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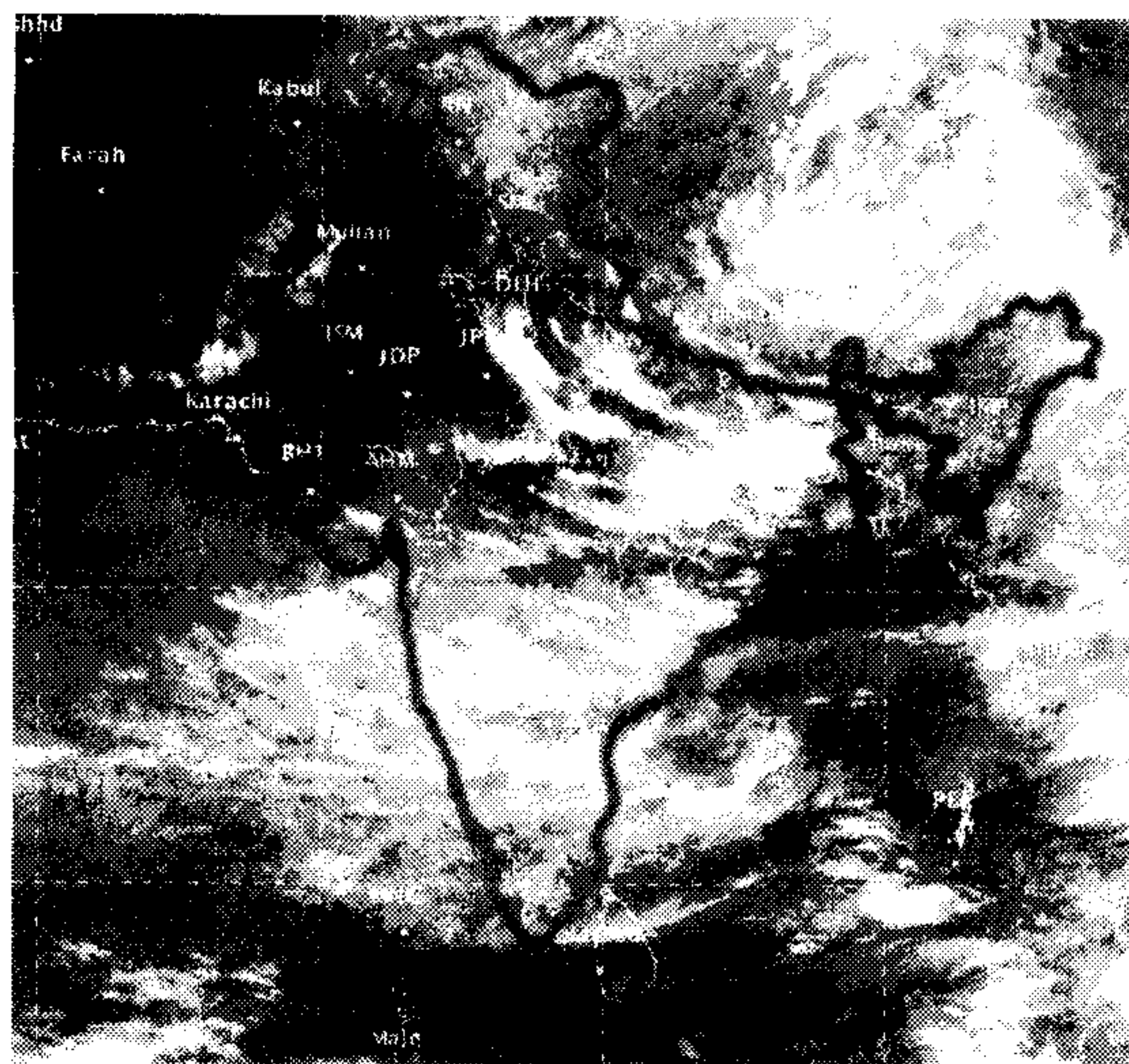
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Anti-larval operation in Yamuna reduces mosquito breeding: Officials

NEW DELHI, JULY 19

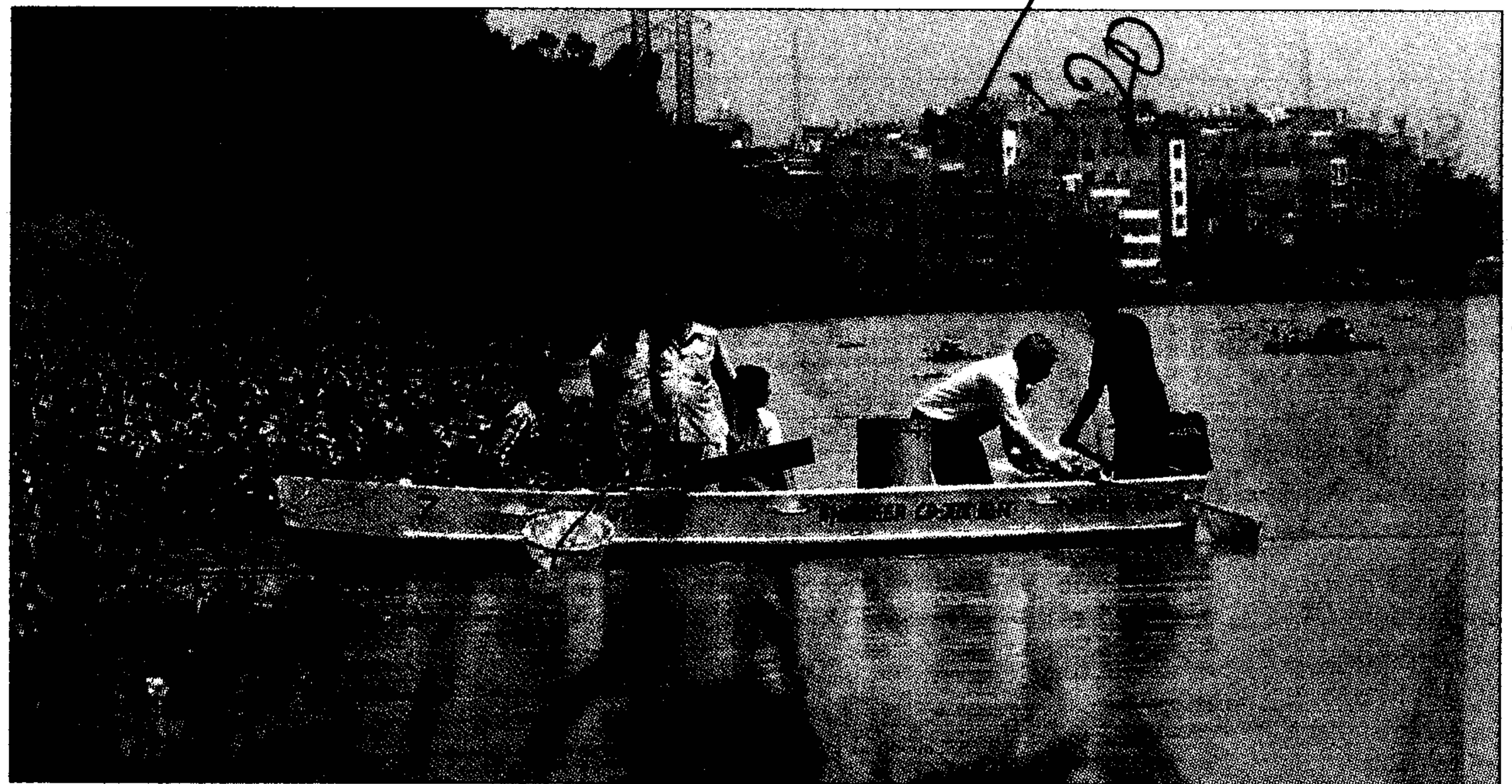
"Breeding of mosquitoes in Yamuna and the neighbouring region has been significantly reduced" after the week-long first eco-friendly anti-larval operation in the river, civic officials claimed today.

The operation, jointly conducted by the three municipal corporations, which seeks to reduce breeding of mosquitoes in the river and raise awareness among people, concluded today.

"We started on July 11 and as part of the operation, we used a net made of muslin to scoop out larvae from the river and then buried them under soil. It's a completely eco-friendly drive and no chemical has been used," a senior NDMC official said.

All three civil bodies--North, South and East Delhi Municipal Corporations--have joined hands for this drive.

"We conducted a pilot on May 13 and 14 in Civil Lines Zone and found (good) results, so we took up this project. The breeding of culex mosquito has reduced significantly.



MCD workers carry out an anti-dengue operation in the Yamuna following the recent spurt in dengue cases, in New Delhi on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MANAS RANJAN BHUI

And, if we start in March from next year onwards, the effect will be even better," a senior official of the NDMC's Civil Lines Zone office said.

He said the drive was conducted from Wazirabad Barrage to Okhla Barrage.

"While we have looked into the issue of drains as breeding region for mosquitoes, Yamuna was never

really seen as a mosquito menace. So, we did this for the first time. Yamuna also has hyacinths which were proving to be an impediment, so we got that removed in the stretch we chose and results began to show in the drive," he said.

Culex mosquitoes fly in the radius of 5 km and cause a lot of nuisance, besides causing filariasis

infection, civic official said.

"While conducting the drive, we also raised awareness about breeding of all kinds of mosquitoes, like female anopheles (malaria) and aedes aegypti (dengue), and the preventive measures to be taken to ward off vector-borne diseases," the official said.

"An exhibition was also

organised on subjects like specially-made cooler for prevention of dengue and olyset mosquito-net (long-lasting insecticidal net)," he said.

At least 50 cases of dengue have been reported in the national Capital this season with 22 of these recorded this month, according to a municipal report.—PTI

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Stop passing the buck

Urban flooding is a yearly phenomenon. Far from enjoying the monsoon, we are busy evading potholes

In an interview to a business daily on his new book, *The Great Derangement: Climate Change and the Unthinkable*, author Amitav Ghosh said the entire vocabulary of the Paris climate agreement is a "vocabulary of concealment... It produces a rhetoric that is geared towards something while all the players are doing exactly the opposite". The author's comments hold true for the management of India's cities, which are already facing the brunt of climate change but choose to stay in denial.

Come the monsoon, the roads get inundated resulting in massive traffic snarls. Urban flooding has become a yearly phenomenon. Leave alone enjoying the sights, sounds and smell of the monsoon, we are busy evading the next pothole and slush. Mumbai is no better. With the monsoon in full flow, potholed roads and the traffic gridlocks are likely to continue. Until July 10, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation recorded 612 potholes. The culprit is the lack of coordination between different agencies tasked with cleaning drains and maintaining the roads. In Delhi, there are at least 17 government agencies, which are in some way involved in road, drainage and their maintenance. Even though the three municipal corporations are responsible for providing civic amenities to 98% of the city, there are areas that do not fall under its jurisdiction.

The "vocabulary of concealment" works here too. While Delhi's deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia has asked the civic agencies to pull up their socks, the North Delhi Municipal Corporation said the Delhi government was to be blamed for the water-logging woes of the city. Come to think of it, this passing the buck game works for both parties. However, it may impact AAP politically because citizens these days are far more demanding than they were a few years ago and are aware that their taxes are going down the drain. This week, many took to social media to vent their anger and posted photos of people wading through knee-deep water. The time for 'how to rectify' has long passed; city governments and civic agencies must stop playing petty games and get the work done instead of hiding behind lofty promises and jargon.

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With river in spate, pregnant women stranded near Surpur

RAVIKUMAR NARABOLI

YADGIR: Last monsoon, Neelakantarayanagaddi island witnessed a shocking incident. A nine-month pregnant woman swam across the Krishna, which was in spate, to the mainland where she gave birth to a healthy baby.

The river is in spate again this year and the Neelakantarayanagaddi village near Surpur is completely cut off. But this year the district administration is gearing up for rescue efforts, more so as there are three pregnant women on the island, one of them in an advanced stage of pregnancy.

The village lost connectivity after the authorities released water from the Narayanpur reservoir upstream on Tuesday, which has a continuous inflow from the Alamatti reservoir in Bagalkot district.

Arrangements are being



PRECARIOUS SITUATION: The Neelakantarayanagaddi island was cut off from the mainland after water from the Narayanapur reservoir was released on Tuesday. — PHOTO: RAVIKUMAR NARABOLI

District administration is gearing up for rescue efforts, and a team of doctors is ready in Kakker

made to shift Yallamma Ramma to the mainland on a mechanised boat. Arun Kulkarni, tahsildar of Surpur, said

a team of doctors is ready to receive her at the Primary Health Centre at Kakker

"She will be given first priority in rescue because of her precarious condition, and others will follow, if necessary," said Mr. Kulkarni. The boat operator from Kalaburagi is expected to arrive by Wednesday morning.

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Petition in NGT says can't ban cultural events on Yamuna

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NEW DELHI: The National Green Tribunal on Tuesday allowed an application that said religious and cultural events at the Yamuna riverbed cannot be banned by bringing them under the ambit of environmental laws.

The panel is examining the issue of damage to the floodplains of the river, allegedly caused by the Art of Living cultural extravaganza in March this year.

The plea, moved by Prajanya Chowdhry, Anil Kapoor and Anand Mathur, said the idea that festivals and other religious and cultural gatherings on the plains of rivers pollute these water bodies is baseless.

Advocate Anirudh Sharma, who appeared for them, said the Constitution of India allowed individuals to hold events and that any restriction would deny such rights to them.

He contended that authorities had turned blind a eye to constructions on floodplains and sought an inspection of the Okhla side of the Yamuna river bed and a detailed report with respect to buildings constructed on it.

**THE PLEA SAID THE IDEA
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"Direct the state respondents to ensure that the religious and cultural gatherings on the banks of rivers, if any, be conducted in the most eco-friendly manner," the plea said.

The main Art Of Living case will be heard on August 10 and 11. The chairperson of the special committee wrote to the NGT on Monday asking for 10 more days to submit the report, which will determine the fine in lieu of damage caused on the floodplains by the World Culture Festival.

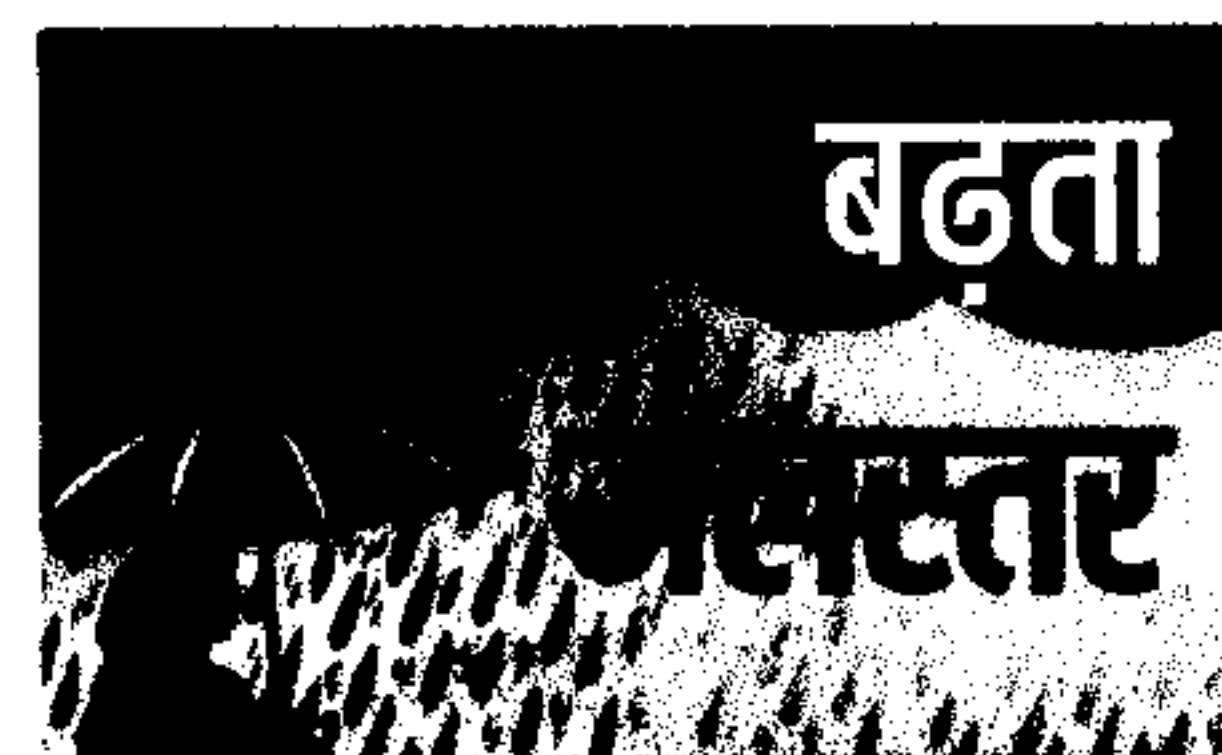
The fresh application came before the bench headed by NGT Chairman Swatanter Kumar, which listed the issue for August 10.

The green panel had, on March 9, refused to prohibit the three-day World Culture Festival, held by AOL between March 11 and 13, but asked it to pay a compensation of R5 crore for damaging the biodiversity and aquatic life of the Yamuna.

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जलस्तर वर्ष 1978 का रिकॉर्ड तोड़ने से सिर्फ 0.19 मीटर दूर रह गया है यमुना ने खतरे की घंटी बजाई, पलायन शुरू



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नई दिल्ली | वरिष्ठ संवाददाता

दिल्ली में यमुना का जल स्तर मंगलवार को चेतावनी सीमा पार कर गया। दिल्ली के पुराने यमुना पुल पर देर शाम जल स्तर 204.30 मीटर पर आ गया। यह खतरे के निशान 204.83 से महज 00.53 मीटर दूर है। यमुना किनारे रह रहे लोगों को अलर्ट जारी होने के बाद उन्होंने पलायन शुरू कर दिया है।

वर्ष 1978 में यमुना का जलस्तर 207.49 मीटर तक पहुंच गया था जो अब तक का रिकॉर्ड है। दिल्ली के सिंचाई एवं बाढ़ नियंत्रण विभाग ने बदरपुर, बुराड़ी, सोनिया विहार, जगतपुर, वजीरपुर, बोट क्लब, गीता कॉलोनी, शमशान घाट, हैथी घाट, चिल्ला गांव, मयूरविहार, बटला हाउस, कालिंदी कुज

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और बवाना नहर सहित कई इलाकों में 18 मोटरबोट तैनात किए हैं।

हथिनी कुंड से ज्यादा पानी छोड़ने से मुश्किल : हथिनी कुंड से शनिवार को एक लाख क्यूसेक से ज्यादा पानी छोड़ने के कारण स्थिति चेतावनी स्तर तक आई है। अफसरों का कहना है कि हम लगातार नजर बनाए हुए हैं। बाढ़ नियंत्रण टीम भी तैयार है। मंगलवार को हथिनी कुंड बैराज

से 15000 क्यूसेक पानी छोड़ा गया। बताया जा रहा है कि पहले से बहुत कम पानी छोड़ा गया है। हथिनी कुंड बैराज से रविवार को प्रति सेकेंड औसतन 30 हजार क्यूसेक पानी छोड़ा गया था। शाम सात बजे 34 हजार 656 क्यूसेक पानी छोड़ा गया था। उसके बाद सोमवार को कम पानी छोड़ने के बावजूद यमुना का जलस्तर बढ़ने लगा।

निशान के खतरे

नई दिल्ली। राजधानी दिल्ली में मंगलवार को यमुना का जल स्तर चेतावनी सीमा को पार कर गया। हथिनी कुंड से पानी छोड़ने के बाद ये हालात बने हैं। जल स्तर के खतरे के पास आने के चलते यमुना के आसपास रहने वाले लोगों को ऊपर जाने को कहा गया है।

जलभराव का 24 घंटे में समाधान करें

सरपटी

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एम्स फ्लाईओवर और सरिता विहार अंडरपास में हुए जलभराव पर दिल्ली सरकार ने मंगलवार को एनबीसीसी (नेशनल बिल्डिंग कंस्ट्रक्शन कॉर्पोरेशन) व डीडीए को नोटिस भेजा। दोनों विभागों से 24 घंटे में उन अवरोधों को हटाने को कहा है, जिनकी वजह से जलभराव होता है। सोमवार को ही उप-मुख्यमंत्री मनीष सिसोदिया ने तमाम

निर्देश

- दिल्ली सरकार ने एनबीसीसी और डीडीए को नोटिस जारी किया
- एम्स फ्लाईओवर व सरिता विहार अंडरपास में पानी भरने से दिक्कत

विभागों के अधिकारियों के साथ जलभराव पर बैठक की थी।

सिसोदिया ने बैठक में अधिकारियों को फटकार लगाते हुए संयुक्त निरीक्षण कर जलभराव के कारणों की रिपोर्ट तैयार करने कहा था। हाल ही में हुई तेज बारिश के कारण एम्स फ्लाईओवर और सरिता

विहार अंडरपास के पास जलभराव हो गया था। इसके चलते यहां पर लंबा जाम लग गया था। इसी बात पर एसडीएम की ओर से दोनों विभागों को नोटिस जारी किया गया है।

कॉलेज के सामने सीवर लाइन फटी: दक्षिणी दिल्ली स्थित पीजीडीएवी कॉलेज के सामने मंगलवार को एक सीवर पाइप लाइन फट गई। इससे कॉलेज की सड़क समेत रिंग रोड का बड़ा हिस्सा गंदे पानी से डूब गया। कॉलेज प्रशासन ने इसकी जानकारी जल बोर्ड और नगर निगम अधिकारियों को भी दी लेकिन कोई भी मौके पर नहीं पहुंचा।

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गंगोत्री में फंसे 150 कांवड़िए रस्सी के सहारे निकाले गए

बादल फटने से निपटने का हल अभी नहीं : केंद्र



आफत की बारिश

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गंगनानी और हेलूगाड के पास सोमवार देर शाम चट्टान टूटने से 634 यात्री और कांवड़िए गंगोत्री और दूसरी जगहों पर फंस गए। मंगलवार दोपहर को बीआरओ और पुलिस ने करीब डेढ़ सौ कांवड़ियों और तीर्थयात्रियों को रस्सियों के सहारे सुरक्षित निकाल लिया।

बुधवार सुबह तक गंगोत्री हाईवे को हेलूगाड और गंगनानी में खोलने का दावा किया जा रहा है। हेलूगाड

और गंगनानी में हाईवे को खोलने के लिए बीआरओ पूरे दिन मशक्कत करता रहा। मंगलवार दोपहर तक हाईवे नहीं खुल पाने पर बीआरओ और पुलिस ने टूटी हुई चट्टान के ऊपर से राकक्लाइबिंग के जरिये से फंसे हुए डेढ़ सौ कांवड़ियों और यात्रियों सुरक्षित निकाल लिया।

दावा किया जा रहा है बुधवार सुबह तक रास्ता खोल दिया जाएगा। हाईवे बंद होने से उपला टकनौर के करीब 7 गावों का संपर्क भी जनपद मुख्यालय से कट गया है। सैकड़ों कांवड़िये गंगनानी हर्षिल में फंसे हुए हैं। बीआरओ हेलूगाड और गंगनानी में मंगलवार को दिन भर हाईवे से बोलडर हटाने की कोशिश करती रही, लेकिन मंगलवार देर शाम तक हाईवे नहीं खुल पाया था।



गंगोत्री में मंगलवार को कांवड़ियों को सुरक्षित निकालते बीआरओ और पुलिसकर्मी।

नई दिल्ली | विशेष संवाददाता

केंद्र सरकार ने मंगलवार को माना कि वैज्ञानिक तरीके के बिना प्राकृतिक आपदाओं से नहीं निपटा जा सकता। लेकिन उत्तराखंड में बादल फटने जैसी घटनाओं से निपटने का हल अभी वैज्ञानिक नहीं निकाल सके हैं।

हालांकि भारत में उपलब्ध संसाधनों के जरिये ऐसी आपदाओं का दूरगामी समाधान निकालने के प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं, और इसकी विश्व स्तर पर सराहना भी हुई है। गृह राज्य मंत्री

किरण रिजजू ने राज्यसभा में कहा कि पानी के बादल एक से तीन घंटे के अंदर बन जाते हैं। इनके फटने का पूर्वानुमान नहीं लगाया जा सकता। यह प्रौद्योगिकी हमारे पास और दुनिया में कहीं भी नहीं है।

उन्होंने सदन को बताया कि वैज्ञानिक समुदाय प्रयासरत है और उम्मीद है कि जल्द ही ऐसी प्रौद्योगिकी विकसित हो जाएगी। उन्होंने कहा कि उत्तराखंड और हिमाचल में बादल फटने की घटनाएं अक्सर बारिश के दिनों में होती हैं।

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दो एजेंसियों के खिलाफ दिए चालान के आदेश

वॉटर लॉगिंग : मलबा हटाकर ड्रेनेज साफ करना होगा

■ विशेष संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली

दिल्ली की सड़कों पर जलभराव के लिए जिम्मेदार एजेंसियों के खिलाफ कार्रवाई शुरू हो गई है। इसी सिलसिले में एम्स फ्लाईओवर और सरिता विहार अंडरपास पर जलभराव की शिकायतों पर कार्रवाई करते हुए दिल्ली सरकार ने एनबीसीसी और डीडीए के खिलाफ चालान ऑर्डर जारी किया है।

एसडीएम ने सीआरपीसी की धारा-133 के तहत आदेश जारी किया है और दोनों एजेंसियों को 24 घंटे के भीतर मलबा हटाने और ड्रेनेज सिस्टम में आने वाली रुकावट को दूर करने के निर्देश दिए हैं। एजेंसियों को फोटोग्राफ समेत प्रोग्रेस रिपोर्ट सब्मिट करने के निर्देश भी दिए गए हैं। दिल्ली सरकार ने जलभराव की शिकायतों को बेहद गंभीरता से लिया है। एक दिन पहले ही डिप्टी सीएम मनीष सिसोदिया ने सभी विभागों के अधिकारियों के साथ उच्चस्तरीय मीटिंग की थी और जलभराव वाली जगहों पर जॉइंट इंस्पेक्शन करने के निर्देश दिए थे। साथ ही, संबंधित क्षेत्रों के एसडीएम को भी कहा गया था कि कंस्ट्रक्शन वर्क के कारण होने वाले जलभराव और ट्रैफिक जाम की समस्या के लिए जिम्मेदार एजेंसियों का चालान किया जाए।

डिप्टी सीएम के निर्देश के बाद डिफेंस कॉलोनी के एसडीएम ने एनबीसीसी (नैशनल बिल्डिंग कंस्ट्रक्शन



कॉर्पोरेशन) के खिलाफ 133 सीआरपीसी के तहत चालान ऑर्डर जारी किया है। ऑर्डर में कहा गया है कि किदवई नगर ईस्ट और मेन रोड के आसपास जलभराव और ट्रैफिक जाम की समस्या के चलते आम लोग काफी परेशान हैं। कंस्ट्रक्शन वर्क के चलते ड्रेनेज सिस्टम में रुकावट आ रही है और 24 घंटे के भीतर यह रुकावट दूर की जानी चाहिए। साइट पर जो मलबा पड़ा हुआ है, उसे तुरंत हटाया जाए ताकि वहां पर पानी जमा न हो।

इसी तरह से सरिता विहार के एसडीएम ने डीडीए के

इंजेक्च्यूटिव इंजीनियर को निर्देश दिए हैं कि सरिता विहार अंडरपास पर जलभराव की समस्या को दूर किया जाए और प्रोग्रेस रिपोर्ट सौंपी जाए। सीआरपीसी की धारा-133 के तहत एसडीएम को यह पावर होती है कि वह चालान ऑर्डर जारी कर सकता है। ट्रैफिक पुलिस ने 29 ऐसे स्पॉट के बारे में भी रिपोर्ट दी हैं, जहां पर जलभराव की ज्यादा समस्या है। एम्स फ्लाईओवर के पास एनबीसीसी द्वारा कंस्ट्रक्शन वर्क किया जा रहा है और वहां पर जलभराव व जाम की समस्या सामने आ रही है।

‘नाला सफाई घोटाले की सीबीआई जांच हो’

■ विस, नई दिल्ली : विपक्ष के नेता विजेंद्र गुप्ता ने आरोप लगाया है कि दिल्ली सरकार के पीडब्ल्यूडी ने नालों की सफाई सिर्फ कागजों पर कराकर ठेकेदारों को करोड़ों रुपये का भुगतान कर दिया है। इसी कारण नालों में जमी गाद की सफाई न होने से बरसात का पानी लोगों के घरों में और सड़कों पर बाढ़ का रूप ले रहा है। उन्होंने नाला सफाई में भ्रष्टाचार का आरोप लगाया है और इस मामले की सीबीआई जांच की मांग की है। गुप्ता ने कहा कि पीडब्ल्यूडी नालों की सफाई का काम बरसात आने से पहले ही हो जाना चाहिए था। वजीरपुर से रानीबाग तक बह रहे नाले की गाद में गिरकर 9 मई को नौशाद के परिवार के 9 वर्षीय बेटे अनस की मौत हो गई थी। उन्होंने कहा कि अनस के परिजनों को दो महीने बीत जाने के बाद भी न तो कोई मुआवजा दिया गया है न ही घटना के लिए जिम्मेदार किसी अधिकारी पर एक्शन लिया गया है। उन्होंने कहा कि वह अनस के परिजनों को न्याय दिलाने और नालों की सफाई के मामलों में हुए भ्रष्टाचार की सीबीआई जांच के लिए 21 जुलाई 2016 को सीएम आवास के सामने धरने पर बैठेंगे।

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■ Vehicles go around a big water-filled pothole at the ITO crossing, one of the busiest road stretches in the Capital. Several roads in the city reported waterlogging after rains.

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बिहार में एक-दो जगहों पर भारी बारिश के साथ ज्यादातर स्थानों पर मध्यम बारिश रिकॉर्ड की गई।

मॉनसून पूरे उत्तर प्रदेश में बरस रहा है। इस वजह से गंगा, यमुना, घाघरा, शारदा और राप्ती नदियां उफान पर हैं।

पूर्वी राजस्थान में भारी बारिश के कारण बनी बाढ़ जैसी स्थिति पानी के कम होने से सामान्य हो रही है।



१०/७/२०१६... को निम्नलिखित समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित मानसून/ बाढ़ से संबंधी समाचार

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DELHI'S RAIN MISERY HERE TO STAY: EXPERTS



■ **A portion of a road that caved in near Trilokpuri.** SUSHIL KUMAR/HT

NEW DELHI: With no quick-fix solution likely and a heavier-than-normal monsoon being predicted, the coming weeks are likely to see reruns of the traffic chaos of last week. "Of all the metro cities (in India), Delhi is the worst equipped when it comes to managing its infrastructure during monsoon. A few minutes of shower are enough to bring the city to a halt," said Dr Sendil Kumar, researcher at IIT Delhi, while explaining how much of the city's woes during rains are due to endemic design flaws. »P3

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Yamuna water level crosses warning level

NEW DELHI, JULY 19

The water level in the Yamuna in Delhi has crossed the warning level due to discharge of water from a barrage in Haryana even as the Delhi government has deployed several motor boats to evacuate riverside dwellers.

"Due to discharge of large volume of water from Hathni Kund Barrage in Haryana, the water level in the Yamuna has gone up to 204.22 m, as recorded at 1 pm," a Central Water Commission official said.

The warning level for Yamuna is 204 m and the danger level 204.83 m. The highest water level of 207.49 m in Yamuna was recorded in 1978.

"The water level initially rose, but since rains have not taken place that much, the water level is receding," the official said.

On Saturday, 1,60,000 cusec water was released from Hathni Kund Bar-

"Due to discharge of large volume of water from Hathni Kund Barrage in Haryana, the water level in the Yamuna has gone up to 204.22 m, as recorded at 1 pm"

A Central Water Commission official

rage, they said.

The Irrigation and Flood Control Department of the city government had last week deployed 18 motor boats in areas including Badarpur, Burari, Soniya Vihar, Jagatpur, Surghar Wazirpur, Boat Club, Geeta Colony, shamshan ghaat, Haithi Ghaat, Chilla Village, Mayur Vihar, Batla House, Kalindi Kunj and Bawana Nehar.

The department had also directed that the boats be not shifted from these locations till further orders.—PTI

Delhi's same rain and road story

NO SURPRISES As water recedes on inundated roads across Capital, potholes surface to hurt citizens' commute and vehicles

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NEW DELHI: Delhiites may have to face more delays and traffic snarls as the city infrastructure is not equipped to withstand continuous showers as forecast by the Met department.

Dr Sendil Kumar, a researcher IIT Delhi, said the city's drains are not built to flush out rain water efficiently and that the accumulated water worsened the surface of the roads.

"The slopes and gradients in many important junctions have not been properly made. The accumulated water increases the risk of road damage and cave-ins as well as breakdowns. Of all the metro cities, Delhi is the worst equipped when it comes to managing its infrastructure during monsoon. A few minutes of shower is enough to bring the city to a halt," he said.

Last week, when the rainfall was above normal, complaints of flooded roads and cave-ins were reported from across the capital. Potholes reported from several roads across the city will also worsen waterlogging.

Eight road cave-ins were reported from different parts of the city. On Monday, an Indian Navy bus was stuck in a damaged road in Lutyens' zone. In a similar incident, a 20-foot crater was formed near the Nehru Place flyover after heavy rain on Friday.

"Crossing the Nehru Place flyover is a task in itself, with the construction work and heavy traffic. The cave-in added to the traffic woes. On Saturday evening, it took me 20mins to



The main road in central Delhi's Darya Ganj has been damaged due to the continued rains and the Metro construction work. The stretch witnesses traffic jams almost daily. (Left) A damaged road near Mother Dairy in Laxmi Nagar.

ARUN SHARMA AND RAVI CHOUDHARY/HT PHOTOS



A boy jumps across a big pothole in east Delhi's Trilokpuri.

SUSHIL KUMAR/HT PHOTO

just reach the foot of the flyover after crossing Savitri Cinema. In the last two days, I have started taking a different route," said Susheel Yadav of Malviya Nagar.

More than 230 complaints of DTC bus breakdowns were registered with the government helpline.

"A bus breakdown at a busy junction is enough to hold up the traffic for hours. The chances of breakdowns in low-floor buses are higher and we need specialised cranes to remove the buses," said a senior traffic official.

The Delhi government has issued challan orders to National Building Construction Corporation and Delhi Development Authority for waterlogging at AIIMS flyover and Sarita Vihar underpass.

THE ROAD TO RAIN-FRIENDLY CITY

Waterlogging and potholes prove headache for Delhiites every year

33,260 km

Total road length in Delhi

23,931 km

Roads maintained by the municipal corporations

1,200 km

by PWD

8,129 km

by other agencies



20% of the money PWD spends on road maintenance

COMPLAINTS (JULY 11 TO JULY 16)

8 Number of road cave-ins

236 Number of DTC bus breakdowns

1,486 Number of auto-rickshaw breakdowns*

10 complaints of Metro snags, delay of 8mins to 10mins on Friday and Saturday (on all the lines)

*APPROX FIGURE ACCORDING TO UNIONS

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SAVING THE CITY

19 July Hindi

Unclog channel, urge residents

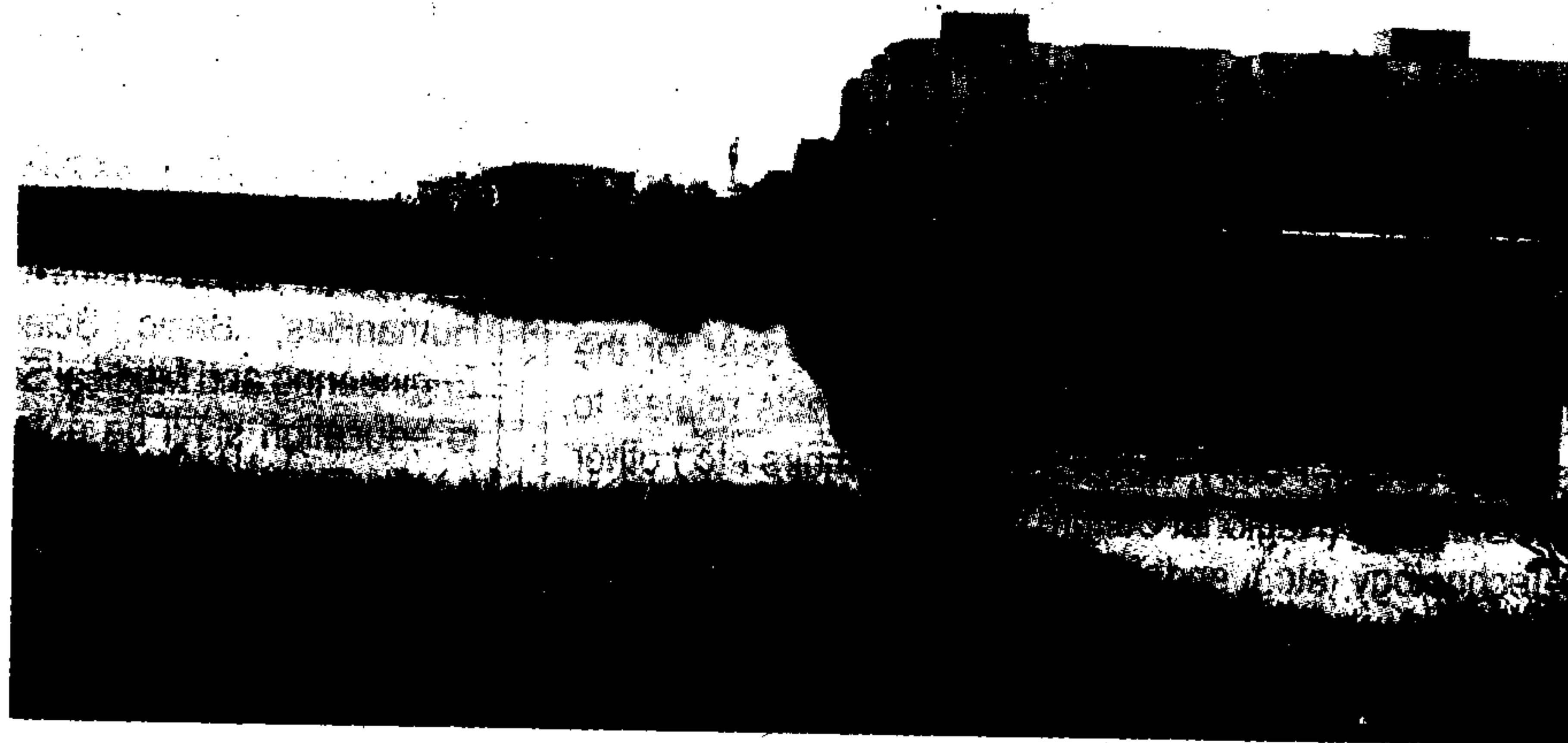
They fear flooding of Thoraipakkam, Kannagi Nagar and Perungudi

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

CHENNAI: Residents demand that the clogged Okkiyam Maduvu, a water channel that drains into the South Buckingham canal along Rajiv Gandhi Salai, be cleaned ahead of the north-east monsoon to prevent flooding of the area.

Portions of Okkiyam Maduvu, particularly near Karapakkam where the 2.8-km channel drains into the Buckingham canal, is densely covered with weeds and presents a picture of neglect. Residents of the localities surrounding the channel, including Thorai-pakkam, are afraid of massive flooding again this monsoon. The channel, which is fed by the Pallikaralai marshland, drains into the Buckingham canal, from where it joins the sea near Muttukadu.

C.R. Balaji, a resident of Mandaveli, who recently visited the area, said the channel was thickly covered by water hyacinth in



TIME FOR CLEAN-UP: A portion of the Okkiyam Maduvu channel near Karapakkam is covered with water hyacinth, raising concerns about flooding. — PHOTO: M. KARUNAKARAN

Officials have listed the stretches to be cleared as part of pre-monsoon cleaning drive

many portions, particularly at Karapakkam. "If left unattended, it will lead to flooding in areas such as Thoraipakkam, Kannagi Nagar and Perungudi," he

said. Jayaraman Venkatesan, convener of Arappor Iyakkam, noted that a portion of the Buckingham canal was misused as a dumping yard near Kanathur and several people came in vehicles to dump garbage along its banks.

He also alleged that the widening of the canal was limited to only few kilometres till Sholinganallur.

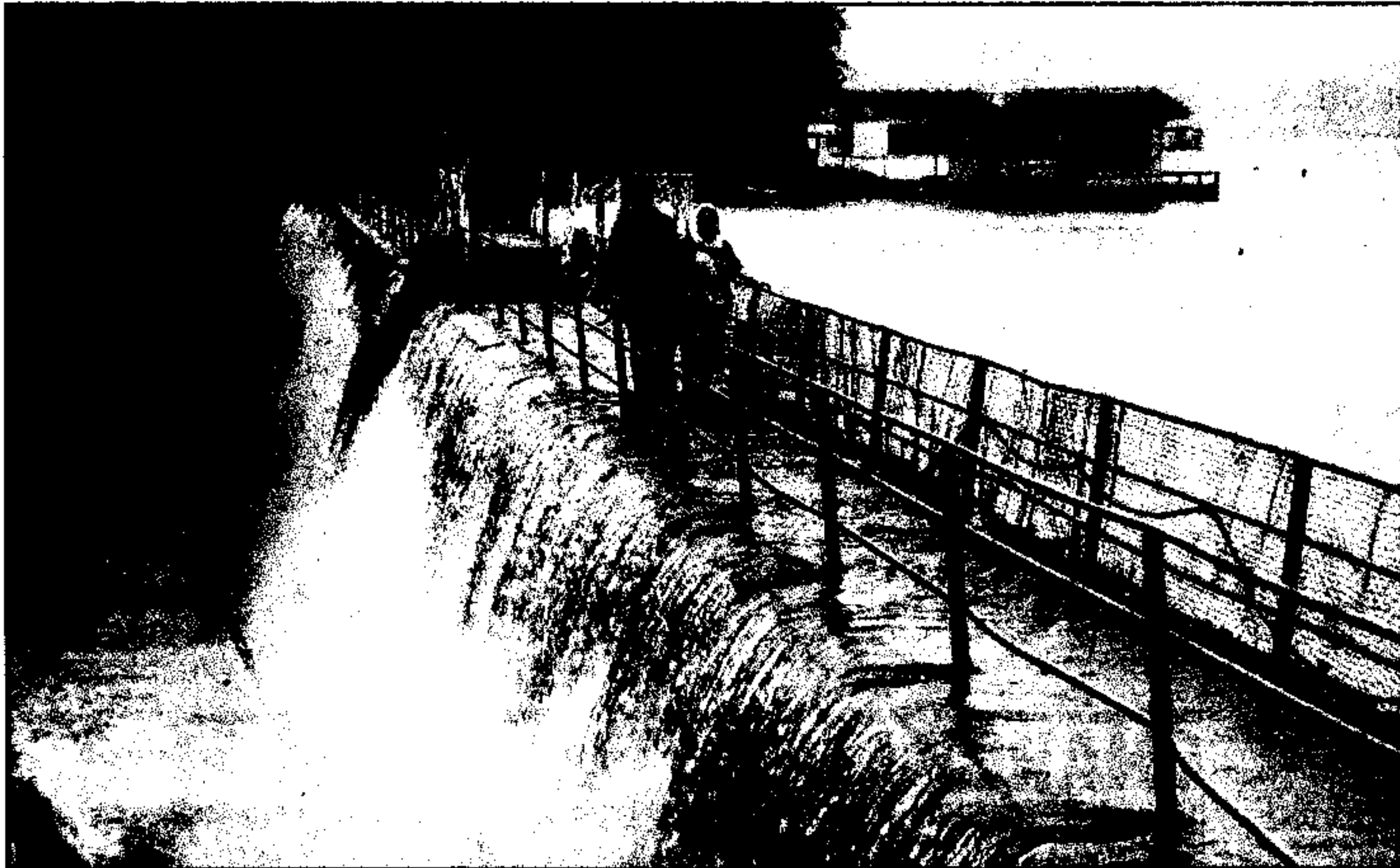
Officials in the Water Re-

sources Department said many such portions had been identified for desilting and cleaning. "We have listed the number of stretches to be cleaned as part of the pre-monsoon cleaning drive. Once the fund is allocated, we will start desilting three stretches of the north, central and south Buckingham canal in August or September," an official said.

Mumbai has no lakes if you believe BMC's plan

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STATUS OF MMR'S WATERBODIES ON PAPER



AS PER DP 1991

107

waterbodies are in Greater Mumbai

324

in rest of MMR (Thane, Kalyan-Dombivli, Navi Mumbai, etc)

IN GREATER MUMBAI

Of 107 waterbodies



> 10 marked as either tank or lake

> Rest are without any specific DP classification

> Some are even classified as recreational ground, playground and so on



> Civic activists say this indicates scant concern for waterbodies by local administration

TERI'S RECOMMENDATIONS

> Teri's report recommends that all existing waterbodies in MMR be documented and mentioned in DP under specific categories and subcategories

> At least 10 meters around a waterbody should be declared as no development zone



> Concretization of edges of a waterbody should be avoided

> Feeder channels should be well-maintained

> In villages, alternative arrangements for washing clothes and cattle should be made (to make access to waterbodies for such purposes unnecessary)

WATERBODIES AND THEIR USE IN MUMBAI

Recreational | 21

Washing | 19

Religious activity | 18

Fire-fighting | 16

Defecation | 9

Fishing | 6

Boating | 5

Drinking | 6

Not known | 15

Total is more than 107 as some lakes have multiple use

AS PER REVISED DRAFT

Unlike DP 1991, the revised draft DP 2034 does not even list waterbodies in the city's land-use plan

PROMINENT LAKES

Waterbodies classified as 'large', with area over six acres

Pawan Hans Lake in Juhu, Chandivli Lake in Powai, Powai Lake, Vihar Lake in Borivli, Tulsi Lake in Borivli, **Bandra Talao** →



ACCESS

53 accessible to public

49 restricted entry

4 accessible with fee

1 inaccessible

200 to 500 people visit accessible waterbodies per day

At select lakes, daily footfall is 1,000 - 2,500

LAKES ELSEWHERE IN MMR

Navi Mumbai | There are 24 lakes and 12 holding ponds. Oxygen levels higher than desirable due to organic and religious waste disposal

Thane | 14 of 24 lakes have excess levels of oxygen and other elements due to organic waste disposal and inflow of untreated sewage

Kalyan-Dombivli | Some of its 9 lakes ruined by unplanned development

Vasai-Virar | 90 waterbodies have undesirable human access

Mira-Bhayandar | 3 lakes have slum encroachments and rampant quarrying in catchment areas

MAJOR ISSUES

Encroachment, sewage flow, dumping of solid waste and construction debris, embankment of edges, deteriorating water quality

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HOW'S THIS FOR A FERRY TALE?

Anindya Chattopadhyay



₹100 TICKET TO OX-BRIDGE: A ride on this ox cart to cross the waterlogged Pul Prahladpur underpass near Delhi's Tughlaqabad Metro station costs Rs 100 one way **Related reports, P 9**

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Ganga in full spate, priests shift temple records

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Dehradun: With the Ganga in full spate near Gaumukh, the point of its origin, priests of the Gangotri temple have over the past few days, shifted documents from the shrine's "record room" to a safer place.

The renowned temple built in the 18th century, which is also one of the four Himalayan dhams, is situated close to the river and priests say that its record room could be the first casualty if the waters of the river continue to swell. The record room has thousands of "bahi" (particulars of families of pilgrims), which belong to the over 250 priests who work at the shrine.

"For us, the bahi (record books) are extremely important so we decided to shift them. We continue to offer daily prayers for the safety of the shrine and the pilgrims who are coming here," said Ashok Semwal, a priest at the shrine.

He added that the river had swelled considerably in the past few days giving everyone "sleepless nights." "The Bhagirathi shila — the stone near

the temple where Raja Bhagirath had meditated to bring the Ganga to earth — had submerged in the river water a few days ago." On Monday, as rains let up a bit, the river water receded and the Bhagirathi Shila reappeared, much to the relief of Semwal and the other priests.

Locals said that the tumultuous surge of the river due to the torrential rains had already

damaged two ashrams and ghats. During the past three days when rains were in full force, many of the priests had to sit huddled inside the temple campus praying that the river waters did not flood the premises. "I have been born and grew up here but never saw the river damaging buildings and ghats," said Semwal.

Meanwhile, district administration officials said that they were "monitoring the water level of the river and would take up the work of repairing of the ghats after the rains subside."

Helpless kids watch parents get washed away by wave in TN

Madurai: A couple was washed away by a giant wave in Nagercoil on Sunday while they were taking a selfie on their cellphone. Police said Umar Sherief, 42, of Valliyankadu in Tirupur district, who owns a chips shop, his wife Fatima Beevi, 40, a teacher in the local madrasa, and their daughters Garbisha Dul Gubra and Ayesha Sidiqa came with another family to Kanyakumari on Friday. On Sunday, they vacated their rooms and decided to visit the Sothuvillai and Sanguthurai beaches before returning home. Umar Sherief was taking a selfie with Fatima Beevi on the Sanguthurai beach in the evening when a giant wave swept the woman into the sea. Umar Sherief who attempted to rescue her was also washed away. TNN



RAVAGED BY RAIN: As Uttarakhand continued to receive torrential rainfall for the fourth consecutive day, two more people were reported dead on Monday, taking the toll to 10

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The Assam Tribune **Flood situation grim in Lakhimpur**

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NORTH LAKHIMPUR, July 17: The flood situation has turned grim in Lakhimpur district following incessant rains since Friday. Four days of continuous rains have led to all the major rivers being in spate in several areas of the district, inundating both human settlements and agricultural lands.

Water levels of all the major rivers of Lakhimpur district—Subansiri, Dikrong, Ranganadi, Borgeenadi, Singra, Sesa, Doorpang have been rising causing concern among thousands of villagers living on their banks. The flood water of Pabha and Gabharu rivers have overflowed NH-15 in Harmutty and inundated many places in Laluk. The revenue circles of Nowboicha, North Lakhimpur and Kadam are also flooded in many places. In North Lakhimpur town, the entire municipality area has witnessed heavy waterlogging due to continuous rains. However, no reports of casualty have come in from anywhere in the district due to the floods.

Irregularities in Dhakuakhana Development Block: Rampant financial irregularities and embezzlement of public funds meant for

rural poor have been alleged in Dhakuakhana Development Block under Lakhimpur District Rural Development Authority.

The public and the deprived beneficiaries have been complaining against irregularities in this block by the concerned officials and by some GP representatives. The first allegation of irregularities under Dhakuakhana Development Block has taken place in East Dhakuakhana GP in releasing the first instalment for IAY homes to beneficiaries. The beneficiary list of the IAY instalment amounting to Rs 36,75,000 sanctioned by the Dhakuakhana BDO Premadhar Kaman for the year 2012-14 through financial institutions has a lot of irregularities including having names of deceased persons.

In the serial number 28 of the beneficiary list the ID Number 12950 is given to one Thanu Ram Kumal. Actually this ID Number belongs to Ram Kumal. Similarly Bal Kumal, an IAY beneficiary finds the name of one Abhiram Pegu against his ID Number in serial number 91 of the beneficiary list. Lakhi Chutia, an IAY beneficiary with ID number 14138 finds the name of Gauri

Nath Pegu against his number in the sanctioned list. One Rajen is sanctioned the first instalment against the IAY ID Number of 12321 of Tara Pegu by the BDO. Similarly, one Karka Bahadur has been sanctioned IAY instalment against the ID Number 12415 belonging to Dhan Bahadur Kumal. The beneficiary list also has sanctioned the IAY amount to one Chabi Lal Kutum against the ID Number of 14212 belonging to Man Maya Chetry, a deceased person.

The deprived beneficiaries have already lodged complaints against a number of officials and GP representatives of Dhakuakhana Development Block at the Dhakuakhana Police Station. But the complainants are now expressing their resentment at the alleged police complicity in pursuing the cases. The same Block Development Officer is also alleged to have embezzled MGNREGA fund to the tune of Rs 8 lakh in construction of rural roads in the block. The construction of rural roads from Narayanpur to Juyepura village is marked by poor work with only slim earth topping and trimming of vegetation on either side. This rural road now has breached portions in three different areas.

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Erosion by Beki river at Govardhan in Baksa district, on Saturday. – UB Photos