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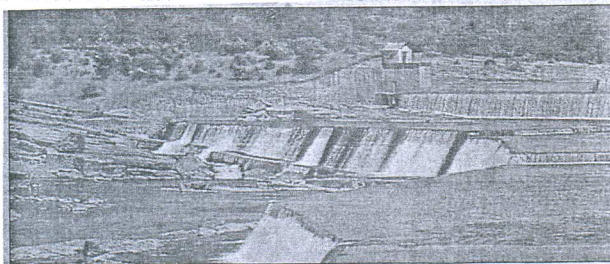
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## Water levels of country's major reservoirs drop

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**NEW DELHI:** Water levels of the country's 91 major reservoirs have dropped to 20% of their storage capacity, well below the 10-year average, government data shows.

The decline in rainfall over the last few years has affected the country's water storage capacity, with the north and the south being worst hit, details shared by the Central Water Commission (CWC) say. "Situation in the reservoirs is not good, there is a 10% deficiency in water storage compared to the average of last ten years," CWC chairman S Masood Hussain said over phone. As per the CWC data released on May 10, it was found that in 91 reservoirs only 33.186 billion cubic metres (BCM) of water remained compared to their holding capacity of 161.993 BCM. The levels have further reduced from 35.219 BCM last week.

The water level in the week ending on May 10 was 88% of the storage in the corresponding period last year. Last year 37.923 BCM was available in the reservoirs at this time of the year. Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Jharkhand, Odisha, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Telangana are worst hit and have less water compared to last year.

The northern region had shown 29% decline while in the south, the figure was 28% lower than the 10-year average, Hussain said, adding deficient rainfall in the last three-four years was responsible for the drop.

"As there is prediction of a

good monsoon, we hope the reservoirs will be filled soon," he said.

The Northern region of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Rajasthan has less water than the national average. The six reservoirs monitored by the CWC have only 18% of total live storage capacity. The storage during corresponding period of last year was 24% and average storage of last ten years during corresponding period was 26% of live storage capacity.

The eastern region that includes Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal and Tripura was doing a little better, with reservoirs holding 31% of storage capacity, which is better than 25% average of last ten years. The 22 reservoirs in the western region (Gujarat and Maharashtra) were at 20% of their capacity. The 12 reservoirs in the central region — states of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh and Chattisgarh — were at 26%.

The southern states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu were badly hit, with reservoirs at 13% of their storage capacity. The percentage was, however, better than 2017 when the region faced one of the worst droughts, but much less than 18% average of last ten years.

While reservoirs measure the level of surface water, ground water is also showing major depletion. Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), which carries out ground water monitoring four times a year, on regional scale through a network of observation wells in the Country found that 61% wells in the country had shown decrease in water.



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## Govt to submit Cauvery report in SC on May 14

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**NEWDELHI:** The Centre will be presenting a draft Cauvery water sharing scheme directly to the Supreme Court on May 14 -- two days after the polling for the Karnataka assembly elections -- and get a formal Cabinet approval later.

On the sidelines of a press conference, water resources minister Nitin Gadkari said there was no need to get Cabinet approval for the scheme before presenting it to the apex court.

"The draft scheme is ready and there is no need to present it before the Cabinet at this stage," the minister said.

The Centre on May 3 told the Supreme Court that it had been unable to finalise the draft Cauvery water sharing scheme for Karnataka and Tamil Nadu by the May 3 deadline set by the top court because Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other central ministers had been busy campaigning for the Karnataka

elections. The results are due on May 15.

The Supreme Court had pulled up the Centre for failing to come up with a plan to implement its verdict on the distribution of Cauvery waters. The Centre had earlier sought three months for finalising the scheme, citing the upcoming Karnataka elections and the sensitivity of the Cauvery water sharing issue. Tamil Nadu called the delay an election tactic.

"We will present the scheme before the court and the court will then share details with the states. The scheme will be finalised after that as we want inputs from the states as well," said a senior official in the water resources ministry who asked not to be named.

"We were delaying the scheme because of Karnataka's opposition. We want the scheme to work and get all states on board," the official added.

HT reported last month, citing an official who requested anonymity, that the Centre would

base the Cauvery scheme on the Bhakra Beas Management Board. The official has said the scheme was likely to be overseen by an authority with a mix of both administrators as well as technocrats, as opposed to the recommendations by the Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal, which had proposed a board run by technocrats. Karnataka had on April 26 written to the Centre seeking a committee that would include the water resources minister of the state.

On February 16, the Supreme Court ruled on the case, based on appeals by the states to the 2007 order of the Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal. The SC order reduced the quantity of water Karnataka was asked to supply to Tamil Nadu by 14.75 tmc (thousand million cubic litres).

The Tribunal had ordered the formation of a Cauvery Management Board to decide on the distribution of Cauvery water to Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry.



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## '70% of Ganga will be cleaned by May 2019'

₹8,000-₹10,000 crore to be spent, says Gadkari

JACOB KOSHY  
NEW DELHI

Union Water Resources Minister Nitin Gadkari said the government will spend ₹8,000 to ₹10,000 crore this year to ensure that at least 70% of the Ganga will be clean by next May.

The government has only spent ₹4,500 crore since 2015 when the ₹20,000-crore tranche for cleaning the 2,500-km long river was operationalised.

"This year we have sent a note [to the Finance Ministry] for ₹250 crore. By next March, based on my calculation, we expect this ratio [of funds spent to funds allotted] to move to about 60% to 70%... that works to about ₹8,000 to ₹10,000 crore this



Union Ministers Nitin Gadkari and Uma Bharti at a press conference in New Delhi on Thursday. •PTI

year. Equipment is arriving, projects are being completed faster," he said at a press conference to apprise on the progress made in cleaning the river. "We expect an extremely clean river by December 2019," he said.

A total of 195 projects worth ₹20,959 crore have been sanctioned for various activities such as sewage infrastructure, ghats and crematoria development, river-front development and river surface cleaning.

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# Water supply from Malsisar dam restored

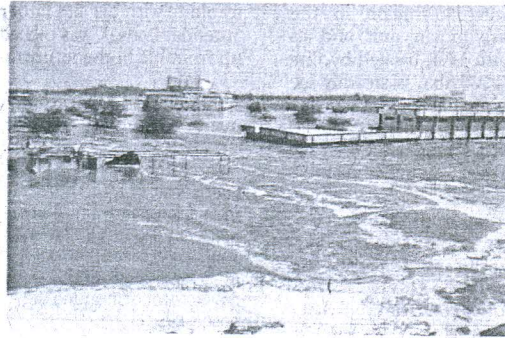
The dam had breached in March just three months after it was built, inundating several areas

MOHAMMED IQBAL  
JAIPUR

Water supply from a dam built at the Kumbha Ram Arya lift canal project near Malsisar town in Rajasthan's Jhunjhunu district, which had breached on March 31 this year, has been restored. The dam has started supplying 14 million litres per day (MLD) of water to five towns of the district and 114 villages in the region.

## Vast areas inundated

The water released from the dam, situated 210 km away from Jaipur, had inundated several areas and created chaos in the region, though there was no loss of lives in the incident. A large number of cattle and vehicles were swept away in the torrent when a portion of the dam



**Deluge:** Malsisar dam in Jhunjhunu district of Rajasthan after the breach on March 31. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

first developed cracks and later breached. The dam's reservoir has the storage capacity of 1.5 million cubic litres of water.

At the time of breach, the dam had 80 MLD of water in terms of supply, stored at a

height of 9 metres. It was constructed barely three months before the mishap.

The State government registered a first information report, besides imposing a hefty penalty of ₹2.75 crore, against a construction firm

which had built the dam. Two executive engineers of the Public Health Engineering Department, looking after the water supply works in the State, were placed under suspension and a three-member committee was appointed to probe into the incident.

## Water treatment

PHED Principal Secretary Rajat Kumar Mishra said here on Thursday that the construction company had installed four submersible pump sets for draining out raw water and restarted clean water pumps. Water was being treated and cleaned before its supply.

Water supply has been restored to Jhunjhunu, Bagad, Mandawa, Khetri and Gothda towns as well as 98 of

the 114 villages where it had earlier stopped.

Following the breakage, the rescue teams had evacuated the project officials and labourers who were trapped in the dam's filter plant, control tower and administrative building. The State government had rushed the State Disaster Relief Force teams from Jaipur to Malsisar.

The lift irrigation project, bringing the Himalayan waters to Jhunjhunu district through Indira Gandhi Canal, was completed at a cost of ₹588 crore and had started supplying drinking water in its first phase.

Launched in August 2013, the project had set the target to supply water to 1,473 villages and Malsisar, Khetri, Jhunjhunu and Sikar towns.



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## दो दिन तक आंधी-बारिश नहीं, बढ़ेगा तापमान



■ विशेष संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली

आंधी बारिश का दौर थमते ही दिल्ली में गर्मी बढ़ने लगी है। गुरुवार को तापमान कुछ जगह पर 40 डिग्री तक पहुंच गया। सुबह 8.30 बजे तक कई इलाकों में बूदाबंदी भी हुई। मौसम विभाग के अनुसार अगले दो से तीन दिन तक दिल्ली में तेज गर्मी

शुक्रवार को  
तापमान 41  
डिग्री को कर  
सकता है पार

पड़ेगी। शुक्रवार को तापमान 41 डिग्री को पार कर सकता है। मौसम विभाग के अनुसार अगले दो दिन तक दिल्ली में बारिश और आंधी की संभावना नहीं है, जिसकी वजह से तापमान तेजी से बढ़ेगा।

दिल्ली का अधिकतम तापमान गुरुवार को 39.8 डिग्री रहा। यह सामान्य से 1 डिग्री अधिक रहा, जबकि न्यूनतम तापमान महज 21.5 डिग्री रहा। पालम और आया नगर में अधिकतम

तापमान 40.2 डिग्री पर पहुंच गया। इसके अलावा लोधी रोड में 38.4, रिज में 39.3, डीयू में 39.8, मंगेशपुर में 38, नजफगढ़ में 38.6, नरेला में 38.9 डिग्री तक तापमान रहा। दिल्ली में सबसे अधिक बारिश मंगेशपुर में 5 एमएम, नजफगढ़ और नरेला में 3 एमएम, पालम में 3.2 एमएम, रिज में 1.6 और लोदी रोड, आया नगर में हल्की बूदाबंदी दर्ज की गई। मौसम विभाग के अनुसार 12 मई की शाम से मौसम में बदलाव हो सकते हैं, जिसके बाद गर्मी से कुछ राहत मिलेगी। वेस्टर्न डिस्टर्बेंस की वजह से इस बार दिल्ली में मीडियम बारिश होने की संभावना जताई जा रही है। 13-14 मई को दिल्ली में 50 से 70 किलोमीटर प्रति घंटे की रफतार से हवाएं चल सकती हैं।

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## बंगाल में तूफानी बारिश में 7 की मौत

20 से अधिक लोग  
घायल, कई कच्चे  
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कोलकाता. दक्षिण बंगाल के बर्दवान, बीरभूम, मुर्शिदाबाद समेत विभिन्न जिलों में गुरुवार को कालबैशाखी के साथ हुई तूफानी बारिश में सात लोगों की मौत हो गई। वज्रपात व मकान ढहने की घटनाओं में 20 से अधिक लोग घायल हैं। सैकड़ों कच्चे मकान क्षतिग्रस्त हुए हैं। सरकारी सूत्रों के अनुसार मुर्शिदाबाद जिले के भरतपुर और नवदा थाना क्षेत्र में वज्रपात और मकान ढहने की घटना में 5 लोगों की व बीरभूम जिले में 2 जने की मौत हुई है। मृतकों में से 5 की पहचान सिद्धिक शेख, कालीपद विश्वास, काली किकर घोष, हातीमूर, मुर्शिदा बीबी के रूप में हुई है।

इससे पहले गुरुवार की सुबह दक्षिण बंगाल के विभिन्न जिलों में जोरदार तूफानी बारिश हुई। मुर्शिदाबाद जिले के भरतपुर व नवदा थाना क्षेत्र में वज्रपात में चार व कच्चे मकान ढहने की घटना में एक जने की मौत हो गई। जिले के

अलग-अलग इलाके में बारिश के दौरान हुए हादसे में 10 से अधिक लोग घायल हैं। बीरभूम जिले के मल्लरपुर थाना क्षेत्र के खरमीनपुर गांव में वज्रपात के बाद एक मकान में आग लग गई। इस घटना में मां-बेटे की झुलस कर मौत हो गई। मुर्शिदाबाद जिले का भरतपुर, नवदा, हरिहरपाड़ा, रुकुननपुर, बेलडांगा, बीरभूम जिले का मल्लरपुर, बोलरपुर, सैथिया, बर्दवान जिले के कांकसा, दुर्गापुर, आसनसोल इलाका तूफानी बारिश से बुरी तरह से प्रभावित हुआ है। दुर्गापुर व कांकसा के कई इलाके बारिश के पानी से जलमग्न हो गए हैं। जिला प्रशासन की ओर से प्रभावित लोगों को राहत सामग्री उपलब्ध कराई जा रही है। अलीपुर मौसम कार्यालय सूत्रों के अनुसार बंगाल की खाड़ी में निम्नदाब एवं चक्रवात बना हुआ है। निम्नदाब और चक्रवात के कारण बारिश हो रही है। अगले सप्ताह तक उक्त निम्नदाब और चक्रवात का असर रहेगा। इस दौरान पश्चिम बंगाल, बिहार, ओडिशा, झारखंड आदि राज्य में रुक-रुक कर गरज और तेज हवा के साथ बारिश होती रहेगी।



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## Delhi water: HC pulls up Haryana for not repairing old canal

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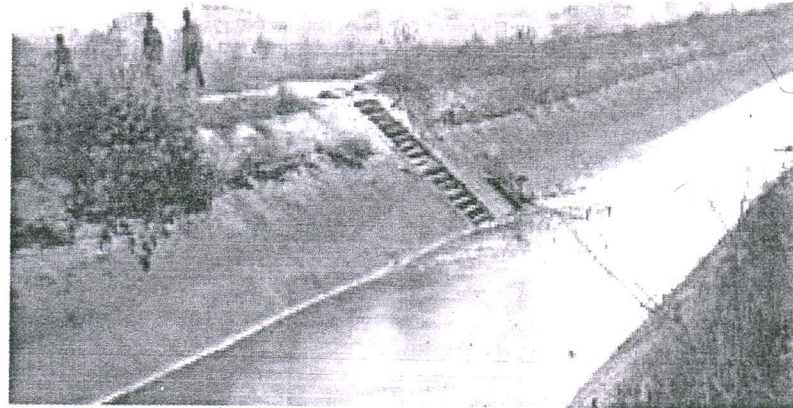
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The Delhi High Court on Thursday pulled up the Haryana government for not issuing any tenders till date for repair of the old sub-branch canal, which carries water to the national capital, despite payment of Rs 28.16 crore to it by the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) for the work.

It directed that the tender process and award of the work should be completed by June 15.

A bench of Acting Chief Justice Gita Mittal and Justice C Hari Shankar was displeased with the fact that the neighbouring state had not yet encashed the cheques for the amount of Rs 28.16 crore though they were sent in March and directed it to immediately encash them.

"No steps appear to have been taken since our last order of March 13," the court observed and directed that the tender process and award of the work be completed at the earliest and not later than June 15 so that the authorities would be ready to commence repairs as soon as the monsoon hits Delhi.

The high court on March



13 had directed Haryana and Delhi to take steps to immediately carry out the repairs of the Delhi Sub-Branch Canal (DSBC).

The bench said any delay in commencing the work would lead to wastage of water which would be really needed by the national capital.

It also said that non-encashment of the cheques was leading to the DJB having to maintain the amount in its account without getting any accrual or interest on the money which could have been spent on salaries.

Haryana said it had not encashed the cheques as DJB had also sent a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with it and the same had to be signed before the amount could be encashed.

The state also said that there was still time to carry out the tender process as the repairs can be carried out only after the monsoon hit the capital which was expected to be on or after July 1.

The DJB on the other hand refuted the allegation and claimed that the neighbouring state was not signing the MoU because it has no inten-

tion of repairing the canal as any water saved would accrue to the benefit of the national capital.

It also said the monsoon could reach Delhi around the middle of June.

After hearing both the sides, the bench directed the Haryana government to forthwith encash the amount and immediately commence the process of issuing tenders for the repair work as there was no certainty regarding arrival of monsoon.

The court was hearing a PIL moved by advocate SB Tripathi who has said that the popu-

lation in Delhi was increasing each day, but the raw water available to the city was same or even decreasing.

Tripathi has also moved a fresh application seeking directions to DJB and Haryana to carry out 100 per cent concrete lining of the old DSBC, similar to Munak canal, to reduce seepage of water.

The plea has claimed that presently due to seepage, 50 per cent of the 330 cusec water released into DSBC by Haryana is lost and this wastage can be brought down to 5 per cent by concrete lining.

It has also said the work can be carried out during monsoon when there is sufficient water available in Yamuna river and DSBC can be shut for repairs.

The bench had earlier asked the Haryana government to ensure it releases the entire quantity of water it is required to according to the undertaking given to the court.

Haryana has to release 719 cusecs of water per day into Munak canal and 330 cusecs per day in DSBC canal, according to the undertaking and earlier court orders.



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# T.N. turns to CWC for share of water from other States

Says supply has been irregular under the Telugu Ganga Project

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CHENNAI

Faced with the prospect of a severe shortage of drinking water in the State capital, the Tamil Nadu government has taken up with the Central Water Commission (CWC) in New Delhi the inconsistencies on the part of other States in releasing water to Chennai as per the commitment made earlier.

Though Tamil Nadu was entitled to 12,000 million cubic feet of water under the Telugu Ganga Project, among other arrangements, to cater to the drinking water needs of the city, the supply has not been regular.

Officials from Tamil Nadu had to visit neighbouring Andhra Pradesh multiple times in a year to get the due



**Irregular inflow:** Tamil Nadu has never received the entire share of Krishna water since 1996, say officials. ■ FILE PHOTO

share of water.

In January 2017, the then Chief Minister, O. Panneerselvam, visited the neighbouring State to seek water from Krishna river. Officials in the Water Resources Department said Tamil Nadu had never received the entire share of 12 tmcft of water

since 1996 and even when the water came, it was erratic.

A senior WRD officer said: "Andhra Pradesh is telling us that it can give only 2.3 tmcft, following the bifurcation of the State, and that the rest of the quantum of water that a unified Andhra

was supposed to provide will have to be taken from Telangana. As for the share of Krishna water from Karnataka and Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu has to take it up with those States and not with A.P., it says."

## 'Meeting soon'

A senior CWC official said: "The issue raised by Tamil Nadu was that other States, which were supposed to give water for Chennai's drinking water needs, have been inconsistent in giving water under the Telugu Ganga project. We will soon convene a meeting of all States concerned over the issue."

As per the Telugu Ganga Project, unified Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra have to jointly release 15 tmcft.