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Robbed of home & hearth, riverside people want Brahmaputra tamed

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MIRZA, July 16: Tall claims by the Assam Government about protecting lives and properties of people living in the riverine areas has come a cropper as recurring floods and erosion over the years have pushed thousands of such homeless/landless families to the edge of survival. In fact the perennial problem is yet to be brought under control, as has been amply proved by the unabated erosion by the mighty Red River in several South Kamrup villages.

Sources informed that flood-induced river bank erosion has been reported in several villages of Palasbari LAC in South Kamrup district. Soon after the first and second waves of flood this year, erosion has taken a severe turn at Pub Bardia, Bhatkhawadia and Pagladia char villages at Palasbari LAC in South Kamrup district.

During the last 10 years, nearly 70 percent of the char villages under Palasbari LAC have been gobbled up by the

swirling waters of the Brahmaputra.

Sources said that several villages of Palasbari LAC such as Kalapani Part-I & Part-II, Kaldaria, Hengratari, Bhurakata etc., have already disappeared from the map due to heavy erosion. Almost 80 percent of the Pagladia char villages under Palasbari LAC has already been eroded and the remaining 20 percent of Pagladia villages are expected to disappear this year from the physical map altogether, thus compelling over 200 families to become homeless, and obviously landless.

Fresh erosion by the Brahmaputra has also been reported at Futuri village in Palasbari LAC, while a huge plot of land located on the west side of land Spur No. 1 at Futuri village was eroded last week. Not surprisingly, no anti-erosion measures were taken to check erosion at Futuri village.

On the other hand, in Chamaria Revenue Circle under Boko LAC, erosion has eroded a major part of the newly-constructed

Panikhaity Char Primary Hospital which was constructed just two years back by investing crores of rupees for providing healthcare facilities to the people of the char villages of Boko and Chhaygaon LACs. The above is a clear case of poor planning by the concerned officials.

Several people have in the meantime questioned the concerned authorities as to the rationale behind constructing a hospital in an erosion-prone area without considering its future safety.

"Formidable erosion has been occurring at Panikhaity, Garur Char, Luteria, Polimangal etc villages since the past several years and many families have reportedly shifted to safer places this year after their homes and hearths were washed away by the Brahmaputra," said Abdur Rouf, a denizen of Panikhaity-Sontoli area under Boko LAC in Kamrup district.

Rouf said erosion has been occurring in Boko LAC since the past 10 years and several villages such as Jatia Part-I and

Part-II of Boko LAC have already disappeared from the map due to erosion.

It is also alleged that over 70 percent of Garur Char, 70 percent of Polimangal and 60 percent of Luteriadia and Panikhaity villages under Chamaria Revenue Circle in South Kamrup district have already been eroded, thereby compelling thousands of families of those villages to become paupers in the process.

The Deputy Commissioner of South Kamrup district, Rajiv Prakash Baruah had recently visited the erosion-affected areas of Panikhaity in Boko LAC along with senior officials of the Water Resources Department and took stock of the overall situation.

In the adjoining char under Chenga Revenue Circle too, erosion has been wreaking havoc in some villages. Morikhandi char village is also on the verge of being totally wiped out.

Unabated erosion has also been reported in Chhaygaon LAC. Vast tracts of fer-

tile land belonging to poor farmers of Batahidia, Maghuwa, Khetrapara, Balagaon and Saralpara villages have been eroded.

Dilwar Hussain of Batahidia char informed that over 5-6 families had lost their entire alluvial land to the Brahmaputra – the only male river in Hindu cosmology – this year. "My family owned 50 bighas of land at Batahidia char. But my entire land was eroded during the last three years by the Brahmaputra, rendering us landless and homeless, turning us into destitutes."

Similar is the case with regard to families of Sahed Ali, Jakir Ali and Buja Ali, to name a few, who also lost their entire land holdings to the Brahmaputra. Last year too, several families of the char villages in Chhaygaon LAC were displaced by erosion. I would urge the new Deputy Commissioner of South Kamrup to assess the intensity of land erosion in our villages and launch immediate anti-erosion measures," said Dilwar Hussain.

Sonabar Ali, president of Kurihamari

Gaon Panchayat said that three Gaon Panchayats under Barkhetri LAC have been on the verge of disappearance. He said that the famous Nepali Basti, Naobajchar and famous Budhboria Bazar of Bhangonmari GP have been lost.

"Presently, erosion by the Brahmaputra has been heavily eroding fresh areas of Ghularpar village under Bhangonmari GP, a dairy village under Kurihamari GP and the Kalarchar Higher Secondary School under Kalarchar GP in Barkhetri LAC, though no measures have till date been initiated to arrest the disturbing trend," said Sonabar Ali.

Despite surviving from day to day at the mercy of the Brahmaputra, the aggrieved public, though somewhat resigned to fate, have pleaded for immediate launching of proven anti-erosion measures in the vulnerable villages of South Kamrup and its adjoining districts, besides urging the Government to tame the turbulent Brahmaputra.



A flooded Chatrong river overtopping a village road near Gohpur town, on Saturday. – UB Photos

Erosion takes serious turn in Gohpur subdiv

CORRESPONDENT

BISWANATH CHARIALI, July 16: The large-scale erosion caused by the Burui river under Gohpur subdivision in Biswanath district has taken a serious turn, resulting in loss of properties of nearby people amounting to lakhs of rupees.

Households and agricultural land of several families have already been washed away by flood waters. The Karibil LP School situated at Karibil Bangali village will have to be shifted to another place very soon. Though a good number of organisations supported by the affected people have been demanding safety of their lives and property, the concerned departments of the government have failed to take any positive action. The alleged rampant digging of sand and stone at the source of the Burui river has led to large-scale erosion in the

downstream part of the river. Villages like Karibil Bangali, Nagabil and Karibil Bazaar are the worst affected.

The local people and NGO 'DCDP' alleged that sand-gravel mahals at Dulungmukh under the Department of Forest were 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.

Meanwhile, Gohpur MLA Utpal Borah, Biswanath DC Pallav Gopal Jha and Gohpur SDO (Civil) Sanjay Dutta visited the affected areas recently and took stock of the situation. Later, MLA Utpal Borah arranged to dig the river at some places as a preventive measure. However, the affected people have urged the government to pay heed to their woes.

Seminar: A seminar was held under the aegis of the

management of Shakomato Tea Estate here on the topic of 'Plant Protection Code (PPC) and Trustee Issues' recently in the tea garden premises.

Altogether 170 participants attended the meeting. The key lectures were delivered by Dr KC Deka and Dr Pallab Kumar Sharma of Biswanath College of Agriculture on Soil Management and Control and Identification of Pest and Diseases of Tea.

Taking part in the seminar, Prabin Hazarika, former MLA and president of Small Tea Growers' Association of Sonitpur district (undivided), expressed his gratitude to the management of Shakomato Tea Estate, senior manager Ravindra Singh, garden manager Sandeep Kr Bhuyan and factory manager Hemant Baruah for sharing information to the small tea growers of the Biswanath district.

Matheletics results out

GUWAHATI, July 16: The results of Matheletics 2016, conducted by the Assam Academy of Mathematics (AAM) and held on May 15, 2016 for students of classes IX to XI (in a single category) throughout the State, were declared on July 13 in the AAM website, a press release stated.

Altogether 379 teams participated in the competition, out of which seven teams were placed in six ranks in order of merit. Also, based on cut-off marks fixed by the AAM talent search committee, 11 teams were selected eligible for certificates of merit and nine others for certificates of appreciation. The recipients of AAM prizes and certificates of Matheletics 2016 will be communicated in appropriate time for the award giving ceremony, the release added.

Workshop on nursing held

CORRESPONDENT

TEZPUR, July 16: A daylong workshop on 'Nursing and nursing in clinical practice' was held at the Tezpur Medical College here on Friday. The workshop was aimed at making nursing more practical with clinical efficiency and patients' satisfaction.

Besides the nurses of the medical college and hospital, the workshop was attended by resource persons from various frontline medical institutions including the Dibrugarh BSc Nursing College who spoke on the importance of the subject matter and urged the nurses to dedicate themselves to their duties and follow the ideology of the founder of modern nursing, Florence Nightingale.

The Medical Superintendent of the Tezpur Medical College & Hospital, Dr RC Deka spoke on the exalted status of the nursing profession.

ASI kills self

CORRESPONDENT

RAHA, July 16: An Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) of Raha Police Station committed suicide by shooting himself at his official residence on Wednesday. The deceased has been identified as Subhash Gogoi of Guwahati and was posted at Raha Police Station on May 21, 2015.

OBITUARY

Dr Nikhil Ranjan Sarma

GUWAHATI, July 16: Dr Nikhil Ranjan Sarma, senior gynaecologist and retired joint director of Mangaldai District Hospital, and a resident of Hengrabari here, passed away on July 12. He was 66.

The youngest son of late Pandit Manoranjan Shastri and late Hemalata Devi of Nalbari, Dr Sarma was a popular physician in the undivided Darrang district.

He leaves behind his wife, three daughters and a host of relatives.

Dr Banamali Nath



GUWAHATI, July 16: Dr Banamali Nath, son of late Chandra Kanta Nath and late

Moni Bala Devi of Goalpara, died on July 9 at Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh. He was 66.

After his retirement as SDMO Goalpara, he served as associate professor in Manipal Medical College, Pokhara, Nepal and RD Gardi Medical College in Madhya Pradesh.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives.

Prasanta Lal Dowerah

GUWAHATI, July 16: Prasanta Lal Dowerah, hailing from Sivasagar, breathed his last at his Chenikuthi residence here on July 10. He was 82.

He was a retired employee of the erstwhile Ashok Paper Mill, Jogighopa.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives.

Sunrabha Deka

Skill development prog gets under way

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 16: A skill development programme for weaving, tailoring and embroidery was inaugurated on July 14, 2016 at the Laokhowa Bongaon Forest village.

The programme was inaugurated by the DFO, Nagaon Wildlife Division, Jitendra Kumar. He spoke on various issues like climate change, forest degradation, reducing forest dependency and the necessity of taking up new alternative livelihoods. He also encouraged the women folk to improve their traditional skills and enhance the scope of large-scale production and marketing.

Welcoming the participants, Bonjit Lalung, president of Laokhowa Bongaon Forest village, EDC, described this skill development programme as a leap forward in providing livelihood enhancement for the BPL families in the remote forest village. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Chitra Kalita from RGVN motivated the trainees to take the training programme seriously so that it makes them self employed.

The skill development programme has been taken up under the Assam Project on Forests and Biodiversity Conservation (AFPBC) of the Assam Forest Department with financial support from French

Development Agency (Agence France de Development). RGVN, a COMPELO partner (Consortium on Microplanning and Livelihood Enhancement) is conducting skill development programmes in four EDC's of the Laokhowa Burhasapori Wildlife Sanctuary.

The programme began with the plantation of tree saplings in the Laokhowa Bongaon LP School. Two modernised looms and four sewing machines were provided for the training centre at Laokhowa Bongaon. In all, 22 women trainees would undergo 200-hour training under this skill development programme.

Erratic power supply in Baihata Chariali, Kamalpur areas

ORRESPONDENT

BAIHATA CHARIALI, July 16: Erratic supply of power by the Assam State Electricity Board (ASEB) has severely hit the people of Baihata Chariali and Kamalpur areas. For the past few months, the ASEB's Lower Assam Power Supply Division Company Limited (LAPDCL) has failed to supply power regularly in the Baihata

Chariali and Kamalpur areas.

Due to frequent disruptions in power supply in the evenings, the students and journalists have been the most hard hit. The hide and seek of power is annoying other people of the area also like the photostat shop owners, vocational institutions and other business establishments. A section of people of Singpara, Bargaon, Dakshin Singra and

Dagaon villages said that they have been facing voltage problems also and alleged that the supply of electricity is cut even after slight rainfall.

The public of the area has called upon the ASEB authorities not to cut power supply in the evenings in the greater interest of the student community since the new academic session will begin from August.

Jogen Pathak: a tribute



Jogen Pathak, an honest, simple and kind hearted

and our attachment became lifelong. Pathak, who had retired as an Under Secretary to the

Fertilizer retail shop opened

CORRESPONDENT

NAMRUP, July 16: Following the directive of the De-



Suprabha Deka

GUWAHATI, July 16: Suprabha Deka, a pious, soft spoken and respected lady of Lachit Nagar here, died on July 6 after a brief illness. She was 71.

She was actively associated with the Lachit Nagar Namghar and Lachit Nagar Mahila Samiti.

She leaves behind two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives. Her husband Sridhar Deka had predeceased her.



A kind hearted person, passed away on July 5, leaving behind his family, relatives and a legion of friends and admirers teary-eyed.

Pathak was my close neighbour. In 1980, Pathak, myself and Pradip Das, all of us who worked in the Assam Secretariat, purchased a plot of land together and shared it equally. We built our houses there

an Under-Secretary to the Government of Assam, remained a bachelor. He carried out all the responsibilities of his family members. His demise will be deeply mourned by anyone who came into contact with him.

On the day of his *ad-yashradidha* today, I pray to the Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed soul.

– Kandarpa Bhuyan

ing the directive of the Department of Fertilizer, Government of India, the Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Ltd (BVFCL), Namerup has opened its first model fertilizer retail shop at the BVFCL daily market here on Friday.

The retail shop was formally inaugurated by SD Singh, Director (Production), BVFCL, in a brief ceremony.



Cultivators from five villages of Bakata Parizat GP under Demow Development Block transplating paddy seedlings during 'Na-Bhuai' celebrations at Demow, on Friday. – UB Photos

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वॉटरलॉगिंग की हर शिकायत पर लिया जाएगा क्विक एक्शन

हर जगह पानी



■ विशेष संवाददाता, दिल्ली सचिवालय

दिल्ली की सड़कों पर जलभराव की शिकायतों को दिल्ली सरकार ने बेहद गंभीरता से लिया है। डिप्टी सीएम मनीष सिसोदिया ने इस मुद्दे पर मंडे को सभी संबंधित डिपार्टमेंट के अधिकारियों के साथ उच्चस्तरीय मीटिंग की और जलभराव वाली जगहों पर जॉइंट इंस्पेक्शन करने के आदेश दिए। जिन-जिन सड़कों पर जलभराव की शिकायत आ रही है, उन सभी जगहों पर संबंधित विभागों के अधिकारियों को जॉइंट इंस्पेक्शन करना होगा और मंगलवार तक रिपोर्ट सौंपनी होगी।

मीटिंग में ट्रैफिक पुलिस ने 29 ऐसे स्पॉट के बारे में बताया, जहां पर जलभराव की ज्यादा समस्या है। डिप्टी सीएम ने ट्रैफिक पुलिस को कहा है कि इन सभी जगहों के बारे में अलग से रिपोर्ट दी जाए और बताया जाए कि समस्या का क्या कारण है? ट्रैफिक पुलिस और संबंधित विभागों की रिपोर्ट के बाद यह साफ होगा कि जलभराव की समस्या का वास्तविक कारण क्या है और उस समस्या को अभी तक दूर क्यों नहीं किया गया है। मीटिंग में पीडब्ल्यूडी, एनडीएमसी, एमसीडी, ट्रैफिक पुलिस, दिल्ली मेट्रो, रेवेन्यू डिपार्टमेंट, जल बोर्ड समेत कई डिपार्टमेंट के 50 से ज्यादा अधिकारी मौजूद थे। पीडब्ल्यूडी मिनिस्टर सत्येंद्र जैन और वॉटर मिनिस्टर कपिल मिश्रा भी मौजूद थे।

डिप्टी सीएम ने सवाल उठाया कि एमसीडी समेत सभी डिपार्टमेंट ने दावा किया कि मॉनसून को लेकर तैयारी पूरी कर ली गई है और सड़कों पर जलभराव की समस्या से निपटने

के लिए सभी जरूरी उपाय कर लिए गए हैं, इसके बावजूद यह समस्या क्यों आ रही है? मीटिंग में बताया कि एम्स फ्लाईओवर के पास एनबीसीसी द्वारा कंस्ट्रक्शन वर्क किया जा रहा है और वहां पर जलभराव व जाम की समस्या सामने आ रही है। इसी तरह से धौलाकुआ से गुड़गांव के बीच सड़क पर भी यह समस्या देखने को मिली है। मेट्रो के कंस्ट्रक्शन वर्क के चलते भी जलभराव की समस्या देखने को मिल रही है। मीटिंग में अलग-अलग डिपार्टमेंट के अधिकारियों की अलग राय सामने आई। उसके बाद सिसोदिया ने जॉइंट इंस्पेक्शन के आदेश दिए और कहा कि अगर कंस्ट्रक्शन वर्क के चलते जलभराव हो रहा है और नाले भर रहे हैं तो फिर संबंधित एसडीएम को चालान करने चाहिए। इसके साथ ही जलभराव को लेकर शुरू की गई हेल्पलाइन पर आने वाली हर शिकायत पर एक्शन लेने के आदेश दिए गए।

टोल फ्री नंबर-1077 पर 24 घंटे जलभराव की कंप्लेंट की जा सकती है। इस टोल फ्री नंबर पर कंप्लेंट रिसीव होते ही संबंधित डिपार्टमेंट को सूचना दे दी जाएगी। मीटिंग में पीडब्ल्यूडी मिनिस्टर सत्येंद्र जैन और वॉटर मिनिस्टर कपिल मिश्रा भी मौजूद थे।

आप ने दी कंप्लेंट

■ विस, नई दिल्ली : आम आदमी पार्टी ने विपक्ष के नेता विजेंद्र गुप्ता के खिलाफ दिल्ली पुलिस की साइबर सेल में पुलिस कंप्लेंट दर्ज कराई है। आप के दिल्ली स्टेट कन्वीनर दिलीप पांडे की ओर से दाखिल की गई पुलिस कंप्लेंट में कहा गया है कि गुप्ता ने दिल्ली में जलभराव की सालों पुरानी फोटो ट्वीट की है और लोगों को गुमराह करने की कोशिश की गई है। कंप्लेंट के मुताबिक, गुप्ता ने जलभराव की जो चार फोटो ट्वीट की हैं, वे अगस्त-2010, जुलाई-2013 और जुलाई-2015 की हैं और इस साल की कोई फोटो नहीं है।

हर तरफ पानी...



वॉटर लॉगिंग के कारण दिल्ली की कई अहम सड़कों पर ट्रैफिक मूवमेंट में खासी रुकावट आई।



मोदी मिल से कैप्टन गौड़ मार्ग में सड़क पर गहरे होने की वजह से ट्रैफिक पर असर पड़ा।



नगरपालिका को विकास गर्ने योजना, फल्टरिंग, फल्टरिंग, फल्टरिंग, फल्टरिंग, दिल्ली कैट, फायर डिपार्टमेंट, फल्टरिंग डिपार्टमेंट को कंसेंट फॉरवर्ड कर दी जाएगी। सरकार ने इन सभी एजेंसियों से अपील की है कि दिल्ली सरकार के सेंट्रलाइज्ड कंट्रोल रूम से आने वाली कंसेंट पर जल्द से जल्द एक्शन हो और लोगों की समस्याओं को हल किया जाए। दिल्ली सरकार के टोल फ्री नंबर के जरिए 24x7 कंसेंट की जा सकती है। पीडब्ल्यूडी का कहना है कि जहां-जहां कंसेंट मिली, वहां पर पोर्टेबल पंप का यूज किया गया, इसके अलावा 529 परमानेंट पंप भी लगाए गए हैं। विभाग के मुताबिक, एमसीडी के नालों से गाद बाहर आ रही है। पीडब्ल्यूडी के मुताबिक, शहर में 20 ऐसे पॉइंट्स सामने आए हैं, जहां पर जलभराव की समस्या गंभीर हुई है। इनमें मूलचंद फ्लाईओवर, एम्स, एंड्रूजगंज, लाजपत नगर मेट्रो स्टेशन के पास, जीटीबी नगर, यूनिवर्सिटी रोड, राजा गार्डन फ्लाईओवर, छत्रसाल स्टेडियम, आजादपुर अंडरपास, जहांगीरपुरी मेट्रो स्टेशन से मुकरबा चौक है। सिंग रोड, डिफेंस कॉलोनी, नेहरू प्लेस, सराय काले खां, ओखला जंक्शन समेत कई जगहों पर जलभराव की गंभीर समस्या सामने आई है और इन लोकेशन को डीएमआरसी के हवाले किया गया था।

पुल प्रह्लादपुर : अंडर पास में पानी जमा होने से लोगों को हुई परेशानी

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- ट्रैफिक पुलिस ने दिल्ली में जलभराव वाले 29 जगहों के बारे में बताया
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और खतरनाक हुए मौसम के तेवर

■ एजेंसियां, नई दिल्ली : उत्तर भारत समेत कई हिस्सों में बारिश मौत बनी हुई है। उत्तर और पूर्वोत्तर भारत में हुए हादसों में 24 घंटों के दौरान 27 लोगों की मौत हो गई है। कई इलाके पानी में डूब गए हैं। अकेले उत्तराखंड में पिछले चार दिनों में 14 लोगों की मौत हो चुकी है। कई नदियां खतरे के निशान के ऊपर बह रही हैं। चार राज्यों के विभिन्न स्थानों पर 900 से अधिक तीर्थयात्री फंसे हुए हैं। हरिद्वार-देहरादून मार्ग पर मलबे के कारण रेल यातायात बाधित है। बिहार के सुपौल व मधुबनी में बाढ़ आ गई है और 250 घर बह गए हैं।

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उत्तरी राज्यों में सोमवार को भी भारी बारिश हुई। उत्तराखंड और उत्तर प्रदेश में बारिश से जुड़ी घटनाओं में पांच की मौत हुई।

राजस्थान में बाढ़ सी स्थिति है। भरतपुर, धौलपुर, करौली जिलों के कई इलाकों में सैकड़ों लोगों को शिविरों में पहुंचाया गया है।

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Rain slams brakes on Delhi, second time this week

Mayank Manohar
& Somreet Bhattacharya | TNN

New Delhi: With 43.4mm of rain overnight, the civic bodies' tall claims on desilting and preparedness were drowned on Saturday as traffic crawled through arterial roads in knee-deep water and the backflow choked colonies. Underpasses and approach roads to flyovers were the worst hit — the second time this week after Thursday's downpour.

Traffic cops had to shut down one flank of the AIIMS flyover going towards South Extension for the whole day after five vehicles were stuck due to massive waterlogging.



FLOOD FEST: With 43.4mm of overnight rainfall, traffic crawled through knee-deep water on the arterial roads in the Capital

Waist-deep water choked the underpasses at Sarita Vihar, Ashok Vihar, Badarpur, Defence Colony and Okhla. Police officers said it took more than five hours to get vehicles

to move on these stretches as the civic bodies struggled to arrange for pumps to drain the water. Moolchand metro station, Lajpat Nagar, RTR flyover, Apollo hospital, Geeta

Colony, Laxmi Nagar, Patparganj, M B road, Janakpuri, ISBT Kashmere Gate were the worst affected areas after the first spell of rain on Saturday. Nagging traffic snarls were reported from Outer Ring Road, Ring Road, Mathura Road, Rohtak Road and Vikas Marg through the day.

"I was stuck near the AIIMS flyover for nearly an hour before the traffic cops directed me to take an alternate road. This could have been done earlier to avoid the snarls," said Kishal Sarangi, an IT professional.

So dire was the situation at the Prahaladpur underpass in south Delhi that the driver

and cleaner of a DTC bus had to swim out and climb on the roof of the bus to call for help.

While pumps were brought in to clear the arteries in most places, roads in the colonies were flooded by the push-back from arterial roads.

"If rain continues for a few more days, the situation will get out of hand. All RWAs will approach Delhi government to seek explanation on why civic agencies fail every year in keeping things under control," said Chetan Sharma, general secretary, Confederation of NCR Resident Welfare Associations (CONRWA).

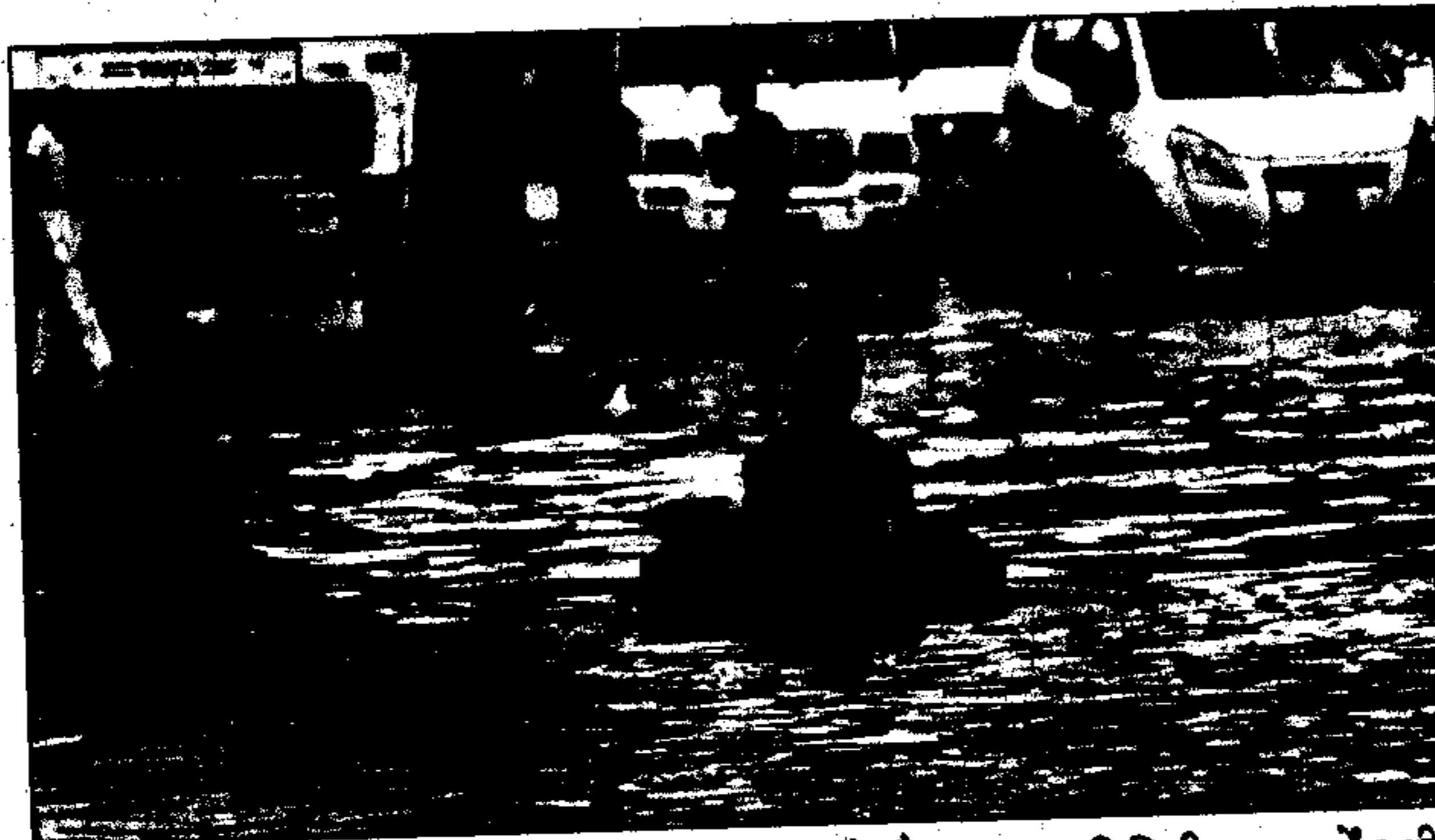
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जुलाई के दो हफ्ते में पिछले साल से ज्यादा बारिश

■ नगर संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली

सोमवार को दिल्ली के कई इलाकों में अच्छी बारिश हुई। बीते साल की तुलना में जुलाई के पहले 18 दिनों में ज्यादा बारिश हुई। मौसम विभाग का कहना है कि 1 से 18 जुलाई के बीच 245.8 मिमी बारिश हुई। आने वाले दिनों में इसी तरह का मौसम रहने की संभावना है। मंगलवार को बादल छाए रह सकते हैं। कई जगहों पर बारिश होने की उम्मीद है। मैक्सिमम टेम्परेचर 33 डिग्री और मिनिमम टेम्परेचर 26 डिग्री सेल्सियस रहने का अनुमान है।

सोमवार को मैक्सिमम टेम्परेचर नॉर्मल से दो पॉइंट कम के साथ 32.9 डिग्री सेल्सियस दर्ज किया गया। मिनिमम टेम्परेचर नॉर्मल से दो पॉइंट कम 25 डिग्री सेल्सियस दर्ज किया गया। सोमवार



सुबह 8:30 से शाम 5:30 बजे के दौरान सफ़दरजंग में 21 मिमी, पालम में 8.4 मिमी, लोदी रोड में 19.8 मिमी, दिल्ली रिज में 2.3 मिमी, नजफगढ़ में 4 मिमी, पीतमपुरा में 9 मिमी, अक्षरधाम में 4 मिमी और पूसा में 17 मिमी बारिश दर्ज की गई।

हवा में मैक्सिमम ह्यूमिडिटी 100 पसेंट थी। मौसम वैज्ञानिकों के मुताबिक, दिल्ली में आने वाले दिनों में वेस्टर्न डिस्टर्बेंस भी दस्तक दे सकता है। इस कारण मौसम का मिजाज बदल सकता है। स्काइमेट के मौसम वैज्ञानिक महेश पलाबत ने कहा कि

दिल्ली और आसपास के इलाकों में 21 से 22 जुलाई के दौरान अच्छी बारिश हो सकती है। मॉनसून के साथ-साथ वेस्टर्न डिस्टर्बेंस के आने से दिल्ली, राजस्थान, उत्तर भारत के पहाड़ी इलाकों में बारिश होने की संभावना है। उन्होंने कहा कि जिन जगहों से मॉनसून का सिस्टम गुजरेगा वहां अच्छी बारिश होने की उम्मीद है। साथ ही तापमान भी नॉर्मल से कम रह सकता है। उन्होंने बताया कि दिल्ली में पिछले साल की तुलना में इस जुलाई में ज्यादा बारिश हुई है। सोमवार दोपहर के समय एम्स के आसपास, साउथ दिल्ली में कई जगह बारिश हुई। कई जगहों पर सिर्फ बादल छाए रहे, तो कहीं हल्की धूप भी निकली। मौसम वैज्ञानिकों ने कहा कि अभी तापमान नॉर्मल से कम दर्ज हो रहा है। साथ ही सोमवार को कई जगह तेज हवाएं भी चलीं।

Waterlogging, traffic jams hit city after rain

TOUGH RIDE Commuters say cab prices skyrocketed within an hour of showers

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NEW DELHI: Early morning rainfall in Delhi and the national capital region inundated vast stretches of roads on Monday, triggering mile-long traffic snarls and a nightmare of a commute for thousands of office goers.

Social media was flooded with photos of people wading through knee-deep water and cars negotiating massive waterlogging on arterial roads, including the Ring Road and Outer Ring Road.

Commuters said cab prices went through the roof within an hour of rainfall and police reported many underpasses were inundated. The weather department said the city got 23.8 mm of rain between Sunday night and Monday morning.

South Delhi was the worst hit with severe traffic snarls due to waterlogging. Water stagnated mostly in the mouths of flyovers, underpasses and low-lying areas.

Bumper-to-bumper traffic was witnessed at Pusa Road, Anand Parbat, Mundka, Janpath, Naraina, Mayapuri, Zakhira Flyover, Wazirabad, Badarpur border, Wazirabad, Okhla, Palam Flyover, Sectors 6 and 7 of Dwarka sub-city, Najafgarh and Peeragarhi. Traffic jams were reported in Ghaziabad and Noida at several places. Vehicles to Delhi from Noida and Greater Noida moved at snail's pace in the morning.

The Delhi Traffic Police tweeted consistently all morning about possible jams and blocks.

"We will be deploying many of our personnel, and the focus will be on major waterlogging points. We have already listed out these water-logging points and apprised the agencies concerned of the need to fix them," Sandeep Goel, special commissioner of police (traffic), said.

Later in the day, deputy CM Manish Sisodia directed all agencies involved to conduct joint inspections and submit a report within a day.

He sought a separate report from the Delhi Traffic Police about the roads vulnerable to water-logging and the reasons for it. A Delhi government spokesperson said immediate corrective action will be taken.

Leader of the House in SDMC Subhash Arya blamed the Delhi government for the waterlogging and claimed all calls he under



✱ (Clockwise from top) Waterlogging outside Okhla Mandi on Monday, PWD workers drain out rainwater at Lajpat Nagar and traffic jam at Commonwealth Games Village flyover on NH-24. South Delhi was the worst hit with traffic snarls at IIT-Delhi, Munirka, Moti Bagh, Chirag Delhi, Saket, Modi Mill, Moolchand, South Extension, Yusuf Sarai, AIIMS and Andrews Ganj. SAUMYA KHANDLWAL, ARUN SHARMA, MOHD ZAKIR

Light rains likely till Thursday

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NEW DELHI: After a week of heavy downpour, Delhi will see lighter rains in the coming three days.

According to the weatherman, the city is expected to get light rains till Thursday. Moderate rain is expected on Friday.

On Monday, the maximum temperature was recorded as 32.9 degrees Celsius, two degrees below normal. The minimum was recorded as 25 degrees Celsius, also two degrees below normal.

RAINY DAY



Delhi's maximum temperature on Monday was two degrees below normal

Minimum temperature was recorded as 25°C, also two degrees below normal

Moderate rain in city

	MAX	MIN	RAIN
TUE	33°C	26°C	Light
WED	35°C	26°C	Light
THU	35°C	28°C	Light
FRI	32°C	25°C	Moderate

worst hit by traffic jams due to waterlogging from rains. Traffic was held up at IIT-Delhi, Munirka, Moti Bagh, Chirag Delhi, Saket, Modi Mill, Moolchand, South Extension, Yusuf Sarai, AIIMS, Lodhi Road Andrews Ganj, Greater Kailash, Nehru Place and Jasola.

Delhi has so far received 188.6 mm of rains during this monsoon, against the 184.7 mm it normally receives. Most of this was received over the past one week.

According to the weatherman, Delhi will receive above normal rains this year and July and August are expected to be

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HANGING ON FOR DEAR LIFE *H. Times. 19/7/16*



■ People cling on to a vehicle in an attempt to cross a flooded road in Agartala on Monday. Heavy downpour continued to wreak havoc across the country. Five rain-related deaths were reported in Uttarakhand and UP while Rajasthan stared at a flood-like situation. The weatherman has predicted heavy rainfall in Assam, West Bengal and Meghalaya.

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People living on Tangri river bed asked to shift

NITISH SHARMA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMBALA, JULY 18

The district administration has put up notices in illegal colonies built on the Tangri river bed in Ambala Cantonment, asking residents to vacate their houses and shift to a safer place.

The notice warned residents that in view of above normal monsoon forecast, there was a danger of floods in Tangri, a seasonal river.

More than 1,700 families reside on the river bed. They are worried. A few years ago, people had lost their belongings when water entered their homes, one of them said.

"We are ready to vacate our houses, but the administration has to rehabilitate us," said another resident Nimmi said, adding the majority of residents were daily-wagers.

Darshan Lal, whose house is on the river bed, said: "Property dealers offered us houses at cheaper rates. We have been issued water and electricity connections, and are paying house tax. We have property registries."

He further said residents had requested the administration and government to make arrangements for flood control, but they called the colonies illegal. "If so,



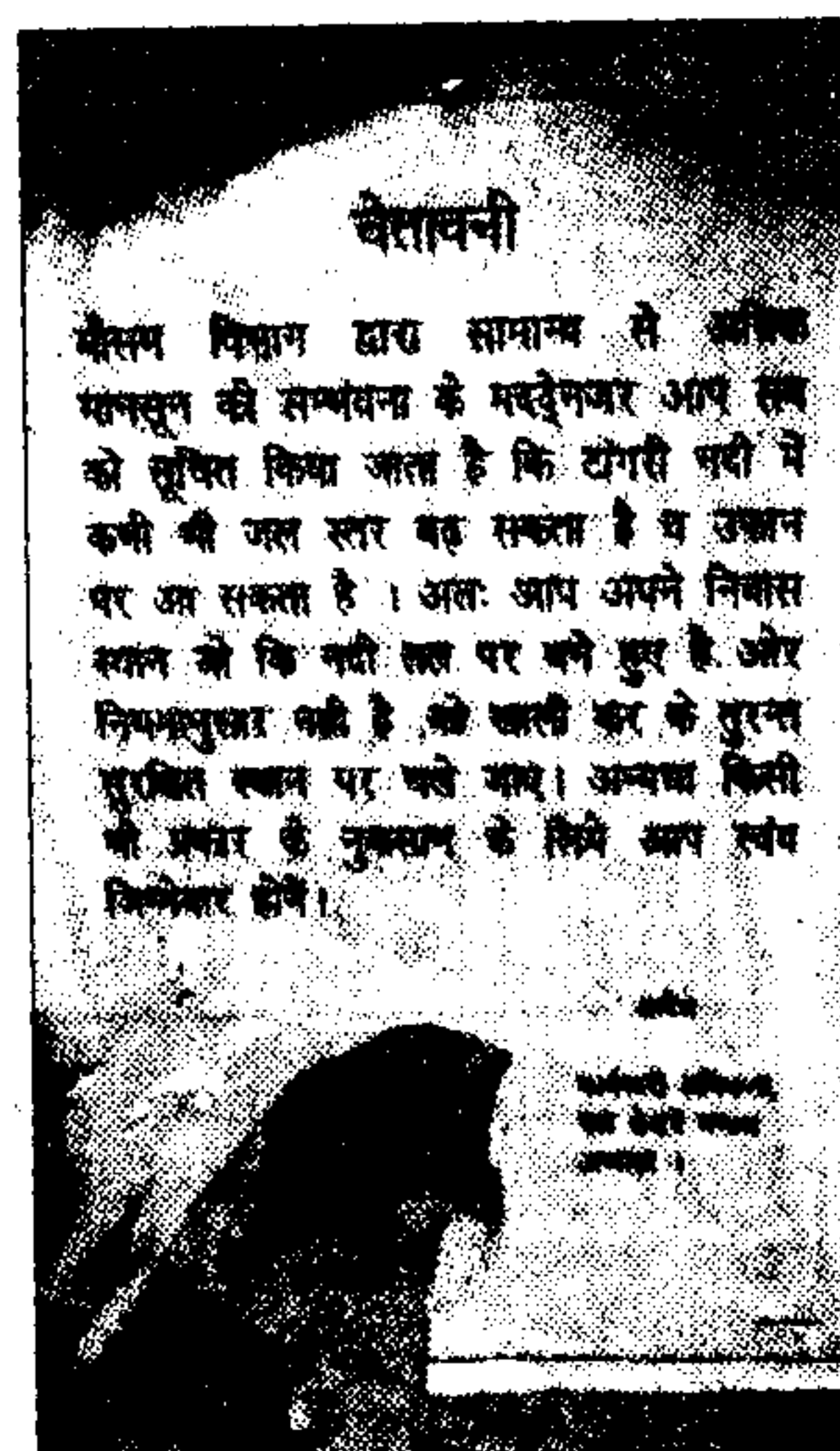
Houses constructed on the Tangri river bed in Ambala Cantonment; and (right) a warning pasted on the wall of a house. PHOTOS: DEV DUTT SHARMA

why no action was taken when the colonies were being built?"

An official said, "There has been negligence on the part of the Town and Country Planning Department and the Municipal Corporation that they let illegal colonies mushroom on the river bed. As a result, the size of the river has squeezed."

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Prabhjot Singh, during a recent visit to colonies, was surprised to see houses on the river bed. He asked the Irrigation Department to notify the river area so that no structure was raised in future.

As per the Haryana Canal and Drainage Act, 1974, a



house cannot be constructed on the river bed, he said.

"To safeguard the residents, de-silting of the river is in progress. Nevertheless, residents have been asked to shift to a safer place," the DC added.

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Cloudburst ruins apple orchards in Kinnaur

Flash floods raise Sutlej level | Residents told to stay away from banks

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SHIMLA, JULY 18

Extensive damage was caused to orchards and houses following flash floods triggered by a cloudburst at the Kharogala Nullah near Batseri in the Sangla valley of Kinnaur district last night.

The flooded nullah damaged the apple orchards of about 50 villagers and half a dozen houses.

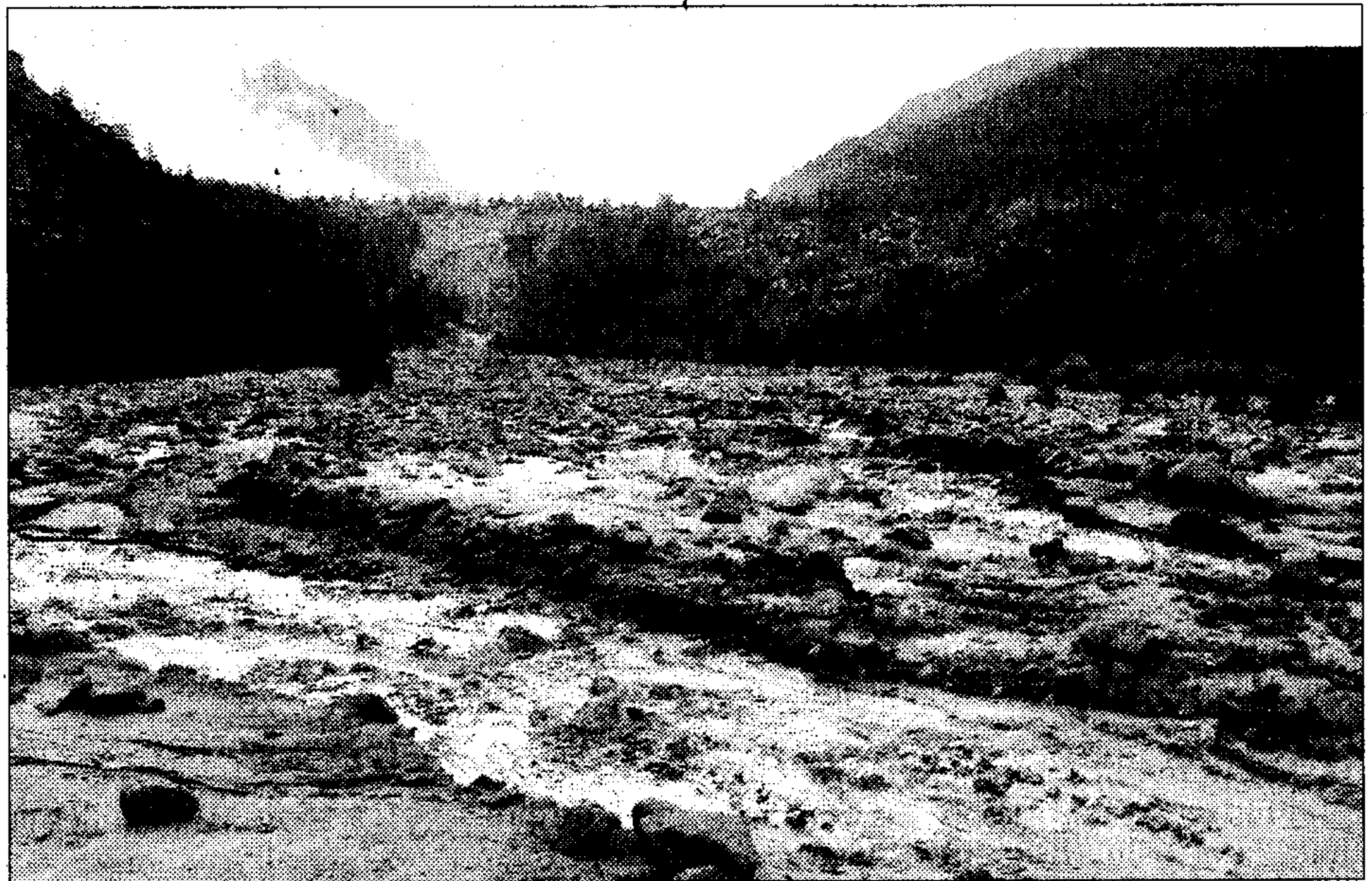
The losses ran into crores, said sources.

No loss of life was reported. An elderly couple, however, had a harrowing time as rescue teams could reach them only in the morning.

The couple, identified as Sonam Chhepal and Boran-gachho, remained stuck on a cliff through the night. Clinging to a tree, they kept sending signals through a torch light to officials.

The rescuers reached them at 6 am today, said Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Kalpa Arvind Sharma, adding that the Sangla helipad had also suffered damage.

The local administration has sounded an alert asking the authorities to shut down hydropower projects in case of emergency. The flash floods increased the silt level in the Sutlej, damaging two bridges and leading to the closure of the Chitkul link road. "The water level has risen and locals have been advised to stay away from the river banks," said Nishant Thakur, Sub-Divi-



The flooded Kharogala Nullah in Kinnaur. TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Harrowing time for elderly couple

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sional Magistrate, Rampur.

Meanwhile, heavy rain lashed parts of Sirmaur, Mandi, Solan, Shimla and Una districts. The minimum temperature dropped by a few notches at Keylong, Kalpa and Manali. Shimla and Dharamsala recorded 15.8 degrees, Palampur 18

degrees, Solan and Bhuntar 20.0 degrees, Sundernagar 21.8 degree and Una 25.0 degrees C. There was no significant change in the maximum temperature. The Met Department has predicted rain/thundershowers in the lower, mid and higher hills over the next six days.

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Rains cause waterlogging, traffic jams in many areas

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NEW DELHI, JULY 18

Traffic jams were again reported across the national Capital after heavy rains which caused waterlogging in several areas.

The worst hit was South Delhi with severe traffic congestion at the stretch between IIT-Delhi and Munirka, Moti Bagh, Chirag Delhi, Saket, Modi Mill, Moolahchand, South Extension, Yusuf Sarai, AIIMS, Lodhi Road, Andrews Ganj, Greater Kailash, Nehru Place and Jasola.

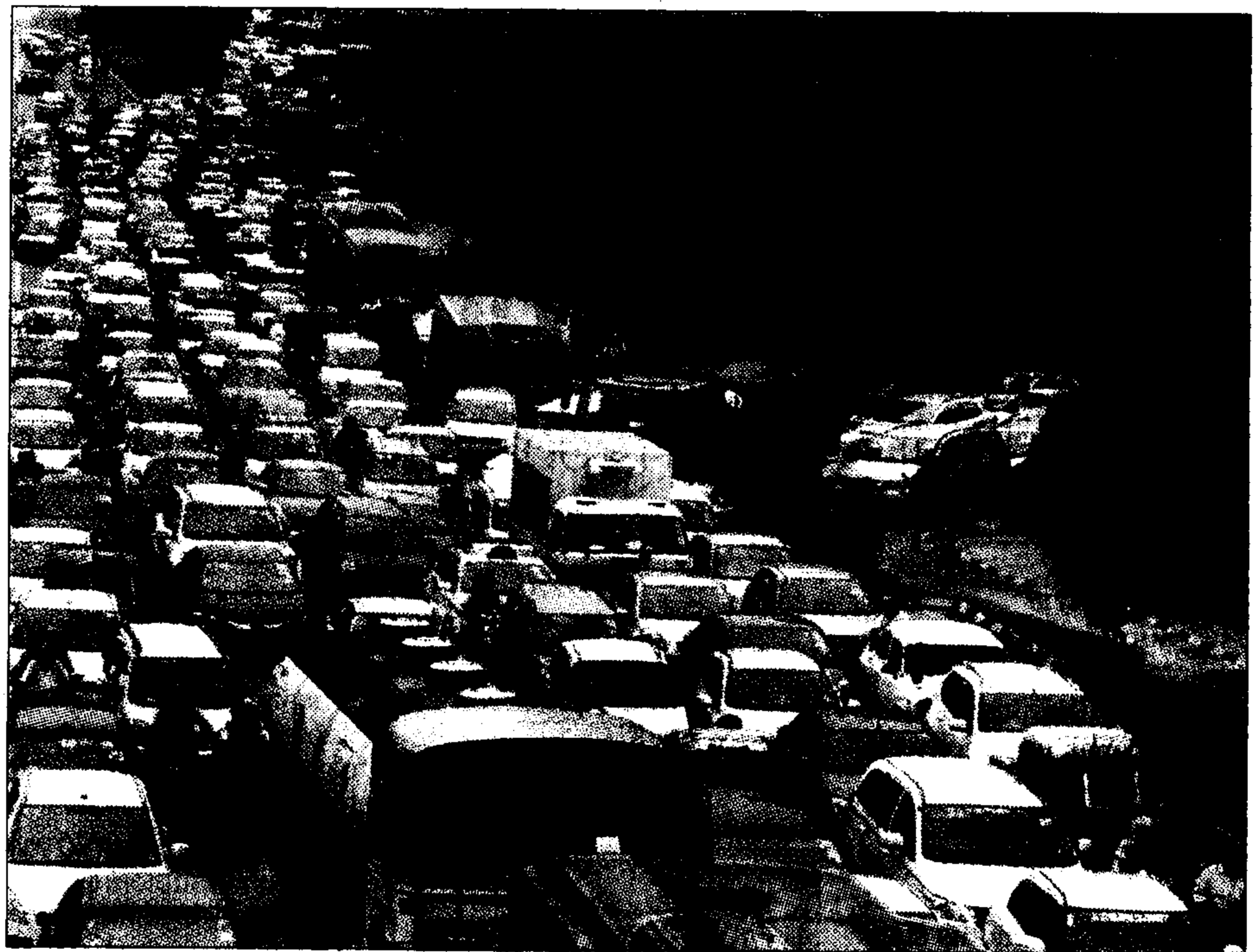
Water stagnated at the mouths of flyovers, underpasses and low-lying areas, during peak morning hours.

Long traffic jams were also witnessed in and around Pusa Road, Anand Parbat, Mundka, Janpath, Naraina, Mayapuri, Zakhira Flyover, Wazirabad, Badarpur border, Wazirabad, Okhla, Palam Flyover, Sectors 6 and 7 of Dwarka sub-city, Najafgarh and Peeragarhi.

The Gurgaon-Dhaura Kuan route also witnessed a choc-a-block situation as a tree fell on the road, blocking one carriageway, while heavy rain and a bus breakdown disrupted traffic on the other, a traffic official said.

Sisodia orders joint inspections by agencies

In view of waterlogging in several areas of the city following heavy downpour, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia today directed all the agencies involved to conduct joint



A heavy traffic jam on Vikas Marg following the rains in Delhi on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MANAS RANJAN BHUI

inspections and submit reports on the reasons behind complaints from different areas within 24 hours.

He has sought a separate report from the Delhi Traffic Police about the roads prone to waterlogging and reasons for problem.

Sisodia directed officials that waterlogging helpline number 1077 must be made functional on a 24x7 basis.

The reports will be followed up by further corrective measures to minimise the problem of waterlogging in the national Capital.

The directions were given by the Deputy Chief Minister in a high-level meeting today attended by PWD Minister Satyendar Jain,

Water Minister Kapil Mishra and 50 senior officials of all the agencies concerned- NDMC, three MCDs, PWD, DJB, Revenue, Urban Development, DMRC, Delhi Cantonment Board, Irrigation and Flood Control department and the Delhi Traffic Police.

Sisodia directed the officials to take strict action against any department/individual for negligence of duty. It was pointed out that waterlogging around the AIIMS flyover has been due to the ongoing construction by the NBCC. He directed the SDM of the concerned area to issue challans against the NBCC.

He also appreciated the efforts being made by different agencies to check waterlogging.

Pandey files criminal complaint against Gupta

Amid a blame game between the AAP government's Public Works Department (PWD) and the BJP-led municipal corporations over the city's waterlogging crisis, the AAP Delhi convener Dilip Pandey today accused BJP MLA Vijender Gupta of misleading people by posting false (old) pictures of waterlogging in the Capital.

Pandey filed a criminal complaint against him for posting pictures of waterlogging which later turned out to be very old.

"Pro-people policies and decisions of the AAP have left the BJP with no issues. Frustrated BJP leaders are now resorting to falsehood to defame the government," said the party in a statement.

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Rain claims 7 lives in Uttar Pradesh

The flood situation in Uttar Pradesh remained grim with almost all the big rivers continuing to rise even as heavy rain claimed seven lives in different parts of the state in 24 hours, DHNS reports from Lucknow.

According to official sources, the Ganga and Yamuna rivers were close to their danger marks at several places while Ghaghra and Sharda were flowing above danger levels. Swollen rivers inundated large tracts of land in Ambedkar Nagar, Deoria, Sirpur, Baharaich, Saharanpur, Lakhimpur-Kheri and other districts.

Thousands of people were forced to leave their homes in the affected districts and shift to safer places.

Sources said that heavy rain claimed seven lives in the state in the past 24 hours. Four people, including two women, were killed when their house collapsed amid rain in Hathras district on Saturday night.

Three deaths were reported from Deoria and Baharaich districts. Heavy rain also battered Mathura, Agra and some other towns on Sunday, reports said.

The state government has directed the district authorities to be on alert and launch relief and rescue operations in the affected areas.

Flood situation grim in Assam, one dead

GUWAHATI, DHNS: Even as the flood situation in Assam turned grim once again on Sunday with more heavy rain, one person died in the early hours due to flood in Narayanpur of Lakhimpur district.

Nearly 1.80 lakh people are affected in the state due to flash floods. Seven districts of the state are still flood ravaged.

The Brahmaputra is flowing above the danger level in Jorhat. Its tributaries – the Dikhow and the Dhansiri are also flowing above the danger mark. About 267 villages are inundated and nearly 14,000 hectares of agricultural land is under flood waters.

A total of 25 relief camps



Commuters ride a cycle rickshaw after rain flooded the area in Guwahati on Sunday. PTI

across the state are housing about 5,000 people displaced by floods. SDRF and NDRF

units have been sent to vulnerable areas, official sources said. Damage of infrastructure has

been reported from Morigaon, Golaghat and Lakhimpur districts, the sources added.

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1,923 illegal structures on stormwater drains: survey

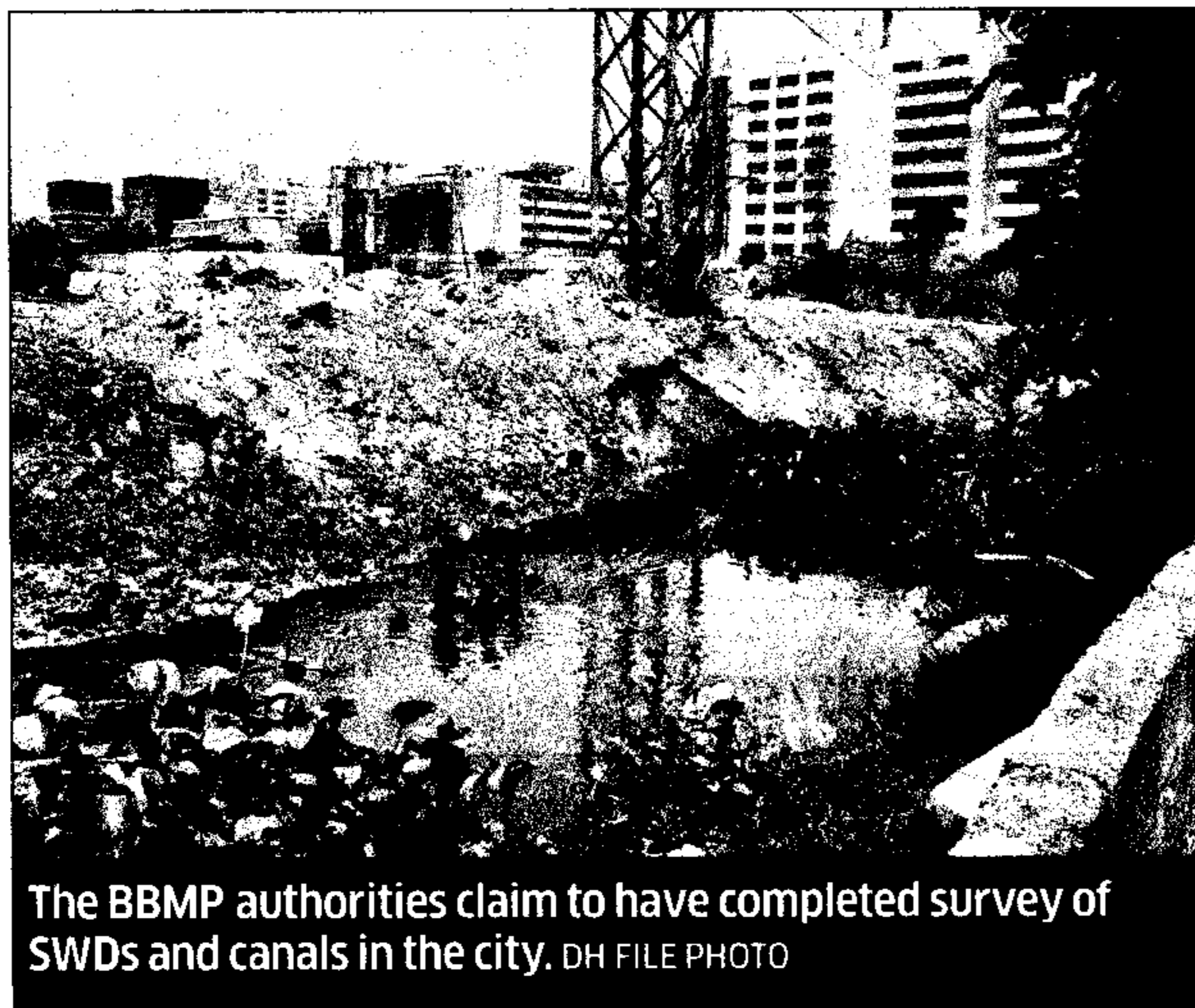
BBMP promises it will take up demolition drive in October

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BENGALURU: The Bengaluru Urban district administration has identified 1,923 illegal structures on storm water drains (SWDs) and feeder canals of lakes in Bengaluru.

The authorities claim that they have completed the survey of 842 km of SWDs and canals. By the first week of August, survey sketches will be handed over to the SWD division of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), the custodian of the drains.

A senior officer in the district administration said: "Our field work (of measuring the SWDs) is over and survey sketches are ready." BBMP Chief Engineer (SWD) Siddegowda said: "Joint Director of Land Records K



The BBMP authorities claim to have completed survey of SWDs and canals in the city. DH FILE PHOTO

Jayaprakash has assured that attestation of the survey sketches will be completed by July-end. We may get the sketches

in the first week of August." Siddegowda said the Revenue department officials will identify the properties en-

croaching upon the SWDs. "The demolition drive will start once the illegal structures are identified. We may start the drive from October first week," he added.

The survey was started in 2011 following a High Court order to remove illegal structures on SWDs. The order was based on a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) by the Five-Year Law Graduates' Association in view of flooding and disappearing of lakes in the city. The court directed the BBMP to submit monthly progress report to it as well as the petitioner.

'Survey a farce'

S Umesh of Five-Year Law Graduates' Association, who had filed the PIL, rubbished the survey report. "The claim that there are only 1,923 encroach-

ments is a farce. The number is much higher. Many powerful people are among the encroachers. There are corporate hospitals, shrines, temples, malls, educational institutions, bungalows, apartments, commercial buildings etc on the SWDs. These have been intentionally excluded," he said.

He accused the district administration and BBMP officials of conniving with realtors. "The BBMP has narrowed many storm water drains from 50 feet to a mere three to five feet. It also ignored measuring many drains. The shoddy work has led to flooding in many parts of Bengaluru."

Umesh said the BBMP has not submitted the progress report to him for the last eight months.

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100 acres under water in Jamkhandi

BAGALKOT/GADAG, DHNS:
As much as 100 acres of agricultural land is under water in Jamkhandi taluk of Bagalkot district following floods in River Krishna.

The river water has gushed into Guheshwara Gadde village inundating farmlands. Kankanavadi-Jamkhandi road is under water snapping the road connectivity.

Meanwhile, all the 26 crest gates of the Almatti reservoir were closed on Sunday. The reservoir is almost full and only 45,000 cusecs of water is being released for power generation.

The inflow into the reservoir, which stood at 1.88 lakh cusecs on Saturday, came down to 1.40 lakh cusecs on Sunday as rains receded in the catchment areas in Maharashtra.

Water is being released for irrigation purposes to the command areas of the dam



The Kankanavadi-Jamkhandi road is under water in Jamkhandi taluk of Bagalkot district, following floods in the River Krishna on Sunday. DH PHOTO

following the decision of the irrigation consultative committee. The reservoir irrigates as much as six lakh hectares.

The skies remained overcast in the Belagavi city. With the rains receding, eight bridges in the district were opened for traffic.

The bridges had submerged

following floods in the River Krishna and its tributaries — Doodganga and Vedaganga. Rain lashed Dharwad and surrounding areas for more than two hours on Sunday afternoon. However, there was only a drizzle in Hubballi and surrounding areas.

It rained heavily for an hour

in Gadag on Sunday, after a gap of nearly a week. Movement of vehicles was affected as several roads in the town were waterlogged.

It drizzled for the whole day in Karwar. Bhatkal, Kumta and Ankola in Uttara Kannada district received moderate rains.

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18 July The Hindu Rains claim 12 lives in Uttarakhand

STAFF REPORTER

DEHRADUN: With heavy rains lashing Uttarakhand's Uttarkashi, Nainital, Tehri and Pauri districts since Saturday, 12 people have died in landslips and rain-related road accidents.

While three persons died in road accidents in Nainital district on Saturday evening, the death toll reached 12 within two days of heavy rains across the State after three persons died in Pauri district's Srinagar as a vehicle fell into a gorge.

Four persons died in Tehri district's Kumarkhera area after a jeep was trapped in a landslide, and two persons died when a tree fell on a building in Uttarkashi district's Barkot area.

As the rains continued to lash the State on Sunday, the roads, especially the ones leading to the Char Dham yatra including the Rishikesh-Badrinath national highway,



CLAWING BACK: Restoration work in progress after a landslide in Kumarkhera in Tehri on Sunday. — PHOTO: PTI

and the Rishikesh-Kedarnath national highway between Sonprayag and Gaurikund, remained cut off due to landslips, which disrupted the yatra.

By Sunday evening, 442 roads, including few national

highways and roads under the PMGSY, remained blocked. Several bridges across the State also got damaged in the heavy rains.

According to the State Disaster Management Department, a situation of threat

loomed over Haridwar on Sunday as the Ganga reached 293.2 metres against its danger mark of 294 m. Six teams of the Haridwar police and five rafts were kept ready in case of a mishap due to the rising water levels.

The Bhagirathi at Uttarkashi remained at 1121 m, like Saturday, which was 2m below its danger mark. And the Sharda at Champawat was flowing at 221.10 m, which was only 0.6 m below its danger mark.

'Weather may improve'

According to the Dehradun Meteorological Centre the weather would improve from Monday morning as the rainfall across the State would considerably reduce.

"Water levels have been reducing. By Monday, the situation will further improve as the rainfall across the State will reduce," Additional Secretary (Disaster Management) C. Ravishankar said.

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Rain fury: 12 dead in U'khand

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Dehradun: Heavy to extremely heavy rains which have lashed most of Uttarakhand for the past three days refused to subside on Sunday, leaving at least 12 people dead and several injured.

Four people from Rishikesh were killed after the car they were travelling in was buried under debris brought down by landslide, triggered by incessant rains at Kumarkheda near Narendra Nagar in Tehri district on Sunday afternoon. Biresh Srikoti (32), Mukesh Gusain (32), Shyam Prasad Nautiyal (47) and Umesh Rawat (33) were travelling from Rishikesh to Chamba. Santosh Badoni, deputy secretary, disaster management department, told **TOI** that officials at the spot had stopped the car and warned them not to go ahead, but in vain.

The landslide shut the highway for many hours.

On Saturday night, two persons were killed and one injured after a tree came crashing down atop a cow shelter following a downpour in Nandgaon village, Uttarkashi district. The same night saw three more deaths when a car fell into a deep gorge some 14km before Srinagar in Pauri district. The victims were on their way to a marriage ceremony. Al-



A flooded street in Dehradun

Downpour floods fresh areas in states

Hheavy rains on Sunday continued to affect Assam, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Haryana, as swollen rivers flooded new areas and claimed more lives. In Assam, 1.77 lakh people have been hit across seven districts. The Brahmaputra has been flowing above the danger mark at several places. One person reportedly drowned in floodwaters in Sivasagar district. About 13,000 hectares of crop area have been inundated. Heavy rain also lashed Rajasthan. An elderly woman and her grandson died when a part of their house collapsed in Karauli district. In Chittorgarh, three teens bathing in a rain-fed river drowned. In Madhya Pradesh, many rivers in Bhind and Sheopur Kalan are in spate. In Haryana, the catchment area of the Yamuna received heavy rainfall, triggering fears of a flood-like situation in Delhi and NCR. **Meanwhile, Mathura has recorded rainfall of 190mm in 16 hours over the weekend—the highest in the last 50 years. The administration has declared flood alert in low-lying areas.** TNN

though the accident was attributed to heavy rainfall and low visibility, officials said the deaths were not rain-related.

Earlier on Saturday morning, an elderly woman died

and one person was injured as a passenger bus plunged into a gushing local stream in the Chorgaliya area in Haldwani after the water level in the stream suddenly increased

due to torrential rainfall. In another incident in Almora on Saturday noon, a vehicle carrying eight passengers to Haldwani fell into a gorge near Chauraband leading to the death of two people although confirmation was not forthcoming whether the accident happened due to the low visibility caused by torrential rains lashing the region.

Meanwhile, many places in the state witnessed very heavy rainfall with areas like Roorkee recording a staggering 318mm rain till Sunday afternoon. Haldwani and Nainital received 214mm and 154mm rainfall respectively while in Haridwar district, the city area witnessed 101.8mm rainfall and the flood-prone Laksar around 150mm. Almora recorded 103.2mm rain on Sunday whereas Someshwar also recorded 105mm rainfall.

However, the Meteorological centre, which had issued a red coloured "Take Action" warning of heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places in certain districts with extremely heavy rainfall at isolated places on Sunday, predicted easing of rainfall in the days ahead. "There would be a gradual reduction in rain intensity and rain distribution from Monday onwards," said Bikram Singh, director, Meteorological Centre.

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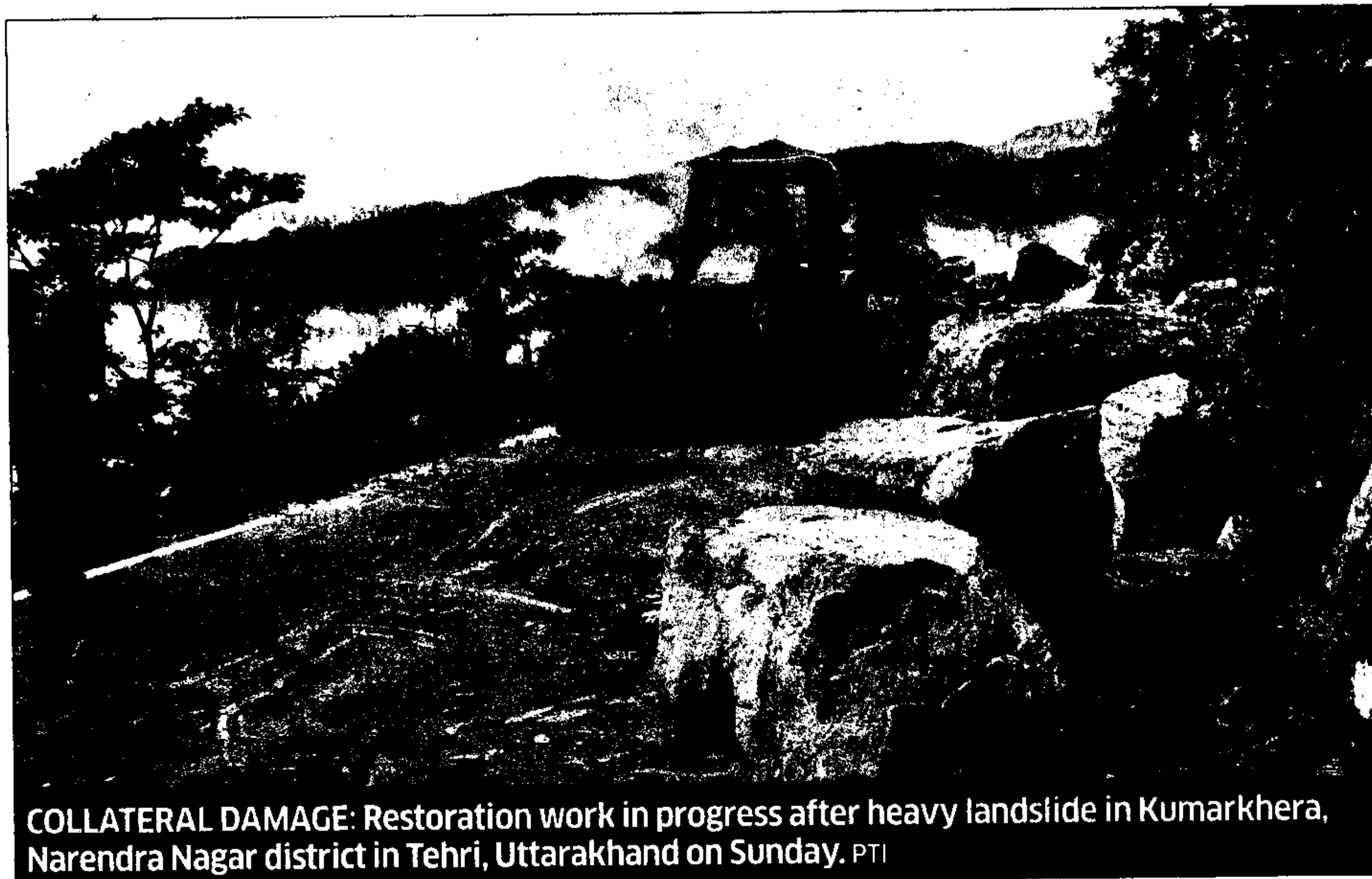
Damage: Debris falling due to landslips block highways, roads 10 killed in U'khand rain; rivers in sp

DEHRADUN, PTI: Four people were on Sunday killed in Uttarakhand's Tehri district when their car was hit by debris falling from a hillside following a landslide triggered by heavy rain, taking the toll to 10 even as the Ganga, Yamuna and their tributaries went into spate.

Bhagirathi, Alaknanda and Mandakini rivers were flowing close to the danger mark prompting authorities to evacuate people living close to the rivers to safer locations, an official said.

The debris falling due to the landslips have blocked a large number of roads in the state, including national highways affecting the Chardham and Kailash-Mansarovar pilgrimages.

Chief Minister Harish Rawat visited the Disaster Mitigation and Management Centre and asked officials to keep themselves prepared to deal with any emergency in view of heavy rain lashing most parts of the



COLLATERAL DAMAGE: Restoration work in progress after heavy landslide in Kumarkhera, Narendra Nagar district in Tehri, Uttarakhand on Sunday. PTI

state since Friday. Landslip debris hit a car near Narendranagar bypass on Rishikesh-Gangotri national highway when it was on its way from Rishikesh to Chamba, SDM Narendranagar K K Mishra said.

All the four occupants of the

car were killed on the spot, he said. Police, BRO, SDRF and Army personnel pulled out the mangled bodies of the victims from under the rubble and the crushed car.

The highway has been closed following landslides and

over 250 families of Kumarkhera have been shifted to safer locations, the official said.

There was a major landslide in the upper part of Rajmahal bypass at around 12 am on Sunday and the pebbles and boulders

hit the car, Mishra said.

The deceased have been identified as Viresh Shrikoti (32), Umesh Rawat (33) Mukesh Gusain (33) and Shyam Nautiyal (36).

With these deaths the toll in rain-related incidents in the state has climbed to 10.

One more killed

One woman was killed on Saturday morning when the bus she was travelling in overturned after being hit by the overflowing waters of a swollen canal at Haldwani in Nainital district.

Two more deaths were reported late on Saturday evening from Uttarkashi where a tree fell over a cowshed, killing one on the spot and leaving two injured out of which one died on the way to hospital. In another incident, in Pauri district, a car skidded off the road which had become slippery due to rain on Saturday evening and fell into a gorge, killing three and leaving two others injured.

14% rain in Kerala

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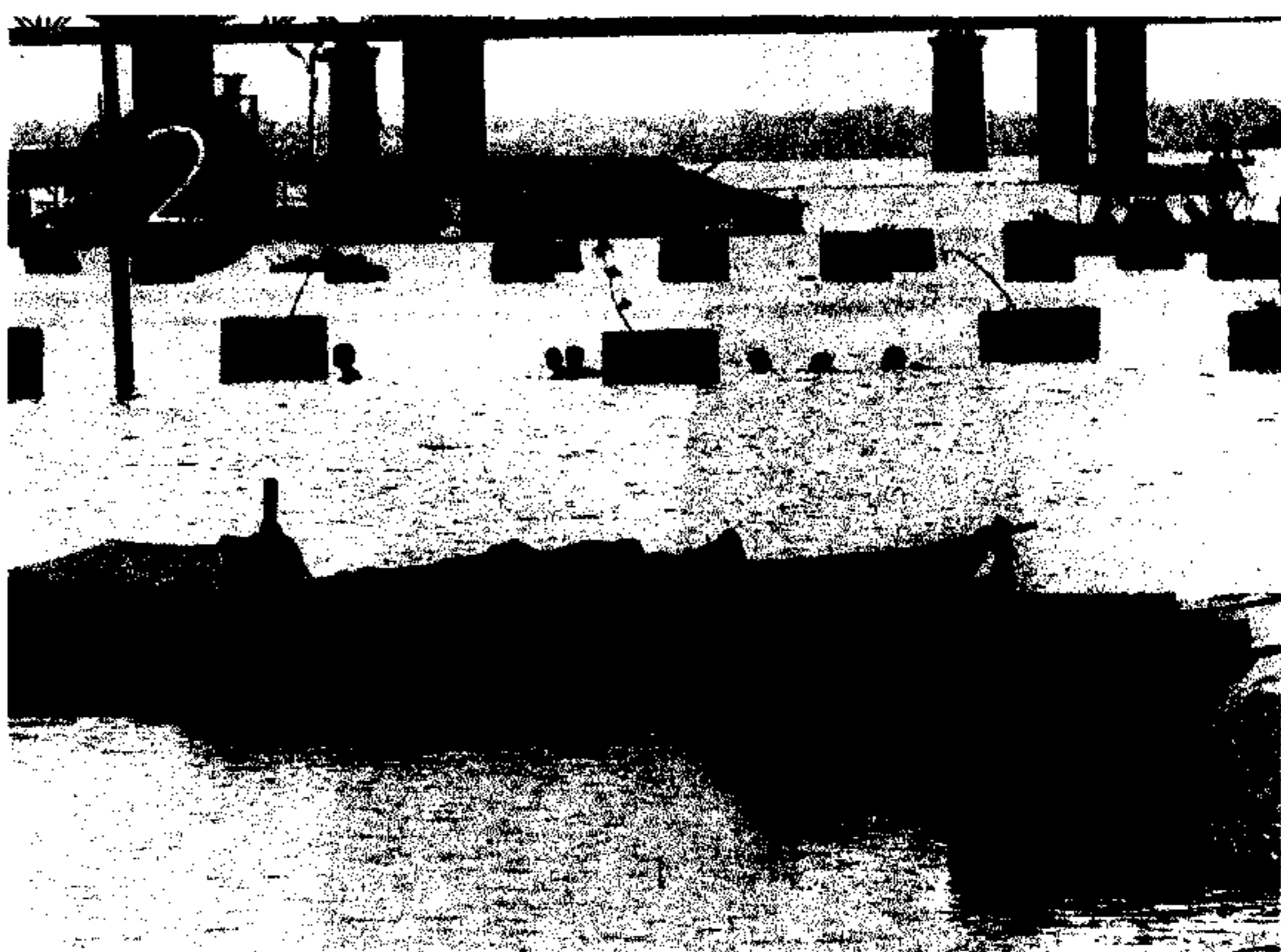
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WHEN TORRENTIAL RAIN HITS: (1) Residents use steel tub to wade through a waterlogged road near Sangam Vihar in New Delhi. (2) Low lying areas were submerged in flood water of the Ganga after a heavy downpour caused rise in water level at Allahabad. (3) Vehicles were stuck after huge debris blocked the road near Shikha after heavy rainfall on Saturday.

Lightning kills 3 in Bihar, 1.88L affected in Assam

NEW DELHI, PTI: At least three people were killed on Saturday in rain-related incidents in Bihar as the flood situation remained critical in Assam.

The national capital also received heavy rain, leading to waterlogging in several areas and heavy traffic jams on many busy intersections. The light-

ning strikes in Bihar's Jamui district killed three women, while two others sustained burn injuries.

The flood situation in Assam remains critical with over 1.88 lakh people reeling under the impact of the deluge in six districts of the state. More than 300 villages have been affected

by the floods, with 16,240 hectares of crop land submerged, and standing crops flattened.

Heavy rain disrupted normal life in most places in Uttarakhand. The highway leading up to Badrinath was blocked with boulders. The Met department in Uttarakhand predicts heavy

rain for the next two days in the mountain areas, especially the disaster-prone Pithoragarh, Uttarkashi, Chamoli and Rudraprayag districts.

More than 30 people were rescued in Rajasthan's Karauli district who were stuck due to the continuous rainfall since Friday flooding the place.

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■ Jurala to get water soon; Nagarjunasagar, Srisaillam have to wait

Karnataka dams full, TS gears up

L. VENKAT RAM REDDY | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 17

Water in Almatti and Narayanpur dams in neighbouring Karnataka has almost reached full reservoir levels due to incessant rains upstream.

Krishna waters from these dams is expected to be released downstream to the Jurala project in Mahbubnagar soon.

Irrigation minister T. Harish Rao on Sunday directed officials to complete all pending distributary and channel works of

	ALMATTI FRL 1,705 ft	NARAYANPUR FRL 1,615 ft
Present level	1,701.77 ft	1,604.33 ft
Inflow	1,88,632 cusecs	1,11,784 cusecs
Outflow	1,01,524 cusecs	71 cusecs

the Jurala project on a war-footing to fill the reservoirs in Mahbubnagar district to store 26 tmc to meet irrigation and drinking water needs.

While water from Almatti Dam, which touched 1701 ft against an FRL of 1,705 ft on

Sunday, is already being released downstream to Narayanpur Dam, it is yet to be released to the Jurala project as the Narayanpur Dam is yet to be filled. The level of the Narayanpur Dam touched 1,604 ft on Sunday against an FRL of

1,615 ft. Mr Harish Rao said, "It may take three-four days to release water from Narayanpur Dam to Jurala.

"In the meantime, we will complete all pending distributary and channel works to fill four reser-

voirs, namely Kalwakurthy, Nettempad, Bheema and Koilsagar." He, however, said these inflows would not be enough to reach Srisaillam and Nagarjunasagar dams.

Krishna water has to reach Jurala first, which has a capacity of 11 tmc, after which the water would be released to Srisaillam dam, which has a 300 tmc capacity, followed by Nagarjuna Sagar with a capacity of 300 tmc.

■ Page 4: Harish wants all reservoirs to be filled up

Heavy rains kill 6 in Uttarakhand, Bihar

Flood situation remains critical in Assam; Rajasthan receives torrential rains

KAVITA UPADHYAY

DEHRADUN: Three persons were killed in Uttarakhand as heavy rains lashed the State on Saturday. Rivers in the State continued to be in spate.

A woman died and one person was injured as a bus fell into a stream near Haldwani area after the water level increased due to torrential rains. Two persons were killed and six were injured when an SUV fell into a gorge near Almora, on Saturday.

While electricity and drinking water supply remained disrupted at many places across the State, 185 families took shelter in relief camps as there was the threat of their houses being damaged either from the landslips or the overflowing rivers in Pithoragarh and Chamoli districts.



WATERWORLD: Villagers cross a bridge submerged due to heavy rain for last few days in Birbhum district of West Bengal on Saturday. — PHOTO: PTI

Rains across the State have left the rivers in spate with the waters nearing the danger mark at several places. According to the State Disaster Management Department, the Ganga at Haridwar had reached 293.05 metres which was just about a metre

(m) below its danger level.

Char Dham Yatra hit

The Char Dham Yatra remained disrupted due to frequent landslips caused by continuous rains.

About 150 kanwaris, devotees of Lord Shiva, were

stranded on their return from Gaumukh when two bridges between Gaumukh and Gangotri were damaged by the rising water in the Bhagirathi. "Eighty kanwaris have been rescued and have been brought safely to Gangotri," Uttarakashi Dis-

trict Magistrate Dipendra Chaudhary said.

Three die in Bihar

PTI reports from New Delhi:

At least three persons were killed in rain-related incidents in Bihar, while the flood situation remained critical in Assam.

Heavy rain in Karauli district of Rajasthan has led to a deluge-like condition there.

The national capital also received heavy rains, leading to water-logging in several areas and heavy traffic jams on many busy intersections.

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And Now It's Floods In Bombay

BOMBAY, JULY 16.

Water-starved Bombay is now facing floods.

Heavy and incessant rains lashed Bombay city and suburbs flooding low level areas and causing dislocation of railway and motor transport. Parts of the city and suburbs were under a blanket of water rendering hundreds of slum dwellers homeless.

One of the persons to be affected by the heavy rains was Mr. Orville Freeman, U.S. Secretary for Agriculture, who was delayed for nearly an hour to attend an engagement.

A number of trees were uprooted in the city and suburbs adding to the traffic jam.

The walls of a police hospital collapsed in the heavy rains. No one was however injured.

Hutment dwellers colony at Ghatkopar in North Bombay was flooded almost to the roof. About 1,000 people living in the colony had to leave for a safer place nearby. The worst-traffic jam was witnessed at King Circle in North Bombay which was submerged waist deep. Roads on Parel, Kurla, Lalbaugh were also under 2 to 4 feet water.

Most of the suburban trains were running behind schedule due to cautious driving on water logged-tracks. The city's municipal transport service had to divert the buses from many of its routes in order to avoid flooded-areas. The Port Trust has hoisted signed number three warning country crafts of the choppy seas. The Colaba Weather Bureau forecast fairly frequent rain or showers, at times heavy rains accompanied by gusty winds for the next 24 hours. For the 24 hours ended 5.30 pm today the city had 120.4 mm of rain and suburbs 133.3 mm. The season's total in the city is 506 mm. — UNI.

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CPCB report shows clean Yamuna a distant dream


DRAIN DOSSIER


STATE OF SEWAGE TREATMENT IN DELHI

18 drains discharge waste water into the Yamuna

► 14 between Wazirabad and Okhla Barrage stretch

► 4 downstream of Okhla

 **71%** of the total flow comes from Najafgarh and supplementary drains

 **13%** from Shahdara drain

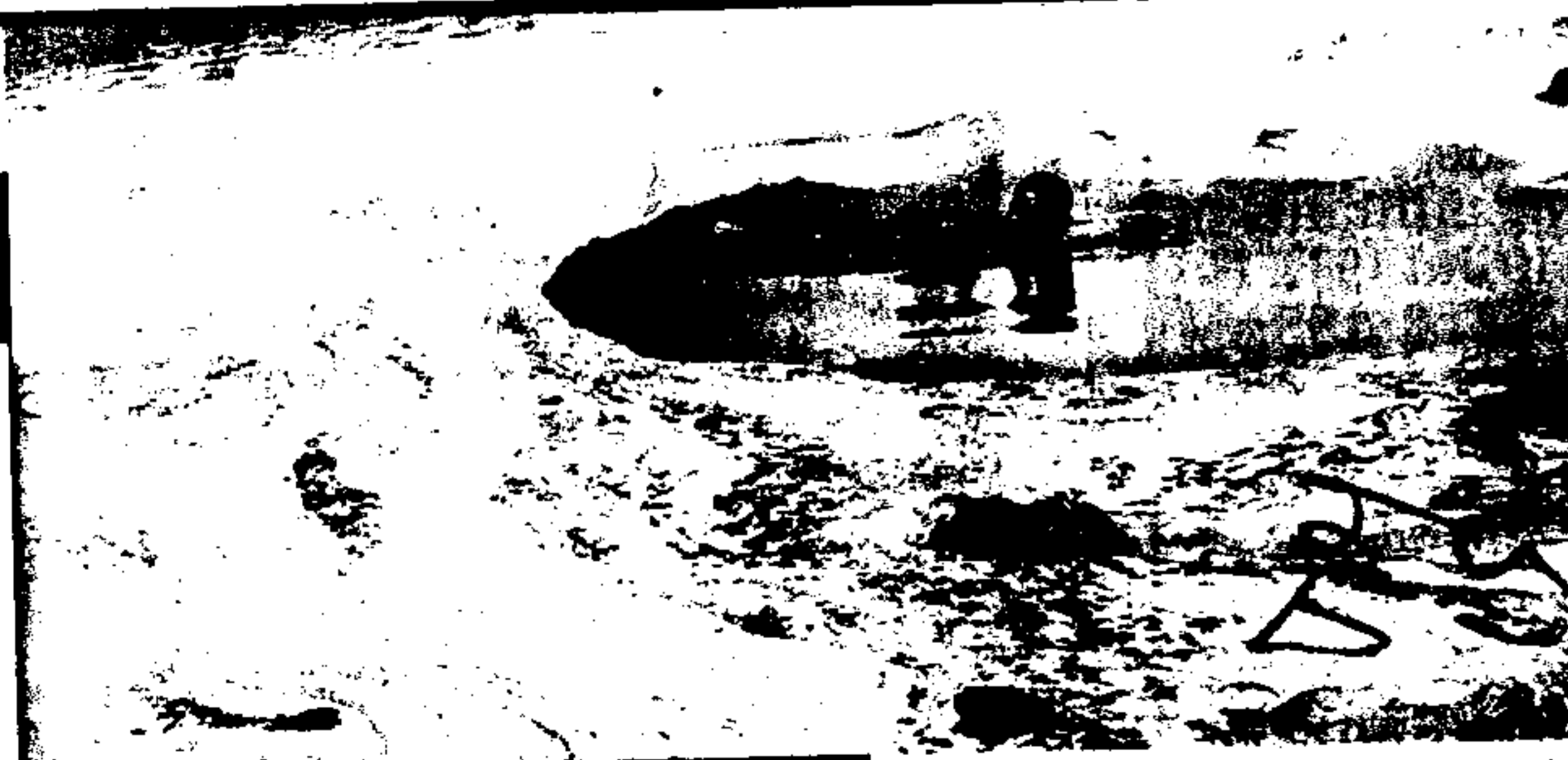
4,200 million litres per day (MLD) waste water generated in Delhi

3,059.5 MLD is the daily treatment capacity. This excludes Coronation Pillar STP that was found shut during inspection

Out of 40 STPs, 32 are functional, 7 non-functional and 1 under construction

2,643.4 MLD is operational capacity

1,941.7 MLD is the actual capacity utilisation



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New Delhi: A report by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) submitted to National Green Tribunal (NGT) on the city's sewage treatment shows why it is highly unrealistic to expect a clean Yamuna anytime soon.

The report states that against a generation of 4,200 million litres a day (MLD) of waste water, about 1,951.67MLD is being treated while the rest is being discharged into the river directly. The only time there is fresh water in the river is during the monsoon, which effectively means that for the rest of the year, the river is itself a huge drain.

According to Status of Se-

wage Treatment Plants and Drains of Delhi, "It was observed that during inspection, the Yamuna ends at Wazirabad and the river virtually start with effluent of Najafgarh drain."

It reveals that 31 out of the 40 sewage treatment plants in the city are unable to treat sewage according to the new norms with respect to various parameters like total suspended solids, biochemical oxygen demand and chemical oxygen demand.

Making a case for optimum utilisation of existing infrastructure over construction of more STPs, the report says, "It was not clear how the sewage from adjoining drains of Najafgarh will be conveyed

to projected STPs sites as proper sewerage system plan will have to be built. STPs installed in the catchment of Najafgarh drain like Nilothi, Pankalan, Najafgarh, Rohini, Rithala are running below capacity. First and foremost task of DJB or any stakeholder may be to optimise the operation of existing STPs and plan how to re-use treated sewage."

Manoj Mishra, convener of Yamuna Jiye Abhiyan and the petitioner in the case, has written to lieutenant governor Najeeb Jung and chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, saying that if this issue is not addressed immediately, one can forget about a clean Yamuna.

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Light rains likely till Thursday

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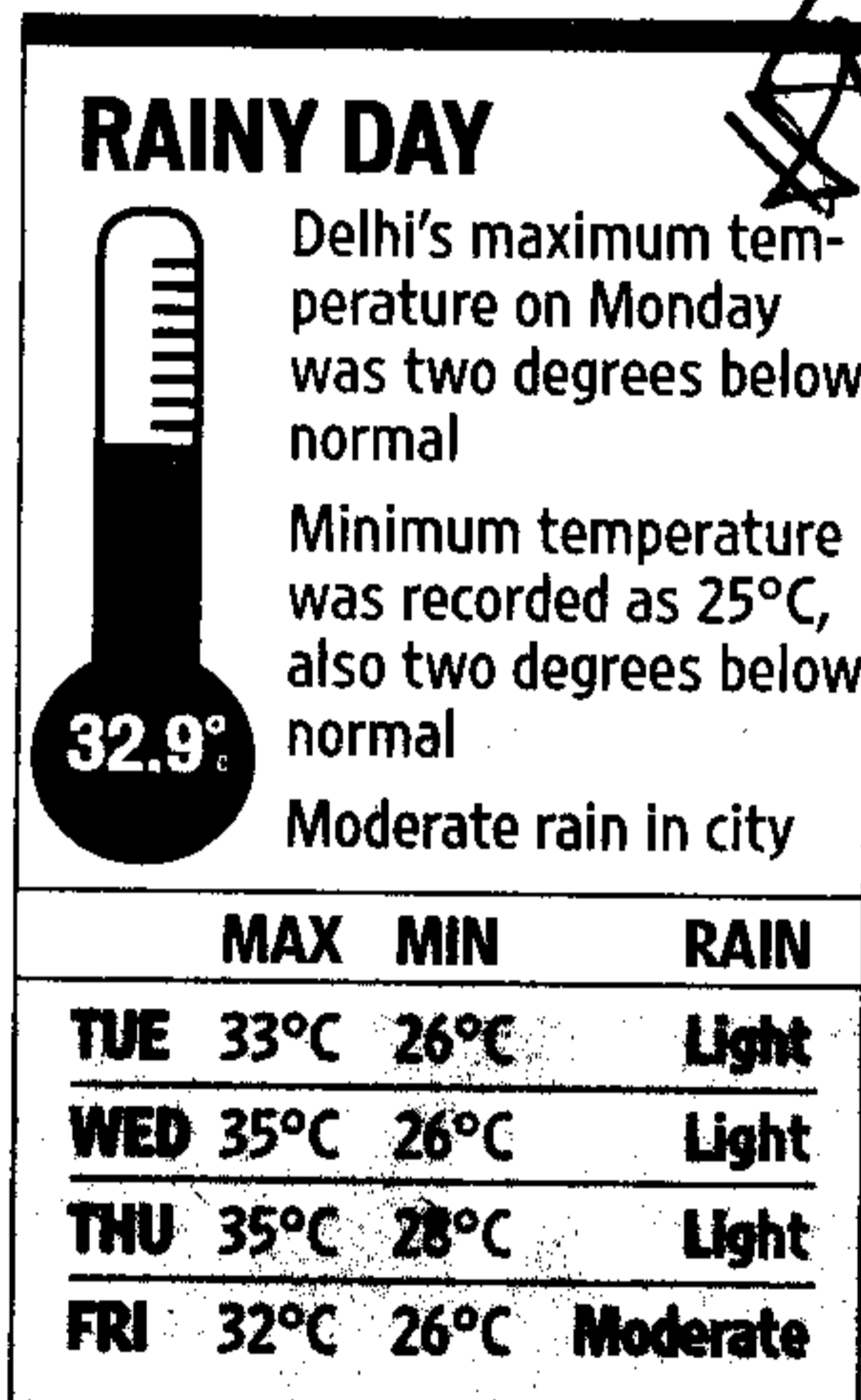
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NEW DELHI: After a week of heavy downpour, Delhi will see lighter rains in the coming three days.

According to the weatherman, the city is expected to get light rains till Thursday. Moderate rain is expected on Friday.

On Monday, the maximum temperature was recorded as 32.9 degrees Celsius, two degrees below normal. The minimum was recorded as 25 degrees Celsius, also two degrees below normal.

The morning brought moderate rain to many parts of the city. At Safdarjung, the official observatory for Delhi, 21 mm of rains were recorded after 8.30 am. 23 mm rain was recorded



over Sunday night and Monday morning, leading to waterlogging and traffic jams during the morning rush hour.

South Delhi was among the

worst hit by traffic jams due to waterlogging from rains. Traffic was held up at IIT-Delhi, Munirka, Moti Bagh, Chirag Delhi, Saket, Modi Mill, Moolchand, South Extension, Yusuf Sarai, AIIMS, Lodhi Road Andrews Ganj, Greater Kailash, Nehru Place and Jasola.

Delhi has so far received 188.6 mm of rains during this monsoon, against the 184.7 mm it normally receives. Most of this was received over the past one week.

According to the weatherman, Delhi will receive above normal rains this year and July and August are expected to see heavy rains.

On Tuesday, the maximum and minimum temperatures are expected to be between 33 degrees Celsius and 26 degrees Celsius.

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Centre's nod to hydro-engineering college in Bilaspur

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With the Centre approving the setting up of the Hydro-Power Engineering College in Bilaspur, Himachal will be signing an agreement with the National Hydro Power Corporation (NHPC) and the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) later this week.

The approval from the Union Power Ministry was received just two days back and the signing of two separate agreements by Himachal Government with the NHPC and the NTPC is likely to be done within this week. A chunk of land measuring 62 bighas has already been identified and finalized at Bandhla village in Bilaspur district.

"It is just two days back that we received approval from the Centre and the agreement is likely to be signed within a week's time," confirmed Sanjay Gupta, Secretary, Technical Education. He revealed that there would be a total of 240 seats in civil, electrical, mechanical and computer engineering. The MoU has been drafted and sent to the Union Power Ministry so that it could be signed at the earliest.

As per the memorandum of understanding (MoU), the Himachal Government will constitute the Board of Governors of the college and 50 per cent of the members will be from the NHPC, the

To have 240 seats

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- Union Health Minister JP Nadda is instrumental in getting the project pushed through

NTPC and Power Ministry and the remaining from the state government.

The NTPC and the NHPC will provide a sum of Rs 37.50 crore each in the first installment and Rs 25 lakh each later. Himachal Government will not have to make any expenditure as it will be providing land for the college.

As far as the filling of seats is concerned, Himachal will get a share of 65 per cent, the NHPC and the NTPC jointly will have 15 per cent and the remaining 20 per cent will be filled from the all-India quota.

The delay in the setting up of the hydro-engineering college had become a major bone of contention between the BJP and the Congress, with both blaming each other. In fact, Union Health Minister JP Nadda was instrumental in getting the project pushed through as it will be located in his home district.

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First earthquake warning system in Gurgaon

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GURGAON: The first Early Earthquake Warning System of the National Capital Region was installed on the premises of Haryana Institute of Public Administration (HIPA) in Sector 18 here on Monday.

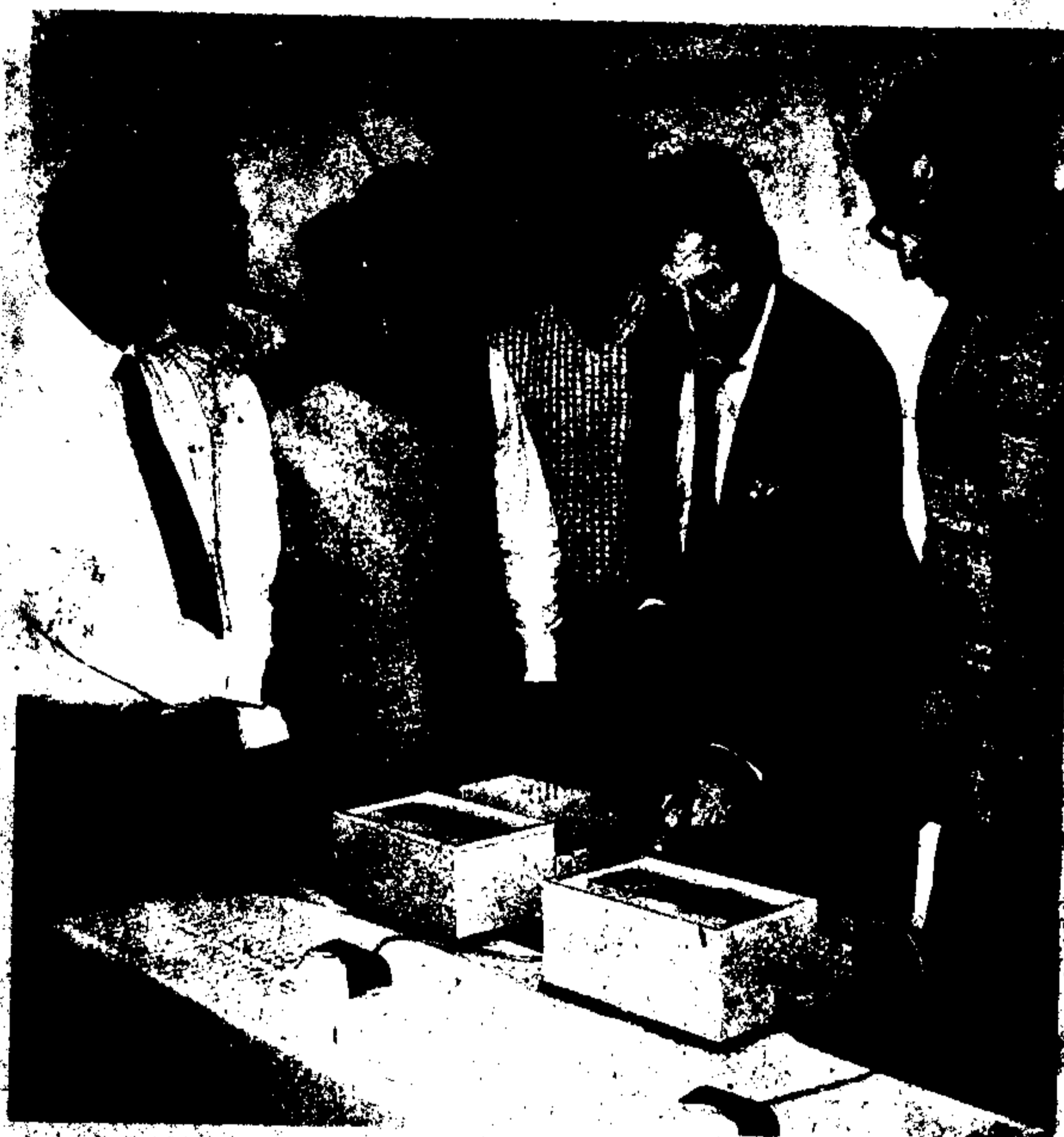
The system was inaugurated by Haryana Finance Minister Captain Abhimanyu in the presence of the several senior officials of HIPA, Bihar Disaster Management Authority, National Disaster Response Force and National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM).

Technology application

The live demonstration of Early Earthquake Warning System showcased application of the technology by creating artificial earthquake waves.

As soon as the system detected primary waves measuring more than 5 on the Richter scale, it raised an alarm and switched off the electricity, water supply and elevators, and turned on the emergency lights on HIPA premises. Over 150 people present at the venue witnessed the live demonstration of the technology.

"Gurgaon is a



HI-TECH: Finance Minister of Haryana Captain Abhimanyu looks on during a demonstration of the earthquake warning equipment at HIPA on Monday. PHOTO: PTI

Millennium City and thus it should have the best disaster management technology. The installation at HIPA will help district officials, industrialists, private developers and companies to know about the benefits of the technology in a better manner. The technology gives warning a few seconds before a high-intensity earthquake strikes. It can save millions of lives," said Captain Abhimanyu, who is also the Minister for

Disaster Management.

The technology is installed on foundation pillars of a building, after measuring and studying the layout of the structure. The system is capable of detecting the intensity of an earthquake and differentiating between primary waves and secondary waves.

Timely alarm

The technology alerts as soon as the primary waves strike an area so that people get some time before secondary waves

(actual earthquake) hit the area. It raises an alarm almost 30 seconds before the actual earthquake.

Besides raising the alarm, it also shuts down gas pipeline, park elevators at safest position, switches off electricity supply and turns on power back up, shut off water supply, saves crucial data, opens emergency exits among many other safety measures.

It is the world's only early earthquake warning system that can even be connected to the building management system.

The technology installed in Gurgaon can help Delhi to a great extent.

"Gurgaon is close to Sohna faultline. If an earthquake strikes the area, Delhi, located about 40 km away from Gurgaon, can get warning a few seconds before the earthquake strikes the national capital," says Dr. Chandan Ghosh, the head of the Geo-Hazard Risk Management Division from NIDM.

Early Earthquake Warning and Security System, introduced by German firm, Secty Electronics, in collaboration with GFZ, has been brought to India by their Indian partners, Terra Techcom Pvt. Ltd.

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Almatti almost full, govt. prepares to pump water to Handri Neeva

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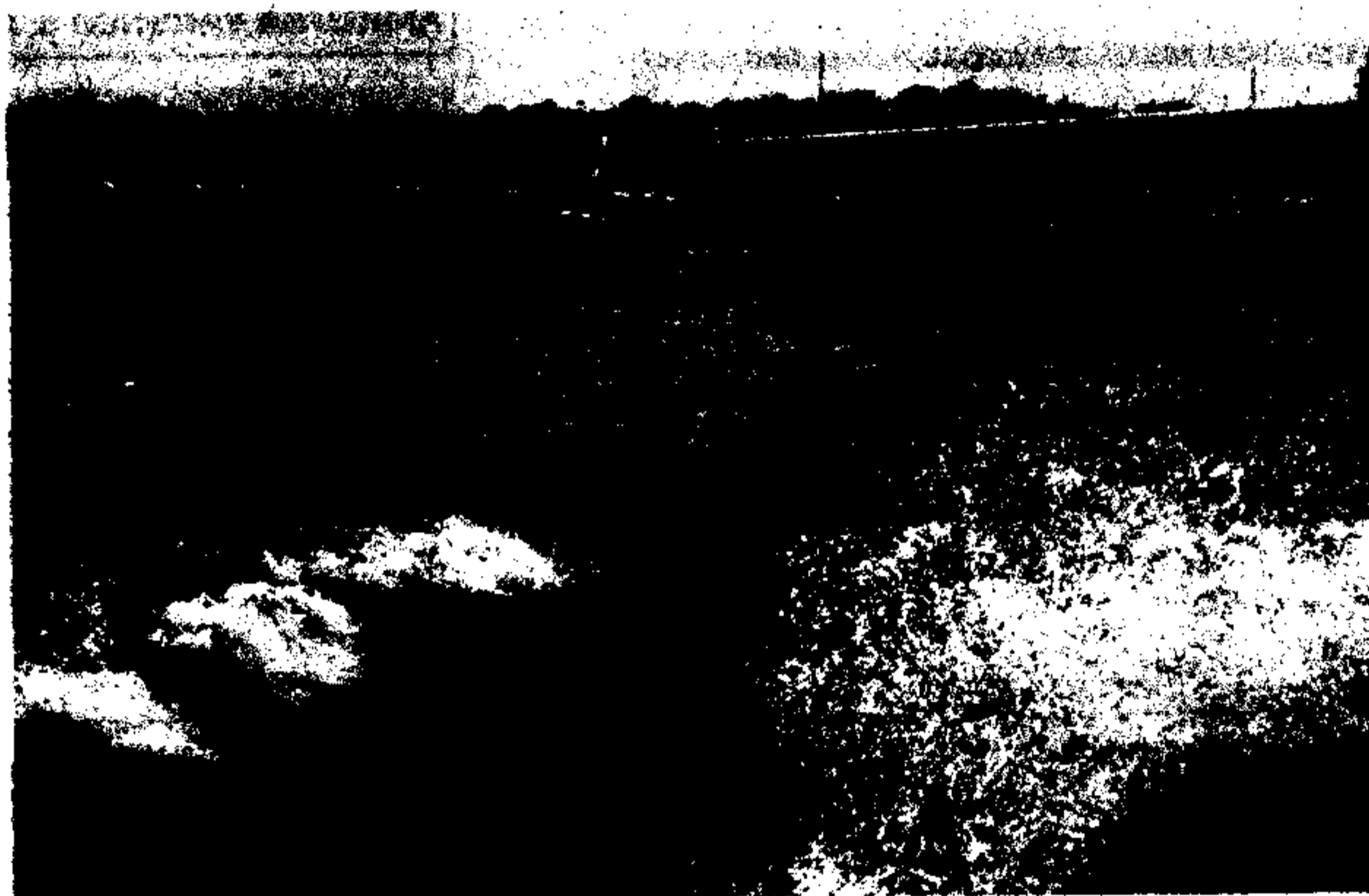
VIJAYAWADA: With water levels fast rising in the Almatti reservoir in neighbouring Karnataka, the Andhra Pradesh government is preparing the ground to cater to the needs of Rayalaseema region.

The reservoir on the Krishna, which is receiving inflows of 1.6 lakh cusecs is getting filled at the relatively faster rate of 10 tmcft a day. With a flood cushion of just about 7 tmcft, it began releasing water at the rate of 48,000 cusecs on Monday.

The Almatti authorities have to increase the discharge to one lakh cusecs or more to prevent water from flowing over the crest gates.

While a continuous flow of 1,15,740 cusecs a day will fill a tank with a capacity of 10 tmcft, a flow of 1,73,610 cusecs will fill a tank of 15 tmcft, according to the formula.

The flood cushion of both Narayanapur and Jurala reservoirs upstream of Srisaillam was about 11 tmcft in the



The reservoir, which has a flood cushion of about 7 tmcft, began releasing water at the rate of 48,000 cusecs.

morning, and they too would get filled in a day if Almatti continued to receive the flood inflow of 1.5 lakh cusecs.

Primary objective

The Andhra Pradesh government, which is pumping 3,000 cusecs of Godavari water from Pattiseema to cater to the needs of the delta farmers, is planning to lift Krishna floodwater from the

foreshores of Srisaillam reservoir to Rayalaseema using the Handri-Neeva Sujala Sravanti project.

This was the primary objective of taking up the Rs.1,300-crore Pattiseema Lift Irrigation Scheme.

The water level in the Srisaillam reservoir, that recorded 788.4 ft, should however, rise up to 841 ft for the pumps of the HNSS lift irrigation scheme to draw water.

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Contaminated drain load getting into Yamuna river: Panel

Questions Delhi Jal Board plan to build 14 sewage treatment plants

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NEW DELHI, JULY 18

AN EXPERT committee constituted by the National Green Tribunal to assess the pollution load of drains prior to joining Yamuna has observed that all the drains have "bacteriological contamination".

The committee, which also inspected the performance of the sewage treatment plants (STPs), has questioned the Delhi Jal Board's plan to clean up Yamuna by building 14 new sewage treatment plants, and called for the optimum utilisation of the existing ones instead.

In its findings, the committee has observed that value of Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) "does not meet the standard limit" of 250 milligram per litre in 7 drains — ISBT drain, Tonga stand, Kailash Nagar, Delhi gate drain, Sen Nursing Home, Jaitpur drain and Tughlakabad drain. A COD test is commonly used to indirectly measure the amount of organic compounds in water. The COD is the standard test for indirect measurement of the amount of pollution (that cannot be oxidised biologically) in a sample of water. The result of a COD test indicates the amount of water-dissolved oxygen consumed by the contaminants.

The committee has also observed that with respect to heavy metals, iron was found above prescribed limit of 3 milligram per litre in Najafgarh drain, Kailash Nagar drain, ISBT drain, Sen Nursing Home, Jaitpur drain and Tughlakabad drain.

The committee has recommended that "effluent quality" of STPs shall be monitored 24X7 with data transmission connec-

tivity to the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) and the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). It has also said development of the proposed sites of STPs may take around "30-40 years" and several drains carrying waste water are directly joining Yamuna without their water being treated at any of the operational sewage plants.

"Development of the proposed sites of 14 STPs in Najafgarh catchment may take long time (30-40 years) and then may be possibility for construction of treatment facility. First and foremost task of DJB may be to optimize the operation of existing STPs up to the level of the desired standards and to plan for how to re-use of treated sewage," the committee has said.

Waste water generation in Delhi has been assessed as 4,200 MLD (million litres per day) and the waste water treatment capacity developed so far is 3059.48 MLD comprising 40 STPs. The capacity utilization is only 63.46 per cent as the amount of waste water reaching STPs is only 1941.67 MLD and 54 per cent of untreated sewage i.e. 2,259 MLD finds its way to river Yamuna and deteriorates its water quality," the committee has noted.

The NGT had constituted the five-member committee to inspect the DJB's five STPs covered under the first phase of clean river Yamuna project. A bench, headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Swatanter Kumar, had said the panel, comprising member (secretary) CPCB, member (secretary) DPCC, a scientist from the Ministry of Environment and Forests and two professors, would file a report before it on the working of these STPs. The matter will be taken up Tuesday.

Monsoon May Take A Short Break

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The monsoon, which has been quite active over Delhi for the past three days, is expected to take a slight break. The Met department said that rainfall activity will reduce over the national capital on Tuesday, and Wednesday is expected to witness only scattered rainfall. However, by Friday, the system will pick up once again and fairly widespread showers have been predicted for the region by the weekend.

Delhi recorded 26.3mm rain in 24 hours up till 8.30am on Monday and another 21mm in the next 12 hours. Since June 1, which is the official date for monsoon to break over the country, Delhi has recorded 246mm rain which is 71mm more than normal.

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A bus stuck in a caved-in road at Krishna Menon Marg

"The normal rainfall for July is 109.4mm but till 8.30am on July 18, we had already recorded 212.2mm rain. Of this, 123mm has been recorded since July 14," said a Met official. Since 2006, July has recorded rainfall above 200mm on only five occasions, including this year.

The Met department has forecast that scattered to fairly widespread rain is likely to occur over Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh over the next two days and isolated rain over Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab and Rajasthan.

Monday's maximum temperature was 32.9 degrees Celsius, two degrees below normal while the minimum was 25 degrees Celsius, two degrees below normal. Officials said that the temperature could rise to about 35 degrees over the next couple of days. "Delhi will see a generally cloudy sky becoming partly cloudy on July 20. There will be light rain or drizzle on July 19 with rain or thunder-showers likely to occur towards the evening or night of July 21 and thunder storm with rain likely thereafter," said the officials.

Road cave-ins add to the mayhem

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New Delhi: As if waterlogging as a result of incessant rain were not enough, at least five incidents of road cave-in added to Delhiites' woes on Monday. Motorists and commuters had a harrowing time as there were jams on major arteries in peak hours. Even roads in Lutyens' zone remained flooded.

A portion of Krishna Menon Marg caved in around 2pm. A disaster was averted as 15 Indian Navy personnel escaped unhurt after the bus they were travelling in got stuck in a huge crater in the middle of the road. Cops had to use cranes to pull up the vehicle. NDMC officials said that the damaged portion of the road had been restored temporarily and it would be open to traffic by Tuesday morning.

"We have put barricades near the portion that caved in. We have directed our staff to get it repaired by Tuesday morning so that there are no traffic disruptions on the route," said a senior NDMC official.

Another bus was damaged after a portion of the Mehrauli-Badarpur road caved in following the morning showers. There were only a handful of passengers in the vehicle who escaped unhurt, police said. The cave-ins on the arterial roads led to hour-long snarls.

A few more cave-ins took place on the stretch between Modi Mill and Captain Gaur Marg crossing, the Peeragarhi-Vikaspuri stretch near the Meera Bagh crossing and Shakti Nagar-Nangia Park in west Delhi.

PWD officials said that they would hold a joint survey with other road-owning agencies on Tuesday following instructions from deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia. "We will analyse the causes behind the cave-ins and prepare a report in this regard. Corrective actions will be taken accordingly," said a PWD officer.

Meanwhile, the traffic police said that they had identified at least 20 stretches that are prone to cave-ins. A report has been prepared in this regard and forwarded to the civic bodies. Waterlogging caused huge snarls on most of south Delhi roads on Monday morning. The worst-hit stretches were South Extension, Andrews Ganj, Defence Colony, Moolchand Metro station, AIIMS flyover, Greater Kailash, Pusa Road, Anand Parbat, Jasola

underpass and Mundka Metro station. These areas remained submerged in ankle-deep water after Monday morning downpour. Mayors of North and South Corporations claimed it was basically PWD roads which were waterlogged as the department had failed to desilt its drains on time. "I inspected some areas this morning. While all PWD roads were waterlogged, colony roads were in a better condition. Corporations had desilted their drains before the onset of monsoon but PWD didn't complete their work. As a result, entire Delhi is facing massive waterlogging," said Sanjeev Nayyar, mayor of North Corporation.

However, PWD hit back at the corporations, saying the latter had not cleared sludges from their drains, which got deposited into PWD drains. "A lot of silt came from corporation drains to our drains as they are connected. Corporations' tall claims of desilting their drains have fallen flat," said a PWD official.



South Delhi areas like Okhla (top) and Pul Prahladpur underpass near Tughlaqabad Metro station saw massive waterlogging

Yamuna swelling to danger level

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Heavy rain in the Yamuna's catchment area in the hills has led to warning bells for the capital. The river is expected to cross the warning level in Delhi on Tuesday, leading to evacuation along some parts of the low lying areas.

An official from the Central Water Commission said that 1,00,600 cusec water was released at Hathnikund at 7pm on Saturday. "Water level will

cross the warning mark of 204m around midnight on Monday. It will peak between 5am and 6am on Tuesday and should be about 10-odd cm higher than the warning level. Subsequently, the level should stabilise," said the official.

The danger level in Delhi is 204.83m and there is no flood warning at present. However, to be on the safe side, the revenue department started getting low lying areas evacuated from Sunday itself. The work is being carried out by

the northeast revenue office.

A senior official said, "We are keeping a watch on rising levels and have put all emergency mechanism in place."

He added, "Garhi Mandu, which is highly prone to flooding, has already been evacuated while warning has also been given in other areas. Boats are also in readiness at the Boat Club. We have also arranged for tent and food. No area in the city has been majorly flooded."

Sisodia stresses joint vigil to plug the loopholes

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: With massive waterlogging reported from across the city in the past few days, deputy CM Manish Sisodia held an interdepartmental meeting on Monday and has asked for joint inspections of vulnerable points so that quick remedial action can be taken.

Orders have issued to challan NBCC for reportedly breaking the drain that connects to Kushak nallah, which would have otherwise ensured proper drainage in the AIIMS area. The AIIMS flyover is one of the 29 critical points, which often see waterlogging, leading to massive traffic jams in south Delhi. The problem gets further complicated in South Extension, which is already choked due to ongoing Metro

construction work.

"Sisodia was informed that the AIIMS flyover had seen flooding due to ongoing construction by NBCC. He has, therefore, directed the SDM concerned area to issue challans against the agency," said an official.

The meeting, attended by departments such as PWD,

FLOOD CONTROL

DJB, NDMC, municipal corporations, revenue, urban development, Delhi Metro, Cantonment Board, irrigation and flood control, traffic police saw massive arguments over who is to be blamed for the problems. Water and PWD ministers were also present.

Sisodia is learnt to have expressed his displeasure over

the situation and said that he wanted action and that a report should be submitted to him by Tuesday afternoon.

"People do not care whether a road is with PWD or the corporation. They only want an efficient system. PWD has refused to take over the Sarita Vihar underpass from DDA, citing structural issues with the project, which has been under water for the past few days. This is why a joint inspection has been ordered," said a source.

Sisodia wanted the waterlogging helpline number, 1077, to be made functional on a 24x7 basis. He also asked traffic police to submit a separate report about roads vulnerable roads. By Monday evening, cops had submitted a list of 29 such spots.

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Almatti level rises, 1 lakh cusecs of water released from dam

BENGALURU: As much as one lakh cusecs of water is being released from the Almatti reservoir (Bagalkot district) with the storage in the dam reaching 518 metres against the full reservoir level of 519.60 metres since Saturday morning.

Of the 26 crest gates of the dam, water is being released from 22 gates and also through a hydel unit situated near the dam. The gates have been raised to a height of 0.6 metres to allow the water discharge. The inflow into the dam stood at 2.05 lakh cusecs. Sources said that the inflow may come down in the coming days as the rains have receded in the Western Ghats of Maharashtra.

Meanwhile, following increased demand for release of water through canals for irrigation purposes, a new irrigation consultative committee has been formed under the chairmanship of district in-charge minister H Y Meti.

The committee is scheduled to hold its meeting on Monday in Bengaluru. The hydel unit at Almatti is now generating 290 MW per day - its installed ca-



A woman walks through rain in Shivamogga. Moderate rains lashed parts of the district on Saturday. (Right) Water gushes through 22 crest gates of the Almatti reservoir in Bagalkot district on Saturday. DH PHOTOS

capacity. At present, Almatti dam has 101 tmc feet of water.

Tungabhadra dam

On the other hand, the outflow from Tungabhadra dam (Hosapete, Ballari district) too has been increased to 735 cusecs. The dam has received 33 tmc feet of water in the past two weeks. However, the inflow has come down as the rains have receded in the catchment ar-

reas. At present, the dam has 36.68 tmc feet of water. The reservoir can impound a maximum of 133 tmc feet of water. However, silt deposit has reduced the storage capacity to 100 tmc feet.

Scanty rains in Kodagu

The Kodagu district experienced scanty rainfall on Saturday. In the last 24 hours, the district received an average of

5.69 mm of rainfall. The water level in Harangi reservoir stood at 2857.66 feet. It rained moderately for some time in Mysuru.

Moderate rains lashed some parts of Shivamogga district on Saturday. Thirthahalli received heavy rains for around 15 minutes in the morning. Heavy rains lashed Shivamogga around noon for a short while.

Meanwhile, Cauvery Neer-

avari Nigam Executive Engineer Shivashankar said on Saturday that as per the award of Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal, 7.5 tmc feet of water has been released to Tamil Nadu from June to till date.

Speaking to reporters, he said that as per the award, the state has to release 192 tmc ft of water to Tamil Nadu in a year.

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'All reservoirs to be filled'

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HYDERABAD, JULY 17

Water in Almatti and Narayanpur dams in neighbouring Karnataka has almost reached full reservoir levels due to incessant rains upstream.

Irrigation minister T. Harish Rao on Sunday said Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao had promised to provide irrigation to 4.5 lakh acre in Mahbubnagar this year by utilising Krishna waters and officials should

take all steps to fill the four reservoirs to store 26 tmc.

"Any negligence on the part of officials to store water released from Karnataka in these four reservoirs will be viewed very seriously and stern action will be initiated against the officials concerned," the minister warned.

He also directed contractors to take up pending reservoir works on a war-footing and warned of withholding bills amounting to

50 per cent of the total amount if they failed to meet the targets.

The Jurala project, which is the first to receive Krishna waters during the monsoon, meanwhile, is a depressing sight with no floods at present.

The project usually receives heavy inflows either in the last week of June or during July when the Almatti and Narayanpur projects become full. Only then the Krishna water is released downstream.

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WATER FOR ALL

■ Jurala to get water soon; Nagarjunasagar, Srisailem have to wait

Karnataka dams full, TS gears up

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HYDERABAD, JULY 17

Water in Almatti and Narayanpur dams in neighbouring Karnataka has almost reached full reservoir levels due to incessant rains upstream.

Krishna waters from these dams is expected to be released downstream to the Jurala project in Mahbubnagar soon.

Irrigation minister T. Harish Rao on Sunday directed officials to complete all pending distributary and channel works of

	ALMATTI FRL 1,705 ft	NARAYANPUR FRL 1,615 ft
Present level	1,701.77 ft	1,604.33 ft
Inflow	1,88,632 cusecs	1,11,784 cusecs
Outflow	1,01,524 cusecs	71 cusecs

the Jurala project on a war-footing to fill the reservoirs in Mahbubnagar district to store 26 tmc to meet irrigation and drinking water needs.

While water from Almatti Dam, which touched 1701 ft against an FRL of 1,705 ft on

Sunday, is already being released downstream to Narayanpur Dam, it is yet to be released to the Jurala project as the Narayanpur Dam is yet to be filled. The level of the Narayanpur Dam touched 1,604 ft on Sunday against an FRL of

1,615 ft. Mr Harish Rao said, "It may take three-four days to release water from Narayanpur Dam to Jurala.

"In the meantime, we will complete all pending distributary and channel works to fill four reser-

voirs, namely Kalwakurthy, Nettempad, Bheema and Koilsagar." He, however, said these inflows would not be enough to reach Srisailem and Nagarjuna-sagar dams.

Krishna water has to reach Jurala first, which has a capacity of 11 tmc, after which the water would be released to Srisailem dam, which has a 300 tmc capacity, followed by Nagarjuna Sagar with a capacity of 300 tmc.

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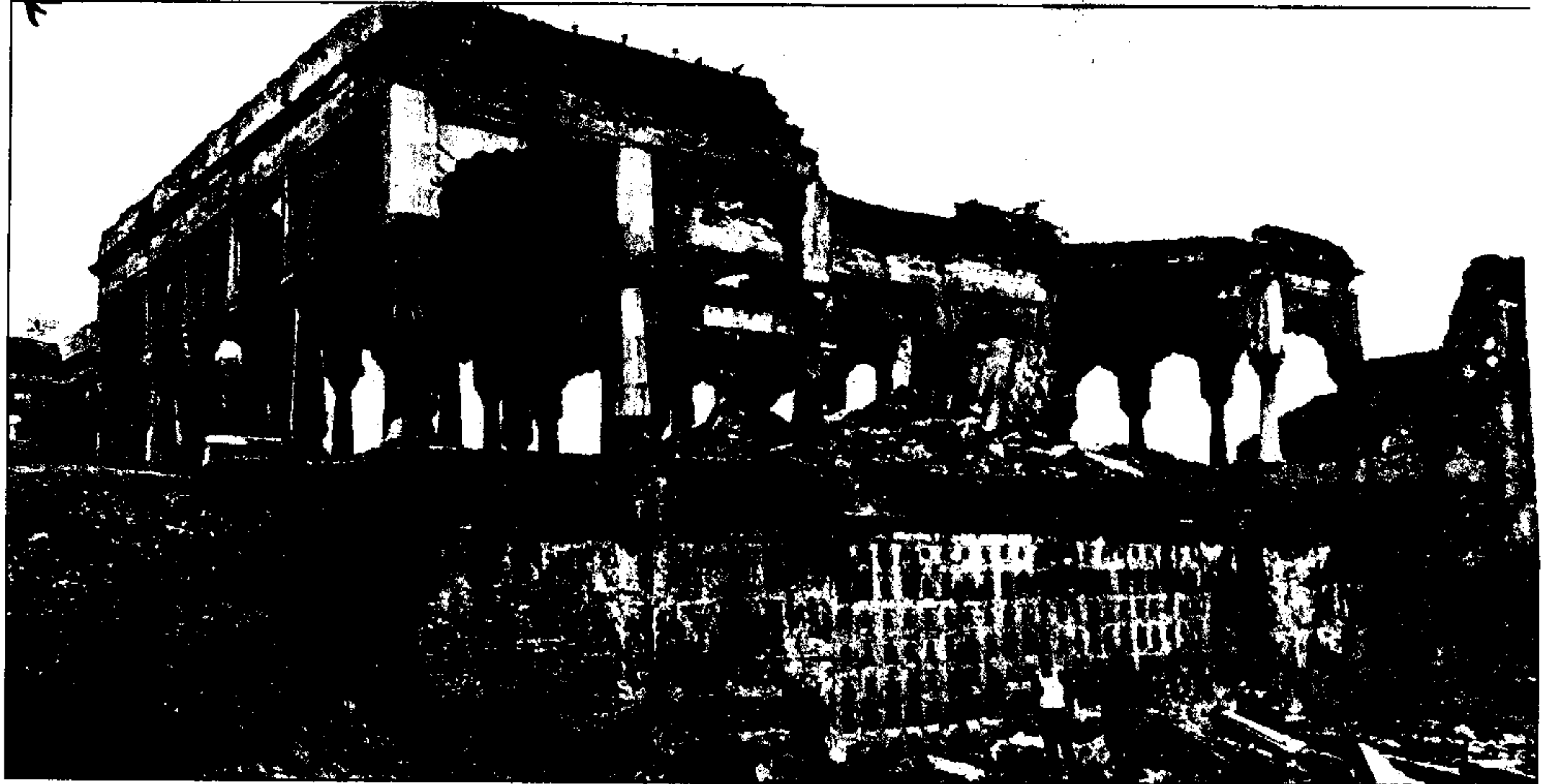
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पश्चिमी उत्तर प्रदेश के कई जिलों में बारिश का सिलसिला जारी है। कई जगह मार्ग भी बह गए हैं। गंगा में जलस्तर बढ़ गया है जिससे बाढ़ का खतरा बन गया है। बिजनौर-हरिद्वार मार्ग पर मंडावर रोड सहित सभी रपटों पर कई फिट पानी चल रहा है। बिजनौर जिले में बारिश का सिलसिला जारी है।

सवेरे से ही शुरू हुई बारिश से खेत से लेकर कॉलोनीयों तक में पानी ही पानी नजर आ रहा है। इसके कारण सोमवार को बच्चे स्कूल नहीं पहुंच सके। नजीबाबाद में मालन का जलस्तर बढ़ गया है। पूर्वी गंग नहर की एक पटरी पानी में बह गई जिससे ग्रामीणों की चिता बढ गई है। साहनपुर ननु से आगे नजीबाबाद से हरद्वार जाने वाले चिड़ियापुर बाईपास मार्ग पर पानी के तेज बहाव से नहर की पटरी बह गई। बुलंदशहर के अनूपशहर, कर्णवास और नरौरा में गंगा का जलस्तर बढ़ रहा है। इससे आसपास के गांवों में बाढ़ का खतरा पैदा हो गया है। प्रशासन ने अलर्ट जारी किया है।



आगरा में सोमवार को पिनाहट का 300 साल पुराना किला भारी बारिश की वजह से ढह गया। • हिन्दुस्तान

गोंडा में घाघरा का कहर, गांव वालों ने शुरू किया पलायन

गोंडा। गोंडा जिले के करनैलगंज तहसील के थाना उमरी बेगमगंज क्षेत्र में बाढ़ का कहर तेज हो गया है। उफनाई घाघरा नदी का पानी कई गांवों घुस गया है।

दर्जनों घरों के 600 से अधिक लोग बाढ़ से प्रभावित हुए हैं। बारिश की दुश्वारी के बीच डरे-सहमे ग्रामीण पलायन भी कर रहे हैं। घाघरा नदी इस

समय खतरे के निशान से 25 सेमी ऊपर बह रही हैं। इससे गोंडा के कई इलाकों में पानी घुसने लगा है। ग्राम पंचायत चंदापुर किटौली के तीन मजरे बिचला मांझा के बउधर, घुसवा कासीपुरवा के 32 घर और नाऊपुरवा के 15 घरों की 600 लोगों की आबादी पानी से पूरी तरह से घिर गई है। (हिटी)

बारिश से 300 साल पुराना किला ढहा

आगरा। फिल्म यतीम, दिलफिरे और कीट पतंगा देखने वाले लोगों ने आगरा के पिनाहट के किले के कुछ सीन भी जरूर देखे होंगे। तीन बड़ी और न जाने कितनी ही टेलीफिल्मों में नजर आने वाला यह 300 साल पुराना किला अब शायद किसी आने वाली फिल्म का हिस्सा नहीं होगा। यह किला संरक्षण के अभाव में रविवार को तेज बारिश के दौरान भरभरा कर ढह गया। (हि.ब्यूरो)

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हरियाणा के पानी से दिल्ली में बाढ़ का खतरा

नई दिल्ली, (ब्यूरो): दिल्ली में यमुना के रास्ते हरियाणा से आने वाले पानी ने आफत बढ़ा दी है। आलम यह है कि हरियाणा के पानी छोड़े जाने से यमुना किनारे वाले इलाकों में बाढ़ का खतरा बढ़ गया। बाढ़ नियंत्रक कंट्रोल रूम की माने तो शनिवार को हरियाणा के हथिनीकुंड बैराज से छोड़े गए एक लाख क्यूसेक पानी से दिल्ली में यमुना का जलस्तर बढ़ गया है। दिल्ली में यमुना का जलस्तर चेतावनी स्तर 204 मीटर तक पहुंच सकता है। विशेषज्ञों के मुताबिक यदि दिल्ली में

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यमुना का जलस्तर 204 मीटर से ऊपर जाने से राजधानी के भीचले इलाकों में पानी भर सकता है। बाढ़ आने का खतरा में यमुना किनारे लोहे के पुल के पास का इलाका प्रभावित हो सकता है, हालांकि अभी यहां तट की बस्तियों में कोई अलर्ट जारी नहीं किया गया है। हरियाणा के हथिनी बैराज से छोड़ा गया पानी यहां तबाई मचा सकता है। सिंचाई बाढ़ नियंत्रण विभाग के अधिकारियों ने त्वरित सूचना कार्रवाई के लिए व्हाट्सअप ग्रुप बनाया है। जिसमें बाढ़ नियंत्रण विभाग के अधिकारियों के अलावा राजस्व विभाग के अधिकारी हथिनी कुंड बैराज पर तैनात हरियाणा के अधिकारी शामिल हैं। हथिनी कुंड बैराज से जो पानी छोड़ा जा रहा है उसकी पल-पल की जानकारी व्हाट्सअप पर अधिकारियों को मिल रही है। सिंचाई बाढ़ नियंत्रण विभाग ने सभी जिलों के अधिकारियों को अलर्ट जारी कर दिया है।

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विभिन्न देशों के सूखे के बाद मानसून की पराजय हो रही है। असम, पश्चिम बंगाल, मध्य प्रदेश, उत्तराखंड और राजस्थान के कुछ इलाकों में अतिवृष्टि से जल प्रलय से होलात बन चुके हैं। पहले सूखे के कारण फसलें तबाह हुई अब बाढ़ के कारण फसलें तबाह हो रही हैं। किसानों के चेहरे पर खौफ पसरा है। मार्ग अवरोध होने के कारण सब्जियों की कीमतें आसमान को छू रही हैं। विडम्बना यह भी है कि देश के कई क्षेत्र ऐसे हैं जिन्हें एक ही साल में बारी-बारी से सूखे तथा बाढ़ दोनों का दारुण दुःख झेलना पड़ा है। बाढ़ और सूखा दोनों ही मौसम की असामान्य स्थितियां हैं, जिनके कारण पर अब तक वैज्ञानिक नियंत्रण कार्य में समर्थ नहीं हो सके हैं।

भारी वर्षा, भूस्खलन और बांधों के टूटने से बाढ़ प्रभावित राज्यों में लगातार मौतें हो रही हैं। कृषि लगातार प्रभावित हुई है, किसान करें तो क्या करें। दो वर्ष पूर्व रबी की अतिवृष्टि से बर्बाद हुई फसलों के मुआवजे की केन्द्र और राज्य सरकारों ने बड़ी-बड़ी घोषणाएं की थीं लेकिन किसानों को आज तक राहत राशि नहीं मिली है। छोटे किसानों को मुआवजा तो मिला लेकिन वह काफी कम था। ऐसा ही पिछले वर्ष सूखा प्रभावित किसानों के साथ हुआ है। केदारनाथ में आई प्राकृतिक आपदा के बाद उत्तराखंड तो अब भी सहमा हुआ है। मध्य प्रदेश में बाढ़ के कारण बीमारियां फैल रही हैं। नदियों के तट टूट गए हैं। असम की हालत काफी गम्भीर है। वहां एक लाख 88 हजार लोग प्रभावित हैं।

बिहार में कोसी नदी में उफान आने के कारण करीब 50 गांवों में बाढ़ का पानी भर गया है और लोग घर छोड़ने को मजबूर हैं। हर साल जान-माल की भारी क्षति होती है और सरकारें अरबों रुपए राहत कार्यों पर खर्च करती हैं। महत्वपूर्ण सवाल यह है कि क्या हम हर वर्ष सूखे और बाढ़ की शोकान्तिका से बच नहीं सकते? इससे बचने के

उपाय तो किए ही जाने चाहिए।

1982 में पूर्व प्रधानमंत्री श्रीमती इंदिरा गांधी ने नेशनल वाटर डिवेलपमेंट एजेंसी का गठन किया था लेकिन यह एजेंसी भी कुछ खास नहीं कर सकी। अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी के शासन में 2003 में सुरेश प्रभु की अध्यक्षता में एक टास्क फोर्स का गठन किया गया था। तब नदी जोड़ो योजना का प्रारूप तैयार किया गया था लेकिन वाजपेयी सरकार के बाद आई सरकार ने इस योजना को ठंडे बस्ते में डाल दिया। भारत में सूखे और बाढ़ की समस्या का स्थाई निदान नदी जोड़ो परियोजना में ही निहित है। सीमित पैमाने पर ही सही, चीन और दक्षिण अफ्रीका आदि देशों में सफलतापूर्वक ऐसी परियोजनाएं

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पूरी की गई हैं। विभिन्न अध्ययनों से स्पष्ट है कि यदि नदियों को जोड़ने की योजना साकार होती है तो सिंचित रकबा मौजूदा के मुकाबले 15 फीसद बढ़ जाएगा। 35-40 गीगावाट जल ऊर्जा के रूप में सस्ती स्वच्छ ऊर्जा प्राप्त होगी। 15 हजार किलोमीटर नहरों का विकास होगा। बड़े पैमाने पर वनीकरण होगा। पानी की समस्या दूर होगी। आर्थिक बदहाली दूर होगी। जो अर्थव्यवस्था मानसून की गुलाम बनी हुई है, उस अर्थव्यवस्था में नई जान आएगी। पंजाब, हरियाणा, उत्तर प्रदेश, बिहार और पश्चिम बंगाल में नहर प्रणाली पुनर्स्थापित करके ही इन राज्यों को मजबूती मिली थी। अब नदियों को जोड़ने का काम देशव्यापी स्तर पर होना चाहिए। इससे जल संचय भी होगा। जितना बाढ़ का पानी व्यर्थ में बह जाता है, वह नदियों में रहेगा। हमारे देश में कोई भी परियोजना शुरू होने से पहले ही उसका विरोध शुरू हो जाता है जबकि परियोजनाओं के लिए जन भागीदारी जरूरी है। जो लोग सूखे और बाढ़ के दिनों में सरकार-प्रशासन को कोसते हैं, उन्हें खुद सोचना होगा कि समस्या का स्थायी निदान क्या है। अब केन्द्र में मोदी सरकार है, उम्मीद की जाती चाहिए कि वह नदी जोड़ो योजना को पूरी शक्ति से साकार करेगी।

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गुड़गांव . देश की पहली भूकंप चेतावनी प्रणाली गुड़गांव स्थित हरियाणा लोक प्रशासन संस्थान (हिपा) में स्थापित की गई है जिसका विधिवत शुभारंभ सोमवार को प्रदेश के वित्त राजस्व एवं आपदा प्रबंधन मंत्री कैप्टन अभिमन्यु ने किया।

यह प्रणाली भूकंप आने से 30 सैकण्ड पहले चेतावनी देगी। इस

प्रणाली के शुभारंभ अवसर पर कैप्टन अभिमन्यु ने कहा कि हालांकि 30 सैकण्ड का समय बहुत कम होता है परंतु जब भूकंप में फंसे हों तो उस समय जान-माल को नुकसान से बचाने के लिए एक-एक सैकण्ड कीमती होता है। उन्होंने हिपा के महानिदेशक एसपी गुप्ता से कहा कि वे इस प्रणाली से उन सभी लोगों को अवगत करवाएं जो ज्यादा से ज्यादा भूकंप के बाद के जोखिम से बचाने में सहायक हो सकते हैं। कैप्टन अभिमन्यु ने कहा कि यह प्रणाली ज्यादा भीड़-भाड़ वाले सार्वजनिक स्थलों पर स्थापित करने के लिए प्राइवेट कंपनियों से सहयोग लिया जाना चाहिए। राजस्व मंत्री ने

कहा कि गुड़गांव भविष्य का शहर है जिसे ग्लोबल सिटी या मिलेनियम सिटी भी कहा जाता है। यहां पर अंतरराष्ट्रीय मानकों के अनुसार सुरक्षा के प्रबंध होने ही चाहिए।

हिपा के महानिदेशक एसपी गुप्ता ने अपने स्वागत संबोधन में बताया कि भूकंप आने से पहले चेतावनी देने वाली यह प्रणाली विश्व के 26 देशों में संचालित की जा रही है। भारत में हिपा परिसर में यह पहली प्रणाली लगाई गई है। इस प्रणाली की मदद से 30 सैकण्ड पहले चेतावनी मिलेगी कि भूकंप आने वाला है और रिक्टर स्केल पर भूकंप की तीव्रता 5 से ऊपर होने पर ही चेतावनी देगी।

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बुंदेलखंड की किस्मत में जूझना है चाहे सूखा हो बारिश

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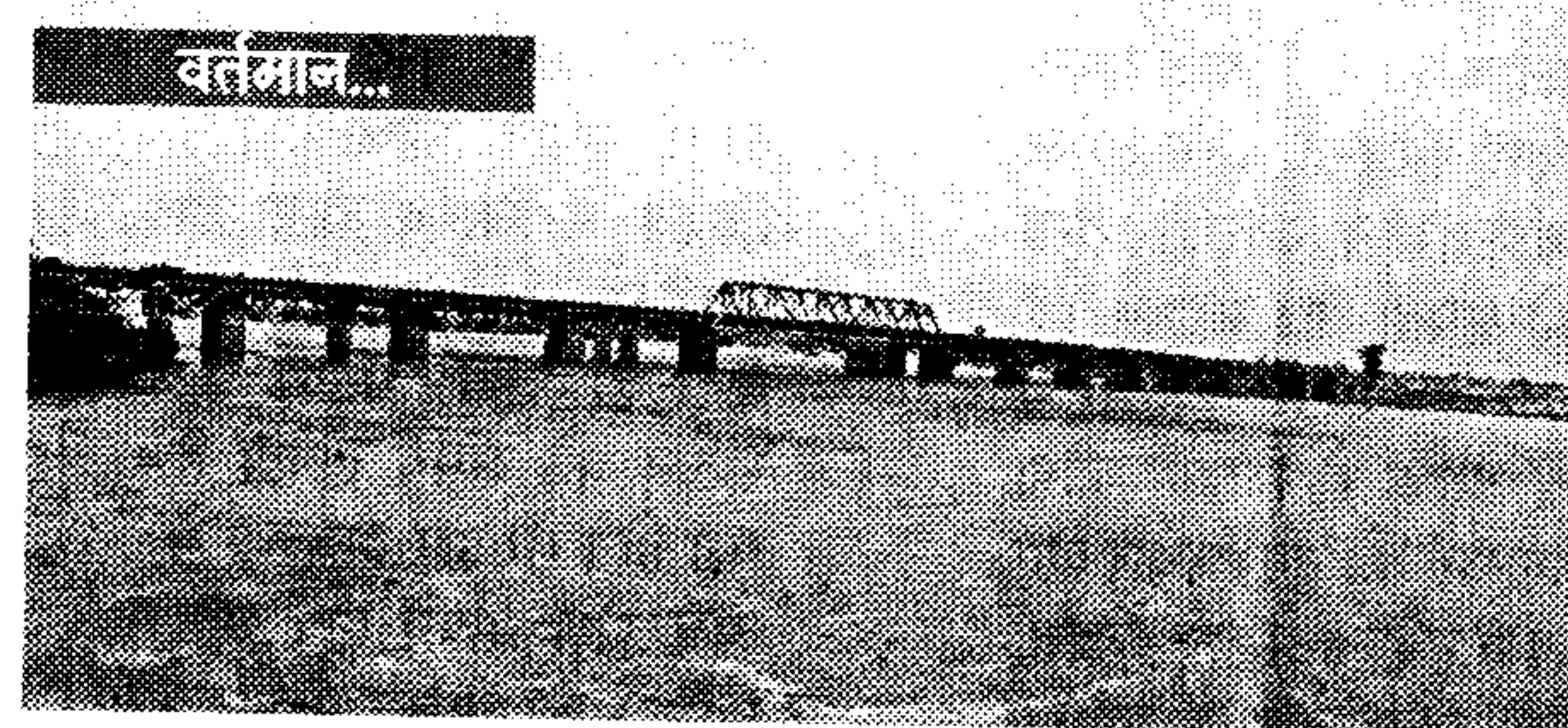
नई दिल्ली. अभी महीना भर भी नहीं बीता, जब बुंदेलखंड के लोग सूखे की त्रासदी झेल रहे थे और तब नेता लोग जोर-शोर से बयान दे रहे थे। लोगों की प्यास बुझाने के लिए टैंकों से पानी की व्यवस्था की जा रही थी। लेकिन अब मानसून की भारी बारिश के बाद बुंदेलखंड पानी से लबालब है, फिर भी यहां के किसान परेशान हैं, क्योंकि अब वे बाढ़ की त्रासदी झेल रहे हैं।

यह विडंबना है कि जल संचयन की ठीक व्यवस्था न होने की वजह से ही लाखों लोगों को



संकट का सामना करना पड़ता है। इन हालात के बारे में बुंदेलखंड के मशहूर सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता आशीष सागर कहते हैं कि जल वर्षा संचयन सरकार के प्लान में ही शामिल ही नहीं है। उसी का नतीजा है कि इस समय यहां के लगभग

सभी जिले बाढ़ की स्थिति में हैं। जब सूखे की त्रासदी अपने चरम पर थी तो 2000 खेत तालाब या कहिए चौसर बनाने की व्यवस्था की थी। इसके लिए 100 करोड़ रुपये फूंक डाले गए, लेकिन नतीजा ढाक के तीन पात वाला है।



परंपरागत जल स्रोतों का बचाव भी नहीं होता

बुंदेलखंड क्षेत्र में ही पड़ने वाले चरखारी, टीकमगढ़ और पन्ना की जलापूर्ति का साधन तो कुआ और तालाब ही थे। सरकार अगर सिर्फ इन पर ठीक से ध्यान दे देती, तो बाढ़ जैसी स्थिति से निपटा जा सकता है। बाढ़ की वजह से किसानों की फसल भी बर्बाद हो गई है। भारी बारिश की वजह से जो स्थिति अगस्त महीने में होनी थी, वह अभी ही हो गई है लेकिन सरकार चेतने को तैयार नहीं है।

2000 खेत तालाब बनाने की थी योजना

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सरकारों को जल संचयन की व्यवस्था से आम लोगों को जोड़ना होगा। ठेकेदारी प्रथा सिर्फ घोटालों को जन्म देती है। जनता का काम भी नहीं होता और लोग बेरोजगार भी बने रहते हैं। यह पूरी तरह से मिसमैनेजमेंट का मामला है। सरकार को बुंदेलखंड सिर्फ सूखाग्रस्त चाहिए।

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पाली शहर स्थित लोर्डिया तालाब की पाल बिन बारिश ही टूट गई। जिससे तालाब की पाल कमजोर हो गई। ओर आगामी दिनों में बारिश आने पर पाल में कटाव होने का खतरा बना हुआ है। जबकि प्रशासन आंखे मूंदे बैठा है। पत्रिका-19-7-16 शेखर राठौड़

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31 कस्बों में डेढ़ महीने में डेढ़ इंच बारिश भी नहीं

अब तक पाली, सिरोही और नागौर में ही अच्छी बारिश

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किस जिले में कितनी बारिश

जोधपुर संभाग के 70 कस्बों में से 31 कस्बों में बीते डेढ़ महीने के दौरान डेढ़ इंच भी बरसात नहीं हो सकी है। सर्वाधिक खराब स्थिति बाड़मेर की है, जहां एक जून से 18 जुलाई तक महज 5 मिलीमीटर बारिश हो सकी है। बाड़मेर के 10 कस्बों में बहुत कम बरसात हुई है। जोधपुर के ओसियां, लूणी, शेरगढ़, बालेसर, बाप, लोहावट, तिंवरी और पीपाड़ में भी कम बारिश हुई है। जैसलमेर और जालोर के कई हिस्सों में भी कम बरसात हुई है। मारवाड़ में केवल पाली, सिरोही और नागौर में ही अच्छी बरसात है, जहां पिछले 45 दिनों में अधिकतर स्थानों पर चार इंच से अधिक बारिश हुई है। संभाग में अभी तक माउंट आबू सर्वाधिक बरसात 247.4 मिलीमीटर पानी बरस चुका है। पाली का सोजत 245 मिमी बारिश के साथ दूसरे स्थान पर है।

पिछले 45 दिनों की बारिश के तथ्य

70 में से 31 कस्बों में चालीस मिमी से कम बरसात

4 स्थानों पर ही हुई है 200 मिमी से अधिक बारिश

22 शहरों में हुई है 100 मिमी से अधिक बारिश

7 शहरों में हुई है 10 मिमी से भी कम बारिश

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