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Germany pitches to join Ganga clean up 28-8

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Berlin, 27 August

Keen to be part of 'Clean Ganga' initiative, Germany has offered to rejuvenate a segment of the river in Uttarakhand by using technology it had employed to clean the Rhine, considered one of the most important waterways in Europe.

In an address to a select group of Indians here, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj referred to the German proposal while appealing the Indian diaspora to whole-heartedly contribute to the "Clean Ganga Mission" as well as

'Swachh Vidyalaya' initiative which is aimed at providing a functional toilet in every school toilets. Swaraj said her German counterpart Frank-Walter Steinmeier placed the proposal to clean Ganga in Uttarakhand during the two-hour-long meeting she had with him in which both the leaders reviewed entire gamut of bilateral ties. "The German Foreign Minister told me that 'you call Ganga mother. We cleaned Rhine. Rhine is like father and Ganga is mother'," she said addressing the gathering last evening.

Exhorting the Indian

community to be part of India's development, she said the country has witnessed "momentous changes" since the NDA government came to power with a clear majority. "I invite all of you to engage with India and be part of our developmental journey," she said. The External Affairs Minister said India's stature at the world stage has gone up significantly in the last 15 months and gave example of how it had rescued nearly 1,900 foreign nationals from Yemen besides over 4,000 Indians. She said even the US had requested India to

rescue their citizens from the war-torn country which was unprecedented.

"A government with clear majority has come after 30 years. The political pundits had said the coalition government's will continue for at least 20 years more but they were proved wrong," Swaraj said. "When we gave the slogan of 272 plus, some people made fun of us, some people questioned us and some people wondered how we will manage the magic figure. It was a big political change because India is the largest democracy in the world," Swaraj said.

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DJB cracks down on illegal lines, action against 400

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Cracking down on illegal connections, Delhi Jal Board (DJB) launched a special enforcement drive on Wednesday and prosecuted 411 people.

Sources said that 1,567 properties were inspected during the drive carried out to check illegal connections and misuse of water.

"The prosecutions were made under Delhi Water Board Act 1998 for stealing water through illegal connections and for misuse of water. DJB has started schemes for consumers to convert their illegal connections to legal ones but we have not received a very encouraging response. We now intend to carry out this drive at least once a week," said an official.

Data released by the board



showed that all 26 properties inspected in Paharganj were issued challans. In Mehrauli, 89 out of 125 properties inspected were issued challans. In Punjabi Bagh (west) and Rajouri Garden, DJB inspected 752 properties, of which 93 were prosecuted.

In Nangloi and Mundka, 28 people were prosecuted from 160 properties checked; 25 were prosecuted in Nehru Vihar and Azadpur; one in

Lalita Park and Laxmi Nagar; 64 at Palam Dabri Road; and 51 from Hanuman Road, Loni Road and Karawal Nagar.

"To undertake enforcement at such a scale, we have had to strengthen our enforcement wing. Even our regular inspections have increased and in the last three months, our teams have inspected 4,577 properties and issued challans to 1,055 people," said an official.

DJB has been losing several crores each year because of non-revenue water, which is lost either through leakages or through unauthorized connections, and has been trying to get consumers to take up legal connections. In the past few months, the Delhi government has announced various schemes to facilitate legalization of unauthorized connections.

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Monsoon to retreat from Sept 1? IMD says no signs yet

Amit Bhattacharya &
Neha Madaan | TNN

New Delhi/Pune: The monsoon may start withdrawing from northwest India from the first week of September, a forecast issued by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology said, even as the countrywide rain deficit grew to 12% for the season.

September 1 is the normal date for monsoon to start withdrawing from the country. IITM's prediction, if it comes true, would mean the northwestern plains of Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana and Delhi may not get much rain for the rest of the season, indicating an increase in the overall rainfall deficiency.

However, countering the prediction, BP Yadav, director of Indian Meteorological Department, said, "Rainfall has remained subdued in northwest India over the past week and is likely to remain so for the next few days, but that does not mean monsoon's withdrawal is imminent." "Monsoon's withdrawal depends on a change in wind patterns. We are yet to see consistent changes in line with that. As long as the monsoon wind pattern remains in place, there's always the possibility that a system forming in the Bay of Bengal can bring good spells of rain to the region," Yadav added.

Monsoon's withdrawal usually takes over a month, beginning from west Rajasthan and progresses eastwards. Meanwhile, the ex-



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tended break in the monsoon is likely to end, with a well-marked low pressure system over coastal Odisha set to bring rainfall over most of eastern and central India in the next five to seven days, except the northwest, Yadav said.

The IITM forecast also did not see any significant monsoon intra-seasonal oscillations (MISO) activity for the next 10 to 15 days. MISO is a large-scale system associated with monsoon. India is said to get significant rainfall under the influence of MISO, even during El Nino years.

G P Sharma, vice president, meteorology, at Skymet Weather Services too did not give any assured date of withdrawal. "Withdrawal of monsoon is a long process, and takes 15 days to withdraw completely from west Rajasthan. Also, every year there is some variability in monsoon's withdrawal dates. Like, last couple of years, monsoon withdrawal was delayed," he said.

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Waiting for rescue



Villagers with their livestock take shelter on a highland after their hamlet was submerged by flood water following heavy rain, in Morigaon district of Assam. — PHOTO: RITU RAJ KONWAR

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Gogoi seeks 500 cr. flood aid from Centre

GUWAHATI: Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi on Thursday sought Rs 500 crore assistance from the Centre for the flood-hit state.

In a letter to the Prime Minister, Mr Gogoi pleaded for the amount to meet the emergent flood situation in the state.

He urged the Prime Minister for an immediate release of Rs 387 crore under the National Disaster Response Fund.

"I am given to understand that the sanctioned amount for Rs 387 crore under NDRF is to be adjusted against the unspent balance of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), which will be a grave injustice because the unspent balance of SDRF is committed against projects already sanctioned and we, in fact, need more funds to meet the committed liabilities," Mr Gogoi said.

The CM requested Mr Modi to release the Central share of Rs 257 crore against Flood Management Programme schemes taken up under the 11th Plan for which the state government has already released its share.

The Chief Minister further pleaded for release of the Central share for Rs 1,016 crore for FMP schemes under the 12th Plan. - PTI

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POLLUTER PAYS PRINCIPLE

NGT ISSUES SHOW CAUSE NOTICES TO 45 SOCIETIES IN VASUNDHARA ENCLAVE

Hindon stifled by waste

Akanksha Jain

Heaps of municipal solid waste can be seen in and around Hindon Canal at Vasundhara Enclave, Mayur Vihar Phase I, Dallu Pura Village and New Ashok Nagar, which have been developed by DDA without any plan for sanitation. Near the area, a police station has been constructed on the outlet of the drain obstructing its flow.

With government agencies shifting the onus, the National Green Tribunal has issued show cause notices to 45 societies in Vasundhara Enclave asking why they should not pay compensation under the 'polluter pays principle'.

The East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC), under whose jurisdiction the area falls, has been directed to also issue notices to Residents Association of Mayur Vihar Phase- I, Dallu Pura Village and New Ashok Nagar on the similar lines on which Notice is being issued to the societies.

The NGT took note of the fact that there is massive collection of municipal solid waste around the Hindon Canal that falls in Vasundhara Enclave, Mayur Vihar Phase I, Dallu Pura Village and New Ashok Nagar and directed the EDMC to remove the same in a week.

The DDA has been asked why it has not provided outlet for the storm water which collects in the



The Hindon-Yamuna canal. - FILE PHOTO

society and/or villages block.

EDMC informed that it has already removed 18 trucks of municipal solid waste and have deployed huge man power for the said purpose and the process is continuing.

It also claimed that the waste is being thrown on the greater part of the area which belongs to PWD and as such they are expected to collect and dispose of municipal solid waste according to the Rules. The agency also stated that the canal is said to be belonging to the U.P. Irrigation Department and, therefore, they should take care.

It is to be noted that the colonies have been developed by DDA

and handed over to EDMC for sanitary purpose only in June, 2015. Prior thereto, the DDA was responsible for proper collection and disposal of the waste.

"This is an admitted position, which clearly shows the serious dimensions of these environmental issues arising from the indiscriminate dumping of municipal solid waste and allied waste in and around the Hindon Canal. This is undisputedly causing water pollution and environmental degradation. This menace must be stopped," the NGT said.

"...it is crystal clear that each Department shirks its responsibility, not only the one towards public but even the statutory

obligation. On the one hand Authorities are failing to perform their functions and on the other hand there is indiscriminate dumping of waste by the people living in these areas. Primarily, in either case, it causes environmental degradation and water pollution in those areas," the Tribunal said.

The NGT has now asked all agencies concerned to share the work and explore the possibility of erecting iron grills along the canal.

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नर्मदा आंदोलन : अन्य आंदोलनों के लिए प्रेरणा और नैतिक ऊर्जा का स्रोत

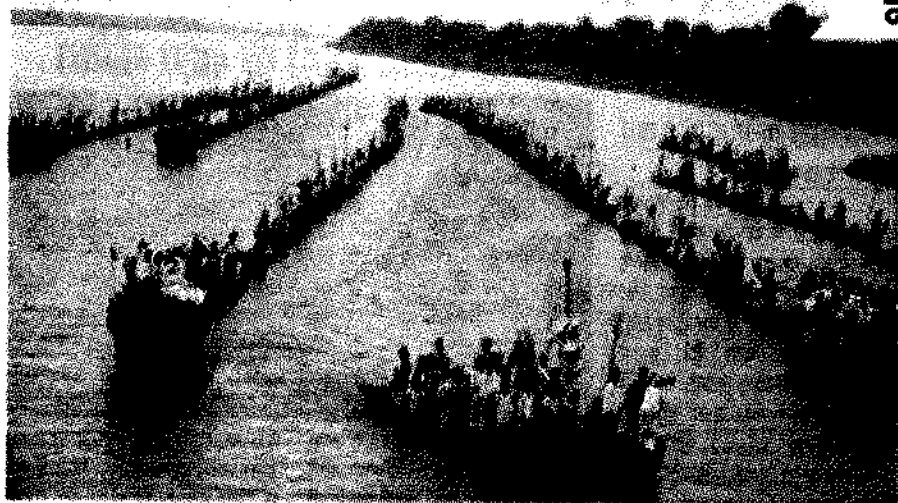
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यह आंदोलन बांध बनने और विस्थापन को रोक नहीं पाया। जैसे महात्मा गांधी का असहयोग आंदोलन अंग्रेजी राज को उखाड़ नहीं पाया था या फिर जैसे कि जयप्रकाश नारायण का बिहार आंदोलन भ्रष्ट सरकार से इस्तीफा नहीं ले पाया था। लेकिन, जैसे गांधी जी और जेपी के आंदोलनों ने दमनकारी सत्ता के विघटन की बुनियाद रखी, उसी तरह नर्मदा बचाओ आंदोलन ने विकास के नाम पर विनाश के साम्राज्य की नैतिक आभा को तोड़ दिया है। बांध पहले भी बने थे, शहर पहले भी उजड़े थे, विस्थापन पहले भी हुए थे, विस्थापन की पीड़ा पहले भी रही थी। लेकिन, नर्मदा बचाओ आन्दोलन से पहले इस दर्द के पास जुबां नहीं थी, इस पीड़ा की अपनी भाषा नहीं थी।



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138.72 मीटर तक रखने की अनुमति है।

1985 में हुई थी नर्मदा आंदोलन की शुरुआत पर 1989 से हो रहा है सक्रिय विरोध

नर्मदा की धार पर पिछले दिनों नाव में हिक्कोले खाते मन में सवाल उठा। पिछले तीस सालों में नर्मदा बचाओ आंदोलन ने क्या हासिल किया? सवाल मेरा अपना नहीं था। खासतौर पर पिछले दस साल में यह सवाल कई बार पूछा गया है। सिर्फ उन लोगों द्वारा नहीं, जिनका स्वार्थ नर्मदा के बांधों से जुड़ा रहा है। बांध और विस्थापन के घोर विरोधी भी पूछते हैं कि तीस साल के इस अहिंसक सत्याग्रह से आखिर क्या मिला? आंदोलन का नारा था 'कोई नहीं हटेगा, बांध नहीं बनेगा' लेकिन बांध तो बने। एक, दो नहीं, सरकारी योजना के मुताबिक सारे बांध बने। और इस योजना का प्रतीक सरदार सरोवर बांध भी धड़ल्ले से बना। बाकायदा सुप्रीम कोर्ट की रजामंदी के साथ बना। यह 122 मीटर ऊंचा बन चुका है और 139 मीटर तक चढ़ने वाला है। हिंसक संघर्ष को मानने वालों की ओर से बड़वानी के राजघाट पर यह सवाल तैरता रहा है। मैं पिछले दिनों जीवन अधिकार सत्याग्रह में भाग लेने वहीं गया हुआ था।

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इस सवाल के जवाब में आंकड़े गिनाये जा सकते थे। मसलन यह कहा

जा सकता था कि इस आंदोलन के चलते कोई 11,000 विस्थापित परिवारों को भूमि के बदले भूमि मिली। इतनी बड़ी मात्रा में जमीन पहले कभी नहीं मिली। इसी आंदोलन के चलते सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने इस सिद्धांत को मान्यता दी कि डूब से पहले पुनर्वास अनिवार्य है। इसी सिद्धांत के सहारे आज भी विस्थापितों ने बांध की ऊंचाई बढ़ाने के विरुद्ध स्टे लिया। इस आंदोलन ने पुनर्वास के हकदार हर परिवार को सूचीबद्ध किया, जिससे पता लगा कि किनका हक मारा जा रहा है। पुनर्वास में हर कदम पर हो रहे भ्रष्टाचार का भंडाफोड़ भी इसी आंदोलन ने किया।

जब सरदार सरोवर बांध की योजना बनी तो अनुमानित लागत कोई 9,000 करोड़ रुपये थी। अब उससे दस गुना ज्यादा लागत का अनुमान है। इतने में गुजरात के किसानों के लिए कितने छोटे बांध बन सकते थे? वादा था कि 8 लाख हेक्टेयर जमीन की सिंचाई हो सकेगी लेकिन वास्तव में 2.5 लाख हेक्टेयर में भी सिंचाई का लाभ नहीं मिला। किसान के बदले सरदार सरोवर का पानी अब उद्योगों और शहरों को दिया जा रहा है। कच्चा की प्यास बुझाने की बजाय यह पानी कोका-कोला जैसी कंपनियों को बेचा जा रहा है। क्या इसलिए हजारों

परिवारों, मंदिर-मस्जिदों और जंगल को डुबाया गया था?

विफल नहीं है आंदोलन

सच यह है कि यह आंदोलन बांध बनने और विस्थापन होने को रोक नहीं पाया। जैसे महात्मा गांधी का असहयोग आंदोलन अंग्रेजी राज को उखाड़ नहीं पाया था या जैसे कि जेपी का बिहार आंदोलन भ्रष्ट सरकार से इस्तीफा नहीं ले पाया था। लेकिन, उनके आंदोलनों ने दमनकारी सत्ता के विघटन की बुनियाद रखी, उसी तरह नर्मदा बचाओ आंदोलन ने विकास के नाम पर विनाश के साम्राज्य की नैतिक आभा को तोड़ दिया है। बांध पहले भी बने थे, शहर पहले भी उजड़े थे, विस्थापन की पीड़ा पहले भी रही थी। लेकिन, नर्मदा बचाओ आन्दोलन से पहले इस दर्द के पास जुबां नहीं थी, इस पीड़ा की अपनी भाषा नहीं थी। नर्मदा बचाओ आंदोलन ने पूरे देश को यह दर्द समझाया। यह बताया कि यह दर्द लाइलाज नहीं है, विकास की चालू अवधारणा पर सवालिया निशान लगाया, वैकल्पिक विकास की सोच शुरू की। जल-जंगल-जमीन पर स्थानीय लोगों के स्वामित्व का सिद्धांत रखा। अगर नर्मदा बचाओ

आंदोलन न होता तो न इतने आंदोलन होते, न ही इन आंदोलनों में इतनी नैतिक व राजनैतिक ऊर्जा होती। अगर नर्मदा बचाओ आंदोलन न होता तो अंग्रेजों के 1894 के भूमि अधिग्रहण कानून की समीक्षा न होती, 2013 में संसद की सर्वसम्मति से नया कानून न बनता और 2015 में उस कानून को निरस्त करने की मोदी सरकार की कोशिश का इतना सफल विरोध न होता। बेशक नर्मदा बचाओ आंदोलन से सत्ता की बेहयाई नहीं रुकी, बांध की ऊंचाई नहीं रुकी लेकिन, देश की आंख में डेढ़ मीटर की मेधा पाटकर का कद 122 मीटर के बांध और उसे बनाने वालों से बड़ा है। बड़वानी के राजघाट पर मेरा मन 30 साल आगे देखने लगा। सन् 2045 में देश का प्रधानमंत्री इसी राजघाट पर खड़ा होकर देश की ओर से माफी मांग रहा है। आदिवासियों, किसानों, मजदूरों से, उनकी पीढ़ियों से। विकास के नाम पर हुए विनाश के लिए, आजीविका छीनने, प्रकृति के ध्वंस, स्मृति-चिन्हों से हिंसा के लिए। माफी मांग रहा है नर्मदा से, कह रहा है कि हमें इस घाटी की गूंज सुननी चाहिए थी, 'नर्मदा बचाओ, मानव बचाओ'।

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यूरोप की राइन नदी के तर्ज पर गंगा की सफाई

बर्लिन | एजेंसी

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जर्मनी ने प्रौद्योगिकी के माध्यम से गंगा सफाई अभियान में सहयोग की इच्छा जताई है। यूरोप के महत्वपूर्ण जलमार्गों में शुमार राइन नदी को साफ करने में इस्तेमाल की गई प्रौद्योगिकी को उत्तराखंड में गंगा के एक हिस्से के पुनर्जीवन में प्रयोग करने पेशकश की है। यह जानकारी विदेश मंत्री सुषमा स्वराज ने दी। राइन नदी को यूरोप में सबसे महत्वपूर्ण जलमार्गों में से एक माना जाता है।

बर्लिन में भारतीय समुदाय के लोगों को संबोधित करते हुए विदेश मंत्री ने

जर्मनी की इस पेशकश का जिक्र किया। उन्होंने कहा कि उनके जर्मन समकक्ष फैंक वॉल्टर स्टेनमेयर ने उनके साथ दो घंटे तक चली बैठक के दौरान उत्तराखंड में गंगा की सफाई करने का प्रस्ताव किया। सुषमा ने कहा, 'जर्मन विदेश मंत्री ने मुझे बताया कि आप गंगा को मां कहते हैं। हमने राइन नदी को साफ किया है। राइन पिता के समान है और गंगा मां है।'

विदेश मंत्रालय के प्रवक्ता विकास स्वरूप ने कहा कि दोनों देशों के विदेश मंत्रियों की बीच हुई बैठक सकारात्मक थी जो भारत-जर्मनी की सामरिक भागीदारी को और मजबूत करेगी।

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जर्मनी की सरकार ने गंगा नदी के एक हिस्से को सफा करने की परामर्श की है। विदेश मंत्री सुब्रह्मण्यम ने जर्मनी की इस परामर्श का धिक्का किया, साथ ही स्वच्छ गंगा अभियान और स्वच्छ विद्यालय पहल में दिल खोलकर योगदान की अपील की।

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Rains back after a lull in State

BENGALURU: Moderate to heavy rains lashed several parts of the State on Wednesday.

After a lull, Shivamogga district received moderate to heavy rainfall. Hosanagar, Shivamogga, Sagar, Bhadravathi received heavy rains in the noon and the evening.

Several roads in Shivamogga city were waterlogged disrupting vehicular movement.

Rainwater gushed into houses in low-lying areas. Shikaripur, Thirthahalli, Sorab also received good spell of rains.

Sweltering heat

The residents of Belagavi got a relief from sweltering heat with heavy rains lashing the City for a few hours. The showers brought down the mercury levels in the border city.

Bagalkot received drizzles throughout the day. Rains appeared after a break of nearly a week in Uttara Kannada district. Coastal towns such as Bhatkal, Honnavar, Ankola and Karwar received moderate rains. Sirsi, Yallapur and Sidlapur had cloudy weather since morning.

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RELIEF FROM HEAT: Students take shelter under umbrellas as showers lash Belagavi City on Wednesday. DH PHOTO

Discontent brews as Yettinahole work progresses

People fear water diversion from Kumaradhara, Netravathi rivers

Ronald Anil Fernandes

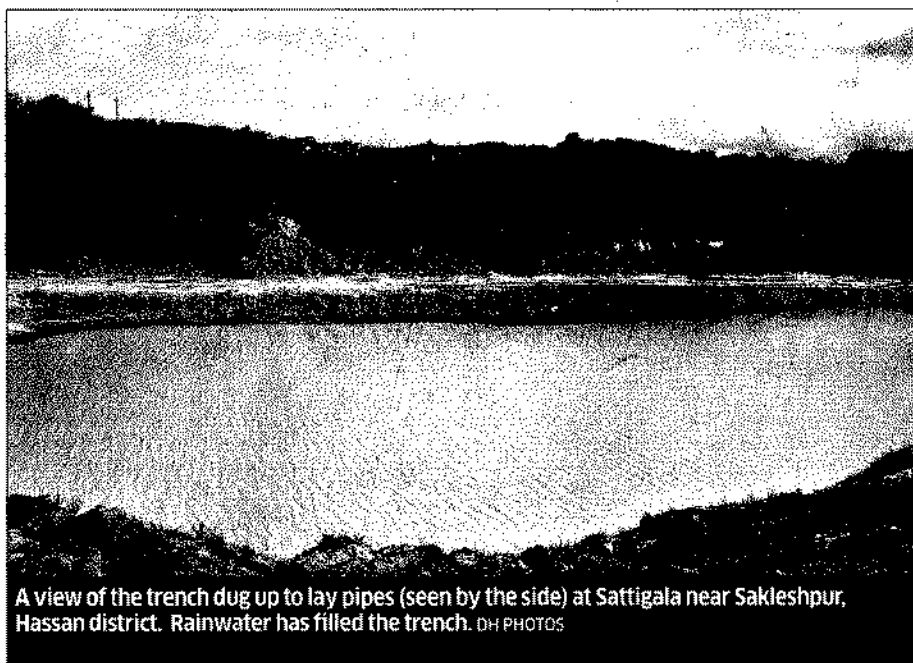
SAKLESHPUR (HASSAN DISTRICT): The North Karnataka region is in the grip of an intense agitation over the Kalasa-Banduri project. But another controversy seems to be brewing related to the Yettinahole project.

In this, water flows through huge pipes measuring 10 to 12 feet in diameter across River Hemavathi, the lifeline of Sakleshpur.

As per the existing plan, the Rs 13,000-crore project comprises construction of eight weirs between Hongadahole and Doddanaagara, the biggest weir, from where water will be pumped to a height. From there, it will flow using gravitational force to Tumakuru, Kolar, Chikkaballapur districts and parts of Bengaluru district.

While seven weirs are on one side of River Hemavathi, Doddanaagara is on the other side. Hence, to reach Doddanaagara (8th weir) from Hebbasale (7th weir), either the huge pipes measuring 10 to 12 feet in diameter should be laid beneath the river or above it.

Four huge pipes would be laid across River Hemavathi, each measuring 10x10 feet, while the water in rivers/rivulets is less than two feet in depth. There is no men-



A view of the trench dug up to lay pipes (seen by the side) at Sattigala near Sakleshpur, Hassan district. Rainwater has filled the trench. DH PHOTOS

tion about the same in the detailed project report too.

As per the plan, the water which was supposed to flow towards Kempuhole and from there, to River Kumaradhara and finally to River Netravathi before joining Arabian Sea would be blocked and diverted to Tumakuru, Kolar, Chikkaballapur districts and parts of Bengaluru district, after crossing River Hemavathi (which joins River Cauvery and then flows to Tamil Nadu).

If the water collected through weirs (which was supposed to flow through River Netravathi) joins River Hemavathi, will the affected people keep quiet?, asks Shivanna, a villager from Hebbasale, through whose land huge pipelines pass.

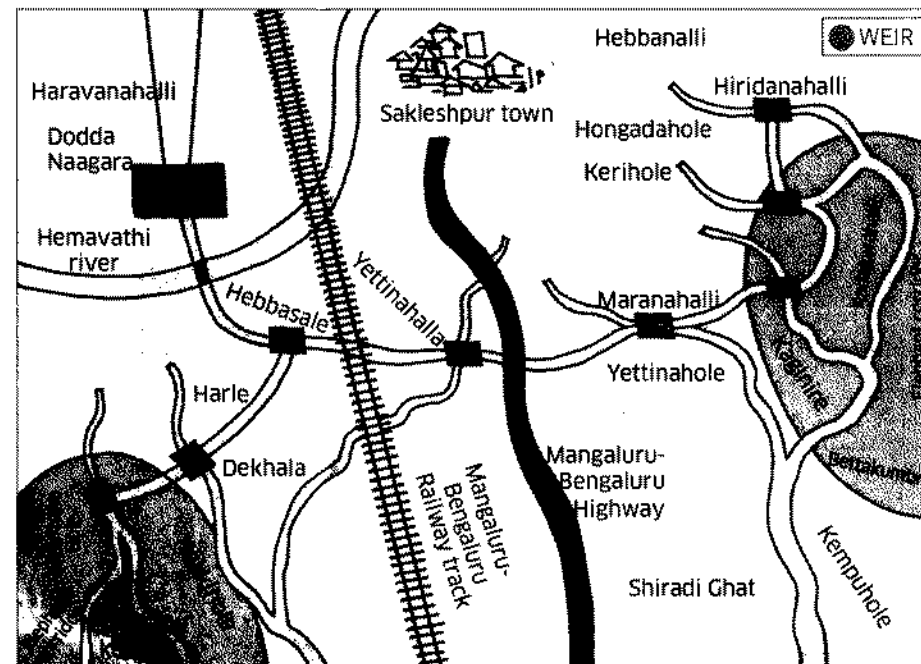
Only 9 tmc ft available

Though the authorities concerned continue to claim that 24 tmc ft of water is available, a recent study by a team of ex-

perts from the Centre for Ecological Sciences (CES) of the Indian Institute Science (IISc), Bengaluru, led by Prof T V Ramachandra has found out that only 9 tmc of water is available for the project.

If sources are to be believed, officials have surveyed River Kumaradhara too to make up for the water deficiency.

"What is the guarantee that water from River Hemavathi too is not diverted?," asked an activist.



No work started: Minister Recently, Minister for Forest, Environment and Ecology B Ramanath Rai, in an interactive session organised by the Kanara Chamber of Commerce and Industries, claimed that no work has commenced pertaining to Yettinahole project in the Western Ghats region.

But, when mediapersons visited the project site, a completely different picture emerged.

While a huge weir (measuring over 100 feet in height) is coming up at Yettinahole (5th weir), huge pipes measuring 10x10 feet have already been laid at Hebbasale and Kadamane Estate.

The work on the project is being undertaken on a war-footing, but the public have been kept in the dark, said Dinesh Holla, the convener of Sahyadri Samrakshana San-chaya.

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SHIVANNA, A VIL-LAGER FROM HEB-BASALE: If the water collected through weirs (which was supposed to flow through River Netravathi) joins River Hemavathi, will the affected people keep quiet?

Lifeline gets some much-needed repair



The work will be over in three months and work on the remaining portion will be taken up in the second phase — PHOTO: B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

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After over five years, the Kandaleru Poondi canal, which plays a key role in transporting Krishna water from Andhra Pradesh to Chennai, is getting a makeover. This will help the faster flow of water and prevent the silting up of the canal bed.

The Water Resources Department has started repairing vulnerable stretches of the canal between Uthukottai and Poondi reservoir.

Several workers are involved

in strengthening the 25-km-long canal, which has remained dry for two months now. At present, work is going on in a 12-km stretch of the canal. Officials of the WRD said the concrete lining on the retaining wall is being rebuilt in the portion under the Rs. 20-crore project.

As of now, about 50 per cent of the project funded by NABARD has been completed. "The work will be over in three months. We plan to take up work in the remaining portion of the canal in the second phase of the project," the official added.

The department had earlier taken up minor works to fix damages in the vulnerable portions of the canal in 2010 and 2012.

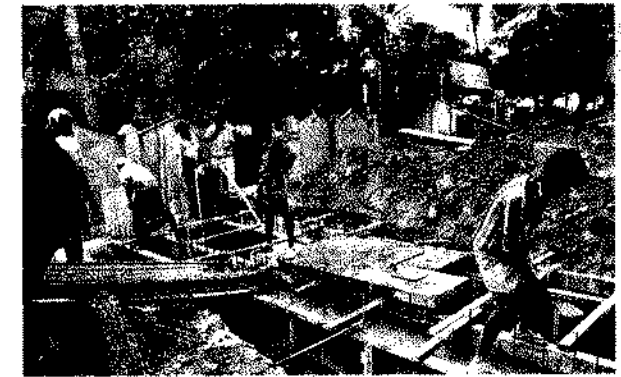
Meanwhile, the department is

also in liaison with its counterpart in Andhra Pradesh regarding the release of Krishna water from Kandaleru reservoir to the water-starved city. The reservoirs of Andhra Pradesh that feed Kandaleru reservoir too are nearly dry.

The water supply from the neighbouring State was suspended in July following a dip in resources there.

"We have received 2.55 thousand million cubic feet of water between January and July this year. This is equal to three months of city water supply. Once the reservoirs have better inflows, we expect to get water into the canal. However, the water flow in the canal will not affect the ongoing work," officials said.

Stormwater drains fail in preventing stagnation



Stormwater drain work is going on in many areas in Tambaram — PHOTO: G. KRISHNASWAMY

T. Madhavan

CHENNAI: Though stormwater drains are very crucial to transport rainwater run-off to lakes and tanks and keep towns free from stagnation during the monsoon, they end up draining sewage in waterbodies, as seen in the city's southern suburbs.

Further, the delay in completing work on drains causes a lot of trouble to residents, especially senior citizens and school children. Residents and elected representatives point out to the network of drains that have been emptying sewage into Chitlapakkam Lake for many years.

"Water from the railway colony serves as aquifers, but only grey water from homes and shops is released into the lake and the local bodies only end up accelerating this process," pointed out Nirmala Munuswamy, a councillor. Recently, Tambaram

municipality started cement concrete pavement and a culvert with stormwater drain on Anna Street, Periyar Street and Muthumariamman Koil Streets in East Tambaram. Similarly, work orders were also issued for stormwater drains with cover slabs and a culvert in Rajeswari Nagar and Dhanalakshmi Street Selaiyur. Officials said the culvert is essential to channelise rainwater into the drains as part of flood-prevention measures.

Residents complain that due to delays in the work on completing the drains and culvert work on Bharatha Matha Street in East Tambaram, water stagnation might occur during the monsoon.

The drain work is creating traffic pile-ups on the road as well as neighbouring streets. Residents and motorists are concerned about safety of students when the construction work is on.

OFFICIALS ARE ALSO IN TOUCH WITH ANDHRA PRADESH AUTHORITIES REGARDING KRISHNA SUPPLY FROM KANDALERU RESERVOIR

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The flood-affected Batahidia char in Chaygaon of Kamrup (Rural) district, on Sunday. – UB Photos

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Flood scene in Barpeta district improves

CORRESPONDENT

BARPETA, Aug 25: Though the overall flood situation in Barpeta district improved today, 150 villages still remain under water. Most of the rivers, including the Brahmaputra, are flowing above the danger mark till the filing of this report.

Though the water levels of Brahmaputra, Beki, Manah, Pahara and Kaldia remain above the danger mark, they are showing a receding trend. But Nakhandia and Mara Chaulkhowa rivers are still rising. According to official sources, five in Barpeta, 50 in Baghbar, 31 in Kalgachia, 27 in Sarthebari, six in Sarupeta and two villages in Bajali circle

have been affected by the current wave of floods. Two relief camps have been established in Baghbar circle and 300 people have been sheltered there. They have been provided essential food items like rice, dal and salt. The district administration has been monitoring the situation round-the-clock.

Meanwhile, a team of Krishak Mukti Sangram Samiti (KMSS) led by the working president of Barpeta district committee Dandinath Barman visited flood-affected areas under Sarthebari revenue circle today. The team visited Rangia Nadir Pam, Pithadi, Kawaimari block, Era, Bamunda, Neularbhitha etc., and interacted with the local people there. Talking to this corre-

spondent, Dandinath Barman alleged that thousands of people in Paka Mouza are still reeling under flood. He informed that more than 50 villages under Sarthebari revenue circle have been submerged in the current wave of floods. A substantial crop area has been washed away. But it is a matter of regret that no relief materials have been provided by the authority in the affected areas. He rued the role of public representatives like MLA and MP who can't even spare a day to spend with the suffering people. He also informed that they will prepare detail information about the loss incurred and submit a memorandum to the government seeking compensation.