

इनके ... के निम्नलिखित समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित मानसून/ बाढ़ सम्बन्धी समाचार

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## All of Karnataka set to get bountiful rain in next 3 days

**BENGALURU:** The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast rainfall for the next three days across Karnataka. If it rains the same intensity as Wednesday over the next three days in the catchment areas of various rivers, all the reservoirs will be filled to the brim. This, in turn, will improve the power and water situation.

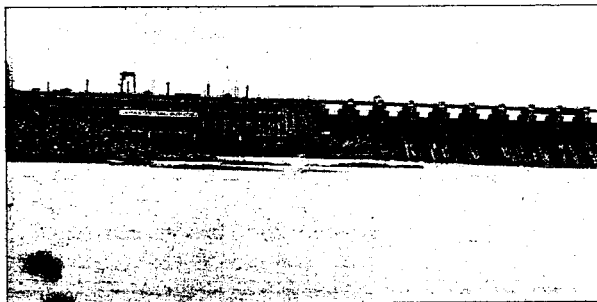
L Ramesh Babu, director-in-charge, IMD, Bengaluru, said the monsoon had become active now. "This time, rainfall has been good in North Interior Karnataka because of the depression over Odisha and central Bay of Bengal. This depression has now become well-marked, due to which bountiful rainfall has been forecast for the entire state," he said.

Bountiful rainfall in the next three days will help address power and water shortage, said officials from the IMD and the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC).

But overall rainfall for the entire state is poised to be deficient. Rain deficit in the Western Ghats is a staggering 66% and in the southern plains 50%.

According to Babu, Western Ghats and coastal Karnataka get rain in the first half of monsoon while it rains in South Interior Karnataka and Tamil Nadu in the second half. "Karnataka has received 303 mm rainfall so far against the actual 365 mm, which is a deficit of 30%. During the same period last year, Karnataka had received 368.4 mm rainfall," he said.

IMD records show that rainfall has been deficient in the catchment areas of the rivers



A total of 35,000 cusecs of water was released from the Almatti dam in Bagalkot district. DH PHOTO

### Power generation resumes at Almatti

A total of 35,000 cusecs of water was released from the Almatti reservoir as the downstream Narayanpur reservoir hit dead storage. The Almatti reservoir is not even half full, despite the heavy inflow in the last few days. The hydroelectric station there, which was shut in March, resumed power generation on Wednesday.

this year compared with 2016. That's because the monsoon arrived late this year. Strong winds and moisture content in the atmosphere caused further drop in the rainfall.

For example, Kodagu had received 961.2 mm rainfall till July 19 in 2016. This year, it has received just 694.9 mm against the average normal of 1,116.1 mm. Chamarajanagar received 82.8 mm rainfall in 2016 but just 24.4 mm this year against the normal of 103.6 mm. Similar is the case with Mysuru. Last year, the district received 175.5 mm rainfall, but just 58.6 mm this year against the normal of 137.9

### WATER LEVELS

RESERVOIR	FULL	PRESENT
Linganamakki	1819.00	1768.80
Supa	1849.92	1762.34
Tungabhadra	1633.00	1596.58
Harangi	2859.00	2844.45
Hemavathi	2922.00	2876.93
Kabini	2284.00	2266.94
KRS	124.80	78.20
Almatti	1704.81	1686.10

Reservoir levels in feet

mm. The plight of Mandya is no different. The district received 106.6 mm in 2016 but just 33.7 mm this year against the normal of 76.4 mm.

Catchment areas in Shivamogga had received 919.3 mm rainfall in 2016 but just 600.5 mm this year against the normal of 750 mm.

Bagalkot received 162.4 mm in 2016 against the normal of 120.2 mm, but just 104.8 mm this year. Belagavi received 315.6 mm in 2016 against the normal of 261.6 mm. This monsoon, it has received only 246.8 mm.

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# Ken-Betwa project faces fresh hurdle, this time from MP govt

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JUST WHEN it seemed that the Ken-Betwa river linking project was finally ready for take-off, following the forest approval it managed to get two months ago, comes the most serious hurdle that it has faced so far — objection from the Madhya Pradesh government.

The Shivraj Singh Chouhan government in Bhopal is learnt to have told the Centre that it would not allow work to begin if the showpiece project was not modified to include three smaller water management projects that the state wants to develop. These three projects — Kotha Barrage, Bina Complex and Lower Orr dam — were to become the second phase of

the Ken-Betwa link, but the state government is now insisting that they be made part of the original project itself, a demand that the Centre is finding difficult to agree to because of more than one reason.

Inclusion of the three projects would likely invite fresh environment, forest and wildlife assessments for the entire plan. Besides delaying the project further, a reassessment will make its fate entirely uncertain.

The inclusions are also beyond the scope of the 2005 MoU between Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh over sharing of waters from this project. Additionally, while the Centre has agreed to provide 90 per cent of the funds for the original project under a special consideration, the three

additional projects do not qualify for this generosity. Besides, the three projects are far from being ready for implementation. Even their detailed project reports have not been approved.

Ken-Betwa link, which seeks to join the Ken and Betwa rivers in Madhya Pradesh, is the first of an ambitious river-interlinking programme that seeks to ensure transfer of waters from water surplus regions to water-deficient ones. Though conceptualised in the 1980s, the river-linking programme has been unable to take off due to technical challenges and opposition from several quarters on different grounds. Altogether, 31 such linkages have been identified.

Minister of State for Water Resources Sanjeev Balyan, in a

reply to a written question in Lok Sabha, admitted on Thursday that the Ken-Betwa link was facing a fresh round of uncertainty.

"The Government of Madhya Pradesh has proposed that Kotha Barrage, Bina Complex and Lower Orr Dam be also included in the Project... This would also affect the initial allocation of water between the two states (MP and UP) as per the 2005 agreement. It was, therefore, decided that both the state governments should work out an agreement on mutual water sharing to take KBLP (Ken-Betwa Link Project) forward. The implementation of KBLP would be taken up once the two states have reached an agreement on water sharing," Balyan said.

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# Rain disrupts life in Karnataka

One killed; road connecting Kodagu with Kerala closed following landslide

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Two days of heavy rainfall threw life out of gear in Kodagu, Karnataka, and claimed one life in Chikamagaluru.

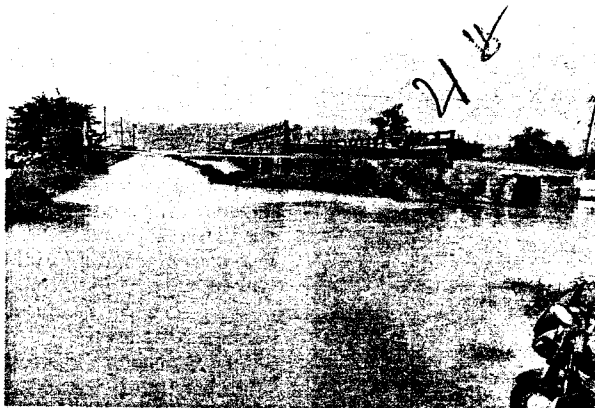
Landslides were reported from several parts of south Kodagu, leading to the closure of the highway to Kerala from Virajpet. A 33-year-old woman, who was injured after an uprooted tree fell on her on Wednesday, died in a hospital on Thursday.

In Kodagu, which received heavy rainfall, the skies began clearing by noon.

But normal life was hit in several parts of the district due to the uprooting of trees, flooding of areas along rivers and lakes, submergence of roads and caving in of the earth on roads.

## Earth caves in

After the earth caved in on the road connecting Kodagu with Kerala near the Perumbadi checkpost, the district



**Heavy showers:** Cauvery overflowing near the Balele-Nittur bridge in Kodagu district on Thursday. \*SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

administration closed the road for traffic.

Traffic was diverted through the alternative Gonikoppa-Kutta-Mananthavadi route.

The roads in Talacauvery and Bhagamandala region, which received very heavy rainfall over the last two days, remained submerged on Thursday. The water level in Triveni Sangama too had

not receded till Thursday evening.

Shivamogga continued to receive good rains, leading to the disruption of power supply in Thirthahalli taluk in Nagara hobli, Hosanagara taluk.

Tunga flowed near the danger mark in Shivamogga city as 39,314 cusecs of water were being discharged from the Gajanur reservoir.

## Cauvery inflow improves

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
MANDYA

There has been a significant increase in the inflow into the Krishnaraja Sagar reservoir. With incessant showers lashing the catchment areas of Cauvery in Kodagu for 72 hours, the inflow has doubled since Tuesday. The inflow was 1,563 cusecs at 6 a.m. on Tuesday and rose to 3,336 cusecs during the same period on Thursday.

However, the water levels are far below those of last year. The release of water to Tamil Nadu has been reduced to 1,576 cusecs as areas along the downstream of the reservoir have also been receiving heavy rainfall for several days.

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## सरस्वती की खोज को धरोहर बोर्ड व ओएनजीसी में समझौता

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चण्डीगढ़ : हरियाणा से गुजरने वाली पौराणिक और लुप्त हो चुकी वैदिककालीन नदी सरस्वती के जीर्णोद्धार व अनुसंधान की दिशा में ओएनजीसी धरती के भीतर सरस्वती नदी के प्रवाह मार्ग पर

100 कुएं बनाएगा और केंद्रीय जल संसाधन मंत्रालय की एंजेसी वैपकॉस इस योजना में सलाहकार के रूप में कार्य करेगी। यह जानकारी नई दिल्ली में हरियाणा के मुख्यमंत्री मनोहर लाल और केंद्रीय पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस राज्य मंत्री धर्मेन्द्र प्रधान की उपस्थिति में

हरियाणा सरस्वती धरोहर बोर्ड और तेल व प्राकृतिक गैस निगम (ओएनजीसी) के मध्य एमओयू पर हस्ताक्षर के दौरान दी गई। वैपकॉस द्वारा सर्वेक्षण किया जाएगा और ओएनजीसी प्रारंभ में सरस्वती नदी के प्रवाह मार्ग पर दस कुएं ड्रिल करेगा।

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