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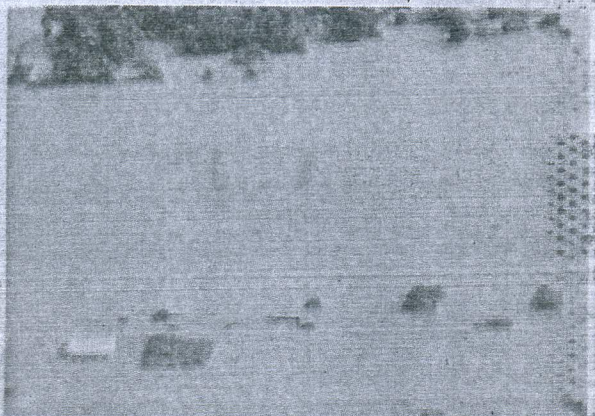
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Hundreds missing, 6,600 homeless after dam collapse in Laos



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Several people have been killed and hundreds are missing after a hydroelectric dam collapsed in southeastern Laos, releasing five billion cubic metres of water.

The Xe Pian-Xe Nam Noy hydropower dam in Attapeu province collapsed on Monday evening, releasing large amounts of water and sweeping away houses, according to state media.

The official news agency KPL said more than 6,600 people have been left homeless.

Villagers were stranded of roofs after evacuating their house after the Xe Pian-Xe Nam Noy dam collapsed in a village near Attapeu province.

Officials have brought boats to help evacuate people in San Sai district as water levels rise following the collapse of the dam, ABC Laos news reported.

A video posted by the

news network on its Facebook page taken from a helicopter flying over the flooded region showed the roofs of submerged houses visible above the muddy water.

The dam was constructed by a joint venture led by South Korean companies, with Thai and Lao partners.

The project, scheduled to begin operating this year, was still under construction, KPL reported.

It described the portion which collapsed as a "saddle dam," an auxiliary dam used to hold water beyond what is held by the main dam.

The company building the dam said heavy rain and flooding caused the collapse and it was cooperating with the Laos government to help rescue villagers near the dam. "We are running an emergency team and planning to help evacuate and rescue residents in villages near the dam," a SK Engineering & Construction spokesman told agencies.

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Canal breach plugged



Officials of the Irrigation Department plug a breach in Hansi Branch canal in Panipat's Madlauda village on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

- The breach in Hansi-Butana Branch canal widened to 100 ft on Tuesday, submerging paddy crop spread over 1,250 acres in Kawi, Joshi and Aham-dapur Majra villages of Panipat district
- The operation to plug the breach started in the afternoon after the water level reduced from 6,000 cusecs to 1,000 cusecs
- DC Sumedha Kataria and SP Manbeer Singh, along with other district officials, reached the spot
- Sumer Singh, sarpanch of Kawi village, said water entered streets; the breach was plugged late in the evening

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HT 25 The world is living on borrowed time

Despite a dark ecological future, the planet
is divided on how to tackle the challenges

The world is a battlefield of several micro-wars. If politics is ripping out the innards of many countries, some others are being wrecked by severe social/economic tensions. However, there is one fire that is raging underneath every country, irrespective of its status: a war on the planet's finite natural resources. Here's how bad the situation is: August 1, which is marked as Earth Overshoot Day this year, will mark the day humanity's annual demand for natural resources will exceed what the planet's ecosystem can provide for the year. The fact that this day is constantly moving up the calendar is symbolic of the unprecedented pressure human activities are putting on nature and its resources. Thanks to extractive policies, humans are digging themselves deeper. This is clear from another report: Poring over four decades of satellite data, climate scientists have concluded for the first time that humans are pushing seasonal temperatures out of balance — shifting what one researcher called the very "march of the seasons themselves." This should not surprise anyone in India: This year's brutal and long summer, interspersed with cluster-thunderstorms and lightning strikes, is a warning of things to come.

One reason why data and information on the ill effects of the current policies fails to move people to act responsibly is this: most people can't understand the link that exists between environmental challenges and a country's long-term sustainability. But think about the kind of pressure Indian cities will face due to climate change-induced migration. Or how fights over water can take political/communal hues. In recent years, the Cauvery dispute showed how water issues can impact politics.

Despite the dark future, the world is still divided on how to tackle the challenges: the south thinks it is the north's responsibility and the vice-versa. Both are forgetting that this battle is damaging the world — "... the pale blue dot, the only home we have ever known" (as Carl Sagan put it) — permanently.

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TELLING NUMBERS

14 deaths in natural calamities every day since April

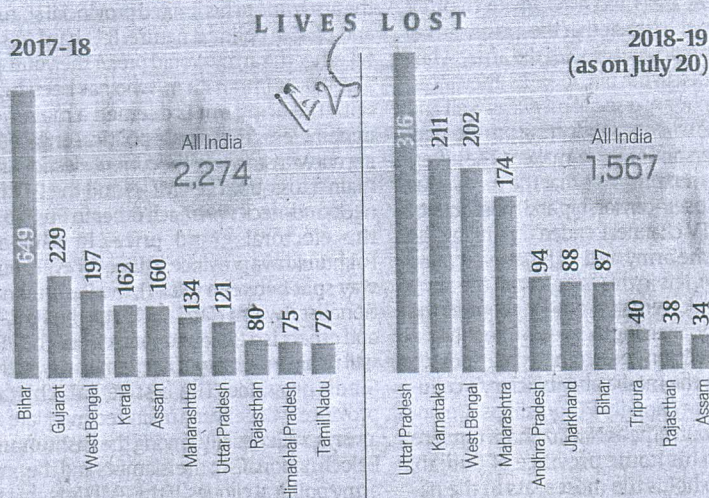
DURING THE period April 1 to July 20, as many as 1,567 people—about 14 a day—died due to natural calamities such as storms, floods, and landslides across the country, Lok Sabha was told in response to a question Tuesday. The most deaths occurred in Uttar Pradesh (316), followed by Karnataka (211) and West Bengal (202). A series of duststorms and thunderstorms, accompanied by lightning, rolled across northern and eastern India in May and June, triggering heavy losses of life and property. The losses have been much heavier in the current financial year



North India saw a series of dust-storms in May and June. Archive

so far compared to 2017-18, when a total 2,274 lives (or six a day) were lost across the country over the full year.

LOSSES DUE TO NATURAL CALAMITIES



CROP DAMAGED (AREA IN LAKH HECTARES)

Bihar	8.10
Rajasthan	7.34
West Bengal	6.74
Gujarat	6.45
Uttar Pradesh	3.81
All India	38.52

States that have suffered the most losses. Source: Answer to Lok Sabha; figures are provisional

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, JULY 24

FARMER SUICIDES in the country have declined but suicides among agricultural labourers have gone up.

According to figures released by the government for 2016 — the latest year for which data is available — farmer suicides in 2016 have come down to 6,351 from 8,007 in 2015 — a drop of 21%.

Agricultural labour suicides, however, have gone up by about 10% — from 4,595 farm labour suicides in 2015 up to 5,019 in 2016.

The government has begun collecting separate figures for suicides of farmers and farm labour since 2014.

Earlier, it collected figures for suicides in the "farming sector" which included farmers and farm labour.

THE SUICIDE COUNT, ALL INDIA

	2014	2015	2016
FARMER	5,650	8,007	6,351
FARM LABOUR	6,710	4,595	5,019

Source: National Crime Records Bureau

Latest government figures, released in Parliament, show that states with high number of farmer suicides have also witnessed high number of farm labour suicides.

However, with the exception of Telangana, all states which have witnessed a drop in farmer suicides have witnessed an increase in farm labour suicides.

Certain states such as Gujarat stand out for the wide gap between farmer suicides and farm labour suicides. Recording double-digit farmer suicide figures, which have reduced by

about 50% in 2016, the state records 378 labour suicides in 2016 as against just 244 in 2015.

Similarly, in Karnataka, while farmer suicides have increased marginally, farm labour suicides have more than doubled between 2015 and 2016. Only Maharashtra has witnessed a marginal reduction in farm labour suicides but it pales in comparison to the reduction the state has witnessed in farmer suicides.

Experts believe that this trend could be due to the fact

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2016 vs 2015: 20% drop in farmer suicides

that 2014 and 2015 were drought years and the crisis was deep. The 2016 monsoon was good but for labourers, the first six months of 2016 too were a period of no work.

"A farmer lives on hope of a good monsoon. A labourer may not have the same capacity to withstand the crisis," an expert said.

The year 2015 had been particularly bad with farmer suicides spiking by 40% over the previous year.

While the usual suspects Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana and Madhya Pradesh continue to take top spots for farmer suicides, Punjab and Haryana have made an entry into the list in 2016.

Farmers suicides have more than doubled and trebled in the two states respectively as compared to 2015.

The figures are based on data compiled by National Crime Records Bureau — NCRB suicide figures for 2016 have not been published officially yet.

According to the figures, released by Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh in Rajya Sabha in response to a question, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, notorious for the high number of farmer suicides over several decades, have witnessed over a 50% drop in such incidents in 2016.

Maharashtra continues to rule the charts, as always, but has reduced farmer suicide numbers in 2016 by 16%.

Chhattisgarh, which regularly features in the top five states on farmer suicides, has also fared well. It has recorded a drop of 31% in farmer suicides in 2016 as compared to 2015.

Karnataka, which had taken the second spot in the table last year after a massive spike in farmer suicides in 2015 due to the agrarian crisis in South Karnataka, has retained both its position and the numbers.

Against 1197 farmer suicides in 2015, the state again recorded 1212 suicides in 2016. The last Congress government in the

SUICIDE COUNT

STATES	FARMER		FARM LABOUR	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
MAHARASHTRA	2,550	3,030	1,111	1,261
KARNATAKA	1,212	1,197	867	372
TELANGANA	632	1,358	—	—
MADHYA PRADESH	599	581	722	709
CHHATTISGARH	585	854	—	—
ANDHRA PRADESH	239	516	565	400
PUNJAB	222	100	—	—
HARYANA	91	28	—	—
GUJARAT	—	—	378	244
TAMIL NADU	—	—	604	345
KERALA	—	—	298	207
ALL INDIA	6,351	8,007	5,019	4,595

Source: National Crime Records Bureau

state had to pay a heavy price for this with the party being almost wiped out in South Karnataka.

Madhya Pradesh, which is going to polls this year, has, in fact, climbed a step in the chart to take the fourth position.

This, however, has been due to other states reducing their numbers in 2016 while MP managing to record a marginal increase from 581 such deaths in 2015 to 599 in 2016.

Punjab, with 222 farmer suicides in 2016, has closed in on the states infamous for farmer suicides. The state had recorded merely 100 such suicides in 2015. Haryana, though recording less than 100 suicides in 2016, has seen a spike of 225% rising from 28 in 2015 to 91 in 2016.

Interestingly, while farmer suicides decreased, number of suicides among agri-

cultural labour have increased in 2016.

Pointing to an overall distress in the agrarian sector, the suicide pattern among agricultural labour in 2016 has followed the pattern among farmers.

The states which have recorded high farmer suicides have also recorded high agricultural labour suicides.

Farm labour suicides in key states are: Maharashtra (1,111), Karnataka (867), Madhya Pradesh (722), Andhra Pradesh (565) and Gujarat (378). Tamil Nadu (604) and Karnataka (867) have witnessed almost double the increase in 2016 as compared to 2015.

Gujarat recorded only 30 farmer suicides in 2016 but 378 farm labour suicides. Similarly, Tamil Nadu recorded only 36 farmer suicides in the year but 345 labour suicides.

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Monsoon rally cuts deficit to 2%, but poor rains in UP hit sowing

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New Delhi: Active monsoon conditions over the past 12 days has seen the countrywide rain deficit reduce to 2% from a high of 9%, but rainfall has continued to be poor in some major paddy-growing states, particularly Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, hitting the ongoing sowing of kharif crops.

The Met office expects the monsoon to remain active in the rest of the month, which means monsoon in July is likely to be normal.

The turnaround in the monsoon began around July 11. Since then, central India has gone from a slight rain deficit to an 18% surplus for the season. Rains have been good in south India as well, which currently has a season's surplus of 11%. North-west India has seen average rainfall during this 12-day period, with the overall deficit being dented slightly from 10% to 6% (till July 23).

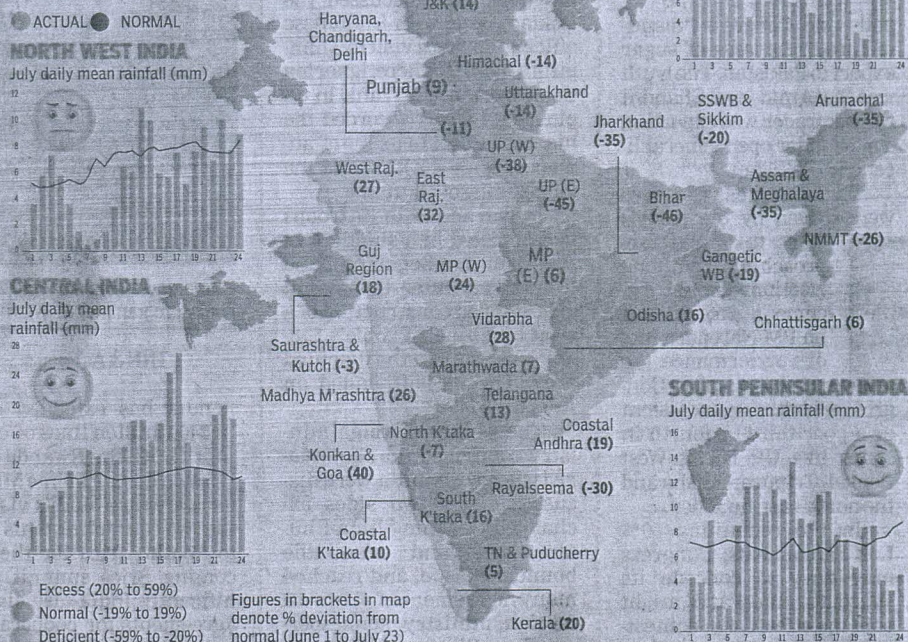
"The pick-up in the monsoon happened due to two low-pressure systems, one after the other, bringing wet weather from the Bay of Bengal. Another system is forming in the bay and should affect east, northeast India and UP from July 28 onwards till the month-end," said M Mohapatra, head of services at the India Meteorological Department.

Rainfall in July has largely skipped east and northeast India, where the season's deficit now stands at a high 32%.

Rains have been also particularly poor in Uttar Pradesh, which currently has a season's shortfall of 42%. Bihar and Jharkhand, too, have

CENTRE WET, EAST DRY

July monsoon has been good over central & south India, average over north, poor over east & northeast



El Nino shadow: Uncertainty over August, September rains

There's growing uncertainty over monsoon's performance in August and September due to the increased possibility of two climate drivers coming into play that could hamper rainfall. One is a condition called the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) that is expected to turn negative in August. A negative IOD can at times depress the southwest monsoon, say experts. The other condition has a stronger relation to poor monsoons — the El Nino. Most international weather agencies now predict that an El Nino will develop later this year. The question is when. "If El Nino forms in September-end or later, the monsoon may not be affected. If it happens earlier, we could get less rain in September. Uncertainty continues over the timing of both events," said D Sivananda Pai, IMD's lead monsoon forecaster.

Amit Bhattacharya | TNN

deficits of 46% and 35%, respectively, while adjoining West Bengal has received 23% less rainfall than normal. These, along with the northeastern states — particularly Mizoram, which has a

shortfall of 69% — and Rayalseema, are remain the only rainfall deficient states in the country. While farmers in central India should benefit from bountiful rains, the below-par monsoon in much of

the paddy-growing region has affected overall summer (kharif) crop sowing. According to figures released last Friday, kharif sowing is around 9% below the corresponding figure last year.

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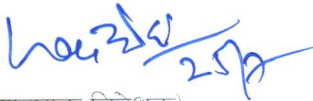
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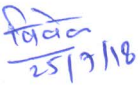
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MUMBAI DISCOVERS NEW CATCHMENT AREAS



KALINA

LIVING IN A LAKE: The entire compound of Red Rose Apartments building in Kalina and the area around it was filled with rainwater due to clogged drains — **Sabeena Khan**



MALAD

WATER-LOGGING: Rainwater has been flooding the Vasant Nagar locality on Link Road in Malad (west) for several days. Complaints lodged with the disaster management cell and the BMC have not helped at all — **Falguni Maru**

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HUMAN FACTORS TO BLAME FOR INCREASING RISKS, SAYS STUDY

Areas most at risk from extreme floods

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Ahmedabad,
Mumbai, Chennai,
Bengaluru,
Kolkata, Delhi,
Hyderabad, Kochi,
Bhubaneswar,
Allahabad

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Antop Hill | Dharavi |
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Marg East | Shivaji
Nagar | Mulund
East | Bandra
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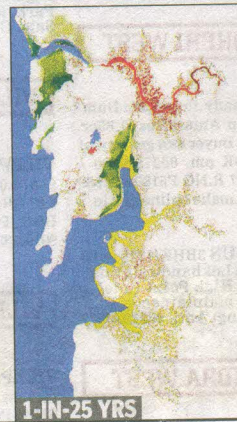
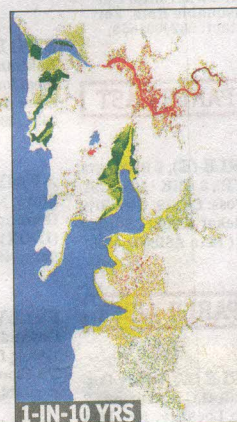
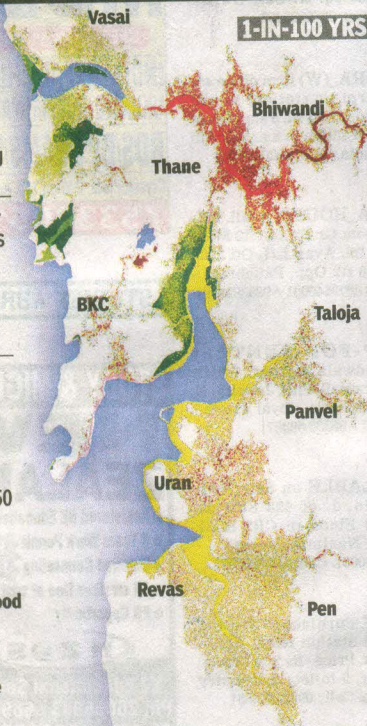
> A 1-in-100 year flood is not a flood that occurs once in a hundred years but one that has a 1% chance of happening in any year

> Similarly, a one-in-ten-year event refers to an event that might have a 10% chance of occurring in any year

> The 26/7 event in Mumbai, when 944mm rain came down on the city in 24 hours, is considered a 1-in-150 to 200 year event

25-1 mtr high flood
2-3 mtrs
4-5-5.99 mtr
6mtrs and above

Source: RMSI



Mumbai came to a halt on July 26, 2005 as it received 944mm of rain in just one day. Recent IIT Bombay studies on the Mithi and Oshiwara river basins have shown significant increases in flood hazard due to construction on their flood plains

These areas are most at risk from extreme floods because they are low-lying and see frequent flooding but also because they are developed areas vulnerable to damage and loss

Note: Risk assessment of these areas is based on RMSI's flood risk model which uses a combination of river flow data, rainfall data, flood protection infrastructure information obtained from various flood agencies, land use/land cover data, FAO soil map of India, and digital elevation data from multiple sources

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Stanley reservoir reaches capacity

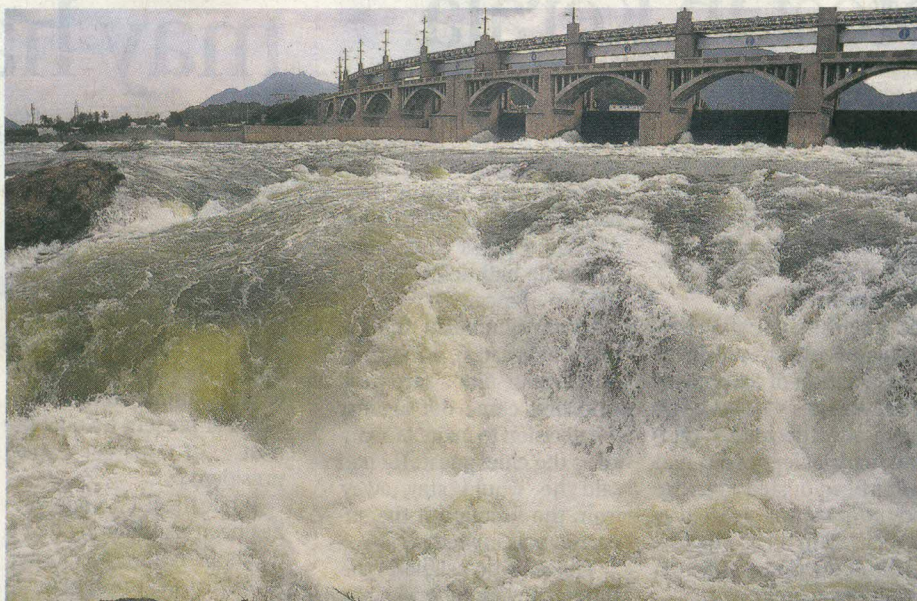
Up to the brim for
the 39th time
in 85 years

SYED MUTHAHAR SAQAF
METTUR

The Stanley Reservoir in Mettur achieved its full reservoir level (FRL) of 120 ft on Monday, marking the 39th time the water level at the dam has reached full capacity in its 85-year history. The last time this happened was in August 2013.

The realisation of water in the Cauvery river at Mettur, which stood at 68,489 cusecs (cubic feet per second) at 8 a.m. on Monday, rose to 71,097 cusecs by noon. The water level was 119.41 ft (92.534 tmc ft, as against the dam's full capacity of 93.47 tmc ft) on Monday morning, and the FRL was achieved a little after noon.

The discharge from the Mettur dam into the Cauvery river was stepped up gradually to 80,000 cusecs late



Gushing hope: The discharge from the Mettur dam into the Cauvery was stepped up gradually to 80,000 cusecs late on Monday evening. ■ E. LAKSHMINARAYANAN

on Monday evening, following heavy realisation of water in the river.

According to Public Works Department sources, the discharge, which stood at 40,000 cusecs at noon, was

stepped up to 65,000 cusecs at 8 p.m., 75,000 cusecs at 9 p.m. and further to 80,000 cusecs at 10 p.m.

The entire inflow of 73,935 cusecs into the dam was being discharged into the river.

Official sources said the Salem district administration had communicated this to all the other 11 districts in the Cauvery basin, and had alerted them to take precautionary measures.

The official machinery, farmers and the general public celebrated the occasion by conducting special pujas to thank 'Mother Cauvery' for the bountiful inflow. R. Senthilkumar, Chief Engineer, Water Resource Department (WRD), Tiruchi region and S. Semmalai, Mettur MLA, were among those who took part in the prayers.

Boy drowns

A 17-year-old boy, who had gone for a bath in the Amaravathi river at Chellandipalayam in Karur district, drowned on Sunday.

The body of R. Sabarish was found on Monday.

Karur Collector T. Anbalagan said that the police and the Fire and Rescue Services personnel had been positioned at various points deemed as vulnerable along the Amaravathi and Cauvery rivers to advise people not to take bath in the rivers on account of the heavy current.

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Mettur dam water level nearing full capacity

People living in low-lying areas alerted



Surging waters: The quantum of release will be gradually stepped up. ■ E. LAKSHMI NARAYANAN

S.P. SARAVANAN
SALEM

With inflow exceeding 60,000 cusecs on Sunday evening, the water level at the Mettur dam is inching closer to the Full Reservoir Level (FRL) of 120 ft.

At 4 p.m. on Sunday, the water level stood at 117.740 ft, while the storage was 89.260 thousand million cubic feet (tmc ft), as against the full capacity of 93.470 tmc ft. The discharge was 20,000 cusecs. Sources in the Public Works Department said that given the current level of inflow, the dam would reach FRL by Monday night, after which the dis-

charge would be increased further.

Meanwhile, Collector Rohini R. Bhajibhakare said that the discharge from the dam would be increased to 30,000 cusecs from 8 p.m., as 70,000 cusecs had been discharged from dams in Karnataka.

She said 200 cusecs would be discharged from the east and west canals of the dam from 10 p.m. on Sunday, and the quantum would be stepped up to 1,000 cusecs subsequently. She urged people residing in low-level areas to move to higher ground and not to venture into the river.

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The Savehaklu dam, nestled amidst Western Ghats in Hosanagara taluk of Shivamogga district, is inching towards its maximum level, following incessant rain in the catchment area. Water from the reservoir is diverted to Linganamakki dam for power generation. DH PHOTO/SHIVAMOGGA NAGARAJ

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THROUGH THE LENS



Chhai Chhappa Chhai!

Nothing is more fun than splashing about barefoot in puddles left after the rain, which is what this girl does, on a rainy summer day at the India Gate lawns in the Capital.

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■ Villagers take refuge on a rooftop above flood waters from a collapsed dam in the Attapeu district of Laos. AP

Laos dam collapses, several feared dead

BANGKOK: Hundreds of people are missing and several are feared dead after a hydropower dam under construction in Laos collapsed, causing flash flooding which swept away homes, state media reported on Tuesday.

The disaster left more than 6,600 people homeless, the Lao News Agency reported.

Officials have brought boats to help evacuate people in San Sai district of Attapeu province, where the Xe Pian-Xe Nam Noy hydropower dam is located, as water levels rise after the collapse, ABC Laos news reported.

The company building the dam said heavy rain and flooding caused the collapse and it was

cooperating with the Laos government to help rescue villagers near the dam. "We are running an emergency team and planning to help evacuate and rescue residents in villages near the dam," a SK Engineering & Construction spokesman told Reuters.

Prime Minister Thongloun Sisoulith has suspended government meetings and led Cabinet members to monitor rescue and relief efforts in one of the affected areas, the state agency reported.

Laos, one of Asia's poorest and most secretive countries, aims to become the "battery of Asia" by selling power to its neighbours through a series of hydropower dams.

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