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निदेशक (तकनीकी प्रलेखन)

Kalatali villagers awaiting govt patronage to counter floods

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Hindustan Times (Delhi)
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The Times of India (Mumbai)

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The Deccan Chronical (Hyderabad)

CORRESPONDENT

BARPETA, Sept 9: Recurring flood-induced erosion by Burhadia, a tiny river flowing through the eastern part of Barpeta district, has threatened the existence of Kalatali village inhabited by indigenous Assamese people.

Kalatali village, situated about 5 km north of Sarthebari town in the north eastern part of the district has faced the wrath of nature for years together.

With the advent of the monsoon season every year, residents of the village comprising 140 families have to spend sleepless nights apprehending flood from the river flowing through the middle of the village. As the flood waters begin to subside, they wait for the turn of erosion. That means struggle for survival 12 months a year.

The villagers faced the perennial floods this year during the last week of June when the rest of the state was waiting for the monsoon rains. As the first wave of floods began to recede, a second wave came in the second week of July, and a third wave during the last part of that month.

The flood was caused by the tiny river Burhadia. It is not a sporadic event, but a regular one. The embankment of the river to the south was washed away several years ago. As a result, the entire village had to suffer the wrath of the river in 2012 when it rose abnormally and washed away several houses and roads. It was repeated in 2018, also causing severe damage to residential, agricultural fields and



A severely eroded portion of Kalatali village. — Photo: Harmohan Barman

surface connectivity.

But the fury of the floods took an unprecedented turn this year with highest water level and longest period of inundation. The pre and post-flood period witnessed severe erosion due to which the small village lost huge tracts of agricultural and horticultural land. Some ruralites even lost their residential plots together with their dwelling houses.

Referring to the large-scale erosion, the villagers pointed out that Burhadia had been changing its course to the

south as it enters Barpeta district after crossing the Tihu-Lachima Road. After a few metres in the southwardly direction, it again changes course to the north and then again reverts back to the south. But it does not exist where it was ten years ago, and constant coursing to the south poses serious threat to the existence of the village.

Almost all the families of the village depend on agriculture either directly or indirectly for their livelihood. Unless destroyed by floods, the village is otherwise rich in agricultural produc-

tion. Villagers harvest a very good amount of sali paddy and rabi crops in the Burhadia remains calm during the summer. Besides betelnut, coconut and other seasonal fruits too make them self-sufficient.

But fertile land and the green orchards have fallen prey to flood-induced erosion by the Burhadia. The remaining land too is adversely affected by siltation by the strong currents of the Burhadia.

No one can think of travelling through the village by road even b

riding a bicycle, motorcycle or even driving a car. The village has been separated into three parts. As for the condition during the monsoon season, the less said the better. The main road along the village connects the Tihu-Lachima Road in the east and Dr Jinaram Road in the west. But several stretches of the road have been washed away by the strong currents of the tiny but turbulent river.

Significantly, it is a matter of regret that not a single government scheme to check erosion and to prevent floods by the Burhadia has been implemented by the Water Resource Department

for management of floods has become a riddle for the local people who have no other option but to suffer from flood-induced erosion annually.

After largescale devastation in 2012, some works to prevent flood and repair of roads were done with the help of the Rural Development Department. A ring bundh along the south of the river was also under construction at an estimated cost of Rs 40 lakh. But it was never completed and more than half of what was done was washed away by the strong currents this year. As a result, the money spent was wasted.

It is not that floods by the Burhadia has affected Kalatali only. It has made

when an official of the Water Resource Department accompanied a visiting inter-ministerial central team to assess flood damage at Kalatali, among other locations.

After listening to the local people, a member of the central team asked the state government officials present about the future planning of the department regarding that area. But the officer tried to evade the question and could not give any satisfactory reply. The people present, including this Correspondent was stunned at the pathetic condition of a responsible officer.

The reason behind omission of the Burhadia and Tihu water bodies by a government department responsible

together due to the annual havoc created by floods and erosion.

Obviously, the affected people have been compelled to seek alternative sources of livelihood. If the condition remains so, largescale exodus is bound to happen like any other erosion-hit areas of the district.

The people here are eagerly waiting for a positive step by the government as a number of dignitaries have witnessed the devastation in recent days. The haggard villagers, who are otherwise resigned to fate, are therefore hopeful that at long last some sort of flood and erosion control mechanism may be put in place by the authority concerned.

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Meteorology Centre forecasts rains at many places today

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Sept 9: The Regional Meteorology Centre (RMC), Guwahati today forecast possibility of thunderstorm with lightning occurring at isolated places over eleven districts of the State during the 24 hours ending at 8.30 am tomorrow, while isolated places over eight districts are likely to experience heavy rainfall during the period.

According to the weather warning issued by the RMC, Guwahati this afternoon, isolated places

over the districts of Dhubri, South Salmara-Mankachar, Goalpara, Kamrup, Kamrup (Metro), Majuli, Lakhimpur, Dibrugarh, Morigaon, Sonitpur and West Karbi Anglong are likely to experience thunderstorm with lightning during the period.

Isolated places over the districts of Kokrajhar, Chirang, Barpeta, Baksa, Cachar, Karimganj, Dhemaji and Tinsukia are likely to experience heavy rainfall during the said period.

It further warned heavy rainfall activities tomorrow at isolated places over

South Salmara-Mankachar, Goalpara, Bongaigaon, Barpeta, Kamrup, Cachar, Udalguri and Morigaon districts. Dima Hasao district is likely to experience heavy to very heavy rainfall activities at isolated places tomorrow, it said.

The districts of Karbi Anglong, Darrang, Jorhat, Majuli, Lakhimpur, Dhemaji, Sivasagar, Dibrugarh, Tinsukia, Baksa, Nalbari and Kamrup (Metro) are likely to experience thunderstorm with lightning activities at isolated places tomorrow, said the RMC, Guwahati in its warning.

114 dams on high alert in Gujarat

Water reaches 136 m at Sardar Sarovar dam

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
AHMEDABAD

Gujarat continues to be battered by heavy rain, prompting authorities to put more than 100 dams and reservoirs on high alert.

The State has put more than half of its water bodies on high alert following heavy water inflows at the reservoirs as rain continues unabated, exceeding more than 110 % of the season's total rainfall.

As per the latest update, out of the 204 reservoirs in the State, 114 dams have been put on 'high alert' with over 90% filling.

The Sardar Sarovar dam on Narmada river, whose full capacity is 138.6 m, has also



City under water: People have been cautioned against venturing outdoors till Wednesday, as rain continues unabated in Ahmedabad city. •VIJAY SONEJI

been put on high alert, with water level at 136 m. It is expected to touch full capacity soon, as the heavy inflow continues, following fresh rain in the upper catchment areas in Madhya Pradesh.

The authorities have released more than a million

cusec water from the reservoir. As a result, more than 200 villages in Narmada, Bharuch and Vadodara districts have been put on alert.

Gujarat has so far received total rainfall of 926.59 mm, which is 13.5% more than its Long-Period Average (LPA) of

816 mm. This year, rainfall picked up in August, when it received 446 mm.

So far in September, the State has received 150 mm rain.

The civic body has asked people to stay indoors till Wednesday.

dan law. She is married to a person whom she loves and her enforced stay in a home violates her basic fundamental right of equality.

BA pilot strike will hit Indian students

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The total grounding of the British Airways for two days after its pilots went on a strike over pay dispute is likely to have a cascading affect on Indian students planning to travel to the U.K. for the new academic season, say online travel agencies.

The British Airline Pilots' Association (BALPA) struck work on Monday and Tuesday after nine-month long talks with the management had failed.

Some media reports suggest the strike is due to end