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## Release 3,000 cusecs daily: Cauvery panel

K'taka disagrees, chief says it can go to court

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 19

The Cauvery Supervisory Committee on Monday ordered the Karnataka Government to release 3,000 cusecs of river water daily to Tamil Nadu between September 21 and 30 but the state did not agree, a senior officer said.

"After we failed to evolve a consensus, we passed an order that Karnataka will have to release 3,000 cusecs of water to neighbouring Tamil Nadu daily from September 21 to 30. This order is binding on them," Shashi Shekhar, Committee Chairman and Water Resources

Ministry Secretary, said.

He said Karnataka, however, did not agree. "...they (Karnataka) can go to court," the senior officer said.

"The committee took into consideration the interests of all participating states, inflow position, rainfall, daily water inflow into reservoirs of Karnataka, drinking water needs of Karnataka and irrigation needs of Tamil Nadu," he said.

"The order was thus passed after the meeting - attended by officials of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Kerala - failed to evolve a consensus," he said. — IANS

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**Light rain likely  
from Wednesday  
to Saturday**

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**NEW DELHI:** The monsoon is not over yet in the city with spell of light rain likely to occur from Wednesday. The Met office has forecast light rain/thundershow-er from Wednesday to Saturday.

On Tuesday, the day is likely to remain cloudy with the maxi-mum and minimum temperature likely to hover around 37 and 26 degrees Celsius respectively.

"The monsoon withdrawal symptoms have still not devel-oped over the region. These few spell of rain will however not bring major changes in the weather," said Ravinder Vishen, scientist at the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

The city has so far received 523 mm of rainfall as against the normal 617mm . However, the monsoon in Delhi is still normal and not deficient. In the district wise distribution, the north-west, east and northeast Delhi has monsoon deficient of 30, 55 and 46 % respectively.

On Monday, the weather was hot and humid with the maxi-mum temperature settling at 36.8 degrees Celsius, two degree above normal. The minimum tempera-ture was recorded at 26.1 degrees Celsius, a notch above average.

The humidity wavered between a high and low of 84 and 41%.

The city and the adjoining areas had received highest rain-fall on August 31 which had put the city to a halt with water log-ging and traffic.



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# K'taka may soon declare drought

**DRY STATE** Majority of the country received good rain while at least three states including Kerala, Gujarat have received less

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**NEW DELHI:** Karnataka could be the first state to declare a drought this year, as the monsoon, below average so far, has been scanty in some regions.

The monsoon, on its last legs, has been 5% below normal, despite being predicted to be surplus. Nearly 86% of the country's area received normal or excess rains, but the rains were patchy in the rest 14%.

This overall spread prompted Union minister of agriculture and farmer's welfare Radha Mohan Singh to say last week that the country could be headed for a bumper summer harvest.

According to the meteorological (Met) department's classification, monsoon is considered normal if it is within 96-104% of the 50-year average of 89 cm.

Meteorologists are hoping that a last burst of showers in states, such as Goa, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and coastal Karnataka as well as Gujarat to bridge the deficit.

At least three states - Kerala, Karnataka and Gujarat - are battling drought-like conditions in some districts. Karnataka has



■ Police arrest Kannada activists during their protest over the Cauvery water issue, in Bengaluru on Thursday.

PTI PHOTO

seven districts with deficiencies higher than 15%. Kerala has recorded a 32% shortfall while Gujarat's deficiency has been 26%.

A ministerial panel set up by the Karnataka government is assessing the extent of crop loss and water shortfall in rain-deficit districts to make a decision on declaring drought.

In Gujarat's Kutch region, farmers were advised to sow castor and cluster beans instead of oilseeds because of poor rains, N Chattopadhyay, the deputy director general of the Met department told HT.

This pushed up overall acreage under foodgrains by 8%, while that of pulses by 29%, according to the agriculture ministry. Farmers have sown 105.9 million hectares, which is 99.7% of the area normally sown during summer.

In contrast, rains have been very poor in many districts in southern peninsular states, such as Kerala, the whole of northeast and even Punjab and Haryana.

Karnataka's law minister TN Jayachandra, said a decision on drought would be taken only after September 30

## Release 3,000 cusecs of Cauvery water till 30

Press Trust of India

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**NEW DELHI:** The Cauvery supervisory committee ordered Karnataka on Monday to release 3,000 cusecs of water from the river to Tamil Nadu daily between September 21 and 30.

The supervisory committee, in its previous meeting on September 12, had failed to arrive at any decision for want of adequate information which was to be made available by the river basin states. It had asked them to provide the information by September 15.

Tamil Nadu and Karnataka had submitted to the committee data about withdrawal of water, its utilisation, variation in rainfall and its impact on the actual run-off over a period of 29 years in their respective Cauvery basin areas, according to a source.

Besides Shekhar, chief secretaries of TN, Karnataka, Kerala and Puducherry and the central water commission chairman are members of the committee, formed to implement the final award of the Cauvery Water

**TN AND KARNATAKA HAD SUBMITTED DATA ABOUT WITHDRAWAL OF WATER, VARIATION IN RAINFALL AND IMPACT ON THE ACTUAL RUN-OFF**

Disputes Tribunal.

The Supreme Court (SC) had on September 5 asked Tamil Nadu to approach the committee, headed by Union water resources ministry secretary Shashi Shekhar, over the issue.

On that day, the apex court had asked Karnataka to release 15,000 cusecs of water per day for a period of 10 days to Tamil Nadu to ameliorate plight of farmers there.

Karnataka, which is the upper riparian state, approached the SC on September 11 seeking modification of its order.

A day later, the court modified the order, reducing the quantum of water to be released to Tamil Nadu and other states to 12,000 cusecs per day until September 20, when the SC will hear the matter again.



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## 6 go missing in flash floods

STAFF REPORTER

**KOZHIKODE:** Six youths who were bathing in a river at Pasukkadavu in Maruthongara panchayat went missing on Sunday evening following a flash flood. Three others who were part of the nine-member group were rescued by local people. All the youths hail from Kothodu in the district.

Rural police identified the missing youths as Vipindas Devan, 20; P. Rajessh, 24; Aswanth Chandran, 20; Akshay

Rajeevan, 18; P. Vishnu, 19; and A. Sajin, 18.

Local people said the flash flood occurred as a result of the torrential downpour in various places in Wayanad district. The youths were unaware of the danger though it was slightly raining in the region.

Though an intensive search was carried out in various stretches of the river, the rescue teams could not spot any of the victims till late in the evening. An unexpected rise in the water level,

heavy rain and fading light also hit the search operations carried out by the Fire and Rescue Service teams.

Following the incident, the Revenue Department issued an alert to the residents who live close to the riverbank.

Arrangements have been taken to shift some of the families along the Kadanthra river to safer locations. Baburaj, vice-president of Maruthongara panchayat, said it was a dangerous spot where similar accidents had taken place earlier too.

The Hindu, 19/9/16

## Inflow at Mettur dam dips further

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**SALEM:** The quantum of realisation of water from the Cauvery at the Mettur dam dipped further on Sunday.

The dam received an inflow of 11,655 cusecs on Saturday which dropped to 10,857 cusecs on Sunday. The dam had registered an inflow of over 15,000 cusecs for five days since September 10 following the release of water from the Krishnaraja Sagar and the Kabini reservoirs in Karnataka. The inflow registered a fall since Thursday.

### Water level 86.33 feet

However, water level in the dam rose to 86.33 feet against its full height of 120 feet.

The storage level was 48.556 tmc against its full capacity of 93.47 tmc. About 1,250 cusecs is being discharged from the dam for meeting the drinking water needs of the delta districts, according to sources.

The inflow at Biligundlu, the entry point in Krishnagiri district where the Cauvery enters Tamil Nadu, remained at 12,000 cusecs on Sunday evening.

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# With good rains, fewer farmers opt for crop insurance this year

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**Mumbai:** A good monsoon in most parts of the state is helping the dull agriculture sector recover. Agriculture department data shows that the number of farmers who have opted for crop insurance has dwindled considerably, compared to last year.

One of worst droughts hit the state last year and 84 lakh farmers had opted for insurance. This year, even as the government has rolled out a new insurance scheme that has increase indemnity levels, only 53 lakh opted for it.

Government officials said that a major reason for the decrease was good rain-



One of worst droughts had hit Maharashtra last year and 84 lakh farmers opted for insurance

fall in most parts of the state and expectation of a healthy crop yield. Also, the new in-

surance scheme has now been made voluntary.

The Pradhan Mantri Pik Bima Yojana (PMPBY) has been implemented in the state from this year. It's a central scheme under which policy the premium to be paid by farmers has been reduced to 2% of the sum insured for all the crops, and the rest will be borne by the state and central governments. Under the PMPBY, many more conditions in which claims can be made in case of a damaged crop, have been included, like post-harvest losses. The indemnity levels have also been increased from 60-70%, so that higher damages can be recovered.

"The rains have been very good this year, which has made farmers hopeful about a good crop yield and so farmers did not take any insurance," said a senior agriculture department official. So far more than 98% of the sowing for the kharif season has been completed.

Another official said under the new scheme, sugarcane growers have been excluded, so the numbers have dwindled. Of the set target of over Rs 37,000 crore as agriculture loans to farmers, Rs 27,000 crore has been disbursed. This year over 40 lakh farmers have taken farm loans, as against 37 lakh last year.



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## K'taka asked to release 3,000 cusecs from Wed

**STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE**  
New Delhi, 19 September

The Cauvery Supervisory Committee today directed Karnataka to release 3,000 cusecs of water for ten days starting from 21 September.

The decision was taken in view of the recent violence in Bangalore after the Supreme Court asked Karnataka to release 12,000 cusecs till 20 September.

The committee, which met here today, also said it would look into the interests of all the participating states. The committee would consider various aspects, including the inflow position, rain-



fall picture, daily inflow of water in the reservoirs of Karnataka, the drinking water needs of Karnataka and the need of samba crop in Tamil Nadu, said a senior officer of the Water Resources Ministry.

It was the seventh meeting of the committee and it was decided to meet more fre-

quently to resolve the issue amicably. The chief secretaries of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Puducherry and the representative from Kerala gave a detailed presentation of the water situation. "The committee tried to reach a conclusion but Tamil Nadu and Karnataka did not agree to a particular figure

of release of water which was based on scientific facts," the officer said.

The committee also decided that the Central Water Commission would draw up a new protocol of online collection of data related to rainfall and flow of water on real time basis which may be shared simultaneously with all the states concerned.

"The cost of developing this protocol will be shared by the three states and UT of Puducherry," the Committee said.

The next meeting has been called in October. It would also meet once every month from February next year, the Ministry said.

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## Cauvery: Not proper to seek PM's intervention, says Union minister

State govt playing 'political game' on riots, says Nirmala Sitharaman

**BENGALURU:** Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industries Nirmala Sitharaman on Sunday said that it was not proper to seek Prime Minister Narendra Modi's intervention in the Cauvery issue as the matter was being adjudicated by the courts.

Speaking to reporters here, Nirmala, a Rajya Sabha mem-

ber from Karnataka, said the BJP's position had been made clear by state president B S Yeddyurappa that the matter is in the court and it is under adjudication.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has been repeatedly seeking the intervention of Modi in resolving the Cauvery River water sharing dispute with neighbouring Tamil Nadu.

On Home Minister G Parameshwara's statement on the possible involvement of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) in stoking violence over the Cauvery issue in Bengaluru, Sitharaman said state government was playing a political game.

### 'Govt bungled Cauvery row'

At another event, Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers Ananth Kumar said the state would not have faced the present Cauvery water sharing crisis with Tamil Nadu if the state government had done its "homework" properly.

Speaking to reporters, Kumar said the present government indulging in "politics" on issues such as Cauvery waters had severely hurt the interests of the state. Instead, the government should have done its homework properly and convinced the Supreme Court of the severe distress situation in the Cauvery basin, he said.

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## Rains lash U-K, Shivamogga

**BENGALURU:** A couple of districts in the state received rains on Sunday.

Several places in Uttara Kan-  
nada district received moder-  
ate rainfall. It was a sunny day  
in Karwar till afternoon. How-  
ever, by evening, rains lashed  
the city, bringing respite from  
the heat. Yellapur received  
rains from some time in the  
noon. While it drizzled at a few  
other places in the district, in-  
termittent rains lashed several  
parts of Shivamogga district.

Shivamogga, Bhadravathi,  
Thirthahalli, Sagara, Hosana-  
gar received rains intermit-  
tently throughout the day.

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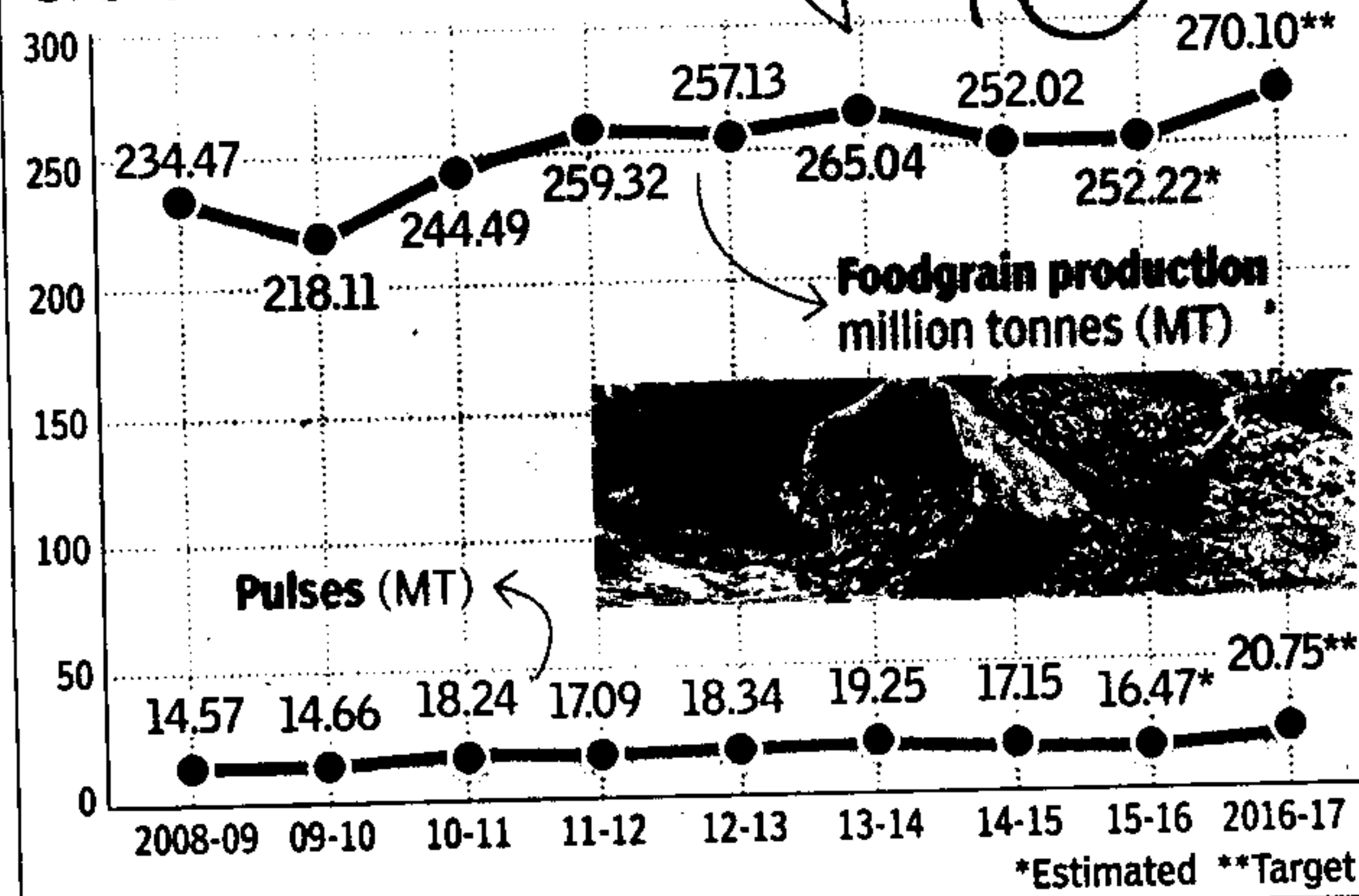
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# Rains raise hope of record foodgrain yield this year

## GOOD HARVEST



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**New Delhi:** Backed by well-distributed monsoon rains this year, India is expected to register a record foodgrain production during the 2016-17 crop year (July-June). The government has already set a target of 270.10 million tonnes of yield for the year — surpassing its previous record of 265.04 million tonnes in 2013-14.

Though the current year has reported 5% of deficit rainfall so far, adequate rains in July and August, especially in water stressed areas, where it was needed during peak sowing season, has sent positive signals.

Rainfall this year got the water level in major reservoirs up to satisfactory levels as compared to two consecutive drought years of 2015 and 2014 when the country had reported 14% and 12% of deficit rains respectively. This along

with good soil moisture condition has signalled the possibility of better rabi season in terms of acreage, making the prospect of achieving the target of record foodgrain production brighter.

“Overall, monsoon has been favourable for farmers this year. We have received good rains and distribution was also good. I am sure, we will have record production this year,” Union agriculture minister Radha Mohan Singh said while addressing a conference on rabi crops.

The government has a target of 20.75 million tonnes (MT) for pulse production during 2016-17 which includes 13.50MT of pulses output from the rabi season.

Urging states to promote pulses even in the rabi season beginning October, Singh said, “States should prepare work plans for more coverage of rabi pulses and oilseeds in rain-fed areas.”

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# U'khand plans royalty on Centre's Ganga water sale sourced from Rishikesh, Gangotri

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**DEHRADUN:** The Uttarakhand government is drafting a policy to impose a royalty on the use of Ganga water for "commercial" purposes, whether it concerns the sale of Gangajal by the postal department or power generation by hydel projects.

The Harish Rawat government estimates that charging 80 paise for each litre of water from the holy river would ensure an annual revenue of ₹200 crore for state coffers. "Norms for royalty on exploitation of Ganga water, including the central government's scheme for sale of water

sourced from Gangotri and Rishikesh, are being framed. We have asked department officials to prepare a draft policy in this regard," Uttarakhand chief secretary Shatrughna Singh told HT.

Hydel power projects — which use water from the river to produce electricity — would also have to pay up, other officials said. A large amount of the electricity generated by these units is sold outside the state through the northern grid.

Under a central initiative, the postal department began selling Ganga water collected from Uttarakhand through post offices across India. The demand for the water — used for by pious

Hindus in religious rituals — is said to be overwhelming.

The policy is being finalised by irrigation secretary Anand Vardhan. Sources said the government is also studying similar royalties imposed in other states, including Madhya Pradesh.

"A comprehensive policy to charge royalty on water from all the rivers in the state will be drafted soon," Vardhan said.

Experts, however, are divided on Uttarakhand's authority to levy a royalty on water. "I doubt if the state government can frame a law in this regard. According to the Indian Mines Act and Mining and Mineral Act, royalties are applicable only on miner-

als and intellectual properties. Water is not a mineral but a free resource," said BS Rawat, a senior advocate and taxation expert.

However, chartered accountant Anand Rawat claimed otherwise. "As water figures in the state list of the Constitution, Uttarakhand has the authority to tax or impose royalty on the water of Ganga or any other river being exploited within its territory," he said.

The postal department, under a central initiative, began selling Ganga water on July 10. It charges ₹25 for a 200-ml bottle of water from Gangotri, and ₹35 for a 500-ml bottle of water from Rishikesh.



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### समिति का निर्णय

- दोनों राज्यों की वर्तमान स्थिति और हितों को ध्यान में रखकर कावेरी निगरानी समिति ने दिया फैसला

नई दिल्ली, (वार्ता): कर्नाटक और तमिलनाडु के बीच कावेरी जल विवाद पर गठित निगरानी समिति ने तमिलनाडु को 21 से 28 सितम्बर तक प्रतिदिन तीन हजार क्यूसेक पानी देने और समस्या के स्थायी समाधान के लिए व्यवस्था बनाने का निर्णय लिया है।

कावेरी निगरानी समिति के अध्यक्ष

तथा जल संसाधन और नदी विकास मंत्रालय के सचिव शशि शेखर ने समिति की सातवीं बैठक के बाद आज यहां पत्रकारों से कहा कि कर्नाटक ने पानी देने के फैसले के कड़ा विरोध किया था लेकिन समिति ने दोनों राज्यों की मौजूदा स्थिति तथा उनके हितों को ध्यान में रखते हुए यह फैसला लिया है। यह पूछने पर कि कर्नाटक समिति का फैसला नहीं मानता है तो उस स्थिति में क्या होगा, उन्होंने कहा कि फैसले को चुनौती दी जा सकती है। उच्चतम न्यायालय ने समिति को इस बारे में फैसला लेने के लिए अधिकृत किया है इसलिए समिति ने दोनों राज्यों की जमीनी स्थिति को देखते हुए यह निर्णय लिया है। निगरानी

समिति ने समस्या के स्थायी समाधान के लिए व्यवस्था बनाने का फैसला किया है। इसके तहत कावेरी के पानी के स्तर, वर्षा जल तथा अन्य स्थितियों का वास्तविक आनलाइन डाटा तैयार किया जाएगा और उसके आधार पर जल बंटवारे को लेकर फैसला किया जाएगा। इस व्यवस्था को बनाने में करीब दो साल का समय लगेगा और इसका खर्च सभी संबद्ध राज्यों को देना पड़ेगा। कावेरी निगरानी समिति के अध्यक्ष ने कहा कि समिति की अगली बैठक अक्टूबर में होगी। उन्होंने स्पष्ट कहा कि जल बंटवारे को लेकर इस बैठक में कोई सहमति नहीं बनी है लेकिन समिति ने दोनों राज्यों की जमीनी स्थिति

को देखते हुए यह आदेश दिया है।

उन्होंने कहा कि केंद्रीय जल आयोग को समस्या के स्थायी समाधान के लिए व्यवस्था तैयार करने को कहा गया है और इस संबंध में एक सप्ताह के भीतर बैठक बुलाई गयी है। इस व्यवस्था के तहत जल की मौजूदा स्थिति के आधार पर पारदर्शी और वैज्ञानिक डाटा तैयार किया जाएगा।

डाटा पानी की मौजूदगी, वर्षा का आंकड़ा तथा पानी के स्तर के आधार पर तैयार किया जाएगा और उसका दोनों राज्यों के हितों के आधार पर बंटवारा किया जाएगा। श्री शेखर ने कहा कि यह सही है कि कर्नाटक के पास देने के लिए पानी नहीं है लेकिन तमिलनाडु की स्थिति भी बहुत नाजुक है इसलिए दोनों के हितों को ध्यान में रखते हुए यह फैसला किया गया है। उनका कहना था अगले 15 या 20 दिन में पूर्वोत्तर मानसून आने की उम्मीद है और उससे नदी के जल में इजाफा होगा और उसके आधार पर पानी का बंटवारा किया जाएगा।

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## मॉनसून जाने को रेड्डी, अब बदलेगा मौसम

■ स, नई दिल्ली : दिल्ली में मौसम का मिजाज एक बार फिर बदल सकता है। मौसम वैज्ञानिकों ने उम्मीद जताई है कि आने वाले दिनों में बारिश होने की संभावना है। 20 से 22 सितंबर तक बारिश हो सकती है। हल्की बारिश के साथ हवाएं भी चल सकती हैं। मैक्सिमम टेम्परेचर 35 डिग्री और मिनिमम टेम्परेचर 26 डिग्री रहने का अनुमान है। मौसम वैज्ञानिकों ने कहा कि अब मॉनसून जा रहा है। 25 सितंबर के बाद दिल्ली में मॉनसून की बारिश होने की संभावना नहीं है।

मौसम विभाग ने अपने बुलेटिन में कहा कि मंगलवार को बादल छाए रह सकते हैं। मैक्सिमम टेम्परेचर 37 डिग्री और मिनिमम टेम्परेचर 26 डिग्री रहने का अनुमान है। सोमवार को अधिकतम तापमान नॉर्मल से दो डिग्री ज्यादा के साथ 36.8 डिग्री दर्ज हुआ। वहीं न्यूनतम तापमान नॉर्मल से एक डिग्री ज्यादा के साथ 26 डिग्री दर्ज हुआ। हवा में अधिकतम ह्यूमिडिटी का स्तर 84 पसेंट दर्ज हुआ।

स्काइमेट के मौसम वैज्ञानिक महेश पलावत ने बताया कि मॉनसून विड़ा होना शुरू हो गया है। 25 सितंबर के बाद मॉनसून की बारिश होने की संभावना नहीं है। अब नया वेस्टर्न डिस्टरबेंस दिल्ली में दस्तक देगा। जिससे मौसम का मिजाज बदलेगा। 20 से 22 सितंबर के दौरान हल्की बारिश होने की संभावना है। वहीं 23 और 24 सितंबर के आस पास अच्छी बारिश हो सकती है।





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## Cauvery panel tells Karnataka to give 3,000 cusecs per day to TN

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A SUPREME Court-mandated committee on Monday ordered Karnataka to release 3,000 cubic feet per second (cusec) of Cauvery water every day from September 21 to 30 to Tamil Nadu as an interim solution to the dispute between the two states over sharing of the river water.

This is substantially lower than the 12,000 cusec per day that Karnataka has been releasing since September 12 on the directions of the Supreme Court,

but the state was still dissatisfied with Monday's order. So was Tamil Nadu.

"Karnataka opposed the release of any water, citing the position of groundwater and its drinking water needs. Tamil Nadu requested the release of water in accordance with the award of the Cauvery tribunal. There was no agreement. As chairman of the Cauvery Supervisory Committee, in accordance with the directions of the Supreme Court, I therefore passed an order considering all the data and relevant information before us," Water Resources Secretary Shashi Shekhar, who

heads the supervisory committee, said.

Shekhar said the states could approach the Supreme Court if they were aggrieved with the order. Karnataka was displeased with the Supreme Court order of September 12 as well, but has been complying with the direction to release 12,000 cusec water per day till September 20.

The committee, which includes representatives from Kerala and Puducherry as well as Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, will meet again next month to decide on the sharing of water for the next few days.

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## Panel reduces water quantum for T.N.

However, the decision on the quantum of release arrived at after calculating water availability in the river, monsoon performance, agricultural and drinking water requirements in both States, was rejected by both States, according to Shashi Shekhar, Secretary of Water Ministry and chair of the CSC, tasked by the SC to determine how much water Karnataka ought to release.

"We have passed our order and Karnataka has opposed any release of water," said Mr. Shekhar, "It's a question of being fair to other States."

He said the committee arrived at its numbers by calculating the average inflow over the last 15 days.

The CSC, attended by top executives from the Central Water Commission, National Water Development Agency and representatives from Karnataka and T.N., also decided that the CWC would draw up a new protocol of online collection of data on rainfall and water

flow on real time basis.

This was to be shared simultaneously with all the States concerned and help solve the fundamental problem of how much water was actually available to be shared and in a manner visible to monitors from both States.

The cost of developing this protocol will be proportionately shared by the three States and the UT of Puducherry, according to Mr. Shekhar.

### To meet frequently

The CSC said it would "meet frequently" to assess the situation and needs. The next meeting will be in October, with the CSC expected to meet once every month from February 2017 onwards until the Cauvery Management Board — as ordered by the Supreme Court — came into force.

The supervisory committee, at its previous meeting on September 12, had failed to arrive at any decision for want of adequate information on water availability.



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# Security tightened in Cauvery basin region, Bengaluru

Sale of alcohol banned from 6 a.m. on Tuesday to 1 a.m. on Wednesday

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

■ **BENGALURU:** Elaborate security measures, involving over 16,000 personnel, have been put in place across Bengaluru, and several thousand more across the Cauvery basin region as a precautionary measure ahead of the apex court hearing on the matter on Tuesday.

■ Even the sale of alcohol has been banned from 6 a.m. on Tuesday to 1 a.m. on Wednesday in Bengaluru to ensure security as the police force and the State government are keen to ensure that the city functions normally and there is no untoward incident or protest.

■ Schools and colleges are expected to remain open and public transport, including the KSRTC, the BMTC and Namma Metro, are expected to function normally.



**TAKING NO CHANCES:** Tight security near Bengaluru railway station on Monday. — PHOTO SUDHAKAR JAIN

Nearly 16,000 policemen, apart from the para-military forces, will be deployed in Bengaluru, and 4,000 personnel, including personnel from the Indo-Tibetan Border Police have been deployed in Mandya district to prevent any law and order

problem that may arise.

“Railway stations, bus depots and airports will be provided sufficient security. Besides, Section 144 is in place till September 25 in Bengaluru,” said a senior police officer.

Security has been

tightened around all the four reservoirs in the Cauvery basin and the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway.

Meanwhile, with borders being sealed to keep away traffic on Tuesday, movement of vehicles are likely to be affected.



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# Big dams play small role

## ■ Good rains reduce dependence on Srisaillam, Nagarjunasagar

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For the first time, both Telangana and AP governments are successfully managing the area irrigated by various projects though the Srisaillam dam is just half full and water at the Nagarjunasagar is hovering at dead storage level.

Srisaillam dam has so far got 214 tmc ft of water of which about 75 tmc ft has been used. It is able to supply water to Srisaillam right main canal, Telugu Ganga and Handri Neva projects to irrigate three lakh acres besides supplementing the area under KC canal, normally fed by the Tungabhadra.

The Krishna River Management Board, at its last meeting, directed authorities to release water from Srisaillam to Nagarjunasagar till the water level reaches 834 ft and store the remaining as drinking water for both Telangana and AP. The authorities, however, did not comply since the recent rains helped the standing crops.

The Telangana government did not seek releas-



es through the power house as there was no demand for electricity. This helped Srisaillam dam authorities to keep storage beyond the 854 ft level ensuring supply to Rayalaseema.

The Telangana government diverted Krishna waters from Jurala fore-shore to some new lift irrigation projects and allowed farmers to raise irrigated dry crops with an assurance that water would be provided. This apart, water is being provided from the Jurala project to raise paddy in about two lakh acres.

The Nagarjunasagar dam, lifeline for both Telangana and AP, has water at 510 ft against the full level of 590 ft. Authorities tried to maintain water at the 513 ft level for the last few weeks. The dam has so

■ **SRISAILLAM** dam was able to provide water to Srisaillam right main canal, Telugu Ganga and Handri Neva.

■ **DEMAND TO** release water is expected to arrive when rains stop.

far received about 60 tmc ft water from Srisaillam. That was distributed between the two states for Krishna Pushkaralu and for drinking water needs. Good rain helped farmers raise crops while using water from the dam for seed beds.

The Telangana government has decided to supply water for crop wetting for 3 lakh acres in Zone-1 (Nalgonda district up to Palair reservoir in Khammam). No decision has been taken for 8 lakh acres covering Zones 2 and 3 where farmers have raised crops using rainwater. The demand to release water is expected later. "We hope we can manage as we still have our quota in Srisaillam but not for the entire area," Sunil, chief engineer, Nagarjunasagar Dam, told DC.

## Rains are normal across TS districts

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HYDERABAD, SEPT. 18

There is significant improvement in raising crops across Telangana thanks to the recent heavy rain, which helped increase storage in irrigation projects.

According to the latest report of the Telangana Agriculture Department, all the ten districts are now categorised as having received 'normal' rain as on September 14.

As per norms of computing, normal is plus or minus 19 per cent. Against the norm of 649 mm during the south-west monsoon, the state received 654 mm by September 14. It was 534 mm last year.

The total area sown in the state reached 37.18 lakh hectares, against the norm of 43.43 lakh hectares, under areas covered by assured irrigation sources and those depending on rain.

According to agricul-

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ture department principal secretary C. Pardhasarathy, more areas are now being sown after the recent rains and due to increased storage levels at irrigation projects.

Irrigation minister, T. Harish Rao said that due to increased inflows in Singur dam, the government would release water to Singur, Nizamsagar and Ghanpur this year to help farmers raise crops. He said that even under Sriramsagar Project he was hopeful of raising paddy transplantations on six lakh acres.



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## After government's cold response, residents step in to save Varthur lake

Niveditha Jain

**BENGALURU:** After the recent catfish kill, volunteers from Whitefield Rising group (Varthur lake team) and Varthur Rising have decided to save the water body without depending on the government.

To start with, volunteers plan to equip all the 17 inlets at Varthur lake with solid waste traps that prevent waste from entering the lake.

The waste collected would be disposed of with the help of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) at regular intervals.

Jagadish Reddy, a volunteer from Whitefield Rising, said: "A mesh to hold macrophages (weeds) floating around the lake would be placed. This would help keep the water body healthy. There are also plans to set up a water treatment apparatus after consultations about a suitable technology at Varthur Idgah Road inlet on a pilot basis. We are in talks with a few sponsors and hope to execute the projects at the earliest."

There are two sewage outlets located in north and south east side of the lake. Sewage from upstream, apartments

### Short-term plans

■ 2-4 hours to be spent every weekend to remove solid waste floating on the lake using coracles with the help of local farmers and volunteers.

■ Awareness campaigns among public on the lake's condition.

■ Preparing a list of equipment and estimates needed to execute the lake revival project.

■ Finding sponsors for equipment required.

and effluents from industries besides dumping of garbage are choking the lake.

Elan Kulandaivelu, another Whitefield Rising volunteer said they decided to take up lake revival as there was no response from the government even after several memoranda were submitted to authorities concerned.

Meanwhile, Karnataka State Pollution and Control Board (KSPCB) chairman Lakshman told *DH* that after the recent fishkill, the board's officers inspected the lake and have sent the water samples for testing.

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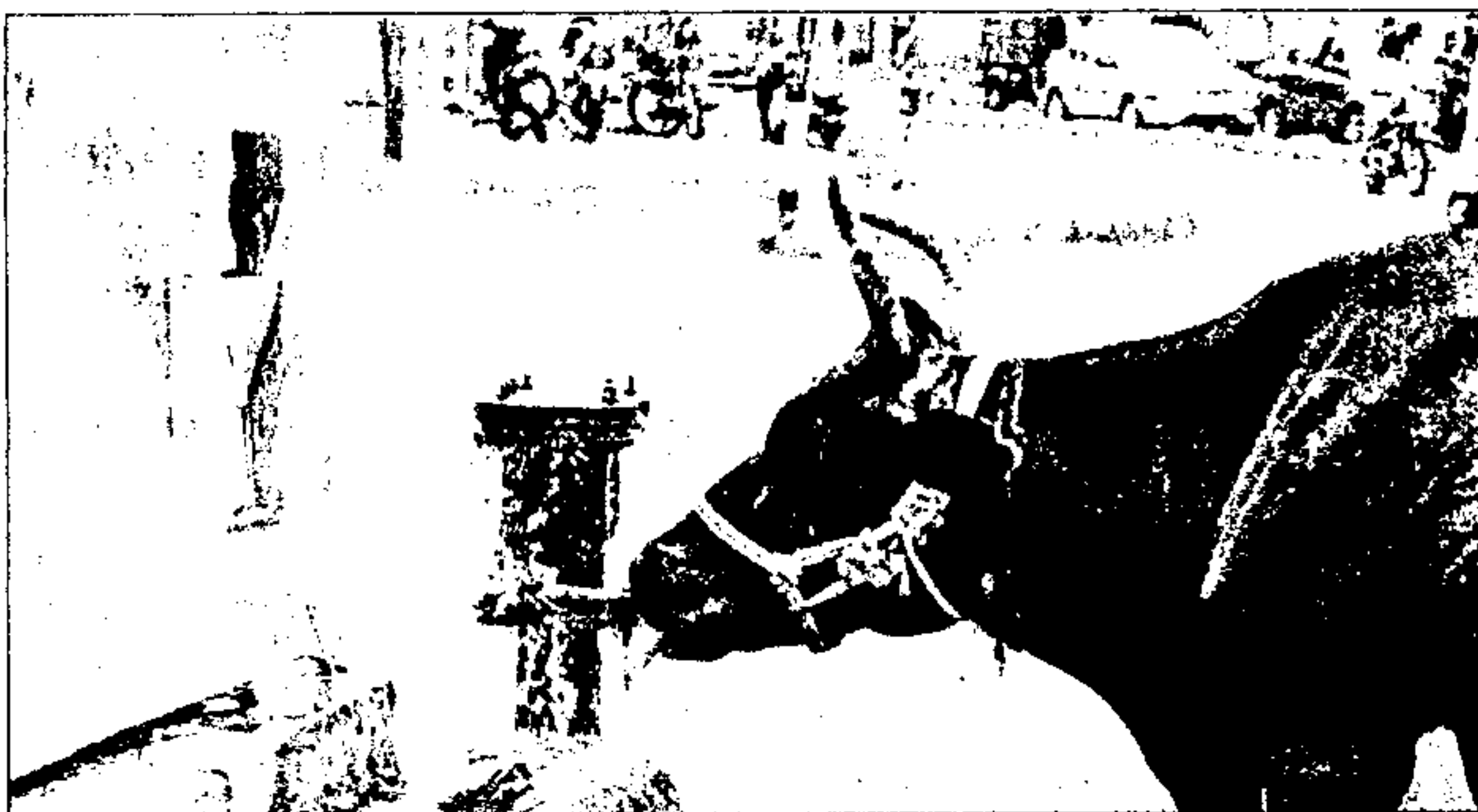
# Bengaluru staring at a severe water crisis, warns IISc study

Dhanya Khanna

**BENGALURU:** An ongoing study by a team of researchers from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has indicated that Bengaluru will soon face a huge water crisis. The study that is likely to be out soon says that if no immediate steps are taken, the city will go dry.

Prof T V Ramachandra from the Centre of Energy and Wetlands Research Group at the IISc said that despite floods in July 2016, the city is set to experience water crisis because of improper planning and ineffective implementation of the existing policies.

The Cauvery water dispute with the neighbouring Tamil Nadu will also have a bearing on the city's water needs because of increasing dependence



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on piped water. This apart, the study points out that wastage due to leakages and indiscriminate use by people is also adding to the growing problem.

Prof Ramachandra said that Bengaluru annually receives 750- 800 mm rainfall while the city lakes can hold only 35 tmcft. "At least 98% water bodies in the city are en-

croached upon," he said. Of the 35 tmcft water stored in the city lakes, 90% is sewage-fed water, the study points.

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) supplies 1400 mld everyday from Cauvery river. There are 9.15 lakh connections in the city. Their estimate shows that 1.4 lakh consumers

- Study findings**
- City has lost 79% water bodies.
  - There is 925% increase in concretisation
  - 75% of city land paved
  - 98% lakes encroached upon
  - 90% lakes are sewage-fed

should instal rain water harvesting systems, but only 62,000 have it. BWSSB is yet to reach out to 110 villages in the CMC and TMC areas.

The study also pointed out that Bengaluru generates 15 tmcft sewage water daily. Of the water used by Bangaloreans, 70% is wasted and joins sewage lines and the rest is lost by various means like evaporation, leakage and others, the ongoing study by the team revealed.

The study also touches upon the water quality of most of

lakes, revealing that they are highly polluted. Over 79% of city lakes fall under Class E category (for irrigation, industrial cooling, controlled waste disposal) and 29% lakes fall under Class D and E (can be used for wildlife and fisheries). The research team also showed that there has been an 88% loss in green cover in the city, a 79% loss in water bodies, a 925% increase in concrete land from 1970 to 2006 and over 75% of city land has paved surfaces.

"Unless water is used judiciously, rain water harvesting strictly implemented, inter-connectivity of lakes and drains restored, there will be severe water crisis, especially in the backdrop of less rainfall in the Cauvery basin. There is also a need to treat and recycle sewage water," Prof Ramachandra explained.

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## Heavy to moderate showers lash parts of state

**BENGALURU:** A few places in the state continued to receive rainfall on Saturday.

Khanapur town and Kankumbi, the birthplace of River Malaprabha, Jamboti, Nagargali and other places in Belagavi district received heavy rains while the eastern parts of the taluk received light showers.

Belagavi city and the surroundings received light showers earlier in the day and it was followed by drizzle.

Bailhongal received light showers, while the sky remained overcast throughout the day in Kittur and surrounding areas. Parts of Chikkodi taluk also received light showers during the day.

Rains continued to lash Kalaburagi district on Saturday also, but with less intensity.

The district received an average rainfall of 9.4 mm. There were no reports of any loss of life or property.

Kodagu district received an average of 8.62 mm of rainfall in the last 24 hours. The water level in the Harangi reservoir stood at 2,843.23 feet.

The inflow of water was 3,726 cusecs, while 2,000 cusecs of water is released into the river.

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# Wasting Water

*India needs economic incentives, technology  
and regulations to tackle water stress*

Two disquieting developments have foregrounded India's growing water crisis. Even as Karnataka and Tamil Nadu limped back to normalcy following friction over sharing river water, meteorological reports indicate that southwest monsoon this year may be below normal. This comes on the heels of two years of deficient rainfall, putting more pressure on groundwater resources. Water shortage poses an economic, environmental and security threat to India. It's important all levels of government understand the gravity of the situation. Things can change, but that requires an integrated approach which combines economic incentives, technology and tighter regulations.



Agriculture uses about 80% of India's water resources. A solution, therefore, must focus on changing agricultural practices. Indian agriculture is inefficient in its use of water. We use two to four times more water to produce a unit of major food crop than China or Brazil. Within India, a Punjab or a Maharashtra which are among the most water intensive producers of rice and sugar are key producer states. To get away from this suboptimal situation, governments must realise that power subsidies have had an adverse impact

on irrigation patterns. States must break the groundwater-energy nexus to remove a perverse incentive to overuse groundwater.

- Decades of perverse incentives have led to a situation where 65% of the wells in India registered a decline when water level this year was compared with the last decade's average. Action on power subsidies needs to be complemented with use of technology to carry out aquifer mapping. Efforts thus far have been haphazard and technology needs to be used more effectively. Technology and tighter regulations also need to be combined to mitigate water contamination. India may be water stressed but so is Israel, which manages its water resources far better to obviate any shortage.



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## Mumbai sees heavy rainfall, waterlogging in Khar, Mazgaon

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**Mumbai:** Over 100 mm of rain was recorded at the Colaba weather station for the 24 hours ending Saturday morning. The city had experienced heavy rainfall on Friday and is expected to continue to do so for the next 72 hours.

According to the recordings of the India Meteorological Department, the Colaba weather station received 104.2 mm rain between 8.30am Friday and 8.30am Saturday.

Similarly, the Santacruz weather station received 50.3 mm during the same period. During the day on Saturday, Colaba and Santacruz had received 7 mm and 10.9mm respectively.

The heavy rains also kept the moisture levels high with Colaba and Santacruz recording 98% and 92% respectively humidity on Saturday.

Weathermen have predicted the heavy rainfall to continue in Mumbai and its surrounding areas up to Tuesday. "There could be heavy rainfall for many places in Konkan and Mumbai for the next few days," said KS Hosalikar, deputy director general, western region, IMD.

Waterlogging was reported in several low-lying areas, like Hindmata, Borivli, Khar Subway and Mazgaon on Saturday. A BMC official said the rainfall had not led to any major traffic snarls.



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कभी-कभी पर्यावरण के प्रति संवेदनशीलता दिखाने वाले अति उत्साह में कुछ ऐसे कदम उठा लेते हैं, जिससे लाभ की जगह नुकसान हो जाता है। वाराणसी में गंगा के किनारे दर्जनों ऐतिहासिक घाट हैं, जिन्हें कई सदियों पूर्व देश के विभिन्न अंचलों के राजा-महाराजाओं ने बनवाया था। इन घाटों की शोभा देखते ही बनती है, ये वाराणसी की पहचान हैं। दुनियाभर से पर्यटक 12 महीने वाराणसी आते हैं और इन घाटों को देखकर मंत्रमुग्ध हो जाते हैं। दुनिया का कोई देश या नगर ऐसा नहीं, जहां किसी नदी के किनारे इतने भव्य, महलनुमा घाट बने हों। काल के प्रभाव से अब इन घाटों के अस्तित्व को खतरा पैदा हो गया है। जिसके लिए एक तो उच्च न्यायालय का स्थगन आदेश और एक 'कछुआ सेंचुरी' जिम्मेदार है।

प्रधानमंत्री के संसदीय क्षेत्र वाराणसी में गंगा के 84 घाट हैं। पिछले कई वर्षों से उच्च न्यायालय के आदेश के तहत इनका जीर्णोद्धार रुका हुआ है। इन ऐतिहासिक घाटों को खरीद कर उन्हें होटल बनाने या उन पर भवन निर्माण करने की होड़ से चिंतित कुछ पर्यावरणविदों ने जनहित याचिका के माध्यम से ये रोक लगवाई किन्तु इससे उन घाटों के अस्तित्व को खतरा पैदा हो गया है, जिनकी संरचना काफी कमजोर पड़ चुकी है। अगर इनकी मरम्मत नहीं की गई, तो ये चरमरा कर गिर सकते हैं। जो धरोहरों की दृष्टि से एक भारी क्षति होगी। जबसे नरेंद्र भाई मोदी ने वाराणसी को अपनाया, तब से अनेक औद्योगिक घराने, सार्वजनिक उपक्रम व केन्द्र सरकार के मंत्रालय वाराणसी को सजाने की मुहिम में जुट गए हैं। इसी क्रम में केंद्रीय सरकार के कुछ मंत्रालयों ने मिलकर उच्च

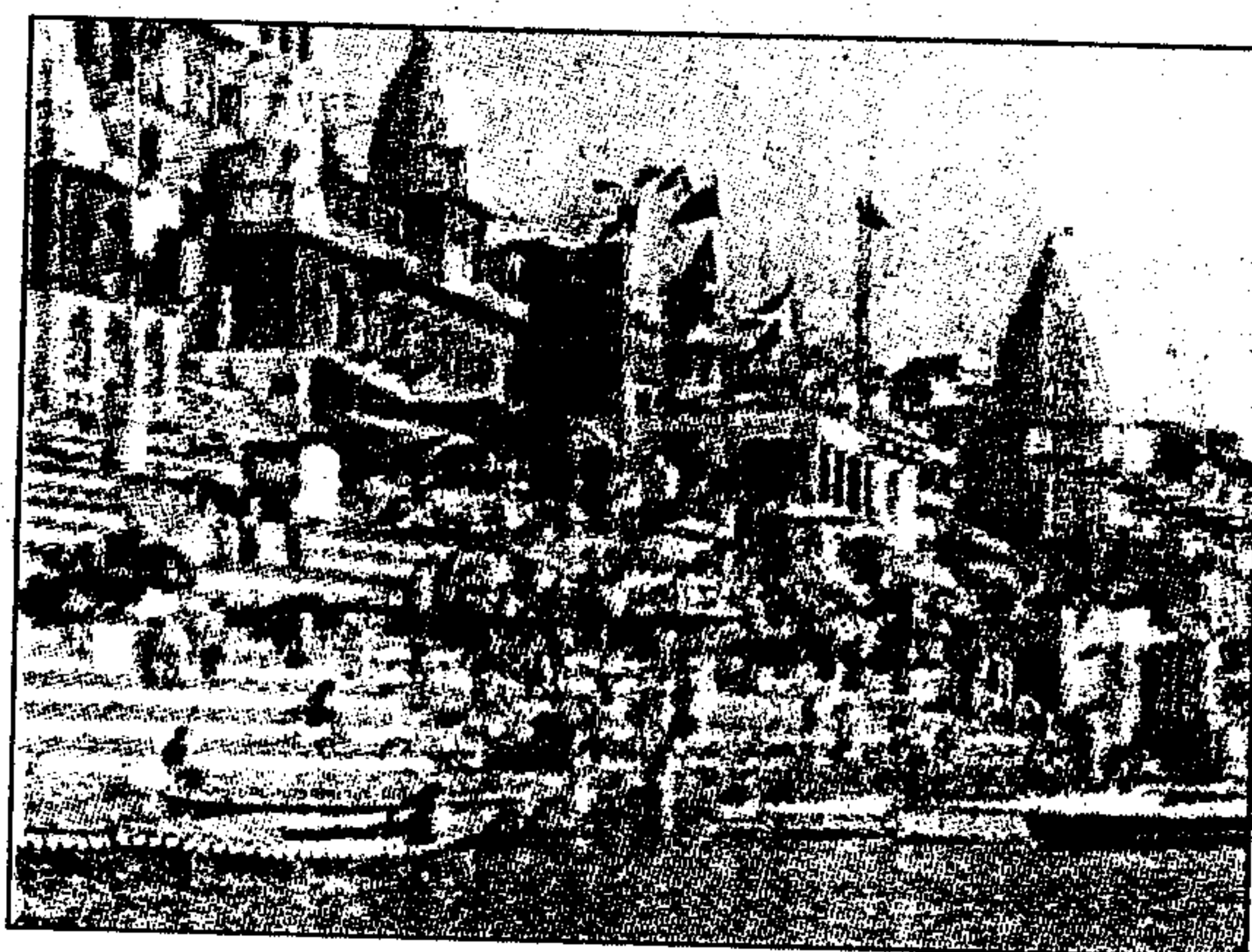
न्यायालय से सीमित जीर्णोद्धार की अनुमति मांगी, जो सशर्त उन्हें मिल गई। अब कुछ घाटों पर जीर्णोद्धार का कार्य चालू है।

ये वास्तव में चिन्ता की बात है कि कुछ निजी उद्यमियों ने इनमें से कुछ घाटों को औने-पौने दामों में खरीदकर इन्हें हैरीटेज होटल के रूप में बदलना शुरू कर दिया है। ये होटल मालिक पुरातत्व महत्व के इन भवनों में बदलाव करने से भी नहीं चूकते। होटल की सीवर लाइन चुपचाप गंगा में खोल देते हैं। इससे घाटों पर विपरीत असर पड़ रहा है। पर इसके साथ ही जो दूसरी बड़ी समस्या है, वह है गंगा के उस पार बनाई गई 'कछुआ सेंचुरी'। कछुओं को अभयदान देने की दृष्टि से गंगा के उस पार बालू के खनन पर लंबे समय से रोक लगी है। इसका उद्देश्य था कि इस

सुनामी इसके गवाह हैं। वाराणसी में गंगा के इस तरह बहने से बड़े वेग से आने वाला गंगाजल घाटों की नींव को काट रहा है। नतीजतन उनका आधार दरकता जा रहा है। काशीवासियों को चिन्ता है कि अगर इसका समाधान तुरंत नहीं खोजा गया, तो कभी भी भारी आपदा आ सकती है। केदारनाथ की जल प्रलय की तरह यहां भी गंगा इन ऐतिहासिक घाटों को लील सकती है। इस विषय में पुरातत्वविदों और नगर के जागरूक नागरिकों ने अनेक बार सरकार का ध्यान आकर्षित करने का प्रयास किया है। पर अभी तक कोई सुनवाई नहीं हुई।

पिछले 3 महीनों से गंगा में हर साल की तरह भारी बाढ़ आई हुई है। घाटों की सीढ़ियां लगभग 2 महीने से पूरी तरह जलमग्न हैं। यह गंगा का वार्षिक

चरित्र है। ऐसे में इन घाटों के लिए खतरा और भी बढ़ जाता है। आवश्यकता इस बात की है कि केन्द्र सरकार और राज्य सरकार सांझे रूप में कुछ निर्णय ले। जिनमें पहले तो 'कछुआ सेंचुरी' को समाप्त किया जाए और वहां बालू के खनन की अनुमति दी जाए। जिससे जल का दबाव घाटों की तरफ से घटकर गंगा के उस पार चला जाए। दूसरा इन



क्षेत्र में कछुओं का जीवन सुरक्षित रहे और उनके कुनबे में वृद्धि हो, ऐसा कुछ भी नहीं हुआ। गंगा का प्रदूषण हो या कोई अन्य कारण, 'कछुआ सेंचुरी' में कछुए दिखाई नहीं देते।

बालू का खनन रोकने का नुकसान ये हुआ है कि गंगा के उस पार रेत के पहाड़ बनते जा रहे हैं, क्योंकि गंगा इस इलाके से वक्राकार स्थिति में आगे बढ़ती है। इसलिए उसके जल प्रवाह के साथ निरंतर आने वाली बालू यहां जमा होती जाती है।

रेत के इन पहाड़ों के कारण उस पार का गंगा तल ऊंचा हो गया है। नतीजतन, जल का सारा प्रवाह घाटों की तरफ मुड़ गया है। सब जानते हैं कि जल की ताकत के सामने बड़ी-बड़ी इमारतें भी खड़ी नहीं रह पातीं। जापान और भारत के

घाटों के संरक्षण के लिए एक सुस्पष्ट नीति घोषित की जाए। जिसके तहत घाटों को मूल रूप सुरक्षित रखते हुए जीर्णोद्धार करने की अनुमति हो, लेकिन इनके व्यावसायिक दुरुपयोग पर पूरी रोक लगा दी जाए। तीसरा हर घाट को किसी औद्योगिक घराने या सार्वजनिक उपक्रम के जिम्मे सौंप दिया जाए, जो इसकी देखरेख करे और वहां जनसुविधाओं का व्यवस्थित संचालन करे। ऐसा करने से इन घाटों की रक्षा भी हो सकेगी और वाराणसी की यह दिव्य धरोहरें आने वाली सदियों में भी पर्यटकों और तीर्थ यात्रियों को सुख प्रदान करती रहेंगी। उम्मीद की जानी चाहिए कि प्रधानमंत्री कार्यालय इस विषय में कुछ पहल करेगा और काशीवासियों को इस संकट से उबारेगा।