

Perspective

Flooded cities and climate change

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Chennai, Mumbai and Srinagar are some examples of cities in India which have been badly devastated by floods in recent times. Only a few days ago just a day's heavy downpour led to a threat of serious floods in Bhopal.

The threat of floods in many cities of India, including some of the largest and most densely populated like Delhi and Kolkata, has been increasing despite the fact that flood-protection works in our country are generally biased in favour of urban areas compared to surrounding rural areas. As there has been a tendency to accord more importance to more prosperous and densely populated areas, flood protection embankments are often designed to provide protection to urban areas. But this has to be achieved at the cost of increasing the vulnerability of surrounding areas. In effect some of the so-called flood protection embankments merely divert floods from urban to rural areas.

Despite this strong bias in favour of urban areas, the bitter reality that confronts us is that more and more cities are experiencing serious flood situations. This is happening largely because of neglect of the most basic norms of urban planning under the pressure of influential builder interests and also the dictates of populist policies aimed at giving short-term gains to one group or the other, ignoring the longer-term interests of the city.

This is a matter of serious concern as in times of climate change instances of very heavy rainfall are likely to be concentrated in shorter time spans increasing further the risk of sudden and heavy floods. Climate change-related risks have increased the most in coastal cities because of the additional and most serious problems created by the rise in sea-level and the increasing intensity and frequency of storms and cyclones. This is therefore a time for the most careful urban planning but actually the most careless urban mismanagement has been seen in recent times.

Urban flood situations of recent times reveal that many critical situations resulted from careless building over areas of



natural drainage of rainwater and storm water as also on flood-plains of rivers and natural catchment areas of tanks, lakes and other water bodies. Some waterbodies and wetlands which used to absorb a lot of the flood-floes were filled up and then encroached upon for various kinds of buildings. Due to arbitrary cost-cutting and corruption, adequate provision for drainage was not made when building roads and flyovers. As the landscape of several cities changes in a hurry and everything looks more attractive, basic issues like drainage are not getting due attention.

Builders make their millions and politicians gather their votes. But in the case of many dubious projects they leave behind high-

risk situations that are capable of unleashing disruptive floods on huge urban areas at times of concentrated heavy rains (the possibility of which is increasing in times of climate change). Such factors have been listed time and again in specific contexts in the analysis of recent urban flood situations like those of Chennai, Srinagar and Mumbai.

Despite this there is no indication yet that necessary corrective action has been initiated yet at a wider level to reduce the risks of floods in many cities. In fact, some of the most populated cities like Delhi and Kolkata are becoming more vulnerable. In Delhi there have been several instances of the Yamuna flood-plains being used in ecologically destructive ways, ignoring oppo-

sition and protests by environmentalists and even in violation of concerns expressed by courts.

Even more serious damage may be caused by recent moves to get permission for building over large parts of the famous wetlands on the eastern side of Kolkata. These wetlands and their canals are very useful for absorbing the storm water of Kolkata and building over these wetlands can make the city more flood-prone than before. In addition these wetlands and the fish farms (bheris) located there provide enormous amounts of fresh food, particularly fish and vegetables, to the people of Kolkata, apart from being very helpful in disposing the city's wastes.

Such ecological and livelihood systems are a great asset to

any city and their significance in these difficult times of climate change has increased. But politicians and builders guided by short-term economic and political objectives may not be able to recognize the importance of such systems or may not even care. So it is important for citizens' campaigns, guided by those who have studied these problems in detail to keep alive issues such as the protection of Kolkata wetlands. At a wider level also we need citizens' initiatives in various cities so that reluctant authorities can be brought under pressure to initiate timely steps for protecting cities from destructive floods.

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New plan to revive encroached, polluted Hindon

Special panel suggests encouraging local farmers to plant trees, vegetables and flowers along the river bank

DAMINI

NOIDA: Floodplains giving way to illegal constructions, sewage flowing into the river and groundwater along the banks being over-exploited are a daily reality along the 49-km-long stretch of the Hindon in Gautam Budh Nagar district.

The river, which joins the Yamuna near Tilwara in the district, gets polluted as it travels from Saharanpur, with industrial effluent, residue from stone crushing units and sewage.

Fresh approach

While the Uttar Pradesh government had initiated a Hindon Rejuvenation Project earlier this year, authorities in Noida are looking beyond the river itself, hoping that if the banks are revived the water quality would improve on its own.

A special committee set up for the purpose has formulated a plan, which it sent to the State government this week, to not only rid the riverbank of the illegal constructions, but to get local farmers to contribute to the revival.

The committee, which is headed by District Magist-

rate N.P. Singh and includes environmentalists, has proposed 'social forestry' as one of the measures.

There are about 100 acres of gram sabha or pasture land available for plantation along the river that is currently lying barren, said Mr. Singh.

"The farmers don't perceive this land as useful. Our aim is to help them form a society and plant certain trees,

vegetables and flowers that can be financially viable. The all-round development of the river bank is the main goal," said Mr. Singh.

The trees would help in securing the groundwater table, and the vegetables and flowers grown can be sold with the help of the district authorities.

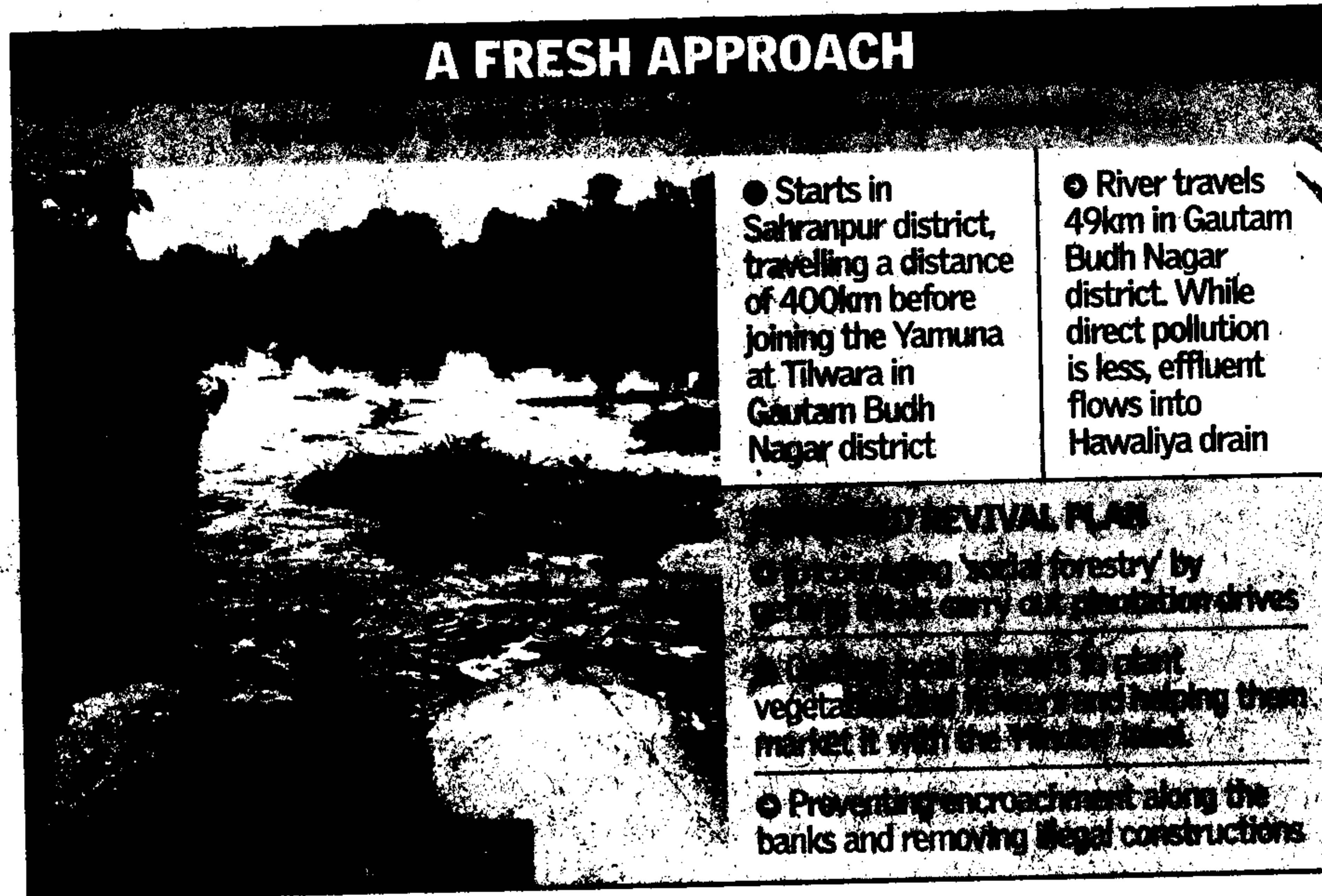
Mr. Singh said the authorities would help with subsi-

dies and marketing of the produce, which would be grown in an organic manner.

The produce could carry the label of "Hindon (Harnandi in Hindi) vegetables or flowers," said Mr. Singh.

Another element of the proposal is reviving ponds in the vicinity of the Hindon.

Out of 36 main ponds, 20 have been revived in the past few months. Admitting that



Illegal construction, sewage dumping and over-exploitation of groundwater is taking a toll on the river

two ponds were "partially encroached upon", Mr. Singh said that legal notices had been issued.

For activists, however, there is a worry that this plan may never take off.

Vikrant Tongad, a water conservationist who is also a part of the committee, said the plan was well-intentioned but its implementation would be key.

"It doesn't take rocket science. There is large-scale encroachment by builders on the floodplains, both untreated and treated sewage flows into the river and the illegal homes along the banks are extracting groundwater. We need to put an end to this," said Mr. Tongad.

The committee's proposal admits to these issues. "Ending the interference of builders in this area," is one of the goals of the plan. How far the committee can achieve this remains to be seen.

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Flood situation still grim in Assam

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Guwahati/Itanagar, 22 July

Floods today engulfed more districts in Assam amid heavy deluge and pouring waters of overflowing rivers in the state affecting three lakh people even as the Army swung into action in Chirang district for rescue works.

The state continued to be under the grip of floods with the deluge today spreading to nine districts from yesterday's seven, Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) said.

The affected districts are Lakhimpur, Golaghat, Morigaon, Jorhat, Dhemaji,



Sivasagar, Kokrajhar, Barpeta and Bongaigaon where three lakh people in 464 villages are affected by the swirling flood waters, it said.

Overflowing water of the swollen Brahmaputra and its tributaries has overrun

roads in many areas snapping surface communication, breached embankments and caused large scale erosion in many areas, ASDMA said, adding the deluge has also submerged over 25,000 hectares of agricultural land damaging

standing paddy crops there.

Heavy rains trigger landslides, floods in Arunachal: Incessant downpour over the past couple of days has triggered landslides and floods in several districts of Arunachal Pradesh throwing normal life out of gear.

Besides damaging culverts and some buildings, the floods and mudslide submerged low-lying areas and a rural link road and disrupted power supply.

Seijosa and its adjoining villages in East Kameng district remained cut off from the rest of the state due to landslides triggered by torrential rain.

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Deluge, death, destruction

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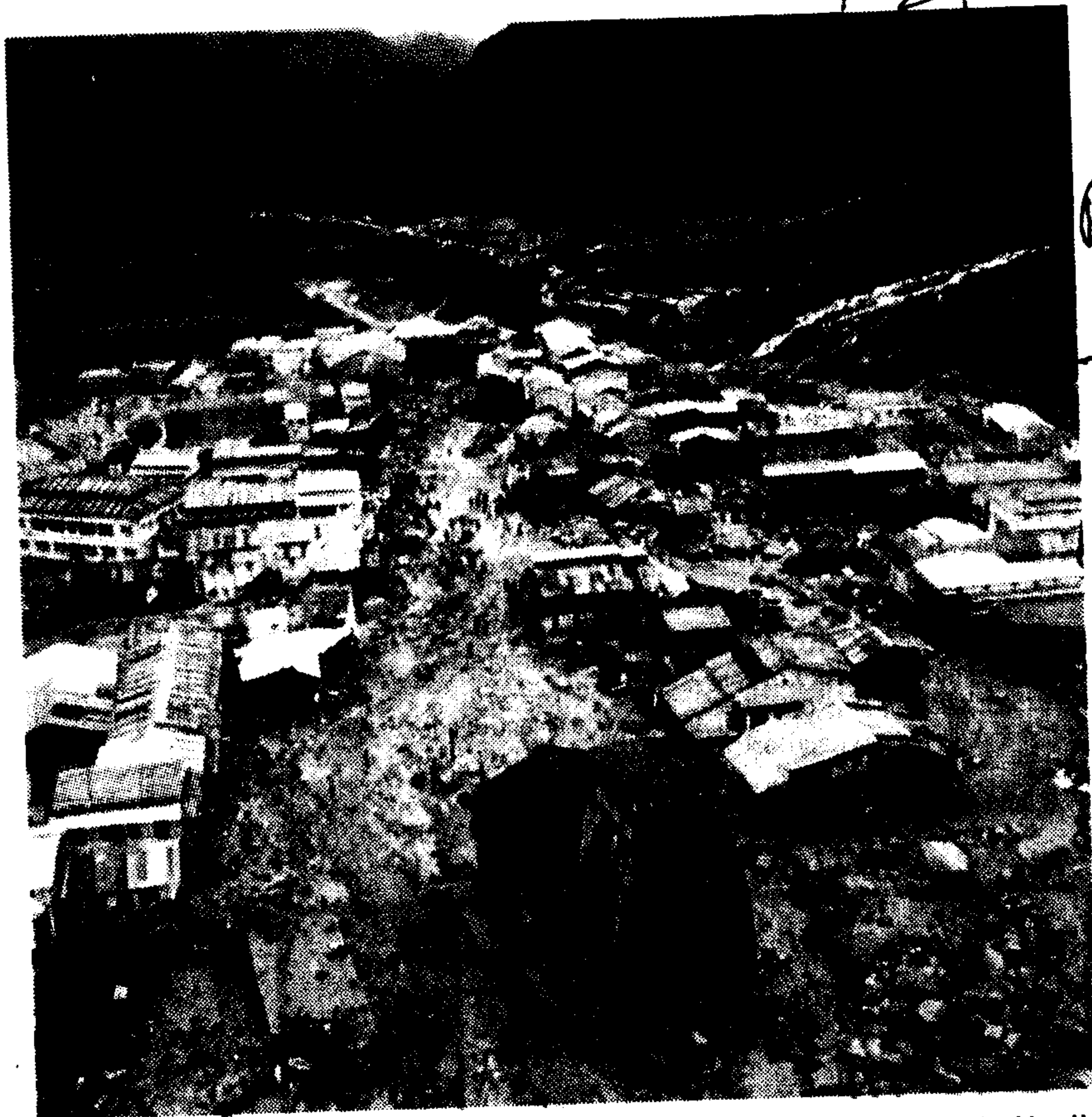
THE Untold Story of Kedarnath Disaster' is the tagline of the book. On 17 June 2013, the Mandakini river, in seamless spate and gushing currents, wiped off Kedarnath, Ram Bara and Gauri Kund, besides many villages and habitations, from the map.

Uttarakhand suffered the worst disaster since 1803, when a massive earthquake rattled the area. Was it a natural calamity or was it partially manmade? Could it have been avoided in any way? What can we do to minimise these risks in future? These are some of the questions raised in the book. The author claims that 'It is not just a riveting account of the biggest-ever aerial rescue operation, but it also underlines how we have failed to recognise and avert such chronic problems.'

A senior journalist, who worked in the Maoist-affected Bastar, Haridayesh Joshi, records his experiences and juxtaposed these with those of others, who had been through the very traumatic, heart-rending and blood-chilling tragedy. He reported minute details, but, being a responsible person, avoided shooting scenes of destruction and decomposed bodies. He braved the cruel weather, foul smell and, like many others in that situation, put up in the most trying circumstances. Joshi has done full justice to his profession. He researched and created a document that should be an eye-opener for the stake-holders and planners of ecology, geology, environment studies. It would help put standard operating procedures in place.

At the temple site, Joshi recounts, there were thousands of dead bodies. He listened to accounts like that of a tragedy in which 300 persons were washed away in a hotel, which was locked from outside by the owner, since he thought they would be safe inside, and of how people were swept away by gushing waters.

The author objectively assesses the rescue operations that were undertaken by the authorities. He rues the fact that even after the catastrophe struck, the state failed to get into action immediately. He has interviewed many subject



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Rage of the River
by Haridayesh Joshi.
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experts and referred to relevant literature available, including that on agitations and movements launched to save the environment. He questions the politicians, who contributed nothing, but marketed their 'efforts,' through the media, to save their face. He comes down heavily on the disaster management mechanism, telling in detail that the teams comprised untrained men. But he is all praise for the local Nehru Institute of Mountaineering.

He has interviewed the pilots and other rescue team volunteers and recorded their accounts, besides elaborating on the difficulties faced by them. Food packets and medicines couldn't reach the victims in time. Pregnant women, old people and children were the worst sufferers. The author questions: "Why couldn't the choppers going empty carry teams of doctors?"

He, however, praises local philanthropists and villagers, who were the first to respond to the calamity and performed their duty by providing food and shelter to the tourists, pilgrims and visitors. The book also has references to mythology, ecological history and struggle of people to save the environment, which is as inspiring and real as it can be.

Vandana R. Singh deserves the credit for a faithful translation of the book.

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Heavy showers disrupt normal life in Kalaburagi; light rain in other districts

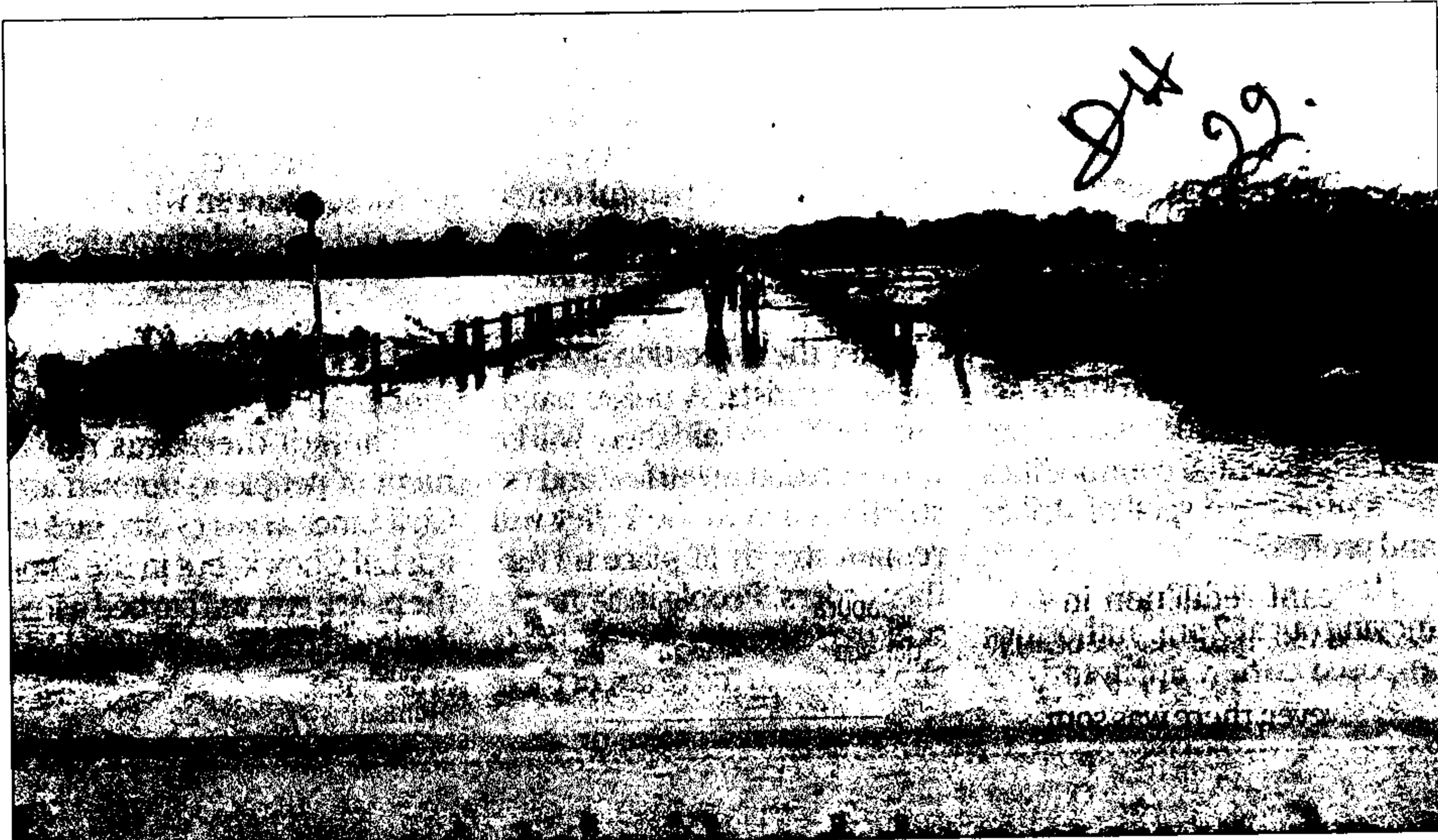
BENGALURU: Heavy rain was reported in some parts of the state, while there were moderate showers in other places in the last 24 hours.

Heavy rains lashed most parts of Kalaburagi district on Wednesday night, throwing life out of gear. Low-lying areas were inundated and electricity supply remained cut off for several hours, both in Kalaburagi city and the villages. Most of the roads in the city were submerged, affecting smooth flow of traffic. The showers lashed through the night and this was the heaviest rain so far this season.

Chittapur town recorded 28.7 cm of rain. In all, on an average, the district received 6.32 cm rain on a single day. The showers were badly needed as the long dry spell after sowing the seeds in the second and third week of June had caused concern among farmers.

Parts of Belagavi, Khanapur and Athani taluks in Belagavi district received light showers.

For a week now, the monsoon had subsided in the district with rivers too getting low inflow of water as rains receded in the catchment areas. Water inflow from Rajapur barrage in Maharashtra into River Krishna has come down to 29,504 cusecs.



Traffic between Sedam and Kalaburagi remained suspended on Thursday due to submergence of a bridge across the River Kagina at Malkhed on the Wagdhari-Ribbanapalli interstate highway in Kalaburagi district. DH PHOTO

There was drizzle throughout the day in Karwar of Uttara Kannada district, while Sirsi, Siddapur, Yellapur, Mundgod and Haliyal received moderate showers. Heavy rains were reported from Bhatkal taluk.

Moderate to heavy rain lashed Shivamogga district. Thirthahalli, Hosanagar, Sagar received a good spell of rain throughout the day. Bhadravathi, Shikaripur and Sorab received moderate rains.

The water level in Linganamakki dam rose to 1,778.35 feet

against the maximum level of 1,819 feet. The inflow of water was 7,267 cusecs. The level in Bhadra dam rose to 145.40 feet against the maximum level of 186 feet. The inflow of water was 3,005 cusecs and the outflow was 123 cusecs.

Water level in Mani dam rose to 579.04 metres against its maximum level of 594.36. The inflow was 663 cusecs and the outflow 209 cusecs.

Kodagu received 16.19 mm rain on an average in the last 24 hours, as at 8.30 am on

Thursday. There has been 28.8 mm rain in Madikeri taluk, 7.97 mm in Virajpet taluk and 11.8 mm in Somwarpet taluk.

Moderate rain was recorded in Napoklu, Bhagamandala and Talacauvery. Gusty winds have continued.

The maximum level of Harangi reservoir is 2,859 feet and the water level has reached 2,857 feet. The inflow is 5,281 cusecs and outflow is 2,750 cusecs.

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Flood situation worsens in AP

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With no improvement in weather condition, the flood situation in several districts of

Arunachal Pradesh deteriorated as new areas were inundated and over 100 families rendered homeless.

Deputy chief minister Chowna Mein who air-dashed to the state capital on Saturday from New Delhi on the directive of chief minister Pema Khandu, visited the flood-affected districts of Lohit, Namsai, East Siang, Lower Dibang Valley and Changlang to take stock of the situation.

The chief minister asked Mein to evaluate the scenario and instill confidence among the locals, an official report said. Khandu, who is personally monitoring the situation, had earlier deputed MLAs Mohesh Chai, Chow Zingnu Namchoom and Laisam Simai to take stock of the flood situation in their respective districts.

Mein is in constant touch with the legislators of the affected areas and has asked them to expedite and oversee the relief works.

He appealed to the people to remain calm, careful and vigilant and assured them that the government

8/23 would provide all assistance in carrying out relief and restoration work in the flood-hit districts.

The Noa-Dehing River has flooded the entire Lekang



circle while the entire Namsai Township and its adjoining villages, mostly under Piyong circle are badly affected. The water level

of Noa-Dehing and Jengthu rivers are flowing above the danger mark, a report from Namsai said. The flood situation under Chongkham circle also remains grim as the water level of the Lohit, Kamlang, Berreng, Tenga-pani rivers and its tributaries are rapidly increasing. The worst affected areas are Gunanagar, Alubari, Injo, Insa, Pangkhao and Kherem.

The floods have also caused massive erosion of the river banks and damaged the cultivated lands, paddy fields, tea gardens, horticultural fields, livestock.

A report from Lower Dibang Valley district informed that the district remained cut off following incessant rain in the past few days with the Deopani River in high spate making it inaccessible. The Diphu River under Koronu circle is also not crossable as the water level is flowing above the danger mark.

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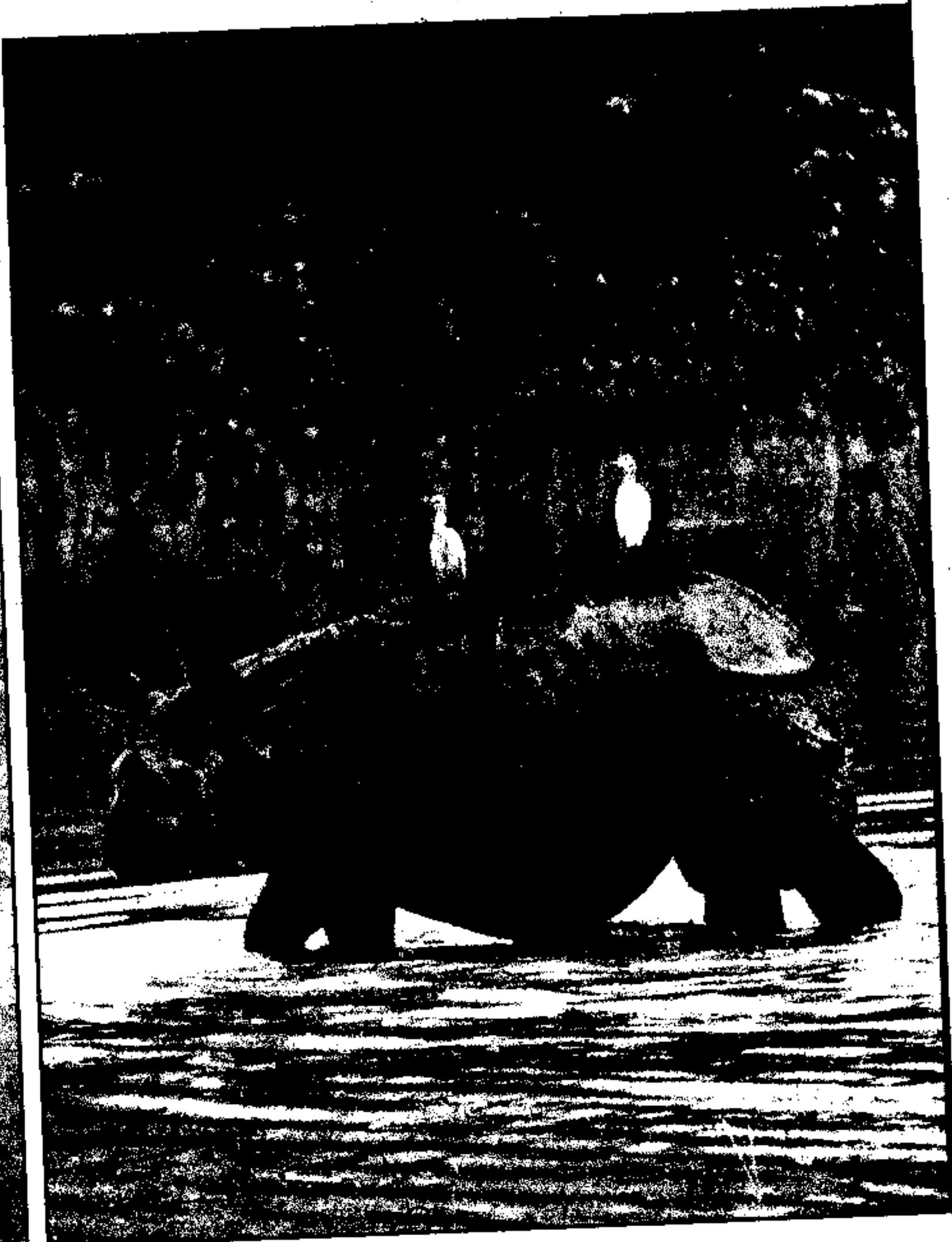
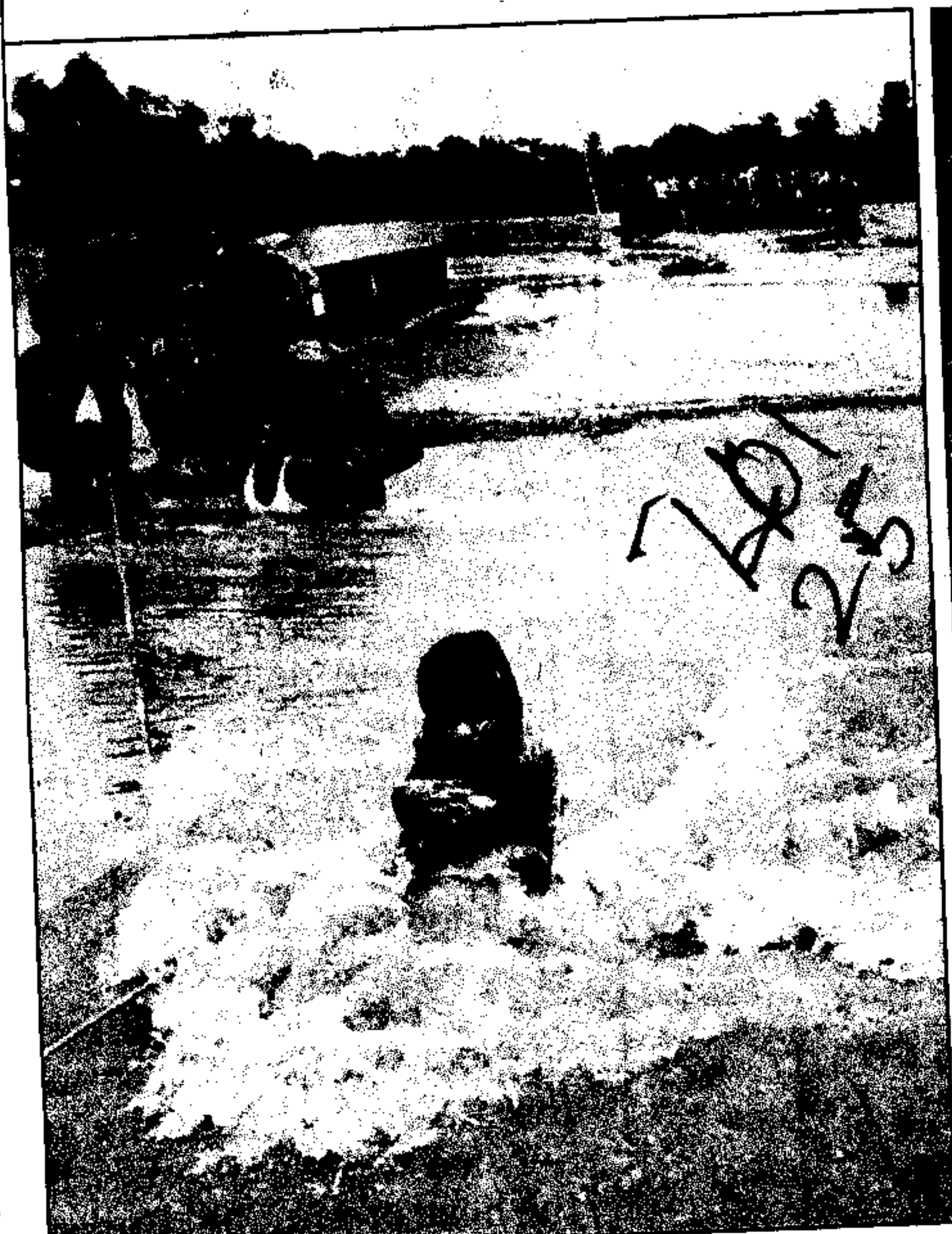
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FLOOD FURY IN BIHAR & ASSAM

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(Left to right) People use a rope to rescue a man and a daughter from a flooded Kishanganj area in Bihar on Sunday; a rhino wades through flood waters at the Pobitora wildlife sanctuary

Flood toll reaches 7 in Assam; many homeless in Arunachal

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Guwahati/Itanagar: The flood situation continued to remain grim in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh on Sunday. One more person died and over six lakh people have been affected in Assam while over 100 families in Arunachal were rendered homeless.

The Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) said one person died in Lakhimpur district's north Lakhimpur area, where over 50,000 people in 130 villages have been affected. The toll now stands at seven.

About 1,206 villages in 14 districts have been affected by the deluge, with Goalpara and Tinsukia being the worst affected districts. "Life in the numerous chars (sand islands on Brahmaputra) in Barpeta is miserable. Livestocks are dying and there is a possibility of an epidemic. The water are at knee-high level in almost all the chars," activist Abdul Kalam Azad said.

Red alert in U'khand over heavy rains

A red alert was sounded across Uttarakhand on Sunday after the meteorological department predicted another spell of heavy to very heavy rains in parts of the hill state, which is still coming to terms with the devastation caused by the recent downpour. At least 35 people have lost their lives due to the rains, which started lashing the state from July 1. "Another heavy spell of rainfall is likely to hit Uttarakhand from July 25 evening to July 28," Bikram Singh, director, Meteorological Centre, told TOI. According to the red-coloured warning issued by the centre in Dehradun, extremely heavy rainfall is expected in Dehradun, Haridwar, Pauri, Nainital, Almora, Champawat and Udham Singh Nagar districts. The Rishikesh-Badrinath National Highway (NH 58) was opened on Sunday. TNN

Arunachal deputy CM Chowna Mein, who dashed to the state capital on Saturday from New Delhi, visited the flood-affected districts of Lohit, Namsai, East Siang, Lower Dibang Valley and Changlang to take stock of the situation. "Leave no stone unturned in order to help mitigate the problem," Mein said.

Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal on Sunday reviewed the flood situation with water resources minister Keshab Mahanta and rural

development minister Naba Kumar Doley. Sonowal has asked the relief and rescue operations to be intensified.

The rising Brahmaputra has also inundated vast swathes of the Kaziranga National Park as well as the Dibru Saikhowa National Park. "About 60% of the 430-sq km area of Kaziranga is under water. There has been no large-scale migration of animals to higher grounds," Kaziranga divisional forest officer Suvasish Das said.

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With Siliguri receiving the highest rainfall in the last 20 years on Sunday, many areas of the town were badly inundated. Siliguri received as much as 337.40 mm of rainfall in the past 24 hours. A 22-year-old youth also died after he was swept away by the swollen Mahananda river. •SNS

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सामान्य से 20 फीसदी तक कम बारिश हुई, मौसम विभाग ने अगस्त में अच्छी बारिश की संभावना जताई, 36 संभागों में से आठ सूखे की चपेट में

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देशभर में अभी तक मानसून बारिश सामान्य रही है, लेकिन सभी हिस्सों में सामान्य बारिश नहीं हो पाई है। मौसम के हिसाब से देश को 36 संभागों में बांटा गया है, जिनमें से आठ संभाग सूखे की चपेट में हैं। यानी इन संभाग में बारिश सामान्य से 20 फीसदी या इससे भी अधिक कम हो पाई है।

मौसम विभाग के अनुसार 23 जुलाई तक देशभर में कुल 377 मिमी बारिश हुई है। जो सामान्य के बराबर है। मौसम विभाग की परिभाषा के अनुसार ये क्षेत्र सूखे की चपेट में हैं। यानी यहां 20-59 फीसदी तक कम बारिश हुई है। सौराष्ट्र कच्छ में सामान्य से 55 फीसदी कम बारिश हुई है। गुजरात क्षेत्र में 41 एवं केरल जहां सबसे पहले मानसून पहुंचता है, 20 फीसदी कम बारिश हुई है। 10 संभागों में सामान्य से ज्यादा व 18 संभागों में सामान्य बारिश हुई है।

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दिल्ली, हरियाणा एवं चंडीगढ़ में सामान्य से 11 फीसदी कम बारिश हुई है। मौसम विभाग के अनुसार 168 मिमी की तुलना में सिर्फ 150 मिमी बारिश हो इन क्षेत्रों में हो पाई है।

यहां बरसात कम हुई

लेकिन केरल, सौराष्ट्र कच्छ, गुजरात क्षेत्र, पश्चिमी राजस्थान, जम्मू, हिमाचल प्रदेश, मणिपुर त्रिपुरा, असम और मेघालय क्षेत्र ऐसे हैं, जहां बारिश कम हो रही है।

भारी बारिश की आशंका से 72 घंटे का रेड अलर्ट

हल्द्वानी। उत्तराखंड में अगले तीन दिन भारी बारिश होने की आशंका जताई गई है। राज्य मौसम विज्ञान विभाग ने उत्तराखंड के सात जिलों के लिए रेड अलर्ट जारी किया है।

कुमाऊं के चार जिलों में भारी बारिश की संभावना है। राज्य में मानसून का एक मजबूत चक्र विकसित हो रहा है। इसके चलते उत्तराखंड में 25 से 27 जुलाई के बीच भारी बारिश की संभावना बन रही है।

यूपी में बढ़ा बाढ़ का खतरा : लखनऊ। मानसून की सक्रियता के चलते उत्तर प्रदेश के विभिन्न अंचलों में कहीं भारी तो कहीं सामान्य वर्षा का सिलसिला जारी है। लगातार बारिश से प्रदेश की कई नदियां उफान पर हैं। लखीमपुर खीरी, बाराबंकी, फैजाबाद, बलिया, फतेहगढ़, बलमरापुर, महाराजगंज, कुशीनगर जिलों में शारदा, घाघरा, गंगा, राप्ती, रोहिनी व गण्डक नदियों के आसपास बाढ़ का खतरा है।



बिहार के किशनगंज के पटकावा पंचायत में रविवार को बाढ़ का पानी भरने के बाद सुरक्षित स्थान पर जाते लोग।

पटरी के कटाव से कई ट्रेनें रद्द हुईं

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देश के कई राज्यों में बारिश लोगों के लिए मुसीबत बन गई है। नदियों में आई बाढ़ से लोगों को पलायन करना पड़ रहा है। बिहार और यूपी के कुछ इलाकों में इसका असर खेती के अलावा सड़क और रेल यातायात पर भी पड़ा है।

बिहार में कोसी नदी के पानी से रेल पटरी का कटाव शुरू हो गया है, जिससे रविवार से कई प्रमुख ट्रेनों के परिचालन को रद्द कर दिया गया है। समस्तीपुर रेल

मुसीबत

- बाढ़ के कारण समस्तीपुर रेल मंडल पर पटरी का कटाव शुरू
- मानसी-सहरसा रेल खंड पर 8 ट्रेनों का परिचालन रद्द

मंडल के अपर मंडल रेल प्रबंधक राजेश कुमार पांडेय ने बताया कि कोसी नदी में आए उफान के कारण फनगो हॉल्ट के पास रेल पटरी का कटाव हो रहा है। इसको देखते हुए ऐहतियात के तौर पर मानसी-सहरसा रेल खंड पर 8 प्रमुख ट्रेनों का परिचालन रद्द कर दिया गया है। जिन ट्रेनों का परिचालन रद्द किया गया

है उनमें 15531 सहरसा-अमृतसर, 15279 सहरसा-आनंद बिहार, 55555 और 55554 सवारी गाड़ी शामिल है।

लोग सुरक्षित स्थानों पर जा रहे: इस बीच, नेपाल के जलग्रहण क्षेत्रों में हो रही बारिश से बिहार के किशनगंज जिले के धिगलबैंक, टेढ़ागाछ, पोठिया, ठाकुरगंज, किशनगंज, कोचाधामन और बहादुरगंज प्रखंड के कई गांवों में बूढ़ी कनकई, कनकई, मेची और महानंदा नदी का पानी प्रवेश कर गया। इससे लोग सुरक्षित स्थानों पर चले गए हैं। बाढ़ से कई स्थानों पर सड़क के ध्वस्त होने से यातायात भी प्रभावित हो गया है।

घाघरा का पानी घटा, कटान तेज

समस्तीपुर/बस्ती। उत्तर प्रदेश के बस्ती जिले में घाघरा नदी का जल स्तर भले ही घट रहा है। इससे बाढ़ग्रस्त क्षेत्रों में लोगों को राहत मिली है, लेकिन अभी भी कई स्थानों पर कटान तेजी से हो रहा है।

घाघरा नदी अभी भी खतरे के बिन्दु से दस सेमी ऊपर बह रही है। नदी का कटान और दबाव बीड़ी बन्धे पर अभी भी बढ़ा हुआ है। जिला प्रशासन ने कई जगह पीएसी तैनात की है। फिलहाल प्रशासन हालात पर नजर बनाए रखी हुई है। हालांकि तेज बारिश होने पर चिंता बढ़ सकती है।

अरुणाचल में बाढ़ की स्थिति गंभीर

इटनगर। मौसम की स्थिति में सुधार नहीं होने से अरुणाचल प्रदेश के कई जिलों में बाढ़ की स्थिति खराब होती जा रही है। कई इलाके डूब गए हैं और सौ से ज्यादा परिवार बेघर हो चुके हैं।

उपमुख्यमंत्री चाउना मीन ने बाढ़ प्रभावित जिले लोहित, नमसाई, पूर्वी सियांग, लोअर दिबांग घाटी और चांगलांग का दौरा कर स्थिति का जायजा लिया। मीन ने कहा कि प्रभावित इलाकों में राहत एवं बचाव कार्य तेज कर दिया गया है। वहीं असम में बाढ़ के चलते हजारों परिवार और जानवरों को परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा है।

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गुड़गांव. गुड़गांव में घटते भूमिगत जल में सुधार लाने तथा पानी के प्राकृतिक परंपरागत स्रोतों को संरक्षित करने उद्देश्य से प्रधानमंत्री कृषि सिंचाई योजना की शुरुआत की गई है। गुड़गांव डार्क जोन घोषित किया जा चुका है, इस कारण प्रधानमंत्री कृषि सिंचाई योजना किसी वरदान से कम नहीं है। इस योजना के क्रियान्वयन से जहां एक तरफ गुड़गांव के घटते भूमिगत जल स्तर में सुधार होगा वहीं दूसरी तरफ यह लोगों को सूखे की मार से बचाने के साथ-साथ उन्हें रोजगार के अवसर उपलब्ध होंगे।

70 गांवों को किया शामिल

इस परियोजना में पटौदी खंड के 27 गांव, फर्रुखनगर खंड के 18 गांव तथा सोहना खंड के 25 गांव शामिल हैं। पटौदी खंड के जिन 27

इस योजना का नाम एकीकृत जल प्रबंधन कार्यक्रम था जिसे बदलकर प्रधानमंत्री जल प्रबंधन कार्यक्रम कर दिया गया है। योजना के क्रियान्वयन के लिए गुड़गांव जिले में लगभग 29 हजार 519 हेक्टेयर भूमि का चयन किया गया है जिसके तहत लगभग 30 करोड़ रुपए की राशि खर्च किए जाने का प्रावधान है। इस योजना की शुरुआत वर्ष 2012 में की गई थी। योजना के तहत गुड़गांव जिले को

गांव को इस परियोजना के तहत शामिल किया गया है उनमें बास पदमका, भौड़ाकलां, भौड़ाखुर्द, भूडका, दिनोकरी, नरहेड़ा, नूरपुर बाहोड़ा, परासोली, पथरेड़ी, राठीवास, सिद्धरावली, तुर्कपुर, ऊंचामांजरा, बासतपुर, दरापुर, दौलताबाद, गोरीयावास, हेराहेड़ी, खानपुर, खोड़, लोकरा, मऊ, मुमताजपुर, नानुकलां, नानुखुर्द, तेलपुरी व शाहपुर जाट शामिल हैं।

खंड स्तर पर तीन भागों में बांटा गया है जिसमें सोहना, पटौदी व फर्रुखनगर खंड के कुल 70 गांव शामिल हैं। इस प्रोजेक्ट को वर्ष 2017 तक पूरा किये जाने की संभावना है। इस परियोजना की कुल राशि का 90 प्रतिशत भाग केन्द्र सरकार तथा 10 प्रतिशत राशि राज्य सरकार की ओर से वहन की जाती है। परियोजना के तहत लगभग 12000 रुपए प्रति हेक्टेयर की राशि खर्च की जाएगी।

इसी प्रकार, फर्रुखनगर खंड के जिन 18 गांवों को इस परियोजना में शामिल किया गया है उनमें बिरहेड़ा, फरीदपुर, गुगाना, राजपुर, जराऊ, कारौला, खंडेवला, महचाना, मुशैदपुर, शिकोहपुर, माजरी, सिवाड़ी, अलीमुद्दीनपुर, बासुंदा, डाबौदा, डूमा, खेड़ाखुरमपुर, पालड़ी व तिरपड़ी शामिल हैं। सोहना खंड के 25 गांवों में

अलीपुर, घामडौज, हरियाहेड़ा, रायसीना, बजघेड़ा, बिलहाका, रानिका सिंघौला, टोलनी, दौला, जलालपुर, खोबरी, घेंघोला, हाजीपुर, जोहलाका, भोगपुर, खुंटपुरी, कुलियाका, खतरिका, बिधवाका, लोहसिंघानी, लालाखेड़ली, मंडावर, सिरमथला, सतलाका व रिहाका शामिल हैं।

इस परियोजना को फिलहाल भिवानी, हिसार, पंचकुला, रेवाड़ी, महेन्द्रगढ़, अंबाला व यमुनानगर में चलाया जा रहा है, जिसके परिणाम काफी अच्छे रहे हैं। वाटरशैड से बरसाती पानी का उपयोग जरूरतमंद क्षेत्रों में किया जा सकता है। इससे भूमिगत जल स्तर में भी सुधार होगा। इस योजना से उस जमीन का भी उपयोग किया जा सकेगा, जहां पर वर्तमान में पानी नहीं पहुंच पा रहा है।

क्या है योजना

इस योजना के तहत गुड़गांव जिले के 70 गांवों को सूचीबद्ध किया

गया है जिनमें 56 प्रकार के विकास कार्यों को सूचीबद्ध किया गया है। इस योजना के क्रियान्वयन से भूमि, जल, वनस्पति जैसे प्राकृतिक संसाधनों का अधिकतम उपयोग किया जा सकता है ताकि भविष्य में सूखे का प्रभाव कम हो।

ये कार्य शामिल

कार्यक्रम के तहत ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में विकास के लिए 56 कार्यों की सूची बनाई गई है ताकि ग्रामीण परिवेश में रहने वाले लोगों के जीवन स्तर में सुधार कर गांव का विकास किया जा सके। परियोजना के तहत करवाए जाने वाले कार्यों में गंदे पानी की निकासी के लिए नालों का निर्माण, स्कूलों व सार्वजनिक स्थानों पर पानी की टंकी का निर्माण, सोलर लाइटें लगवाना, पौंड का निर्माण, बरसाती पानी संचयन से सिंचाई, पौधारोपण, मत्स्य पालन, चरागाहों को आवश्यकतानुसार पानी उपलब्ध करवाना आदि शामिल हैं।

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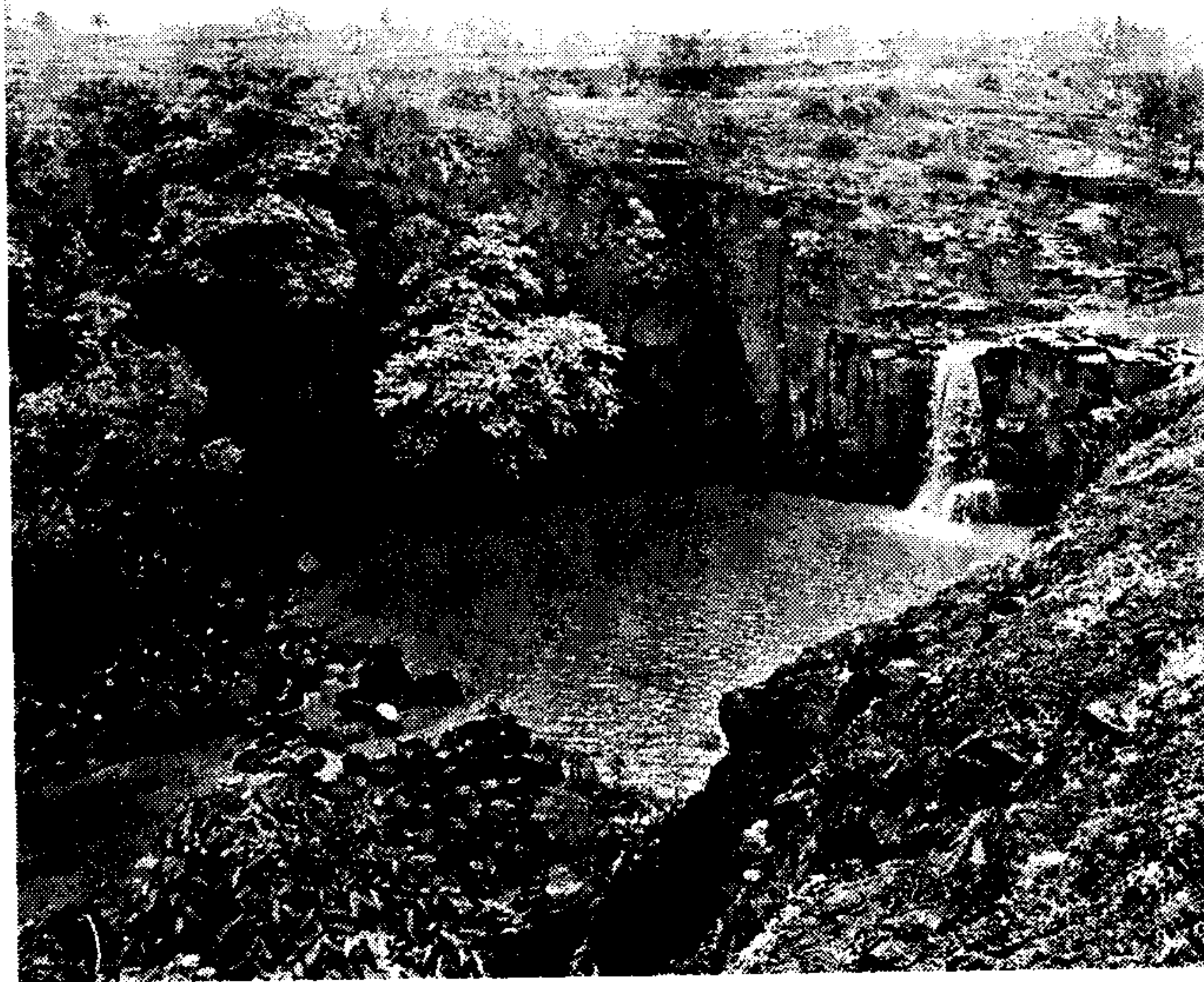
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रतलाम-सैलाना मार्ग स्थित ईसरथुनी का झरना जो करीब 11 किलोमीटर दूरी पर है, यहां आसपास के हरे भरे खेतों में लहलहाती फसलों के साथ हरी-भरी पहाड़ियों के मध्य बहता झरना लोगों को बरबस आकर्षित कर रहा है। यहां आने वाले पर्यटकों के लिए ना तो सुरक्षा के इंतजाम न ही बारिश से बचने के, समीप ही सुखदेव हनुमानजी का मंदिर है, उसकी भी छत टपक रही है। आने वाले दिनों यहां का दृश्य और मनोरम हो जाएगा।



प्राकृतिक गुफा में विराजे शिव



रतलाम से 25 किलोमीटर दूर स्थित सैलाना कल्याण केदारेश्वर प्राकृतिक परिपूर्ण होकर यहां तीन झरनों से पानी बह रहा है। पहाड़ियों मध्य अद्भुत सौंदर्य के साथ भगवान भोलेनाथ के दर्शन को यहां श्रावण मास में रविवार-सोमवार को यहां मेले जैसा माहौल रहता है। बांसवाड़ा मार्ग पर भी सैलाना से महज 4 किमी दूर घाट पर केदारेश्वर का मंदिर स्थित है, जो पूर्ण रूप से प्राकृतिक होकर एक गुफा में भगवान शंकर शिवलिंग के रूप में विराजमान हैं।

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नई दिल्ली. केन्द्रीय जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्रालय ने गंगा अधिनियम का प्रारूप तैयार करने के लिए न्यायमूर्ति गिरिधर मालवीय (सेवानिवृत्त) की अध्यक्षता में समिति का गठन किया है। समिति गंगा अधिनियम का प्रारूप तैयार करेगी। अधिनियम में नदी की निर्मलता और अविरलता को सुनिश्चित करने के प्रावधान शामिल होंगे। समिति से कहा गया है कि वह तीन महीने के अंदर अधिनियम का प्रारूप तैयार करे। आवश्यकता पड़ने पर समिति का कार्यकाल बढ़ाया जा सकता है। उल्लेखनीय है कि चार जुलाई को यहां आयोजित राष्ट्रीय गंगा नदी घाटी प्राधिकरण की बैठक में केन्द्रीय जल संसाधन मंत्री उमा भारती ने समिति बनाने की घोषणा की थी। समिति के अध्यक्ष 79 वर्षीय गिरिधर मालवीय लंबे समय से गंगा संरक्षण अभियान से जुड़े रहे हैं। वे गंगा महासभा के अध्यक्ष भी हैं। महासभा की स्थापना उनके पितामह और काशी हिंदू विश्वविद्यालय के संस्थापक और स्वतंत्रता सेनानी महामना पंडित मदन मोहन मालवीय ने ही की थी।

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गंगा का उद्गम स्थल गोमुख या मानसरोवर?

गो मुख व मानसरोवर झील के जल परीक्षण के बाद ही चलेगा पता

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नई दिल्ली. भारतीय जनमानस में गंगा का उद्गम स्थल सैकड़ों सालों से गोमुख को बताया गया है लेकिन अब इसमें विवाद पैदा हो गया है। क्योंकि चीन ने दावा किया है कि गंगा वास्तव में मानसरोवर से निकली है न कि गोमुख से। इस विवाद को हल करने के लिए केंद्र सरकार के आदेश पर रुड़की स्थिति नेशनल

विस्तृत शोध की जरूरत

संस्थान के वैज्ञानिकों का कहना है कि गोमुख से मानसरोवर की दूरी लगभग पंद्रह किलोमीटर है। लेकिन यह रास्ता समतल न होकर टेढ़ी-मेढ़ी पर्वत श्रृंखलाओं से होकर गुजरता है। इन पर्वत श्रृंखलाओं की सतह के नीचे हो सकता है कि

कोई सुरंग हो जिससे भीतर ही भीतर पानी बहते हुए धीरे-धीरे गोमुख की ओर पहुंचता हो। हालांकि यह एक कल्पना है और इसकी सच्चाई के लिए उस पर्वत श्रृंखला का भी विस्तृत शोध करना अनिवार्य होगा।

इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ हाइड्रोलॉजी के वैज्ञानिक ऋग्वेद, उपनिषद, शिव पुराण आदि में गंगा का उद्गम स्थल को लेकर शोध कर रहे हैं।

वैज्ञानिक परीक्षण

संस्थान ने अब तक किए शोध के बाद दावा किया है कि गंगा के उद्गम स्थल को लेकर जो भी रहस्य हैं वह इस वर्ष कैलाश

मानसरोवर की यात्रा के बाद सुलझा लिया जाएगा, क्योंकि वाटर आइसोटॉप्स तकनीक से गंगा के वास्तविक उद्गम स्थल का पता लगाया जा सकता है। वैज्ञानिकों का कहना है कि इसके लिए मानसरोवर झील के चार स्थानों से पानी के नमूने का संग्रह किया जाएगा। एचटूओ का न्यूक्लियर हाइड्रोलॉजी

आइसोटॉप्स लैब में परीक्षण किया जाएगा। ठीक इसी तरह से उत्तराखंड के गोमुख के जल का भी परीक्षण किया जाएगा। इसके बाद वैज्ञानिक दृष्टिकोण से यह बता पाना संभव होगा कि गंगा का वास्तव में उद्गम स्थल भारत में या चीन में है।

अब तक जांच की जरूरत महसूस नहीं

संस्थान के वैज्ञानिकों का कहना है कि अब तक गंगा के उद्गम स्थल को लेकर किसी प्रकार की जांच पड़ताल नहीं की गई थी। यह भी सही है कि इसकी आवश्यकता भी महसूस नहीं की गई थी। हालांकि चीन ने यह

अवश्य कहा है कि गंगा का उद्गम स्थल मानसरोवर है लेकिन उसने इसकी सच्चाई के लिए कोई वैज्ञानिक शोध अपने दावे के समर्थन में पेश नहीं किया है। केवल भारतीय ही नहीं विदेशी भी मानते हैं कि गंगा का उद्गम स्थल गोमुख ही है।

गंगा के प्रवाह में कमी

संस्थान के वैज्ञानिक गंगा के प्रवाह के बारे में भी शोध कर रहे हैं। कारण कि यह माना गया है कि पिछले कुछ सालों में गंगा के प्रवाह में कमी आई है। वैज्ञानिक इस बात पर शोध कर रहे हैं कि गंगा के प्रवाह में कमी के पीछे कहीं चीन की किसी प्रकार की

छेड़खानी की नीति तो काम नहीं कर रही है।

यह है धार्मिक मान्यता

हिन्दू धर्मग्रंथों में गंगा को सबसे पवित्र नदी होने का दर्जा प्राप्त है। इस नदी किनारे करोड़ों लोग बसे हुए हैं और यह उनके लिए जीवन दायनी रेखा है। पेयजल, सिंचाई से लेकर परिवहन तक के लिए इस नदी का उपयोग किया जाता है। भारतीय धर्मग्रंथों के अनुसार राजा भागीरथ के कठोर तप और आग्रह से वशीभूत भागीरथ के पूर्वजों और राजा सगर के पुत्रों का उद्धार करने के लिए गंगा को धरती पर आना पड़ा था।

“स्वतंत्रकारी राजस्थान पत्रिका प्राइवेट लिमिटेड के लिए मुद्रक व प्रकाशक सुखविन्दर पाल सिंह गिल द्वारा 2/3, आईएनएस बिल्डिंग, रफी मार्ग, नई दिल्ली से प्रकाशित एवं मै. विभा पब्लिकेशन प्रा. लि., डी-160बी, सेक्टर-7, नोएडा, गौतम बुद्ध नगर (यूपी) से मुद्रित। फोन नम्बर: 011-304

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26 जुलाई से बारिश के आसार

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राजधानी में 26 जुलाई से एक बार फिर बारिश हो सकती है। तब तक दिल्ली के लोगों को उमस भरी गर्मी का सामना करना पड़ेगा। हालांकि, इस बीच कुछ इलाकों में तेज हवाओं के साथ हल्की बूदाबूदी हो सकती है। मौसम विभाग के अनुसार रविवार को बादल छाए रह सकते हैं।

रविवार को अधिकतम तापमान 36 डिग्री सेल्सियस और न्यूनतम तापमान 27 डिग्री सेल्सियस के करीब दर्ज किया जा सकता है।

शनिवार को राजधानी में अधिकतम तापमान 34.8 डिग्री सेल्सियस रिकॉर्ड किया गया। जबकि न्यूनतम तापमान 28.4 डिग्री सेल्सियस रहा। हवा में आर्द्रता का अधिकतम स्तर 84 प्रतिशत रहा।

मौसम वैज्ञानिक चरन सिंह के अनुसार 26 व 27 जुलाई को दिल्ली व आसपास के इलाकों में अच्छी बारिश होने की संभावना है। वहीं हरियाणा, चंडीगढ़, पश्चिमी उत्तर प्रदेश, पूर्वी राजस्थान, उत्तराखंड व हिमांचल में अच्छी बारिश दर्ज की जा सकती है।

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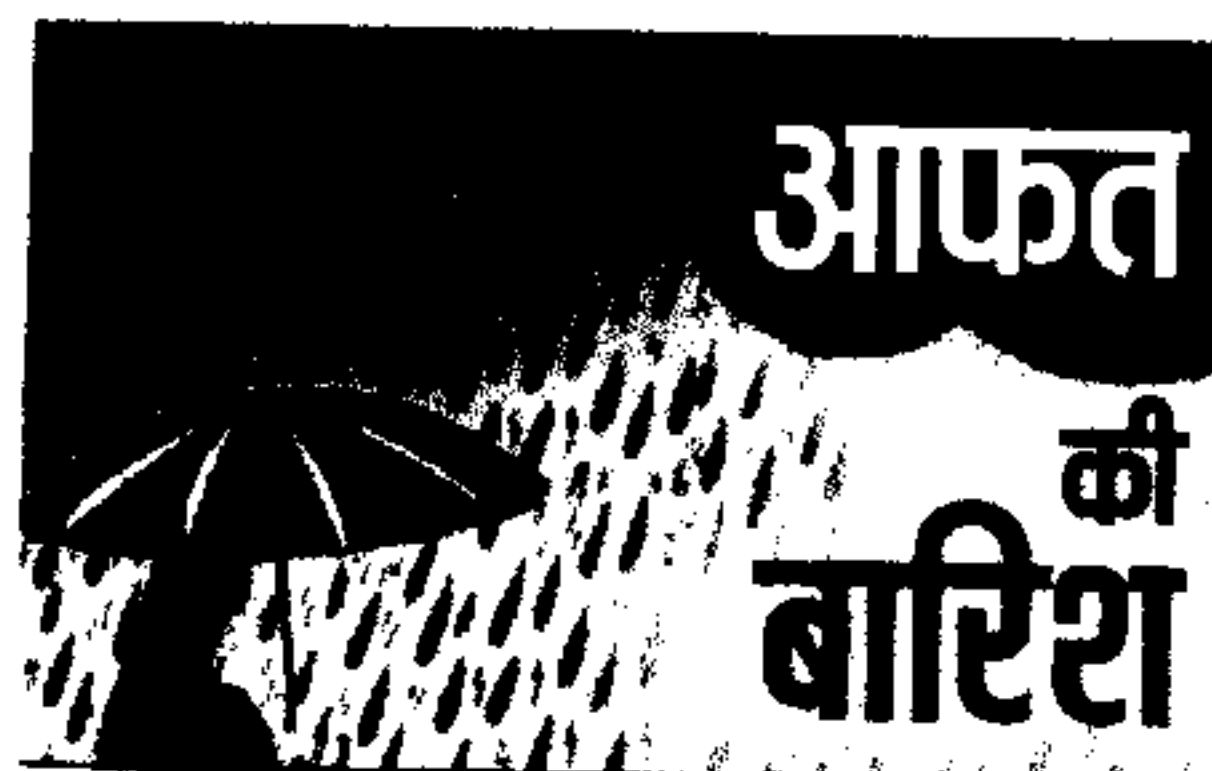
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कोसी के कहर से हालात बिगड़े



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कोसी, सीमांचल और पूर्व बिहार के इलाकों में कोसी-गंगा और सहायक नदियों के बढ़ते जलस्तर से आई बाढ़ की स्थिति शनिवार को भयावह हो गई।

शुक्रवार को पूर्णिया और अररिया में बाढ़ के पानी में डूबने से सात लोगों की मौत भी हो गई थी। शनिवार को सुपौल में कोसी नदी में एक बार फिर पानी बढ़ने से इंडो नेपाल के पिलर संख्या 223 के कुनौली पंचायत के समीप सीमाबांध 25

कोटद्वार-नजीबाबाद के बीच रेल सेवा बंद

नई दिल्ली उत्तर प्रदेश के मुरादाबाद डिविजन के अंतर्गत सनेह रोड और कोटद्वार के बीच स्थित नदी पुल के पास जल स्तर खतरे के निशान को छू जाने के कारण नजीबाबाद और कोटद्वार स्टेशनों के बीच ट्रेन सेवाएं रद्द कर दी गई हैं। उत्तर रेलवे के एक वरिष्ठ अधिकारी ने कहा कि नजीबाबाद और कोटद्वार सेक्शन पर एक पुल के पास जलस्तर बढ़ जाने के कारण शनिवार को एक्सप्रेस और पैसेंजर रेल सेवाएं रद्द रहीं। उन्होंने कहा कि स्थिति में सुधार होने तक ये रद्द रहेंगी।

से 30 मीटर तक बह गया। इस सीमा बांध के टूटने से कुनौली, कमलपुर व डगमारा पंचायत के दर्जनों गांवों के लोगों के बीच दहशत का माहौल व्याप्त है।

सहरसा-मानसी रेलखंड के फनगो हाल्ट पास कोसी के कटाव से ट्रैक पर बन आई खतरा को रोकने के लिए रविवार से कटाव निरोधी कार्य शुरू होगा। शनिवार की दोपहर समस्तीपुर मंडल के डीआरएम सुधांशु शर्मा ने कटाव स्थल का जायजा

लेकर काम शुरू करने का निर्देश दिया। पूर्णिया के बायसी अनुमंडल के तीन प्रखंडों की दो लाख से अधिक आबादी बाढ़ की मुसीबतों से जूझ रही है।

अररिया के 250 गांव बाढ़ की चपेट में
अररिया जिले में ढाई सौ से अधिक गांव बाढ़ की चपेट में आ गए हैं। हजारों एकड़ में लगी फसलें बर्बाद हो गई हैं। ग्रामीण घर-द्वार छोड़कर ऊंची जगहों की तलाश में जा रहे हैं।

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दि. 24-7-16 बारिश से पिथौरागढ़ में कई सड़कें बंद

कुमाऊं। पिथौरागढ़ और बागेश्वर में शुक्रवार से लगातार हो रही मूसलाधार बारिश से कई सड़कें बंद हो गईं। इससे कई वाहन फंसे रहे। बागेश्वर में इस मौसम में पहली बार सरयू खतरे के निशान 870.70 मीटर तक पहुंच गई।

मुनस्यारी में शुक्रवार शाम 7:30 बजे जौलजीवी-मुनस्यारी मोटर मार्ग पहाड़ी से मलबा आने के कारण घिघरानी के पास बंद हो गया। इधर पिथौरागढ़-अल्मोड़ा, पिथौरागढ़-टनकपुर मार्ग भी भारी बारिश से दोपहर करीब 12 बजे बंद हो गया। टनकपुर-तवाघाट मोटर मार्ग बीते दिन खोल दिया गया था, लेकिन मलबा आने से यह मार्ग शनिवार सुबह बगड़ीहाट के पास फिर बंद हो गया। मुनस्यारी में अब भी कई लिंक मार्ग बंद पड़े हैं।

(हिटी)

दि. २५ जुलाई को निम्नलिखित समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित मानसून/ बाढ़ सम्बन्धी समाचार

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25 July 17

This week may bring rain, thundershowers

MONSOON YET TO PICK UP The city has so far received 218mm of rainfall as against 229.9mm it usually receives

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NEW DELHI: After several days of dry spell, the city is expected to see widespread rain starting Tuesday.

According to the weatherman, more rain and thundershowers are likely to fall from July 26 over northwest India, including Delhi NCR. Heavy rains are expected to follow on July 28 and 29. The Met office has forecast a rainfall of 7cm or more.

Sunday was an overcast, but humid day. The humidity oscillated between 86% and 64%.

The maximum temperature was recorded at 35

SOME RELIEF

- The weatherman has forecast more rain and thundershowers from July 26 over northwest India, including Delhi NCR
- Heavy rains are expected to follow on July 28 and 29
- The Met office has forecast a rainfall of over 7cm
- Monday will remain cloudy with light rain likely in some areas

degrees Celsius, one degree above normal. The minimum temperature settled at 28.4

degrees Celsius, one degree above average.

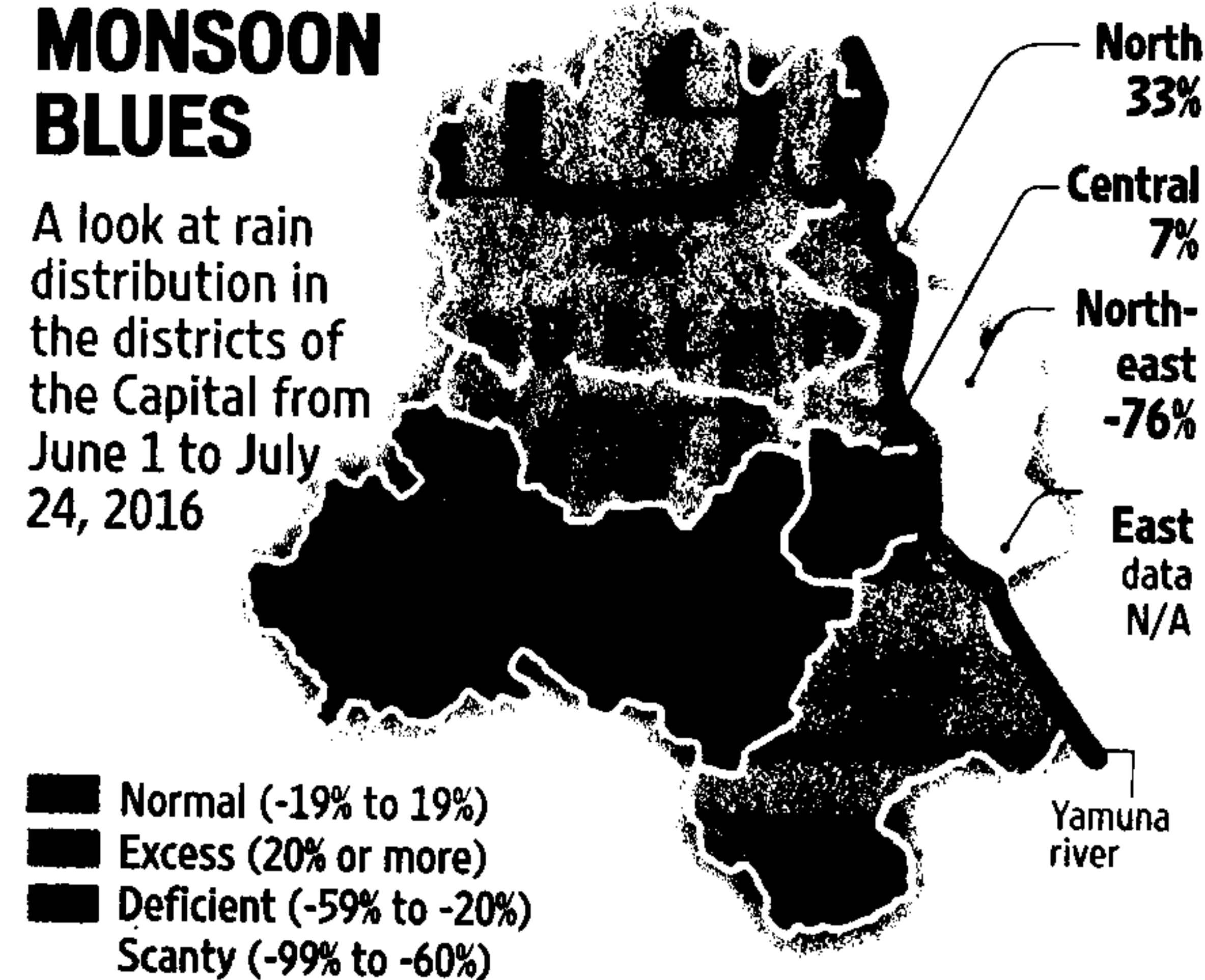
Monday is also going to remain cloudy with light rain, thundershowers likely in some areas. The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to hover around 34 and 28 degrees Celsius.

Delhi has received 218mm of rainfall this monsoon so far as against the 229.9mm, it normally receives till now. It rained the most in the second week of July. Since then, Delhi has barely seen any rain.

According to the weatherman, Delhi will receive above normal rains this year and July and August are expected to see heavy rains.

MONSOON BLUES

A look at rain distribution in the districts of the Capital from June 1 to July 24, 2016



SOURCE: IMD

दिनांक 25 जुलाई को निम्नलिखित समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित मानसून/ बाढ़ सम्बन्धी समाचार

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उत्तराखण्ड के सात जिलों में 25 जुलाई से एक बार फिर भारी बारिश होने की संभावना है।

अरुणाचल प्रदेश के कई जिलों में बाढ़ की स्थिति खराब होती जा रही है। बाढ़ के कारण कई इलाके डूब गए हैं।

चीन के मध्य हुबेई प्रांत में अब भी लगभग 2.5 लाख लोग बाढ़ के पानी में फंसे हुए हैं।



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25 July Rains in parts of the city

NEW DELHI, JULY 24

Rains occurred in several areas of the city today, leading to a rise in humidity level causing discomfort to Delhi-ites.

The maximum temperature was recorded at 35 degree Celsius, while the minimum settled at 28.4 degrees, both a notch above the normal, an official of the MeT department said.

"The Safdarjung observatory, reading of which is considered the official figure for the city, recorded traces of rainfall between 8.30 am to 5.30 pm.

"Weather stations at Palam, Ridge and Lodhi Road recorded 4.4mm, 2.8mm, 18.8mm and traces of rainfall," the official said.—PTI

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Hot, humid Saturday in city, rain likely today

NEW DELHI: The capital experienced a hot and humid day on Saturday with the maximum temperature settling at 34.8 degrees Celsius, average for the season, the Met office said. It has forecast rain or drizzle on Sunday.

“Generally cloudy sky with light rain or drizzle is likely to

FRIDAY'S MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE SETTLED AT 37.3 DEGREES CELSIUS

occur on Sunday,” an official of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said.

The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to hover around 36 and 27 degrees Celsius, respectively.

Delhi residents woke up to a sunny morning with the minimum temperature recorded at 28.4 degree Celsius, a notch above the season's average, while the humidity oscillated

between 64 and 84 per cent.

Friday's maximum temperature settled at 37.3 degrees Celsius, three notches above the season's average while minimum temperature recorded at 29.5 degrees Celsius, two notches above the season's average.

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कोटद्वार में पुल का पिलर बहने के बाद कोटद्वार-नजीबाबाद रेल सेवा बंद

उत्तराखंड में आफत की बारिश, 6 और मौतें

■ एजेंसियां/प्रस, देहरादून

उत्तराखंड में भारी बारिश का कहर जारी है। टिहरी जिले में भारी बारिश के कारण एक दीवार गिरने से शनिवार तड़के एक परिवार के 3 लोग जिंदा दफन हो गए। टिहरी के डीएम के मुताबिक, घनसाली इलाके स्थित पुरवल गांव में शनिवार सुबह 4 बजे एक घर की दीवार गिर गई जो लगातार बारिश के कारण कमजोर हो गई थी। इसकी चपेट में आने से 40 वर्षीय मीना देवी, उनकी 16 वर्षीय बेटी सोना और 12 वर्षीय बेटे सोहन लाल की मौत हो गई। वहीं लगातार हो रही बारिश के कारण टिहरी में एक निर्माणाधीन स्टेडियम और जिला पंचायत कार्यालय भी डूब गए हैं। टिहरी बांध का जलस्तर 781 मीटर तक पहुंच गया है, जिसकी वजह से मैदानी इलाकों रिषिकेश और हरिद्वार में भी बाढ़ जैसी स्थिति पैदा होने की संभावना है। बारिश के कहर से पौड़ी, सतपुली, दुग्गडा पौखाल, गुमखाल, लैंसडॉन और कोटद्वार जाने वाले सभी रास्ते बंद हो गए हैं।

तेज बहाव और भूस्खलन से यातायात बंद : भारी बारिश की वजह से कोटद्वार में नदी पर बने रेलवे ब्रिज का एक पिलर तेज बहाव में बह गया। इसके कारण कोटद्वार और नजीबाबाद के बीच 10 ट्रेनों की आवाजाही पर असर पड़ा है। वहीं कोटद्वार में ही एक अन्य घटना में पानी के तेज बहाव में एक फॉरेस्ट रेंजर की कार बहकर खाई में



कोटद्वार में फॉरेस्ट रेंजर की कार तेज बहाव में बहकर खाई में जा गिरी, फैमिली की बाल-बाल बची जान

जा गिरी। हालांकि रेंजर की सूझबूझ से उनके फैमिली मेंबर कार से सुरक्षित बाहर आ गए। भारी बारिश से उत्तराखंड के सभी नदी-नाले उफान पर हैं। तेज बहाव और भूस्खलन से बदरीनाथ हाइवे समेत गढ़वाल में 100 से ज्यादा सड़कों पर आवागमन बंद है। कुमाऊं में शुक्रवार को एक मजदूर की नदी में बहने से मौत हो गई। मौसम विभाग ने अगले 24 घंटे में कुमाऊं के अल्मोड़ा, नैनीताल, चंपावत और पिथौरागढ़ जिलों में भारी बारिश की चेतावनी जारी की है। **सेना का वाहन सरस्वती नदी में गिरा, 2 की मौत :** माणा पास के करीब शनिवार को सेना के एक ट्रक के सरस्वती नदी में गिर जाने से 2 सैनिकों की मौत हो गई। इस हादसे में एक सैनिक लापता है और एक घायल है।

दि 24 जुलाई को निम्नलिखित समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित मानसून/ बाढ़ सम्बन्धी समाचार

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स्कूल गायब : बिहार के कटिहार जिले में एक तीन मंजिला स्कूल इमारत गंगा में समा गई।

असम : बाढ़ से 2 मरे, काजीरंगा डूबा

असम में बाढ़ से दो लोगों की मौत हुई है। इस राज्य के 14 जिलों में पांच लाख से ज्यादा लोग प्रभावित हुए हैं। काजीरंगा राष्ट्रीय उद्यान, पवित्र वन्यजीव अभयारण्य और दिब्रू-साईखोवा राष्ट्रीय उद्यान बाढ़ में डूबे हुए हैं। अरुणाचल में भी बाढ़ की स्थिति गंभीर बनी हुई है, जहां कई नदियां खतरे के निशान के ऊपर बह रही हैं। नोआ-देहिंग नदी से नमसाई जिले के अंतर्गत आने वाला पूरा लेकांग सर्किल डूब चुका है। वहीं मध्य प्रदेश के भोपाल, होशंगाबाद, इंदौर, देवास, जबलपुर समेत कई जिलों में भारी बारिश का अलर्ट जारी किया है।

चीन में भारी बारिश से 105 की मौत

■ एजेसियां, पेइचिंग : चीन के हेबेई प्रांत में मूसलाधार बारिश और बाढ़ के कारण शनिवार दोपहर तक 105 लोगों की मौत हो गई, जबकि 104 लापता हैं। स्थानीय अधिकारियों ने लगभग 3,10,000 लोगों को प्रभावित जगहों से बाहर निकाला है। बाढ़ और बारिश से हुए भूस्खलन में 52,000 घरों के ढहने और 160,000 से ज्यादा घरों को नुकसान होने की जानकारी



हेबेई प्रांत में बच्चों को सुरक्षित जगह पर ले जाते बचावकर्मी

मिली है। 700000 हेक्टेयर क्षेत्र की खेती बर्बाद होने से 14 अरब युआन की आर्थिक क्षति हुई है।

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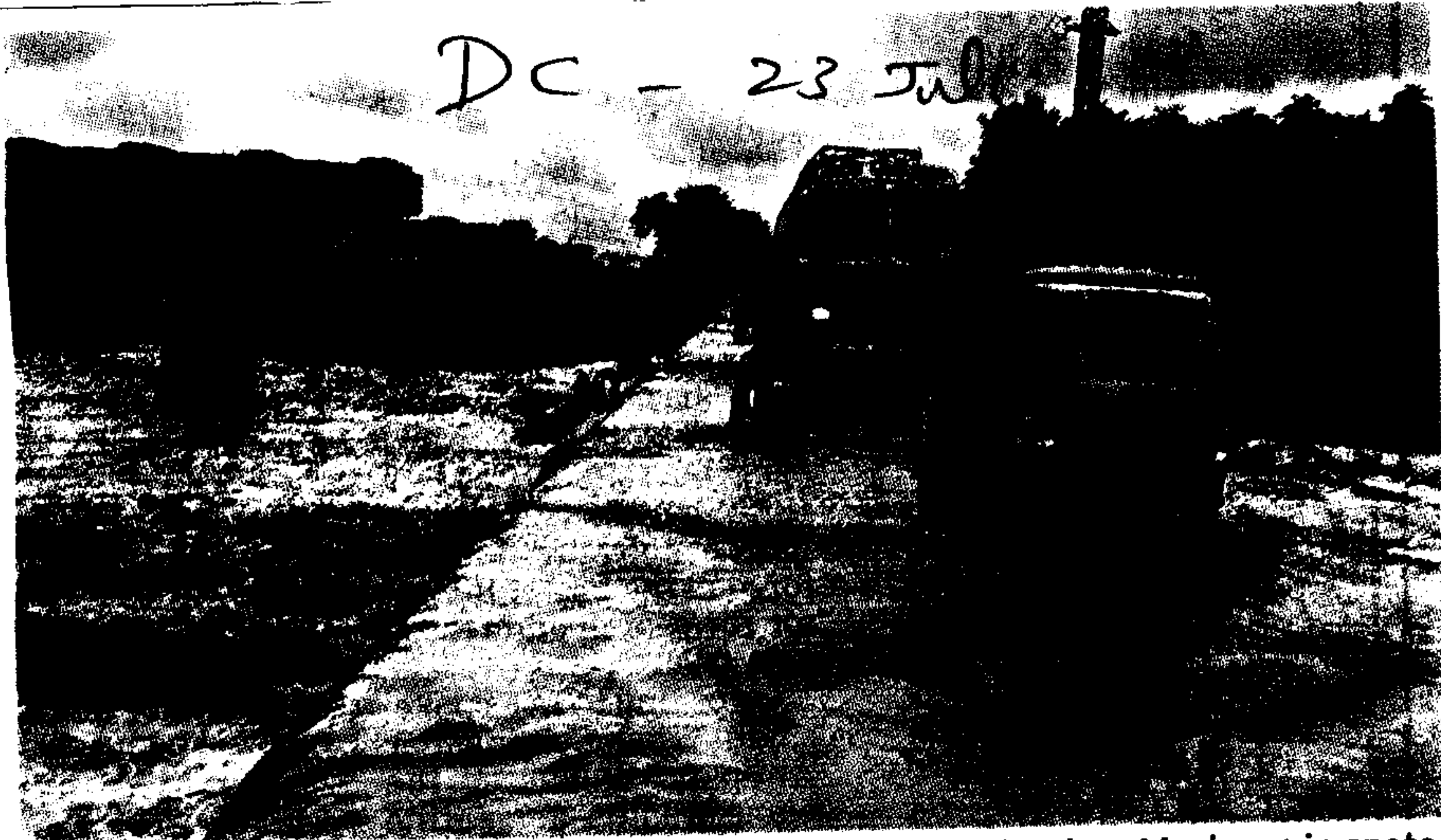
लॉस ऐंजलिस के उत्तरी इलाके स्थित जंगलों में आग लगने के बाद 300 घरों को खाली कराया गया है और लोगों को सुरक्षित जगहों पर पहुंचाया गया है।

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A bridge at Shankarpally near Chevella gets flooded after the river Musi was in spate due to heavy rains in the state. — DC

Heavy rain halts traffic at Shankarpally highway

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 22

Due to heavy downpour at Shankarpally on Thursday, the Musi river flowed over the road and blocked the highway at Chevella and Shankarpally on Friday morning. The road was opened after a few hours, even as traffic jams were reported on the highway.

This is the second time this year that the river has inundated the highway, after June 28.

Metro Water Board officials say that water will enter Osmansagar which is currently dry. "The current flow will not fill up the reservoir, if it continues for a few days, it will," an official said.

Musi originates from the Anantagiri Hills near Vikarabad and after a circuitous route through Hyderabad, flows into the Krishna river. In the city it flows through Puranapul, Chaderghat, Dabirpura, Amberpet and Uppal.

RAIN RAISES HOPE FOR FULL RESERVOIRS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 22

Emergency pumping of water at the Yellampally barrage on the Godavari to supply water to the city has been stopped, thanks to good rains.

However it is continuing at Puttamgandi in Nagarjunasagar and will go on till the water level at the reservoir reaches 510 feet. Water stands at 503.7 feet now, and 10 emergency pumps have been installed to supply water to the city from the dead storage of the reservoir.

Though water from the Almatti dam in Karnataka has reached Jurala, heavy rain in upstream areas is needed before water is released to Srisailem and onward to Nagarjunasagar.

"Anytime now, follow-

ing a good downpour, we are expecting the water at Nagarjunasagar to rise," said a Metro Water Board official.

The other four reservoirs supplying water to the city — Singur, Manjeera, Osmansagar and Himayatsagar — are still dry. If they get water, the Water Board will be able to improve supply to the city. As of now, the city is receiving 355 MGD from the Krishna phases 1, 2 and 3, and Godavari phase-1 combined.

"If the reservoirs fill up, we can supply more water to the surrounding municipalities of Hyderabad" the Metro Water Board official explained.

The current inlet at Jurala on July 22 stands at 80,000 cusecs and the outflow is at 36,000 cusecs.

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The Tribune — 23 July Rain deficit up in 9 districts

SHIMLA, JULY 21

In spite of regular rain and forecast of normal monsoons, the rain deficit from June 1 to July 21 has increased to 26 per cent in the state and nine out of 12 districts received deficit rain ranging between 11 per cent and 83 per cent.

The state received average rainfall of 283 mm during the current monsoon against normal rainfall of 301 mm, while Lahaul and Spiti, Kinnaur, Chamba and Sirmaur received 83, 60, 53 and 22 per cent deficit rain.

The monsoon rain deficit was 11, 14 and 15 per cent in Bilaspur, Hamirpur and Kangra districts, respectively, while Kullu district had 20 per cent less rainfall. — TNS



People walk with umbrellas during the rain in Shimla on Thursday. PHOTO: AMIT KANWAR

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Floods batter Assam, Arunachal; two dead

NEW DELHI, JULY 23

Flood situation in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh worsened today with death of two persons and fresh areas getting submerged.

Floods in Assam claimed two lives affecting over five lakh people in 14 districts, besides inundating Kaziranga National Park, Pobitora wildlife sanctuary and Dibru-Saikhowa National Park.

One person died in North Lakhimpur town of Lakhimpur district and another at Mayong in Morigaon district.

The swollen Brahmaputra and its tributaries have submerged 1039 villages in 14 districts with many neck-deep in water and several houses completely submerged, officials said.

Seventy relief camps and seven relief distribution centres have been opened to shelter 21549 flood-hit people. In Arunachal Pradesh, the flood situation remained grim with fresh areas getting submerged as Chief Minister Pema Khandu directed legislators from Tezu, Namsai and Jairampur to monitor the relief measures.

The rising Noa-Dehing river has submerged entire Lekang circle under Namsai district and affected Piyong circle, Namsai Township and adjoining villages.

Rapidly increasing water level in Jengthu river has affected Mukron, Chessing Nongtaw, Jenglai and Wag-on-IV villages. — PTI



Villagers travel by a boat after heavy rain at Balimukh village in Morigaon district of Assam on Friday. PTI

Elsewhere, monsoon gaining momentum

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NEW DELHI, JULY 23

Registering an overall shortfall of 7 per cent this week on the back of deep deficits in Central India and South Peninsula and several pockets of plains of the northwest, meteorologists are expecting a fresh surge in monsoon rains in the coming days in several parts of the country.

Though northwest and east received good rains, 22 per cent and 21 per cent, respectively, central parts remained short by 33 per cent and South Peninsula by 35 per cent.

Overall, the northwest was in the surplus but it was largely due to excess rains in hill states of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh. Rains have been extremely patchy in several parts in the plains of the region.

Statistically, Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh and Delhi as subdivisions may not have performed badly, several parts, including Jind, Karnal, Kurukhsetra, Firozpur, Moga, Fatehgarh Sahib, are seeing an acute deficit.

Meanwhile, as the country stands at an overall surplus of one per cent halfway through the season, the weatherman expects two new weather systems to bring fresh monsoon surge over several parts of the country, including Central, South Peninsula and the West Coast.

The IMD also expects rains to pick up in the north. Around July 26, it has forecast heavy to very heavy rain over parts in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Chandigarh and Delhi.

Monsoon fury: Met department has warned of heavy rain in the Northeast

Rain pounds Arunachal, WB; 4 killed in UP

NEW DELHI, PTI: Heavy showers battered eastern parts of the country, triggering floods in Arunachal Pradesh and West Bengal. In Uttar Pradesh, four people were killed in rain-related incidents.

The weatherman has warned of very heavy rain in West Bengal, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya and Bihar on Saturday.

Delhiites grappled with high humidity on another rainless day. However, the weatherman has forecast rain on Saturday. The maximum temperature in the city was recorded at 37.3 degrees, while the minimum settled at 29.5 degrees.

The maximum temperature in the other three metropolitan cities of Kolkata, Chennai and Mumbai was recorded at 32.9, 32 and 28 degrees Celsius, respectively.

In Uttar Pradesh, a brother-sister duo was buried alive when a wall collapsed on them amid heavy rain in Gonda district. In another such incident, a person and his infant daughter died last night.

The Central Water Commission said the water level in Sharda and Ghaghra rivers has crossed the danger mark in Palia Kalan, Elgin Bridge, Ayodhya and Turtipar.

The IMD said the monsoon activity was normal in Uttar Pradesh and more rain is likely in the coming days.

Incessant rain triggered landslides and floods in Arunachal Pradesh, throwing normal life out of gear. Torrential showers have severed connectivity between many villages in East Kameng districts and the rest of the state.

The administration said the flood situation in Namsai dis-

trict is grim as the water level in Noa Dihing river and its tributaries has crossed the danger mark.

Meanwhile, the Army has swung into action in Assam's Chirang district with floods in the state affecting more people.

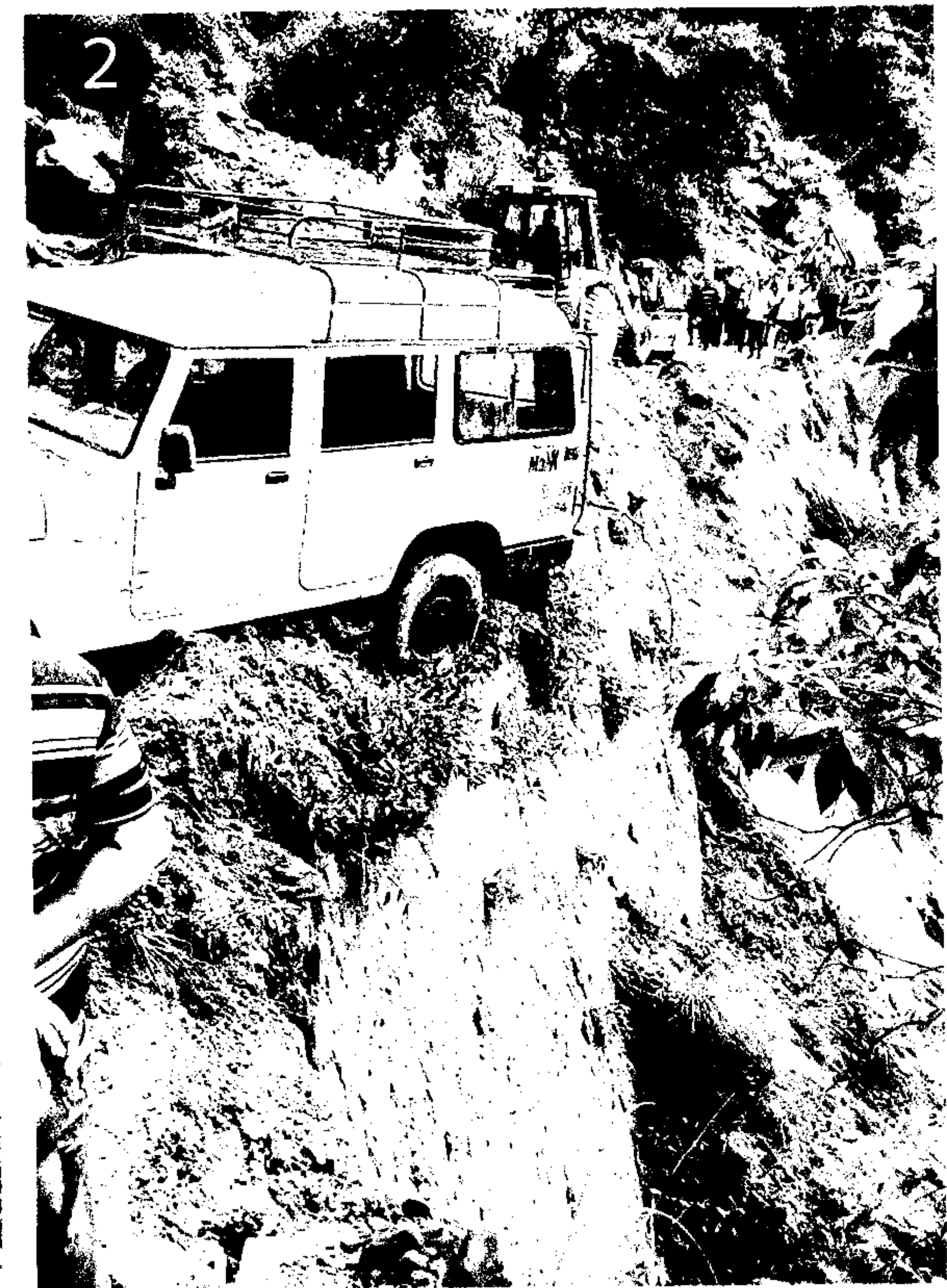
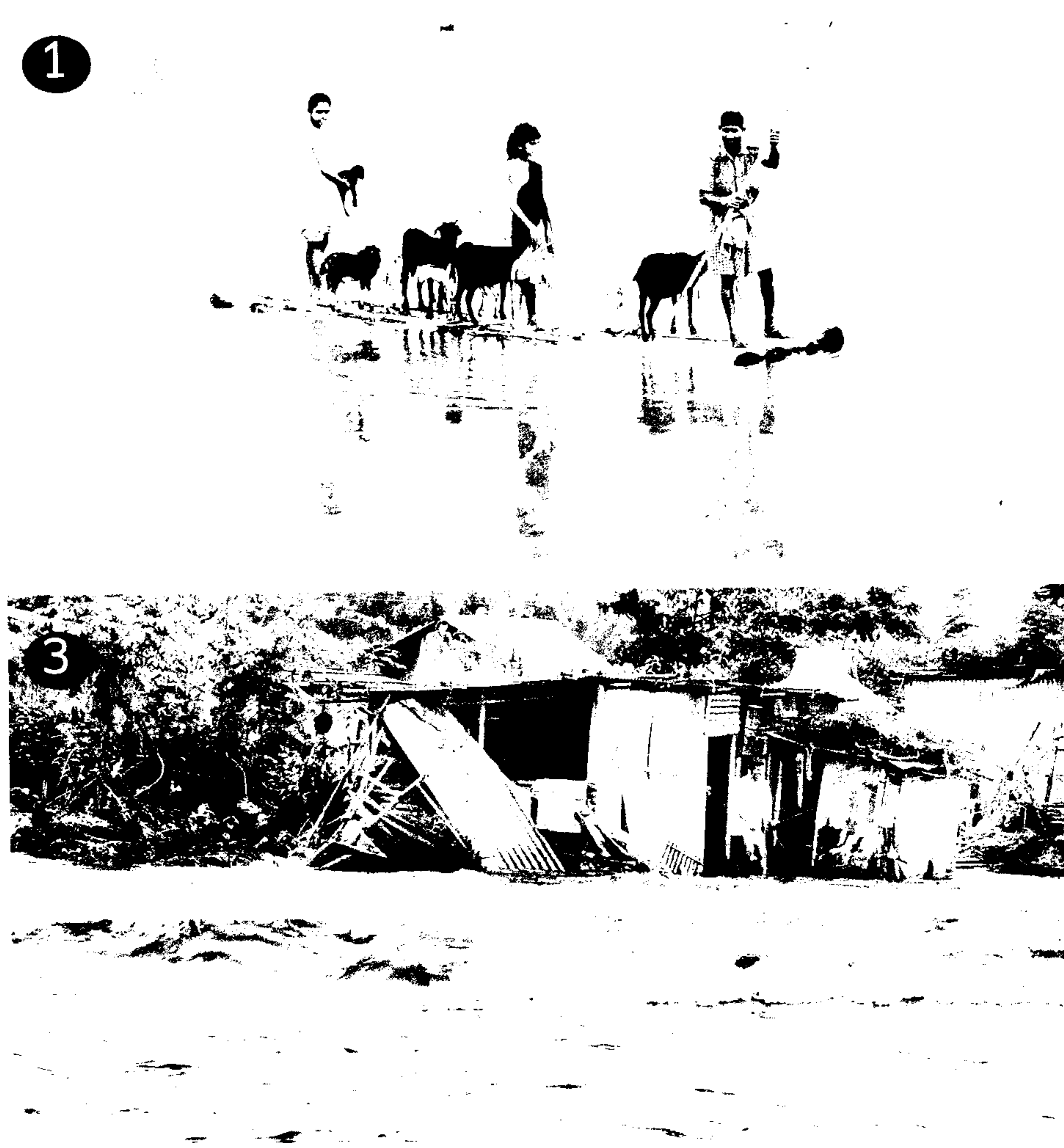
West Bengal witnessed an erratic rain activity with sub-Himalayan part of the state getting heavy showers, while the southern districts continued to reel under a rain deficit.

Jalpaiguri was the wettest place in the state, gauging 49 mm of rain, while Darjeeling got 43.3 mm of precipitation.

A red alert was sounded in Subhashini and Dolphinpara tea estate areas in north Bengal in the wake Torsha river flooding the area. Also, a yellow alert was sounded in Joygaon, Hashimara and other areas situated on the banks of the Teesta, Jaldhaka and Raidak rivers.

Flood water entered many places and 5,000 people were shifted to shelters in Alipurduar district. Rain eluded Punjab and Haryana for another day, leaving residents reeling under sultry conditions.

Hisar in Haryana recorded a high of 39.4 degrees, Ambala 37.1 and 35.8 degrees. In Punjab, the maximum temperature in Amritsar, Ludhiana and Patiala settled at 35.9, 36 and 36.3 degrees, respectively.



RAIN WOES: 1) Villagers move to a safer place on a raft from the flood-affected village at Murkata in Morigaon district of Assam (2) Restoration work in progress after a landslide at the Meerut- Kotdwar highway (3) Swollen Sahu river flows past a submerged house at Sahudangi village, on the outskirts of Siliguri in West Bengal on Friday. PTI/AFP

Heavy rain in Nepal may pour misery on Bihar

Abhay Kumar

RAIN, RAIN It may not be raining heavily as anticipated by the Met department but the rivers in Bihar are rising constantly with many of them flowing above the danger mark.

The reason—heavy rainfall in the upper catchment area of Nepal.

According to reports, as the

water level of the Gandak, Budhi Gandak, Ghagra and Mahanadi has been constantly rising, around 2,74,000 cusecs of water was released in the last 24 hours from the Valmiki-Nagar Barrage on the Bihar-Nepal border.

Though unconfirmed reports suggested that gate No 31 of the barrage was damaged due to heavy discharge, Princi-

pals Secretary of Disaster Management, Vyas Ji, denied such reports. "I have spoken to principal secretary of water resources department. The situation is under control," he said.

However, according to Central Water Commission, the Kosi is flowing 40 cm above danger mark and it could rise by another 20 cm by Saturday. Similarly, the Bagmati is flow-

ing 162 cm above danger mark near Kataunjha in Muzaffarpur, while it has touched the danger mark at Lalganj in Vaishali.

"More than 70,000 people in Araria, Supaul, Darbhanga and Muzaffarpur have been affected due to the rising levels of Kosi, Gandak, Budhi Gandak and Bagmati rivers. The mighty Ganga is also showing a rising

trend in Bhagalpur and Kati-har," said a senior official of the water resources department (WRD). "Taking lessons from the Kosi tragedy in 2008, we are keeping constant vigil on all the rivers, particularly those originating from Nepal. The Bihar government has cancelled leave of all the engineers till the flood period is over," the official added.

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Heavy rain claims one life in Kalaburagi district

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At least 200 houses are said to have suffered damage

BENGALURU: A few districts in the state continued to receive heavy rain on Friday.

Incessant rains lashed several parts of the rural areas in Kalaburagi district causing damage to life and property.

Devappa Bennur (53), a resident of Irigapalli village in Chincholi taluk, is reported to have drowned while crossing the River Mullamari which is in spate. Devappa was returning from Tandur, in Telangana. The Sulepet police have launched a search for the body.

All the streams, rivers and rivulets in Chittapur taluk are flowing in full capacity due to heavy rain. The ancient Nee-lakanteshwar and Suryanarayana temples at Kalgi village are inundated, while the village has turned into an island. The standing kharif crops at several places have been damaged and at least 20



The bridge across the River Kagina near Dandoti in Chittapur taluk of Kalaburagi district submerged as heavy rain lashed the region on Friday. DH PHOTO

irrigation pump sets have become defunct.

The bridge across River Kagina in Malkhed is submerged due to torrential rain, bringing traffic on the Ribbanpalli-Wagdhari interstate highway to a halt.

According to official sources, a total of 178 houses have been partially collapsed in the district. At least 101 houses have partially collapsed in Chincholi taluk. Six livestock are reported to have

died in the heavy rain.

In Uttara Kannada

Most parts of Uttara Kannada district received incessant rain on Friday. Karwar, Bhatkal, Honnavar, Kumta and Ankola received good showers. Sirsi, Siddapura, Yellapur, Mundgod, Haliyal and Joida received moderate rain. The district has received total 155 mm of rainfall in the last 24 hours.

Most parts of the district received light showers on Friday

and the sky remained overcast throughout the day.

In Belagavi

Belagavi city and the surrounding villages received light showers in the early hours of the day. Light showers were reported in Bailhongal, Ramdurg, Savadatti, Chikkodi, Gokak, Raibag, Hukkeri and Athani taluks.

Crops in 50 acres of land were damaged after the wall of a check dam at Basurte vil-

lage in Belagavi taluk breached on Thursday night.

The check dam was constructed by the Minor Irrigation department at the foot of Vajinath temple hillock. A few electricity poles also collapsed due to water pressure.

In Dharwad

Dharwad received heavy drizzle throughout the day. Most parts of the district, including Hubballi-Dharwad twin cities, experienced drizzle throughout the day. Gadag, Bagalkot, Vijayapura and Ballari also received intermittent drizzles throughout the day.

Moderate to heavy rains continued to lash several parts of Shivamogga district on Friday. Thirthahalli, Hosanagar and Sagar received good rain.

In Shivamogga

Shivamogga, Bhadravathi, Shikaripur and Sorab also received moderate rain. Most parts of the district witnessed cloudy weather throughout the day.

The water level in Linganamakki dam rose to 1,778.75 feet against the maximum level of 1,819 feet as catchment area received 21 mm of rainfall.

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अरुणाचल, पश्चिम बंगाल में शुक्रवार को भारी बारिश दर्ज की गई। इससे कई जगह लैंडस्लाइड होने से लोग दहशत में रहे।



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RAIN HIT

People look at a bridge damaged by torrential rain at Toribari village on the outskirts of Siliguri on Thursday. Continuous rainfall in the past 48 hours has caused flooding with several landslides in the nearby hills of Siliguri and adjoining areas of North Bengal.

—AFP

Uneven distribution: Major rivers in UP cross danger mark No rain in north, flood situation in Assam grim

NEW DELHI, PTI: Northern states, barring Uttar Pradesh, witnessed a lull in monsoon activity on Thursday while flood situation in Assam remained serious amid a forecast of more rain in the state.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has warned of very heavy rain in Assam, Meghalaya, Bihar, Goa and Vidarbha, and heavy rain in sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and Karnataka.

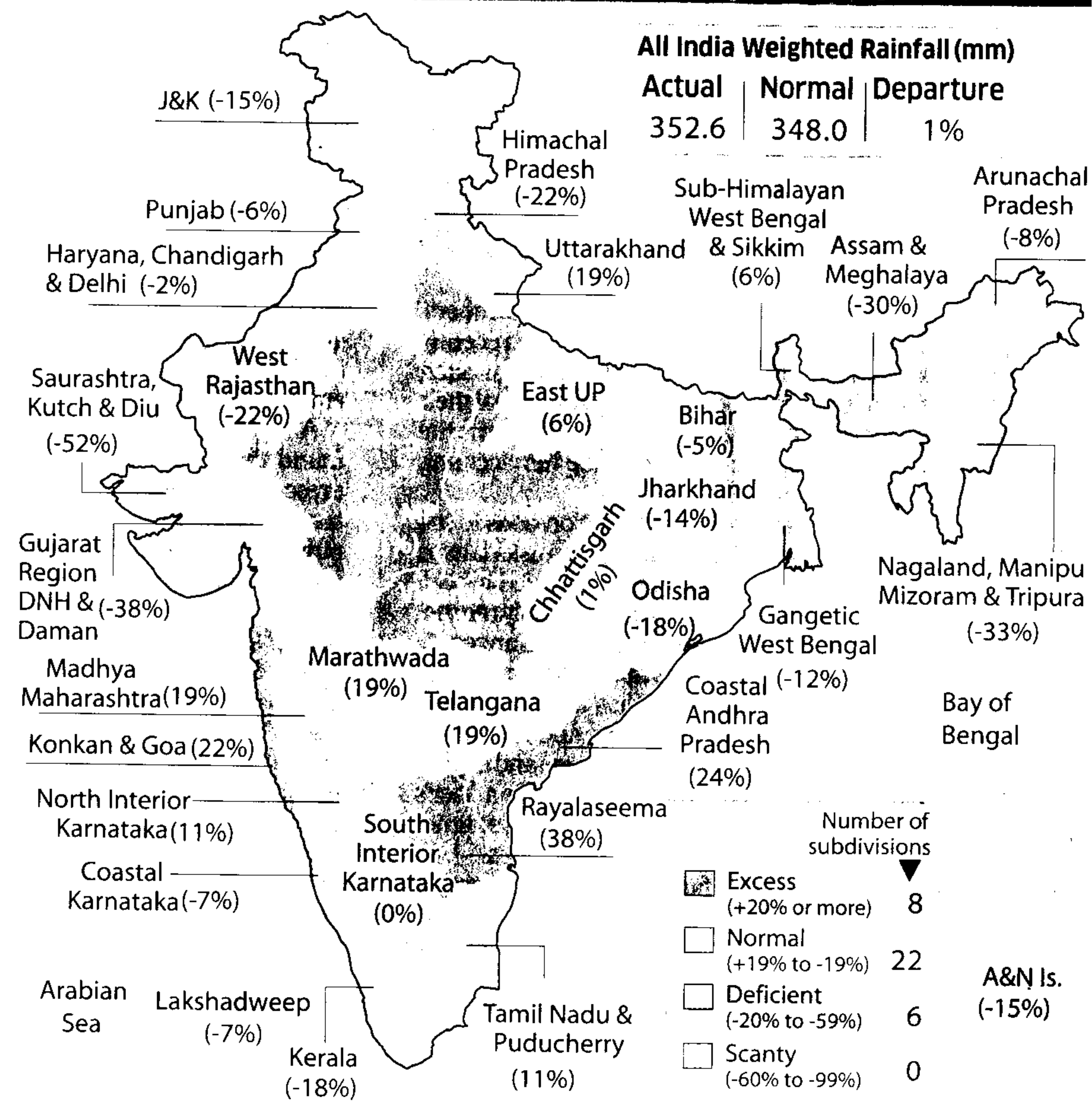
Rain gave a miss to Delhi for another day, leaving the residents grappling with high humidity. The maximum temperature in the city settled at 37.5 degrees Celsius, three notches above the season's average, while the minimum was 29 degrees. The weatherman has forecast rain in the city on Friday.

The maximum temperature in the other three metropolitan cities of Kolkata, Chennai and Mumbai settled at 34.1, 32.9 and 29 degrees Celsius.

Flood situation in Assam remained serious. The current wave of floods in the state has hit nearly 2 lakh people in seven districts, washing away hectares of land, the Assam State Disaster Management Authority said.

More than 320 villages are under water. Floods have snapped surface communication by damaging roads,

Distribution of rainfall during June 1 to July 20, 2016



(Figures in brackets indicate departure from normal rainfall)

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breached embankments and caused large-scale erosion in many areas.

The seven affected districts are Lakhimpur, Golaghat, Morigaon, Jorhat, Dhemaji,

Sivasagar and Kokrajhar.

Heavy rain pounded parts of Bihar, including Kishanganj,



MONSOON WOES: 1) Bamboo being used for the repair of NH 44 damaged due to heavy rain at Khaishapunji of Assam. 2) Residents watch the floodwaters of the Mahananda River in Siliguri on Thursday. PTI/AFP

Araria, Bhagalpur and Purnea, while dry weather conditions persisted in the rest of the state.

Sub-Himalayan West Bengal was also battered by heavy showers, while Gangetic West Bengal got traces of rain. The IMD said the mountainous region is likely to receive heavy rain till July 24. Gangetic West Bengal, which is facing a precipitation deficit, may also get rain in the next few days. The spell of heavy rain continued in parts of Uttar Pradesh. Sustained monsoon activity in the state has led to the flooding of

major rivers of the state.

The Central Water Commission said Sharda and Ghaghra rivers have crossed the danger mark in Pallia and Barabanki.

The water level in the Ganga is "very close" to the red mark in Fatehpur and Ballia, while that in the Yamuna is near the danger mark in Mathura. The Met office has warned of more rains in western part of the state. Sultry weather prevailed in Punjab and Haryana with the maximum temperature in Hissar soaring to 39.6 degrees Celsius.

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Heavy showers disrupt normal life in Kalaburagi; light rain in other districts

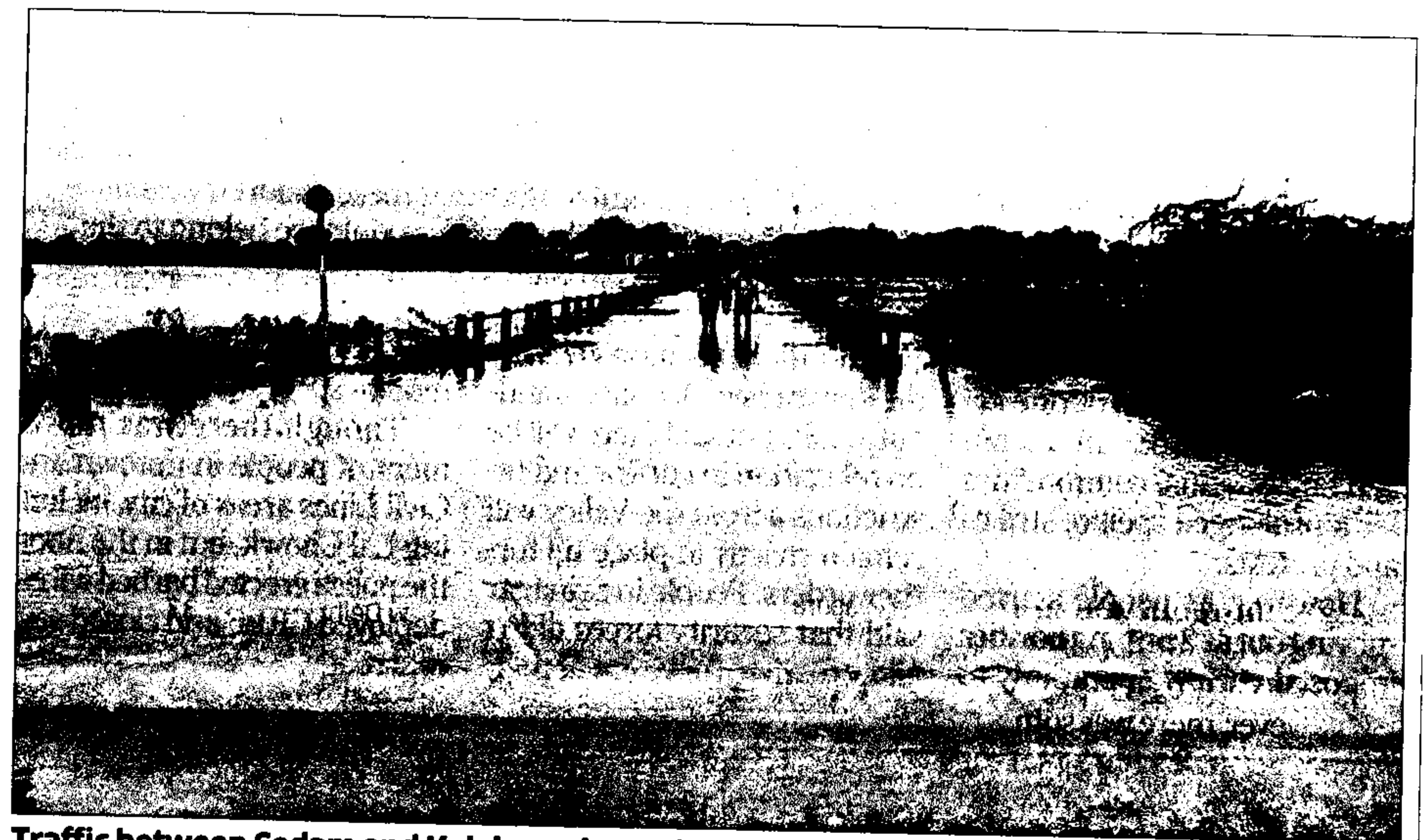
BENGALURU: Heavy rain was reported in some parts of the state, while there were moderate showers in other places in the last 24 hours.

Heavy rains lashed most parts of Kalaburagi district on Wednesday night, throwing life out of gear. Low-lying areas were inundated and electricity supply remained cut off for several hours, both in Kalaburagi city and the villages. Most of the roads in the city were submerged, affecting smooth flow of traffic. The showers lashed through the night and this was the heaviest rain so far this season.

Chittapur town recorded 28.7 cm of rain. In all, on an average, the district received 6.32 cm rain on a single day. The showers were badly needed as the long dry spell after sowing the seeds in the second and third week of June had caused concern among farmers.

Parts of Belagavi, Khanapur and Athani taluks in Belagavi district received light showers.

For a week now, the monsoon had subsided in the district with rivers too getting low inflow of water as rains receded in the catchment areas. Water inflow from Rajapur barrage in Maharashtra into River Krishna has come down to 29,504 cusecs.



Traffic between Sedam and Kalaburagi remained suspended on Thursday due to submergence of a bridge across the River Kagina at Malkhed on the Wagdhari-Ribbanapalli interstate highway in Kalaburagi district. DH PHOTO

There was drizzle throughout the day in Karwar of Uttara Kannada district, while Sirsi, Siddapur, Yellapur, Mundgod and Haliyal received moderate showers. Heavy rains were reported from Bhatkal taluk.

Moderate to heavy rain lashed Shivamogga district. Thirthahalli, Hosanagar, Sagar received a good spell of rain throughout the day. Bhadravathi, Shikaripur and Sorab received moderate rains.

The water level in Linganamakki dam rose to 1,778.35 feet

against the maximum level of 1,819 feet. The inflow of water was 7,267 cusecs. The level in Bhadra dam rose to 145.40 feet against the maximum level of 186 feet. The inflow of water was 3,005 cusecs and the outflow was 123 cusecs.

Water level in Mani dam rose to 579.04 metres against its maximum level of 594.36. The inflow was 663 cusecs and the outflow 209 cusecs.

Kodagu received 16.19 mm rain on an average in the last 24 hours, as at 8.30 am on

Thursday. There has been 28.8 mm rain in Madikeri taluk, 7.97 mm in Virajpet taluk and 11.8 mm in Somwarpet taluk.

Moderate rain was recorded in Napoklu, Bhagamandala and Talacauvery. Gusty winds have continued.

The maximum level of Harangi reservoir is 2,859 feet and the water level has reached 2,857 feet. The inflow is 5,281 cusecs and outflow is 2,750 cusecs.

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