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**Unplanned development threatens rivers: Study**



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Hydro power development, unregulated construction, sand mining and urbanisation are the major threats that rivers in Himachal Pradesh are facing.

Releasing the 'State of the Rivers Report', Himdhara, Environment Research and Action Collective brings to light the key threats of development which are interfering with river flows, hampering riverine ecology and changing the nature of the river and dependencies around it.

According to the report, the Beas, Satluj, Yamuna and Ravi are the most threatened river basins. "The Chenab as of now and Upper Satluj, with Spiti, as the main tributary, along with parts of

Beas like Tirthan, are the only wild and free flowing rivers in the state. There are streams and rivers in small stretches that are pristine, but small hydro projects are planned in most of them," said an activist Manshi Asher with Himdhara. She said the parts of Tons and Giri, known for their Mahaseer fish, are under threat due to dams.

The report recommends that the blue or wild rivers needs to be protected from the threats and a plan of action needs to be made for the same.

"At the same time, the areas where there is moderate threat an effort needs to be made by the regulatory agencies - Forest Department, Pollution Control Board and the State Environment Department to take action."

Asher said this report is more of a compilation of our understanding, experience and the existing documentation on rivers in the State. It is by no means a complete and exhaustive document.

She said a thorough 'State of the Rivers Report' should assess the social, cultural, economic values of these rivers and how these have changed historically, carrying out a detailed study based on primary data as well as secondary research from a variety of sources.

"Moreover, it is the communities who depend on these rivers who would best describe the changes that have occurred over time. And thus any assessment would be incomplete without a people's voice in it," she said.

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# A drought on U.P.'s doorstep

## Chief Secretary instructs State officials to take preparatory measures

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Uttar Pradesh is staring at a drought, the senior-most official in the State has said.

Noting that the State received low rainfall during the monsoon, Chief Secretary Rajiv Kumar has instructed divisional commissioners and district magistrates to brace for a potential drought.

Mr. Kumar has instructed officials to coordinate with all departments and take necessary steps on a priority basis.

The Chief Secretary has issued a three-page order containing a set of instructions to various departments of the government, including those of Farm Irrigation, Energy, Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Animal Husbandry, Food and Civil Supplies and Water Resources.

A government spokesperson said officials had been instructed to publicise ways of preserving moisture in the



**Drying up:** Bundelkhand is one of the areas in Uttar Pradesh affected by recurrent drought, causing misery to livestock. — RAJEEV BHATT

soil, to ensure that government tube wells are operational, and fill ponds with water.

### Alternative crops

He also said that apart from food and seeds, adequate availability of alternative crops must be ensured," the

spokesperson said. Officials have also been told to get non-functional transformers changed within 24 hours, get hand-pumps activated and mobilise water tankers to supply water to households.

There must also be sufficient feed for cattle and medicine in veterinary clinics,

the order said. Wells must be deepened and farmers employed under the rural employment guarantee programme to meet the risk of famine.

Mr. Kumar has instructed senior state and divisional officials to hold meetings at the district level.

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## जम्मू कश्मीर में मौसम की पहली बर्फबारी

जम्मू @ पत्रिका-जम्मू-कश्मीर में शुक्रवार को मौसम ने तेजी से करवट बदली। इस दौरान यहां मौसम की पहली बर्फबारी हुई है। जम्मू के पुंछ और राजौरी के पर्वतीय इलाकों में सुबह बर्फ की सफेद चादर बिछ गई। आसमान बादलों से घिरा रहा। सर्द हवाएं चलती रहीं। हालांकि तापमान सामान्य के आसपास ही रहा, लेकिन पहाड़ों पर गिरी हल्की बर्फ से उठने वाली ठंडी हवाओं ने सर्दी का अहसास कराया।



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# 1615 मिमी हुई बारिश... बेंगलूरु में बारिश ने 115 साल का रिकॉर्ड तोड़ा

पत्रिका न्यूज़ नेटवर्क  
rajasthanpatrika.com

बेंगलूरु. बेंगलूरु में पिछले 2 महीने से हो रही लगातार बारिश ने 2017 को शहर के लिए सबसे ज्यादा बारिश वाला साल बना दिया है। शनिवार को शहर की सालाना बारिश 1615.2 मिलीमीटर दर्ज की गई। यह 115 सालों में अब तक सबसे अधिक बारिश है। इससे पहले 2005 में 1606 मिमी बारिश रिकॉर्ड की गई थी। मौसम विभाग के निदेशक एल रमेश बाबू ने बताया कि शुक्रवार



की रात को पड़ी बारिश ने नया रिकॉर्ड दर्ज करने में सहायता की। उन्होंने संभावना जताई की अभी साल के ढाई महीने बाकी हैं, ऐसे में हो सकता है कि सालाना बारिश बढ़ जाए।

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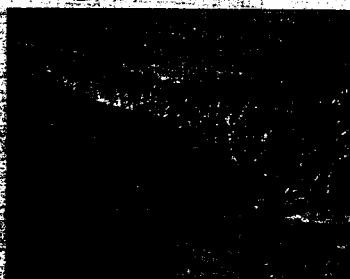
भूस्खलन होने से गोमुख के मुहाने पर बनी छोटी सी झील, इसी से निकल रही मल घारा

## गोमुख पर मलबे ने भागीरथी का रास्ता बदला

गोमुख | संजीव कंडवाल

गंगा के उद्गम स्थल गोमुख पर भूस्खलन का खतरा मंडरा रहा है। इस बरसात में भूस्खलन के कारण गोमुख झील के रूप में तब्दील हो गया है और मलबा आने से भागीरथी की धारा पश्चिम दिशा में मुड़ गई है।

नमोमि गंगे मिशन के गंगा ट्रेक के तहत गुरुवार को वैज्ञानिक, पर्यावरण कार्यकर्ता जब गोमुख पहुंचे तो वहां का नजारा देख चौंककर रह गए। गोमुख जहां से भागीरथी यानी गंगा की धारा फूटती है, उसके ऊपर नेहरू



शर्वत के निचले हिस्से से मलबा आ गया है। इस कारण वहां छोटी झील बन गई है। इसी से भागीरथी निकल रही है। गोमुख पहुंचे वाडिया संस्थान

क्यों हो रहा भूस्खलन

गंगोत्री से गोमुख तक 24 किमी घाटी भूस्खलन की चपेट में है। वैज्ञानिक डॉ. नवीन जुयाल के मुताबिक हजारों साल पहले ग्लेशियर गंगोत्री धाम तक फैला था, बाद में पिघल गया और मलबा लेकर नीचे आने लगा।

भूस्खलन गोमुख के नजारे बतला

के वैज्ञानिक डॉ. मीएस नेगी ने बताया कि पिछले साल तक गोमुख हिमशिला 80 मीटर तक ऊंची थी, वह अब 30 मीटर रह गई है। गोमुख पहुंचे

ब्लैक कार्बन मामूली

वाडिया संस्थान के वैज्ञानिक डॉ. पीएस नेगी के मुताबिक दुनिया में बढ़ते तापमान के लिए ब्लैक कार्बन को प्रमुख वजह माना जाता है। संस्थान की जांच में गोमुख में ब्लैक कार्बन की मौजूदगी मामूली पाई गई है। ग्लेशियरों का पिघलना एक सामान्य प्राकृतिक क्रिया है।

पर्यावरण कार्यकर्ता जयंत सिंह जंगली ने बताया कि 70 के दशक में वे सात दिन तक गोमुख में रहे थे, पर अब और तब का नजारा एकदम भिन्न है।