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## Mount Abu coldest in Rajasthan at 2.4 degrees



**WHITE COVER:** Jaipur witnessed heavy fog on Monday morning.  
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**JAIPUR:** Night temperatures dipped in parts of Rajasthan with Mount Abu, the sole hill station of the desert State, shivered at 2.4 degrees Celsius.

Sriganganagar in the plains reeled under 4.3 degrees Celsius, MeT officials said.

Dabok and Churu recorded minimum of 6.6 degrees Celsius, while Chittorgarh, Phalodi, Bikaner, Pilani, Sawaimadhopur recorded night temperature of 7.2, 8, 8.6, 9.3 and 9.8 degrees Celsius, respectively.

Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Jaipur and Kota also recorded min-

imum of 10.4, 10.5, 12.4 and 12.8 degrees Celsius, respectively.

### Trains delayed

Meanwhile, dense fog continued to prevail in the northern regions leading to the delay in running of 16 trains under North Western Railway.

NWR also rescheduled the Jodhpur-Varanasi train.

The 16 trains which are running late include Allahabad-Jaipur Express and Jammu-Tawai-Ajmer Express, according to an NWR spokesperson. - PTI



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## Ken-Betwa project gets green nod

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**New Delhi:** The National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) has given its much-awaited clearance, paving the way for work to begin for linking Ken and Betwa rivers, which will benefit six districts of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh in terms of meeting their irrigation, drinking water and electricity needs.

"Construction work will start after deciding its funding pattern," said Union water resources minister Uma Bharti on Monday.

Since the project requires diversion of forest land of Panna Tiger Reserve, it was required to be formally cleared by the board.

The clearance has finally come with certain conditions which include integration of nearby sanctuaries including Rani Durgavati and Ranipur with the Panna Tiger Reserve to compensate for the loss of tiger habitat and complete ban of fresh mining lease in the area. The board also wants the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) to take care of the landscape plan for the area with the help of state forest department and Wildlife Institute of India (WII).

Though the Rs 9,000 crore project had got the Union Ca-

**The Ken-Betwa ILR project will transfer surplus water from the Ken river to the Betwa basin through a 221 km canal**

binet's clearance in July 2014, work could not begin as the mandatory clearance from NBWL got stuck amid objections from environmentalists and wildlife conservationists.

The Ken-Betwa ILR project will transfer surplus water from the Ken river to the Betwa basin through a 221 km canal. The concrete canal will pass through Jhansi, Banda and Mahoba districts of UP and Chhatarpur, Panna and Tikamgarh districts of MP.

The Ken-Betwa link is one of the 30 inter-linking of river (ILR) projects, conceived by the Centre. The project had got a green signal from the Supreme Court following the tripartite MoU involving UP, MP and the Centre.

Though nearly 8,650 hectares of forest land including part of Panna National Park in Madhya Pradesh will be submerged due to implementation of the Ken-Betwa project, the MoU had factored in the issues of larger benefit to the water-starved region of both states.



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## Permanent tribunal gives no hope

After the disappointing record of river water tribunals in resolving water sharing disputes among many states, the proposal to set up a single permanent tribunal for all disputes marks a change. The Union Cabinet has decided to amend the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956, to enable the setting of a permanent tribunal and to make some other provisions which are intended to facilitate quicker settlement of disputes. The idea of a single permanent tribunal is part of the National Water Policy of 2012. The present practice is to constitute a tribunal when a specific dispute arises. These ad hoc bodies take a long time to reach a solution, going through interim awards and then giving the final award. The Cauvery Tribunal was set up in 1990 but gave its final award in 2007. It was notified in 2013. As conceived now, the permanent tribunal will have benches for different disputes. The benches will be dissolved after resolution of a particular dispute.

While the proposal may be well intended, there are doubts whether it will be as effective as expected. The tribunal will have a single chairman who is to be a former Supreme Court judge and has to give its award within three years after a dispute is referred to it. It will have a very busy time dealing with the many disputes all over the country, and might find its time too

stretched. Its proceedings, interim decisions and final decision may be challenged in the Supreme Court. There is a proposal to set up a dispute resolution committee, too, which will try to resolve a dispute before it is referred to the tribunal. It will be an expert body and may be of use in the resolution of certain kinds of disputes. But most disputes may not end at that level.

Another important proposal is to create an agency which will collect data on rainfall, irrigation and the flow of water between basins and regions. Some disputes remain unresolved or get aggravated because of the absence of such

data. The information will be valuable not only for settlement of disputes but also for formulating plans for water use and their implementation. While the new proposals and approaches to dispute resolution may be tried, it should be noted that most disputes remain unresolved because the solutions are not acceptable to the states. Politics and populism play a role in this. This is the situation even when the awards are binding on the disputing states. Unfortunately, some solutions have been found to be flawed, too. It is not known how a permanent tribunal will make a difference to the situation.



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## India's new highways

The Integrated Inland Water Transport system plan is a good idea but may run aground at a later date

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India is a land of rivers. During the Mughal rule, inland trade flourished, which in turn gave rise to many economic hotspots. There were various sea ports too and so it could have overseas trading relations with the Arab countries, Persia and Egypt. Besides they traded with various countries of South-East Asia and China. But over the centuries inland water trade collapsed as rail and road trade improved. But history always comes to a full circle and now that the road and rail lines are congested, there is an express demand to reopen the waterways. In March, Parliament passed the National Waterways Act, 2016, paving the way for the Union government to turn 111 rivers across India into national waterways. Taking that decision forward, the Centre has signed a deal with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for developing ferry services at 18 locations.

Though India has a 7,500-km long coastline with approximately 14,500 km of navigable waterways, it has not been able to harness the potential to the fullest. A minuscule 3.5 % of trade is done through waterways in India as against 47% in China, 40% in Europe and 35% in neighbouring Bangladesh. Transport by shipping is far more cost-efficient than that by road or railways. But the decision to develop waterways is not without controversies because to make a river navigable requires constant water flow at a set minimal limit depending on the tonnage of weight to be shipped. This has to be managed artificially. The river has to operate like a canal.

River linkages and water sharing arrangements will have to be worked out between states. As the National Waterways Bill was passed, minister of road transport and highways Nitin Gadkari had said, "Inland Waterways is a much cheaper and environment-friendly mode of transportation". While this is correct, the ambitious plans to develop 101 rivers into an integrated Inland Water Transport system also has the potential to run into trouble at a future date.



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## Green ministry goes back on 'pristine' Ganga joint affidavit

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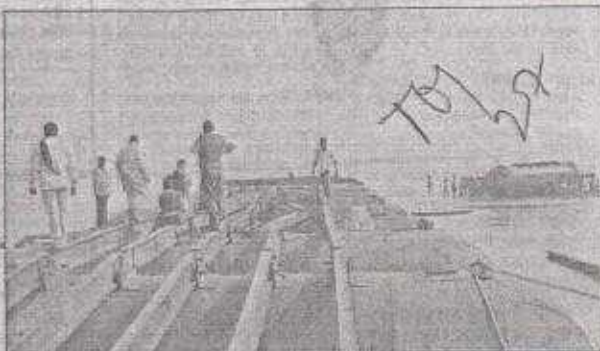
**NEW DELHI:** In a U-turn, the environment ministry raised red flag over a joint affidavit with the water resources ministry for declaring 100 kilometres of Ganga in Uttarakhand as pristine on Monday, a week after the consensus document was submitted to the National Green Tribunal (NGT).

The joint affidavit was submitted after the tribunal pulled up the two ministries for the slow pace of implementation of eco-sensitive zone spread over 4,700 sq km in the upper reaches of Ganga.

The eco-rule notified in 2012 prohibited construction of dams bigger than 2MW and other infrastructure projects that could adversely impact the fragile ecosystem. The rule asked the Uttarakhand government to prepare zonal management plan within two years to ensure free flowing Ganga, but the state has been seeking modifications of stringent norms in the eco-zone notification.

In August, the environment ministry agreed to diluting the notification to allow hydro projects up to 25 MW and wider roads, evoking a strong response from water resources secretary Shashi Shekhar.

As the contradiction between the ministries was brought to the notice of the NGT, the tribunal sought a response from



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the Centre. On December 21, the environment and water resources ministries submitted a joint affidavit trashing the Uttarakhand government's zonal plan, saying it was "incomplete" and "non-compliant" with provisions of eco-rule described as "pro-development".

Stating that 2,500 km of Ganga had been exploited, the affidavit said only this 100 km was left "pristine", and suggested setting up of an expert committee to prepare a "comprehensive" zonal plan as per "spirit" of the eco-zone notification.

However, at a meeting called on direction of the NGT, the environment ministry withdrew its consent to the affidavit. "We don't agree with it," two of the three ministry offi-

cials present at a meeting said.

They did not give reasons but cited the August meeting in which the green ministry had suggested changes in the eco rule, sources said.

A senior water resources ministry confirmed the development, saying he will raise the issue with senior environment ministry officials. The environment ministry was represented by mid-level officials at the meeting chaired by Shekhar.

Water resources minister Uma Bharti had been at loggerheads with her environment counterparts since the NDA government came to power in 2014 on ensuring unhindered flow of Ganga in Uttarakhand. This is the latest round of fight between the two ministries.



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# PSPCL under ₹25,500-crore debt

## State govt's failure to release subsidy payments the prime reason

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PATIALA, DECEMBER 26

The much-hyped power sector reforms of the state government and the tall claims pertaining to a power-surplus Punjab have "come at a cost for the Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL)".

The power corporation is now caught in a debt trap. The ₹26,000 crore company, as is claimed by the government, faces a mounting debt of over ₹25,500 crore and is managing itself on more and more loans.

Information gathered by The Tribune reveals that the inability on part of the state government to clear the amount pending against the subsidy bills is a major reason for this debt.

As per estimates made by the PSPCL, the outstanding loan on August 31, 2016 is ₹25,922 crore.

The state government provides subsidy amounting to crores of rupees per annum to agriculture con-

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“Instead of taking over loans when erstwhile PSEB was bifurcated into two, the state raised more loans and did not release subsidy. The corporation is paying charges to private thermal plants without needing their power

Sunil Jakhar, CONGRESS LEADER

SAD leaders claim the loans were raised to make Punjab power-surplus from being power-deficit during Cong rule.

sumers and to Below Poverty Line/reserved category consumers (BPL).

From 2010-11 to 2015-16, PSPCL has supplied subsidised power worth ₹50,624 crore to the agriculture sector in addition to ₹3,561 crore worth of subsidised power to BPL users.

Information with The Tribune reveals that to manage its day-to-day affairs and disburse monthly salaries and pension bills, PSPCL raised a loan of ₹2,000 crore in January 2016 through the state government and escrow cover.

This is perhaps one of

the biggest loans raised by the power utility firm in the past six years. Earlier in September 2015, PSPCL took a loan of ₹750 crore for the "purchase of power and fuel".

In June 2013, it took a loan of ₹1,468 crore through the state government for setting up the 206 MW Shahpur Kandi hydel project.

PSPCL had also taken loans — ₹800 crore and ₹1,475 crore in July and May 2012 — to meet working capital requirements.

An official note within the PSPCL explains the

₹1,000 crore it took as loan in December 2012 as "temporary liquidity crisis being faced by PSPCL due to inadequate government support to meet the cash-revenue gap".

A senior official confirmed the "failure on part of the state for the timely release of subsidy and adjustments made" is a prime reason that PSPCL is on the verge of taking loans to pay salaries.

Secretary (Power) A Venu Prasad said that he had already forwarded a note to the state government for an early release of the pending subsidy payments.



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## SYL water pits Hooda vs Amarinder

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Chandigarh, 26 December

The controversial issue of Satluj Yamuna Link (SYL) canal appears to have pitted Congress' two former chief ministers (CM), Bhupinder Singh Hooda and Captain Amarinder Singh, against each other ahead of Punjab Assembly elections.

While former Haryana chief minister Hooda has said he would campaign for the Congress in the upcoming Punjab Assembly polls only if former Punjab chief minister Capt Singh gave him public assurance that he would give Haryana its due share in the SYL

waters after coming to power, the latter has asked the former to stay away from the state during polls as he will not let a drop of the state's river water go to Haryana.

Hooda on Saturday had said Capt Singh was the CM when the Punjab Termination of Agreements Act, 2004, which terminated water sharing agreements with neighbouring states including Haryana, was passed by the Punjab Assembly.

Therefore, the Haryana Congress leader said he will not campaign for the

Capt Singh-led Punjab Congress in the coming polls unless the latter gave him public assurance that he would give Haryana its due share.

Responding to this, Capt Singh today said he has asked Hooda to stay away from Punjab polls as he will not allow a single drop of water to go out of the state. "The Akali government led by Parkash Singh Badal failed to protect the state's rights in the SYL case but I will fight on it till my last breath," he said while addressing a gathering at the annual Jor Mela in Fate-

ngarh Sahib on Monday.

The Punjab Congress chief had earlier on Sunday said he was not bothered if Haryana leaders did not campaign for the party in Punjab and that he (Amarinder) would not change his stand on the SYL issue.

"I do not care if they (Haryana leaders) do not campaign here," he said while making it clear that Punjab did not have any water to share with anyone.

Hooda had earlier warned of stopping electricity supply as well as vehicular movement to Punjab if Haryana did not get its due share of water.



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# 'TIMELY ACTION MUST FOR REVIVING HP WATER BODIES'

## 'WATERMAN' RAJENDRA SINGH STRESSES ON WATER CONSERVATION

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Shimla, 26 December

The Himachal government needs to take immediate action to conserve perennial rivers, rivulets and springs which are dying due to global warming, according to Ramon Magsaysay Award winner Rajendra Singh.

Singh, who is also known as water man of Rajasthan for reviving water resources in arid eastern regions by building water-harvesting structures, has been appointed by the state government in an advisory role for a water conservation campaign.

Talking to The Statesman, Singh said in the last 15-20 years, there has been continuous degradation and soil erosion in the state, resulting in depletion

of ground water level. Himachal is discharging more water than recharging the timeless sources such as lakes, dams and rivers.

"This is leading to drying of many rivers and rivulets and causing water scarcity in the state," he said, adding that HP is known as the water state but now, the state is facing problems of drought and flood.

"Mother nature has given Himachal all resources including water in abundance. But now, there is need to implement water conservation campaign efficiently across the state as HP is a major source of water for states like Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan," he said.

Singh said such campaigns are not only needed in Himachal but also in



other states for it would tackle the problem of water shortage across the country.

Singh was surprised at hearing about the water crisis in the state and said, "I think there are very few places in Himachal that receive below 1000 mm rain

and by that classification, the state has availability of 10 times more water than other states of the country."

He also praised the government for implementing HP Mid Himalayan Watershed Development Project which is funded by the World Bank and said the project is required for rivers rejuvenation.

"It is the need of the hour to make general public and political class understand the importance of water conservation programmes. All of us should acknowledge the importance of slowing flow of water and stopping water to ensure better revival of

water bodies and secure the future for our coming generations," he added.

Singh said all universities should be associated with this water conservation literacy campaign.

Besides this, scientists, teachers and students should also be made part of the campaign and later, the campaign should reach till gram panchayat level.

Rajendra Singh was conferred the Ramon Magsaysay Award in 2001 for his efforts on water management and he is also known as 'Rainman' or 'Water Catcher' in the arid regions surrounding Alwar, Jaipur, Karoli and Dausa districts. His efforts had led to resolving the problem of water scarcity and revival of many rivers and rivulets in these districts.



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## ₹3k cr released for irrigation projects, ₹2k cr for Polavaram

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** The Centre on Monday released Rs 3,274 crore for mega irrigation projects in three states, with Rs 1,981 crore given to Andhra Pradesh for its multi-purpose Polavaram project. Maharashtra and Gujarat got Rs 880 crore and Rs 463 crore respectively for various projects. "This is the first time Nabard is financing irrigation projects... investment in agriculture through irrigation can start showing results next season and these results will lead to social satisfaction, lead to economic prosperity," finance minister Arun Jaitley said at an event here to hand over cheques to states.

Stressing that money invested in irrigation had great importance, Jaitley said if one invested in manufacturing, which was also important, returns were visible after a long period, but investments in such (irrigation) projects started showing results in a short period of time. Aiming to double farmers' income by 2022, the government has asked National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard) to raise over Rs 77,500 crore from the market in phases to fund 99 priority irrigation projects under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana over the next four years.

The Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act has placed statutory responsibility on the Centre to support the project. Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu said, the state was committed to complete the project by December, 2018.



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*I want to ensure cleanliness and uninterrupted flow of Ganga from its origin*

WATER RESOURCES MINISTER UMA BHARTI

TALKING ABOUT A FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND BILL WHICH AIMS TO MAKE GANGA POLLUTION FREE

## Govt to penalise those found guilty of polluting Ganga

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, 26 December

The Narendra Modi government is planning to penalise those found guilty of polluting the Ganga river, in a first-of-its-kind Bill which aims to ensure cleanliness and uninterrupted flow of the river.

The Ganga Act is being prepared by a panel headed by Justice Girdhar Malviya, and once it is being finalised the Bill will be taken up the Union Cabinet, water resources minister Uma Bharti told reporters here.

"I want to ensure cleanliness and uninterrupted flow of Ganga from its origin till its submerge into sea. Therefore, there will be provisions to punish and penalise those founded guilty of polluting or checking the flow of this holy river," Bharti said.

The minister added that she has been requesting the committee to submit its report for the Ganga Act at the earliest so that the law could be implemented.

In July last year Union

Water Resources Ministry had formed a committee which besides Malviya also includes former secretary, Legislative department V K Bhasin, IIT Delhi professor A K Gosain, IIT Roorkee professor Nayan Sharma, and director of National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) Sundeep.

The Union Water Resources Ministry is the nodal agency in charge of implementing the Rs 20,000-crore for NMCG by 2022.

This is an umbrella programme to ensure effective abatement of pollution and conservation of the river Ganga and all its tributaries.

Besides Ganga, pollution abatement work is being also taken up on certain tributaries like Ramganga, Kali and Yamuna.

The NMCG, which has been executing the Centre's ambitious Namami Gange programme, was elevated to the level of an 'authority' from a society in September this year.



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# Polavaram project gets Central funds

This should quell A.P.'s sense of distrust towards the Centre over funding for the project: Jaitley

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: The Centre on Monday released ₹1,981.54 crore, through the National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (Nabard), for Andhra Pradesh's ambitious ₹16,000-crore Polavaram irrigation project along the Godavari river.

Releasing the amount, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said this should quell any sense of distrust that the people of the State had developed towards the Centre over funding for the project.

Stressing that returns on investments in irrigation projects for agriculture can be visible by next season as opposed to investments in sectors such as manufacturing, where returns take a 'reasonably long period' to register, the Finance Minister said that such projects also lead to social satisfaction and economic prosperity.

He was speaking at an event attended by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister



LAUNCH PAD: Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley handing over a cheque for the Polavaram project to A.P. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu in New Delhi on Monday. Minister for Urban Development, Venkaiah Naidu, is also seen. — PHOTO: SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKARI

Chandrababu Naidu, Union Water Resources Minister Uma Bharti, where funding was also disbursed for 99 irrigation projects in Gujarat and Maharashtra under the Long Term Irrigation Fund announced in Budget 2016-17. "Using water resources to

its optimal level is one of our prime goals and it is important that a very large part of funding goes to this," Mr. Jaitley said.

Stating that the people of Andhra Pradesh had been nursing a feeling of economic discrimination and

unfair treatment since the division of the State, Mr. Jaitley said it was due to the BJP's efforts that the UPA government made some commitments, though without any financial allocation.

"The responsibility of fulfilling what we had said, fell

on us. There are obviously challenges, but we were clear from the very first day that every promise we had made in the form of assistance would be satisfied," Mr. Jaitley said.

Terming the issue of water in the State's dry regions as very sensitive, he said that it took some time for the Centre to find a way to fund the Polavaram project, but it had finally done it.

## 'Restoring trust'

"Not only is today's event a launch pad for a great project in Andhra Pradesh, it is also restoring a sense of confidence and trust in the people of AP."

Referring to the lessons from Gujarat and Maharashtra, which he said had taken significant strides on the irrigation front, Mr. Jaitley said: "If you remember, Gujarat was virtually dry in regions such as Saurashtra, Rajkot, Kutch, but they worked ahead of time and over the last 15 years, its agricultural growth showed substantial enhancement."



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छण्डीगढ़, हरियाणा के मुख्यमंत्री मनोहर लाल खट्टर ने कहा है कि सतलुज-यमुना लिंक कैनाल के मुद्दे पर हरियाणा सरकार अपने स्टैण्ड पर कायम है। उच्चतम न्यायालय ने पंजाब के कानून को निरस्त कर दिया है और पुराने समझौते को लागू किया जाएगा। उन्होंने कहा कि हरियाणा के लोगों को उनका हक मिलना चाहिए। मुख्यमंत्री सोमवार को गुरुग्राम में लोगों को कैशलेस ट्रांजेक्शन के प्रति प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए आयोजित देश के पहले डिजी धन मेले के उपरांत पत्रकारों द्वारा पूछे गए प्रश्नों का उत्तर दे रहे थे।

पंजाब में होने वाले चुनावों में प्रचार के लिए जाने के संबंध में



पूछे गए प्रश्न के उत्तर में उन्होंने कहा कि यदि पार्टी चाहेगी तो वे जरूर पंजाब में चुनाव प्रचार के लिए जाएंगे।

मेले के संबंध में जानकारी देते हुए मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि डिजी धन मेले में तीन हजार से अधिक लोगों के खाते खोले गए हैं और लगभग सात हजार लोगों को प्रशिक्षण दिया गया है।



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# समाज सुधारक थे मालवीय जी : कृष्ण गोपाल

■ महामना के कारण मुझे गंगा की विरासत मिली : उमा भारती ■ प्रदेश अध्यक्ष मनोज तिवारी ने प्रस्तुति दी



नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी) : महामना मालवीय मिशन द्वारा विज्ञान भवन में आयोजित दो दिवसीय काशी हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय शताब्दी वर्ष कार्यक्रम का सोमवार को समापन हो गया। अंतर्राष्ट्रीय काशी हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय एल्युमनी छात्र सम्मेलन व 'अभ्युदय भारत' संगोष्ठी (रिसर्च डेडिक्ड संगोष्ठी) के दूसरे दिन कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता केंद्र संचालक में जल संसाधन, नदी विकास एवं गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री सुश्री उमा भारती ने की। इस अवसर पर मुख्य वक्ता के रूप में राष्ट्रीय स्वयंसेवक संघ के सहकायवाह डॉ. कृष्ण गोपाल उद्घोषित रहे।

विज्ञान भवन में देश और दुनिया से आए करीब 400 प्रतिनिधियों को संबोधित करते हुए सहकायवाह डॉ. कृष्ण गोपाल ने कहा कि पू. मदन मोहन मालवीय ऐसी महान आत्मा थे जिनमें एक महान शिक्षाविद्, समाजसुधारक, राजनीतिज्ञ, पत्रकार और दूरदर्श का गुण विद्यमान था। इस मौके पर उन्होंने महामना पर विस्तार से बताते हुए कहा कि आखिर क्या कारण था कि इलाहाबाद में जन्म लेने वाले महामना ने बनारस में विश्वविद्यालय खोलने का निर्णय किया। इसका यही कारण है कि बनारस विद्वानों की धरती,

कार्यक्रम को संबोधित करते राष्ट्रीय स्वयंसेवक संघ के सहकायवाह डॉ. कृष्ण गोपाल। कार्यक्रम में मौजूद जल संसाधन, नदी विकास एवं गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री सुश्री उमा भारती और अन्य अतिथि गण।

त्याग की धरती, मोक्ष की धरती, तप की धरती, बलिदान की धरती और यहां तक की 'सत्यम' शिवम सुन्दरम 'को धरती है। सहकायवाह ने कहा कि 'अभ्युदय भारत' संघ

रूप में उनकी पण्डित सभा के सामने है। कार्यक्रम में केंद्रीय जल मंत्री उमा भारती ने कहा कि महामना के विचारों के कारण ही आज हमें गंगा संरक्षण का काम विरासत में मिला है। उन्होंने कहा कि 'मुझे गंगा के संरक्षण के लिए जो फर्कती बड़ी है उससे पता लगता है और बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय के भी कराना होगा कर्तवी, चाहे इसके

लिए गंगा के किनारे ही क्यों न बैठना पड़े।' दो दिवसीय कार्यक्रम में आदिवासी बहुल क्षेत्रों में विशेष रूप से नई सेवा शुरू करने के लिए परियोजनाओं और सामाजिक सुदृढता के लिए काम करने के लिए योजना पर भी चर्चा की गई। इस दौरान रविवार को मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में संसदीय मामलों व के मिंकल एंड फर्टिलाइजर्स मंत्री अनंत कुमार मौजूद रहे। इसके अतिरिक्त मानव संसाधन विकास राज्य मंत्री डॉ. महेंद्र नाथ पांडेय, विधि आयोग अध्यक्ष डॉ. वी. एस. वोहान, सांसद एवं दिल्ली प्रदेश भाजपा अध्यक्ष मनोज तिवारी, सांसद भगत सिंह, इंदिरा गांधी कला केन्द्र के अध्यक्ष राम बहादुर राय, दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय के कुलपति प्रो. योगेश त्यागी समेत सामाजिक, सांस्कृतिक और राजनीतिक क्षेत्र से जुड़ी कई हस्तियां दो दिवसीय कार्यक्रम में मौजूद रहीं। बीएचयू के पूर्व छात्र के रूप में करमौर चंद्रमौली, सुदर्शन मैत्री, माला प्रसाद, डॉ. पोनी डॉडिया आदि शामिल रहे। बीएचयू संगीत कॉलेज से पद्मश्री डेनू लाल मिश्रा और अन्य कलाकारों द्वारा प्रदर्शन किया गया। इस मौके पर सांसद मनोज तिवारी ने भी अपनी प्रस्तुति दी।



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## गंगा को प्रदूषित करने पर सजा के प्रावधान की तैयारी

नई दिल्ली, (भाषा): नरेन्द्र मोदी सरकार गंगा नदी को प्रदूषित करने सिलसिले में दोषी पाये गए लोगों को दंडित करने की योजना बना रही है और इस बारे में एक विधेयक को अंतिम रूप देने पर काम हो रहा है जो नदी की निर्मलता एवं अविखलता सुनिश्चित करने की पहल का हिस्सा है।

जल संसाधन एवं नदी विकास मंत्री उमा भारती ने संवाददाताओं से कहा कि न्यायमूर्ति गिरधर सालवीय के नेतृत्व वाली समिति गंगा अधिनियम का प्रारूप तैयार कर रहा है और इस बारे में विधेयक तैयार होने के बाद इसे कैबिनेट के पास लाया जायेगा। उन्होंने कहा कि मैं आश्वस्त करना चाहती हूँ कि गंगा की निर्मलता और अविखलता को इसके उद्गम से समुद्र में प्रवेश करने तक सुनिश्चित किया जायेगा और इसलिए इस पवित्र नदी के प्रवाह को प्रदूषित करने वाले दोषियों को दंडित करने का प्रावधान होगा। उमा ने कहा कि उन्होंने समिति से गंगा अधिनियम पर रिपोर्ट

• जल्द पेश करने का आग्रह किया है।

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# मौसम विभाग के अनुसार-न्यूनतम तापमान सात डिग्री तक पहुंचेगा, कोहरा भी एक-दो दिन की राहत के बाद 29 से फिर बढ़ेगा दिल्ली में अगले 48 घंटे में पारा चार डिग्री गिरने के आसार

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दिल्ली में अब तेजी से ठंड बढ़ेगी। अगले 48 घंटों में दिल्ली का तापमान चार डिग्री गिरने के आसार हैं। ऐसे में न्यूनतम तापमान 7 डिग्री के करीब रह जाएगा। कोहरे से भी फिलहाल ज्यादा राहत के आसार नहीं हैं।

मौसम विभाग के अनुसार, अभी दिल्ली, राजस्थान और हरियाणा के आसपास बन रही चक्रवाती हवाओं से कोहरा बढ़ा हुआ है। एक-दो दिन इसमें कुछ कमी आ सकती है मगर 29 दिसंबर से यह दोबारा बढ़ना शुरू होगा। इसके जनवरी के पहले हफ्ते तक रहने का अनुमान है। मौसम

विभाग के अनुसार, मंगलवार को तापमान 9 डिग्री के करीब रहेगा।

मौसम वैज्ञानिक समरजीत चौधरी ने बताया कि उत्तर-पश्चिमी हवाओं के कारण दोपहर अपेक्षाकृत गर्म हो सकती है। मौसम विज्ञान विभाग के एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि सुबह 5:30 बजे सफदरजंग में दृश्यता 600 मीटर दर्ज की गई जो सुबह 8:30 बजे घटकर 400 मीटर हो गई।

सोमवार को दिल्ली का अधिकतम तापमान 22.8 डिग्री व न्यूनतम 9.8 डिग्री रहा। न्यूनतम व अधिकतम तापमान में दो डिग्री सेल्सियस की बढ़ोतरी दर्ज की गई है।

➤ बर्फाली हवा का कहर



नई दिल्ली में सोमवार तड़के सड़क किनारे आम तापते लोग। • अरुण शर्मा

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साल	अधिकतम	न्यूनतम
2016	22.8	9.8
2015	19	5
2014	16	6
2013	20	6
2012	16	8
2011	20	3

## पिछले साल से कम पड़ रही सर्दी

तारीख	साल 2015		साल 2016	
	न्यु. ताप.	न्यु. ताप.	न्यु. ताप.	न्यु. ताप.
26	5		9	
27	8		9	
28	12		7	
29	11		7	

तापमान के सभी आंकड़े डिग्री सेल्सियस में

## परिवहन पर असर

कोहरे की वजह से 55 ट्रेन देर से चल रही हैं जबकि आठ विमान सेवाओं पर इसका असर पड़ा है।

## प्रदूषण के स्तर में ज्यादा सुधार नहीं

सफर की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार सोमवार को पीएम 10 352 दर्ज किया गया जबकि पीएम 2.5 को 222 दर्ज किया गया। शनिवार को पीएम 10 की मात्रा 522 दर्ज की गई थी। ➤ ब्योरा पेज 03



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### उत्तराखंड में भूकंप के हल्के झटके

■ आईएनएस, देहरादून : उत्तराखंड में सोमवार को 3.5 की रैजि से भूकंप के हल्के झटके महसूस किए गए। इसके अलावा, ये झटके राजधानी देहरादून और पड़ोसी जिले उत्तरकाशी में भी महसूस हुए। अधिकारियों के मुताबिक जानमाल के नुकसान की कोई खबर नहीं है। भारतीय मौसम विभाग ने कहा कि भूकंप के झटके सोमवार दिन में करीब 2.16 बजे महसूस किए गए। मौसम विभाग के एक अधिकारी ने कहा, 'देहरादून और उत्तरकाशी के मोरी गांव में भूकंप के झटके महसूस किए गए। इस भूकंप का मुख्य केंद्र 30.8 उत्तरी अक्षांश और 77.9 पूर्वी देशांतर में देहरादून के आसपास था। इसकी गहराई भूमि सतह से 10 किलोमीटर गहरे रही।'

नं. 27-10-16