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सम्पादकीय कावेरी पर कोहराम

कावेरी नदी जल को लेकर सुप्रीम कोर्ट के ताजा फैसले के बाद उपजे हालात चिंताजनक हैं। लिहाजा समाधान के लिए राजनीतिक पहल की जरूरत है।

यह पहला मौका नहीं जब कर्नाटक और तमिलनाडु के लोग ऐसे बर्ताव कर रहे हैं मानो वे दो पड़ोसी राज्य न होकर दो पड़ोसी देश हों। देश भी ऐसे जो एक-दूसरे को देखना पसन्द नहीं करते हों। सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने कर्नाटक से तमिलनाडु के लिए कावेरी नदी जल छोड़ने को क्या कहा, दोनों राज्यों में कोहराम मच गया। न सिर्फ एक-दूसरे के खिलाफ प्रदर्शन होने लगे बल्कि आगजनी और हिंसा की लपटें भी उठने लगीं। कर्नाटक में रहने वाले तमिलों तो तमिलनाडु में रहने वाले कन्नड़ वासियों को निशाना बनाया जाने लगा। कावेरी जल के बंटवारे को लेकर दोनों राज्यों के बीच विवाद जितना पुराना है, उसे निपटाने के प्रयास उतने पुराने नहीं। जल बंटवारे को लेकर दोनों के बीच 1892 और 1924 में दो समझौते तत्कालीन मद्रास और मैसूर राज्यों के बीच हो चुके हैं। कर्नाटक शुरू से कहता रहा कि ये समझौते उसके हित में नहीं हैं। विवाद सुलझाने के लिए 26 साल पहले केंद्र सरकार ने एक ट्रिब्यूनल का गठन किया जिसने सम्बन्धित पक्षों के तर्क सुनने के बाद 2007 में फैसला सुनाया। कावेरी जल विवाद में केरल और पुडुचेरी भी पक्षकार हैं और ट्रिब्यूनल के फैसले के खिलाफ सभी पक्षों ने पुनर्विचार याचिकाएं दाखिल कर रखी हैं। मामला लम्बे समय से सुप्रीम कोर्ट में भी चल रहा है लेकिन समस्या का समाधान न कानूनी ढंग से निकल पा रहा है और न राजनीतिक ढंग से। दोनों राज्यों में हमेशा से अलग-अलग दलों की सरकारें रही हैं। सुप्रीम कोर्ट के ताजा फैसले के बाद उपजे हालात चिंताजनक हैं। लिहाजा समाधान के लिए राजनीतिक पहल की जरूरत है। हल निकालने के लिए केन्द्र और सम्बन्धित राज्य सरकारों के साथ सर्वदलीय बैठक बुलाई जानी चाहिए। यह करोड़ों किसानों और शहरी नागरिकों के जीवन से जुड़ा संवेदनशील मामला है और इसका हल भी उसी अनुरूप निकाला जाना चाहिए।

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Sharing without caring

Emotions often trump reason. The Cauvery water dispute is turning out to be less about water and irrigation and more about linguistic chauvinism and regional identity. Nothing else can explain the mindless violence in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu over the Supreme Court order asking the former to release water to the latter, keeping in view the distress situation in both States in a season of deficit rainfall. Many of the acts of violence have been perpetuated in the two States by chauvinistic, fringe organisations that have little to do with the farming community or its interests. It is clear that there is insufficient water in Karnataka's reservoirs to meet the full irrigation needs of both States. The point of the Supreme Court order was to make the States share their distress and not to magically fulfil the needs of farmers on both sides. But political parties and some media houses, especially regional language television channels, have sought to portray the issue as one that pits the people of one State against that of the other. Indeed, the two major national parties, the Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party, have taken different stands in the two States on this issue. No party or State government appears to believe it can afford to be seen as taking even so much as a conciliatory step toward defusing the crisis. On some previous occasions when Karnataka released water in a distress year the State government did so quietly so as to not give chauvinistic elements any opportunity to inflame passions.

Cauvery is an inter-State dispute, but this is no reason to turn the issue into a raging controversy that draws the peoples of the two States into confrontation. That Tamil-speaking people settled in Karnataka for generations are made to feel insecure, and business establishments run by entrepreneurs tracing their familial ties to Karnataka are targeted in Tamil Nadu are indications of how the water dispute goes beyond the interests of the people and becomes mixed up with the emotive issue of linguistic identity. Ideally, as stipulated by the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal, the technicalities of water-sharing should be left to the Cauvery Management Board, which is to monitor the water flows with the help of the Cauvery Regulation Committee and the respective State authorities. If Cauvery is not to be made a plaything in the hands of chauvinists, the governments of the two States as well as at the Centre need to send out a strong signal to the marauding mobsters that violence, in whatever name, will be put down strongly by the security forces. As laid down by the CWDT, the issue of water-sharing should be left in the hands of technical experts, and not politicians who are hostage to the emotions of a parochial fringe.

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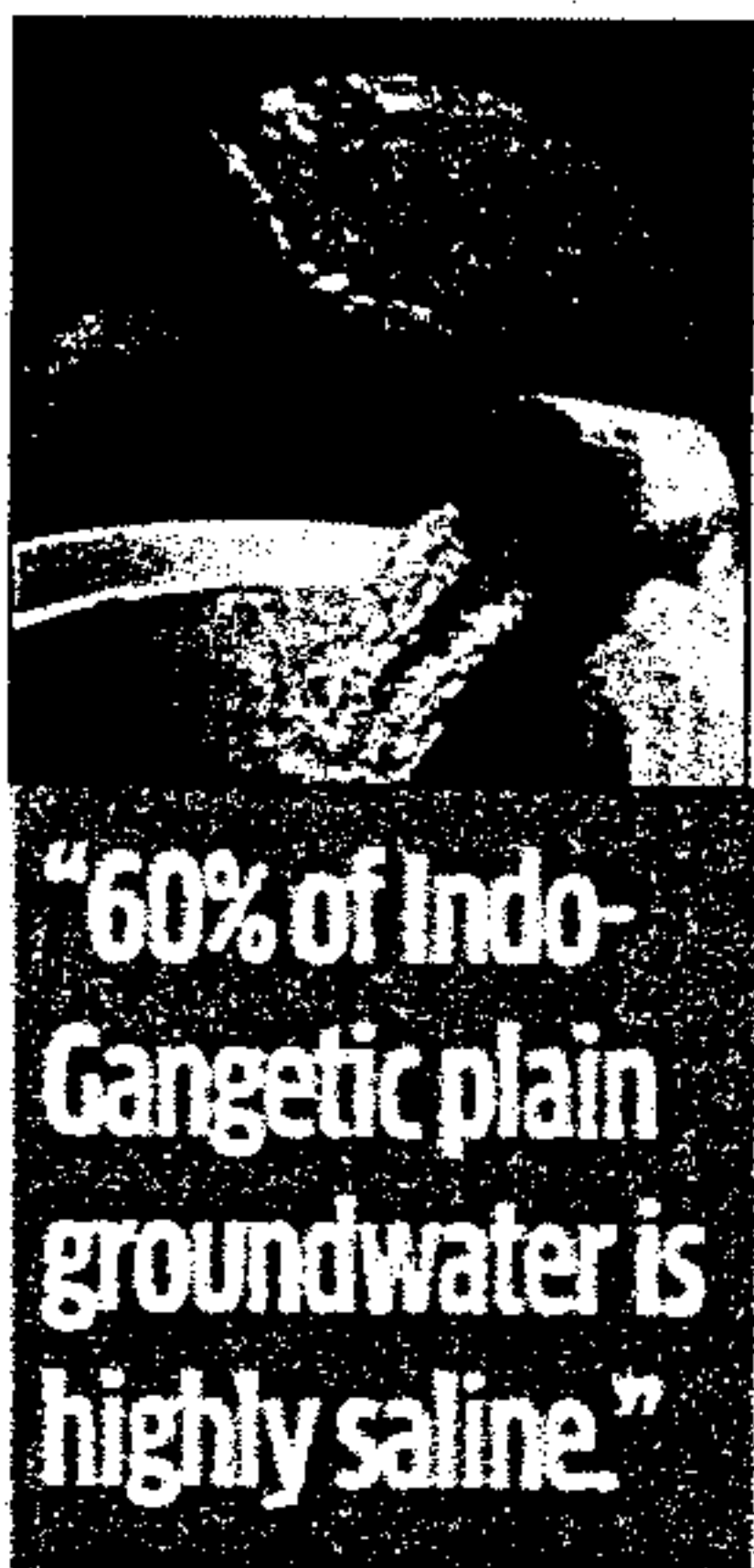
Groundwater in the Indo-Gangetic plain is lethal. A study by an international team of scientists, including several from leading Indian institutions, which was published in a recent issue of Nature Geoscience, has found that 60% of groundwater in the Indo-Gangetic plain cannot be used for drinking or irrigation purposes as it is highly saline and contains arsenic above permissible limits. This is alarming as around 750 million people, who live in the Indo-Gangetic plain and use this toxic water, are at risk. Other studies of India's groundwater have drawn attention to this problem nationwide; a Central Groundwater Board report released early this year observed that over half of India's groundwater is contaminated. While around 276 districts have high levels of fluoride, 387 districts reported nitrates above safe levels and 86 districts have high levels of arsenic, it said. Hitherto, it was depletion in the Indo-Gangetic plain's groundwater levels that was the focus of concern. How would millions of people and livestock survive if water levels continued to plunge due to overexploitation? That concern appears to have receded with 70% of water table in the region said to have improved. Increasingly, excess salinity and contamination of groundwater is the more immediate concern, a clear and present danger to South Asia's people, its flora and fauna.

Salts and arsenic are naturally found in groundwater. They become a matter of grave concern when their concentrations rise. This often happens due to human intervention, whether on account of poor drainage, inefficient irrigation methods, use of fertilisers or mining activity. Long term ingestion of groundwater with high concentrations of salts like fluorides, for instance, can cause dental and skeletal fluorosis. Consumption of arsenic-laced

water over a long period results in skin ailments, early aging, cancer and death. India's population is at grave risk; 85% of its rural population uses groundwater for drinking, domestic purposes and agriculture.

Fortunately, the problem of groundwater contamination is not irreversible. Water purification devices and groundwater remediation through use of biological or chemical treatment technologies can make contaminated water safe for use. This requires efficient facilities for testing and monitoring of groundwater. Importantly, governments at the Central and state levels need to

shed their usual approach of denying that a problem exists. There are laws that forbid industries from releasing untreated toxic effluents directly into the ground. These rules need to be implemented. Importantly, local populations and civil society must be included in an effort to prevent, monitor and treat contaminated groundwater. Problems related to groundwater are assuming crisis proportions across South Asia. Sharing solutions and a cooperative approach would help the region tackle it more effectively.



"60% of Indo-Gangetic plain groundwater is highly saline."

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LOST IN THE CURRENT

Whatever the cost, the violence and lockdown in Bangalore is indefensible. The Siddaramaiah government has to act

THE SIDDARAMAIAH GOVERNMENT has a lot to answer for the mob violence that rocked Bangalore on Monday. Tension over the Supreme Court directive to Karnataka for releasing Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu had been building up over the weekend. Despite all indications that subnationalist groups are likely to storm the streets over what historically has been an emotional issue in the region, the state government could not deal with the situation. By the time curfew was imposed and police deployed in sufficient number, mobs had had a free run of the streets. As Siddaramaiah himself said, Bangalore is not just the capital of Karnataka but an international city and disruption of peace there has an economic cost. It is India's premier knowledge city: Brand Bangalore is an aspirational idea that attracts both talent and capital. The challenge before the Congress government was to use political skills to assuage the aggrieved population and enforce the court order with minimum fuss. It clearly failed.

The arrests — at least 300 persons have been held for the violence and arson — since Monday night have helped the administration to regain control of the city. Some credit also goes to senior politicians — Siddaramaiah, his counterpart in Tamil Nadu, J. Jayalithaa and even Prime Minister Narendra Modi — who have since refused to take sides and fan base sentiments. They need to extend this sober approach to the Cauvery dispute as well. The failure of the executive in the Cauvery basin states to agree over water sharing led the parties to approach the Supreme Court. The court's interventions over the years and the Cauvery award in 2006 that outlined which state to get how much water have not helped calm water-starved farmers in lean season: In fact, all four basin states have contested the award and their appeals are pending in the Supreme Court. Mature political talk and tact is likely to work better than court directives in an emotional issue like water sharing.

It may help if both Karnataka and Tamil Nadu reconcile to the fact that the Cauvery basin is overdeveloped. There may not be enough water in the river in a poor monsoon season to meet the needs of everyone. Instead of allowing free display of regional chauvinism, the state governments must cooperate closely to plan for the entire river basin than insist on prioritising the needs of their constituents. At present, there is a breakdown of trust among the basin states. Rumours are given precedence over facts — be it rainfall data or the scale of street violence — and state agencies do little to clear the air. This scenario allows non-state actors to influence the narrative, as it happened in Karnataka on Monday. The Cauvery is a life-giver, the states must not let blood be shed over its waters.

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'Will undertake Polavaram project on a war-footing'

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POLAVARAM (WEST GODAVARI):
Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has said that the work on the Polavaram major irrigation project will be expedited. Its progress will be reviewed every week.

Lashing out at the Opposition parties, the YSR Congress and the Congress, for creating hurdles in development projects and Amaravati, the Chief Minister accused YSRC president Y.S. Jaganmohan Reddy of instigating his party against the government.

"They (YSRCP) are going to courts without any reason; the latest example is your (West Godavari) Eluru MP candidate who lost the election and has gone to court on Swiss Challenge," he said.

He inaugurated six dumpers and one mining excavator on Tuesday brought by Triveni earth movers, which has bagged the Polavaram earth work execution contract at the spillway channel. Mr. Naidu undertook an aerial survey of the work, and looked at the modified designs of spillway, right and left canals.

The Chief Minister said he would review the work on Mondays. He had spoken to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday and thanked him for announcing funds for the Polavaram project. He said he also thanked the Prime Minister for announcing that the total cost of the project would be borne by the Centre and giving the responsibility of construction to the State.

Engineers Venkateswara Rao and Ramesh Babu explained to the Chief Minister that each dumper, with a 240 tonne capacity, cost Rs.20 crore and the excavator Rs.70 crore.

They said that out of the total earth work of 1049 lakh cubic metres, the Transstroy (India) Limited had completed work on 410 cubic metres.

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Rain lashes parts of Bihar, U.P.

NEW DELHI: Rain lashed parts of Odisha, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday even as India Meteorological Department (IMD) predicted withdrawal of Southwest monsoon in the next three to four days.

Rainfall occurred at many places over north Odisha and at a few places over south Odisha with heavy rainfall at one or two places over north coastal Odisha.

The weather department has forecast heavy rain and thunder shower in the next 24 hours in parts of the State.

Rain showers also occurred at many places in Bihar's north-eastern and south-central parts, while heavy rainfall occurred at one or two places in the southern parts.

Bhagalpur recorded 6 mm of rainfall on Tuesday and Purnea received 5 mm, while Gaya registered 4 mm of rainfall, the MeT office said, adding that Patna received a trace.

Humidity levels in Patna, Purnea, Gaya and Bhagalpur remained close to 90 per cent.

Rajasthan remained completely dry with no report of rain from any part of the State, weather officials said. In Jaipur, mercury reached a high of 34.6 degrees Celsius and a low of 25 degrees Celsius.

In Uttar Pradesh, both the eastern and the western parts received light to moderate rainfall and thundershowers.

Nighasan received 17 cm of rainfall, while Sandila got 15 cm of rains. Sitapur and Lakhimpur Kheri received 9 cm of rainfall each. - PTI

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Karnataka CM sends out stern warning

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

BENGALURU: After facing the worst violence the city has seen in over a decade, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah sent out a stern warning to protesters. He assured people, especially linguistic minorities, of making honest and serious efforts to protect them as well as their properties. "We are committed to protecting the properties of Tamil-speaking people. We appeal to Tamil Nadu to protect Kannada-speaking people in that State," he said.

Categorically stating the State would "abide" by the apex court directive, Mr. Siddaramaiah said he would meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi, at the earliest, and seek his intervention.

A decision to this effect was taken after holding consultations with the senior leaders of the ruling Congress and discussing the is-

sue at an emergency meeting of the Council of Ministers.

"I will meet the Prime Minister on Wednesday itself if he gives me an appointment," Mr. Siddaramaiah told reporters.

During the meeting with the Prime Minister, he said, he would explain the ground realities and request him to convene a meeting with Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalithaa to find a solution.

Pointing out that the present directive by the Supreme Court to release water to Tamil Nadu was only an interim arrangement, he said the State had decided to release water despite serious distress hoping to gain when its main special leave petition would come up before the Supreme Court on October 18.

Observing that violence was not the solution to the Cauvery row, he appealed to people to maintain calm and to exercise restraint.

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PM calls for peace, Centre rushes more forces, Karnataka firefights

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THE CENTRE on Tuesday rushed an additional 700 Rapid Action Force (RAF) personnel to Karnataka to prevent further violence over the Cauvery water-sharing dispute, which has claimed two lives so far, while Prime Minister Narendra Modi issued an appeal for peace, saying that he was "personally pained" by the situation.

With the additional deployment, a total of 1,700 paramilitary personnel have been sent to assist police in violence-hit areas of Karnataka. On Monday, the Centre had rushed ten companies, comprising 1,000 RAF personnel, to the state. The fresh deployment came after Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday spoke to the chief ministers of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu and assured Central assistance to ensure security.

In his message, Prime Minister Modi described the situation in the two states over the last two days as "distressful".

"The situation that has merged in Karnataka and



PM calls for peace, Centre sends more forces

Tamil Nadu, as a fallout of the issue of distribution of the waters of the Cauvery River, is distressful. I am personally pained at the developments. Violence cannot provide a solution to any problem. In a democracy, solutions are found through restraint and mutual dialogue," said Modi.

"This dispute can only be solved within the legal ambit. Breaking the law is not a viable alternative. The violence and arson seen in the last two days is only causing loss to the poor, and to our nation's property," said the Prime Minister.

Reaching out to both states, Modi said that whenever the country has faced ad-

verse circumstances, the people of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, like others across the country, have always handled the situation with sensitivity.

"I appeal to the people of the two states, to display sensitivity, and also keep in mind their civic responsibilities. I trust you will keep national interest and nation building above all else, and give priority to restraint, harmony, and finding a solution, eschewing violence, destruction and arson," Modi said.

Union Information and Broadcasting Minister M Venkaiah Naidu, who has represented Karnataka three times in the Rajya Sabha, said that violence and

counter-violence would only complicate matters and asked both state governments to put in place effective security measures.

He also asked the media to exercise "restraint" while reporting on the violence in both states.

"A large number of people from both the states live in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu and have been making significant contribution to the development of the state of their choice of living. They should not be made to feel insecure as it is the Constitutional right of every citizen to live in his/her place of choice in the country," said Naidu.

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**Monsoon could
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NEW DELHI: The Southwest Monsoon could start withdrawing in the next 3-4 days, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Tuesday even as the overall rainfall deficiency increased to 5%. "Conditions are becoming favourable for withdrawal of Southwest Monsoon from some parts of west Rajasthan during next 3-4 days," the IMD said.

The normal date for withdrawal of monsoon from West Rajasthan is September 1. It is the frontier where monsoon reaches last and withdraws first.

Meanwhile, the overall monsoon deficiency has reached to around 5%. From June 1 to September 13, the country recorded 759.9mm of rainfall as against 802mm of precipitation, which is the normal level.

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PM for peaceful solution

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Terming the situation in the wake of continuing violent street protests and arson in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu over sharing of Cauvery river water as 'distressful', Prime Minister Narendra Modi today called for restraint and finding a solution to the problem through peaceful and legal means.

In a press release issued by the Prime Minister's Office here and addressed to the people of the two states, Mr Modi expressed pain over the situation in the two southern states: "I am personally pained at the developments. Violence cannot provide a solution to any problem. In a democracy, solutions are found through restraint and mutual dialogue," he asserted.

Seeking to underline the need to abide by the law of the land, Mr Modi said the dispute over the sharing of the Cauvery river water could be solved only 'within the legal ambit'. "Breaking the law is not a viable alternative. The violence and arson seen in the last two days is only causing loss to the poor, and to our nation's property," he said.



"Whenever the country has faced adverse circumstances, the people of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, just like people across the country, have always handled the situation with sensitivity. I appeal to the people of the two States, to display sensitivity, and also keep in mind their civic responsibilities," the Prime Minister said.

Mr Modi said he trusted people to give national interest and nation building precedence over violence, destruction and arson and find a solution through restraint and harmony. Karnataka and Tamil Nadu have been witness to unruly public protests and outcry over a 5 September Supreme Court order directing the Karnataka government to release 15,000

cusecs of Cauvery river water for a period of 10 days in view of the water scarcity being faced by the farmers in neighbouring Tamil Nadu.

The order evoked widespread protests by farmers and pro-Kannada organisations and resulted in a strike on 9 September that had completely paralysed public life in the state. On a fresh appeal from the state government to reconsider its 5 September order, the Supreme Court on 12 September ordered a reduced outflow of 12,000 cusecs of the river water till 20 September. But that hardly made any difference to the continuing unrest as one person was killed and another succumbing to his injuries on Tuesday.

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Douse The Flames

Both Karnataka and Tamil Nadu must quell violence and manage available water better

The water war between the Cauvery basin states of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka has been going on for over 125 years and an end is anything but imminent. What cannot be delayed is action by the two states to end the violence that erupted Monday, moments after the Supreme Court modified its September 5 order directing Karnataka to release more water to its neighbouring state. Anger spilled out into the streets in Karnataka, with mobs going on the rampage targeting Tamils and their properties. One person was killed as police opened fire on a mob in Bengaluru, Tamil Nadu-registered vehicles were burnt and properties worth several crores of rupees vandalised across the state.

Retaliatory attacks in Tamil Nadu followed. A hotel owned by a Kannadiga in Chennai came under attack; in Ramanathapuram and

Nagapattinam districts, mobs smashed six vehicles from Karnataka and beat up a driver. Schools in Bengaluru have been closed, those in Tamil Nadu have cancelled excursions to Karnataka. Road transport across the border has come to a standstill.

Drowned in the din are history and facts. The Cauvery is not a perennial river. With the monsoon failing more often than not, the flow in the river has been dwindling over the years even as the

drinking water demands of a thirsty Bengaluru and the irrigation requirements of parched fields in both states are rising alarmingly. In such a scenario, sharing the river water is bound to become increasingly contentious. The only way out is to follow court orders and tribunal awards, while managing available water within states better.

Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah and his Tamil Nadu counterpart J Jayalalithaa have written to each other seeking protection for their people and promising action against rampaging mobs. Unless this rhetoric is translated into action, the violence is bound to spiral out of control and cause immense suffering to people on both sides. Political parties see in such conflicts an opportunity to appease their vote banks and gain political mileage. It is imperative that leaders look beyond narrow and parochial gains, rope in experts, sit across the table and work out a realistic, long-term plan that can bring about a paradigm shift in water management and conservation in the regions fed by the Cauvery. Till then, the primary duty of the governments must be to ensure peace and enable unrestricted movement of people – which is what makes both Chennai and Bengaluru cosmopolitan and prosperous.



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Siddaramaiah decides not to defy SC, says K'taka will release water

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Bengaluru: Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah on Tuesday said that the state would abide by the Supreme Court order to release 12,000 cusecs of Cauvery water per day till September 20 to Tamil Nadu.

"Though it is very difficult for us to follow the order, we cannot violate or reject it. We are bound by the Constitutional framework. We will have to release water to TN," he told reporters in Bengaluru after a cabinet meeting convened to discuss the repercussions of the order and Monday's violence in Bengaluru.

Siddaramaiah, who is from Mysuru, was personally not in favour of releasing water given the distressing situation in the Cauvery catchment area. A few of his cabinet colleagues suggested that the state violate the SC order and score brownie points in the politically volatile Old Mysuru.

Kannada outfits and farmers' groups have been pressuring Siddaramaiah against releasing water. But he chose not to defy the SC order, which mandates Karnataka to release an extra 18,000 cusecs.



What's reassuring is that each time I return from my foreign jaunts I know that nothing will've changed and that it'll be business as usual.

"Not releasing water will not augur well for the government as well as the state. If the Siddaramaiah government were to defy the SC, it can be hauled up for contempt of court. Even Article 356 can be invoked to dismiss the go-

vernment," said a source.

The CM, maintaining that the state had suffered injustice, urged people not to resort to violence and said the state will hone its legal strategy and present a strong case when the Cauvery supervisory panel

meets on September 19 and when the SC takes up the issue again on September 20.

The CM said he will meet PM Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Wednesday to apprise him of the ground reality and seek his intervention.

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Jayalalithaa writes to Siddaramaiah

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

CHENNAI: Even as she asserted that "absolute restraint" was maintained in Tamil Nadu despite "provocative incidents" in Karnataka, Chief Minister Jayalalithaa wrote to her Karnataka counterpart Siddaramaiah on Monday urging him to ensure the safety and security of Tamil-speaking population residing in the neighbouring State.

"Groups of protesters from Karnataka are regularly assembling at the Tamil Nadu-Karnataka border near Hosur and threatening vehicles and commuters from Tamil Nadu. Hotels and properties belonging to Tamils in Karnataka are being attacked and damaged. This is an alarming situation and is causing considerable anxiety," Ms. Jayalalithaa said in her letter and referred to reports of escalating violence and damaging of vehicles bearing Tamil Nadu number plates, including 40 buses and 45 lorries.

"I request you to take immediate and effective action to provide all necessary protection and security to ensure that no harm is caused



Jayalalithaa

to the person and property of Tamil-speaking people in Karnataka," she said in her letter, and added that "we have ensured that no major incidents of any kind targeting Kannada-speaking people or their properties occurred." She also maintained that protests by some sections in Tamil Nadu had been "peaceful and lawful."

As for the incidents in Chennai and Ramanathapuram, Ms. Jayalalithaa said they had "already been acted on very promptly and cases registered and the miscreants arrested. In any event, all precautionary measures have been taken and law and order continues to be well maintained in Tamil Nadu."

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Our ground realities serious: Karnataka

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday modified its September 5 order, heeding senior advocate and Karnataka counsel Fali Nariman's submission that "there is a need for water as there is less of drinking water and the sufferings of the farmers are immense" in the State.

This modified order would be in force till September 20, the date of the next court hearing. The Bench observed that the executive should not be cowed down while doing its constitutional duties. "An order of this Court has to be complied with by all concerned and it is the obligation of the executive to see that the order is complied with in letter and spirit. Concept of deviancy has no room and disobedience has no space," the Su-

preme Court declared. The court warned miscreants in both States who resorted to rampage instead of pursuing legal remedies: "Citizens cannot become law unto themselves. When a court of law passes an order, it is the sacred duty of the citizens to obey the same. We expect the inhabitants of both the States, namely, the State of Karnataka and State of Tamil Nadu, shall behave, regard being had to the respect for law and order."

The Supreme Court's 12-page court order on continued release of Cauvery water made scathing remarks about Karnataka's apprehensions of "spontaneous agitations" breaking out in the State.

The State said it was not just the paralysis of normal life and destruction of public and private property worth

"hundreds of crores of rupees" that made it return to the Supreme Court, but other "ground realities of needs and requirements."

During the arguments, counsel Fali Nariman urged that Karnataka had released approximately 84,168 cusecs at Billigundlu from September 5 to 12, and by Monday it may have exceeded a lakh. He submitted that the total storage in Karnataka's reservoirs was less than water in Tamil Nadu reservoirs.

Karnataka submitted that the outflow from Mettur was 1,250 cusecs a day for samba crops and so, the "agony" expressed by Tamil Nadu counsel and senior advocate Shekhar Naphade was sheer anxiety. In its counter, Tamil Nadu contended that the law and order situation could not be a ground for modifying a Supreme Court order.

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It's time to calm this turbulence

Better water management and cropping
patterns will mitigate the Cauvery problem

In India, sometimes politicians get away with just about anything. Here is a fine example: **ourtake**
After two days of raging violence in Karnataka that led to large scale destruction of public property, Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah came out on Tuesday to make an appeal for peace. However, the appeal did not sound convincing because he added that the Supreme Court order on sharing of Cauvery water with Tamil Nadu (12,000 cusecs water to Tamil Nadu per day till September 20) was an "unfair" decision and that it would be difficult to carry out the order. Instead of this petty and emotional 'we are the aggrieved party' remark, Mr Siddaramaiah's message should have been to the point: People must accept the highest court's order with grace, not indulge in violence and his government will help the people in whatever way it can to fix any water shortage in the state. . Bengaluru has been placed under curfew after violence erupted over the long-running dispute. Around 15,000 police officers were deployed on the streets of the country's IT capital to enforce a curfew, after rampaging, stone-pelting mobs set buses and cars ablaze.

The Karnataka CM's half-hearted appeal for peace cannot cover one more critical failure of the state government: Why did it allow things go out of hand when it was known that Cauvery waters is an emotive issue and any decision on sharing the water during lean monsoon years can lead to trouble? The 124-year-old Cauvery water dispute is among the rare water disputes that have not been resolved because it is linked to inadequate rain. In fact, until 1991, the dispute did not lead to violent protests. The two state governments would talk to each other and decide on the quantum of water to be released. But everything changed after 1991 thanks to chauvinistic politicians on both sides, who used identity politics to further their political ambitions.

On Tuesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the "dispute can only be solved within the legal ambit". This is true but along with a legal solution, there has to be concurrent efforts for a long-term resolution of the dispute. First, political parties have to desist from playing chauvinistic identity politics; second, there has to be dialogue among stakeholders like the Cauvery Family dialogue, which was functional from 2002-03 till about 2012, to understand their requirements; third, the cropping pattern both in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu has to move towards less water-intensive crops; and finally, better water management in the river basin.

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T.N. police on their toes in border towns

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ERODE: Police personnel on both sides of the Tamil Nadu-Karnataka border were on their toes to prevent untoward incidents in the area surrounding the Pulinjur border checkpoint along the Mysuru National Highway.

Movement of vehicles with Tamil Nadu registration has been stopped beyond the Pulinjur border. Likewise, vehicles with Karnataka registration are also not allowed into Tamil Nadu.

But, vehicles registered in Kerala and other States are moving unhindered in both directions, according to Hasanur police.

The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation operates buses till Pulinjur with police security for passengers bound for destinations

in Tamil Nadu. From there, the passengers are being transported to Dhimbam in cars and vans by local operators to enable them to board buses of the Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation plying between Thalavadi and Sathyamangalam via Thalamalai.

The number of passengers coming from Karnataka to Tamil Nadu has fallen drastically in just one day, local sources said.

The stretch between Dhimbam and Pulinjur on the Tamil Nadu side is a buffer zone devoid of scope for trouble, since several thousands of Kannada-speaking residents in and around Thalavadi, Germalam, Dhimbam, and Hasanur have been living in harmony with Tamils for generations.

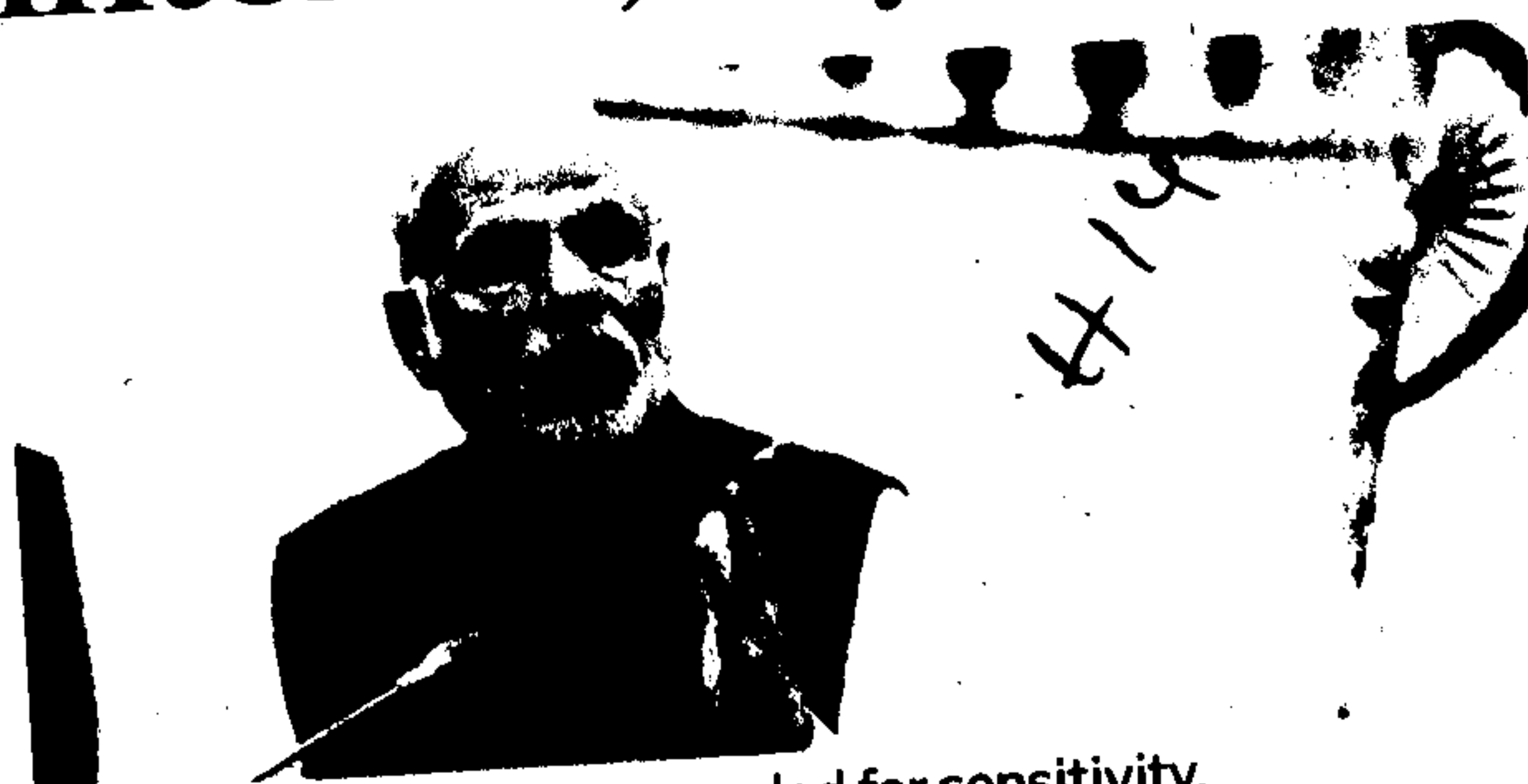
Exercise restraint, government tells TV channels

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: Fearing that repeated telecast of violent incidents and rioting over the Cauvery water dispute by a few television channels could escalate tensions, the Centre on Tuesday asked the channels to exercise restraint in their coverage of such incidents.

In its advisory, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting said it came to its notice that after the recent incidents over the Cauvery dispute, some TV channels had been telecasting "provocative and inflammatory" news. Some channels were repeatedly airing incidents of violence. "These could further ignite tensions, and cause law and order in both affected States to deteriorate," it said.

Uphold national interest, says PM



PM Narendra Modi has appealed for sensitivity.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday asked the people of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu to act with sensitivity.

"Whenever the country has faced adverse circumstances, the people of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, just like people across the country, have always handled the situation with

sensitivity. I appeal to the people of the two States, to display sensitivity, and also keep in mind their civic responsibilities," Mr. Modi said in a statement.

"I trust you will keep national interest and nation building above all else, and give priority to restraint, harmony, and to finding a solution, eschewing violence, destruction and arson," he said.

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Karnataka CM appeals for calm

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

BANGALORE/CHENNAI Violent protests rocked Karnataka on Monday after the Supreme Court refused to freeze its order to release Cauvery water. Outlets of Adyar Ananda Bhavan were attacked at some locations. The burnt shells of several trucks were found in different areas.

As news about buses belonging to KPN Travels being torched emanated, political party leaders in Tamil Nadu issued statements demanding action against the Siddaramaiah Government for "failing to safeguard the properties of Tamils."

On the Tamil Nadu side, protests and sporadic incidents of violence targeting establishments owned by Kannada-speaking people were witnessed, prompting Director General of Police T.K. Rajendran to convene a meeting of senior police officers.

While no casualties were reported, some Karnataka-registered vehicles were attacked by pro-Tamil outfits. Demonstrations were held outside branches of Karnataka Bank. Buses from Tamil Nadu to Karnataka were withdrawn on specific information of unrest.

Several companies of Tamil Nadu Armed Police were deployed along the interstate border and big establishments owned by Karnataka government and private entities given security.

Mr. Siddaramaiah appealed for calm and promised protection to all people from Tamil Nadu. "I appeal to both Kannadigas and Ta-

milians in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu to be calm and maintain peace" he said in a letter to Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalithaa.

Later he told the media, "We have taken utmost precaution to ensure safety and security of all citizens, particularly Tamil-speaking people. You would agree that the incidents of violence against Kannada-speaking people that are being reported from Tamil Nadu would incite passions threatening peace in our State, which all of us should prevent."

Home Minister Parameshwara said over 200 people had been arrested.

The Bangalore Tamil Sangam appealed to the Karnataka Chief Minister to ensure protection for Tamilians and their properties, and also urged Ms. Jayalithaa to protect Kannadigas. In a separate letter, it appealed for protection to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In New Delhi, the Cauvery Supervisory Committee which met on Monday said it would only decide next week how much of Cauvery water Karnataka should be sharing with Tamil Nadu and other States.

The CSC decided that the Central Water Commission would draw up a new protocol for online collection of data on real time rainfall and flow for sharing with all States concerned.

A decision could be taken only after such data came from Karnataka, Masood Hussain, a CSC member said. Water usage data from Tamil Nadu during summer and withdrawal in Karnataka was also needed.

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Pained by Cauvery violence, PM Modi appeals for peace

New Delhi: After the Cauvery row led to violent protests in Karnataka, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he is pained by the development as violence cannot resolve any problem. The PM appealed to the people of both Karnataka and Tamil Nadu to show sensitivity and maintain peace and harmony.

Modi said the dispute between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu over sharing of Cauvery waters can only be solved within the legal ambit, saying "breaking the law is not a viable alternative".

The protests in the two states followed a Supreme Court order, asking Karnataka to release 12000 cusecs of water to Tamil Nadu till September 20. TNN

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CAUVERY STIR: BENGALURU BURNS, BUSES SET ON FIRE

PROTESTS FLARE UP AFTER SC ORDER, 1 KILLED IN FIRING; CURFEW IMPOSED

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One person was killed and another injured in police firing in Karnataka as the Cauvery water sharing row with Tamil Nadu turned violent today, escalating tensions between the two states.

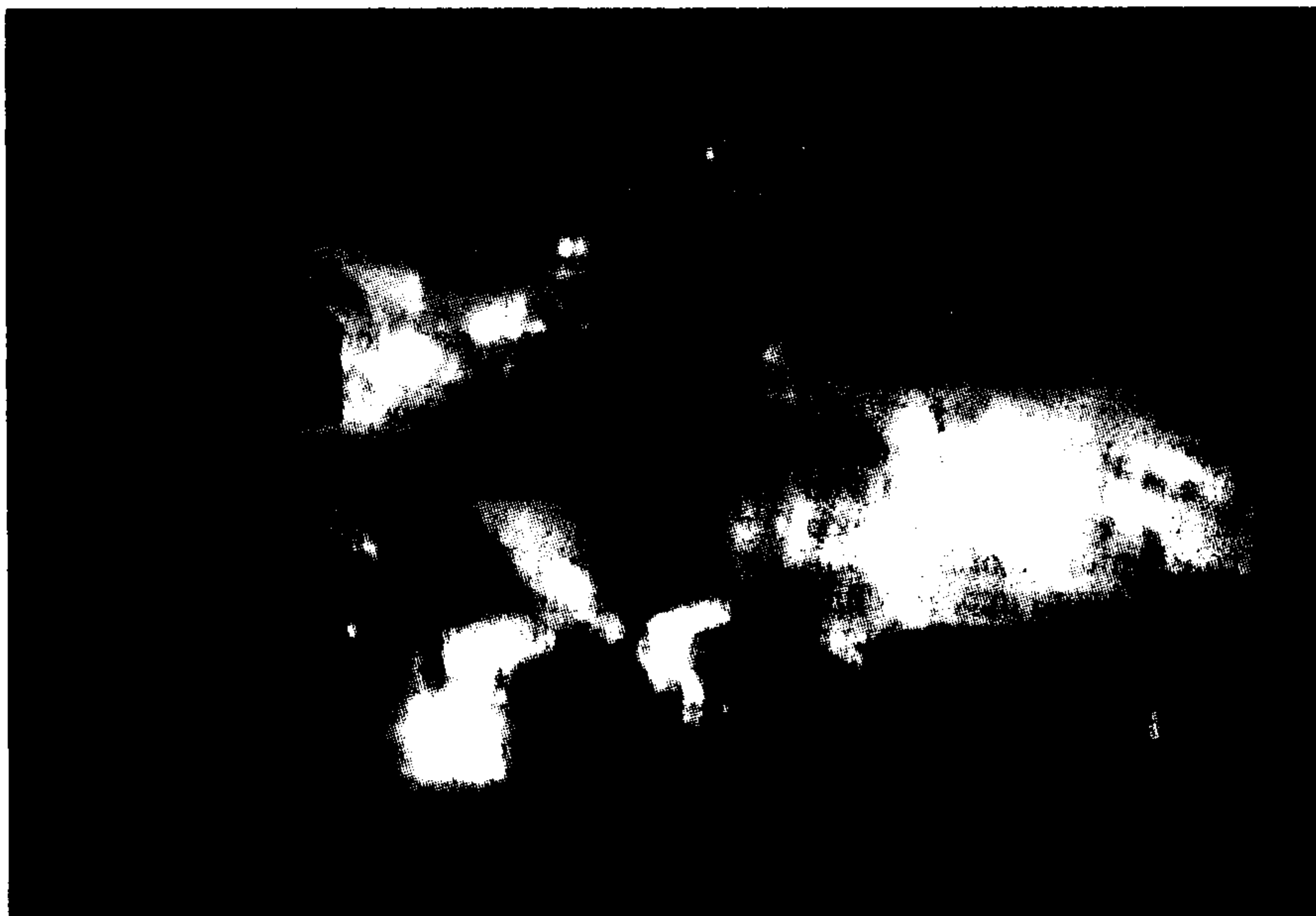
As Bangalore witnessed widespread violence bringing it on the edge, night curfew was imposed in 16 police station limits late tonight.

Widespread violence erupted today in Bengaluru and other parts of Karnataka, while sporadic trouble was witnessed in Tamil Nadu following the Supreme Court's modified order on sharing Cauvery water by the two riparian states.

Police opened fire when a mob tried to attack a patrol vehicle at Hegganahalli in Rajagopal Nagar police limits as violence flared up in Bengaluru city with rampaging mobs setting fire to buses and trucks with Tamil Nadu registration plates.

"Two were brought with bullet injuries. One with bullet injury near the heart has died. The other is being operated for injury on right thigh," Dr. Giridhar, Managing Director of Lakshmi Multi-Specialty Hospital, where they were taken said tonight.

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, mean-



while, wrote to his Tamil Nadu counterpart Jayalalithaa to ensure adequate safety and protection for Kannada-speaking people in the state.

Four persons have been detained in connection with the hotel attack while around 25 taken into custody in Puducherry, they said. Lorries with Tamil Nadu registration number were either stoned or set on fire in Bengaluru, Mandya, Mysuru, Chitradurga and Dharwad districts as Kannada activists gave vent to their anger over alleged attacks on state vehicles and property of Kannadigas in the neighbouring state. Several buses of private operators were also set ablaze in Bengaluru.

Karnataka DGP Om Prakash said the situation was tense, but under control. The violence in Karnataka flared up shortly after the Supreme Court, modifying its September 5 order, today asked Karnataka to release a reduced amount of 12,000 cusecs of Cauvery River water to Tamil Nadu till September 20. The Cauvery Supervisory Committee, meanwhile, at its meeting in Delhi failed to arrive at a decision on quantum of Cauvery river water to be released to Tamil Nadu and other states in furtherance of the Supreme Court order and decided to meet again on September 19.

At least six lorries with Tamil Nadu registration

were set on fire or stoned and a Chennai-based mobile shop and two hotels were attacked in Bengaluru, police said, as activists of different pro-Kannada outfits took to the streets. Bengaluru police said prohibitory orders had not been imposed in any part of the city and asked people not to pay heed to rumours.

Elaborate security arrangements are in place in the city with 15,000 policemen being deployed.

In Mandya district, the epicentre of the Cauvery agitation, the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway was blocked. Police made a lathicharge to disperse a violent mob, which tried to loot some shops.

Several vehicles with

Tamil Nadu registration were damaged on Bengaluru-Mysuru highway, police said.

Protests were held outside the branches of Karnataka Bank in Erode even as protestors barged into the bank's branch at Puducherry and created a ruckus. Movement of commercial and non-commercial vehicles including two-wheelers to Karnataka from Erode was restricted while inter-state road transport through Hosur was also affected on account of escalating protests in Karnataka.

Schools and colleges and commercial establishments preferred to play safe by closing their establishments for the day, following a virtual bandh, if only to avoid being bullied into doing so by Kannada activists. Even as they grumbled about the growing loss to their business, they had to willy nilly succumb to the pressure as there was not a single police man in sight. If this was not enough, factories and related establishments with orders from their foreign buyers, had no choice but to close down.

The home minister claimed that the authorities had detained over 200 rowdies even as vandals showed their ire in Mysuru, Chitradurga, Hassan and Dharwad. The CM appealed for peace.

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CAUVERY PROTEST TURNS VIOLENT IN TN

PETROL BOMBS, STONES HURLED AT NEW WOODLANDS HOTEL RUN BY KANNADIGAS AT RADHAKRISHNAN ROAD IN MYLAPORE

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The ongoing agitation over the Cauvery water dispute that was largely peaceful in Tamil Nadu, took a violent turn on Monday morning, after Pro-Tamil protestors resorted to violent retaliation against the attacks on Tamilians and Tamil properties in Karnataka.

According to police sources, petrol bombs and stones were hurled at the New Woodlands Hotel, run by Kannadigas (people of Karnataka) at Radhakrishnan Road in Mylapore, today in Chennai. Police said that no one was injured in the attack. In another related incident, five tourist vehicles bearing Karnataka registration numbers were damaged by members of various Tamil outfits in Rameswaram.

Following the attacks, security has been beefed up at all Karnataka installations and establishments

across the city. Similar incidents have been reported from Tanjavore, Nagapattinam, and Trichy.

In the hotel attack incident, the agitators left a note which said that Woodlands Hotel was targeted in retaliation to the attacks waged on Tamils in Karnataka. It further said: "If the attacks continue, the Karnataka establishments in Chennai would be targeted, Kannadigas live here too. Beware!"

Tamil Nadu remained relatively peaceful, even though protests by farmers and pro-Kannada outfits have been reported in several parts of Karnataka and have paralysed the Bangalore-Chennai road transport.

But now the situation is slowly getting out of control and an immediate political intervention and strong action from the affected states and Central government is required for the peaceful co-existence of people in South India as agita-



tion against water sharing issues with Kerala and Andhra Pradesh in Tamil Nadu have also snowballed into a war-like situation.

Political parties are appealing for Centre's intervention and a change in Tamil Nadu's chief minister J Jayalalithaa's approach.

Several political parties in Tamil Nadu called for

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's intervention to resolve the water issues the state is facing. The parties are censuring Jayalalithaa's approach of depending purely on legal recourse and writing letters to the Prime Minister.

DMK, CPI(M), VCK and TMC urged the government to convene an all-party meet-

ing and MDMK leader Vaiko asked the Centre and Karnataka government's not to play with fire.

Tension related to the Siruvani dam in Kerala has also been escalating as members from various political parties and farmers associations organised a human chain protest in Coimbatore, demanding that the Kerala

government drop its plan to construct a gravity dam across the Siruvani river.

The farmers and political groups have threatened to lay siege to the Tamil Nadu-Kerala border by next week if authorities do not take strong action against Kerala government. They say that they are planning to stop the movement of products, including vegetables, to the neighbouring state, which is gearing up for the festive season.

Meanwhile, chief minister J Jayalalithaa, for the first time in a strongly worded letter on Sunday, asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi not to bring Draft Dam Safety Bill, 2016, which could infringe on the rights of Tamil Nadu over the Mullaiperiyar dam in haste. She advised Modi to desist from "needless adventurism" and not "ride roughshod" over the federal constitutional framework by bringing the legislation.

Jayalalithaa in her letter

said that the provisions to entitle the State Dam Safety Organisation to have the jurisdiction over all the dams located in a state, irrespective of who owns, operates and maintains the dam, are unacceptable. If the Bill becomes a law, the Central body will have a say in dams like the one on Mullaiperiyar, located in Kerala, but owned and maintained by Tamil Nadu. "I am of the view that since the state governments have adequate expertise and experience on Dam Safety and as the Central Water Commission is also associated with dam safety aspects, there appears to be no pressing need or necessity to have Central legislation on the issue," she said.

She appealed to Modi to direct the minister of water resources to reconsider the need for the proposed legislation on dam safety and not to proceed 'in haste' without addressing TN's concerns.

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**कावेरी विवाद: कर्नाटक में
25,000 करोड़ का नुकसान**

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तमिलनाडु के साथ कावेरी नदी के जल बंटवारे के मुद्दे को लेकर हिंसा भड़क जाने के बाद मंगलवार को बेंगलुरु में तनावपूर्ण शांति रही। वहीं एक और शख्स की मौत के साथ हिंसा में मरने वालों की तादाद बढ़कर दो हो गई। इस शख्स ने सोमवार को पुलिस लाठीचार्ज से बचने के लिए बेंगलुरु में एक इमारत से छलांग लगा दी थी। वहीं केंद्रीय बलों के साथ मिलकर शहर की पुलिस विशेषकर तमिल बहुल इलाकों और अन्य 'संवेदनशील' इलाकों की कड़ी निगरानी कर रही है। सिद्धारमैया सरकार ने भी उपद्रव करने या शांति बाधित करने के प्रयासों के खिलाफ 'कड़ी' कार्रवाई करने की चेतावनी दी है।

कर्नाटक में तनाव : कई जगहों पर मंगलवार को भी प्रदर्शन जारी रहे। चित्रदुर्गा इलाके के नजदीक एनएच 4 पर एक ट्रक को प्रदर्शनकारियों ने जलाया। हिंसा प्रभावित मांड्या में कन्नड़ समर्थक कार्यकर्ता तमिलनाडु के साथ कावेरी जल के बंटवारे को लेकर हिंसक विरोध प्रदर्शन पर उतारू रहे। वहीं केंद्र सरकार ने प्रसारणकर्ता चैनलों से कहा है कि वे वेरिफिकेशन के बाद ही कोई जानकारी सार्वजनिक करें। चैनलों और पुलिस से मिले विडियो साक्ष्यों के आधार पर पुलिस ने अभी तक सार्वजनिक संपत्ति को नुकसान पहुंचाने के आरोप में 350 लोगों को गिरफ्तार किया है। वहीं मैसुरु के जगनमोहन पैलेस में प्रदर्शनकारियों ने

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■ एजेंसी, नई दिल्ली : तमिलनाडु और कर्नाटक के बीच कावेरी के पानी का झगड़ा अब दिल्ली तक पहुंच गया है। कर्नाटक के सीएम सिद्धारमैया ने कावेरी के पानी के बंटवारे पर अपने साथ भारी नाइंसाफी की बात कहते हुए बुधवार को पूरी कैबिनेट के साथ



दिल्ली आने का ऐलान किया है। कावेरी विवाद पर कैबिनेट की आपात बैठक के बाद कर्नाटक के मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि हमारे साथ लंबे समय से नाइंसाफी हो रही है। हमने प्रधानमंत्री से मिलने के लिए समय मांगा है। हमारे मुख्य सचिव PMO के संपर्क में हैं।

वहीं मोदी सरकार के मंत्री और कर्नाटक से BJP नेता सदानंद गौड़ा ने कहा, 'जो कुछ हो रहा है कि उसके लिए कर्नाटक के लोगों को दोष मत दीजिए, हमारे पास पानी नहीं है। तमिल लोग कन्नड़ों को उकसा रहे हैं। तमिलनाडु में हर जगह तमिल लोग कन्नड़ों पर हमला कर रहे हैं जबकि कन्नड़ों ने उदारता बरती।

यातायात ठप, कई किलोमीटर चली दुल्हन

■ एजेंसी, बेंगलुरु : शादी के जोड़े में सजी 25 साल की प्रेमा और उसके घर वालों को मंगलवार को बेंगलुरु में कई किलोमीटर पैदल चलकर जाना पड़ा। असल में सड़क से पब्लिक ट्रांसपोर्ट नदारद था और कर्नाटक व तमिलनाडु के बीच भी ट्रेफिक की आवाजाही बंद थी। एक टीवी रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक, बेंगलुरु की रहने वाली प्रेमा की बुधवार को तमिलनाडु के लड़के से शादी होनी थी। मगर चूंकि शहर में तनाव था और गाड़ियों की आवाजाही बंद थी, इसलिए उसे बस, ऑटो और कई किलोमीटर पैदल चलकर तमिलनाडु की सीमा को पार करना पड़ा। उसका कहना था, हम इस तनाव के कारण अपनी खुशियां भी नहीं मना पा रहे हैं। हमने 600 निमंत्रण पत्र भेजे थे मगर अब सिर्फ 20 लोग ही शादी में आ रहे हैं। यह सही नहीं है। दोनों राज्यों को समझना होगा कि हम सभी भारतीय हैं।

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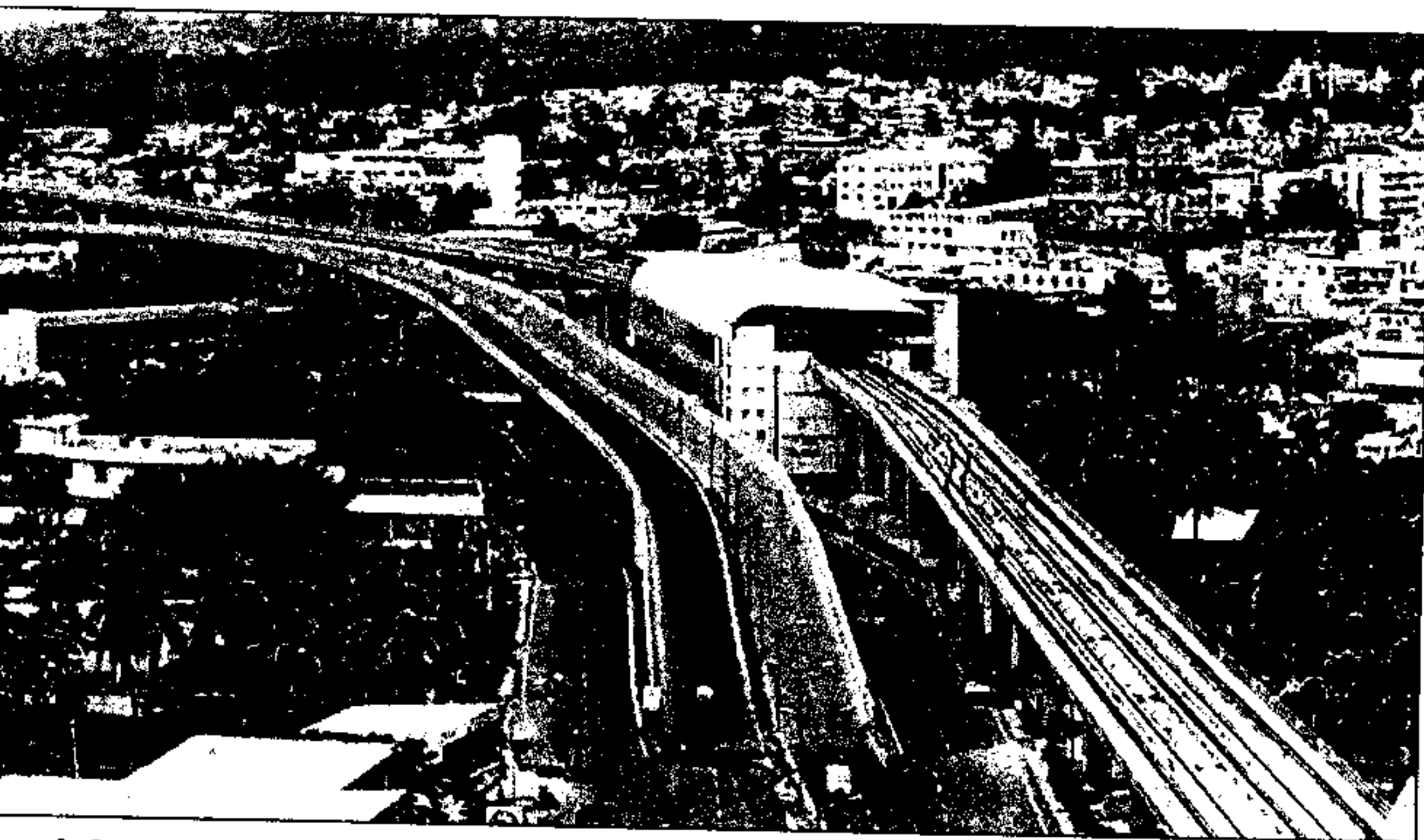
■ टीएनएन, बेंगलुरु : कावेरी के पानी पर सोमवार को बेंगलुरु में हुई आगजनी और हिंसा की शुरुआत एक फेसबुक पोस्ट से हुई थी। 23 साल के एक शख्स ने उन कन्नड़ अभिनेताओं के बारे में अपमानजनक टिप्पणी की जिन्होंने शुक्रवार को कर्नाटक बंद का समर्थन किया था। बेंगलुरु के कुछ युवकों ने उस शख्स की मारपीट कर माफी मंगवाई और विडियो अपलोड किया। इससे तमिलनाडु में गुस्सा भड़का और पहले चेन्नै में कन्नड़ प्रतिष्ठानों पर हमले हुए। फिर बेंगलुरु में भी प्रतिक्रिया हुई।

आरजे ने दिलाई भाईचारे की याद

■ टीएनएन, नई दिल्ली : चेन्नै के मशहूर आरजे बालाजी ने कावेरी जल विवाद के बीच एक विडियो मेसेज से दोनों राज्यों के लोगों में भाईचारा बहाल करने की कोशिश की है। एक पोस्ट में उन्होंने लिखा है - चेन्नै में आई भीषण बाढ़ के दौरान कर्नाटक के, खासकर बेंगलुरु के लोगों ने हमारी खूब मदद की थी। आम आदमी का दिल ऐसा ही होता है। इंटरनेट पर इस मुद्दे पर नफरत भड़का रहे लोगों पर आरजे ने लिखा - कुछ दिन के लिए अपना मुंह और अपनी दुकान बंद रखें। पब्लिसिटी का और तरीका ढूँढें।

हम भूमि, जल और भाषा के मुद्दे को लेकर संवेदनशील हैं लेकिन हमें यह नहीं भूलना चाहिए कि हममें मानवता है और मानवीय रिश्ता इस सभी से ऊपर है। - सिद्धारमैया, कर्नाटक के सीएम

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कई हिस्सों में कर्पू लगा रहा जिससे सड़कों पर यातायात नदारद ही रहा।

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■ एजेंसियां, बेंगलुरु

कावेरी विवाद पर कर्नाटक में राज्यव्यापी बंद के पीछे एक शख्स का दिमाग है। वह हैं 67 साल का वाटल नागराज। नागराज के ही इशारों पर यहां विरोध-प्रदर्शन होते हैं। कहा जा रहा है कि वह हर साल तकरीबन 200 से 250 बड़े विरोध-प्रदर्शन करवाते हैं। अब तक करीब 10,000 प्रदर्शन करवा चुके हैं। साथ ही वह राज्य में अब तक 2000 बार सफलतापूर्वक बंद का आयोजन करा चुके हैं।

छह बार विधायक चुने जा चुके नागराज कन्नड़ समर्थक संगठनों के फेडरेशन कन्नड़ पारा ओक्कुटा के नेता हैं। चाहे किसानों के मुद्दे या फिर भाषा को लेकर लड़ाई हो या आम लोगों से जुड़ी दूसरी समस्याएं, नागराज हर मुद्दे को उठाने के लिए बंद और प्रदर्शन करवाते हैं। हालांकि इसको लेकर अब तक उनपर 350 मुकदमे दर्ज हो चुके हैं। बिना किसी सियासी दल का दामन थामे अपने राजनीतिक जीवन की शुरुआत करने वाले नागराज राज्य की मशहूर चामराजनगर जैसी विधानसभा से तीन बार एमएलए चुने जा चुके हैं।



कावेरी मुद्दे पर राज्य बंद कराने वाले वाटल नागराज

विरोध की शुरुआत : राज्य गठन के कुछ वर्षों बाद साधारण परिवार में जन्मे युवा नागराज ने 60 के दशक में मैसूर के वतालू गांव से विरोध-प्रदर्शनों की नींव रखनी शुरू की थी। उन्होंने कर्नाटक के भावनात्मक पहलू 'कन्नड़' को छुआ और स्थानीय जनता की अस्मिता की लड़ाई लड़ने का फैसला किया। धीरे-

धीरे मांड्या, हासन में पकड़ मजबूत हुई।

अनोखे प्रदर्शन : कर्नाटक में पब्लिक टॉयलेट्स की जरूरत को लेकर 2009 में नागराज ने राजभवन के सामने पेशाब करने की योजना बनाई थी। फिर इसी मुद्दे को लेकर 2013 में उन्होंने राजभवन के सामने चारपाई में लेटकर धरना दिया। तब प्रशासन ने उनके चारों ओर टॉयलेट्स रखवा दिए। एक बार बेंगलुरु में बस किराया बढ़ने पर नागराज बैस पर बैठकर मेन बस स्टैंड पहुंचे गए। बलात्कार की घटनाओं के खिलाफ उन्होंने बुरका पहनकर विरोध किया।

नदियों के विवाद में सुलगते रहे हैं कई राज्य

कावेरी जल विवाद को लेकर तमिलनाडु और कर्नाटक दोनों राज्य हिंसा की आग में झुलस रहे हैं।

हालांकि ऐसा नहीं है कि यह विवाद सिर्फ कर्नाटक और तमिलनाडु के बीच है बल्कि कई और राज्य भी इस तरह के जल विवादों में फंसे रहे हैं :

सतलुज नहर विवाद : हरियाणा में पानी की बड़ी जरूरत को पूरा करने के लिए पंजाब की सतलुज नदी से यमुना नदी को जोड़ने के लिए सतलुज लिंक नहर बनाई जानी थी। इसका उद्घाटन खुद पूर्व प्रधानमंत्री इंदिरा गांधी ने किया था लेकिन अब यह नहर विवादों भेंट चढ़ चुकी है। नहर का 90 फीसदी काम पूरा होने के बाद अब इसे पाटने का काम शुरू कर दिया गया है। मामला सुप्रीम कोर्ट में है तो पंजाब ने किसी भी आदेशों को मानने से इनकार कर दिया है।

महानदी विवाद : ओडिशा और छत्तीसगढ़ में महानदी को लेकर विवाद है। छत्तीसगढ़ सरकार ने महानदी पर सात से ज्यादा बड़ी परियोजनाओं का प्रस्ताव तैयार कर रखा है और वो जल्द ही उस पर काम शुरू करने वाली है। इसमें महानदी पर बने सात बैराज से पावर प्लांट को पानी दिया जाना है। ऐसे में नदी का 70 फीसदी जल पावर प्लांट्स को चला जाएगा। ओडिशा सरकार इसका विरोध कर रही है। ओडिशा में भी एनटीपीसी सहित कई बड़े पावर प्रोजेक्ट महानदी के सहारे ही चलते हैं।

नर्मदा विवाद : मध्य प्रदेश के अमरकंटक से निकलने वाली 1300 किलोमीटर लंबी नर्मदा नदी को लेकर गुजरात और मध्यप्रदेश के बीच लगातार तलवारें खिंची रहती हैं। नर्मदा के पानी का बंटवारा और विस्थापन को लेकर लगातार विवाद गहराता रहता है। विवाद में मध्यप्रदेश गुजरात के साथ राजस्थान भी कूद पड़ा है।

यमुना जल विवाद : पांच राज्यों से होकर गुजरने वाली यमुना नदी और इससे निकलने वाली नहर को लेकर यूपी हरियाणा और दिल्ली के बीच तलवारें खिंची रहती हैं। इसको लेकर 1954 में एक समझौता भी हुआ जिसमें हरियाणा को 77 फीसदी और यूपी को 23 फीसदी पानी मिलना था। हरियाणा और दिल्ली के बीच हुए समझौते के तहत मुनक नहर का निर्माण हुआ लेकिन इसके बाद से ही दोनों में तलवारें खिंची रहती हैं।

मैं कर्नाटक और तमिलनाडु के घटनाक्रमों से बहुत व्यथित हूँ। हिंसा किसी भी समस्या का हल नहीं दिला सकती। लोकतंत्र में हल प्रेम और परस्पर बातचीत से ढूंढे जाने चाहिए। - पीएम का संदेश

प्रधानमंत्री तमिलनाडु और कर्नाटक के मुख्यमंत्रियों के साथ बैठक कर दोनों राज्यों में 'मैत्रीपूर्ण माहौल सुनिश्चित करें'। - एम के स्टालिन, तमिलनाडु विधानसभा में विपक्ष के नेता

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CAUVERY ROW: VENKAIAH APPEALS FOR PEACE

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ASKS MEDIA TO STOP HIGHLIGHTING VIOLENCE IN TN AND KARNATAKA

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Appealing for peace and calm in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka which is witnessing violence following the Supreme Court's verdict on sharing Cauvery waters, information and broadcasting minister M Venkaiah Naidu today said, "Such violence cannot be justified on any ground".

In a statement, he said "The violence in the neighbouring states of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu is quite disturbing," and added, "violence and destruction of property ultimately impacts the life of common man".

The minister urged the media to exercise restraint while reporting on the incidents in both the states.

"Highlighting such incidents visually and otherwise might incite further violence. I hope media would play a constructive role in



A policeman takes a miscreant into custody during a curfew following violence in Bengaluru on Tuesday. * afp

ensuring peace and normalcy in both the states," he said.

The minister said that a large number of people from both the states live in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu and have been making significant contribution to the development of the state they are residing.

They should not be made to feel insecure as it is the Constitutional right of every citizen to live in his or her

place of choice in the country, he added.

Violence and counter-violence would only further complicate matters, he said, adding that both state governments should take effective measures to check the violence immediately.

CPM says negotiation can solve dispute: the CPI (M) today asked the state governments to resolve the issue through

negotiations.

It urged the state governments to ensure the protection of people's lives and properties.

"The dispute over sharing of the Cauvery river waters is a long-standing dispute between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu," it said in a statement.

"Such disputes can only be resolved through negotiations and a mutual agreement on how these waters are to be shared," the party said.

"Such disputes cannot be resolved by whipping up passions amongst the people of both the states and pitting them against each other," the CPI-M statement added. The CPI-M urged all concerned, the Central government and the state governments, to ensure that the water sharing disputes are resolved through negotiations and mutual agreement.

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BENGALURU ON THE BOIL, DEATH TOLL 2

KARNATAKA GOVT TO OBEY SUPREME COURT'S MODIFIED ORDER

SNS & PTI

Bengaluru, 13 September

A day after being rocked by large-scale violence, the city appeared to limp back to normal today with sporadic protests, even as the Karnataka government decided to comply with the Supreme Court's modified order to release 12,000 cusecs of water for Tamil Nadu till 20 September.

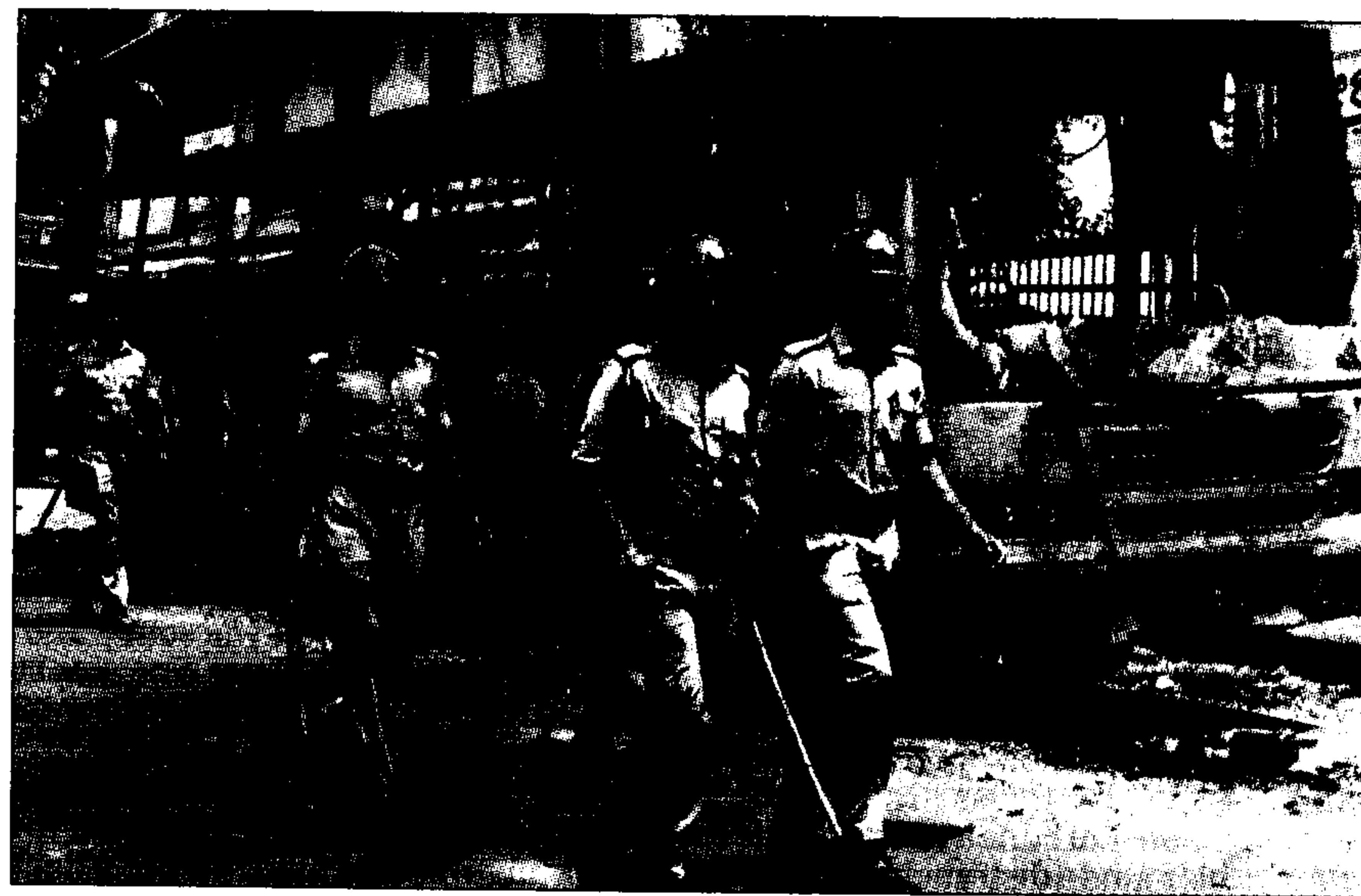
As the Cauvery unrest kept the country's IT capital on the boil, the government warned of dealing with an "iron hand" any violence after an emergency Cabinet meeting which took stock of the situation and decided to comply with the apex court order passed yesterday.

A 30-year-old man died today of multiple injuries he suffered while escaping police lathicharge when he jumped in panic from a three-storey building here yesterday, police said, with the toll in the unrest over the Cauvery row rising to two.

One person had died in police firing yesterday.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said the victim did not die due to police action, but due to the injuries he had suffered.

Facing more pressure after the apex court's modified order, Siddaramaiah held an emergency Cabinet meeting which decided that though it



Police personnel patrol during a curfew following violence in Bengaluru due to the Cauvery water sharing dispute with neighbouring state Tamil Nadu. A burnt bus is seen in the photograph. On Wednesday. *AFP

was "most difficult" to follow, the direction could not be disobeyed or rejected as it would be against the Constitution.

"This order is the most difficult to follow. But when we are functioning within the framework of the Constitution, though it is a difficult order, as a constitutionally formed government it is difficult to violate or reject the Supreme Court order. It will be a violation of the Constitution," he told reporters here.

Siddaramaiah said the Cabinet, after weighing the pros and cons "constitutionally, legally and politically" and keeping in mind the main Special Leave Petition challenging the Cauvery tribunal's

final award coming up on 18 October, decided to obey the court order.

He said the first order passed on 5 September itself was difficult and yesterday's was "most difficult" to follow.

"But we have accepted the federal set up and that the legislature, executive and judiciary should function in a way complementary to one another," he said. In its 5 September order, the apex court had directed release of 15,000 cusecs for 10 days to ameliorate the plight of farmers of the neighbouring state, which had triggered strong protests from farmers and pro-Kannada outfits with Karnataka observing a bandh against it on

9 September. The chief minister said he would meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi, seeking his intervention and requesting him to call a meeting of the chief ministers of both states to resolve the issue. An immediate appointment had been sought and "probably we will get it tomorrow."

In Bengaluru, under prohibitory orders till tomorrow and where 16 localities remained under curfew, there were palpable signs of normalcy returning, as city police assisted by Central forces kept a close vigil.

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IT, e-comm giants shut in Bengaluru; K'taka begins releasing water



People queue up to collect fuel in Bengaluru on Tuesday

Infotech giants TCS, Infosys and Wipro, which together have over 70,000 employees working at their campuses in Bengaluru, kept their offices shut on Tuesday following an outbreak of violence in Karnataka on Monday over sharing Cauvery water with Tamil Na-

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du. An Amazon India spokesperson said delivery of products has been temporarily impacted, while Flipkart supply chain operations head Neeraj Aggarwal said the company

had stalled operations to ensure safety of its delivery staff. Industry chamber Assocham said the water riots in Karnataka are estimated to have caused losses of about Rs 25,000 crore.

Meanwhile, Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah held an emergency cabinet meeting and announced that the state would release water to Tamil Nadu from Tuesday night. He also said he had sought an appointment with Prime Minister Narendra Modi to explain the position to him and was hoping to meet the PM on Wednesday.

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Samaritans offer hope amid chaos

Some Offer Free Stay, Others Transport

Aditi Sequeira & Niharika Alva | TNN

Bengaluru: The violent protests in Bengaluru over the Cauvery water-sharing dispute showcased the depravity of vandals. But, even as the savagery was on display, there were heartening tales of a select few who volunteered to help amidst the chaos.

Techie Rituraj Singh had to endure many anxious moments on Monday evening as the wait for his wife Rashmi's return home extended from the usual 30 minutes to 2 hours after protests hit the city. Rashmi was driving, and news of protesters torching a lorry nearby had made Singh anxious. "She even encountered lathi-wielding men on her way," he said.

When her wife reached home safely, Rituraj posted a message on Facebook: "If anyone stuck around Carmelaram Road, you are welcome at our home till this settles down #win-backbangalore." Although the post was shared multiple times, Singh did not receive any distress calls. "But we are ready to help anybody. We are grateful that things are slowly re-

turning to normal," he said.

Kanaka Sabhapati did something similar. With a poster that read 'For emergency and aged people: Free Service' pasted on his car, the textile trader drove around Bengaluru on Monday, ferrying those who were marooned.

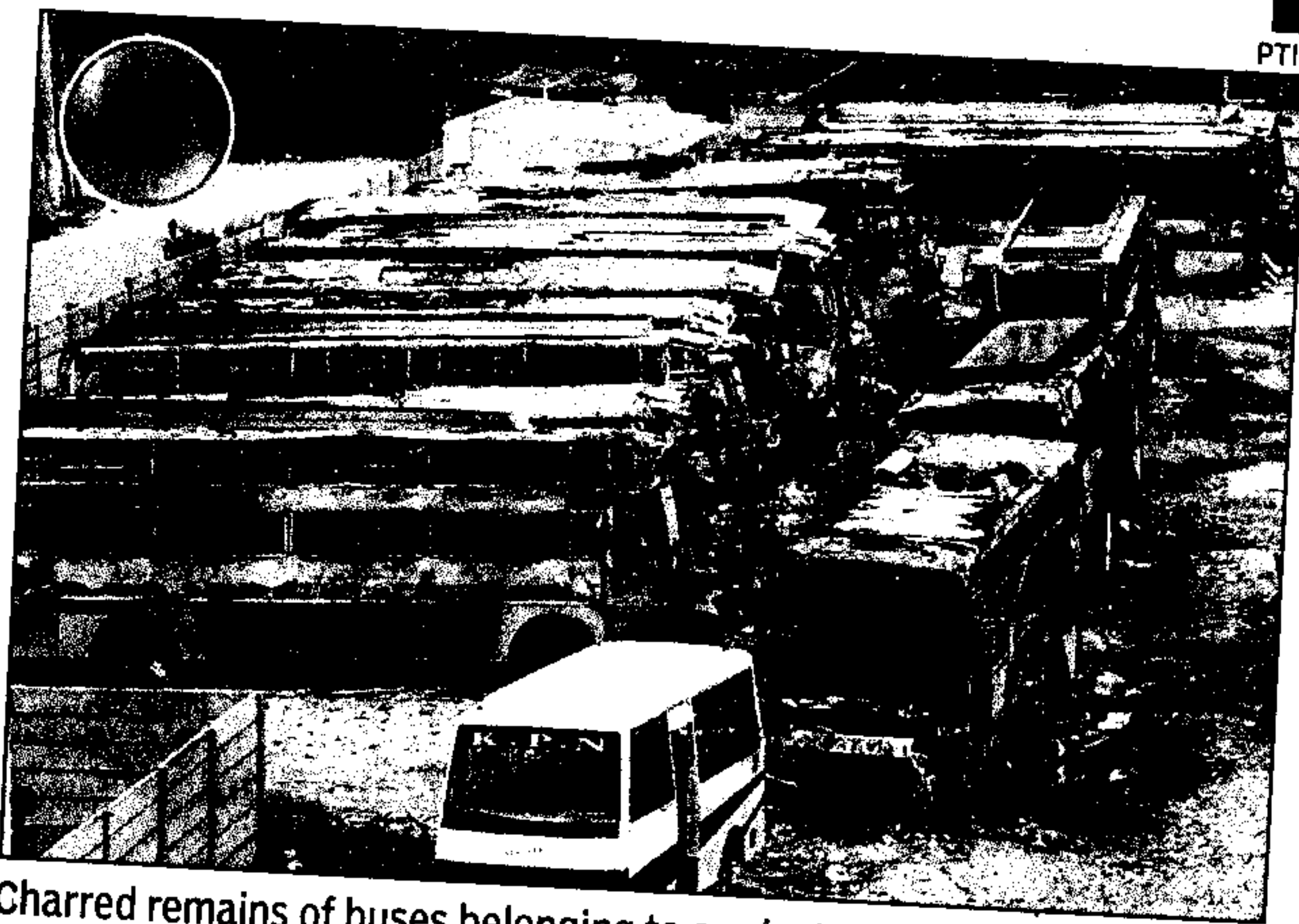
"I dropped one patient at a hospital in Whitefield and another at Jayanagar Heart Centre. On my way back, I was able to drop two patients from a hospital to their respective homes," he said, adding, "I've helped around 60 people in the last three bandhs. I drive around, pick up and drop patients. My wife and children are very encouraging in this," he said.

Lohith Nanjunda Shetty and two friends, who live

quite close to an area where many trucks were torched, volunteered to help those who needed emergency transport to hospitals.

Businessman Hemanth Kumar B M offered food, shelter and transport to those stuck in north Bengaluru. "I received 35-40 calls on Monday. Some were from TN residents worried about relatives here. I got a call from a woman late at night, who told me her husband was stranded in Marathahalli (a suburb) and needed a drop to south Bengaluru."

Two youths — a man and woman — were seen riding on scooters, distributing food to people at bus terminals, making for a picture that went viral on social media.



Charred remains of buses belonging to a private transport operator from Tamil Nadu in Bengaluru on Tuesday

Bengaluru girl walks several kilometres to get married in TN

Bengaluru: Amid the Cauvery turbulence, a 25-year-old bride braved her way to the Karnataka border in an attempt to reach Vaniyambadi in neighbouring Tamil Nadu by walking several kilometres in the absence of a public transport system. R Prema, a citizen of Bengaluru, is getting married on Wednesday to a man living in TN.

Since public transport vehicles were off the road due to the unrest caused by the Cauvery row, the young bride had to walk for miles and hire private vehicles before reaching Hosur on the Bengaluru border. "I am coming from Bengaluru. We faced a lot of problems. Since we did not have transport facilities, we came by bus and an auto," she said.

While she narrated her tale of hardship, Prema had a word of wisdom for people who were fomenting violence and disturbing peace and tranquillity in both Karnataka and TN. "I just want to tell one more thing, sir. We should understand we are all In-



“My marriage has become an unforgettable event to me. We had distributed about 600 wedding cards but only 20 people are coming. So we are missing the joy

PREMA (IN PIC)

BRIDE FROM BENGALURU

dians. Both, people in Karnataka and TN, are facing problems. This is not the right way," she said.

Prema said she has now lost, to some extent, the excitement and joy over her marriage. People accompanying her were carrying clothes, utensils and gifts for the event. AGENCIES

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2 more dead, but calm returns to Bengaluru

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: A wary and bruised Bengaluru limped back to normalcy on Tuesday, even as a man died of injuries he had sustained after he jumped off the third floor of a building while fleeing lathi-wielding policemen the previous night, taking the Cauvery violence toll in the city to two.

Repeated flag marches by contingents of Rapid Action Force from the morning drilled home the message that normalcy was on its way, notwithstanding rumours of unrest that continued to dominate social media and local TV channels, especially during the first half the day. But in a dramatic turn, by late evening came the announcements from the government that schools and colleges would open from Wednesday. State transport and city buses as well as Metro start running late Tuesday evening.

Most IT companies, including Infosys, Wipro and IBM, said they are working on Wednesday. They were either shut or were working from home on Tuesday after Monday's large-scale violence. Cab-hailing services, too, said they will operate.

Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah is keen on Bengaluru returning to normal before that. He is said to have asked the city police chief to get the city fully functional and peaceful at the earliest.

Barring two incidents of miscreants setting vehicles on fire and police bursting tear-gas shells to disperse a group of agitators in Nagarbhavi, the city remained largely calm. As the day wore on, the number of private vehicles on the roads, especially in the violence-hit areas straddling Tumakuru Road in the northwest and Mysuru Road in the southwest, increased. Police said they have arrested 335 persons and detained another 500 in connection with Monday's violence.

Earlier, a Tempo Traveler bearing a TN number was set on fire in north Bengaluru and a private bus, half burnt on Monday, was set on fire again. Business establishments and private firms, including most IT firms, remained closed during the day.

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Centre asks TV channels to show restraint, not telecast violence

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: In the wake of protests over the Cauvery dispute, the information & broadcasting ministry issued an advisory on Tuesday asking the media, particularly TV channels, to refrain from telecasting "provocative and inflammatory" news or programmes which stoke passions.

"News, views or comments relating to the Cauvery dispute should be telecast only after proper verification of facts and presented with due caution and restraint in a manner which is in public interest for maintaining harmony," said the advisory. "Some TV channels have been airing footage of violent incidents, rioting etc repeatedly. These could further ignite tensions and reactions and could cause law and order situation in both the affected states to deteriorate," it added.

I&B minister Venkaiah Naidu urged people of Karnataka and TN to maintain peace and not indulge in rioting and violence. He urged the state governments to take effective steps to check the spread of violence. "Highlighting such incidents visually and otherwise might incite further violence. I hope media will play a constructive role in ensuring peace and normalcy in both states," he said.

The advisory asked TV channels to follow the programme code and rules as mandated by the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 to exercise restraint while covering incidents of violence and rioting, not to carry news in such a way that it incites violence, and avoid telecast of live or file shots of violence. It suggested that shots of

WHEN SOCIAL MEDIA BECOMES A TOOL FOR ANTI-SOCIAL ELEMENTS

“Please do not pay heed to rumours floating on WhatsApp reg #CauveryProtests. Rely on @BlrCityPolice & @blrcitytraffic for authentic updates,” tweeted @BlrCityPolice. In the past, social media has often been used to spread disinformation, provoke outrage and violence. Some videos are tampered with. Others are conveniently edited to present a one-sided version. Here's how such unverified sharing has played out in several cases in recent years:

JNU slogan controversy

At the centre of the JNU student unrest was a video from a demonstration showing students chanting what was deemed as "anti-national" slogans. The video came in for active criticism on social media and even sections of mainstream media. Investigations later revealed that the video had been tampered with and the offending slogan inserted later.

Traffic cop assaults woman

A Delhi traffic police cop was sacked after a video showed him hurling a brick at a woman riding a two-wheeler. It later emerged that the action was in response to the woman attacking his bike when stopped for violating a traffic rule.

Rohtak sisters video storm: A video of two women beating up a man on a bus goes viral. Context given for the video? The women – two sisters from Rohtak – beat up the man after he allegedly harassed them. A few days later a similar video of the girls beating up men, purportedly in reaction to harassment, surfaced online. Later, thanks to other passengers on the bus, another version of events came to light where the sisters were the aggressors. As the police investigation progressed, the two women had to undergo a polygraph test, which they failed.

The Bengaluru exodus

Thousands of people from the Northeast working in Bengaluru took trains back home after videos of a violent conflict between the Buddhist population and the Rohingya Muslims of Myanmar were circulated and described as scenes from Assam. The videos and accompanying SMSes whipped up an anti-migrant frenzy forcing the government to organise additional trains to Guwahati from Bengaluru.

Muzaffarnagar riots

The Muzaffarnagar riots claimed at least 62 lives. Early in the investigations, the police zeroed in on an old video circulated on Whatsapp reportedly responsible for fanning communal flames. Discovered to be two years old at the time, the video showed two men being lynched. This was allegedly used as a starting point by rioters, as they allegedly asked one community to exact revenge on another for the violence.

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Cauvery water and security forces be used for coverage on the channels. It also called for exercising care in the

choice of words while reporting the events.

The neighbouring states of Karnataka and TN have

witnessed widespread violence after the Supreme Court's direction on sharing of Cauvery waters.

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पटनायक ने महानदी मुद्दे पर पार्टियों से सुझाव मांगे

भुवनेश्वर, (भाषा): ओडिशा के मुख्यमंत्री नवीन पटनायक ने 17 सितंबर को छत्तीसगढ़ सरकार और केन्द्र के साथ प्रस्तावित बैठक से पहले महानदी जल विवाद पर विभिन्न राजनीतिक दलों, एनजीओ और व्यक्तियों से आज सुझाव मांगे। इस मुद्दे पर यहां एक उच्च स्तरीय बैठक की अध्यक्षता करने के बाद पटनायक ने कहा, "मैं महानदी मुद्दे पर व्यक्तियों, स्वैच्छिक संगठनों और राजनीतिक दलों से सुझावों का स्वागत करता हूं।"

उन्होंने कहा, "हमने महानदी जल विवाद पर एक बैठक की है। हम इस महीने की 17 तारीख को केन्द्र सरकार के साथ चर्चा के लिए पूरी तरह से तैयार हैं।" इससे पूर्व केन्द्रीय जल संसाधन मंत्री ने 10 से 20 सितंबर के बीच किसी भी तिथि पर महानदी जल विवाद पर एक बैठक का प्रस्ताव किया था। इसके बाद राज्य सरकार ने केन्द्र को अवगत कराया कि मुख्यमंत्री 17 सितंबर को होने वाली बैठक में शामिल होंगे।

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CAUVERY WATER DISPUTE

Second death in K'taka, over 300 held

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BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 13

THE PROTESTS in Karnataka over the Cauvery water-sharing dispute with Tamil Nadu claimed a second life Tuesday when a 29-year-old man succumbed to injuries sustained while fleeing a police lathicharge in north Bengaluru the previous night, police said.

More than 300 people have been arrested so far over the protests that broke out across the state on Monday, with police continuing a manhunt for those who instigated the violence.

Police have imposed prohibitory orders across 16 police station limits in Bengaluru until Wednesday midnight to prevent further attacks. Security in the city has also been strengthened with the deployment of 20 companies of central forces, including CRPF and CISF, at sensitive locations.

Karnataka Home Minister G Parameshwara said the Supreme Court order, asking Karnataka to release water to Tamil Nadu, and the attacks on Kannadigas in the neighbouring state had prompted "genuine activists" to hold protests in the state.

"But some anti-social elements joined the protests. We will find out the background of the accused once police complete the arrests," said Parameshwara.

"Curfew has been imposed in the limits of... R R Nagar, Byatarayanapura, Magadi Road, Vijayanagar, Kengeri, K P Agrahara, Chandra Layout, Yeshwantpura, Mahalakshmi Layout, Peenya, RMC Yard, Rajgopal Nagar, Rajajinagar, Nandini Layout, Jnanabharathi and Kamakshipalya in the city. We request the public to remain at home until further orders to avoid untoward incidents," said state police chief Om Prakash.

"But the curfew will not affect Bakr-Eid celebrations in the



A man being detained by security personnel in Bengaluru on Tuesday. AP

city. We will allow people to celebrate the festival," said Prakash.

Police, meanwhile, identified the man who died on Tuesday as Kumar (29), a resident of Hegganahalli in north Bengaluru and a native of Kunigal, who was employed with a gas agency in the city. Kumar slipped and fell from the third floor of a building around 9.30 pm Monday while being chased by police during their crackdown on vandals, said police, adding that he was returning home from work at the time.

Earlier, the state government announced a compensation of Rs 10 lakh for the family of Umesh Kumar (25), who was killed on Monday night in police firing in Hegganahalli.

Home Minister Parameshwara said the Rapid Action Force was forced to open fire at a mob after they set a police vehicle ablaze, and attacked a sub-inspector and constables.

Parameshwara said a total of 97 vehicles were set on fire.

Use iron hand to restore peace, Siddaramaiah orders police

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BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 13

FOLLOWING AN emergency cabinet meeting in the wake of multiple incidents of violence around Bengaluru and Mysuru on Monday, the Congress government in Karnataka on Tuesday ordered the police to deal with troublemakers with "an iron hand".

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who held a meeting with the top police brass after the cabinet meeting, told them that the local police department would be taken to task for any incidents of violence in their area.

"We have taken a decision to act strongly. Nobody should take the law into their own hands. We

have decided to maintain law and order with an iron hand," said Siddaramaiah.

"We want to restore peace as fast as possible. We want to tell linguistic minorities in Karnataka and all the people in the state that we will protect their lives and properties. We will make the best efforts to ensure the safety of every citizen," Siddaramaiah said. "Tamil-speaking people can be assured that their lives and property will be protected," he said.

"We were a little tolerant towards protesters earlier but they have misused our tolerance. We will deal strongly with troublemakers now," said Karnataka Home Minister G Parameshwara.

Siddaramaiah also said his

government would obey the Supreme Court order to release 12,000 cusecs of water to Tamil Nadu every day until September 20, "despite the difficulties it causes". The state government asked the electronic media to refrain from repeated broadcast of provocative images of the violence. "Bengaluru is an international city. It has an image and brand value. We have to work to prevent the damage of this image," he said.

Stating that he had sought an appointment with PM Narendra Modi to seek his intervention, he said: "Law and order is not an issue restricted to Karnataka. It is an issue cutting across borders... The PM must call the chief ministers of both states and work to resolve issues."

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Day after violence, Bengaluru peaceful

Most shops remain closed; transport services reduced to a trickle; minor scuffles reported

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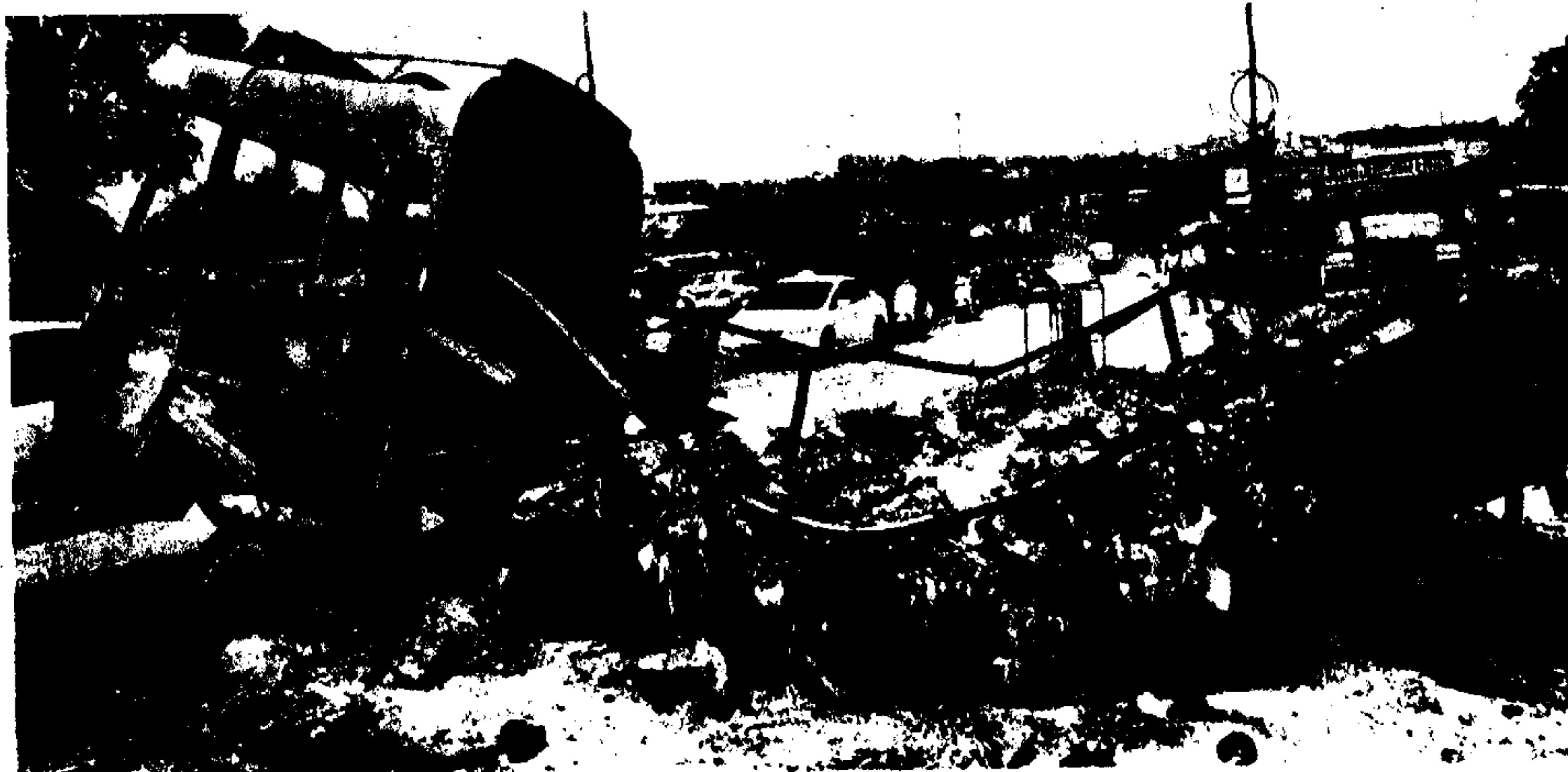
BENGALURU: With empty roads, heavy police presence, crowds thronging the remnants of violence, and police convoy keeping vigil, Bengaluru brokered an uneasy peace on Tuesday.

Though curfew was officially imposed in at least 15 police station limits — including the Mysuru Road — it did not seem to be strictly enforced.

Vehicular movement was sparse and most shops and commercial establishments remained closed. Transport services along these areas were reduced to a trickle. Hospitals saw a significant decline in the number of patients as many struggled to find transportation.

Crowds dispersed

In many places, particularly Mysuru Road, the smell



MANGLED REMAINS: Remnants of a truck burnt in the violence on Tuesday. — PHOTO: SAMPATH KUMAR G.P.

of burnt rubber remained in the air, while the remains of torched vehicles were strewn on the road. The police personnel went on rounds, checking vehicles intermittently and directing groups to return to their homes. The day saw only minor incidents of violence,

primarily around Hegganahalli near Laggere, where police firing took place on Monday.

Early in the morning, the police had to disperse a group that got into a scuffle with five street vendors in the area. Sporadic instances of tyres being burnt were re-

ported. Scores of people, who had ventured out of their homes in the sensitive area, were taken into preventive custody.

Residents said that on Monday night, the police barged into their homes and picked up people accusing them of being connected

with the violent protest.

The charred remains of trucks and other vehicles could be seen all around the area, and these became points of attraction for the curious.

The police had to routinely disperse persons who came to the NICE Link Road where a truck carrying clothes was torched, and who were sifting through the clothes to take back home. Similarly, the police were on their feet chasing away curious onlookers who came to click pictures of the torched trucks at New Timber Yard and Mysuru Road.

Chaos in metros

The chaos of Monday's violence was perhaps best seen in the Metro parking lot at Mysuru Road station. Nearly 1,000 two-wheelers and 87 cars remained parked overnight in the parking lot.

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CAUVERY ROW 1 killed in firing in Bengal

SC cuts water quantity TN will receive

R SEDHURAMAN

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

The Supreme Court today refused to accept public unrest in Karnataka as a ground for exempting the state from its obligation to share the Cauvery water with Tamil Nadu.

A Bench comprising Justices Dipak Misra and Uday Umesh Lalit, however, reduced the quantity of water to be released by Karnataka from 15,000 cusecs a day to 12,000 cusecs due to other reasons.

Rejecting Karnataka's plea for suspending the September 5 order for release of 15,000 cusecs, the Bench told the state's senior counsel Fali S Nariman that agitations were not a valid reason for refusal to share river waters. It was the government's duty to maintain law and order and implement judicial directives in letter and spirit, the court clarified.

After hearing Karnataka's plea at a special sitting, the Bench asked both the states to ensure peace on their side and posted the next hearing for September 20.

Karnataka pleaded that against the release of 15,000 cusecs daily since September

5, as directed by the Bench, Tamil Nadu was utilising only 1,250 cusecs a day and the remaining water was being stored in the Mettur reservoir.

As a result, the level of water in Karnataka dams was going down while the storage in Mettur was rising, Nariman pleaded and sought a drastic cut in his client's obligation. Release of about 1,000 cusecs would be sufficient to meet Tamil Nadu's requirements for saving its paddy crops in the ongoing 'samba' season, he pleaded.

The apex court also took Karnataka to task for using intemperate language used in its application. Offering to withdraw it and file a fresh one, Nariman persisted with his plea for keeping the September 5 order in abeyance till the Cauvery supervisory committee came out with its ruling, on Tamil Nadu's demand for water.

Arguing for Tamil Nadu, senior advocate Shekhar Naphade, however, contended that any cut in release should be in proportion to the rainfall shortage in the neighbouring state, not on the basis of the sudden increase in the consumption by Karnataka.



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(Left) Police chase away protesters in Mandya, Karnataka, on Monday; and activists of a Tamil organisation vandalise a bus from Karnataka in Rameshwaram. PTI

Bengaluru burns, TN tense as water war rages

BENGALURU/CHENNAI, SEPT 12

One person was killed and another injured in police firing in Karnataka as the Cauvery water sharing row with Tamil Nadu turned violent today, escalating tensions between the two states.

Widespread violence erupted today in Bengaluru and some other parts of Karnataka, while sporadic trouble was witnessed in Tamil Nadu following SC's modified order on sharing water by the two states.

The police opened fire when a mob tried to attack a patrol vehicle at Hegganahalli in Rajagopal Nagar police limits as violence flared up in Ben-

“While we are taking all necessary precautions to ensure maintenance of law and order in our state, I would urge you (Jayalalithaa) to direct authorities in Tamil Nadu to ensure that perpetrators of violence are immediately brought to book

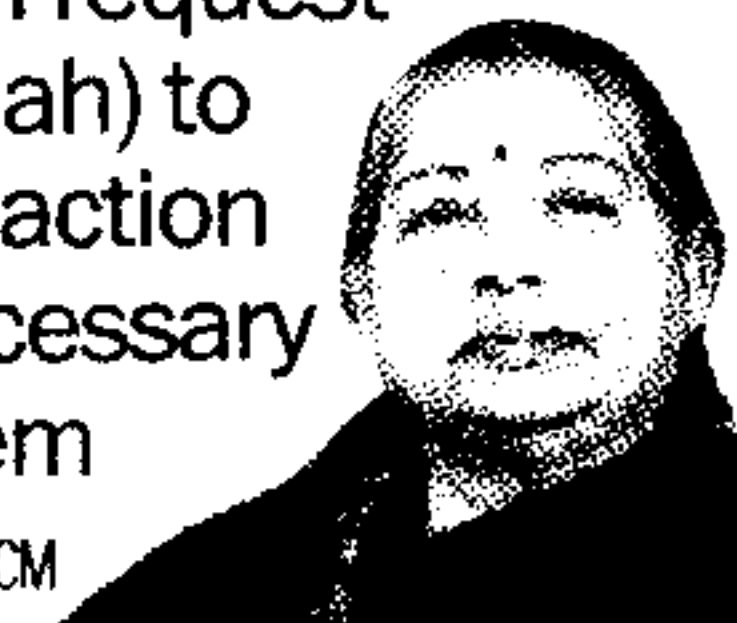


Siddaramaiah, KARNATAKA CM

I am in touch with the Karnataka Chief Secretary and whatever help is required will be provided

Rajiv Mehrishi, UNION HOME SECRETARY

I am concerned that the situation in Karnataka is serious with several instances of mob violence targeting Tamil-speaking persons and their properties. I request you (Siddaramaiah) to take immediate action to provide all necessary protection to them



J Jayalalithaa, TAMIL NADU CM

galuru city with rampaging mobs setting fire to buses and trucks with Tamil Nadu registration plates. “Two were brought with bullet injuries. One with bullet injury near the heart

has died. The other is being operated for injury on right thigh,” said Dr Giridhar, Managing Director of Lakshmi Multi-Speciality Hospital.

Violence and arson flared up in Bengaluru, with ram-

pagging mobs setting afire at least 30 vehicles bearing Tamil Nadu number plates.

As violence broke out sending a wave of panic across Bengaluru, the city was brought under prohibitory

orders till September 14.

A prominent transport company depot in the city bore the brunt with at least 40 buses going up in flames. Managing Director of Salem headquartered KPN Tours and Travels Limited Rajesh Natarajan claimed in Chennai 40 of his buses were set on fire.

Incidents of arson came even as police said they have made elaborate security arrangements with 15,000 policemen being deployed, bolstered by Karnataka State Reserve Police, City Armed Reserve Police, Rapid Action Force, Quick Reaction Teams, special forces, Central Indus-

trial Security Force and Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force.

In view of the deteriorating situation, the Centre rushed 10 companies (about 1,000 personnel) of the special anti-riot paramilitary force RAf to Karnataka.

Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh called up the CMs of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu tonight and assured them all central assistance in handling the situation.

Parts of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry too saw protests by fringe outfits, with some commercial and government establishments of Karnataka coming under attack, in retaliation to incidents in Karnataka. — PTI

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Silken rage



PUMPED BY RAIN: Days of heavy rain have lent volume and fury to the Chitrakote waterfalls in Chhattisgarh as seen on Monday. The waterfalls, 38 km from Jagdalpur, is a top tourist destination.— PHOTO: K.R. DEEPAK

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Karnataka erupts over SC order on Cauvery waters

One dies in
Bengaluru firing;
curfew imposed
in parts of city

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

BENGALURU/CHENNAI: As Bengaluru and parts of Karnataka were gripped by large scale violence and arson on Monday, one person died and four were injured in police firing. Mobs set vehicles on fire and attacked businesses with Tamil names after the Supreme Court ordered that Cauvery water continue to flow to Tamil Nadu.

Police opened fire at Rajagopal Nagar in Bengaluru, when a mob tried to torch one of their vehicles. Curfew was imposed in seven police station limits of the city. Around noon, soon after the court declined to accept Karnataka's appeal to freeze its September 5 order on release of water, hundreds of protesters took to the streets in Bengaluru, burning vehicles with Tamil Nadu registration numbers. The violence paralysed the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway.

Prohibitory orders were imposed in Bengaluru and Mysuru, areas around four reservoirs in the Cauvery basin, and Pandavapura in Mandya district. Many schools declared a holiday.

Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah spoke to Union Home Minister



RAGING FURY: Over 40 buses of a private transport operator from Tamil Nadu were torched by a mob at a depot at R.R. Nagar in Bengaluru on Monday. — PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

Rajnath Singh, seeking additional forces from the Centre.

Union Home Secretary Rajiv Mehrishi said, "We are providing all the required assistance to the State governments of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, they can ask for any further assistance they want." In Bengaluru and elsewhere, trucks, buses, motorbikes and cars bearing TN registration numbers were targeted. Many vehicles were burnt and nearly 30 buses belonging to KPN travels were gutted in the company's yard at Nayadanahalli on Mysuru road.

SC warns against lawlessness

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL

NEW DELHI: In a stern message asking people in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu "to behave", the Supreme Court on Monday refused a plea by the Siddaramiah government to freeze a September 5 order on release of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu for 10 days.

The court, however, reduced the quantum of daily water release ordered earlier, from 15,000 cusecs to 12,000 cusecs. The release of water

should continue till September 20.

A Bench of Justices Dipak Misra and U.U. Lalit, presiding over a specially convened session on a court holiday, slammed Karnataka for asking the court to keep in "abeyance" an order because it had sparked violence, calling the demand "absolutely disturbing and to say the least, totally deprecable."

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CAUVERY WATER DISPUTE

SC cuts daily release, but raises total amount

UTKARSH ANAND
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

THE KARNATAKA government's move to get the court to suspend its order on releasing Cauvery river water to Tamil Nadu backfired on Monday, with the Supreme Court ordering the state to release an additional 40,000 cusecs water to its neighbour.

A bench of Justices Dipak Misra and Uday U Lalit modified its September 5 order and directed Karnataka to release 12,000 cusecs of water per day to Tamil Nadu till September 20. The previous order had stipulated 15,000 cusecs every day for the next 10 days. The water to be released works out to be more than the amount ordered previously.

On Monday, Karnataka submitted that it had already released more than 84,000 cusecs. Therefore, by virtue of the modified order, it would end up giving an additional 1,08,000 cusecs water, making it a total of 1,92,000 cusecs, whereas the first order obligated it to release only 1,50,000 cusecs.

This error in calculation dawned upon the lawyers for Karnataka a few minutes after the order was passed in their



Police stand guard to stop protesters from entering the KRS dam area during their agitation over Cauvery water row, in Mandya district of Karnataka, on Monday. PTI

presence and they rushed to the bench, but the court declined another plea to modify its order. The bench fixed September 20 for the next hearing.

Earlier, the bench had rejected a plea by the Karnataka government to suspend its order last week and reproached it for citing law and order problems in seeking the suspension. The court took strong exception to the tenor of the application moved by Karnataka and said

that "agitation in spontaneity or propelled by some motivation or galvanised by any kind of catalytic component, can never form the foundation for seeking modification of an order".

The bench reminded the Karnataka government that it is the executive's obligation to see that the order is complied with in letter and spirit. "Concept of deviancy has no room; and disobedience has no space. The citizens cannot become law unto

themselves. When a court of law passes an order, it is the sacred duty of the citizens to obey the same," it said.

Appearing for Karnataka, senior advocate Fali S Nariman expressed regret over the state's affidavit and sought direction to keep the September 5 order in abeyance. He submitted that the state has so far released 84,168 cusecs despite problems. The state would not be able to sustain the needs of its drinking water, said Nariman, adding that Tamil Nadu faced no agony since there is a mismatch between the demand and use of water by the state.

Senior advocate Shekhar Naphade, representing Tamil Nadu, contended there is an attempt to deny what is due to the state. "The Cauvery tribunal award is clear, if there is deficit it has to be proportionate but they (Karnataka) want to appropriate water unilaterally," he said.

Naphade submitted that Karnataka did not supply the water due to the state for the months of June, July and August.

The bench also found favour with Naphade's contention that the law and order situation can never be a ground for keeping the order of the court in abeyance or modifying it.

Monitor river's flow online, says panel

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 12

WITH KARNATAKA and Tamil Nadu sticking to their claims on Cauvery water amid a deteriorating law and order situation in both states, the Cauvery Supervisory Committee Monday decided to develop and deploy real-time online monitoring of the river flow to remove disagreements over flow data.

While the committee listened to views of the two states, it did not pass an order today.

Headed by Water Resources Secretary, the panel comprises representatives of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Kerala as members.

At Monday's meeting, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu presented widely divergent data on the amount of water withdrawn by Karnataka from the river, the reason for current standoff between the two states. Sources said neither state had full infor-

mation on some flow data requested by the committee chairman, Union Water Resources Secretary Shashi Shekhar. In the absence of adequate data, the committee did not pass an order and asked the states to return with more information at the next meeting scheduled for September 19.

Sources said Shekhar asked the Central Water Commission and the states to establish an online monitoring of flow data in the Cauvery that can be shared with all four states in real time. This will remove contradicting claims of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu on which state had used how much water, according to sources.

Meanwhile, 10 companies of Rapid Action Force, together comprising about 1,000 personnel, were sent to violence-struck areas of Karnataka, and also in Tamil Nadu as well. Three companies of RAF, comprising 100 personnel each, and an all-woman CRPF company have already been deployed in Karnataka.

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Water authority wants to run boat taxis in parts of Yamuna

WATERWAYS Inland water body seeks green tribunal's permission

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NEW DELHI: Rowing through the opaque waters of the Yamuna with pungent smell of chemicals and waste hanging in the air, coupled with the sight of garbage piles and people defecating on the banks is likely to become a reality for Delhiites.

The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) moved a petition at the National Green Tribunal (NGT) on Monday seeking permission to start water taxis in a portion of the polluted river.

The proposal mentioned the development of five boat-like structures, which would be anchored by cables across a portion of the river. These boats will be less than 20,000 sqm in size, the plea said.

Manoj Mishra from the Yamuna Jiye Abhiyaan, however, said that there is no merit in such projects till the Yamuna is back to being a river.

"Yamuna will not become Thames overnight. What we see now is only a dead water body, which is as good as a collection of toxic waste. Where will they implement the project?" said Mishra.

He said that starting boating activities will only be a "white elephant" project. Such activities are

generally proposed at the end of complete restoration of the river and after that also the government should conduct an environment impact assessment before giving a nod to such a project, he said.

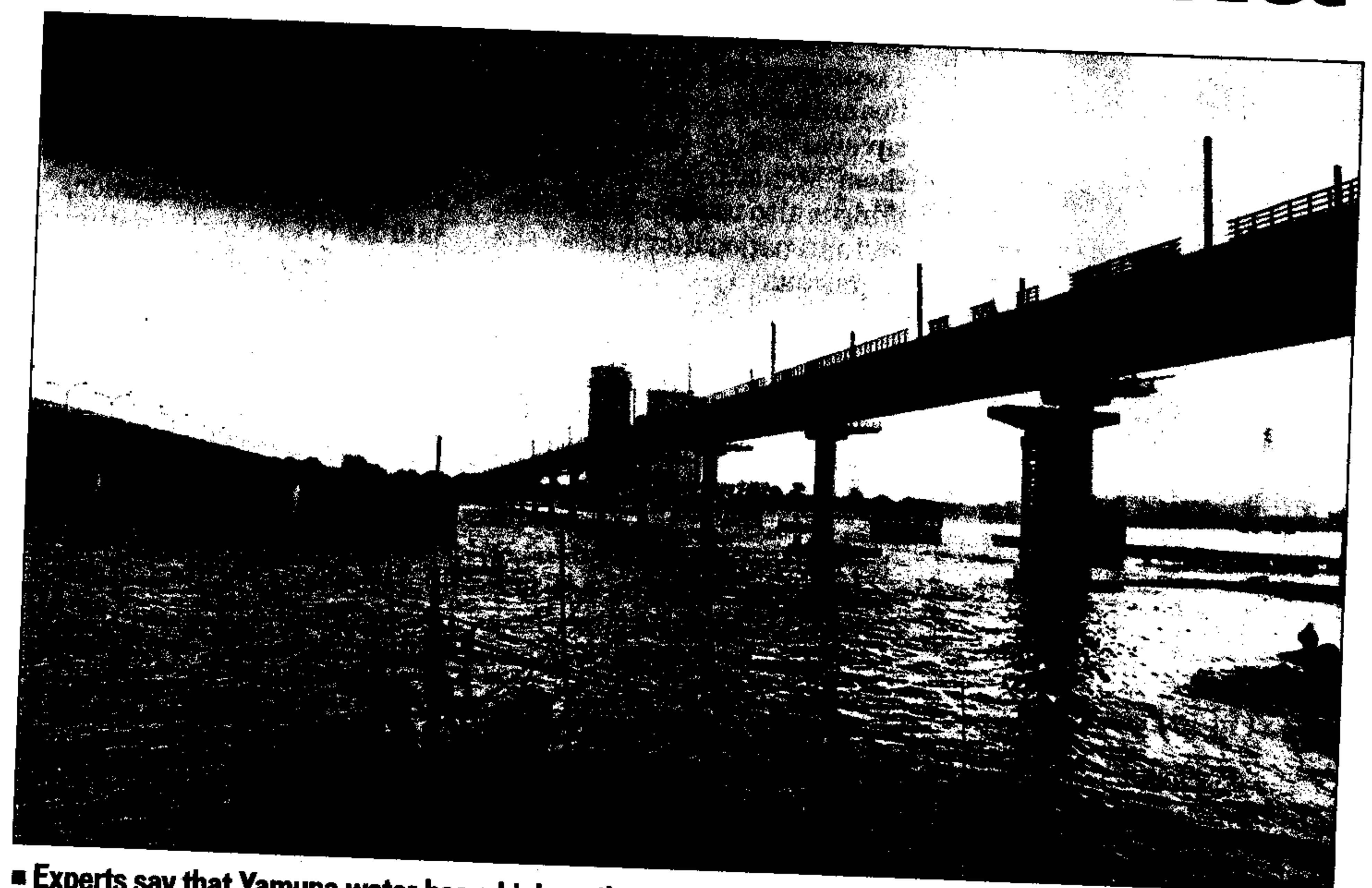
"No one would want to bear the odour and boat rides here, and even if they do, it will be a major health hazard. The infrastructure will go waste. The implementation of the project will also obstruct the restoration of the river," he said.

The petition has, however, called the project an 'environment friendly' initiative. It said that five floating terminals will be set up which will be removable, and the effect on the flood plan will be insignificant.

Approach roads to the terminals will also be made from 'kuchcha' material. The tribunal had earlier prohibited any construction activity in the demarcated floodplain of the Yamuna.

"It is in pursuance of this order of the tribunal that the applicant is seeking the indulgence and permission of NGT for the development of an environment friendly and complimentary water transportation in the Delhi stretch of Yamuna," the petition read.

Delhi's water minister Kapil Mishra said that in a meeting with the IWAI last week, the upstream of Wazirabad was identified as a clean portion of the river, where



■ Experts say that Yamuna water has a high methane content which causes headaches and nausea and there is no merit in such projects till the Yamuna is back to being a river.

TRIBHUVAN SHARMA / HT FILE

the project can be implemented.

"If we get a nod from the NGT then we will go ahead with the project. The portion of the river is fairly clean and such a project can be started then. We will ensure that all the guidelines are followed," he said.

This year, from the samples picked up from seven points between ITO and the Najafgarh Drain, the dissolved oxygen (DO) content was between 0.24 parts per million and 0.32 parts per million. DO levels in healthy water are above four. Below a DO of two, aquatic life begins to get affected.

WASTAGE OF RESOURCES?

■ Even expensive water treatment technologies are incapable of treating Yamuna water

■ In 2007, roughly half of the entire city's raw sewage went straight into the river

■ The 22km stretch of the Yamuna in Delhi, contributes to over 80% of the pollution load of the entire 1,300km river

■ In 2004, heavy amounts of

arsenic and micro-pollutants such as pesticides and heavy metals were found in Yamuna water

■ Oxygen levels when the river exits Delhi is almost zero, unable to support any aquatic life. It is even unfit for bathing

SOURCE: INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF ENGINEERING SCIENCES AND RESEARCH TECHNOLOGY, YAMUNA JIYE ABHIYAAN

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Check dam on Kosasthalaiyar to boost water table in 10 villages

The structure is being built nearly 8 km upstream of Poondi reservoir

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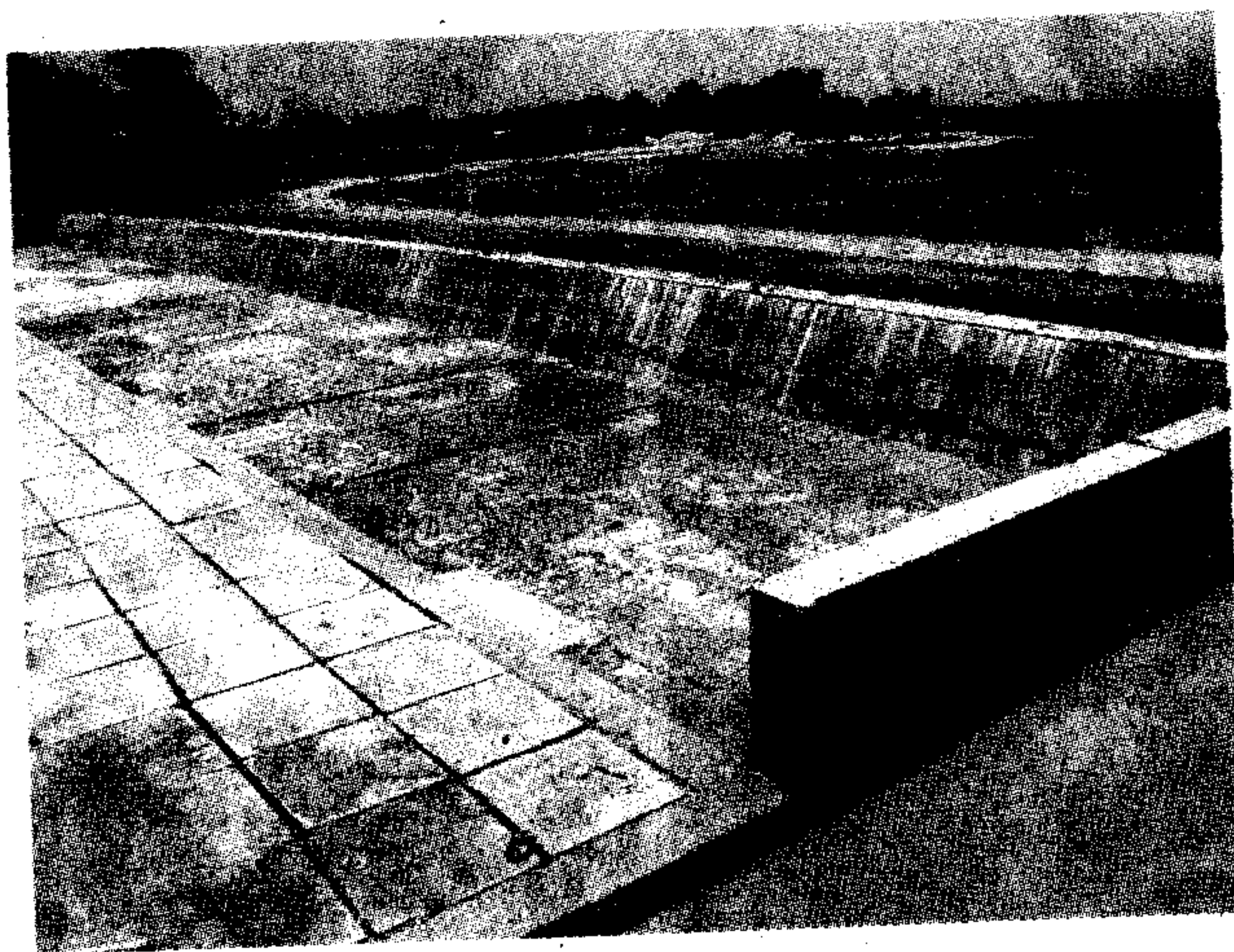
CHENNAI: Residents of Pattaraiperumbudur in Tiruvallur district are glad that the stretch of the Kosasthalaiyar river near their village will have a good volume of water even during summer. The river will soon have one more structure to store surplus water with the work on a check dam nearing completion.

The 100-metre-long check dam, which is a wall-like structure across the river, is being built nearly eight km upstream of Poondi reservoir.

This is the eighth storage structure being built between Kesavaram anicut and Ennore creek.

While this means better groundwater recharge for about 10 villages in the radius, it would also divert surplus water to Veeraraghava Perumal temple tank that has remained dry for many decades. This will also prevent floodwater from draining completely into the sea.

For many villages such as Narayanapuram, Chinna-manjakuppam, Narthavada



VITAL FACILITY: Work on a check dam at Pattaraiperumbudur is nearing completion. — PHOTO: B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

and Periamanjakuppam, the river is a lifeline as residents depend on it for drinking water and irrigation needs. When the river dries up, it is reflected in the groundwater level.

Five more months

Pattaraiperumbudur panchayat president M. Chinadurai said: "Once the check dam is built, we will have water in the river for five more months. We need

not worry about failing borewells or the dipping water table."

The river is the main source for cultivation for over 1,000 acres of land in the radius, including in Pattaraiperumbudur, Nemiliagaram and Periamanjakuppam. Various varieties of flowers and vegetables, groundnut, millets and paddy are cultivated in these villages, he said.

Residents noted that sur-

plus water from five tanks upstream, including Mannur and Thiruvallangadu, joins the river near Pattaraiperumbudur and flows to Poondi reservoir.

Officials of the Water Resources Department, which is executing the project, said the check dam being built for will facilitate water stagnation up to 1.2 km upstream for several months. The water table will improve from the present 40 feet to 20 feet.

Concrete channel

The Rs. 5-crore project will be completed in September. "We plan to build a concrete channel for a distance of nearly 12 km along Chennai-Tiruttani Highway to convey surplus water from the check dam to reach Veeraraghava Perumal temple tank and help groundwater recharge in the region," said an official.

Residents also suggested that surplus water conveyed through the channel be diverted to water bodies enroute such as Pandur and Kanagavallipuram and augment drinking water supply.

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'Desilt, deepen and widen river'

K. MANIKANDAN

CHENNAI: Residents of Mudi-chur and Varadharajapuram still cannot forget the spine-chilling midnight of December 1 when water levels rose rapidly - as high as 18 feet in over an hour.

On Sunday, scores of residents of these two village panchayats gathered at the Perungalathur Town Panchayat to stage a day-long hunger strike in an attempt to draw the attention of the State government to their demands that include precautionary measures in the event of heavy rain this year.

De-silting, deepening and widening the Adyar River, is esseintial, said V. Rajasekaran, president of Joint Action Committee of Varadharajapuram and Mudichur (JACOVAM). According to him, the flooding had left the riverbed with massive deposits of mud and fine sand. This re-



URGENT NEED: Residents are demanding immediate measures to ensure the Adyar does not overflow. — PHOTO: G. KRISHNASWAMY

sulted in the growth of dense vegetation, including 'kora grass' that is more than 10 feet high. If the vegetation is not removed, the river would overflow if it rained heavily this year, he said. A section of residents had appealed to the Kancheepuram district administration to look into the issue, but were told that due

to lack of funds, the de-silting could not be taken up. A permanent solution involved creating check-dams on the Adyar river, said P. Damodaran, president of Mudi-chur village panchayat. He added that until this was done, the river had to be de-silted, the bunds strengthened and their height raised.

OTA plans permanent bridge across the

DENNIS S. JESUDASAN

CHENNAI: The Officers Training Academy (OTA), which has a 700-acre campus in St. Thomas Mount, is planning to construct a permanent bridge across the Adyar river to replace the temporary structure that was washed away during the floods in December last year.

Following the destruction of the metal bridge in December, those heading to the part of the campus on the other side of the river had to

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The new facility will help connect two parts of the campus that are separated by the river

take a detour of about 6-7 km through Manapakkam, sources said. Presently, the Army has a causeway for those crossing the river.

"We have to use the bridge at least four times a day and all our cadets have to use the outdoor physical training ar-

ea on the other side of the river," a source from the Academy said.

The Army trains about 500 cadets at any given time in a year. They undergo a 49-week course following which they are commissioned. "Since we have very little time to train these cadets, we cannot be wasting it and that too for reaching a place within our campus."

Sources said the Academy has also sought assistance to put up a concrete bund along its campus in case of floods.



TEMPORARY FACILITY: The new (above) used to cross the river

Stormwater drain work delayed

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

CHENNAI: Work on stormwater drains along the Marina Loop Road may not be completed before the onset of the northeast monsoon. Greater Chennai Corporation council has extended the

deadline for completion of the work covering concrete roads and stormwater drains to December 15. The contractor had requested an extension of the deadline for the project. The work was delayed by a few years after activists and fishermen opposed it.

'Encroachments on Pallikaranai marsh must b

Ecologists say a ruthless approach to unauthorised structures is the only way to avoid flooding during the monsoon this y

DEEPA H. RAMAKRISHNAN

CHENNAI: After the rains stopped, when water from the Pallikaranai marsh started rising, residents living along Rajiv Gandhi Salai did not get a full measure of what was happening. It wasn't water from their locality that was entering their homes but water from everywhere else in the city that had drained into the marsh, whose spread had been curtailed by indiscriminate construction.

Surrounded, people futilely tried to remove water from their homes and the streets, while others began moving stuff upstairs and tried to salvage what was still dry. The only bit of good news for residents living off Rajiv Gandhi was that the rain had stopped.

Crowded hotels

Those who could leave went in search of safer places to stay. Hotels were overflowing with people even occupying lobbies. "By the time we reached the hotel, with two senior citizens and a child, our vehicle had almost stopped. We had battled large volumes of water on the road and also on the bridge across the Okkiyam Maduvu. We were stopped by people telling us that the road was closed beyond the bridge. The Sholinganallur-Medavakkam road and the link road to the ECR were also inaccessible," recalls R. K. Badrinarayanan, a Thorai-

'What is needed is a policy decision to ensure marshland is not reclassified as wasteland'

pakkam resident, who stayed at a hotel for three days till the water in his home receded.

A lot of families lost all their belongings as the water from the Pallikaranai marsh rushed into homes as early as 3 a.m. "I just hope this year won't be a repeat of last year. I lost a lot of things at home including the refrigerator, cots, beds and provisions. It was a scary experience to stand in hip-deep water, hoping that the level wouldn't rise further," said Muthumari, a resident of Kandanchavady.

PREPARING FOR THE MONSOON

IS CHENNAI READY?

Ecologists say that if flooding is to be avoided this year, the 'official encroachments' on the marshlands must be removed.

"Many marshlands in the area have been reclassified as wasteland. Nobody knows when or how this was done but it is being used to aid unauthorised construction. What is needed is a policy decision to ensure that there is no more reclassification," said an ecologist.

Over the years, marshlands along the coast have depleted and of the 6,000 hectares of Pallikaranai marsh, only 600 acres remain. "The wetland area has to be maximised so that it becomes flood-resilient. Mere flushing systems will only make Chennai more vulnerable. We need to ruthlessly remove encroachments. The Buckingham Canal too has marshlands on either side. The British formed the canal by linking marshlands; it was not a mere canal formed with cement walls. But the land along the canal is being slowly encroached upon," explained Jayshree Vencatesan, who has studied the Pallikaranai Marsh for several decades now.

Filled up

When Kannagi Nagar and Ezhil Nagar were constructed, land along the canal was filled up to make homes for thousands of families, who too were stranded during the December floods. "I remember an expert panel trying to explain to government officials that there was tidal action in the canal and there were marshlands surrounding it. But that argument was put down," said a resident.

The Pallikaranai marsh takes in water from over 32 waterbodies upstream and lets it run through the Okkiyam Maduvu and then through the South Buckingham Canal and finally, Kovalam.

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DEEP-ROOTED ISSUE: Many unauthorised projects have taken over areas around the Pallikaranai marsh. — PHOTO: SHAJU JOHN

WRD to focus on more tanks this year

K. LAKSHMI

CHENNAI: Surplus water from 36 tanks upstream of Pallikaranai marshland inundated many neighbouring areas and displaced people for days together during the torrential downpour last year.

Learning a lesson from the floods, the Water Resources Department is preparing to de-silt and improve more tanks and their surplus courses this year. Surplus water from tanks, including those at Selaiyur, Nanmangalam, Navalur and Sembakkam flow through Pallikaranai marshland and Okkiyam Maduvu and drain into South Buckingham canal. Normally, the department

de-silts only surplus courses of tanks like Velachery and Keelkattalai. But in the aftermath of the disastrous floods of December, the department decided to de-silt and improve waterways and water bodies such as Ottiyambakkam channel, Perumbakkam channel, Thazambur and Agaramthen.

More attention will be given to improve the 2.8-km long Okkiyam Maduvu, particularly in the tail-end of Kannagi Nagar from where it drains into South Buckingham canal. The narrow Medavakkam-Sholinganallur bridge was one of the main reasons for floodwater draining slowly in Perumbakkam and Sholinganallur.

A proposal to form a drainage channel along Medavakkam Link Road and linked to Pallikaranai marshland remains on paper owing to the tussle between the ELCOT management, which has to bear the cost of the work, and the WRD. The project was devised as a remedial measure to the obstructions formed by a property belonging to the ELCOT IT SEZ located on the fringes of the swamp.

The detailed project report also recommends a new bridge on the Medavakkam Link Road to convey floodwater from the southern to the northern side of the swamp by the Highways Department at a cost of Rs. 30 crore.

Police department asked to gear up

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

CHENNAI: Gearing up for the upcoming northeast monsoon, the State government has directed the Director General of Police, Director of Fire and Rescue Services, and Chennai Police Commissioner to prepare an operational plan and has further given guidelines for effectively handling situations that may arise during the monsoon.

“In the wake of our experience of the heavy rain during the northeast monsoon of 2015, it is imperative that police personnel are trained, equipped, briefed and kept in readiness for deployment at short notice during the ensuing monsoon,” an official release from the State government stated, and further listed out guidelines for the police authorities.

The release said that considering the possibility of the northeast monsoon causing damage to life and property, adequate and timely preparatory works have to be taken to avoid any harm.

District disaster management authorities have prepared plans.

The authorities are headed by the respective District Collectors with Superin-

tendents of Police as members. The police department, in coordination with the other stakeholders of the district administration, needs to play a key role in the ensuing monsoon, the release added.

The release said police personnel should be sensitised on the importance of assigned responsibilities and added that stringent action will be taken in case laxity.

COORDINATION IS KEY

The State government has issued the following guidelines ahead of the rains

- Devising a deployment plan with special focus on coastal villages
- Conducting mock drills involving revenue, police and other authorities
- Identifying vulnerable areas
- Paying special attention to low-lying areas and river banks
- Forming tree-cutting teams
- Formulating monsoon traffic plans

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MAN-MADE TROUBLES



Metro Rail workers have covered crucial sections of the footpath at Chiklaguda crossroads with barricades forcing pedestrians to cling on to the railings in order to walk on the footpath. The barricade has been placed on a storm water drain. — DC

A two-wheeler got stuck into a pothole, submerged under rain water and filled with debris from the Metro Rail construction works at the Oliphant bridge. Three people had to struggle to get the vehicle freed. — DC

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Weather officials warn of rain over two more days

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 11

The India Meteorological Department has warned of heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places in all districts of Telangana till Tuesday along with heavy rainfall warning for coastal Andhra Pradesh districts till Monday.

As per AccuWeather, Hyderabad will experience rainfall for most part of the day and night on Monday. Rainfall of 1-2.5 cm may be recorded.

The southwest monsoon has been active over Telangana. Till Sunday, rainfall was experienced at many places over the state. The maximum rainfall recorded was 17 cm in Karimnagar followed by 12 cm at Thimmapur, also

■ ACCORDING TO AccuWeather, the city will receive between one and 2.5 cms of rain during the day and night on Monday while

in Karimnagar district, and 8 cm at Suthapalle in Khammam district.

In Karimnagar, a person, identified as Pawan Kumar of Subhashnagar, was washed away in a drain near the Ambedkar stadium. A wall collapse was reported at a mosque in One Town. Many low lying areas in Karimnagar got inundated. Finance minister Etela Rajender visited rain affected areas and took stock of the situation.

In Hyderabad rain occurred for most part of

the day on Sunday and till evening 6.4 mm of rainfall was recorded. The maximum temperature across the state remained below 31°C. Hyderabad recorded a maximum of 28.4°C on Sunday.

Rain occurred at a few places over coastal AP and Rayalseema regions. In coastal AP, the maximum rainfall recorded was 8 cm in Kukunoor in West Godavari followed by 6 cm at Macherla, Guntur, and 5 cm at Kandukur in Prakasam districts. In Rayalseema, 7 cm rainfall was recorded at Satyavedu in Chittoor district. Nellore and Tirupati recorded the highest temperature in AP at 37°C. In most other places, the maximum temperature was recorded between 31 and 35°C.

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People constructing a bamboo bridge from a culvert on Sulengi river after floodwaters swept away a chunk of the river bank, at Denoabari of Gohpur on Saturday. – UB Photos