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Never favoured SYL: Amarinder

Accuses Badal, Devi Lal of starting process to construct canal

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DASUYA (HOSHIARPUR), JULY 25
Rubbishing the Shiromani Akali Dal's allegation that he backed the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on the construction of the Sutlej Yamuna Link (SYL) canal in 1982, PPCC chief Capt Amarinder Singh said here today that he had clarified his stand to her at that time.

"Since the PM was coming to my constituency, I was duty-bound to receive her," he said. Capt said it was Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal and his then Haryana counterpart Chaudhry Devi Lal who had started the process of constructing the canal, not the Congress.

"This was recorded in the proceedings of the Haryana Vidhan Sabha and it's there for anybody to see," he said while speaking to The Tribune on the sidelines of the 'Halke Vich Captain' programme.

He said all three Lok Sabha MPs from Punjab — Ravneet Singh Bittu, Santokh Singh Chaudhary and himself — would resign,



PPCC chief Capt Amarinder Singh during his 'Halke Vich Captain' programme at Dasuya on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MALKIAT SINGH

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CAPT, JAKHAR?

Differences between Sunil Jakhar and Amarinder came to the fore when the latter said Akalis held fasts not the Congress men and Jakhar replied: "Capt sahib must be concerned about my health, but I still stand by my announcement to safeguard the interest of Punjab."

Bid to placate Dalit leaders

After two senior party leaders reportedly pointed out to the PPCC chief that Dalit issues should be taken up more aggressively, Amarinder on Monday called on CLP leader Charanjit Channi at his Kharar residence. Amarinder had on Sunday commented on the alleged anti-Dalit stand of the Modi government. AICC vice-president Rahul Gandhi has already stressed upon state leaders to take up Dalit issues.

along with all state party MLAs, in case of an adverse judgment by the Supreme Court on the SYL canal.

When asked that such a move would reduce the Congress tally in the Lower House to 41 from 44, Capt said, "Figures do not matter. We are already in the minority in the Lok Sabha. For me, interests of Punjab are supreme."

On how the party high command had reacted to his decision, Amarinder said, "Since the matter pertains to Punjab, they are not interfering."

Captain expressed happiness that Rajya Sabha MP Parthap Bajwa had endorsed his announcement of tendering resignations en masse. "But we are not asking RS members to resign as they come through nominations. Only elected members from Punjab will resign," he clarified.

Amarinder said the party candidates would be announced in September. "The last date for receiving the applications is August 15. No form will be accepted even a day later," he added.

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Flood situation grim in Bihar, govt. on alert

Two lakh people affected; water levels in Kosi, Ganga rise



INVADING WATERS: An inundated village in Supaul district of Bihar on Monday.— PHOTO: PTI

■ **AMARNATH TEWARY**

PATNA: Following heavy rains in Nepal, the flood situation in four districts of Bihar has turned grim, affecting two lakh people and forcing the government to put officials on alert.

On Monday, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar met officials of the Water Resources and Disaster Management Departments and directed them to undertake an aerial survey of the affected areas to plan relief and rescue.

"Due to continuous rains in the catchments of Nepal, the districts of Kishanganj, Purnia, Saharsha and Supaul are facing floods in larger areas. The government has opened 65 relief camps, and teams of the NDRF and the SDRF have been sent there," said Vyasji, Principal Secretary of the Disaster Management Department.

The Kishanganj district administration has appealed to the people to move to safer places. The level in the Kosi, Gandak, Bagmati and Ganga

has risen, threatening to maroon more villages. Floodwater has also surrounded some areas of Araria, Madhepura and West Champaran, forcing the people to take shelter on highways. Reports said 12 persons had died so far. The train traffic on the Saharsha-Mansi route has been halted.

Water Resources Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lallan Singh said all barrages and embankments in the affected areas were safe, and officials were mounting vigil.

HUGE TASK

Pollutants in Musi rise, river becomes sewage

City needs sewage treatment plants to cut pollution

V. NILESH | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 24

Despite several attempts by various governments, the river Musi, which cuts across Hyderabad, continues to be one of the most polluted rivers in the country.

The river, which once upon had clean water, receives nearly 645 million litres per day of sewage water. According to a study, the Musi is the eighth most polluted river.

The Musi, which is a tributary of the river Krishna, is sarcastically referred to as the city's sewage drain because most of 1,300 million litres day sewage generated by Hyderabad ends up there.

However, it seems they did not get to see the high levels of pollution in Musi river which cuts through Hyderabad and in Hussainsagar.

As per data obtained from Telangana State Pollution Control Board, main indicators of water quality — the values of biochemical

oxygen demand, chemical oxygen demand and total dissolved solids — have not changed for the Musi since 2007 and in some cases have increased drastically.

The pollution board monitors water quality at nine points along the Musi river.

High TDS indicates the presence of sewage water and untreated industrial effluents in the water.

While the BOD figures have doubled, COD has more than tripled. The value of total coliforms is almost the same. The only relief is that compared to figures from 2011-14, only the BOD value has decreased.

An official from TSPCB said, "Mixing of sewage is a major issue. It should be controlled to improve the water quality. Industrial effluents are also a problem but they just form a small percentage of the pollutants, which get mixed directly into Musi. people should would towards this the individually if they want to restore the Musi to the old glory."

POISON LEVELS

MOOSARAMBAGH

Year	BOD	COD	TDS
2007	78	251	805
2008	100	297	669
2009	190	392	628
2010	130	210	1,000
2011	170	428	935
2012	110	360	780
2013	120	280	744
2014	82	208	734
2015	80	210	980

NAGOLE

2007	43	114	742
2008	77	250	721
2009	24	95	677
2010	92	210	660
2011	135	276	847
2012	106	235	740
2013	40	192	659
2014	55	104	702
2015	60	180	710

HUSSAINSAGAR

2001	10	40	821
2002	15.5	97	785
2003	3.5	16	1,040
2004	15	66	992
2005	13	55	995
2006	11	60	837
2007	10	86	997
2008	23	86	1,007
2009	10.4	52	858
2010	14.9	101	921
2011	40.1	154	868
2012	26.4	56	541
2013	31	71	671
2014	40	114	924
2015	20	113	1,016
June '16	20	145	950



BOD: Biochemical oxygen demand. BOD as per Central Pollution Control Board standard for inland surface waters is 30mg/l

COD: Chemical oxygen demand. No standard has been set for COD.

TDS: Total dissolved solids.

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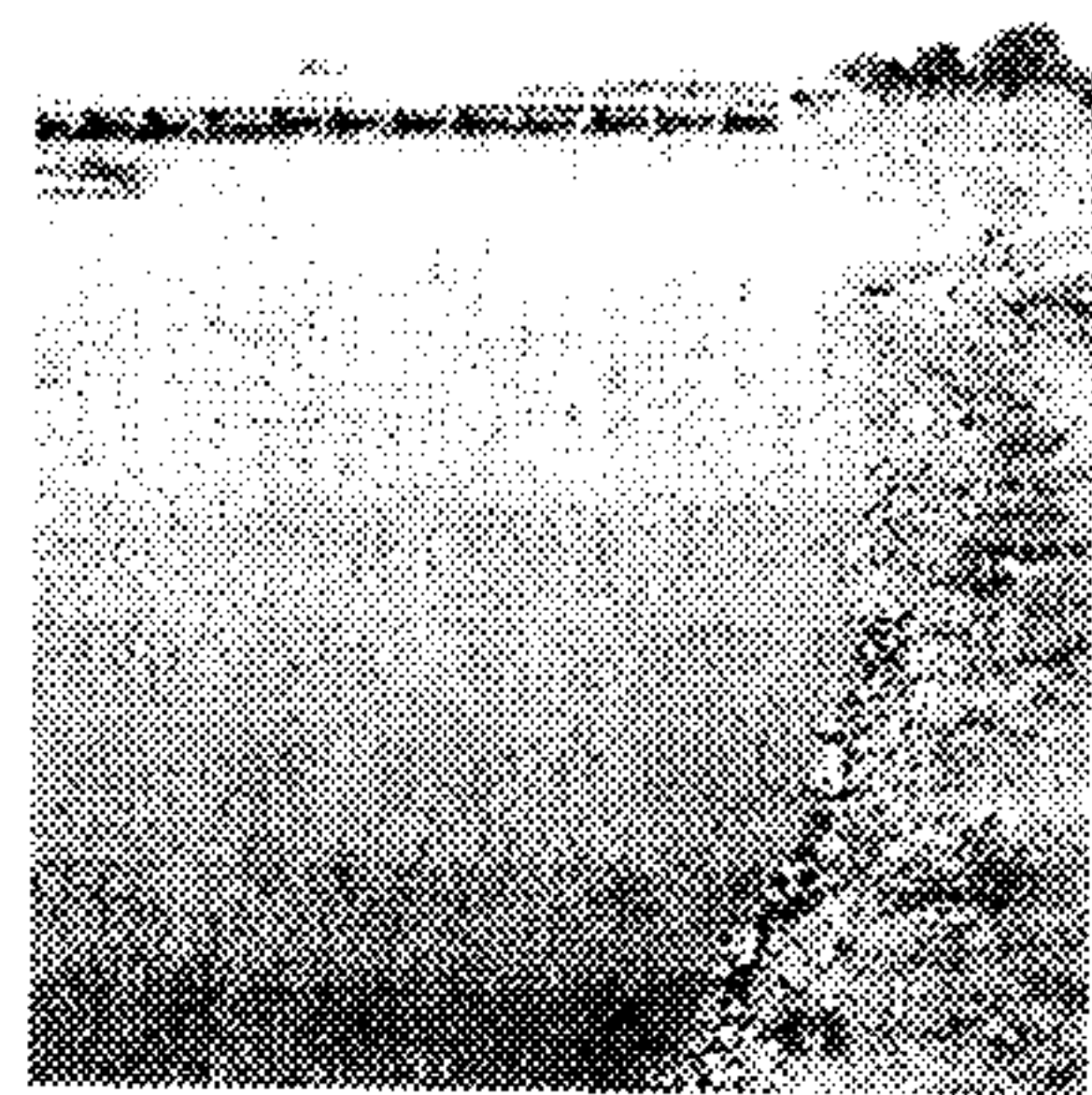
महानदी बैराज पर ओडिशा के पक्ष में कूदी कांग्रेस

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रायपुर. महानदी को लेकर छत्तीसगढ़ और ओडिशा के बीच शुरू हुए विवाद में कांग्रेस ओडिशा के पक्ष में कूद पड़ी है। कांग्रेस के वरिष्ठ नेता और पूर्व केंद्रीय मंत्री जयराम रमेश ने सोमवार को भुवनेश्वर में कहा कि महानदी के ऊमरी बहाव क्षेत्र में बांध बनाने से ओडिशा के हितों को नुकसान पहुंचेगा। उनका कहना था कि महानदी के ऊमरी बहाव क्षेत्र में कहीं भी बांध अथवा बैराज का निर्माण ओडिशा की जानकारी और अनुमति के बिना नहीं किया जाना



चाहिए। उन्होंने मुख्यमंत्री नवीन पटनायक से मांग की है कि वे एक सर्वदलीय टीम को दिल्ली भेजें ताकि प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी से विरोध दर्ज कराया जा सके।

जयराम रमेश ने कांग्रेस नेताओं का एक प्रतिनिधिमंडल भी छत्तीसगढ़ में भेजने की बात कही। उनका कहना था कि एक प्रतिनिधिमंडल एक सप्ताह में छत्तीसगढ़ जाएगा। प्रतिनिधिमंडल बैराज स्थल का दौरा कर ओडिशा पर पड़ने वाले संभावित प्रभावों का अध्ययन करेगा। ओडिशा जांजगीर-चांपा और रायगढ़ जिलों में बन रहे बैराजों का विरोध कर रहा है। उसका कहना है कि इन बांधों के बन जाने से हिराकुंड जलाशय में पानी कम हो जाएगा। इससे राज्य की ऊर्जा और सिंचाई जरूरतें प्रभावित होंगी। पिछले दिनों ओडिशा सरकार ने मुख्य सचिव को एक पत्र भेजकर विरोध दर्ज कराया था। छत्तीसगढ़ सरकार ओडिशा की आशंकाओं को पहले ही खारिज कर चुकी है।

सामने आया प्रदेश विरोधी चेहरा: जोगी

छत्तीसगढ़ जनता पार्टी के प्रमुख अजीत जोगी ने कांग्रेस के इस रुख का विरोध किया है। सोमवार को संवाददाताओं से बात करते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि इस रुख से कांग्रेस का छत्तीसगढ़ विरोधी चेहरा सामने आ गया है। उन्होंने कहा कि केंद्रीय जल आयोग की ओर से ओडिशा की आपत्तियां खारिज होने के बाद भी कांग्रेस का यह रवैया गंदी राजनीति है। उन्होंने कहा कि जनता कांग्रेस ओडिशा से आ रहे प्रतिनिधिमंडल का विरोध करेगी। जोगी की घोषणा के बाद छत्तीसगढ़ जनता युवा कांग्रेस के कार्यकर्ताओं ने बूढ़ातालाब किनारे जयराम रमेश का पुतला जलाया।

हर बार घाटे में रहा
राज्य

: अजीत जोगी ने कहा कि अंतरराज्यीय बांध परियोजना में हर बार छत्तीसगढ़ के साथ भेदभाव हुआ है। हीराकुंड बांध बना तो छत्तीसगढ़ का हिस्सा डूबा, लाभ ओडिशा को मिला। रिहंद बना तो बलरामपुर क्षेत्र डूबा। कनहर में बांध का फायदा यूपी को मिलेगा लेकिन डूब में छत्तीसगढ़ के गांव हैं। पोलावरम में सुकमा जिले के अस्तित्व को ही खतरा है। उन्होंने सवाल उठाया कि छत्तीसगढ़ ही कब तक डूबता रहेगा।

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इस बार जुलाई में तीसरी बार खुलेंगे भदभदा के गेट

भोपाल बड़ा तालाब का जलस्तर 1666.10 फीट से ऊपर पहुंचते ही जुलाई माह में तीसरी बार भदभदा डेम के गेट खोलने की तैयारियां शुरू हो गई हैं।

भदभदा डेम कंट्रोल रूम के मुताबिक सोमवार एवं मंगलवार की रात यदि तेज बारिश हुई तो मंगलवार सुबह दोबारा गेट खोलना पड़ेंगे। भदभदा डेम के गेट बंद होने की वजह से तालाब के केचमेंट एरिया सिहोर से बारिश का पानी लगातार बहकर तालाब को छलका रहा है। तालाब का फुल टैंक लेवल 1666.80 फीट तय किया गया है



लेकिन नगर निगम इस बार जलस्तर 1666.20 फीट पर पहुंचने के चलते जुलाई माह में दो बार भदभदा डेम के गेट खोल चुका है।

जानकारों की राय में ऐसा

तालाब का वाटर लेवल और ड्रेनेज कंट्रोल करने के लिहाज से जरूरी है। इसके अलावा भदभदा के सभी गेट एक साथ खुलने से डाउन स्ट्रीम में मौजूदा कलियासोत नदी में बाढ़

का खतरा रहता है। जुलाई में पर्याप्त बारिश के चलते नदी का जलस्तर फुल टैंक लेवल 505.67 मीटर के करीब 503.90 मीटर पर पहुंच गया है।

इसी प्रकार हथईखेड़ा डैम का जलस्तर भी फुल टैंक लेवल 474.11 मीटर के करीब 473 मीटर तक पहुंच चुका है। इन दोनों डेम पर ऑटोमैटिक गेट लगे हुए हैं जो जलस्तर के अधिकतम स्तर पर पहुंचते ही अपने आप खुल जाएंगे। सिंचाई विभाग ने निचले इलाकों में इसके मद्देनजर अलर्ट जारी कर दिया है।

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उदयपुर, ज्यादा जल दोहन से प्रदेश में भूमि का जल स्तर गड़बड़ा गया है। सबसे सुरक्षित हालात गंगानगर के हैं तो सबसे खराब झुंझुनू के। यही हालात रहे तो कई जिलों में अकाल की स्थिति बन सकती है। दो दशक में भू-जल दोहन कई गुना बढ़ा है। कम व अनियमित वर्षा के कारण भी पुर्नभरण नहीं हो पा रहा है। महाराणा प्रताप कृषि एवं प्रौद्योगिकी विश्वविद्यालय के भू-जल विभाग के सर्वे में सामने आया कि प्रदेश के 26 जिलों में यह स्तर 0.13 से 6.86 मीटर तक नीचे चला गया है। भू-जल के हिसाब से राज्य 249 जोन में बंटा है। इनमें 31 जोन सुरक्षित, 43 क्रिटिकल व सेमी क्रिटिकल तथा 172 डार्क जोन में हैं। वहीं, विविध के

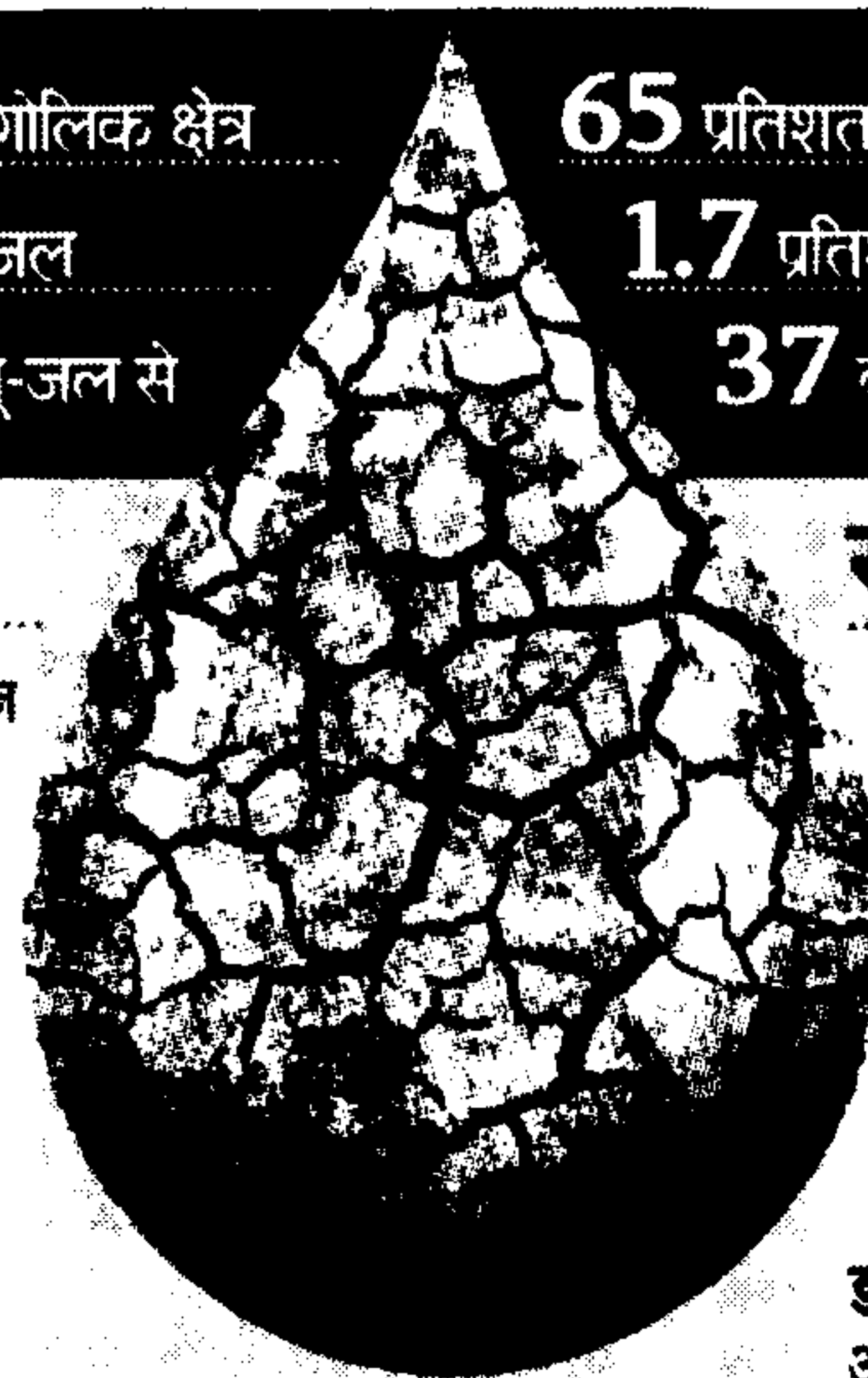
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यहां ऐसे हैं हालात

उदयपुर सहित दक्षिणी राजस्थान का ज्यादातर क्षेत्र पहाड़ और चट्टानों वाला है। यहां भू-जल स्थिति वर्षा की तीव्रता पर ज्यादा निर्भर करती है। यहां भू-जल का पुर्नभरण भी बहुत कम होता है। वहीं अच्छी बारिश वाले क्षेत्र का भू-जल स्तर भी ऊपर आने के बावजूद लम्बे समय तक नहीं रहता।

कार्यक्षेत्र के उदयपुर, राजसमंद, भीलवाड़ा, चित्तौड़गढ़, प्रतापगढ़, बांसवाड़ा एवं डूंगरपुर जिलों के कुल 59 ब्लॉक में सिर्फ 9 ब्लॉक सुरक्षित हैं। 13 ब्लॉक क्रिटिकल-सेमी क्रिटिकल। शेष 37 में स्थिति बहुत खराब है। पानी में फ्लोराइड तथा नाइट्रेट की मात्रा ज्यादा है और यह पीने लायक नहीं है।



सहेजना होगा

बहते वर्षा जल की नाकाबंदी करने से दक्षिणी राजस्थान में भू-जल पुर्नभरण को सुदृढ़ किया जा सकता है। नियमित पुर्नभरण के लिए वर्षा जल प्रबंधन पर नए अनुसंधान आशातीत परिणाम लाएंगे।

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हो सकता पुर्नभरण

भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद ने विश्वविद्यालय के अनुसंधान निदेशालय में भू-जल उपयोगिता पर वर्ष 2004 में अखिल भारतीय समन्वित अनुसंधान परियोजना शुरू की। इसके मुख्य अन्वेषक व भू-जल अभियंता डॉ. पीके सिंह ने बताया कि परियोजना से सूदूर संवेदन तकनीक से आयड़, मानसी वाकल एवं जयसमंद जलग्रहण क्षेत्र में भू-जल क्षमता एवं कृत्रिम पुर्नभरण क्षेत्रों का अध्ययन किया। इसमें पाया कि आयड़ बेसिन में 44.6 वर्गकिमी (12.7 प्रतिशत), मानसी वाकल में 174.39 वर्ग किमी (9.2 प्रतिशत) एवं जयसमंद में 279 वर्ग किमी (15.02 प्रतिशत) का क्षेत्र चिह्नित किया गया है।

प्रदेश में भू-जल स्तर की स्थिति

जिला	उपलब्धता (एमएम 3)	जल उपयोग (एमएम 3)	वृद्धि प्रतिशत	बूंदी	349.04	350.91	100.54
सुरक्षित जिले				चित्तौड़गढ़	311.75	512.31	164.33
बांसवाड़ा	24.17	123.3	50.5	दौसा	249.37	427.17	171.3
श्रीगंगानगर	290.23	120.5	41.52	धौलपुर	254.92	331.34	129.98
हनुमानगढ़	197.89	158.35	80.02	जयपुर	657.75	1458.88	221.8
क्रिटिकल व सेमी क्रिटिकल जिले				जैसलमेर	72.33	135.03	186.69
कोटा	490.5	478.33	97.52	जालौर	437.65	872.82	199.83
चूरू	144.99	127.2	87.73	झालावाड़	413.75	499.71	120.78
सिरोही	253.99	308.75	121.56	झुंझुनू	245.82	571.07	232.31
टोंक	430.25	418.45	97.26	जोधपुर	367.18	797.96	217.32
डार्क जोन में जिले				करौली	329.94	464.05	140.85
अजमेर	302.5	436.87	144.41	नागौर	511.79	976.23	19.75
अलवर	667.54	1331.67	199.49	पाली	279.43	347.43	124.34
बारां	458.99	574.07	125.07	प्रतापगढ़	147.57	195.03	132.16
बाड़मेर	239.71	296.19	123.56	राजसमंद	110.3	131.36	119.09
भरतपुर	417.1	502.53	120.48	सवाईमाधोपुर	352.44	454.88	129.07
भीलवाड़ा	417.34	563	134.9	सीकर	308	482.38	156.62
बीकानेर	256.43	363.39	141.71	उदयपुर	263.67	289.43	109.77
				राजस्थान में	10813.84	1520086	143.22

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अलवर. जिले में पानी बचाने को लेकर सार्थक प्रयास नहीं किए गए तो आने वाले कुछ साल में पेयजल की भयावह स्थिति पैदा हो सकती है। हाल में कृषि एवं पदेन परियोजना निदेशक (आत्मा) की ओर से विभिन्न विभागों के सहयोग से जारी किए गए आंकड़े तो कुछ ऐसी ही तस्वीर पेश कर रहे हैं। हाल ये है कि जिले में वर्तमान में 19 प्रतिशत पानी की कमी है। ऐसे में केन्द्र सरकार ने अलवर में कृषि, उद्यान, पशुपालन, जल ग्रहण एवं भू-संरक्षण विभाग, जल संसाधन, ग्रामीण विकास, जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी विभाग को पानी बचाने एवं वर्षा जल को संग्रहित करने के लिए निर्देश जारी किए हैं।

भू जल सर्वेक्षण विभाग, जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी विभाग एवं कृषि विभाग के सहयोग से जारी किए गए आंकड़ों के मुताबिक जिले में अभी पानी की 19 प्रतिशत कमी है। वर्तमान में आम लोगों, पशुधन, पक्षियों, उद्यान एवं खेती के लिए 17.80 खरब लीटर पानी की वार्षिक आवश्यकता है। वहीं जिले में 13.11 खरब लीटर पानी भूमिगत एवं 1.27 खरब लीटर पानी सतह उपलब्ध है। इस प्रकार 2015-16 में 3.42 खरब लीटर पानी की कमी है। वहीं विभाग के अनुसार 2021 में जिले को 26.24 खरब लीटर पानी की वार्षिक आवश्यकता होगी। इस दौरान 11.86 खरब लीटर पानी की कमी होगी, जो कि मांग का 45 प्रतिशत कम होगा।

Why farms in India need a new deal

CLOUDED ECONOMY Policymakers celebrated the Green Revolution for too long, without realising it had run its course. Delinking farms and rains remains a challenge

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NEW DELHI: In chasing higher and higher GDP growth rates, India tends to gloss over two vital facts. One, farm growth cuts poverty twice as fast as industrial growth. Two, a 1% rise in agricultural output raises industrial production by 0.5% and national income by 0.7%, according to one calculation. In other words, the country's fortunes are structurally tied to its farmers.

Two-thirds of Indians rely on a farm-based income. A back-to-back drought last year led to a challenging farm duress. Rural incomes fell. Food prices soared. Farmers fretted. Yet, these effects are mild and nothing compared to a previous era.

During 1965-66, a similar consecutive drought had put India on a knife's edge. Food output dropped 36% in those two years, data shows. All through the 40s, 50s and 60s, famines were common. Millions died.

Many predicted another killer famine. Economists Paul and William Paddock prophesied a Malthusian horror of population rising faster than food output, declaring countries like India "foredoomed".

India signed off on an agreement with the US called the "Public Law 480" to qualify for food aid. It was not just humiliating. With a Cold War on, food assistance was a political hazard because aid came tied with conditionalities. A taste of this came when the US stopped desperate wheat shipments for 48 hours right in the middle of the drought.

To end this dependence, India began

putting together a policy framework, led by then farm minister C Subramaniam. A breakthrough came when the country got hold of a fertiliser-responding high-yielding spring wheat variety from CIMMYT, an international farm research organisation. A similar variety of "Indica" rice came from the Philippines-based International Rice Research Institute.

Nearly 18,000 tonnes of their seeds were dispatched to food-bowl states of Punjab, Haryana and western UP. Along with minimum support prices, fertilizer subsidies and irrigation cover in these pockets, an incredible green revolution took off. Within years, the results showed. India became self-sufficient in food grains.

But that's about all India's agriculture has been able to achieve. While subsidies were critical, overdependence on subsidies over investment was to be a costly mistake.

"The Green Revolution was actually only a wheat revolution. The technology was limited, the areas to which it was applied were limited, the crops were limited and the farmers who benefited were limited," said Uma Kapila, an economic historian who taught at Delhi's Miranda House college. "We all know growth requires investment. Over a period of time, we focused on subsidies at the cost of investment."

Policymakers basked in the glory of the Green Revolution for too long, without realising the technology had run its course. The first signs of the Green Revolution diminishing emerged in the mid-1980s, when yields began falling. Today, India exhibits the lowest yields globally. Overall, the lowest returns from public subsidies were in agriculture, whereas investment was low.

The rate of investment in agriculture in the 80s and 90s was between 8-12%. These years roughly coincide with the 6th and 10th five-year plans. With such low spending in agriculture, except for input subsidies, farm growth hobbled at 2.4% or so.



In contrast, public investments, along with reforms, in other sectors were over 35%. This low-investment phase in agriculture was reversed only with the 10th and 11th five year plans (2002-07 and 2007-12).

Even today, irrigated lands make up only 40% of the country's arable land, making 60% of the net sown area vulnerable to monsoon failure.

Higher farm output, the solution for more incomes with less farmhands, hinges on area and yields.

The government has already tapped the easy areas, the ones most fertile and better irrigated. Area expansion has its limitations. "We can no longer expand the area. The only way to go is to raise yields," says Kapila.

Farm investment has now reached 20% or so of the GDP, but most of it comes from the private sector. While experts recommend more private participation, they say public investment must also go up.

The consequences of a fading Green Revolution and a skewed farm policy are now showing up in politics. The violent agitations by Jats in Haryana and Gujjars for a sliver of India's reservation pie are instances.

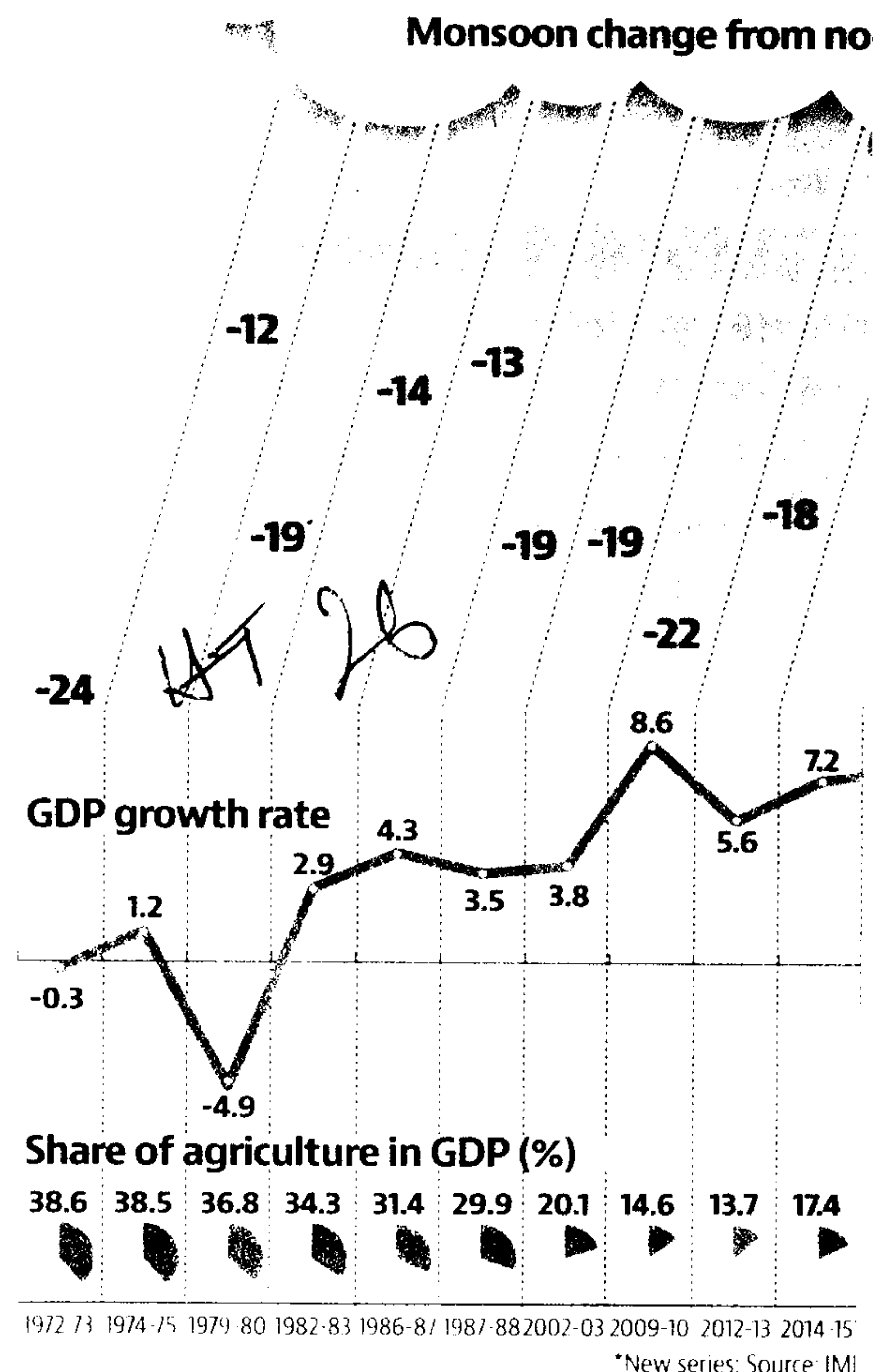
Traditionally pastoral communities such as the Jats and Gujjars in northern states and even Patidars in western India benefited greatly from the Green Revolution's farm subsidies. The Jats participated heavily in the 1857 War of Independence, resulting in the British co-opting them with a lot of quasi-ownership of land. They thus acquired the bhumidhar (land-owning) status. Over time, this led to their dominance.

Falling returns from agriculture at a time of higher economic growth could lead to more unrest. A 2014 survey by Lokniti found that nearly 40% farmers were so disillusioned that they wanted to abandon farming. Where do they go? On to the streets?

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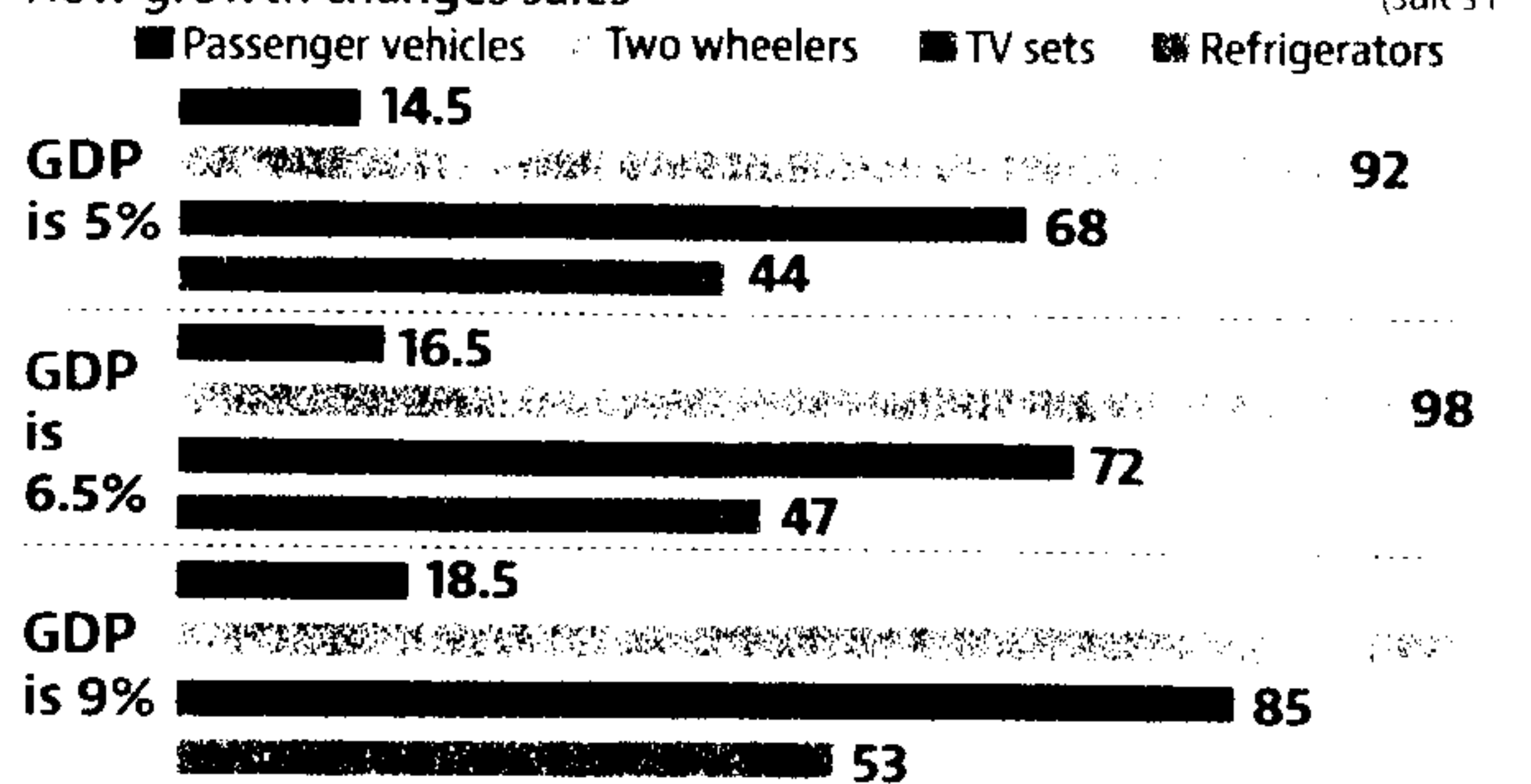
SHOWER TO SHOWER

The June-September rains are the lifeblood of India's mo agriculture sector with a bearing on farm output and the



SCENARIO MAPPING#

How growth changes sales



THE CONSEQUENCES OF A FADING GREEN REVOLUTION AND A SKEWED FARM POLICY ARE SHOWING UP. THE VIOLENT AGITATIONS BY JATS AND GUJJARS ARE TWO INSTANCES

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Aravalli Biodiversity Park a mini ecosystem

Photos: Vipin

GREEN INVITE

Aravalli Biodiversity Park throws open its visitors' zone. The entry is from the Vasant Kunj side

Biodiversity of visitors' zone

25 species of reptiles and mammals

24 species of Bougainvillea

28 species of rose

40 species of succulent plants

50 species of native trees

50 species of butterflies

100 species of birds

180 species of native plants in conservatory

Common animals

MAMMALS

Indian hare, blue bull, jackals, Indian palm squirrel

REPTILES

Monitor lizard, oriental garden lizard, common kukri, red sand boa, saw-scaled viper

BIRDS

Bluethroat, white-eared bulbul, Indian roller, rose-ringed parakeet

Important Recent Sightings

Black eagle spotted after close to 90 years

Indian pitta spotted after 70 years

Park will organise free, guided nature trails in groups

Timings: 6am to 7pm, 7 days a week

How to get there

Nearest Metro station | Chhatarpur

Located next to C-Block in Vasant Kunj, visitors' entrance lies on Teri University Road

Free Entry

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New Delhi: A section of the Aravalli Biodiversity Park was opened up to the public on Monday after inauguration of the bougainvillea-rose area. This part of the new visitor's zone at the diverse ecological park will showcase different varieties of roses, bougainvillea and native Aravali plants and trees.

Spread over 692 acres, the park currently harbours more than 210 bird species, 110 species of butterflies and over 25 species of mammals and reptiles naturally found in the Aravalis. M Shah Hussain, scientist in-charge at the park, said the visitor's zone will enable people to access the manicured recreation garden and tree conservatories and experience it as a miniature ecosystem.

"This area is meant for people who wish to know more about the ecological mix of the Aravalis, in addition to learning more about the rose, bougainvillea, euphorbia and ornamental plant species. There is a separate conservatory as well with all native Aravali trees part of the region between Gujarat and Delhi," said Shah.

Visitors can also access nature trails with the help of a guide. Aisha Sultana, field biologist the park, said, "Almost 60% of the park will be accessible to the public and anyone wishing to know more about the biodiversity present here. A guide can educate people about the flora and fauna currently thriving in this ecosystem. There are around eight different trails starting from the visitor's zone."



PICTURE PERFECT: The new zone will showcase varieties of roses, Bougainvillea and native plants

Sultana added that due to ecological revival of the area, which was known for mining, birds like black eagle and Indian pitta have been spotted after a span of over 70 years. There are also plans to add a medicinal plant conservatory, butterfly park, cactus house and a nature interpretation centre for visitors who wish to learn more about the park's biodiversity.

C R Babu, ecologist and professor in-charge of biodiversity parks programme, said the new zone will help people learn more about the composition of the Aravalis and its importance.

"Aravalli Biodiversity Park acts as a natural cleanser. It absorbs pollutants, aids in cloud formation and the native tree species have helped in rejuvenating the groundwater levels," Babu said.

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असम-अरुणाचल में बाढ़ से 7 की मौत

गुआहाटी. पूर्वोत्तर भारत के असम और इससे सटे सीमावर्ती अरुणाचल प्रदेश में बाढ़ से सात लोगों की मौत गई है। असम के 14 जिलों के लगभग 1206 गांव बाढ़ की चपेट में हैं। ब्रम्हपुत्र सहित अन्य नदियां खतरे के निशान से ऊपर हैं।

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Afforestation Bill hits Cong hurdle

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The government won't have an easy run with the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Bill with the opposition Congress set to move amendments despite lack of numbers to carry them through.

The Bill, which seeks to distribute thousands of crores to states for afforestation, couldn't be taken up in Rajya Sabha today due to Congress' ruckus over non-implementation of special status for Andhra Pradesh.

The ruling BJP later alleged the Congress was making Andhra Pradesh issue an alibi to block yet another pending legislation in the Upper House where it

Amendments on cards

- The Bill provides for distribution of ₹42,000 crore to states through Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA)
- The Congress says it won't allow neglect of gram sabhas in the current draft. The Forest Rights Act 2006 mandates the consent of gram sabhas for any kind of diversion of land
- Congress MP Jairam Ramesh said: "We will move amendments to the Bill... the amendment seeks an acknowledgement that gram sabhas' approval will be sought in respect of use of funds"

has the majority.

The Congress for its part said it won't tolerate neglect of gram sabhas in the current draft of the Bill.

The Bill provides for distribution of Rs 42,000 crore to states through Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA).

Former environment and

forest minister Jairam Ramesh said: "The Bill as it exists does not recognise a vital part of the Forest Rights Act 2006 which mandated the consent of gram sabhas for any kind of diversion of land. The current draft of the CAMPA Bill fails to recognise this right of forest dwellers and though it will provide funds to states,

these funds will be used to crush tribal interests. We won't let that happen."

After a failed meeting between the government and Congress to find common ground on the Bill, Jairam today said: "We will move amendments to the Bill whenever it comes up for passage. The JDU, DMK, and Left Parties are with us on this amendment, which seeks an acknowledgement that gram sabhas' approval will be sought in respect of use of funds."

In the meeting which was attended by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley and Environment Minister Anil Dave and Jairam Ramesh and Digvijaya Singh of the Congress, the government is learnt to have told the Opposition leaders that

their amendment would be reflected in the rules and not the principal Act.

"This is not acceptable to us," Jairam said, at a time when Congress vice-president Rahul Gandhi has announced his nationwide campaign on the alleged dilution of FRA Act by the BJP government. Rahul will attend the first seminar in a series of others on August 17 in tribal dominated Chittapalli in Vishakapatnam.

Back in Rajya Sabha, the Congress is adamant on moving amendments knowing they would be near impossible to carry after the Trinamool Congress abandoned the cause. A senior Congress leader said: "We will move amendments and perhaps not press them. It all depends on the numbers."

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A family moves to a safer place in Alipurduar on Monday. PTI

ASSAM FLOOD SITUATION WORSENS

Over 12.5 lakh people affected

12.26
Guwahati: The flood situation in Assam worsened Monday with more than 6 lakh more people affected across 18 districts of the state. The total number of people affected has now gone up to 12.5 lakh. While seven people have died in the calamity so far, more than 88,000 have been

moved to 220 relief camps.

Besides teams of NDRF and state disaster response force, the Army has been deployed in several districts for rescue work. Dhubri, which shares the international boundary with Bangladesh, remained the worst-affected on Monday. **ENS**

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No waste segregation at Vibuthipura lake, assures MLA

BENGALURU: It was victory at last for collective citizen's activism. A massive campaign against a waste segregation plant proposed by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on the Vibuthipura lake bund near HAL had its desired effect. On Sunday, the local KR Puram MLA, B A Basavaraja assured that the lake will not be touched.

Over 800 residents from all localities surrounding the lake had converged for a massive sapling-planting exercise. But even as they planted 1,200 saplings complete with tree guards, they pondered over the threat of the segregation unit.

They were not sure even as 50 resident welfare association representatives submitted memorandums to the MLA, urging that the plan be shelved. The legislator's assurance pacified them, but doubts lingered. For, tractors had dumped many loads of construction debris on the bund to level the plot, just a week ago. Spearheaded by Team VIKAS, the campaign to rejuvenate and maintain the lake wanted more from the government, the MLA, Bangalore Development Authority and BBMP.

Articulating their collective desire to de-weed, completely fence and secure the 22-acre lake, the team members sought an end to the incessant inflow of untreated sewage. They also wanted security for women and senior citizens



Over 1,200 saplings were planted by citizens eager to rejuvenate the Vibuthipura lake near HAL on Sunday.

from hordes of anti-social elements frequenting the place after dark.

Volunteers had chased away trucks that had clandestinely dumped debris. But on Sunday, they wanted a clear direction from the BBMP against the practice. They had a sound reason: for years, hundreds of residents had strived hard to get encroachments cleared from the lake, its boundary partially fenced and a

makeshift walking track created. Lack of toilets had forced several slum-dwellers in the lake's vicinity to openly defecate on the lake bund. Residents wanted the government to build a few public toilets.

Sunday's event also had MLC Narayana Swamy, BBMP Joint Commissioner (Mahadevapura zone) Muniveerappa, corporators S G Nagaraj and Manjunath.

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CLIMATE IMPACT

■ The perennial flow of water at Bugga Ramalingeshwara temple had stopped At source of Musi, a trickle of water

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The famed spring waters of the Bugga Ramalingeshwara Swamy temple in Anantagiripalle near Vikarabad, 75 km from here, where the river Musi originates, appears threatened.

For ages, spring water has fallen into Shiva Ganga Pushkarni or Telangana Mahanandi (holy tank) through the 'mouth' of the Nandi in the temple premises, but for the past three months the water flow has stopped.



Water trickles

The water overflowing from the Shiva Ganga Pushkarni is the origin of River Muchukunda or Musi. "For three months

there has not been a drop of water. One reason is lack of rains and some say it is due to the growth of the eucalyptus trees in the



forests around temple which reportedly sucks up ground water," said temple priest Srikant Swamy.

He added, "after a gap of

three months, the water has begun trickling. We performed a puja. The water is believed to have medicinal values and worshipping at the temple fulfils one's wishes."

According to the Puranas, the Bugga Ramalingeshwara Swamy temple is believed to have been consecrated by Lord Rama in the Treta Yuga. The story goes that Lord Rama who killed Ravana and returned to Rameswaram was advised by Sage Agastya and others to undertake penance for killing Ravana, a Brahmin. He was advised

to instal Jyotirlingams. Lord Rama is believed to have visited this area and installed a Shiva Lingam. While looking for water for abhishekam, he shot an arrow into the ground and water sprang in the shape of a balloon (bugga). Hence the name Bugga Ramalingeshwara Swamy. When contacted, Mr. A. Shankaran, consultant to the forest department, said there was no scientific basis to show that the eucalyptus plantation had dried up the sub-soil moisture, thus lowering the water table and affecting the temple.

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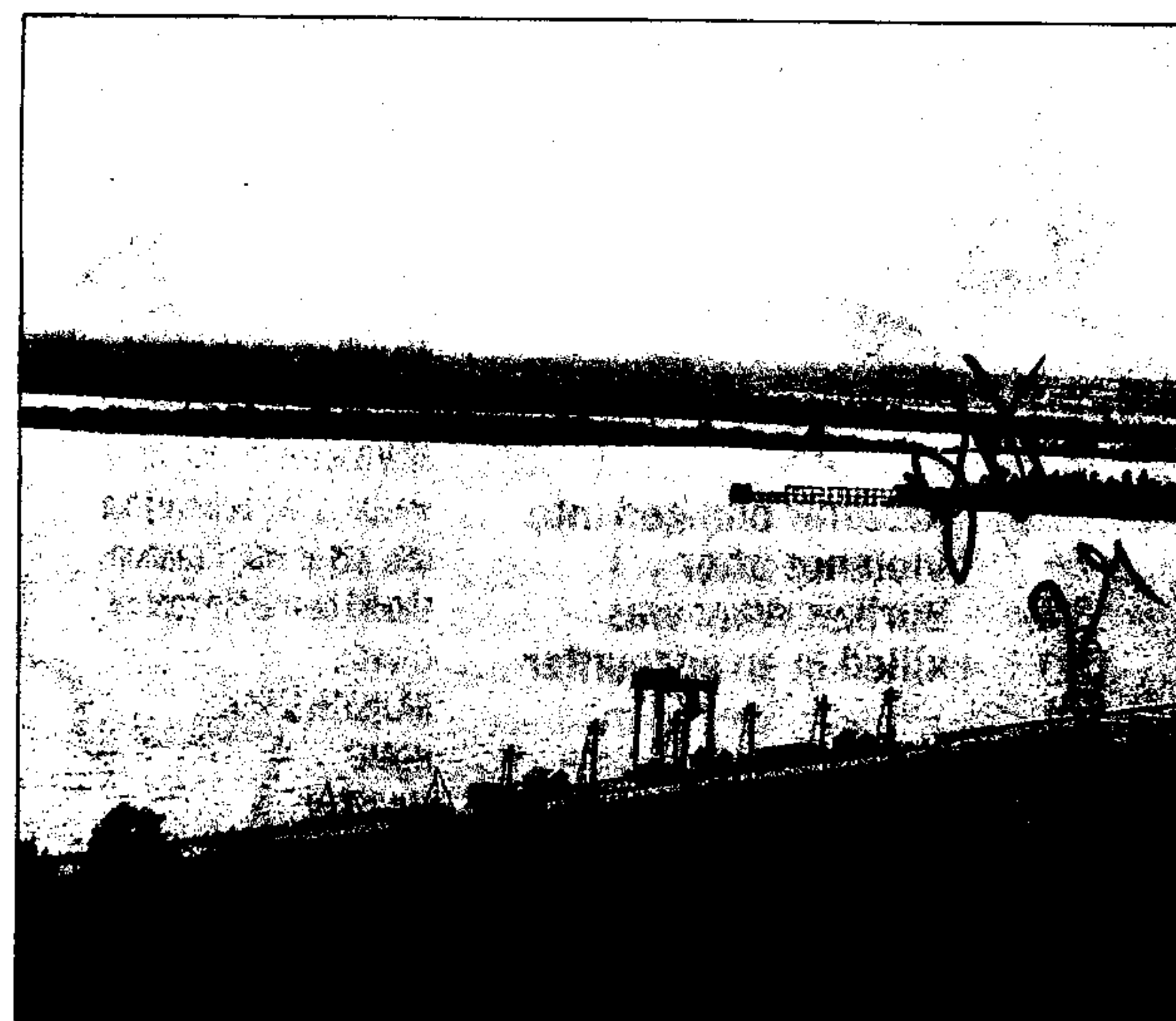
Moderate to heavy rains lash several parts of state

BENGALURU: A few parts of the state continued to receive moderate to heavy rain on Saturday.

In Hosapete taluk of Ballari district, the parapet on the left side of the Tungabhadra lower bank canal breached on Saturday morning. At least 1,500 cusecs of water was being let into the canal, when the parapet wall developed a crack and water began to leak. The farmers informed the canal's in-charge officer, Praveen Kumar.

Measures were taken to divert the water from the canal to the river. Further damage was averted and repair works were immediately taken up. Tungabhadra dam administrator board secretary D Rangareddy told *Deccan Herald* that the canal would be repaired by Sunday.

Various parts of Uttara Kananda district received incessant rain throughout the day. In Karwar, the branches of a huge tree fell over the govern-



The water-level in Almatti dam in Bagalkot district almost reached the maximum level on Saturday. Branches of a tree fell on the building of a government school in Karwar, following incessant rain. DH PHOTOS

ment school, leaving the school compound wall and a part of the toilet partially damaged. No casualties have been reported. The city municipal council staff cleared the tree later.

The Lal Bahadur Shastri reservoir in Nidagundi taluk in Bagalkot district was nearly full on Saturday. A total of 123.081 tmcft of water is stored in the dam. According to the Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigama Limited (KBJNL) sources, the water lev-

el has reached the maximum level of 519.60 metres in the dam.

Intermittent rain continued to lash across Dakshina Kanna-da district on Saturday. In the last 24 hours, the district experienced 36.1 mm of rainfall. This includes 53.3 mm in Mangaluru, 44 mm in Belthangady, and 35.8 mm in Bantwal. Kodagu district experienced moderate rainfall. Madikeri taluk received 15.35 mm rain-

fall. The water-level in Harangi reservoir was 2,857.98 feet and the inflow of water was 4,968 cusecs. Napoklu, Talacauvery and Bhagamandala experienced good rainfall.

Moderate to heavy rain continued to lash various parts of Shivamogga district on Saturday. Thirthahalli, Hosanagar and Sagar received intermittent rain throughout the day. Shikaripur and Sorab received good spell of rain on Friday

night. Shivamogga and Bhadravathi received moderate rain. The water level in Linganamakki dam rose to 1,779.25 feet against the maximum level of 1,819 feet as the catchment area received 42.0 mm of rainfall. The inflow of water was 9,675 cusecs. Water-level in Mani dam rose to 579.40 metres against the maximum level of 594.36 metres as the catchment area received 28 mm of rainfall. Chitradurga district received moderate to heavy rain. Holalkere, Nayakanahatti, Turavanuru, Bheemasamudra, Hosadurga, Hiriya and Chal-lakere have received good rain.

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Assam grapples with deluge ^{The Tribune} 26 Jul



Forest officials patrol the flooded Kaziranga National Park on Monday. PTI

■ Flood situation in Assam remains critical with the Brahmaputra overflowing and affecting nearly 12.5 lakh people and inundating Kaziranga National Park

■ The authorities said the deluge took away chunks of main roads, snapping connectivity, and breached river embankments, causing water to rush into tracks of human habitation

■ An adult male rhino was drowned in a river in the Park and its carcass was recovered on Monday near Siga camp, where another rhino was found dead two days ago PTI

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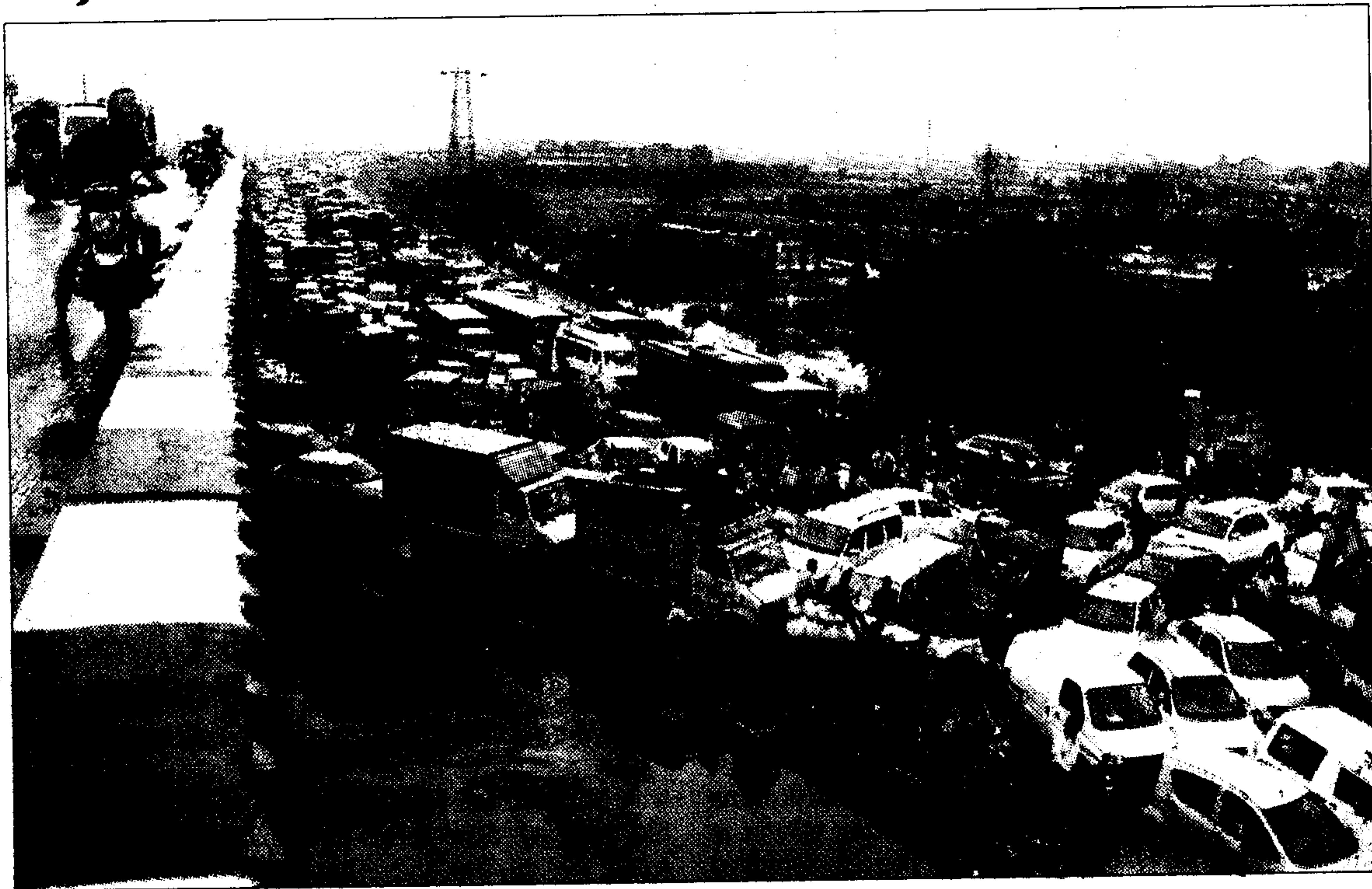
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Deja vu: The same old scene on a rainy day *The Tribune 26 Jul*



A massive traffic jam at the Nirankari roundabout after the rain in North Delhi on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MUKESH AGGARWAL

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Rain brings relief, brace up for a wetter week ahead

MET FORECAST Palam gets 0.8mm and Ridge receives 6.9mm rain on Monday

HT Correspondent

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■ **NEW DELHI:** The national capital is expected receive widespread rainfall from Tuesday.

Light rain occurred in several parts of Delhi on Monday, with the maximum temperature being recorded at 34.6°C, normal for this time of the year. The minimum was recorded as 28.3°C, a degree above normal.

■ "Weather stations at Palam and Ridge recorded 0.8mm and 6.9mm rainfall during the same period," an official of the Met department said.

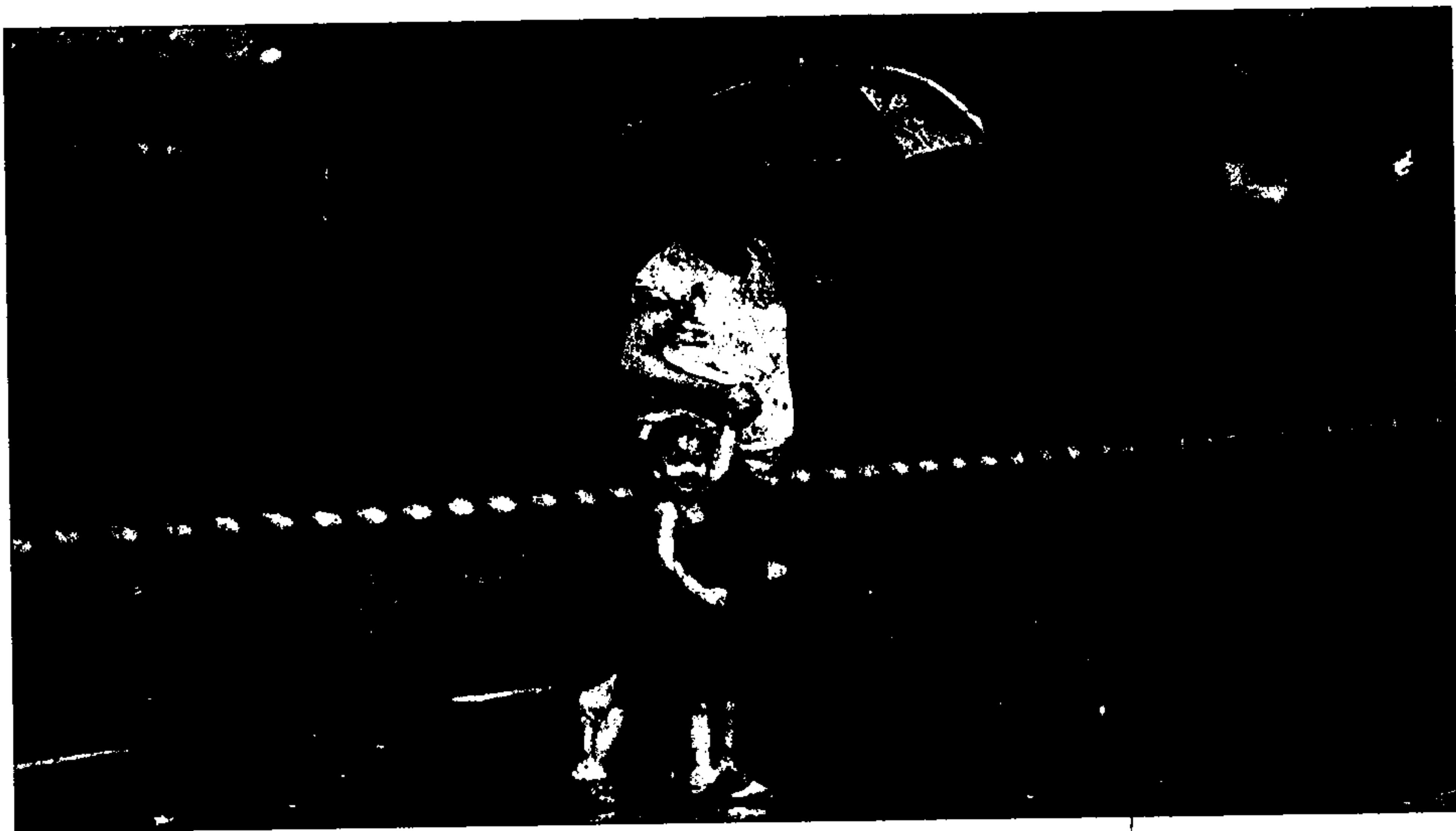
■ The humidity was oscillating between 89% and 66%.

■ The Met office has predicted overcast conditions and the possibility of moderate rains on Tuesday. The maximum and minimum temperatures are expected to be between 33°C and 28°C.

■ Delhi has received 222.6 mm of rains as opposed to 239 mm that the city receives by this time. The coming four days, however, are expected to see moderate rains and the small deficit is expected to be met.

On Sunday, the maximum temperature was recorded at 35°C, while the minimum settled at 28.4°C, both a notch above the normal.

(with PTI inputs)



THE DAYS AHEAD

Unit: °C

DAY	MAX	MIN	FORECAST
Tuesday	33	28	Moderate rain
Wednesday	31	26	Moderate rain
Thursday	34	25	Light rain
Friday	32	25	Moderate rain

■ A mother and daughter (top) cross the road and waterlogged roads at Tughlakabad in New Delhi on Monday. After light rain in the capital, the maximum temperature was recorded at 34.6°C.

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Hanging by a thread

The Hindu 25 July



DESPERATE MEASURES: A child clings to her father who is using a rope to cross a flooded road in Patkaua panchayat in Bihar's Kishanganj district on Sunday. — PHOTO: PTI

Monsoon fury: Flash floods hit 6.5 lakh; Army on alert

Flood batters Assam, Arunachal

Ratnadip Choudhury

GUWAHATI, DHNS: The flood situation in Assam and neighbouring Arunachal Pradesh remained grim on Sunday.

While one person died in Assam on Sunday, nearly 6.5 lakh are affected by flash floods in 14 out of the 32 districts in the state, official sources added.

Floods have ravaged Lakhimpur, Golaghat, Morigaon, Jorhat, Dhemaji, Sivsagar, Kokrajhar, Barpeta, Bongaigaon and Chirang in Assam. The army has been put on alert across the state even as the NDRF and the SDRF are carrying out rescue operation with the help of 41 boats, official sources further added.

According to Assam State Disaster Management Authority's (ASDMA) assessment report on Saturday, 1039 villages across Assam remained affected by floods till Saturday evening and inundated nearly 50,000 hectares of cropland across the affected districts. Over 21,000 people have taken shelter in 81 relief camps in some of the flood-hit districts.

Apart from the Brahmaputra, Dhansiri, Jai Bharali, Puthimri, Beki Sankosh, Subansiri and Buri Dehing rivers are flowing above danger level. The situation might even turn more grim in upper Assam since the hills in neighbouring Arunachal Pradesh received heavy rainfall in the past 24 hours. Nearly 50,000 hectares of cropland is under water in Assam with 1,206 villages totally marooned, official sources further added.

On Sunday, infrastructure damages were reported from Jorhat, Bongaigaon, Goalpara, Dibrugarh, Chirang and Nagaon districts in the state.

Meanwhile, in neighbouring Arunachal Pradesh, the flood situation in the eastern part of the state showed no signs of improvement on Sunday. Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein visited the flood-affected districts of Lohit, Namsai, East Siang, Lower Dibang Valley and Changlang to take stock of the situation. Over 100 families have been sent to a relief camp, official sources from Itanagar added. The Neo-Dehing River is flowing above danger mark thereby inundating huge areas in Namsai district.

In Changlang district bordering Myanmar, several low-lying areas at Diyun and Jairampur subdivision remained submerged.



CALAMITY CONTINUES: 1- People use a banana raft to commute in a flooded area after heavy rain in Alipurduar, West Bengal on Sunday; 2- Children use a boat near submerged houses in a village near Kaziranga National Park in Assam; 3- People use rope to cross a flooded road in Patkua Panchayat in Kishanganj district of Bihar. PTI

Many families rendered homeless

NEW DELHI, PTI: The flood situation in Arunachal Pradesh deteriorated on Sunday with flood water inundating newer areas.

While the Southwest Monsoon has been vigorous over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Sikkim and active over Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, scattered rains were observed in the national capital.

Showers kept the temperature in comfortable levels in New Delhi. The maximum temperature recorded in the national capital was 35 degrees

Celsius while the minimum settled at 28.4 degrees, both a notch above the normal.

In Arunachal Pradesh, with heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places, the flood situation deteriorated in several districts as new areas got inundated and over 100 families rendered homeless.

The Noa-Dehing River flooded the entire Lekang circle, while the entire Namsai Township and its adjoining villages, mostly under Piyong circle, are badly affected.

Water in the Noa-Dehing

and Jengthu rivers is 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, Tengapani rivers and its tributaries is rapidly increasing. The worst affected areas are Gunanagar, Alubari, Injo, Insa, Pangkhao and Kherem.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein visited the flood-affected districts to take stock of the situation.

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City's major waterways to be desilted ahead of monsoon

The Hindu 25 July

Adyar river which overflowed during the December deluge to be main focus



OPERATION CLEAN-UP: The Water Resources Department has asked for additional funds to remove sandbars and weeds, and dredge vulnerable portions of the Adyar river (in picture). — FILE PHOTO

K. LAKSHMI

CHENNAI: Adyar river, which was in spate during the torrential downpour last year, will be given priority in the monsoon preparedness project to be taken up shortly.

The city's major waterways, clogged with weeds, may soon be clear as the Water Resources Department has sent a proposal to the State government seeking funds for dredging waterways running to a total distance of 100 km in and around the city and prevent flooding.

Every year, the Water Resources Department desilts major waterways and

surplus channels of water bodies in and around the city ahead of the Northeast monsoon.

Normally, the government would sanction up to Rs. 4 crore towards desilting of waterways ahead of the monsoon. This year, additional funds have been sought to carry out the works in more stretches particularly in the 42-km Adyar river.

Sources in the department said besides the efforts to remove sand bars from Adyar and Cooum river mouths, works would be taken up to remove weeds and dredge the vulnerable portions of Adyar river from the origin near sur-

plus channels of Adanur tank to the estuary. Some of the points identified include Jaffarkhanpet and Manapakkam.

Awaiting order

"We want to carry out the works much ahead of the monsoon this time and have sent estimates to the government. Usually, work is executed in September. This year, we hope to take up the work by mid-August once a government order is obtained," said an official.

Besides the various stretches of Buckingham canal extending from Ennore to Muttukadu, Virugambakkam-Arumbakkam canal, Otteri Nullah, Ok-

kiam Maduvu and Veerangal Odai would also be cleared of garbage and vegetation.

However, the stretch of Cooum river falling under city limits may not be included in the monsoon preparedness work as the waterway is being restored under the Integrated Cooum River Eco-Restoration Plan.

Surplus channels of several tanks, including Manapakkam and Kolapakkam, Thanikachalam Nagar drain in Madhavaram, Pattaravakkam canal in Ambattur would also be cleared of obstructions. The work would be carried out till the end of December.

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People use a rope to cross a flood road in Patkaua Panchayat in Kishanganj district of Bihar on Sunday;
(Right) 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: With no respite from the weather, 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 homeless.

The Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) reported the death of one person in Lakhimpur district's North Lakhimpur area on Sunday, where over 50,000 people in 130 villages have been affected. Seven people have died this month in the floods.

A total of 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. In almost all chars I visited, the waters are at knee-high level," social activist Abdul Kalam Azad said.

Arunachal deputy chief minister Chowna Mein, who flew to the state capital on Sa-

Rain red alert sounded in U'khand

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 widespread devastation caused by the heavy monsoon showers. At least 35 people lost their lives and hundreds of big and small roads were damaged due to the rains, which started lashing the state from July 1. On Sunday, the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) issued a warning of heavy to very heavy rainfall at some places in the state from Monday evening onwards.

"Another heavy spell of rainfall is likely to hit Uttarakhand from July 25 evening to July 28. During the three days, widespread rainfall is expected to take place with possibility of heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places. Some stations might also witness extremely heavy rain," Bikram Singh, director, Meteorological Centre, told TOI.

turday from New Delhi under the instructions 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.

"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, rural development minister Naba Kumar Doley. Sonowal has given instructions for the rescue and relief operations in

affected districts to be intensified. The rising Brahmaputra has also inundated vast swathes of the Kaziranga National Park as well as the Dibru Saikhowa National Park, a habitat for wild buffaloes and elephants in upper Assam's Tinsukia district.

"About 60% of the 430-sq km area of Kaziranga is under water. There is a likelihood of more areas getting inundated as the water level is rising. However, as of now, there has been no large-scale migration of animals to higher grounds," Kaziranga divisional forest officer Suvasish Das said.

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Monsoon havoc: Maharashtra accounts for 6 more rain deaths Flood-like situation in several places

MUMBAI: Several parts of Maharashtra are reeling under a flood-like situation as heavy downpour continued on Tuesday, even as six more rain-related deaths were reported, taking the toll to 16 in four days.

Going by the forecast of the Mumbai-based Regional Meteorological Observatory of the IMD, there appears to be no let-up in rain and it is going to continue for the next couple of days.

"Rain/thundershowers are likely to occur at many places over Konkan-Goa, a few places over Madhya Maharashtra, at isolated places over Marathwada and Gujarat," the weathermen said in its outlook till Saturday.

The Wainganga river, which flows along the border of Chandrapur and Gadchiroli districts in Vidarbha region, swelled and a boat carrying 10 people capsized. While eight of them were rescued, two went missing and the chances of their survival are bleak. Search for them is on. More than 200 villages and hamlets in the twin districts are cut-off due to inundation. Communication systems have broken down and

power supply has been stopped as a precautionary measure.

In Nandurbar, more than 30 houses were damaged due to heavy rain.

A report from Pune said that Khadakwasla dam, that supplies drinking water to the city, was full to the brim and excess water was released to the Mula river. On the other hand, in Pune's Malshej Ghats, the debris from the landslide was removed.

In Nashik's Niphad taluka, three fishermen were stranded near a small river while fishing. In another case, six fishermen were rescued from an isolated place near Palkhed dam in Nashik district, as they found themselves on an island as water was released.

Parts of Rajapur town in Ratnagiri and Kharephatan in Sindhudurg in the coastal Konkan belt continue to be in knee-deep water for the second day. Kolhapur district too received heavy rainfall and the road traffic between Kolhapur-Goa was badly affected as water level rose along the roads. Hatnur dam at Bhusawal too received good rainfall and all the gates had to be opened to release water.

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PRECARIOUS PASS: Khasi tribal villagers use a bamboo bridge to cross Shree River in Kamrup district of Assam, on Monday. PTI

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The Assam Tribune 24 July More than 200 villages affected by flood in Barpeta dist

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BARPETA, July 23: The current wave of flood has turn critical in Barpeta district and more than two hundred villages have been affected so far. Most of the river's flowing through the district are flowing above the danger mark and is show rising trend. As a result the overall situation is likely to be deteriorated in the next few days.

In Baghbar circle alone 97 villages are reeling under flood while the affected villages under Kalgachia revenue circle is 46. Beki has already breached its embankment at Kamarpara Khatakuci area and continues devastating erosion at Bardanga. It's embankment in several parts have become vulnerable.

Flood water of Brahmaputra has entered through the broken Ring Bund at Bhogerpar where the mighty river has created panic by eroding thousands of hectares of land during the last few days. Tihu, Burhadia and Kaldia have inundated a number of villages under Sarthebari revenue circle.

Meanwhile, the erosion of Beki has threatened the exist-

ence of the main link road to Manas National Park the Barpetaroad Bansbari road. It is fast approaching to the road at Safakamar. The authorities have done palliative works since yesterday. If it does not work properly the important road may be erased from the map of Barpeta district.

The erosion of Beki has also turned critical at Narayanguri the picnic spot near the World Heritage site. The scenic beauty of Narayanguri has already been eroded and the embankment is at stake.

Morigaon Correspondent adds: The overall flood situation in Morigaon district in central Assam took a grim turn today as the Brahmaputra and its three tributaries namely Kopili, Kolong and Kiling are flowing above the danger level within the area of Morigaon district.

The worst affected Bhura-gaon and Mayong revenue circles of the district have been facing fresh wave flood affecting more than 80,000 people. The Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary has also been affected by the flood. Meanwhile, 50 per cent areas of the sanctuary were inundated.

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A part of the DK Road connecting Dhubri and Gossaigaon near Kumarganj washed away by the rising waters of Gangadhar River on Saturday. – UB photos

Flood claims two lives in State

GUWAHATI, July 23: Floods in the State have claimed two lives and affected over five lakh people in 14 districts of the State, besides inundating the Kaziranga National Park and the Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary along with the Dibru-Saikhwa National Park.

One person died in North Lakhimpur town and another at Mayong in Morigaon district, the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) said.

The swollen Brahmaputra river and its tributaries have overflowed their banks in La-

khimpur, Golaghat, Morigaon, Jorhat, Dhemaji, Sivasagar, Dibrugarh, Nagaon, Chirang, Kokrajhar, Barpeta, Bongaigaon, Nagaon and Dhubri districts. As many as 1,039 villages in these 14 districts have been submerged. People are taking shelter on roads, bridges and relief camps, officials said.

Large areas of the Kaziranga National Park and the Dibru-Saikhwa National Park have been flooded, forcing animals to take refuge on platforms built for their succour, Forest Department officials said.

The Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, the densest habitat of one-

horned rhinos, in Morigaon district has half of its area inundated, forcing all wild animals to seek shelter on nearby highlands. Several link roads to Pobitora have also been submerged, the officials added.

Informing that the flood has overrun 47,000 hectares of cropland, the ASDMA said 70 relief camps and seven relief distribution centres have been opened to give shelter to 21,549 flood-hit people.

However, people who are still marooned alleged that sufficient relief materials from the Government have not reached them. – PTI

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BENGALURU, DHNS: Monsoon was active in most parts of the state on Sunday. Several districts received good showers for a few hours.

Gajendragad and the twin towns of Gadag-Begateri in Gadag district received good showers, accompanied with gusty winds for more than hour on Sunday noon. Mundaragi, Dambal, Lakshmeshwar, Naragund, Ron and Shirhatti taluks received continuous drizzles from morning till evening. The district has so far received total 13.6 mm of rainfall in July.

Heavy rain lashed several parts of Uttara Kannada district on Sunday.

Monsoon was active in the coastal region, the Malnad region and the plains. Bhatkal, Honnavar, Kumta, Ankola and Karwar witnessed heavy rains for at least five hours.

Halilyal and Joida received moderate rain. Most of the low-lying areas and roads were inundated and rainwater gushed into several houses. Monsoon picked up Sirsi, Siddapur and Yellapur regions, with all the three places recording intermittent rains on Sunday.

For the last several days, Haveri district has been witnessing incessant rain and it continued on Sunday also. The overcast skies opened up in the afternoon. With Sunday being a holiday, most of the roads wore a deserted look.

Byadagi, Ranebennur, Shiggaon, Hirekerur, Haveri, Hanagal and Savanur taluks have also



A car navigates on the inundated Green Street Road in Karwar as heavy rain lashed the town on Sunday. DH PHOTO

received good showers. The district also received good rain on Saturday night.

Skies remained overcast in most parts of Chitradurga district, while the city and the surrounding regions received good showers.

Most parts of district received heavy rain on Saturday night also. On Sunday afternoon, till late in the evening, several parts of the district received mild to heavy showers. Molakalmuru, Challakere, Hiriya, Bharamsagar, Sirigere and Holalkere taluks also received good rains.

Though intermittent rain lashed parts of Dakshina Kannada district on Sunday morning, it receded by afternoon.

Kodagu district experienced 12.3 mm rainfall in the last 24 hours. Madikeri taluk received

29.2 mm and Virajpet taluk—5.3 mm rainfall.

The water-level in Harangi reservoir stood at 2,858.21 feet. The inflow of water was 5,656 cusecs, while 4,747 cusecs water is released into the river.

Dharwad district received incessant rain throughout the day. Though it was a sunny day, by noon, the skies were overcast and incessant rain continued to lash till late evening. Heavy rains lashed Khanapur and surrounding villages for more than two hours in Belagavi.

With the taluk witnessing good rains, the Rivers Malaprabha and Mahadayi are full. Alatri, Mangetri, Bail, Banduri and other streams are also in spate. Rains were reported in Athani, Raibag and other taluks.