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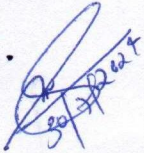
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ढाई-तीन फुट तक नदी की तरह बह रहा था पानी

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■ नई दिल्ली: ओल्ड राजेंद्र नगर के बड़ा बाजार रोड पर शनिवार शाम बरसाती पानी नदी की तरह बह रहा था। ऐसा इसलिए कि रिज एरिया, न्यू राजेंद्र नगर और ओल्ड राजेंद्र नगर की ओर से आने वाला यह पानी जिस 10 फुट चौड़े और 15 फुट गहरे ड्रेन से होकर निकलता है, वह पूरी तरह से ब्लॉक था। बड़ा बाजार रोड पर करीब ढाई-तीन फुट तक पानी नदी की प्रवाह की तरह बह रहा था और यही पानी राव IAS स्टडी सेंटर के बेसमेंट में घुसने से हादसा हुआ।

राजेंद्र नगर के रहने वाले अरुण भोज के अनुसार बड़ा बाजार रोड के नीचे 10 फुट चौड़ी और 15 फुट गहरी ड्रेन है। इसी ड्रेन से रिज एरिया, न्यू राजेंद्र नगर और ओल्ड राजेंद्र नगर का बरसाती पानी रोहतक रोड की ओर जाता है। शनिवार शाम बारिश के बाद रिज एरिया से अचानक पानी का प्रवाह ओल्ड राजेंद्र नगर गोल चक्कर पर आया। यहां कंस्ट्रक्शन वर्क की जो मिट्टी का ढेर पड़ा था उसे साथ बहाते हुए नाले में ले गया जिससे नाला पूरी तरह ब्लॉक हो गया। पानी बड़ा बाजार रोड के ऊपर से बहने लगा।



कंस्ट्रक्शन की वजह से नाला था जाम

बिहार के बेतिया जिले के रहने वाले दिव्य श्रीवास्तव का कहना है कि शाम 5 बजे के करीब पानी बड़ा बाजार रोड पर नदी की प्रवाह की तरह बह रहा था। पानी का प्रवाह इतना तेज था कि इसमें ई-रिक्शा और मोटर साइकिल भी बहते हुए दिखे। पास ही गंगा राम अस्पताल के पीछे जो 3,89,000 वर्ग मीटर का एक छोटा रिज एरिया है, उसका भी पानी यहीं आकर जमा हो गया था। न्यू राजेंद्र नगर के पास इस छोटे से रिज एरिया से कई गुना बड़ा रिज एरिया है, वहां से भी पानी आया था।

'मृतकों के परिवारों को तुरंत दिया जाए ₹1 करोड़ का मुआवजा'

■ विस, नई दिल्ली: राजेंद्र नगर में कोचिंग सेंटर के बेसमेंट में पानी भरने से तीन स्टूडेंट्स की मौत के मामले में राज्यसभा सांसद स्वाति मालीवाल ने मृतक स्टूडेंट्स के परिवारों के लिए एक करोड़ रुपये के मुआवजे और दिल्ली सरकार और एमसीडी के जिम्मेदार अधिकारियों के खिलाफ कार्रवाई की मांग की है। घटनास्थल के पास प्रदर्शन कर रहे स्टूडेंट्स से भी स्वाति ने बातचीत की। रविवार सुबह मालीवाल ने मृत स्टूडेंट्स के परिवार के सदस्यों से आरएमएल अस्पताल में मुलाकात की। आयोग ने बताया कि



मरने वालों में उत्तर प्रदेश के एक किसान परिवार की लड़की (25 वर्ष) और दूसरी लड़की (21 वर्ष) के परिवार के सदस्यों से स्वाति मिलीं। उन्होंने दिल्ली सरकार और एमसीडी पर हमला बोला और इस घटना को 'हत्या' करार देते हुए उनकी जवाबदेही तय करने की मांग की।

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Waterlogging woes continue as Delhi relies on 1976 master plan

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As both the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) continue to blame each other for the death of three students in the basement of a coaching centre that was inundated following rain, at the centre of the issue is the struggling drainage network of the national capital.

On Saturday, the Pusa observatory of the India Meteorological Department (IMD), located close to the Rau's IAS Study Circle in Old Rajinder Nagar, recorded only 26.5 mm of rainfall from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. and 31.5 mm of rainfall between 5.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m.

The total 58 mm of rainfall in a day is not extraordinary during the monsoon season. One of the main reasons for the waterlogging in the city is that Delhi continues to operate on a drainage master plan made in 1976, which is cap-



Police personnel stand guard near the coaching centre where three aspirants died, in New Delhi on Sunday. PTI

able of handling only 50 mm of rainfall.

The plan was made when the city's population was around 60 lakh and since then, it has increased about fourfold.

Also, over the years, the concrete area too has increased. So, if earlier, a particular amount of rainfall generated 50% of run-off water and the rest was absorbed by the earth, now the run-off water will be

more than 50%.

Not upgraded

As the drainage system has not been upgraded, it is unable to handle the excess water.

Last year, after the city received 153 mm of rainfall on July 9 and 10, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had said the city drainage system was "not designed to handle the unprecedented level of rain".

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20 aspiring cops defy flood to reach exam centre in Gadchiroli



Recognising the risk the youths had taken despite Maoist death threats, Gadchiroli cops arranged boats for them

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Nagpur: An SOS message reached the police headquarters in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli Saturday from 20 candidates, including women, who were left stranded by flooded rivers in Bhamragarh taluka near the Maoist stronghold of Abujmarh along the Chhattisgarh border. They were 150km from Gadchiroli town, where they were to appear for a police recruitment written exam Sunday.

Recognising the risk the youths had taken to appear for the exam despite Maoist death threats and floods, senior police officers took action to ensure their safe arrival. Boats were dispatched to ferry the candidates to Etapalli, where they were provided food and lodging for the night. The following morning, they were transported to Gadchiroli in time for their exam.

Their journey was particularly challenging as around 40 key roads in Gadchiroli were closed due to submerged bridges caused by overflowing rivers and nullahs. Parlakota river had isolated Bhamragarh from the rest of the district,

compounded by incessant rain.

In Maoist-affected Gadchiroli, especially in areas near Abujmarh, aspiring to join the police force can be life-threatening.

Police made extraordinary efforts to assist the candidates who had already passed the physical test. They had travelled from remote villages — earlier known as Maoist strongholds such as Kukametta, Hinbhatti, Zareguda Laheri, and Pengunda. They crossed flooded rivers and forded streams.

Gadchiroli SP Neelotpal intervened personally, mobilising district administration and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) resources for the rescue. "We activated Bhamragarh police units in addition to the district administration's disaster management teams and SDRF. Rescue boats, equipped with life jackets, were arranged to help the candidates cross the flooded rivers," he said.

The SP also ensured that three candidates from Kumbhi village also reached the exam centre after receiving assistance to cross the flooded Kumbhi nullah. The efforts resulted in a 99% attendance for the recruitment drive.

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Wet spell likely to continue till Aug 3

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JULY 28

Light to moderate rain occurred at many places and heavy rain at isolated places over the state during last 24 hours. Jogindernagar received the highest rainfall (90mm), followed by Dhaulakuan (70mm), Naina Devi (60mm), Palampur (60mm), Sarahan (40mm).

As per the forecast issue by the weather department, the precipitation is likely to continue over the next six days in the state till August 3.

On August 1 and 2, the intensity of the precipitation is likely to increase further. Accordingly, the department has issued orange alert for these two days for heavy to very heavy rain at isolated places.

Due to the latest spell of precipitation, a car was buried in a landslide at Panthaghati in Shimla last night. The car was parked on the roadside when the incident happened.

There has been no large



People use umbrellas to protect themselves during rain at the Ridge in Shimla on Sunday.

change in minimum and maximum temperatures during the last 24 hours. Average minimum and maximum temperatures

were above normal.

Overall, the state has so far sustained damage of around Rs 411 crore in the monsoons season. The maximum

damage has been reported by the PWD, which is around Rs 172 crore, followed by the horticulture sector worth around Rs 139 crore.

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Minister issues directives to avert waterlogging repeat in Gurugram

Sheer mockery: Locals slam lack of preventive efforts

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GURUGRAM, JULY 28

Haryana Forest Minister and Sohna MLA Sanjay Singh on Saturday directed officials of the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) and Municipal Corporation to conduct a joint inspection and identify reasons that led to heavy waterlogging in residential areas of Sectors 55, 56, 57, Sushant Lok 2 and Sushant Lok 3. Singh directed the officials to submit a report within two days.

This directive comes after the recent incidence of waterlogging in areas around Sushant Lok caught national attention with videos going viral on social media.

The minister ordered the senior MCG and GMDA officials to take remedial measures immediately and ensure that the waterlogging crises was not repeated. He further said that action could be taken against officials if waterlogging continues to occur in the area. The minister also asked the MCG officials to ensure roads were repaired in the Sushant Lok 2 and 3 area.

"The officials of the civic agencies were asked to inspect areas where waterlogging was taking place and take remedial measures. They were asked to take steps to divert water from residential



Videos of inundated roads and streets in Gurugram recently went viral on social media. FILE PHOTO

“Every time there are incidents of waterlogging, they go looking for reasons behind it. What were they doing while holding anti-flood meetings? The civic agencies should have cleaned the drains in time, but they failed to do so.” — Pawan Yadav, PRESIDENT, SUSHANT LOK PHASE 3 RWA

areas to natural creeks and stormwater drains. Steps such as cleaning the sewage drains and stormwater network should be taken up on priority, particularly in Sushant Lok 2 and 3 on priority,” said a statement issued by the minister.

However, the minister's directive has failed to impress residents, who dismissed it as sheer mockery. Pawan Yadav, president of Sushant Lok Phase 3 residents welfare association, attributed the persistent menace of waterlogging to the authorities' negligence. The civic agencies should

have cleaned drains in time, but they failed to do so.

“Rather than pulling them up the government and giving them ways to wriggle out of accountability. Around 600 families in both areas were affected and residents faced extensive damage to their households,” said Yadav.

Residents said water was getting accumulated up to three-four feet on the roads of Sushant Lok. Besides, the water also entered the ground floor of several houses and basements, causing extensive damage to household items.