

Over 200 killed as 7.5 magnitude quake jolts Pakistan, Afghanistan

Epicentre near Jurm in northeast Afghanistan, 12 girls killed in stampede to flee school building

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KABUL/PESHA WAR, OCTOBER 26

A MAJOR earthquake struck the remote Afghan northeast on Monday, killing more than 200 people in Afghanistan and nearby northern Pakistan, injuring hundreds and sending shockwaves as far as New Delhi, officials said.

The death toll could climb in coming days because communications were down in much of the rugged Hindu Kush mountain range where the quake was centred.

In one of the worst incidents, at least 12 girls were killed in a stampede to flee their school building in Taloqan, just west of Badakhshan province where the tremor's epicentre was located.

"They fell under the feet of other students," said Abdul Razaq Zinda, provincial head of the Afghan National Disaster Management Agency, who reported heavy damage in Takhar.

Shockwaves were felt in New Delhi in northern India and across northern Pakistan, where hundreds of people ran out of buildings as the ground rolled beneath them. No deaths were reported in India.

"We were very scared ... We saw people leaving buildings, and we were remembering our God," Pakistani journalist Zubair Khan said by telephone from the Swat Valley northwest of the capital Islamabad.

"I was in my car and, when I stopped my car, the car itself was shaking as if someone was pushing it back and forth."

The quake was 213 km (132 miles) deep and centred 254 km (158 miles) northeast of Kabul in Badakhshan province. The U.S. Geological Survey initially measured the



Rescue workers carry a girl who was injured after the earthquake at a hospital in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, Monday. Reuters

magnitude at 7.7, then revised it down to 7.5.

Just over a decade ago, a 7.6 magnitude quake in another part of northern Pakistan killed about 75,000 people.

In Afghanistan, where rescue and relief work is likely to be complicated by security

threats created by an escalating Taliban insurgency, at least 52 people were reported dead in several provinces. In addition to the 12 schoolgirls in Takhar, officials said seven people died in the eastern province of Nangarhar, two in Nuristan province in the

northeast, 22 in eastern Kunar province and nine in Badakhshan, where hundreds were killed in mudslides last year.

Hundreds of houses were also destroyed, creating additional hardship, with cold weather setting in. **REUTERS**

Fresh snowfall blocks Manali-Rohtang road

OUR CORRESPONDENT

KULLU, OCTOBER 26

A fresh spell of snowfall in the upper reaches of Kullu today blocked the Manali-Rohtang road. The 13,050-ft high Rohtang Pass, gateway to the Lahaul valley on Manali-Leh National Highway, experienced around 5 inches of fresh snowfall, while lower reaches were lashed by rainfall in the morning.

The rains in the lower reaches and snowfall at the mountain peaks of Kullu valley have brought a chill in the atmosphere in the entire valley. Bhuntar today recorded a minimum temperature of 12.6 deg C and Manali recorded a low of 4 deg C.

Lahaul and Spiti Deputy Commissioner Hans Raj Chauhan said that in the wake of recent rainfall and snowfall in Baralacha and Kunzum Pass, commuters have been advised to avoid travelling on the Darcha-Leh road.

However, the rains did not



Manali hills after fresh snowfall on Monday.

PHOTO: JAI KUMAR

hamper the movement of residents and tourists for Dasehra at Kullu, who had a gala time enjoying the famous Kullu Natti termed "Pride of Kullu".

The rains were also welcomed by the orchardists of the valley, as they claim that mild showers at this time of the year were beneficial for the vegeta-

bles and fruits.

There were no reports of any major losses due to the inclement weather, while road connectivity in some remote regions of the district was reportedly hampered due to landslides. The showers also did not hamper the routine flights from Kullu airport at Bhuntar to Delhi.

266 dead, 1,600 hurt as quake pummels A

7.5 TEMBLOR With 140 deaths, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa worst hit

AFZAL KHAN AND AGENCIES

ISLAMABAD/KABUL, OCTOBER 26 A powerful 7.5 magnitude earthquake killed 266 persons in South Asia, including 12 girls who were crushed in a stampede while trying to flee their collapsing school in Afghanistan, today. Around 200 deaths have been reported in Pakistan, 63 in Afghanistan and three in India. Over 1,600 persons have been injured.

The epicentre of the earthquake was near Jurm in north-east Afghanistan, around 250 km from Kabul, at a depth of 213.5 km, the US Geological Survey said.

In Pakistan, the death toll in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and parts of Punjab exceeded 200, while more reports of casualties continued to trickle in from far-flung northern areas.

The worst affected was Khyber Pakhtunkhwa area where over 140 persons have died, mostly because of house collapses. Chitral, Swat, Mansehra, Gilgit Baltistan were hit hard. Over 1,300 persons were reportedly injured in Pakistan.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Parvez Khattak said more casualties were being reported from far-flung areas, particularly Chitral and Swat. He, however, claimed that enough relief material, including food and medicines, was available with the provincial authorities. He said he was flying to Swat to take stock of the situation.

Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, who stayed back in London while returning from Washington on Friday, called up Khattak from London and inquired about the latest situation in the province.

Modi, US offer help to Sharif, Ghani

■ PM Narendra Modi called up Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and Pakistan PM Nawaz Sharif offering assistance

■ "President Ghani told me that a school building collapsed and children lost their lives. I was very pained to hear this," said Modi

■ He mourned the loss of life in Pakistan and offered help to Premier Nawaz Sharif

■ A White House official said: "We offer our deepest condolences to those who have been affected by the earthquake. We stand ready to provide any assistance that is needed."

He assured him all support from the federal government.

The Pakistani premier has cut short his stay in London and left for Islamabad where he is expected to reach later tonight. At least 63 persons were confirmed dead in Afghanistan. Officials, however, said the toll was set to rise. "Exact numbers are not known because phone lines are down and communication has been cut off in many areas," said Afghanistan's chief executive Abdullah Abdullah.

At least 12 schoolgirls were trampled to death in a northern Afghan province. "The students rushed out of the school building in Takuqan city (capital of Takhar), triggering a stampede," Takhar education department chief Enayat Naweed said.



A man walks past the rubble of a house damaged in the quake in Swat, Pakistan, on Monday; and (right) an injured schoolgirl. AGENCIES

Three killed in J&K; North India rattled

AZHAR QADRI AND VIBHA SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR/NEW DELHI, OCT 26

The earthquake triggered panic among people in Jammu and Kashmir who rushed out of their houses and offices. Two women suffered heart attacks and died in north Kashmir's Baramulla and south Kashmir's Anantnag district becoming the only earthquake-linked casualties in the Valley, Kashmir's Divisional Commission Asgar Samoon said.

Teenager Mohammad Ashraf died in Reasi district of Jammu division after he fell from a hill during the earthquake.

Besides Jammu and Kashmir, the earthquake, categorised as "great" by the India Meteorological Department, also shook far-off regions in North India, including Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh.

The intensity of today's earthquake was reminiscent of the devastating earthquake of October 2005 that claimed thousands of lives. At the Srinagar's civil secretariat, which houses the headquarters of the state government and offices of ministers, security personnel got the sprawling complex vacated



Reasi's Bhimgarh Fort was damaged in the earthquake. TRIBUNE PHOTO

as soon as tremors were felt, employees said.

Altaf Hussain of Srinagar said he was on the third-floor of a hospital in the city when

the quake struck. It was like witnessing death from close quarters, he said. Mobile telephone network was

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EYE WITNESSES RECOUNT HORROR, EARTHQUAKE TOLL TOUCHES 150, QUAKE STRUCK AT AROUND 2:09 PM IN BADAKSHAN

DAWN/ANN & AGENCIES

Islamabad/Peshawar/Kabul, 26 October

Ahsun Akhtar, a 51-year-old trader from Islamabad, was sitting in his show-room when he saw three cars parked on the footpath rattling. He knew it was an earthquake, but could not grasp the intensity of the tremor till people rushed out of the neighbouring buildings crying for help and chanting from the Quran.

"I was surrounded by a lot of people in the market, when the earthquake struck. We were waiting for the tremors to stop but they went on uninterruptedly. There was pin-drop silence on the streets the whole while. The fact that the phones were not working added to my panic because I couldn't reach anyone home," said Mohammad Azam Khan, a resident of Islamabad.

Nearly 150 people were killed and more than 800 injured when a 7.5-magnitude earthquake struck major cities in Pakistan, including the northern areas, at 2.09 pm on Monday. The tremor was centred in the province of Badakhshan in the Hindu Kush mountain range in Afghanistan's far north at a depth of 130 miles (210 km). Forty minutes after the first earthquake, an aftershock of 4.8 magnitude was reported from the same area and

QUAKE TIMELINE

- September 24, 2013
Massive earthquake in Balochistan kills 800
- April 4, 2013
An 5.4 magnitude earthquake in Northern Areas of Pakistan
- February 17, 2013
A 5.5-magnitude earthquake struck the northern areas of Pakistan
- December 29, 2012
A 5.8-magnitude earthquake in Hindu Kush region of Afghanistan
- July 18, 2012: A earthquake measuring 5.7 magnitude epicentred in Koh Hindukush
- July 12, 2012
A 6.1 magnitude earthquake affected northern areas of Islamabad, Rawalpindi, KP & Punjab

were expected to continue. At least 18 people were killed in Peshawar city, according to politico Mush-taq Ghani while eight people, including women and children, were killed in Swat and four people in Bajaur tribal region after buildings collapsed in the area. An eight-year-old child was killed in Kallar Kahar, whereas a casualty was also reported from Kasur after the roof of a house collapsed. A 14-year-old child died in the

Islamgarh area of Azad Jammu and Kashmir's Mirpur region in a school wall collapse. A wall collapsed in Sargodha, killing one and injuring 10, while three were injured in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Thirteen people were killed in Chitral, closest to the epicentre of the earthquake. A child reportedly died when the roof of a house collapsed in Raja Bazaar area of Rawalpindi. At least 194 injured were brought to Swat's Saidu Sharif Teaching Hospital, which does not have adequate medical facilities and more than 100 wounded were admitted to Peshawar's Lady Reading Hospital.

The tremors were felt in all major cities, including Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Peshawar, Quetta, Kohat and Malakand.

The disaster response force is on standby and a code red has been imposed, Director General Rescue Punjab Retd Brig Dr Ashraf Zia said. Communication services have been disrupted in Islamabad, where walls swayed back and forth and people poured out of office buildings in a panic, reciting verses from the Holy Quran. Afghanistan's CEO Abdullah Abdullah said reports of damage and injuries were coming in from Afghanistan's northeast. "Disasters authorities to meet within the hour and respond to the needs," he tweeted.

FIRST PERSONS

Karachi/Peshawar, 26 October As soon as an earthquake of 7.5 magnitude jolted parts of Pakistan, Afghanistan and India on Monday afternoon, eyewitness accounts started pouring on the internet. Some personal updates

Faisal Farooq, 28, Rawalpindi

'I was in my apartment on the third floor near Commercial market in Rawalpindi, and I literally felt death. The building was moving like a swing. My legs are still shivering'



Rida Maria, 22 Rawalpindi

I was in my MBBS class at Foundation University Medical College. Suddenly, I felt my chair shake. It was a massive jolt. All of my classmates left the class and gathered in the courtyard of the university. I did not return.



Bilal Shah, 30, Islamabad:

I was drinking tea in my office when I felt two big jolts under my feet. At first, I thought it was an ordinary tremor, but then suddenly, I heard the windows rattle and I rushed out of the building of my office. It was scary.



12 Afghan schoolgirls killed in stampede to flee quake

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
Kabul, 25 October

At least 18 people, including 12 schoolgirls, were killed after a powerful earthquake jolted northeastern Afghanistan today, officials said, warning that the toll was expected to rise.

The girls were killed when a stampede broke out in their school in Taluqan city, the capital of the remote province of Takhar.

"The students rushed to escape the school building, triggering a stampede," Takhar education department chief Enayat Naweed told AFP.

"Twelve students, all minors, were killed and 35 others were injured."

Separately, in Nangarhar province, bordering Pakistan, six people were killed and 69 others were injured, Najeib Kamawal, head of the local public hospital told AFP.

Nangyalay Yousufzai, the head of Nangarhar Red Crescent Society, gave a higher death toll of seven. "Some people are trapped under debris in some districts of Nangarhar province," Yousufzai said.

"This is not the final toll -- it is expected to keep rising."

SCHOOL TRAGEDY



1 The girls were killed when a stampede broke out after a powerful earthquake in their school in Taluqan city, the capital of the remote province of Takhar

2 The students rushed to escape the school building, triggering a stampede," Takhar education department chief Enayat Naweed told AFP

A powerful 7.5 magnitude quake struck Afghanistan's Hindu Kush region and was felt throughout much of South Asia, killing 150 people and injuring more than 800, with fears the death toll could rise substantially.

The US Geological Survey put the epicentre near Jurm in Badakhshan province, neighbouring Takhar, at a depth of 213.5 kilometres.

Thousands of frightened people rushed into the streets across Afghanistan, Pakistan and India as the quake rocked a swathe of the sub-continent.

EU, BALKAN NATIONS AGREE ON A NEW ACTION PLAN FOR REFUGEES

Berlin, 26 October: The EU has agreed on an action plan to help Greece and Balkan nations to cope with the raging refugee crisis by setting up new reception centres for up to 100,000 migrants, who are escaping war and poverty in their countries.

The leaders of ten EU countries and three non-EU nations also agreed at an emergency meeting in Brussels last night to send 400 additional police officers to support Slovenia, which has been overwhelmed by the number of refugees crossing into the country from Croatia.

They also agreed to deploy EU's border security agency Frontex's staff along the border between Greece, Macedonia, Albania and Serbia.

The meeting was attended by German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Croatian Prime Minister Zoran Milanovic, Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban, Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras and leaders of other countries along the migrants route to western Europe and Scandinavian countries.

Reception centres for 50,000 persons will be opened in Greece, which has been experiencing a sharp increase in the number of migrants crossing into the country from Turkey.

The Greek government will open reception centres for 30,000 people by the end of this year and the United

Opted out because I 'couldn't win': Biden

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
Washington, 26 October

US Vice President Joe Biden has said he decided not to run for president because he realised he "couldn't win", days after announcing that there was too little time to "mount a winning campaign" for the 2016 polls.

"I'll be very blunt, if I thought we could've put together the campaign that our supporters deserve and our contributors deserved I'll -- I would have gone ahead and done it," Biden said on '60 Minutes' programme on CBS news.

"(I think, I) couldn't win," he said.

In the wide-ranging interview, his first since announcing he would not contest the presidential election, the

72-year-old Biden explained he took quite a time to take the decision.

"Because it took that long for us to decide as a family. Look, dealing with the loss of Beau, any parent listening who's lost a child, knows that you can't -- it doesn't follow schedules of primaries and caucuses and contributors and the like. It just -- you -- and everybody grieves at a different pace," he said.

He is the second consecutive American Vice President to not run for presidency. Biden's predecessor, Dick Cheney, also did not run in the 2008 election to succeed George W Bush.

Biden, who lost his son Beau in May at the age of 46 of brain cancer, put his election plans on hold while grieving.

"I've said from the beginning that I don't know whether our ability to deal with the loss of Beau would reach a point where we could do that before time ran out. And there was nothing we could control," he said.

Biden also sought to dispel rumours that his late son had made a last-minute plea to him to run for president.

"Beau all along thought that I should run and I could win. But there was not what was sort of made out as kind of this Hollywood-esque thing that at the last minute Beau grabbed my hand and said, 'Dad, you've got to run, like, win one for the Gipper. It wasn't anything like that,'" Biden said with wife Jill by his side during the interview.

Jill said she was disap-

pointed about the decision.

"I think I was disappointed. I mean, I thought Joe would be a great president. And you know I've seen his -- in the 40 years we've been together, I've seen, you know, the strength of his character, his optimism, you know, his hope," she said.

Biden said President Barack Obama supported his decision and "he knew how close it was, what was going on. And I said, 'I'm going to go out and announce it this morning or early afternoon.'"

Biden said that Obama told him that he would be "proud to stand with you."

Biden, in a surprise announcement last week, said he would not run for president.

'UK jihadis' disguising as tourists to enter Syria

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
London, 26 October

Aspiring British jihadis wanting to join ISIS are disguising themselves as tourists and reportedly entering Syria through Cyprus where a "travel agent" of the terror group facilitates their onward journey. British jihadis lured into joining Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) are being smuggled in through the sunshine island of Cyprus.

Starting their journey on budget flights to the holiday destination, they then travel into Turkish-controlled Northern Cyprus. There, they hand over up to 1,000 pounds to fishermen who are willing to take them across the Mediterranean

and drop them on the Syrian coastline under cover of darkness, The Mirror reported.

"It's difficult to put firm numbers on it -- I'd estimate many dozens of people from the UK have used this route to reach the caliphate. It's a simple business contract, the deals are carried out in cash -- always cash. Everyone knows what is going on. But it's never spoken about," a source was quoted as saying by the daily. Last week the British government announced a major crackdown on people heading from the UK to fight for ISIS. Would-be jihadis first make contact with a man in Northern Cyprus known as "the ISIS travel agent", the report said.

RESEARCH SAYS THE EARTH IS AN INTERCONNECTED SYSTEM, WHERE QUAKE CAN CREATE A CASCADING SEQUENCE

Quakes can alter earth's crust

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Washington, 26 October

Earthquakes can change elastic properties of the Earth's crust up to 6,000 kilometres away, altering its ability to withstand stresses for up to a few weeks, a new study has found. The research demonstrates that the Earth is a dynamic and interconnected system, where one large earthquake can create a cascading sequence of events thousands of kilometres away, researchers said.

"Earthquakes can fundamentally change the elastic properties of the Earth's crust in regions

up to 6,000 kilometres away, altering its ability to withstand stresses for a period of up to a few weeks," said Kevin Chao, a postdoc in Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences and a member of a research team led by Andrew Delorey at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

When a surface wave from an earthquake some way off passes through another fault region, it changes the balance between the frictional properties that keep the surfaces locked together, the elasticity that allows the crust to withstand



strain, and the stress state that can cause it to fail, Chao said.

"When surface waves pass through, all of these properties rearrange and change. If a fault with high stress is ready to fail, it will accumulate more stresses in the

fault, meaning an earthquake could occur at any time," Chao said.

In the new research, published in the journal Science Advances, scientists studied the 2012 earthquake off the coast of North Sumatra in the Indian Ocean.

The earthquake, which had a magnitude of 8.6, is known to have been followed by two earthquakes in Japan with a magnitude greater than 5.5. The researchers studied data from strain metre readings, GPS equipment, and information on seismicity or the number of small-magnitude earthquakes in the region, as well as the migration of the earthquakes.

They found that the two triggered quakes with a magnitude of greater than 5.5 were part of a cluster of activity in the area in the days after the Indian Ocean event.

"When the Indian

Ocean earthquake occurred, the surface wave passed through the northeast of Japan, and the seismicity in the region was suddenly triggered," Chao said.

This region of the Earth's crust was already critically stressed following the major Japanese earthquake of 2011, so the additional stress, albeit temporary, caused by the surface wave passing through, was enough to trigger another cluster of quakes. When a fault fails and an earthquake occurs, it also pushes into the neighboring region, reducing the available space and compressing the crust.

Nations refugee agency UNHCR will provide another 20,000 places, European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker said at the conclusion of the meeting.

Additional reception centres for 50,000 persons will come up in the Balkans countries, which became popular routes for the refugees heading to Germany and Scandinavia after Hungary sealed its border with Serbia and Croatia.

In a 17-point plan agreed at the meeting, the participants committed themselves to provide shelter for the refugees along the Balkans route, to register them and to name a contact person at the highest level for exchange of information, Juncker told a news conference.

There has been a broad agreement among the participants that the flow of refugees along the Balkans route must be properly managed, he said.

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Title : 7.5 quake in Hindu Kush kills 200 in Pak & Af, 4 in India

Author : Omer Farooq Khan

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Modi Calls Up Sharif & Ghani, Offers Help

A 7.5 magnitude earthquake, centered in the Hindu Kush mountains, hit northern Afghanistan and Pakistan killing around 200 people on Monday , with authorities fearing the death toll could rise as the true extent of damage could take several more hours to establish.

Pakistan was the worst hit with 143 fatalities. The temblor struck exactly 10 years after a quake had flattened northern parts of the country and killed 73,000 in 2005.

Four deaths were reported in India, including three in Srinagar.

PM Narendra Modi called up Pakistan PM Nawaz Sharif and Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and offered assistance besides condolences for the loss of lives. Officials said 131 people were killed in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province and tribal regions bordering Afghanistan. The earthquake was centered in Afghanistan's Jurm, about 257km northeast of Kabul. The United States Geological Survey said Monday's quake was 212.5km deep, which limited the damage the temblor caused. Reports said at least 194 injured were brought to Swat's Saidu Sharif Teaching Hospital, which does not have adequate facilities. Three people were killed in Pakistan occupied Kashmir and five each in Punjab and Gilgit-Baltistan.

People poured into the streets as buildings shook for at least two minutes in major cities like Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Peshawar and Quetta. An emergency was declared in the country and army was ordered to join the rescuers.

“Spoke to PM Nawaz Sharif & expressed condolences on the loss of lives due to the quake. Offered all possible assistance from India,” Modi tweeted. Earlier, he spoke to Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani and offered condolences, offering ready assistance where required. Landslides and collapse of roads and bridges were reported from remote mountainous regions of Chitral, Swat and Gilgit-Baltistan, and Pakistan-China Karakoram highway was blocked at five places. “We were just waiting for the tremors to stop but they went on uninterruptedly . There was pin-drop silence on the streets,” said Azam Khan, an Islamabad-resident.

For the full report, log on to <http://www.timesofindia.com>





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A boy who was injured during the earthquake leans on his father's shoulder after receiving first aid in Mingora, Pakistan

- Most victims from Pakistan. **Authorities confirm 131 deaths** but **sources say over 200 dead**
- **4 killed in India**, including 3 in Srinagar. Several injured in J&K, Himachal and Uttarakhand
- At least **12 Afghan girls**

crushed in stampede as kids rush out of school building

- Quake struck at 2.39pm IST, centred in Hindu Kush region. Epicentre 212km below ground, which cushioned impact. It was followed by at least **3 aftershocks**

The Times of India

Title : In the throes of sheer panic for 30 secs

Author : Shilpy Arora

Location :

Gurgaon

Article Date : 10/27/2015

Gurgaon Building Audit Planned After Nepal Earthquake Still To Take Off

A structural audit of buildings commissioned by the Municipal Corporation of Gurgaon in May , after tremors from the Nepal earthquake shook the highrise-dense city , is yet to start.

Since May 15, when this three-member committee headed by an executive engineer was formed, only one house has been examined, that too because a complaint had been filed with the MCG.

On Monday , as the city was rattled by strong tremors more powerful than those in April and May, the administration faced searching questions on its preparedness and willingness, to deal with calamities.

Gurgaon, like the rest of NCR, is in the 'high risk' Seismic Zone IV , and sits on an intersection of seven fault lines. The city has become home to NCR's new population and has 1,500 housing societies, most of which are mid-rise or highrise buildings, not to mention the hundreds of blue-chip offices that have given Gurgaon the 'Millennium City' moniker.

The Haryana government has also failed to implement an emergency response plan and safety measures suggested by the National Disaster Management Authority .

In June, the district administration had rolled out a plan to draft a Gurgaon-specific disaster management programme, but that too has not been implemented. The programme was expected to focus on availability of camping areas, drainage patterns, congested areas and areas with multi-ha zard vulnerability to prepare a disaster response plan.

A 3D mapping exercise, to identify emergency exits of buildings, has also met with similar indifference. Only 3 buildings--Sheetla Mata temple the mini secretariat and Vikas Sadan -have been mapped.

“Nature is warning us,” said Abhay Shrivastava, head of disaster management, Haryana Institute of Public Administration. “It is high time the administration worked out a concrete plan for earthquake management. For Gurgaon, we need to do at least two things-analyse land use for commercial buildings, highrises and heavy industries and conduct a structural audit,” he added.

Residents on Monday complained that Gurgaon still did not have a central helpline number for emergencies. Additional DCP Vinay Pratap Singh agreed it was an urgent need. “Cities need dedicated helplines in situations like an earthquake. We are establishing a special reception centre-1077,” Singh said.

His claim was met with scepticism. “The government is doing lip service,” said Sandeep Shah, a structural engineer. “It makes announcements but is not bothered about public safety . It didn't even follow the Supreme Court's 2014 order to label buildings as NDMA guidelines on earthquake resistance. It is due to lack of will and their vested interest with the builder lobby ,” Shah added.

Deputy commissioner TL Satyaprakash, who heads the Gurgaon administration, said 100 engineers were trained for this. “There is still a lot to do. We also need to create a platform to educate people on precautionary measures during natural disasters,” he said.

MCG commissioner Vikas Gupta wasn't available for comment, but an officer in the civic body said even the MCG's office building had not undergone a structural audit.

Sanjay Chauhan



OVERWHELMED BY NATURE: This was a common sight at many residential societies across NCR

The Times of India

Title : HEALTH ISSUE - Tremors set off anxiety attacks in city's highrises

Author : DurgeshNandan Jha

Location :

New Delhi

Article Date : 10/27/2015

The NCR may not have witnessed any casualty or damage due to the tremors on Monday but it caused widespread panic, anxiety and fear.

Nandita Sen, who works in a multinational company in Gurgaon, said the highrise she works in was shaking when the earthquake hit. "I rushed down from the 24th floor along with other staff. There was immense panic. One colleague nearly fainted and was later complaining of dizziness," she said.

Somdev Mukherjee, 30, was at his home on the 21st floor of Amrapali Platinum Apartments in Sector 119, Noida, when the building began to shake. "My head started spinning as I rushed downstairs. Another resident who lives on the same floor was vomiting and an ambulance had to be called," he said.

A case report published in Delhi Psychiatry Journal of a 19-year-old boy from the capital, in the aftermath of the Nepal earthquake, highlights the seriousness of an anxiety disorder in such cases. Doctors said the boy, who reported at the psychiatric OPD at GTB Hospital, complained about feeling tremors repeatedly.

"He remained apprehensive about the earthquake and was not able to go to college as the severe anxiety attacks would reoccur. He would keep looking at walls and fans in fear they might fall for two days. On the third day, he was rushed to the emergency where doctors gave him anti-anxiety drug Alprazolam," states the report. "This case is unique and interesting, firstly because it was from an area which only suffered minor aftershocks with no damage at all and secondly, because of the symptomatology."

According to Dr Vivek Nangia, head of the emergency services at Fortis, Vasant Kunj, counselling helps reduce panic and anxiety.

"In western countries, there is an orientation programme for those living or working in highrises. It focuses on educating inhabitants about emergency exits and ways to stay safe during a crisis like an earthquake," says Nangia. "This is very important and the authorities should follow the same practice in India to reduce the panic since highrises are not uncommon anymore."

Many people also suffer from anxiety symptoms if they are not able to connect with relatives in an area of high-impact. "We have many patients from Pakistan and Afghanistan. They were panic-struck when news of the earthquake flashed. Our hospital staff helped them keep calm and connect with their relatives at the earliest," said Dr Sameer Malhotra, director of the mental health and behavioural sciences unit at Max Hospital, Saket.

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People poured into the streets as buildings shook for at least two minutes in major cities like Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Peshawar and Quetta. An emergency was declared in the country and army was ordered to join the rescuers.

“Spoke to PM Nawaz Sharif & expressed condolences on the loss of lives due to the quake. Offered all possible assistance from India,” Modi tweeted. Earlier, he spoke to Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani and offered condolences, offering ready assistance where required. Landslides and collapse of roads and bridges were reported from remote mountainous regions of Chitral, Swat and Gilgit-Baltistan, and Pakistan-China Karakoram highway was blocked at five places. “We were just waiting for the tremors to stop but they went on uninterruptedly . There was pin-drop silence on the streets,” said Azam Khan, an Islamabad-resident.

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A boy who was injured during the earthquake leans on his father's shoulder after receiving first aid in Mingora, Pakistan

- Most victims from Pakistan. **Authorities confirm 131 deaths** but **sources say over 200** dead
- **4 killed in India**, including 3 in Srinagar. Several injured in J&K, Himachal and Uttarakhand
- At least **12 Afghan girls**

crushed in stampede as kids rush out of school building

- Quake struck at 2.39pm IST, centred in Hindu Kush region. Epicentre 212km below ground, which cushioned impact. It was followed by at least **3 aftershocks**

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Hindu Kush quake rocks subcontinent

NATURE'S FURY Over 215 people killed in Afghanistan and Pakistan, with earthquake registering magnitude of 7.5, resulting in buildings shaking from Kabul to Delhi. Officials in both countries declared a situation of emergency

KABUL: A deadly earthquake hit northern Afghanistan and Pakistan on Monday, registering a preliminary magnitude of 7.5 and causing heavy damage in one of the world's most impoverished and war-torn regions.

At least 215 people were reported killed, with 150 or more of them in Pakistan, and that figure seemed likely to rise significantly, officials in both countries said.

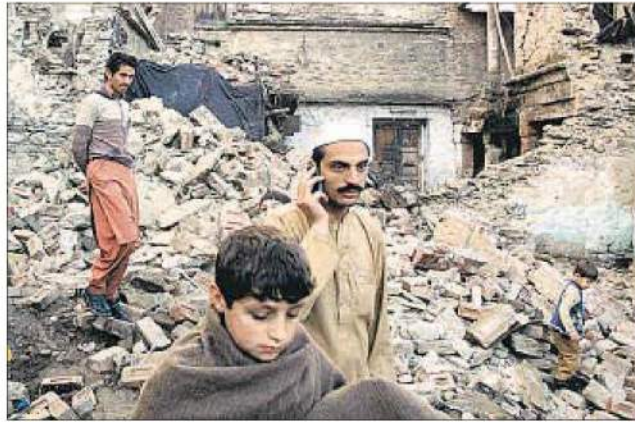
The quake, which struck at 1.39 pm local time, was centered in the Hindu Kush mountain range, about 28 miles southwest of the district of Jurm in Afghanistan and about 160 miles northeast of Kabul, the Afghan capital. The quake's depth was reported at 132 miles, the US Geological Survey said, and its effects were felt as far away as New Delhi.

Officials in both countries declared emergencies, and military units were ordered to join in the response. In Pakistan, provincial authorities in the city of Peshawar said that at least 63 people had been killed in surrounding Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province. Severe tolls were also expected in other remote regions of the north, including in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas, but no immediate confirmation of exact numbers was available because a breakdown in communications systems.

Reverberations were felt across several provinces in Afghanistan, particularly in northern areas that had already been in turmoil because of a widespread Taliban offensive. There, too, the shaking damaged communication lines, making initial damage difficult to assess. Hospital officials in Swat said at least 250 people had been brought for treatment by Monday evening.

Landslides were reported in the regions of Gilgit and Chitral, as boulders fell on to the roads, cutting off many areas with rest of the country. In Punjab province, 10 people were wounded when a school wall collapsed in Sargodha.

In Afghanistan, the country's chief executive, Abdullah Abdullah, called an emergency meeting of senior officials to respond to the disaster. **NYT**



(Above)
Residents walk past the rubble of a house after it was damaged by the earthquake in Mingora, Swat, Pakistan. Rescue workers move a girl at a hospital, who was injured in Jalalabad, Afghanistan. **REUTERS**

TREMBLING TERRAIN

The earthquake centred near Jurm in Afghanistan, near the Hindu Kush, 250 km from the capital Kabul and at a depth of 213.5 km, the USGS has said.



MAJOR EARTHQUAKES IN THE PAST 30 YRS

April 25, 2015: A 7.8 magnitude quake in Nepal kills almost 8,900 people and destroys about half a million homes.

March 11, 2011: Nearly 18,900 are killed when a tsunami triggered by a massive magnitude 9.0 undersea quake slams into the northeast coast of Japan, triggering a nuclear crisis at the Fukushima Daiichi atomic plant.

January 12, 2010: Magnitude 7.0 quake hits Haiti, leaving 250,000-300,000 dead.

May 12, 2008: A quake measuring 8.0 hits China's southwest province of Sichuan, leaving more than 87,000 people dead.

May 27, 2006: A powerful quake in Indonesia's Yogyakarta region kills 6,000 and leaves 1.5 million homeless.

October 8, 2005: An earthquake of 7.6 kills more than 75,000

people, the vast majority of them in Pakistan's North West Frontier Province and the PoK. Some 3.5 million are displaced.

December 26, 2004: A massive undersea earthquake off the coast of Sumatra island triggers a tsunami which kills 220,000 in countries around the Indian Ocean.

January 26, 2001: A massive 7.7 earthquake hits the western Indian state of Gujarat, killing 25,000 people and injuring 166,000.

September 30, 1993: A 6.3-magnitude quake hits the western Indian state of Maharashtra, killing 7,601.

August 20, 1988: A magnitude 6.8 quake hits eastern Nepal, killing 721 people in Nepal and at least 277 in the neighbouring Indian state of Bihar.

SOURCE: AFP

12 Afghan schoolgirls killed in stampede triggered by quake

KABUL: At least a dozen schoolgirls were trampled to death in the remote northern Afghan province of Takhar, in the most horrifying tragedy to emerge so far from a quake that rocked parts of South Asia Monday, killing at least 180 people.

Bystanders rushed the dazed

and terrified girls to hospital, many lying limp in the arms of their rescuers, after a deadly stampede broke out as the students tried to flee their classrooms as the quake hit. "The students rushed to escape the school building in Talugan city after the terrifying quake, triggering a stampede," Takhar education

department chief Enayat Naweed told AFP.

The twelve students of Bibi Hajra high school killed were all under 16. "When the aggrieved relatives of the dead students came to collect their bodies, they were so distressed that they could not even talk to authorities to record

their names," said Hafizullah Safai, head of the Takhar health department.

The powerful 7.5 magnitude quake struck Afghanistan's Hindu Kush region and was felt across parts of South Asia, with fears the death toll could rise substantially. Afghan officials have so far con-

firmed 33 fatalities in the provinces of Badakhshan, where the epicentre is located, as well as in Takhar, Nangarhar and Baghlan.

Given the difficulty in accessing most of these areas because of the rugged terrain, it could be days before the full impact of the quake is known. **AFP**

भूकंप से हड़कंप

पाकिस्तान में 150 मरे, अफगानिस्तान में 40 की मौत

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भाषा, वार्ता/इस्लामाबाद

अफगानिस्तान से उठे भूकम्प ने ऐसा हड़कंप मचाया कि पाकिस्तान और भारत सिहर उठे। अकेले पाकिस्तान में अब तक 150 लोगों के मारे जाने की खबर है जबकि 40 लोग अफगानिस्तान में मारे गए हैं। अपुष्ट सूत्रों के अनुसार अब तक 300 लोग मरे हैं और 2000 से ज्यादा घायल हैं। सबसे ज्यादा तबाही पाकिस्तान के उत्तरी हिस्से और अफगानिस्तान के अंदरूनी इलाकों में हुई। जम्मू-कश्मीर में 3 लोगों के मारे जाने की खबर है लिहाजा लोग दहशत में हैं। हालांकि पूरा उत्तर भारत भी भूकम्प के झटकों से थर्रा उठा। प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी ने पाक पीएम नवाज शरीफ से इस हादसे के लिए अफसोस व्यक्त किया जबकि अफगानिस्तान को मदद की पेशकश भी की। सरकार ने प्रभावित इलाकों में राहत अभियान के लिए सैनिकों को रवाना किया है। 'यूएस जियोलोजिकल सर्वे' के अनुसार 7.5 तीव्रता वाले भूकंप का केन्द्र काबुल से 250 किलोमीटर दूर उत्तर पूर्वी अफगानिस्तान के जुर्म के

करीब 213.5 किलोमीटर की गहराई में स्थित था।

पाकिस्तानी सेना के प्रमुख जनरल राहील शरीफ खैबर पखूनखा की राजधानी पेशावर के लिए रवाना हो गए हैं जहां वह बचाव अभियान की निगरानी करेंगे। सेना ने एक बयान जारी कर यह जानकारी दी है। पाकिस्तानी मीडिया के अनुसार खैबर पखूनखा प्रांत और संघ प्रशासित क्षेत्र (फाटा) में 121 लोग मारे गए हैं, जबकि पंजाब प्रांत में पांच और पाकिस्तान के कब्जे वाले कश्मीर में 4 लोगों की मौत हुई है।

प्रांतीय आपदा मोचन प्राधिकरण ने जिला प्रशासन को निर्देश दिया है कि बचाव एवं राहत कोष का इस्तेमाल किया जाए। सभी सरकारी अस्पतालों में आपात स्थिति घोषित की गई है तथा प्रभावित इलाकों में जरूरी वस्तुएं भेज दी गई हैं। खैबर पखूनखा के चितराल, स्वात, शांगला, डीर और बुनेर जिलों में कई इमारतें ढह गई हैं।

पाकिस्तान मौसम विज्ञान विभाग ने कहा कि इस भूकंप का झटका दिन में करीब 2.09 बजे महसूस किया गया। पर्वतीय इलाकों में भूस्खलन की भी जानकारी सामने आ रही है। ऐसे में मरने वालों की संख्या बढ़ने की आशंका है। कराची, लाहौर, इस्लामाबाद, रावलपिंडी, पेशावर, क्वेटा, कोहाट और

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सोमवार की दोपहर आए भीषण भूकम्प से अफगानिस्तान के रमनखील इलाके में सैकड़ों घर पलभर में जमींदोज हो गए। (छाया : एएफपी)

उत्तर भारत थर्राया, लोग सड़कों पर

भाषा/श्रीनगर, नई दिल्ली

रिक्टर स्केल पर 7.5 की तीव्रता के साथ आए जबरदस्त भूकंप से सोमवार को उत्तर भारत दहल उठा। इसमें कश्मीर के सोपोर जिले में दो सैन्यकर्मि घायल हो गए और व्यापक स्तर पर दहशत फैल गई। भूकंप का केंद्र अफगानिस्तान में हिंदूकुश पर्वत

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घरों, दफ्तरों से बाहर

श्रेणी था। यह दोपहर करीब दो बजकर 40 मिनट पर आया। इससे समूचा जम्मू-कश्मीर, दिल्ली

राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र (एनसीआर), पंजाब, उत्तर प्रदेश, उत्तराखंड और राजस्थान दहल गया। इसके अलावा बिहार, गुजरात और मध्य प्रदेश में भी झटके महसूस किए गए।

इसके शीघ्र बाद प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी ने कहा कि भूकंप के मद्देनजर उन्होंने हालात का फौरी मूल्यांकन करने को कहा है और अफगानिस्तान

एवं पाकिस्तान को सहायता की पेशकश की। प्रधानमंत्री ने ट्विटर पर कहा-अफगानिस्तान-पाकिस्तान क्षेत्र में जबरदस्त भूकंप के बारे में सुना जिसके झटके भारत के कुछ हिस्सों में महसूस किए गए। मैं हर किसी की सुरक्षा की प्रार्थना करता हूँ। उन्होंने कहा-मैंने फौरी आकलन

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अश्विनी कुमार
का सम्पादकीय

गीता: पैगाम-ए-मोहब्बत
सम्पादकीय पृष्ठ पर पढ़ें

बारिश और हिमपात से दिल्ली में ठंड

नई दिल्ली/चंडीगढ़, (वार्ता): हिमाचल प्रदेश तथा जम्मू-कश्मीर में ऊंचाई वाले इलाकों में बर्फबारी तथा निचले इलाकों में बारिश हुई और पश्चिमोत्तर में मेघ गर्जन के साथ आई तेज बारिश ने मौसम ठंडा कर दिया। बारिश और हिमपात का दिल्ली पर पूरा असर दिखाई दिया और सुबह से ही हल्की ठिठुरनभरी हवाएं भी चली।

मौसम केन्द्र के अनुसार अगले चौबीस घंटों के दौरान पंजाब में मौसम साफ रहने तथा हरियाणा में अगले 48 घंटों में बारिश अथवा गरज के साथ छींटे पड़ने के आसार हैं। पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों में बारिश तथा बर्फ गिरने की संभावना है। पश्चिमी विक्षोभ के कारण मौसम में अचानक बदलाव आया। चंडीगढ़ तथा इसके आसपास तड़के अंधड़ के साथ बारिश हुई जिससे कई स्थानों पर बिजली तथा टेलीफोन की तारें टूट गयीं तथा होर्डिंग और टिन की छतें नीचे गिर गईं। शहर में तड़के से शुरू हुई बारिश सुबह जाकर रुकी तथा 15.4 मिलीमीटर वर्षा हुई और न्यूनतम पारा 16 डिग्री रहा। अंबाला 3.7 मिमी, करनाल 0.8 मिमी, अमृतसर 0.7 मिमी, लुधियाना 7.9 मिमी, पटियाला 4.8 मिमी वर्षा हुई तथा पारा 16 डिग्री से 17 डिग्री के बीच रहा। हिमाचल प्रदेश में जनजातीय लाहुल स्पीति जिले के जिला मुख्यालय केलांग में तीन सेंटीमीटर हिमपात, लेडी आफ केलांग, सप्तऋषि हिल्स, गोशाल हिल्स, काजा वैली, कुंजुम पास, रोहतांग पास पर औसत हिमपात हुआ। कांगड़ा जिले में धौलाधार की चोटियों, किन्नर कैलाश, श्रीखंड कैलाश पर भी हिमपात हुआ। शिमला में 9.8 मिमी, सुंदरनगर 7.4 मिमी, नाहन 1.8 मिमी, मनाली सात मिमी, धर्मशाला 13 मिमी, भुंतर 2.6 मिमी सहित कई स्थानों पर वर्षा हुई जिससे पारा तेजी से गिरकर चार डिग्री से 14 डिग्री रह गया। शिमला का पारा पांच डिग्री रहा।

Project blocked Yamuna channel

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New Delhi: For the project, a Yamuna channel had been obstructed, the plea said. Despite a strict prohibition on any kind of construction on the floodplains as per previous NGT orders, DDA had allegedly allotted land for batching plants to come up for the project. Cement from the batching plants was polluting the floodplains as well, petitioners pointed out.

Members of Yamuna Jiye Abhiyan (YJA) had earlier written to lieutenant governor Najeeb Jung and water resources ministry secretary Shashi Shekhar, raising concern about batching plants coming up on the floodplains. Batching plants are units where construction material such as cement, sand, fly ash and others are mixed.

As of now, two such sites where batching plants are coming up have been identified — opposite Sarai Kale Khan on the west bank and opposite Mayur Vihar phase 1 on the east bank. YJA members in their letter had said the two sites were risky as these spots under deep water during flooding in Yamuna in 2010 and 2013. It also said the site opposite Mayur Vihar could be developed as a water body under the flood plain restoration plan.

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170 लोगों की मौत हुई
पाकिस्तान और
अफगानिस्तान में

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भूकंप का केंद्र
213 किमी नीचे



मेट्रो सेवा 15
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दिल्ली-एनसीआर में
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का परिचालन 15
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कई यात्री मेट्रो में, तो
कई स्टेशन पर फंसे।

ब्योरा पेज 03

नई दिल्ली/इस्लामाबाद | एजेंसियां

भारत समेत द. एशिया के कई देश सोमवार दोपहर 7.5 तीव्रता वाले भूकंप से दहल गए। इस जोरदार जलजले से पाकिस्तान, अफगानिस्तान में करीब 170 लोगों की मौत हो गई। उत्तर भारत में जानमाल का ज्यादा नुकसान नहीं हुआ। भूकंप का केंद्र अफगानिस्तान में काबुल से 250 किमी दूर जुर्म इलाके में 213 किमी नीचे था। यह इलाका हिंदूकुश पर्वतों के निकट है।

पाकिस्तान में 137 की मौत: भूकंप से पाक में भारी तबाही हुई है। इस आपदा से करीब 137 लोगों की मौत हो गई, जबकि 1300 से ज्यादा घायल हुए। इस प्राकृतिक आपदा से स्वात घाटी और पेशावर में सबसे ज्यादा नुकसान हुआ है। खैबरपख्तूनख्वाह प्रांत और संघ प्रशासित क्षेत्र में ही 96 लोग मारे गए हैं। पर्वतीय इलाकों में भूस्खलन से मरने वालों की संख्या बढ़ सकती है।

अफगानिस्तान के स्कूल में भगदड़: भूकंप के चलते अफगानिस्तान के ताखर प्रांत स्थित एक स्कूल में भगदड़ मच गई।



इसमें 12 नाबालिग छात्रों की मौत हो गई। वहीं कुछ इलाकों में इमारत ढहने से 21 लोगों की मलबे में दबकर मौत हो गई। अलग-अलग जगहों पर करीब 300 लोग गंभीर रूप से घायल हुए हैं।

उत्तर भारत में खौफ: जम्मू-कश्मीर समेत देश के कुछ हिस्सों के भवनों में दरारें

देखी गईं। कश्मीर के सोपोर में एक बंकर ढहने से दो जवान घायल हुए हैं। वहीं चट्टान गिरने से एक व्यक्ति की मौत हो गई। दिल्ली-एनसीआर, हरियाणा, पंजाब, यूपी उत्तराखंड, राजस्थान में लोग घबराकर काफी देर खुली जगह खड़े रहे।

➤ सुनामी का खतरा नहीं पेज 19

पाकिस्तान के सरगोधा में सोमवार को भूकंप के बाद क्षतिग्रस्त दुकानें। • एएफपी

पीएम मोदी ने पड़ोसी देशों को मदद का भरोसा दिया

“भूकंप के झटके भारत में भी महसूस किए गए। मैं सबकी सुरक्षा की प्रार्थना करता हूं। मैंने भूकंप की तुरंत समीक्षा के लिए कहा है। हम जरूरत पड़ने पर पाकिस्तान-अफगानिस्तान को मदद देने के लिए तैयार हैं। -नरेंद्र मोदी, प्रधानमंत्री

26 का अजब संयोग

26 जनवरी 1700 को उत्तरी अमेरिका में जोरदार भूकंप के झटके

26 दिसंबर 1932 को चीन में जलजला, 70 हजार लोगों की मौत

26 दिसंबर 1939 तुर्की में आई प्राकृतिक आपदा, 41 हजार मरे

26 जनवरी 1951 पुर्तगाल में शक्तिशाली भूकंप, 30 हजार मरे

26 जनवरी 2001 गुजरात में धरती कांपी, 20 हजार लोग मरे

26 दिसंबर 2003 ईरान में आपदा, 60 हजार की जान गई

26 दिसंबर 2004 सुमात्रा में भूकंप, 2.83 लाख की जान गई

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पाकिस्तान से आया विश्वोभ जम्मू-कश्मीर में केंद्रित, दिन में तापमान सामान्य के आसपास रहेगा

राजधानी में कल से सर्द होंगी सुबह और रातें

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जम्मू-कश्मीर में आए पश्चिमी विश्वोभ के नेपाल की ओर बढ़ जाने से दिल्ली में सुबह और रात को सर्दी बढ़ने की संभावना है। ऐसा 28 अक्टूबर के बाद से होगा। हालांकि,

दिन का तापमान सामान्य के आसपास बना रहेगा।

पाकिस्तान से होकर आया पश्चिम विश्वोभ अभी जम्मू-कश्मीर में केंद्रित है। इस कारण रविवार से वहां बारिश और बर्फबारी का दौर जारी है। तापमान में काफी गिरावट आई है, जिसका असर पंजाब और हरियाणा में महसूस किया जा रहा है।

निजी मौसम एजेंसी स्काईमेट के मौसम वैज्ञानिक महेश पलावत के मुताबिक, पश्चिमी विश्वोभ हरियाणा होते हुए नेपाल की तरफ बढ़ जाएगा। इसके पूर्व में बढ़ने के बाद उत्तरी हवाएं चलना शुरू होंगी। कश्मीर से आने वाली इन बर्फीली हवाओं के कारण दिल्ली-एनसीआर, पश्चिमी उत्तर प्रदेश, मध्य प्रदेश के कुछ

हिस्सों में रात और सुबह हल्की सर्दी महसूस होगी।

उन्होंने बताया कि इस समय भारत में तीन तरह की मौसम प्रणालियां काम कर रही हैं। पहला पश्चिमी विश्वोभ, दूसरा साइक्लोनिक सर्कुलेशन और तीसरा अरब सागर में दो कम दबाव के क्षेत्र। इससे कुछ जगहों पर बारिश हुई है या होने की संभावना है।

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‘गंगा के उदगम का भूकंप से मैदान तक पता लगाएं’ दि-27-10-15 गंगा-यमुना पहुंची

रुड़की। गंगा का उदगमस्थल भले ही गौमुख को माना जाता हो पर केंद्रीय जल संसाधन मंत्री उमा भारती को इस पर संशय है।

उमा ने रुड़की के राष्ट्रीय जल विज्ञान संस्थान (एनआईएच) के वैज्ञानिकों से इस बात का पता लगाने को कहा है कि, गंगा कहीं तिब्बत की मानसरोवर झील से तो नहीं निकलती। उन्होंने एक विदेशी जर्नल में छपे इस आशय के शोध का हवाला देकर वैज्ञानिकों को यह निर्देश दिए हैं। सेंटर ऑफ एक्सीलेंस फार एडवांस्ड ग्राउंड वाटर रिसर्च का उद्घाटन करने सोमवार को एनआईएच पहुंची केंद्रीय मंत्री उमा भारती ने संस्थान के वैज्ञानिकों के साथ बैठक में उन्होंने एक विदेशी साईंस जर्नल का हवाला देते हुए कहा कि गंगा का उदगमस्थल कैलाश मानसरोवर के पास स्थित झील को बताया गया है। संस्थान के वैज्ञानिक यह पता लगाएं कि इसमें कितनी सत्यता है। (का.सं.)

रुड़की। गंगा और यमुना के उदगम को लेकर धार्मिक मान्यताएं कुछ भी हों, लेकिन विशेषज्ञों का दावा है कि भूकंप के चलते ही गंगा और यमुना नदियां भारत के मैदान तक पहुंची हैं।

आईआईटी रुड़की के भूकंप अभियांत्रिकी विभाग के विभागाध्यक्ष डॉ.एमएल शर्मा ने बताया कि 10 मिलियन साल पहले यूरेशियन और इंडियन प्लेट के आपस में टकराने से हिमालय का जन्म हुआ।

दोनों प्लेटों के लगातार टकराव से गंगा टीयर फॉल्ट और यमुना टीयर फॉल्ट बने। इन्हीं फॉल्टों से गंगा, यमुना को मैदान में उतरने का मौका मिला। हिमालय में ऐसे फॉल्ट भूकंप के कारण ही बने हैं। यदि भूकंप नहीं आते तो इन नदियों का पानी मैदान में नहीं पहुंच पाता। (का.सं.)

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हसाव भूकंप से दहली धरती -27-10-15

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भूकंप से राजधानी ने लोगों के दिल में खौफ पैदा कर दिया है। भूकंप ने सभी लोगों को भगवान की याद दिला दिए। सोशल मीडिया पर सोमवार को चर्चा का विषय भूकंप ही रहा। सब दोस्तों ने एक-दूसरे का हालचाल पूछा। इसको लेकर तरह-तरह की फोटो भी वाट्सएप पर शेयर की जा रही हैं।

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has called for urgent action to avoid climate change by reducing emissions of black carbon, ozone and methane as well as carbon dioxide. This is the first time that the agency has recommended steps that countries must take to reduce emissions that account for over seven million premature deaths annually .

The measures include encouraging people to eat plant-based foods and reduce methane emissions associated with some animal sourced food. WHO has also recommended reducing vehicle emissions, increasing investment and policy measures, and providing an alternative cooking fuel to low income households who primarily depend on wood, dung and other solid fuels.

“For the first time, this report recommends actions that countries, health and environment ministries, and cities can take right now to reduce emissions, protect health and avoid illness and premature deaths, which often take the greatest toll on the most vulnerable,” Dr Flavia Bustreo, assistant director-general of WHO, said. The suggestions are part of a new report by the United Nations' health agency . The report calls for fast-track action to reduce global warming and highlights health risks associated with air pollution.

The report also talks about the relationship between improved diets, increase in physical activity, food security and air pollution. For instance, the agency has encouraged governments to invest in dedicated rapid transit, such as buses and trains, and foster safe pedestrian and cycle networks. It could promote multiple benefits, including safer active travel and reduced health risks from air and noise pollution, physical inactivity, and road traffic injuries, WHO said.

Similarly , a study looking specifically at India recently estimated that the combined effects of climate and air pollution reduced the country's wheat yield by as much as 36% in 2010.

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FOUR WAYS SUGGESTED BY WHO TO REDUCE POLLUTION AND AVOID THE ASSOCIATED HEALTH RISKS

1 Reducing vehicle emissions can improve air quality and reduce the disease burden attributable to outdoor air pollution

2 Policies and investments that prioritise dedicated rapid transit, such as buses and trains, and foster safe pedestrian and cycle networks can reduce health risks posed by air and noise pollution, as well as physical inactivity

3 Providing cleaner and more efficient stove and fuel alternatives to low-income households



4 Encouraging consumption of plant-based foods could reduce the risk of heart disease and some cancers, besides slowing methane emissions associated with some animal-sourced foods