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बिहार : बिहार के 20 जिलों में बाढ़ है। एक लाख से ज्यादा लोग राहत शिविर में हैं। तकरीबन एक लाख 39 हजार लोगों को बचाया गया है। मध्य प्रदेश के बाणसागर डैम से सोन नदी में डेढ़ लाख क्यूसेक से ज्यादा पानी पहुंचने से लोग डरे हुए हैं। वहीं खगड़िया में जमींदारी बांध पानी के दबाव से टूट गया। गंगा में उफान से भागलपुर टापू की तरह बन गया है। नदी का पानी पटना शहर में घुस गया है। NH 82 का हिस्सा बहने से हाइवे पूरी तरह बंद हो गया है। लखीसराय में सुरक्षा तटबंध टूटने से एक गांव पूरी तरह जलमग्न हो गया है।



मध्य प्रदेश : मध्य प्रदेश के ज्यादातर जिले पानी में डूबे हैं। ग्वालियर में सिंध नदी में सोमवार रात पानी बढ़ गया। इसमें दो महिलाओं सहित फंसे चार लोगों को निकालने के लिए टॉर्च की रोशनी में रेस्क्यू ऑपरेशन चलाना पड़ा। बचाव कार्य जारी है।
असम में भूकंप के झटके : असम में मंगलवार सुबह पांच बजकर 30 मिनट पर 3.1 का भूकंप का झटका आया। इसका केंद्र राज्य के कारबी आंगलोंग जिले में था। 5.5 तीव्रता वाला दूसरा झटका सुबह सात बजकर 41 मिनट पर आया, केंद्र भारत-म्यांमार क्षेत्र था।

उत्तर प्रदेश : यूपी के पूर्वांचल में गंगा व उसकी सहायक नदियां और बुंदेलखंड में यमुना उफान पर हैं। पूर्वांचल में 16 लाख लोग प्रभावित हैं। इलाहाबाद, वाराणसी और बलिया के शहरी इलाकों में हजारों घरों में पानी घुस गया है। यहां के स्कूल 27 तारीख तक बंद कर दिए गए हैं। एयर फोर्स राहत सामग्री पहुंचा रही है। नेपाल, एमपी और उत्तराखंड से छोड़ गए पानी की वजह से गंगा खतरे के निशान के ऊपर है। इलाहाबाद में एक लाख प्रभावित हैं। यहां के नैनी में एक कार बाढ़ में डूब गई और दो की मौत हो गई। बांदा में बाढ़ में फंसी महिला ने नाव में बच्चे को जन्म दिया।



गंगा नदी में बाढ़

हर किसी को आजकल
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हैं कि गंगा आपके घर आई है।
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तस्वीर पर शिवराज ने दी सफाई

■ विस, भोपाल : सोशल मीडिया पर छाई अपनी तस्वीर पर मध्य प्रदेश के सीएम शिवराज सिंह चौहान ने सफाई दी है। चौहान के मुताबिक सामने पुलिया पर पानी था। दूसरी तरफ लोग बुला रहे थे। इतने में दो पुलिस वाले मित्रों ने मुझे उठाकर इस पार से उस पार रख दिया। बस इतनी सी बात थी। चारों ओर फोटो छप रही है। उन्होंने रीवा, सतना और पन्ना में बाढ़ पीड़ितों के बीच बिताए दो दिनों का पूरा ब्यौरा दिया। उन्होंने कहा, मैं भोपाल से इटारसी पहुंचा। वहां से रात एक बजे रीवा पहुंचा। मैं रात में ही बाढ़ से प्रभावित लोगों के बीच गया। उनके रहने खाने की व्यवस्था देखी।

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M'rasht'ra, Telangana settle water dispute



Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis and Telangana CM K Chandrasekhar Rao in Mumbai on Tuesday. PTI

SURESH DHARUR
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

HYDERABAD, AUGUST 23

Breaking new ground in resolving inter-state water disputes, Telangana and Maharashtra today signed an agreement to build three irrigation projects across the Godavari and its tributaries, benefitting farmers from both states.

Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao and his Maharashtra counterpart Devendra Fadnavis signed three separate agreements in Mumbai during the first meeting of the Godavari Inter-State Board. The irrigation ministers of the two states, MPs and senior officials were present at the historic occasion.

Earlier in the day, Rao, accompanied by his cabinet colleagues and top officials, flew down to Mumbai by a special aircraft to sign the agreement to pave the way for the construction of three barrages on the Godavari and its tributaries—Penganga and Pranahita.

The water pact by the two governments to construct irrigation projects will resolve decades-old dispute on water utilization of the Godavari and its tributaries.

The Tribune 24 Aug **3 barrages to come up**

■ Telangana will build a 100-m-high barrage (16 TMC storage capacity) at Medigadda in Karimnagar district. It will help irrigate 18 lakh acres in six districts

■ Tummadihatti barrage on the Pranahita will be 148-m-high and of 1.8 TMC storage capacity; it will ensure irrigation in 2 lakh acres in Adilabad district

■ Chanaka-Korata barrage (213-m-high, 0.85 TMC storage capacity) will come up on the Penganga; it will facilitate irrigation in both states

The inter-state water board was constituted in March this year, following an in-principle agreement between the two states. The board has 23 members each from both states, including their respective chief ministers.

Rao described the agreement as “historic” and said it would set a new trend at a time when there were water disputes among several states. Fadnavis said the agreements would protect interests of farmers in both states. He said the projects would ensure minimum submergence and ensure irrigation of 30,000 acres in Maharashtra.

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यूपी, बिहार और मध्य प्रदेश में पानी ने कहर
ढा रखा है। सड़कें तालाब हो गई हैं। घरों में
पानी घुसा हुआ है। लाखों मजबूर लोग अपना
घर छोड़ राहत शिविरों में रहने को मजबूर
हैं। उनकी खेती डूब गई है। 56 से ज्यादा
एनडीआरएफ टीमों बचाव कार्य में लगी हैं।



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VARANASI FLOODED

HT- 24 Aug

Ganga in spate, rising a centimetre an hour

HT Correspondent

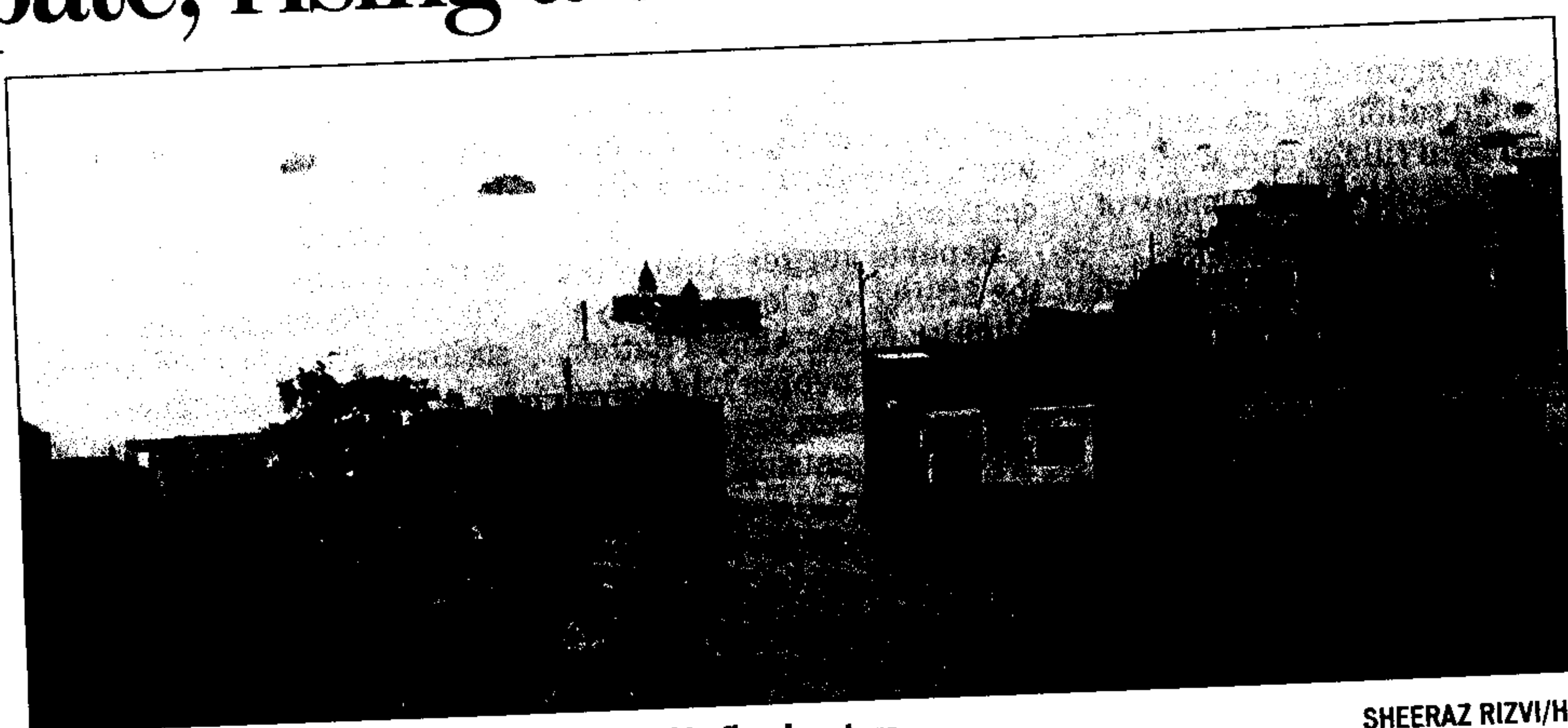
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VARANASI: With the Ganga showing no signs of relenting, the temple town seems to be heading for the second worst flood in the last three years.

In 2013, the city was gripped by a massive flood when the Ganga touched 72.63-metre mark flooding several pockets of the district, said the central water commission. The river had reached the highest ever level of 73.901 metre in 1978.

On Tuesday, the Ganga was flowing at 72.48 metre and rising at the rate of one centimetre per hour. The officials said that the river water will increase to 72.60 metre in the next couple of hours, hitting some more pockets in the city.

The Varuna, a tributary of the Ganga, is also swelling. The



SHEERAZ RIZVI/HT

■ An aerial view of Allahabad city submerged in flood waters.

condition at Assi Ghat is no different. Flood waters entered new areas on Tuesday, one of them being Trauma Centre Road. The swollen Ganga has affected 40 pockets in the city. Besides, 225

villages are also in the grip of the floods. Several thousand people have been affected in eastern UP districts of Mirzapur, Varanasi, Ghazipur. In Varanasi, many locals from Ramana shifted their

cattle to safer locations.

SDM (sadar) Aryaka Akhauri said, "Gram pradhans (village heads) have been instructed to prepare a list of affected families and set up relief camps."

Can't blame monsoon alone

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

As central and eastern parts of the country — Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan — reel under floods, experts are pointing to reasons other than heavy monsoon rain for the catastrophe like heavy silting of the Ganga, haphazard infrastructure development and mismanagement of dams, in this case Farakka.

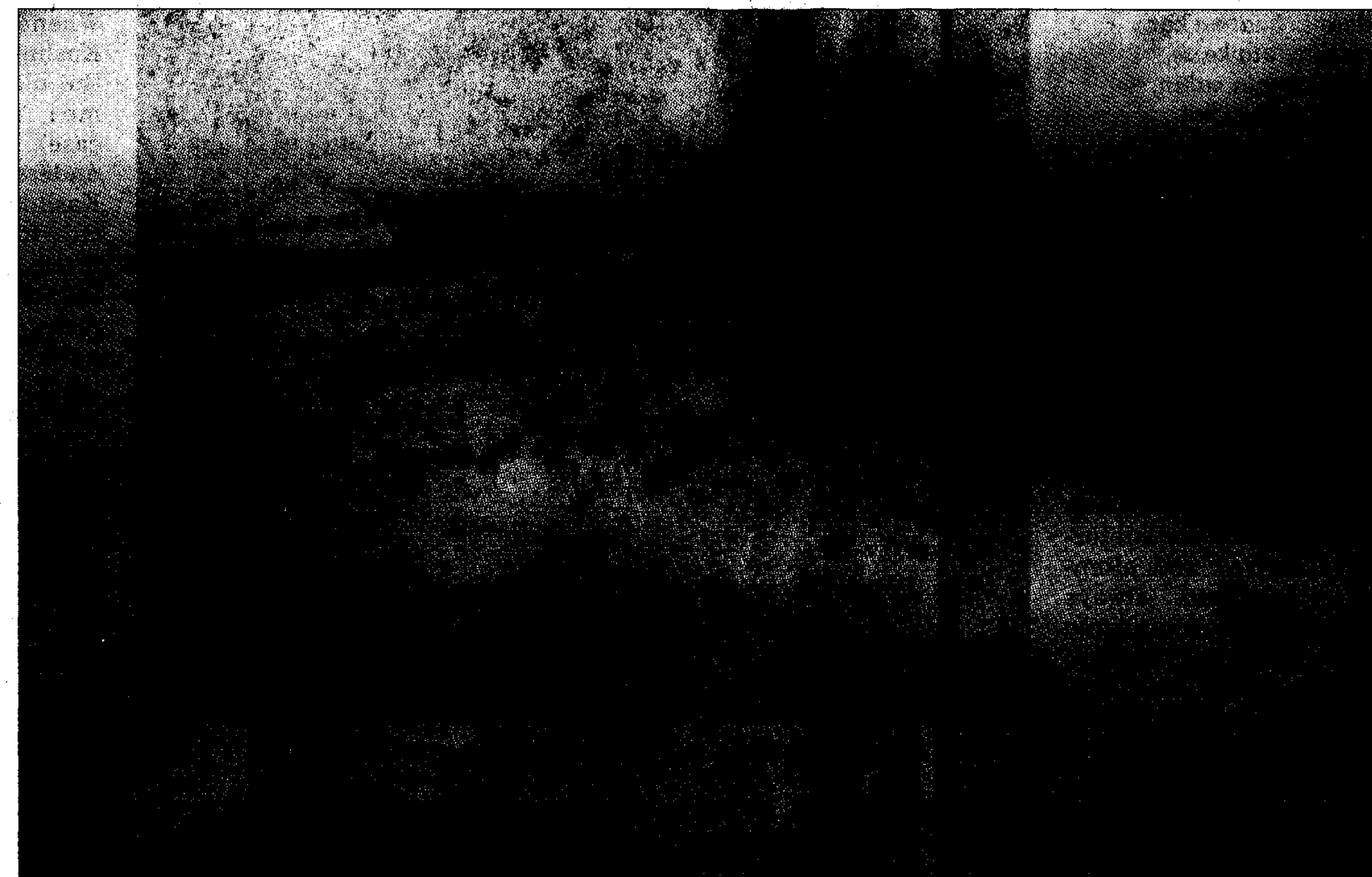
Hundreds of thousands of people have been affected across the flood-ravaged states with swathes of agricultural land with standing crops submerged. Besides state agencies, the Centre has pressed NDRF companies for rescue and relief operations. While agricultural losses are not yet been assessed, officials admit huge losses to both man and property in these floods.

Heavy silting of Ganga as one of the causes was also pointed out by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar when he met Prime Minister Narendra Modi today. Seeking the Centre's intervention, Kumar said de-silting Ganga was the only solution to avoid the almost annual occurrence. Unless riverbeds are de-silted, the problem will keep recurring, he said.

The Prime Minister promised immediate action, including formulating a national silt management policy, Kumar said after meeting the Prime Minister.

As per environmental expert Himanshu Thakkar, Kumar's demands are legitimate. "He raised it earlier also but it seemed the Centre was not listening," he says.

Though flooding in MP and



A flooded Shankargarh village in Allahabad. The inundation is being attributed to multiple factors, including release of water from dams. PTI

'Water released from dams worsened it'

“Unprecedented floods in the Ganga in Bihar and UP are largely due to contribution of Bansagar Dam on the Sone river in MP in the upstream and Farakka Dam on the Ganga in West Bengal. Had the Bansagar Dam been operated optimally, it need not have released over 10 lakh cusecs of water, thereby causing the flooding.”

Himanshu Thakkar, ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERT

Rajasthan can be attributed to excessive rain, Bihar received 14 per cent less rainfall than normal during the season. Several parts of Bihar and neighbouring Uttar Pradesh came under floods due to heavy rain in Nepal and Madhya Pradesh and



Nitish meets PM, seeks de-silting of Ganga

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Tuesday and sought Centre's intervention. Highlighting heavy silting of the Ganga, he suggested de-silting of the river to avoid the almost annual occurrence. "Unless riverbeds are de-silted, the problem will keep recurring," he said. The PM promised immediate action, including formulating a national silt management policy, said Kumar.

Jharkhand, resulting in huge discharge of water into rivers passing through these states.

IMD officials attribute heavy rains in central regions to three back-to-back systems over a long period. As per IMD Director BP Yadav, Madhya Pradesh and

regions adjoining it received heavy rain for "a bit longer than usual" this season. "They are not record breaking rains, but 15 to 20 cms of rainfall everyday continuously for over 15 days is bound to create problems," he says. "There has been no

respite and Madhya Pradesh in particular received more than 40 per cent more than usual rain and likewise Rajasthan," he adds. Their intensity may reduce but the rains are not expected to stop, at least over the next couple of days, he says.

More than the monsoon, Thakkar says, the cause of these floods is mismanagement, mostly of dams, and of course the haphazard development and embankment of the river.

"Himalayan regions, like Uttarakhand, are vulnerable to flash floods and all development should be undertaken keeping that factor in mind. However, the rains received this year are not unprecedented. They have occurred in the past as well," he asserts.

He says "mismanagement at Bansagar Dam and the drainage congestion and siltation in Ganga created by the Farakka dam together created an avoidable flood disaster this year in Bihar and now in Uttar Pradesh".

Thakkar says reservoirs like these should only be filled closer to the end of the monsoon and need to be operated in such a way during the monsoon that when downstream area is getting high rainfall, or facing floods, the reservoir does not have to release water to add to the downstream flooding.

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"Had the Bansagar dam been operated optimally, it need not have released over 10 lakh cusecs of water. As pointed out by the Bihar government, the heavy flooding brought about by the Ganga in Patna is majorly due to the high flow contributed by the Sone upstream of Patna".



Cars partly under water in Sitaladanga, Asansol, after heavy rain.

(Santosh Kumar Mandal)

24-hour rain floods Durgapur, Asansol

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Durgapur, Aug. 22: At least 10,000 residents were marooned as swathes of low-lying areas of Durgapur and Asansol were submerged after heavy rain throughout last night.

An official at the Regional Meteorological Centre in Calcutta's Alipore said Bankura town recorded a rainfall of 172.6mm between 8.30am on Sunday and 8.30am on Monday. Panagarh in Burdwan that neighbours Durgapur recorded 197.2mm of rain in the same time and Asansol got 94.2mm.

A Met official said the low pressure formation had moved away from Bengal this afternoon to Jharkhand and adjoining southern Bihar. Tomorrow scattered rainfall is expected across Bengal.

In ward 13 in Durgapur town that was the worst affected, the Tamla canal overflowed because of the heavy rain and flooded the area prompting 1,300 residents to flee their homes. Most buildings near the canal, which is 25km long and flows through Durgapur town and into the Damodar, are under water.

Around 500 residents are in nine relief camps that have opened in primary schools.

Birendra Thakur, 55, a resident of Tamla, said: "We were sleeping when it was raining. We realised at night that water had entered the ground floor of my two-storey house. We sat on our beds till daybreak. We waded out of chest-deep water to higher ground. I have moved with my family to a relative's house."

In Asansol's Kalla in ward 30, a portion of land beside a road caved in following the rain.

In Raniganj a portion of land subsided last night triggering panic among residents.

Durgapur barrage has discharged 1,13,150 cusecs of water till this evening while the combined discharge of water from DVC's Panchet and Maitan reservoirs was 75,000 cusecs.

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Water situation grim in Karnataka, desilt tanks, Centre tells state

Ajith Athrady

NEW DELHI: Terming the water situation in most parts of Karnataka grim due to deficient rainfall, the Centre on Monday suggested that Karnataka desilt existing water tanks and reservoirs to increase their storage capacity in case of rainfall in coming months.

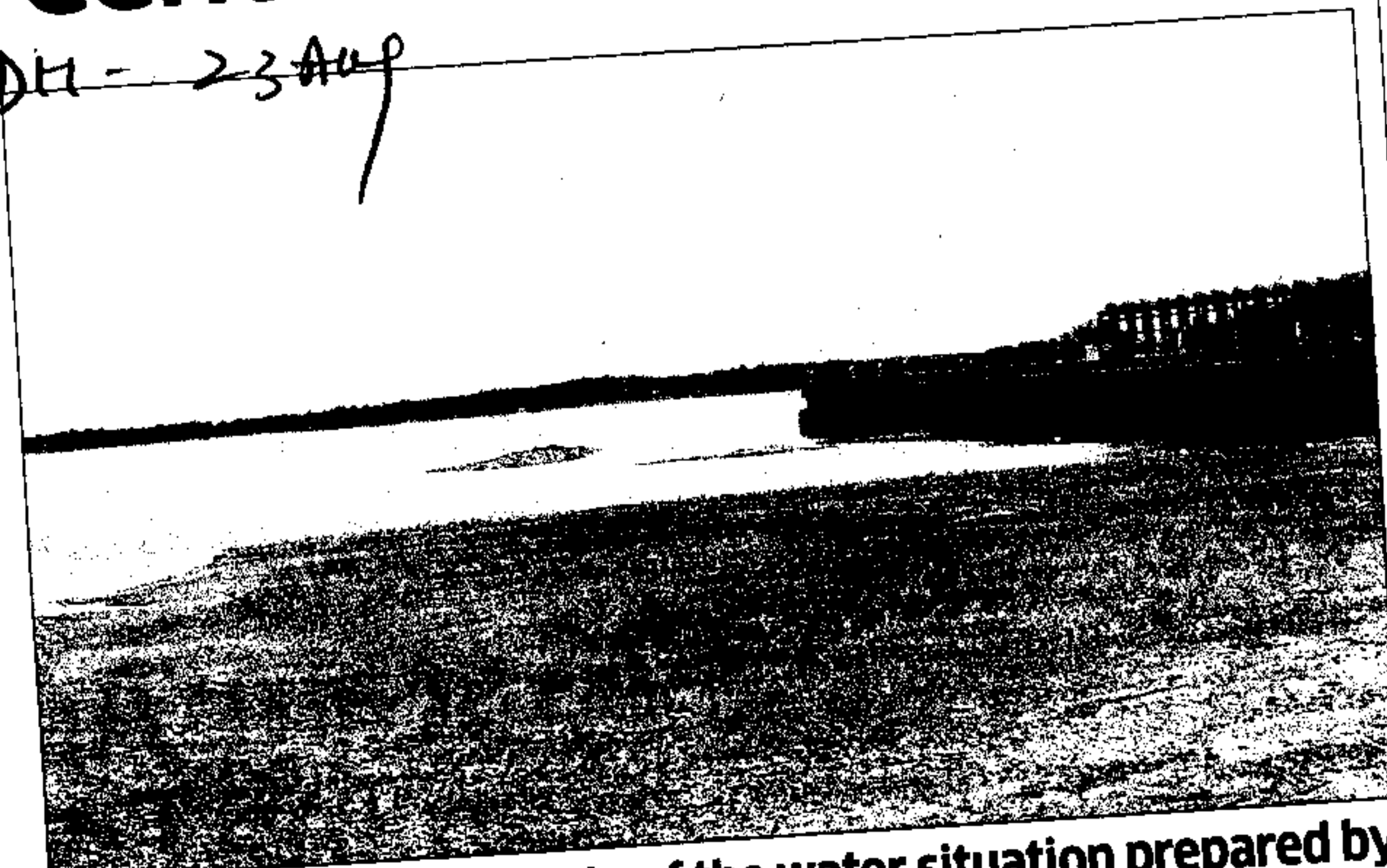
"Karnataka has been facing drought for the past two years. In correlation with the deficit in rainfall pattern from 1st January to 16th April, 2016, the water levels in all major reservoirs in the state have declined," says a report on the spot study of the water situation in drought-affected areas of the country (2015-16) prepared by the Central Water Commission.

The report suggested that the state government assign priority to domestic/drinking water for human and livestock consumption as water levels in reservoirs is very low.

The report said water level in major reservoirs of Karnataka is precariously low. The water level in Krishna river basin reservoirs like Tungabhadra that provide water to districts like Koppal, Ballari etc is a mere 7%, and Ghataprabha that provides water to districts like Belagavi, Vijayapura etc is around 13%. Similarly, Almatti, Malaprabha reservoirs of North Karnataka have very less water. Overall, the scenario in the Krishna river basin of Karnataka state and particularly North Karnataka, is grave.

The rainfall pattern over South Karnataka, particularly in the Cauvery basin, also has shown a decline, particularly in the months of February, March and mid-April, 2016.

Therefore, the water levels in Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) is a mere 25%, Kabini 35% and Hemavathy 14%, the report said. The Cauvery basin, par-



A report on the spot study of the water situation prepared by the Central Water Commission said water level in major reservoirs of Karnataka was precariously low. DH FILE PHOTO

Moderate rains in parts of state

Kodagu district received 7.34 mm rainfall in the last 24 hours. The water level in Harangi reservoir stood at 2,857.09 feet. Dakshina Kannada district did not receive any rains on Monday. Moderate rains continued to lash Shivamogga district on Monday.

Hosanagar, Thirthahalli, Sagar received good spell of rains till noon. Bhadravathi, some parts of Shivamogga, Shikaripur, Sorab received moderate rains. Water level in Linganamakki dam rose to 1,791.55 feet against maximum level of 1,819 feet. There were reports of drizzling in Ballari, Belagavi and Haveri districts.

Particularly districts of Mandya and Chamarajanagar, may face water shortage if there is no rain in the rest of the months of the monsoon season.

In many North Karnataka and Malnad region reservoirs, including Linganamakki, Supa, Ghataprabha and Almatti, the inflows into reservoirs have reduced substantially.

Due to the deficit rainfall since January, 2016, and due to persistent drought for the last two years, it can be reasonably concluded that groundwater tables have plummeted beyond the levels observed in 2012 in the state, the report said.

In some areas, particularly in North Karnataka, and in South Karnataka districts of

Report says...

- Cauvery and Krishna basin reservoirs face severe shortage of water
- Priority should be given to domestic consumption
- Inefficiencies in water distribution networks should be rectified
- Awareness created to prevent waste of potable water
- More water harvesting structures be constructed

Tumakuru, Kolar, Chikkaballapur and Chitradurga, the ground water situation is grim.

As on 2015, about 135 taluks of the 176 in 27 districts are facing drought and water shortage.

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The Hindu - 23 Aug

5 States reel under flood impact, Farakka

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has promised the Centre's support for rescue and relief operations

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Ganga and many of its tributaries were in spate after torrential rain, and the monsoonal deluge left thousands of people in five States struggling to cope on Monday.

As the Ganga swelled, the Central Water Resources Ministry directed that all the flood gates of the Farraka barrage in West Bengal be opened to relieve the danger to Bihar.

Heavy rain over the last two days in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand caused several

ivers—tributaries of the Ganga—to flood and rise to record levels. In Bihar, flood waters spread to Bhojpur, Buxar, Munger, Bhagalpur and Khagaria districts.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed concern over the situation in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand and promised the Centre's support for rescue and relief operations.

Mr. Modi spoke to Chief Ministers Akhilesh Yadav, Nitish Kumar and Shivraj Singh Chouhan, official sources said. Home Minister Rajnath Singh was closely monitoring the situation and

had spoken to the Chief Ministers of the five states.

NDRF rescues thousands

As a large number of people reeled under the impact of floods, more than 26,400 were rescued by the National Disaster Response Force. The NDRF put together an emergency operation with 56 rescue and relief teams and had two Deputy Inspector General-rank officers in Bihar and UP monitoring the situation.

The order to open the Farakka barrage was seen as crucial. "I spoke to the Bihar Chief Secretary," Shashi Shekhar, Secretary, Water Resources Ministry said. "We have directed that all gates of the Farakka barrage be opened. This should help somewhat in managing the flood."

The Farakka barrage has 104 gates and they are being opened to manage nearly 11 lakh cusecs of water that have inundated Bihar and affected nearly 10 lakh residents in the past week.

On Sunday, Chief Minister, Nitish Kumar, had said that the Farakka barrage needed to be "removed" and a national desilting policy put in place to prevent flooding.

"It is not possible to protect Bihar from devastating floods without removal of the Farakka barrage on the Ganga," Nitish Kumar said, before going on an aerial survey of the flood-hit districts.

The barrage, built in 1975 close to the Bangladesh border, was designed to transfer 1,100 cubic metres per second of water from the Ganga to the Hoogly to flush out sediments. However it has

been controversial, with complaints that it is choking up the river's natural flow and affecting aquatic life. The Centre says the States have to take a role in managing problems with the barrage.

People forced to move to relief camps in Bihar protested at some places as they could not get food and fodder. Many residents of Patna and adjoining Vaishali districts shifted to relief camps.

Similar protests by flood-affected communities in Nathnagar of Bhagalpur and Begusarai, Saran and Bakhtiyarpur were reported, over lack of government aid and relief.

In West Bengal, nearly 200 people were left homeless as an entire village in Malda district was submerged by the Ganga on Sunday.

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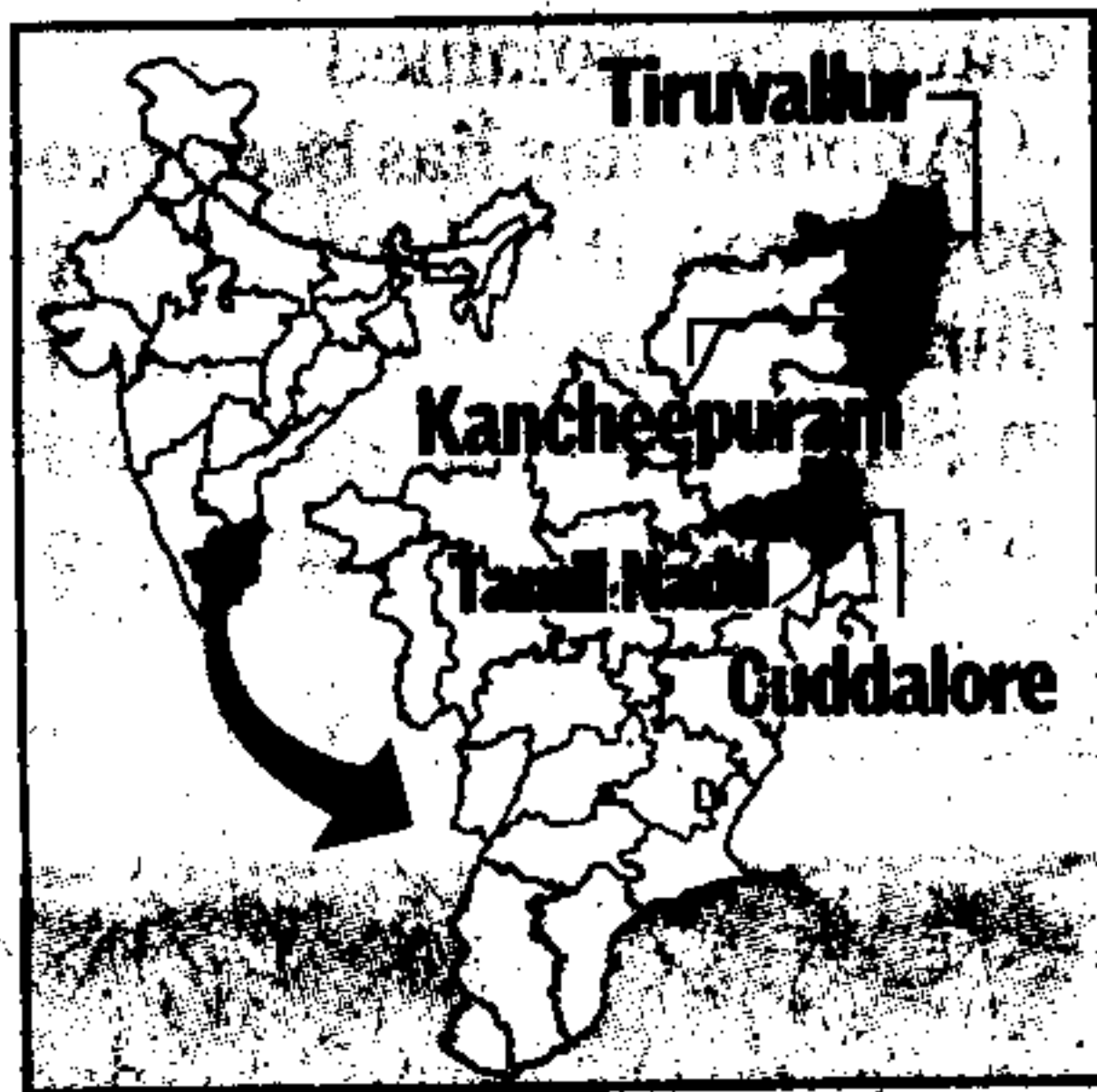
Flood-hit irrigation tanks to be restored

Nearly nine months after the December deluge, doubts remain over the city's capability to resist flooding. About 50 water bodies to be covered under the IAMWARM project.

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CHENNAI: Nearly 50 irrigation tanks in the neighbouring districts, which were battered during last year's torrential downpour, will be taken up for restoration as an emergency work under the Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation and Water Bodies Restoration and Management (IAMWARM) project-II.

The Water Resources Department, the coordinating agency for IAMWARM, is preparing a report to seek funding for the second phase of the project. However, the World Bank, the funding agency for IAMWARM, is allocating Rs. 50



crore to restore water bodies and surplus channels in Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, and Cuddalore districts. This is to protect them from further damage during rains as the northeast monsoon is just two months away.

Officials of the department said these tanks fall-

ing under various sub-basins such as of Lower Palar and Nagari river have a total irrigation area of about 8,300 hectares. Most tanks fall in Kancheepuram and Tiruvallur districts. These include tanks in Chettipunniyam, Veerapuram periyari, Perumbadu, Uthukadu and Manamathy and PV. Kalathur channel in Kancheepuram district and Tiruttani big tank, Pallipet, Periyapuliur Peddamanjari, and Amirthapuram in Tiruvallur district. A few tanks fed by Uppanar river in Cuddalore district that were breached would also be rehabilitated.

The bunds would be strengthened. The supply

channels and field would be improved. Damaged sluices and weirs would be restored, an official said.

The process to start the project by September was being expedited and the entire project would take six months to be completed. However, part of the work to repair the vulnerable portion of the water bodies would be completed to save them from further damage, the official added.

Meanwhile, the department is gearing to restore flood-affected water bodies, which do not contribute to irrigation purposes anymore, in the city's periphery under various other schemes.

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Monsoon fury rages, MP toll now 30

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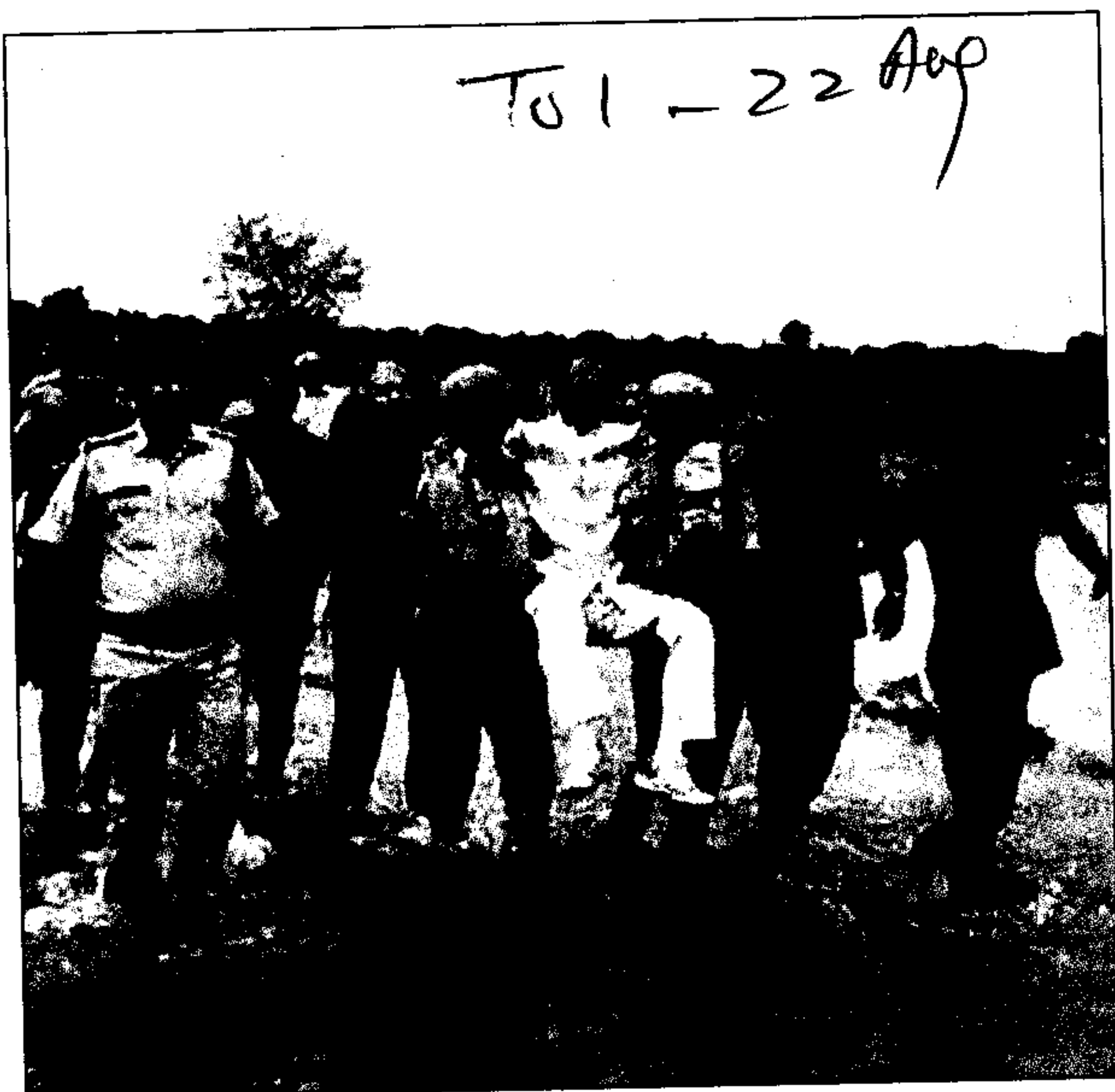
Lucknow/Jaipur/Bhopal: Incessant rains heaped misery and threw life out of gear in various parts of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan on Sunday. A woman died in a wall collapse taking the toll to 30 in the last 48 hours in MP, while army teams had to be deployed in Rajasthan. In UP, rising levels of the Ganga overflowed into villages.

The swollen Tamsa river wreaked havoc in MP's Satna and Rewa districts. A day after a three-storeyed building crumbled at Maihar town in Satna district killing two, another house collapsed due to heavy rains in Narsinghpur district, 220 km from Bhopal, injuring a woman. Another died after being trapped under debris of a wall, which collapsed in Rajgarh district.

"We are on high alert though rains are a drizzle now. Hinauti village had to be evacuated on Saturday night after a dam was brimming over. A holiday has been declared in schools," Rajgarh collector Tarun Pithode said.

About 22 people were rescued by Army and National Disaster Relief Force teams in Rajasthan's Pratapgarh district, while three districts in Udaipur witnessed flood-like situation.

The Ganga flowed above the danger mark at Varanasi,



Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan is carried across flood waters by securitymen during his visit to Amanganj in Panna district on Sunday. The photo was released by an MP govt PRO

MP CM faces wrath of flood victims

Madhya Pradesh chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan had to face the wrath of villagers in Rewa, one of the worst-hit areas, where houses were washed away by gushing waters. As soon as Chouhan reached the spot for inspection, locals raised slogans against administrative apathy in relief distribution. Some asked why authorities failed in disaster management efforts despite forecast of heavy rain. Officers had to stop CM from visiting Bansghat after inputs of mobilisation of locals. Mayor Mamta Gupta had to flee in face of mob fury. TNN

Allahabad, Mirzapur, Ghazipur and Phaphamau and touched 60.21m in Ballia, just 0.04m below the highest level recorded in 2003.

After crossing the danger

mark in Mirzapur on Sunday, the Ganga spilled over in Ghazipur and Varanasi. The overflowing Ganga marooned several villages, especially in the Chunar area.

6 rivers in spate in Bihar, 15k housed in 82 relief camps

Patna: With the rise in level of the Ganga, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar today expressed apprehension of further rise in water level by tomorrow in view of release of water from Bansagar dam as flood-like situation prevailed in state.

Kumar, who held a high level meeting to assess the situation, later went on an aerial survey of Patna, Bhojpur, Saran, Vaishali, Begusarai and Khagaria. He told reporters there is at the moment no possibility of flood waters entering into Patna city.

Meanwhile the rising water level of Ganga has more or less created flood-like situation in all the districts situated along the banks of the river in Bihar.

Ganga and six other rivers were flowing above danger mark in Patna, Bhagalpur, Khagaria, Katihar, Siwan, Bhojpur, Buxar and Hajipur districts, a disaster management department statement said. The districts which are witnessing flood-like situation included - Patna, Vaisha-

li, Buxar, Bhojpur, Saran, Begusarai, Samastipur, Lakhisarai, Khagaria, Munger, Bhagalpur and Katihar, the department statement said.

Around 15,000 people are sheltered in 82 relief camps after being evacuated from flood affected areas, it said adding that all camps have the facilities of medical team with medicines. Stating that several districts of Bihar have been facing the threat of inundation, Kumar said that "The water level of Ganga has increased due to release of water from Indrapuri barrage and other rivers merging into Ganga.

"Besides, a huge volume of water has been released from Bansagar dam and it is expected that water level, which has reduced, will once again rise by tonight or tomorrow morning," Kumar said.

The CM held Farakka dam responsible for slow discharge of water from Ganga which has become shallow due to heavy siltation. This causes flood water to spread to other areas. The CM appealed to people to vacate the riverbank areas.

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FLOODS

Finally, food from Bihar govt

In a corner of Patna district, those who left flooded homes describe how they endured a week of hardships

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, AUGUST 23

FOR THE first time in a week, since the swollen Ganga forced them to leave their homes and camp in higher places, residents of Kasaha diara ate dinner sent by the government. The diara, part of Mokama assembly constituency, lies at one end of the Rajendra Setu, on Patna district's border with Begusarai.

"It is not that we had been going without food," said Saho Nishad, "but we had been surviving on meagre provisions and trying to prolong our stock as long as possible. Until today, there was no government help."

When food did arrive Wednesday, it brought scenes of relief all around. Nishad's children happily started eating *chura* (beaten rice) from one dish as soon as the family got its share of *chura*, rice and pulses. The area of about 10,000 people, mostly EBC Mallahs or Nishads, had never seen inundation of this scale in the last 25 years.

"We had been surviving on old stocks or by borrowing and sharing with neighbours," said Yogendra Nishad of Shivanagar village of Kasaha, spread over 5 km. "It is only because of the presence of media and local politicians that the Mokama block administration has woken up from its slumber and started distributing food."

"It is true that the Mokama circle officer reacted late," agreed JD(U) spokesperson and MLC Neeraj Kumar, who toured the area. "We are happy that people are now getting food. We will give the people's feedback to the state government."

Kasaha is one of 20-odd belts flooded by a Ganga swollen after the discharge of additional water from UP, MP and Jharkhand. Overall, 12 districts of Bihar have been affected by flooding in riverine and low-lying areas, from Buxar to Bhagalpur along the Ganga, in Rohtas and Saran along the Sone.

Some 30 to 40 per cent of Kasaha diara's residents earn their living from animal husbandry. As such, their biggest worry was the safety of their cows, buffaloes and goats. Sanjay Nishad and Manti Devi, for example,



Saho Nishad's three children share a dish of *chura* after relief arrived; so far, the family had been rationing its meagre stock. Santosh Singh

raised a *machan*, or elevated bamboo platform, and tied their cattle below it.

"Though the administration sent 14 boats, not one was used to carry our animals, our most precious possession. Some of us paid Rs 1,000 to a private boatman to carry one cow or one buffalo," said Sugla Devi of Janjeera village.

Living under plastic sheets, hundreds of people are waiting for the Ganga to recede. In the last two days, it has receded two feet but

is still hovering around the danger mark, with the Sone putting additional pressure on the Ganga in Buxar.

Disaster management control said 22 people including 11 in Bhojpur have died in the last three days. Over 1.39 lakh people have been evacuated, of whom 1.05 lakh are camping at 162 relief centres across the 12 districts.

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar called on the Prime Minister seeking a solution to floods.

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VARANASI FLOODED

Ganga in spate, rising a centimetre an hour

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VARANASI: With the Ganga showing no signs of relenting, the temple town seems to be heading for the second worst flood in the last three years.

In 2013, the city was gripped by a massive flood when the Ganga touched 72.63-metre mark flooding several pockets of the district, said the central water commission. The river had reached the highest ever level of 73.901 metre in 1978.

On Tuesday, the Ganga was flowing at 72.48 metre and rising at the rate of one centimetre per hour. The officials said that the river water will increase to 72.60 metre in the next couple of hours, hitting some more pockets in the city.

The Varuna, a tributary of the Ganga, is also swelling. The



■ An aerial view of Allahabad city submerged in flood waters.

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condition at Assi Ghat is no different. Flood waters entered new areas on Tuesday, one of them being Trauma Centre Road. The swollen Ganga has affected 40 pockets in the city. Besides, 225

villages are also in the grip of the floods. Several thousand people have been affected in eastern UP districts of Mirzapur, Varanasi, Ghazipur. In Varanasi, many locals from Ramana shifted their

cattle to safer locations.

SDM (sadar) Aryaka Akhauri said, "Gram pradhans (village heads) have been instructed to prepare a list of affected families and set up relief camps."

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FLOODS SO FAR

UTTAR PRADESH

Release of water from Nepal, Madhya Pradesh and Uttrakhand raises river levels further. Ganga above danger mark in parts of Allahabad, Mirzapur, Varanasi, Ghazipur and Ballia. Yamuna above red mark in Banda, Allahabad, Betwa in Hamirpur, and Sharda in Kheri. Rs 23.84 crore flood relief so far.

BIHAR

Over 23 lakh people affected by floods in 12 districts of Bihar. 22 dead in the floods over the last one week.

RESCUE

10 freshly NDRF teams began rescue and relief work in flood-hit Bihar and Uttar Pradesh even as the force rescued over 33,000 marooned people from various states. The force deployed a number of boat ambulances. Until the fresh dispatch, the NDRF had 17 teams in Bihar and 19 in UP.

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Major rivers in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh flowing above the danger mark

At least 22 persons have been killed, 23.71 lakh people affected in Bihar

NEW DELHI: The Ganga and five other rivers are still flowing above danger mark in many parts of Bihar, triggering a flood-like situation in the districts situated along the banks of the river, while in Uttar Pradesh water level of major rivers has crossed the red mark at several places in the State.

At least 22 persons have been killed while 23.71 lakh people affected in the Bihar floods with many areas, especially the riverine belt of 12 districts was badly reeling under water in the State.

The floods caused by a spate in rivers Ganga, Sone, Punpun, Burhi Gandak, Ghaghra and Kosi have affected 23.71 lakh people in 1,115 villages under 362 panchayats in 12 districts of the state, a Disaster Management Department statement said.

Bhojpur worst hit

Bhojpur district, which accounted for the maximum number of deaths, reported 12 deaths followed by Vaishali (6), Bhagalpur (2) and one each in Buxar and Lakhisarai district.

The districts witnessing flood-like situation in Bihar included — Patna, Vaishali,

Buxar, Bhojpur, Saran, Begusarai, Samastipur, Lakhisarai, Khagaria, Munger, Bhagalpur and Katihar — a Disaster Management Department statement said.

Ganga and five other rivers were flowing above danger mark in Patna, Bhagalpur, Khagaria, Katihar, Siwan, Bhojpur and Buxar districts of Bihar.

Ganga was flowing above

danger mark at six places in Digba ghat, Gandhi Ghat, Hathidah in Patna, Bhagalpur and Kahalgaon in Bhagalpur district, and in certain points of Munger district and Buxar district, it said.

Ganga, Yamuna, Sharda and Ken are flowing above the danger mark in Uttar Pradesh.

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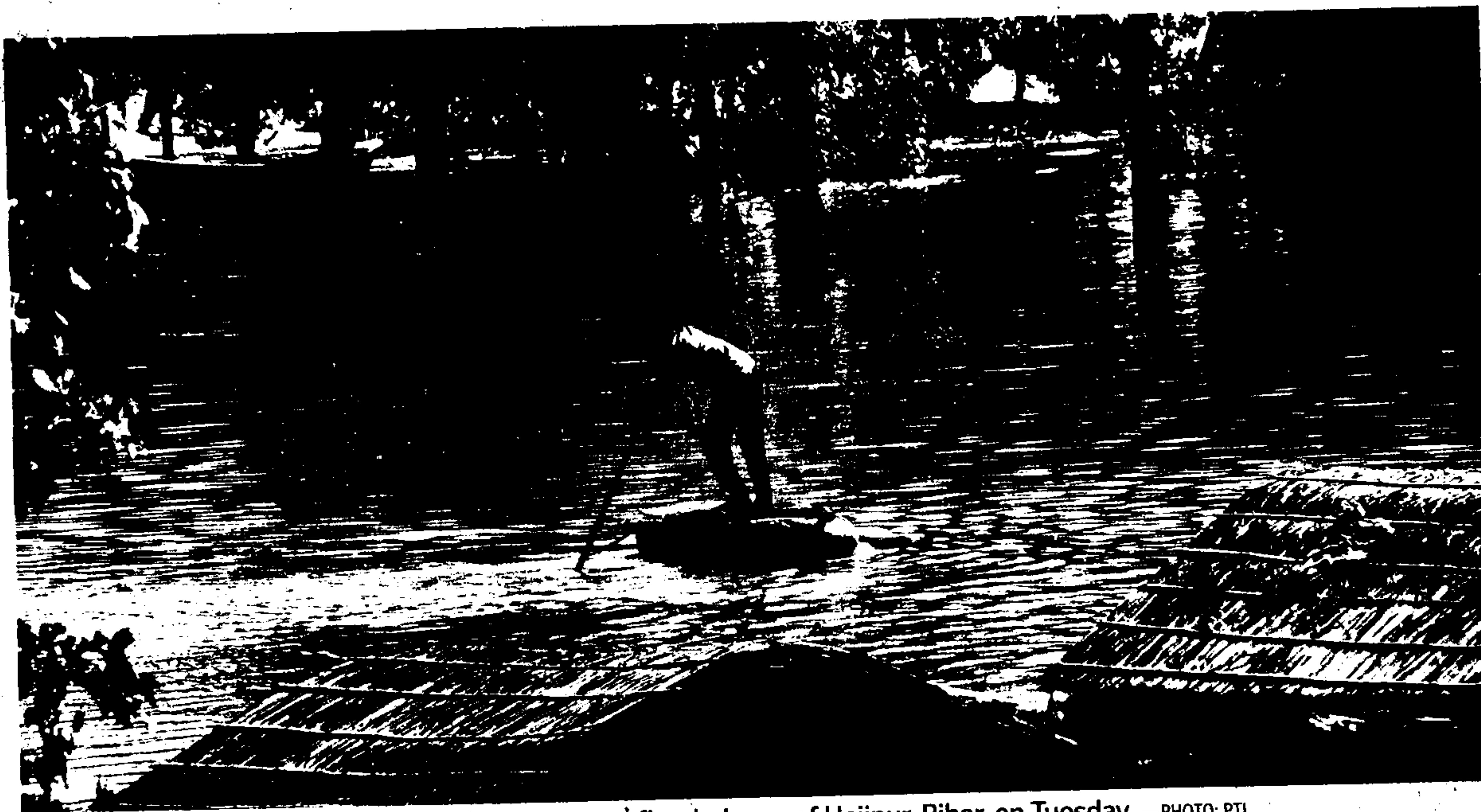
Water Commission (CWC), Ganga is flowing above the danger mark at Fafamau and Chatnag in Allahabad, Mirzapur, Varanasi, Ghazipur and Ballia, while Yamuna is flowing above red mark at Chillaghat (Banda), Hamirpur and Naini (Allahabad).

Ken river is flowing above the danger mark at Banda while Sharda has

crossed the danger mark at Palliakalan (Kheri).

Heavy rainfall warning

The IMD's Bhopal Centre director Anupam Kashyapi said heavy rainfall is likely at isolated places in Singrauli, Sidhi, Rewa, Satna, Umaria, Katni, Shahdol, Rajgarh, Guna and Agar-Malwa districts in the next 24 hours. — PTI



STAYING AFLOAT: A man uses inflated tubes to cross a flooded area of Hajipur, Bihar, on Tuesday. —PHOTO: PTI

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Farakka barrage the cause of silt in Ganga, must be removed, Nitish tells PM Modi

ANAND MISHRA

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

CHIEF MINISTER Nitish Kumar called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi Tuesday and pitched for a national silt management policy as a permanent solution to the flood problem, which has killed 22 people so far. He also urged the Prime Minister to send a team of experts to assess the "un-

precedented" situation and the latter agreed, Nitish told journalists.

Nitish demanded removal of Farakka barrage in West Bengal, which he said was behind the increasing silt in the Ganga. He said the benefits from the Farakka barrage are far less than the damage that is happening due to it. It is due to the barrage that the level in various rivers of Bihar have gone above previous records despite rainfall having been 14 per cent below normal, he said.

JE 24 Nitish, who met Home Minister Rajnath Singh separately, told journalists he feels like "crying" when he sees the condition of the Ganga in Bihar. He suggested that the government's Namami Gange project focus on better silt management.

"The only way to get rid of this problem is desilting. There is a need for national silt management policy," Nitish said. "The Prime Minister assured me that experts will be sent to Bihar."

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गोगुन्दा में देखे जल संग्रहण के कार्य



ब्रिक्स सम्मेलन में हिस्सा लेने आए ब्राजील, चीन व रूस के प्रतिनिधि मंडल ने दोपहर में गोगुन्दा क्षेत्र में जल स्वावलम्बन अभियान के तहत हुए जल

संग्रहण कार्यों का अवलोकन किया। उन्होंने चोरबावड़ी क्षेत्र में पहाड़ों के बीच बनाए गए चेक डेम, ट्रेचिंग व प्लांटेशन कार्य देखे। दलकाविधायक प्रतापगमेती,

प्रधान पुष्कर तेली, चोरबावड़ी सरपंच नाहर सिंह देवड़ा, उपखण्ड अधिकारी गोपाललाल मीणा ने स्वागत किया और बारिश के कारण छतरियां मंगवाई गई।

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प्रस्तुतीकरण को सराहा। सम्मेलन में भारत के राष्ट्रीय आपदा प्रबंधन प्राधिकरण के सदस्य आर.के.जैन, गृह मंत्रालय के अतिरिक्त सचिव बिपिन मलिक, राजस्थान के राजस्व एवं आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग के सचिव रोहित कुमार, जिला कलक्टर रोहित गुप्ता, जिला पुलिस अधीक्षक राजेन्द्र प्रसाद गोयल आदि मौजूद थे।

तकनीकी सत्र में ये सुझाव आए

दक्षिण अफ्रीका की तरफ सभी देशों में विद्यार्थियों को आपदा प्रबंधन का पाठ पढ़ाया जाए।

स्थानीय स्तर पर सामुदायिक स्वच्छता कार्यक्रम व मौसमी बीमारियों की समस्या से निपटने के लिए काम किया जाए।

पॉलीथिन का प्रयोग रोकने एवं इसकी हानियों के बारे में अधिकाधिक जागरूकता लाने पर जोर दिया जाए।

यह है उदयपुर घोषणा पत्र

प्राकृतिक आपदाओं व जलवायु परिवर्तन के कारण आज जो हालात हैं, ऐसे भविष्य में नहीं हो उसके लिए हम सतत समाधान पर काम करेंगे, इसकी प्रतिबद्धता जताते हैं।

नवीन आपदा जोखिम प्रबंधन (डीआरएम) के विकास व प्रचार-प्रसार करने व बढ़ावा देने की प्रतिबद्धता जताई।

आपदाओं की घटनाओं में कमी लाने और इसकी चुनौतियां से निपटने के लिए पांचों ही देशों की सहायता के लिए जानकारी का आदान-प्रदान करना।

आपदा प्रबंधन और जलवायु परिवर्तन के अनुकूल क्षेत्र में निवेश को बढ़ावा दिया जाएगा। इसमें सार्वजनिक और निजी क्षेत्र को भी शामिल किया जाएगा।

खराब मौसम से पड़ने वाले प्रभावों के लिए पूर्व चेतावनी तथा पूर्वानुमान के

लिए नवीन तंत्र विकसित किया जाए।

जलवायु परिवर्तन से भविष्य में आने वाली आपदाओं से निपटने के लिए जलवायु जोखिम संबंधी जानकारी के प्रचार-प्रसार तथा प्रयासों से प्रत्येक विकास क्षेत्र पर पड़ने वाले प्रभाव का पुरस्ता आकलन किया जाए।

सदस्य राष्ट्रों ने राष्ट्रीय, क्षेत्रीय व स्थानीय संस्थानों की क्षमताओं को बढ़ाने पर बल दिया ताकि आपदा प्रबंधन के दौरान जोखिम कम किया जा सके। इसके लिए ऊपरी स्तर ही नहीं, निचले स्तर पर भी काम करने पर जोर दिया गया।

अप्रैल 2016 में सेंट पीटर्सबर्ग में हुई ब्रिक्स देशों के आपदा प्रबंधन मंत्रियों की बैठक के घोषणा-पत्र के अनुरूप संयुक्त कार्ययोजना को लागू करने की सहमति दी।

सम्मेलन

गृह राज्यमंत्री रिजिजू ने बताई ये खास बातें



प्राकृतिक आपदाओं का सामना करने के लिए उदयपुर घोषणा पत्र मील का पत्थर साबित होगा।



आपदा की स्थितियों पर नियंत्रण के लिए विशेष रूप से ग्रामीण एवं शहरी क्षेत्रों की सुनियोजित योजना बनाने की दिशा में गंभीर प्रयास कर रहे हैं। इसके तहत सरकार स्मार्ट सिटी, सुदृढ़ सड़कों और भूकम्परोधी मकानों के निर्माण आदि ठोस कार्य हाथ में ले रही है।

प्राकृतिक आपदा विषय को स्कूली शिक्षा का अंग बनाने की आवश्यकता है।

संयुक्त टास्क फोर्स का ऐसे होगा क्रियान्वयन



प्रत्येक देश से एक-एक प्रतिनिधि शामिल किया जाएगा।

फोर्स के अध्यक्ष रोटेशन से बदलते रहेंगे।

प्रत्येक वर्ष जिस देश की अध्यक्षता रहेगी, उसी देश का प्रतिनिधि फोर्स अध्यक्ष रहेगा।

ब्रिक्स देशों की आपदा प्रबंधन से संबंधी मंत्री स्तरीय बैठक के दौरान ही फोर्स की बैठक भी हुआ करेगी।

फोर्स की अन्य जरूरी बैठकें वीडियो कॉन्फ्रेंसिंग (वीसी) के माध्यम से भी होगी।

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आपदाओं से मुकाबले के लिए बनेगी संयुक्त टास्क फोर्स

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उदयपुर. एक तरफ राजस्थान सहित देश के कई राज्यों में बाढ़ से बेहाल है, वहीं झीलों की नगरी उदयपुर में ब्रिक्स सम्मेलन में बाढ़ सहित अन्य प्राकृतिक आपदाओं को निपटने के लिए दुनिया के पांच देशों ने संयुक्त टास्क फोर्स बनाने का निर्णय किया।

ब्रिक्स सम्मेलन के समापन पर सदस्य राष्ट्रों ब्राजील, रूस, भारत, चीन और दक्षिण अफ्रीका ने उदयपुर घोषणा-पत्र जारी किया। यह भी घोषणा की गई कि आठवां ब्रिक्स शिखर सम्मेलन अक्टूबर में गोवा में होगा जिसकी मेजबानी भारत करेगा। उदयविलास

होटल में सम्मेलन के दूसरे दिन समापन सत्र में संयुक्त घोषणा-पत्र में ब्रिक्स देशों के बीच नियमित चर्चा, विनिमय, आपसी सहयोग एवं समन्वय के दृष्टिगत आपदा जोखिम प्रबंधन पर संयुक्त टास्क फोर्स के गठन पर सहमति जताई गई। सम्मेलन

के बाद केन्द्रीय गृह राज्यमंत्री किरेन रिजिजू ने पत्रकारों को बताया कि सदस्य देशों ने उदयपुर घोषणा-पत्र पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं। उन्होंने बताया कि सेंट पीटर्सबर्ग में सम्पन्न ब्रिक्स देशों के आपदा प्रबंधन मंत्रियों के पहले सम्मेलन में किए गए सामूहिक

निर्णयों की परम्परा को आगे बढ़ाते हुए उदयपुर घोषणा पत्र बहुत महत्वपूर्ण है। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत संयुक्त टास्क फोर्स की पालना करने में कोई कसर बाकी नहीं रखेगा। प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी इस संबंध में अपनी प्रतिबद्धता प्रदर्शित कर चुके

हैं। सम्मेलन में सेंट पीटर्सबर्ग घोषणा पत्र के अनुरूप संयुक्त कार्ययोजना बनाकर आपदा प्रबंधन के तत्वावधान में आपातकालीन स्थितियों में निगरानी तथा पूर्वानुमान के लिए नवीन उपकरणों व तंत्र विकसित करने पर सहमति प्रदान की गई।

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अच्छी बारिश ने बढ़ाई 8 फीसदी जीडीपी ग्रोथ की उम्मीद 24/र

कृषि क्षेत्र की विकास दर 6 फीसदी तक पहुंचने का भी अनुमान

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नई दिल्ली. लगातार दो साल तक सूखे के बाद हुई अच्छी बारिश ने एक बार फिर देश को 8 फीसदी की विकास दर हासिल करने के करीब ला दिया है। यदि ऐसा हुआ तो इस दशक में पहली बार देश 8 फीसदी की विकास दर हासिल करेगा। इतना ही नहीं, अच्छी बारिश के चलते दालों और तेल समेत खाद्य महंगाई दर में भी भी खासी कमी आने की भी संभावना

है। नीति आयोग के सदस्य एवं जाने-माने कृषि अर्थशास्त्री रमेश चंद ने पत्रिका से बातचीत में कहा कि मानसून अब तक बहुत अच्छा रहा है। यदि यह आने वाले दिनों में भी सामान्य बना रहा तो निश्चित ही इसका फायदा भारतीय कृषि को मिलेगा और दशकों बाद कृषि क्षेत्र की विकास दर 6 फीसदी पर पहुंच जाएगी।

कृषि में 6 फीसदी की ग्रोथ कुल जीडीपी को ग्रोथ को 1 फीसदी का बूस्ट दे सकती है। वित्त मंत्रालय ने इस साल जीडीपी ग्रोथ के 7.5 फीसदी से 8 फीसदी के बीच रहने का अनुमान लगाया था। ऐसे में 6 फीसदी की कृषि विकास दर जीडीपी के आंकड़े को 8 फीसदी के पार पहुंचा सकती है। वित्त वर्ष 2015-16 के दौरान

जीडीपी की विकास दर 7.6 फीसदी रही थी जबकि कृषि विकास दर 1.2 फीसदी रही थी।

महंगाई से भी मिलगी राहत

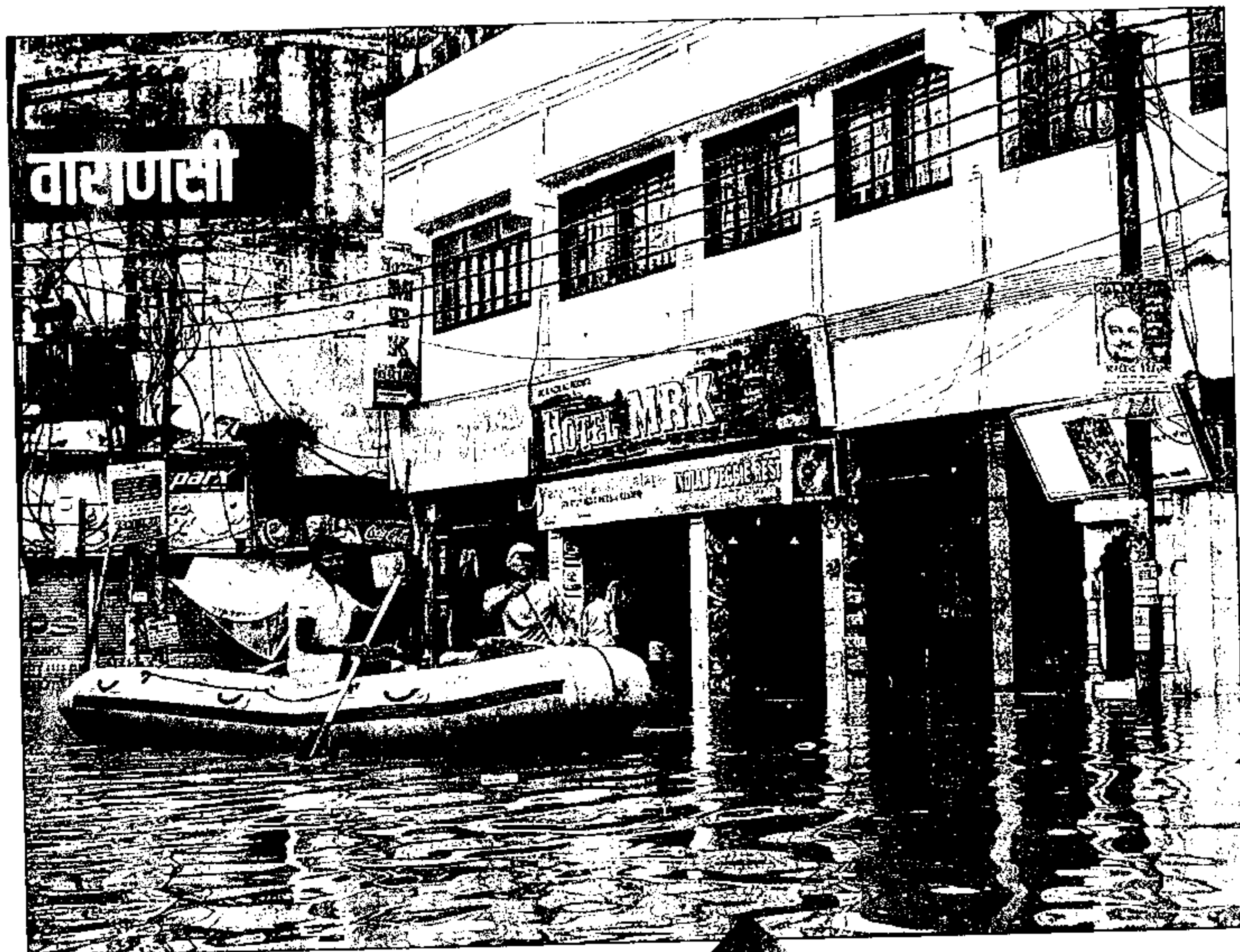
डॉ. रमेश चंद ने कहा कि कृषि उत्पादों की बंपर पैदावार न सिर्फ जीडीपी को ग्रोथ को बूस्ट देगी, बल्कि खाद्य महंगाई दर को भी शांत करेगी। कम से कम दालों की कीमत में जरूर गिरावट आएगी, क्योंकि इस बार पिछले साल की तुलना में 35 फीसदी अधिक बुआई हुई है।

किसानों की आमदनी बढ़ने का सीधा असर ऑटोमोबाइल और एफएमजीसी में ग्रोथ के रूप में नजर आएगा।

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● हिमालय से लेकर गंगा के मैदानी इलाके बाढ़ से बेहाल ● यूपी, बिहार, झारखंड और बंगाल के कई शहर

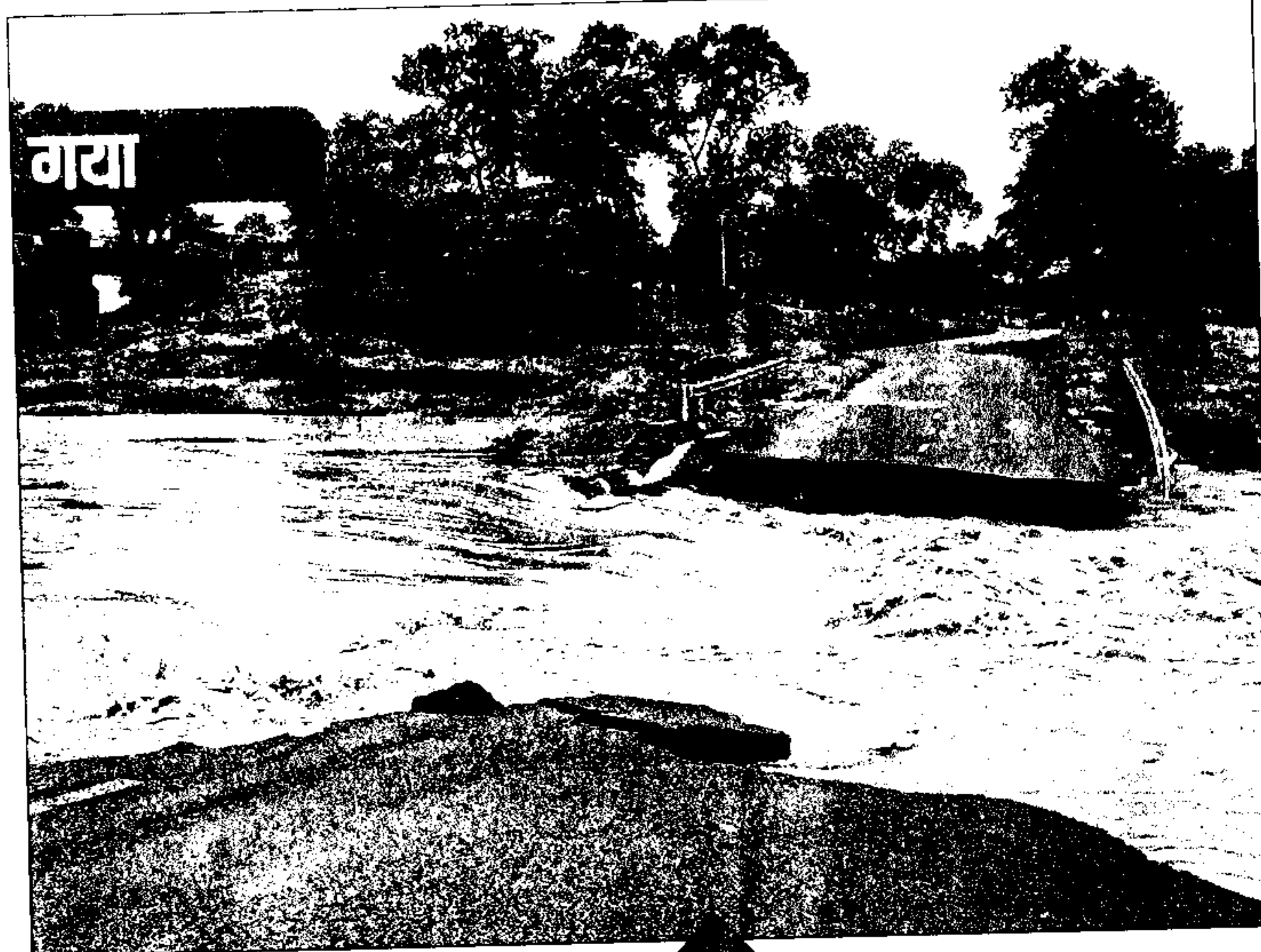
कुदरत के कोप से हिमालय से लेकर गंगा बेसिन के इलाकों में हालात विकराल हो गए हैं। उत्तराखंड में हो रही बारिश से कई मार्ग बंद हैं। वहीं यूपी में गंगा का जलस्तर लगातार बढ़ रहा है। बिहार में नेपाल, झारखंड और मध्य प्रदेश का पानी तबाही मचा रहा है।



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गांव बाढ़ से प्रभावित हैं वाराणसी और आसपास के इलाकों में

वाराणसी के दशाश्वमेध रोड पर मंगलवार को बाढ़ में गश्त करती एनडीआरएफ की टीम। • हिन्दुस्तान



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जिलों में बाढ़ का कहर, बिहार में एनडीआरएफ की 21 टीमों बचाव में जुटीं

बिहार के गया जिले में मंगलवार को बाढ़ से पूरी सड़क बंद गई। जिसके बाद कई इलाकों का संपर्क कट गया। • हिन्दुस्तान



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मीटर गंगा का जलस्तर दर्ज किया फरक्का में जो खतरे से 1.5 मीटर ज्यादा है

काशी पर सबसे बड़ी बाढ़ का खतरा

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वाराणसी दूसरी सबसे बड़ी बाढ़ की तरफ बढ़ रहा है। गंगा के जलस्तर में छठे दिन बढ़ता रहा। यह शाम सात बजे 72.49 मीटर तक पहुंच गया। गंगा 2013 में 72.63 मीटर तक पहुंची थी। पानी एक सेमी प्रति घंटे की रफ्तार से बढ़ रहा है। गंगा और वरुणा के बाद असी और गोमती के भी उफानाने से जिला तीन ओर से घिर गया है।

पूर्वांचल में कई रजमागों डूबे: यूपी में बलिया, गाजीपुर, चंदौली, वाराणसी, मिर्जापुर और भदोही में हाइवे पर पानी चढ़ गया है। कुछ स्थानों पर तो घुटने तक पानी आ चुका है। इससे यातायात रोक दिया गया है। एनडीआरएफ की टीमों लोगों को

बाढ़ में कार डूबी, दो मरे

इलाहाबाद में बाढ़ ने दो दोस्तों मिचेल (40) और अंबुज (36) की जान ले ली। मिचेल पूर्व एमएलसी व बीएचएस के पूर्व प्रिंसिपल सीवी इनिस का इकलौता बेटा था। सोमवार आधी रात उनकी कार गहरे पानी में समा गई। इसके बाद बाढ़ के तेज बहाव में दो दोस्त डूब गए।

सुरक्षित स्थानों पर पहुंचाने में लगी हैं। बलिया में भरोली से माझी तक एनएन पर बाढ़ का दबाव और भी बढ़ गया है। गाजीपुर में गंगा का जलस्तर खतरे के निशान से दो मीटर ऊपर पहुंच गया है। कर्मनाशा नदी भी उफान पर है। मिर्जापुर में गंगा खतरे के निशान से सवा मीटर ऊपर

नाव पलटने से 15 लापता

बिहार के औरंगाबाद के ओबरा प्रखंड के कलेन गांव के समीप पुनपुन नदी में मंगलवार की शाम नाव पलटने से एक महिला की डूबने से मौत हो गई जबकि नाव पर सवार 15 लोग लापता हैं। लापता लोगों की तलाश के लिए एसडीआरएफ की टीम बुलाई गई है।

हैं। चंदौली में सोमवार की देर रात मुगलसराय-वाराणसी मार्ग पर डांडी के समीप एक फीट की ऊंचाई तक बाढ़ का पानी पहुंच गया है। मुगलसराय-चहनियां, चंदौली-बबुरी व पड़ाव-भूपौली मार्ग पर आवागमन तीन दिन से बंद है।

गंगा का जलस्तर (मीटर में)

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| हरिद्वार | 291.9 (293 चेतावनी) |
| जयपुर | 112.22 (112 चेतावनी) |
| इलाहाबाद | 85.56 (84.73) |
| वाराणसी | 72.49 (71.26) |
| बलिया | 60.33 (57.61) |
| पटना | 50.11 (48.6) |
| राजपुर | 34.61 (33.68) |

रिहंद के कुछ गेट बंद, पानी घटने से रहत: सोनभद्र में रिहंद बांध का जलस्तर मंगलवार को खतरे के निशान से आधा फिट नीचे रहने के कारण नौ में से चार गेट बंद कर दिए गए। इसी तरह ओबरा बांध खोले गए पांच में से तीन गेट बंद हो गए।

पटना में सोन नदी ने कहर बरपाया

पटना। पटना में पांचवें दिन सभी नदियां खतरे के निशान से ऊपर बह रही हैं। हालांकि गंगा मंगलवार सुबह से ही सभी घाटों पर स्थिर रही। कोइलवर में सोन के जलस्तर में एक सेमी प्रति घंटे की वृद्धि हो रही है। दक्षिण बिहार के जिलों में भारी बारिश का असर मंगलवार को पुनपुन पर दिखाई पड़ रहा है। पुनपुन मंगलवार को प्रति घंटे दो सेमी की दर से बढ़ रही है। पटना में एनएच 30, एनएच 30 ए और एनएच 80 अभी चालू नहीं हुआ है।

भागलपुर और इसके आसपास के इलाकों में गंगा रौद्र रूप में है तो वहीं सोन भोजपुर में अभी भी उफान पर है। पुनपुन के भी तेवर तल्लख हैं। धर भागलपुर, मुंगेर और कटिहार में गंगा के जलस्तर में वृद्धि जारी है। खगड़िया के मानसी में दो जगह सुरक्षा बांध टूट गया है। (हिब्यू)

बाढ़ से बचाने को फरक्का बैराज हटाने की मांग

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बिहार में बाढ़ की गंभीर स्थिति पर प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी से मिलने आए मुख्यमंत्री नीतीश कुमार ने गंगा पर बने फरक्का बैराज को हटाने पर गंभीरता से विचार करने की मांग की है।

मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा है कि फरक्का के कारण गंगा में पटना तक गाद जमा होती जा रही है, जो बाढ़ के व्यापक असर का प्रमुख कारक है।

नीतीश ने मांग की है कि केंद्र का एक विशेषज्ञ दल इस समय (मानसून) और बाद में गर्मियों का दौरा करे और जमा हो रही गाद व फरक्का बैराज की उपयोगिता का अध्ययन करे। उन्होंने इस स्थिति में

हालात गंभीर

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- राष्ट्रीय गाद प्रबंधन नीति बनाने मांग, नमामि गंगे पर उठाए सवाल

गंगा की अविरलता के प्रभावित होने व नमामि गंगे परियोजना की सफलता को लेकर भी प्रधानमंत्री को आगाह किया है।

नीतीश ने शाम को गृह मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह से भी बाढ़ के मुद्दे पर मिलकर बात की है। प्रधानमंत्री से मुलाकात में नीतीश ने उन्हें बिहार की बाढ़ को लेकर एक तीन पृष्ठ का पत्र भी सौंपा है।