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Ecuador struck by 6.7 magnitude quake

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Quito, 18 May

A strong earthquake measuring 6.7 on the Moment magnitude scale struck Ecuador early today, one month after a devastating 7.8 magnitude quake that killed some 660 people, the US Geological Survey said.

Ecuador's national geological institute, which measured the quake at 6.8, said it struck at 2:57 am local time in the South American country's western Manabi



People remain in the street after the quake. * AFP

region.

US geologists said there was no tsunami threat from the quake. It was not immediately known whether there were casualties or

serious damage. The quake had a depth of 32 kilometers (21 miles) and was centered 136 kilometers (85 miles) northwest of Quito, seismologists said.

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MET DEPT SOUNDS 'RED WARNING', HEATWAVE TO CONTINUE

Mercury crosses 46 deg C in Delhi-NCR

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, 18 May

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The searing loo and a scorching sun took the mercury to 46.4 degrees Celsius in the Delhi NCR region today. The met department has declared a "red warning" to denote a continuing heat wave. The situation may prevail for three more days.

The Met department said the red-level severe weather warnings are a comparatively rare phenomenon and people are advised to take action to protect themselves and their properties.

Delhi recorded a maximum temperature of 43.7 degrees Celsius but the Palam observatory recorded 46.4 degrees. The minimum temperature in the city was 26.4 degrees Celsius.

The mercury hovered above 40 degrees mark in Punjab and Haryana too with Hisar being the hottest at 46.8 degrees. Banda in neighboring Uttar Pradesh sizzled at 47 degrees.

"Heat wave conditions continued to prevail at a few places over



In the Capital on Wednesday. *Subrata Dutta

Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, East Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and at isolated places over south Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Maharashtra and Vidarbha," said the Met department.

Roadside vendors in the Capital faced a hard time as it became almost unbearable to stand near stoves and ovens in the scorching

heat. Sales dipped as most people preferred to remain indoors, especially in the air-conditioned comfort of their offices and homes.

Rickshaw pullers too had a tough time. "In this weather it is hard pulling the rickshaw, but we have no choice. There were very few commuters on the road too," said a rickshaw puller.

The weather department has warned that heat wave conditions with mercury hovering around 44 degrees mark may prevail for the next few days in Delhi-NCR.

According to an NGO, Centre for Holistic Development, in 2016 in April and May around 377 unidentified dead bodies were found. In 2015 (April to July) more than 1000 unidentified dead bodies were found. The NGO said most of the unidentified dead bodies are of the homeless who might have died due to heat stroke. The homeless they fight Delhi's notorious summer by taking shelter under trees.

The Met office has forecast clear skies for tomorrow. "The skies will be mainly clear. Dust haze is likely to occur towards morning and evening. The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to hover around 44 degrees and 28 degrees, respectively," the official said.

Yesterday, the maximum and minimum temperatures were recorded at 43.3 degrees Celsius and 28.6 degrees Celsius respectively.

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North sizzles, maximum temp crosses 50

PHALODI (RAJASTHAN)
50.5°

GANDHINAGAR
49°

JODHPUR
47°

LUCKNOW
46°

JAIPUR
46°

AMRITSAR
45°

(Source: indiaweather.in)

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 18

EVEN AS parts of Tamil Nadu and Kerala continued to receive rainfall for the third consecutive day, the whole of west, north and central India remained in the midst of a severe heat wave, with temperatures, both maximum and minimum, in many places being in excess of five degree Celsius above normal.

The temperature crossed 50 degrees at Phalodi in western Rajasthan during the day. It recorded the highest temperature of 50.5 degrees, the Indian Meteorological Department said.

Many other places recorded temperatures over 46 degrees Celsius. Most places in Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, western Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh were several degrees hotter than normal, all recording temperatures over 42 degrees.

Delhi touched 47 degrees, while Ahmedabad recorded its hottest day since 2010 at 46.9 degrees Celsius. Other major cities, including Amritsar, Jaipur, Lucknow, Jodhpur, Kanpur, and

MEANWHILE, IN CHENNAI MIN TEMP 23.6°



A man wades his auto through a waterlogged road in Chennai, which received 3cm rain on Wednesday. PTI

Vadodara, had registered similarly high temperatures.

The IMD said the heat wave was likely to continue for at least three more days, after which temperatures are seen to be going down in many regions. The forecast is that after the end of this week, severe heat wave was likely to be restricted to some pockets of Rajasthan and Gujarat only. But the real relief can be expected only with the onset and

advance of monsoon.

In contrast to the weather in the north, west and central India, south and parts of east India received showers, with temperatures well below normal.

The entire south Andaman Sea and Nicobar Islands had already started receiving monsoon rainfall, which was expected to cover the entire Andaman Islands and some parts of south Bay of Bengal in the next three or

four days, the IMD said.

A deep depression over southwest Bay of Bengal has been resulting in rainfall over Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh coast. The depression is likely to intensify into a cyclonic storm during the next 24 hours and bring more rains in the area, including on the Odisha coast, over the next two days.

"Fishermen are advised not to venture into the sea along and off Tamil Nadu and Puducherry during the next 24 hours, along and off Andhra Pradesh coast during the next 48 hours and also and off the Odisha coast on 19th and 20th of May," the IMD said in an advisory on Wednesday.

Chennai received 3 cm rainfall by Wednesday evening while Kakinada recorded 8 cm, and Nellore 5 cm, according to IMD.

Not surprisingly, temperatures in these parts have been below normal, in some places as much as three degree below normal. Temperatures in many places in Bihar, Assam, Meghalaya, and Kerala, were below normal.

IMD: Monsoon to cover Andaman in three days

NISHA NAMBIAR
PUNE, MAY 18

THE INDIAN Meteorological Department (IMD) Wednesday formally announced that the much awaited southwest monsoon had made its appearance over the Nicobar Islands and would cover Andaman Islands in the next three days. The IMD called it a "near normal date" of the monsoon's advancement.

In its outlook Wednesday, IMD said that the southwest monsoon has advanced into some parts of southeast Bay of Bengal, entire south Andaman sea and Nicobar Islands and some parts of North Andaman sea.

"Even as this advancement has been forecast, the onset date issued by IMD stands," said Sunita Devi, Director (Weather Central), IMD in Pune. June 1 is the normal date of the monsoon's onset over Kerala, which

marks the start of the four-month monsoon season that brings more than 75 per cent of India's annual rainfall. But this year there is a likely delay of a week till June 7, with a model error of plus or minus four days. India receives about 116 cm of rain every year, and about 89 cm of this comes in the June-September period.

The Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep start getting monsoon rain around May 20. Weather department officials, however, say that it is the onset over the Kerala coast that determines the movement of the southwest monsoon into the country.

For declaring the arrival of the monsoon, at least 60 per cent of the meteorological stations in Kerala must record 2.5 mm or more of rain for two consecutive days. All rain that occurs before the onset is described as "pre-monsoon showers".

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COUNTRY BRACES FOR ANOTHER DRY SPELL

To tackle drought, Centre to spend ₹24,000 crore by June

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NEW DELHI: The NDA government may spend more than half of its annual rural development budget by June to tackle drought and unprecedented shortage of water across the country.

As Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been meeting chief ministers to take stock of the drought situation across the country, the Union rural ministry is working to create a million farm ponds this year—the essential infrastructure to hold rainwater in rural habitats. It has also paced up housing and road construction in a bid to provide more jobs in this time of distress. The rural development ministry was allocated ₹87,765 crore for this financial year in the last general budget.

“We have an annual MGNREGA budget of ₹38,500 crore. Out of it, we have already released ₹19,340 crore. By June we are likely to distribute an additional ₹10,000 crore under MGNREGA. This money is primarily targeted to tackle drought,” said a senior official of the rural ministry.

Top government officials said housing construction under the Pradhan Mantri Grameen Awas



■ Children try to fill water from a dry pond in Dhanbad, Jharkhand. The state is one of several reeling under severe drought.

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Yojna, the rural roads and livelihood mission, was set to consume another ₹20,000 crore as these were seen as key areas of employment generation. The ministry is also racing against time to meet its target of constructing ten million houses for the rural poor by 2019.

“We may have to infuse another ₹24,000 crore by June to tackle the distressed rural sector,” said another senior official.

In his meetings with chief ministers, Modi has been emphasising the creation of check dams, farm ponds and other water bodies to hold back rainwater.

The cost of building a farm pond varies from state to state depending upon the nature of the soil. An arid area would mean a MGNREGA budget of ₹1.5 lakh to build a deep pond. In rain-fed areas, the cost comes down to about ₹50,000-60,000.

As the employment guarantee plan is likely to exhaust the lion's share of this year's annual rural budget, the ministry will seek more allocations for MGNREGA for the remaining months. It has ₹19,000 crore for rural roads and around ₹15,000 crore for rural housing.

Flat food production poses a worry of pulses inflation

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NEW DELHI: Largely flat food production this year is expected to keep pulses expensive, prompting the government to take a slew of steps aimed at taming prices.

There is a widening demand-supply deficit of one of the commonest protein-rich items on an average Indian's plate. As overall wholesale prices began picking up in April for the first time after 17 months, pulses could stoke household budgets this summer. In April, retail prices of pulses rose 37%.

Prices were consistently high in the months until March, though the country saw overall wholesale prices progressively dip, a phenomenon economists call deflation. While prices of nearly all food articles have been declined, inflation in pulses has seen the sharpest spiral in a decade. The farm ministry's third of the four annual projections of food production shows a back-to-back drought will crimp output of rice, coarse cereals and pulses. Overall, foodgrain production is pegged at 252.23 million tonnes for 2015-16 as against 252.02 million tonnes in the previous year. This is below the peak achieved in previous years. The flattening trend

'GOVT MONITORING DROUGHT'

NEW DELHI: Agriculture minister Radha Mohan Singh on Friday said the Centre was in constant touch with drought-hit states and urging all states to review the situation on a weekly basis.

To cover sugarcane (that uses less water) under micro-irrigation, in a phased manner, farmers will be incentivised, Singh said. He said that PM Narendra Modi

has asked states to work on both short-term mitigation of a water crisis and also drought-proofing measures each state could take based on their topography.

The last meeting Modi held with the CMs of Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh was on May 17. Earlier, he had met CMs of Telangana, Jharkhand, UP, Gujarat, Maharashtra, MP, Rajasthan and Karnataka. **HTC**

is mainly because of the drought.

The only crop likely to register an increase in output is wheat at 94.04 million tonnes in 2015-16 compared to 86.53 million tonnes in the previous year. Rice output is estimated to decline to 103.36 million tonnes from 105.48 million tonnes, while that of coarse cereals is likely to drop to 37.78 million tonnes from 42.86 million tonnes in the same period.

A surplus of cereals will offset any reduced output in grains. However, pulses present a different story. Lentils are widely consumed and more expensive. Pulses and

oilseeds are the only two food commodities in which India isn't self-sufficient and depends on costly imports to meet demand. Output of pulses is estimated to decline to 17.06 million tonnes in 2015-16 from 17.15 million tonnes last year. But that is short of the 27 million tonnes needed. “Over time, supply of pulses has failed to catch up with demand. Production remained stagnant for nearly seven years since 2004, while demand accelerated, causing per-capita availability to decline and prices to spiral,” said Dharmakirti Joshi, chief economist at CRISIL, a ratings firm.

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Cyclone warning issued for TN, rescue teams on alert

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CHENNAI: A depression over Bay of Bengal bypassed Chennai and moved towards Bangladesh on Wednesday, but triggered heavy rains in parts of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal.

A cyclone warning was issued for northern areas of Tamil Nadu and southern parts of neighbouring Andhra earlier in the day. Four National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams arrived in Chennai on Wednesday with 24 boats. The Tamil Nadu capital had suffered damages and witnessed flooding in its worst rainfall in 100 years last November.

An IAS officer was appointed to supervise flood-related relief efforts and safety measures in each of Chennai's 30 zones.

Officials said they have deployed motor pumps near flood-prone subways such as Ganeshapuram, Perambur High Road and the Villivakkam Redhills Subway. Medical teams have been formed to assist affected residents.

The weather office said squally wind speed reaching 55-65km will prevail along and off north Tamil Nadu and Puducherry in the next 24 hours. Sea condition will be rough to very rough, and fishermen have



■ Motorists make their way through heavy rains in Chennai on Wednesday.

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been advised not to venture out in sea in the next 48 hours.

Weather blogger R Pradeep John posted preliminary rainfall figures on Facebook, saying Chennai "witnessed it's wettest one day May month rainfall since 1995 (sic)".

The commissioner of revenue administration said an emergency hotline number of 1070 can be contacted for any rain-related grievance.

The Met department also said rainfall was likely to occur at many places with heavy to very heavy precipitation over south Andhra Pradesh coast.

ASSAM LANDSLIDES CLAIM 11 LIVES

GUWAHATI: Eleven persons were killed in two landslides in Hailakandi and Karimganj district of southern Assam on Wednesday.

Five persons were killed in a landslide at Lala area in Hailakandi district and another landslide at RK Nagar in Karimganj district claimed six lives, said ASDMA in its bulletin. **HTC**

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There are flaws in the SC drought ruling

But the Centre must set up the national plan on disaster management as promised in the Disaster Management Act, 2005

PG Dhar Chakrabarti

Last week, responding to a PIL filed by Swaraj Abhiyan, the Supreme Court gave several directives to the Union and state governments on drought management. First, the SC directed the Centre to establish a National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF) within three months. Within hours of the court's directive, finance minister Arun Jaitley said: "We have the National Disaster Response Fund and the State Disaster Response Fund and now we are being asked to create a third fund. The appropriation Bill is being passed. Now outside this Bill, we are being told to create this fund. How will I do that? India's budget-making is being subject to judicial review Step by step, brick by brick, the edifice of India's legislature is being destroyed."

The NDMF, however, is not a third fund; it is provided in Section 47 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005. It was passed after scrutiny by ministries, the Cabinet and also the Standing Committee of the ministry of home affairs, which was headed by an important leader of the Opposition.

Yet, after the process, the then government decided not to create the fund as it felt that any expenditure on disaster mitigation should be met by respective central and state ministries. This view was endorsed by the 13th Finance Commission. So the government did not notify this section of the Act. Surely the SC should have considered these issues before directing the constitution of another fund.

At that time, the executive should also have considered the difficulties of creating a new fund before proposing it in the Bill and the legislature should have scrutinised it before approving it. This is one of many examples of executive ineptitude, legislative imprudence and judicial overdrive that are compounding the challenges of governance.

The SC's second direction to the Centre is to set up the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) as mandated under the Act.



■ Shahapur, 130 km southwest of Mumbai, May 13

It is surprising that the court passed such a directive when the force is in operation for over a decade.

While commending the National Manual for Disaster Management (NMDM) as a "meaningful and well researched document", the court directed that the manual be revised delineating possible factors to be taken into account for declaration of drought and setting a time limit for such declarations.

In fact, the NMDM had examined the key indicators of drought that are tracked globally and recommended a mix of indicators for Indian states. The manual had recommended that 'ideally' states receiving south west monsoon should declare drought in October, and states receiving north-east monsoon should do so in January. This is a good advisory for states that have the primary responsibility for disaster management in a federal country like India. Can such a manual of the Centre usurp the policy space of a state? The SC refrained from addressing this important constitutional issue in its judgements on drought.

The judgement pointed out several instances of executive inaction. Some of these are too glaring to be excused. Three governments — Bihar, Gujarat

and Haryana — failed to declare drought when drought-like conditions prevailed in many parts of the states, as the NMDM mentioned.

It is not necessary that a state government declares drought in the entire state when only parts are affected. This is dereliction of duty on the part of the three states is an infringement of Article 21, the right to life and personal liberty. That Gujarat declared drought in April — six months after the kharif crop was harvested — is an admission of the failure to act in time. The Disaster Management Act of 2005 had stipulated that a national plan should be drawn up and that should be reviewed and updated annually. The Centre must not delay in setting this up.

A decade has passed but the national plan is still not in place. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India pointed this out in 2011 and the Public Accounts Committee pulled up the government for its inaction but the plan is still elusive. One only hopes that the national plan on disaster management is released before the court finds another opportunity to criticise the executive.

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Water crisis leaves Kasauli residents high and dry

Reports of sharp dip in water level of various schemes

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, MAY 18

With a sharp decline in the water level of various schemes at villages in Kasauli, residents are getting water after four days.

Since the area is fed by a majority of local schemes based on natural water sources, scant rain has reduced the water supply by as much as 50 to 75 per cent in certain places like Bohli, Bhojnagar, Dharampur, Garkhal and Johrjee.

Officials of the Irrigation and Public Health Department said they were monitoring the situation on a daily basis, adding that several villages of the Kasauli constituency were being supplied water after three to four days.

An official said they had requested the district administration to provide



Water being supplied after four days

- Several villages of the Kasauli constituency are being supplied water after three to four days
- With hardly any new potable water scheme having been introduced in the Kasauli area in the last several years, residents face water shortage in the summer every year
- Private hoteliers have explored various sites, from where they draw water in the peak tourist season.

water tankers at these places as the situation could worsen in the days to come.

The Giri Potable Water Supply Scheme was supposed to feed some areas of

the Kasauli constituency, besides the Solan area, but its water was not available to these villages. With hardly any new potable water scheme having been introduced in the Kasauli area in the last several years, the residents face worst water shortage in the summer every year.

Private hoteliers, on the other hand, have explored various sites, from where they draw water in the peak tourist season.

Even residential schools in the Kasauli area have complained of getting lesser water, owing to its shortage from various authorities like the MES. "Though managements of some schools are recycling water and have introduced water harvesting structures, stress is on conserving water," said an official of a residential school.

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Depression over Bay of Bengal to intensify: IMD

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: Even as officials at the India Meteorological Department have warned of searing heat waves until May 20 in several parts of North India, they said the torrential downpour in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala was due to a depression that could well bring the season's first cyclone.

The depression has moved towards the Andhra Pradesh coast and will intensify into a cyclonic storm by Thursday, after which it is likely to move towards the Northeast and off north Andhra Pradesh and Odisha coasts in the subsequent 48 hours.

Rain for two more days

"This is in line with our forecast on Sunday (May 15) where we said that a depression was forming near the Andamans and will bring rains in Kerala, Chennai and Andhra Pradesh," said DS Pai, Chief Forecaster, IMD.

Mr. Pai further said that "there may be rains for two more days and then it will reduce as (depression) will



ANXIOUS WAIT: Fishermen wait on the shores in Visakhapatnam as they have been warned against venturing into the sea due to the depression in Bay of Bengal. — PHOTO: K.R. DEEPAK

move towards Myanmar."

The IMD's latest update says the Southwest monsoon has advanced into some parts of Southeast Bay of Bengal, entire south Andaman Sea and Nicobar Islands. The conditions were favourable for further advance of the Southwest monsoon into some more parts of south Bay of Bengal, Andaman Islands and remaining parts of north

Andaman Sea in the next three to four days.

Monsoon delayed in Kerala

"The forecast on the delay of monsoon in Kerala remains unchanged," Pai added.

The IMD has said that monsoon in Kerala would likely be on June 7 but the overall forecast of above normal rainfall was unchanged.

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Landslips in Assam claim at least 11 lives

GUWAHATI/SILCHAR/KARIMGANJ:

At least 11 persons, including five of a family, were killed and seven others injured on Wednesday in separate landslips in Assam's Barak Valley districts of Karimganj and Hailakandi along Mizoram.

In Hailakandi district, two massive landslips claimed five lives in Bilai-pur and injured a six-year-old boy in Ramchandi area, district officials said.

At Bilaipur in Terracher-ra area under Lala police station five persons were buried alive, while three others, were injured.

In neighbouring Karimganj district five members of a family, including three children, were killed in a landslide at Sonachirra due to incessant rains.

The sliding masses of mud fell on the house of the family on the edge of a hill when they were asleep, the officials said.

Continuous heavy down-pour in district headquarters Karimganj town for the last three days has caused water logging in several areas, they said. — PTI

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37 dead, 21 missing as floods, landslides torment Sri Lanka

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COLOMBO: With a three-day-long spell of heavy rains over Sri Lanka coming to an end on Wednesday, the toll due to floods and landslides went up to 37. The authorities recovered 17 bodies during the day, including 14 in Aranyake of the Kegalle district, where several families were feared buried in a landslide on Tuesday night.

On the damages caused by the rains in 18 districts, Pradeep Kodippili, a spokesperson of the Disaster Management Centre, told *The Hindu* on Wednesday that about 3.52 lakh people were affected. Of them, 2.23 lakh people were removed to safe locations. As many as 211 houses were fully damaged and 2,647 houses partially hit.

Rescue operations

Reacting to the Sri Lanka Red Cross's statement that over 200 families were missing in Siripura, Pallegage and Elagipitiya villages in Aranyake, Mr. Kodippili said it was not proper to arrive at any figure of missing persons when the authorities were conducting a survey of the area.



RESCUE EFFORT: Villagers in Biyagama, Sri Lanka, help some flood-affected people. — PHOTO: REUTERS

"The present number of missing persons throughout the country is 21," he said.

President Maithripala Sirisena visited Aranyake and directed officials to expedite rescue and relief operations.

An official at the Meteorology Department said the country got this kind of rainfall after a gap of six years.

Among the areas that witnessed heavy rains, Killinochchi in the Northern Province recorded 37 cm on Monday morning; Mahailuppallamma in the North Central Province got 27 cm on Tuesday and Gampaha in the Western Province re-

corded 13.5 cm on Wednesday.

Relief services

Meanwhile, the Sri Lankan Cabinet has decided to increase the amount given to an affected person for cooked food per day from Rs. 150 to Rs. 225 and get additional allocations for providing relief in respect of those not covered under the National Insurance Programme for Natural Disasters. The National Insurance Trust Fund has granted Rs. 20 million to the National Disaster Relief Service Centre, an official release said.

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DM - 18 May 2016

Heavy rain batters Kerala, TN coast

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM/ CHENNAI: Heavy rain battered parts of Kerala and Tamil Nadu since Monday night as the surging sea caused extensive damage, raising concern among the coastal communities.

Three weeks ahead of the scheduled onset of the southwest monsoon, huts on the 'first line'-closest to the sea-in

Thiruvananthapuram's coastal neighbourhoods of Valiathura and Poonthura were completely destroyed.

Unofficial reports estimated that around 100 houses were damaged in the region. Residents continued efforts to pile cement bags together in place of the breached rock walls.

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A rough sea causes damage to houses in coastal region of Thiruvananthapuram on Tuesday.

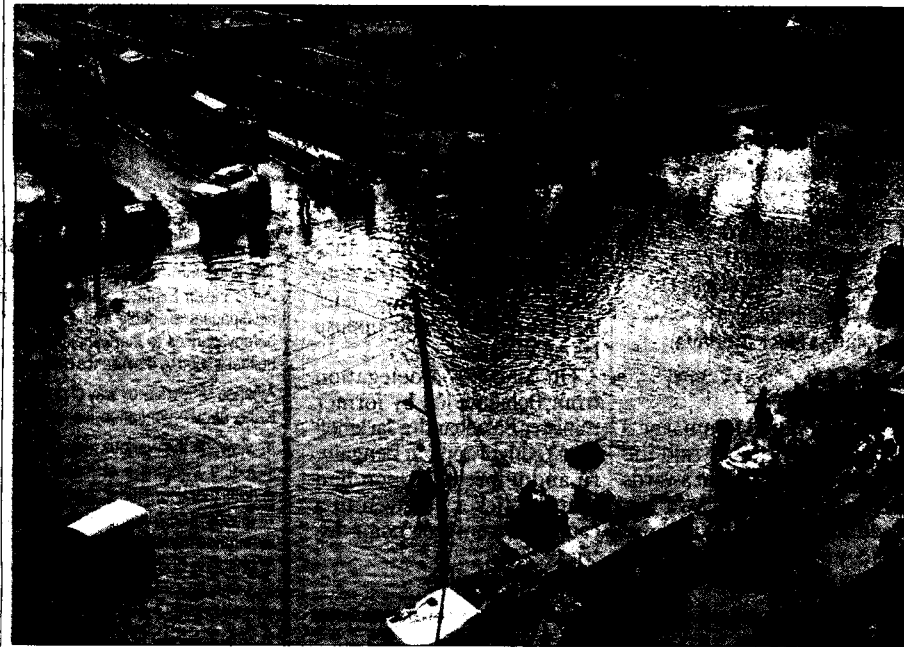
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Motorists struggle to navigate the old Pune-Bengaluru Road in Davangere following heavy rainfall on Tuesday. DH PHOTOS

Heavy rains pound Davangere, Shivamogga

DAVANGERE: Normal life was crippled in Davangere as heavy rains accompanied with gusty winds and lightning pounded the city on Tuesday.

Hundreds of trees were uprooted at Nittuvalli, PJ Extension, Chamarajpet and other localities, affecting movement of vehicles. Roads were waterlogged and rain water gushed into houses in low-lying areas. The city has been receiving rains for the past two days.

Banana, arecanut and coconut plantations were damaged at several villages of the

taluk due to heavy rains.

Haveri

More than 15 houses collapsed across the district following heavy rains. A person was injured in Rattihalli of Hirekeruru taluk after an electricity pole fell on him. Hangal, Shiggaon, Bydagi and Ranebennur taluks too received heavy rains.

Uttara Kannada

Rains coupled with hailstorms lashed Mundgod in Uttara Kannada district. Several houses were damaged as trees fell on them. There were reports

of copious rains in Siddapur, Sirsi and Yallapur.

Bagalkot

A 52-year-old woman was struck dead by lightning in Kutanakeri village near Badami. The deceased has been identified as Ramavva Nandepa Hugara. The incident occurred when she had taken shelter under a tree to protect herself from rains.

Mangaluru experienced moderate rainfall on Tuesday evening. The sky remained overcast throughout the day. The India Meteorological De-

partment has predicted heavy rainfall on the coast between May 19 and 23.

Parts of Chikkamagaluru district experienced rainfall coupled with lightning. Heavy rains lashed in and around Chikkamagaluru for more than 45 minutes.

Chikkamagaluru and Mudigere also experienced hailstones. Sringeri and Koppa had experienced heavy rain on Monday night.

Shivamogga

Heavy rains accompanied by strong wind, lightning and

thunder lashed several parts of the district throwing normal life out of gear.

Sagar, Shivamogga, Shikaripur, Thirthahalli, some parts of Bhadravathi received good spell of rains. Sagar was the worst affected as roof tiles of several houses were blown away due to strong winds.

The movement of vehicles on Sagar-Anandapur stretch of NH-206 was disrupted for nearly four hours as branches of several trees were uprooted. The vehicles were stranded on the road for hours together.

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DH - 18 May

Almatti dam level dips below dead storage

ALMATTI (BAGALKOT DIST):

Water in the Almatti dam has fallen to alarming levels, 4 feet below the dead storage mark. The water stored in the reservoir is now 3 tmc feet less than its dead storage capacity.

Usually, the water in the dam touches the dead storage at this time of the year. But this year, the situation is worse. Though water has not been released this time for non-drinking purposes, evaporation is causing depletion in the water level.

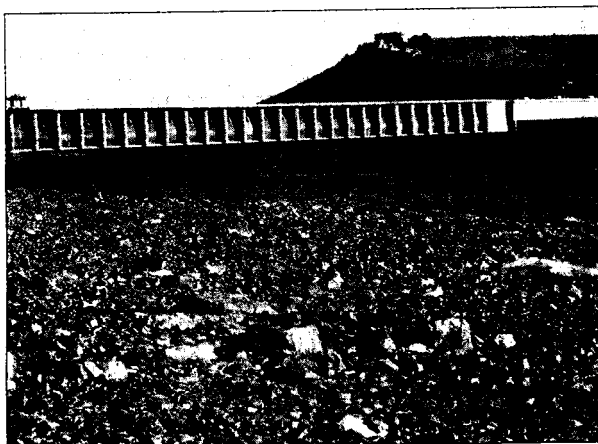
The dead storage level of the reservoir is 506.87 metres and Tuesday's level was 505.66 metres. The maximum level of the reservoir is 519.6 metres. The dam had 14.3 tmc feet of water on Tuesday against the dead storage capacity of 17.82 tmc

feet. The dead storage for any reservoir is fixed as per the guidelines of the Central Water Commission and the Ministry of Environment and Forests, keeping in mind factors like the safety of the structure.

Water is released for irrigation and other uses only till the dead storage mark. But this time, the level is being breached to meet the drinking water needs. The dam is meeting the drinking water requirements of the districts of Kalaburagi, Yadgir and Raichur as also those of some parts of Telangana and Maharashtra.

But it is said that the dipping water level may threaten the lives of aquatic creatures, especially due to the hot weather.

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The water level in Almatti dam has fallen below the dead storage mark. Water is being released at present only to meet the drinking water requirements. DH PHOTO

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मॉनसून ने अंडमान में दी दस्तक

दक्षिण-पश्चिम मॉनसून अंडमान
निकोबार पहुंच गया है। चेन्नै में
मॉनसून से पहले की रिकॉर्ड बारिश से
बाढ़ जैसे हालात बन गए हैं। देश में
75 फीसदी बारिश के लिए जिम्मेदार
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सरकार सूखे को लेकर गंभीर : कृषि मंत्री

नई दिल्ली | विशेष संवाददाता

कृषि मंत्री राधा मोहन सिंह ने बुधवार को कहा कि सरकार सूखे को लेकर गंभीर है। ऐसा पहली बार हुआ है कि प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने सूखा प्रभावित सभी राज्यों के मुख्यमंत्रियों से अलग अलग विस्तार से विचार विमर्श किया।

प्रधानमंत्री ने जल संरक्षण व वर्षा जल संचय को महाअभियान बनाने का सुझाव दिया है। इसके अलावा मोदी ने राज्यों से मानसून के आने तक गांवों को सूखे से बचाने के लिए साप्ताहिक उपाय लागू करने को कहा है।

विदित हो कि यूपी, झारखंड, महाराष्ट्र, गुजरात सहित 11 सूखा प्रभावित राज्यों के मुख्यमंत्रियों के साथ प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी व कृषि मंत्री राधा मोहन सिंह लगातार बैठकें कर रहे थे। इस दौरान मोदी ने राज्यों को अल्पकालिक व दीर्घकालिक उपाय लागू करने के लिए तमाम सुझाव दिए।

कृषि मंत्री ने बताया कि जल संकट व गिरते भूजल स्तर को देखते हुए प्रधानमंत्री ने सूखा प्रभावित राज्यों में जल संरक्षण व जल संचयन को जन आंदोलन बनाने पर जोर दिया है। उन्होंने कहा कि इसमें ग्रामीण व किसानों के साथ



गैर कृषि कार्यों पर जोर

सूखा प्रभावित राज्यों को गैर कृषि कार्य को बढ़ावा देने के लिए कहा गया है। इसके तहत मुर्गी पालन, मछली पालन, मधुमक्खी पालन, फलों की खेती, इमारती लकड़ी के लिए पौधा रोपड़ आदि को बढ़ावा देना चाहिए। मोदी ने प्रधानमंत्री फसल बीमा योजना के तहत राज्यों को अधिक जोखिम व कम जोखिम वाले जिलों का समूह बनाने के लिए कहा है।

युवाओं व निगम-परिषद इकाई को जोड़ने की जरूरत है। प्रधानमंत्री ने कहा कि मानसून आने तक राज्य सरकारें साप्ताहिक आधार पर सूखे से बचाव के उपाय लागू करें। मानसून की शुरुआत से पहले जल संरक्षण की तैयारियां पूरी कर लेनी चाहिए। इसके लिए आधुनिक प्रौद्योगिकियों का इस्तेमाल करने की जरूरत है।

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नई दिल्ली | हिंदी

भीषण गर्मी ने बुधवार को दिल्लीवासियों को झुलसा दिया। राजधानी में पारा 46 डिग्री से ऊपर चला गया। यह इस साल का सबसे गर्म दिन रहा। दिल्ली के साथ पूरे उत्तर भारत का गर्मी से हाल बेहाल है। राजस्थान का फलौदी देश में सबसे गर्म (50 डिग्री सेल्सियस) रहा।

कहाँ कितना तापमान: पालम हवाई अड्डे वाले खुले क्षेत्र में पारा 46.4 डिग्री रहा। एक अन्य केंद्र आनानगर में पारा 45 डिग्री, जबकि जफरपुरकलां और नरेला में यह 44.4 डिग्री तक पहुंच गया।

दिल्ली में गर्मी और लू से अब तक 300 लोगों की मौत हो चुकी है। अकेले मई में 100 से अधिक जानें जा चुकी हैं।

गर्मी बढ़ेगी: मौसम विभाग की मानें तो तीन-चार दिन में गर्मी और बढ़ेगी। मौसम वैज्ञानिक बीपी यादव ने बताया कि अगले कुछ दिनों में दिल्ली सहित देश के विभिन्न इलाकों में लू और धूल बरी आंधी चलेगी। उन्होंने बताया कि तापमान 47 डिग्री सेल्सियस तक पार होने के बाद लू के गरम थपेड़े शुरू होते हैं। गर्मी की ऐसी स्थिति में सबसे अधिक हीट स्ट्रोक की समस्या देखी जाती है।

► दक्षिण में बारिश केव 12



नई दिल्ली में बुधवार को गर्मी से बचने के लिए छाता लेकर जाती विदेशी सैलानी। • संविद खन्ना

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फीसदी की दर से बढ़ रही वैश्विक स्तर पर गर्मी

दिल्ली में मई का तापमान

2 मई
44°

13 मई
43°

14 मई
43.7°

15 मई
44.4°

एनसीआर भी बेहाल

एनसीआर में भी बुधवार को प्रचंड गर्मी रही। फरीदाबाद में पारा 46 डिग्री व गुडगांव में 45.4 डिग्री रहा। वहीं, नोएडा में 43.5 डिग्री व गाजियाबाद में 44.5 डिग्री दर्ज किया गया।

आठ राज्यों में लू का प्रकोप

मौसम विभाग ने चेतावनी दी है कि अगले तीन दिन दिल्ली, यूपी, पंजाब, हरियाणा, राजस्थान, मध्य प्रदेश, बिहार और झारखंड के कई इलाकों में लू का प्रकोप जारी रहेगा।

राहत मिलाने में वक़्त लगेगा

बंगाल की खाड़ी में मानसून ने प्रवेश कर लिया है, लेकिन इसके उत्तर भारत में पहुंचने में अभी एक महीने से भी ज्यादा समय लगेगा।

25 मई को बूढ़ा-बांसी ने गर्मी में राहत मिल सकती है

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इन दिनों देश भर में सूर्य देव आग उगल रहे हैं। तेज गर्मी के मारे लोग हलका हैं। कई जगह तो अधिकतम तापमान ने सालों का रिकॉर्ड तोड़ दिया है। मौसम विभाग ने भी गर्मी के तेवर कम नहीं होने की बात कही है। प्रदूषण, पेड़ों की कटाई व विकास के नाम पर हो रहे 'विनाश' ने मौसम चक्र को ही बदल दिया है। कहीं तेज गर्मी तो कहीं तेज बरसात और कहीं तेज सर्दी पड़ रही है। ग्लोबल वॉर्मिंग के खतरे ने हमें कोई आज ही चेताया हो ऐसा नहीं है। मौसम के मिजाज में आ रहे बदलाव का भी कोई एक कारण नहीं है। लेकिन यह जानना जरूरी है कि इस बदलाव का हम पर क्या असर पड़ने वाला है? क्यों आ रहा है तापमान में इस कदर बदलाव? क्या खतरे हैं बढ़ते तापमान के? कितने जिम्मेदार हैं हम इसके लिए? और, यह भी कि कैसे निपट सकते हैं ग्लोबल वॉर्मिंग के खतरों से।



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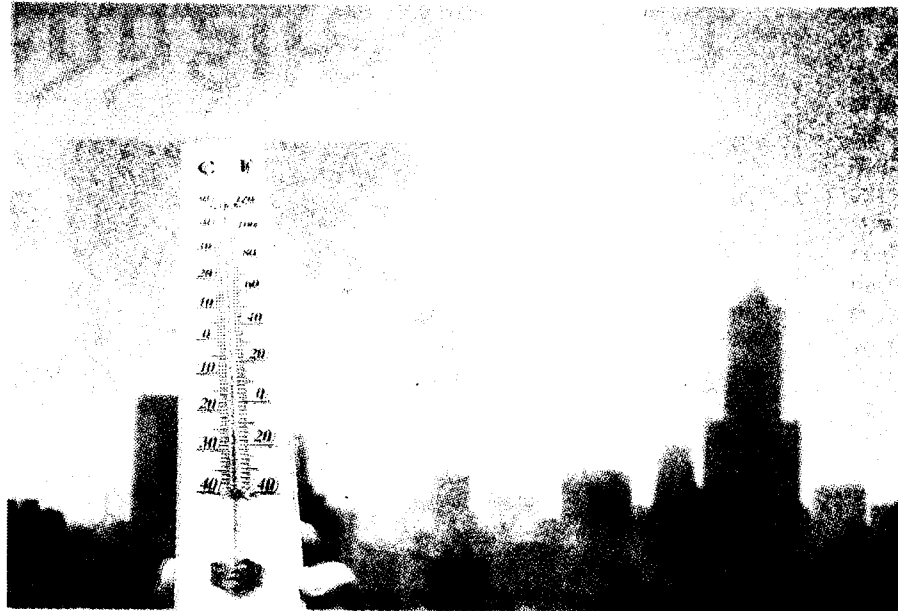
तेज गर्मी का यह दौर अभी और जारी रहने वाला है। साथ ही हवा की गति में भी बढ़ोतरी होगी। अगले दस दिनों में तेज गर्मी से राहत मिलने की उम्मीद नहीं है। हम देख रहे हैं कि आम तौर पर राजस्थान जैसे गर्म प्रदेश में में मई का दूसरा पखवाड़ा और जून का प्रथम पखवाड़ा ही सबसे गर्म होता है। इससे पहले और बाद में तापमान आम तौर पर सामान्य या इससे कम ही रहता है। लेकिन इस बार गर्मी का दौर इससे पहले ही शुरू हो गया और लगातार सामान्य से अधिक तापमान रह रहा है। देश के परिप्रेक्ष्य में बात करें तो उत्तर-पश्चिम और मध्य भारत के बड़े हिस्से में तापमान दिन व रात दोनों का सामान्य से तीन से पांच और इससे भी अधिक अधिक है। मौसम विभाग ने मार्च की शुरुआत में ही चेता दिया था कि मार्च से लेकर मई तक तापमान सामान्य से अधिक रहने वाला है।

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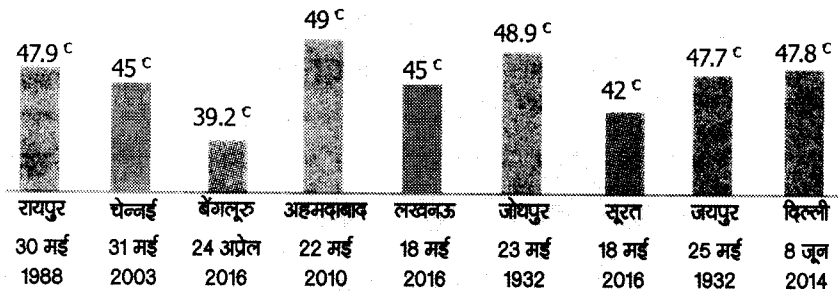
मौसम विज्ञान की भाषा में यह अलनीनो का वर्ष है। भूमि के तल से चार से छह किलोमीटर ऊंचाई पर एक परिसंचरण बनता है और इसी के कारण हवा का ऊपर से नीचे की ओर संचार होता है। पश्चिमी गर्म हवाओं का यह दौर ठेठ सऊदी अरब से बन रहा है। यह 'ग्लोबल वॉर्मिंग' का हिस्सा है - यानी धरती का बढ़ता हुआ तापमान जिससे कई जगह मौसम की तीव्रता देखने को मिलती है। नतीजा हमारे सामने हैं। इसी वजह से देश-दुनिया में कहीं भीषण गर्मी पड़ रही है तो कहीं बाढ़ आ रही है।

यह 'ग्लोबल वॉर्मिंग' का हिस्सा है यानी धरती का बढ़ता हुआ तापमान जिससे कई जगह मौसम की तीव्रता देखने को मिलती है। नतीजा हमारे सामने हैं। इसी वजह से देश-दुनिया में कहीं भीषण गर्मी पड़ रही है तो कहीं बाढ़ आ रही है।

गर्मी को जो मिजाज दिख रहे हैं वह इसी ग्लोबल वॉर्मिंग के चलते हुआ है। मौसम विभाग तापमान में हो रहे इस बदलाव का लगातार अध्ययन करता रहता है। देखा जाए तो 2001 से 2010 के दशक को पिछले दशकों के मुकाबले सबसे गर्म माना गया था। लेकिन हम देख रहे हैं कि 2010 के बाद भी तापमान में लगातार वृद्धि का दौर जारी है। वर्ष 2013 के मुकाबले 2014 ज्यादा गर्म था। इसी तरह 2014 के मुकाबले 2015 में तापमान ज्यादा रहे। अब 2016 में भी यही दौर चल रहा है।



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और तपन के जो हालात हैं उससे यह साल भी पिछले सालों के मुकाबले ज्यादा गर्म रहेगा। अब मई-जून की अवधि में भी पूरे भारत में सामान्य से ज्यादा तापमान दर्ज होने की संभावना है। दिल्ली हरियाणा, मध्य प्रदेश, गुजरात, विदर्भ क्षेत्र, पंजाब, राजस्थान, हिमाचल प्रदेश, और उत्तर प्रदेश में गर्मी का दौर अपेक्षाकृत अधिक रहने का अनुमान है। तापमान बढ़ने का यह सिलसिला इन इलाकों में जारी रहने वाला है। यह उम्मीद नहीं है कि गर्मी से राहत मिल सके।

मौसम के अनुरूप ढलना होगा

कुछ लोगों की यह भी धारणा है कि हम बेवजह परेशान हो रहे हैं जबकि गर्मी उतनी ही पड़ रही है जितनी पिछले सालों में। ऐसे लोग यथार्थवादी होते हैं। जबकि ऐसा नहीं है। वास्तव में इस बार तापमान में जबर्दस्त वृद्धि देखने को मिल रही है। कहीं स्थानों पर इस बार तापमान वृद्धि के रिकॉर्ड टूट गए हैं या टूटने वाले हैं। यह कोई एक स्थान का मामला नहीं है। जहां गर्मी का मौसम भी सुहाना रहता था वहां भी सूरज के तेवर तीखे दिख रहे हैं और मौसम चक्र बदल रहा है तो लोगों को भी इसके अनुरूप खुद को ढलना होगा। इसके अलावा कोई चारा नहीं है।

जलवायु, मौसम और स्वास्थ्य परीक्षण रूप से एक-दूसरे से जुड़े हुए हैं। जब अत्यधिक स्तर पर तापमान बढ़ता है तो तापघात की आशंका रहती है। खास तौर से बैक्टीरिया जनित रोग और दमा-अस्थमा जैसे रोगों के उभरने का खतरा होता है। अत्यधिक ताप से शरीर की कार्यक्षमता भी प्रभावित होती है। यही कारण है कि तेज गर्मी के दौर में लोगों की सहनशक्ति भी कम होती दिखती है। चिकित्सक भी तापघात से बचने की राय देते हैं। ऐसे में गर्म थपेड़ों से बचाव ही उपाय है।

हो रहा है बदलाव

ग्लोबल वॉर्मिंग का सबसे बड़ा कारण है धरती के आर्कटिक इलाके में हो रहे बदलाव। आर्कटिक धरती का सबसे उत्तरी इलाका है। बर्फ की मोटी परत से ढका हुआ यह इलाका पूरी धरती का तापमान नियंत्रित करता है। यह सूरज की तेज़ और भीषण गर्मी को सोख लेता है जिससे धरती का तापमान हमारे रहने लायक बना रहता है। लेकिन पिछले कुछ सालों से आर्कटिक में बर्फ की मोटी चट्टानें पिघलने लगी हैं। इसकी वजह से समुद्र में पानी का स्तर बढ़ रहा है और धरती करीब 1 डिग्री गर्म हुई है। तापमान में बदलाव का यह दौर थम नहीं रहा।

करने होंगे उपाय

एक बात मैं कहूंगा कि केवल वाहनों के प्रदूषण के कारण ही मौसम में यह बदलाव आ रहा है ऐसा नहीं है। पिछले सालों में धरती पर जिस तरह से कार्बनडाईऑक्साइड व मिथेन सरीखी गैसों का उत्सर्जन हुआ है और हम आज भी लगातार इसको छोड़ जा रहे हैं। इस सबके के लिए किसी को दोष देना ठीक नहीं। हम सब इस जलवायु परिवर्तन के लिए समान रूप से भागीदार हैं। जो परिस्थितियां हैं उनको देखते हुए यह संभव नहीं होगा कि हम तापमान में गिरावट की उम्मीद करें। हां, इतना जरूर है कि ग्लोबल वॉर्मिंग के खतरों को कम करने के उपाय हमारे पास हैं। समय रहते इन पर काम करना ही होगा। हमने मौसम चक्र को बिगाड़ने में कोई कसर नहीं रखी। संसाधनों का अंधाधुंध दोहन भी कम जिम्मेदार नहीं है। अभी भी देर नहीं हुई है। देर आयद दुरुस्त आयद की तर्ज पर प्रकृति से हो रहे खिलवाड़ को रोकना ही होगा। इसके लिए पर्यावरण को संरक्षित करना सबसे बड़ी जरूरत है। इसके लिए प्रदूषण फैलाने वाले कारकों का समाधान करने के साथ-साथ हरियाली बढ़ाना भी जरूरी है। अन्यथा हमारी आने वाली पीढ़ी कभी माफ नहीं करेगी।

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सूखे पर पीएम ने ली राज्यों की क्लास

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नई दिल्ली, (ब्यूरो): केंद्र सरकार ने सूखा प्रभावित राज्यों से प्रभावी कदम तुरंत उठाने और उसकी प्रत्येक सहाय समीक्षा करने की अपील की है। कृषि मंत्री राधा मोहन सिंह ने यह जानकारी बुधवार को सूखा प्रभावित राज्यों के मुख्यमंत्रियों के प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के साथ बैठक के बाद पत्रकारों से बातचीत में दी।

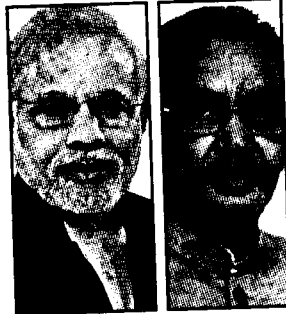
कृषिमंत्री के मुताबिक यह पहली बार है जब किसी प्रधानमंत्री ने सूखा प्रभावित प्रत्येक राज्य के मुख्यमंत्री को दो घंटे का वक्त अलग से दिया है। उन्होंने कहा कि प्रधानमंत्री ने सूखे से जूझ रहे लोगों को तत्काल राहत देने के लिए मुख्यमंत्रियों से अकाल, पानी एवं कृषि पर विस्तार पूर्वक चर्चा की। साथ ही राज्यों को

बयान

कहा, पहली बार किसी पीएम ने निकाला वक्त

केंद्र के हर संभव सहयोग का भरोसा दिलाया।

कृषि मंत्री ने कहा कि पिछले कई दिनों से प्रधानमंत्री श्री नरेंद्र मोदी सूखा प्रभावित राज्यों के मुख्यमंत्रियों के साथ अलग-अलग बैठक कर रहे थे। प्रधानमंत्री की आखिरी बैठक 17 मई को आंध्र प्रदेश और छत्तीसगढ़ के मुख्यमंत्रियों के साथ हुई। इसके पहले प्रधानमंत्री तेलंगाना, झारखंड, उत्तर प्रदेश, गुजरात, महाराष्ट्र, मध्य प्रदेश,



राजस्थान और कर्नाटक के मुख्यमंत्रियों के साथ बैठक कर चुके हैं।

राज्यों से केंद्र की अपील

► सूखे को लेकर अब तक की गयी कार्रवाई और सूखे का सामना करने के लिए, साप्ताहिक आधार पर

तैयार प्रस्तावित उपायों सहित सूखे से बचने के लिए दीर्घकालिक योजना बनाना।

► प्रत्येक राज्य पेयजल की कमी और अभाव से निपटने के लिए संरक्षण प्रयासों तथा मौजूद जल संसाधनों के संरक्षण के लिए कार्य योजना तैयार करें। राज्य फर्म तालाबों का निर्माण करने के अलावा सूक्ष्म सिंचाई अपनाने और कम पानी की आवश्यकता वाली फसलों की ओर अग्रसर होने के लिए एक बड़ा अभियान चलाएं। राज्य जल भंडारण और जल संरक्षण पद्धतियों को बढ़ावा दें और सोलर पंपों को प्रोत्साहित करें।

► जल वितरण नेटवर्क में जल रिसाव तथा चोरी को रोकने को

प्राथमिकता दें।

► गन्ने को चरणबद्ध तरीके से सूक्ष्म सिंचाई के तहत कवर करें। किसानों को इसके स्थान पर दूसरी फसलें बोने के लिए प्रोत्साहित करें।

► जल की कमी से निपटने के लिए राज्य केंद्र के सहयोग से अल्पकालिक और दीर्घकालिक उपाय शुरू करें। यह निर्णय भी लिया गया कि मानसून के आने से पहले जल संरक्षण के लिए तैयारी से संबंधित कदम उठाए जाएंगे।

► प्रधानमंत्री फसल बीमा योजना के मुद्दे पर राज्यों को अधिक जोखिम और कम जोखिम वाले जिलों के समूह बनाएं। जिससे किसानों को जल्द इसका लाभ पहुंचाया जा सके।

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श्रीलंका में बाढ़ से 40 मरे, 150 लापता

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कोलंबो, (भाषा): श्रीलंका में मूसलाधार बारिश की वजह से आई बाढ़ और भूस्खलन की घटनाओं में कम से कम 40 लोगों की मौत हो गई है और 150 लोग लापता हैं। सेना के प्रवक्ता ब्रिगेडियर जयनाथ जयवीरा ने बताया कि 16 शव उन दो गांवों से बरामद किए गए जो कल भूस्खलन की चपेट में आ गए थे। जयवीरा ने कहा कि 300 से अधिक सैनिकों को बचाव कार्य में लगाया गया है जिन्होंने अरुनायके गांव में फंसे 150 लोगों को बचाया तथा इलाके से 13 शव बरामद किये गए।

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लोगों को एक राहत शिविर में ले जाया गया और सेना, पुलिस एवं वायुसेना के लोग शवों की तलाश में जुटे हुए हैं। जयवीरा ने कहा कि बुलिथकोहुपिट्टिया गांव में भी तीन शव बरामद किए गए। आपदा प्रबंधन केंद्र के प्रवक्ता प्रदीप कोडिपिल्ली ने कहा कि अन्य स्थानों पर 19 लोगों की मौत हो गई। आपदा राहत विभाग के अधिकारियों ने बताया कि कल केगाला जिले में कम से कम 66 मकान दब गए। श्रीलंकाई रेडक्रॉस ने कहा कि केगाले जिले के सिरिपुरा, पालेबगै ऐर इलागिपिट्टिया गांवों में 200 से अधिक परिवारों के मलबों में दबे होने की आशंका है।

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■ नगर संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली : राजधानी में बुधवार को तापमान 47 डिग्री तक पहुंच गया। भारतीय मौसम विभाग ने उत्तर और मध्य भारत में कई जगहों पर अगले तीन-चार दिनों में भयंकर लू चलने की चेतावनी दी है। इनमें दिल्ली और हरियाणा के कुछ इलाके भी हैं।

प्राइवेट एजेंसी स्काइमेट के मौसम वैज्ञानिक महेश पलावत के मुताबिक, पालम के ऑटोमेटिक वेदर स्टेशन में दोपहर 3 बजे तापमान 47 डिग्री दर्ज हुआ। नोएडा में भी यही तापमान रहा। पालम में सबसे अधिक पारा 26 मई 1998 को 48.4 तक चढ़ा था। सफदरजंग स्टेशन में अब तक का सबसे ज्यादा तापमान 1944 में 47.2 डिग्री दर्ज किया गया था। दिल्ली में बुधवार को बिजली की डिमांड ने सीजन का रिकॉर्ड तोड़ दिया। यह 5733 मेगावॉट रही, जो तीसरी सबसे ज्यादा पीक डिमांड है। ► पेज 5



वैष्णो देवी की पहाड़ियों पर आग

वैष्णो देवी से जुड़े कटरा शहर की त्रिकुटा पहाड़ियों पर भयंकर आग लग गई। वायुसेना के दो हेलिकॉप्टरों ने पानी छिड़का, जिससे आग पर काबू पा लिया गया। हालात के मद्देनजर बंद की गई यात्री हेलिकॉप्टर सर्विस बाद में शुरू कर दी गई। ► पेज 12

श्रीलंका में बाढ़ से 40 की मौत,
200 से ज्यादा दफन ► पेज 12

मॉनसून ने अंडमान में दी दस्तक

दक्षिण-पश्चिम मॉनसून अंडमान निकोबार पहुंच गया है। चेन्नै में मॉनसून से पहले की रिकॉर्ड बारिश से बाढ़ जैसे हालात बन गए हैं। देश में 75 फीसदी बारिश के लिए जिम्मेदार यह मॉनसून एक हफ्ते की देरी से आने का अनुमान है।

मेट्रो का पहला RO वॉटर प्लांट
कश्मीरी गेट पर लगा ► पेज 9