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Water panel facing an identity crisis

To lodge a formal protest against proposal to bring it under a new organisation

JACOB KOSHY

NEW DELHI: The Central Water Commission will formally protest against a proposal to subsume it into a new organisation. The proposal that resulted from a report — A 21st Century Institutional Architecture for India's Water Reforms: Restructuring the CWC and CGWB — of a high-powered committee led by Mihir Shah, member of the erstwhile Planning Commission, was submitted to the Water Resources Ministry in July.

The proposed National Water Commission will be a science-led agency to advise the States on how much water they can use without affecting rivers and groundwater, taking surface- and groundwater-usage as a single entity. The CWC, established in 1945, is in charge of surface water and creating

storage structures such as dams and medium-scale reservoirs. The Central Ground Water Board is tasked with managing groundwater.

The new body should be an adjunct office of the Ministry, functioning with both full autonomy and requisite accountability; should be headed by a Chief National Water Commissioner; and should have full-time commissioners representing Hydrology (present Chair, CWC), Hydrogeology (present Chair, CGWB), Hydrometeorology, River Ecology, Ecological Economics, Agronomy (with focus on soil and water) and Participatory Resource Planning & Management, the report

States' complaint

"CWC and CGWB suffer from a lack of professionals," says a summary of the Shah



OUT OF DEPTH? Central Water Commission officials measuring the Cauvery water level. A report says the panel suffers from a lack of professionals. — FILE PHOTO: N. BASHKARAN

report. "Several State governments testified that huge delays in techno-economic appraisal by the CWC had become a matter of concern." The Ministry is slated to have its first meeting on August 24 to consider establishing the National Water Commission, a top official told The Hindu.

However, a high-ranking official in the CWC told The Hindu that the five-member

committee led by Mr. Shah, tasked with preparing the report over a year, had ignored the CWC's views and they would be formally registering their protest with Water Resources Minister Uma Bharti within a week. "Many of the plans in the report on having diverse professionals, having more State-level directorates are already in place," the official said. "There is nothing new in this

so-called paradigm shift. Dams were still critical for national water security and frequently dam projects were hindered because of opposition from the States."

This is the third time since 2000 that reports have been placed for restructuring the CWC and it is still unclear how seriously the government is likely to go ahead with restructuring. However the recent water crises in the face of droughts in 2014 and 2015 and growing concerns with groundwater contamination have provided a fresh trigger, a senior Ministry official said.

Mr. Shah is learnt to have made a presentation at the Prime Minister's Office. "This will be the equivalent of the 1991 reforms in water that we've never had," he told The Hindu. "We are bringing groundwater management on par with surface water."

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Faulty data stations cloud IMD weather predictions

Lack of maintenance has left a quarter of instruments unable to transmit full data

JACOB KOSHY

NEW DELHI: At least a quarter of the India Meteorological Department (IMD)'s recently installed rain gauges and Automatic Weather Stations (AWS), meant to supply hourly weather data from across the country, are not working to capacity.

Several instruments re-

main non-functional because of lack of qualified personnel to repair them.

The AWS, a key part of a modernisation drive and critical to improving monsoon forecasts and warning of emerging thunderstorms, cloudbursts and pollution spikes, are part of a Rs.1,000-crore upgrade of the department's infrastructure, initiated barely four years ago in 2012.

These instruments are expected to relay hourly updates of temperature, sea level pressure and rainfall.

Updated data from these instruments are necessary for climate research as well as the IMD's fortnightly and weekly rainfall outlook over States. There are between 550-1200 AWS sanctioned as part of IMD's network that

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can be monitored online. Some of them are shared with regional agriculture departments as well as defence organisations.

Around 300 of these stations can currently be moni-



The Automatic Weather Station at Adilabad.

— FILE PHOTO: S. HARPAL SINGH

tored, as part of the IMD's online AWS network. A check by *The Hindu* on Thursday showed that over a

24-hour period, on an average, at least a quarter — sometimes more — weren't relaying all the meteorological data they were supposed to such as temperature, sea level pressure, mean sea level pressure and rainfall.

U.P., Bihar no show

At 8 a.m., for instance, between 60 and 80 AWS were not relaying data. In Uttar Pradesh, six of the eight installed stations were not transmitting rainfall or sea level pressure data; the same was the case with the five

stations in Bihar. There is no uniformity in the number of sensors across States because of varying meteorological conditions across districts.

The lack of continuous and uniform data from these AWS impacts the accuracy of short-term (periods between 24 hours to five days) and medium-term (two weeks) forecasts.

A senior meteorologist associated with the organisation admitted, "There are problems with the network and sometimes nearly half of them aren't working."

He added that though the AWS were automatic, they needed battery replacements and periodic re-calibration as the instruments were sensitive to changes in humidity. Many are located on hills and other hard-to-reach regions and could malfunction unless regularly maintained. However, a shortage of technical personnel has made maintenance and upgrades difficult.

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Weather stations can be repaired at State level, says new IMD D-G

JACOB KOSHY

NEW DELHI: The India Meteorological Department is planning to get instruments at its automatic weather stations repaired without waiting for Central clearance. K.J. Ramesh, who took over as its Director-General on August 1, admitted that the network, including 1,200 rain gauges, was not up to speed.

"There are problems with maintenance but we are working to fix it," he told The Hindu. "For one, we are now easing procedures to allow

State meteorological department officials to spend up to Rs. 1 crore for maintenance without Central clearance. That should make upkeep faster." Dr. Ramesh, however, clarified that the stations were prone to malfunction and weather agencies had issues with them.

Other meteorologists said weather forecasts had not been seriously off the mark due to instrument malfunction because the department additionally relied on manually operated devices for data. "There can be sever-

al reasons for the weather stations not functioning, but usually when more than 10 per cent has not functioned, we have had to initiate some action," said Shailesh Nayak, former Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences. For the monsoon forecast, the agency relies on a combination of sources such as traditional meteorological stations, rain gauges and satellite data, apart from the automatic stations. "Because there are other sources, the monsoon forecasts are never critically affected," he added.

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Dam-burst threat after Teesta landslide



An alert has been sounded in the low-lying areas of Bengal and Sikkim

Pinak Priya Bhattacharya TNN

Jalpaiguri: Thousands of homes near Rongpo on the Bengal-Sikkim border are at risk after a massive landslide created a dam on Kanka river in Sikkim on Saturday morning. Water is rising in this blocked up lake, which may break its banks any time of the night, releasing a huge amount of water into the Teesta and flooding settlements, fear the authorities.

An alert has been sounded in the low-lying areas on both sides of the border and entire villages are being evacuated through the night, say sources. The threat looms on Dikchu, Makha, Singtam and Rangpo. If the dam breaks, Teesta Bazaar and 29 Mile will also be affected. An official said that once the dam starts leaking, the thousands of residents of Teesta Bazaar and 29 Mile will have barely three to three-and-ahalf hours to get to safety. Evacuating these densely populated areas will be a logistical nightmare.

The dam—about 150ft wide—has formed just above the Teesta Low Dam Project V of NHPC. The reservoir has been emptied as a precaution.

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Centre plans to revisit issues on Western Ghats eco-sensitive areas

NEW DELHI: New Union environment minister Anil Dave wants to have fresh rounds of consultations with all stakeholders before deciding on the ecologically sensitive areas in the Western Ghats that were identified by the Centre in March 2014.

The Centre had issued a draft gazette notification more than two-and-a-half years ago declaring almost 10,000 sq km of the Western Ghats as ESA barring development activities.

The minister, on Thursday, met seven MPs from Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Kerala, including former agriculture minister Sharad Pawar, who sat through almost two hours of discussions on the Western Ghats.

Other lawmakers who attended the meeting were Shashi Tharoor, A Sampath, K Somaprasad and P K Shrimati Teacher (all from Kerala); Tiruchi Siva (Tamil Nadu) and Vinayak Bhaurau Raut (Maharashtra). However, lawmakers from Karnataka, Goa and Gujarat were absent.

"Within six months, we intend to prepare a complete plan on preserving the Western Ghats while taking care of the roads, power and drinking water needs of people living there. I will go to remote areas and talk to the common man in the villages and forests before taking a decision," he said.

In the last two years, Gujarat,
Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka
and Kerala had submitted their
own ground surveys with their



objections, on the identification of villages falling inside the ESA. Tamil Nadu is the only state which is yet to submit its ground survey report.

The hamlets falling within the ESA were identified by a scientific panel, headed by space scientist K Kasturirangan, using satellite and ground data.

But most of the states disagree with the draft notification and want the ESA area reduced. The green lobby, on the other hand, is against any dilution of the draft notification based on the Kasturirangan panel's report.

A section of environmentalists is even of the opinion that the Kasturirangan panel's report was a watered down version of the recommendations given by an earlier committee headed by ecologist Madhav Gadgil.

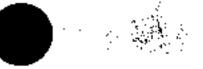
Dave said reports from the state governments would be

used as inputs for consultations on the Western Ghats. The ministry would engage with MPs and MLAs from the six Western Ghats states, besides scientists, green activists and locals before taking any decision.

After the first notification lapsed, a second draft notification was issued on September 4, 2015.

Dave's predecessor Prakash Javadekar had stated that barring four types of polluting industrial works, other commercial activities would be permitted in the Western Ghats so that the eco-norms won't create any problem for 50 lakh people living in the biodiversity zone. The activities, Javadekar said would not be permitted, were commercial mining, thermal power plants, any kind of polluting industries and big housing projects.

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यम्ना में खतरा बरकरार, पुराना

रविवार को यमुना का वॉटर लेवल खतरे के निशान से थोड़ा नीचे आया है, लेकिन हरियाणा से पानी छोड़े जाने से खतरा अभी भी बना हुआ है। दिल्ली सरकार के फ्लंड डिपार्टमेंट के अनुसार रविवार शाम छह बजे के रिकॉर्ड के अनुसार यमुना का वॉटर लेवल 204.60 मीटर आ गया था, जबकि डेंजर लेवल 204. 83 मीटर है। शनिवार को पानी का लेवल खतरे के निशान से ऊपर पहुंच गया था।

यमुना में पानी का लेवल बढ़ने से ओल्ड रेलवे ब्रिज को बंद कर दिया गया है, जो रविवार को भी बंद रहा। फ्लड डिपार्टमेंट के अनुसार 12 अगस्त को सबसे ज्यादा पानी छोड़ा गया था। 12 अगस्त को सुबह 9 और 10 बजे लगातार एक लाख 39 हजार 88 क्यूसेक पानी छोड़ा गया था और 11 बजे 97 हजार 728 क्यूसेक पानी छोड़ा गया था। 24 घंटे बाद पानी यमुना पहुंचा और वॉटर लेवल खतरे के निशान से ऊपर पहुंच गया। इसके बाद फ्लड डिपार्टमेंट ने रेलवे ब्रिज बंद कर दिया और यमुना किनारे बसे लोगों को अलर्ट जारी कर हटाया गया। रविवार की सुबह से पानी का लेवल कम होने लगा और शाम छह बजे 204.60 मीटर तक पहुंच गया। मगर रविवार को फिर पल्ला बांध से दोपहर दो बर्जे 22,478 क्यूसेक पानी छोड़ा गया है, जिससे एक बार फिर बाद का खतरा हो सकता है।

दो लाख से अधिक यात्री हो रहे हैं परेशान : यमुना में पानी का स्तर बढ़ने से बंद हुए लोहे के पुल से करीब 250 रेलगाड़ियां प्रभावित हो रहीं हैं। इस कारण दो लाख से अधिक यात्रियों को परेशानी हो रही है। हालांकि, नॉर्दर्न रेलवे की दिल्ली डिविजन अपनी ओर से भरसक प्रयास कर रही है कि यात्रियों को कम से कम परेशानी हो। इसी वजह से अधिकतर ट्रेनों को कैंसल ना करके उन्हें नई दिल्ली रेलवे स्टेशन की ओर से चलाया जा रहा है लेकिन पहले से ही नई दिल्ली रेलवे स्टेशन पर रेलगाड़ियों का जमावड़ा काफी अधिक होने से वहां इससे और लोड बढ़ गया है। नॉर्दर्न रेलवे की ओर से बताया गया है कि वह मीडिया और सोशल मीडिया के माध्यम से रेलगाड़ियों की यथास्थिति को बता रहे हैं।



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नई दिल्ली : ईस्ट इंडिया रेलवे द्वारा बनाया गया करीब 150 साल पुराना लोहे का पुल जांच में खरा उतरा है। नॉर्दर्न रेलवे का कहना है कि ब्रिज की हाल ही में जांच की गई थीं पुराना है लोहे का और अब यमना में वॉटर लेवल बढ़ने से फिर से इसकी जांच की गई है। इन दोनों ही जांच में यह खरा उतरा है। अंग्रेजों द्वारा बनवाए गए इस पुराने पुल से फिलहाल रेल और रोड ट्रेफिक को बंद करने की कोई योजना नहीं है।

नॉर्दर्न रेलवे के चीफ पीआरओ नीरज शर्मा का कहना कार केरी केरी कार करते से की बार

नहीं है। रेलवे यात्रियों की सुरक्षा से कोई समझौता नहीं करता है इस्तिए साल में दो बार इसकी जांच की जाती है और हर तीन साल में एक बार इसकी ओयलिंग एवं मेटिनेस की जाती है।

उन्होंने बताया कि दिल्ली डिविजन और भारतीय रेलवे हेडववाटर से अटेच बिज 150 साल ऑर्गजनाइजेशन हर साल अपने-अपने स्तर पर इस पुल की जीन करते हैं। इसमें इसके पिलर की कपर से नीचे तक की मजबूती और जोड़ आदि की जांच की जाती है। हर तीन साल में एक बार क्रिज ऑग्नाइबेरन द्वारा ही इसकी ओवरहालिंग की जाती है। इसमें इसके तमाम कलपूजों को चेक करने सहित इसकी मेटिनेस

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वरस सकते हैं बादल

नगर संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली

सकते हैं, लेकिन बारिश होने के कम टेंपरेचर 27 डिग्री रहने का अनुमान है। चांस हैं। दिल्ली से सटे राज्यों के पास मौसम वैज्ञानिकों ने कहा कि आने अगले दो दिनों में बारिश होने की उम्मीद वाले दिनों में एक और वेस्टर्न डिस्टरबेंस है, जिससे वहां से नमी वाली हवाएं पूर्वी सिक्रिय हो सकता है। यह उत्तर भारत दिशा से दिल्ली में आ सकती हैं। इससे में आएगा और इसका असर दिल्ली में मौसम में हल्का बदलाव आ सकता है। भी होने की संभावना है। साथ ही आने

सोमवार को दिनभर बादल छाए रह वाले दिनों में पूर्वी दिशा सकते हैं। सोमवार सुबह 8:30 बजे तक नमी के साथ आ 2.60 मिमी बारिश दर्ज हुई। मैक्सिमम टेंपरेचर नॉर्मल से एक डिग्री ज्यादा के

साथ 34.8 डिग्री दर्ज हुआ। मिनिमम टेंपरेचर सामान्य के साथ 27 डिग्री दर्ज आने वाले 2-3 दिनों में दिल्ली में हुआ। सोमवार को हवा में अधिकतम मौसम सामान्य रह सकता है। 18 अगस्त ह्यूमिडिटी का स्तर 91 पर्सेंट दर्ज को रक्षा बंधन के दिन हल्की बारिश की हुआ। मौसम विभाग ने अपने बुलेटिन संभावना जताई गई है। मौसम वैज्ञानिकों ने कहा कि मंगलवार को मैक्सिमम ने कहा कि मंगलवार को बादल छाए रह टेंपरेचर 35 डिग्री और मिनिमम

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उत्तराखंड के कुछ जिलों में 16 और 17 अगस्त को भारी बारिश की चेतावनी मौसम विभाग ने जारी की है।

निदयों के उफान पर होने से सोमवार को अलकनंदा में दो युवक बह गए। ये लोग एक भवन के निर्माण कार्य में जुटे थे।

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मौसम विभाग ने कहा है कि आने वाले हफ्ते में हिमाचल में मॉनसून कमजोर रहेगा। बीते एक सप्ताह में यहां भारी बारिश हुई है।

मध्य प्रदेश की राजधानी भोपाल सहित दूसरे शहरों में सोमवार को भारी बारिश की चेतावनी जारी की गई है।

अमेरिका के सुसिकता में बाद से तीन लोगों की मीत हो गई। भारी

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A waterlogged stretch of Central Avenue near Chandni Chowk Metro station on Sunday evening. Picture by Sanat Kumar Sinha

Drain fear in rain alert

OUR BUREAU

Calcutta's drainage network came up short again as a sunny Sunday morning gave way to a downpour that the weather office says has set the tone for a rainy Independence Day.

The trigger for the rain after a period of swelter was a cyclonic circulation that had been building up over the Bay of Bengal.

The shower and a delay in operating the municipal pumping stations that drain rainwater into the canals led to waterlogging in several pockets.

There could be more of the same on Monday since the cyclonic circulation is tipped to intensify into a low-pressure area, causing heavy rain in Calcutta and elsewhere in south Bengal, said G.C. Debnath, deputy director-general of the India Meteorological Department, Calcutta.

In 24 hours till 8.30pm on Sunday, the Regional Meteorological Centre in Alipore had recorded 36.4mm of rain.

The Calcutta Municipal Corporation, which uses data provided by its pumping stations to calculate the amount of rain in a particular area, Behala received 6mm, Thanthania 24mm, Ballygunge 20mm, Chetla 19mm, Jodhpur Park 18mm and Palmer Bazaar 17mm between 4pm and 5pm.

Rainfall was heavier around the airport, leaving parts of the northern fringes in knee-deep water.

Some pockets of central Calcutta, including CR Avenue, parts of Chandni Chowk and

a few stretches of Park Street and Theatre Road were also waterlogged in quick time.

Sources in the CMC attributed the waterlogging in central Calcutta to a two-hour delay in starting two pumps at the Palmer Bazar pumping station.

During dry periods, three pumps are operational at the CMC stations. Sunday morning was no different.

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WEATHER YESTERDAY TEMPERATURE:

Maximum: 35.2°C (+3); Minimum: 28.7°C (+3) RAINFALL: 36.4mm; RELATIVE HUMIDITY: Max: 94%, Min: 59%

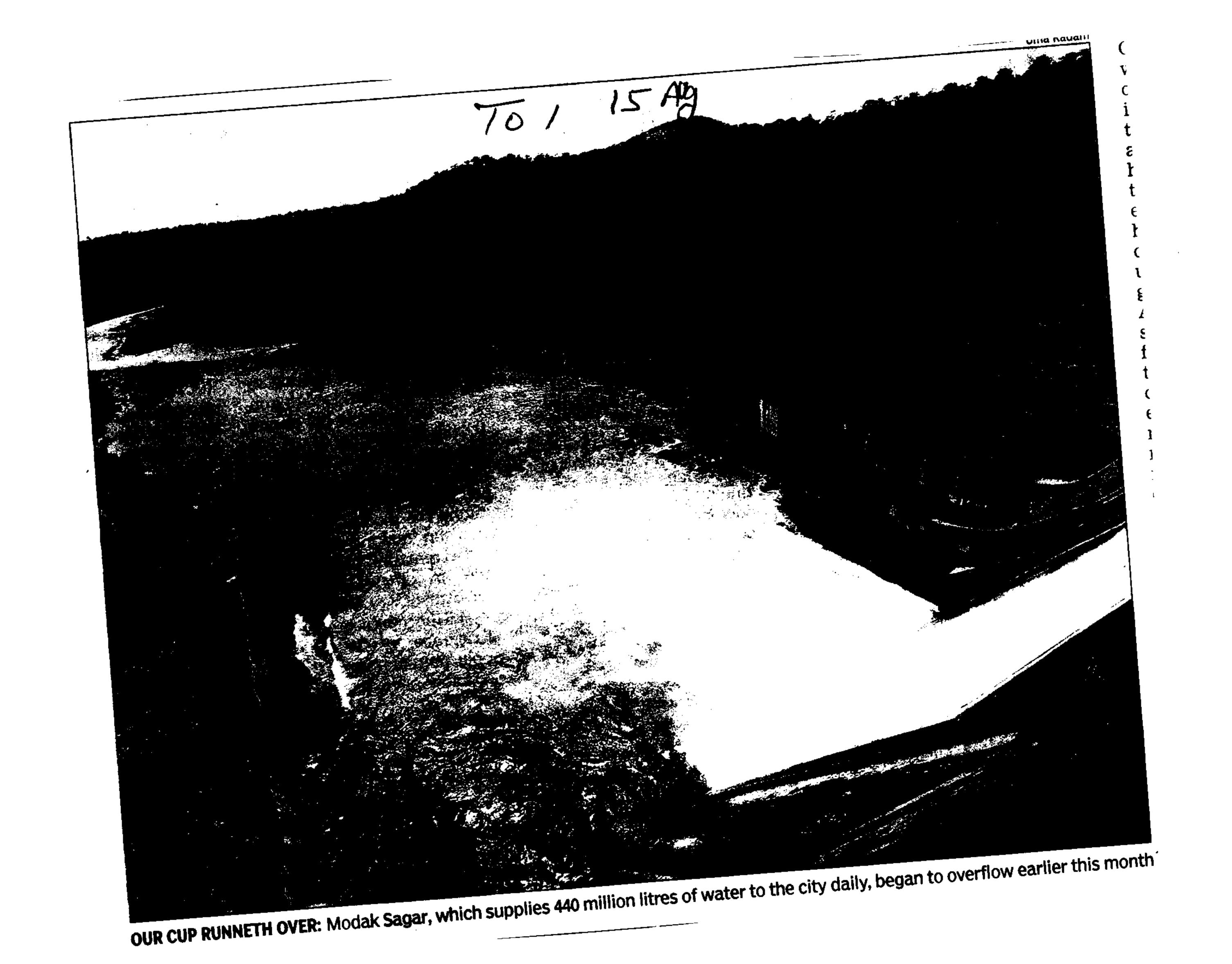
THE FORECAST
One or two spells of light to

moderate rain likely.
SUNSET: 6.08pm;
SUNRISE: 5.14am

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Yamuna recedes, govt says no need Rain to continue to panic, situation under control

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NEW DELHI: A day after Yamuna touched the danger mark in Delhi, the water has started to recede.

At 6.30 pm on Sunday, the level was recorded at 204.67 metres. The danger level is 204.83 metres.

There have been heavy rains in Uttarakhand, where the river originates from and Haryana, which it passes through before reaching Delhi, over the past week. Haryana was forced to release more water than it usually does, pushing the water up to the danger mark.

The river touched 204.9 metres on Sunday morning but started falling after that.

According to water minister Kapil Mishra, close to 60 people were rescued between Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Thirty people and one buffalo living on the floodplains in Burari were evacuated by the teams of the Flood and Irrigation



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Department. Ten rescue teams with divers patrolled the area.

"Quick response vehicles, divers, boats and disaster management teams were all on duty all night. The situation is under control and there is no need to panic. The water is receding," Mishra said.

"Haryana is not planning to release more water to Delhi than it usually does. Things are under control and we are monitoring the situation," he said.

The iron bridge (Loha Pul) was closed on Saturday as a precautionary measure. 15 trains were cancelled and 100 diverted.

In 1978, the water level in Yamuna touched 207.49 metres - the highest ever. That year water entered houses in Adarsh Nagar, Model town and Mukerjee Nagar.

throughout this week, says MeT

NEW DELHI: Light rain will continue in the city till Friday with a break on Tuesday, India Meteorological Department (IMD) officers said on Sunday.

On Sunday, 2.2 mm of rain was received at the Safdarjung observatory, which is considered as Delhi's official meteorology station. 3.1 mm of rain was recorded at Lodhi Road and 3.6 mm at Ridge.

The maximum temperature was 32 degrees Celsius, two degrees below normal. The minimum was recorded as 26 degrees Celsius, a degree below normal. Humidity was between 95% and 73%.

According to IMD officials, Monday will bring a cloudy sky and light rain. The temperature will be between 33 degrees and 26 degrees Celsius.

Delhi has received 428.1 mm of rain as opposed to 412.2 it usually gets till the second week of August. This is 4% above nor-HTC mal.

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Western Ghats' eco zone plan in trouble

'Democractic Process Being Sabotaged'

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dest possible consultations" with MPs and legislators on conserving the Western Ghats' ecology, which is an attempt to seal the draft notification for the ecologically sensitive area (ESAs) in six months, has run into trouble with ecologists.

Madhav Gadgil, the architect of a report on the Western Ghats, has said the government was "sabotaging" a democratic process by not involving gram sabhas and bypassing ward meetings in the decision-making process.

Union minister of state (independent charge) Anil Madhav Dave on Thursday called a meeting of MPs from the Western Ghats region (Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Goa, Gujarat and Kerala) and senior government officers in Delhi. NCP chief Sharad Pawar represented Maharashtra in the meeting. Dave called for maintaining a balance between ecology and development. "The do-

MISSION CONSERVATION

- ➤ Western Ghats are an important geological landform on the fringe of India's west coast. A number of rivers like the Godavari, Krishna and Cauvery originate there
- ➤ Madhav Gadgil-led
 Western Ghats Ecology
 Expert Panel recommends
 that the entire Western Ghats
 be declared as an ecologically
 sensitive area (ESA) since it is
 a bio-diversity hotspot
- ➤ Union ministry of environment and forests constitutes K Kasturirangan High Level Working Group

(HLWG) to take a relook at the entire issue. The HLWG recommends that 37% of the Western Ghats, which makes up 60,000 sq km, be earmarked as ESA

➤ However, the Centre identifies only 56,825 sq km as ESA

or is open for all noble ideas," he said, adding that villagers and tribals living in the region must have access to infrast-ructure like roads, power and drinking water. He emphasized that different states have different problems that have to be addressed.

The draft notification was published on September 4, 2015 to conserve and protect the unique biodiversity of the Western Ghats. The government had identified 56,825 sq km spread across six states for the ESA. The area is earmarked as a 'no-go area' for high polluting human activities

like mining, quarrying, huge constructions and setting up of industries. Gadgil, who headed the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel formed by the ministry of environment in 2010, is unhappy with the Centre's move.

"The electoral system has become so corrupt...elected representatives are getting managed to achieve their goals. Consultations must be held within the constitutional framework and keeping decentralization of power in mind. Through gram sabhas, pople must be involved in the consultation," he said.

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आज भी होगी बारिश, कम होगी गर्मी

दिल्ली में शनिवार को कई जगहों पर झमाझम बारिश हुई। मौसम विभाग के मुताबिक 18 अगस्त तक दिल्ली में इसी तरह से बारिश होने की संभावना है। साथ ही तापमान भी नॉर्मल से कम रहने की उम्मीद है। शनिवार को सुबह 8:30 बजे तक लोदी रोड में 32.3 मिमी, सफदरजंग

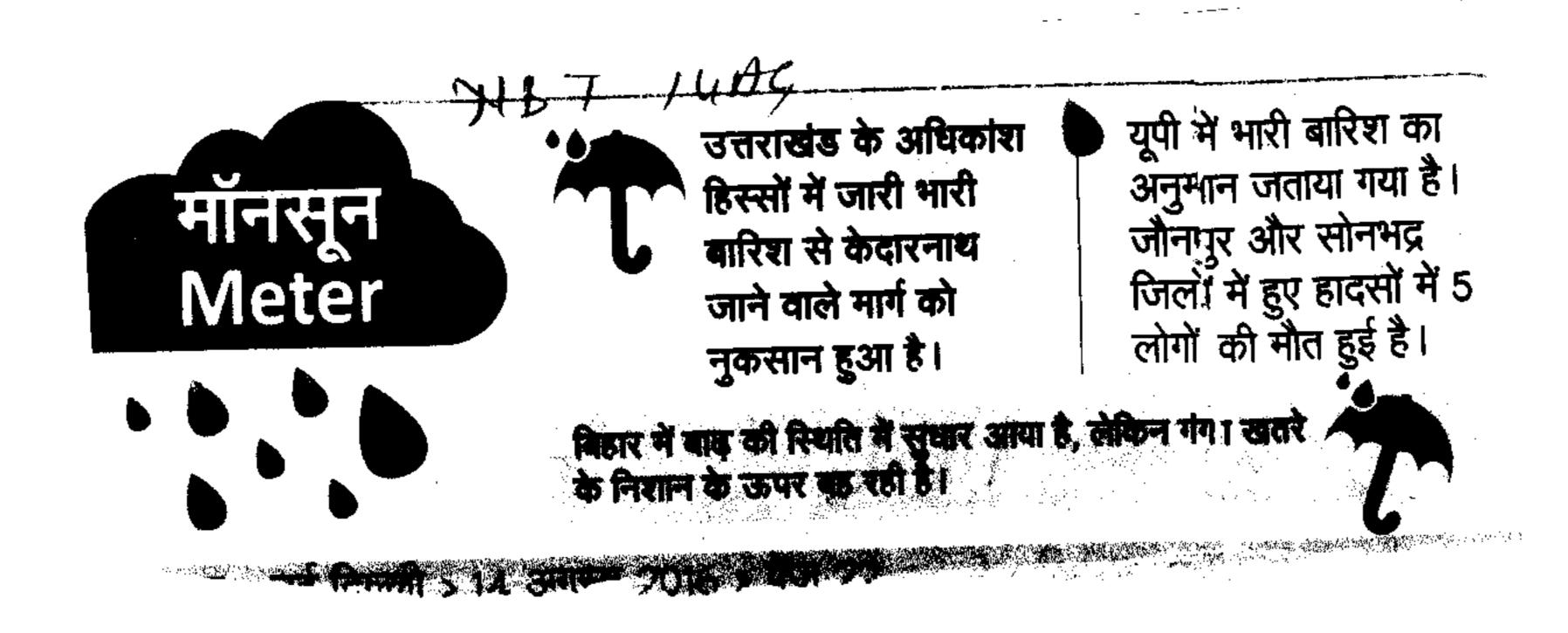
सकती है बारिश

में 29.8 मिमी बारिश दर्ज हुई। बारिश के बाद हवा में नमी का अधिकतम स्तर 98 पर्सेंट दर्ज हुआ। मैक्सिमम टेंपरेचर सामान्य के साथ 33.7 डिग्री दर्ज हुआ। मिनिमम

मौसम विभाग ने अपने बुलेटिन में सिस्टम सिक्रय है। में 2.1 मिमी, पूसा में 3 मिमी और दिल्ली का अनुमान है।

25.5 डिग्री दर्ज हुआ। रिज में 0.4 मिमी बारिश दर्ज हुई। मौसम वैज्ञानिकों ने कहा कि दिल्ली में मॉनसून का

कहा कि संडे को बादल छाए रह सकते इस वजह से पिछले तीन दिनों से हैं। हल्की बारिश भी होने की उम्मीद है। लगातार कई जगहों पर बारिश दर्ज हो रही मैक्सिमम टेंपरेचर 33 डिग्री और मिनिमम है। 14 और 15 अगस्त को भी कुछ जगहों टेंपरेचर 26 डिग्री रहने का अनुमान है। पर बारिश होने की उम्मीद है। इस दौरान शनिवार की शाम 5:30 बजे तक पालम मैक्सिमम टेंपरेचर 32 से 34 डिग्री रहने



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संभावना है।

राजस्थान के जयपुर और जोधपुर में शुक्रवार को भारी बारिश हुई। अगले 24 घंटे में और भारी बारिश होने की

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यूपी में कुछ ही क्षेत्रों में बारिश के बावजूद नेपाल और उत्तराखंड में बारिश होने की वजह से राज्य में नदियां उफान पर हैं।

म्यामार के इरावदी मंडल में बाद के कारण हजारों लोग विस्थापित हो गए है।



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Ggn gets top nodal officer for coordination

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NEW DELHI: A fortnight after Gurgaon suffered massive traffic jams due to waterlogging, the state government appointed on Friday a retired IPS officer as chief governance coordinator (CGC) to ensure all agencies work in tandem.

Former director general of police SN Vashisth was appointed for a period of one year and he would charge only ₹1 per month as salary.

According to official sources, the CGC will directly report to chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar who was unhappy with the handling of traffic jam and waterlogging on July 28 and 29.

Lack of coordination among various agencies was considered to be the main reason for the mess. Khattar had then directed the authorities to work in tandem.

Vashisth, who joined as the chief secretary office in Chandigarh on Friday, retired last year from the post of DGP state vigilance bureau.

Municipal Corporation Gurgaon, Haryana Urban Development Authority, Town and Country Planning, police, and district administration are among the agencies responsible for governance in the city.

Coordination meetings of the agencies are often held but effects are not seen at the ground level, said a senior government official.



■ Heavy rain on July 28 and 29 exposed the lack of coordination among the civic agencies in Gurgaon.
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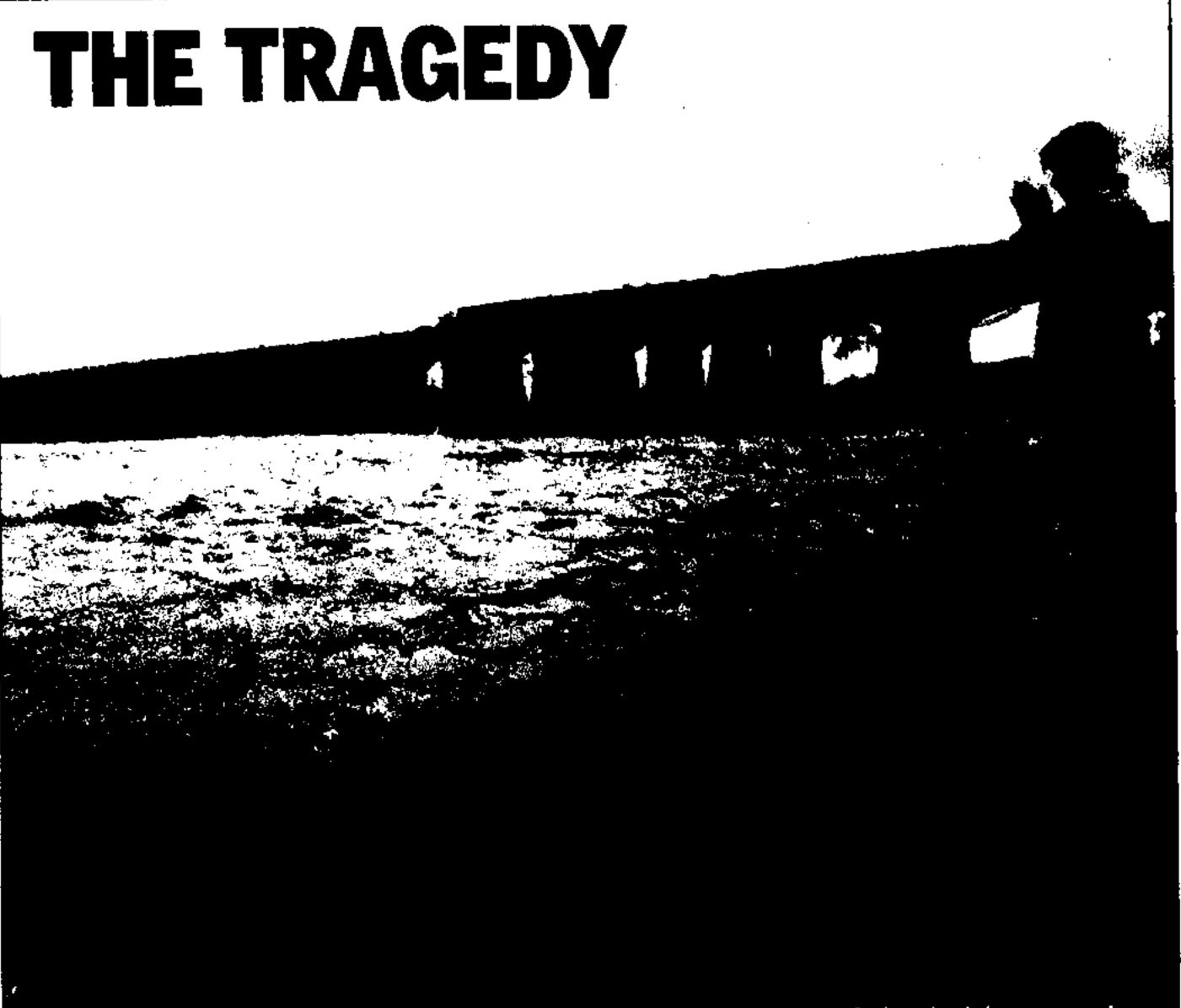
Tributes Paid, Civic Function Postponed

George Mendonca

Navi Mumbai/Kolhapur: Relatives of some untraced victims of the Mahad bridge tragedy said on Friday that the compensation offered to them by the state government was paltry. The kin of the missing persons who were travelling in the MSRTC bus will get Rs 10 lakh plus Rs 4 lakh, while those in private vehicles will get Rs 4 lakh plus Rs6 lakh, from the national disaster relief fund and chief minister's relief fund.

After the wreckage of an ST bus, which fell into the Savitri river near Mahad after the British era bridge collapsed, was recovered on Thursday, crestfallen relatives of victims conducted the final rites on Friday morning after they lost hope of recovering the bodies. The Mahad Municipal Council, which was to celebrate its 150th foundation day, postponed the programme after paying tributes to the victims.

Local MLA Bharat Gogavale assured the kin that he will pursue the issue of higher compensation and jobs for family members of the deceased with the state government.



Pramod Surve, brother-in-

law of Vikas Desai, 42, the con-

ductor in the Jaigad-Mumbai

ST bus, said, "Apart from the Rs

4 lakh compensation under the

national disaster relief fund for

accident victims, the state go-

vernment is providing Rs 10

lakhforeachdeceased passeng-

er in the bus, which is insuffici-

ent for family members of the

deceased, many of whom were

sole bread winners. The state

government must reconsider

the compensation policy after

taking into consideration infla-

tion and income source. At the

Two ST buses and a Tavera were washed away after a bridge collapsed in Mahad on August 2

THE TOLL | 22 were feared dead when the bridge collapsed. Eight bodies have been recovered and 16 are yet to be recovered

COMPENSATION | Has been cleared for the kin of those who bodies were found. Relief for the kin of the others will be given after two months though a missing person is normally declared dead only after seven years

The last rites being performed by kin of the victims of the bridge crash same time, we are grateful to the NDRF and naval divers for doing their best for 10 days." Jogeshwari resident, Anil

Diwekar, 35, said, "My relative, Jaywant Mirgal, 45, was returning from Guhagar to Mumbai in a Tavera with relatives. The bridge collapse was due to the state government's negligence. While four bodies have been found on the river banks faraway, after being swept away by currents, the bodies of the others, which includes my father-inlaw, are untraceable. While Rs 10 lakh compensation is being

given by the state government to the ST bus victims, those in the Tavera are being given only Rs 6 lakh, which is paltry. Five of my relatives, including Jaywant from Santacruz, Dattaram Mirgal, 60, from Sanpada, Adinath Kamble, 48, from Jogeshwar, Santosh Waje, 45, from Ghatkopar and Tavera driver Dilip Veer, 25, from Ghatkopar are yet to be traced."

Chembur resident, Manohar Phonde, 29, said, "My father-in-law, Dhondu Kokare, 57, a BMC employee and resident of Ghatkopar, was in the Jaigad-Mumbai bus, which has not been traced. He had gone to his home town to see an ailing relative."

Meanwhile the kin of Shrikant Kamble, the driver of the ill-fated bus that fell into the Savitri river after a bridge collapsed on August 2, received a compensation of Rs 4 lakh from the Maharashtra government on Thursday. The government also decided to reconstruct Kamble's home in Savarde village, which was damaged in the recentrain.

Guardian minister of Kolhapur, Chandrakant Patil, handed over the cheque to Kamble's wife Kamal and son Milan. Patil expressed grief over the accident and offered condolences to the family. Patil also met Kamble's mother Hirabai and assured her that the government will take care of the family. "I requested Milan, an engineering graduate, to register under the employee compensation scheme. If he is willing, the government can offer him a job too," Patil said, adding that the Road Maharashtra State Transport Corporation will deliver the compensation of Rs 20 lakh in a week.

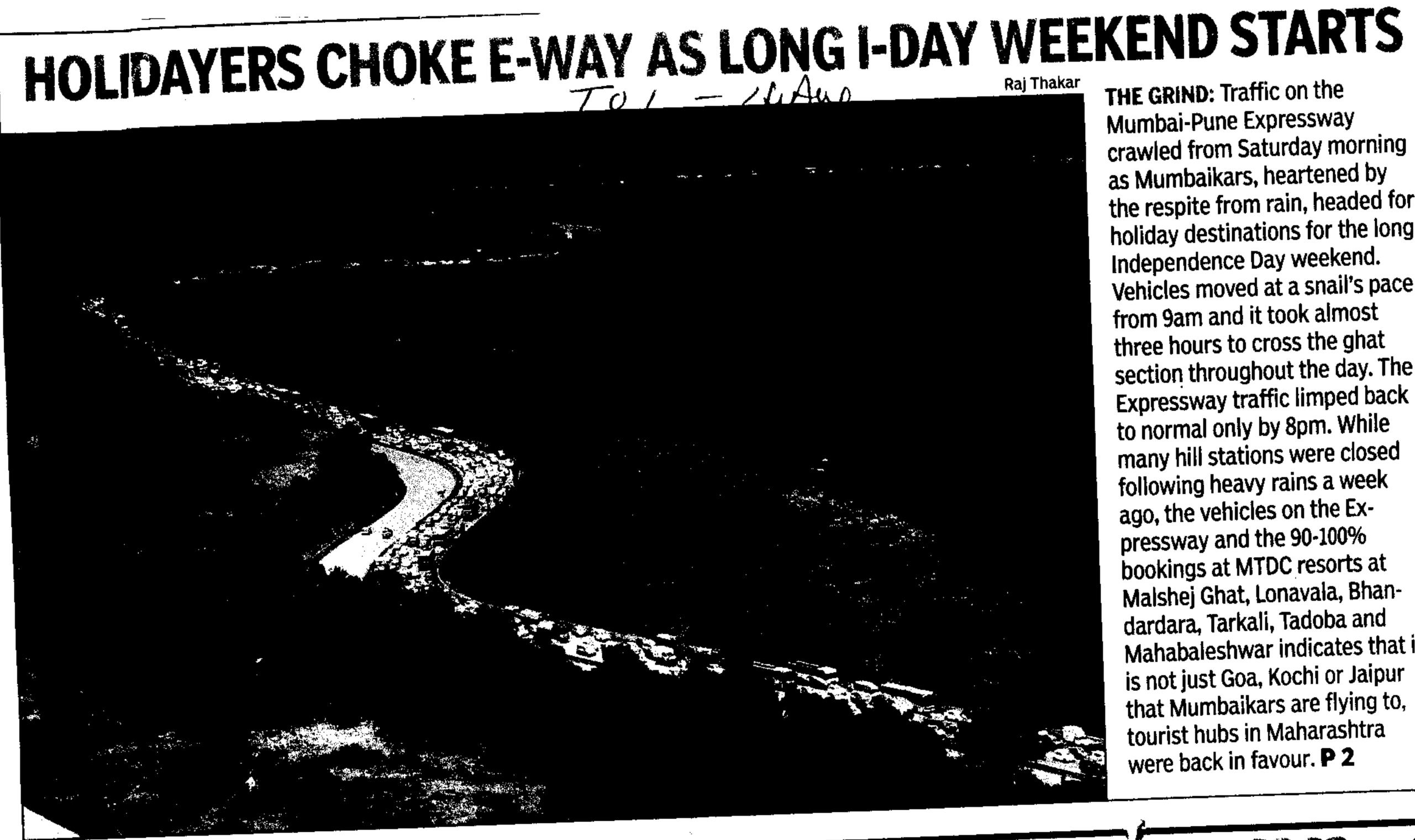
Kamble's younger son Mahendra was travelling with him when the bus fell in the river. Kamble was driving the Jaigad-Mumbai bus and Mahendra was travelling to Mumbai.

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THE GRIND: Traffic on the Mumbai-Pune Expressway crawled from Saturday morning as Mumbaikars, heartened by the respite from rain, headed for holiday destinations for the long Independence Day weekend. Vehicles moved at a snail's pace from 9am and it took almost three hours to cross the ghat section throughout the day. The Expressway traffic limped back to normal only by 8pm. While many hill stations were closed following heavy rains a week ago, the vehicles on the Expressway and the 90-100% bookings at MTDC resorts at Malshej Ghat, Lonavala, Bhandardara, Tarkali, Tadoba and Mahabaleshwar indicates that it is not just Goa, Kochi or Jaipur that Mumbaikars are flying to, tourist hubs in Maharashtra were back in favour. P 2

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Pleasant Saturday in national capital

NEW DELHI: It was a pleasant day in the national capital with the mercury settling at normal levels and light drizzle in few areas.

"The maximum and minimum temperatures were recorded at 33.7 and 25.5 degrees Celsius, both normal for this time of the year," a MeT official said.

The humidity levels oscillated between 93 and 68%.

While the city received 29.88 mm rainfall till 8.30 am, the recording till 5.30 PM was 0.2 mm.

The weatherman has predicted a cloudy day on Sunday with possibility of light drizzle in few areas.

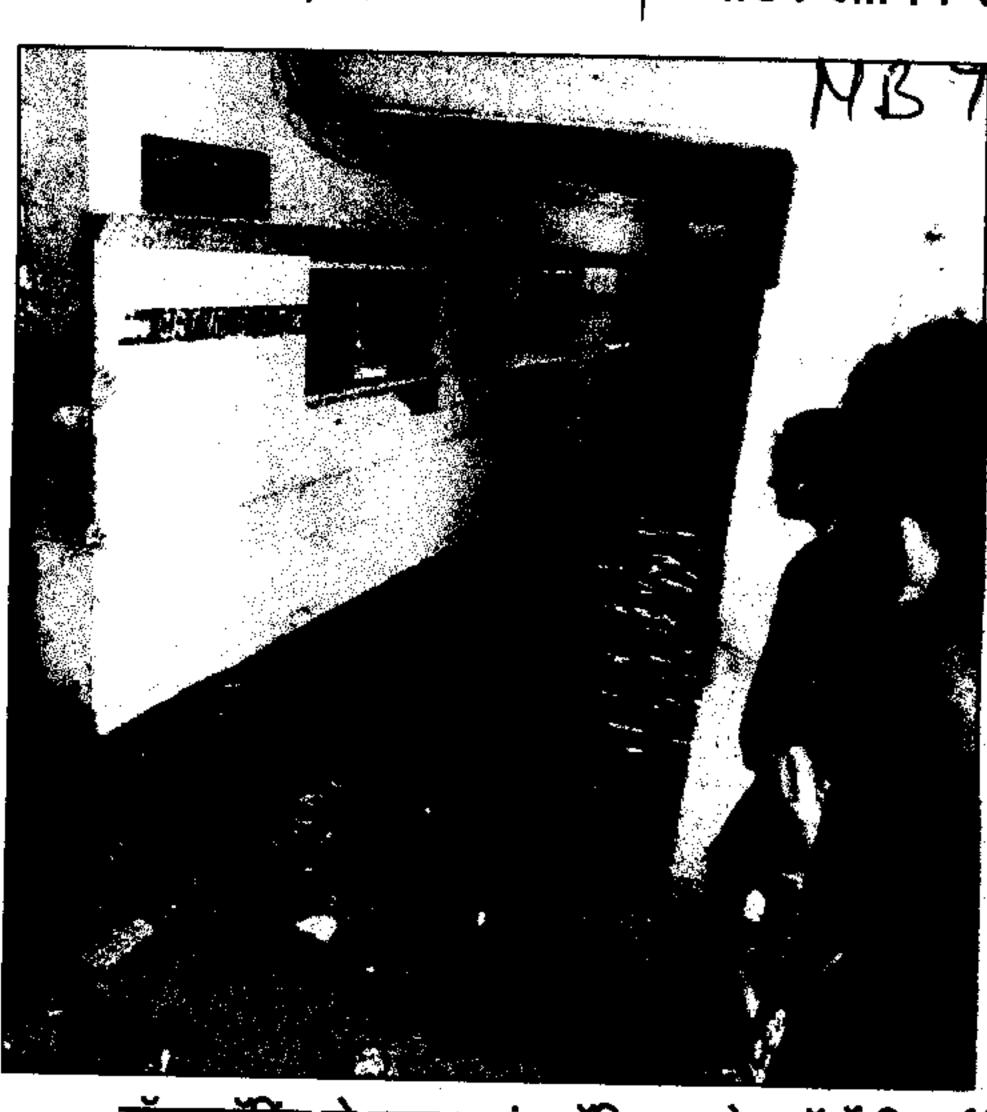
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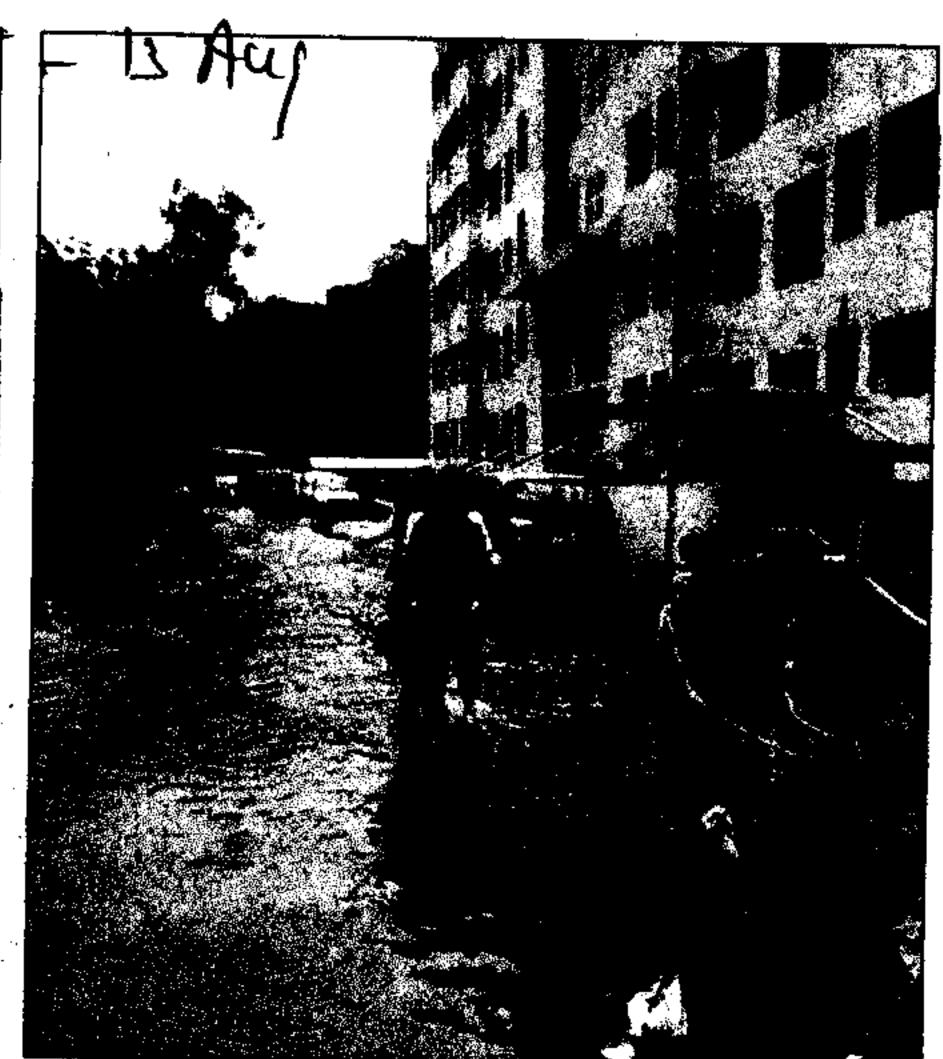
वॉटर लॉगिंग से हुई परेशानी, एम्स कैंपस में घुसा पानी

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वॉटरलॉगिंग से सफदरजंग हॉस्पिटल के ऑर्थो डिपार्टमेंट (बाएं) और एम्स के कैंपस में भी पानी भर गया

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नगर संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली

दिल्ली में शुक्रवार को कई जगहों पर झमाझम बारिश हुई। कई जगहों पर जलभराव होने से ट्रैफिक मूवमेंट पर असर पड़ा। कई जगहों पर जाम भी लग गया। एम्स और सफदरजंग जैसे अस्पतालों में भी पानी भर गया। साउथ दिल्ली, आउटर दिल्ली, कई मेट्रो स्टेशनों के पास के रूट पर वॉटर लॉगिंग से लोगों को काफी परेशानी हुई। कई जगहों पर पेड़ गिरने और दीवारों के गिरने की भी जानकारी मिली है।

साउथ एमसीडी ने शुक्रवार को मॉनसून रिपोर्ट दी। इसमें तीन जगहों पर जलभराव की समस्या के बारे में बताया गया। बत्रा हॉस्पिटल, मथुरा रोड की तरफ मोदी फ्लाइओवर के पास जलभराव होने से लोगों को दिक्कतों का सामना करना पड़ा। सफदरजंग हॉस्पिटल के पास राज नगर में बारिश से पेड़ गिर गया। हौज खास पुलिस स्टेशन के पास पेड़ गिर गया। ग्रेट कैलाश सी-ब्लॉक में एक मकान के बाहर और कालकाजी में भी पेड़ गिरने खबर है। साउथ एमसीडी के गोयला खुर्द एरिया में एक जनरल स्टोर के बाहर एक दीवार गिर गई।

नॉर्थ एमसीडी की रिपोर्ट में बताया गया कि बेगमपुर पुलिस स्टेशन के पास. रोहतक रोड से राजधानी पार्क की तरफ जाने वाले रूट पर मेट्रो स्टेशन के पास जलभराव हुआ। साथ ही रोहिणी सेक्टर-16 में एफ ब्लॉक में, पीरागढ़ी में एक बन गई। दिल्ली ट्रैफिक पुलिस ने कई काफी दिक्कतें हुईं। एम्स, आईएनए मार्केट बैंक्विट हॉल के पास, बुध विहार फेज-2 जगहों पर बारिश के कारण जलभराव की के पास भी जलभराव से ट्रैफिक मूवमेंट में, मुबारकपुर में एमसीडी पार्क के पास वजह से उस रूट के बारे में लोगों को पर असर पड़ा। साथ ही एमबी रोड पर जलभराव हुआ। रोहिणी सेक्टर-15 में एक अलर्ट किया। ट्रैफिक पुलिस के मुताबिक पेड़ गिर गया। ईस्ट दिल्ली में भी मंडावली शुक्रवार की शाम को इग्नू टी-पॉइंट पर जाने के रास्ते में और शाहदरा फ्लाइओवर जलभराव हुआ। मोती बाग चौक के कैरिज



राजपथ पर रक्षा मंत्री मनोहर पर्रिकर को भी वॉटरलॉगिंग से जूझना पड़ा

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स, नई दिल्ली: दिल्ली में शुक्रवार को जमकर बारिश हुई। कई एरिया में 30 मिभी से ज्यादा बारिश हुई। अगस्त के शुरुआती 12 दिनों में 70 मिभी बारिश हुई है। मौसम विभाग के मुताबिक, अगले चार से पांच दिनों तक अच्छी बारिश होने की संभावना है। साथ ही तापमान 32 से 33 डिग्री सेल्सियस रहने का अनुमान है। शुक्रवार दोपहर दो बजे के बाद कई जगहों पर अच्छी बारिश हुई। सफदरजंग में सुबह से शाम तक 29.6 मिमी बारिश दर्ज की गई। वहीं, लोदी रोड में 32.3 मिमी, पूसा में 47 मिमी, दिल्ली रिज में 17.2 मिमी, आया नगर में 7 मिमी बारिश दर्ज की गई। मैक्सिमम टेंपरेचर नॉर्मल से एक पॉइंट कम के साथ 33 डिग्री सेल्सियस दर्ज किया गया। निमान टपरेचर 26.2 डिग्री सेल्सियस दर्ज किया गया, जो नॉर्मल से एक पॉइंट कम था। हवा में अधिकतम नमी का स्तर 95 पर्सेंट दर्ज किया गया। मौसम वैज्ञानिकों ने बताया कि दिल्ली में मॉनसून सक्रिय है। इस कारण दिल्ली और आसपास के इलाकों में बारिश हो रही है।

के पास बारिश के बाद जाम जैसी स्थिति वे पर भी वॉटर लॉगिंग के कारण लोगों को

खानपुर से महरौली की तरफ दोनों कैरिज वे पर जलभराव हुआ। इस रूट पर ट्रैफिक पुलिस की तरफ से लोगों को ना आने की सलाह दी गई।

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Workers placing sand-filled bags in the riverbank in a bid to save a hospital building from erosion, at Barkhetri in Nalbari district on Friday. – UB Photos

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Maiden reat Back from Antarctica, IAS officer has climate change lessons for Kodagu

Bosky Khanna

BENGALURU: Charulata Somal is the first IAS officer to have gone on an expedition to the Antarctica. The 2012batch officer from Karnataka cadre has just returned from the icy continent.

After getting a first-hand account of the impact of climate change during her 15day expedition, the Chief Executive Officer of Kodagu Zilla Panchayat wants to use her experience to combat climate change in the district. Speaking to Deccan Herald, the 28-year-old officer said her aim was to improve Kodagu.

Somal was among 140 people from 30 countries who went on the expedition. There were 17 Indians in the team, including Somal. This was the largest contingent from the country, she said.

The team included engineers, educationists, schol-



Charulata Somul with Robert Swan in Antarctica.

ars, members of non-government organisations, film makers, photographers and artists.

"We were chosen from among 7,000 applicants across the globe. I am proud to be the first IAS officer to

have taken an expedition to the Antarctica," she said, her face beaming with joy. The expedition was held from March 13 to 26, 2016.

The participants were selected at an expedition organised by the 2041 Foundation

of Robert Swan, the first man to have walked the North and South Poles.

He made a 900-mile journey to South Pole, the longest unassisted march in history, from 1984 to 1987. The foundation has been organising expeditions since 2003-04.

A BA graduate in Economics (Honours), Somal said the subject helped her understand how energy resources were being exploited and how they could be conserved.

"We started the expedition by a ship named Endeavour from Ushuaia in Argentina and touched the Antarctic West Peninsula. Every day we landed at a different place. We had ice classroom sessions, where participants are made to sit on the ice. Apart from travelling by ship, we trekked for three to four hours, walked for 30 km with 80-100 kg luggage in -10 degrees Celsius. At times, the temperature was as low as -

35 degrees Celsius. We experienced chilly winds blowing at a speed of 45 miles per hour, snow, sunshine and even rain at freezing temperatures," she recollected.

After returning from the expedition, Somal made a presentation at the Karnataka IAS Officers' Association to her colleagues and senior officials. She is also preparing to submit a report to the state government about the way of life in the Antarctica and the knowledge she acquired there.

"As an official, we have certain limitations. But in my personal capacity, I am conducting awareness camps for schoolchildren on how to save the last wilderness on earth, the impact of climate change on natural resources and how Cauvery basin, which is the prime source of water for Bengaluru and other areas, can be saved," she said. **DH News Service**

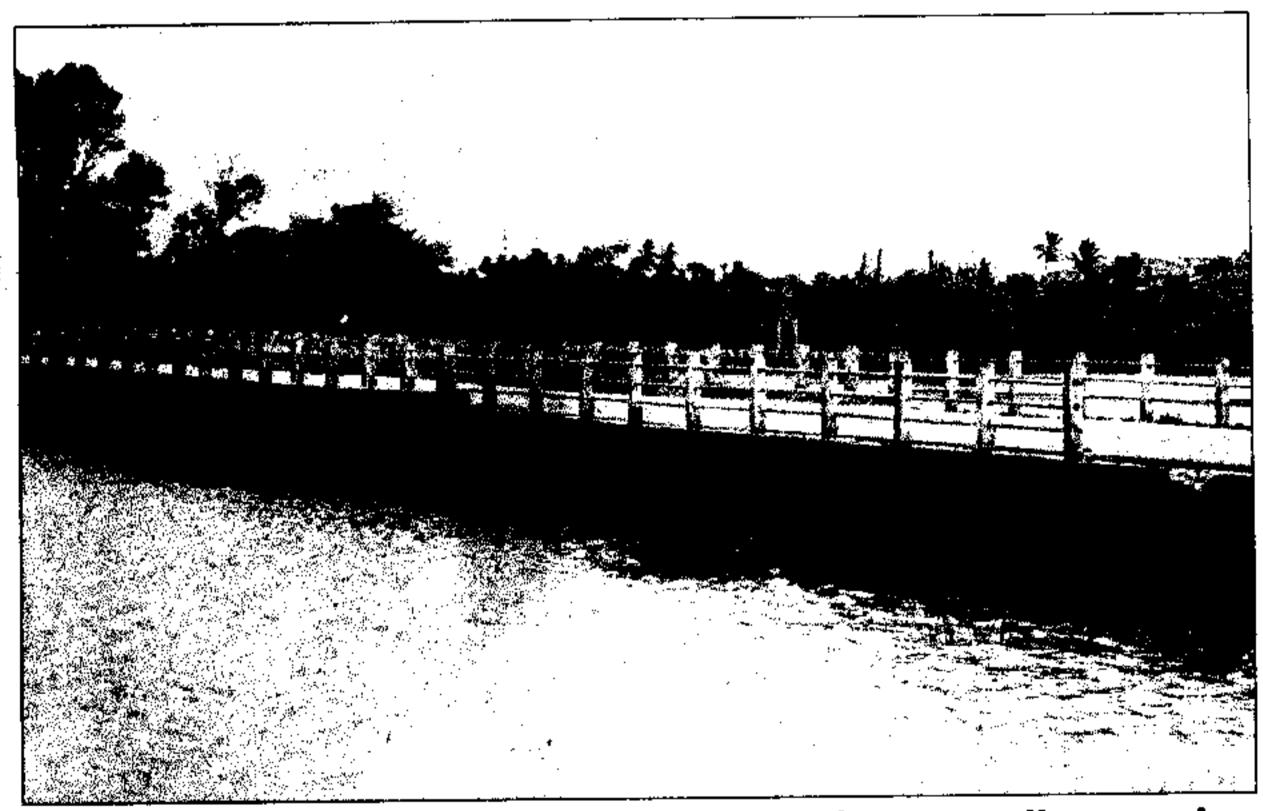
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Flood in River Krishna recedes; bridges reopen



The Danwad-Examba bridge across the river Doodhganga in Chikkodi taluk in Belagavi district was opened for traffic on Friday. DH PHOTO

BENGALURU, DHNS: The flood threat in the River Krishna basin in Chikkodi, Raibag and Athani of Belagavi districts has eased with water levels in the river and its tributaries coming down on Friday. Inflow of water from Maharashtra too has decreased.

The discharge of water from Maharashtra to Karnataka came down to 1.50 lakh cusecs. However, 1.33 lakh cusecs of water was released from the Rajapura barrage in Maharashtra.

Danwad-Examba bridge across river Doodhganga in

Chikkodi taluk opened for traffic on Friday. Two low-lying bridges 1.07 mm of rains. The water levin Chikkodi taluk continued to remain under water along with the four in Raibag and Athani taluks. Water levels were receding on the bridges and they are expected to open for traffic in a

Meanwhile, rains receded in Belagavi district. While there was drizzle in Belagavi and Khanapur taluks, the other taluks did not receive any rain.

Kodagu district recorded an average of 8.57 mm rain in the last 24 hours. Madikeri taluk has received 20.4 mm rainfall

while Somwarpet taluk received el in Harangi reservoir stood at 2,857.76 feet. Though the monsoon was active in Dakshina Kannada on Thursday night with the region receiving good rainfall, the district did not receive any rain on Friday.

Parts of Shivamogga district received good spell of rains. It rained intermittently for the whole day in Thirthahalli, Hosanagar and Sagar. Heavy rains lashed Hosanagar towards the evening. There was moderate rains in the remaining parts of the district.

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थोड़ी सी बारिश में पार्क बन जाता है तालाब



नॉर्थ दिल्ली के मंडोली एक्सटेंशन में एक पार्क का बुरा हाल है। थोड़ी सी बारिश होने से पार्क तालाब बन जाता है। यह पार्क मंडोली जेल के बिल्कुल पास है। पानी की निकासी का कोई साधन नहीं होने की वजह से यहां मच्छरों की फौज मौजूद रहती है। हमें डेंगू का डर सताता रहता है। कृपया, इलाके की समस्या को संबंधित अधिकारियों तक पहुंचाने में हमारी हेल्प करें।

- राहुल चौहान, मंडोली एक्सटेंशन



सड़क टूटी है या पार्क बुरे हाल में हैं, जाम से लोग परेशान हैं, ... ऐसी ढेरों समस्याओं से दिल्ली वाले रोज जूझते हैं। आप भी अपने इलाके की ऐसी प्रॉब्लम 200 शब्दों में लिखकर फोटो के साथ भेजें। एनबीटी दिल्ली इन्हें खबर के रूप में सरकार तक पहुंचाएगा। ई-मेल के सब्जेक्ट में लिखें -NBT Helpline और अपनी समस्या nbtdilli@gmail. com पर मेल कर दें

रोड पर जमा हो जाता है पानी: देवली विधान सभा के तिगरी मेन रोड का दो महीनों से बुरा हाल है। थोड़ी सी बारिश होती है और सड़कों पर पानी जमा हो जाता है। यहां की समस्या को सुनने वाला कोई नहीं है।

- लकी गंगवाल, तिगड़ी मेन रोड, देवली

झंडेवालान में लगता है जाम : बृजपुरी रोड से झंडेवालान रोड पर तीन ठिकाने ऐसे हैं, जहां लोग ट्रैफिक जाम की समस्या से परेशान हैं। बृजपुरी मोड़ पर ऑटो रिक्शे वालों की वजह से जाम लगता है। तीस हजारी कोर्ट के बाहर और गुरुद्वारा मोड़ से फिल्मिस्तान हॉल तक जाम लगने से लोग परेशान हैं। गोपाल, झंडेवालान Hindusian Times
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City needs 44 small dams, 480 new waterbodies: Study

Rai asks all stakeholders to give their comments

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Delhi needs to develop 44 small dams in forest areas and 480 new waterbodies to recharge the depleting groundwater—table, besides making it mandatory for residential and commercial—complexes measuring 500 square metres or more to have rainwater—harvesting facilities, a study commissioned by the AAP government has said.

The study has also recommended that the city's storm water drains should have soft beds instead of cemented ones and toe weirs at intervals.

Irrigation Minister Gopal Rai has asked all stake-holders to give their comments within a month so that suggestions can be incorporated in the report for acceptance and implementation.

The report has recommended that all residential and commercial plots measuring 300 sqm should have soft soil in their front and there should be substitute porous paving to counter the preventive effect of highly-concertised surface.

A government official

The minister had ordered the study on recharge of ground water in the national capital five months ago. His department then assigned Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH), which has expertise in conducting such surveys, to conduct the study.

As per the report, water

harvesting should be made mandatory in residential and commercial plots measuring 500 sq metre or more.

"Government should also ensure 100 per cent collection of solid waste with no dumping in drains, ponds, depressions.

"The report has recommended that all residential and commercial plots measuring 300 sqm should have soft soil in their front and there should be substitute porous paving to counter the preventive effect of highly-concertised surface," a government official said.

Other recommendations include implementation of building bylaws on local treatment of wastewater (wherever a premise generates 10,000 litres of waste water daily).--PTI

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SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS TO BE SET UP TO IMPROVE DRAINAGE.

Smart Ganga City programme launched in ten cities

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NEW DELHI, 13 AUG: Union Ministers M Venkaiah Naidu and Uma Bharti today jointly launched 'Smart Ganga City' programme in 10 cities located along Ganga to set up Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) and improve drainage network there in hybrid annuity mode on public private partnership basis.

Union Urban Development Minister Naidu and Water Resources Minister Uma Bharti launched the works through video conferencing and were District ioined in by Magistrates, Mayors cities towns.

Haridwar, Rishikesh, Mathura. Varanasi, Kanpur. Allahabad. Lucknow, Patna. Sahibganj and Barrackpore are the cities town where the programme will be implemented in the first phase.

Bharti also stated the govern-



With the hybrid annuity mode, we expect the STPs to remain operational for a longer period even as water is recycled

~ Uma Bharti

ment plans to form District-Level Mentoring committees in Ganga basin states—on the lines of High-Level Task Force chaired by Cabinet Secretary~to keep an eve on programme implementa-

"Earlier, STPs would become defunct within four-five years for reasons including non-maintenance. Now, with the hybrid annuity mode, we expect the STPs to remain operational for a longer period even as water is recycled." Bharti said, while addressing the event from Ujjain.

In the hybrid annuity model, a

part of capital investment (up to 40 per cent) will be paid by government through construction linked milestones and the balance amount through an annuity over the contract duration up to 20 years to ensure longevity.

In previous schemes, Centre and states bore 70 per cent of the cost for setting up STPs. Now the programme will be completely Centre-sponsored, the Minister said.

She said her Ministry will sign MoUs with other Central Ministries to see recycled water from the STPs is bought for their

use.

To a question, she said the Government will expand the Smart Ganga City programme to other cities including Agra in time to come.

"Also several foreign companies have come forward to work under hybrid annuity mode." Bharti said. At one point, the Minister stated the government will keep in mind local biodiversity and culture while doing river front development works.

Addressing the event from Hyderabad, Naidu urged local governing agencies concerned to join the mission with complete dedication" and appealed people too to participate in the programme to make it successful.

"My ministry is an integral part of the Namami Gange programme." he said, adding his Ministry will work with the Water Resources Ministry on a 'Mission Mode.

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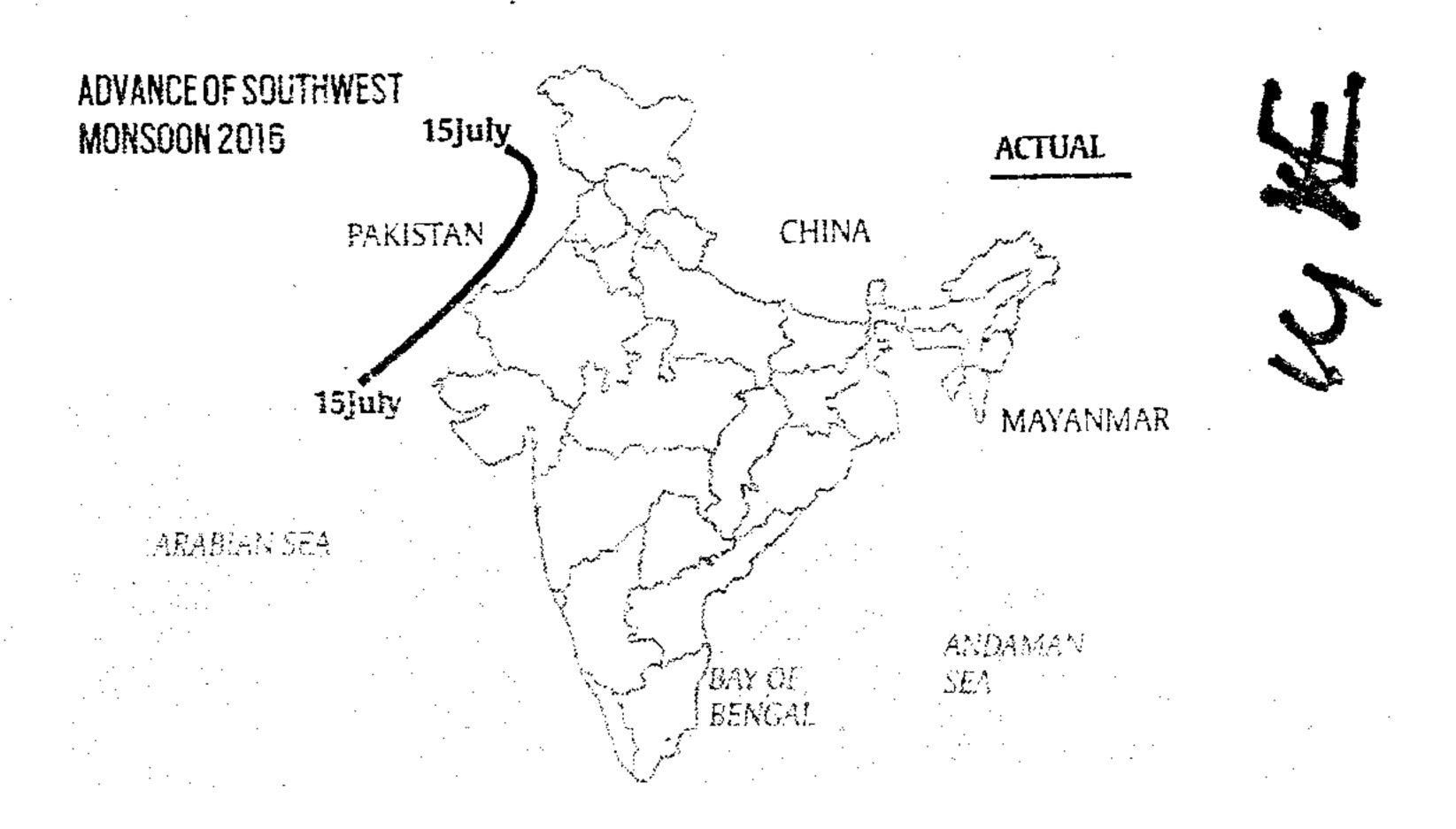
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Rainfall activity likely to dip till end of August



A CLEAR regional divide was seen in rainfall activity in the last week. North and northwest India, and central India received fairly widespread rainfall, while east and northeast India and southern peninsular region were more or less starved.

Rainfall since the start of the monsoon season in the country as a whole is now 103

per cent of normal. This was boosted by the 15 per cent additional rains as compared to normal in the last week itself. Most of it happened in northwest and central India. Northwest India, which includes Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Delhi. received

35 per cent excess rainfall, while central India had 45 per cent more than normal.

Almost all areas have had phases of good rainfall by now. Quantitatively, just 7 per cent of the country's landmass has received less than normal rainfall this season.

The Met office says rainfall activity is likely to dip from the coming week till at least the end of August, particularly in the areas that

received good rainfall in the last week. It has said that "above normal rainfall activity" was likely to continue over northwest and central India till August 14 and decline thereafter.

In East India, however, rainfall is expected to increase. Areas close to the Himalayas are also expected to get good rainfall during this time. These areas are expected to get good

rainfall till August 19, at least.

The southern peninsula is an area of some concern though. In the last week, the area received 46 per cent deficiency. "Quantitatively though, the deficiency is not much, it is just about 2 per cent now from the start of the

season. But we are not expecting a quick surge in the coming days," D Sivananda Pai of the India Meteorological Department said.

Pai said even with reduced rainfall, August was likely to end with 105 per cent of rainfall. Northwest India, including Delhi, was likely to have another good spell of rainfall next week.

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Ready to pay ₹450 cr for Renuka Dam: Centre to SC

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The Centre today told the Supreme Court that it was ready to pay Rs 450 crore as reimbursement to Himachal Pradesh for the land acquired for the Rs 5,242 crore Renuka Dam.

Appearing before a 3-member Bench headed by Chief Justice TS Thakur, Attorney General Mukul Rohatgi, however, sought four-week time for the purpose. Granting time, the Bench asked the Centre to work out the amount involved in getting the second stage forest clearance for the project and posted the matter for further hearing after six weeks.

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The dam is primarily meant for providing drinking to Delhi, but the pipeline could also be utilised for areas of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh falling in the National Capital Region (NCR) such as Faridabad and Noida. The project will come up across the Giri river, a tributary of the Yamuna, in Sirmaur district. HP also has a stake in the project as it will get 40 mw of electricity from the project free of cost.

HP has come to the SC as it is not in a position to pay further compensation to comply with an order passed by the state high court on November 20, 2014.

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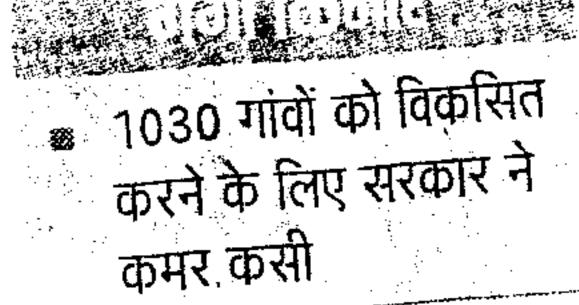
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एक हजार से अधिक 'जल ग्रामों' की पहचान

नई दिल्ली, (भाषा): आजादी के करीब 70 वर्ष वाद भी देश में जल संरक्षण एवं प्रवंधन की कमी, पेयजल सुविधाओं के अभाव, बढ़ते प्रदूषण को देखते हुए सरकार ने गंगा एवं ; अन्य निदयों के किनारे वसे 1030 गांवों का 'जल ग्राम' के रूप में विकसित करने के लिए चयन किया हे जहां 'सुजलम कार्ड' के रूप में एक जल स्वास्थ्य कार्ड तैयार किया जायेगा। जल संसाधन, नदी विकास एवं गंगा संरक्षण मंत्रालय के एक अधिकारी ने कहा कि इन जल ग्रामों में महिला पंचायत सदस्यों को जल मित्र बनने के लिए प्रोत्साहित करने का कार्य आगे बढ़ाया जायगा। प्रत्येक जल ग्राम में सुजलम कार्ड के रूप में 'एक जल स्वास्थ्य कार्ड तैयार किया जायेगा जो गांव के लिए उपलब्ध पेयजल स्रोतों की गुणवत्ता के बारे में वार्षिक सूचना प्रदान करेगा।' जल ग्राम योजना के तहत जल ग्राम का चयन इसके कार्यान्वयन के लिए गठित जिला स्तरीय समिति द्वारा किया जायेगा। प्रत्येक गांव को एक इंडेक्स वेल्यू प्रदान किया जायेगा

जो जल की मांग और उपलब्धता के बीच अंतर के आधार पर तैयार होगा और सबसे अधिक इंडेक्स वैल्यू वाले गांव को जल क्रांति अभियान कार्यक्रम में शामिल किया जायेगा। अधिकारी ने बताया कि इसके तहत स्थानीय जल पेशेवरों को जल संबंधी मुद्दों के संबंध में जन जागरूकता फैलाने तथा जल से जुड़ी समस्याओं के निराकरण के लिए उपयुक्त प्रशिक्षण देकर उन्हें 'जल मित्र' बनाया जायेगा। जल संसाधन, नदी विकास एवं गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री उमा भारती ने कुछ महीने पहले इसकी शुरूआत की है। इस योजना के तहत देश के 672 जिलों में प्रत्येक में दो जल की कमी वाले गांवों में जल का इष्टतम उपयोग सुनिश्चित करने के लिए 'जल ग्राम' पहल शुरू की जा रही है। प्रत्येक जिले में जल की अत्यधिक कमी वाले इन गांवों को 'जल ग्राम' का नाम दिया जा रहा है। मंत्रालय के एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि जल क्रांति अभियान पर पिछली निगरानी वैठक में इसके विभिन्न आयामों पर विचार किया गया था।



इसमें यह बात सामने आई कि हर राज्य के प्रत्येक जिले में दो जल ग्रामों की पहचान का कार्य किया जा रहा है और इनमें से कुछ राज्यों में यह कार्य पूरा कर लिया गया है। सरकारी आंकड़ों के अनुसार, जिन राज्यों में प्रत्येक जिले में दो जल ग्रामों की पहचान का कार्य पूरा किया गया है उनमें गोवा, केरल, नगालैंड, आंध्र प्रदेश, हरियाणा और हिमाचल प्रदेश शामिल हैं। पश्चिम बंगाल, बिहार, महाराष्ट्र, अरुणाचल प्रदेश, असम, गुजरात आदि में यह कार्य पूरा नहीं हुआ है। मंत्रालय के आंकड़ों के तहत गंगा एवं अन्य नदी के किनारे बसे 1030 गांव को 'जल ग्राम' के रूप में विकसित करने के लिए पहचान कर ली गई है।

जल क्रांति अभियान की दिशा निर्देशिका में कहा गग है कि इन

कार्यों के लिए जिन मौजूदा स्कीमों से व्यय को पूरा किया जायेगा उनमें प्रस्तावित प्रधानमंत्री कृषि सिंचाई योजना, जल निकायों की मरम्मत, नवीकरण एवं पुनरुद्धार, एकीकृत वांटर शेड मैनेजमेंट कार्यक्रम, महात्मा गांधी राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण रोजगार गारंटी योजना, सूचना, शिक्षा एवं संचार, राष्ट्रीय जल मिशन कार्यक्रम, त्वरित सिंचाई लाभ कार्यक्रम, वांध पुनरुद्धार एवं सुधार परियोजना आदि शामिल हैं। अधिकारी ने कहा कि 2015-16 के दौरान जल संरक्षण एवं प्रबंधन को सुदृढ़ बनाने के लिए सभी पक्षकारों को शामिल करते हुए एक व्यापक एवं एकीकृत दृष्टिकोण सं 'जल क्रांति अभियान' को आगे बढ़ाया जा रहा है ताकि यह एक जन आंदोलन बन सके। सरकार का मानना है कि तेजी से बढ़ती जनसंख्या तथा तेजी से विकास कर रहे राष्ट्र की बढ़ती आवश्यकताओं के साथ जलवायु परिवर्तन के संभावित प्रतिकूल प्रभाव के मद्देनजर जल की प्रति व्यक्ति उपलब्धता प्रति वर्ष कम होती जा रही है।

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नई दिल्ली प्रमुख संवाददाता

'आप' सरकार के एक अध्ययन में कहा रया है कि घटते भूजल स्तर को फिर से वड़ाने के लिए दिल्ली के वन क्षेत्रों में 44 छोटे बांधों और 480 नए जल निकायों का विकास करने की जरूरत है।

आवासीय और कमर्शियल परिसर के था। इसके बाद उनके विभाग ने 500 वर्ग मीटर या उससे अधिक के क्षेत्र अध्ययन कराने के लिए इंडियन नेशनल में वर्षा जल संचयन की सुविधा को ट्रस्ट फॉर आर्ट एंड कल्चरल हेरिटेज की म वषा जल सम्बन्ध ना पुरा । दिल्ली सहायता ली। अनिवायं बनाने को कहा गया है। दिल्ली सहायता ली।

के सिंचाई मंत्री गोपाल राय ने सभी हितधारकों से एक महीने के अंदर अपने सुझाव देने के लिए कहा है ताकि स्वीकृति और कार्यान्वयन के लिए सुझावों को रिपोर्ट में शीयल किया जा सकें।

मंत्री ने पांच महीने पहले राष्ट्रीय राजधानी में भूजल स्तर को बढ़ाने को इसके अलावा राष्ट्रीय राजधानी में लेकर अध्ययन करने का आदेश दिया

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सिटी परियोजना शुरू एउन १५-१५-१५ नई दिल्ली, (वार्ता): जल संसाधन, में गंदे पानी का शोधन करवे

'नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री । उमा भारती और केंद्रीय शहरी विकास मंत्री वेंकेया नायडू ने विडियो कांफ्रेंस के जिए नमामि । गंगे' परियोजना के तहत आज देश कि 10 प्रमुख शहरों में स्मार्ट गंगा सिटी परियोजना की शुरूआत की। । योजना के तहत सीवेज उपचार के । बुनियादी ढांचे का हाइब्रिड एन्यूटी 'आधार पर मार्वजनिक एवं निजी भागीदारी (पोपीपी) के जरिए निर्माण किया जाएगा और इन शहरों

में गंदे पानी का शोधन करके उसे छोड़ा जाएगा। राष्ट्रीय स्वच्छ गंगा मिशन ने पीपीपी माडल पर पहले चरण में जिन 10 शहरों का चयन किया है उनमें हरिद्वार, ऋषिकेश, मथुरा-वृंदावन वाराणसी, कानपुर, इलाहाबाद, लखनऊ, पटना, साहिबगंज और बैरकपुर शामिल हैं। सुश्री भारती ने उज्जैन से इस संबंध में यहां विज्ञान भवन में आयोजित समारोह को संबोधित करते हुए कहा कि गंगा कार्य योजना की असफलता से सबक लेकर उनका मंत्रालय हाइब्रिड एन्यूटी माडल पर काम कर ' रहा है। पहले इस काम के लिए केंद्र और राज्य सरकार द्वारा 70:30 के अनुपात में खर्च किया जाना था लेकिन इस बार इस पूरे कार्यक्रम का खर्च केंद्र सरकार वहन करेगी। News item/letter/article/editorial published on ______

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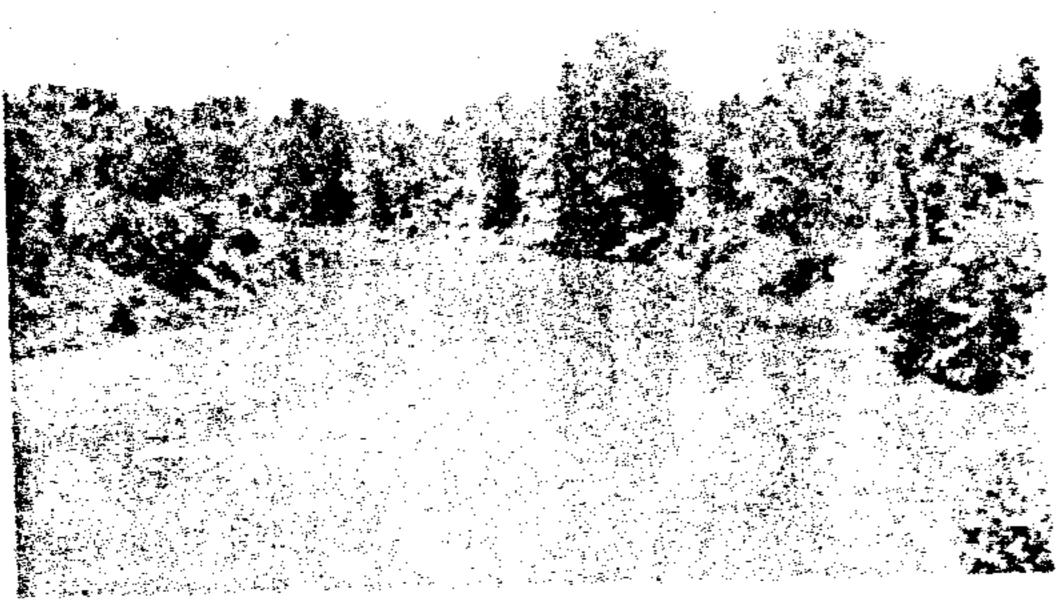
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रायपुर. बैलाडीला में लौह अयस्क की धुलाई के चलते डिकिनी नदी का पानी प्रदूषित हो रहा है। नदी के प्रदूषण की रोकधाम के लिए स्थायी उपाय की मांग को लेकर स्कूल शिक्षा मंत्री केदार कश्यप ने शुक्रवार को नई दिल्ली में केंद्रीय इस्पात मंत्री चौधरी विरेन्द्र सिंह से मुलाकात की। मंत्री कश्यप ने बस्तर में



राष्ट्रीय खनिज विकास निगम (एनएमडीसी) की विभिन्न परियोजनाओं में तृतीय और चतुर्थ श्रेणी के पदों पर भर्ती में स्थानीय निवासियों को

प्राथमिकता देने का भी आग्रह भी किया। चर्चा के दौरान उन्होंने केन्द्रीय इस्पात मंत्री को वताया कि एनएमडीसी के सीएसआर मद से क्षेत्र के माओवाद हिंसा से मंत्री कश्यप ने केंद्रीय मंत्री को बताया कि इस प्रदूषण के चलते नदी के किनारे बसे निवासियों और इंद्रावती टाईगर रिजर्व और राष्ट्रीय अभ्यारण्य कुटरू के वन्य जीवों के जीवन पर भी गंभीर दुष्प्रभाव पड़ रहा है। इसका स्थायी उपाय खोजना जरूरी हो

प्रभावित परिवारों के बच्चों के लिए रायपुर में एकलव्य आवासीय क्रीड़ा परिसर की स्थापना का प्रस्ताव भेजा गया है। उन्होंने इस पर शीघ्र कार्यवाही का आग्रह किया। केन्द्रीय गया है। उन्होंने कश्यप ने भिलाई इस्पात संयंत्र को लौह अयस्क की आपूर्ति के लिए प्रस्तावित रावचाट परियोजना की टाउनिशप के लिए कनेरा ग्राम में चिहांकित 101 हेक्टर भूमि पर टाउनिशप निर्माण जल्द शुरू करवाने का अनुरोध किया।

इस्पात मंत्री ने आश्वस्त किया वि वे बहुत जल्द इस संबंध में एव बैठक आयोजित कर वस्तर व सभी समस्याओं और मांगों प कार्रवाई सुनिश्चित करेंगे।

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