

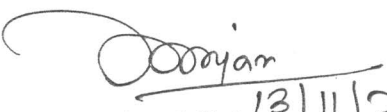
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▪ The State must ensure zero discharge to keep rivers as well as other water bodies healthy

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Why plans to clean the river Ganga are failing

The State is not tackling the main causes and sources of waste: urbanisation, industrialisation, chemical farming

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The Ganga Action Plan was launched in 1986 by former Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi, at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. In 2016, Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, launched the Rs 20,000-crore National Mission for Clean Ganga. A Ganga Act, which will provide a sound legal footing to the river rejuvenation plans, is in the works. And yet a recent report by the Central Pollution Control Board has found the river to be in a bad shape.

What are the reasons for this state of affairs? River activists believe that the problem lies in the misplaced priorities of State-run programmes, which have consistently failed to address the main source of both solid and liquid wastes: homes, cities, farms, and industries. Instead of just trying to clean the river, the State should tackle the causes and sources of such wastes: urbanisation, industrialisation and chemical farming. The State must ensure zero discharge to keep rivers as well as other water bodies healthy. This must be a regulatory and a cultural imperative, and not

the same thing. The fact is that wholesome water (not sparkling clean) is a natural corollary of a rejuvenated river.

On October 10, the central government released a notification setting limits for a minimum flow of water in River Ganga no matter how many projects consume its water. This was done to ostensibly augment the flow in the river. Claiming to ensure the release of environmental flows at a few critical points on the Ganga, the notification has been found wanting in many respects. It was rejected by Swami Sanand (GD Agarwal) a few hours before he breathed his last on the 112th day of his fast-unto-death for the rejuvenation of the Ganga. In his letter to Modi on June 13, 2018, he had demanded that all hydroelectric projects along the Alaknanda, Dhauti Ganga, Mandakini and Pindar rivers be scrapped to ensure the natural flow of the river. He had also demanded that mining be stopped here, especially in the Haridwar-Kumbh region. But the notification did not ban any project.

Flow is the lifeblood of a river. Any obstruction in it amounts to fundamental changes in its natural processes. So for a human agency to decide and declare the release of flow is a condescending act. To add salt to its wounds, often 'minimum' flows are talked about as if a man can decide on what is the actual bare minimum that a river shall survive on and still continue to provide various services to

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Tamil Nadu braces for Cyclone Gaja

Landfall likely between Cuddalore and Pamban

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Cyclone Gaja is likely to cross the Tamil Nadu coast between Cuddalore district and Pamban, in Ramanathapuram district, in the forenoon of Thursday.

As on Monday evening, the cyclonic storm lay over the Bay of Bengal, about 720 km east-northeast of Chennai and 800 km east-northeast of Nagapattinam. Though it is likely to intensify into a severe cyclonic storm in the open seas, it is set to weaken gradually, and cross the coast only as a cyclonic storm. It is likely to bring heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places over seven districts in the state on

Wednesday and Thursday, according to the India Meteorological Department. Weather models indicate moderate rainfall over Chennai during those days.

Named by Sri Lanka, it is the 55th tropical cyclone since the naming convention started in 2004. While rainfall is expected over most parts of north Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, a few places in districts such as Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Karikal, Nagapattinam, Cuddalore, Ramanathapuram and Pudukottai may experience heavy to very heavy rainfall, scaling up to 24 cm on Wednesday and Thursday.

One or two places in these districts may also receive

rainfall in excess of 24.4 cm, for which a red colour-coded warning has been issued. "Such colour-coded weather warnings are given for agencies involved in disaster management to be prepared even if extremely heavy rainfall is likely to occur in one or two places of the State. A red colour-coded warning for a State does not mean that the entire State is facing a threat of extremely heavy rainfall," said S. Balachandran, Deputy Director General of Meteorology, Chennai.

Gale-force winds reaching speeds of 80-90 km per hour may prevail along and off north Tamil Nadu and Puducherry coasts.

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NGT raps CGWA for failing to curb groundwater extraction

‘Comprehensive planning, execution of utmost priority to tackle emergency situation’

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NEW DELHI

Rapping the Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) for failing to curb illegal extraction of groundwater, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) on Monday directed authorities to finalise a policy regarding the same.

Comprehensive planning and execution are of utmost priority to tackle the emergency situation, said a Bench headed by NGT chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel.

“We hardly appreciate the stand that the ‘matter is under consideration’. Accordingly, we direct that whatever is under consideration may be finalised at the earliest but not later than December 18,” said the Bench.

‘Notify policy’

The Union Secretary of the Ministry of Water Resources has been asked to notify the policy within four weeks.

Stating that despite previous orders, the authorities have failed to curb groundwater extraction by industries



tries and other stakeholders, the Bench added, “The tribunal has passed several orders prohibiting extraction of groundwater. No adequate steps have been taken for recharge of groundwater. Discharges from industries are ridiculous and beyond comprehension in over-exploited, critical and semi-critical areas.”

During the hearing, the green panel also suggested that treated sewage water be provided to agriculturists instead of potable water.

The suggestion came after the tribunal was in-

formed that over 90% of groundwater extraction is done by agriculturists.

‘Viable alternative’

“Major part of the population is still in rural areas. Find a viable alternative by which agriculturists are not adversely affected and the limited resources of the country are also saved. You do not know what to do with sewage water. Why can’t you give them that instead of potable water?” it said.

In response to a submission that a fee is charged from industries extracting

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groundwater, the Bench said, “You cannot take money for committing offence and it is not deterrence. It has to be completely stopped. There cannot be a fee taken and permission given.”

“Approach of the Union India is very disappointing. This matter is pending for over five years now,” the Bench said, deferring the hearing to December 18.

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Kashmir's upper reaches receive fresh snowfall

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SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 12

Upper reaches of the Valley received light snowfall on Monday. It is the second spell of snowfall in the first fortnight of November, a rare occurrence which has enveloped the region in an early winter.

The weather department has forecast snow in the rest of the Valley on Tuesday.

Sonam Lotus, director of the Srinagar Meteorological Centre, said light snowfall was received over higher mountainous areas of Kashmir on Monday. He said the intensity and spread of snow would gradually increase over the next two days. The official said the snow spell was "likely to persist" till Wednesday.

The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) had earlier said a cyclonic storm western disturbance was approaching the region and would cause scattered to fairly widespread precipitation in the state.

The snowstorm in the first week of November had hit all districts of Kashmir and caused large-scale damage to orchards and electricity transmission network.



The snow-covered Mughal Road. TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Mughal Road closed

Jammu: As the higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir experienced fresh snowfall, Mughal Road, connecting the twin districts of Poonch and Rajouri in the Jammu region with south Kashmir's Shopian district, was closed for traffic on Monday as a precautionary measure. Light snowfall was reported from various high-altitude areas, including Peer Ki Gali along the Mughal Road, since Sunday night, officials said. PTI

The snowfall also forced the closure of the Srinagar airport and highways.

According to the IMD data, Jammu and Kashmir is also the only state which received excess rainfall from October 1 to November 7. It received 83.5 mm of rainfall instead of the normal 47.6 mm. Due to the rare autumnal snowfall

earlier this month, the state has recorded 61.5 mm of rainfall instead of the normal 8.7 mm. The Valley has registered a dip in temperature since the season's first snowfall. The mercury has plunged several degrees below normal and the Gulmarg resort has recorded consecutive freezing nights.

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H'yana: Canal repair complete to supply water to Delhi

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NEW DELHI, 12 NOVEMBER

The Haryana government told the Delhi High Court Monday that it has completed the repair of the old Delhi Sub Branch Canal (DSBC) which carries water to the national capital.

The counsel for Haryana government filed a status report and informed the bench of Chief Justice Rajendra Menon and Justice V K Rao that the water supply has resumed.

This submission was contested by Delhi Jal Board's (DJB) counsel Sumeet Pushkarna who said the water supply was deficient and it has not been resumed properly.

The court asked the DJB to file its reply to the Haryana government's status report and listed the matter for further hearing on January 14.

The court had earlier asked the state government about the status of the repair works on the old DSBC.

The direction had come after petitioner advocate S B Tripathi told the court that the repairs were getting delayed affecting the water supply to Delhi, especially in the sub-city of Dwarka.

Haryana had on May 24 this year told the court that it has floated tenders for the repair works and that they

would be opened in June and the work was expected to be completed in four months thereafter.

Prior to that, the court had on May 10 pulled up the Haryana government for not issuing any tender for repairing the old sub-branch canal, despite payment of Rs 28.16 crore to it by the DJB for the work.

The court was also displeased with the fact that Haryana had till then not encashed the cheques sent to it in March.

The high court on March 13 had directed Haryana and Delhi governments to take steps to immediately carry out repair works on DSBC, saying any delay would lead to wastage of water really needed by the national capital.

The court was hearing a PIL moved by Tripathi who has said that the population in Delhi was increasing each day, while the raw water available stayed the same or even decreasing.

Tripathi has also filed an application for concrete lining of DSBC, similar to the other, Munak canal, claiming that due to seepage in the older canal, 50 per cent of the 330 cusec water released into it by Haryana is lost. The plea has claimed that the wastage can be brought down to 5 per cent by concrete lining.

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जीएसडीए की रिपोर्ट: जलस्तर बढ़ाने पर खर्च किए 7789 करोड़ रुपए सूखे के बावजूद महाराष्ट्र सरकार ने तीन मीटर तक बढ़ा दिया भूजल स्तर



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मुंबई. महाराष्ट्र सरकार ने राज्य में सूखे के हालात के बाद भी भूजल स्तर एक से तीन मीटर तक बढ़ा दिया। एक 32 जिलों 182 तालुका को सूखाग्रस्त घोषित किया जा चुका है। सरकारी आंकड़े जलस्तर बढ़ने का दावा कर जले पर नमक छिड़क रहे हैं। सरकार ने इस पर 7789 करोड़ रुपए खर्च किए हैं।

इस पर पत्रिका ने पड़ताल की।

पानी बरसाने का काम हमारा नहीं- मुख्यमंत्री

हमने शिवार बनाने का काम किया है पानी जब बरसेगा तब जमा होगा। पानी बरसाने का काम हमारा नहीं है। घोटाले के आरोप निराधार हैं। सब कुछ डिजिटल हुआ है, ऑनलाइन है।

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सरकार के जलसंधारण विभाग के आंकड़े और जीएसडीए (ग्राउंड वाटर सर्वे एंड डवलपमेंट एजेंसी) ने राज्य के 3900 से अधिक कुओं की जांच की, लेकिन दोनों के आंकड़े एक-दूसरे के ठीक विपरीत मिले। सरकार के अनुसार जलयुक्त शिवार योजना के कारण जल स्तर एक से तीन मीटर बढ़ा है, जबकि

जीएसडीए की रिपोर्ट बताती है कि जल स्तर बढ़ा नहीं बल्कि एक से तीन मीटर नीचे गया है।

सरकार के रिपोर्ट में दर्शाया गया है कि वर्ष 2016 की तुलना में जल स्तर एक से तीन मीटर सुधर कर ऊपर आया है। वहीं काँग्रेस ने आरोप लगाया है कि इस मामले में कराड़ों का घोटाला हुआ है।

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■ **एनबीटी, वाराणसी**

एक जमाना था, जब देश की नदियों में बड़े-बड़े जहाज चला करते थे, लेकिन आजादी के बाद इतने सालों में इन मार्गों की उपेक्षा की गई... यह बात पीएम नरेंद्र मोदी ने देश के पहले नदी मार्ग के बंदरगाह का उद्घाटन करने के बाद कही। यह मल्टी मॉडल टर्मिनल वाराणसी के रामनगर में गंगा तट पर बना है। बता दें कि बनारस और पश्चिम बंगाल के हल्दिया के बीच गंगा पर 1620 किलोमीटर लंबा वॉटरवे बना है जिससे माल ढुलाई आसान होगी।

सोमवार को इस नदी मार्ग पर पहला मालवाहक जहाज हल्दिया से बनारस पहुंचा तो खुद पीएम ने अगवानी की। पेंसिको के माल से भरे 16 कंटेनर के साथ जहाज एमवी आरएन टैगोर को अक्टूबर के आखिरी हफ्ते में कोलकाता टर्मिनल से खाना किया गया था। आजादी के बाद देश में इनलैंड वॉटरवे पर किसी कंटेनर पोत की यह पहली यात्रा है।

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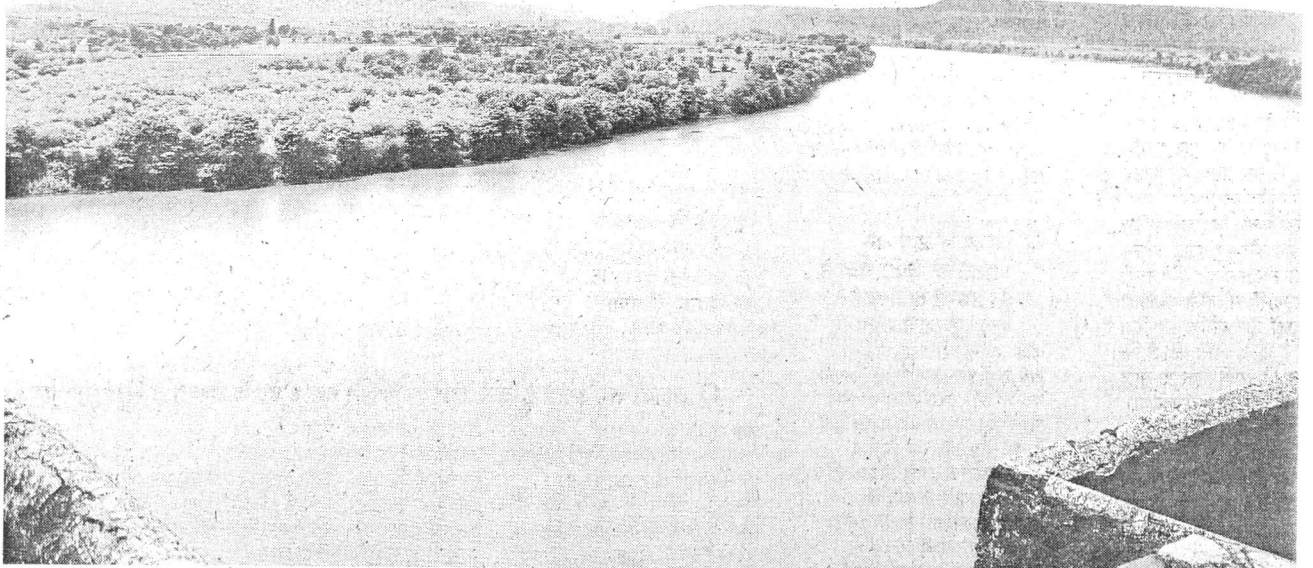
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रावतभाटा. ब्राह्मणी नदी का पानी जयपुर, अजमेर, टोंक व नागौर के लिए बीसलपुर पहुंचाने की करीब 6 हजार करोड़ की परियोजना की डीपीआर का काम विधानसभा चुनाव की आचार संहिता में अटका पड़ा है। बीसलपुर प्रोजेक्ट के अफसरों द्वारा डिटेल्ड फिजीबिलिटी रिपोर्ट सौंपने के बाद केन्द्रीय जल आयोग ने विभाग को डीपीआर बनवाने को कहा है। इसकी प्रक्रिया भी शुरू हो गई थी लेकिन कार्यादेश होते इससे पहले ही आचार संहिता लग गई।

जलसंसाधन विभाग के अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियंता रवि सोलंकी ने बताया कि रावतभाटा क्षेत्र के श्रीपुरा गांव के पास ब्राह्मणी नदी पर बांध बनाकर पानी बीसलपुर बांध में पहुंचाने के लिए 4 करोड़ 73 लाख रुपये खर्च कर डीएफआर (डिटेल्ड फिजीबिलिटी रिपोर्ट) बनवाई गई। इसे जल संसाधन विभाग ने केन्द्रीय जल आयोग को प्रस्तुत की। केन्द्रीय जल आयोग ने जल संसाधन विभाग को 5 करोड़ 40 लाख रुपये लागत से परियोजना की डीपीआर बनवाने की सैद्धांतिक मंजूरी मिली। विभाग ने डीपीआर के लिए संबंधित एजेंसी से कोटेशन भी ले लिया, लेकिन चुनाव आचार संहिता लागू हो जाने से



रावतभाटा क्षेत्र में ब्राह्मणी नदी का बहता पानी, बांध बनाकर रोका जाएगा।

कार्यादेश नहीं दे पाया। इसके चलते डीपीआर का काम फिलहाल अटक गया। डीपीआर में एक साल का समय लगने के बाद ही प्रोजेक्ट के टेंडर लगने की कार्रवाई हो पाएगी। उन्होंने बताया कि ब्राह्मणी-बीसलपुर पेयजल परियोजना के सन् 2022-24 में पूरा होने का आकलन किया गया है। कुल करीब 6 हजार करोड़ लागत आने का अनुमान है। करीब 7 साल में पेयजल परियोजना पूरी होगी।

श्रीपुरा में बनेगा बांध

जानकारों के अनुसार यहां क्षेत्र के श्रीपुरा गांव के पास ब्राह्मणी नदी पर बांध बनाया जाएगा। उसमें इकट्ठा रहने वाले पानी को कोटा बैराज में डाला जाएगा। ब्राह्मणी पर बनने वाले बांध का पानी बीसलपुर बांध में लाने के लिए करीब 89 किमी की नई नहर बनाई जाएगी। श्रीपुरा में बनने वाले 6 मीटर ऊंचे बांध में कोई भी गांव डूब में नहीं आएगा। विश्व

बैंक से आर्थिक मदद लेकर परियोजना का काम किया जाएगा। बारिश के दिनों में फालतू में बहने वाले पानी को रोककर पीने के लिए काम में लिया जाएगा।

यह रहेगा पानी का हिसाब

जयपुर, अजमेर, टोंक नागौर जिलों के 19 शहरों व 3 हजार गांवों में पानी उपलब्ध होगा। 938 .64

मिलियन क्यूबिक मीटर पानी बिसलपुर बांध में पहुंचाया जाएगा। इसमें से 317.12 मिलियन क्यूबिक मीटर पानी जयपुर, 141.57 मिलियन क्यूबिक मीटर अजमेर जिले को पीने के लिए उपलब्ध कराया जाएगा। 226.5 मिलियन क्यूबिक मीटर पानी मांग के हिसाब सिंचाई के लिए, 253.41 मिलियन क्यूबिक मीटर पानी भाप व सीपेज नुकसान में खर्च होने को का आकलन किया गया है।

कार्यादेश अटका

विधान सभा चुनाव की आचार संहिता के कारण डीपीआर के कार्यादेश का काम अटका। अब चुनाव के बाद जैसे ही जनस्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी विभाग से डीपीआर लागत 5.40 करोड़ रुपये मिलेंगे, काम शुरू करा दिया जाएगा।

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