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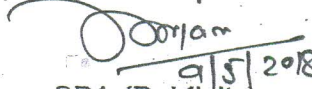
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# Decline in Delhi groundwater level

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Upset that authorities were not realising the seriousness of the situation, the Supreme Court on Tuesday said the critical decline in groundwater level in Delhi could lead to a "water war" for every drop.

A bench of Justice Madan B. Lokur and Justice Deepak Gupta was shocked that groundwater was "over exploited" and the level had declined to "very critical" stage.

After perusing a report filed by the Central Ground Water Board on depletion of groundwater in Delhi, the court said even the area around President's Estate has very low groundwater level.



"What are we doing? We are not in a position to give water to our President. We can't give water to Birla Madir. The situation (of groundwater level) is over exploited and very critical all over Delhi," the bench said.

Senior advocate Ranjit Kumar, assisting the court as amicus curiae in the case, said due to excess extraction of groundwater, almost 90 per cent of Delhi is in a "critical" situation.

Except central Delhi and

some parts of west Delhi - which came under the safe category in the report - the groundwater level in the rest of Delhi was over exploited, Kumar added.

The bench said: "We are in a deep rooted trouble. What to do, we are short of water. Can anybody live without water? I don't think anybody is realising the seriousness of the situation."

When Additional Solicitor General N.S. Nadkarni, appearing for the Central government, said the "next world war would be on water", the bench replied: "Forget about world war, Delhi war is going to start soon (on water issue)."

The top court also slammed the authorities concerned for not taking the



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# can lead to water war: SC

issue seriously and said there are many problems in Delhi like solid waste management, water issue, unauthorised construction, encroachment, pollution and others.

It said the authorities can't say it will tackle only one issue. "Everybody has to work together, everybody has to sit together to solve the problems. Things are critical," it said, adding that situation will become "irreversible" and in some areas "it has become irreversible".

Mentioning that the report indicated "extremely sad affair", as almost whole of Delhi was in a "critical stage", the bench sought responses from the Ministry of Water Resources, the Delhi government and the Delhi Pollution Control Board on the

report.

The court now posted the matter for hearing on May 15.

On the issue of unauthorised construction and encroachment in Delhi, the bench was informed by advocates Ranjit Kumar and A.D.N. Rao that Khan Market and Sanjay Market have been flouting its order.

In Khan Market, all shopkeepers have extended their shops by at least eight feet, and verandas, pavements have been encroached upon, they said, adding that in Sanjay Market, multi-storied buildings have come up on properties sealed in 2007.

The amicus curiae said the Special Task Force (STF), formed by the Central government to monitor issues

relating to unauthorised constructions in Delhi, has not taken any action with regard to these markets but jhuggis on pavements have been removed.

The bench asked the STF to take action on encroachment in Khan Market and Sanjay Market. It also directed that the STF should meet once in a week.

The court has been hearing pleas relating to the validity of Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Act, 2006 and subsequent legislation protecting unauthorised construction from being sealed in Delhi.

Earlier, the court halted all construction, not in conformity with building bye laws, in 1,797 unauthorised colonies in Delhi.

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# Untimely rain impedes filling up of reservoirs

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While the spate of western disturbances over North India may have brought some respite from the summer heat, it has also had an adverse affect on the filling up of crucial reservoirs in the region, the levels of which have slipped around 40 per cent below normal.

Lower temperatures over the upper Himalayas have reduced melting of snow, which is the primary source of filling up the reservoir at Bhakra on the Sutlej. Further, snowfall in the catchment areas in the preceding winters has been about 60 per cent of the normal, while rainfall in the areas concerned too has been less last year.

According to Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) sources, the inflow into Bhakra



Situation at Bhakra 'worrisome'

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at present is about 25 per cent less than what it should be. Moreover, the outflow to meet the demands of the beneficiary states is much higher. "The average outflow is about 23,000 cusecs with the inflow is 8,000-13,000 cusecs," an officer said.

Terming the situation to be "quite worrisome", the BBMB has called for an emergency technical committee meeting (TCM) on Wednesday, to take stock of the situation. The TCM comprises BBMB officers and representatives of the beneficiary states. "If the temperature does not rise soon, the situation could turn critical and we are asking states to rework their demands in accordance with the availability," he added.

According to Central Water Commission (CWC) data, the storage at Bhakra, which also has significant hydropower capacity, is down to just 15

per cent of its total capacity of 6.23 billion cubic meters. This is 42 per cent below normal for this time of the year.

The filling period of dams is May to September, when snow melting is at its highest and monsoons also chip in, especially for rain-fed dams like the Pong on the Beas. This period has already been reduced due to the prevailing weather.

The level at Bhakra is dipping by about two feet daily and was recorded at 1,525.1 feet on Tuesday, 10 ft lower than it was on this day last year. At Pong, which is about eight feet lower than last year, the inflow is about 5,000 cusecs while the outflow is about 13,000 cusecs, sources said. The storage at Pong is about 12 per cent. Similarly, storage at Thein on the Ravi in Punjab is 25 per cent of its capacity, which, according to the CWC, is 38 per cent below normal.



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# SC pulls up Centre for not framing Cauvery scheme

Adjourns the case to May 14, after polling for Karnataka Assembly election

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The Supreme Court on Tuesday rapped the Centre for showing "sheer contempt of court" by not framing the Cauvery draft scheme, but adjourned the case to May 14, well after the crucial polling day for the Karnataka Assembly election.

Attorney-General K.K. Venugopal asked a Bench led by Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra for 10 days' time to add the "finishing touches" to its draft scheme and get the nod of the Union Cabinet.

Mr. Venugopal had in a previous hearing said the Prime Minister and all the Ministers were busy campaigning in Karnataka, which is going to the polls on May 12. This is despite the fact that the SC had, on April 9, categorically directed the Centre to frame the draft

## Water woes

A look at what Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and the Centre had to say on Cauvery issue

### Tamil Nadu's contention

- Karnataka can easily spare 4 TMC feet water for May

- Karnataka has 19.834 TMC feet of water as on May 4 in its four reservoirs

- Effective storage is 9.834 TMC feet

- Storage in Mettur dam is 9.502 TMC feet but the utilisable storage is only 4.502 TMC feet



File photo of Cauvery flowing through Salem in Tamil Nadu. ■ E. LAKSHMI NARAYANAN

### SC to Centre

- Your delay amounts to sheer contempt

### Centre's contention

- Need 10 days to add finishing touches to Cauvery draft scheme

### Karnataka's contention

- Have already released 116.697 TMC feet water to Tamil Nadu at the inter-State Biligundlu border

- This is a distress year for the third consecutive time

- Tamil Nadu has already received an excess of 16.66 TMC feet water

scheme by May 3 to prove its bona fide resolve to end the 200-year-old dispute between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

### Directive to official

The next court hearing comes on the eve of the counting day on May 15. The

Bench ordered the Union Water Resources Secretary to be present with the draft scheme on May 14. The court did not go into pleas and counter-pleas by Tamil Nadu and Karnataka over the release of Cauvery water. The CJI said this may only retard the implementation of the

judgment and the nitty-gritty of water-sharing should be looked into by the authority which would be put in place by the Centre as per the scheme. The court refrained from intervening in this issue for the time being.

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## Centre pulled up for not framing scheme

In the last hearing, the court had queried whether Karnataka had complied with the releases during the months from February to April, 2018. Tamil Nadu on Monday said Karnataka could "easily spare" four tmcft water for the month of May.

Karnataka had responded by filing its counter within hours, saying it had already released 116.697 tmcft to

Tamil Nadu at the inter-State Biligundlu border despite this being a distress year for the third consecutive year. It said Tamil Nadu had already received an excess of 16.66 tmcft.

T.N. counsel, senior advocate Shekhar Naphade said the Centre was ultimately "duty-bound" to implement the direction of the Supreme Court.



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# In 15% of capital, you need to dig 40 metres to reach water

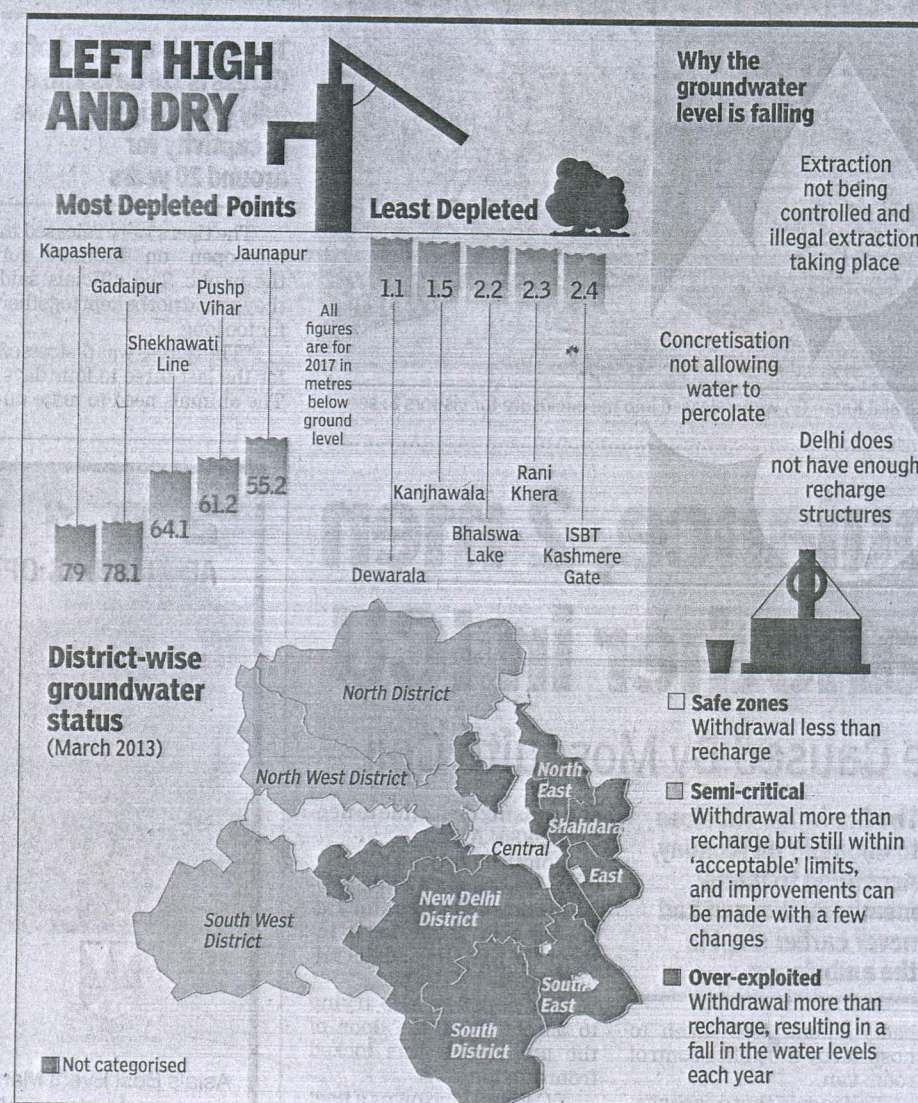
## Only Some Parts Of West, Central Delhi 'Safe'

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**New Delhi:** The reduced number of recharge structures, increasing concretisation and poor planning may be behind the rapid decline in Delhi's water table. In almost 15% of the capital, groundwater now lies at a depth of 40 metres. The Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) has submitted in the Supreme Court that groundwater levels had fallen in almost all of south Delhi, central Delhi and east Delhi where the groundwater withdrawn was much more than the water replenished.

South Delhi was particularly affected. Water could now be found only as deep as 79 metres below ground level (bgl) in Kapashera, while Gadaipur village in Mehrauli had villagers drawing water from a depth of 78 metres bgl. North-west, north and south-west districts were in the 'semi-critical' zone. Only some parts of west and central Delhi could be classified as 'safe', or areas where withdrawal was equal to the replenishment amount. The best in terms of easy access to groundwater, according to CGWB's report, were Dewarala in Najafgarh and Kanjhawala with readings, respectively, of 1.13 and 1.47 metres bgl.

Shashank Shekhar, assistant professor of geology at Delhi University who has conducted several studies on groundwater



undwater levels in Delhi, said the latest data indicated yet again that the capital did not have enough recharge structures. Citing the example of south Delhi, Shekhar said the increasing concretisation and illegal extraction could be major factors for the falling water table.

"Extraction of water is not

being controlled even after regulation. Besides, large-scale concretisation is not allowing water to percolate into the ground," pointed out Shekhar. "This is the perfect wake-up call for us to get more rainwater harvesting systems installed." Locations like Kalkaji, Vasant Vihar, Hauz Khas and Rajouri Garden were mapped

as the most exploited areas where extraction was almost double the recharged amount.

CGWB's submission also highlighted some areas where groundwater was rising at the rate of 0.05 metre a year. These included parts of west and north Delhi. However, Shekhar said the rise was more due to natural reasons than hu-

man intervention. "North Delhi has higher groundwater levels because places like Tarnapur, Kashmere Gate and Majnu ka Tilla are all discharge zones with the topography allowing water to converge there," Shekhar elaborated. "In south-west Delhi, Ghumanhera has a natural depression and it collects water from the Najafgarh drain, leading to a rise in the water table."

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## Water table exploited up to 300% in parts of Ggn

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Parts of Gurgaon suffer from severe over-exploitation of water to the extent of 300%. "Analysis of long-term water level data of May 2000 to the present period reveals that over the period, in areas categorised as over-exploited as per ground water resources estimation of 2013, mostly in South, South East, New Delhi, East, North East and also parts of West and South West district, water level decline rate varies from 0.5m per year to more than 2m per year at places," the report said.

"There are some pockets, where change in water level is not significant or remain unchanged. Such pockets of shallow and rising water level areas are diminishing over the period. As such, major part of the state is under over-exploited and semi-critical category and in such areas, water levels are showing persistent declining trend during the last two decades," it said.

Terming the report as "startling and very serious", a bench of Justices Madan B Lokur and Deepak Gupta said immediate steps must be taken to avert the looming crisis. The court also pointed out that even the President's Estate was under critical zone and asked the Centre "does it mean that you are not able to provide water to the President"?

Conceding that Delhi is staring at crisis, additional solicitor general A N S Nadkarni said the government will file a response on measures to be taken to deal with the problem. He said the entire world is facing the crisis and it is widely believed that next world war might be fought over water.



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# 90% of city in critical zone as groundwater level dips

## Could Lead To Severe Water Crisis, SC Told

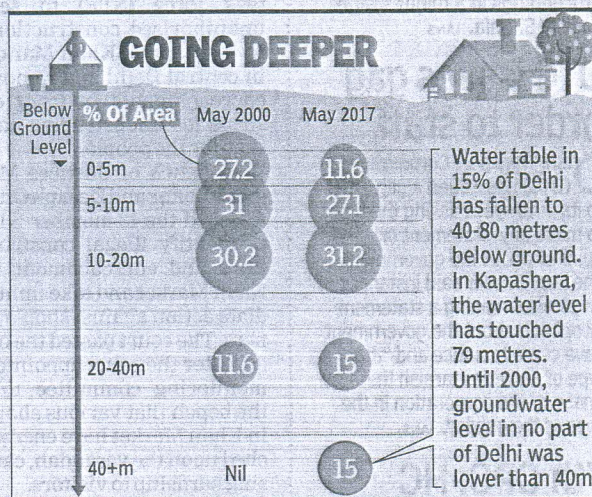
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**New Delhi:** The capital, already facing a severe drinking water shortage, is heading towards a more serious situation as the level of groundwater, continuously depleting in the last two decades, has resulted in 90% of

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the city being categorised as semi-critical or critical.

Presenting a dismal picture, the Central Ground Water Board told the Supreme Court on Tuesday that the water level has been decreasing from 0.5 metre to over 2 metres per year at different places in Delhi and could lead to a crisis if not halted. Compiling data on groundwater levels from year 2,000 onwards, the board in its report said water levels at all



its 20 monitoring stations have seen a steady decline with areas around Chhatarpur, Dwarka and the President's Estate hit the worst.

As per the report, 27% of the national capital territory's 1,483 sq km had ground water at the level of 0-5 metres in 2010 but in 17 years this has shrunk to 11%. In 2000, ground water was available till 40 metres but at present water levels in 15% of Delhi,

or around 222 sq km, have plunged to 40-80 metres.

The board has placed almost all of Delhi in semi-critical or critical zones except a few pockets of west and central Delhi, which have been declared safe as per 2005-10 data. The problem might be serious in NCR because of over-exploitation of ground water for construction.

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# 3 killed, 400 stranded in U'khand snowstorm

**STORM** Deceased include tourists from Delhi and Mumbai; Storm breaks out in Dehradun

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**RUDRAPRAYAG:** Three persons including a tourist each from Delhi and Mumbai died in Uttarakhand on Tuesday as hundreds of pilgrims, including former chief minister Harish Rawat and Rajya Sabha member Pradeep Tamta, were left stranded in Kedarnath due to sudden snowfall in the upper reaches of the state.

Uttarakhand government officials said Sudama Singh, (52) a pilgrim from Mumbai, and Janki Devi (61) a pilgrim from New Delhi died of heart attacks, in Uttarakhand's Yamunotri and Kedarnath shrines respectively on Tuesday.

A Nepalese porter identified as Akash died in an avalanche near the Kedartal trek in Uttarkashi. The district administration said that 35 other members of team that Akash was a part of, were safe. "We have sent three teams to rescue the stranded trekkers," said Ashish Srivastava, district magistrate, Uttarkashi.

Rudraprayag's district magistrate Mangesh Ghildiyal said around 4,200 pilgrims on different places of the Kedarnath route moved towards Gaurikund, the starting point to the shrine. About 400 pilgrims, mostly elderly ones, decided to stay in the town due to inclement weather.

"The pilgrims at Kedarnath are being helped by SDRF (State Disaster Response Fund) jawans, local police and the administration to come down to Gaurikund, the base station for Kedarnath," Ghildiyal said.

Snowfall of about five inches was reported at Kedarnath, which disrupted helicopter services and pilgrim movement.

However, in Badrinath, another popular shrine in the state that also received snowfall, no pilgrims were stranded. Superintendent of Police (SP) Chamoli, Tripti Bhatt said the movement of pilgrims in Badrinath shrine had become normal by the afternoon. She added that the pilgrims have been advised to take precautions.



■ (Clockwise from top) A severe thunderstorm accompanied by hail also lashed Shimla and other parts of Himachal Pradesh on Tuesday; meanwhile, the Kedarnath shrine received five inches of snowfall; Badrinath, another popular shrine also received heavy snowfall, but no pilgrims were stranded. HT PHOTOS

The hills in Uttarakhand have been receiving rainfall as the meteorological centre warned of more rains and a storm in the next 24 hours. However, the centre added that snow in the higher reaches during this time of the year was not unusual.

Former CM Rawat, MP from Almora Tamta, local MLA Manoj Rawat and former MLC Prithvi Pal Singh were among a dozen Congress leaders who started a trek to the Kedarnath shrine from Gaurikund in Rudraprayag district on Sunday and are now

reportedly stranded in the area.

"The government has made enough propaganda about the Kedarnath Yatra and even introduced a laser show for it but ignored the convenience of an ordinary pilgrim who prefers going to Kedarnath on foot from Gaurikund," Tamta said over the phone.

The situation comes as a challenge to the government, which had promised smooth a chardham (pilgrimage to Kedarnath, Badrinath, Yamnotri and Gangotri) yatra.

The state's capital Dehradun also witnessed a storm and several trees were uprooted due to heavy winds in the cantonment area of the city.

Haridwar and Nainital also received rains with winds at high speed on Tuesday morning.

Union home minister Rajnath Singh called Uttarakhand chief minister Triyendra Singh Rawat and took a stock of the situation, officials said. They added that Singh assured the chief minister all the needed help.

(With inputs from Dehradun)



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## Cauvery board: Time for SC to take charge

**P**olitics has trumped the final Cauvery award once again, at least for a while. "The Prime Minister is travelling" — would appear the weakest of excuses to put before the Supreme Court even for a peripatetic PM and his ministers. And yet, this is what was stated brazenly by the Centre to a bench headed by Chief Justice Dipak Misra. The issue here is not about just the few more days or weeks sought to implement the award as much as bringing into question the Supreme Court's very authority. An institution offering the balance of power in a democracy, where the executive rules with legislative sanction, is already under fire thanks to its standing weakened by serious internal issues of administering the justice system. The Centre's actions guided by the ruling party's electoral ambitions with respect to the Karnataka election are a blatant snub to the majesty of our highest court.

**The SC is committed to hearing out suggestions on the CMB from the Centre and states, but unless it takes the lead in framing an iron-clad scheme for water sharing, the Cauvery river waters issue will fester for decades longer**

A few weeks in the timeframe of a dispute said to go back to the 19th century, with the first proposal for a dam across the Cauvery river, may barely cause a ripple in the ocean of time. However, the scant regard paid to a final verdict given on February 16, which is likely to settle the dispute for the next 15 years at least, is tantamount to disregarding the court's powers even more than being in contempt of its order. This would represent an existential crisis for the Supreme Court as well, if not for the sanguine belief that the Cauvery Management Board will be formed once the politics of the election is out of the way. The more is the pity as there was a fair balance between the drinking water needs of Bengaluru city and the thirsty rice bowl of Tamil Nadu's Delta districts.

A flashpoint is already building over Karnataka's suggestion to pack the Cauvery Management Board or "scheme" with minister-politicians of the four states. A deadline over release of water for Tamil Nadu for April and May is another challenge to a state that has shown extreme reluctance to get down to distribution of water resources so that they are shared equitably. While political compulsions in the run-up to the May 12 election are bound to be extreme, the biggest question is whether the lower riparian states can ever expect to get water as per the award? Tamil Nadu has averred in the court that this is a test for cooperative federalism itself. The court is committed to hearing out suggestions on the CMB from the Centre and the states, but unless it takes the lead in framing an iron-clad scheme for water sharing, the Cauvery issue will fester for decades longer.



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[IN FOCUS: WATER SHORTAGE]

# Not dry, but not in full flow either 9.H

Parched throats can bring down governments; hence leaders rush to claim credit for 'water ATMs' set up in villages

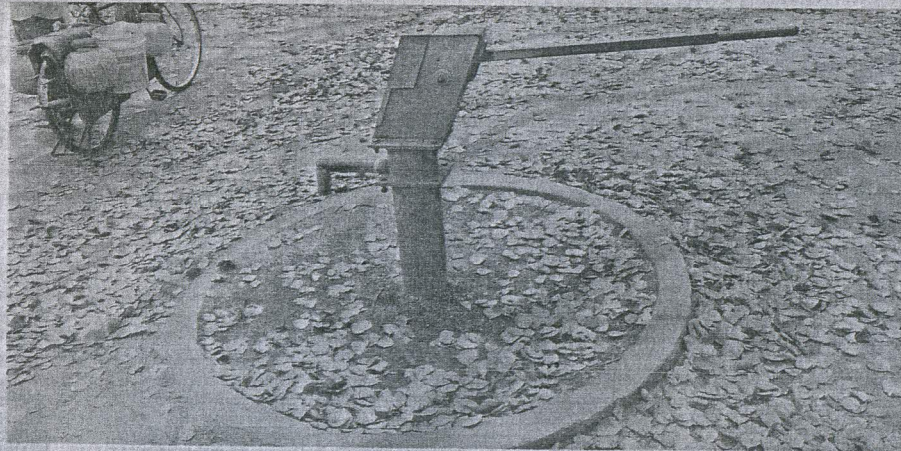
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Early in 2016, in the grip of drought for the fourth straight year, people of Pathapalli were in a rage. Surrounded by barren flatlands and rocky hills along the Andhra Pradesh boundary, the village had been facing an acute drinking water shortage. The people went on a protest demanding a comprehensive drinking water scheme in Chikkaballapur town, the district headquarters, and by March, the anger boiled over.

Over 10,000 farmers landed in Bengaluru and headed to the Chief Minister's house, where they were lathi-charged and arrested.

But now, the people have access to at least five drinking water units that purify water drawn from deep borewells. All of these have been set up in the past year and provide 15 litres at ₹2.

"Before, we had to scrounge for water and had no option but to drink flou-



**Dismal scenario:** Water scarcity is the main issue in Chikkaballapur. A file picture of a dry borewell at Totagere in the town. ■ K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

ride-contaminated water," says Venkatarammappa from the neighbouring Thullapalli village.

According to National Rural Drinking Water Programme, three in four samples of water in the village were biologically or chemically contaminated.

In the district, however, assurances given after the massive protest have not been met. A ₹13,000-crore

project to divert water from the tributaries of the Nethravati on the Western Ghats (which helped the Congress win the 2014 Lok Sabha election here) is still in the construction phase, while a ₹1,300-crore project to treat sewage from Bengaluru has not seen a drop of water yet.

In a State where lack of drinking water access can bring down governments, this anger had to be calmed

down. The scheme of "water ATMs" – small water dispensers that serve a community – has thus come in handy.

The State government says it has constructed 10,191 such units across the State, while Opposition MLAs have used a significant portion of their local area funds to set up their own units that cost between ₹5.5 lakh and ₹15 lakh.

In the Chikkanayakahalli

constituency in arid Tumakuru, the government has built 62 units. The Janata Dal (S) MLA, Suresh Babu, says he has built another 40. "These units are to show my concern, and are not to gain votes," he says.

## Electoral advantage

There is a clear electoral advantage, the MLAs say, particularly in areas where fluoride contamination is rampant (over 1,100 habitations have access only to contaminated water). Among the promises given by Congress MLA Rafiq Ahmed in Tumakuru city is to double the number of units, if re-elected.

Even in Bengaluru, where water access mirror class inequities, drinking water is a prime concern. MLAs have been posting their workers at the units to remind users that it was they who constructed them. In the Hebbal constituency, for instance, the BJP MLA has constructed 36 "saffron" coloured units.

In the highly contested

Channapatna constituency, C.P. Yogeshwara, BJP MLA, taking on former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy of the JD(S), is relying on works to bring water to lakhs of villages. In north Karnataka, Irrigation Minister M.B. Patil believes the Congress has an edge through schemes that filled arid lakes in the arid region.

The micro-schemes seems to have won over Rangaswamy at Subramanahalli in the backward Pavagada region, where his family is now dependent on the local drinking water unit. "There are four voters in our family, and we used to split the vote between the Congress and the JD(S). Now, we will vote for the Congress only," he says.

However, there arises a question of too little, too late. By the government's own estimates, nearly 3,600 such drinking water units are yet to be functional. Many voters are aware that the promises made in 2013 to implement "comprehensive schemes" have failed.



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**मौसम की चाल**

## दिल्ली-एनसीआर में फिर धूल भरी आंधी



नई दिल्ली के पटेल नगर में मंगलवार को आंधी के बाद कड़कती बिजली। • संजित खन्ना

<b>हरियाणा में आंधी के साथ बारिश, ओले पड़े</b> उत्तर भारत में मौसम का मिजाज पूरी तरह बिगड़ गया है। दिनभर भीषण गर्मी के बाद मंगलवार की शाम हरियाणा के करनाल, कुरुक्षेत्र और फतेहाबाद में आंधी के साथ जबरदस्त बारिश हुई और ओले भी पड़े।	<b>70</b> किलोमीटर प्रति घंटे की रफ्तार से चली आंधी	<b>24</b> घंटे तक कई राज्यों में सतर्क रहने की सलाह	<b>तेज हवाओं से पेड़ टूटे, कई इलाकों में बिजली गुल</b> रात 9 बजे धूल भरी आंधी दिल्ली-एनसीआर पहुंची। तेज हवाओं से कई जगह पेड़ टूट गए और यातायात थम गया। बिजली गुल हो गई। बदरपुर इलाके में तेज आंधी से चार मंजिल मकान की चाहरदीवारी के गिरने से तीन लोग घायल हो गए। > संबंधित खबरें पेज 03, 12
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एक्टिव होगा वेस्टर्न डिस्टरबेंस, कितना होगा असर, अभी ये क्लियर नहीं 9/5/18

# अलर्ट, खौफ सब रहा...बस तूफान नहीं आज बारिश, 13 को फिर तूफान की आशंका

■ विस, नई दिल्ली : तूफान का अलर्ट रहा, दो दिन तक लोग खौफ में रहे। बच्चे स्कूल नहीं गए, लेकिन मंगलवार सुबह 11 बजे के बाद ही मौसम साफ दिखने लगा। पूरे दिन धूप खिली रही। मौसम विभाग के अनुसार सिरसा (हरियाणा) तक तूफान की स्थिति रही है, लेकिन उसके आगे यह कमजोर रहा।

सोमवार रात करीब 10.20 बजे धूल भरी तेज हवाएं चलना शुरू हो गई थीं। मौसम विभाग के अनुसार सफदरजंग में रात 11.03 बजे से 11.06 बजे तक 64 किलोमीटर प्रति घंटे की रफ्तार से

हवाएं चलीं। पालम में इस दौरान 50 किलोमीटर प्रति घंटे की रफ्तार रही। तेज हवाओं का सिलसिला तीन से चार घंटे तक जारी रहा। इस दौरान स्पीड 30 से 50 किलोमीटर प्रति घंटे रही। सुबह करीब 6 बजे से दिल्ली में घने काले बादल छाए हुए थे। कुछ जगहों पर हल्की बूंदाबांदी भी हुई। आईएमडी की बात करें तो सुबह 10.30 बजे आईएमडी की तरफ से कहा गया कि दिल्ली में आंधी की तेज एक्टिविटी हो चुकी है। अब दिल्ली को डरने की जरूरत नहीं है। 9 मई से मौसम साफ होना शुरू हो जाएगा। आंधी और ठंडी हवाओं की वजह से दिल्ली का तापमान महज 34.7 डिग्री रहा, जो सामान्य से 4 डिग्री कम रहा। मौसम विभाग के पूर्वानुमान के अनुसार 9 मई को हल्की बारिश और आंधी की संभावना है। आईएमडी के डीजी डॉ. के जे रमेश ने बताया कि दिल्ली में सोमवार रात को 64 किलोमीटर प्रति घंटे की रफ्तार से हवाएं चली हैं। आईएमडी के पूर्वानुमान में मंगलवार सुबह और दोपहर बाद आंधी तूफान की संभावनाएं जताई गई थीं। उन्होंने कहा कि थोड़ा बहुत आगे पीछे होने की संभावना बनी रहती है। इसी वजह से रात में ही आंधी आ गई। 12 मई के बाद एक वेस्टर्न डिस्टरबेंस फिर से एक्टिव हो रहा है। हालांकि इसका असर कितना व्यापक होगा, यह 13 मई तक ही साफ हो जाएगा। एक्सपर्ट के अनुसार इस बार गर्मी काफी जल्दी आ गई है।



## तेज हवाओं से 5 इलाकों में पेड़ गिरे

साउथ और वेस्ट दिल्ली में 5 जगहों पर पेड़ गिरने की शिकायत दर्ज की गई। गलियों में और सड़क पर पेड़ गिरने के कारण कई जगहों पर मंगलवार सुबह ट्रैफिक जाम की भी शिकायत रही। एमसीडी और दूसरी एजेंसियों ने अब सड़क पर गिरे पेड़ों और टहनियों को हटा दिया है। साउथ एमसीडी कंट्रोल रूम के अफसरों के अनुसार, सोमवार रात तेज हवाओं के चलते स्वामी नगर कॉलोनी में एक मकान के पास पेड़ गिर गया। पेड़ गिरने की दूसरी घटना सफदरजंग एंक्लेव के डीडीए फ्लैट के एक मकान के पास दर्ज की गई। पंचशील, डिवाऊ कला में जय विहार, मेन गोपाल नगर, डिफेंस कॉलोनी और लाजपत नगर में नेशनल पार्क के पीछे एक पेड़ गिरने की शिकायत लोगों ने कंट्रोल रूम में दी थी। सुबह इन सभी जगहों से गिरे हुए पेड़ और टहनियों को हटा दिया गया। कुछ जगहों पर सड़क पर ही पेड़ों की टहनियां गिरने के कारण ट्रैफिक जाम की समस्या भी रही।



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चारधाम यात्रा पर बर्फबारी की मार, गृहमंत्री राजनाथ सिंह ने हालात की जानकारी ली, देश के कई इलाकों में भारी नुकसान

# बेमौसम बर्फबारी से हजारों यात्री फंसे



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बारिश और बर्फबारी ने चारधाम यात्रा को बुरी तरह प्रभावित कर दिया। हजारों यात्री जगह-जगह फंसे गए। यात्रा को रोकने की आधिकारिक घोषणा नहीं की गई है। लेकिन यात्रियों को सुरक्षित स्थानों पर रोक दिया गया है। जिला प्रशासन, पुलिस और एसडीआरएफ की टीम यात्रियों की मदद में जुटी हुई हैं। केंद्रीय गृहमंत्री राजनाथ सिंह ने मुख्यमंत्री से राज्य के हालात की जानकारी ली और हर संभव देने का आश्वासन दिया है।

**अब तक चार लोगों की जान गई :** बर्फबारी के दौरान केदारनाथ में गुरुग्राम निवासी महिला देवकी देवी (61) की मौत हो गई। जबकि मुम्बई निवासी एक यात्री सुदामा की यमुनोत्री में मृत्यु हुई। उधर, केदारनाथ से गंगोत्री लौट रहे एक पोर्टर और मुनस्यारी में जड़ी बूटी लेने गए एक युवक की तूफान की चपेट में आने से मौत हो गई।

**केदारनाथ से वापस भेजे गए यात्री:** बर्फबारी के कारण केदारनाथ में सबसे मुश्किल हालात पैदा हुए। यहां बर्फबारी के कारण यात्री वापस भेजे पड़े। आपदा कंट्रोल रूम के अनुसार 3553 यात्री देर शाम सोनप्रवाग पहुंचाए गए। लिंचोली में 239, भीमबली में 14 और केदारनाथ में 450 यात्रियों को ठहराया गया है।

**03** दशक में मौसम में आए बदलाव से दोनों धाम बर्फ की चादर से ढक गए

**20** सेंटीमीटर बर्फबारी हुई है रोहतांग में, 02 सेंटीमीटर शिमला में

**04** सेंटीमीटर सालाना की दर से घट रही हिमपात की मात्रा



केदारनाथ धाम में मंगलवार को दर्शन करने पहुंचे श्रद्धालुओं को भारी बर्फबारी से जूझना पड़ा। • हिन्दुस्तान

## हरीश रावत भी फंसे

केदारनाथ के दौरे पर गए पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री हरीश रावत भी भारी बर्फबारी और तेज हवाओं के बीच केदारनाथ में फंसे गए। हालांकि देर शाम मौसम खुलने पर वे सांसद प्रदीप टम्टा और केदारनाथ विधायक मजोन रावत के साथ हेलीकाप्टर से गुप्तकाशी लौट आए।

## अगले 36 घंटे बवंडर के आसार

मौसम विभाग ने अगले 36 घंटों में फिर से तूफान आने की चेतावनी जारी की है। मौसम विज्ञान केंद्र ने कहा है कि बुधवार को चारों धामों में तेज हवाएं और बारिश हो सकती है।

## कहां क्या हुआ

- केदारनाथ में बर्फबारी से जीएमवीएन के 170 टेंट टूटे।
- बदरीनाथ में कथा के लिए लगाये तंबू उखड़े, बिजली और संचार व्यवस्था बाधित।
- डारकोट के पास चार घंटे बंद रहा यमुनोत्री हाईवे।
- लामबगड़ में बंद बदरीनाथ हाइवे देर शाम खुला।
- केदारनाथ के लिए देशराम उड़ पाए हेलीकॉप्टर।
- पूर्णागिरि जा रहे श्रद्धालुओं को ककराली गेट पर रोका।
- पिथौरागढ़ में ओलावृष्टि।

मौसम विभाग के चेतावनी को देखते हुए प्रशासन को अलर्ट पर रखा गया है। एसडीआरएफ की टीमें तैयार हैं। राज्य में हालात सामान्य हैं।

-त्रिवेन्द्र रावत, मुख्यमंत्री

## मई में बारिश-ओले और हिमपात



### उत्तराखंड

## बदरीनाथ में गिरी बर्फ

उत्तराखंड के बदरीनाथ-केदारनाथ धाम में मई में बारिश होना आम है। सोमवार और मंगलवार को यहां घंटों तक हुई बर्फबारी ने चकित कर दिया।

## जनजीवन प्रभावित

- जीएमवीएन के टेंट को बर्फबारी के कारण क्षति पहुंची है।
- पहाड़ी रास्ते में आवाजाही को लेकर दिक्कतें हो रही हैं।
- यात्रियों को बर्फबारी के बीच मुश्किलों का सामना करना पड़ा।
- पर्यटकों को मुश्किल हो रही।



### हिमाचल

## सफेद चादर से ढका रिज

पिछले 48 घंटों में हिमाचल प्रदेश के अधिकांश जिलों में तेज बारिश हुई और शिमला, मनाली, रोहतांग सहित कई ऊंचे स्थानों पर बर्फ गिरी।

## परेशानी बढ़ी

- आंधी-तूफान और तेज बारिश से सड़कें खराब हो गईं।
- बर्फबारी के चलते पर्यटकों को वापस लौटने में परेशानी।
- लाहुल-स्पीति से मनाली की ओर आ रहे पांच लोग बर्फाले तूफान में फंसे, टीम ने रेस्क्यू किया।

## कुमाऊं में ओलावृष्टि से मुश्किल बढ़ी

हल्द्वानी। कुमाऊं में मंगलवार दिनभर बादल छाये रहे। कई स्थानों पर बारिश और ओलावृष्टि भी हुई। पिथौरागढ़, मुनस्यारी, बागेश्वर, अल्मोड़ा में बारिश और कई स्थानों पर ओलावृष्टि भी हुई। मैदानी क्षेत्रों में बादल छाने और बूंदबादी से तापमान में गिरावट आई है। वहीं अलर्ट के बाद चम्पावत जिल में मा पूर्णागिरि के दर्शन को जाने वाले श्रद्धालुओं को टनकपुर स्थित ककराली गेट पर ही रोक दिया।

## मुनस्यारी में युवक की मौत

मुनस्यारी (कुमाऊं)। वन पंचायत जिब्बा के ऊंचाई वाले क्षेत्र में कीड़ा जड़ी निकालने गए गोल्फा निवासी युवक की आंधी के कारण वायुदाब कम होने से मौत हो गई। क्षेत्र की ऊंचाई समुद्र तल से करीब 3500 मीटर है। गोल्फा निवासी आनंद सिंह (40) पुत्र चंदन सिंह सोमवार को अपने साथियों के साथ कीड़ा जड़ी निकालने के लिए वन पंचायत क्षेत्र जिब्बा गया हुआ था।



### जम्मू-कश्मीर

## हिमपात से मुगल रोड बंद

घाटी के ऊंचे इलाकों में बर्फबारी तो पूरे साल होती है, लेकिन सोमवार और मंगलवार को निचले इलाकों में भी भारी बर्फ गिरी। इससे पहले दो दिनों तक जम्मू में बारिश हुई और तेज हवाओं के साथ ओले गिरे। किश्तवाड़, डोडा, पुंछ और राजौरी में हिमपात हुआ।

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सालों में 15वीं बार इस साल जनवरी में 15 मिमी से कम बर्फ गिरी





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## बुझाएंगे पंजाब, हरियाणा, दिल्ली और राजस्थान की प्यास

कौन कहता है आसमां में सुराख नहीं हो सकता, एक पत्थर तो तबीयत से उछालो यारों... वास्तव में यह लाइनें केन्द्रीय सड़क परिवहन, राजमार्ग एवं पोत परिवहन तथा जल संसाधन व गंगा कायाकल्प मंत्री नितिन गडकरी पर फिट बैठती हैं। उनके पास चार-चार मंत्रालयों का भार लेकिन काम भी उतना ही सधा हुआ है। हर मंत्रालय का काम उनके टिप्स पर है। अपने चार साल के कामों से वैसे तो संतुष्ट हैं लेकिन उनके सपने अभी बाकी हैं। गडकरी कहते भी हैं कि वह केवल सपने देखते ही नहीं बल्कि उनको सच करने में विश्वास रखते हैं। तभी तो उन्हें 'रोड रोलर' कहते हैं। वह सभी दिक्कतों को रौंदते हुए आगे बढ़ रहे हैं। अब उन्होंने पाकिस्तान की तरफ बहने वाली नदियों के पानी का रुख मोड़ने (इस्तेमाल) की ठान ली है। इस पानी के इस्तेमाल से पंजाब, हरियाणा, राजस्थान, दिल्ली में पीने के पानी की समस्या हल हो जाएगी। इसको लेकर उनके मंत्रालय ने बैठकों का दौरा शुरू कर दिया है। अभी सरकार का एक साल बाकी है, उनकी एक बड़ी इच्छा इस बात की है कि चारों धामों के लिए एक ऐसी सड़क का निर्माण करें, जहां पर हर मौसम में श्रद्धालु जा सकेंगे। यही नहीं पिथौरागढ़ से सड़क के जरिए मानसरोवर की यात्रा की जा सके, इसके लिए उन्होंने कमर कस ली है। नितिन गडकरी को इस का थोड़ा मलाल जरूर है कि देश में दुर्घटनाओं को रोकने के लिए उनका 'मोटर व्हीकल एक्ट' संसद में लंबित है। उन्होंने साफ किया कि मंत्रालय के पास पैसों की कोई कमी नहीं है। इन्हीं सब मुद्दों पर केन्द्रीय मंत्री नितिन गडकरी से पंजाब केसरी के सतेन्द्र त्रिपाठी और सुरेन्द्र पंडित की खरी-खरी...



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# After the scare, the storm that barely was



■ Dust blows on a street near CP on Tuesday. ANUSHREE FADNAVIS/HT

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**NEW DELHI:** After attracting criticism for failing to predict the intensity of the thunderstorms and dust storms on May 2 that left over 120 dead, largely in Rajasthan and UP, IMD officials were left red-faced when the “thunderstorm and squall” they predicted would hit Delhi-NCR on Tuesday didn’t happen.

The weather department issued another warning of a storm on Tuesday evening for Delhi, Gurugram and Noida,

but the maximum wind speed recorded at the Safdarjung observatory at 8.50pm was about 40kmph. The gusts of wind had reached a speed of 64kmph during Monday’s short dust storm. “Tuesday’s drizzle and thunderstorm were triggered by local clouds, which formed because of the intense heat during the day. The western disturbance that was supposed to hit Delhi on May 8 had passed on Monday night...” said Kuldeep Srivastava, scientist, regional meteorological centre.

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## Storm

While western disturbances lead to widespread dust storms and thunderstorms, which were part of India Meteorological Department's (IMD) prediction on Monday, the weather phenomenon triggered by local clouds is weaker in intensity.

It was a far cry from the warning of squalls and thunderstorms in 13 states that IMD issued over the weekend, prompting schools in several states to remain closed on May 6 and 7.

"The activity (on Tuesday) has remained restricted to the hill states, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand," KJ Ramesh, director general of IMD, said.

Higher reaches in Himachal Pradesh received snowfall, while Shimla experienced a heavy hailstorm on Tuesday. Upper reaches in Uttarakhand, places such as Badrinath and Kedarnath, where a pilgrim from Delhi died of a heart attack and nearly 400 were stranded, experienced snowfall on Tuesday.

IMD's prediction of moderately strong winds in the Capital on Tuesday evening was borne out as was its prediction of "very light rain, drizzle accompanied with strong, gusty winds" in Delhi on Monday evening, but skies remained clear for much of Tuesday, and the intensity of both the rain and the winds was nothing out of the ordinary in a city that sees squalls every summer.

The IMD blamed unpredictable Delhi weather on a lack of clarity about how western disturbance over Jammu and Kashmir and a cyclonic circulation over Haryana would impact weather in the National Capital Region. "The western disturbance started affecting the hills on May 6 and moved eastwards impacting the plains," Kuldeep Srivastava, a senior scientist at IMD, said.

A western disturbance, a system of low pressure bringing moisture from Eurasian water bodies, currently lies over Jammu and Kashmir. This system is likely to weaken in the coming days; another western disturbance will bring a fresh round of thunderstorms starting Sunday, according to IMD.

The weather agency faced criticism for poor dissemination of alerts. "It is a question of reliability; we should do some sort of reality check on how many times have the warnings come true," said Piyoosh Rautela, a senior official in the Department of Disaster Management, Uttarakhand. "The worst is over," Mahesh Palawat, chief meteorologist at Skymet Weather, a private forecaster, said of Delhi NCR. "We do not expect thunderstorm activity for next 4-5 days."

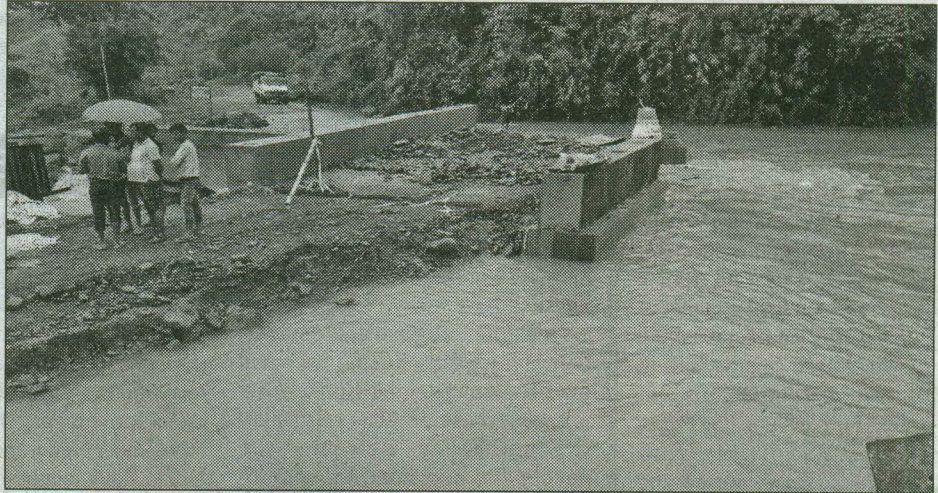


# Road communication between Haflong and Silchar disrupted

CORRESPONDENT

HAFLONG, May 6: Heavy rains have disrupted the road communication between Haflong and Silchar as a huge stretch of road covering Rekho village to Boromuolkhoi have been damaged.

The condition of the road between Jatinga and Harangajao of the NH 54 popularly known as the East West Corridor, which is also said to be the lifeline for the people, is now in a shambles. The construction company- NKC-JKM (JV), which was engaged for repairing the road has failed to build the road causing severe hardships for the people. This is of course a perennial problem for the people living in the area. Despite the gravity of the problem, the authorities concerned have turned a blind eye to the issue. Disappointed with the State Government's inaction, several organisations have been holding dharnas for the last couple of months, but to no avail. The people of Dima Hasao have now decided to approach the Prime Minister considering



*A portion of the road in Haflong which was washed away following incessant rains. – Photo: Haflong Correspondent*

the agony of the people.

"We have been suffering a lot due to the poor condition of the road. However, the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) is in a deep slumber for which it has failed to take action against the construction company," a section of people alleged.

**Kaushal Vikash Divas observed:** The Aajeevika Evam Kaushal Vikash Divas organised by Harangajao block under the State Rural Livelihood

Mission was observed here.

In this connection, a meeting was held which was attended by Ngamrothang Hmar, Executive Member, Naresh Ghose, Principal Secretary of NC Hills Autonomous Council, Vinod Kumar, Director, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Hari Har Shukla, Ministry of Heavy Industries, Nodal Officer, Nipolal Hojai, BJP president, Rafeal Hmar, branch manager of LDRB, Dhrubo Jyoti Malakar,

DFE HR DMMU, Karbi Anglong.

The objective of the programme was to highlight the development programme launched by the Central Government for the uplift of the poorer sections of the people living in the country by providing various schemes like Prime Minister Avas Yojana-Gramin, Prime Minister Ujjwala Yojana, Saubhagya Yojana and Indradhanush Yojana.