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Heavy showers jam traffic, Mumbaikars can expect wet Sunday

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Mumbai: The spell of heavy rainfall that began on Friday continued to lash the city and its surrounding areas on Saturday and threw traffic out of gear. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast that the heavy [downpour](#) will continue for the next 24 to 48 hours.

From 8.30am to 5.30pm on Saturday, IMD recorded 95.8mm rainfall at the Colaba observatory and 34.6mm at Santacruz. The total rainfall recorded so far this season at the Colaba observatory is 266.5mm and at Santacruz 380.1mm. Navi Mumbai, too, got its share of the downpour; it recorded 215mm rainfall in the 24 hours from Friday. Thane got 97mm from Saturday midnight till 5pm.

[Weathermen](#) have predicted heavy rainfall in parts of Konkan and Mumbai for the next 24 hours. "Mumbaikars can expect a wet Sunday. There is an offshore trough between south Gujarat and north Konkan, due to which parts of Maharashtra are getting very heavy rainfall," said [K S Hosalikar](#), deputy director general, western region, IMD.

The favourable weather pattern is expected to bring [rain](#) to more parts of Maharashtra in the coming week. "A low pressure is being formed in the Bay of Bengal, which will bring good rain to the interiors of Maharashtra and Vidarbha in the next 48 hours," he said.

The rain also lowered maximum temperatures. On Saturday, maximum temperatures at Colaba fell to 26.8 degree Celsius from 30.7 degree Celsius a day earlier. Relative humidity levels stayed high too; at Colaba, it was 87% and 90% in Santacruz.

Eight wall collapse and five landslide incidents were reported in the city on Saturday; no one was injured, though. The first incident was reported early on Saturday in Jogeshwari where a portion of a fencing wall towards the Western Express Highway near Ismail Yusuf College collapsed.

In another incident, at Marol, stones from a nearby hill fell on a parked vehicle near Lok Yamuna Society on Military Road. At Dahisar hill, falling stones damaged a few houses at Kokanipada slum after which the civic authority evicted other slumdwellers for safety reasons. Similarly, at Amritnagar in Ghatkopar, the BMC asked around 15 chawl residents to vacate their premises after stones damaged one of the rooms. A similar incident was reported at Kurla.

Meanwhile, motorists were inconvenienced further with heavy rain clogging roads in the city. Closure of the Thakur Complex flyover's south-bound arm for repairs, for one, saw snaking queues of vehicles dot the Western Express Highway on Saturday. The backlog stretched from Kandivli East right up to Dahisar East.

Congestion on the WEH was reported since 9am. Traffic police diverted south-bound motorists to the slip road beneath the Thakur Complex flyover. But snarls were reported throughout the day. "I was stuck at the Magathane flyover in Borivli East for 40 minutes," a motorist tweeted. Later in the day, as vehicles were diverted to S V Road and Link Road from the WEH, snarls were reported there as well. Mith Chowky Junction at Malad was the worst affected. Travelling from Goregaon East to West was a nightmare too, with heavy traffic at the MTNL junction.

Later in the day, snarls were reported on Tulsi Pipe Road near Phoenix Mall towards Dadar, Worli Seaface Road between Dr Annie Besant Road and the sealink, Dadar T T flyover to Lalbaug Flyover towards Byculla, Lady Jamshedji Road from Sitladevi Temple towards Mahim Koliwada, Senapati Bapat Marg between Elphinstone Road and Matunga, E Moses Marg near Mahalaxmi Racecourse towards Haji Ali dargah, S V Road from Vile Parle near BEST Colony and S V Road from Bandra towards Khar. Vehicles crawled on the Andheri-Kurla Road from Bail Bazaar towards Saki Naka metro station, Sion Hospital flyover, Shivaji Park to Bandra, L B S Marg near Phoenix Marketcity towards Ghatkopar, Bandra Reclamation to Hill Road and from Chandivali studio to Raheja Vihar. Local residents complained of overflowing manholes for the past four days in the Chandivali studio to Raheja Vihar belt.

"Traffic police opened up one lane of the north-bound arm for south-bound traffic at the Thakur Complex flyover. This made driving back home in the evening hellish," said a chartered accountant.

Meanwhile, suburban train services ran 10-20 minutes late.

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Reviving water bodies best bet for rainwater harvesting

RECHARGE REQUIRED

Death of stormwater drains among reasons for 600 water bodies drying up over 30 years

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NEW DELHI: A signboard smack in the middle of a Dwarka district park warns of a deep water body ahead that no one should enter. The land-owning Delhi Development Authority needn't have bothered!

The 'pond', at least a century old according to residents, is a barren and parched piece of land, save for two patches that are a few inches deep at best.

The Dwarka pond is among the 600 ponds, lakes and step wells in the city that have dried up over the past 30 years. Encroachment, neglect and the death of stormwater drains in the city are the reasons behind it, say water experts such as Vinod Kumar Jain.

A stormwater drain or a channel whose base is not cemented carries rainwater to ponds or rivers. This recharges them and keeps the water table at healthy levels.

But the age-old system is not effective as most drains are blocked, cemented or carry sewage.

The easiest and the best way to harvest rainwater is by ensuring that ponds and lakes stay alive, say experts. The Delhi government recognises this and has put the method to use to augment water supply.

In Palla in north Delhi, where the Yamuna floods every year during monsoons, the water table is high because of natural rainwater harvesting. The Delhi Jal Board has dug around 70 wells in the area where floodwater can be stored when the Yamuna overflows. If other water bodies are recharged and the water table becomes high enough, a similar practice can be used to complement the supply in other areas.

This is a strategy that water experts such as Manoj Misra and Vikram Soni have been talking about for years



■ The easiest way to harvest rainwater is by keeping ponds alive.

MALLICA JOSHI/HT

now. "This (wells) is a new perennial source of water for the country's urban regions which can be used year on year and can also act as contingency water reserves. This is one of the last unpoluted sources of water for Indian cities, which recharges itself naturally," said Soni earlier this month.

He said they can become dependable source for 300 towns and cities in India so long as they are not over-exploited and encroachments on floodplains are prevented.

In many areas, locals are taking it upon themselves to revive dead ponds. In Dwarka, locals have started a campaign to bring rainwater to dry ponds. In Model Town, a set of residents is fighting for the ecological revival of the Naiini Lake.

In Bijwasan, area MLA Devinder Sehrawat has taken a proposal to the defence ministry to revive a Tughlaq-era pond.

Last week, the National Green

Tribunal ordered the Delhi government to take over the revival of drying water bodies in the city.

This was not the first time the tribunal asked the government to act to save wetlands and water bodies.

What makes the orders difficult to implement, though, is the multiplicity of agencies in the city.

While some ponds and lakes fall under the jurisdiction of DDA, the others fall under the municipal corporations. Still others fall under the government's revenue department.

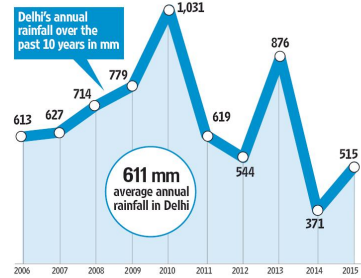
But one project cannot stop the city's water table from plummeting. While several proposals have been made so far, no real progress has been made on reviving ponds and lakes yet.

A few months ago the Delhi government decided to give the task of revival to the Delhi Jal Board.

According to DJB CEO Keshav Chandra, this is expected to happen soon.

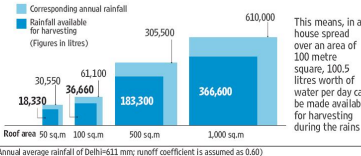
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Excluding run-off, about half the rainfall Delhi receives can be harvested



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Dwarka residents building a drain to revive drying pond in Sector 23

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NEW DELHI: In the summer of 2015, the water table near a pond in parched Dwarka Sector 23 stood at 19.47 metres below the ground.

During the rains – below normal last year – the pond filled up to the brim one time. But the dry earth quickly soaked up the water. In November, the water table had climbed up to 17 metres below the ground – an improvement of 2.47 metres within a few months.

These were the findings of a study conducted by Suman Kumar, a PhD student of Geology at Delhi University.

"The study clearly showed that even a small effort can make a big difference. Dwarka is parched but if efforts

are made to utilise rain water, this can be remedied," said Diwan Singh of the Dwarka Water Body Committee.

The efforts that Singh refers to are a stormwater drain built by the residents a couple of years ago.

"At the pond, we were able to direct only a fraction of water that flowed in the stormwater drain because there was no proper channel between the pond and the main drain. We are fighting for that and if it gets constructed, this pond can become perennial," he said.

Further, located within a district park, the pond's location is ideal. It is accessible to people, and attracts peacocks and rabbits because of the shrubs and bushes in the background.

Residents say concerted efforts along with Delhi Development Authority offi-

cials will ensure that water reaches the pond during monsoons and does not flow back.

"We want a sort of small check dam on the storm water drain so that once the water enters the pond, it remains there. Otherwise it is mixed with sewage and goes to waste," said SS Maan, a resident and member of Dwarka Water Body Committee.

They estimated that the rainwater run-off from Dwarka, the Airport, Samalkha, Palam and Rangpuri is 21 million gallons of water daily (MGD). A 6MGD water shortage was enough leave south Delhi in a crisis recently!

Even if half the run-off is diverted to ponds, experts say, the water table will see a healthy rise.

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Showers continue to lash several districts in state

BENGALURU: Monsoon was active in a several parts of the state on Sunday.

The entire North Karnataka region experienced drizzle throughout the day. While it drizzled through the day in Gadag, Haveri and Ballari, other districts received sporadic rainfall in their regions. Bagalkot district received heavy rainfall in the day.

The coastal region in Uttara Kannada district received heavy rainfall, while Karwar experienced drizzles. Though skies remained cloudy throughout the day in Dharwad and Belagavi districts, it did not rain.

Heavy rainfall was reported in Hosapete and surrounding areas for more than three hours. Most of the roads and low-lying areas were inundated.

Hampi also received heavy showers inconveniencing tourists who had turned up in large numbers, with Sunday



A family caught in rains that lashed Bagalkot town on Sunday evening. (Right) A trader pushes his cart on the Bus Stand Road amid the downpour in Hosapete town on Sunday. DH PHOTOS



being a holiday.

Parts of Shivamogga district also received good rainfall. Rains receded in Dakshina Kannada.

However, the sky remained overcast throughout the day. In the last 24 hours, Dakshina

Kannada district had recorded 30 mm rainfall.

However, parts of Kodagu district continued to receive moderate rainfall. Bhagamandala, Karike, Talacauvery, Napoklu, Somwarpet, Virajpet experienced moderate rains.

Male Mahadeshwara Hills, the popular hill shrine in Chamarajanagar district received moderate rainfall, inconveniencing devotees, who had arrived from far-off places.

As it was a government hol-

iday, many tourists from Tamil Nadu had arrived to offer prayers.

Various parts of Mysuru city too experienced moderate rains for about half an hour towards noon.

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People move through a water-logged road after heavy rain in Jammu on Sunday. PTI

Maharashtra rain claims 8 in 2 days

MUMBAI, DHNS: More than 8 people died in rain-related incidents in Maharashtra as southwest monsoon fully set in this western coastal state over the weekend.

Of the dead, two are from Mumbai. Aftab Irfan Khan, 15, died when he fell into a gutter in Mulund on Saturday. His friend Arbaaz Hasan Ansari, 12, was rescued. A woman drowned in a nullah at Bhandup in a separate incident in the wee hours of Sunday.

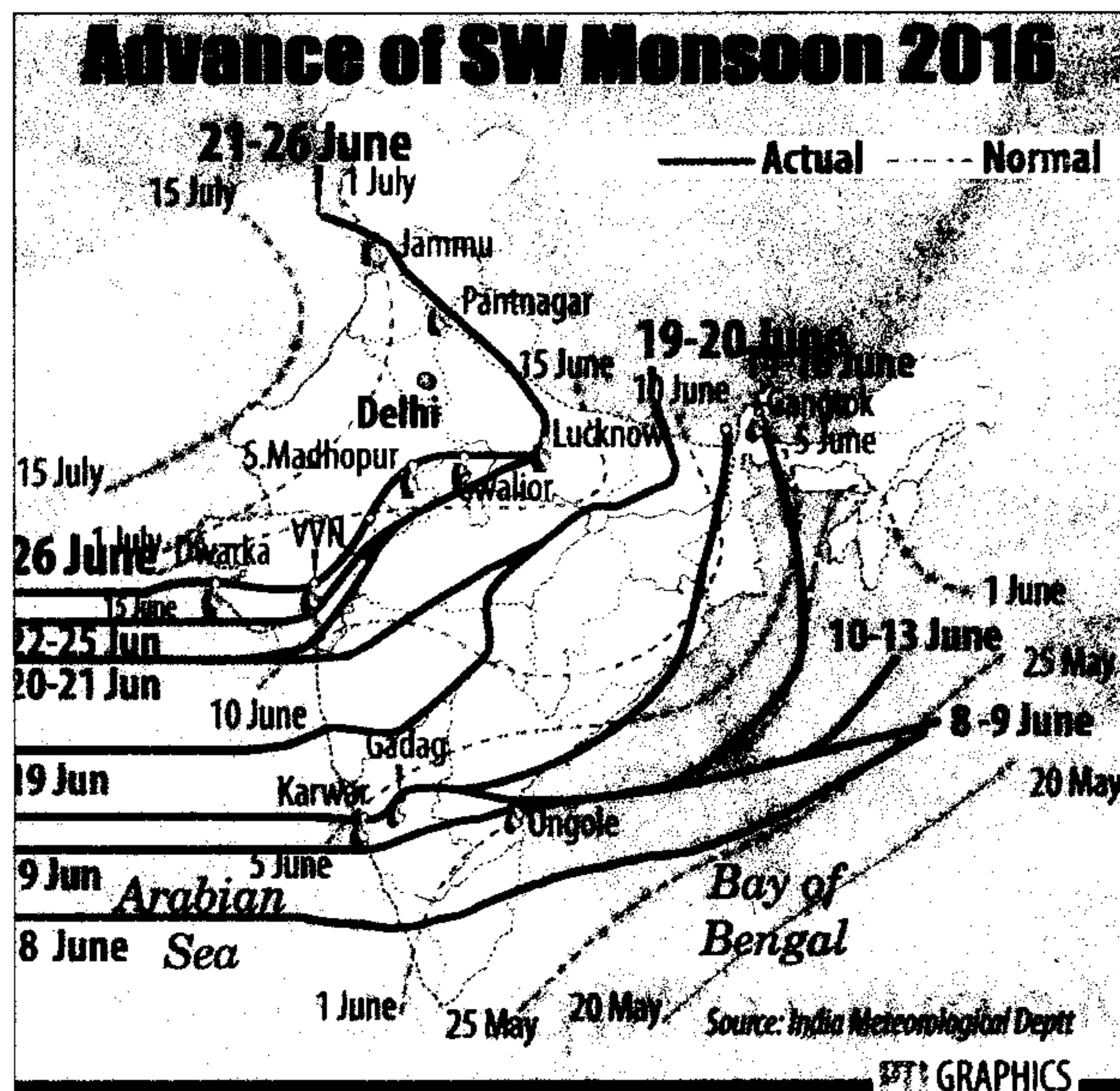
According to reports, 3 persons drowned in a pond in Raigad district. A picnicker also slipped to death in a valley in Raigad district. One youth died in Sengaon in Hingoli district.

There were also reports of three tourists drowning in a river in Gadchiroli district, but they could not be officially verified.

SW monsoon a mixed bag

Southwest monsoon this year has been a mixed bag with Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Telangana receiving good rainfall while the clouds have not been kind on Kerala, DHNS adds from Chennai.

Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu received excess rainfall of 41% and 25% respectively, while Karnataka and Telangana got 12% and 3.2% excess



rain respectively this season.

A latest statistics issued by the regional meteorological centre here said though a very few districts of Karnataka received less rainfall. By and large, the state saw an excess rainfall of about 12%.

Kerala, which was expected to receive excess rainfall among the southern states, received poor downpour of -5%.

The Met office record, taken from June 1 to June 22, further said most of the districts in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh received excess rain-

fall compared to the same duration last year. Tamil Nadu had received a rainfall of only 5% in 2015.

In Tamil Nadu, Coimbatore district received excess rainfall of 190% while Krishna district in Andhra Pradesh got 166% more rainfall compared to previous southwest monsoon season. Likewise, Nizamabad of Telangana also registered 106.3% more rainfall.

In Karnataka, Bidar received a rainfall of 117% in excess while remaining districts too got good rains. However, in

Sriganganagar sizzles at 45°C

Sriganganagar in Rajasthan on Sunday sizzled at 45 degrees Celsius, as several parts in the country reported normal temperatures for this time of the year albeit with sultry weather conditions, PTI reports from New Delhi. Churu and Bikaner followed closely with 44.2 and 42.0 degrees Celsius, respectively, the weather department said.

Jaipur recorded a high of 39 degrees Celsius, while Jaisalmer, Pilani, Barmer and Kota saw the mercury reaching a maximum of a little above 40 degrees Celsius. It was a hot and humid day in the national capital with the mercury settling down at 39.4 degrees Celsius while the minimum temperature was 29.6 Celsius. The humidity level in New Delhi hovered between 50% and 83% and no rainfall was recorded.

Kerala except for its capital Thiruvananthapuram, which received excess rainfall of 35%, rest of the districts got poor downpour this season.

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Showers to continue in Mumbai, dry day at lakes after Sat bounty

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Flooding At 12 Spots, Tree-Fall 30

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Rain continued in various parts of the city on Sunday. The meteorological department has forecast intermittent showers for Monday, with heavy rain in some areas.

In the 24-hour period ending at 8.30am on Sunday, rainfall recorded at the Colaba observatory was 122.4mm and Santa Cruz 85mm. In the 12-hour period since then, Colaba recorded 25.8mm and Santa Cruz 14.6mm. As per readings by the BMC's automatic weather stations between 8am and 6pm, the island city got 45mm, the eastern suburbs 28mm and the western suburbs 22mm rain. But in the lakes that supply water to the city, Sunday was a lot drier after good rainfall on Saturday.

"The offshore trough responsible for the last two days' rain still exists along the coastline from Gujarat to Kerala. So, showers would continue in the city for 24-48 hours, beginning from Sunday," said VK Rajeev from the Indian Meteorological Department, Mumbai.

The total rainfall received since the onset of the monsoon on June 20 is 388.9mm as per the Colaba observatory, and 465.1mm according to Santa Cruz.

Because of rain, local trains were affected to an extent, but services were not cancelled. Of course, commuters were inconvenienced both on Central and Western Railway because of mega blocks, which ended at 4pm. A CR official said rain did not majorly affect services. On WR, passengers reported that trains stopped



SUNDAY RAINFALL (mm)

Recorded in 12-hour period starting from 8.30am

Santa Cruz

14.6



CATCHMENTS		
Lake	24 hours*	12 hours**
Modak Sagar	45.4	6
Tansa	70	2.4
Vihar	126	36
Tulsi	140	19
Upper Vaitarna	31.4	NA
Bhatsa	49	NA
Middle Vaitarna	22.4	0



*Starting from 6am on Saturday

**Starting from 6am on Sunday



TREE FALL

30

tree fall complaints were received during June 25-26

FORECAST

Intermittent rain or showers with heavy rain in some areas



FOR PUBLIC SAFETY: Barbed wire fencing at Bhushi dam, Lonavla

HOW THE DAYS COMPARE

Rainfall recorded in 24-hour period starting from 8.30am

85	58.2	36.8	2.8	37.4	33.4
JUNE 25	JUNE 24	JUNE 23	JUNE 22	JUNE 21	JUNE 20

at times at signals, but otherwise operations were all right.

Complaints of waterlogging were received from 12 spots and tree fall from 30 spots.

BEST had curtailed services for Sunday—a lean day. Autos made brisk business because of demand at railway stations.

Of course, there were complaints of refusals by

auto and taxi drivers.

Meanwhile, four people were rescued by the beach safety team at Versova beach on Sunday evening after they were hit by a high tide of 4.24 metres.

Bhushi dam becomes safe with barbed wire fencing

Pune: Visits to Bhushi dam in Lonavla will now be safer. The Central Railway administration recently installed barbed wire fencing atop the wall of the dam to stop revellers' entry into the water and curb drowning cases.

Located near Lonavla, Bhushi dam is a popular hangout for visitors from Mumbai and around. During the monsoon, the area around the dam witnesses

3 boys from a family drown in Karjat pond

Three boys aged 12-14 years drowned in a pond in Karjat around 2.30pm on Sunday. The boys, who were cousins, were identified Bhushan Gawale, Tejas Gawale and Aashish Gawale. A case of accidental death due to drowning has been registered. Senior inspector E A Mulla said the boys had gone for a dip in the pond. —George Mendonca

swarms of youngsters. The enjoyment has, however, often ended in fatal mishaps in the past.

A Central Railway official told TOI: "Installation of fencing was among safety measures planned at Bhushi dam. The fencing has come up at locations where people try to enter the water. The wiring will stop people from getting in," said the official.

Inspector Chandrakant Jadhav of Lonavla (city) police station said the dam sees nearly 25,000 on weekends in monsoon. In the last 10 years, five to six have drowned in the waters every year. "So we requested Central Railway to install barbed wire fence to avert casualties," Jadhav said.

The police said they will put up boards warning people about dangers of taking selfies. TNN

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3 dead in mishaps during heavy rain

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE. 26

Three people were killed in mishaps during rain on Saturday night. Two persons were electrocuted while one drowned in the Sewerage Board's under-construction manhole at Madhapur.

In the first mishap, 52-year-old A. Raghuram was trying to find a shelter to escape from the rain when his body came into contact with a cable which had snapped from an electric pole at Ameerpet. He died on the spot. In the second incident, a Nepal native identified as 35-year-old Faouzi, who was on his way to have his dinner,

died when his leg touched a waterlogged sidewalk where an exposed electricity cable had fallen. He also died on the spot.

In the third incident, at Madhapur, Moti Yadav, 24, a tea maker from Jharkhand, fell into an exposed manhole filled with water at Ayyappa Society. His body was fished out later.

Reacting to the first two mishaps, Telangana State Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TSSPDCL) officials said that the street light poles were not managed by them and the GHMC is responsible for maintaining the street pole wiring. Meanwhile,

■ **TWO RECEIVED electrical shock when they came in contact with cables and died on the spot**

■ **AT MADHAPUR, a young man drowned in an open manhole during the downpour. His body was fished out later**

GHMC officials said that the poles and cables were not damaged. The two incidents occurred because of the heavy rain.

According to SR Nagar police, one of the victims,

Raghuram, an employee at a fertilizer company at Kundanbagh, collapsed after an electricity cable snapped and fell on him. "He was trying to put his money in a plastic cover as it was raining. Eyewitnesses said there were sparks as the cable fell," said SR Nagar Inspector Md Waheeduddin. Police officials added that once the autopsy report comes, a case might be booked for negligence against people concerned. The FIR however stated it was a case of suspicious death.

Madhapur police, who are investigating the death of Mothi Yadav, revealed that the Sewerage Board

had not covered the manhole at Ayyappa Society even though the area was commonly used by pedestrians. "The Sewerage Board had not put up a warning board or any kind of sign to warn pedestrians," said a police official from Madhapur police station.

"Construction of new pipeline has been underway, and the manhole was exposed and filled with water due to rain. The victim, who had not noticed it, fell into it and drowned," said R. Kalinga Rao, Inspector, Madhapur.

Madhapur police said they have begun inquiring into the Sewerage Board's negligence.

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STATE

Erosion takes serious turn

CORRESPONDENT

MORIGAON, June 25: The Brahmaputra's erosion has taken a serious turn in Bhuragaon and Lahorighat revenue circles in Morigaon district during the last couple of days rendering 70 families homeless.

According to information received, the embankment of the Brahmaputra was threatened at Mikirgaon point even as surging waters of the river entered Baralimari village under Bhuragaon revenue circle. The old Baralimari market's existence is now threatened. About 270 hectares of jute and sugarcane cultivation have been completely devastated.

The affected homeless people have taken shelter on nearby highlands.



Two youths making their way through the flooded Kordoiguri-Souliabari PWD Road at Bajali, on Friday. – UB Photos

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Monsoon may hit city on July 1

The monsoon is expected to hit northwest India, including NCR, around July 1, leaving the region to endure a few more days of muggy weather although thundershowers may bring relief. **P8**

Rains may hit north plains on July 1

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New Delhi: The monsoon is now expected to hit northwest India, including NCR, only around July 1, leaving the region to endure a few more days of muggy weather — although isolated thundershowers may bring some relief during this period.

The Met office said the region should start getting substantial and well-distributed rains from Thursday (June 30), paving the way for the advance of the monsoon into many of these areas.

The monsoon is yet to arrive in Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and most of western Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat. A low pressure forming in the Bay of Bengal had raised hopes of an early



Countrywide, the monsoon has a deficit of 16%

monsoon onset in the northwest plains but the system moved slower than expected.

“The low pressure is currently over the Bay of Bengal is expected to move inland by Tuesday and reach MP by June 30. This is likely to result in rains picking up over northwest India by Thursday and monsoon advancing in the next day or two,” said B P Yadav, director, India Meteorological Department.

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Centre promises Aravali policy to protect forest

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Gurgaon: The ministry of environment and forest is likely to come up with a new 'Aravali policy', on the basis of several orders passed by courts down the years, in a concerted attempt at protection and conservation of the ancient hill range. If the proposed policy incorporated all directions of the courts, large parts of the Aravalis and its foothills will get protected status, restricted from the rampant urbanisation it has suffered over the years.

"There are policies for forests, but there is a need for a separate policy to protect and conserve the Aravalis," said Union minister Prakash Javadekar after the aerial inspection of Aravalis on Monday, adding that the policy will be formulated on the basis of court orders, to ensure growth and protection of forest.

Elaborating further, Javadekar said Haryana has just 3.6% of forest cover, with Aravalis its only green patch.

The decision for a new Aravali policy arose



GO GREEN: Union environment minister Prakash Javadekar at the Aravalis on Monday

with a backdrop of pending identification and demarcation of a nature conservation zone within it, as per the Regional Plan 2021 of the NCR planning board and unimplemented directions of the Supreme Court to identify forests as per dictionary meaning and recorded forest.

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US HIT BY '1,000-YEAR FLOOD' DC-27 P-9



People stand in the middle of a flood-damaged street in Clendenin, West Virginia. Nearly 25 people have died in the region and experts say there is just a 1 in 1,000 chance of this type of rainfall happening in any given year.

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Sultry day as monsoon knocks on Delhi's door

STAFF REPORTER

NEW DELHI: With the monsoon all set to knock on Delhi's door, Monday in the city was particularly overcast and rather sultry.

Uncomfortable

Humidity levels oscillated between 79 per cent and 49 per cent, making those unaccustomed to the humidity extremely uncomfortable. The maximum temperature settled at 39.6 degrees Celsius, two degrees above normal, while the minimum was 30 degrees Celsius.

Forecast for Tuesday

According to the Meteorological Department, Tuesday is expected to be a clear day with possibility of rain in some areas towards the evening. The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to remain the same as Monday — 39 and 30 degrees Celsius respectively.



MANIC MONDAY: A stray beats the heat in a fountain at Rajghat.
— PHOTO: SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Meanwhile, Skymet Weather Services, a private company that provides weather forecast, said monsoons will arrive in Delhi either on June 30 or July 1.

The presence of a low-pressure area in the Bay of Bengal and its subsequent path during the next 48 hours will increase the intrusion of moist winds the from Bay of Bengal to this

region. Due to this, heavy rain is not likely to take place during the next two days, explained the fore-caster.

Rain spread and intensity will be better after June 29. Also, temperatures are expected to take a dip over the next few days, making conditions favourable for the onset of Monsoon, the fore-caster reported.

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RELIEF SOON

Monsoon may hit city by July 1, light rain likely till June 30

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NEW DELHI: Monsoon may hit Delhi either on July 1 or July 2 — a couple of days after the scheduled date.

“Monsoon winds usually reach Delhi on June 29. This year, it is expected to reach by the end of this week,” said BP Yadav, director, India Meteorological Department.

The wind system, which brings rain to the Indian sub-continent, reached India a week late earlier this month.

The monsoon, unlike the previous two years, is expected to be above normal, especially in the north-western region.

A strong El Nino — an ocean current which is blamed by many for India's poor monsoon — had pushed India into drought in 2014 and 2015. The phenomenon has grown weaker this year.

Delhi has been witnessing warm and muggy days for the past week, with barely any rain thrown in. According to the Met department, pre-monsoon showers are expected by Wednesday and Thursday.

According to the seven-day forecast, there is a possibility of scattered light rain in the city till June 30. Starting July, widespread rain is expected.

On Monday, the maximum temperature was recorded as 39.6 degrees Celsius, two degrees above normal. The minimum was recorded as 30 degrees Celsius, also two degrees above normal.

The humidity oscillated between 79% and 49%, making the day uncomfortable and muggy.

According to Met officials, the city is expected to see a clear day on Tuesday. Light rains could be seen in the evening.

The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be between 39 and 30 degrees Celsius.

On Sunday, the maximum temperature was recorded as 39.4 degrees Celsius.

HOW CIVIC BODIES STACK UP

NORTH MCD

67% De-silting done

23,000 Sanitation workers

645 km Total length of small drains (less than 4')

199 km Total length of big drains (4ft+)

8 Vulnerable points

200 Water pumps

SOUTH MCD

65% De-silting done

22,000 Sanitation workers

1200 km Total length of small drains (less than 4')

131 km Total length of big drains (4ft+)

NIL Vulnerable points

300 Water pumps

EAST MCD

61% De-silting done

15,000 Sanitation workers

465 km Total length of small drains (less than 4')

263 km Total length of big drains (4ft+)

21 Vulnerable points

150 Water pumps

Helplines: 1266; 011-23220010; 011-23220016



WATERLOGGING-PRONE AREAS IN THE CITY

82 Total (Delhi traffic police)

29* Waterlogging points under municipal bodies

8 North 21 East Nil South

*The rest fall under the jurisdiction of PWD, NDMC, I&FC department, NHAI

We are monsoon-ready, claim municipal bodies

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NEW DELHI: In a bid to tackle waterlogging, common during monsoons, the authorities including the Delhi government and municipal corporations have set up control rooms and issued helpline numbers for lodging complaints.

According to senior officials, while the Delhi government has conducted meetings with the municipal bodies and other civic agencies such as Public Works Department, Delhi Jal Board, flood control and irrigation department, have been assigned responsibilities for prevention of vector-borne diseases and desilting of drains before June 30.

Municipal officials said that the three civic bodies have already procured equipment like jetting-cum-suction machines and portable pumps to ensure there is no water logging, the municipal corporations have also procured anti-dengue medicines in case last year's repetition.

“We have asked the officials

to ensure that de-silting is completed before June 30,” said Rajesh Bhatia, deputy chairman, North Delhi Municipal Corporation.

As per municipal corporations, they have removed more than 1 lakh tonne of silt from the drains under its jurisdiction.

The municipal corporation spends over ₹240 crore annually on de-silting and makes claims of a waterlogging free monsoon every year. The reality, however, remains far from it.

Senior leaders claim while the corporations have completed the process of de-silting, the Public Works Department (PWD) has only completed 25% of the work.

“All major roads and drains in the city fall under the jurisdiction of the PWD. However, the work on the drains has not been completed,” said Jitender Choudhary, Standing Committee Chairman, EDMC.

The officials of the PWD however said that most work on the drains has been completed and whatever remains will be completed by June 30.

Waterlogging will continue in Delhi, say traffic police

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NEW DELHI: The scenes of flooded roads with knee deep water in the city are here to stay this monsoon, if Delhi Traffic Police are to be believed.

Despite claims by civic and road-owning agencies of completely de-silting the roads, the traffic police have found that over 100 major traffic junctions prone to waterlogging are yet to be repaired.

“We send a list of all the traffic heavy intersections which are prone to water-logging to the civic and road owning agencies around March every year, so that the drains and sewer lines are cleared and any major pot-hole is repaired. However, when the monsoons arrive, the state of the roads is the same,” said a senior traffic official.

He also said the lack of timely road repair not only creates problem for commuters during heavy showers, but also doubles work for traffic policemen who are merely 5,500 in number.

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बातचीत ♦ सभी परिवारों के पुनर्वास के बाद ही सरदार सरोवर बांध काम शुरू हो

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देश के कई भागों में मानसून के आने का बेसब्री से इंतजार किया जा रहा है। लेकिन इसी देश का एक ऐसा भी क्षेत्र है, जहां मानसून के आने से क्षेत्र के एक या दो नहीं बल्कि पैंतालीस हजार परिवार डूब जाएंगे। मध्य प्रदेश में नर्मदा नदी के किनारे बसे बड़वानी, धार, झाबुआ सहित छह जिलों के परिवार इनमें शामिल हैं।

नर्मदा घाटी में पिछले तीस सालों से आदिवासी गुजरात में बन रहे सरदार सरोवर बांध के विरोध में सत्याग्रह कर रहे हैं। इस सत्याग्रह के दौरान सरदार सरोवर बांध की ऊंचाई में लगातार इजाफा होता रहा है। इस संबंध में नर्मदा बाचाओ आंदोलन की नेता मेधा पाटकर ने राजस्थान पत्रिका से विशेष बातचीत में कहा कि इस मानसून में 45 हजार से भी अधिक आदिवासी और



अनुसूचित जाति के परिवार डूब जाएंगे। लेकिन इनका ख्याल मध्य प्रदेश सरकार को नहीं है। उन्होंने कहा कि इस बार के मानसून में निश्चित तौर पर इन परिवारों के घर-द्वार से लेकर खेत-खलिहान, उनके पशु आदि सब कुछ डूब जाएंगे।

आयोग की रिपोर्ट सार्वजनिक की जाए: मेधा पाटकर ने बताया कि हमारे कार्यकर्ता सरकार द्वारा बांध से विस्थापितों के लिए किए जा रहे पुनर्वास और पुनर्स्थापना में बड़े पैमाने पर हेराफेरी को जनता के सामने लाए हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि इस संबंध में

आंदोलन की ओर से दायर याचिका पर मध्य प्रदेश उच्च न्यायालय ने जस्टिस एसएन झा आयोग का गठन किया था।

आयोग ने अपनी रिपोर्ट दे दी है लेकिन मध्य प्रदेश सरकार इस रिपोर्ट को सार्वजनिक करने से कतरा रही है। हमारी मांग है कि इस रिपोर्ट को शीघ्र ही आम जनता के लिए जारी किया जाए। साथ ही इस इलाके के 45 हजार से अधिक परिवारों का जब तक पुनर्वास नहीं हो जाता है तब तक सरदार सरोवर बांध के निर्माण के काम पर अविलंब रोक लगाई जाए।

डूबने का खतरा मंडरा रहा: मेधा ने कहा कि हमारी तीस साल से चल रही लड़ाई का लाभ गुजरात और महाराष्ट्र के चौदह हजार आदिवासी और दलित परिवारों के समुचित पुनर्वास से हुआ है। उन्होंने कहा कि दूसरी ओर मध्य प्रदेश की सरकारों की कहानी इससे जुदा है। यहां तो अब तक केवल चालीस से पैंतालीस विस्थापित परिवारों को ही जमीन नसीब हुई है। राज्य में आज भी 45 हजार से अधिक परिवार डूब क्षेत्र में रहने पर मजबूर हैं। अब तक उनके बारे में राज्य सरकार ने कुछ नहीं किया है।

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पहल ♦ प्रदेश की बलराम तालाब योजना में कर रही बदलाव

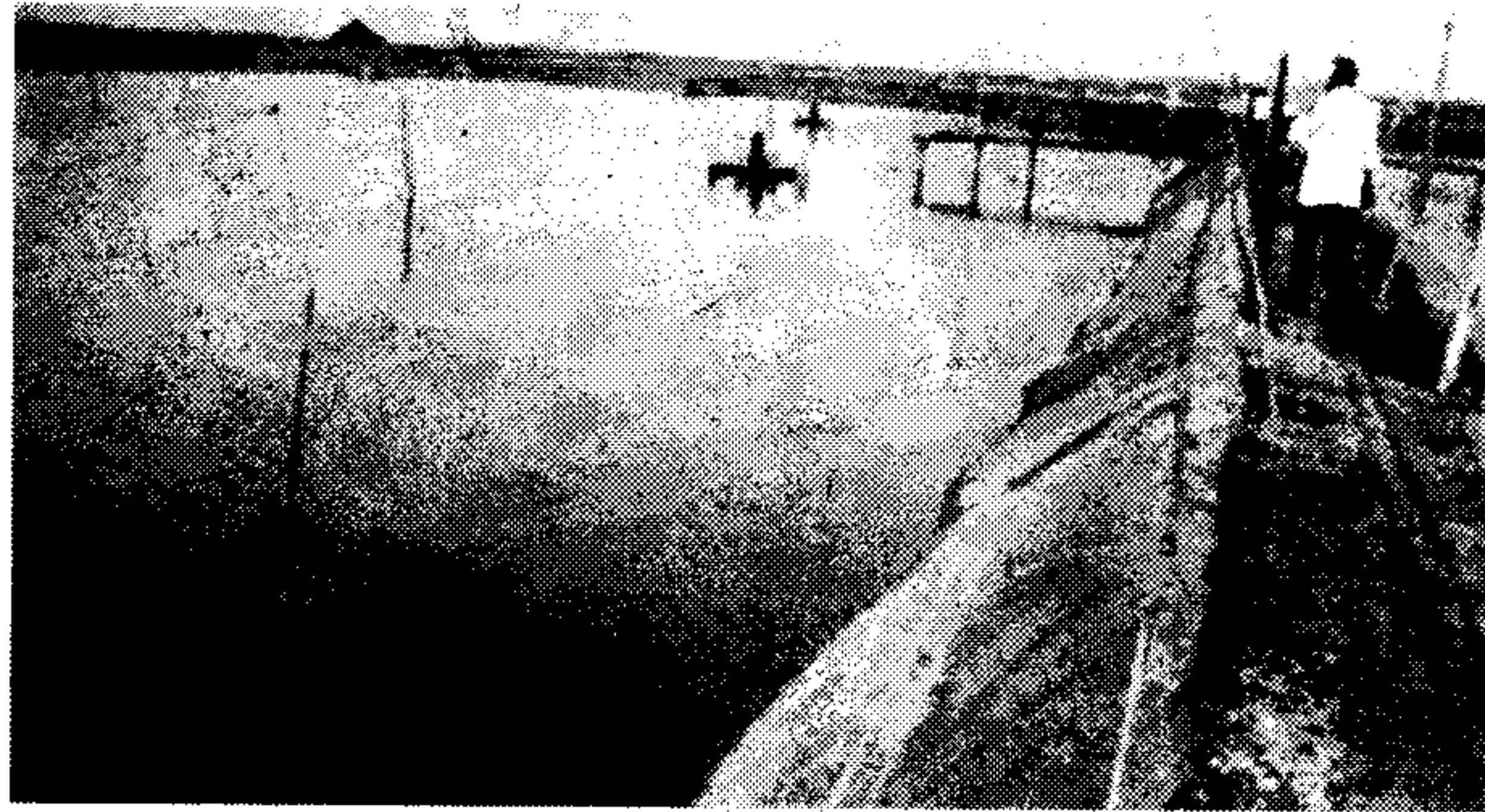
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किसानों को गर्मियों में पानी उपलब्ध कराने के लिए सरकार खेत में प्लास्टिक लाइंड तालाब बनवाने की योजना बना रही है। इसके लिए पहले से चल रही बलराम तालाब योजना में बदलाव किया जा रहा है। पहले कृषि विभाग योजना को बंद करने की तैयारी में था, लेकिन प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के तारीफ करने के कारण इरादा बदल दिया है।

सूत्रों ने बताया कि तालाबों में 500 माइक्रोन की मोटाई की प्लास्टिक की चादरों का उपयोग किया जाएगा। ये नीचे और चारों



तरफ से प्लास्टिक की चादरों से कवर्ड रहेगा। इसकी आकृति टब की तरह रहेगी। इससे पानी का रिसाव कम होगा और गर्मियों में किसानों को दूसरी फसल के

उत्पादन में फायदा होगा। बलराम जिले में आधा दर्जन किसानों ने निजी तौर पर इस पद्धति के तालाब बनाए हैं। इससे वे बेहतर फसल उत्पादन कर रहे हैं। सूखा प्रभावित

महाराष्ट्र के जिलों में सरकारी अनुदान से इसी पद्धति से तालाब बनाए जा रहे हैं।

बंद करने की थी योजना

बलराम तालाब योजना में गड़बड़ियों की शिकायत के बाद प्रमुख सचिव कृषि डॉ. राजेश राजौरा ने खुद देवास सहित कई जिलों में जांच कराई थी।

केंद्रीय योजनाओं में भी तालाब बनाने का प्रावधान होने के कारण विभाग ने इसे बंद करने का प्रस्ताव बना लिया था, लेकिन इसी बीच दो बार सार्वजनिक मंच पर मोदी ने योजना की तारीफ कर दी।

क्या कहते हैं अफसर

प्रमुख सचिव कृषि डॉ. राजेश राजौरा के अनुसार अब प्लास्टिक लाइन के तालाब बनाए जाएंगे। केंद्रीय कृषि योजना के तहत भी खेत में तालाब बनाने के लिए अनुदान दिया जाता है और मनरेगा के तहत भी। इसी वजह से राज्य की बलराम तालाब योजना को बंद करने का विचार था, लेकिन अब इसमें कुछ परिवर्तन किए जा रहे हैं। उन्होंने बताया कि इस योजना में हर साल आठ हजार तालाब बनेंगे। तीनों योजनाओं में 18 हजार तालाब बनाए जाएंगे।

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बेंगलूरु. सोमवार को दोपहर बाद शहर के विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में थोड़ी देर के लिए तेज हवाओं के साथ हुई बारिश में पेड़ गिरने के कारण एक व्यक्ति की मौत हो गई और दर्जनों गाड़ियों को भारी नुकसान हुआ। शहर में 15 से अधिक जगहों पर पेड़ धराशायी होने की खबर है।

पुलिस ने बताया कि बारिश के दौरान एक बड़ा पेड़ गिरने पर उसके नीचे दबने से कल्याण नगर निवासी और खाद्य सामग्री आपूर्ति करने वाले फिरोज पाशा (48) की मौत हो गई। प्रत्यक्षदर्शियों के अनुसार पाशा बाइक पर जा रहा तभी मरगोसा रोड से गुजरते समय एक भारी-भरकम पेड़ धराशायी हो गया। पाशा पेड़ के नीचे दब गया और उसकी मौत हो गई।

इसके अलावा कार पर पेड़ गिरने से कार चालक स्वामी (27) को



कई जगह फ्रैक्चर हो गए। हालांकि प्रत्यक्षदर्शियों का कहना है कि कार पर खतरनाक तरीके से पेड़ गिरने के बावजूद स्वामी को कोई घातक चोट नहीं आई और वह आश्चर्यजनक रूप से बच गया।

स्वामी की कार पूरी तरह क्षतिग्रस्त हो गई है। पुलिस का कहना है कि पाशा और स्वामी दोनों मल्लेश्वरम से महारानी कॉलेज की तरफ जा रहे थे,

तभी अचानक पेड़ गिरने से उनकी बाइक और कार दोनों दब गए।

प्रत्यक्षदर्शियों के अनुसार बारिश से बचने के लिए वे एक बस शेल्टर के नीचे खड़े थे तभी यह हादसा हुआ। वहां मौजूद लोगों ने पेड़ की टहनियां तोड़कर कड़ी मशक्कत के बाद दोनों को वाहनों से निकालकर नजदीक के केजीहल्ली अस्पताल में भर्ती कराया। चिकित्सकों ने पाशा को

मृत घोषित कर दिया जबकि स्वामी का इलाज जारी है और वह खतरे से बाहर है।

एम्बुलेंस नहीं पहुंची

घटनास्थल पर मौजूद येसू ने बताया कि दुर्घटना के बाद एम्बुलेंस बुलाने के लिए फोन किया गया लेकिन एक घंटे बाद भी एम्बुलेंस वहां नहीं पहुंची, जिससे घायलों को आटो रिक्शा से अस्पताल ले जाना पड़ा। उसने बताया कि कई ऑटो रिक्शा वालों ने घायलों को अस्पताल ले जाने से मना कर दिया लेकिन लोगों के दबाव के बाद एक ऑटो वाला तैयार हो गया।

बीबीएमपी के सहायक वन अधिकारी शिवराम का कहना है कि पेड़ 20 साल पुराना इंडियन कॉर्क ट्री प्रजाति का पेड़ था जो तेज हवा व बारिश के कारण जड़ से उखड़ गया। बाद में बीबीएमपी के अधिकारियों ने पेड़ काटकर यातायात बहाल किया।

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यूपी के मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा, नदी की सफाई के लिए पूरक बजट की व्यवस्था होगी

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तैयारी

लखनऊ/गाजियाबाद | प्रमुख संवाददाता

प्रदेश सरकार हिंडन नदी का उद्धार करेगी। इसकी घोषणा मुख्यमंत्री अखिलेश यादव ने अपने सरकारी आवास पर आयोजित हिंडन नदी यात्रा कार्यक्रम में कही। उन्होंने कहा कि हिंडन को साफ करने का प्रयास प्रदेश सरकार कर रही है। इसके लिए अलग से पूरक (सप्लीमेंट्री) बजट की व्यवस्था की जाएगी। पर्यावरणविद् राजेंद्र सिंह ने मुख्यमंत्री के सामने इस मुद्दे को उठाया था।

कार्यक्रम में हिंडनयात्रा प्रदर्शनी और हिंडन यात्रा केस स्टडीज पुस्तक का विमोचन करते हुए मुख्यमंत्री अखिलेश

यादव ने कहा कि सरकार जल संरक्षण को लेकर गंभीर है। गाजियाबाद में हिंडन नदी की हालत को सुधारने का प्रयास सरकार कर रही है। जल पुरुष राजेन्द्र सिंह ने कहा कि सरकार की ओर से पर्यावरण संरक्षण तथा नदियों और तालाबों के संरक्षण के गंभीर प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं, जो सराहनीय हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि हिंडन नदी में विभिन्न औद्योगिक संस्थानों, डिस्टिलरियों तथा सीवर का गंदा पानी गिरने से नदी बहुत प्रदूषित हो गई है। उन्होंने महोबा में चन्द्रावल नदी के पुनर्जीवन का जिक्र भी किया। उन्होंने उत्तर प्रदेश को उत्तम प्रदेश बनाने के लिए प्रदेश में वॉटर अथॉरिटी, वॉटर यूनिवर्सिटी तथा रिवर रीजुविनेशन अथॉरिटी स्थापित करने की मांग की।

प्रदेश में बनेगी वाटर यूनिवर्सिटी

बेहतर जल प्रबन्धन के लिए वाटर यूनिवर्सिटी बनेगी। पर्यावरणविद् राजेन्द्र सिंह की मांग पर मुख्यमंत्री अखिलेश यादव ने सोमवार को इसकी घोषणा की। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि हम चाहते हैं

कि प्रदेश में ऐसा विश्वविद्यालय हो जो जल प्रबन्धन पर काम करे। उन्होंने प्रदेश में शीघ्र जल प्राधिकरण बनाने की भी घोषणा की। ऐसे विंग की स्थापना पर विचार किया जा रहा है।

दूसरी नदियों पर भी काम होगा

सीएम ने कहा कि राज्य सरकार ने हिंडन, गोमती, यमुना तथा वरुणा नदी के पुनर्जीवन की पहल की है। हिंडन नदी को साफ-सुथरा बनाने के लिए सरकार निरंतर काम कर रही है और इसकी सफाई के लिए सप्लीमेंट्री बजट में अलग से व्यवस्था की जाएगी।

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लोकसभा चुनाव से पहले हिन्दुस्तान ने हिंडन को लेकर अभियान चलाया था। इसके बाद भाजपा ने इसे अपने घोषणापत्र में शामिल किया था। प्रदेश सरकार ने भी अभियान से जुड़ी खबरों को लखनऊ में मंगाया था। धीरे-धीरे हिंडन को लोगों में जागृति बढ़ी।

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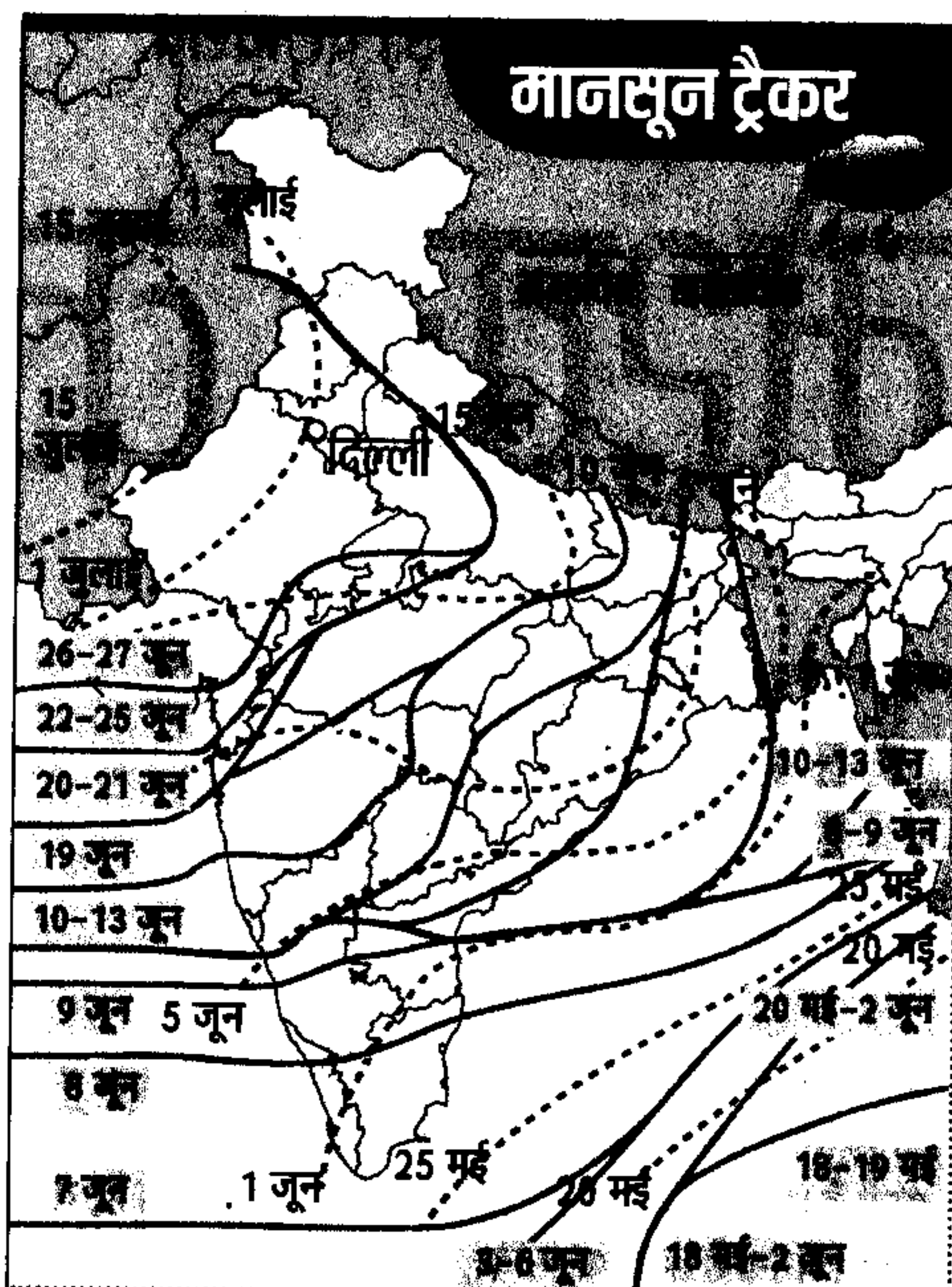
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लखनऊ/पटना | हिंदी

देश के कई हिस्सों में सोमवार को अच्छी बारिश हुई। बीते 24 घंटों के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश के कई भागों में भारी बारिश हुई है। सर्वाधिक बारिश बाराबंकी में 57.2 मिलीमीटर दर्ज की गई। वहीं मुरादाबाद में 45.8, राजधानी लखनऊ में 44.2 और श्रावस्ती में 36 मिलीमीटर वर्षा हुई।

खासतौर पर मध्य प्रदेश के इंदौर, महाराष्ट्र के मुंबई में और पंजाब के लुधियाना शहर में बारिश ने लोगों को भिंयोया। बिहार में रविवार को सुबह से सोमवार सुबह तक भागलपुर में पांच मिलीमीटर, पूर्णिया में 4.5 मिमी और राजधानी पटना में 0.3 मिमी बारिश हुई है। मंगलवार को राज्य के अधिकतर हिस्सों में बादल दिखेंगे। कहीं-कहीं गरज चमक के साथ हल्की बारिश हो सकती है।

मुंबई में हुई जोरदार बारिश से खास तौर पर नवी मुंबई के कई इलाकों में भारी जल जमाव हो गया। वहीं पंजाब लुधियाना शहर में सोमवार की सुबह जोरदार बारिश हुई। ओडिशा की राजधानी भुवनेश्वर में भी भारी बारिश हुई। राजधानी के कई हिस्सों में भारी जलजमाव हो गया।



लखनऊ, देहरादून तक पहुंचा मानसून

अपने तय समय से कुछ दिन की देरी चल रहा मानसून उत्तर भारत में सवाई माधोपुर, ग्वालियर, लखनऊ, पतनगर, देहरादून, उना, जम्मू जैसे

क्षेत्रों तक दस्तक दे चुका है। दिल्ली और आसपास के इलाकों में अभी मानसून के अगले दो तीन दिन तक दस्तक देने की संभावना नहीं है।

28 जून : पूर्वी मध्य प्रदेश, विदर्भ ओडिशा, और छत्तीसगढ़ में अच्छी बारिश हो सकती है।

29 जून : पूर्वी और पश्चिमी मध्य प्रदेश, विदर्भ, छत्तीसगढ़, अंडमान निकोबार हिमाचल प्रदेश और उत्तराखंड में भारी बारिश हो सकती है।

30 जून : पूर्वी मध्य प्रदेश, अंडमान निकोबार, हिमाचल प्रदेश और उत्तराखंड में बारिश की संभावना

01 जुलाई : यूपी, हिमाचल प्रदेश, उत्तराखंड, पूर्वी राजस्थान और गुजरात में भारी बारिश हो सकती है।

यूपी में नदियों का जलस्तर बढ़ा

उत्तर प्रदेश के कई भागों में भारी वर्षा से प्रमुख नदियों का जलस्तर बढ़ने लगा है।

शारदा नदी खीरी जिले के पलियाकलां में खतरे के निशान से उपर बह रही है। केंद्रीय जल आयोग की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार गंगा नदी का जलस्तर फतेहगढ़, कन्नौज,

कानपुर देहात और मिर्जापुर में बढ़ रहा है, जबकि यमुना का जलस्तर मोहना, घाघरा, बलिया के तृतीपार तथा बांदा में और गोमती का जलस्तर लखनऊ में बढ़ रहा है। खीरी में शारदा नदी के जलस्तर में भी वृद्धि दर्ज की गई है।

राजस्थान भी भीगा

जयपुर। राजस्थान में पिछले 24 घंटों में जोधपुर, जयपुर, अजमेर, कोटा, उदयपुर व बीकानेर संभागों के कुछ हिस्सों में मध्यम दर्जे की बारिश दर्ज की गई। हालांकि चूरू में अधिकतम तापमान 43.6 डिग्री सेल्सियस दर्ज किया गया।