75 km west of Patna, on Wednesday. Seema Devi, 22, was immediately rushed to the district hospital, where her delivery was scheduled later in the evening Bhojpur district magistrate (DM) Birendra Prasad Yadav confirmed the rescue evacuation at 7.50am on Wednesday. Expressing his displeasure, disaster management department principal secretary Vyas Ji said, "Our officers, who should be very sensitive in responding to such situations quickly, are not performing to the desired level."

Flood victims fortunate to have Ganga at doorstep, says Lalu

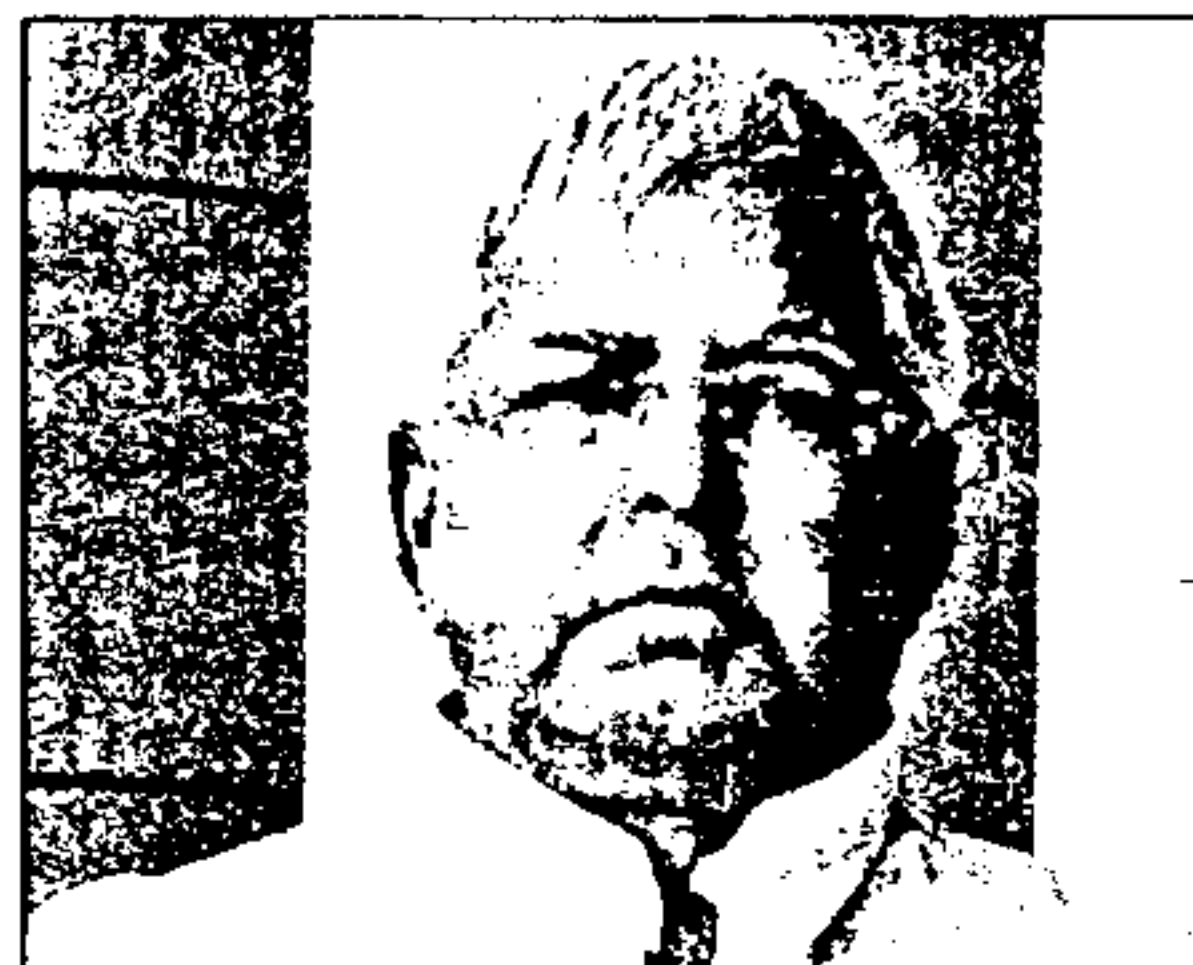
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PATNA: Nothing—not even a devastating flood on the Ganga that has affected over five lakh people in Bihar—could stop a loose cannon like Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) supremo Lalu Prasad.

During a visit to flood-hit riverine area in Fatuha and Bakhtiarpur blocks of Patna on Tuesday, the RJD chief gave welcome bytes in his inimitable style to the audio-visual media that he believes "it's fortunate and welcome sight to find the Ganga at one's doorsteps".

Instead of getting any aid, the bruised and the marooned people awaiting relief in the flood-hit field ended up listening to the sermons from Prasad, who



■ Lalu Prasad Yadav

was accompanied by his son and Bihar health minister Tej Pratap Yadav. "You are fortunate that the Ganga has reached your homes. It does not always happen. In most cases you go to it," he said facing a handful of news channel booms.

Perhaps, the RJD chief's jibe was aimed at the BJP, which recently came up with a scheme for making Gangajal available

to people at their doorsteps through post offices.

However, Prasad did not stop there. He extolled the virtues of Gangajal and how difficult it was to get its "pure" nature these days. "Who gets pure Gangajal these days? In the last one decade, the Ganga has moved away from us. It has now returned," he said, as the locals looked on in confusion.

But when cornered by the media over his statement, Prasad amended his statement, describing the floods as a 'divine calamity' as he took stock of the relief and rescue operations.

"The situation is worse than 1975 floods. There is extensive damage to crops and it would be assessed for proper relief," he added.

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To clean up Yamuna, DJB to 'review' drains and pipelines

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 6

IN AN effort to clean up Yamuna and improve the sewage infrastructure in the capital, the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) Tuesday called for an immediate assessment of all drains which flow into the river and install systems at treatment plants to treat deteriorating water quality.

"The DJB will conduct a massive sewage infrastructure audit which will include a comprehensive review of all drains and pipelines...", said a DJB official.

The announcement was

made after a "high-level" meeting attended by Yamuna Jiye Abhiyaan activist Manoj Mishra, IIT Delhi professor A K Gosain, IN-TACH member Manu Bhatnagar, DJB chairperson Kapil Mishra and senior government officials.

"To assess future steps to clean Yamuna's drain through a comprehensive study, evaluation of the criticality index of all drains flowing into Yamuna will take place," added the official.

Giving a push to the project, a decision to analyse the functioning of all sewage pumping stations and sewage treatment plants within a month's duration was taken at the meeting.

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Rainwater harvesting at DDA flyovers

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NEW DELHI: With more than 70 spread across the Capital, Delhi is known as the 'city of flyovers'. Now, the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) is doing its bit to ensure that the flyovers it builds do not just become a feature of road infrastructure but also help in harvesting rainwater.

The DDA is providing rainwater harvesting systems at all its upcoming flyovers apart from retrofitting its existing ones.

The authority has appointed the Project Manager (flyover) as the nodal officer for these projects.

While the flyovers are a big catchment area for rainwater, it usually gets drained out through storm water drains and is not collected.

The move comes after the directions from the National Green Tribunal in August last year where it had said that no government projects will be approved unless it was stipulated in its tender documents that rainwater

Flyovers are a big catchment area for rainwater, which will now be collected by harvesting systems

harvesting systems will have to be developed with them.

"All our flyovers will have rainwater harvesting systems and for the new flyover projects we are undertaking, rainwater harvesting systems will be incorporated at the construction stage itself," said a senior DDA official, who didn't wish to be named.

At present, the DDA is providing rainwater harvesting systems at two of its flyovers: Delhi-Rewari railway line crossing of Pankha Road, and Dwarka flyover.

The DDA has already floated tenders for construction of rainwater harvesting chambers below these flyovers to collect rainwater.

Apart from flyovers, the DDA has also installed rainwater harvesting systems at many of its office buildings.

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People wade through floodwaters after being rescued at Gaya Pant Nagar in Bihar on Tuesday.

Bihar flood toll reaches 205

- The toll in Bihar floods rose to 205 with a fresh death reported on Tuesday even as the situation appeared to be easing with the water level of the swollen Ganga receding below the danger mark
- The lone death was reported from Samastipur district, a Disaster Management Department statement said – PTI

Electrocution claims two lives

- At least two persons and over a dozen milch animals were electrocuted to death when a high-tension wire snapped during an animal fair at Bhojpur district in Bihar on Tuesday
- Over 20 persons, who were critically injured in the incident, were taken to Sadar Hospital and some private hospitals in Arah town – TNS

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Cauvery protests: Farmers and activists belonging to pro-Kannada outfits blocked Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway as protests intensified after the Supreme Court directive to the state to release Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu. P10

CAUVERY ROW: PROTEST INTENSIFIES

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AFTER APEX COURT DIRECTS GOVT TO RELEASE 15,000 CUSECS OF WATER TO TAMIL NADU

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Mandya (Karnataka),
6 September

Agitated farmers and activists belonging to pro-Kannada outfits today blocked Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway as protests intensified following the Supreme Court directive to the state to release Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu.

Mandya district, the nucleus of Cauvery politics, saw a bandh with protesters blocking roads and demonstrating dharnas at several places, as hundreds of security personnel, including Central forces, were deployed in the Cauvery belt to maintain law and order.

Prohibitory orders have been clamped around Krishnarajasagar Dam and entry of visitors to it has been prohibited till 9 September, as the Cauvery row shot up after the Supreme Court direction to Karnataka to release 15,000 cusecs of water to Tamil Nadu for the next 10 days to address the plight of the farmers there.

Protesters also mobbed and ransacked several government offices in Mandya, forcing their shut down, while attendance at government offices remained thin, police said.

The Supreme Court's direction yesterday triggered an immediate backlash with the farmers' body spearheading the stir, calling for a bandh today in Mandya district.

Shops, hotels and other commercial establishments remained shut and schools and colleges declared a holiday in the district where state-run and private buses

Leaders seek protection for Tamils

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Bengaluru, 6 September

Bengaluru Tamil Sangam leaders today met Karnataka home minister G Parameshwara and sought protection for Tamils living in the state amid protests by farmers and various pro-Kannada outfits against the Supreme Court direction to release Cauvery water for Tamil Nadu.

"We met home minister Parameshwara and sought protection for Tamils living across the state," Sangam president G Damodaran said in a statement here.

The Sangam leaders reiterated their stand of supporting the Karnataka government's decision in the vexed Cauvery issue from the very beginning.

Parameshwara has



assured "full protection" for Tamils living in the state and said security was provided to the places where the community had a considerable presence, Damodaran said.

In an similar situation in 1991, Bengaluru and

Mysuru had witnessed anti-Tamil violence which had forced hundreds of Tamils from southern Karnataka to flee in a matter of weeks.

Eighteen people were killed in the violence during the Cauvery turmoil then.

ister said.

Former chief minister and state BJP president B S Yeddiurappa asked the government to file a petition countering the Supreme Court order. In Mandya city, Kannada Rakshna Vedike outfit activists held a bike rally and burnt the effigy of Jayalalitha.

G Madegowda, president of Cauvery Hita Rakshana Samithi, the body spearheading the agitation, criticised the chief minister and irrigation minister for their "irresponsible" behaviour over the Cauvery issue.

He also called the district MLAs to resign enmasse to protest against the "injustice."

RELEASED WATER NOT ENOUGH, SAYS OPPN DMK



Chennai, 6 September: Opposition DMK in Tamil Nadu today said the quantum of water release as directed by Supreme Court from Cauvery River was "not enough" and urged the AIADMK government to spell out its next course of action on the issue.

"The Supreme Court order directing 15,000 cusecs for 10 days is certainly not enough for samba crops," DMK President M Karunanidhi said in response to the apex court's order.

Various farmers' bodies in the state have voiced concern over the apex court's order and demanded that the state government move a review petition in the apex court, seeking additional water, Karunanidhi said.

"According to the order, only 13 tmc feet of water will be available for Tamil Nadu. But 200 tmc feet of water is required to cover the entire cultivation of 25 lakh acres," he said.

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Floods kill 60, displace 44,000 in N Korea: UN

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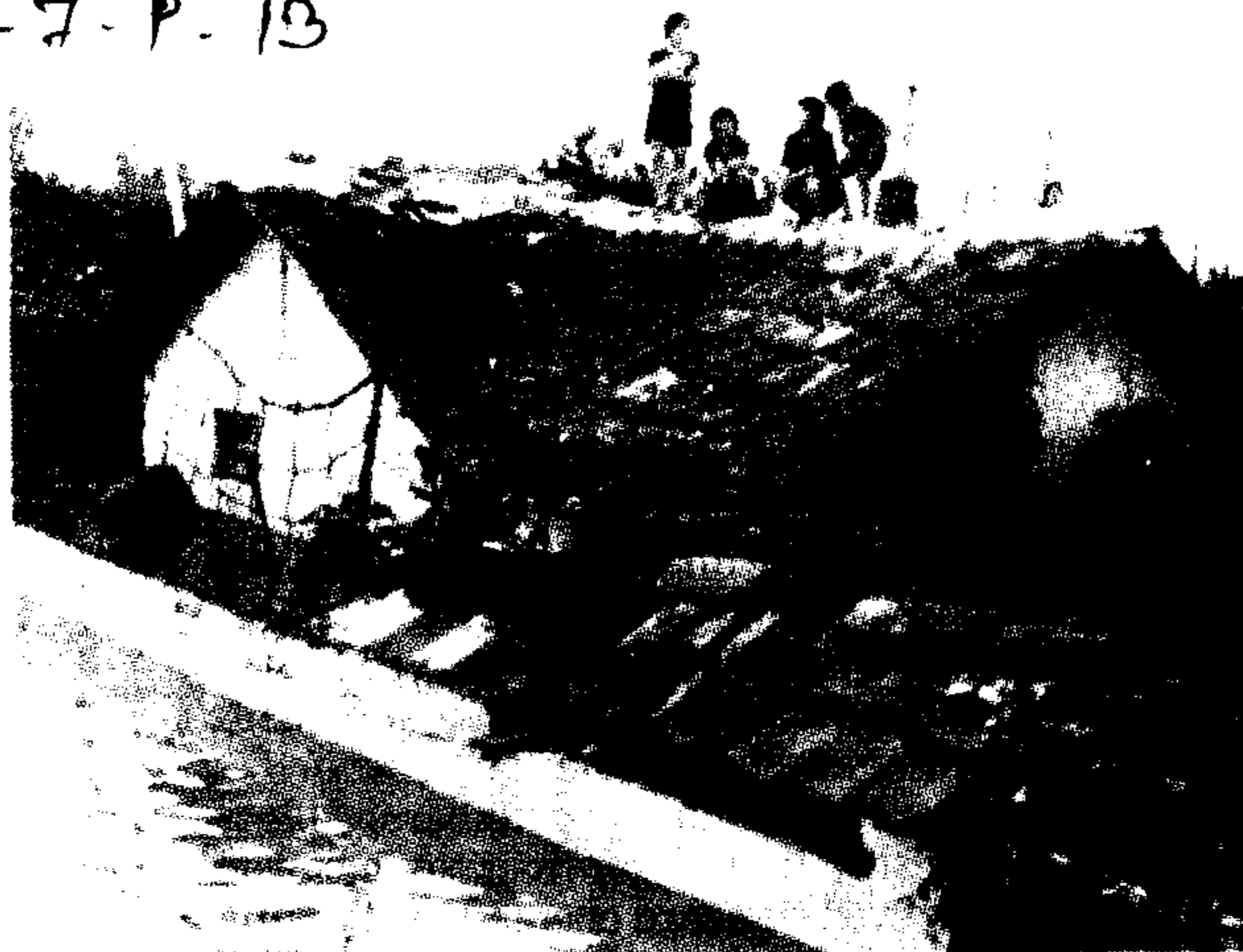
Seoul, 6 September

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Flooding following heavy rain has killed 60 people and left over 44,000 homeless in North Korea, the United Nations said today, after the country reported that a northeastern river suffered its worst-ever flood.

Pyongyang said the Tumen river, which partially marks the border with China and Russia, experienced the biggest flood ever recorded due to a rainstorm that began four days earlier.

Nearby areas including Musan and Hoeryong were hard hit, with 60 dead and five percent of the population homeless, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said in a statement.



It cited data from the North's government.

"Communication with and access to affected areas remains a challenge... immediate needs have been identified as emergency shelter, food, medication, water and sanitary items,"

it said.

Nearly 9,000 buildings were destroyed or damaged with 10,000 hectares (24,711 acres) of farmland flooded, it said, adding joint relief efforts involving the UN and the North were underway.

The North's state media said Friday that 15 people were missing after over 17,000 houses were destroyed or damaged.

The impoverished nation is vulnerable to natural disasters, especially floods. At least 169 were killed by a massive rainstorm in the summer of 2012. Its territory is largely composed of mountains and hills that have long been deforested for fuel or turned into terraced rice fields. This allows rainwater to flow downhill unchecked. A series of floods and droughts was partially responsible for a famine that killed hundreds of thousands between 1994-98, with economic mismanagement and the loss of Soviet support exacerbating the situation.

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बिहार में पिछले 24 घंटों की बारिश ने बेहाल कर दिया। कई जगह मकान गिर गए हैं जबकि तीन लोगों के मरने की खबर आई है। वैसे बारिश से किसानों के चेहरे दमकने लगे हैं।

गया में 17 घंटे में 237.8 मिलीमीटर की बारिश ने पिछले सात सालों का रिकॉर्ड तोड़ दिया। रेलवे ट्रैक, एयरपोर्ट के रनवे और बौद्ध मठों में भी पानी जमा हो गया है। भोजपुर जिले के एक घर की दीवार गिरने से एक की मौत हो गई। पश्चिमी चंपारण के सेहुड़वा गांव में लगातार बारिश के कारण आंगनबाड़ी केंद्र की झोपड़ी गिर गई। इससे एक बच्ची की मौत हो गई। आठ अन्य बच्चे भी जख्मी हो गए। समस्तीपुर में घर गिरने से

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इस साल अब तक बाढ़ की चपेट में बिहार की 79 लाख आबादी आ चुकी है। अब तक के इतिहास में बाढ़ के कारण सबसे अधिक आबादी के प्रभावित होने का अनुमान लगाया जा रहा है। डेढ़ महीने की अवधि में पहले उत्तर बिहार, फिर दक्षिण बिहार के आधा दर्जन जिले और अभी गंगा से सटे दर्जन भर जिले बाढ़ की चपेट में हैं। मंगलवार को आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग की ओर से गृह मंत्रालय को भेजी गई रिपोर्ट के अनुसार सूबे के 31 जिले बाढ़ की चपेट में हैं।

एक महिला की मौत हो गई। लखीसराय, खगड़िया, मुंगेर और जमुई में झमाझम बारिश हुई। पटना के कई घरों में पानी घुस गया है।

नदियां उफान पर : बिहार के कई जिलों में नदियां उफान पर हैं। जहानाबाद में यमुना और पुनपुन उफान पर है। प्रशासन ने भी लोगों को अलर्ट कर दिया है। इस बीच, भागलपुर में कहीं हल्की बारिश तो कहीं बूदाबादी हुई।



पटना में मंगलवार को बारिश का पानी भरने की वजह से बाइक खींचकर ले जाता पुलिसकर्मी। • प्रेर

हावड़ा में पानी भरने से ट्रेनें रद्द

जमशेदपुर। हावड़ा स्टेशन के प्लेटफॉर्म व वॉशिंग यार्ड लाइन में बारिश का पानी भरने से मंगलवार को टाटानगर की 11 ट्रेनों का आवागमन बाधित हुआ है। इससे हावड़ा स्टेशन से टाटानगर, पुरलिया के बीच दो

जोड़ी ट्रेनें रद्द भी हुई हैं। हावड़ा से मुंबई, ओड़िशा बिहार जा रही 35 ट्रेनों को दूसरे स्टेशनों से रवाना किया गया। टाटानगर स्टेशन होकर हावड़ा जा रही ट्रेनों को संतरागाछी पर रोका जा रहा है। (एनएस)

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कावेरी पर कर्नाटक ने

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कावेरी नदी का पानी तमिलनाडु को दिए जाने के सुप्रीम कोर्ट के फैसले के खिलाफ मंगलवार को कर्नाटक के कई जिलों में प्रदर्शन हुए। नाराज किसानों और कन्नड़ समर्थक संगठनों के कार्यकर्ताओं ने बेंगलुरु-मैसूर हाइवे को जाम कर दिया। केरल और तमिलनाडु जाने वाली 700 बसें सड़कों पर नहीं उतारी जा सकीं।

जनजीवन पटरी से उतरा : कावेरी जल विवाद से जुड़ी राजनीति का केंद्र माने जाने वाले मंड्या जिले में प्रदर्शनकारियों ने सड़कें ब्लॉक कर दीं। लोगों ने कई जगहों पर धरना दिया। स्कूल, कॉलेज में छुट्टी की घोषणा कर दी गई जबकि होटल, थिएटर बंद रहे। कई सरकारी दफ्तरों में प्रदर्शनकारियों ने तोड़फोड़ कर दी जिससे दफ्तर बंद कर



कावेरी नदी के पानी बंटवारे के विरोध में सड़क जाम कर किया गया प्रदर्शन। देने पड़े। सरकारी और प्राइवेट बसें भी नहीं चलीं। सुरक्षा के मद्देनजर केंद्रीय बलों समेत सैकड़ों सुरक्षाकर्मियों की तैनाती की गई थी। कृष्णाराजसागर बांध के आसपास आवाजाही पर रोक लगा दी गई। यहां 9 सितंबर तक लोगों के आने पर रोक लगाई गई है।

बता दें कि कावेरी से जुड़ा विवाद एक बार फिर गर्म हो गया है। सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने सोमवार को कर्नाटक सरकार को आदेश दिया था कि वह तमिलनाडु के किसानों के लिए आने वाले दस दिन तक हर रोज

15000 क्यूसेक पानी छोड़े। किसानों से जुड़े संगठनों ने फैसले के विरोध में मंगलवार को बंद का आह्वान किया था।

जवा के फुल्ले फूले : तमिलनाडु को पानी न देने की मांग को लेकर मैसूर और हसन जिलों में भी प्रदर्शन हुए। प्रदर्शनकारियों ने कई जगहों पर तमिलनाडु की सीएम जे. जयललिता का पुतला फूका। मंड्या शहर में कन्नड़ रक्षक वैदिक संगठन के कार्यकर्ताओं ने बाइक रैली निकाली और पुतले फूके। प्रदर्शन की अगुआई कर रहे कावेरी हित रक्षण समिति ने सीएम और सिंचाई मंत्री के कावेरी विवाद पर कथित 'गैर जिम्मेदाराना' रवैये की आलोचना की। उन्होंने मांग कि इस फैसले के खिलाफ जिले के सभी विधायकों को एक साथ इस्तीफा दे देना चाहिए।

सरकार का अगला कदम : वहीं कर्नाटक के सीएम सिद्धरमैया ने सीनियर

मंत्रियों, कानून के जानकारों और अफसरों के साथ बैठक की। उन्होंने सदन के नेताओं और सांसदों को भी इस मामले पर बातचीत करने के लिए बुलाया है, ताकि आगे की रणनीति तय की जा सके। सीएम ने कहा कि विरोध के बावजूद तमिलनाडु को पानी देते रहेंगे। उन्होंने जनता से शांति बरतने की अपील की है। इस मामले में पूर्व सीएम और बीजेपी के प्रदेश अध्यक्ष बीएस येदुरप्पा ने कहा कि सरकार को सुप्रीम कोर्ट के फैसले के खिलाफ याचिका दायर करनी चाहिए।

इतना पानी निकासी : वहीं तमिलनाडु में विपक्षी पार्टी डीएमके के नेता करुणानिधि ने कहा है कि कोर्ट ने जितना पानी रोजाना छोड़ने का आदेश दिया है, वह फसल के लिए नाकाफी है। उन्होंने राज्य सरकार से अगला कदम उठाने की अपील की।

यह है कावेरी जल विवाद

कर्नाटक अभी तमिलनाडु को कावेरी का 7000 क्यूसेक पानी रोजाना छोड़ता है मगर सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने इसे बढ़ाकर 15000 क्यूसेक करने को कहा है। इसी पर कर्नाटक में बवाल है। असल में तमिलनाडु का कहना है कि उसके किसानों को साल के दूसरे सीजन की फसल के लिए पानी चाहिए। वहीं कर्नाटक का कहना है कि तमिलनाडु ने साल का पहला फसल चक्र पहले ही पूरा कर लिया है इसलिए वह गैर जरूरी ढंग से दूसरे फसली सीजन के लिए पानी मांग रहा है। जबकि कर्नाटक के खुद के किसानों के लिए पानी कम पड़ रहा है।

दशकों पुराना विवाद : इस पूरे मामले की जड़ में असल में जिस कावेरी नदी का जल है, वह दक्षिणी कर्नाटक से बहकर तमिलनाडु पहुंचती है। इस



पानी के लिए दशकों से दोनों राज्यों में विवाद रहा है। इसका पानी सदियों पुराने समझौतों के तहत दोनों राज्य आपस में बांटते रहे हैं। कर्नाटक की हमेशा से शिकायत रही है कि इन समझौतों में उसके साथ न्याय नहीं किया गया है। वहीं तमिलनाडु का कहना है कि उसकी लाखों एकड़ जमीन इसी नदी के पानी पर निर्भर करती है, ऐसे में अब उसके हिस्से के पानी को कम नहीं किया जाना

चाहिए। विवाद बढ़ने के बाद 1990 में केंद्र सरकार ने मामले पर विचार के लिए एक ट्रिब्यूनल बनाया था। साल 2007 में इसने फैसला दिया कि किस तरह कावेरी का पानी तमिलनाडु, कर्नाटक, पुदुच्चेरी और केरल के बीच बांटा जाए। मगर इन राज्यों ने इस फैसले को भी अदालत में चुल्लेंज कर दिया।

इसलिए मामला गर्माया : इस साल कर्नाटक का कहना है कि कावेरी के उद्गम कोडागू जिले में कम बारिश हुई है इसलिए वह ज्यादा पानी नहीं दे सकता।

मंड्या की अहमियत : यह इलाका राजधानी बेंगलुरु से 100 किलोमीटर की दूरी पर है। यहां की जमीन बेहद उपजाऊ है। यह कावेरी वॉटर बेसिन में पड़ता है। यही वजह है कि कावेरी के पानी को लेकर जब-जब विवाद बढ़ा है।

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दिनभर विरोध प्रदर्शन, रात को कर्नाटक पानी छोड़ने को राजी

कावेरी जल विवाद, प्रदर्शनकारियों ने बेंगलूरु-मैसूर हाइवे जाम किया

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बेंगलूरु. कावेरी जल विवाद पर सुप्रीम कोर्ट के फैसले के बाद कर्नाटक में बवाल मच गया है। तमिलनाडु को 15 हजार क्यूसेक पानी देने के कोर्ट के फैसले के खिलाफ 'कावेरी होराता समिति' ने प्रदेश में बंद का आह्वान किया है। बंद को देखते हुए राज्य सरकार ने 2400 पुलिसकर्मियों की तैनाती की है।

प्रदर्शनकारियों ने बेंगलूरु-मैसूर हाइवे को ब्लॉक कर दिया है। कर्नाटक और केरल से तमिलनाडु जाने वाले बसों पर मांड्या और मैसूर में पत्थरबाजी की गई। एक बस को आग भी लगा दी गई। इससे तमिलनाडु के होसुर बॉर्डर पर काफी संख्या में वाहन रुके हैं। बसों के आने-जाने पर रोक लगा दी है। करीब 700 बसें अटकी पड़ी हैं। कृष्णराजा सागर डैम और वृंदावन गार्डन को चार दिन तक आम लोगों के लिए बंद कर दिया है। वहीं देर रात कर्नाटक के सीएम सिद्धारमैया ने कहा कि हमने भारी मन से पानी छोड़ने का फैसला किया है।



700 बसें अटकी | 2400 पुलिसकर्मी तैनात

स्कूल-कॉलेज बंद

मांड्या में दो दिनों के लिए स्कूल-कॉलेज बंद हैं। श्रीरंगपट्टनम में भी विरोध प्रदर्शन हुए हैं। समिति ने धमकी दी कि अगर कर्नाटक ने कृष्ण राज सागर बांध से तमिलनाडु के लिए पानी छोड़ा तो किसान इस पर कब्जा कर लेंगे।

100 साल से विवाद

कावेरी कर्नाटक, तमिलनाडु और केरल में बहती है। ज्यादातर हिस्सा कर्नाटक और तमिलनाडु में ही है। विवाद 100 साल पुराना है। 1924 के बर वर्ष समझौते हुए लेकिन विवाद जारी है। सुप्रीम कोर्ट में फैसला आ चुका है।

सिद्धारमैया ने सर्वदलीय बैठक बुलाई

कोर्ट के आदेश के बाद कर्नाटक के सीएम सिद्धारमैया ने सर्वदलीय बैठक बुलाई है। सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने सोमवार को ही कर्नाटक सरकार को दस दिन के अंदर 15 हजार क्यूसेक पानी छोड़ने का आदेश दिया था।

जियो और जीने की नीति अपनाओ: कोर्ट

सुनवाई के दौरान सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने कर्नाटक और तमिलनाडु को जियो और जीने दो की नीति का पालन करने को कहा था। कोर्ट ने पिछले शुक्रवार को यह सलाह तब दी थी जब तमिलनाडु के वकील ने कोर्ट का ध्यान कर्नाटक के मुख्यमंत्री के इस बयान की ओर खींचा कि एक बूंद पानी भी नहीं छोड़ा जाएगा।

फसल बचाने को लगाई थी गुहार

तमिलनाडु ने याचिका दाखिल कर राज्य के 40 हजार एकड़ क्षेत्र में खड़ी फसल बचाने के लिए कोर्ट से कर्नाटक को कावेरी का 50.52 टीएमसी फ्रीट पानी छोड़ने के लिए निर्देश देने की मांग की है। इसके जवाब में कर्नाटक का कहना है कि वह पहले ही पानी की कमी से जूझ रहा है। सुनवाई के दौरान कर्नाटक सरकार के वकील एफएस नरीमन ने कहा, पिछले कुछ महीनों में बारिश कम होने के कारण तमिलनाडु के लिए पानी छोड़ना मुश्किल है।

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People wade through floodwaters after being rescued at Gaya Pant Nagar in Bihar on Tuesday.

Bihar flood toll reaches 205

- The toll in Bihar floods rose to 205 with a fresh death reported on Tuesday even as the situation appeared to be easing with the water level of the swollen Ganga receding below the danger mark
- The lone death was reported from Samastipur district, a Disaster Management Department statement said - PTI

Electrocution claims two lives

- At least two persons and over a dozen milch animals were electrocuted to death when a high-tension wire snapped during an animal fair at Bhojpur district in Bihar on Tuesday
- Over 20 persons, who were critically injured in the incident, were taken to Sadar Hospital and some private hospitals in Arah town - TNS