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# Shore dwellings swept off, people rush to govt shelters

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By 8pm, the corporation, along with National Disaster Response Force and the city police had cleared 650 uprooted trees and fallen signboards and street lamps. Teams were working overnight and reinforcements were being brought in from other districts. The corporation said by Tuesday morning, the main roads would be cleared.

The city had gone to sleep on Sunday with the weatherman's warning; it woke up to rain and wind that gained strength as the day passed in foreboding twilight. By evening, the Met department recorded 110mm of rain at the city centre and 170mm near the airport. Added to the rain since Sunday morning, it totalled 199mm.

Wind speed exceeded 140kmph on Marina beach, and by 4pm, tides were rising above the predicted 1m mark. Fishermen's huts and dwellings along the shore were swept off, forcing people to scramble to government shelters and nearby buildings. People on the roads were stuck for hours due to diversions and blocks. All suburban services were suspended by 1pm, leaving commuters stranded

## NDRF deploys 19 teams in TN, Andhra

The National Disaster Response Force has deployed 19 teams in the coastal regions of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh for relief and rescue operations following cyclone Vardah making landfall. NDRF chief R K Pachnanda said while eight teams were ready in various areas of Tamil Nadu, seven were in Andhra Pradesh, apart from a few others in nearby locations. "Some more teams are on alert in Arrakonam and Guntur and they can be transported immediately in case they are required," the NDRF director general said. Each NDRF team, comprising around 45 men, is equipped with rescue gadgets and boats in order to respond to any situation emerging due to the cyclone.

The armed forces have also been asked to be on standby with the Army, Navy and IAF prepared to be deployed as and when required. S P Selvam, DIG, NDRF, said force personnel were conducting recce of the areas and familiarising themselves with the help of local guides. "There is a lot of change in preparedness compared to previous years. The state agencies had a meeting on Sunday. The chief secretary of Tamil Nadu government held a meeting. High-level meetings were held by the government of Andhra Pradesh also, which our officers attended," he said. TNN

across the city and its suburbs. Platform roofs at the Chennai Beach and Central stations swayed in the wind and one on Beach collapsed.

Hundreds of passengers were stuck at Chennai Central station without electricity or charge in their phones even as buses and cabs stopped plying after 1pm. Passengers were unable to seek shelter in the waiting rooms where the roofs leaked. Shanti Varadarajan, 30, who was waiting to board a train to Banga-

lore, was stranded at the station after all morning trains were cancelled. "I was there for more than six hours as couldn't find a cab or a bus to go back home," she said. A few autorickshaw drivers, who were willing to ferry passengers, charged double the rate. Airport director G Chandramouli said from midnight till 8am on Monday, 46 flights departed from the Chennai airport. Twenty seven flights were diverted to other airports and five were cancelled.

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# Cyclone kills 6, plunges Chennai into darkness, shuts down airport

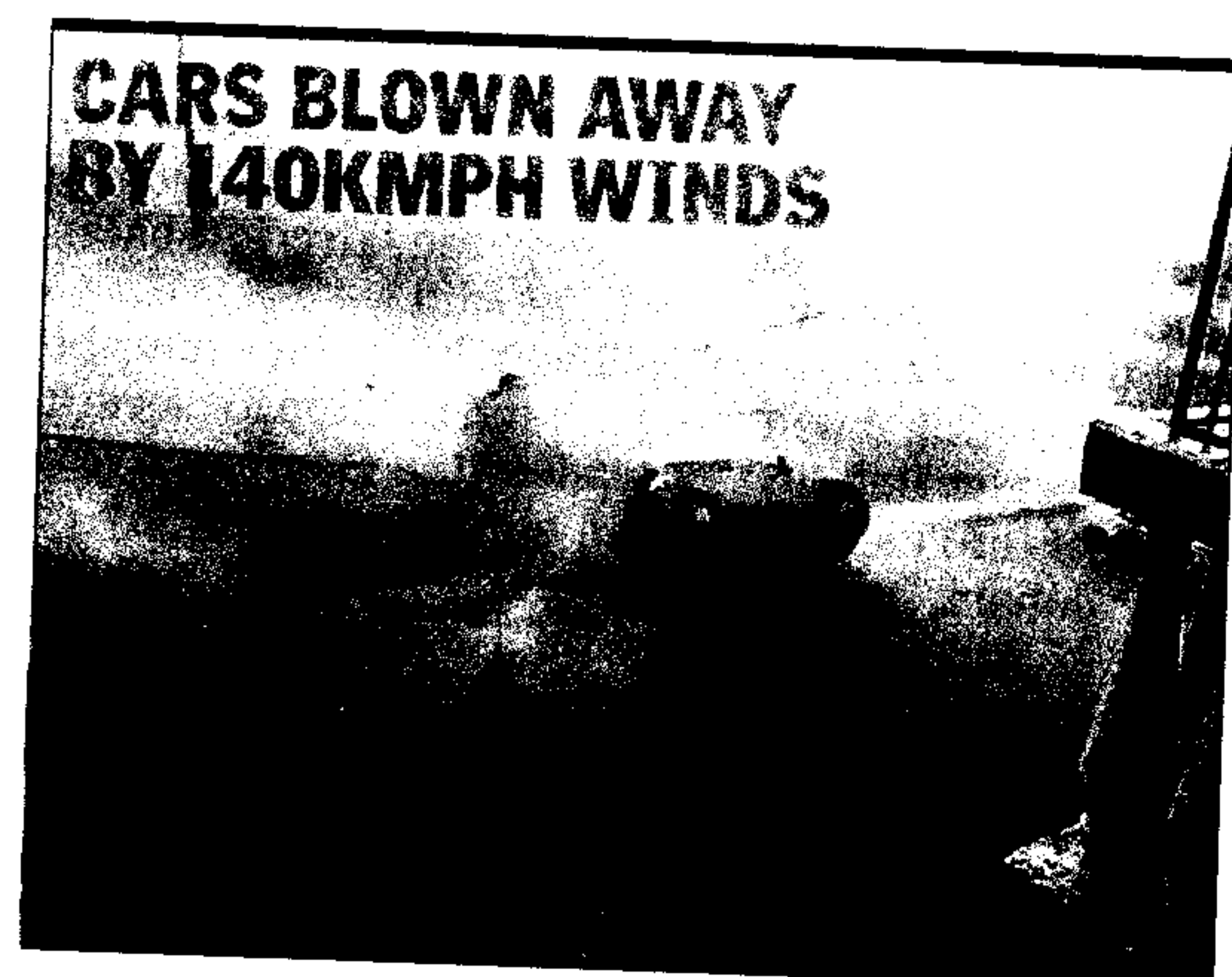
## Thousands Of Uprooted Trees Choke Traffic

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Chennai:** Cyclone Vardah howled through Chennai between 1pm and 2.30pm on Monday, killing at least six people and maiming the city. Most of the deaths, inclu-

**CHENNAI FIGHTS BACK: P 11**

ding that of a three-year-old boy, were due to wall collapses triggered by wind and torrential rain. Hours after the winds that touched 140kmph died down, Chennai was still on its knees, fighting road blocks caused by uprooted



trees, and a virtual blackout. "I've never seen anything like (this) in my life," said a popular weather blogger who goes by the name 'Tamil Nadu Weatherman', on Facebook. "(It's) absolute carnage here."

Designated as a "very severe cyclonic storm" and the first to hit Chennai since 1994, Vardah left in its wake a trail of destruction. Thousands of trees — the city corporation counted 2,810 — fell, injuring people, crushing cars, block-

ing roads and choking traffic. The city airport remained shut since 8am as flights could not land or take off in the gusty winds.

Southern Railway called off 39 trains and rescheduled several more; metro and sub-

urban services were also hit. Schools, colleges, offices and factories were closed. In Teynampet, the cyclone ripped away the facade of a hotel.

Trains of the metro rail, mass rapid transit system and suburban services were also affected.

There was a virtual blackout after cables snapped in the wind. In some places, power lines were shut down to prevent accidents.

With many feeder lines tripping, power supply was disrupted across the city. The state electricity board officials were able to assess the damage only in the evening after the cyclone passed: it will take a day to restore power to all areas.

► Shore dwellings swept off, P 11

- Cyclone Vardah makes landfall near Chennai between 2.30pm and 4.30pm
- Hits the coast with windspeed of up to 140 kmph at Marina Beach
- 6 dead, more than 17,000 evacuated in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh
- 199mm of rain in Chennai since Sunday; 170mm at airport on Monday
- Airport shut since 8am, flights hadn't resumed till Monday night
- Virtual blackout across city as cables snap. State electricity board officials say it will be at least a day before power is restored to all areas

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# Train, Air Services Left In Disarray

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Chennai:** The strongest cyclone witnessed by Chennai in two decades left train operations in the city and its neighbouring suburbs in disarray. While 31 long-distance trains were cancelled, suburban services were suspended from 1pm and many more trains were stranded at locations outside Chennai.

Sixteen trains were held up in the Jolarpettai-Chennai Central section and four trains in the Villupuram-Chennai Egmore section. Platforms on Chennai Beach and Central stations were badly damaged. Overhead cables snapped on the Chennai-Arakkonam sector, trees fell on the track at Perambur, Egmore and Chetpet, which delayed and later led to the suspension of services.

Passengers at Chennai Central were stranded without electricity as also cab and auto services, though food was available in the umpteen stalls. At around 1pm, bus services stopped and auto drivers began to charge a premium of at least Rs 100 above the meter rates. Suburban commuters were stranded at different stations en route. Railway Protection Force personnel escorted commuters from stranded EMU trains near Ennore station to the nearest bus stands. Railway officials ensured that trains with pantry cars were stocked up properly.

At the Chennai airport, waterlogging on the primary runway and taxi track disrupted 340 services. Twenty-seven flights to Chennai were diverted to other airports, nine flights were delayed and five were cancelled, said airport director G Chandramouli.

The airfield, closed since 8am, was scheduled to be opened at 9pm but airport authorities postponed it till midnight. "Only when the weather turns normal services will be resumed," said an airport official.

About 300 passengers, who either came to board a flight or had landed at the airport, were stranded at the terminal since Sunday night since cabs and other transport services were not available outside, said Chandramouli. Airports Authority of India distributed food to the stranded flyers on Monday afternoon, he said. Private carrier IndiGo said it will refund in full passengers whose flights were affected by Vardah.

## WHIPLASH OF A 140KMPH STORM

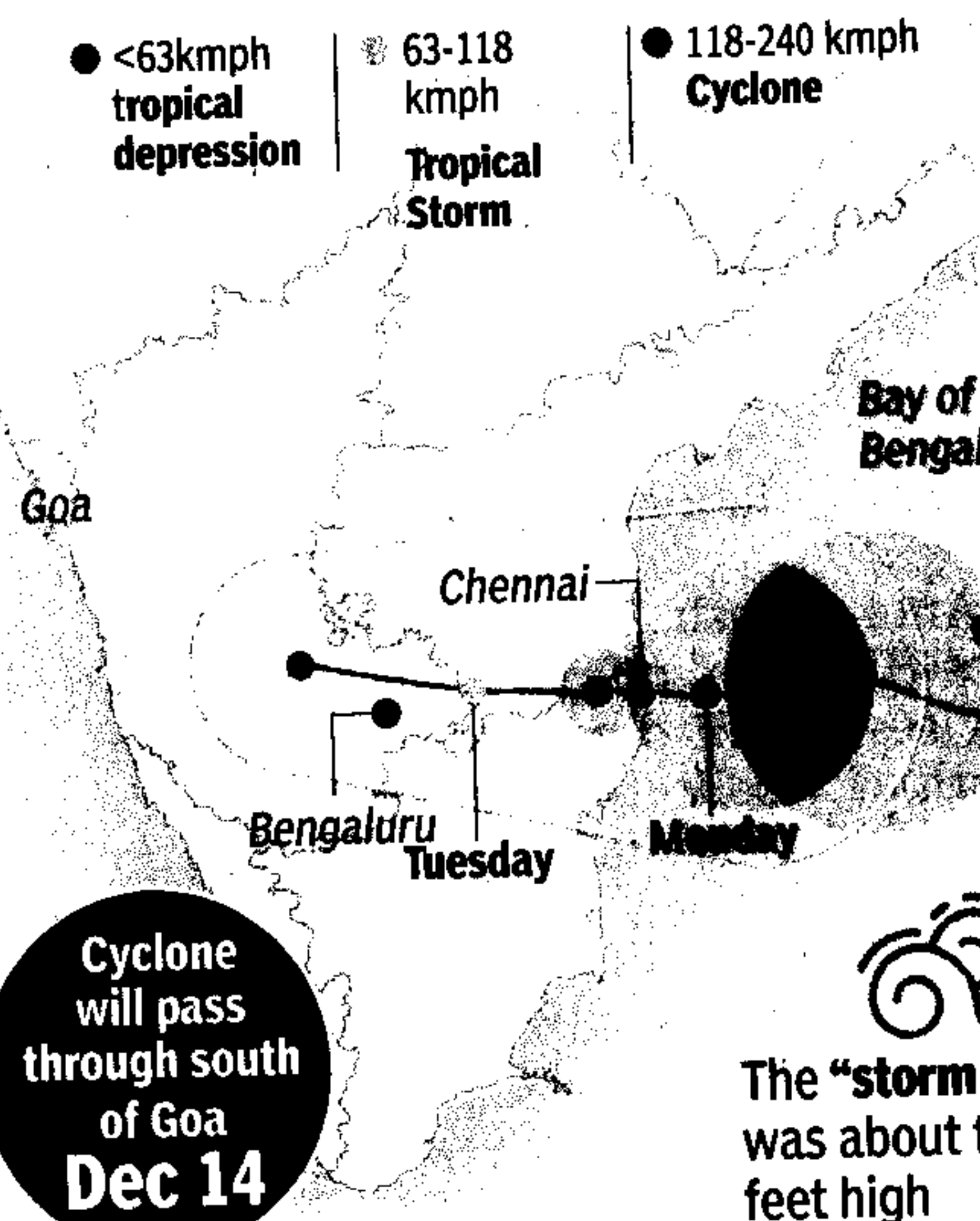


### Cyclone Vardah Very severe storm

Fierce winds of up to 140kmph battered the densely populated coast since Sunday

► Satellite pictures indicated that the 'eye' of the storm may have crossed right over Chennai & its immediate neighbourhood

The cyclone made landfall in Chennai between 2.30pm & 4.30pm



### IMPACT

- The storm blew out window panes from high-rise buildings
- Fierce winds uprooted trees, electricity pylons
- Power outages in many parts of the city
- At least six killed
- Flight operations suspended at Chennai airport. Some Chennai-bound passenger flights were diverted to Colombo owing to a storm
- Runways flooded
- Train services suspended
- At least 24 houses damaged in Chennai
- Schools & colleges remained closed

### EVACUATED & CAUTIONED

17,000+ people evacuated from low-lying areas



Over 23,000 people across TN moved to relief centres, about 10,000 in Andhra Pradesh



Fishermen in TN & Andhra warned not to head out for the next two days as the seas are expected to be rough

### CYCLONE TRACK

Cyclone season runs from April to December  
99's supercyclone Aila brought winds over 300 kmph  
Winds of more than 200 kmph during Phailin

### WAITING FOR THE STORM INDIAN NAVY'S OPERATION MADAD

► Indian Navy ships Shivalik & Kadmat sailed out early on Monday from Visakhapatnam to Chennai with medical teams, divers, inflatable rubber boats and relief material, which

includes food, tents, clothes, medicines and blankets  
► 10 diving teams on the two ships, Six ready for immediate deployment  
► 22 diving teams on standby at Visakhapatnam



► Shelter places identified, medical teams on standby  
► Ready to undertake harbour survey  
► Naval aircraft also on standby at the naval air stations of Rajali and Dega

The storm was named by Pakistan. 'Vardah' means 'red rose'. Names of cyclones in the Indian Ocean Region are decided by the region's countries by turn — India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Thailand, Myanmar, Maldives and Oman

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## IT employees work from home, factories shut

**Chennai:** IT majors like Cognizant, Infosys, HCL Tech and Wipro gave work from home option to many of their employees on Monday as cyclone Vardah lashed the city. The few who did go were allowed to leave early. "More than 90% of IT companies in the city were not working.

Even those who worked from home had difficulty as mobile and internet connectivity was poor," Nasscom VP K Purushothaman said.

Factories, small and big, near Chennai were mostly shut. While some bigger factories opened early, they decided to

send workers home early seeing the intensity of the winds. Banks shut branches midday as the cyclone picked up speed even as some ATMs in the city continued to dispense cash. With mobile connectivity poor and patchy, consumers found it difficult to pay via e-wallets. TNN

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# Chennai turns ghost city

## ■ 9 dead as Cyclone hits metropolis with 150-kmph winds, heavy rain

DC CORRESPONDENTS  
CHENNAI, DEC. 12

Chennai resembled a ghost town on Monday while Cyclone Vardah left a huge trail of destruction in neighbouring Tiruvalur and Kancheepuram districts too.

Bringing back scary memories of December 2015, Vardah, the most severe storm to hit the state capital in two decades, pounded the Chennai coast with devastating wind force touching 150 kmph and left its stamp of devastation as it made landfall near Chennai Harbour on Monday evening.

Tamil Nadu government and National Disaster Response Force officials said that according to preliminary reports, there were at least nine deaths, seven of them in Chennai. One person died in Kancheepuram and another in Nagapattinam, officials said and added the toll could increase even as nearly 10,000 people living in low-lying areas were moved to safety.

The airport shut operations from 11 am on Monday. Latest reports indicated that it would be opened only at 11 pm. Suburban trains were cancelled due to gusty winds and buses went off roads

### TREES, POWER POLES DAMAGED

**3,384:** Number of trees uprooted by Cyclone Vardah.

**3,400:** Number of electricity poles uprooted. The cyclone damaged 30 transformers

**10,000:** Number of people moved to safer places.

**297:** Number of relief camps in operation

**All train and bus operations suspended for most part of the day.**

for most part of the day. Chennai, Tiruvallur and Kancheepuram districts were engulfed in darkness as power supply was disconnected as a precautionary measure.

Chief Minister O. Panneerselvam said late on Monday that restoration of electricity would begin at midnight and would be restored in two days.

■ Page 6: Chennai goes dark as power cut



Locals remove a traffic signal that was uprooted by winds due to Cyclone Vardah to clear the way for traffic.

— PTI

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# Chennai fights deadly Decembers

R. MOHAN | DC  
CHENNAI, DEC 12

It appears Chennai is yet to get out of the throes of its December Syndrome.

The tsunami (2004), Cyclone Thane (2011), floods (2015), Jaya's death (2016) and Cyclone Vardah blowing through on Monday were all events that took place in the month of December. If December 1 and 2 of 2015 were the worst days in the city's memory, as 50 cms of rain fell from the

mother of all storms to flood all of Chennai, December 12 will go down as another day of a natural calamity the city won't forget in a hurry.

The Vardah's velocity was its worst aspect as it uprooted trees and electricity posts. And yet, even as winds exceeding 180 kmph were blowing across the city, civic staff and police patrols were up and about checking what they could do to help. While many of them went beyond their call of duty in grappling with problems on

the roads, it was Chennai's brave volunteers who took the breath away.

Coming out on to the streets in batches, these spirited people chopped off branches of trees that were obstructing main roads. Although only those who really needed to be out in such weather were commuting, it was up to the volunteers to keep even those people moving. Not only did these volunteers clear the main roads of trees, they also controlled traffic flow.

Volunteers spanned out to monitor the one-way traffic, stopping vehicle movement on one side of the road to ensure there were no snarls and then alternated the flow to make it smoother than even on normal days.

Using their Whatsapp groups — prepared to fight last year's flooding — to good effect, the civic staff monitored reports of fallen trees to rush its staff as well as Bobcats and other tree-moving equipment to help clear the main roads.

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## Deccan chronical. 13/12/12 AP escapes storm impact

**DC CORRESPONDENTS**  
VISAKHAPATNAM, NELLORE,  
TIRUPATI, DEC. 12

Cyclone Vardah, that made its landfall at Chennai, largely spared AP but heavy rain pounded Chittoor, Nellore, Anantapur, Prakasam and Kadapa districts on Monday.

Squally winds uprooted trees and electricity poles in parts of these districts and toppled several motor vehicles, including an oil tanker near Sullurpeta.

Train and flight services were hit and normal life was thrown out of gear. The Railways cancelled or diverted various trains on

Monday. Air services were suspended at Tirupati airport.

The heavy rain inundated several low-lying areas of Tirupati and there was water-logging at the Tirumala temple.

■ Page 6: AP to see more rain today

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# Flights routed to Hyderabad

DC CORRESPONDENT  
CHENNAI, DEC 12

Rail and flight services in Chennai were affected by the heavy rain and strong winds that lashed the city and other coastal areas of Tamil Nadu due to cyclone Vardah, officials said.

Around 25 incoming flights, including those from international destinations, were diverted to the nearby Hyderabad and Bengaluru airports due to strong winds and bad visibility, officials said.

Nearly 25 outbound flights were delayed, officials said, adding that there was no inundation of the runway despite the heavy rains. An emergency management team was on standby to meet any eventuality, they said. The Southern Railway meanwhile, announced suspension of



**Top:** Thousands of trees collapsed in Chennai, crushing parked cars. **Right:** A video grab shows the intense storm blowing windows off the city's Hyatt hotel

services on the Chennai Beach and Velacherry MRTS route.

Similarly suburban rail services on the MMC-Gummidipoondi line were also suspended until further notice. Some passenger trains coming to Chennai and

leaving the city were also diverted.

The Airports Authority of India said it would review the situation at the Chennai airport, from where no flight operation had taken place since Monday morning. Airlines have

said their passengers will either be refunded or offered discounts on connecting flights that will be organised to Chennai later.

Internationally, Sri Lanka has called off all flights in and out of storm-hit Chennai.



Rail passengers had a tough time making their way in and out of Nellore railway station on Monday. Rains are expected to continue into Tuesday — DC

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## ■ First massive cyclonic storm to hit the Chennai coast since 1994 ■ In a matter of hours, Vardah uprooted over 3,400 power poles

DC CORRESPONDENT  
CHENNAI, DEC 12

Chennai and its suburbs plunged into darkness on Monday as Cyclone Vardha — packing extreme windspeeds — slammed into the city's coastline. Electricity was cut off to ensure that no untoward incident took place.

In a matter of few hours, the storm brought down over 3,400 electric poles across the city, officials said on Monday evening.

Almost every part of the city and towns and villages in Tiruvallur and Kancheepuram district were plunged into darkness officials have instructed local authorities to bring down more poles to prevent electrocution deaths.

A few places in Chennai, where the wind speed was more than 60 to 70 kmph, lost power supply on Sunday night itself and people were waiting for power lines to be restored towards late Monday evening.

"Power was cut off as a precautionary measure. We did not want any untoward incidents due to power supply. We had issued directions to our personnel to cut off supply as and when it is needed. A total of 3,400 poles have been uprooted," the state's Electricity Minister P Thangamani said.



Trees blocked most of Chennai's main roads as Cyclone Vardah wreaked havoc on Monday noon. Traffic on several major roads, including the famous Anna Salai, Grand Southern Trunk road was affected — PTI

### CHAOS IN CHENNAI

2:30pm to 4:30pm | Cyclone Vardah made landfall near Chennai on Monday bringing in winds clocking over 120 kmph.

2,000 trees have been uprooted across the city.

8,200 people from low-lying areas in north Chennai, Pazhaverkadu in Tiruvallur district and villages off Mamallapuram, in Kanchipuram district were safely evacuated to 95 relief camps.

### ANDHRA PRADESH BRACES FOR WINDS

**9,400** The number of people living along the Bay of Bengal coast in SPS Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh who were evacuated to relief camps.

● Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has announced that Andhra Pradesh was ready to extend all help to neighbouring Tamil Nadu.

● Gale wind speed reaching 100-110km per hour gusting to 120 kmph was very likely to prevail during the next 12 hours in Nellore and adjoining areas of Prakasam districts of Andhra Pradesh.

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## ■ In AP, heavy rains pounded Chittoor, Nellore and Anantapur



Pilgrims at Tirupati temple protect themselves from rain on Monday. The Tirupati airport remained shut on Monday — DC

## AP to see more heavy rain today

DC CORRESPONDENT  
VISAKHAPATNAM, DEC 12

Cyclone Vardah, that made landfall at Chennai, spared Andhra Pradesh to a large extent but heavy rains pounded Chittoor, Nellore, Anantapur, Prakasam and Kadapa districts on Monday.

Officials had to use pumps to clear water at the Lord Venkateswara temple. A storm surge was reported along the coast of Nellore district till evening.

Damages to standing crops, thatched huts and rooftops were also reported in some parts of coastal AP and Rayalaseema districts.

About 11,490 people were evacuated from the low-lying areas of 11 mandals of Nellore district on Monday

The system is set to move inland towards north Tamil Nadu and then into Karnataka on Wednesday before entering the Arabian Sea through Goa

to the relief camps. Nellore SP, Vishal Gunni had also introduced the HAM radio for the first time to tide over the rough situation.

The average rainfall in Nellore district from 8.30 am on Sunday to 5 pm on Monday was about 3.9 cm and the highest rainfall of 9.7 cm was recorded at Vakadu, followed by 93.7 mm in Sullurpeta, 87.8 mm in Tada and 87.5 mm in Doravarisathram. The rain was likely to continue.

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# Cyclone Vardah to bring rains to parts of <sup>DN Bengaluru 13/12</sup> Karnataka

## May lead to filling up of tanks in south interior areas

**BENGALURU:** The effect of cyclone Vardah will be experienced by South Interior Karnataka resulting in rains in the districts of Chikkaballapur, Kolar, Ramanagaram and Bengaluru Urban and Rural in the next couple of days, bringing succour to people affected by a failed Northeast monsoon.

Cyclone Vardah, which hit the Tamil Nadu coast on Monday, is turning into a depression and is likely to end the prolonged dry spell in some of the North Karnataka districts, according to officials of the Karnataka State Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSDMC).

"The rains due to cyclone Vardah will come as a much needed succour as it will at least result in filling up of a few tanks and improving the ground water levels in pockets of South Interior Karnataka", KSDMC Director G S Srinivasa Reddy said.

Reddy said that water bodies in villages of Kolar and Chikkaballapur districts have completely dried up and farmers are providing water to their cattle by drawing it from borewells.

"Cyclone Vardah has started losing its strength and has become a deep depression and will turn into a depression. The low pressure due to the depression will help in attract-



**Motorists struggle to drive on an inundated Double Road in Shanthinagar on Monday evening. DH PHOTO**

ing moisture bearing clouds over the state. The forecast is that it will rain initially in Chikkaballapur, Kolar, Ramanagaram, Bengaluru Rural and Bengaluru Urban and later in Kodagu and Uttara Kan-nada", Reddy told *DH* on Monday evening.

The rains will, however, have not much effect on agricultural activities. The prolonged dry spell has already affected standing crops on 23.79 lakh hectares. There is no scope for any sowing in the coming months, he said.

### 79% deficiency in rain

Karnataka is witnessing worst drought in the last 46 years. The Northeast monsoon begins in October and, till date (December 12), the rainfall deficiency has been 79%, surpassing the previous worst-ever deficiency recorded in 1988 (76%). This has come as a double whammy for the state which has witnessed a failed Southwest monsoon (June to September 2016).

Rains in Kodagu district and its surrounding areas could help in pushing up the water levels in the KRS, the Kabini and the Harangi, three of the four reservoirs in state's Cauvery basin. The total capacity

of live storage in the major reservoirs of the Cauvery basin is 104.5 tmcft while the present storage is only 16 tmcft, the lowest in the last 46 years.

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# Chennai goes dark as Cyclone rips through TN

*DH 13.12.16 (Revised)*

## Kills 4 ■ Destroys homes ■ Snaps power lines ■ Also affects AP

**CHENNAI/AMARAVATI (AP):** A cyclonic storm swept the Tamil Nadu coast on Monday, leaving a trail of destruction and claiming at least four lives.

Heavy rain battered Chennai, Kancheepuram, Thiruvallur and Cuddalore districts in Tamil Nadu, and Nellore and Chittoor districts in Andhra Pradesh. Hundreds of houses were damaged when the cyclone, named Vardah, hit the coast between 2 pm and 6 pm.

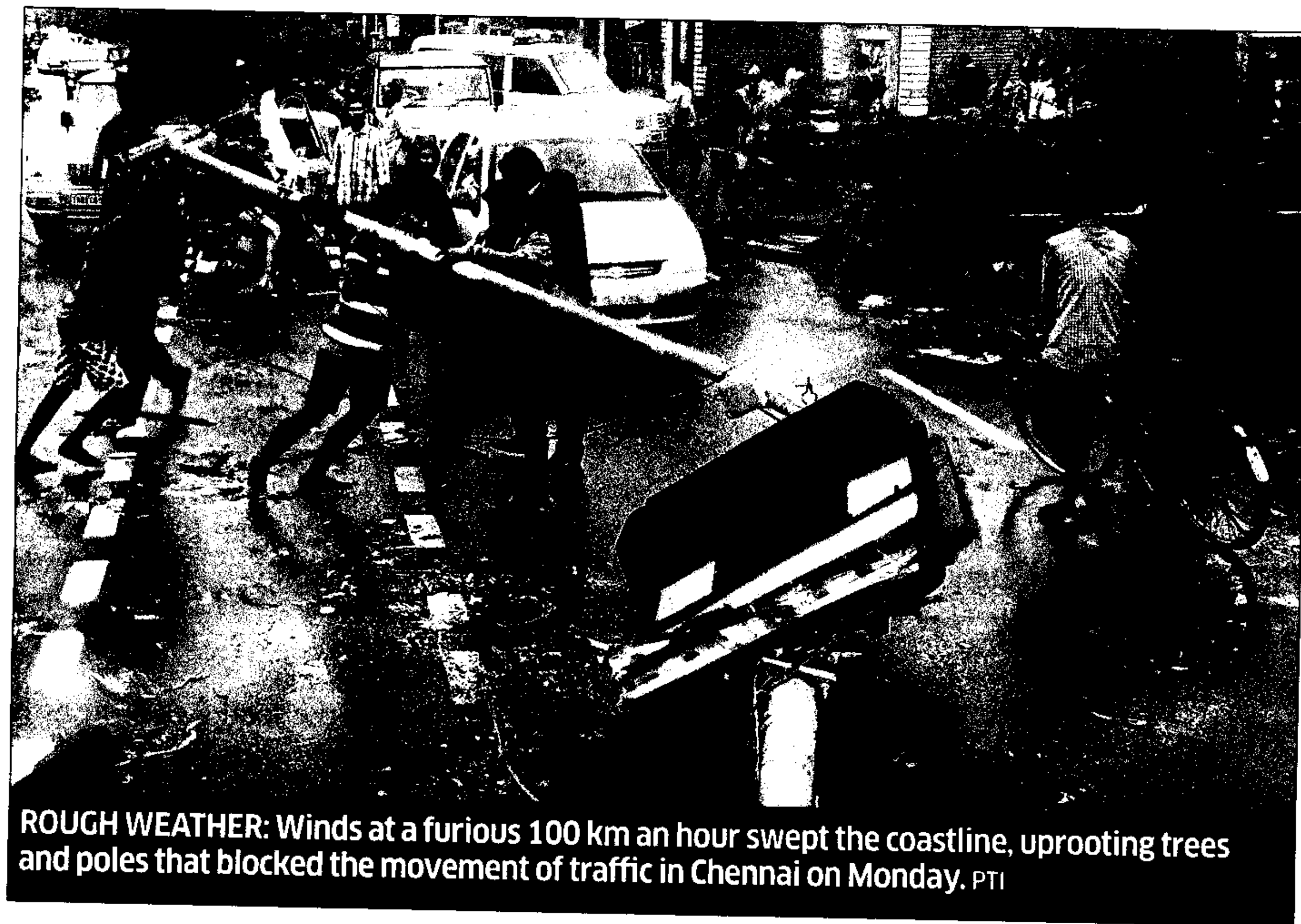
The cyclone was described as the most intense since 1994, and weather officials said the winds swept the coast at a furious 100 km an hour.

Thousands of people living in low-lying areas were evacuated to camps run by the government. In Chennai, hundreds of trees were uprooted and traffic came to a standstill. Power and phone lines lay tangled on the streets, hampering relief efforts. A central disaster response team was deployed in the worst-affected areas.

A government release said about 250 trees and 40 electric poles had fallen. The damage could not be assessed immediately as the relief teams were primarily engaged in rescuing people.

### 1 dead in AP

Cyclonic storm Vardah bat-



**ROUGH WEATHER:** Winds at a furious 100 km an hour swept the coastline, uprooting trees and poles that blocked the movement of traffic in Chennai on Monday. PTI

tered Nellore, Chittoor, YSR Kadapa and Prakasam districts of Andhra Pradesh.

An uprooted electric pole claimed a man's life in Aligirivaripalem near Chittoor. Power supply to several villages was disrupted in the Nellore area.

According to the Andhra Pradesh Disaster Management Authority, about 12,000 people living along the Nellore coast have been evacuated.

In Tirumala, the main entrance of the temple was inundated. Fire tenders were called

in to pump out rain water.

In Chittoor, standing crops of sugarcane and mango were damaged in hundreds of acres.

### Travel update

Airline, train and bus services have remained suspended in Chennai and parts of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh since Monday morning.

Several domestic and international flights were cancelled.

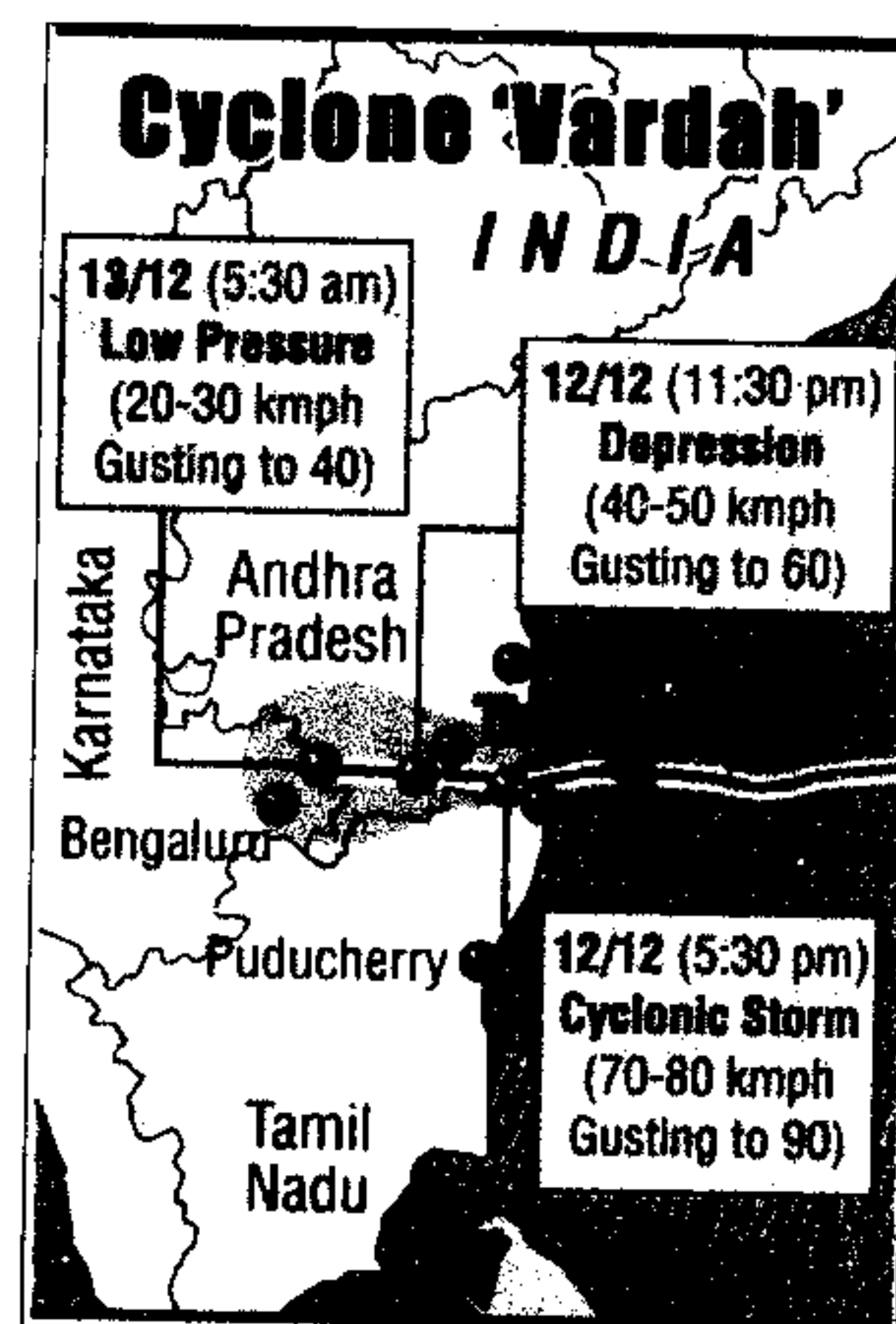
The South Central Railway and the APSRTC cancelled services on the Vijayawada-Sul-

lurpeta-Chennai route. The Vijayawada-Chennai-Vijayawada Pinakini Express has been diverted via Renigunta and Arrakkonam.

Some other express trains on the Chennai route have also been diverted via Arrakkonam. Many trains bound for the northern states are stranded.

The South Western Railway has cancelled and diverted seven trains on Monday and Tuesday.

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### Several flights diverted to city

Several flights bound for Chennai were diverted to Bengaluru on Monday as the runway was flooded. Sixteen of the flights landed at 8 pm in the city, reports *DHNS*.

### Rain in south interior K'taka

Under the influence of cyclone Vardah, Chikkaballapur, Kolar, Ramanagaram, Bengaluru Urban and Rural districts will receive rain in the next couple of days, bringing succour to people affected by a failed monsoon. **Details on P5**

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## City gets moderate rainfall; more likely in coming days

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Bengaluru received rainfall on Monday evening, bringing the mercury further down.

The city recieved 3.6 mm rainfall and the HAL airport 4 mm till 8.30 pm. Bengaluru had not received rainfall in November. The last time the India Meteorological Department (IMD) recorded rainfall in the city was in October 2016.

On Monday, the city recorded maximum and minimum temperatures of 25°C and 17°C respectively. The rainfall, till 5.30 pm, was Trace (up to 0.1 mm). According to a senior IMD official, the rainfall and the subsequent drop in temperature were caused by the severe cyclonic storm Vardah, which made landfall in Chennai during the day.

Under the influence of the cyclonic storm, Bengaluru will receive one or two spells of rainfall over the next one or two days, the official added.

The sudden rainfall took people by surprise. Motorcyclists were seen looking for shelter. Traffic slowed down in several parts of the city.

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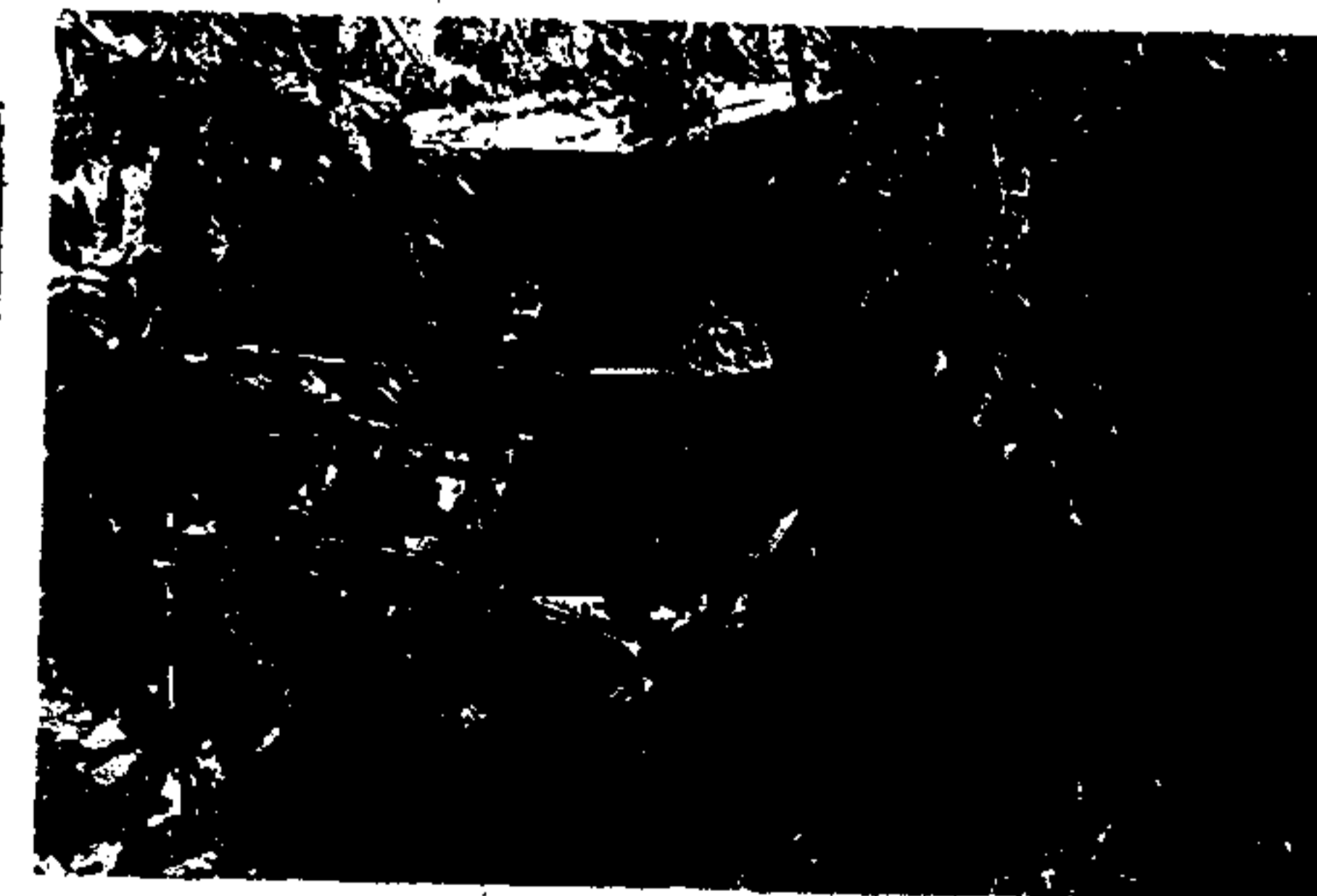
A panorama of the cyclone-wracked Race Course Road neighbourhood of Chennai, as seen through Calcutta airport official **Ram Gopal's** mobile phone camera



An uprooted tree that smashed a food-delivery scooter lies across the road leading from **Chandan Banerjee's** workplace to his home in Ashok Nagar



**Ranabir Santra**, a professional from Calcutta working in Chennai, sent this picture of fallen trees blocking the play area and flooded driveway of his Mogappair West complex



A car covered in tree branches at the Race Course Road complex where **Ram Gopal** is staying



Branches of fallen trees litter the driveway of the RK Salai complex where homemaker **Swagata Ganguly** lives with her banker husband and their little daughter

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## CALCUTTA IMPACT

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Cyclone Vardah sucked away moisture from Calcutta and cleared the way for cold winds from the north that herald winter in the city.

The minimum temperature in Calcutta was 14.8°C on Monday and weather officials announced that winter had arrived.

Telecom company Vodafone blamed the cyclone for "glitches in our data services" because of which thousands of its users in Bengal could not access the Internet on their mobile phones.

At least seven flights from Calcutta to Chennai were cancelled and one was diverted.

Railway officials said the Howrah-bound Chennai Mail was cancelled. "The Calcutta-bound Coromandel Express is coming through a diverted route. There are no other cancellations as of now," a spokesperson for South Eastern Railway said on Monday night.

See Metro

# Barrage of trees in Chennai

G.C. SHEKHAR

**Chennai, Dec. 12:** Cyclone Vardah uprooted trees and blew off toll plazas as it cut a swathe of destruction through Chennai this afternoon, handing the city a December date with disaster for the second consecutive year.

But unlike last winter's floods that killed over 500 people in and around a city caught unawares, a better-prepared state government appeared to have been able to contain the death toll today.

Chief minister O. Panneerselvam said three persons had died but revenue officials said the toll was seven, mostly from wall collapse.

If the floodwaters had left Chennai marooned last December, some 4,000 fallen trees barricaded it today. Wind speeds of up to 120kmph flattened homes, snapped communication and power lines and knocked over cars.

Chennai airport was shut, with all flights cancelled and 44 international and 123 domestic flights diverted. Many trains were scrapped too.

The severe cyclonic storm made landfall around 3pm at a spot 10km north of the city after portending its arrival through the day with gusty winds and heavy rain.

But weather scientists

said the cyclone, "very severe" with wind speeds of 120-130kmph over the Bay of Bengal, weakened slightly before landfall to 100-110kmph, gusting to 120kmph.

This evening, the administration was struggling to keep at least the main thoroughfares open for emergency service vehicles.

"Just after we had cleared the major roads of the fallen trees, a second spell of wind after the cyclone had crossed uprooted a few more, rendering our work useless," a police officer said.

"It's the worst cyclone Chennai has seen since 1996," said S. Ramanan, who retired as director of Chennai's weather office sometime after last year's December deluge. "With heavy rain forecast after the cyclone weakens, the worst is not over."

Panneerselvam, just finding his feet after the shock of his mentor Jayalalithaa's death last week, had met officials from various departments yesterday to form a contingency plan. The results showed that a ready and responsive administration can restrict the human cost.

Two fishermen were reported missing off the Andhra coast but 18 from Tamil Nadu were rescued, PTI said.

"We had been tracking the cyclone for the past few days,



Fallen trees block a road in a residential colony in Chennai

so the usual drill was in place," Chennai civic commissioner D. Karthikeyan said.

"We identified and evacuated the most vulnerable areas. Food packets, water and warm clothing were pro-

vided to those shifted to safer places. Last year's deluge took us by surprise but this time we were prepared."

Officials said the damage could be assessed only after the winds subsided tomorrow. "We responded to emer-

gencies like people trapped in vehicles because of fallen trees. The damage to infrastructure like transformers, lampposts and roads can be assessed when things quieten a bit," Karthikeyan said.

Chennai had gone into a

protective shutdown, just as it had last Monday in anticipation of Jayalalithaa's passing.

Shops and restaurants, already suffering from the cash crisis and the two days of closure following Jayalalithaa's

death, were shut because of the cyclone warning. They found their signboards blown away.

Officials said the neighbouring districts of Kanchipuram and Villupuram too took a heavy battering.

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# WB halts parallel processes on Indo-Pak hydel projects row

## 'Resolve Indus Water Issue Amicably'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** World Bank has written to India and Pakistan announcing its decision to stall the two parallel processes — appointment of a neutral expert and setting up of a court of arbitration — to resolve the disputes over Kishenganga and Ratle hydroelectric projects in J&K. Sources in the government described the decision as a vindication of India's principled stand that the

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The bank asked India and Pakistan to resolve the issues in an amicable manner and in line with the spirit of Indus Waters Treaty.

The government had pointed out on 10 November 2016 the legal untenability of the

World Bank launching two simultaneous processes for appointment of a neutral expert, as requested by India, and establishment of a court of arbitration, as requested by Pakistan, to adjudicate technical differences between India and Pakistan on Kishenganga and Ratle projects.

"By temporarily halting both the processes now, the Bank has confirmed that pursuing the two concurrent processes can render the Treaty (Indus Waters) unworkable over time," said MEA spokesperson Vikas Swarup.

"India remains fully conscious of her international obligations and is ready to engage in further consultations on the matter of resolving current

differences regarding these two projects," he added.

World Bank announced its decision in a letter sent to finance ministers of both India and Pakistan. "We are announcing this pause to protect the Indus Waters Treaty and to help India and Pakistan consider alternative approaches to resolving conflicting interests under the Treaty and its application to two hydroelectric power plants," World Bank group president Jim Yong Kim said.

Pausing the process for now, the Bank would hold off appointing the chairman for the court of arbitration or the neutral expert — appointments that had been expected on December 12 as earlier communicated by the bank.

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## Through a storm, safely

A year after the devastating deluge, Chennai's resilience has been challenged by the severe cyclonic storm, Vardah. Equipped with survival lessons from the December 2015 floods and helped by an efficient flow of disaster warning messages, the city and neighbouring districts held together through several hours of fierce winds. Chennai's trees bore the brunt, many uprooted or torn down irredeemably. The storm hobbled the city's infrastructure by nightfall, downing power and communication cables, blocking roads, disrupting rail and air transport, and spreading a carpet of darkness. It is to the Tamil Nadu government's credit that basic mobility was restored overnight, and fallen trees were removed to allow some traffic to ply. Vardah also demonstrated that in the time of social media and the Internet, speedy official and community messages can influence the outcome of a catastrophe. While economic damage was inevitable, cautionary advice put out on social platforms urging people to stay safe helped reduce the number of casualties. Remarkably, the community also responded with alacrity, creating online groups and sharing messages offering help and advice. It is of course possible to learn even more by going back to citizens and harnessing data on their experience using online tools.

Tropical storms are an annual affair, with the more vulnerable eastern coast taking a pummeling from 92 severe cyclones out of a total of 262 between 1891 and 1990, and several more in the years since. Such weather events are a part of the climate system, and their impact in the form of economic losses could well be greater going forward, as development creates more assets in coastal cities. It is vital, therefore, that the learnings from each event are shared nationally, and the capacity of officials and communities to manage disasters built continuously. Such an approach helps coastal regions in the United States prepare for and deal with storms better. Among the securities available to individuals in many countries is insurance against property losses. Viable policies should be made available in India too, as this would bring scrutiny on administrative measures and potentially improve outcomes. A citywide blackout also underscores the importance of rooftop solar and battery storage systems as supplementary power sources for households and corporates. Planting trees with strong root systems and pruning the canopy ahead of cyclone season could reduce uprooting. In the aftermath of Vardah, the Tamil Nadu government should restore infrastructure and provide priority relief to the families of those who lost their lives, and the worst-hit communities.

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# T.N. grapples with cyclone havoc

Vardah leaves 16 dead, uproots over 10,000 trees; power supply being restored; NDRF steps in

T. RAMAKRISHNAN

CHENNAI: A day after cyclone Vardah devastated Chennai, Tiruvallur and Kancheepuram districts killing as many as 16 people and uprooting over 10,000 trees and several hundreds of electricity poles, the official machinery swung into action on Tuesday in a massive effort to restore normality.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister O. Panneerselvam said power supply would be completely restored in Chennai city by Tuesday night.

On the outskirts and Tiruvallur and Kancheepuram it would take two days. Over 9,000 workers have been engaged to undertake repair and restoration of power cables and electric poles.

Telephone networks and power connections were down in most localities in the State capital. Suburban and Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) train services were yet to be resumed for want of electricity supply.

Workers of various utilities from different parts of the State were deployed in Chennai and its environs.

"As much as 75 per cent of the fallen trees is in Chennai," K. Satyagopal, Principal Secretary and Commis-



THE DAY AFTER: Chennai Corporation workers clear the trees uprooted by cyclone Vardah at Purasawalkam on Tuesday. — PHOTO: M. VEDHAN

sioner of Revenue Administration (CRA), told *The Hindu*.

The fallen trees have damaged rail and road networks, apart from electricity and telecommunication infrastructure.

In addition to power distribution towers, transmission towers have been affected.

"It appears that the power system has borne the brunt of nature's fury," said the official, adding that the authorit-

ies realised the intensity of the damage only on Tuesday morning.

The Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation (Tangedco) brought in more than 3,000 additional electricity workmen from other places to restore power to several electricity substations and streets.

Apart from staff of the Chennai Corporation, other local bodies, police and fire and rescue services, the ad-

ministration has taken the assistance of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) for removing the fallen trees.

As the NDRF is ordinarily engaged for relief and rescue operations, the State government has secured permission from the Centre.

As for the loss of human lives, Mr. Satyagopal said Chennai and Tiruvallur accounted for five persons each; Kancheepuram — four and Villupuram and

## Tamil Nadu seeks Rs. 1,000 crore

CHENNAI: Chief Minister O. Panneerselvam on Tuesday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to urgently sanction Rs. 1,000 crore from the National Disaster Response Fund for relief and reconstruction. The Chief Minister also requested Mr. Modi to send a team to study the damage caused by cyclone Vardah. He said that besides Chennai, Tiruvallur and Kancheepuram districts, the cyclone had left a trail of destruction in Vellore, Tiruvannamalai and Dharmapuri districts.

Nagapattinam — one each.

### Schools, colleges closed

Schools and colleges in Chennai, Tiruvallur and Kancheepuram districts will remain closed on Wednesday, as power had to be restored and campuses cleared.

(With inputs from S. Vijay Kumar)

## T.N. grapples with cyclone havoc

A Meteorological Department's release said that "Vardah," after landfall, moved west-southwestwards. On Tuesday morning, it turned into a well-marked low pressure area over north interior Tamil Nadu and adjoining south interior Karnataka.

During the 24-hour-period that ended at 8-30

a.m. on Tuesday, the observatory at Sathyabama University, Sholinganallur, on the south-eastern outskirts of Chennai, received the highest rainfall of 38 cm, followed by Kattukuppam (Kancheepuram district), 34 cm. While Meenambakkam registered 20 cm, Nungambakkam in Chennai recorded 12 cm.

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# INDUS TREATY: INDIA HAILS WB DECISION

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Expressing satisfaction over the World Bank's decision yesterday to temporarily halt simultaneous processes to settle Indo-Pak disputes over the Indus Waters Treaty, New Delhi today said it was fully conscious of its international obligations and was ready to engage in further consultations on the matter of resolving current differences over Kishenganga and Ratle projects.

MEA spokesperson Vikas Swarup recalled that New Delhi had pointed out on 10 November the legal untenability of the World Bank launching two simultaneous processes for appointment of a neutral expert as requested by India and establishment of a court of arbitration as requested by Pakistan to adjudicate technical differences between the two countries on the two projects.

"By temporarily halting both the processes now, the bank has confirmed that pursuing the two concurrent processes can render the treaty unworkable over time," he added.



Earlier yesterday, the World Bank announced a pause in the separate processes initiated by India and Pakistan under the treaty to allow the two countries to consider alternative ways to resolve their disagreements. Both processes initiated by the respective countries were advancing at the same time, creating a risk of contradictory outcomes that could potentially endanger the treaty, the bank said in a press release.

"We are announcing this pause to protect the Indus Waters Treaty and to help India and Pakistan consider alternative approaches to resolving conflicting interests under the treaty and its applica-

tion to two hydroelectric power plants," World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim was quoted as saying in separate letters to the Finance Ministers of India and Pakistan.

This, he said, was an opportunity for the two countries to begin to resolve the issue in an amicable manner and in line with the spirit of the treaty rather than pursuing concurrent process that could make the treaty unworkable over time. He hoped the two countries could come to an agreement by the end of January.

Kim emphasised that the bank was acting to safeguard the treaty. The current processes under the treaty concern the Kishenganga (330 mw) and Ratle (850 mw) hydroelectric power plants.

The power plants are being built by India on, respectively, the Kishenganga and Chenab Rivers. Neither of the two plants is being financed by the World Bank Group.

Following the Uri terror attack at an army camp, India had announced that it would revisit the treaty that was brokered by the World Bank.

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## Where cyclone 'Vardah' had a positive impact

RAJULAPUDI SRINIVAS

the coast near Chennai, left Andhra Pradesh with less rainfall, except in Nellore district. Many farmers started tilling land and began sowing in most parts of East and West Godavari, Krishna and other coastal districts. The weather condition is very conducive for taking up agriculture in the State now. Moderate rainfall in some places will help the farmers. Our investment will also be less now," said V. Rama Rao, a farmer of Mudinepalli in Krishna district. In Narsapuram, Penugonda, Marteru, Undi, Akiveedu, Kothapeta, Ambajipeta, Kaikalur, Bhimavaram, Guduvada and other mandals, farmers began harvesting the kharif crop. Some farmers, who started early kharif, began sowing rabi too.

Expecting heavy damage, farmers had stopped kharif harvest. Those who had finished harvesting made arrangements to protect the produce in rainfed region of coastal districts. Farmers who invested in the rabi crop also had stopped working as they were worried over the prospect of heavy rain. However, the cyclone, which crossed

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नई दिल्ली, (भाषा) : उच्चतम न्यायालय ने कावेरी नदी जल बंटवारे को लेकर कावेरी जल विवाद न्यायाधिकरण के द्वारा 2007 के अवार्ड के खिलाफ कर्नाटक, तमिलनाडु और केरल की याचिकाओं की स्वीकार्यता को नकारकर रखा। न्यायमूर्ति दीपक मिश्रा की अध्यक्षता वाली तीन सदस्यीय खंडपीठ ने कहा कि न्यायाधिकरण के अवार्ड के खिलाफ दायिगी अर्जों की सभी याचिकाएँ सुनवाई के योग्य हैं, हालांकि केरल ने जोर देकर कहा था कि उच्चतम न्यायालय के पास न्यायाधिकरण के अवार्ड के खिलाफ याचिकाओं की सुनवाई करने का अधिकार नहीं है। इस पीठ में न्यायमूर्ति अमिताभ राय एवं न्यायमूर्ति ए.एम. खानविलकर भी शामिल हैं।

### व्यवस्था

न्यायालय ने न्यायाधिकरण के अवार्ड के खिलाफ सुनवाई के योग्यता के बारे में फैसले के लिए पीठ ने कहा, "हम सभी याचिकाओं को सुनवाई के लायक ठहराते हैं। अंतरिम आदेश जारी रहेगा। मामले की अगली सुनवाई के लिए 15 दिसंबर की तिथि तय की जाए।" न्यायालय ने 18 अक्टूबर को कर्नाटक को निर्देश दिया था कि वह अगला आदेश दिए जाने तक तमिलनाडु को 2000 क्यूसेक जल की आपूर्ति करता रहे। पीठ ने यह भी कहा था कि वह न्यायाधिकरण के फैसले के खिलाफ कर्नाटक, तमिलनाडु और केरल की याचिकाओं के सुनवाई योग्य होने के सवाल पर पहले विचार करेगी।

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## ‘वरदा’ ने लिया भीषण रूप, अलर्ट

■ आईएनएस, विजयवाड़ा

बंगाल की खाड़ी के ऊपर बने चक्रवाती तूफान ‘वरदा’ ने भीषण रूप ले लिया है। जिसके चलते प्रशासन ने रविवार को आंध्र प्रदेश और करीबी तमिलनाडु में अलर्ट जारी किया। विभाग ने तमिलनाडु, पुडुचेरी और आंध्र के मछुआरों को अगले 48 घंटों तक समुद्र में नहीं जाने को कहा है। इसे देखते हुए आंध्र के मुख्यमंत्री एन. चंद्रबाबू नायडू ने संयुक्त अरब अमीरात और कुवैत की अपनी यात्रा रद्द कर दी है। वह लगातार स्थिति पर नजर बनाए हुए हैं।

मौसम विभाग के एक अधिकारी के मुताबिक, तूफान के सोमवार दोपहर तक उत्तरी तमिलनाडु और दक्षिणी आंध्र प्रदेश तट पार करने की संभावना है। तूफान पश्चिमी-दक्षिणपूर्व की ओर बढ़ेगा और रविवार शाम तक इसकी तीव्रता बनी रहेगी। उसके बाद धीरे-धीरे यह कमजोर होकर आंध्र प्रदेश के दक्षिणी तट और करीबी तमिलनाडु के उत्तरी तट की ओर बढ़ेगा। विभाग ने रविवार शाम से अगले 36 घंटे तक कई स्थानों पर हल्की से मध्यम बारिश और दक्षिणी आंध्र तट और उत्तर तटीय तमिलनाडु में भारी से लेकर काफी भारी बारिश की संभावना व्यक्त की है। हवाओं की रफ्तार 70-80 किलोमीटर प्रति घंटे तक भी पहुंच सकती है। जिसके चलते संचार लाइनों, सड़कों, फसलों के साथ ही बागानों को भी नुकसान हो सकता है।



जम्मू-कश्मीर का पीर पंजाल इलाका बर्फ से ढक गया है।

### J&K में हल्की बर्फबारी

जम्मू-कश्मीर में पांच महीने के शुष्क मौसम के बाद रविवार को घाटी के ऊपरी इलाकों में हल्की बर्फबारी हुई। जबकि मैदानी इलाकों में बारिश हुई। मौसम विभाग ने कहा, ‘मैदानी इलाकों में हल्की बारिश हुई है, जबकि (शनिवार) रात को पहाड़ी इलाकों में हल्की बर्फबारी हुई।’ अधिकारी के मुताबिक, राज्य में अगले 24 घंटे में मौसम शुष्क रहने की संभावना है।

**यूपी में ठंड से युवक की मौत :** यूपी में बढ़ते ठंड और कोहरे ने लोगों की परेशानियां बढ़ा दी हैं। ठंड से बाराबंकी जिले में 22 साल के एक युवक की मौत हो गई। मौसम विभाग ने बताया कि प्रदेश के अधिकतर जिलों में घना कोहरा छाया हुआ है। जिससे लोगों की आम दिनचर्या पर असर पड़ रहा है।

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जम्मू-कश्मीर में पहली बर्फबारी से मौसम खुशगवार, मैदानी इलाकों में ठंड बढ़ी

# शिमला से भी ठंडा रहा पटना

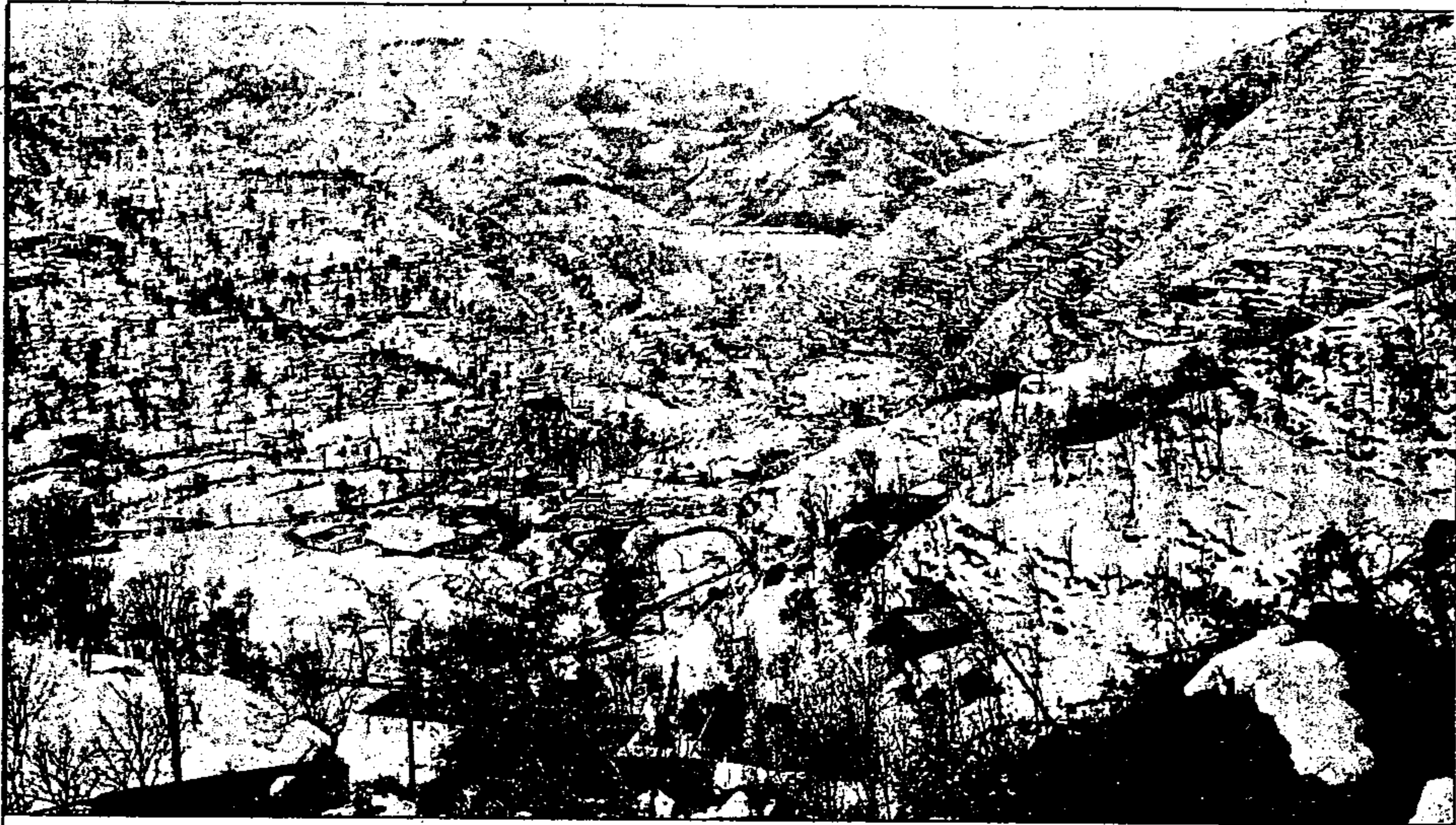
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मैदानी क्षेत्र के प्रमुख शहरों में रविवार को पटना सबसे ठंडा रहा। राजधानी पटना का न्यूनतम तापमान देहरादून, दिल्ली, शिमला, जम्मू, रांची, जयपुर और अमृतसर से भी कम रहा। वहीं जम्मू-कश्मीर में पहली बर्फबारी से मौसम खुशगवार हो गया।

रविवार को देहरादून का न्यूनतम तापमान 10.7, दिल्ली का 12.6, जम्मू का 12.5, रांची का 9.1, जयपुर का 14.4 व अमृतसर का 10.4 डिग्री रहा। वहीं पटना का निम्नतम तापमान 8.7 डिग्री दर्ज किया गया। यह शनिवार की अपेक्षा 1.8 डिग्री कम है। अधिकतम तापमान पहले से ही सामान्य से 12 डिग्री नीचे चल रहा है।

**क्यों पड़ रही इतनी ठंड :** बिहार में दिसंबर के मध्य बाद निम्नतम और अधिकतम तापमान में गिरावट आती है। मौसम विभाग की मानें तो देश के विभिन्न हिस्सों में मौसम में आए बदलाव के कारण तापमान गिरा है।



जम्मू-कश्मीर के पुंछ जिले में रविवार को मौसम की पहली बर्फबारी से पहाड़ों की चोटियां सफेद चादर से ढक गईं। • प्रेर

## वरदा चक्रवात के आज चेन्नई पहुंचने के आसार

मौसम विभाग ने रविवार को चेतावनी जारी कर बताया बंगाल की खाड़ी के ऊपर सक्रिय चक्रवात वरदा के सोमवार को चेन्नई पहुंचने के आसार हैं। मछुआरों को अगले 48 घंटों तक समुद्र में नहीं जाने को कहा है। चेन्नई सहित तमिलनाडु, दक्षिणी आंध्र प्रदेश के तटीय जिलों में बारिश हो सकती है।

## हिमपात से लद्दाख को जोड़ने वाला राजमार्ग बंद

जम्मू कश्मीर में लद्दाख क्षेत्र को घाटी से जोड़ने वाली राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग को सोनमार्ग-जोजिला और मीनमार्ग में हिमपात के बाद रविवार को बंद कर दिया है। पुलिस अधिकारी ने बताया कि शनिवार रात सोनमार्ग-जोजिला और मीनमार्ग के बीच छह से आठ इंच बर्फबारी दर्ज की गई है।

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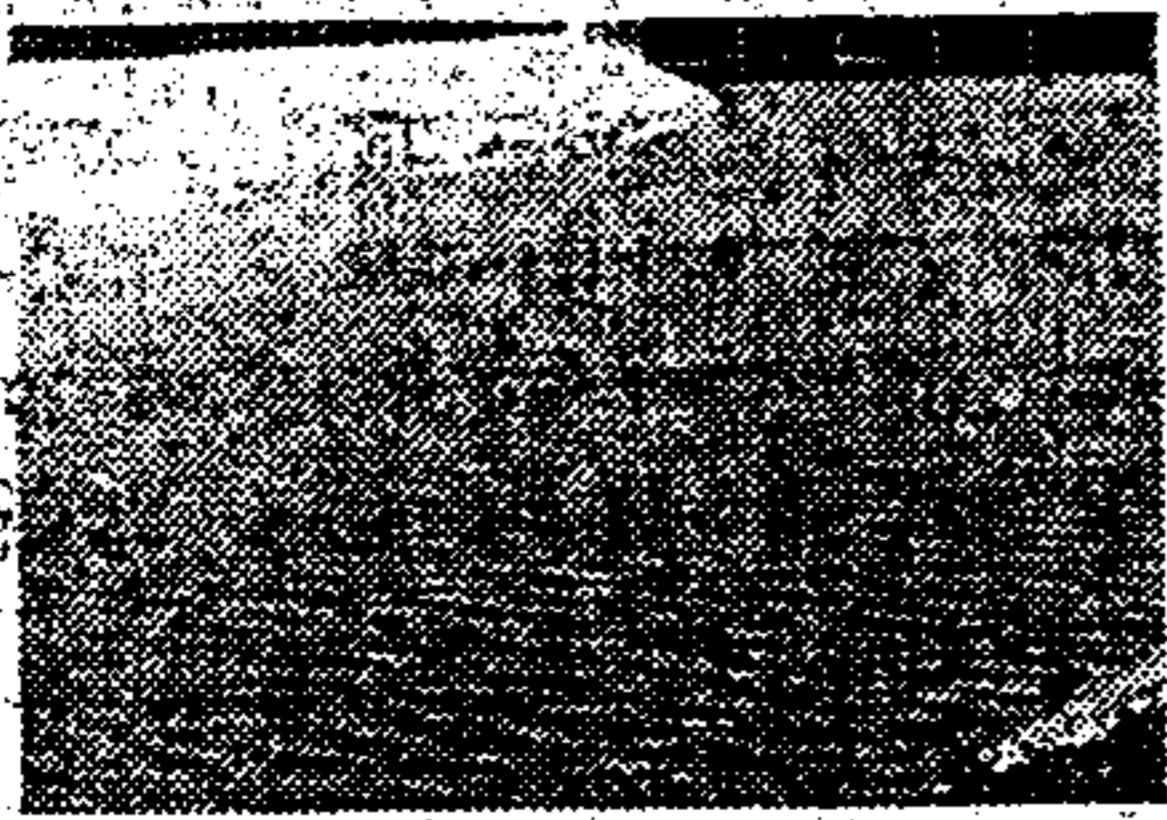
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## केंद्रीय जल आयोग की स्वीकृति

# 3009 करोड़ के प्रोजेक्ट मंजूर



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हनुमानगढ़, प्रदेश की नहरों के पुनरुद्धार को लेकर तैयार प्रोजेक्ट को केंद्रीय जल आयोग की ओर से तकनीकी मंजूरी जारी कर दी गई है।

जल संसाधन विभाग ने 3264 करोड़ की डीपीआर बनाकर आयोग को भेजी थी। इसमें प्रोजेक्ट रिपोर्ट को जांचने के बाद आयोग ने 3009 करोड़ रुपये की लागत मानते हुए इसे स्वीकार किया है।

केंद्रीय जल आयोग से प्रोजेक्ट को हरी झंडी मिलने के बाद जल

## बाहर कड़ा विरोध, अंदर 'साब-साब'

हनुमानगढ़, नोहर-भादरा के असिचित क्षेत्र में सिंचाई सुविधा की मांग को लेकर गोरखाना में चल रहे आंदोलन के छठे दिन शनिवार को आंदोलनकारियों ने कलक्ट्रेट कूच किया। किसान कलक्ट्रेट पहुंचे और सरकार के खिलाफ नारेबाजी करने लगे। वक्ताओं ने कलक्ट्रेट के आडियल रकवे पर विरोध जताया। कुछ देर बाद एसडीएम राकेश कुमार

आंदोलनकारियों को वार्ता के लिए कलक्ट्रेट के पास ले गए। किसान नेता बलवान पूनिया ने कलक्ट्रेट से गोरखाना जाकर टंकी पर चढ़े लोगों को नीचे उतारने का आग्रह किया। बार-बार आग्रह के बाद भी कलक्ट्रेट प्रकाश राजपुरोहित और एसपी भुवन मेषण यादव टंकी पर चढ़ने के निर्णय को गलत बताते हुए गोरखाना जाने से इनकार कर दिया।

संसाधन विभाग के अधिकारी टेंडर सहित अन्य प्रक्रिया में जुट गए हैं। जल संसाधन विभाग उत्तर संभाग हनुमानगढ़ के मुख्य अभियंता राजकुमार चौधरी ने बताया कि प्रोजेक्ट मंजूर होने के बाद इंदिरागांधी मुख्य नहर की सी-लाइनिंग, भाखड़ा नहरों की सी-

लाइनिंग तथा कई छोटी नहरों के पुनरुद्धार के अलावा सेम समस्या का समाधान हो सकेगा। प्रोजेक्ट पूरा होने पर इंदिरागांधी नहर क्षेत्र के किसानों को शेयर के अनुसार पानी मिल सकेगा तथा बरसात के दिनों में पाकिस्तान क्षेत्र में जाने वाले पानी को रोकना भी संभव होगा।

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■ मारवाड़ के छह जिलों में पानी का उपभोग सीमा से अधिक ■

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249 में से 166 ब्लॉक  
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जोधपुर. जोधपुर संभाग के छह जिलों में निर्धारित मात्रा से अधिक उपभोग करने से भूजल स्तर गिरता जा रहा है। अब प्रदेश में 249 में से मात्र 32 जोन ही ऐसे बचे हैं जो पानी की उपलब्धता की दृष्टि से सुरक्षित हैं।

जोधपुर संभाग डार्कजोन की श्रेणी में आ गया है। जलदाय और भूजल विभाग की ओर से हाल में जारी रिपोर्ट में यह सामने आया है कि जोधपुर जिले में 367.18 एमएम भूजल उपलब्ध है, लेकिन यहां भूजल का उपयोग 797.96 एमएम होने से गांवों में कुएं और बावड़ियों का पानी पैदे में बैठ जा रहा है। जिले में हर साल भूजल में 217.31 प्रतिशत की कमी हो रही है। राज्य में सतही जल की कम उपलब्धता के कारण पीने के पानी की लगभग 90 प्रतिशत योजनाएं और 60 प्रतिशत सिंचाई कार्य भूजल पर आधारित हैं।

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यह स्थित है भूजल की

जिले	उपलब्धता	उपयोग	उपयोग वृद्धि
जोधपुर	367.18	797.96	217.32
पाली	279.43	343.43	124.34
बाड़मेर	239.71	296.19	123.56
जैसलमेर	72.33	135.03	186.69
सिरोही	253.99	308.75	121.56
जोलोर	260.35	357.87	133.66

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## जोधपुर जिले की भूजल स्थिति

जिले में सबसे अधिक लगभग 86 प्रतिशत पानी कृषि में, शेष 14 प्रतिशत पेयजल, उद्योगों में तथा अन्य गतिविधियों में खर्च होता है।

जिले में मुख्यतः दो तरह के भूजल क्षेत्र हैं। रेतीले क्षेत्र 1073 वर्ग किमी व चट्टानी क्षेत्र 17795

वर्ग किलोमीटर। 3321 वर्ग किमी क्षेत्र खारे पानी का है।

जिले में वर्ष 1995 में भूजल दोहन 67 प्रतिशत था जो वर्तमान में बढ़कर 209.33 प्रतिशत हो गया है और यह अतिदोहित श्रेणी में वर्गीकृत है।

जोधपुर में कुल 9 पंचायत समितियां बालेसर, बाप, भोपालगढ़, बिलाड़ा, लूणी, मण्डोर, ओसियां, फलोदी और शेरगढ़ हैं। इनमें से सात पंचायत समितियां अतिदोहित श्रेणी में, लूणी संवेदनशील और बाप सुरक्षित श्रेणी में हैं।

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# नमी वाली हवाएं बढ़ाएंगी ठंड

नगर संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली

दिल्ली में अगले दो दिनों तक तापमान की स्थिति सामान्य रह सकती है। अभी न्यूनतम तापमान 9 से 10 डिग्री सेल्सियस के आसपास है। 16 से 19 दिसंबर के बीच तापमान गिरने की संभावना है। इस दौरान तापमान 8 डिग्री सेल्सियस तक बना रह सकता है।

मौसम वैज्ञानिकों का कहना है कि आने वाले दिनों में एक बार फिर पूर्वी दिशा से नमी वाली हवाएं दिल्ली और आसपास के मैदानी इलाकों में दस्तक दे सकती हैं। इससे मौसम की स्थिति बदलेगी।

मौसम विभाग ने अपने बुलेटिन में कहा कि बुधवार को आसमान साफ रह सकता है। सुबह के वक्त कोहरा छाने की उम्मीद है। अधिकतम तापमान 25 डिग्री और न्यूनतम तापमान 10 डिग्री सेल्सियस रहने



का अनुमान है।

मंगलवार को अधिकतम तापमान नॉर्मल से तीन पॉइंट ज्यादा के साथ 26.6 डिग्री सेल्सियस दर्ज किया गया। न्यूनतम तापमान नॉर्मल से दो पॉइंट ज्यादा के साथ 10.5 डिग्री सेल्सियस दर्ज किया गया। हवा में नमी का अधिकतम स्तर 98 पर्सेंट दर्ज किया गया। न्यूनतम स्तर 34 पर्सेंट दर्ज हुआ। मौसम वैज्ञानिकों ने बताया कि वेस्टर्न डिस्टर्बेंस ने उत्तर भारत में

दस्तक दे दी है। दो दिनों बाद से इसका असर दिल्ली और आसपास की जगहों पर रहने की संभावना है। वेस्टर्न डिस्टर्बेंस से पहाड़ी इलाकों में बर्फबारी होने की उम्मीद है। इसकी वजह से ठंडी हवाएं यहां से दिल्ली और आसपास के इलाकों में पहुंचेंगी। धीरे-धीरे हवा में नमी की मात्रा बढ़ेगी। इससे सुबह के वक्त कोहरा छाएगा। साथ ही इसका असर दिल्ली की कुछ जगहों में रात के वक्त भी आने वाले दिनों में रहने की संभावना है। दिल्ली में बीते कुछ सालों की तुलना में महसूस होने वाली ठंड का सीजन 15 दिसंबर से पहले ही शुरू हो गया है। मंगलवार को दिन में धूप छाई रही। अधिकतम तापमान ज्यादा रहा। हालांकि, मौसम वैज्ञानिकों ने आशंका जताई है कि दो दिनों बाद से मौसम की परिस्थितियों में बदलाव आने से कोहरा फिर लौट सकता है।

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## पंजाब-14-12-16 चेन्नई शहर में जगह-जगह तबाही के मंजर



चेन्नई में वरदा तूफान के दौरान उड़ी घर की छत की मरम्मत करते एक व्यक्ति, जबकि उसकी पत्नी उसे कुछ कह रही है। (छाया : प्रे.ट.)

चेन्नई, (भाषा): चक्रवाती तूफान 'वरदा' के चेन्नई से गुजरने के एक दिन बाद शहर में तबाही का मंजर है, हजारों पेड़ उखड़ चुके हैं, बिलबोर्ड जमींदोज हो चुके हैं, टेलीफोन और बिजली के तार भी टूट गए हैं जबकि निचले इलाके अभी जलमग्न हैं। शहर में हालात सामान्य हो रहे हैं और विमान सेवा आज सुबह शुरू कर दी गई। बीते दो दशक में तमिलनाडु की राजधानी में आए सबसे शक्तिशाली तूफान के कारण 10 लोगों की मौत हो गई, संचार साधन ठप्प पड़ गए, घर ढह गए और रेल, सड़क तथा वायु यातायात अस्त-व्यस्त हो गया।

आधिकारिक सूत्रों ने बताया कि तूफान के कारण चेन्नई में चार लोगों की, कांचीपुरम और तिरुवल्लूर में दो-दो लोगों की और विल्लुपुरम और नागपट्टीनम में एक-एक व्यक्ति की मौत हो गयी। तमिलनाडु के मुख्यमंत्री ओ. पन्नीरसेल्वम स्थिति पर लगातार नजर रख रहे हैं। उन्होंने वरदा के कारण मारे गये लोगों के परिजनों को चार-चार लाख रुपये की अनुग्रह राशि देने की घोषणा की है। उन्होंने बताया कि समुद्र के आसपास के इलाकों से दस हजार लोगों को सुरक्षित स्थानों पर जाने के लिए कहा गया है। सरकार ने चेन्नई, कांचीपुरम और तिरुवल्लूर जिले में आज स्कूलों और कॉलेजों को बंद रखने की घोषणा की है।

आज सुबह से बारिश बंद है, लोग सड़कों पर उतर आए हैं और चाय के ठेलों पर भीड़ देखी जा सकती है। बस स्टॉप और रेलवे स्टेशन पर भी लोग इंतजार करते दिखे, यहां कुछ सेवाएं बहाल हो चुकी हैं। दक्षिण रेलवे ने बताया कि एमएससी, सुलुपत्ता, अरक्कूनाम खंड में सेवाएं आंशिक रूप से बहाल की गई हैं जबकि व्यस्त तांबाराम-चेंगलपट्टु मार्ग पर सेवाएं अभी शुरू नहीं की गईं। चेन्नई हवाईअड्डे पर निलंबित की गई उड़ान सेवाओं को बहाल कर दिया गया है। नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री अशोक गजपति राजू ने ट्वीट किया, "चेन्नई हवाईअड्डे पर आज सुबह उड़ान सेवा बहाल कर दी गई।" कल तेज हवाओं और बारिश के कारण कई उड़ानों को या तो रद्द कर दिया गया था या फिर उनका मार्ग बदल दिया गया था। कई इलाकों में बिजली की तारों पर पेड़ गिर जाने के कारण बिजली गुल हो गई थी जिसे अभी तक दुरुस्त नहीं किया जा सका है। निचले इलाकों से हजारों लोगों को सुरक्षित निकाला गया है।

आंध्र में तूफान 'वरदा' से 2 की मौत : आंध्र प्रदेश के चित्तूर जिले में तूफान 'वरदा' से दो लोगों की मौत हो गई। क्षेत्र में भारी बारिश का दौर जारी है। दक्षिण तटीय आंध्र प्रदेश के नेल्लोर व प्रकाशम जिलों और रायलसीमा क्षेत्र के चित्तूर, कडप्पा तथा अनंतपुर जिले भी तूफान से प्रभावित हुए हैं। तूफान सोमवार को तमिलनाडु के तट से टकराया था। इन जिलों के क्षेत्रों में मंगलवार को लगातार दूसरे दिन भी बारिश जारी है। तेज हवाएं चलने से पेड़, बिजली के खंभे, संचार टावर उखड़ गए हैं और परिवहन व्यवस्था चरमरा गई है। नेल्लोर जिले में प्रशासन ने मंगलवार को शैक्षणिक संस्थानों में अवकाश घोषित कर दिया है। चित्तूर जिले के कई निचले क्षेत्र जलमग्न हो गए हैं। इससे मंदिरों का शहर तिरुपति भी प्रभावित हुआ है।

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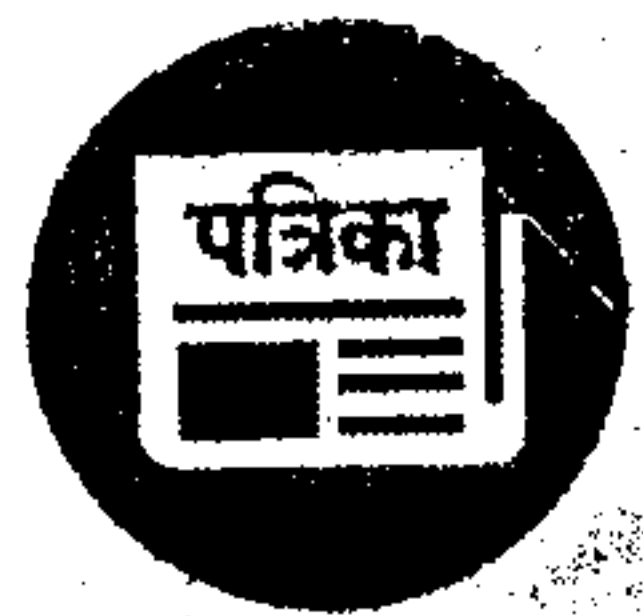
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अब माही से झील में जल परावर्तन की बनेगी नई योजना...

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# देवास नहीं माही का पानी भरेगा राजसमंद झील को



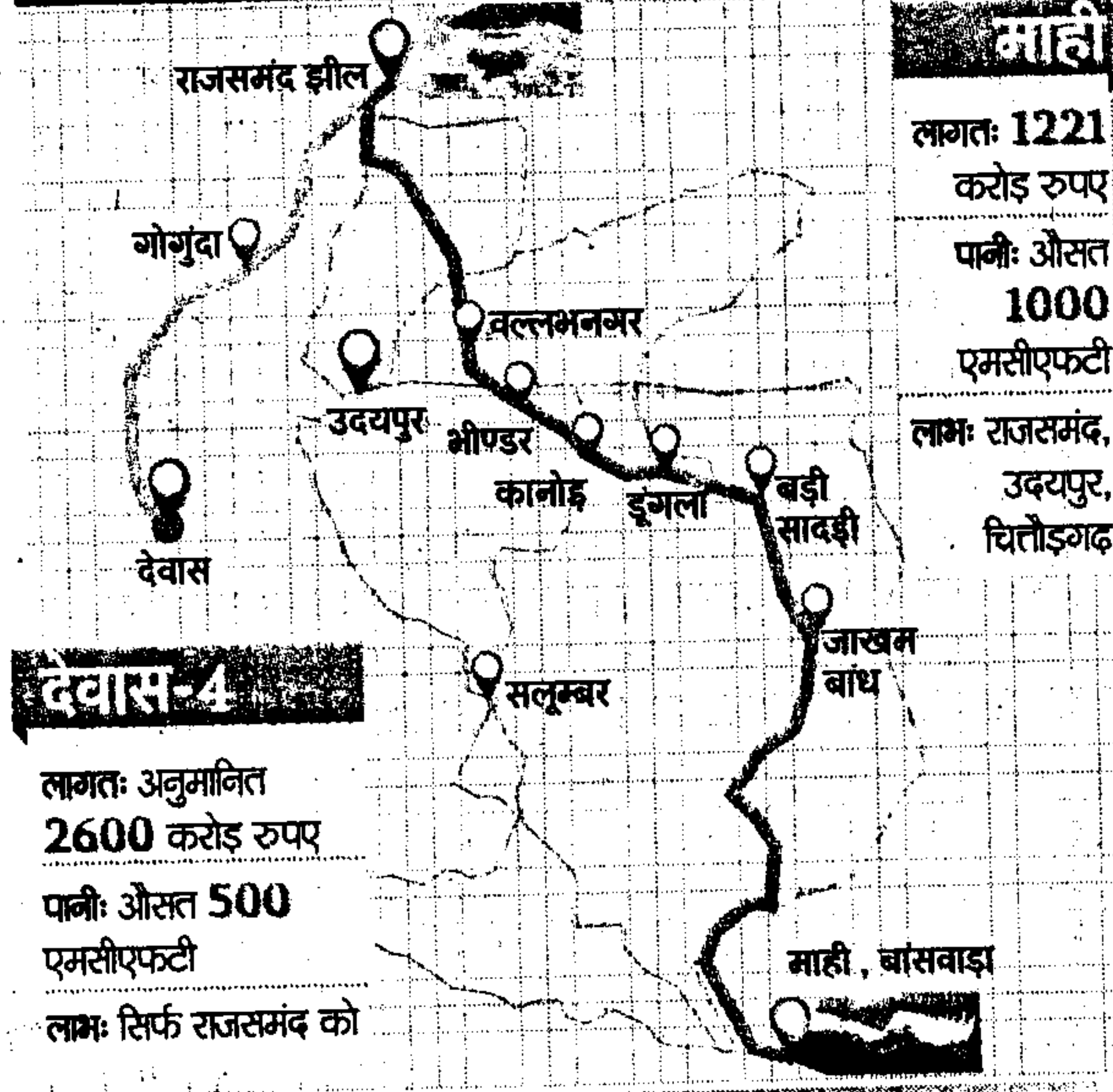
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राजसमंद, देवास परियोजना के चौथे चरण के जरिए राजसमंद झील को भरने का प्रोजेक्ट राज्य सरकार ने रद्द कर दिया है। इसकी बजाय अब माही बजाज सागर बांध से पानी लाया जाएगा। यह योजना पूर्ववर्ती गहलोत सरकार के कार्यकाल में हुई घोषणा का भी नया रूप होगी। इसमें उदयपुर और चित्तौड़गढ़ जिले के कई बड़े कस्बों को लाभ दिया जा सकेगा। मुख्यमंत्री कार्यालय सूत्रों के मुताबिक देवास-3 और चौथे चरण में उदयपुर जिले के गोगुंदा स्थित अम्बावा गांव के पास चौथे बांध सेटनल के जरिए

नया प्रोजेक्ट हर तरह है बेहतर



साबरमती बेसिन का पानी राजसमंद झील में लाने की योजना थी। लेकिन पानी की पर्याप्त उपलब्धता के अभाव में इसे निरस्त कर दिया गया। झील में प्रतिवर्ष 800 से एक हजार एमसीएफटी जल परावर्तन का आकलन किया था, जो तकनीकी स्तर पर मुमकिन नहीं हो रहा है।

अब होगा यह

लम्बी उच्च स्तरीय गुरुत्वाकर्षण नहर का निर्माण कर नागलिया पिकअप बांसवाड़ा के माही बांध के दायीं हिस्से से लगभग 90 किलोमीटर दियर तक ले जाया जाएगा। वहां दायीं ओर बायीं मुख्य नहर के जरिए जाखम बांध के कमाण्ड क्षेत्र में सिंचाई में उपयोग के बाद शेष पानी राजसमंद झील तक लिफ्ट के जरिए आएगा।

देवास-4 से बेहद कम खर्चीली इस योजना से बड़ी सादड़ी, इंगल, बल्लभनगर, भीण्डर एवं मावली भी पेयजल से लाभान्वित होंगे। राजसमंद को पूरे साल में एक हजार घन फुट पानी मिलने का दावा किया गया है। सीएमओ ने योजना का अनुमोदन कर घोषणा के स्थानांतरण प्रस्ताव जलदाय विभाग को भेज दिए हैं।

अब तक यह हो चुका

देवास-3 फेज के अंतिम चरण में पूर्व जलदाय मंत्री और राजसमंद विधायक किरण माहेश्वरी की कोशिशों से यह प्रोजेक्ट शामिल किया गया था। पिछले बजट में इसके प्रथम चरण के 1200 करोड़ रुपए की घोषणा भी हो गई थी। यही नहीं, वेपकॉस कम्पनी को सर्वे का ठेका भी हो चुका है। हालांकि

डीपीआर तैयार नहीं हुई है। गहलोत सरकार ने दूसरे कार्यकाल के आखिरी दिनों में माही बांध से सीधे राजसमंद पानी लाने की घोषणा की थी, जिसकी लागत करीब साढ़े चार हजार करोड़ आंकी थी। प्रारंभिक सर्वे के लिए सरकार ने 4 करोड़ रुपए का बजट भी आवंटित किया था।

देवास-4 से वैसे भी पर्याप्त मात्रा में पानी लाने की संभावनाएं कम थी। सरकार ने योजना बदली है, लेकिन काम तेजी से पूरा हो तभी यह लाभकारी होगी। जनता और पर्यटन की उम्मीदें व जरूरतें जल्द पूरी करनी होंगी।

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ऐसी चर्चाएं हो रही हैं, लेकिन अभी कोई निर्णय नहीं हुआ है। मैं मुख्यमंत्री से बात करूंगी। मैंने लेटर भी लिखा है। अभी डीपीआर आने दो, ये सब बातें बाद की हैं।

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अभी मैंने विभाग संभाला ही है। मुझे कोई जानकारी नहीं है। जल्द ही उच्चाधिकारियों की बैठक लूंगा। योजनाओं की ताजा स्थिति और फंडबैंक लेने के बाद ही कुछ कह सकूंगा।

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वाशिंगटन, (वार्ता)। विश्व बैंक ने सिंधु जल संधि विवाद पर विचार के लिए पंच निर्णय अदालत या स्वतंत्र पर्यवेक्षक की नियुक्ति को रोक दिया है और भारत तथा पाकिस्तान दोनों को सलाह दी है कि वे अपने मतभेदों को दूर करने के लिये किसी और उपाय पर विचार करें। यह जानकारी कल विश्व बैंक की एक विज्ञप्ति में दी गयी है। सिंधु जल संधि से संबंधित विवाद के हल के लिए जहां पाकिस्तान ने विश्व बैंक से पंच निर्णय अदालत के गठन को वहीं भारत ने स्वतंत्र पर्यवेक्षक की नियुक्ति का अनुरोध किया था। विश्व बैंक समूह के अध्यक्ष जिम यंग किम ने कहा, "हम सिंधु जल संधि को बचाने के लिए और संधि एवं दो पनबिजली संयंत्रों में इसके अमल के संबंध में विरोधाभासी हितों को सुलझाने के वैकल्पिक नज़रियों पर विचार करने में भारत एवं पाकिस्तान की मदद करने के लिए इस विराम की घोषणा कर रहे हैं।" किम ने भारत एवं पाकिस्तान के वित्त मंत्रियों को लिखे पत्रों में इस विराम की घोषणा की। इस बात पर भी जोर दिया गया कि बैंक संधि को बचाने के लिए यह कदम उठा रहा है। अभी के लिए प्रक्रिया को विराम देते हुए बैंक मध्यस्थता अदालत के अध्यक्ष एवं तटस्थ विशेषज्ञ की नियुक्तियों को फिलहाल रोक देगा। बैंक ने जैसा कि पहले बताया था कि ये नियुक्तियां 12 दिसंबर को होने की संभावना थी।

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## जलशोधन प्लांट बनाया जाएगा

नई दिल्ली (प्र.सं.)। यमुना नदी के प्रदूषण को कम करने लिए 70 एमजीडी क्षमता का जल शोधन प्लांट तैयार होगा। शोधन प्लांट की मदद से गंदे पानी का शोधन होगा और इससे बनने वाली गैस की मदद से बिजली भी बनेगी।

इस प्लांट को आने वाले 30 माह में बनाकर तैयार कर लिया जाएगा। वरिष्ठ अधिकारी के मुताबिक एशिया का अब तक का सबसे बड़ा प्लांट होगा और इसे अब तक की सबसे कम कीमत पर तैयार किया जाएगा।