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Marathwada farmer suicides at 454, 22% higher than in '15

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Mumbai: As many as 454 cases of farmer suicide have been reported in drought-struck Marathwada so far this year. The figure is 22% higher than the 372 cases reported till the end of May last year.

The region is in the grip of its fourth drought in five years, which has devastated agriculture and resulted in an acute shortage of drinking water.

The district of Beed, the home constituency of state rural development minister Pankaja Munde, continues to report the highest number of cases, with 81 farmer suicides. Nanded has reported 70 cases and Aurangabad has 67. The district of Latur has reported 61 cases of farmer suicides while Osmanabad has

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gion's 11 dams are below dead storage level. Of these, two have run dry. We are expecting the water to last till the monsoon and are hoping there is good rainfall this year," says Marathwada's divisional commissioner Umakant Dangat.

He says that the government has made efforts to provide both water and jobs under the rural employment scheme in the drought belt. However, activists from the Right to Life Campaign say the state is neglecting the provision of social services, including health care, food security and employment.

"The Supreme Court has asked for the mid-day meal scheme to be operational even during holidays in drought-affected districts but this has not been done even though funds have been released," said activist Ulka Mahajan.

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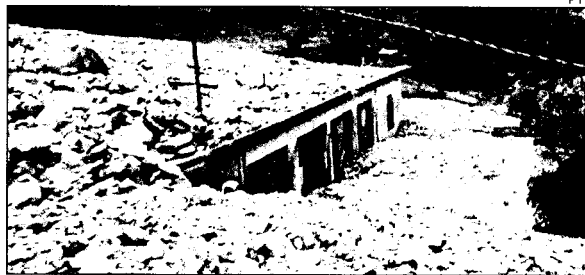
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Storms kill 3, wreck Tehri, Uttarkashi

Three people were killed and three more feared dead as heavy rain and thunderstorms wreaked havoc in Uttarkashi and Tehri districts on Saturday night, damaging over 100 houses and killing cattle, reports **Gaurav Talwar**. Chinyalisaur and Dunda tehsil in Uttarkashi were the worst hit.

The Rishikesh-Badrinath highway is blocked at Maithana, ahead of Karnaprayag due to debris, while the Rishikesh-Kedarnath highway is blocked at Chandrapuri. The Met office has issued an alert of heavy rain with thundershowers and thunder squalls in Champawat, Nainital, Almora, Dehradun, Tehri and Pauri districts till Monday night. **P8**

Thunderstorm lashes U'khand, three killed



NATURE'S FURY: A house buried under rubble after a cloudburst at Ghansali in Sialkot, Tehri, on Saturday night

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Dehradun: Three persons were killed and as many feared dead as heavy rainfall and thunderstorms wreaked havoc in Uttarakhand's Uttarkashi and Tehri districts on Saturday night, damaging over 100 houses and killing several heads of cattle.

Chinyalisaur and Dunda tehsil in Uttarkashi district were the worst affected. In Dunda tehsil, the body of a

16-year-old who was washed away was found on Sunday morning. However, three others, identified as Shartna Devi, Godambari Devi and Munshilal, are still missing.

The storm also caused heavy damage in Ghansali tehsil of Tehri district.

Met office has issued an alert of heavy rain along with thundershowers at isolated places in Champawat, Nainital, Almora, Dehradun, Tehri and Pauri districts till Monday night.

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10 DAMS THREATEN ANCIENT SEAT OF BUDDHISM IN ARUNACHAL

Monks join Tawang war on dams

RANJU DODUM

Itanagar, 29 May

Seated on a bed that doubles as a sofa in the visitors' room of the Tawang Monastery, Leki Wangchuk speaks calmly, ignoring the pain of remembering his now deceased brother, Tsering Tempa, who was shot dead by security forces more than three weeks ago.

On May 2, residents of the usually quiet town of Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh woke up worried. Four days earlier on April 28, Lobsang Gyatso, a Buddhist monk and vocal opponent of the government's plans to build 10 large dams in the district was arrested for allegedly defaming the abbot of the 336-year



old Tawang Monastery, also known as the Galden Namgye Lhatse - celestial paradise in a clear night. That day, the skies were clear but a cloud of tragedy was soon to follow. Gyatso has been leading protests against plans to build over ten dams in the district, using the platform of the

"Save Mon Region Federation", an organisation that has a strong support base among monks and nuns apart from villagers. He is also the general secretary of the organisation and an ordained monk who studied at the Sera Je Monastery in Bylakuppe near Mysore. A few years

after his return, Gyatso began to raise concerns about the environmental impact of the many hydropower projects planned for Tawang district.

On April 26, Gyatso was first arrested for leading villagers from Gongkhar, the site for the six-megawatt Mukto Shakangchu project, opposing the reconstruction of a spillway which they claimed had broken because of substandard work. He was arrested based on an FIR filed by the Personal Security Officer of local MLA Pema Khandu for disruption of peace. He was later let out on bail.

However, he was arrested again on April 28 for allegedly insulting the abbot of the Tawang

Monastery by questioning his nationality and telling him to stay out of the hydropower issue. The basis for the arrest was an audio clip that Gyatso and his supporters say was recorded in 2012 when the anti-large dam protests began.

When he was arrested for what his supporters feel were trumped up charges, they waited for four days before demanding his release from the police custody.

On that morning, Gyatso was to attend court for a bail hearing. His supporters, mostly fellow monks and nuns, gathering outside the police station where he was held.

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When his bail plea was turned down, the police took him inside the station again. Agitated, the protestors, as per some claims, began pelting stones at the police station. In reaction, the police and men of the Indian Reserve Battalion began firing their guns in an attempt to disperse the crowd.

Apart from some police and security personnel sustaining minor injuries during the firing, eight civilians were seriously injured and two people were killed. One was a former monk, the other was still in his monk's

robes. Tsering Tempa, who had recently got married after giving up his monk vows a few years back, was shot in the head. Nyima Wangdi was still a young monk when he was killed in the police firing.

While the state government has set up two inquiries to investigate the matter, the exact events of the day remain murky. Varying accounts from different people blame the protestors for turning violent while others smell a larger political conspiracy to derail the anti-dam movement in the district.

Investigations and inquiries on the matter are

underway but amongst the protestors and monks, the mood is not one of positivity.

Several organisations, such as the All Arunachal Pradesh Students' Union have called for a CBI inquiry on the matter instead of state-government constituted committees. This distrust on such government inquiries stems from the fact that they have never been able to truly provide closure to victims in the past. What could further fuel this feeling is the fact that apart from the Tawang district superintendent of police Anto Alphonse and officer in-charge of the Tawang police station Lam Dhondup,

none of the other higher-ranked officials have been suspended even though an official statement from the government had claimed otherwise.

Soon after the incident on May 4, an official statement from the office of the deputy chief minister, Kameng Dolo, said that Tawang deputy commissioner Duly Kamduk and Dhondup were suspended, along with Alphonse. In reality though, only Alphonse and Dhondup are serving a suspension while Kamduk has been transferred to Itanagar and deputy superintendent of police Pem Norbu Thongdok has been transferred to Namsai.

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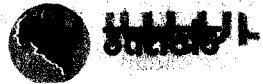
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भारी बारिश से केदारनाथ मार्ग में सैकड़ों श्रद्धालु फंसे



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भारी बारिश से शनिवार को घनसाली में बंद हुआ गंगोत्री-केदारनाथ मोटर मार्ग नहीं खुल सका। इस कारण टिहरी जिले में चमियाला से घनसाली के बीच 250 से ज्यादा केदारनाथ यात्री 31 घंटे से बीच रास्ते में फंसे हैं।

प्रशासन का दावा था कि शाम करीब साढ़े सात बजे तक रास्ता खोल दिया जाएगा, लेकिन देर रात तक रास्ता नहीं खोला जा सका। लोक निर्माण विभाग लगातार सड़क खोलने में जुटा है। वहीं यात्रियों ने आसपास के लॉजों और स्थानीय लोगों के घरों में शरण ली है। यमुनोत्री-गंगोत्री धाम की यात्रा के

प्रदेश में 48 घंटे भारी बारिश का अलर्ट

उत्तराखंड में अगले 48 घंटे भारी बारिश की चेतावनी को देखते हुए सरकार ने सभी जिलों को अलर्ट कर दिया है। सरकार ने नदियों और गंदेरों के किनारे रहने वाले सभी लोगों को बारिश की स्थिति में सुरक्षित स्थानों पर जाने की सलाह दी है। आपदा कंट्रोल रूम ने रविवार को अलर्ट जारी कर राज्य के कुछ स्थानों पर भारी बारिश और कई स्थानों पर सामान्य बारिश होने की चेतावनी दी। ऐसे में राज्य के सभी जिलों में लोगों को सतर्क रहने को कहा है। भूस्खलन की आशंका वाले क्षेत्रों से लोगों को दूर रहने और सुरक्षित स्थानों पर जाने की सलाह दी गई है।

बाद यात्री उत्तरकाशी से लंबगांव-कोटालगांव-चमियाला-घनसाली-तिलवाड़ा मोटरमार्ग से होते हुए केदारनाथ धाम पहुंचते हैं। शनिवार दोपहर करीब डेढ़ बजे तेज बारिश से यह सड़क कई जगह भूस्खलन और भूधंसाव से बंद हो गई थी। इससे सैकड़ों यात्री बीच रास्ते में ही फंस गए। यात्रियों ने शनिवार रात बीच रास्ते में ही

गुजारी। इस दौरान कुछ यात्री अपनी गाड़ियों में ही रहे और काफी संख्या में नजदीकी सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य केंद्र बेलेश्वर में शरण ली। रविवार शाम साढ़े छह बजे तक भी रास्ता नहीं खुल सका था। वहीं प्रशासन के अनुसार रास्ता कई जगह खुल गया है, केवल श्रीकोट के पास ही बंद है, जिसको जल्द खोल दिया जाएगा।



टिहरी जिले की बालगंगा घाटी में रविवार को भारी बारिश से कई मकान तबाह हो गए। • हिन्दुस्तान

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आपदा से सात सौ बेघर

टिहरी जिले की बालगंगा घाटी में शनिवार की बारिश और बादल फटने से भारी तबाही मची। इस आपदा में 13 गांवों के डेढ़ हजार से भी अधिक परिवार प्रभावित हुए। बारिश से 220 मकानों को नुकसान पहुंचा, जबकि 700 से अधिक लोग बेघर हो गए। 27 साल बाद बालगंगा घाटी में इतनी बड़ी आपदा आई। 1989 में भी सात गंदेरों में भीषण बाढ़ आई थी।

यहां ज्यादा नुकसान

बालगंगा और घनसाली के घनसाली बाजार, चमियाला बाजार, सीताकोट, गिरगांव, कोटियाड़ा, सिल्यारा, अरुधांगी, और कोट में सौ परिवार प्रभावित हुए। बड़ी संख्या में मवेशी मारे गए। राज्य आपदा सूचना केंद्र के अनुसार सबसे अधिक नुकसान कोटियाड़ा, सिल्यारा में हुआ।

बदरीनाथ मार्ग में बारिश

पिंडर घाटी में करीब डेढ़ घंटे से तेज हवाओं के साथ बारिश हो रही है। बदरीनाथ में कुछ देर बारिश के बाद मौसम खुल गया। चमोली और रुद्रप्रयाग के कई हिस्सों में भारी बारिश शुरू हो गई। बरसात में मलबा आने से चमोली जिले में मैदान-कर्णप्रयाग-सोलना मार्ग बंद हो गया। वहीं नंदप्रयाग में पेड़ गिरने से यातायात बाधित हो गया।

तीन की मौत, कई लापता

शनिवार को तेज बारिश बारिश और आंधी से राज्यभर में तीन लोगों की मौत हो गई, जबकि तीन लोग लापता हो गए। आपदा कंट्रोल रूम के अनुसार डुंडा तहसील में 16 साल की एक लड़की की मौत हो गई, जबकि तीन लोग लापता हैं। एसडीआरएफ लापता लोगों को तलाश कर रही है।

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नई दिल्ली, (भाषा): पिछले दो सालों की कम बारिश की वजह से तंगहाल खेती को अच्छे मानसून के पूर्वानुमान से नई ऊर्जा मिलने के बाद केरल तट पर इसके कुछ देर से पहुंचने की खबर से किसानों में मायूसी छा गई। उनकी इस मायूसी को दूर करने का प्रयास करते हुए मौसम विभाग ने कहा है कि मानसून के केरल तट पर देर से पहुंचने का अर्थ यह नहीं है कि यह देश के दूसरे हिस्सों में भी देर से पहुंचेगा, यह अन्य क्षेत्रों में समय पर भी पहुंच सकता है। भारतीय मौसम विभाग के महानिदेशक लक्ष्मण सिंह राठौर ने कहा, "मानसून के कुछ दिन देर से आने का खेती किसानी पर कोई प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ने की आशंका नहीं है।" कुल मिलाकर सस्पेंस बरकरार है। उन्होंने कहा कि विभाग मानसून का पूर्वानुमान केरल तट पर इसके आने के आधार पर व्यक्त करता है और केरल तट पर मानसून के आने में कुछ देरी का पूर्वानुमान व्यक्त किया गया लेकिन केरल तट पर मानसून के देर से आने का अर्थ यह नहीं कि मध्य महाराष्ट्र, मराठवाड़ा, विदर्भ जैसे क्षेत्रों में, जहां

देरी या वक्त पर

मौसम विभाग केरल में मानसून को लेट तथा देश के अन्य हिस्सों पर इसका असर न पड़ने की दलील दे रहा है

पानी की किल्लत है, भी मानसून देर से ही आए। "ऐसा कोई नियम नहीं है। मानसून दूसरे क्षेत्रों में समय पर भी पहुंच सकता है।" यह पूछे जाने पर कि मौसम विभाग ने पूर्व में अच्छे मानसून का पूर्वानुमान व्यक्त किया है, इसमें क्या कुछ बदलाव आ सकता है, राठौर ने कहा कि अभी तक अच्छा मानसून ही होने के संकेत हैं और इस विषय पर एक जून को संशोधित अनुमान पेश किये जायेंगे।

बहरहाल, जल्द ही मौसम विभाग मानसून एवं मौसम के मिजाज का 'डायनेमिक पूर्वानुमान' व्यक्त करेगा और इसके आधार पर ब्लाक स्तर पर भी बताया जा सकेगा कि कितनी बारिश होगी।

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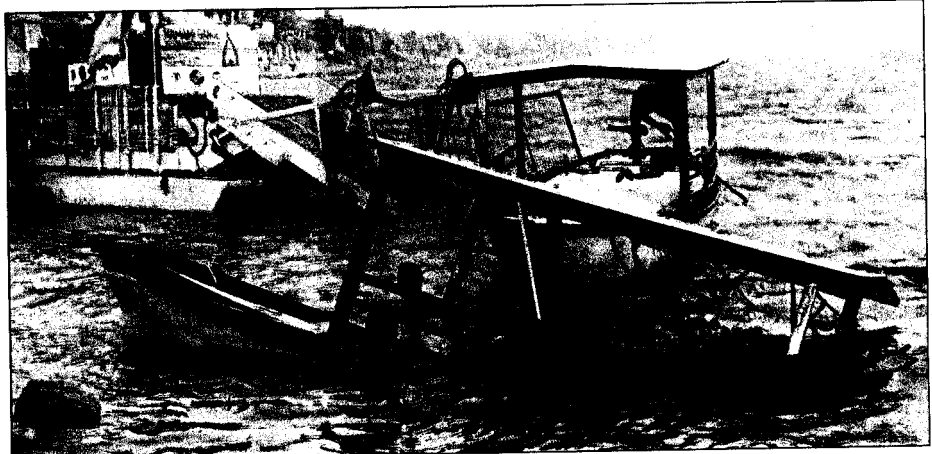
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प्रदेश के विभिन्न हिस्सों में शनिवार रात आई आंधी और बारिश से 17 लोगों की मौत हो गई। बुंदेलखंड और मध्य यूपी में 9 जबकि सिद्धार्थनगर में 3 लोगों की जानें गईं। कई जगहों पर पेड़ टूटने से रास्ता जाम हो गया और तार टूट जाने से बिजली गुल हो गई।

फर्रुखाबाद की सदर तहसील में मोहम्मदाबाद क्षेत्र के पिपरगांव में तीन की चादर उड़कर गांव के एक बालक अमन (7) के ऊपर जा गिरी, जिससे उसकी मौत हो गई। कायमगंज तहसील के कम्पिल क्षेत्र के जिनौल गांव में भी आंधी और बूंदबांदी के दौरान तीन उड़कर घर के आंगन में सो रही जयदेवी (58) पत्नी श्रीपाल के ऊपर गिर जाने से वह घायल हो गयीं। उन्हें अस्पताल में भर्ती कराया गया, जहां उनकी मृत्यु हो गयी। सिद्धार्थनगर की बांसी तहसील के हरैया नानकर गांव में आंधी के दौरान टिन शेड गिरने से उसमें दबकर एक बच्चे की मृत्यु हो गई। वही बरगदही गांव में दीवार गिरने से मलबे में दबकर एक वृद्ध की मृत्यु हो गई। एक अन्य घटना चिलिया क्षेत्र के अलीदापुर गांव में आम बीनने गये राकेश



वाराणसी में रविवार को तड़के तेज आंधी के कारण अस्सी घाट पर डूबी ई-बोट गंगा से निकालते स्थानीय लोग।

केरल छोड़ समय से आएगा मानसून

मौसम विभाग ने रविवार को कहा कि दक्षिण पश्चिम मानसून केरल को छोड़कर अन्य क्षेत्रों में समय से पहुंच सकता है। भारतीय मौसम विभाग के महानिदेशक लक्ष्मण सिंह राठौर ने कहा, मानसून के कुछ देरे से आने से खेती पर कोई प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ने की आशंका नहीं है। मौसम विभाग मानसून का पूर्वानुमान केरल तट पर आने के आधर पर तय करता है।

पांच घंटे बंद रहा दिल्ली-लखनऊ रेल मार्ग

आंधी ने लखनऊ-दिल्ली रूट पांच घंटे के लिए ठप कर दिया। जिले की सीमा में चार जगह ट्रैक पर पेड़ गिरने से ट्रेनों का संचालन बंद कर दिया। कई जगह ओएचई केबिल टूट गई। जिस कारण एक दर्जन से अधिक ट्रेनों को जहां तहां रोक कर गुजारा गया। देर रात दो बजे पेड़ हटने के बाद ट्रैक साफ होने पर यातायात सुचारु हुआ और ट्रेनों ने रफ्तार पकड़ी।

की पेड़ गिरने से मृत्यु हो गयी। मौसम विभाग के मुताबिक पिछले 24 घंटे के दौरान पूर्वी इलाकों में काफी बारिश हुई। कुशीनगर में सबसे ज्यादा 7 सेंटीमीटर

वर्षा रिकार्ड की गयी। कासगंज में मकान की छत गिर गई जिसमें दबकर दो की मौत गई वहीं एटा में पेड़ के नीचे दबकर एक की मौत हो गई। मथुरा में टूटे बिजली के

तार की चपेट में आने से एक को जान गंवानी पड़ी। वाराणसी में आंधी के दौरान रविवार की भोर में पेड़ की डाल टूटकर गिरने से सब्जी विक्रेता की मौत हो गई।

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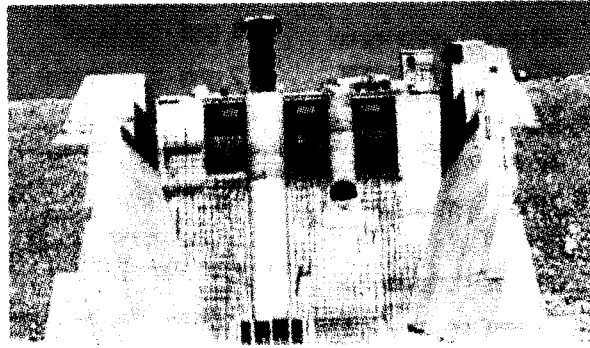
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अफगान संबंधों को सींचेगा सलमा बांध

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उद्घाटन करेंगे मोदी

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नई दिल्ली @ पत्रिका . प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी 4 जून से पांच देशों की यात्रा पर जाएंगे। मोदी अपनी यात्रा अफगानिस्तान से शुरू करेंगे। यहां से वे कतर जाएंगे और कतर से स्विट्जरलैंड। वे 7 जून को अमरीका जाएंगे और वापसी में वे मेक्सिको की यात्रा करेंगे। अफगानिस्तान में मोदी भारत निर्मित सलमा बांध का उद्घाटन करेंगे।

भारत ने हेरात प्रांत में चिशती शरीफ के समीप हरिरुद नदी पर करीब 1457 करोड़ रुपये की लागत से यह बांध बनाया है। इसे बनाने का निर्णय जनवरी 2006 में लिया गया



था। एक साल पहले इसका निर्माण कार्य पूरा हुआ है। इसे केंद्रीय जल संसाधन मंत्रालय के उपक्रम वाफ़ोस ने बनाया है। मोदी ने पिछले साल अफगानिस्तान के संसद भवन की नई इमारत का उद्घाटन किया था। इसकी इमारत भारत ने ही बनाई है।

सालभर में भरा बांध

नदी में जल प्रवाह बहुत कम होने के कारण करीब 20 किलोमीटर लंबे और 3.7 किलोमीटर चौड़े इस बांध को भरने में एक साल लग गया। इस पर 42 मेगावाट क्षमता की

बर्न में कालाधन मुद्दे पर हो सकती है बात

मोदी कालाधन के मुद्दे पर स्विट्जरलैंड की राजधानी बर्न में अधिकारियों से बात कर सकते हैं। इस दौरान दोनों देशों के बीच सूचनाओं के आदान-प्रदान और टैक्स के मुद्दे पर सहमति बन सकती है। मोदी सरकार कालाधन को भारत लाने की बात कहती रही है। पिछले लोकसभा चुनाव में भी इसे मुख्य मुद्दा बनाया गया था। पिछले कुछ हफ्तों से

स्विस अफसर भी दिल्ली में ही हैं। वे रेवेन्यू और अन्य वित्तीय मुद्दों पर सहयोग के लिए जानकारी जुटा रहे हैं। मोदी ने इस साल वॉशिंगटन में परमाणु सुरक्षा सम्मेलन के दौरान स्विस राष्ट्रपति से मुलाकात की थी। हालांकि पीएम के स्विट्जरलैंड दौरे की भारतीय विदेश मंत्रालय और स्विस अधिकारियों ने पुष्टि नहीं की है।

जलविद्युत परियोजना भी बनाई गई है। इससे करीब 80 हजार हेक्टेयर खेत में सिंचाई भी हो सकेगी।

कतर में द्विपक्षीय मुद्दा

दो दिवसीय यात्रा पर पीएम मोदी कतर के अमिर शेख तामिम बिन

हमाद अल थानी के साथ द्विपक्षीय मुद्दों पर चर्चा करेंगे। अमरीका में रक्षा, सुरक्षा एवं ऊर्जा क्षेत्रों में हुई प्रगति की समीक्षा करेंगे। अमरीकी कांग्रेस को भी संबोधित करेंगे। मैक्सिको में वे कारोबार और निवेश की संभावनाओं पर चर्चा करेंगे।

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पिछले वर्षों की तुलना उत्तराखंड में इस बार बादल फटने की ज्यादा घटनाएं हुई हैं। एक्सपर्ट्स के अनुसार ऐसा क्लाइमेट चेंज की वजह से हो रहा है। पहले तो सर्दियों से लेकर बसंत तक बारिश और बर्फबारी न के बराबर हुई। लंबे समय तक रहे इस ड्राई स्पेल के कारण नमी कम हो गई। इस कारण वायुमंडलीय दबाव ज्यादा हो गया। तभी भारी बारिश हो रही है, जो कहीं तेज आंधी का रूप ले रही है तो कहीं बादल फट रहे हैं।

बादल फंसे हैं : गढ़वाल सेंट्रल

यूनिवर्सिटी के जिऑलॉजी डिपार्टमेंट में प्रोफेसर डॉ. एमपीएस बिष्ट ने कहा, 'लंबे समय से बारिश न होने के कारण बने दबाव की वजह से इस बार बादल फट रहे हैं। यानी क्लाइमेट चेंज के कारण लेसर और सेंट्रल हिमालय के जॉइंट एरिया पर बादल फंसे हुए हैं, जो भारी बारिश के दौरान फट रहे हैं। शनिवार को टिहरी, चमोली और पिथौरागढ़ जिलों के जिन क्षेत्रों में बादल फटे, वे जॉइंट एरिया पर ही स्थित हैं।

ऊंचाई वाले क्षेत्रों में : कुमाऊं यूनिवर्सिटी में जिऑलॉजी प्रोफेसर राजीव उपाध्याय ने कहा, 'ऊंचाई वाले क्षेत्रों में जहां घाटियां संकरी और फहाड़ ऊंचे हैं,



वहां बादल फटने की घटनाएं ज्यादा होती हैं। जहां हाल की घटनाएं हुई हैं वहां यही स्थिति है। इन जगहों पर बादल जैसे ही ऊपर उठते हैं पानी का लोड उन पर बढ़ता है और वे पानी रिलीज करने को बाध्य हो

जाते हैं। चौड़ी घाटियों में बादल फटने की घटनाएं न के बराबर होती हैं। उत्तराखंड मौसम के निदेशक विक्रम सिंह ने कहा, 'शनिवार को टिहरी में बादल नहीं फटे। वहां तीन घंटे में 8 सेंटीमीटर रेकॉर्ड भारी

बारिश हुई। इसी से तबाही मची। जनवरी से अप्रैल तक न के बराबर बारिश हुई। अब भारी वर्षा हो रही है।'

रेन शेडो जोन : बादल फटने की घटनाओं के अलावा प्रोफेसर बिष्ट ने कहा, 'रेन शेडो जोन तक बारिश का पहुंचना भी खतरा की घंटी है। इससे स्लेशियर के जल्द पिघलने का खतरा है। रेन शेडो जोन वह जोन है, जहां बारिश न के बराबर होती है और सीधे बर्फ पड़ती है। पर क्लाइमेट चेंज के कारण यहां भी बारिश हो रही है। इस कारण इन क्षेत्रों में सीधी बारिश पड़ने से स्लेशियरों की गलन दर बढ़ रही है। इससे नदियों में बाढ़ का खतरा बढ़ रहा है।'

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गंगा सफाई में केंद्र की वजह से देरी

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उत्तराखंड सरकार ने राष्ट्रीय हरित अधिकरण में गंगा से जुड़ी परियोजनाओं की मंजूरी में देरी और कोष नहीं जारी करने के लिए केंद्र को जिम्मेदार ठहराया है। साथ ही कहा है कि अपने स्तर पर गंगा सफाई के लिए अधिकरण के आदेशों के अनुरूप प्रदेश सरकार ने हर संभव कदम उठाया है।

उत्तराखंड सरकार ने पेश की एनजीटी में अनुपालन रिपोर्ट : राज्य सरकार ने एनजीटी में अनुपालन रिपोर्ट पेश की है। इसमें कहा गया है कि जल संसाधन

मंत्रालय के राष्ट्रीय मिशन क्लीन गंगा (एनएमसीजी) द्वारा कई पहलुओं पर निर्देश नहीं मिले हैं। नदी की सफाई से जुड़ी कई परियोजनाओं पर बीते कई महीनों से मंजूरी नहीं मिली है। यही नहीं कई कार्य महज कोष जारी नहीं किए जाने की वजह से लटके हैं। पेयजल शोधन, सीवेज शोधन यंत्र निर्माण, बायो-शौचालय और नालों समेत अन्य पर प्रदेश सरकार ने कदम उठाए हैं। लेकिन केंद्र के स्तर विभिन्न पहलुओं पर मंजूरी मिलना बाकी है। कई मुद्दों पर राज्य सरकार को केंद्रीय प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड (सीपीसीबी) से भी मंजूरी मिलने और निर्देश का इंतजार है।

परियोजनाओं पर केंद्र की मंजूरी, कोष का इंतजार

उत्तराखंड के पेयजल विभाग के सचिव अरविंद सिंह हयानकी द्वारा अधिकरण में दाखिल की गई रिपोर्ट में 22.47 किलोमीटर लंबी सीवर लाइन की परियोजना का जिक्र किया गया है। इस पर अध्ययन को सैद्धांतिक मंजूरी मिलने के बावजूद एनएमसीजी आगे कदम नहीं बढ़ा रहा है। एनजीटी से रिपोर्ट में कहा गया है कि इसमें से न तो किसी भी क्षेत्र की परियोजना को मंजूरी दी गई और न कोष जारी किया गया। ऐसी ही कई परियोजनाओं के लटके होने का जिक्र रिपोर्ट में किया गया है।

प्रदूषण डालने वाली औद्योगिक इकाइयां और होटल बंद

उत्तराखंड सरकार ने रिपोर्ट में कहा है कि गंगा को प्रदूषित करने वाली 41 औद्योगिक इकाइयों को बंद करने का कदम उठाया है। इनमें दो स्तरों की इकाइयां हैं, पहली अति प्रदूषण डालने वाली और मानक से ऊपर प्रदूषण नदी में डालने वाली। प्रदूषण बोर्ड ने 180 इकाइयों को कारण बताओ और संज्ञान नहीं लेने के संबंध में नोटिस जारी किए हैं। 887 निरीक्षण भी किया हैं। एनजीटी को सूचित किया गया है कि 50 से ज्यादा कमरा वाले नौ होटलों को बंद करने का आदेश भी जारी किया जा चुका है।

मानकों का पालन नहीं करने वालों पर जुर्माना

रिपोर्ट में मानकों का पालन नहीं करने वाले 81 हैल्थकेयर और निजी अस्पतालों पर राज्य सरकार ने 20-20 हजार रुपए का जुर्माना लगाना तय किया है। इसके साथ ही खनन के मानकों का सख्ती से पालन कराने के लिए कदम उठाए हैं। राज्य सरकार ने एक निगरानी और दूसरी कार्यकारी समिति गठित की है। निगरानी समिति ने जनवरी और मार्च में बैठक कर विभिन्न मुद्दों पर निर्णय लिए थे जबकि दूसरी समिति के सदस्यों ने जनवरी, मार्च और इसी माह समीक्षा की है।

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NEW DELHI, MAY 26

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The storage during the corresponding period last year was 43 per cent, while the average storage for the past 10 years during this

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Similar is the trend in the reservoirs across the remaining regions: Eastern, Western, Central and Southern. The fall in the storage level is being attributed to the weak monsoon over the past consecutive three years. The situation has aggravated this year due to early and intense summer.

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MP Tribals build dam without govt aid

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BHOPAL: The rains are always welcome, but these tribals from drought-hit Betul district in Madhya Pradesh have another reason to breathlessly await the onset of the monsoon this year.

For the past five months, 30 to 35 Korku tribals from Markhandhana village have been toiling tirelessly every day to construct a check dam over the Mandu Kheda stream. The structure—measuring 40 metres in length and 16 feet in height—is almost ready, and the ‘builders’ cannot wait to see it fill up with water once the rains start.

The tribals planned, designed and constructed the dam without any aid from the government. “For Korku tribals, life means jal, jungle aur zameen (water, forests and land)... We have been battling



■ The villagers will use the water not only for their personal need but also to plant trees in nearby forest.

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drought and water shortage for many years now, and the government didn't seem keen on helping. So we decided to construct the check dam on our own,” said Sumar Lal Korku, a tribal from Markadhana village who was in the forefront of the project.

The Korkus are a scheduled tribe found primarily in the Betul, Harda, Khandwa, Burhanpur and Chhindwara districts of Madhya Pradesh.

According to Sumar Lal, the project will resolve many problems faced by tribals in the area.

“The check dam will provide water for our cattle as well as bathing and washing activities. It will also be used to water fruit trees in the region and make our forests richer,” he said.

Activist Anurag Modi, who has been working in Betul for over a decade now, praised the tribals for taking the initiative to improve the water situation in the area. “The tribals will use the water not only for their personal needs but also to grow trees in the nearby forest, where they have planted more than 9,000 trees over the years,” he said.

Sumar Lal and his friends are also digging a 40-foot-deep well in the village. “They have dug five to six feet till now, and are going strong. The well will provide drinking water to the residents of Markhandhana,” said Betul-based tribal activist Rajendra Gadwal.

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Cloudburst wreaks havoc in U'khand

1 killed, 200 houses damaged | Char Dham Yatra disrupted | Cattle buried alive in Tehri

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MUSSOORIE, MAY 28

One person was killed. Heavy rains triggered a cloudburst in the Ghansali area of Tehri district today damaging a number of houses in the Balganga valley and disrupting Char Dham Yatra leaving hundreds of pilgrims stranded along Lambgaon, Kotalgaon and Chamiala en-route to Kedarnath.

Vipul, 15, was swept away by a flood of mud and slush brought on by the cloudburst in Sarna Raunsal village, neighbouring Kemra, Ghansali SHO Pawan Kumar said.

More than 200 houses and 100 cattle and sheep have been reportedly buried in mud while several roads in Ghansali and Chamyal have been blocked by debris, making rescue and search operations difficult for the Tehri district administration.

Several pilgrims on their way to Gangotri and Kedarnath have reportedly been stranded. The reports of several cattle and sheep buried

alive at Silyara Gangar, Kemra villages are also pouring in.

Brightland School at Bahe-da village in Ghansali was buried under debris. Fortunately, no student was injured as it was Saturday and the school was closed.

Chief Development Officer, Tehri, Dr Ahmed Iqbal had

directed a team led by the SDM, Ghansali, along with a search and rescue team, to rush to the spot and try to handle the situation without delay. Sources said the team, led by SDM Vinod Kumar, had to travel 15 km on foot as the road was damaged after the cloudburst. The team

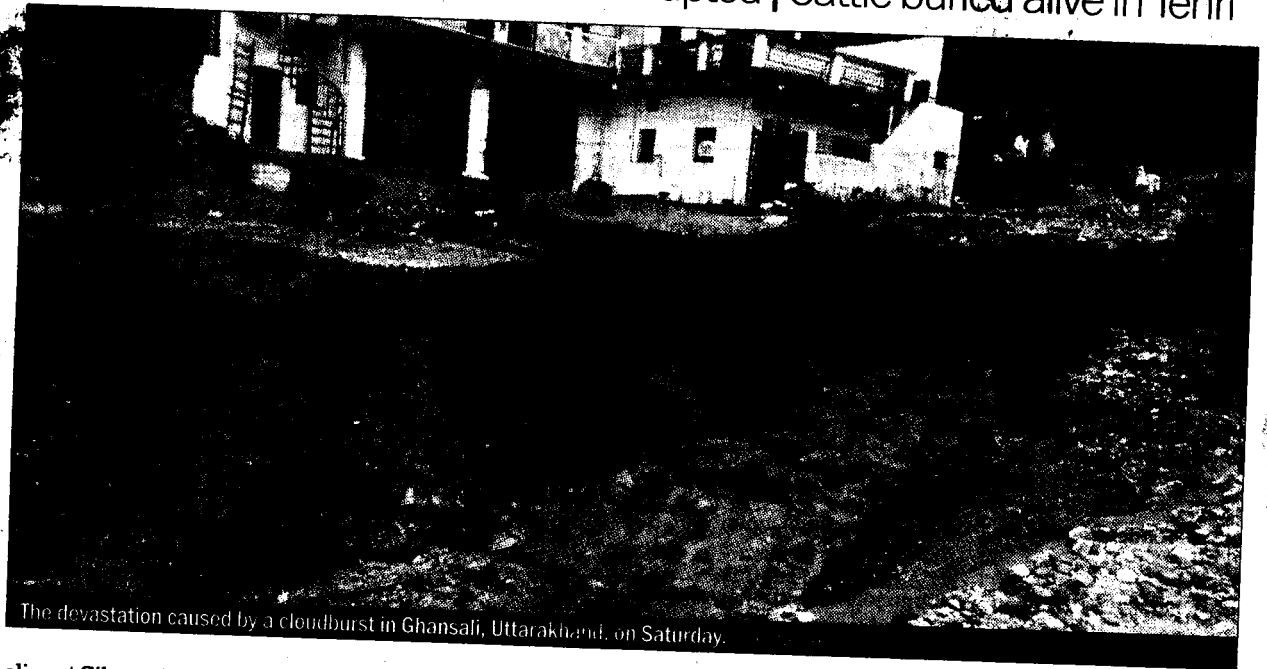
reached the affected villages after walking for two hours.

Vinod Kumar said the Ghansali-Akhodi road along with the Ghansali-Budakedar road was closed due to mud strewn on the road following heavy rain. Several vehicles were stuck in the mud and boulders.

The SDM said revenue and SDRF teams were trying to assess the damage.

Meanwhile, residents of the affected villages have said more than dozen goats, sheep, cattle etc are believed to have been buried in the mud that entered the house.

(With agency inputs)



The devastation caused by a cloudburst in Ghansali, Uttarakhand, on Saturday.

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China offers to bring artificial rain in drought-hit Maharashtra

EXCLUSIVE

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BEIJING: China has offered to share its cloud seeding technology with India, which could be used to artificially induce rain in drought-affected regions.

Cloud seeding, a technique mastered by the Chinese, is a form of climate modification that is used to form rain by either using artilleries to fire shells containing rain-inducing chemicals into the cloud cover or by dropping the said chemicals from an aircraft. A team of top meteorological scientists from Beijing, Shanghai and Anhui are in Mumbai to study drought patterns in Maharashtra, where the first such project is likely to be implemented.

The offer to share the technology free of cost was made during Communist Party of China's (CPC) Shanghai secretary, Han Zheng's visit to India earlier this month. During a meeting with Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis, Han offered Chinese assistance in mitigating the drought situation in the state. The offer attains significance because China has historically not been keen on sharing this technology

MODIFYING THE CLIMATE

WHAT IS CLOUD SEEDING?

It is the process of spreading either dry ice or more commonly silver iodide aerosols into the upper part of clouds to try to stimulate the precipitation process and form rain

HOW IT IS DONE? Since most rainfall starts with the formation of ice crystals from super-cooled cloud droplets, dry ice is used to fire shells containing chemicals that create cloud cover or the said chemicals are released from aircraft.

CHINA STARTED its cloud-seeding programme in 1958 based on rain formation theory by Swedish scientist Tor Bergeron. That summer, Jilin Province received its first artificial rainfall from a government cloud-seeding project.

ACROSS CHINA, 2,235 of the 2,900 counties have already conducted cloud-seeding projects. Over the past decade alone, roughly 490 billion tonnes of water was released as a result of cloud-seeding projects

Around 30 countries have developed cloud-seeding programmes but only a few remain in use due to high costs and environmental fears

with other nations.

China has been using cloud seeding since 1958 to not only alter weather conditions but also clear air pollution. The process was famously implemented in the run-up to the 2008 Beijing Olympics to clear the city's notorious smog and ensure weeks of "clear blue sky".

However, it remains to be seen

how effective the technique will be in India. Cloud seeding works best when precipitation levels are at least normal. In 2009, excess cloud seeding over Beijing resulted in more than usual snowfall that triggered an unexpected cold wave. Experts also warn of secondary air and water pollution as an outcome of chemicals used in the process.

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Security tightened at Haryana canal supplying water to Delhi

CHANDIGARH: With the Jat community threatening to launch a fresh agitation for reservation, security was beefed up on ~~the~~ key canal in Sonapat which supplies water to Delhi.

Prohibitory ~~order~~ under Section 144 ~~of the Criminal~~ assembly of ~~five~~ persons, was ~~also~~ imposed in Sonapat, which along with Rohtak had been the epicentre of the Jat quota agitation earlier this year, official sources said.

While central forces were deployed in many sensitive districts across the State, security has been strengthened at Munak canal, the sources said.

Protesters had disrupted water supply to the national capital by damaging the Carrier-Lined Channel (CLC) of Munak Canal during February's agitation.

Sedition case

Haryana Finance Minister Capt Abhimanyu had on Saturday said the government would not allow the recurrence of a similar situation in the State.

Two days back, a sedition case was registered against Jat Sangharsh Samiti chief Yashpal Malik and 125 others for allegedly threatening peace and communal harmony in Haryana by in-

stigating people to launch a fresh quota agitation.

Meeting held

The Samiti also held a meeting in Delhi on Sunday to chalk out its future course of action.

Enmured by the FIRs registered against many Jat leaders, Mr Malik has maintained they would go ahead with their stir on June 5, which will begin after a meeting in Hisar district.

Jat community leaders from several States including Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan and U.P. would be participating in the meeting next Sunday.

Police being misused

The Samiti leaders have alleged that Haryana Government was misusing the police force to suppress their right to freedom of speech and expression.

Earlier this week, Punjab and Haryana High Court had stayed the reservation for Jats and five other communities provided by the Haryana government under a newly carved Backward Classes (BC) category.

Thirty people were killed and property worth hundreds of crores of rupees was destroyed during the violent agitation in February this year. -- PTI

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The Tribune - 30 May 2014 Water level in reservoirs across country nosedives

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IMD to prepare state-wise monsoon forecast from 2017

NEW DELHI: India Meteorological Department (IMD) will start giving state-specific monsoon forecast from next year. "IMD will start making state-wise monsoon forecast from 2017 apart from zone-wise prediction," Union minister for earth sciences Harsh Vardhan said.

Secretary in the ministry of earth sciences, M Rajeevan, said from 2018-19, it will be extended to include other seasons.

"The National Monsoon Mission has been approved. It's a ₹400 crore project. Dynamic model is being introduced now. Big computers have already been installed, the programmes have been put in place. From next year, we will start a spatial model. We will start giving monthly models. These are in advanced stages. There is a detailed plan to take it to the block



■ Revellers at a beach in Kochi. The state recorded heavy rainfall in many places on Sunday.

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level in next 2-3 years," he said. The IMD currently gives zone-specific daily monsoon forecast during the season for northwest, central India, southern peninsula and east and northeast regions.

The ministry has launched the National Monsoon Mission with a vision to develop a state-of-the-art dynamic prediction system for monsoon rainfall on different time scales.

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11.T. 30 May 2016 Rain cools down Delhi, thunderstorm likely today

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NEW DELHI: Overnight rain in the city brought the mercury down on Sunday and the maximum temperature was recorded as 36.7 degrees Celsius, four degrees below normal.

The minimum temperature was recorded as 24 degrees Celsius, three degrees below normal.

Safdarjung observatory received 0.4 mm rainfall till 8.30am, while Palam, Ridge and Aaya Nagar recorded 3.2mm, 0.4mm and 3mm rainfall, respectively. The Safdarjung observatory's readings are considered official for the city.

Humidity oscillated between 79% and 43%.

According to the weatherman, Delhi will see a thunderstorm and a squall on Monday as well.

The sky will be partly cloudy on Monday. A dust storm and a thunderstorm, accompanied by a squall, are likely to occur. The maximum and minimum temperature are likely to hover between 37 and 26 degrees Celsius," said a Met official.

In Delhi, usually, the last week of May is the hottest time of the

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summer. This summer, however, has been different.

The temperature at Safdarjung hit a high of 44 degrees Celsius on May 2 this year. That was the hottest so far.

Last year, the temperature touched 45.5 degrees Celsius on May 25. It was the hottest of the summer of 2015.

According to the weatherman, the city has been witnessing light rain and dust storms continuously for the past week. This has brought down temperatures in the city.

"Rain in the hills of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand have had an impact on the temperatures in Delhi. The coming two days are also expected to see light rain, but the end of the week will see temperatures soar again," said a Met official.

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नगर संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली

दिल्ली में शनिवार के दिन उमस भरी गर्मी ने खूब तंग किया। दिन भर धूप छाई रही और तापमान भी नॉर्मल से एक से दो डिग्री ज्यादा दर्ज हुआ। मौसम वैज्ञानिकों के मुताबिक अगले दो दिनों में मौसम का मिजाज थोड़ा बदल सकता है। हल्के बादल छाने के साथ ही कुछ जगहों पर तेज हवाओं के साथ धूलभरी आंधी चलने की उम्मीद है। अगले दो दिनों तक ऐसा मौसम रहने की संभावना है। संडे को मैक्सिमम टेम्परेचर 39 डिग्री और मिनिमम टेम्परेचर 30 डिग्री रहने का अनुमान है।

शनिवार को सफ़दरजंग में मैक्सिमम टेम्परेचर नॉर्मल से एक डिग्री ज्यादा के साथ 41.5 डिग्री दर्ज हुआ।

मिनिमम टेम्परेचर नॉर्मल से पांच डिग्री ज्यादा के साथ 31.5 डिग्री दर्ज हुआ। यह साल 2002 से लेकर 2015 तक 28 मई के दिन यह सबसे ज्यादा दर्ज हुआ है। मौसम विभाग ने कहा कि संडे को बादल छा सकते हैं। शाम और रात के समय हल्की बारिश हो सकती है। हवाएं भी चलने की संभावना है। शनिवार को अधिकतम ह्यूमिडिटी का स्तर 48 पसेंट दर्ज हुआ। मौसम वैज्ञानिकों ने कहा कि सोमवार के बाद कई दिनों तक उमस भरी गर्मी से राहत मिलने के चांस कम हैं। दिल्ली में राजस्थान की तरफ से गर्म हवाएं दस्तक दे रही हैं, जिससे मौसम का पैटर्न बदला है। इन हवाओं की वजह से गर्मी ज्यादा बढ़ रही है। मौजूदा मॉडल्स से मिली जानकारी के मुताबिक अभी दिल्ली में पश्चिम की दिशा से हवाएं चल रही हैं।

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उत्तराखंड में बादल फटे, चारधाम यात्रा पर असर

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उत्तराखंड में शनिवार को 6 जगहों पर बादल फटने की घटनाएं हुईं। इसकी वजह से 200 से ज्यादा घर तबाह हो गए। गंगोत्री-यमुनोत्री से केदारनाथ-बदरीनाथ जाने वाले घनसाली-चमियाला रूट पर चारधाम यात्रा ठप हो गई। इसे खुलने में दो दिन तक लग सकते हैं। जगह-जगह मलबा गिरने से सड़के बंद हो गई हैं। सैकड़ों तीर्थयात्री फंस गए हैं।

शनिवार दोपहर बाद हुई बारिश ने उत्तराखंड के टिहरी, उत्तरकाशी और पिथौरागढ़ जिलों के कुछ गांवों में भारी तबाही मचाई। केमरा के पास सरना रैनसाल में 15 साल के विपुल की पानी में बहने से मौत हो गई। कई कारें व बाइक मलबों में दब गई हैं। तेज बाढ़ के पानी में गिर गांव में एक पब्लिक स्कूल की बिल्डिंग ढह गई। टिहरी में गंगोत्री से बदरीनाथ जाने वाले यात्री लम्बगांव और चमियाला सड़क के बंद हो जाने से अटक गए। उत्तरकाशी में नाकुरी के पास गंगोत्री जाने का रास्ता एक घंटे से ज्यादा समय तक रुका रहा। गंगोत्री हाइवे पर स्थानीय विधायक समेत 100 से ज्यादा यात्री काफी देर फंसे रहे। यमुनोत्री हाइवे धरासू में कल्याणी के पास दो घंटे तक ट्रैफिक ठप रहा। रुद्रप्रयाग जिले में केदार मार्ग पर सड़क पर मलबा आने से लगे ट्रैफिक जाम में घंटों तक वाहन फंसे रहे।



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उत्तराखंड में टिहरी के घनसाली में शनिवार शाम छह जगहों पर बादल फटने के बाद 200 से ज्यादा घर जमींदोज हो गए। एक की मौत हुई।

इस बार ज्यादा आफत उत्तराखंड में इस बार बादल फटने (अचानक तेज बारिश) की घटनाएं ज्यादा हैं। मौसम विभाग ने अगले 48 घंटों में कई जगह बारिश, ओले पड़ने की वॉर्निंग दी है।

दिल्ली का मौसम बदला दिल्ली में उमस भरी दोपहर के बाद रात को मौसम बदल गया। अगले दो दिनों में तेज हवाओं के साथ धूलभरी आंधी चलने की संभावना है। ► पेज 5

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यात्रियों को चारधाम यात्रा, वहां के मौसम और ट्रैफिक की स्थिति की जानकारी देने के लिए चारधाम यात्रा बस ट्रांजिट कम्पाउंड में यात्री पूछताछ केंद्र खोला गया है। इसका टोल फ्री नंबर 18001804245 है। यह सुबह 8 बजे से शाम 8 बजे तक खुला रहता है। अन्य महत्वपूर्ण नंबर हैं

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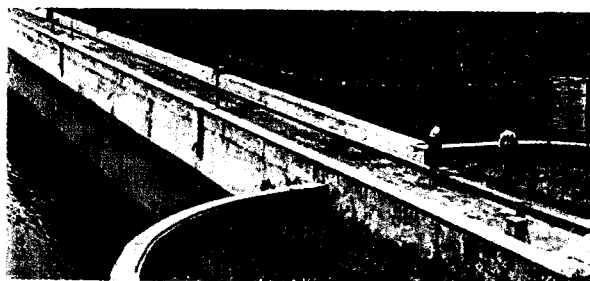
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SC panel inspects Mullaperiyar dam



RECORDING READINGS: The inspection is a routine exercise ahead of monsoon. — FILE PHOTO

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THEN: Led by Central Water Commission Executive Engineer Umberji Harish Girish, the five-member sub-committee constituted by the Supreme Court-appointed High Power Supervisory Panel for Mullaperiyar dam, inspected the main dam, the spillway and the baby dam on Friday.

After noting down the readings, including the quantum of inflow, discharge and seepage and storage level in the main and baby dams, the committee checked the condition of spillway shutters and operated seven of them. Seepage was at 18.4 litres per hour, which was below the average level, the members said.

They described the inspection as a routine exercise. When the southwest monsoon sets in over Kerala, inflow into the dam is bound to increase.

The spillway shutters should be in a good condition to maintain the permitted level of 142 feet in the dam and must be operable

in case of an emergency. (The water level touched 142 feet in Mullaperiyar dam in the early hours of December 7, 2015.)

Water level in the dam on Friday stood at 110.8 feet with an inflow of 100 cusecs in the morning.

The entire inflow was discharged into the Periyar to meet the drinking water needs of southern districts.

The committee members - Kerala Irrigation Department Executive Engineer George Daniel and Tamil Nadu PWD Madurai Division Executive Engineer A. Madhavan and Sub-Divisional Officer (in-charge) Sam Irvin - accompanied the chairman.

The committee did not convene its regular meeting in the evening as it decided to discuss all the issues at its next meeting.

The panel chairman L.A.V. Nathan is due for retirement and the Supreme Court will appoint a new head. The opinion of the new government in Kerala was needed to take the next course of action, officials said.

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Report warns of warming disasters

The gradual flooding of the Statue of Liberty. The city of Venice slowly collapsing into its canals. Stonehenge eroding under the forces of extreme weather.

Images like these, familiar from Hollywood climate-catastrophe thrillers, were evoked by a joint report, released Thursday by Unesco, the United Nations Environment Programme and the Union of Concerned Scientists, that detailed the threat climate change could pose to World Heritage sites on five continents.

Adam Markham, the deputy director for climate and energy at the Union of Concerned Scientists and the report's lead author, said that while many of the sites were bound to be affected by factors including a rise in sea levels, intense storms and wildfires, planning could

go a long way toward protecting them.

"It is a very tough challenge, but if we recognise the scale of the problem -- and I don't think most people realize how big it is or how fast the changes are coming -- then I think there is a lot we can do," he said.

The report highlights 31 sites in 29 countries that have already felt some impact from climate change, including well-known tourist destinations like Easter Island and Yellowstone National Park. It was drawn from peer-reviewed science literature, technical reports and local experts, as well as domestic evaluations of the sites prepared for the World Heritage Committee.

Although the report emphasises the importance of the recent Paris climate accord, Markham said that emissions

already affecting the climate are likely to create "a lot of change and impact."

"We don't have enough resources to save every threatened asset," he said. "Can we save every lighthouse that is on an eroding cliff? Probably not. So there are going to have to be hard choices made in every country."

Thirteen listed heritage sites were examined in comprehensive case studies intended to demonstrate the way climate change has already had an impact. In a study of the Statue of Liberty, for instance, the effects of Hurricane Sandy, which scientists have shown were exacerbated by a rise in the sea level, are explored at length.

Rebecca Beavers, the coastal adaptation coordinator of the National Park Service, who helps the agency plan for the



impact of climate change and was an adviser on the report, said the damage to the facilities and infrastructure at the Statue of Liberty from the 2012 storm had precipitated a new focus on how best to contend with extreme weather.

"I think that it's important to recognise that adaptation is continuous change," Beavers said. "It's not isolated action; it's not a single step. It really is a process."

The report includes a series of recommendations for gov-

ernment agencies, the tourism industry and heritage site managers. It emphasises that the sites themselves represent a trove of historical information on human responses to extreme weather and that the archaeological data they hold could help guide policymakers.

Markham, who is British, said he personally was very upset about what was happening to Skara Brae, a 5,000-year-old Neolithic settlement that is one of many sites off the coast of Scotland at risk from coastal erosion.

"This is the famous one, which I've never seen and I want to be able to see, but I care about all of those sites," he said. "For me, that is my cultural heritage, disappearing into the ocean."

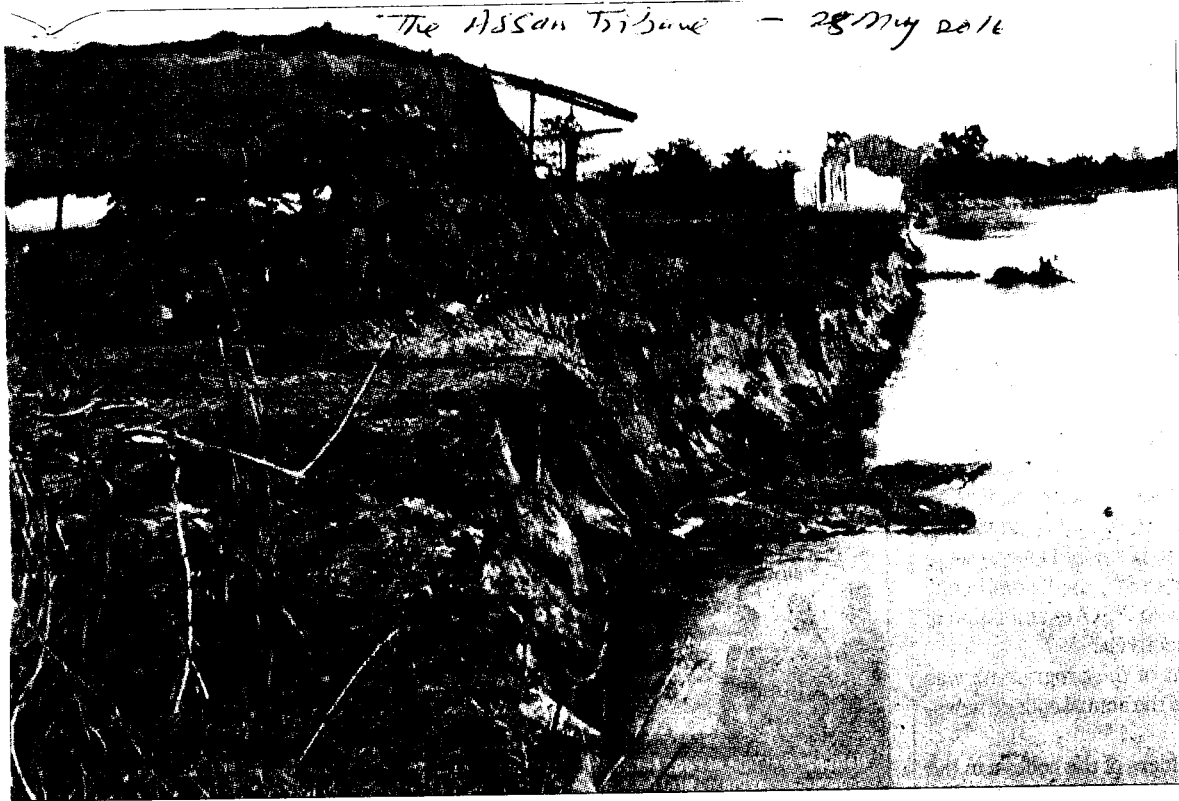
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An erosion-hit area at Kabu sapor at Jonai in Dhemaji district, on Friday. – UB Photos

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Rain keeps mercury down in several parts

NEW DELHI, PTI: Rain and thunderstorms kept the mercury near normal levels in several parts of the country even as parts of Odisha and Rajasthan recorded a maximum in excess of 40 degrees.

Hirakud and Malkangiri in Odisha recorded the maximum temperature in the country at 44 degrees Celsius each.

Rain or thunderstorm occurred at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, West Rajasthan, East Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Jammu and Kashmir,

and Kerala, an IMD report said.

In the national capital, the maximum temperature was recorded at 41.2 degrees, a notch above the season's average, a Met department official said.

Mumbai, Kolkata, and Chennai recorded a maximum of 34.8, 35.7, and 40.6 degrees, respectively.

Light rain or thundershower at isolated places over eastern Uttar Pradesh brought down the temperature, where Jhansi was the hottest place at 42.5 degrees.

Six die in Uttarakhand cloudbursts, rain brings mercury down in many States

- PTI



A motorcyclist wades on a waterlogged road after heavy rain in Patna on Sunday.— Photo: PTI

Weatherman has forecast rain or thundershowers in most parts of West Bengal for the next two days

Cloudbursts claimed six lives in Uttarakhand’s Tehri and Uttarkashi districts while there were scattered rains in other States, Odisha and Bihar, bringing down the mercury.

A child died in Uttar Pradesh’s Bijnore district as a wall fell on him during rains and thundershower. Isolated areas in the eastern part of the State received heavy rains.

There were light overnight rains in the national Capital too which led to a significant drop in the mercury. The city recorded a maximum temperature of 36.7 degrees Celsius, four notches below the season’s average.

The Safdarjung observatory, reading of which is considered as the official figure for the city, received 0.4 mm rainfall till 8-30 a.m.

The MeT department forecast partly cloudy sky in Delhi on Monday. Duststorm and thunderstorm, accompanied by squall, is likely to occur.

The maximum temperatures in other three metropolitan cities of Kolkata, Chennai and Mumbai were 36.1, 40.3, 35.4 degrees Celsius, respectively.

In Rajasthan, isolated places of Jaipur division received light rains in the last 24 hours.

Churu, recording a maximum of 43.2 degrees Celsius, was the hottest, followed by Sriganganagar which recorded a high of 42.7 degrees Celsius, the MeT department said.

Dust storm accompanied with light rains are expected to occur at isolated areas in the State during the next 24 hours.

Moderate to heavy rains lashed a few places in Haryana and Punjab following which maximum temperatures on Sunday dropped sharply. Chandigarh recorded a maximum of 33.2 degrees Celsius, down six notches against normal.

In Uttarakhand four persons, including three women, were swept away in incidents of mudslide when a series of cloudbursts hit several villages in Chinyalisaur at 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Saturday, SDM Vijay Nath Shukla said.

The body of 14-year-old Bharti, of Kireth village, who was swept away by waters following the cloudburst on Saturday was recovered on Sunday from Kothiyaada village in Tehri district, another official said.

A 15-year-old boy was killed on Saturday as cloudbursts in Ghansali area damaged hundreds of houses in over half a dozen villages of Balganga Valley in the State.

In Uttar Pradesh, Priyanshu (11), who had come to his maternal grandparents’ home in Bijnore, was killed when a wall of the house fell on him following heavy rains.

The State witnessed light to moderate rains and thundershowers at a few places while isolated areas of its eastern parts received heavy rains and thundershowers. Banda recorded a maximum temperature of 43.8 degrees Celsius, the highest in U.P.

However, intense heatwave continued unabated in western Odisha, while in the coastal belt of the State the mercury dropped considerably following rainfall in some places.

The maximum temperature in Bhubaneswar dropped to 34.7 degrees Celsius from Saturday’s 38.8 degrees Celsius, the MeT office said, adding the State capital received about 7.9 mm rains.

Rains lashed isolated parts of Bihar. Its capital Patna received 32.8 mm rainfall, while Gaya, recording a maximum temperature of 38 degrees Celsius, was the hottest place in the State.

The weatherman has forecast rain or thundershowers in most parts of West Bengal for the next two days as day temperatures remained normal or below average in the State on Monday.

In the Northeast, isolated places of Assam and Meghalaya are “very likely” to receive heavy rains in the next 24 hours, while Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, may witness thunder squall. - PTI

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The bodies of evidence in Punjab

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Arduous task: "In absence of any proper institutionalised mechanism to retrieve corpses, private divers are the only hope for families." Relatives of a missing person look for some trace of the their loved one. Photo: Akhilesh Kumar

Is a reported spike in corpse sightings at a sluice gate along the Bhakra main line canal linked to rising agrarian distress in the Malwa region? The jury is still out, and the State government refuses to wade into it

If anything perfectly captures the cradle of the country's [Green Revolution](#) and its extensive network of canal-fed irrigation, it is the blue-green waters of the Sutlej flowing through the Bhakra main line canal. The 164-km channel, with a carrying capacity of 12,455 cusecs and built between 1950 and 1954, supplies water to Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan. Just where it branches off into Rajasthan and Haryana, however, the scenes at a sluice gate convey what many think is the underside of the success story — the rise in rural distress. Over a dozen people are craning their necks for a better view of the gushing water. They are looking for their missing kin here.

The sluice gate in Khanauri-Kalan village in Sangrur, and the siphon in Padarth Khera village in adjoining Haryana, are where a number of bodies are getting washed up. The sight of dogs dragging away the mutilated bodies and feeding on them is not uncommon.

"My elder brother Balwinder Singh is missing... We found his clothes near the canal in Sirhind and immediately rushed to Khanauri in search of him," says Paramjit Singh from Khanna-Khurd village in Ludhiana, sitting in a small shed overlooking the canal near the sluice gate, which has 'missing' posters pasted all over. "He was the breadwinner of the family... for the past few months he was in some sort of tension, but he never shared it with us. Our livelihood is based on farming, but the returns have been falling," adds Mr. Paramjit, who has been in Khanauri for more than five days with a friend.

In search of bodies

People come to Khanauri from Ropar, Fatehgarh Sahib, Patiala and Sangrur, the districts through which the canal passes. With the government not doing its bit, the local Sahara Charitable Trust has built a rest house for visiting families and local gurdwaras provide them food. There's not even a mortuary here, a long-standing demand of both locals and visiting family members.

In absence of any proper institutionalised mechanism to retrieve corpses, private divers — operating without proper kits and charging anywhere between Rs.5,000 and Rs.15,000 — are the only hope for families. "There's not a single day when I don't see another corpse in this canal. In fact, in the past two-three months I have been sighting two-three human bodies daily," says Ashu Malik, a Khanauri-based diver who has been recovering bodies for over 25 years. "Besides, many bodies go unnoticed because they are submerged or they pass the barrage at night."

In [2012 the Punjab and Haryana High Court](#) directed the State government to install underwater cameras in the Bhakra canal above the Khanauri Headworks to spot bodies, but the cameras are yet to be installed. However, the Sahara trust has helped erect around 20 floodlights and 13 CCTV cameras at the gate and main canal for better sighting.

Looking the other way

The police station is hardly a few hundred metres away from the canal's sluice gate, but the men in khaki are reluctant to retrieve these bodies due to long-drawn procedures and legal tangles in case of unidentified bodies, say locals, and also because the onus is then on them for cremating the dead, lodging a report and settling jurisdiction. Kuldeep Singh, sarpanch of Khanauri-Khurd village, claims that although the police adopt due process for the bodies that are claimed or identified, many unidentified bodies are either not fished out or are thrown back into the canal. "The police let many corpses float away into Rajasthan and Haryana," he alleges.

The police rubbish the allegations. "Whenever a body is sighted necessary action is taken by the police," insists Senior Superintendent of Police, Sangrur, Pritpal Singh. "Even underwater cameras were installed, but they were damaged by stones and mud that come with the flow of water," he adds. "We maintain a record. Between April 2015 and March 2016 we have recovered 29 bodies... there's no truth to two-three sightings a day," says Baljeet Singh, the Khanauri Station House Officer. He, however, concedes that there is always a chance that bodies which are not sighted could cross the barrage and flow downstream. "We've had a police post near the canal since 2014, and just few months back we've posted four policemen for round-the clock vigil and to assist families of victims," he added. It's another matter that no policeman was seen manning the 'post' for almost four hours.

The spike in corpse sightings during the past two-three months has raised concern among local NGOs, human right activists and agriculture experts, who link it to agrarian distress along the stretch of canal in the Malwa region, the epicentre of farmer suicides in the State.

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Rural suicides

A survey by the Baba Nanak Educational Society, a Sangrur-based NGO that runs a rescue-and-revival project for families of suicide victims, revealed that the Lehra, Andana, Sunam blocks (Sangrur), Patran block (Patiala), Budhlada block (Mansa) and four villages in neighbouring Haryana have witnessed as many as 2,342 rural suicides from the late 1990s to 2015. "A majority of these suicides were of farmers and farm labourers who had taken loans from moneylenders. In many cases multiple suicides have taken place in the same family," says Surjit Singh, field officer of the NGO.

Surveys jointly conducted by the Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjabi University, Patiala and Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar for the period 2000-2010 show that more than 7,000 farmers and agricultural labourers committed suicide in the State due to agrarian distress and indebtedness. The surveys also revealed that nearly 34 per cent of the victims chose canals to commit suicide. A PAU report on the two districts worst hit, Sangrur and Bathinda, had put the farmer suicide figure at 1,757 between 2000 and 2008. Senior PAU

economist Sukhpal Singh, who authored the report, says 1,288 (73.3 per cent) farmers committed suicide primarily due to indebtedness.

Inderjit Singh Jaijee, a human rights activist and the convener of Movement Against State Repression, has even taken up the issue of floating unidentified bodies with the National Human Rights Commission, following which on March 13, the NHRC directed the Punjab government to file a report on the issue.

“Local villagers and private divers have been sighting 30-45 bodies on average every month, but now this number is rising, which should not be ignored. Recovery of all bodies from the canal is important not only as a humanitarian step, but will also help give a clearer picture of all deaths by unnatural causes in Punjab,” says Mr. Jaijee. “The bodies ought to be disposed of in a dignified manner. The insensitivity of those at the helm of affairs reflects their mindset about the problems faced by the people,” says Lakhwinder Singh, professor of economics at the Punjabi University.

Even if one were to dispute the numbers at the Khanauri barrage, the fact is that Bhakra main line canal comprises only 159 km of Punjab’s 14,500-km-long canal system. If so many sightings were reported from just the Bhakra, it’s anybody’s guess what the number of bodies floating down all canals in Punjab might be.

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