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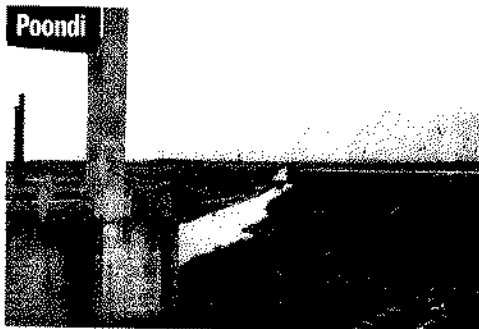
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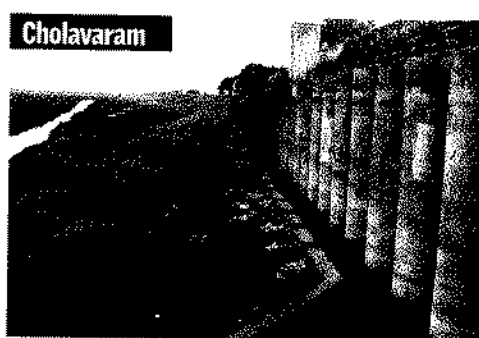
SILT ACCUMULATED IN FOUR WATERBODIES IS BEING REMOVED TO CREATE STORAGE SPACE

RESERVOIRS GET MAKEOVER AHEAD OF MONSOON



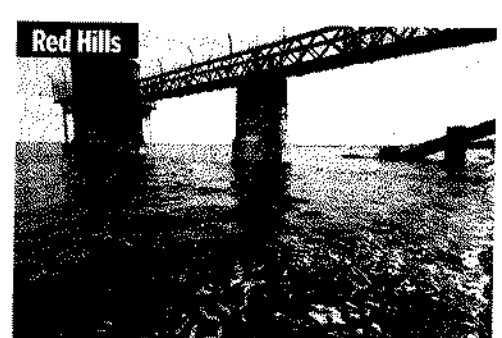
Poondi
Full capacity: **3,231 mcft**
Storage on Monday: **54 mcft**

Desilting work: Portions of the reservoir near shutters and inflow points are being cleaned PHOTO: D. GOPALAKRISHNAN



Cholavaram
Full capacity: **881 mcft**
Storage on Monday: **nil**

Desilting work: Quarrying was allowed to remove coarse soil for over a month and add more storage space PHOTO: B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM



Red Hills
Full capacity: **3,300 mcft**
Storage on Monday: **170 mcft**

Desilting work: Entry points that let in rainwater and portions in dry lake bed are being cleaned PHOTO: B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

K. Lakshmi

Taking advantage of a position where the city's reservoirs have nearly no storage, the Water Resources Department (WRD) has started desilting portions of the waterbodies, ahead of the north-east monsoon. These reservoirs are the main sources of the city's water supply.

Several machines are involved in removing the silt accumulated for over a decade in the reservoirs of Poondi, Red Hills and Chembarambakkam. This is to create additional storage space.

Loads of soil silting up the Cholavaram reservoir, which has been dry for two years now, have been removed. The Tiruvallur collectorate has removed nearly 5,000 loads of savudu, a coarse variety of soil, from the Cholavaram reservoir this month.

Officials said the quarrying has

**AT PRESENT, THE
RESERVOIRS HAVE A
COMBINED STORAGE OF
436 MCFT, LESS THAN
4 % OF TOTAL CAPACITY**

helped increase the storage capacity of the lake considerably and will also add revenue to the government. Such soil is used in projects such as construction of Outer Ring Road. The department had earlier increased the height of the weir, a structure that allows excess water to flow out of the reservoir, to improve storage.

The points that bring in water to Red Hills reservoir from catchment areas are being cleaned. The entry point of upper supply channel carrying water from Tamarai-pakkam anaicut to Red Hills reservoir has been heavily silted up

and overgrown with vegetation near Poochi Athipattu.

"We are cleaning such entry points to add storage in the dry waterbodies faster and without any leakage during rains. Moreover, portions of the lake where silt is more are also being cleaned," an official said. The part of the Poondi reservoir near the shutters is being cleared of silt and the soil removed is used to strengthen the bund. At present, the reservoirs have a combined storage of 436 million cubic feet (mcft), which is less than four per cent of the total capacity.

The storage in Chembarambakkam reservoir went up marginally on a rainy day last week as the recently cleaned up channels brought in more rainwater to the lake. In a single day, storage went up by nearly 70 mcft, which is equal to 20 days of water supply to Chennai.

Chembarambakkam



Full capacity: **3,645 mcft**
Storage on Monday: **212 mcft**

Desilting work: Bangaru channel from Sriperumbudur to Chembarambakkam and new channel transferring rainwater from Kuthambakkam were desilted

PHOTO: D. GOPALAKRISHNAN

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Weekend showers fail to boost levels in lakes

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Mumbai: While the city and its suburbs witnessed isolated showers over the weekend, it failed to boost the levels of lakes which supply water. Except for Tulsi and Vihar, which are in the city limits, other lakes in Thane district have not received significant rain.

The total amount of water in the seven lakes which supply water to Mumbai on September 14 was 9.96 lakh million litres, while last year that day, it was 14.23 lakh million litres.

The rainfall received at Vihar was 57mm, while at Tulsi it was 55mm on September 13-14. The rainfall recorded at Modak Sagar was 4.60mm and Bhatsa 3mm, while no rainfall was received at Middle Vaitarna and Upper Vaitarna.

DAYS OF WATER SUPPLY AS ON SEPT 14

> Bhatsa (eastern suburbs)	> Vaitarna (city, western suburbs)
187	235

LAKE LEVELS OVER PAST FEW YEARS

2015 | 9.96* | 2012 | 12.44

2014 | 14.23

2013 | 13.01

(Figures in lakh million litres)



QUANTUM OF CUT

- > 20% (from August 26)
- > 50% for bulk consumers

A senior civic official said Tulsi and Vihar are the smaller lakes but any rain is beneficial

to the city, which is witnessing a 20% water cut. "Vaitarna, which supplies water to the city and the western suburbs, on September 14, had 235 days of water supply, while Bhatsa, which supplies water to the eastern suburbs has 187 days of supply. This is against the 321 days of water we need," said a civic official.

The civic body daily supplies Mumbai 3,750 million litres of water, while the city needs 4,505 million litres. With the 20% cut, there is 3,200 million litres of water. There are 3.70 lakh water connections in the city, out of which over 2 lakh are for slums.

The India Meteorological Department (Mumbai) has forecast a few spells of rain or thundershowers in the next 24 hours.

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Heavy rainfall for next 5 days

DC CORRESPONDENT
 HYDERABAD, SEPT. 14

A heavy rainfall warning has been issued for the next five days and a weather warning has been put out for fishermen on the AP coast for the next 24 hours. The India Meteorological Department said a low pressure area over the west central Bay of Bengal was persisting.

An associated upper air cyclonic circulation is likely to become a well-

marked low pressure area during the next 48 hours, it said.

"Fishermen are advised to be cautious while venturing into the sea owing to strong surface winds from the north westerly direction along and off north coastal Andhra Pradesh and strong surface winds from westerly direction along and off south coastal Andhra Pradesh," read the IMD inference.

The southwest monsoon

is currently active over Telangana and coastal Andhra Pradesh as per IMD update. In the next five days, moderate to rather heavy rain or thundershowers would occur at many places over Telangana and coastal AP.

In the last 24 hours, rain occurred at many places over Telangana and coastal Andhra Pradesh. More than 50 per cent of the stations recorded rains.

In Telangana, Sirpur (t)

mandal of Adilabad district recorded the maximum rainfall of seven cm followed by Sultanabad mandal of Karimnagar district and Julurpad mandal of Khammam district which recorded rainfall of six cm each.

In coastal Andhra Pradesh, Anakapalle mandal of Vishakhapatnam district recorded the maximum rainfall of nine cm each followed by Tiruvuru mandal of Krishna which recorded five cm rains.

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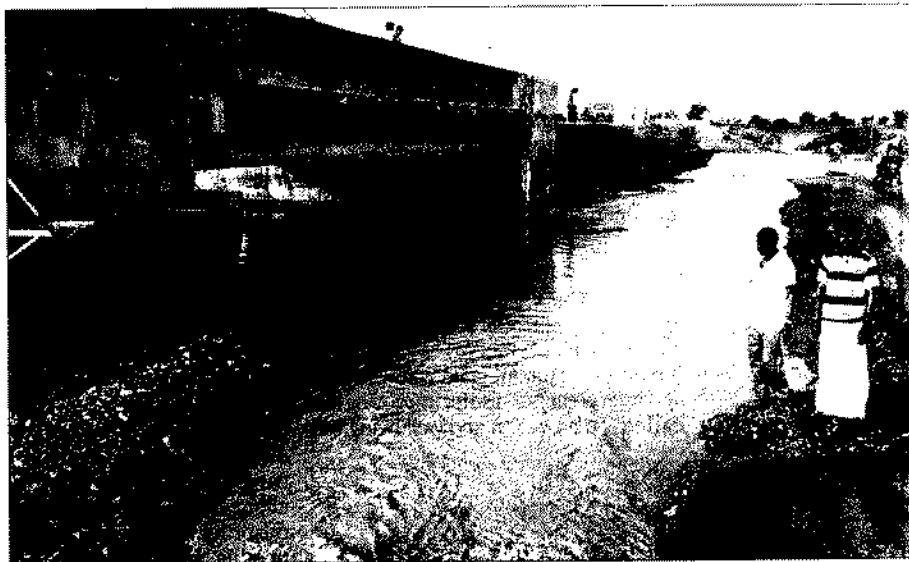
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Heavy rains lash Yadgir town, Bagalkot dist

YADGIR/BAGALKOT/KARWAR: The Yadgir taluk continued to receive heavy rains for the second day on Monday, disrupting normal life.

A majority of the water bodies in the taluk are full to the brim and a bridge constructed between Hattigodura and Bommanahalli villages was washed away affecting the movement of vehicles on the State Highway. The vehicles bound for Surpur, Hyderabad, Yadgir had to travel via Shapur. The students in several villages were unable to reach their schools and colleges as the movement of buses had come to a halt. The temporary road constructed during the work in the bridge, too has been washed away. Shahpur taluk recorded a rainfall of 40 mm on Sunday.

Several parts of Bagalkot district too received copious rains. Hungund, Ilkal and Kudalasangama received heavy rains towards the evening. The



A bridge constructed across a stream near Yadgir was washed away following heavy rains on Monday. DH PHOTO

downpour has filled a majority of ponds and tanks in the district. Water gushed into low-lying houses and fields.

Rains gained momentum in

Karwar of Uttara Kannada district also. The rains, which started on Sunday evening lashed Karwar town for 12 hours. Water gushed into

around five houses. There was drizzling in Bhatkal, Honnavar, Kumta, Ankola, Haliyal, Dandeli and Mundagod.

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No Cauvery water as per award this year, State tells TN

BENGALURU: The State government has informed the Tamil Nadu government that it will not be able to release Cauvery river water as per the tribunal award this year owing to severe drought.

In a letter to his Tamil Nadu counterpart, Chief Secretary Kaushik Mukherjee has stated that Karnataka is facing acute shortage of drinking water due to the failure of the south-west monsoon.

This has depleted storage in all the four reservoirs of the Cauvery river. So, Karnataka will not be able to release water as per the final award in the coming days, the letter added.

When contacted, Water Resources Minister M B Patil said the chief secretary has informed the Tamil Nadu government that it is not a normal year for Karnataka to release water as per the award.

The Karnataka government has been able to release 66 tmc ft of water till August, against

the 92 tmc ft fixed by the tribunal.

Last year, the State received copious monsoon rain. So it had released more than what had been stipulated by the tribunal. But the situation is entirely different this year.

The Tamil Nadu government has been told that Karnataka will be sticking to the distress-sharing formula stipulated in the award, he added.

Delegation

Revenue Minister V Srinivas Prasad and Agriculture Minister Krishna Byre Gowda are scheduled to meet Union Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh on Tuesday in Delhi and submit a memorandum seeking the Centre's assistance to tackle drought in the State.

The State ministers will seek Rs 3,035 crore assistance to extend relief to the drought-affected people.

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Erosion by Borgang, Buroi rivers takes serious turn



Photo shows erosion by the Buroi river in Sonitpur district taking a serious turn.

CORRESPONDENT

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Sept 13: The large-scale erosion caused by the Borgang and the Buroi rivers in Sonitpur district has taken a serious turn these days, resulting in loss of properties of nearby people amounting to lakhs of rupees. The overflowing water and erosion of the Borgang river have affected areas like Nalbari and Borbheel severely. The

households and agricultural lands of several families have already gone into the bosom of the river.

These people are at a loss nowadays losing their earning sources. Though a good number of organisations, supported by the affected people have been demanding safety to their life and property, the concerned departments of the government have allegedly failed to take action in a positive direction. The local

people feel that the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited is responsible for this menace. According to information, the Corporation had installed four big towers in the heart of the riverbed to transmit electricity to its Baghmari Project without procuring No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Water Resources Department, Government of Assam. Later, the water of the Borgang river had to change its course

towards the nearby villages facing a hurdle because of the big towers. The people had protested the matter at the time of installation of the tower, but their protest fell on deaf ears. As a result, the affected people have been forced to think of leaving their properties and going to a safer place.

On the other hand, the alleged rampant digging of sand and stone near the source of the Buroi river has led to large-scale erosion at the downstream of the river. The villages like Karibil Bangali, Nagabil and Karibil Bazzar are the worst affected. Around 30 families have been taking shelter these days in Bheluadanga LP School losing everything in erosion. The local people and NGO 'DCDP' alleged that the sand-gravel *mahals* at Dulungmukh under the Department of Forest was the main reason behind this erosion. Though the *mahals* were closed later, no preventive measure was taken. The people have now constructed bamboo porcupines to get rid of the erosion. The affected people have urged the government to pay heed to their woes.

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Students crossing a makeshift bamboo bridge as the Ghilamora to Paschim Dhemaji connecting PWD road has been affected by the rising waters of the Jadhah river in Dhakuakhana subdivision, on Saturday. - UB Photos

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Yamuna Bachao

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE
New Delhi, 15 September

As you prepare for the traditional river immersion this Ganesh Puja, here comes an eco-friendly news. An expat Odiya community in New Delhi has decided not to pollute the river Yamuna but immerse the idol in an "environment-friendly manner" at a makeshift community pond.

The community will create the makeshift pond on the immersion day only - that falls on 20 September - and will shut the pond the same



day in the evening.

"We have decided to contribute to the Yamuna Bachao Abhiyan, or Save the Yamuna Campaign, launched by the government by breaking

the traditional culture of visarjan (immersion) in the already polluted river," said Biswajit Barik, president of the Sarbajanina Kalinga Association.

"We will dissolve the idol in our park in a specially-constructed pond. This way, we will be not only saving the Yamuna river from pollution but also protecting the environment," said Barik.

For this purpose, the association has taken permission from the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) that will oversee the cleanliness arrangements.

"Since there is a threat of dengue, we will get the fogging and cleanliness done beforehand to avoid mosquito breeding in the pond or the nearby area," Barik

emphasised. He said that he and other members of the association were appealing to other Ganesh Puja committees to follow the same environment-friendly path and contribute in saving the Yamuna.

With the Ganesh Puja - that falls on 17 September followed by idol immersion on 20 September - to be followed by Durga Puja and then Kali Puja, hundreds of idols are immersed in the Yamuna river - as in rivers in other parts of the country - and end up choking the already polluted rivers.

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Met foresees rain after Sept 19

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 15

The Northwest and Central India, reeling under severe heat-wave like conditions, are expected to get some respite as the area is likely to get a spell of four to five days of rain after September 19, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has said.

A weather system building over the Bay of Bengal will pump in moisture along with a Western Disturbance currently hovering over north Pakistan and neighbourhood. "The rain spell over North and Central India will begin around September 19 and

last three to four days. Some areas will get good rain around September 22 and 23," says IMD Director BP Yadav.

Farmers of North and Central can expect one good spell in this season and plan accordingly, says Yadav.

Explaining the reasons behind uncomfortably high temperatures during the "usually pleasant September" when the monsoon begins its retreat from Northwest, he says the month is known to spring surprises in the rainfall pattern. As on date the countrywide monsoon deficiency has risen to 16 per cent.

Rainfall is 20 per cent

deficient in the north-west. Monsoon in the northwest is also dependent on WD, which has been fewer this season.

With monsoon in an extremely reticent mood, especially over plains of North, Central and West India, minimum temperatures are above normal by 2°C to 4°C at many places over many places across Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, madhya Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Sikkim, Saurashtra, Kutch, Bihar, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry and Andaman & Nicobar islands.

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Govt to adopt Guj model of irrigation

Constitutes A Seven-Member Panel To Quickly Complete Aquifer Mapping

Vishwa Mohan &
Subodh Ghildiyal | TNN

New Delhi: Seeking to carry forward the Gujarat-model of irrigation reform in the country and to quickly complete the task of aquifer mapping to quantify available groundwater resources, the Centre has constituted a seven-member committee to restructure the central water commission (CWC) and the central ground water board (CGWB) — the two key central bodies that manage water resources in India.

The committee, headed by ex-planning commission member Mihir Shah, has been asked to submit its report in three months so that government can make a policy framework to utilize available water resources in the country in a better way.

Since more than 60% of the available water is used for irrigation purpose, the focus of the panel would be to recommend suitable re-orientation and restructuring of the CWC and the CGWB at river basin and sub-basin level to take care of the

THIRSTY LAND

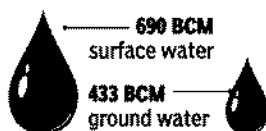
BCM: Billion cubic meters

BASIC FACTS ON WATER AVAILABILITY IN INDIA

India has 18% of the world's population and **4% OF WATER RESOURCES OF THE WORLD**

1,869 BCM average annual water availability has been assessed by Central Water Commission

1,123 BCM average annual potential of 'utilizable' quantity of water



1,180 BCM assessed annual water requirement by the year 2050

ANNUAL PER CAPITA WATER AVAILABILITY



PROJECTION: Annual per capita availability of water will further reduce to **1,340 cubic meter** by 2025 and to **1,140 cubic meter** by the year 2050

1 cubic meter = 1000 liters; Source: Ministry of Water Resources

needs of farming sector. While the CWC is working for managing/monitoring surface water; the role of the CGWB is to look after the ground water situation in the country.

The idea of restructuring both these central bodies is to optimally develop water resources in India so that all riv-

er basins and resources can be managed keeping in mind the increasing unpredictability of the monsoon and other climate factors. Decreasing per capita availability of water and the huge projected demand of this natural resources by 2050 are also triggers for such a move.

An order of the water re-

sources ministry on constitution of committee, dated September 11, has specifically mentioned the Gujarat-model of reforms while asking the central body to ensure water availability to farmers through creating last-mile connectivity.

Though it hasn't elaborated on the model, the reference is

Godavari, Krishna to be linked today

In a good news to farmers, Andhra Pradesh chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu will release water of river Godavari into Krishna on Wednesday to mark the formal linking of the two rivers. The programme will be held near Vijayawada. State water resources minister Devineni Umamaheswara Rao said that the state has created history by completing the river linking project to divert about 80 TMC of water from Godavari to Krishna. The linkage of Godavari water with Krishna basin is being made possible by the 'Pattiseema' lift irrigation scheme on Godavari river in West Godavari district. PTI

clearly aimed at Gujarat's proactive approach to push water harvesting, drip irrigation, conservation of water resources through micro irrigation network and setting up or creating village pond, check dams and sand bag dams so that water reaches the farmers in all areas within the state.

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Land allotted to private parties on Yamuna floodplains

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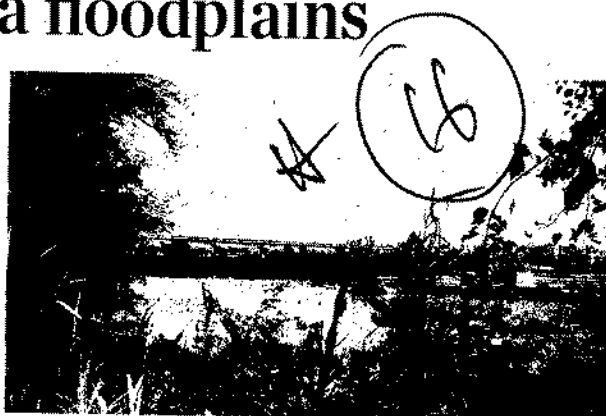
NEW DELHI: The environmentalists and courts are doing every bit to save Yamuna and check misuse of floodplains with orders banning any activity near the river, determining the floodplains afresh and a halt on any construction on it.

However, in a latest development, which has disquieted environmentalists, the DDA and the UP Irrigation Department have allotted land in the active floodplain of the Yamuna, opposite the Sarai Kale Khan in west bank and opposite the Mayur Vihar Phase-I in east bank respectively to private parties to set up batching/concrete plants for the upcoming Barapullah Elevated road cum bridge over river Yamuna.

Environmentalist Manoj Misra, who has been fighting for saving Yamuna for years now, has shot off a letter to Lieutenant Governor Najeeb Jung contending that such an allotment of riverbank is "illegal, wrong, risky and in the teeth of the judgment and ongoing case at the National Green Tribunal".

Mr Misra has also written to secretary, Ministry of water resources Shashi Shekhar who is also the chairperson of the high-powered committee.

A concrete plant or a batching plant is a device that combines various ingredients to form concrete, which is used in construction works.



The two sites are supposedly risky as both went under deep waters during the floods in 2010 and 2013. —PHOTO: BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Mr Misra said the NGT order clearly bars any new construction (temporary or permanent) in the flood plain of the river Yamuna in Delhi.

He says the two sites in question are risky as both these sites went under deep waters during the recent floods in river Yamuna in 2010 and in 2013.

"The site opposite Mayur Vihar phase one is a natural choice for a water body under the flood plain Restoration plan.

"The site opposite the Sarai Kale Khan which as per the master plan (MPD) is designated for Rajiv Gandhi Smriti Van, had been used unauthorisedly earlier too," he says.

The activist highlights how the same site was allotted to the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation in the year 2002 for a period of three years by the Yamuna standing committee but the

DDA never bothered to do so and it was only after completion of work on phase III in the year 2015 that the land was finally vacated.

"And now for it (DDA) to again allot the said land to a private company is beyond any logic or authority. Why has this land been then designated to be developed as a Smriti Van, if it had to be repeatedly misutilised in the manner alleged?," asks he.

He has now requested that the allotment be rescinded as he said "a private party is supposed to find its own site or land for the said use, but if the work order obligates the commissioning agency to provide the same, then why can't the DDA identify and designate land for such an activity as part of its master planning and at a site away from the river bed?"

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It may rain in Delhi from Friday: Met

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NEW DELHI: Rain, which has given Delhi a miss this month so far, is likely to return to the city on Friday.

The India Meteorological Department has forecast thundershowers and light rain for four days, starting Friday.

The city has been witnessing muggy weather for the past three weeks, with September seeing no rainfall at all till Tuesday. The city normally receives close to 120mm of rainfall in September.

While large parts of the country saw massive rain deficit till August, Delhi was better placed than others. September, however, has been a different story with no rain yet.

On Tuesday, the maximum

temperature was recorded at 38 degrees Celsius, four degrees above normal. The minimum was recorded at 27.5 degrees Celsius, three degrees above normal. Gurgaon, however, was hotter at 40.5 degrees Celsius.

Wednesday is expected to see similar weather with a partly cloudy sky with temperatures hovering between 38 degrees and 27 degrees Celsius.

The country's monsoon deficit so far is 16% and IMD is not eyeing a large recovery. Rains started off strong in June and July but August and September proved to be a downer for the country.

According to the Met's classification, the monsoon is considered normal if rains are between 96% and 104% of the 50-year average rainfall

of 89cm.

For the city, the lack of rains has not just meant soaring temperatures but also poor air quality. In the absence of rainfall, which helps settle particulate matter in the air, the quality has gone down rapidly in the past two weeks with the air quality index in some areas rising to levels classified as very poor.

On Monday as well as Tuesday, the air quality remained poor. During July and August, when monsoon remained active in the city this year, the air quality remained good consistently since the rain helped clear the air of pollutants.

The air quality is poorest in winter months since they are the driest and also see fog which traps pollutants.

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Four states battle severe drought as monsoon retreats

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NEW DELHI: A crippling drought has gripped four states and several others are struggling with tough farm conditions because of a poor monsoon, making it tougher for the Narendra Modi government to ease rural distress and tame retail prices of some food items.

Karnataka is the first state to declare a drought covering almost the entire state — 27 of 30 districts. Nearly half of Maharashtra remains parched, although the state hasn't notified a drought yet. Over a third of the land in the twin states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana are under stress.

The monsoon is now 16% deficient, higher than the Met's prediction of a 12% shortfall because of a powerful El Nino, a global weather glitch whose effects can ripple across the world.

This is a back-to-back drought and could be one of the worse in three decades. Last year, a 12% below-normal monsoon crimped food output by almost 5%. The rains are vital as two-thirds of Indians depend on a farm-based income in Asia's third-largest economy.

The four affected states account for nearly a third of the country's food output.

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The government on Tuesday said it was making arrangements to provide additional 50 days of man-work in drought-hit areas under the MGNREGA rural job scheme.

It had earlier announced a diesel subsidy since farmers rely on water pumps to irrigate fields and allowed states to use funds available under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and other schemes for drought mitigation.

Overall, as the monsoon season draws to a close, nearly half of the country has received below-normal rains. An analysis shows crops such as onion, the widely-consumed tur dal, coarse cereals and cotton will take a hit, an official told HT.

He said the government was speeding up imports to deal with the crisis and the first consignment of pulses would land within the next eight days.

More worrying has been the deepening rural crisis. Rural wages — a key component to gauge farm-based earnings — rose at a sluggish 4.6% in a 12-month period ending June, compared to a 12% rise in the corresponding period a year ago, says a report by Barclays.

Water levels in 89 national important reservoirs are at half their capacity, which is lower than the 10-year average. "India has suffered weather-related turbulence for years but what is worrying is that with rising frequency of such events, the impact is getting increasingly amplified because holistic efforts to reduce structural vulnerabilities are lacking," said DK Joshi, chief economist at Crisil.

Onion and pulses, whose inflation rates rose 65% and 36% in August from a year ago, are two items that could keep food prices high. A senior onion-monitoring official said the crop could suffer in the winter season too in regions that received less rain.

"Maharashtra, Karnataka and some southern states are major onion producers. There the situation is bad. But in Rajasthan and Gujarat, the onion area is showing signs of expanding because rains were good," said RP Gupta, the head of National Horticultural Research and Development Foundation.

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कृष्णा, गोदावरी एक हो जाएंगी

विजयवाड़ा। आंध्र प्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री एन. चंद्रबाबू नायडू बुधवार को गोदावरी नदी का पानी कृष्णा नदी में छोड़ेंगे। इसी के साथ यह नदियाँ आधिकारिक रूप से एक-दूसरे से जुड़ जाएंगी। बुधवार को इस संबंध में राज्य के इब्राहिमपट्टनम गांव के पास एक कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया जाएगा। राज्य के जल संसाधन मंत्री देवीनेनी उमामहेश्वर राव ने कहा कि कृष्णा-गोदावरी लिंक परियोजना को पूरा कर राज्य ने ऐतिहासिक कार्य किया है। इसके माध्यम से गोदावरी से कृष्णा में लगभग 80 टीएमसी पानी छोड़ा जाएगा।

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बीड । नवीन कुमार

महाराष्ट्र के मराठवाड़ा क्षेत्र के तीन जिलों उस्मानाबाद, बीड और लातूर में सदी की सबसे खराब सूखे की स्थिति है।

इन तीनों जिलों में इस साल अब तक किसानों की आत्महत्या का आंकड़ा 400 को पार गया है। यहां लोग पानी की किल्लत से जूझ रहे हैं। खरीफ की फसल पूरी तरह बर्बाद हो चुकी है। किसानों को

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400 किसान तीन जिलों के इस साल कर चुके हैं आत्महत्या

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किसान यहां के अब तक कर चुके हैं खुदकुशी

- 2013 में उस्मानाबाद के 28 किसानों ने आत्महत्या की थी
- 190 किसान बीड में इस साल अब तक दे चुके हैं जान

भरोसा है कि राज्य सरकार किसानों के कर्ज पूरी तरह से माफ करेगी और खेती के लिए मदद करेगी। उस्मानाबाद जिले के कलंब तालुका के खामसवाड़ी गांव के 65 वर्षीय किसान हनुमंत भेंगाड़े का कहना है कि इस बार स्थिति बेहद

खराब है। इससे पहले वर्ष 1972 में भी सूखा पड़ा था। उस्मानाबाद के विधायक राणा जगजीत सिंह पाटील ने बताया कि उनका जिला लगातार पांचवीं बार सूखे की मार झेल रहा है और किसानों की आत्महत्या की घटना भी बढ़ रही है।

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मौसम की मार से हताश हो रहे किसानों को देखते हुए राज्य सरकार ने 20 जिलों की 93 तहसीलों को सूखाग्रस्त घोषित कर दिया है। साथ ही किसानों को राहत देने के लिए आपातकालीन उपायों का रास्ता भी खोला गया है। मुख्यमंत्री डॉ. रमन सिंह की अध्यक्षता में मंगलवार को मंत्रिपरिषद् की बैठक में राहत उपायों के प्रस्ताव पर मुहर लगी। कृषि एवं जल संसाधन मंत्री बृजमोहन अग्रवाल ने बताया, सूखे के हालात जानने के लिए सरकार ने नजरी सर्वेक्षण कराया था। जिन तहसीलों की अनाबरी (फसल का संभावित उत्पादन आकलन) रिपोर्ट 50 प्रतिशत से कम आई है, उनको सूखाग्रस्त घोषित किया गया है, जिसमें बालोद, दत्तेवाड़ा, कोरिया, रायपुर, महासमुंद, गरियाबंद,

खोला गंगरेल का गेट

असंतोष बढ़ते देखकर सरकार ने महानदी सिंचाई परियोजना के गंगरेल बांध से पानी छोड़ने का फैसला किया। बांध से 121 लाख घनमीटर पानी छोड़ा जाएगा। इससे रायपुर, बालोद, दुर्ग और धमतरी के खेतों में सिंचाई हो सकेगी। मंगलवार की शाम 5 बजे बांध के चार गेट खोलकर चार हजार क्यूसेक पानी मुख्य नहर में छोड़ा गया।

नहीं मनेगा राज्योत्सव

अकाल की स्थिति में किसानों के दर्द को समझते हुए राज्य सरकार ने राज्योत्सव का आयोजन नहीं करने का फैसला किया है। हर बार यह आयोजन 1 से 3 नवंबर तक होता है। इस बार राज्य स्तरीय अलंकरण समारोह का ही आयोजन होगा।

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यह किए उपाय

डीजल घर सस्ती : सूखाग्रस्त तहसीलों में डीजल पंप से सिंचाई कर रहे किसानों को प्रति हेक्टेयर 2 हजार की डीजल सब्सिडी मिलेगी। यह राहत अधिकतम 2 हेक्टेयर तक ही मिल पाएगी।

घारा उत्पादन

सस्ती : घारा उगाने वाले किसानों को 3200 प्रति हेक्टेयर की सस्ती यह भी अधिकतम 2 हेक्टेयर तक मिलेगी।

30 सितम्बर तक

बीमा : कृषि बीमा योजना से किसानों को जोड़ने के लिए

समय सीमा 30 सितम्बर तक बढ़ा दी गई है। पहले यह 15 सितम्बर तक ही होनी थी।

मिलेगा अस्थायी बिजली कनेक्शन:

किसानों को सिंचाई पम्पों के लिए बिजली के अस्थायी बिजली कनेक्शन मिलेंगे।

बिजली विभाग को इसे तुरंत देना होगा। राहत सितम्बर के आखिर तक जारी रहेगी।

1 किचटल कापल रिजर्व: गांव में

लोगों की भूखमरी से बचाने के लिए 1 किचटल चावल सरपंच के चार्ज में रिजर्व होगा। जरूरत पड़ने पर कोई भी इससे एक बार में पांच किचल तक ले सकेगा।

सिंचाई पम्पों को 24 घंटे बिजली:

सिंचाई पम्पों को 24 घंटे बिजली दी जाएगी। खराब ट्रांसफॉर्मरों को सितम्बर के अंत तक बदल लिया जाएगा।