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## Delhi sizzles at 43 degrees

Staff Reporter

NEW DELHI: Delhiites witnessed blistering heat on Monday with mercury touching 43 degrees Celsius, the season's highest so far. Unfortunately, respite from the sweltering heat is not expected soon as the MeT Department has predicted the maximum to hover around the same for at least two to three days.

The maximum temperature on Monday was four notches above normal giving a tough time to office goers. The minimum temperature was recorded at 28.1 degrees Celsius, two degrees above the season's average, the MeT department officials said. Humidity in the air oscillated between 59 and 28 per cent.

"Rising day temperature has been witnessed in Delhi during May. Barring the first two days of the month, the maximum temperatures so far have settled above the normal average of 39.5°C. Monday's temperature was the highest ever," explained an IMD official.

The weatherman has predicted partly cloudy skies for Tuesday along with the possi-



On Monday, mercury touched 43 degrees Celsius. MeT Department has said that there would be no respite from the heat for the next three days. - AP

bility of dust storms and thunderstorms in some areas. "The skies will be partly cloudy. Dust storms and thunderstorms could occur in some parts of the city," the weatherman said.

The maximum and minimum temperatures are expected to hover at 43 and 28 degrees respectively, he added. The official further explained, "Though there are chances of thunderstorm activity on Tuesday, the temperature in the city is going to sustain for at least 3 to 4 days. The thunderstorm is expect-

bility of dust storms and ed to happen during evening thunderstorms in some areas. hours, so there isn't any res-"The skies will be partly cloupite likely during day time."

Maximums in Delhi have exceeded the 40 degrees Celsius mark on several occasions during May. May 6 to May 10 was the longest spell of hot weather in the city. Twice, on May 6 and May 7, the day temperature settled beyond 42°C, almost amounting to a heat wave

On Sunday, the maximum temperature had settled at 40.3 degrees Celsius while the minimum temperature was recorded at 24.8 degrees.

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### Clean Ganga project seeks corporate, NRI participation

Gargi Parsai

NEW DELHI: The Rs. 20,000 crore Namami Gange project is spread over five years and covers 41 tributaries of Ganga. Rs. 7272 crore has been set aside for interventions in existing, defunct projects while Rs. 12,728 crore has been allocated for new initiatives. This is a four-fold increase since the new government came to power. Since 1985, Rs. 4168.55 crore has been spent on cleaning the river.

The National Mission for Clean Ganga that has been assigned the task of cleaning the river, is focussed on abatement of pollution and has designed its interven-tions around this. However, it is seeking partnerships and is tailoring its projects so that state governments, local municipalities and panchayats have a stake and take ownership of the projects for sustainability. To speed up the process of cleaning the river, the Mission has sought the particiof institutions,



Stopping pollutants from coming into the Ganga a priority, say officials of the Ganga Mission.

donors, overseas Indians, business and corporate houses to donate their might and money for projects or sponsoring projects to clean up the river . Already pilot projects have been launched in eight cities. The challenge is to set up a drainage system in thickly populated cities.

The urgent need is to bring down lean season BOD levels in the river to 10 mg/ litre/day, the Total Suspended Solid levels to 10 mg/ litre/day and Total Faecal

Coliform to 100 mg/litre/ day. These levels run into over lakhs at present.

"Stopping pollutants from coming into the Ganga are a priority," say senior officials of the Mission. Donors and philanthropist agencies can take their pick in tackling surface pollution and can contribute, say, for river surface cleaning equipment which range from Rs. 60,000 to Rs. 12 crores. They can sponsor improved electric or wood-based crematoriums.

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## 'Sin' of polluting Ganga may soon be a crime

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New Delhi: One year may not be enough for him to show results as far as his pet Ganga cleaning project is concerned, but PM Narendra Modi is determined to demonstrate substantial progress on the issue when his government goes to the polls at the end of its term. A timeline for this complex assignment, discussed in the Cabinet last week, indicates that the Centre wants to stop completely untreated water flowing into the river by March 2019 and will possibly arm authorities with a law having provisions to penalize polluters by that time.

The water resources and Ganga rejuvenation ministry has been in discussion with other ministries, including urban development, environment and law, over four different drafts which talk about possibility of framing a law with objectives of abating pol**CLEANING DEADLINE: 2018-19** 

#### Tasks to be completed by then

- Sewage Infrastructure: Setting up Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) in all 118 towns
- Projects are ongoing in 50 towns
- Projects will be allotted in remaining 68 towns by June 2016
- Tapping (disallowing untreated water from flowing into river) all 144 drains: 65 have already been tapped
- Setting up Central Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs) at main industrial clusters and make them sustainable
- Provision of public amenities at Char Dham Yatra and Ganga Sagar



- including Kedarnath, Hardwar, Allahabad, Varanasi, Kanpur and Patna
- 100% sanitation coverage for 1,657 Gram Panchayats
- Raising 4 battalions (4.000 personnel) of Ganga Task Force

long Ganga - involving ex-servicemen along Ghats

> Setting up a workforce of trash collectors by involving urban local bodies (ULBs)

Plantation

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under a Parliament Act is the most possible course if, at all, the government finally decides to opt for a legal provision to provide teeth to its task tion of all schemes of Ganga

with Uttarakhand, UP, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal. Though making a law with criminal provisions is not priority at the moment when the Centre still has to create adequate anti-pollution infrastructure, the idea continues to be part of the official discourse on Ganga cleaning.

rejuvenation in coordination

A law on this matter was discussed as one of the key agenda of the meeting on Ganga rejuvenation in March when Modi called for an "uncompromising mission-mode approach" to stop pollution of the river.

Officials, however, indicated that the priority right now is to set up infrastructure, including STPs and CETPs, to stop polluted water from flowing into the river and involve urban local bodies (ULBs) for implementation of various schemes so that it can be maintained and operated on a sustainable basis.

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lution and maintaining sustainable cleanliness.

Converting the National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA) into a commission

of Ganga cleaning in a much more effective manner. The NGRBA is the key body that monitors planning and execuNews item/letter/article/editorial published on May

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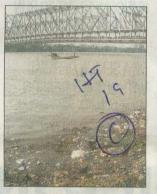
# Govt wants corporates, NRIs to adopt clean Ganga projects

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NEW DELHI: Aiming to steer more private participation into its pet Ganga clean-up mission, the Modi government has asked corporates, cash-rich spiritual organisations and the global Indian community to fund specific projects of the programme. Indians abroad could get the projects adopted by them named after family members.

The move stems from the government's view that the programme requires "all-round participation to succeed" and previous efforts had suffered as they were entirely bureaucracy-driven, a senior official said.

A third of India's 1.2 billion people live in the floodplains along the 2510 km river. An icon of the Hindu faith, it is dying a slow death due to filth, untreated sewage and industrial runoff. Only about 45% of the 11 billion litres of sewage generated from 181



Choked by filth, India's holiest river is dying a slow death. HT FILE

towns along the river is treated.

On May 13, the Union cabinet had approved the flagship Namami Gange programme with a budget outlay of ₹20,000 crore for the next five years – a four-fold increase. The National Mission for Clean Ganga, the authority implementing the programme, is set to launch the

first public-private partnership programme next month on test mode in eight towns.

The project involves installing and maintaining equipment to trap "visible", floating pollutants on the river's surface. The equipment include fence-like devices called booms to physically cordon floating debris from ghats and high-tech aerators that pump in oxygen essential for breaking down biological wastes.

To institutionalise the framework, the government has called for proposals from organizations and potential investors and donors.

For instance, spiritual organisations, such as the one led by Keralabased Mata Amritanandamayi, and sanitation NGO Sulabh International have volunteered to build community toilets. A senior government official confirmed that an undisclosed number of private organizations will be taking on similar roles when the project kicks off in June.

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with members from relevant government departments will vet the entries.

The government is also keen on roping in Indians abroad among whom Prime Minister Narendra Modi is popular. Donations by overseas Indians will be routed through the India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians, a not-for-profit trust set up by the ministry of overseas Indian affairs.

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To ensure dubious firms don't plough in slush money, contributors will have to submit documentary proof of legal status and details of registration, foreign contribution and financial status. A committee

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मुख्यमंत्री मनोहर लाल ने कहा फरीदाबाद में खारे पानी की समस्या से जूझ रहे 40 गांवों को रेनीवैल पेयजलापूर्ति परियोजना से जोड़ा जाएगा तथा यमुना पर बैराज व बांध बनाने की व्यवस्था की भी जाएगी। उन्होंने कहा कि पिछली सरकार द्वारा 2010 में इस क्षेत्र में की गई यमुना बैराज की घोषणा पर काम शुरू न होने की जांच करवाई जाएगी। बांध कार्य के लिए पांच करोड़ की राशि दी

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#### गर्मी बढी

नई दिल्ली विशेष संवाददाता

गर्मी बढ़ने के साथ ही बंगाल की खाड़ी में मानसून ने भी दस्तक देनी शुरू कर दी है। लेकिन मानसून के शुरुआती संकेतों से लगता है कि आगाज कमजोर हुआ है। इसिलए बंगाल की खाड़ी में सिक्रय मानसून भारत की ओर नहीं बढ़ पा रहा है। इस बीच मौसम विभाग ने गर्मी में इजाफे और दिल्ली समेत मैदानी इलाकों में धूल भरी आंधी चलने की आशंका जाहिर की है।

मौसम विभाग के अनुसार, बंगाल की खाड़ी में अंडमान सागर में 16 मई को मानसून ने दस्तक दे दी थी। उस क्षेत्र में भारी बारिश हुई लेकिन बारिश होकर थम गई। लगातार बारिश नहीं होने के कारण मानसून खाड़ी के दक्षिण और मध्य पूर्व

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हिस्से की ओर नहीं बढ़ पाया, जहां से यह केरल की तरफ पहुंचता है। हालांकि मौसम विभाग कह रहा है कि जल्दी ही मानसून आगे बढ़ेगा। इस बीच, उत्तर भारत के मैदानी इलाकों में भारी गर्मी पड़नी शुरू हो गई है। दिल्ली एनसीआर में भी पारा 43 डिग्री जा पहुंचा है।

पश्चिमी राजस्थान, गुजरात और मध्य प्रदेश के कुछ हिस्से लू की चपेट में हैं।दिल्ली, पश्चिमी उत्तर प्रदेश, हरियाणा और पंजाब में भी लू चल सकती है क्योंकि पारा सामान्य से चार डिग्री तक ऊपर चल रहा है।जैसे ही इसमें एक डिग्री का इजाफा होगा लू चलनी शुरू हो जाएगी। मौसम विभाग ने रात के तापमान में भी वृद्धि की संभावना जताई है जो अभी 28-29 के करीब चल रहा है। विभाग ने मंगलवार से दिल्ली, पश्चिमी उत्तर प्रदेश और एनसीआर के इलाकों में धूल भरी आंधी चलने की भी आशंका जाहिर की है। राजस्थान में इन आंधियों का प्रभाव ज्यादा हो सकता है।

हालांकि जम्मू-कश्मीर के ऊपर सिक्रय एक कमजोर पश्चिमी विश्लोभ के चलते उत्तर-पश्चिमी राज्यों के मैदानी इलाकों, दिल्ली एनसीआर में मंगलवार को आसमान में हल्के बादल छाए रह सकते हैं। हालांकि मानसून की पहली बौछार से पहले लोगों को भारी गर्मी और लू का सामना करना पड़ेगा। धूल भरी आंधी से थोड़ी राहत तो मिल सकती है लेकिन गर्मी से राहत बारिश के बाद ही मिलेगी। लेकिन बारिश के साथ उमस

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