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# Canal breaches before opening

**WATER SHOCKER** The ₹389.31-crore lift irrigation project was in the making for around 40 years

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**PATNA/BHAGALPUR:** A portion of an 11km irrigation canal caved in during trials on Tuesday in Bihar's Bhagalpur district and gushing water inundated parts of a nearby township, a day before the project's inauguration by chief minister Nitish Kumar.

The wall breach in the ₹389.31-crore lift irrigation project is a major embarrassment for the government as it took around 40 years to build.

Water from the Ganga is to be lifted through pumps and released into the canal to irrigate 22,658 hectares of farms in Bhagalpur and adjoining Godda district of Jharkhand.

Officials said water breached nearly 20 feet of the canal wall and flooded several areas of Kahalgaon, a town known for the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) unit.

The floodwater receded from most areas on Wednesday morning, but the inauguration of the Bateswar Ganga Pump Nahar Yojana (BGPNY) project had to be cancelled.

About half-a-km stretch of the road between Satkar Chowk and Murkatia Chowk was still submerged.

"The breach has been plugged and work is in progress to strengthen the wall," said Arun Kumar, the chief civil engineer in the water resources department.

Water resources principal secretary Arun Kumar Singh blamed faulty construction of an underpass beneath the canal for the breach. The underpass was constructed by Jharkhand



## TRIAL RUN EXPOSES PROJECT'S REALITY

The Planning Commission had approved the Bateswar Ganga Pump Nahar Yojana (BGPNY) at Bateswarstan in Kahalgaon sub-division of Bhagalpur district.

The total irrigation capacity is 22,658 hectares, of which 18,620 is in Bhagalpur and 4,038 hectares of land in Godda district of Jharkhand.

1,000 cusecs water per minute was to be released in the main canal after drawing water from Ganga. The water released from 44 feet through main and branch canals would have reached different areas through auto flow.

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ARUN KUMAR, chief civil engineer in the water resources department

He also held his department responsible, saying officials should have spotted the fault and fixed it before the trials being run for the past month.

The trials were carried out with low discharge of water in the canal, but it was turned to full capacity on Tuesday, he said.

Singh told reporters that all

technical flaws would be removed in two months.

"Soon we will announce another date for inauguration," he said.

Group general manager of NTPC's Kahalgaon unit, Rakesh Samuel, dismissed allegations of the underpass weakening the embankment.

"We are looking into the papers and design of the underpass. At present, I cannot speak more," he said.

The Kahalgaon Congress legislator, Sadanand Singh, who was invited to share the stage with chief minister Kumar at the inaugural function, described the breach as "gross negligence"

by officials.

He said a trial run with full discharge should have been carried out before to figure out problems.

The project was ready for inauguration this May but the event had to be cancelled because of technical difficulties, according to sources.

**Did crocodiles breach canal wall, asks RJD chief**

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**PATNA:** Taking jibes at the Bihar water resources minister for blaming flash floods in the state on rats, Rashtriya Janata Dal chief Lalu Prasad on Wednesday sought to know if the Bateswar Ganga Pump Nahar Yojana (BGPNY) wall in Bhagalpur was breached by crocodiles.

"If rats had breached dams causing floods, it were probably crocodiles that caused damage to the BGPNY canal wall," Prasad said, adding, "The government is totally responsible for the breach."

During the flash floods in 21 districts of the state, water resources minister Rajeev Ranjan Singh alias Lallan Singh had courted controversy by saying holes caused by rats in the dams were the reason for seepage of water following torrential rains.

The RJD had called the minister's remarks a "lame excuse" to hide the government's failure.

Prasad alleged that the canal was constructed with inferior material, leading to its wall collapse just a day before CM Nitish Kumar was supposed to inaugurate it.

"The CM has cancelled his visit to Bhagalpur. But who is responsible for the wastage of public money spent on construction of the substandard canal?" Prasad asked. He demanded an inquiry and insisted that strict action should be taken against those responsible.

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# SC reserves Cauvery verdict

Appeals were filed by three States on final award of Tribunal

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The Supreme Court on Wednesday reserved its judgment on the appeals filed by Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala against the final award of the Cauvery Tribunal in 2007 on the allocation of the river water to the three States.

In the final day of the hearing before a Special Bench of Chief Justice Dipak Misra and Justices Amitava Roy and A.M. Khanwilkar, Tamil Nadu reiterated its demand that the Supreme Court should itself appoint the authority and frame the scheme for sharing and management of the water among the three States.

Tamil Nadu submitted that the court should not leave the dispute open for Karnataka to take advantage of. Though the Centre argued that it is Parliament which has to finalise the scheme under the Inter-State Water Disputes Act of 1956,



**Water woes:** A file picture of Cauvery river in spate in Mandya district of Karnataka. \*SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

the court responded that it does also have a right.

Before wrapping up the day-long hearing, the court indicated that it would pass orders in this regard.

## Centre chided

On Tuesday, the court had chided the Centre for not implementing the final award.

The court had questioned

the reluctance shown by the Centre to set up the Cauvery Management Board and frame a scheme for implementation of the tribunal award despite it having been notified in 2013.

Solicitor-General Ranjit Kumar, for the Centre, reasoned that the Centre did set up the Cauvery River Water Authority and Supervis-

ory Committee following the Supreme Court's direction. Mr. Kumar submitted that it had been waiting for the court to clarify its position on the tribunal award.

The Centre had argued that Section 6(2) of the 1956 Act empowered the government to frame a scheme for implementation of the tribunal award.

## Legislative act: Centre

The scheme, once prepared, would have to be placed before both Houses of Parliament for approval. Thus, Mr. Kumar argued that finalising the scheme was a legislative act.

However, the court has been of the consistent opinion that the Centre should not have let a vacuum remain for so long - the tribunal award was notified in 2013 - in the Cauvery dispute as regards the setting up of the Cauvery Management Board and a scheme for sharing of water.

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# कई दिनों बाद भी नहीं हुई सफाई

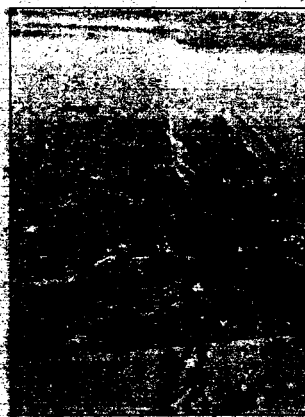
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■ नई दिल्ली : गणेश विसर्जन के तुरंत बाद भले ही एमसीडी ने यमुना घाटों से टनों कचरा उठाकर घाटों की सफाई का दावा किया हो, लेकिन हकीकत यह है कि पंद्रह दिन बाद भी घाटों पर पूजा की सामग्री और मूर्तियां यमुना के पानी में दिखाई दे रही हैं। इसकी वजह से यमुना को नुकसान भी पहुंच रहा है। कुछ दिनों बाद दुर्गा विसर्जन भी होना है।

पर्यावरणविदों के अनुसार इस तरह की चीजों का लंबे समय तक यमुना में रहना खतरनाक होगा। यमुना में पहले ही डिस्पोज्ड ऑक्सिजन की मात्रा नहीं के बराबर है। यह पानी में रह रहे जीवों के लिए भी खतरनाक है। गणेश विसर्जन के दौरान बड़ी संख्या में मूर्तियों का विसर्जन निगमबोध घाट, आईटीओ घाट, राम घाट, गीता घाट, कालिंदी कुंज घाट आदि पर किया था। लेकिन अब भी इन घाटों से कचरे को पूरी तरह हटाया नहीं गया है।

एनजीटी के निर्देशों के अनुसार, इन सामानों को फेस्टिवल के बाद निगमों को हटाना था। नियमों के तहत यमुना में पीओपी की मूर्तियां विसर्जित नहीं हो सकतीं, लेकिन अब भी यमुना में पीओपी की कुछ मूर्तियों को देखा जा सकता है। इन मूर्तियों के रंग यमुना के पानी के साथ किनारों की मिट्टी को भी नुकसान पहुंचा रहे हैं।

यमुना की सफाई के लिए काम कर रहे पर्यावरणविद प्रताप सिंह के अनुसार डिपार्टमेंट के इसी उदासीन रवैये की वजह



से आज यमुना इस हाल में है। इस बार भी पीओपी की मूर्तियों को यमुना में डेक के बावजूद प्रवाहित किया गया।

निगमबोध पर बने घाटों पर अब भी गणेश प्रतिमाएं दिखाई दे रही हैं। इसके अलावा पूजा की चुनरी और यज्ञ सामग्री के साथ प्लास्टिक के बैग आदि को भी यहां देखा जा सकता है। इन सब की वजह से यमुना घाट से काफी बदबू भी खाने लगी है।

ईस्ट एमसीडी के एक वरिष्ठ अधिकारी ने बताया कि विसर्जन के तुरंत बाद घाटों के किनारे से कचरा उठाने का काम किया गया था। यमुना के कुछ खादों की सफाई पूरी हो चुकी है, लेकिन कुछ जगहों पर सफाई का काम चल रहा है। वहीं नॉर्थ एमसीडी के एक वरिष्ठ अधिकारी ने कहा कि अगर घाटों पर अब भी मूर्तियां हैं तो उन्हें हटाया जाएगा। वैसे भी घाटों को दुर्गा विसर्जन के लिए तैयार करना है।

## आदेशों की अनदेखी पर एनजीटी सख्त

■ वस, नई दिल्ली : गणेश चतुर्थी उत्सव के दौरान मूर्ति विसर्जन में नियमों और आदेशों की अनदेखी को नेशनल ग्रीन एनजीटी (एनजीटी) ने गंभीरता से लिया है। एनजीटी ने दिल्ली सरकार व डीडीए जैसे सभी एजेंसियों को एक्शन टेकन रिपोर्ट दायर करने का निर्देश दिया है। यह भी पूछा गया है कि त्योहारों में मूर्ति विसर्जन के दौरान नदी और इसके किनारों की स्वच्छता को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए उन्होंने क्या कदम उठाए हैं।

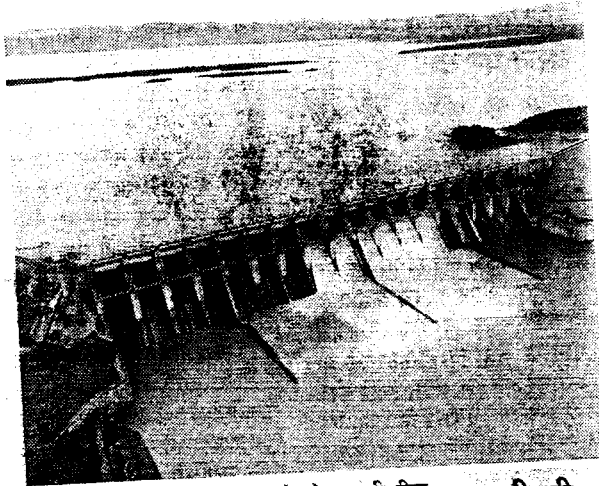
एनजीटी अध्यक्ष जस्टिस स्वतंत्र कुमार की अगुवाई वाली बेंच ने मनोज मिश्रा मामले में दायर एक अर्जी पर यह निर्देश दिया। आवधिकर्ता की ओर से एडवोकेट संजय उपाध्याय ने बेंच को बताया कि मूर्ति विसर्जन में नियमों की अनदेखी से सेंट्रल पोल्यूशन कंट्रोल बोर्ड (सीपीसीबी) के 2010 के दिशानिर्देशों और एनजीटी के यमुना को सुदूषणमुक्त बनाने से जुड़े आदेशों का उल्लंघन हो रहा है। इस पर संज्ञान लेते हुए बेंच ने दिल्ली सरकार, दिल्ली जलबोर्ड, डीडीए और सीनो एमसीडी को एक्शन टेकन रिपोर्ट दायर करने का निर्देश दिया। सीवियर प्रसाधारनमेंट एडवोकेट ने यह भी कहा कि दुर्गा पूजा आने वाली है। ऐसे में संबंधित अधिकारियों से एक्शन टेकन रिपोर्ट मंगाना जरूरी है।

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बिहार के लिए बाणसागर बांध से छोड़ा पानी: शीवा अवर्षा के चलते बाणसागर बांध इस वर्ष नहीं भर पाया है। पानी की कमी पर सरकार भी चिंतित है और कार्ययोजनाएं तैयार कर रही है। इस बीच बिहार सरकार ने अपने हिस्से का पानी समय से पहले ही मांग लिया है। वहां पर भी कई जिलों में सूखे के हालात बने हुए हैं। भोपाल से आए निर्देश के बाद मंगलवार को सुबह 11 बजे बांध से पानी छोड़ दिया गया। इसकी सूचना जलसंसाधन विभाग ने बिहार सरकार के साथ ही सीधी जिले के अधिकारियों को भी दी है।

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