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
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# Naveen slams Centre for 'volte-face' on Mahanadi tribunal

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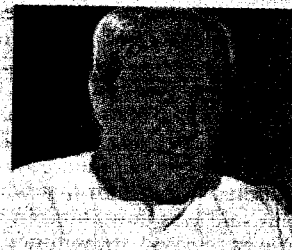
Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik lashed out at the Centre on Tuesday for initially agreeing to set up a tribunal to resolve the Mahanadi water dispute and then in a complete volte-face refusing to do so.

"The complete change of stand by the Centre prima facie smacks of considerations other than what is legal or what is just and fair," said the CM in a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Patnaik referred to the written statement furnished by the water resources ministry on 4 December stating that the Tribunal cannot be constituted.

The petition in this regard filed by Odisha government was taken up by the Supreme Court which has asked the Centre to respond on the status of the tribunal by the third week of January.

Reliable sources said the inter-state river water dispute Act is likely to be amended in the winter session of Parliament and by January a new Act would be in place with a separate set of provisions which



may or may not be conducive to Odisha. Hence the CM shot off a letter demanding the establishment of the tribunal under Section 4 of the existing Act.

This was completely contradictory to the earlier stand of the ministry which categorically stated that since negotiations had failed a tribunal under provisions of Section 4(1) of the Inter State River Water Disputes Act, 1956, is required to be constituted.

Union Minister of State for Water Resources had twice said so in Parliament on 31 July and 10 August. He had said in Parliament that "the dispute cannot be resolved by negotiation and it has been decided to constitute a Tribunal for adjudication of the dispute. Draft Cabinet Note in this

regard has been prepared".

Till October the Centre was in favour of a tribunal as demanded by Odisha government and as provided for in the Act. But on 4 December it did a complete turnaround, charged the CM.

The Odisha government had filed the complaint on 19 November 2016 under Section 3 of the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956, seeking appointment of a Tribunal to adjudicate the water disputes with regard to the inter-State Mahanadi river.

The Act makes it mandatory for the Centre to form a tribunal within one year of such an application and this provision of law has been violated, charged Patnaik.

The pretext used by the Union Ministry of Water Resources is the Agreement of 1983, under which Odisha and erstwhile undivided Madhya Pradesh had agreed to constitute a Joint Control Board (JCB).

Patnaik emphasised that "the federal scheme of our Constitution does not countenance forcing the unwilling State to negotiate or deliber-

ate particularly in a situation like this, where the opposite State has been using negotiation only as a handle to delay the adjudication to complete its projects and create a fait accompli".

The Odisha government does not see any purpose in further negotiating with the recalcitrant state of Chhattisgarh which has unilaterally and surreptitiously gone ahead with the construction of dams and barrages in Mahanadi basin far exceeding its share of water (ultimate plan of Chhattisgarh is, admittedly, 27.48 MAF), said Patnaik.

The Hirakud dam in downstream Odisha has already suffered and is likely to suffer heavily much to the prejudice of the people of Odisha, he said. The Centre should, as deemed by law, constitute a Tribunal at the earliest since the one year timeframe has already lapsed, he added.

Patnaik requested the PM to issue instructions for the constitution of a Tribunal under Section 4(1) of the Act of 1956, to protect the interest of the four and half crore people of Odisha.

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# Snow season shrinking in Shimla

SHIMLA, 13 DECEMBER

Even as some parts in the higher reaches of the state have experienced snowfall, Shimla is yet awaiting the first spell of snow.

Climate change has taken a toll on the phenomenon of early snow, with the snow days in Shimla witnessing a shrink. The weather data of the Metrological Department reveals that in the last 15 years the snowfall pattern has witnessed delay in snow and snowfall days getting shorter.

According to Metrological Department, Director Manmohan Singh said the overall snowfall season is shrinking with decreasing of seasonal snowfall and snowfall days in Himachal Pradesh. He said that the previous trend shows



that the harsh winter, that usually started in November and ended in March, has shown a decline, with the seasonal winter days getting delayed and ending early.

The linear trend of snowfall days in Shimla has also shown a compression, with not only decrease in snowfall but also the number of days.

Undergoing significant change, the linear trend of

snowfall days in Shimla reveals that the snow days are shrinking, with a difference of 8 days in last 15 years, he said.

With the decrease in precipitation, the rain and snow both are on a decrease, with snow pattern in Shimla decreasing at 4 cm per year in Shimla, he maintained, adding that the snowfall pattern over Satluj catchment area too has shown a decrease of

3.8 cms per year.

Manmohan Singh attributed the changing trend to climate change in HP, which includes change in average weather conditions that include temperature, precipitation, winds and other factors, especially when the change lasts for a long period of time.

The linear trend of maximum temperatures at different stations in HP shows increase in temperatures in the winter season as well.

Increasing temperatures recorded from various stations reveal that at Kalpa in Kinnaur district the temperature increasing per year at a rate of 0.09, while, Shimla 0.13, Dharamsala in district Kangra at 0.10, Sunder Nagar in Mandi district at 0.09 and Bhuntar in Kullu district 0.06, revealed Manmohan Singh.

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# submit info on Phase-II of Yamuna cleaning: NGT to DJB

## The green panel also sought information on the number of sewage treatment plants

13 DECEMBER

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) directed the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) to state the total number of drains falling in the second phase of the Yamuna cleaning project and quality of waste being released into the river.

A bench headed by NGT chairperson Justice Swatan Kumar asked the DJB and National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) to submit all details by tomorrow. The green panel also sought information on the number of sewage treatment plants (STP) which are proposed to be constructed in Phase-II, which primarily deals with Shahdara, Barapullah and other drains. During the hearing, the tribunal noted that work on Phase-I of the cleaning, named as 'Maily Se Nirmal Yamuna' Revitalisation Project, was already in progress



and it would now monitor the work of the next stage. The Phase-I of the clean Yamuna project aims to lower the pol-

lution levels in the Najafgarh and Delhi Gate drains, while Phase-II deals with Shahdara, Barapullah and other

drains.

The matter was listed for further hearing tomorrow.

The NGT had classified

the entire issue of cleaning the river into different broad heads -- matters related to finance, sites for setting up of STPs, future implementation of projects and proposed action with regard to Phase-II of the Yamuna cleaning project.

The tribunal was earlier informed that a total of 14 STP projects were to be constructed to clean waste water. Of these, seven are to be built by the DJB from its own funds. The green panel had said that pollution in the Yamuna was of serious concern as it was highly contaminated by industrial effluents and sewage.

It had noted that almost 67 per cent of the pollutants reaching Yamuna would be treated by the two sewage treatment plants at Delhi Gate and Najafgarh under the first phase of the 'Maily Se Nirmal Yamuna Revitalisation Project'.

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# Snow in Manali, Kufri draws tourists in droves

Heavy rain lashes Gaggal, Dharamsala i Link roads in Rohru, Rampur & Kinnaur blocked



## Pangi valley cut off

**Chamba:** The high-altitude ranges of the district have experienced the season's first heavy snowfall, official reports said here on Tuesday. Killar had 30 cm of snow while the Saach Pass had been closed due to heavy snowfall. The snowfall had raised hopes among tour operators and hoteliers in the region. They were facing a slump during the past some time. The low-lying areas of the district witnessed rain since Monday, the reports said, adding the rain brought cheers among farmers, vegetable and fruit growers. oc

through Nehru Kund in Manali after a fresh spell of snow on Tuesday; and (right) a couple walks on a snow-covered road in Kufri. PHOTOS: MC THAKUR & AMIT KANWAR

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MC THAKUR

CHAMBA, DECEMBER 12

Normal life was disrupted in tribal areas and other higher hills experienced intermittent heavy snowfall while mid and lower hills were lashed by heavy rain, blocking the 10-week long spell. Kufri on the sub-range of Shimla received a heavy snowfall and tourist made a beeline to Kufri to enjoy the snow.

The upper Manali region experienced snow, while the lower parts were lashed by rain, bringing down the temperature. The town also received a light snow last night, but melted in a few hours.

The vehicular traffic on the Manali-Rohtang road was disrupted due to snow near Nehru Kund, about 5 km away here, this morning. Tourists going on sightseeing to the Solang valley, Gulaba and Gulaba had to stop near Nehru Kund. As a precautionary measure, the

movement of vehicular traffic was also stopped.

Hundreds of tourists rushed to Nehru Kund to see the fresh snow. The famous ski slopes of the Solang valley, which are used for skiing courses, also received snow.

Tourist resorts of Narkanda, Sangla, Srikhand and Kharpattar also received the snowfall of the season.

Several places in the tribal areas were cut off and 24 roads, including the link roads, were closed in Rohru, Rampur and Kinnaur areas.

Several areas were drenched in rain and Gaggal was the wettest with 114 mm rain while Dalhousie, Dharamsala and Dehra Gopipur received 112 mm, 111 mm and 96 mm rain.

The maximum temperatures dropped by five to six degrees to stay at 18 degree at 15.2 degree in Una and 13.9 degree in Sundernagar, followed by Dharamsala 12.8 degree, Solan and Bhuntar 12.2 degree, Shimla 8.3 degree, Kalpa 4 degree, Dal-

housie 2.1 degree and Keylong 1.5 degree.

There was a marginal change in the minimum temperatures and Keylong, Kalpa and Manali were the coldest with a low of minus 2.4 degree, minus 0.2 degree and 0.6 degree. Shimla recorded the minimum temperature at 4 degree, followed by Una 5.2 degree, Palampur 6.0 degree and Solan and Bhuntar 7.0 degree. The local MeT office has predicted rain or snow at many places in lower and higher hills over next two day and dry weather thereafter.

## Admn prepared

Shimla District Commissioner Rohan Chand Thakur said all arrangements were in place and necessary instructions had been issued to departments and machines had been deployed at selected places to remove snow for ensuring smooth traffic movement. He said power supply was restored in Chopal and Rohru subdivision of the district.

## 30 cm of snow makes Lahaul inaccessible

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MANDI, DECEMBER 12

Lahaul Spiti has received a heavy snowfall since Monday paralysing the normal life in the district. Keylong received 31 cm of snow, while the Chandra valley from Koksar to Dalang got around two-foot snow. Similarly in Patan and Tod valley, 30 cm of fresh snowfall occurred.

The power supply that was disrupted on Monday night in the Lahaul valley was restored this afternoon by the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Board restored it. The traffic movement had become standstill. The district has been gripped by bone-chilling cold, which forced the residents to remain indoors.

Mangal Chand Manepa, Regional Manager of

Himachal Pradesh Road Transport Corporation, Kullu and Lahaul Spiti, told The Tribune that the bus services of the HRTC in the Lahaul valley had been suspended because of heavy snowfall. Around 18 routes in the valley and 19 in the Pangi region had been suspended because of snowfall. "In Kullu district, the bus service between Anni and Kullu has been suspended because of snow at Jalori Pass," he added.

He said the HRTC services in the Lahaul valley could be restored after snow clearance by the Border Roads Organisation and PWD, which would depend on the weather condition. Due to heavy snowfall at Rohtang, the traffic movement has been closed between Kullu and Keylong.

## Snow disrupts life in Chhota, Bara Bhangal

**Palampur:** Heavy rain and snow accompanied by chilly winds disrupted normal life in the Kangra valley. Chhota and Bara Bhangal experienced heavy snow in last 24 hours. Many villages in Palampur and its adjoining areas have remained without power for hours following a snag in transmission lines. Reports reaching here said 30 villages of the Chhota Bhangal valley had been cut off following heavy snow between Jhatngri and Kothi Kohar. An officer of the HP power board said the power supply was disrupted following uprooting of trees and electricity poles. HRTC has suspended the bus services to Kothi Kohar and Bara Gram since yesterday. Bara Bhangal has also been cut off for the last fortnight following heavy snow at Thamsar Pass. oc

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# Mahanadi row: Odisha BJP distances itself from party leader, BJD hits out

The SPD leader continued, "There can be no compromise with the BJP as long as Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj is honored. They (Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj) will be remembered and we have not taken them out of our hearts. And as they are the best of Hindus and also the centre that they are doing a lot of good projects whereas a lot of barriers are in the industry. The second point is that we are the political bloc of the country and we are not doing the same to the people of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj rather than fighting for a caste (like Oodhwa)." ■

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## Snow, rain lash H.P.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SHIMLA

Cold wave conditions gripped Himachal Pradesh on Tuesday and almost all the districts received intermittent snow or rain throughout the day. Strong, icy wind lashed high altitude areas, including Shimla, forcing the residents to remain indoors. With sub-zero temperatures at many places, the long dry spell was also broken and the rain brought cheers to farmers and fruit growers.

The hill resorts and high alleviated apple growing areas, including Theog, Kotkhai, Jubbai, Rohru and Kumarsain, got very good rainfall since Monday night. The higher peaks of Narkanda and Khara Pathar had a moderate spell of snow. The Hatu Peak turned white much before Christmas. There was mild to moderate snowfall in tribal areas.

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## Snowfall in Dalhousie, Kufri, Manali



Dalhousie wears a white mantle after season's first snowfall on Tuesday. Parts of Himachal Pradesh, including Solang valley (Manali), Kufri, Narkanda, Sangla, Srikhand, Kharapathar, Bharmour and Keylong, also received snow even as traffic on the Manali-Rohang road was disrupted.

Several places in the tribal areas of the state were cut off and 24 roads closed in Rohru, Rampur and Kinnaur areas. The MeI office has predicted rain or snow at many places in lower and higher reaches over the next two days and dry weather thereafter. **PAGE 10**



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# बर्फीले तूफान में पांच सैनिक लापता, 7 फीट नीचे मिली चौकी, तलाश जारी

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**पहली बर्फबारी बनी  
मुसीबत, देश से घाटी  
का संपर्क टूटा**

■ एजेंसियां, श्रीनगर

पहाड़ी इलाकों में शुरू हुई बर्फबारी ने उत्तर भारत के राज्यों में ठंड तो बढ़ाई ही है, साथ ही घाटी में रह रहे लोगों और तैनात सैनिकों के लिए बड़ा संकट खड़ा कर दिया है। कश्मीर में दो सैन्य चौकियां बर्फीले तूफान की चपेट में आ गईं। इस कारण पांच जवान लापता हो गए हैं। दो जवान कुपवाड़ा जिले के नौगाम सेक्टर से और तीन जवान बांदीपुरा जिले के गुरेज सेक्टर से लापता हुए हैं। सोमवार को भी सेना का एक पोस्टर यहां से लापता हुआ था। कहा जा रहा है जिन चौकियों में ये जवान थे वहां सात फीट ऊपर तक बर्फ जमा हो गई है। सेना और पुलिस लापता जवानों को खोजने में जुटी हुई है। लेकिन इन क्षेत्रों में लगातार हो रही बर्फबारी के कारण बचाव अभियान में रुकावट आ रही है। वहीं भारी बर्फबारी के बाद पुंछ जिले के सूरनकोट में फंसे 70 से ज्यादा लोगों को बचाया गया है।

दूसरी ओर भारी बर्फबारी के कारण श्रीनगर-जम्मू नेशनल हाइवे बंद हो गया है। साथ ही श्रीनगर एयरपोर्ट से उड़ानें भी रद्द कर दी गईं। इसके साथ ही पूरे देश का संपर्क कश्मीर घाटी से कट गया है। अधिकारियों ने कहा कि सड़कों

**श्रीनगर से सारी फ्लाइट कैसल, J&K हाइवे बंद**



**पुंछ में परेशानी**

पर बर्फ गिरने के कारण फिसलन बढ़ गई है, जिससे यातायात सुरक्षित नहीं है। वहीं विजिबिलिटी कम होने के कारण एयरपोर्ट बंद कर दिया गया। श्रीनगर-जम्मू नेशनल हाइवे के अलावा घाटी में एक जिले से दूसरे को जोड़ने वाली कई सड़कें बंद कर दी गई हैं। शोपियां-राजौरी, पोर गली-मुगल रोड बंद हैं। **उत्तरकाशी जिले में तीन मरे :** उत्तराखंड के उत्तरकाशी जिले के मोरी क्षेत्र से बकरियों को खोजने गए तीन ग्रामीण लोगों की हिमस्खलन के नीचे दबने से मौत हो गई। घटना सोमवार रात की है, जब तेज बारिश के कारण ग्लेशियर पर से हिमस्खलन होने लगा।

**NBT नजरिया**

अक्सर इस बहस को देशभक्ति के विरोध के रूप में दर्ज कर लिया जाता है कि क्या हमें दुर्गम-बर्फीली सरहदों से अपने सैनिक हटा लेने चाहिए। पर वक्त आ गया है कि यह देखा जाए कि आखिर हमारी फौजें ऐसे इलाकों में बने रहने की क्या कीमत चुका रही हैं। ऐसी जगहों पर पड़ोसी मुल्कों से ज्यादा बड़ी दुश्मन कुदरत है। यदि इन इलाकों से हटना किसी स्तर पर मुमकिन नहीं है तो यह सुनिश्चित करना होगा कि जवान सिर्फ मौसम से लड़ते हुए अपनी जान न गवाएं।

**...लेकिन यहां मुस्कान लाई बर्फ**



**मनाली में मस्ती**

■ हिमाचल प्रदेश में शिमला, मनाली, चंबा, डलहौजी सहित बाकी पर्यटन स्थलों पर शुरू हुई बर्फबारी पर्यटकों के चेहरों पर मुस्कान ले आई है। प्रदेश के पहाड़ों ने बर्फ की सफेद चादर ओढ़ ली है। इससे यहां का नजारा और खूबसूरत हो गया है।

■ बर्फबारी की खबरें सुनकर मैदानी इलाकों से पर्यटकों ने मनाली और सोलंग और गुलाबा जैसी नजदीकी पहाड़ियों पर पहुंचना शुरू कर दिया है।

■ उत्तराखंड के केदारनाथ, बदरिनाथ सहित लगभग पहाड़ी चोटियों पर बर्फबारी शुरू हो गई है। यहां के लोग लंबे समय से इसका इंतजार कर रहे थे। साथ ही राज्य के निचले इलाकों में बारिश हुई है। इससे सभी जिलों में सर्दी बढ़ गई है।

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नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली-एनसीआर में बारिश से बड़ी ठंड के बाद अब कोहरा मुरिकल बढ़ाएगा। मौसम विभाग के मुताबिक, बुधवार से दिल्ली-एनसीआर में घना कोहरा छाए रहने के आसार हैं। इससे सड़क, रेल और हवाई यातायात प्रभावित हो सकता है।

मौसम वैज्ञानिकों के अनुसार, हवा में बढ़ी आर्द्रता और ठंड के कारण शनिवार तक राजधानी में कोहरा छाए रहने की संभावना है। वहीं, अगले दो दिनों में धूप ज़ही निकलने और तेज हवाओं के कारण ठंड और भी बढ़ने के आसार हैं।