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Monsoon may hit Kerala by May-end El Nino Threat To Grow During Season, Says IMD

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New Delhi: After standing still for five days over the Andamans, the southwest monsoon advanced on Thursday to cover the entire island chain and weather department said rains would hit Kerala by May-end.

India Meteorological Department officials said they expect the Arabian Sea branch of the monsoon to get activated in about a week, which would lay the ground for the rain system

to make landfall on Kerala coast—an event that marks the onset of the monsoon in the country. “Everything seems normal for monsoon’s arrival. Around a week from now, an eastward moving rain system called Madden-Julian Oscillation will appear in the western Indian Ocean and aid the monsoon’s onset,” said D Sivananda Pai, IMD’s lead monsoon forecaster.

However, the outlook for this year’s rainy season has turned bleaker, with IMD re-

leasing its El Nino prediction that says the anomalous weather condition is likely to strengthen during the monsoon months and reach its peak thereafter.

El Nino, Spanish for ‘little boy’, is an unusual warming of ocean waters in the east and central Pacific that drives a change in wind and rain patterns, which in turn generally weakens the southwest monsoon in India.

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PM'S BANGLA VISIT IN JUNE, CM LIKELY TO ACCOMPANY HIM *LBA, Teesta talks on anvil*

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New Delhi, 21 May

Ignoring the recent criticism of his frequent trips abroad, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is all set to travel to Dhaka in the first week of June, according to sources. While there was some confusion on whether the PM would make this trip in the first or second week of June, it now seems to be settled on the first week.

Mr Modi has given great priority to India's neighbourhood and his trip to Bangladesh, which comes after the historic Land Boundary Agreement (LBA) was ratified by Parliament,



will see him travelling to Dhaka on a positive note. Both the LBA and the Teesta treaty were seen as agreements that India needed to show forward movement on for the government of Sheikh Hasina to win credibility domestically.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is likely to accompany the Prime Minister on his visit to Dhaka. It seems Mr Modi and Miss

Banerjee have been able to sort out their differences where a trip together seems like a possibility. In 2011, former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had made a visit to Dhaka where the highlight of the visit was to be the signing of the Teesta water treaty between the two nations. At the last minute, Miss Banerjee had thrown a tantrum and ensured that the

treaty was not signed and the historic visit stayed unhistoric. Mr Modi, going by the past, seems to be taking no chances.

Though the dates are yet to be announced officially, the PM is likely to travel to Dhaka from 8 to 10 June where he will also sign the ratified LBA. Mr Modi has already visited Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and the Indian Ocean islands in the past year.

In July the PM has another hectic schedule abroad when he visits six nations in Central Asia, including Russia. His trip will take place around the BRICS and SCO summits to be held in the Russian city of Ufa on 9 and 10 July.

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Kanpur drain hurdle for clean Ganga, IIT roped in

RAISING A STINK

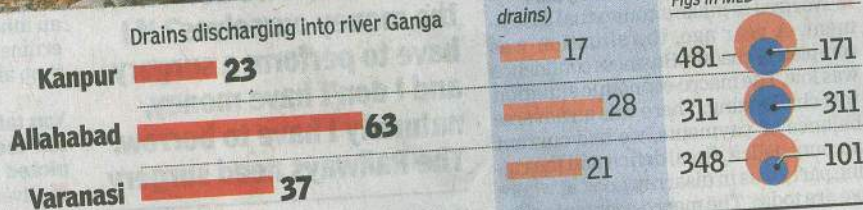
Status of drains and sewage treatment plants (STPs) in Kanpur, Allahabad and Varanasi



Drains are tapped (untreated water is not allowed to get discharged into the river from these drains)

Estimated Sewage Generation (till 2030)
Figs in MLD

Available Treatment Capacity



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New Delhi: The Centre is now facing one of its biggest challenges in cleaning up Ganga — Kanpur's Sisamau Nala, the dirtiest open drain of the stretch.

The drain discharges the highest amount of untreated sewage (138 MLD) into the river. The river also passes through one of the most populated and congested areas here. Since it is flanked by residential colonies and slums, the authorities at the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) are at a loss over how to divert the dirty water to the nearest sewage treatment plants (STPs).

They cannot build any new STP closer to the drain as there is hardly any land avail-

able in the area. Though they have planned to divert dirty water from the drain to existing STPs at Bingawan and Jajmau, they have yet to figure out how to divert it without affecting the local population.

Looking for a unique solution for one of the biggest challenges on the most critical stretch (Kanpur-Varanasi) of the river Ganga, the Centre has asked IIT Roorkee to suggest ways to tap the Sisamau drain. Experts of the institute will examine it and recommend the best options to the ministry of water resources. Though officials have zeroed in at a solution in the form of constructing a parallel 'pipe drain', they will wait for the best possible suggestion from the IIT Roorkee.

Elsewhere, options of 'rubber dam' (cylindrical rub-

ber fabrics placed across different tributaries of Ganga) will also be explored so that polluted water from such rivers can be diverted for treatment before being discharged into the river. Such dams are currently used in different parts of the world to divert water for irrigation and sewage retention/separation.

The issue of 'rubber dam' was flagged by the Uttar Pradesh irrigation minister Shivpal Singh Yadav during his meeting with Union water resources and Ganga rejuvenation minister Uma Bharti here on Thursday. Bharti is learnt to have told him that her ministry is ready to set up such dams in five-six cities across tributaries of Ganga and their 'ghats'.

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THE SEWER CANAL

Much of Hindon Canal pollution from UP industries

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NEW DELHI, MAY 21

AN INSPECTION carried out by an expert committee constituted on the orders of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has found that the main issue of pollution with respect to the Hindon canal lies in Uttar Pradesh with pollutants from industries along the river entering the canal into Ghaziabad and Delhi. The agencies are in the process of submitting a status report to the NGT before May 25.

Sources said that the committee will request the NGT to ask the Uttar Pradesh government to address the issue and restrict the entry of pollutants into the river. Officials said that the status report will request the NGT to

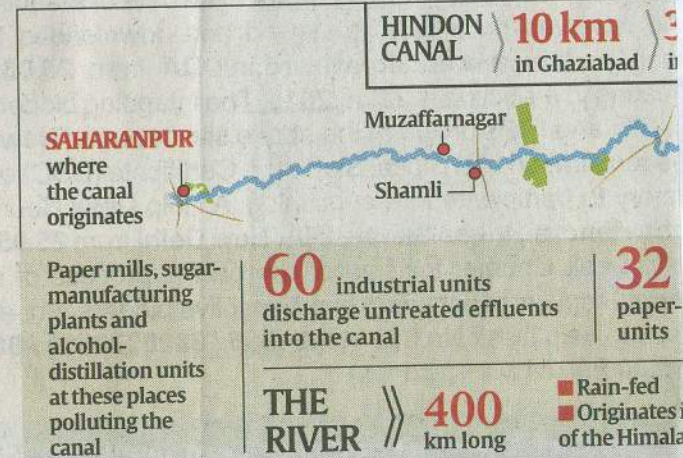
ask the UP government to treat the dumping of industrial waste.

Two months ago, the NGT ordered the constitution of a committee of government agencies including the DDA, East Municipal Corporation, the Public Works Department (PWD), Delhi Jal Board (DJB) and the UP Pollution Control Board. The NGT had issued orders directing the agencies to ensure that throwing of all kinds of waste into the canal was banned in an effort to ensure that a clean and decent environment is provided to residents along the canal.

Last Sunday, the agencies had conducted an inspection of the canal all along the 13 km stretch till Indirakunj in Ghaziabad where the canal originates. While 10 kms of the stretch lies in Ghaziabad, the remaining lies in Delhi which then joins the Yamuna.

According to officials who carried out the inspection, the main pollutants enter the river first from the paper and sugar mills along Saharanpur, Muzaffarnagar, Shamli and Meerut. These then reportedly enter the canal at Indira Kunj which flows into Delhi.

"While like the Yamuna, a wire mesh has been installed all along the canal in Delhi, in parts the mesh is lying broken. These can be replaced. However, the main issue is with the pollutants and effluents entering the river which automatically enters the canal since there is no way to treat it. Therefore, the root cause of the pollution is the pollutants from the industries in UP. If the industrial waste being dumped into the river is automatically stopped, the pollutants will no longer enter the canal," a senior government official who was part of the inspection on Sunday said.



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बांग्लादेश ने गुरुवार को कहा कि प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की आगामी ढाका यात्रा के दौरान लंबे समय से लंबित तीस्ता जल बंटवारे पर समझौता हो सकता है।

भारत में बांग्लादेश के उच्चायुक्त सयैद मुअज्जम ने कहा कि अगर आप बेहतर सीमा चाहते हैं, तो जरूरी है कि बेहतर पड़ोसी बना जाए। हाल में एनक्लेव अदला-बदली समझौते को भारत की संसद से मिली स्वीकृति का स्वागत करते हुए उन्होंने उम्मीद जताई

पड़ोसी राज्यों से सड़क मार्ग का प्रस्ताव



दोनों देशों के बीच संपर्क बढ़ाने की वकालत करते हुए मुअज्जम ने कहा कि उनका देश पश्चिम बंगाल, असम, मेघालय, त्रिपुरा से सीधा सड़क संपर्क चाहता है। उन्होंने कहा कि बांग्लादेश जल विद्युत, फार्मा, खाद्य प्रसंस्करण के लिए संयुक्त उपक्रम भी बनाने को तैयार है। मुअज्जम ने कहा कि ऊर्जा क्षेत्र में संयुक्त उपक्रम दोनों देशों की अर्थव्यवस्था को और जोड़ेगी।

कि प्रधानमंत्री मोदी की यात्रा के दौरान लंबे से लंबित तीस्ता जल बंटवारे पर करार हो जाएगा।

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चर्चा की जानकारी दी है। मुअज्जम ने कहा कि तीस्ता जल बांग्लादेश के लिए अहम है और बंटवारे के नए फार्मूले की कोई संभावना नहीं है। बांग्लादेश पूर्व में बनी सहमति पर दोबारा बातचीत नहीं करेगा।

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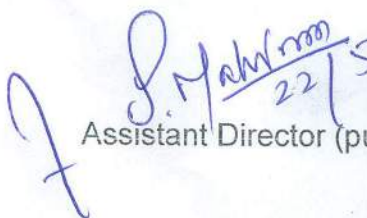
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