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## India's groundwater depletion raises concern

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India accounts for almost one-fourth of the total groundwater extracted globally, more than that of China and the US combined thus using the largest amount of groundwater 24 per cent of the global total, according to a new report.

Export of food and clothing items, while important sources of income, exacerbates this problem if production is not made sustainable, making it harder for many poor and marginalised communities to get access to clean water supply, warned the report released to mark World Water Day on 22 March.

The report by WaterAid, a non-profit organisation, titled "Beneath the Surface: The State of the World's Water 2019", said India accounted for almost one-fourth of the

total groundwater extracted globally, more than China and US combined.

It said India also used the largest amount of groundwater 24 per cent of the global total - and the country's rate of groundwater depletion increased by 23 per cent between 2000 and 2010.

"India is the third largest exporter of groundwater 12 per cent of the global total," the report said. It further said wheat and rice were the two most important and highest water-guzzling crops that India produced.

"Rice is the least water-efficient grain and wheat has been the main driver in increasing irrigation stress. Replacing rice and wheat with other crops like maize, millets, sorghum mapped to suitable geographies could reduce irrigation water demand by one-third," the report said.

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## यमुना का प्रदूषण भूजल को बना रहा जहरीला

**फरीदाबाद।** वायु प्रदूषण के बाद स्मार्ट सिटी में जल प्रदूषण भी तेजी से बढ़ता जा रहा है। इसकी वजह से पानी में रहने वाले जीव जंतुओं के लिए खतरा बढ़ गया है।

विशेषज्ञों के अनुसार, यमुना के जल में कोलीफॉर्म बैक्टीरिया और बायोकेमिकल ऑक्सीजन डिमांड (जैव रसायनिक आवश्यकता) में काफी वृद्धि हुई है। जिसका असर पानी के जीव जंतुओं की जिंदगी के साथ-साथ भू-जल भी पड़ने लगा है। हरियाणा प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड की ओर से तीन महीने पहले लिए गए पानी के नमूने की जांच रिपोर्ट में यह भयावह स्थिति सामने आई है। जिस देखते हुए हरियाणा प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड की टीम ने सोमवार को फिर नमूने लिए हैं। प्रदूषित पेयजल का असर शहर की जल आपूर्ति पर पड़ने लगा है। हुडा और नगर निगम की ओर से पेयजल की आपूर्ति के लिए यमुना के किनारे करीब 20 रीवेल् लगाए गए हैं। (का.सं.)

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## ओंकारेश्वर बांध विस्थापितों को मिली राहत

नई दिल्ली, (एजेंसी): सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने ओंकारेश्वर बांध विस्थापितों के संबंध में नर्मदा बचाओ आंदोलन की याचिका पर एक महत्वपूर्ण आदेश दिया है। सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने आदेश दिए हैं कि राज्य सरकार 3 महीने के अंदर विस्थापितों को पुनर्वास के लिए खेती योग्य जमीन उपलब्ध कराए। आदेश में यह भी कहा गया है कि विस्थापित मुआवजा और विशेष पैकेज का विकल्प लेता है तो



सरकार को मुआवजे व पैकेज पर अतिरिक्त 90 प्रतिशत ब्याज देना होगा। इस मामले में विस्थापित सैकड़ों की संख्या में 28 मार्च को राजधानी भोपाल में प्रदर्शन करेंगे। खंडवा में एक पत्रकार वार्ता को संबोधित करते हुए नर्मदा बचाओ आंदोलन के वरिष्ठ कार्यकर्ता व आम आदमी पार्टी के प्रदेश अध्यक्ष आलोक अग्रवाल ने बताया कि ओंकारेश्वर बांध

विस्थापित गत 12 साल से नर्मदा बचाओ आंदोलन के तहत अपने अधिकारों की लड़ाई लड़ रहे हैं। इस लड़ाई में उन्होंने अपने अधिकारों के लिए तमाम धरने, प्रदर्शन, सत्याग्रह व जल सत्याग्रह किए और न्यायालय में भी लड़ाई लड़ी। सन 2008 में मध्यप्रदेश उच्च न्यायालय ने विस्थापितों को जमीन देने का आदेश दिया। लेकिन सरकार उसके खिलाफ सर्वोच्च न्यायालय में अपील में चली गई। सन 2011 में सर्वोच्च न्यायालय ने पुनः जमीन देने का आदेश दिया और इस हेतु शिकायत निवारण प्राधिकरण के समक्ष जाने को कहा। 2300 विस्थापितों की याचिका पर शिकायत निवारण प्राधिकरण ने अपने सभी आदेशों में कहा कि सरकार ने पुनर्वास नीति का पालन नहीं किया है।

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# Mercury hits 30°C, breaks 26-day run of below-normal temperatures

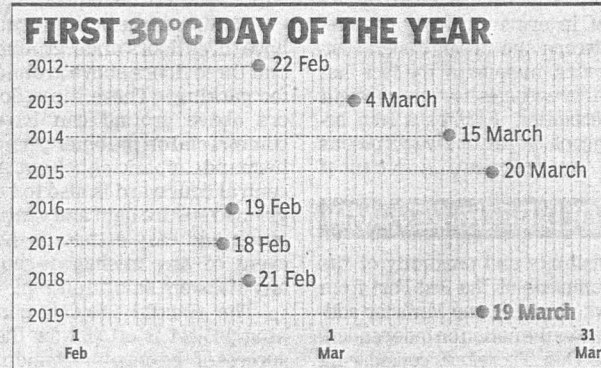
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**New Delhi:** Summer finally appears to be catching up with the capital. Two days before Holi, the mercury crossed 30 degrees Celsius for the first time this year on Tuesday, ending a marathon run of 26 days of below-normal maximum temperatures in the city.

Safdarjung, the city's main weather station, recorded a high of 31.8 degrees C on Tuesday, one notch above normal. This was the first time since February 21 that the temperature crossed the normal for the day — underscoring just how mild the month of March has been in the capital so far.

This is also the first time in four years that the first 30-degree day of the year in the capital has come after March 15.



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"The rise in day temperatures is in association with an approaching western disturbance. Tomorrow is likely to be just as hot while day temperatures will drop by a degree or two from the day after; that is on Holi," said B P Yadav, head of

IMD's Regional Meteorological Centre in the capital.

There is a probability, although low, of light rain on Wednesday, Yadav said. Not just day temperatures, nights too have been much cooler than normal so far. Night temperatures have remained below normal since February 24. That's 23 days and counting. The minimum on Tuesday was 12.8 degrees C, a good four notches below normal.

In terms of average temperatures, both the maximum and minimum in March so far are as much as 3 degrees below normal. That's a significant deviation which confirms — if any confirmation were needed — that Delhiites have experienced a long winter this year, spilling into the month of March.

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# 'Furnish details of rainwater harvesting systems in schools'

## NGT Bench directs MHRD; dismisses exemption requests

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The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) to furnish information pertaining to the status of installation of rainwater harvesting systems in Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas.

A Bench headed by NGT judicial member Justice Raghuvendra S. Rathore said, "Counsel for the MHRD submits that in so far as installation of rainwater harvesting system in Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas is concerned, he has received the requisite information and therefore, he seeks short time to file affidavit on record with regard to the status of rainwater harvesting system in these schools. He may file affidavit in a week."

Further, the Bench dismissed requests from two



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schools, who sought exemption from the ₹5 lakh environmental compensation for failing to install the rainwater harvesting systems.

Stating that the schools had failed to approach authorities within the specified time to seek exemption, the Bench said, "It [the school] has grossly failed to abide by the order passed by the tribunal as well as notice given

by the office of Directorate of Education."

### Educational sites

The North Delhi Municipal Corporation informed the tribunal that out of 568 educational sites, rainwater harvesting systems have been installed at 382 sites.

"It [North Delhi Municipal Corporation] has also been submitted that at 29 sites, the installation work is in progress. It has further been submitted by the counsel for the corporation that in respect to 84 sites, it is not feasible to have rainwater harvesting systems," the Bench noted.

The directions came when the green panel was hearing an execution application filed by city resident Mahesh Chandra Saxena who sought compliance of a November 2017 order of the NGT.