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2018-19 winter may be driest

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

It is not just January, if western disturbances (WDs) persist with their current pattern, the 2018-19 winter could go down among the driest seasons ever.

Till January 24, the country recorded around 2.2 mm rain and the northwest 3.1 mm. It means a deficiency of 84 per cent and 88 per cent, respectively. Central India was the worst off with no rain.

As the water level in 91 major reservoirs has dipped by 2 per cent in a week, meteorologists expect the two back-to-back WDs to bring down the deficiency and also the temperature. A fresh WD is expected after one or two days, resulting in rain at isolated places in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand around February 3 or 4.

Mahesh Palawat of private weather forecaster Skymet adds that these two back-to-back "moderate" WDs will also result in snowfall in the upper reaches.

The dry spell and rising temperature may adversely impact the rabi crop. Though some weather models are showing scattered rain between February 8 and 13, it is too early to firmly commit.

What has happened this season is that WDs have remained restricted to upper latitudes, resulting in Punjab, Rajasthan and Delhi going almost dry.

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BIG CHILL IN THE VALLEY

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■ A man walks down a snow-covered road in Tangmarg, around 40km from Srinagar, on Tuesday. Kashmir witnessed rains on Tuesday at the tail end of Chillai-Kalan, the Valley's harshest winter period that started on December 21. There were brief and mild showers in the plains and light snowfall in the mountains.

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Palaniswami to meet Siddu for release of Cauvery water

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CHENNAI, 30 JANUARY

A delegation of ministers from delta districts, led by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister K Palaniswami, plan to meet Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah over releasing the state's share of Cauvery water to 'save' samba paddy crop, an official release said.

A meeting convened by Palaniswami here on Monday took a decision in this regard, it said. The meeting, attended by Deputy Chief Minister O Panneerselvam, among others, decided that a delegation of ministers from the Cauvery delta districts plan to meet Siddaramaiah and take up the issue. Tamil Nadu has formally requested Karnataka to facilitate an appointment with Siddaramaiah to raise the issue of releasing its share of water from Cauvery to 'save' the samba crops in Tamil Nadu, the release said.

"In the meeting, it was decided that the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and ministers from delta districts will meet the Karnataka Chief Minister in Bengaluru and insist on releasing water from Cauvery to save the samba crops," it said.

The proposal was being made in the interest of the delta farmers, the release added.

"In this connection, a writ-



ten communication as well as a telephonic request has been made with the chief secretary of Karnataka and the principal secretary to the Chief Minister (Siddaramaiah) seeking his appointment," with Palaniswami-led Tamil Nadu delegation, it said.

The proposal comes days after Palaniswami wrote to Siddaramaiah, urging him to release Tamil Nadu's share of water from river Cauvery as per the 2007 final award by a disputes tribunal. Palaniswami had written to Siddaramaiah on 13 January saying Tamil Nadu had received only 111.647 tmcft of Cauvery water as on January 9 at Biligundulu as against the due of 179.871 tmcft, leaving a deficit of 68.224 tmcft.

As per the 2007 order of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal, Tamil Nadu has to

receive 192 tmcft (1,000 million cubic feet) of water every year as its share from the inter-state river.

Palaniswami said the storage in the Mettur reservoir in Salem district, which caters to the Cauvery delta region, as on 12 January was a 'meagre' 21.27 tmcft even as utilisable storage there was 16.27 tmcft. This was "grossly inadequate" to meet irrigation needs of standing crops and drinking water needs in summer, he had said.

"After reserving the minimum needs of drinking water supply and perennial crops, Karnataka can release at least 15 tmcft to Tamil Nadu to make up a part of the shortfall," Palaniswami had told his Karnataka counterpart.

This water was required to meet the crucial needs of the standing crops in the Cauvery delta, Palaniswami had asserted.

He had also urged Siddaramaiah to instruct the officers concerned to release 7 tmcft of water immediately and the balance within a fortnight from the existing storage, to save the standing crops.

This should be done taking into consideration the plight of a large number of Delta farmers who depend on the success of their crop to meet their livelihood, he had said.

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NGT issues notice to Centre on plea against diversion of Ganga

This adversely affected aquatic life, river ecology: petitioner

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NEW DELHI

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) on Tuesday issued notice to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and the Ministry of Environment and Forest among other authorities on a plea seeking an adequate flow of water in the Ganga.

A Bench headed by NGT acting chairperson U.D. Salvi sought replies from the authorities, including the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), the Ministry of Water Resources and the Uttara-



The green panel was hearing a plea filed by an activist

rakhand Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd, before March 8.

The directions came when the green panel was hearing a plea filed by envi-

ronment activist Vikrant Tongad. He sought a direction from the court to ensure a minimum flow in the Ganga to maintain wildlife and river ecology. It was alleged that a "substantial flow" of the Ganga was being diverted at Pashulok Barrage in Dehradun to a side canal for a hydroelectric power plant.

The petitioner alleged that due to the diversion, a stretch of the river from the barrage till Motichur in Haridwar had dried up. This in turn was adversely affecting aquatic life and ecology.

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जम्मू-कश्मीर के बारामूला जिला के तंगमार्ग पर जलापूर्ति पाइप लाइन फट जाने के कारण बने बर्फ के पहाड़ के साथ सैल्फी लेता एक युवा। (छाया : प्रे.ट्र.)

कश्मीर में भारी बर्फबारी

श्रीनगर, (भाषा)कश्मीर में सात सप्ताह से जारी मौसम की बेरुखी आज खत्म हुई और घाटी के पहाड़ी इलाकों में बर्फबारी तथा मैदानी इलाकों में हल्की बारिश दर्ज की गई। कई जगह न्यूनतम तापमान में बढ़ोतरी भी दर्ज की गई। पुलिस अधिकारी ने बताया कि उत्तर कश्मीर के पहाड़ी इलाकों में हल्की से भारी बर्फबारी होने से माछिल, केरन और कर्णा के रास्ते बंद हो गए। उन्होंने बताया कि गुलमर्ग स्की रिजॉर्ट में भी

ताजा बर्फबारी हुई। सुबह 10 बजे तक वहां तीन इंच तक बर्फ जमा हो चुकी थी।

अधिकारी ने बताया कि घाटी के मैदानी इलाकों में आज तड़के हल्की बारिश हुई। इसके साथ ही कश्मीर में सात सप्ताह से चली आ रही मौसम की खुशक बेरुखी समाप्त हुई। इसके चलते बच्चों और बूढ़ों को परेशानी हुई। साथ ही अधिकतर स्थानों पर तापमान में कई डिग्री की बढ़ोतरी भी दर्ज की गई।

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मारवाड़ की तीन नदियों को बचाने के लिए सत्याग्रह

नदियों में फैक्ट्रियों
का प्रदूषित पानी
को रोकने व

मुआवजे की मांग

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जोधपुर @ पत्रिका. मारवाड़ के
जोधपुर, पाली व बालोतरा में
स्थापित औद्योगिक इकाइयों से
निकलने वाले प्रदूषित पानी के
नदियों में प्रवाहित होने से पाली की
बाँडी नदी, बालोतरा की लूणी,
जोधपुर की जोजरी नदी व बाँडी-
नेहड़ा बांध को लगातार नुकसान
पहुँच रहा है। इन्हें बचाने की गुहार
को लेकर मंगलवार को किसान
पर्यावरण संघर्ष समिति के बेनर
तले तीनों जिलों के सैकड़ों
किसानों ने संभाग मुख्यालय पर
कलक्ट्रेट कार्यालय के बाहर धरना
देकर सत्याग्रह किया। इसके बाद
राज्यपाल व सरकार के नाम
एडीएम को ज्ञापन सौंपा। इसमें इन
नदियों में प्रदूषित पानी रोकने और
प्रभावित किसानों को मुआवजा

दिलाने की मांग की गई।

सुबह संघर्ष समिति अध्यक्ष
पुखराज पटेल, उपाध्यक्ष गंगादान
चारण, गिरधारीराम चौधरी,
महामंत्री महावीर सिंह सुकरलाई
के नेतृत्व में पाली, जालोर व
बालोतरा के किसान कलक्ट्रेट
कार्यालय पहुँचे और धरना दे दिया।
सुकरलाई ने उपवास रख धरना
दिया। धरना स्थल पर सम्बोधित
करते हुए सुकरलाई ने कहा कि
एनजीटी, हाईकोर्ट, मानवाधिकार
आयोग, राज्य प्रदूषण नियंत्रण
मण्डल व जिला मजिस्ट्रेट
न्यायालय के कई निर्णय के
बावजूद इन नदियों में टैक्सटाइल
इकाइयों का प्रदूषित पानी छोड़ा जा
रहा है। ये नदियाँ मारवाड़ के लिए
संजीवनी थी, लेकिन अब प्रदूषित
पानी से नदियाँ व आस-पास के
किसानों की जमीनें खराब हो गईं।
सैकड़ों किसान बेरोजगार हो गए।
किसानों ने न्यायालय के आदेशों
की पालना, पीड़ित किसानों को
मुआवजा दिलाने की मांग को
लेकर ज्ञापन सौंपा।

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न्यूनतम जल प्रवाह पर केंद्र को नोटिस

नई दिल्ली | विशेष सलाहदाता

जवाब-तलब

राष्ट्रीय हरित अधिकरण ने मंगलवार को गंगा में पर्यावरणीय बहाव को कायम करने की मांग वाली याचिका पर केंद्र और राज्य सरकारों को नोटिस जारी किया है। याचिका में नदी के बहाव को कायम करके पर्यावरण के तौर पर संवेदी क्षेत्रों के संरक्षण का दावा भी किया गया है।

कार्यवाहक एनजीटी प्रमुख जस्टिस यू. डी. साल्वी की अध्यक्षता वाली पीठ के समक्ष याचिकाकर्ता विक्रान्त तोंगड़ की ओर से पेश हुए वकील राहुल चौधरी ने तर्क दिया कि गंगा में

- वन्यजीवन बनाए रखने के लिहाज से नोटिस
- राष्ट्रीय हरित अधिकरण ने अन्य पक्षों से भी जवाब मांगा

पर्यावरणीय बहाव कायम नहीं होने की वजह से संवेदनशील क्षेत्र प्रभावित हो रहे हैं।

सर्वाधिक संवेदनशील क्षेत्र उत्तराखंड में इस नदी के आस-पास हैं जिसमें उत्तर प्रदेश सीमा तक पहुंचने से पहले ही बहाव में कमी आ जाती है जिसका विपरीत असर वन्य जीवन समेत विभिन्न स्तरों पर हो रहा है।

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