

Rains throw life out of gear

Trees fall on high tension wires, roads waterlogged in Hyderabad

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 6

Heavy showers brought parts of Hyderabad to a standstill on Sunday.

While the rains brought respite from the heat, many citizen's Sunday plans were washed away as it rained heavily for around two hours from 3 pm and continued till late evening. In Bairamalguda, LB Nagar, a five-year-old girl was rescued from drowning in a Nala by the citizens.

In Chaderghat PS limits, the boundary wall of an old house fell following the heavy rains. However, no injuries were reported. Strong winds and rain resulted in big branches falling on high-tension wires in Vanasthalipuram and five colonies plunged into darkness. With no power, and rainwater entering the houses, citizens had a tough time towards night.

Waterlogging, raging stormwater and potholes made driving hazardous.

The city appeared battered despite GHMC reiterating that zonal officials of all the 18 circles were fully prepared and nearly 51 emergency handling teams were working. The waterlogged roads spoke of the failure in the functioning of the teams launched as part of the monsoon preparedness drive. Heavy rains were seen in Rajendranagar, Tolichowki, Langer Houz, Banjara Hills and is likely to continue for the next 24 hours.



A motorist wades through a heavily water-logged road in Hyderabad. On the right, a rider braves heavy rains in Nellore on Sunday.



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A commuter saves himself from a big splash in Rajahmundry after heavy rains inundated roads in the city on Sunday.

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DOWNPOUR SPURS VIRUS TRANSFER

KANIZA GARARI | DC
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 6

The virulent weather since the last two days, with strong winds, has increased cases of viral flu in the city.

In the last one week, cases of flu have increased because of high afternoon temperatures and chilly nights. The Fever Hospital is seeing more than 150 cases daily in the out-patient department.

Superintendent Dr Shankar K., explained, "The increase in the cases is because people are moving out for work even if they are suffering leading to easy passage of viral infection from one person to another. Also, people working in AC offices transmit it very easily." At the same time, wind transmits the virus very easily from one area to other. A senior pulmonologist said that the season for influenza had begun and those suffering from heart disease, diabetes and other cardiovascular diseases can consult a doctor and opt for pneumonia vaccines. This will also save hospitalisation costs.

Heavy rain fills up deficit in Seema

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 6

The heavy rains that lashed Coastal AP and Rayalaseema in the last few days have brought down the rainfall deficit.

The cumulative rainfall in Rayalaseema stands at 17 per cent less than normal compared to last week's estimate of 26 per cent less than normal.

Kurnool district had deficit rainfall with 45 per cent less than normal rains. Rainfall in Coastal AP stands at 9 per cent more than normal. "The trough of low runs from

Odisha to South Tamil Nadu across Coastal AP persists," said the Met department.

The cumulative rainfall in TS as on Sunday stood at 27 per cent less than normal. Over weekend, rain occurred at isolated places in TS, Coastal AP and Rayalaseema. In TS, parts of Karimnagar district and RR district recorded the maximum rainfall of 5 cm each.

In Coastal AP, Marrupudi, Yerragondapalem in Prakasam, Sruvagavarakota in Vizianagaram and recorded rains of 3 cm each.

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DC CORRESPONDENTS
GUNTUR/ONGOLE/NELLORE/KRISHNA, SEPT. 6

Lightning accompanied by heavy rains led to as many as 23 deaths in AP. Lingala Venkata Subbamma, 65 and her son, Venkata Ramana, 30, were working in the fields in Ganugapenta village of Tirlupadu mandal when they were struck.

Two men, Satish, 21, and U. Chenna Reddy, 35, died in Markapuram mandal Marrupudi mandal respectively. A father-son duo, Sydu Venkata Rao, 34, and Sydu Kumar, 9, died in Venkatachalam mandal of Nellore district.

Naidu said heavy rains were expected in the next 24 hours and asked the officials to be alert in a tele-conference with district collectors.

The district also reported the death of two shepherds — K. Prasad, 30, of Kadavalur mandal and Chinna Venkataiah, 60, of Bogole mandal. In Krishna district, K. Jangulu and D. Giri died while death of one person was reported in Kilipalem area in Srikakulam district. A farmer M. Adinarayana, 50, was struck by lightning while he was on his way to his fields.

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INTERVIEW

'It is high time we all treat water as an economic commo

With his state facing one of the worst drought situations in years, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis talks to SHUBHANG being done to prevent farmer suicides, his government's relief plan going forward and its financial implications

How is the government coping with the challenges posed by one of the worst droughts in the state?

In all drought-prone districts, there is an acute shortage of drinking water, which remains the biggest challenge for my government. Whether it is Marathwada or parts of west and north Maharashtra — there is a water crisis. Most dams have run dry... The rivers are dry. We have done water management, taking villages as units and supplying water from wells and ponds by using tankers and even trains.

With no sign of rain ahead of rabi season, what are your plans for the future?

If rains fail in the month of September or the first week of October, it means we will have a prolonged drought lasting for the next eight-nine months. I am aware of the

grave situation my government faces, and the hardship to farmers. We are rolling out plans to address this. Three aspects will be critical — water, fodder and employment to farmers in the absence of agriculture activities. For the first time in the history of Maharashtra, we have given the nod to set up cattle camps in September. I have declared a policy of giving work to every hand under MNRCA. The food security act ensures rice and wheat to every family in all drought-prone districts.

But these measures do not seem adequate, considering the number of suicides by farmers.

I have already issued stern warnings and anybody found lacking in doing his or her duty in taking government schemes to drought-hit villages will face immediate suspension. There cannot be any compromise

on relief to farmers. When we decided to enforce cattle camps, several officers warned us that it would lead to incurring of massive expenditure and we should wait till October. In the last six decades, cattle camps were opened in the month of February. We have also taken a decision to provide free schooling and college education...to children in drought-hit districts.

What are the financial implications?

Well, financially it is going to be extremely taxing. But then let us not forget the survival of human beings and animals cannot be a matter of bargain. Last year, the government spent Rs 7,000 crore on relief to farmers. Now, we are still in the middle of the crisis. It will surpass last year's relief budget.

Do you regret enforcing the ban on beef as farmers are now finding it difficult to look after cattle?

Not at all. I also hail from a farmer's fam-



ily. I can state with absolute authority that no farmer ever likes to part with cattle. They would never support slaughter of cows or bullocks. Even in this crisis, they shed tears pleading that their animals should be saved. The other significant aspect relates to dairy, which is also a source of revenue for farmers to overcome drought. They are selling milk and earning when crops have failed.

Given the state's debt burden, how do you propose to tackle recurring relief expenditure?

I believe the only way forward to combat drought and negate relief expenditure is through 'jalyukta shivar' water conservation projects. Wherever water conservation works have been completed and there have been a couple of good rains, there is adequate water to cope even in the drought situation. Let me give you the example of Latur. In a remote village where farm ponds were created, it has held rain water, which is serving people even in the worst drought.

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Marathwada drought triggers suicides

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PUNE: At least five out-of-work farmers have reportedly committed suicide over the past few days, including a 40-year-old woman who set herself ablaze, underscoring a growing farm crisis in Maharashtra's drought-battered Marathwada region.

Manisha Laxman Gatkhal of Osmanabad district allegedly poured kerosene and set herself on fire on August 29 when members of her family did not get work for two weeks because of a failed monsoon in the region. Her family used to work as farm hands but the summer drought has left the fields dry and cracked this kharif season.

Tempers were high among farmers in this parched Maharashtra region over the government's alleged offhand



■ Tempers were high among farmers in this parched Maharashtra region over the government's alleged offhand response to three consecutive years of drought and mounting debts. SANTOSH HARHARE/HT FILE

response to three consecutive years of drought, exacerbated by an absence of irrigation facilities and mounting debts. According to Marathwada Vikas Sangharsha Samiti, an NGO, 574 farmers com-

mitted suicide in 2013 and it rose to 628 the following year.

Activists said the monsoon's failure worsened the crisis as farmers bank on a good harvest to repay loans taken mostly from local mon-

eylenders who make a killing when rural livelihood dries up.

Police recorded Gatkhal's death as "accidental", saying a kerosene-fired cooking stove exploded and engulfed her in flames.

Husband Laxman, who has five children to feed, refuted the police version and said she locked herself in their small home before taking the extreme step on Raksha Bandhan. "I have no work and there's no food in the house," he told a news channel.

His brother, Balasaheb, said as much. "There is no work in the entire area, not even MNREGA work," he said.

Two more farmers committed suicide in the same district in the past week after losing hopes to raise any crop this season. One drank poison as his five-acre plot yielded not a single crop in the past two years, another hanged himself.

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Centre plans media blitz ahead of Paris climate meet

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New Delhi: In the run-up to the global climate conference in Paris later this year, the government will launch an extensive media and public campaign for three months on efforts being made to reduce greenhouse gases and mitigate climate change in India.

The programme, to be launched by PM Narendra Modi in mid-September, will involve 15 ministries, including environment, road transport and highways, urban development, power and renewable energy, aviation, agriculture, water resources and science and technology. The campaign will continue till mid-December, sources said. They said the PMO has suggested around 50 themes that the ministries can

work on and have given a week's time to finalize the themes. To expedite the process, the PM's principal secretary Nripendra Mishra held a meeting with the secretaries of the identified departments on Friday.

According to officials, the suggested themes include hydropower, harnessing

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solar and wind energy, practicing smart agriculture to face the challenges of climate change, smart cities, fuel efficiency, green highways and Namami Gange. These campaigns are aimed at telling the world what all India has been doing to face the challenges of climate change.

For the full report, log on to www.timesofindia.com

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Forgotten, along with the flood

The Centre must indicate if a financial package for Kashmir is imminent

Kashmiris have always found it difficult to get **ourtake** heard in New Delhi. Whether it is expressions of political aspiration, clamour for restoring civil liberties or the lifting of draconian security legislation, the Valley feels that it does not have a receptive audience in the Capital, which allegedly pays attention to security matters and little else. Perceptions of apathy have had a particularly sharp, despairing twinge for Kashmiris in recent months as they continue to wait for central assistance to rebuild their homes and lives after floods devastated the Valley last September.

Few who witnessed the deluge in the news can doubt the extent of the devastation. Homes, roads, bridges, courts, libraries, museums, schools, and other vital elements of public infrastructure were severely run down. A total of 261,361 structures were affected, of which 21,485 were completely damaged. The Centre's assistance has been measly but there have been recurring speculations that help is on the way with the NDA government reportedly considering a huge financial package to the tune of at least ₹70,000 crore. Nirmal Singh, deputy chief minister of J&K, reiterated last week that a big package was underway. The anticipation has, however, gone on for so long that the promise is barely believable now. Meanwhile, the Kashmiris seethe about the ₹75,000 that they have been offered for a fully damaged house and ₹3,800 for a partially damaged one, which, according to one Srinagar resident, is not even enough to procure a door.

Assistance to Kashmir has usually been justified in terms of addressing the alienation between the Valley and New Delhi; it is seen as a preventative instrument to contain the slide towards militancy among the youth that are already aggrieved by different aspects of State policy. The Centre may be mindful of these but policy must be driven by humanitarian considerations and by the belief that assistance to J&K is a necessary complement to the State's firm conviction about Kashmir's belonging. In other words, J&K must get no less than other states if it is reckoned an equal part of the Indian Union, a point Kashmiris may press in the light of the lavish package announced for Bihar recently. The Centre's current policy aggravates Kashmir, puts the PDP-BJP relationship under great strain and widens the wedge between Jammu and the Valley. It is better for the Centre to reveal its hand rather than let the current impasse stoke more anger.

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brief

असम में बाढ़ से बेहाली, 71 मरे

गुवाहाटी @ पत्रिका : बाढ़ का दश डेला रहा असम में रह रहे लोगों का हाल-बेहाल है। बाढ़ से अभी तक 71 लोगों की मौत हो चुकी है। करीब 1880 गांव इस बाढ़ में डूब चुके हैं और इससे 18 लाख लोग प्रभावित हुए हैं। राहत सामग्री नहीं मिलने के कारण बाढ़ पीड़ितों में भारी नाराजगी है। बाढ़ पीड़ितों की मदद के लिए अब भारतीय सेना ने मोर्चा संभाला है। बाढ़ पीड़ितों ने बताया कि उन्हें खाना, दवाईयां और शिशु आहार नहीं मिल पा रहा है जिसके कारण वह काफी परेशान हैं।

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चेन्नई, (चाता): मारुमलारची दविड मुनेत्र कथगम (एमडीएमके) ने आज केंद्र सरकार पर कावेरी नदी जल विवाद पर तमिलनाडु के साथ पक्षपात करने का आरोप लगाया। एमडीएमके के उच्च स्तरीय कमेटी तथा जिस्सा सचिवों की बैठक में एक प्रस्ताव पास किया जिसमें कहा गया कि कावेरी मुद्दे पर केंद्र सरकार तमिलनाडु के साथ पक्षपात कर रही है। उन्होंने कहा कि संप्रग की पिछली सरकार ने कावेरी जल विवाद प्राधिकरण को अंतिम रूप देने से पहले कावेरी प्रबंधन बोर्ड तथा कावेरी प्रशासनिक नियंत्रण के मामले में कोई कदम नहीं उठाया था।

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यमुना की सफाई

■ नम्र, नई दिल्ली : कर्मा भगत छोडेवाला मन्दिर द्वारा स्वयंसेवाक जगतपुरा गाँव वजीरबाद में यमुना की सफाई एवं आरती की गई। ट्रस्टी रविन्द्र गोयल के अनुसार यह कार्यक्रम प्रत्येक रविवार को होता है।

ब्रह्मज्ञान : दिव्य धाम, पंजाब छोड़ में दिव्य ज्योति जागृति संस्थान के सम्मेलन में स्वामी विद्वानन्द एवं साध्वी भागीरथी ने कहा कि ब्रह्म ज्ञान से ही जीवन परिवर्तन होता है। श्री कृष्ण ने अर्जुन को ब्रह्मज्ञान से ही बदल दिया था।

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Over 16 lakh people affected by flood

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 5: The overall flood situation in the State worsened further with the number of affected people shooting up to 16,28,504. However, the official flood bulletin of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) said this evening that the number of districts affected by the current wave of flood has come down to 20 from yesterday's 21. During the past 24 hours, four cases of flood-related death have been reported from different flood-hit areas of the State, it said.

Meanwhile, the Brahmaputra is flowing above its danger

level at Neamatighat, Tezpur, Guwahati, Goalpara and Dhubri. But the mighty river is maintaining a falling trend at Neamatighat, Tezpur and Guwahati, while at Goalpara, it is maintaining a steady trend and at Dhubri, it is maintaining a rising trend, said the evening bulletin of the Central Water Commission (CWC).

Brahmaputra tributaries Burhidiching (Khowang), Dhansiri (Numaligarh), Kopili (Kampur and Dharamtul), Puthimari (NH Road Crossing) and Beki (Road Bridge) are also flowing above their respective danger levels, said the CWC bulletin.

It further stated that the Kushiya in the Barak Valley is also flowing above its dan-

ger level at Karimganj.

The Army is still engaged in rescue operations in Nagaon district, besides State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) personnel. In Dibrugarh, Dhubri and Sonitpur districts, SDRF personnel are still at work, said the ASDMA flood bulletin.

The situation in Morigaon district worsened further today with its number of affected people swelling up to 2,26,879. Yesterday, the number of affected people was 1,64,466. However, the situation in Darrang and Barpeta districts seems to have slightly improved today with their respective number of affected

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people coming down to 2,25,453 and 1,83,237 today against the respective 2,29,469 and 2,34,578 yesterday.

In all, 1,45,049.31 hectares of cropland in 2,017 villages under 84 revenue circles of the State have been affected by the floodwaters. As many as 2,26,280 flood-hit people are taking shelter in 294 relief camps set up by the authorities.

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Fresh encroachments on wetlands alleged

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 5: Three organisations have alleged in a memorandum to the Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) that fresh encroachments have started on the Sarusola Beel wetland in the heart of the city. The adjacent Borsola Beel has also been facing a similar situation, they said. The organisations demand immediate steps to free the wetlands from encroachment and to protect them with barbed-wire fencing.

Such steps are necessary to keep a vast area of the city free from flash flood, as, the Sola Beel wetland system have been playing major roles in storing stormwater and maintaining the ecology of a vast area of the city, say the organisations.

They allege that the 70-feet wide outlet of the Sarusola Beel has now been narrowed down to a mere gutter. A vast area of this outlet has now been converted into a road for the convenience of the encroachers.

A similar development has also affected the

Borsola Beel, another major wetland, which, like the Sarusola Beel, plays a major part in saving a vast area of the city from flash flood by storing stormwater during the rainy season, they say.

The organisations—Panbazar Unnayan Samiti, Solabeel Unnayan Samiti and Brihat-tar Chatribari Unnayan Samiti—have alleged that some people have started constructing

RCC structures right on the Sarusola Beel making a mockery of the efforts of the authorities to free the city wetlands from encroachment. Significantly, the authorities concerned have failed to initiate any step

against such encroachers, they rue.

On the other hand, the road in the fringe area of the Borsola Beel, behind the Rehabari Forest Office, has also been encroached upon, they say. They further demand that the boundary should be well demarcated.

It is worth mentioning here that the Kamrup (Metro) district administration has promulgated prohibitory orders under Section 144 Cr PC and it still in force in these wetland areas.



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200 megalithic graves found on Nagarjunasagar dam b

T. Karnakar Reddy

NALGONDA: In a rare archaeological find, the Department of Archaeology and Museums officials have found about 200 megalithic burial sites on the Nagarjunasagar reservoir bed.

The sites surfaced recently after the water level in the dam receded below the minimum draw down level (MDDL).

The officials said people lived there between 1,000 BC and 2nd Century AD and they could have used the area located exactly under Nagarjunasagar reservoir bed as their community burial site.

Their conclusion was

based on finding a large number of stone circle burials at one spot.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Assistant Director of the Department of Archaeology and Museums P. Nagaraju said they could not say that there were more such burial sites under the water since some had been spotted.

"We have found proof that the people had made the Nagarjunasagar backwater area, where the river Krishna and its tributary Dindi converge, their habitation some 3,000 years ago with this finding," Mr. Nagaraju stated.

Several excavations in the past had proved that civil-

The burial sites surfaced recently after water level in the dam went down below the minimum draw down level

isations had flourished on the river banks due to water availability and the finding of the burials was very close to river would support that theory again.

An insight into lifestyle

Stating that the excavation would provide an insight into the lifestyle of people who lived in that era,

Mr. Nagaraju said there was a practice of burying various belongings used by the dead along with the body.

"Such belongings will certainly help us know about religion, food habits, occupation and others details related to the people buried here," the Assistant Director said adding that local people had also informed the archaeology officials that there was a habitation very close to the burial site found now until Nagarjunasagar project was constructed.

However, the inhabitants were displaced and rehabilitated elsewhere when the impounding of water in the reservoir began in 1950s.



Archaeology officials looking at a site in the dry bed of Nagarjunasagar district. - PHOTO: SINGAM VENKATARAMAN

On flood anniversary, Kashmir bandh today

Peerzada Ashiq

SRINAGAR: Separatists and mainstream political parties have come out in support of the Kashmir bandh on Monday in protest against poor relief work exactly a year since floods devastated the Valley.

The Kashmir Economic Alliance, an amalgam of various trade associations here, called the bandh to direct anger at the Modi government for making "fake promises" on relief and rehabilitation.

"The State and the Centre have paid lip service to the victims of the floods. A year has passed, but the government has failed to release any money for the relief and rehabilitation of flood victims," Showkat Chowdhary, chairman of the alliance, said. The

Centre has released just Rs. 2,400 crore, though the previous State government proposed a Rs. 44,000-crore relief package.

In view of the bandh call, the University of Kashmir called off all examinations scheduled for Monday.

Hurriyat support

Supporting the bandh, Syed Ali Shah Geelani, who heads a faction of the Hurriyat, said, "Even damaged embankments have not been repaired. India, under a planned manner, wants to break the backbone of the State's economy."

Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, head of another Hurriyat faction, said, "The State government failed to compensate the flood victims and also



WHEN DISASTER STRUCK: A flood-ravaged classroom in a Srinagar school in 2014 - FILE PHOTO: PTI

failed to bring aid from the Government of India. The government decision to deny international aid to Kashmir clearly reflects the anti-people policies adopted vis-à-vis Kashmir." National Conference provincial president Na-

sir Aslam Wani said: "The PDP-BJP government has refused to show the bare minimum political will to rehabilitate and compensate the flood victims. We support the call for shutdown."

A few months ago, the

Union government announced an additional amount of Rs. 1,667 crore, but only around Rs. 550 crore of it was earmarked for relief and rehabilitation, mainly for those who had *kuccha* (not concrete) houses. Hundreds of those who had their concrete houses damaged were left out.

A total of 6,782 villages, of which 741 remained submerged for weeks, were flooded, affecting 18 lakh households, official figures say. Of the 21,485 damaged houses, 4,700 took a severe hit, but only 1,690 house owners have received compensation. Nearly 280 people lost their lives in the floods.

The Centre is likely to announce a package on the first anniversary of the floods.

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RAIN INUNDATE CITY



Children play in the rainwater near the Malakpet Municipal Colony, on Sunday. Hyderabad witnessed heavy rains on Sunday afternoon that continued till late evening. Several parts of the city were waterlogged and traffic came to a standstill. The Met department has forecast rains for the next 24 hours.

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Lightning, rain kill 23 in AP

Narrow escape for AP, Tripura women cricketers at Vizag

DC CORRESPONDENTS
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Probably for the first time, as many as 23 people died in Andhra Pradesh on Sunday after being struck by lightning that accompanied the heavy rains due to the low pressure over the Bay of Bengal. The Chief Minister's Communication Office confirmed

the deaths.

According to reports, four people each were killed in Nellore and Prakasam districts, three in Guntur district, two in Krishna and East Godavari districts and one each in Anantapur and Srikakulam districts.

Also, women cricketers of Andhra Pradesh and Tripura teams had a narrow escape when lightning struck a tree at the

ACA cricket stadium in Percharla.

Bandaru Anandarao, 50, a farmer, died on the spot at Dondapadu village of Narasaraopeta Mandal and four others were injured. U. Venkatanarayana, 60, died in his farmland when struck by lightning.

In another incident, farmer Sivarambabu died in his farms at Vaddamanu of the capital

region. Four persons, including a woman and her son, died when struck by lightning in three separate incidents in Prakasam district.

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu reviewed the situation on Sunday and announced ₹4 lakh ex gratia for the kin of those killed by lightning.

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ABOVE: DC reader Irfan Khan sent us this photograph of drainage water flowing on the main road at the MJ Market traffic signal.

RIGHT: DC reader Balam Venkata Rao sent us this photograph of the inner road linked to the PVNR Expressway (Opp: Pillar No. 140) in Radhakrishnanagar of Hyderguda (Rajendranagar mandal). He says the laying of pipelines and other works damaged the road and it is in a bad shape since a long time. The road's condition turns worse during rains and it becomes very difficult for pedestrians and motorists. Mr Venkata Rao requests the authorities to repair the road.



Heavy rain fills up deficit in Seema

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 6

The heavy rains that lashed Coastal AP and Rayalaseema in the last few days have brought down the rainfall deficit.

The cumulative rainfall in Rayalaseema stands at 17 per cent less than normal compared to last week's estimate of 26 per cent less than normal.

Kurnool district had deficit rainfall with 45 per cent less than normal rains. Rainfall in Coastal AP stands at 9 per cent more than normal. "The trough of low runs from

Odisha to South Tamil Nadu across Coastal AP persists," said the Met department.

The cumulative rainfall in TS as on Sunday stood at 27 per cent less than normal. Over weekend, rain occurred at isolated places in TS, Coastal AP and Rayalaseema. In TS, parts of Karimnagar district and RR district recorded the maximum rainfall of 5 cm each.

In Coastal AP, Marrupudi, Yerragondapalem in Prakasam, Srunigavarapukota in Vizianagaram and recorded rains of 3 cm each.



A woman rider is caught in the rains in Vizag on Sunday.

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Heavy rains lash Shivamogga, Hassan

BENGALURU: Moderate to heavy rain lashed several parts of the State since Saturday evening.

Parts of Shivamogga district received heavy showers on Sunday after a month-long lull. Shivamogga, Bhadravathi, Hosanagar, Thirthahalli taluks and Agumbe recorded heavy rains on Sunday noon.

Several roads in Shivamogga were waterlogged, disrupting vehicular movement for hours. The city and several taluks in the district had recorded light to moderate rains on Saturday.

Somwarpet

Rains brought relief to the farmers of Somwarpet and nearby rural areas in Kodagu district.

The region recorded around two centimetres of rain on Sunday noon. In rural areas, paddy, maize, pepper and other crops had dried owing to an unusually prolonged dry spell.

Hungund

Hungund and surrounding areas in Bagalkot district also reported heavy rain. Hungund town and rural pockets in the taluk received heavy rain for well over an hour. The rain has brought the much-needed respite from the sweltering heat in the parched taluk.

Civic problems to fore

Heavy rain that lashed Hassan on Saturday night has brought the civic problems in the city to the fore.

A portion of the compound wall of the district stadium and the underground drainage line in the city were damaged due to the showers, reports DHNS from Hassan.



Women take cover under an umbrella during heavy rain in Somwarpet in Kodagu district. (Below) A part of the compound wall of the district stadium in Hassan collapsed due to rain on Saturday. DH PHOTOS



Rain accompanied by thunder and lightning that started at 5 pm on Saturday lashed the city for more than hour.

A portion of the compound built around the district stadium, just a month ago, has collapsed, while the UGD line at Hunasinakere layout that was completed 15 days ago too was damaged.

Most of the areas plunged into darkness, as the branches of the trees fell on the electric

cables, eventually damaging them. The power resumed in most of the parts in the city only on Sunday afternoon. Trees uprooted on MG Road, Salagame, Vidyanagar and other areas, damaging vehicles parked beneath the same.

One motorbike and an autorickshaw were damaged near Malnad Engineering College. However, the trees were cleared on Sunday morning.

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Rain claims 19 lives in AP

Over 17 lakh people affected in Assam

HYDERABAD/GUWAHATI:

At least 19 people were feared dead on Sunday as heavy rain coupled with lightning ravaged coastal Andhra Pradesh and parts of Rayalaseema.

The heavy rain under the same low pressure trough has inundated several low lying areas of the city here and many drainages flooded several colonies affecting normal life.

In Nellore district, a father and son working as security at an aqua farm died in a lightning strike in open fields of Pudiparty in Venkatachalam mandal.

Four people including two women working in fields died in a lightning strike in Garlapenta and Vemula Kota. Four died in Krishna district and atleast four people died in Prakasam.

Home appliances in Tirupati were burnt when a lightning struck a house in Pedakapu Street.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu has declared an ex-gratia of Rs 4

J&K flood victims wait for rehabilitation

A year after floods devastated parts of Kashmir, the victims of the natural calamity feel that the governments at the Centre and in the state have done "precious little" for rehabilitating them, PTI reports from Srinagar. "We are talking one year down the line and all we have got peanuts in the name of relief and rehabilitation," 75-year-old Ghulam Mohammad Bhat said. Bhat's three-storey house in Jawahar Nagar area of the city collapsed in the flood that struck Kashmir and some parts of Jammu in the first week of September last year. He and his family were lucky to leave their home minutes before the tragedy struck. "We saw our house collapse in front of our eyes as we took refuge in the third storey of neighbour's house," Bhat's wife, Nabla Begum, said.

lakh to the kin of those who died due to heavy rain on Sunday.

The chief minister held an emergency review meeting in Vijayawada along with available ministers and revenue and disaster management officers.

Here, in Champapet Reddy colony locals have rescued 6 people whose car got stuck in floodwater. People used a crate to fish them out of the water to safety.

Colonies in Sankarnagar were inundated while a wall of an old house collapsed in Chaderghat area; however no one was reported hurt in that incident.

Heavy rain resulted in traffic snarls in Lakdikapul, Dilsukhnagar, Ambarpet, Kacheguda, Musheerabad, and LB Nagar areas.

Water recedes in Assam
 Even as the floodwaters receded in large parts of Assam, the

flood situation still remains volatile. In past 24 hours, at least five people have died in floods. The death toll in the second wave of floods in Assam this year is nearly 50.

Floodwaters have wretched havoc in 20 districts. Nearly 17.67 lakhs people have been affected; over 1.38 lakhs of them are in relief camps.

According to the Assam State Disaster Management Authority sources, atleast five people - two each in Morigaon and Goalpara districts and one in Nalbari districts have lost their lives in the deadly deluge in past 24 hours.

Floodwaters have completely ravaged over 2,000 villages, Brahmaputra is flowing above danger mark in six districts, and its tributaries are also in full spate across the state.

1.11 lakhs hectares of agricultural land is still under floodwaters, even as thousands of people are stranded.

The Assam government has opened at-least 300 relief camps across the state.

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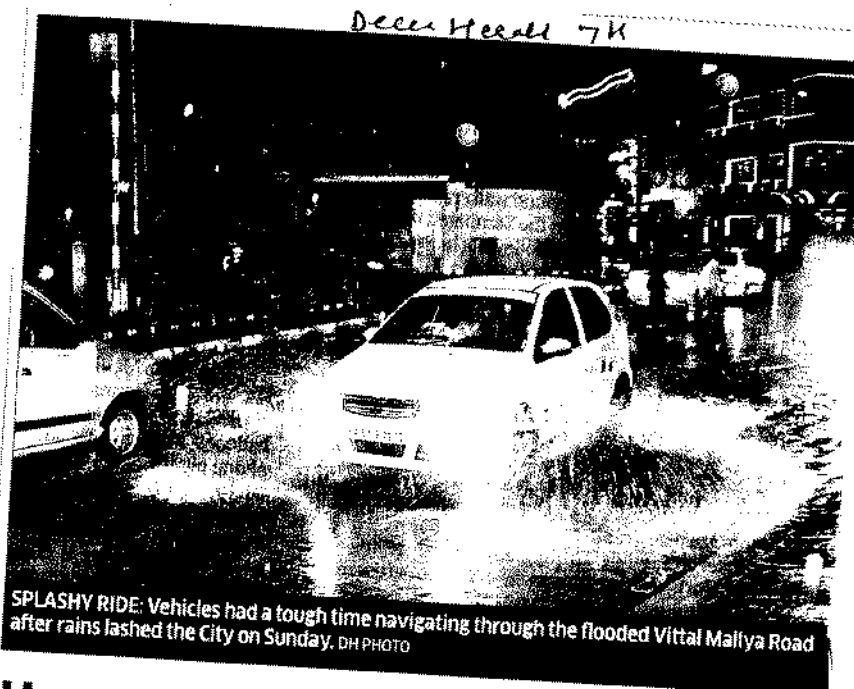
NO WAY OUT: One horned rhinoceros at a submerged area of the Kaziranga National Park in Assam on Friday. PTI

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Heavy rain uproots trees, hits traffic

BENGALURU, DHNS: Heavy rain lashed the City on Sunday night for about two hours, uprooting trees and clogging many low-lying areas. Traffic movement was also badly affected at a few major roads.

There was heavy downpour in Nagarabavi, Malleswaram,

Kammanahalli, Silk Board Junction, Basaveshwarnagar, Gandhinagar, Yeshwantpur, Peenya, Kengeri and other areas. Two trees came crashing down in Malleswaram and Vivekanandapur. The tree-falls did not cause any havoc as the BBMP and fire force staff immediately cleared them.

Water-logging was reported in BEML Layout, Kammanahalli, Rajarajeshwarinagar, R T Nagar, Jayanagar, Amara-jyothinagar and Kavalbyrasandra areas. Traffic was adversely affected on all the roads near the Palace Grounds where the wedding of former chief minister Jagadish Shettar's son took place.

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मॉनसून को बाय!

नई दिल्ली : दिल्ली में अब सितंबर में बारिश होने की उम्मीद बेहद कम है। वेदर एजेंसी स्काईमेट ने कहा है कि 14 सितंबर तक दिल्ली से मॉनसून चला जाएगा। इससे पहले भी बारिश होने के आसार नहीं हैं। अगर कोई मजबूत वेदर सिस्टम एक्टिव होता है तभी बारिश होगी।

दिल्ली में काफी गर्मी बढ़ रही है। सोमवार को मैक्सिमम टेम्परेचर नॉर्मल से दो डिग्री ज्यादा के साथ 36.8 डिग्री पर दर्ज हुआ। मिनिमम टेम्परेचर नॉर्मल से दो डिग्री सेल्सियस ज्यादा के साथ 26.6 डिग्री दर्ज हुआ। मौसम विभाग ने कहा है कि सोमवार को आसमान साफ रहेगा।

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सितंबर में तापमान ने पांच साल का रिकॉर्ड तोड़ दिया है। 4 सितंबर को मैक्सिमम टेम्परेचर नॉर्मल से तीन डिग्री ज्यादा के साथ 37.1 डिग्री सेल्सियस दर्ज हुआ। मौसम विभाग के आंकड़ों के मुताबिक, 2010 में 2 सितंबर को 35

डिग्री, 2011 में 2 सितंबर को 36.7 डिग्री, 2012 में 11 सितंबर को 36.9 डिग्री, 2013 में 18 सितंबर को 36.8 डिग्री और 2014 में 20 सितंबर को 36.3 डिग्री टेम्परेचर दर्ज हुआ था। 10 दिनों से लगातार काफी गर्मी पड़ रही है। आमतौर पर अगस्त-सितंबर में ज्यादा गर्मी महसूस नहीं होती है, लेकिन अब मॉनसून की बारिश भी नहीं हो रही।

स्काईमेट के मौसम वैज्ञानिक महेश पल्लवत ने कहा कि 14 सितंबर तक मॉनसून दिल्ली से जा सकता है। अभी मॉनसून रेखा हिमालय रीजन की तरफ है। वेस्ट राजस्थान से मॉनसून जाना शुरू हो गया है। मॉनसून दिल्ली से काफी दूर शिफ्ट हो गया है।

कम बारिश से महंगाई में इजाफा होने का खतरा

[विशेष संवाददाता | नई दिल्ली]

देश में बारिश की कमी लगातार बढ़ती जा रही है। इससे खरीफ की फसल अनुमान से काफी कम हो सकती है। ऐसे में महंगाई बढ़ने की आशंका बन रही है, इससे सरकार और आम आदमी दोनों को जूझना होगा।



गौरतलब है कि 1 जून से 6 सितंबर तक देशभर में 650.4 मिलीमीटर बारिश रिकॉर्ड की गई, जो की सामान्य के मुकाबले 14 फीसदी कम है। आईएमडी के मुताबिक, मध्य और उत्तर पश्चिम भारत के कई राज्यों में इस हफ्ते भी कम बारिश का अनुमान लगाया है। शुरुआत तक हरियाणा, उत्तर प्रदेश, पंजाब और पश्चिमी राजस्थान में बारिश नहीं होने की संभावना है। कमजोर मॉनसून की सबसे ज्यादा मार महाराष्ट्र के मराठवाड़ा पर पड़ी है।

कृषि एक्सपर्ट देवेन्द्र शर्मा का

कहना है कि कमजोर मॉनसून की मार

वस्तुओं की खुदरा कीमतों पर ज्यादा पड़ेगी, क्योंकि थोक मूल्य की महंगाई दर नेगेटिव जोन में चल रही है। मगर जो बड़ोतरी खुदरा महंगाई दर में होगी, उसको सहना शायद मार्केट और आम आदमी के लिए मुश्किल होगा।

खाद्य मंत्रालय ने अपनी रिपोर्ट में सरकार को अलर्ट किया है। पंजाब और हरियाणा में जिस तरह से सूखे की स्थिति बन रही है, उससे गेहूं और अन्य खाद्य वस्तुओं का उत्पादन प्रभावित हो सकता है। तमिलनाडु और कर्नाटक के एक बड़े हिस्से में बारिश कम होने से चावल का उत्पादन गिर सकता है।