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# Why a dam in Karnataka bothers Tamil Nadu

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LAST WEEK, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister E K Palaniswami wrote to the Prime Minister urging him to stop the process of a feasibility study for the Mekedatu dam project in Karnataka. The study has been cleared by the Central Water Commission (CWC), which has also asked for a detailed project report. A look at the controversy and how it affects the two states differently:

#### The project

Being set up by the Karnataka government, the project is near Mekedatu, in Ramanagaram district, across the river Cauvery from Tamil Nadu. Its proposed capacity is 48 TMC (thousand million cubic feet). Its primary objective is to supply drinking water to Bengaluru and recharge the groundwater table in the region. In November



2014, the Karnataka government invited expressions of interest in the Rs 6,000-crore project. In its 2015 Budget, it allocated Rs 25 crore for a detailed project report.

#### Tamil Nadu vs Karnataka

Tamil Nadu has moved the Supreme Court. Its main argument is that the project violates the final award of the Cauvery River Water Tribunal, and that the "construction of the two reservoirs would result in impounding of the flows in the intermediate catchment below the Krishnaraja Sagar and Kabini reservoirs, and Billigundulu in the common border of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu".

In Karnataka's defence of the project, Water Resources Minister D K Shivakumar said Tuesday (following the CWC decision): "The project will not come in the way of releasing the stipulated quantum of water to Tamil Nadu, nor will it be used for irrigation purposes. We are ready to hold talks with Tamil Nadu on this. The next course of action will be decided at a meeting called by the Chief Minister on December 6."

### Dam politics

Tamil Nadu saw massive protests in 2015, including a state-wide bandh backed by political parties, farmers, transport unions, retailers and traders. The Assembly also adopted a unanimous resolution urging the Centre to stop Karnataka from building the

project. Ahead of the 2016 Assembly polls in Tamil Nadu, Captain Vijayakanth of DMDK led a delegation of Opposition leaders to meet the Prime Minister against Karnataka's decision to allocate Rs 25 crore for a feasibility study. From Karnataka, then Chief Minister Siddaramaiah led an all-party delegation to the Prime Minister seeking the Centre's cooperation in going ahead. The issue can potentially take centre-stage in the 2019 Lok Sabha campaign.

#### What next

The process cleared by the CWC needs further clearance from the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) too, according to a senior official with CWMA. Experts with the authority said that the CWC clearance is for a report subject to certain conditions, which include the concerns raised by the Tamil Nadu government. "The detailed report has to consider the views of the co-basin states as well," the official said.

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# To clean Ganga, govt focuses on Yamuna

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NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 2

Showing urgency to accomplish its promise to clean the Ganga in view of 2109 General Election, the NDA government has focused on cleaning the river's second largest tributary—the Yamuna—which discharges filth into it.

The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), a body of the Water Resources Ministry, has approved 10 big sewerage projects worth Rs 1,573 crore, including for Agra which is the nerve-centre of Yamuna's pollution, and for Paonta town in Himachal.

The 1,376 km-long Yamuna originates from Yamunotri glacier in Uttarakhand, and passes through Haryana, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh where it merges with the Ganges at Triveni Sangam

(at Prayag in Allahabad) - a site for Kumbh Mela. Bulk of the projects approved are for Agra city for which a comprehensive sewerage solution has been planned.

"These projects are expected to drastically reduce pollution load from Agra city into Yamuna and consequently help to save Taj Mahal and improvement of the river water quality, ground water quality and overall aesthetics of the area," a ministry official said. Agra is the political and cultural heartbeat of Western UP. Also, it is one of the most polluting centres of Yamuna which carry the city's waste and drain them into the Ganga.

Besides, Kasgang and Sultanpur in Uttar Pradesh and four cities in Bihar are other locations where the projects will be implemented.

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# Ammonia level spikes in Yamuna, to hit water supply

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NEWDELHI: Water supply in large parts of the national capital, including central and south Delhi, would be hit over the next two days at least due to high level of pollutants in the Yamuna.

The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) said it had to shut down its three water treatment plants (WTPs) after level of ammonia shot up in the Yamuna on Sunday.

"Due to discharge of high level of pollutants from Haryana in River Yamuna at Wazirabad, production of water at three WTPs – Wazirabad, Chandrawal and Okhla – had to be stopped. There would be no water in central Delhi, north Delhi, parts of south and west Delhi and the whole of New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC)," said a statement issued by the DJB on Sunday.

The DJB has urged residents to store water and use it judiciously till conditions become normal. Water tankers would be available at 1916, 23527679, 23634469, and 1800117118.

While WTPs can treat up to 0.9 parts per million (ppm) of Ammonia, the level of Ammonia shot up to 1.4ppm on Sunday afternoon, the water utility said.

Dinesh Mohaniya, DJB vice chairman, said, "The situation had worsened in the early hours of Sunday when ammonia level had shot up to nearly 1.7ppm around 1am. Conditions, however, improved later during the day as the concentration of ammonia dropped. Water supply is likely to be restored by Monday morning as the WTPs are running but with reduced capacity."

A JAL BOARD OFFICIAL SAID SUPPLY WOULD BE HIT OVER THE NEXT TWO DAYS IN CENTRAL DELHI, NORTH DELHI, PARTS OF SOUTH AND WEST DELHI

He said that out of the total 900 MGD of water that is produced every day by the water utility, there is only a shortage of 50-60 MGD, as the WTPs could not be operated on full capacity.

Residents, meanwhile, complained that they didn't get adequate water supply on Sunday evening

"Usually we receive water supply two times aday—morning and evening. On Sunday, however, even though the supply was normal in the morning hours, it was heavily curtailed in the evening. Usually we get 45 minutes of water supply. But on Sunday evening we got only just 10 minutes of supply," said Sourav Chatterjee, a resident of CR Park in south Delhi.

This, however, is not the first time that water supply is being hit because of rising levels of ammonia in the river. "This happens almost every winter resulting in a blame game between the two states. A similar situation cropped up on November 20 this year too," said a DJB official, who did not wish to be identified.

The official said that a lot of industrial waste is flowing down the Panipat dye drain, which in turn is pushing up pollution levels in the Yamuna.

"If situations do not improve we would have to approach the National Green Tribunal," said a DJB official. News item/letter/article/editorial Published on 03.012.2018 in the

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# Shirdi trust's ₹500 cr interest-free loan to M'rashtra for canal water

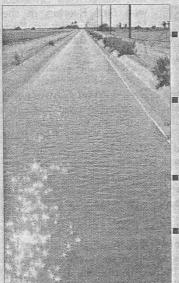
SHIV KUMAR

MUMBAI, DECEMBER 2

The Devendra Fadnavis government has got the state's richest religious body, the Shirdi Saibaba Trust, to give it an interest-free loan of Rs 500 crore without any repayment schedule, according to sources here.

The funds will he lent to the Godawari-Marathwada Irrigation Development Corporation that has undertaken an irrigation project in Ahmednagar district where the shrine is located.

"The entire district will get drinking and irrigation water through canals from Nilwande dam to be built using Rs 500 crore approved by Saibaba Temple #Shirdi to Govt of Maharashtra. Public money for use of public ben-



efit," Dr Suresh Haware, chairman of the trust said in a message on Twitter.

Dr Haware belongs to the

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- The interest-free loan to the Godawari-Marathwada Irrigation Development Corporation has no repayment schedule
- The money will be used to provide drinking and irrigation water in Ahmedgarh district through canals from Nilwande dam
- The trust had earlier provided Rs 50-crore loan for an airport at Shirdi that began operations earlier this year
- It also provided Rs 71 orore to upgrade facilities at several state run medical colleges in and around the town

BJP. According to Haware, the funds will be used to improve facilities for the large number of pilgrims who visit the shrine every year. Maharashtra's richest shrine, the mazaar of Sai Baba on which the temple stands, attracts around 30 lakh devotees on festival days like Ram Nayami, according to the state government.

Officials said this was one of several projects being funded by the shrine trust. It had earlier provided a Rs 50-crore loan for the construction of an airport at Shirdi that began operations earlier this year. It also provided Rs 71 crore to upgrade facilities at several state-run medical colleges in and around the town.

The shrine, which has an annual income of around Rs 700 crores holds more than Rs 2,100 crore in fixed deposits.

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र्सकट में सदानीरा : 521 में से 323 नदियों में प्रदूषण के कारण ऑक्सीजन कम हुई, गंगा-यमुना का पानी नहाने लायक भी नहीं

# देश की 62% नदियों का दम फूला

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प्रवृषण के कारण देश की 62 फीसदी नदियों को दम फूलने लगा है। नदियों के पानों में ऑक्सीजन की मात्रा लगातार कम होती जा रही है। हालात ये हैं कि देश की 521 प्रमुख नदियों में से 323 का पानी नहाना तो दूर आचमन लायक भी नहीं रह गया है।

प्रदूषित नदियों में गंगा-यमुना और उसकी सारी सहायक नदियां भी शामिल हैं। केंद्रीय प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड जिन 198 नदियां स्वच्छ पाई गई, इनमें ज्यादातर दक्षिण-पूर्व भारत की

33 बड़ी नदियां बेहद प्रदूषित, इनमें गंगा और यमुना भी शामिल

521 निंदियों के पानी की मॉनीटरिंग करता है, उनमें से 323 प्रदूषित हैं। देश की 198 नदियां स्वच्छ पाई गई हैं जिनमें ज्यादातर दक्षिण पूर्व भारत की हैं। 'हिन्दस्तान' की आरटीआई के जवाब में



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केंद्रीय प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड ने यह जानकारी दी है। बोर्ड के मुताबिक, नदियों के किनारे बसे बड़े शहरों में ज्यादातर में सीवेज ट्रीटमेंट प्लांट नहीं हैं,जिससे नदियों में प्रदूषण बढ़ रहा है।

1500 करोड़ खर्च नहीं : गंगा सफाई के लिए मिले डेढ़ हजार करोड़ खर्च ही नहीं हुए। आठ में से दो साल मिशन को मिला बजट पूरा खर्च हो सका। > प्रदक्षण बढ़ा रहीं नदियां पेज 09

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पानी की परख बीओडी के सानक पर होती है। पानी में अगर कचरा ज्यादा होगा तो उसे नष्ट करने के लिए पानी में घुले ऑक्सीजन की ज्यादा खपत होती है। यानी बीओडी जितना प्रदुषण उतना ज्यादा।

पीने के पानी में बीओडी अधिकतम दो या उससे कम होना चाहिए। नहाने के पानी में यह 3 से ज्यादा नहीं होना चाहिए। इन 323 नदियों में बीओडी 3 मिग्रा प्रति लीटर से ज्यादा पाया गया।

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## झरही नदी का पानी हुआ दुषित प्रदूषण को खतरा नेपाल की शराब फैक्ट्रियों से दूषित हो रहा भारतीय नदियों का पानी

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महराजगंज. मित्र राष्ट्र नेपाल के नवलपरासी में स्थित शराब की फैक्ट्रियों से दूषित पानी को भारतीय क्षेत्र की नदी झरही व चन्दन में गिराये जाने के कारण जन जीवन के स्वास्थ्य पर बडा खतरा दिख रहा है। द्षित पानी की बदब् से लोगों का जीना दुभर हो गया है, वहीं पश पक्षियों के जीवन पर खतरा मंडराने लगा है। गंदा व बदबुदार पानी झरही नदी में गिरने से नदी का पानी काला होकर प्रदूषित हो रहा है। सोहगीबरवा बन्यजीव विहार से गजरने विली इस नदी का पानी पीने से जंगली जानवरों के जान का खतरा है।

जानकारी के अनुसार पड़ोसी मुल्क नेपाल के नवलपरासी से होकर बहने वाली झरही उर्फ प्यास



नदी भारतीय सीमा क्षेत्र के ठुठीबारी स्थित कोतवाली के सटे पश्चिम होकर राजाबारी, भरगाही, लक्ष्मीपर. डगरुपुर, नवडिहवां, खैरहवांजंगल, दोमुहाने, मल्लाहटोली, लोहारटोला. बक्लडीहा, सुकरहर,सिहाभार आदि दर्जनों गांव से होते हुए सोहगीबरवां वन्य जीव के मधवलियां रेंज से होकर बहता है।

नदीं के जल से नदी के आस पास गांव के पशु पालकों के पशु एवं

जंगली जानवर अपनी प्यास बझाते हैं, लेकिन कई महीनों से इस नदी मे नवलपरासी जिले में स्थित शराब की फैक्टी के गंदे बदबदार विषेले पानी को बहाया जा रहा है।

इलाके के पशपालकों का कहना है नदी के पानी के प्रदुषित होने से उनके पशुओं के जान का खतरा है। वहीं गंदे बदबुदार पानी से नदी किनारे बसे ग्रामीण बदब के कारण नाक बंद कर आ जा रहे हैं। नदी के गंदे पानी से पशु एवं जंगली जानवरों के स्वास्थ्य पर खतरा मडराने के . साथ ही क्षेत्र में संक्रामक रोग फैलने की संभावना से इनकार नहीं किया

कुछ माह पूर्व हियुवा के जिलाध्यक्ष नरसिंह पाण्डेय ने सीएम को पत्र सौंपकर झरही नदी में नेपाल के शराब की फैक्टी का गंदा पानी बंद करने की मांग की थी।

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# महानदी, खारून, शिवनाथ, हसदेव और केलो नदी को एनजीटी ने माना प्रदूषित

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कोरबा. प्रदेश की पांच नदियां प्रदूषण की मार झेल रही हैं। हसदेव, खारून, शिवनाथ, केलो के साथ महानदी का भी एक बड़ा हिस्सा प्रदूषित है। एनजीटी के ताजा आंकड़े के मुताबिक छत्तीसगढ़ की इन पांचों नदियों को अब क्रिटिकल जोन में रखा गया है। केन्द्रीय प्रदूषण, नियंत्रण बोर्ड ने इन नदियों का जो हिस्सा प्रदूषित है उसे सुधारने के लिए दिशा-निर्देश जारी किया है।

इन पांचों निदयों में जो सबसे अधिक प्रदूषित हैं, उनमें महानदी पहले नंबर पर हैं। महानदी का आरंग से लेकर सिहाबा तक का हिस्सा लगभग 70 किमी का हिस्सा सबसे अधिक प्रदूषित हैं। जबिक दूसरे नंबर पर कोरबा की हसदेब नदी और रायपुर में बहने वाली खारून नदी की स्थिति लगभग एक जैसी हैं। दोनों का 20-20 किमी का क्षेत्र प्रदूषण की मार झेल रहे हैं। शिवनाथ नदी का सिमगा से बेमेतरा का 10 किमी और रायगढ़ जिले में बहने वाली केलो नदी का कनकोतरा तक नदी का हिस्सा प्रदूषित हैं। एनजीटी ने देश के हर



### नदियों की स्थिति पर एक नजर

नदी	कहां पर प्रदूषित	स्तर (बीओंडी )	क्षेत्र (किमी)
हसदेव	कोरबा से उरगा	3.6 से 7	20
खारून	बुंदारी से रायपुर	3.3 से 7.2	20
महानदी	आरंग से सिहावा	3.3 से 8.0	.70
शिवनाथ	सिमृगा से बेमेतरा	3.4 से 8.4	10
केलो	रायगढ़ से कनकोतरा	3.8	15

प्रदेश के प्रदूषित निदयों की सूची जारी की हैं। इसके मुताबिक छत्तीसगढ़ की पांच निदयों का लगभग 145 किमी का हिस्सा सबसे अधिक प्रदूषित हैं। जिन पांच निदयों को प्रदूषित माना हैं वे सभी औद्योगिक जिले से होकर बहती

है। इसीलिए केन्द्रीय प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड ने क्षेत्रीय पर्यावरण विभागों को इसके लिए निर्देशित किया है। उस शहर की निकाय के साथ मिलकर गाइडलाइन के मुताबिक विभागों को काम करना होगा।

### नदियों को दशा सुधारने हर शहर में पांच विभाग की बनाई गई टीम

नियों की दशा सुधारने के लिए हर शहर में पांच विभागों की टीम भी बनाई गई है। इसमें पर्यावरण विभाग, नगर निगम कोरबा, पीएचई, सिंचाई व वन विभाग के अधिकारियों को शामिल किया गया है। किस विभाग को कौन सा काम करना है यह भी तय किया गया है। बन विभाग वन क्षेत्रों में बहने

वाली नदियों की स्थिति देखेगी। सिंचाई विभाग पानी के फ्लो को देखेगा कि पानी का स्तर कहां पर कम हो रहा है। पीएचई पानी की जांच कर उसे प्रदूषण के दायरे से बाहर लाएगा। वहीं नगर निगम यह सुनिश्चित करेगा कि नदी में कहीं से भी सीवरेज का पानी तो नहीं मिल रहा है।

### तीन से चार माह की मोहलत

पांचों शहरों की टीम को नदियों को साफ व स्वच्छ बनाने के लिए तीन से चार माह की मोहलत दी गई है। कोरबा को अप्रैल तक, खारून के लिए दो माह, महानदी के लिए पी साढ़ तीन माह और केलो नदी के लिए भी साढ़ तीन माह का समय दिया गया है। इस समय अवधि के बीच नदियों के प्रदूषण के स्तर को सुधारना होगा। बकायदा इसके हर महीने की रिपोर्ट भी शासन को देनी होगी।

### इन प्रदेशों में प्रदूषित नदियां

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एनजीटी के पारित प्रस्ताव के तहत छत्तीसगढ़ की पांच नदियों के प्रवूषित भाग को साफ करने के लिए कमेटी का गठन कर एक्शन प्लान के तहत काम करने के निर्देश जिलों को दिया गया है।

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### In SC, Delhi govt asks Haryana to maintain Yamuna water supply

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi government has once again approached the Supreme Court with a plea to direct Haryana to maintain constant supply from the Yamuna to meet the drinking water needs of the residents of the Capital.

The fresh application was taken up by a bench of justices MB Lokur and Deepak Gupta on Friday. However, a detailed hearing could not take place as Haryana asked for more time to respond to the application. The matter was then adjourned to next week.

The application comes in the wake of Haryana raising a bill ₹70 crore towards the supply of water made to Delhi. The bill, the application says, is for the period of 1997-2015 on the basis of the committed quantity of 1,507 cusees per day. The letter sent by Haryana also threatens to disrupt drinking water supply, unless Delhi purchases Yamuna water from it.

Regeneration flows in Yamuna has been cited as another ground by Haryana to reduce supply of water.

Inits plea, filed through advocate Chirag M Shroff, the Delhi government said that Haryana should be ordered to supply an additional 120 cusecs of water, via the river route, 'towards the 450 cusecs required at the Wazirabad pond or reservoir', without affecting the total supply of 1,133 cusecs of water to Delhi.

The plea further goes on to cite—the—agreements entered between Delhi and Haryana in the past and said the latter was under obligation to followit.

"Because in view of the aforesaid binding position on all the parties the respondent state (Haryana) is bound to maintain the position of supply, for the drinking water requirement of Delhi, which is approximately 1,133 cusecs," read the application.

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# Kerala floods led to most casualties among (4) extreme global events in 2018: climate report

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THE DEVASTATING Kerala floods caused the maximum number of casualties globally among the extreme weather events this year, according to a report released Thursday by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). The State of Global Climate of 2018 report also noted that this year was the fourth consecutive warmest year globally.

"Kerala suffered the worst flood since 1920s, displacing more than 1.4 million people from their homes and affecting 5.4 million," the report says.

Other events that had high casualties were floods in Japan, Korea, and Nigeria, and a heatwave in Pakistan. The report said that the maximum economic burden was caused due to Hurricane Florence that hit the US in September, with the Kerala floods estimated to have caused the fourth highest economic losses globally.

In comparison to a long-term average of 53 tropical cyclones reported annually, the year 2018 (till November 20) saw 70 cyclonic storms. Most of these were reported from all four basins of the northern hemisphere, the WMO report highlighted. As a result,

heatwaves and drought hit large parts of Europe during 2018 summer.

Out of the 17.7 million Internally Displaced Persons, 2.3 million people were displaced due to disasters linked to weather and climate events as of September 2018.

The report also noted that 20 of the most warmest years recorded were reported during the last 22 years, with 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 being the most warmest years to be ever recorded. "Global mean temperature during January to October 2018 was 0.98 degree, with a variation of 0.12 degrees, above the pre-industrial baseline (1850-1900)," the report stated.

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Reshmi Dasgupta

The news this week that Sisamau, Kanpur's dirtiest drain, has finally been totally diverted to sewage treatment plants-sparing the holy Ganga 14 crore litres of effluent and chemical laden waste water every day-came as a shock to me. First, because it is unimaginable that such a drain was allowed to exist for 128 years and second, that we as a nation are so blase about certain kinds of pollution. Residents of Indian metros are now hyper-

farmers for burning stubble, fulminating plants and overflowed into the Ganga. about fire crackers and asking social media for tips on which air purifier to buy. And uncaring, but why did we allow such crimivet there is a relative silence about water nal neglect for decades after Independence? pollution, though usable water threatens to Politicians and their supporters can spar filtration units to ensure pure water supply. become the flashpoint of the future. What this danger?

Gardens in the verdant enclave of Lutyens there is never any impetus—except before Delhi have been watered by the Yamuna for general and state elections—to actually get water through a series of small tanks where decades, buttoday what comes out of the hose-things moving. pipes not only smells putrid, it leaves a white foam on flower beds and lawns. Comparisons tion these days but perhaps if we Indians to the poisonous, spumy lakes of Bengaluru had a little more knowledge of and pride in

If we Indians had a little more knowledge of and pride in our legacy we would not be so unmoved by the current pollution of our water bodies

# Why No Noise on Water Pollution?

frothy Yamuna doesn't impact.

The Sisamau drain issue is a cautionary tale indeed. Kanpur's main brick-lined sewerage system was mostly built during the British Rai. Precious little was done to augment the system post-1947 though the city experienced a boom, especially as a hub for the very polluting business of tanneries. The result was ventilating about air pollution, berating that effluent-laden water clogged treatment

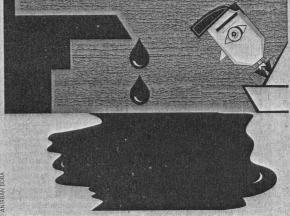
> about the 'failure' of the Ganga Action Plan fact is, if citizens sit back and do nothing,

History is also a bone of political contenare not unwarranted. Even images of women our legacy we would not be so unmoved by

While our ancient forebears may or may not have pioneered plastic surgery or devised interplanetary travel, they certainly knew a thing or two about water utilisation and conservation.

A Times of India report this May said that a group of engineers and archaeologists from Gandhinagar using ground penetrating radar (GPR) discovered an intricate water distribution system in the Harappan-era Foreign colonisers can be expected to be town of Dholavira in Kutch. So, 5,000 years ago, our ancestors built a network of pipes. check dams, reservoirs, channels, drains and &

Back then they didn't have polluting induscrisis needs to occur before we wake up to or its successor Namami Gange, but the tries but they did have to deal with silt-laden floodwaters of the Manhar river. Instead of letting it clog pipes, they diverted muddy the silt would settle, letting clear water flow into the main city reservoirs for use by the population. And all this was conceptualised and executed without 'modern' technology. Besides this, ancient Indians also studied



Politicians can spar about the 'failure' of the Ganga Action Plan or its successor Namami Gange, but if citizens sit back and do nothing, there is never any impetus to get things moving

the velocity of the river in non-spate periods and designed channels in such a way that the speed was reduced before it flowed into Dholavira's eastern reservoir. And contrast this with the fact that the force of Sisamau's digty water hampered efforts by our modern engineers to cut it off from the Ganga and divert it to the sewage treatment plants!

Lack of foresight about ecology was apparent in the first flush of Independence. Emphasis on steel mills and factories, huge dams' projects and other 'temples of modern India' without much thought of consequences on natural resources—especially water was not only the fault of politicians. Even the intelligentsia of various hues went along with it and are now perhaps ruing their naivete.

Delhi is India's most politically powerful city: Bengaluru is the 'knowledge economy' leader. And vet water woes beset both and smaller ones like Kanpur across India. Lutyens' Delhi elites have done as little about foamy Yamuna lawn water as Bengaluru's ITenabled knowledge aristocracy about frothy lakes. Kanpur's tannery owners can scarcely be expected to be more civic minded.

The CAG report on the Ganga shows that states along its banks have been conspicuously tardy in spending funds allocated to contain and treat raw sewage, build treatment plants and relocate polluting industries. No wonder other Sisamau type drains flow unhindered into not only the Ganga but countless other "revered" rivers across India. We indifferent 'modern' Indians are to blame.

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## देश के प्रमुख जलाशयों के जलस्तर में 2 फीसद की कमी

वर्तमान में इन

क्षमता का 61

आंका गया है

जलाशयों में कुल

फीसद जल स्तर

नई दिल्ली (एसएनबी) । देश के प्रमुख जलाशयों के जलस्तर में गिरावट निरंतर जारी हैं। पिछले एक सप्ताह में ही 91 प्रमुख जलाशयों के जलस्तर में 2 प्रतिशत की कमी दर्ज की गई है। वर्तमान में इन जलाशयों में कुल क्षमता

का 61 प्रतिशत जल स्तर आंका गया है।

देश के 91 जलाशयों की कुल संग्रहण क्षमता 161.993 बीसीएम है, जो समग्र रूप से देश की अनुमानित

कुल जल संग्रहण क्षमता 257.812 बीसीएम का

लगभग 63 प्रतिशत है। उत्तरी क्षेत्र में हिमाचल प्रदेश, पंजाब तथा राजस्थान में 18.01 बीसीएम की कुल संग्रहण क्षमता वाले छह जलाशयों में कुल उपलब्ध संग्रहण 14.36 बीसीएम है, जो इन जलाशयों को कुल संग्रहण क्षमता का 80 प्रतिशत है। पूर्वी क्षेत्र में झारखंड, ओडिशा, पश्चिम बंगाल एवं त्रिपुरा के 18.83 बीसीएम की कुल संग्रहण क्षमता वाले 15 जलाशयों में कल उपलब्ध संग्रहण 12.62

बीसीएम है, जो इन जलाशयों की कुल संग्रहण क्षमता का 67 प्रतिशत है।

पश्चिमी क्षेत्र में गुजरात तथा

महाराष्ट्र में 31.26 बीसीएम की कुल संग्रहण क्षमता वाले 27 जलाशयों में कुल उपलब्ध संग्रहण 14.72 बीसीएम है, जो इन जलाशयों की कुल

संग्रहण क्षमता का 47 प्रतिशत है। मध्य क्षेत्र में उत्तर प्रदेश, उत्तराखंड, मध्य प्रदेश तथा छत्तीसगढ़ मे 42.30 बीसीएम की कुल संग्रहण क्षमता वाले 12 जलाशयों में कुल उपलब्ध संग्रहण 28.79 बीसीएम है, जो इन जलाशयों की कुल संग्रहण क्षमता का 68 प्रतिशत है। दक्षिणी क्षेत्र में आंध्र प्रदेश, तेलंगाना एपी एवं टीजी (दोनों राज्यों में दो संयुक्त परियोजनाएं), कर्नाटक, केरल एवं तिमलनाडु में 51.59 बीसीएम की कुल संग्रहण क्षमता वाले 31 जलाशयों में कुल उपलब्ध संग्रहण 27.87 बीसीएम है, जो इन जलाशयों की कुल संग्रहण क्षमता वाले विसीएम है, जो इन जलाशयों की कुल संग्रहण क्षमता का 54 प्रतिशत है।