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सबरीमाला मंदिर आने वाले दो लाख श्रद्धालुओं ने स्थानीय पंजा नदी को स्वच्छ बनाने के लिए प्राचीन परंपरा को त्याग दिया। मिशन ग्रीन सबरीमाला के तहत श्रद्धालुओं ने शपथ ली कि वे पंजा नदी में वस्त्र फेंकने की परंपरा को त्याग कर नदी को साफ रखेंगे। इसके लिए करीब दो लाख लोगों ने हस्ताक्षर अभियान में हिस्सा लेकर अपना समर्थन दिया। अब इस नेक काम के लिए इतने हस्ताक्षर इकट्ठा करने का लक्ष्य है कि यह एक विश्व कीर्तिमान बन सके



और लिम्का बुक ऑफ रिकार्ड्स में दर्ज हो सके।

छह भाषाओं में शपथ

नदी की स्वच्छता के लिए शपथ ग्रहण

अभियान छह भाषाओं, हिंदी अंग्रेजी, मलयालम, कन्नड़, तमिल और तेलुगू भाषा में चलाया जा रहा है। लोगों को शपथ दिलाई जा रही है कि, 'मैं पंजा नदी में वस्त्र नहीं

फेंकूंगा। मैं इसे कूड़े के साथ निपटाऊंगा।'

कॉलेज छात्र कर रहे प्रतिदिन निवेदन

पथानमथिट्टा के जिला अधिकारी एस हरिकिशोर ने बताया कि यह एक मिथक है कि नदी में डुबकी लगाने के बाद कपड़े को नदी में छोड़ देना चाहिए। ये सच नहीं है। हम रोजाना 10 कॉलेज छात्रों की सेवा ले रहे हैं। वे श्रद्धालुओं से अनुरोध करते हैं कि वे वस्त्र नहीं फेंकने की शपथ लें और कैमवस पर इससे संबंधित दस्तखत करें।

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Title : Actions don't match 'clean Ganga' slogans, NGT tells Centre and UP

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The National Green Tribunal on Monday slammed the Centre and Uttar Pradesh government over pollution in the Ganga in Varanasi and said their slogans on cleaning up the river rang hollow.

“It is really very unfortunate that such things are going on. Why don't you do something about this? Your slogans are very contrary to your actions,” a bench headed by NGT chairperson Swatanter Kumar said.

What prompted the observations were pictures of bodies floating in the river and advocate Gaurav Kumar Bansal's submission that the authorities were not taking any action to prevent the dumping of bodies and animal carcasses into the Ganga.

The tribunal asked for an answer by January 27 on who should be held accountable for the increasing pollution in the river in Varanasi, specifically pulling up the ministries of environment and water resources as well as the UP government.

The tribunal has lately been dealing with a host of issues related to rampant pollution of the Ganga. In a jolt to the Union government's ambitious Clean Ganga project, the court had earlier this month directed the Centre not to release funds for cleaning the river from Gomukh to Kanpur without its approval, chiding Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand for failing to identify the serious polluting locations.

The green panel had divided the Ganga clean-up work into different segments -from Gomukh to Haridwar, Haridwar to Kanpur, Kanpur to the Uttar Pradesh border, the UP border to the Jharkhand border and from there to the Bay of Bengal. **AGENCIES** The NGT on Monday rapped the Centre and the UP government over pollution in Ganga in Varanasi. In the previous hearing of the green court on January 15, its bench had directed UP and Uttarakhand governments to identify seriously polluting industries located on the banks of Ganga and apprise it about the “quantity and quality” of discharge generated by them into it.

The green panel also ordered a joint inspection by a team comprising officials from Central Pollution Control Board, UPPCB, UP CB and a representative from the environment ministry at points where tributaries from Uttarakhand and UP meet the Ganga. “They will state the quality of the water, quantum of effluents and sewage contained in each of these tributaries or rivers,” the bench had said. It also directed Uttarakhand government to take a clear stand on industrial pockets located in Haridwar within two weeks.

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DIRTY FLOWS THE RIVER	
<p>➤ 12 billion litres of sewage flows into Ganga and its tributaries every day. In volume, this is more than three times the piped water supplied to 18 million Delhiites each day</p>	<p>comes from sewage, with 144 drains flowing into the river</p>
<p>53% of the sewage, 5.7 billion litres, goes untreated</p>	<p>➤ 764 grossly polluting industries are located along the river</p>
<p>➤ 75% of Ganga pollution</p>	<p>➤ A 2012 National Cancer Registry Programme study said those living along the Ganga banks in UP, Bihar and Bengal more prone to cancer than people anywhere else</p>

SC tells Centre to get rural India out of agrarian crisis

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court asked the Centre on Monday to pay attention to an ongoing rural crisis triggered by two consecutive droughts, seeking to know if higher food allocations and employment could be provided in affected areas in a dozen states.

In its first major intervention on the condition of the rural economy, the SC sought data from the Centre and states on the status of three crucial welfare schemes in these states: the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, the mid-day meal scheme and the National Food Security Act.

The court's instructions came after it heard a petition by the Yogendra Yadav-led Swaraj Abhiyan, which in the past one year travelled to various states and said it found large sections of the rural population in pitiable conditions. The court's directions will put renewed pressure on the Narendra Modi government, which has launched a new farm insurance scheme and central assistance to three large drought-hit states worth ₹6,794 crore.

Appearing for the NGO, lawyer Prashant Bhushan said the government wasn't able to provide the enhanced 150 days of employment under the NREGA that it promised for drought-hit areas.

The court's orders came on a day Modi addressed a conclave on



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organic and sustainable agriculture in Sikkim. "I have come here with agriculture ministers of all the states. We are here to discuss how to transform India's agriculture," the PM said.

On December 30, the Centre announced ₹3,100 crore to Maharashtra, ₹2,022 crore to Madhya Pradesh and ₹1,672 crore to Chhattisgarh in drought relief, while sanctioning ₹433.77 crore to Andhra Pradesh, ₹815 crore for Odisha and ₹1,304.52 crore for Uttar Pradesh on Jan 6.

The June-to-September monsoon was 14% below normal, with the second straight year of poor rains causing a drought in 302 of the country's 640 districts. Farm incomes then slowed sharply, with agriculture posting a growth of

just 2%. Nearly two-thirds of Indians depend on a farm income.

The court asked the agriculture secretary to hold meetings with counterparts from Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Orissa, Jharkhand, Bihar and Chattisgarh on the drought's effects.

The court also asked the Centre to discuss issues raised by the NGO, such as the implementation of the National Food Security Act, availability of protein in the form of 2kg of free lentils to every family in drought-declared areas, apart from availability of eggs in mid-day meal scheme and supply of one litre of cooking oil. The Centre has to come back on Friday with a response.

Hydel projects run into opposition

HURDLE Water resources ministry against allowing projects on Ganga's upper reaches

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NEW DELHI: An environment ministry bid to allow six hydel projects on the upper reaches of the Ganga by filing an affidavit in the Supreme Court has been opposed by the ministry of water resources.

Stating that the flow conditions proposed were flawed, the water resources ministry pointed out that its environment counterpart has cited a 1916 agreement in its affidavit — filed earlier this month — to state that the projects will have to ensure “up to” 1,000 cusecs of water as mandatory water flow at any time of the year.

But the Madan Mohan Malaviya agreement had noted that a “minimum supply” of 1,000 cusecs be ensured. The document, signed in 1916 by rulers of six regions of northern India with educationist-politician Malaviya, had stated: “In order to guarantee an uninterrupted flow of the Ganges through the Har-ki-Pairi and past the other ghats of Haridwar, a minimum supply of 1,000 cusecs in the chan-

nel is being guaranteed.”

But even so, the water resources ministry maintains that a 100-year-old agreement cannot be cited to build hydel projects in today's water flow conditions. “A lot has changed in the last 100 years, and this is something that has to be taken into account while examining the possibility of constructing new hydel projects,” a ministry official said.

Sources said water resources minister Uma Bharti has written to environment minister Prakash Javadekar, pointing out that his ministry should have waited till a committee of additional secretaries from the environment and water resources ministries had submitted its report on the matter.

The water resources ministry expressed its apprehensions over the affidavit at the official level too, stating that it could have “huge” adverse implications on the Ganga river basin as well as the fragile ecology of Uttarakhand.

The SC had stayed the construction of the six hydel projects after the 2013 Uttarakhand flash floods left thousands of people dead.

NGT SLAMS CENTRE, UP, OVER GANGA POLLUTION



■ Debris strewn along the banks of the Ganga in Kanpur.

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The green panel pulled up the ministry of environment and forests, ministry of water resources and UP government

while asking them to look into the matter and deal with it expeditiously.

The observation came after advocate Gaurav Kumar Bansal mentioned before the bench that bodies of humans and animals were being dumped in river Ganga and authorities were allegedly not taking any action.

सोमवार को साल की सबसे सर्द सुबह रही

नई दिल्ली | प्रमुख संवाददाता

दिल्ली में सोमवार को वर्ष की सबसे सर्द सुबह दर्ज की गई। न्यूनतम तापमान 06 डिग्री सेल्सियस दर्ज किया गया। यह इस वर्ष का सबसे कम न्यूनतम तापमान है। इसके पहले एक जनवरी को न्यूनतम तापमान 6.6 डिग्री सेल्सियस दर्ज किया गया था। अधिकतम तापमान 19 डिग्री सेल्सियस दर्ज हुआ।

मौसम विभाग के अनुसार आने वाले दिनों में ठंड बढ़ने की संभावना कम ही है। लोधी रोड इलाका दिल्ली का सबसे ठंडा इलाका रहा। यहां न्यूनतम तापमान 5.3 डिग्री सेल्सियस दर्ज किया गया।

मौसम विभाग के अनुसार मंगलवार को सुबह आसमान में बादल दर्ज किए जाएंगे। दक्षिणी दिल्ली व एनसीआर के कुछ इलाकों में शाम व रात के समय हल्की बारिश हो सकती है। अधिकतम तापमान 18 डिग्री व न्यूनतम 08 डिग्री

कोहरे के चलते रेल व हवाई सेवा प्रभावित

कोहरे के चलते सोमवार को रेल व हवाई सेवाएं प्रभावित रहीं। लगभग तीस रेलगाड़ियां देरी से दिल्ली पहुंचीं जबकि दिल्ली से चलने वाली एक दर्जन रेलगाड़ियों के समय में परिवर्तन करना पड़ा। वहीं लगभग 56 उड़ानें 15 मिनट की देरी से उड़ान भर सकीं। सुबह आठ बजे से 9.30 बजे तक दृश्यता का स्तर 50 मीटर से भी कम रह गया।

सेल्सियस रहने की संभावना है।

मौसम वैज्ञानिक बीपी यादव ने बताया कि पश्चिमी विक्षोभ के प्रभाव के चलते मौसम में बदलाव दर्ज किया जा रहा है। आने वाले दिनों में न्यूनतम तापमान में वृद्धि की संभावना है। इससे कोहरा बढ़ सकता है।

गंगा पर कुछ करते क्यों नहीं : NGT

■ वस, नई दिल्ली : नैशनल ग्रीन ट्रिब्यूनल (एनजीटी) ने गंगा में प्रदूषण के मुद्दे पर केंद्र और यूपी सरकार को एक बार फिर आड़े हाथ लिया है। वाराणसी में गंगा में प्रदूषण के मुद्दे पर ट्रिब्यूनल ने दोनों को फटकार लगाई और कहा कि उनके नारे (स्लोगन) काम के विपरीत हैं। असल में एनजीटी को गंगा के इस स्ट्रेच में पल्यूशन से जुड़ी कुछ तस्वीरें दिखाई गई थीं, जिस पर यह टिप्पणी की गई। एनजीटी अध्यक्ष जस्टिस स्वतंत्र कुमार की अगुआई वाली बेंच ने कहा कि यह बड़े दुख की बात है कि अभी भी वही



सब हो रहा है। आप लोग कुछ करते क्यों नहीं हैं? ग्रीन बेंच ने केंद्रीय पर्यावरण एवं वन मंत्रालय, जल संसाधन मंत्रालय और यूपी सरकार की खिंचाई करते हुए उन्हें इस मुद्दे पर विचार करने और तत्परता से कार्रवाई करने का निर्देश दिया। रामगंगा में पल्यूशन का मुद्दा उठाने वाले याचिकाकर्ता के वकील गौरव कुमार बंसल ने तस्वीरें दिखाते हुए बताया कि गंगा में इंसानों और पशुओं के शव बहाए जा रहे हैं। उन्होंने प्रशासन पर ऐसी गतिविधियों को रोकने के लिए कार्रवाई न करने का भी आरोप लगाया।

दिल्ली का पारा @4.7, आज छाएगा घना कोहरा

■ नगर संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली

दिल्ली में सोमवार को पारे ने गहरा गोता लगाया। दिल्ली के कुछ इलाकों में मिनिमम टेंपरेचर 6 डिग्री से भी कम रहा। सबसे कम न्यूनतम तापमान जाफरपुर में 4.7 डिग्री दर्ज हुआ। इसके अलावा न्यूनतम तापमान नजफगढ़ में 5.8 और अक्षरधाम में 5.9 डिग्री रहा। वहीं खराब मौसम की वजह से आईजीआई एयरपोर्ट पर 50 फ्लाइटें डिले हुईं। मौसम विभाग ने दिल्ली के साथ आसपास के राज्यों में घना कोहरा छाने की वॉर्निंग जारी की है।

मौसम विभाग ने अपने बुलेटिन में कहा कि मंगलवार को दिन भर बादल छाए रह सकते हैं। साउथ दिल्ली और आस पास के इलाकों में हल्की बारिश होने की भी संभावना है। मैक्सिमम टेंपरेचर 18 डिग्री और मिनिमम

टेंपरेचर 8 डिग्री रहने का अनुमान है। अगले दो दिनों तक दिल्ली के साथ कई मैदानी इलाकों में घना कोहरा छाने की आशंका है। सुबह के वक्त कोहरा का असर होने की उम्मीद है।

सोमवार को मैक्सिमम टेंपरेचर नॉर्मल से एक डिग्री कम के साथ 19 डिग्री दर्ज हुआ। हवा में मैक्सिमम ह्यूमिडिटी 97 पर्सेंट दर्ज हुई। मिनिमम ह्यूमिडिटी भी ज्यादा के साथ 62 पर्सेंट

रही। स्काइमेट के मौसम वैज्ञानिक महेश पलावत के मुताबिक उत्तर पश्चिमी दिशा से हवाएं आ रही हैं। अब हवाएं दूसरी दिशा से चलने लगी हैं। इसलिए तापमान सोमवार को कम रहा।

मंगलवार को कुछ इलाकों में बूंदबांदी होने की संभावना है। 20 डिग्री से कम रह सकता है। बारिश होने के बाद कोहरा छा सकता है। मंगलवार को भी घना कोहरा छाने की उम्मीद है।

पलावत ने कहा कि पहाड़ी इलाकों में हाल ही में आए वेस्टर्न डिस्टर्बेंस बर्फबारी हुई है। इसका इफेक्ट दिल्ली और आसपास के मैदानी इलाकों में भी होना शुरू हो गया है। अगले चार से पांच दिनों तक दिल्ली में मिनिमम टेंपरेचर 8 डिग्री से कम रहने का अनुमान है। मौजूदा मॉडल से मिली जानकारी के मुताबिक मैक्सिमम टेंपरेचर भी 20 से 21 डिग्री

मंगलवार
को दिन भर
बादल छाए रह
सकते हैं, हल्की
बारिश की भी
संभावना





से नीचे रह सकता है। मौसम वैज्ञानिकों ने कहा कि अगले दो से तीन दिनों में पहाड़ी इलाकों में बर्फबारी होने की स्थिति बन सकती है। जिससे मौसम का मिजाज बदल सकता है।

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Weatherman forecasts light rain

- Staff Reporter

Chasing the sun to dry damp laundry, celebrating a sunny day and dealing with an overcast sky are things that Delhi expects in January.

While some Delhiites are happy that the weather has been relatively mild so far, those waiting for the cold may finally get to experience it.

The Meteorological Department has forecast partly cloudy skies over the city with a possibility of light rain in the evening/late night over southern parts of the Capital.

Moderate to dense fog is likely to engulf the city on January 20 and 21.

The capital also recorded the coldest night of the season with the minimum temperature plunging to 6 degrees Celsius from 9.6 degrees Celsius.

The change in weather is due to a western disturbance that brought down temperatures in northern India.

However, this is not likely to be strong enough to cause any significance change in the Capital, says the weatherman.

Temperatures on January 19 are likely to settle between 18 degrees Celsius and 8 degrees Celsius.

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NGT asks about pollutants dumped into Yamuna from Agra

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The tribunal has asked the Agra Municipal Corporation to supervise the cleaning of construction material and debris. File Photo

In an attempt to control the dumping of pollutants into the Yamuna from Agra, the National Green Tribunal has taken note of construction material and debris being dumped into the river by the city.

The tribunal has directed the Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam and the Agra Municipal Corporation to inform it about the total sewage discharge and the quantity of untreated waste being released into the river.

Taking note of the fact that many colonies in Agra lack sewer connection, the green panel directed the Agra Development Authority (ADA) to identify such areas and remove construction material being dumped in front of these residential colonies.

A bench headed by NGT chairperson Justice Swatanter Kumar also directed the ADA to supervise the cleaning of construction material and debris.

“The Jal Nigam and Municipal Corporation, Agra, shall file a compliance report showing total sewage discharge from the city and how much of it is being treated and the amount which is being put into the river untreated.

The Jal Nigam, ADA, shall also identify the area having no sewage connection,” the bench said.

The matter has been posted for hearing on February 23.

In September last year, the tribunal had issued a showcause notice to 10 residential colonies of Agra for discharging untreated sewage.

It had also asked them to explain why a fine of Rs. 1.41 crore not be imposed on them for polluting the Yamuna.

Earlier, the tribunal had imposed a fine of Rs. 1 lakh on the Agra Municipal Corporation for dumping waste on the Yamuna floodplains, noting that the civic body had failed to perform its duty and protect the environment.

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