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Title : END OF WOES - Munak canal repair over, Dwarka to get water soon

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There is finally some good news for residents of Dwarka, who have been reeling under a severe water crisis since February 20. The portion of the Munak canal, which was severely damaged during the recent Jat agitation in Haryana, has been repaired.

While this will be made operational from Tuesday night, Dwarka, Janakpuri and surrounding areas of west Delhi are expected to get their normal supply of water from Friday onwards.

“We have been monitoring the repair work on a regular basis. We are told that the canal is almost set for operations. Water will be released in it on Tuesday and full production of 900 million gallons per day will start in Delhi from Wednesday ,“ said Kapil Mishra, Delhi's water minister.

The damage to the Munak canal had affected the production at the Dwarka treatment plant, leading to a major water crisis in the sub-city. While the supply to most other parts of Delhi resumed from February 24 onward, the 40-MGD capacity Dwarka plant remained dry .

“The canal will be made operational from Tuesday night. From then, it will take three days for the water to reach Delhi. Initially , Haryana will not release full flow into it to avoid another breach. I will then take some time for the canal level to increase and for the water to reach Delhi. From the pump house, the Dwarka WTP is 24 km away from the spot, which will take another 8-9 hours. We are expecting supply to start from Friday but the situation will stabilise from Saturday onwards,“ said an official.

Delhi had released Rs 1 crore to Haryana for restoration of the canal and supplied machinery to help in clearing the debris. After an initial inspection and going by the scale of damage, the governments had expected that repair work will continue till March 15.

Meanwhile, Dwarka residents have survived largely on tanker water or tubewells in the past fortnight.

Housing societies had complained that they were not getting water for two to three days and even when supply reached, they would be entitled to a bucket or two.

Akali Dal too talks tough on SYL, says won't spare a drop

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CHANDIGARH, MARCH 7

With elections to the state Assembly less than a year away, the Akali Dal has decided to pressurise its alliance partner on the issue of Satluj Yamuna Link canal and bringing an amendment to the Sikh Gurdwaras Act, to pave way for SGPC elections in mid of this year.

The two issues were discussed in the SAD core committee meeting held here late this evening. Sources in the party said party president Sukhbir Badal and chief patron Parkash Singh Badal reiterated that they would not allow riverwaters from Punjab to be given to Haryana as it was against the recognised riparian rights.

The party members, who have been upset with their alliance partner BJP over the Centre's stand in the Supreme Court last week, favouring the construction of the contentious SYL canal giving more water to Haryana from the Ravi and Beas, were told by the leadership that the best legal experts would be defending Punjab's case.

The leaders were also told that the state BJP leaders, who met their party's central leaders in Delhi on the issue, have been assured of finding a middle path in the SYL issue.

Senior party leaders are learnt to have reiterated that not a drop of water from Punjab will be given to Haryana. Some members are learnt to have spoken about the sacrifices made by the party and the morchas organized by the Akali dal to stop the state's waters from being given to Haryana in the 80's and 90's. Leaders expressed concern about the politico-socio-economic dangers of asking Punjab to part with its water



To defend state's case

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resources, which could further aggravate the agrarian crisis in Punjab.

Sources say the core committee members were informed that they were trying to ensure that the amendment to the gurdwara Act was cleared in the first phase of the Budget session of Parliament that ends on March 16.

The AAP effect in Punjab, after the visit of the AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal, was also discussed.

The core committee meeting that lasted for over two hours was chaired by Badal. The meeting was attended by 10 of the 18 members. SGPC president Avtar Singh Makkar, Sucha Singh Langah, Gurdev Singh Badal, Upinderjit Kaur, Sikander Singh Maluka, Ranjit Singh Brahmputra, Janmeja Singh Sekhon and Gulzar Singh Ranike were not present.

The issue of party's nominees for the Rajya Sabha seats was also discussed, with the core committee members reposing faith in the chief patron and party president to nominate members. It is likely that the party will repeat its candidates and the two seats will be given to Naresh Gujral and Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa.

The party also formed a committee to be headed by Sukhbir to coordinate with the Centre and Bihar government for celebrating the 350th birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh.

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Centre to release ₹280 cr for Jhelum dredging

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SRINAGAR, MARCH 7

The state government has finally taken up dredging of the Jhelum on a large scale to increase its carrying capacity. The government wants to increase the carrying capacity of the river to avoid the 2014-like floods which had submerged almost whole of Srinagar city.

With the Centre giving concurrence to release of funds for the dredging, the Kolkata-based Reach Dredgers Limited today started dredging work near the Jhelum's Shivpora stretch in Srinagar.

The government had been facing criticism for not increasing the carrying capacity of the Jhelum and its tributaries.



The previous government had started some dredging work on the river in March last year but the Irrigation and Flood Control Department had to stop it due to lack of funds.

Chief Engineer, Irrigation and Flood Control Department, Javed Jaffar said after Governor NN Vohra's intervention, the Centre had agreed to release Rs 280 crore for the dredging of the

river. The state share in the total Rs 399.29 crore funds will be 30 per cent.

Jaffar said under the Prime Minister's Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Programme, Rs

River capacity

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■ After the completion of dredging, the carrying capacity of the river will increase from 34,000 to 45,000 cusecs

◀◀ A dredger removes silt from the Jhelum in Srinagar on Monday. A TRIBUNE PHOTO

399.29 crore for priority works had been carved out of the main project for "Comprehensive Plan for Flood Management Works on Jhelum", costing Rs 2,083 crore.

Greens worried as Yamuna fest forces flight of birds

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NEW DELHI: Preparations for the three-day Art of Living event on the banks of Yamuna have reportedly forced birds to migrate from the area.

As the site has been cleared of all bushes and vegetation, species such as larks, pipits, warblers and other rare birds found in this zone are rapidly disappearing because of the destruction of the riverine habitat.

The World Culture Festival (WCF) being organised by the Art of Living Foundation on March 11-13, expected to see a gathering of 35 lakh people, has spread out over an area on 1,000-odd acres on the ecologically fragile Yamuna floodplain.

Bharati Chaturvedi, director of the Chintan Environmental Research and Action Group and an avid birder, said many birds such as river lapwing, red avadavat, warblers, yellow-bellied prinia, oriental skylark and striated babbler, among others, have been forced to migrate.

“Grasslands are one of the most vulnerable ecosystems. The entire event site has been levelled and the small water bodies that existed earlier have been filled up and the natural



■ An area of about 1,000 acres has been cleared of bushes and vegetation on the Yamuna floodplain forcing birds to migrate from the area.
VIRENDRA SINGH GOSAIN/HT PHOTO

vegetation like reeds along the sandy banks has vanished. This is breeding season but this disruption may result in no breeding at all for many species,” Chaturvedi said.

A plea by Yamuna activist Manoj Misra has challenged the event in the National Green Tribunal and the next hearing of the case will take place early next week. Birder Sunita Chaudhry says every winter “hundreds and hundreds of migratory ducks” come to the Yamuna and they roost and feed on the banks. “Different types

of storks, waders, diving ducks are usually spotted here but they have all flown away. Every few years, rare birds like crested pochards are seen. The extremely rare white-tailed stonechat and yellow-bellied prinia breed in those reeds by the river. This destruction is absolutely outrageous,” Chaudhry said.

An NGT panel headed by Shashi Shekhar, secretary of the Union water resources ministry, recently, in its report has clearly mentioned the devastation on the floodplain, which includes trees “removed or lopped”.

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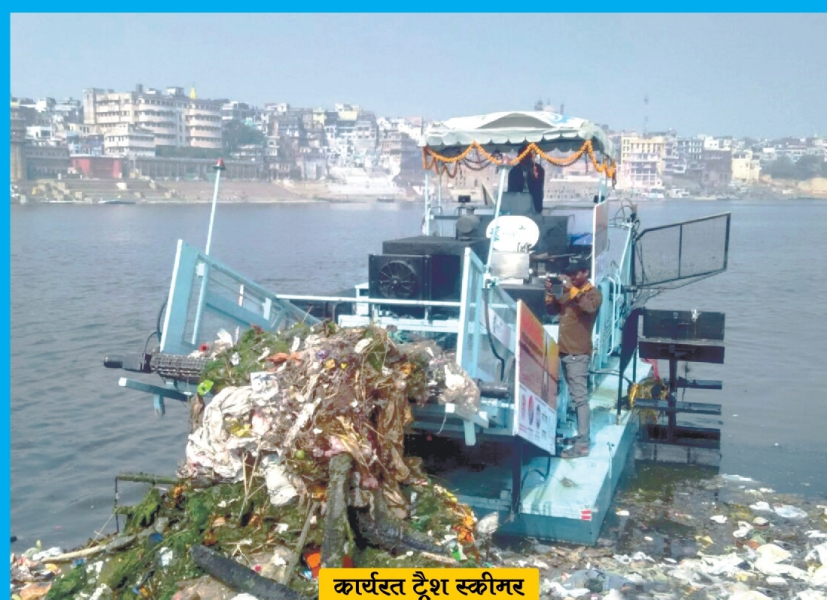
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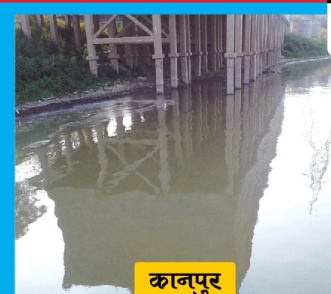
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Lake in heart of Bengaluru city turns graveyard for fish

• Staff Reporter



Early summer heat is said to have caused the death of the fish at the Ulsoor Lake in Bengaluru on Monday.— Photo: K. Murali Kumar.

Garden city's famed Ulsoor Lake became a graveyard on Monday morning. Thousands of fish were found dead, floating on the lake's waters, all victims of the early summer heat and soaring temperature. As the day progressed, they were washed onto the lake's shore.

By evening, the smell of rotting fish pervaded the air as the civic body had not yet cleared the lake.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike officials said that it would be cleared completely on Tuesday, and attributed the delay to Monday being a public holiday.

Fish kill in the city's lakes have almost become an annual phenomenon, during the onset of summer. "It is usually a direct result of reduced dissolved oxygen level in the water. While algae in the lake release oxygen into the water during daytime, it uses up dissolved oxygen during night time along with the fish creating a big drop in the dissolved oxygen levels. So, most fish kills are observed in early mornings," said a senior BBMP official.

However, eco-activist Leo Saldanah, said that the practice of letting in raw sewage into the lakes exacerbates the situation.

"Raw sewage let into the lake will be thick during summer compared to the rainy season, leading to a higher concentration of nutrients in the lake, which also causes drop in dissolved oxygen levels. The water temperature of the lake will also shoot up, leading to such fish kills," he said. Though Ulsoor Lake is considered to be one of the more well-maintained water bodies in the city, sources said that there were multiple inlets of raw sewage into the lake.

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City to lose half Godavari water

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MARCH 2

Officials plan to divert Godavari water which would likely cause severe drinking water shortage in the city during peak summer.

The Godavari Phase-I water supply project to the city has four pumping stations at Bommakal, Mallaram, Kondapaka and Ghanpur.

Water is being supplied to the city now from Ghanpur.

"At present, the twin cities have been receiving 28 million gallons per day. This would come down to half, if diverted to the Water Grid to provide water to the nine Assembly constituencies," sources in the irrigation department said.

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According to them, the proposals were discussed at a meeting convened by Mr Chandrasekhar Rao last week to review the progress of the Water Grid. The Chief Minister was keen on supplying water to at least his home district, Medak, by the April 30. Officials have proposed diverting Godavari water to the Water Grid.

The Chief Minister asked officials to cover Gajwel, Mulugu, Vargal, Jagadevpur (where his farmhouse is located) and Konda-paka in his Gajwel constituency and Nangunur in Mr Harish Rao's Siddipet constituency, Dubbaka, Mirdoddi, Thoguta, Chegunta and Doultabad in Dubbaka.

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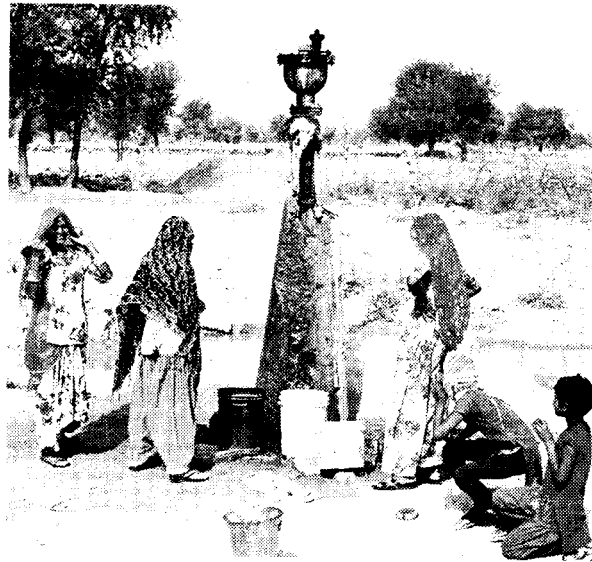
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जिले के दईकड़ा गांव की ढाणियों की परेशानी भी कुछ ऐसी ही है। ढाणियों के लोगों की प्यास एक

किलोमीटर दूर से गुजर रही माणकलाव-खांगटा पेयजल योजना की पाइपलाइन के एयरवॉल पर टिकी है। 'पत्रिका टीम' ने गांव की ढाणियों की पेयजल परेशानी को मौके पर जाकर देखा। सुबह दस बजे से ही महिलाएं एयरवॉल पर खाली बर्तन लेकर आ रही थीं। वॉल से बूंद-बूंद पानी टपक रहा था।

जिसकी बारी आई, उसका बर्तन वॉल से टपक रही धीमी धार के नीचे रखा जा रहा था। इस दौरान टीम ने बर्तन भरने के इंतजार में खड़ी महिलाओं से पेयजल परेशानी के बारे में पूछा। चम्पादेवी बोली, एक किलोमीटर आगा ऊं पाणी लेवण आणो पड़े, एक घड़ो भरीजणा में आधे घंटे से टेम लागे।'



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पत्रिका टीम एयर वॉल पर पहुंची तो पानी भर रही महिलाएं डर गईं। उन्हें एयरवॉल से पीने का पानी भरना भी अपराध बोध जैसा लग रहा था। लेकिन पेयजल आपूर्ति के लिए उनके पास कोई विकल्प नहीं था। महिलाओं ने कहा, अरे भाई हैं कोई फोटो खींच रह्या हो, म्हाने जेठ तो नीं होवेला। जब उन्हें 'म्हैं लोग राजस्थान पत्रिका से आयां हां' बोल कर आश्चर्य किया तो उन्होंने अपनी परेशानी बताई।

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दईकड़ा सरपंच रघुनाथराम चौधरी ने बताया कि दईकड़ा गांव में तो पेयजल की किसी भी तरह की परेशानी नहीं है। गांव में माणकलाव-खांगटा परियोजना लाइन का पानी सार्वजनिक आपूर्ति के लिए आ रहा है। ढाणियों तक सार्वजनिक आपूर्ति पहुंचाने के लिए पाइपलाइन बिछाने का काम चल रहा है। जल्द ही ढाणियों में भी केनाल का पानी पहुंचेगा।



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