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₹35,000 cr in packages for drought-hit Odisha districts

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BHUBANESWAR: Odisha chief minister Naveen Patnaik on Thursday announced a development package of ₹35,000 crore for the districts in western parts hit by drought and a state of suicide by farmers.

"The fund will be spent over a period of five years, 80% of it on developing farm sector. Besides, the state government will provide ₹100 per a quintal of paddy to farmers during procurement in drought hit areas," chief minister Patnaik announced at a farmers' rally at Sohela in Bargarh district.

Patnaik accused the opposition parties of "shedding crocodile tears" over farmers' suicide and unnecessarily politicizing the issue. The ruling BJD organised the rally as a show of strength after being stung by scathing criticism from opposition parties that the government was being insensi-

tive to rising suicides by farmers across the state.

"It is clearly a BJD convention, not farmers' rally. The government is trying to deflect attention from the issue instead of going deep into the farm crisis," former Congress MP Pradeep Majhi said.

More than a hundred activists of Congress, BJP and farmers' organizations were arrested by police ahead of the rally in which three key ministers relating to farm sector – agriculture minister Pradeep Maharathy, revenue minister Bijayshree Routray and cooperative minister Damodar Rout – were conspicuous by their absence. BJD sources said Patnaik barred the three ministers, who had provided fodder to opposition attack with their alleged controversial statements on farmers' suicide, from attending the rally.

Over 100 blocks in 21 of 30 districts of the state have been hit by drought in kharif in the state.

RAINING SOPS

₹ 11,228 crore allotted for rice for 58 lakh BPL families

₹ 340 crore for free bicycle for 4.5 lakh girls and BPL boys

₹ 500 crore marked for pregnant and lactating women under Mamata scheme.

₹ 100 crore for blankets and umbrellas to elderly, widow and disabled persons

₹ 30,000

Health insurance cover to 60 lakh farmers

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SURFACE CLEANING OF GANGA TO BEGIN SOON



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The cleaning of solid waste like clothes, parts of dead bodies from the surface of the mainstream of Ganga will begin in January next year, the Centre said today.

The process has been broken down into four parts, with the first being surface cleaning of the river, which would begin from January next year, Secretary, Water Resources Ministry, Shashi Shekhar said. "We will go ahead with entry-level activities for cleaning Ganga in

four parts. First is surface cleaning. Several types of solid waste can be found in the river; clothes, parts of dead bodies. So, our priority is to clean the mainstream of the river from January and hopefully, visible, ocular impact of the same can be seen within a year," Shekhar said on the sidelines of first Indo-European Water Forum being held here. He said that public sector undertakings (PSU) will be roped in for the surface cleaning as tenders for the purpose received poor response.

Shekhar said besides surface cleaning, the Ministry

will be engaged in three other entry-level activities of repairing ghats along the river stretch, modernising crematoria and recycling sewage water flowing into the river from over three thousand villages on the banks of the river.

"There are around three thousand gram panchayats along Ganga. We have conducted surveys in some of the villages in Varanasi, Allahabad and Kanpur. Between 10,000 and 50,000 litres of untreated sewage is flowing into Ganga per day.

"This, we will need to treat and recycle for irrigation purpose as this is not industrial, but biological load and can be used for irrigation purpose. We will have to do it in a cost-effective way that panchayats can afford to run the treatment plants when we hand it over to them," he said.

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Heavy rain gives tough time to Tirumala pilgrims

HYDERABAD: Heavy rain since Saturday night at Tirupati city and the Tirumala hills has put pilgrims to hardship, with many caught unawares by water-logging around the temple.

Rain water entered guest halls and the open area in front of the temple which earlier housed the 1000-pillar structure.

Many took shelter in shops, Nadaneerajanam open auditorium and eateries to save themselves from the downpour.

Water has been gushing down the walkway, making it difficult for pilgrims. Boulders continued to roll down near 11 km on Ghat Road-2, which has been closed partially.

Falling of boulders from hillocks has been reported on Ghat Road-1 that brings down the passengers.

However, only part of Road -2 has been closed so far. Vehicles have been diverted through a link road.

Normal life was affected in Tirupati city also with floodwater entering houses in low-lying



The water-logged area in front of Tirumala temple.

areas. Govindarajaswamy second choultry was inundated.

The rain has brought some cheer, too. TTD authorities who were worried over the dwindling drinking water sources on the hills are relieved with all water projects receiving copious inflows.

With the reservoirs brimming and the water levels touching the danger mark, officials have opened the gates of

all the dams, including Papavasanam, Gogarbham, Kumaradhara and Pasupudhara and Akasaganga.

Authorities said Tirumala has received 1,049 mm rain in recent days, whereas the average rainfall in November so far was only 300 mm.

"Tirumala will now have enough water to quench the thirst of pilgrims," TTD Chairman Ch Krishnamurthy said.

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City records highest rainfall for November in a century

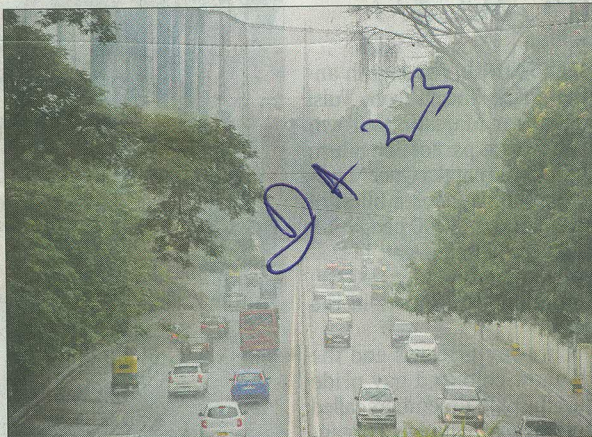
BENGALURU: Namma Bengaluru received 272 mm rainfall up to Sunday morning and this is the highest rainfall the City has received for the month of November in a century.

Hundred years ago, in 1916, the City had recorded the highest rainfall ever of 252.2 mm for the month of November. But this record has been now broken, said Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), Bengaluru officials.

"The City has so far received 272 mm rainfall. This is apart from the 3.8 mm rainfall the City received on Sunday up to 5.30 pm. There are eight more days remaining in the month," the official said.

Last year, in the month of November, the City had received merely 25.7 mm. In 2010, Bengaluru had received 145.3 mm rainfall which was the second highest of the century after 1916, till it rained this year. High rainfalls of 143.7 mm and 125 mm were also recorded in 2013 and 2012 respectively.

"The City has been receiving very good rainfall because of



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the delayed onset of the North-East monsoon, the formation of many systems in the Bay of Bengal and depression in the Tamil Nadu coast. Presently the City has been receiving rainfall because of the low pressure area over east-Central Arabian Sea and surrounding areas.

"Under the influence of this system, the City will receive rainfall for the next two days.

The temperatures will also dip in the forthcoming days," the official added.

From October 1 till November 22 of this year, the City has received 319 mm rainfall, which is 103 mm more than the normal forecasted rainfall. HAL has received 378 mm rainfall, which is 164 mm more than the normal expected rainfall.

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Drought triggers distress sale of cattle in Kalaburagi district

Touts strike deals in Aland and Afzalpur taluks; blow to agro-economy feared

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KALABURAGI: Distress sale of cattle, particularly bullocks, due to the unprecedented drought threatens to hit agriculture and agro-economy in the district. There have been wide-spread reports of sale of cattle to butchers in Aland and Afzalpur taluks.

The farmers - unable to take care of the cattle due to severe scarcity of fodder and water - have been left with no alternative than to resort to the extreme step which was rampant in the district during the infamous famine of 1972. The

dalals (middlemen) of butchers are in the villages to convince poor and gullible farmers to sell their cattle at throwaway prices.

"These are the initial days of acute drought and the cattle may fetch some respectable price. But as the days pass by, the cattle may go for a song to the butchers," said Ningappa, a farmer from Kadaganchi, which boasts of housing the prestigious Central University of Karnataka.

According to Mallinath Kolur of Melkunda, over 20 bullocks were sold in his village in the last one month. Mallinath himself owns about 40



livestock, including two bullocks. But he is committed to look after them as long as possible.

"I will be the last person to

cows and bullocks. But who will listen to me?" says Mallinath.

Shivalingappa Talwar of Neelur said, "I had bought a bullock at the Gobbur fair last year for Rs 30,000, but about a week ago, I sold it for Rs 20,000. If someone opens goshalas I am ready to leave my other bullocks there."

However, the goshalas promised by the administration are nowhere to be seen. Babanna of Gobbur had bought a bullock for Rs 85,000 only six months ago, but today he is forced to sell it for Rs 40,000. There has been an instance of a special-breed bul-

lock bought for Rs 1.1 lakh a couple of years ago selling for just Rs 30,000.

Lad Chincholi, Kadaganchi, Dhuttargaon, Dharmwadi, Rudrwadi are the other villages where this reporter came across extensive distress sale of bullocks and cows. Farmers usually do not sell their animals directly to a butcher. It is the middlemen of the butchers who strike deals. Thayappa had taken his bullock to a shandy for sale and there, a butcher's middlemen came in the guise of genuine buyers. From the Gobbur shandy, farmers said, five to six van loads of cattle were transport-

ed to slaughter houses.

According to officials of the agriculture and animal husbandry departments, the distress sale of bullocks in particular, will have a disastrous consequence on agriculture as farmers will not be in a position to buy one in future.

"Bullocks are the nucleus of agro-economy. A pair of bullocks can plough 25 to 30 acres of land. Going by the distress sale, agriculture lands in the twin taluks may turn barren," said an agriculture officer. Bullock carts, the main mode of rural transport, will also come to a halt, Jayappa said.

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Paris climate pact should be enforced domestically: India

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NEW DELHI: India wants the proposed Paris climate agreement to be enforceable through new domestic regulations rather than a WTO-type global treaty having punitive action for countries failing to meet the commitment.

The arrangement India is seeking is a semi binding type and is midway from what the United States and Europe, the two biggest players in the global climate negotiations, have proposed.

The US wants a framework to push low-carbon growth through bilateral or multi-lateral means without any binding obligation for a country. The Europe, on the other hand, is seeking a binding international treaty having punitive action for those failing to meet the commitments to listed in their climate action plans.

"What we are proposing is the middle-path that suits all," said Ajay Mathur, member of the Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change and member of the country's negotiating team for the Paris summit. "It will provide a degree of sanctity to Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) and ensure implementation of the proposed climate deal".

In its proposal, India wants every country to bring in rules domestically to enforce their climate action plans having specific voluntary goals. For instance, India can implement its climate action plan by amending the Electricity and the Energy Conservation Acts and can pledge the same in the Paris agreement framework.

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Having regulations in place domestically will show that every country was committed to meet its Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) without the fear of punitive action like in a treaty or a protocol and will ensure its implementation unlike the existing climate agreement called Kyoto Protocol, which has not been signed by major emitters like United States and Canada.

It is not for the first time that such a mechanism for global environmental regime is being proposed.

Mathur said the environment agreement to reduce ozone depleting substances called Montreal Protocol was implemented through a similar system where in each country was required to have rules for implementation.

Countries like India, Environment Protection Agency (EPA) of the United States and Europe introduced specific rules to phase out ozone depleting substances and the Montreal Protocol is considered one of the most successful global agreements.

Something similar can work for climate also, India believes, adding that it will be within the spirit of the agreement in Durban in 2012. Countries in Durban had decided that in 2015 a new "legally enforceable" climate agreement will be agreed.

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लोगों ने किए प्रयास

इस माइनर को नीचा कराने के लिए लोगों ने मंत्री तक हाजिरी लगाई तो कांग्रेस सरकार ने इसे सोहना रोड तक तो खोद दिया, आगे ऐसे ही छोड़ दिया। आगे पानी भेजने के लिए सोहना रोड पर पंप हाउस बनाया



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लेकिन वहां बिजली के तार चोरी हो गए तथा कामयाब नहीं हो पाया।

सरकार की आपत्ति

सिंचाई विभाग के कार्यकारी अभियंता डीएन बंसल ने बताया कि

माइनर की फाइल तैयार करा कई माह पहले सरकार के पास भेजी थी। अब इसमें छोटी-मोटी आपत्तियां लगा लौटा दी। विभाग जल्द आपत्तियों को दूर कर फाइल सरकार के पास भेज देगा।

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29 नवंबर को दिल्ली में होगी बारिश

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सोमवार को हवा में बहुत
ज्यादा ह्यूमिडिटी दर्ज हुई

दिल्ली में 29 नवंबर को बारिश होने की संभावना है। वहीं 30 नवंबर से मिनिमम और मैक्सिमम टेंपरेचर दो से तीन डिग्री सेल्सियस गिर सकता है। 30 नवंबर के बाद न्यूनतम तापमान 8 डिग्री तक जाने की संभावना है। सोमवार को कई इलाकों में न्यूनतम तापमान 10 डिग्री सेल्सियस तक जा पहुंचा। न्यूनतम तापमान लोदी रोड में 10.3 डिग्री, नरेला में 10.2 डिग्री और जाफरपुर में 10.6 डिग्री दर्ज हुआ।

सोमवार को दिन भर मौसम सामान्य रहा। मिनिमम टेंपरेचर सामान्य के साथ 11.8 डिग्री दर्ज हुआ। वहीं मैक्सिमम टेंपरेचर नॉर्मल से तीन डिग्री ज्यादा के साथ 29.2 डिग्री दर्ज हुआ। वहीं सोमवार को बेहद ज्यादा हवा में ह्यूमिडिटी दर्ज हुई। मैक्सिमम ह्यूमिडिटी 95 पसेंट दर्ज हुई।

मौसम विभाग ने अपने बुलेटिन में कहा कि मंगलवार को आसमान में बादल छाए रह सकते हैं। सुबह के वक्त धुंध भी छा सकती है। मैक्सिमम टेंपरेचर 29 डिग्री और मिनिमम टेंपरेचर 12 डिग्री रहने का अनुमान है।

मौसम वैज्ञानिकों ने कहा कि दिल्ली और आस पास के इलाकों में दिसंबर से ठंड बढ़ सकती है। मौजूदा मॉडल्स से जानकारी मिल रही है कि अब वेस्टर्न डिस्टर्बेंस की तीव्रता बढ़ सकती है। स्काइमेट के मौसम वैज्ञानिक महेश पलावत ने बताया है कि 25 से 27 नवंबर तक उत्तर भारत में वेस्टर्न डिस्टर्बेंस के दस्तक देने से मौसम के पैटर्न में बदलाव होगा।