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## 'File Ganga pollution report by Nov 7'

NGT panel to report on waste drains between Haridwar, Unnao

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN

**NEW DELHI:** A committee set up by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) to collect information on drains joining the Ganga between Haridwar and Unnao was on Tuesday directed by the green panel to submit its report by November 7.

A Bench headed by NGT chairperson Justice Swatanter Kumar asked the committee, comprising Member Secretary of the Central Pollution Control Board, Chief Engineer of the U.P.

Jal Nigam, senior Chief Environmental Officer of the U.P. Pollution Control Board and representative from the Ministry of Water Resources, to submit its report giving details about the drains joining the Ganga from Haridwar to Unnao, and the quantum and quality of waste being released into the river.

The next hearing on the matter is listed for November 15. The NGT has divided the work of cleaning the river in different segments — from Gomukh to Haridwar, from Haridwar to Un-

nao, from Unnao to the border of UP, from the border of UP to the border of Jharkhand and from the border of Jharkhand to the Bay of Bengal. The Tribunal had earlier blamed ill-planning and unscientific approach of the authorities for the chaotic condition of the Ganga. The NGT had also rapped the UP government for wasting public money on Ganga rejuvenation and restrained it from spending on any major project, except maintenance work on the stretch from Haridwar to Kanpur.

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# Kejriwal to unveil Yamuna riverfront development plan

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**NEW DELHI:** The first phase of the Yamuna riverfront project will be ready by June next year, water minister Kapil Mishra said on Tuesday.

While a detailed plan of the project will be unveiled by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal next week, Mishra said five-kilometre stretch along the northern bank of Yamuna, upstream from Wazirabad.

After the project is completed the stretch will have wetlands,

facilities of rowing, canoeing, a modern akhara (traditional wrestling pit) after the project is over, Mishra said.

"The project will be completely ecological and involve the construction of temporary structures only. Concrete will not be used and the structures will be made of bamboo and wood," Mishra said, adding that the Delhi Development Authority, land owing agency, has authorized the Delhi government to go ahead with the project.

The Yamuna redevelopment project will incur expenditure

of ₹200 crore. The blueprint of the project will be unveiled by Kejriwal after the 'Yamuna Aarti', on the lines of 'Ganga Aarti', at Banaras at the Sonia Vihar ghat on November 1. The function will be attended by the entire Delhi Cabinet and locals.

Yamuna aarti was performed last year at Geeta Ghat near ITO last year. Mishra said the venue has been shifted to the northern bank as Geeta Ghat is being developed into a 'Nakshatra Vatika' — a thematic garden based on Vedic astrology — besides a medicinal garden, Mishra said.



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# T.N. opposes Centre's stand on tribunal

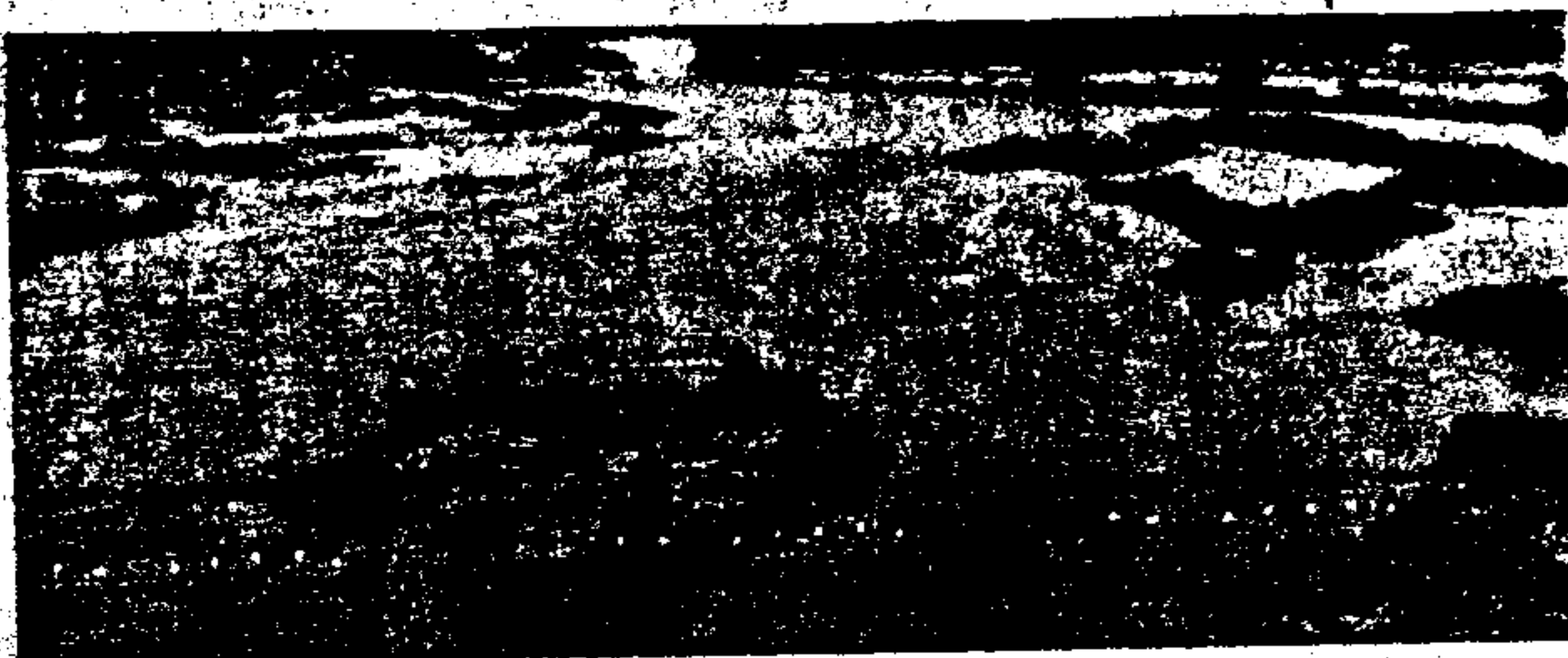
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KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL

**NEW DELHI:** The position taken by the Centre that the Supreme Court has no power to judicially review the Cauvery tribunal's 2007 award is tantamount to giving the tribunal "absolute, uncontrolled, uncanalised and unguided judicial power which negates the rule of law," Tamil Nadu said on Tuesday.

## Written submissions

In detailed written submissions filed in the apex court, the State government challenged the Centre's position, asking when the Supreme Court could review the decisions of a constitutional authority like a State Governor, what prevents the top court from



**BONE OF CONTENTION:** A view of the Cauvery river in Mandya, Karnataka.

hearing appeals challenging a decision of a mere tribunal formed under a statute.

"The established legal position is that this court has the power to examine the validity of not only the statutory enactments but also constitutional amendments. It is inconceivable that the framers of the Constitution denied such power of judicial review in respect of de-

cisions of the Tribunal constituted under 1956 Act," the State submitted through advocates G. Umpathy and B. Balaji.

## Centre's opposition

The Centre had vehemently opposed the Supreme Court hearing appeals filed by Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala against the tribunal decision. Attor-

ney-General Mukul Rohatgi, for the Centre, had submitted that the Supreme Court was barred under Article 262 (3) and provisions of the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956 from entertaining appeals under Article 136 against the Cauvery tribunal's award.

## 'Award is final'

Mr. Rohatgi had argued that the tribunal's award was final and had the force of the Supreme Court. He had urged the court to dismiss the appeals.

A Bench led by Justice Dipak Misra had reserved the question of jurisdiction for judgment on October 19 and ordered Karnataka to continue release of 2,000 cusecs of water till further orders.



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# Govt to develop 5-km stretch of Yamuna

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NEW DELHI: Themed gardens, boating, canoeing and other recreational activities along the Yamuna will be established by the Delhi government, which will unveil a river-front development plan on November 1.

Tourism Minister and Delhi Jal Board Chairperson Kapil Mishra said on Tuesday that the DJB's Horticulture Department had started developing a medicinal garden and a Nakshatra Vatika, inspired by Hindu mythology, at Geeta Ghat.

The gardens will be completed at a cost of Rs.25 lakh in two months, said Mr. Mishra, adding that the DJB had taken over the maintenance of the stretch from the Delhi Development Authority.

As part of a larger plan to improve the 22-km stretch



**BIG PROJECT:** The river-front development plan, which will cost Rs.200 crore, will be announced by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on November 1. PHOTO: SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

of the Yamuna in Delhi, a 5-km stretch of the riverbank will be developed first, said Mr. Mishra.

The river-front development plan for this stretch will be announced by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on November 1, when a massive Yamuna aarti is held at Sonia Vihar.

Mr. Mishra said the plan

will include setting up of international-level boating and canoeing facilities, cleaning up the path to the bank and plantation along it. The plan, which will cost the Tourism Department a total of Rs.200 crore, will be executed in three phases, with the first one likely to be done in six months.

"Since the beginning of

The Horticulture Department has started developing a medicinal garden and a Nakshatra garden

last year, Yamuna aartis have been held at the ghats every day by volunteer groups. This time we have decided that the government will hold large-scale events every few months. We expect about 10,000 people for the aarti on November 1," said Mr. Mishra.

Meanwhile, Mr. Mishra said that the plan to operate steamers for river transport had been taken up with the Centre. However, talks were still on about how the costs of the project would be shared by Delhi and the Centre. Mr. Mishra said the proposal would see some concrete developments by December.



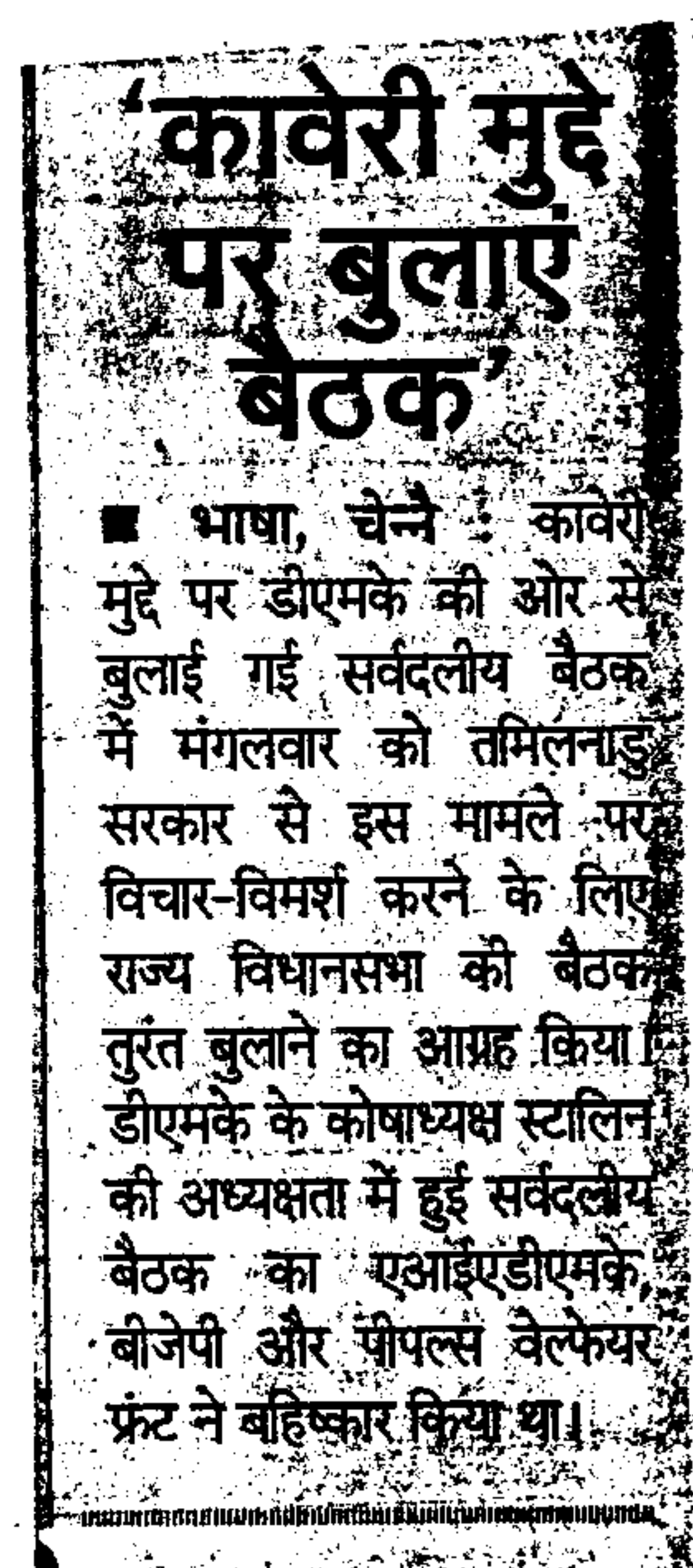
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# गंगा के नालों पर सात तक रिपोर्ट दें

जस्टिस स्वतंत्र कुमार की अध्यक्षता वाली पीठ ने समिति से तय समय के भीतर रिपोर्ट दाखिल करने का निर्देश जारी किया। पीठ ने कहा कि रिपोर्ट में गंगा में मिलने वाले नालों की जानकारी के साथ नदी में छोड़े जा रहे अपशिष्ट की मात्रा एवं गुणदोष की जानकारी भी शामिल होनी चाहिए। इसमें केन्द्रीय प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड के सदस्य सचिव, उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम के प्रमुख अभियंता, उत्तर प्रदेश प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड के प्रमुख पर्यावरण अधिकारी और जल संसाधन मंत्रालय के प्रतिनिधि शामिल हैं। (वि. सं.)

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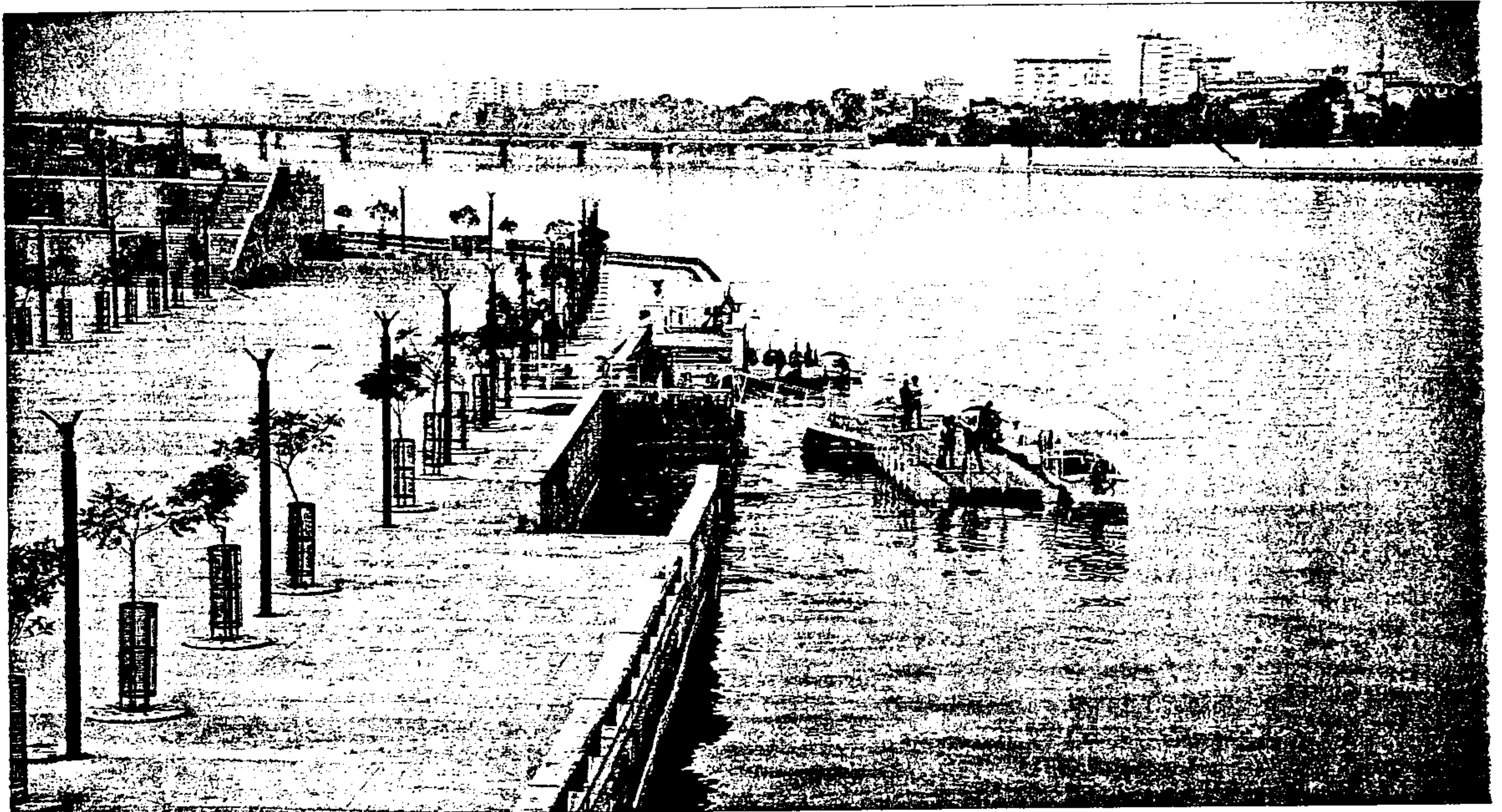
# वर्ल्ड क्लास रिवर फ्रंट

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दिल्ली सरकार ने सोनिया विहार पुर्ते पर वर्ल्ड क्लास रिवर फ्रंट बनाने का प्लान तैयार किया है। रिवर फ्रंट डिवेलपमेंट प्लान को तीन फेज में पूरा किया जाएगा। वॉटर मिनिस्टर कपिल मिश्रा ने इस प्रोजेक्ट की जानकारी देते हुए बताया कि 5 किमी का रिवर फ्रंट बनाया जाएगा और यह अपनी तरह का पहला इकोलॉजिकल और बायोडायवर्सिटी बेस्ड रिवर फ्रंट बनेगा। इस प्रोजेक्ट में इंटरनैशनल कैनोइंग फैसिलिटी सेंटर, एक मॉडर्न अखाड़ा और आरती घाट के साथ-साथ वेटलैंड और बायोडायवर्सिटी जोन डिवेलप किया जाएगा। यमुना के किनारे मॉडर्न अखाड़ा बनाया जाएगा। इस प्रोजेक्ट के लिए करीब 200 करोड़ रुपये का बजट होगा। इस योजना का फर्स्ट फेज 6 महीने में ही पूरा हो जाएगा और 15 से 18 महीने तक पूरा तीनों फेज का काम पूरा हो जाएगा। मिश्रा ने बताया कि देश का सबसे खूबसूरत रिवर फ्रंट तैयार किया जाएगा। दिल्ली टूरिज्म के द्वारा इस खास प्रोजेक्ट को तैयार किया गया है। खास बात यह है कि इसको बनाने में क्रंकीट यानी इसमें सीमेंट का इस्तेमाल नहीं होगा और ये सारी सुविधाएं बांस और लकड़ी के टेपेरी स्ट्रक्चर के रूप में बनेंगी। वजीराबाद से शुरू होकर 5 किमी का रिवर फ्रंट बनाया जाएगा। फर्स्ट फेज का काम अगले छह महीने में पूरा हो जाएगा और उसके बाद ग्रीन लैंड डिवेलप करने में एक से डेढ़ साल का समय लगेगा। भैया दूज के दिन सीएम अरविंद केजरीवाल इस प्रोजेक्ट का उद्घाटन करेंगे और उस दिन डिप्टी सीएम, कैबिनेट मिनिस्टर्स भी मौजूद रहेंगे।

## गीता घाट पर नक्षत्र वाटिका

गीता घाट पर नक्षत्र वाटिका बनाने का भी प्लान तैयार किया गया है। नक्षत्र वाटिका में 27 नक्षत्रों के हिसाब से खास वृक्ष लगाए जाएंगे, नव गृह और पौधों के संबंध बताते हुए एक नव गृह उद्यान बनाया जाएगा और औषधीय पौधों का एक पार्क यमुना किनारे विकसित किया जाएगा। गीता घाट पर इस सारे काम को दिल्ली जल बोर्ड का उद्यान विभाग कर रहा है। यहां तुलसी का एक उद्यान भी होगा, जिसे वृंदावन का नाम दिया गया है। भैया दूज के दिन सरकार इस प्रोजेक्ट का पूरा प्लान जारी करेगी। नक्षत्र वाटिका के लिए करीब 25 लाख रुपये का बजट रखा गया है। मिश्रा का कहना है कि यह यूनीक प्रोजेक्ट है। यहां पर तुलसी गार्डन खास होगा।



साबरमती रिवर फ्रंट को इस तरह से डिवेलप किया गया था। अब दिल्ली में भी यमुना के रिवर फ्रंट को इंटरनैशनल लेवल का बनाया जाएगा

## नया प्रोजेक्ट

■ भैया दूज के दिन सीएम अरविंद केजरीवाल इस प्रोजेक्ट का उद्घाटन करेंगे

■ गीता घाट पर नक्षत्र वाटिका भी अगले दो महीने में बनकर तैयार होगी

■ भैया दूज पर इस बार सोनिया विहार घाट पर होगी विशाल आरती, दस हजार लोगों के भाग लेने की उम्मीद



पिछले साल दिल्ली सरकार ने यमुना किनारे महा आरती की थी

## होगी विशाल आरती

पिछले साल भैया दूज के दिन दिल्ली सरकार की ओर से गीता घाट पर विशाल आरती का आयोजन किया गया था, लेकिन इस बार गीता घाट पर नक्षत्र वाटिका बनाने का काम चल रहा है। इसके चलते इस बार भैया दूज पर विशाल आरती का आयोजन सोनिया विहार घाट पर किया जाएगा। पूरी दिल्ली सरकार आरती में शामिल होगी। करीब 10000 श्रद्धालु आरती में शामिल होंगे। गुजरात के कलाकार भी इस आयोजन में शामिल होंगे। वॉटर मिनिस्टर ने बताया कि सरकार की योजना है कि हर एक या दो महीने के बाद इस तरह की विशाल आरती का आयोजन किया जाए। अभी तक गीता घाट पर बड़ी और छोटी आरती होती रही है।



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संयुक्त राष्ट्र की चिंता...

# नदियों में एंटीबायोटिक बहाने से सुपरबग को बढ़ावा

भारत और चीन की नदियों में ज्यादा बहाया जा रहा है एंटीबायोटिक कचरा

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नई दिल्ली. हाल में संयुक्त राष्ट्रसंघ के महासचिव बान की मून ने सुपरबग पर एंटीबायोटिक का असर नहीं पड़ने को लेकर चिंता व्यक्त की है। उन्होंने कहा कि सुपरबग पर एंटीबायोटिक का कोई असर नहीं पड़ रहा है और यह दुनिया के स्वास्थ्य के लिए खतरनाक है। उन्होंने यह कहा कि हम इस समस्या का मुकाबला

100 देशों में मल्टीड्रग्स रेसिस्टेंस टीबी के मामले बढ़ रहे चीन और भारत भी शामिल

करने में असफल रहे हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि इस समस्या से पार पाना असंभव न हो, लेकिन कठिन तो है ही और यह स्थाई विकास का लक्ष्य पाने में रोड़ा साबित हो रहा है।



## एक करोड़ प्रभावित

माना जा रहा है कि इस तरह के प्रदूषण से 2050 तक एक करोड़ से ज्यादा लोग इससे प्रभावित होंगे और इसकी चपेट में आकर बहुत सारे लोग मारे भी जाएंगे।

## पर्यावरण के लिए बड़ी चुनौती

फार्मास्यूटिकल्स कंपनियों के लिए एंटीबायोटिक कचरे से हो रहा पर्यावरण प्रदूषण अब एक बड़ी चुनौती बन गया है। वैश्विक स्तर पर निवेश करने वाली फार्मास्यूटिकल्स कंपनियां नॉर्डिया और बीएनपी परेबा ने भारत की लोकल दवा कंपनियां प्रदूषण को लेकर धांधली कर रही हैं। इससे वैश्विक स्तर पर हमारा पोर्टफोलियो कमजोर पड़ रहा है।

## सुपरबग की बढ़ी प्रतिरोधी क्षमता

भारत और चीन में एंटीबायोटिक का सबसे ज्यादा उत्पादन होता है। इन्हीं दो देशों में सबसे ज्यादा असंशोधित जल मिट्टी और नदियों में बहाए जा रहे हैं, जिसमें एंटीबायोटिक कचरे बहुत ज्यादा मात्रा में होते हैं। एंटीबायोटिक कचरों के पानी में घुले होने की वजह से बैक्टीरिया की प्रतिरोधी क्षमता में लगातार इजाफा हो रहा है और इससे सुपरबग को बढ़ावा मिल रहा है। सुपरबग हवा और पानी में सहजता से यात्रा करने में सक्षम हैं। वे हमारे स्वास्थ्य को हवाई जहाज और वैश्विक स्वाद्य आपूर्ति कड़ी के जरिए हम तक पहुंच बनाकर नुकसान पहुंचा रहे हैं।



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# 'Over 1,000 flood-prone areas in Kancheepuram district'

STAFF REPORTER

**KANCHEEPURAM:** The district administration has identified 1,128 areas in Kancheepuram as flood-prone and classified them into four categories.

Disclosing this to reporters here on Monday, Collector R. Gajalakshmi said the classification of flood-prone areas was carried out as per the guidelines issued by the office of the Commissioner of Revenue Administration.

The places where inundation level stood above five feet during the last north-east monsoon; where Central Forces were pressed into the service of rescue and relief operations; where the area remained cut off from access by road or where any loss of life was reported have been classified as highly vulnerable areas, the Collector said.

While 177 places have been identified as highly vulnerable, 176 areas where the inundation level was less

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than five feet during last monsoon were classified as vulnerable. Another 501 places where the intensity of the problem was slightly low were classified as moderately vulnerable and 274 as less vulnerable areas.

Out of this 1,128 vulnerable areas, 217 have been identified in urban/semi-urban areas and the rest in rural pockets, the Collector added.

### Residents roped in

The resident welfare associations in urban and semi-urban areas have also been roped in this time and made part of the precautionary teams formed to take up rescue and relief operations, if needed, in the 353 areas, that have been identified as Highly Vulnerable and Vulnerable areas.

While the team head would be identified as first respondent, nine other persons from the same area would be assisting him in carrying out initial rescue/relief operations.

Apart from the local teams, 51 officials-level rescue and relief teams have been formed to take care of the 1,128 vulnerable areas, she added.



A stranded woman being rescued by Coastal Security Guards in Kancheepuram District last year during floods. — FILE PHOTO

## Slum dwellers seek flood-resistant homes

STAFF REPORTER

**CHENNAI:** In situ houses, disaster relief and livelihood were among the concerns raised by slum dwellers, who were attending the 'Voice of Slums in post-flood Chennai: Future Concerns' seminar at Loyola College on Monday. Over a 100 slum dwellers, who were affected by floods from across the city, took part in the event led by experts from the field.

"Why is it that it is always us slum dwellers who are relocating during the time of crisis," questioned Shyamala from Chetpet. "We lost everything during the floods, and we are yet to recover from it. Moving to colonies like Perumbakkam only makes it worse. We need a fair solution," she said.

### Making no sense

Sasi Kumar, a resident of Koyambedu, pointed out that during the December flood they were relocated to another far-off location which was just as flooded. "It had made no sense to relocate to Kannagi Nagar and Perumbakkam which had water till the first floor. Money and relocation is not the ultimate solution. The State needs to build disaster resistant houses, for all," said Sasi.

A senior official from the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board, who attended the seminar, heard the problems of the community and assured

During a seminar, they voiced their concerns and sought a solution to relocation

assistance. "We have provided a monthly subsistence allowance of Rs. 2,500 to the resettled families, for one year. We have held medical camps and skill training for all. While we have begun providing in situ housing, we shall be extending it for others as well," he said.

Urging slum dwellers to know their rights, Vanessa Peter, policy researcher said: "Slum Act is your weapon. It is important that you know your rights and stand up for it." She also pointed out that there was a need for reservation in land allotment for slum dwellers.

"Just like education, there needs to be reservation in land as well. When you move to a place, it is your duty to find out if the land you're living in is certified among other details. In case you are asked to uproot, file a case," she said.

Adding to this Deva Prakash, program manager, CARE INDIA, said: "Instead of offering relief to the affected in kind the authorities must deposit cash in their respective accounts. During such times, the women and children are the worst affected and the authorities need to provide suitable housing for them."



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**Monsoon extends stay, may  
exit by first week of Nov**

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**Pune:** The southwest monsoon is not done with India yet, overstaying well past its normal withdrawal date of October 15. The monsoon is now expected to withdraw in the first week of November—its most extended stay since 2007.

In the last 10 years, the most delayed monsoon withdrawal was in 2010, when the wind system pulled out of the country on October 29. The delay this year is due to a deep depression that has formed over the Bay of Bengal. It is expected to intensify into a cyclonic storm during the next 48 hours, according to India Meteorological Department.

While the monsoon has withdrawn from most parts of the country, it still remains active over parts of the southern

peninsula, the region where the northeast monsoon sets in. B Mukhopadhyay, IMD's additional director general of meteorology, told **TOI** that the delay was not very unusual and such a phenomenon could happen once in 10 years. The conditions for withdrawal will become favourable after the dissipation of the cyclonic disturbance over the Bay of Bengal.

Mahesh Palawat, chief meteorologist at Skymet Weather Services, said rainfall is expected to begin over Gangetic West Bengal and coastal Odisha by October 26. "Moderate to heavy rains will continue over these areas till October 29. Bihar, Jharkhand and interior Orissa may also experience light rains on October 30 and 31. This means the southwest monsoon may only withdraw from India in early November," said Palawat.



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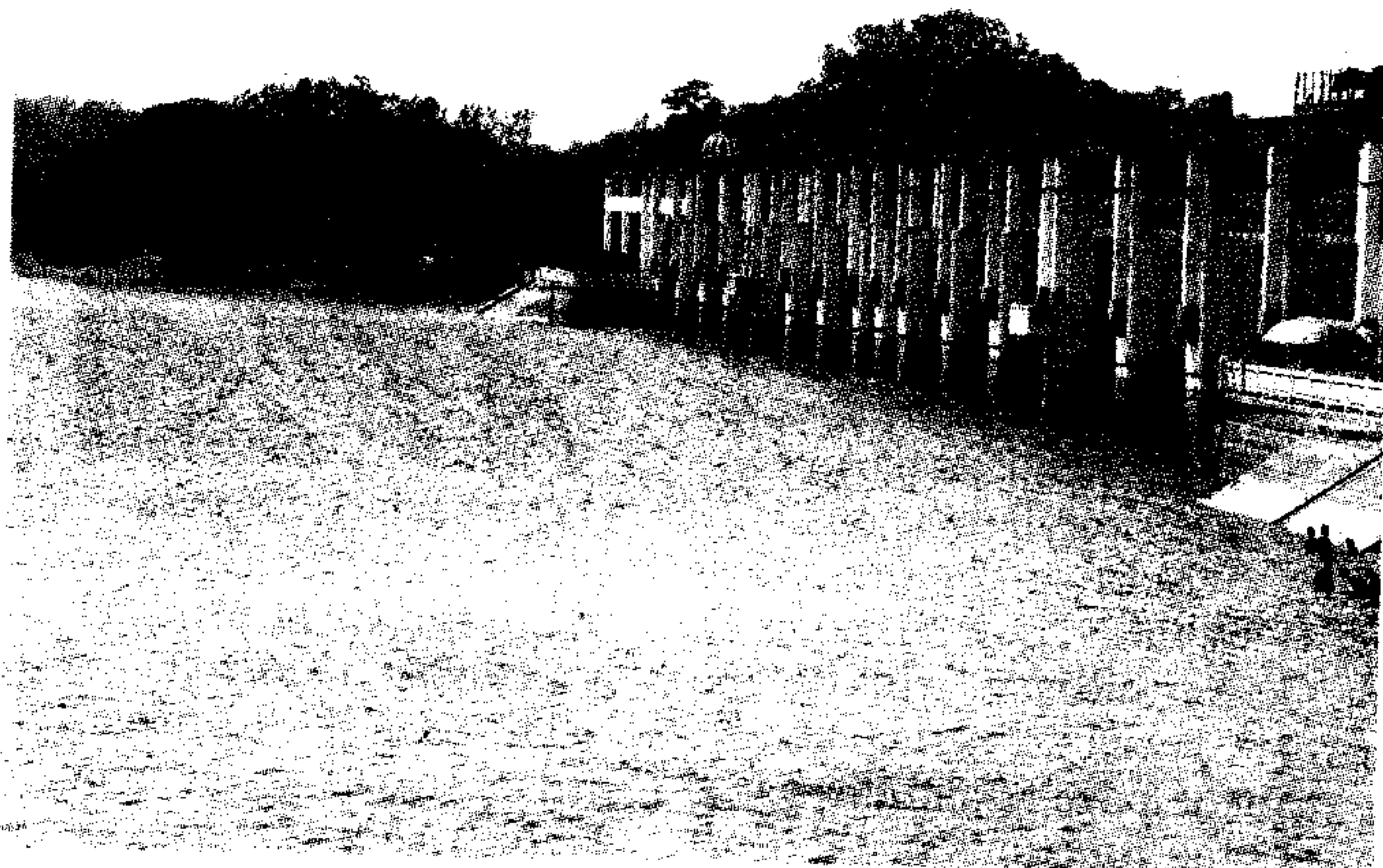
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## Poondi reservoir sees good inflow



**THIRST QUENCHER:** The inflow of Krishna water into Poondi reservoir has been steady over the last couple of days. — FILE PHOTO: B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

The storage is  
enough to cater to  
the city's need for  
three days

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**CHENNAI:** Poondi reservoir, the prime water storage point for city, has been receiving a steady inflow of Krishna water from Andhra Pradesh for about five days now.

On Monday, the Tamil Nadu entry point of the Kandaleru Poondi canal, which carries Krishna water from Kandaleru reservoir in Andhra Pradesh, received about 330 cusecs of water. Of this, nearly 325 cusecs reached the Poondi reservoir through the 25-km KP canal.

This supply is crucial as most reservoirs supplying water to Chennai are nearly dry and the north-east monsoon is yet to set in. The water gushing from KP canal into Poondi reservoir has been attracting a large number of visitors. Some even fish in these waters.

At present, the reservoir has a storage of about 140 million cubic feet of water against its

capacity of 3,231 mcft. The water body in Poondi has so far received nearly 75 mcft of Krishna water. This is equal to three days of water supply to Chennai at the current rate of about 750-800 million litres a day.

### More inflow expected

Officials of the Water Resources Department said the volume of discharge from Kandaleru reservoir is being steadily increased and is likely to go up to 1,000 cusecs. "Only a minimal volume is being diverted for the drinking water needs of Tirupati and Kalahasti. We are expecting the inflow into Poondi reservoir to increase to 500 cusecs by Tuesday or Wednesday," said an official.

However, only 70 cusecs is being released for city water supply as the water level is lower than the level of link canal, which carries water to other reservoirs. "Only when the water level raises in the reservoir, we can send the entire volume to the other water bodies," said an official.

Meanwhile, the department is also carrying out improvement work on the bund of Poondi reservoir and link canal.