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AFTER THE FLOOD

Waters recede, threat of disease looms

HT Correspondent

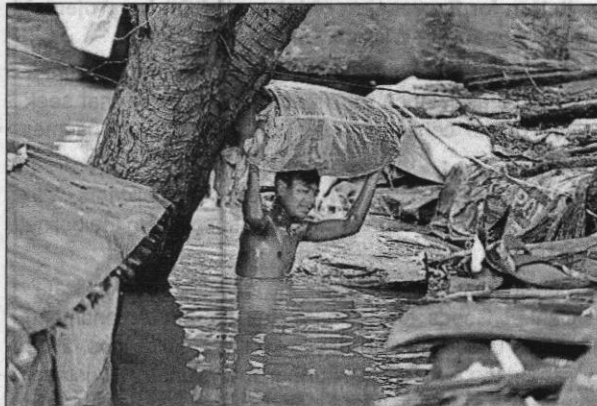
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NEW DELHI: As the floodwaters recede, and the water level comes back to normal in the Yamuna, authorities now face another challenge—to prevent the spread of any enteric and water-borne diseases such as cholera, diarrhoea, and typhoid in the areas that were inundated.

The water level in the Yamuna, which had hit a peak of 206.6m on Wednesday, has already come down below the danger level of 205.33m. Around 4 pm on Friday, the water level stood at 204.27m.

"After every flood, when the water level starts receding, there is always the threat of an outbreak of enteric and water-borne diseases. Some of the water gets trapped in puddles and depressions, which become breeding ground of diseases, including bacterial and viral. Local people often defecate openly in the floodplains. The floodwater enters and pollutes other water sources," Dr BK Tripathi, head of the medicine department at Safdarjung Hospital, said.

The government and civic agencies, however, said all measures, including the sprinkling of bleaching powder, anti-larva



■ A man carries his belongings through floodwaters in a residential area near the banks of the overflowing Yamuna. RAJ K RAJ/HT PHOTO

spray, and distribution of ORS pouches in relief camps, were being taken to prevent outbreaks.

"While medical teams and doctors are taking rounds of campsites, ambulances have been kept ready," said a senior government official from East Delhi district, where nearly 10,000 people had to be shifted to relief camps.

Of the 11 revenue districts in Delhi, the Yamuna flows through six districts. The maximum impact of the flood, however, was borne by two districts – East Delhi and North East Delhi, according to officials of the irriga-

tion and flood control department. At least 30 campsites have been set up in these two districts alone, where the evacuated people have taken shelter.

Relief and rescue operations in six districts will continue till further orders from Kailash Gahlot, revenue minister of Delhi, said a senior government official from the north-east district, from where around 6,000 people had to be put up in government tents.

Another threat is the outbreak of vector-borne diseases such as malaria and dengue.

"The receding water level

leaves behind puddles, creating a conducive environment for aedes and anopheles mosquitoes to breed. While aedes mosquito breeds in clean stagnant water and is responsible for dengue, anopheles breeds in polluted water like drains and can cause a malaria outbreak," a senior official of the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme said.

To prevent such outbreaks, civic agencies have scaled up their anti-mosquito drives.

"Anti-larval chemicals are being sprayed to prevent malaria and dengue outbreaks. ORS sachets and chlorine tablets are being distributed in camps as a further prevention measure," said a spokesperson from the East Delhi Municipal Corporation.

"We are assessing the damage and the grounds from where the water has receded. We are in touch with the Central Water Commission and the India Meteorological Department. The people will be allowed to return to their homes when the floodwater recedes completely and there are no chances of any water discharge from Haryana in large quantities," a senior official of the irrigation and flood control department said.

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Floods cause property damage worth ₹796 crore in Kolhapur

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kolhapur: The flood and heavy rainfall earlier this month caused damages worth about Rs 796 crore to public property in Kolhapur; preliminary estimates revealed.

The estimates were assessed both by the Kolhapur Municipal Corporation (KMC) and the Kolhapur zilla parishad. Officials said the damage to properties within the KMC limits was around Rs 450 crore, while in the ZP limits, it was around Rs 346.51 crore.

A district administration official, requesting anonymity, said the damage has been categorised as those due to floods



RAIN WREAKS HAVOC

and heavy rain.

"Within the KMC limits, maximum damage was due to heavy rainfall. Public roads and gardens have been badly hit. Meanwhile, in the rural areas, the floodwaters have caused unprecedented damages. Funds will be required to repair 742 water supply schemes,

schools, hospitals, roads and bridges," the official said.

Officials said the state government has provided a mobile application to record the damages with geo-tagged photographs. At some places, where connectivity was weak, the mobile app could not be used and instead, officials relied on recording the damages manually. Then they uploaded the details in the application. The district administration has deployed additional teams to carry out damage assessment. To repair the village roads and district highways, the district administration is going to seek up to Rs 215 crore from the government.

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Flood losses over Rs 30k cr, CM tells Central team

BENGALURU, DHNS

Karnataka has incurred over Rs 30,000 crore estimated losses due to floods, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa told an inter-ministerial central team (IMCT) visiting the state to assess the situation on Saturday.

The seven-member IMCT, headed by Ministry of Home Affairs joint secretary (administration) Prakash, is slated to visit the flood-hit Belagavi, Bagalkot, Gadag, Dharwad and Kogadu from August 25-27.

So far, the government has released Rs 309 crore towards rescue and relief works, Yediyurappa said in a statement.

The chief minister requested the IMCT to carry out a "realistic assessment" of the flood situation and pointed out that "thousands of families have lost everything and

they have to build their life from scratch." He urged the team to recommend "suitable and reasonable" compensation to help the state come back to normalcy.

The floods have wreaked havoc in 103 taluks across 22 districts, killing 87 persons, damaging 2.3 lakh homes and displacing nearly 7 lakh people. Over 7.82 lakh hectares of crop losses have been estimated, with 35,000 km of roads, 2,828 bridges, 57,000 electric poles, 14,076 transformers and 3,724 power supply lines damaged.

'National calamity'

A Congress team, headed by former minister M B Patil, that reviewed the flood situation in Mumbai-Karnataka urged the Centre to declare it "a national calamity."

Patil, who addressed a news conference, also urged Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa

to enhance compensation to those who have lost homes from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh.

"The entire old Gokak in Belagavi is gone. Only the extension of Gokak remains. All those people from old Gokak have to be resettled, which will be a huge task. If government land is available, then nothing like it. Otherwise, the government should purchase land directly from farmers with their consent," Patil said.

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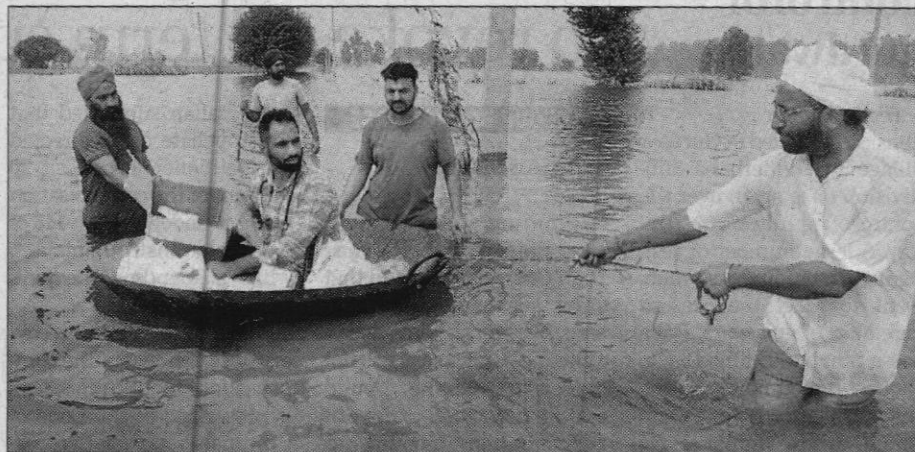
Flood-hit throng health camps

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

LOHIAN (JALANDHAR), AUGUST 25
With the water at some villages beginning to recede, villages in Lohian have been exposed to threat of grave diseases as evident from the burgeoning reportage of patients from flood-affected villages. Over 100 patients came to a medical camp at Mehrajwala village on Sunday. Collectively, in Mehrajwala and Sardarwala, over 40 cases of fever have surfaced.

With deeper parts of villages inaccessible by boats or trolleys, only intrepid medical relief teams are making it to inundated areas. Polluted, stinking waters are also making people sick, causing infection and looming threat of dengue/malaria outbreak. Medical teams stressed on need for mobile diagnosis teams in the area.

While Sukhdev Singh from Singhar village in Lohian approached a team at Mehrajwala, demanding medicine for fever, Mota Singh of Sardarwala com-



NGO workers distribute medicines at Sardarwala village near Lohian on Sunday. PHOTO: SARABJIT SINGH

plained of fever and nausea.

No government medical relief team was seen in the villages during *The Tribune's* more than two-hour stay there.

Love from Sardarwala, who had boils and pimples caused by infection all over his face, said, "More than 20 people in the village are down with fever. Many are suffering from skin problems. Standing 15 minutes in water causes itching."

Dr Harbir Singh from Jalandhar, said, "There are

DENGUE THREAT LOOMS

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more than 20 cases of diarrhoea and fever. Laboratory and tests are the need of the hour. Right now private medical teams don't have the wherewithal to diagnose platelet count or conduct dengue, malaria tests. Mobile laboratories are needed."

At Mehrajwala, Dr Jagdish, member of the Medical Practitioners' Association Punjab, held a camp outside a gurdwara. "As many as 100 patients have come since morning. We don't have diagnostic kits."

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Minister seeks report on losses in 15 days

OUR CORRESPONDENT

FEROZEPUR, AUGUST 25

Following the damage to the bundh at Tendiwala village due to heavy discharge of water from Pakistan, Cabinet Minister Rana Gurmit Singh Sodhi on Sunday visited the site to oversee the ongoing repair work.

Sodhi was accompanied by DC Chander Gaind and SSP Vivek S Soni.

After inspection, Sodhi said the state government would compensate every penny of the loss incurred by people due to floods. The minister said he had directed the DC to prepare a report on the total loss, including damage to houses, livestock and crops, within 15 days and submit it to the government.

Sodhi said the state government would stand by the people in this hour of crisis and would leave no stone unturned to help them. "It was the alertness of the district administration that the repair work on the damaged bundh was started immediately, else it could have wreaked havoc." Sodhi also said the state had already sought a relief package of Rs 1,000 crore from the Centre

SHELLS OUT ₹15,000 FROM OWN POCKET

■ Cabinet Minister Rana Gurmit Singh Sodhi met Tendiwala villagers and gave ₹15,000 from his own pocket as compensation for the fuel expenses spent by them to repair the damaged bundh.

■ He asked the district administration to pay the villagers for other expenses as well, which were incurred by them while carrying out the repairs.

and to push this demand, Capt Amarinder Singh would meet the officials soon.

The minister met the villagers and gave Rs 15,000 from his own pocket as compensation for fuel expenses spent by them to repair the embankment. He asked the district administration to pay the villagers for the other expenses as well, which were incurred by them while repairing the bundh.

Sodhi said the situation arisen due to heavy water discharge from Pakistan, which caused severe damage to the embankment. "There is no threat now as the embankment has been secured."

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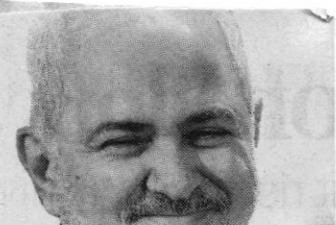
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Inflow from Pak still on; Army

Efforts on to prevent embankment breach | Over 17 border



ANIRUDH GUPTA

FEROZEPUR, AUGUST 25

Over 17 villages, situated between the right bank of overflowing Sutlej and Indo-Pakistan border, continue to remain at risk of getting flooded following a part of the embankment along Tendiwala village got severely damaged due to the strong current of water coming from Kasur (Pakistan). Although a joint team, led by the district administration, comprising NDRF and Army troops besides drainage officials, has been working on war footing since last night to plug the breach, the embankment is getting eroded at a fast pace, posing danger to the lives and property of thousands of nearby residents.

DC Chander Gaiand and SSP Vivek Sheel Soni, along with other officials, have been camping here since last night to oversee the situation. At the request of the DC, hundreds of villagers, along with their tractor-trailers, have extended a helping hand to prevent around 50-ft-long portion of the ditch-cum-bundh from collapse. The DC said the discharge from Pakistan side was very high that hindered the repair work. He said there was a risk of water entering the channel alongside the bundh for which a temporary protection layer, comprising sandbags, had been built.



Army men along with locals repair the bundh near Tendiwala village in Ferozepur. TRIBUNE PHOTO

VILLAGERS EXTEND HELP FOR BUNDH REPAIR

- The Sutlej bundh along Tendiwala village damaged due to the strong current of water coming from Pakistan.
- Personnel of the Army, NDRF and Drainage Department are trying to plug the breach since Saturday night
- Villagers are bringing tractor-trailers loaded with repair material to help officials prevent further damage

Sandeep Goel, Executive Engineer (Drainage), said, "Preventive measures are being taken, but the scouring of embankment can't be prevented at this stage unless the water current is reduced."

Sources said water coming downstream Harike was merging with the strong discharge in a creek near Tendiwala, causing whirlpool.

Meanwhile, the administration on Sunday made announcements in adjoining villages to go to safe places.

Hundreds of residents from adjoining villages gathered at the site due to which the police had to be deployed.

Mehtab Singh of Tendiwala said if the bundh was washed away, several villages would be affected.

Mukhtiar, a villager helping Army jawans in carrying out the rescue work, said his crop was damaged two years ago as well, but the compensation was still awaited.

Jagjit Kumar, who owns eight acres, said the state should either construct a pontoon bridge or at least provide them a new boat. "Already six villagers have died while crossing the river on a 'bera' that got damaged." Another farmer Kartar Singh demanded that the government should construct a permanent notch in this area to prevent the bundh from being washed away whenever the Sutlej is in spate.

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Punjab seeks ₹1,000 cr special aid from Centre

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 25

The damage caused in Punjab by floods, mainly on account of water being released through spillways of the Bhakra Dam, was immense and needed special assistance from the Centre, in addition to the relief that was being provided through the Disaster Relief Management Fund, the state government has said.

Though the Union Government initially asked Punjab to provide relief from the disaster fund of Rs 6,200 crore lying with the state, Punjab has been insisting on a special package of Rs 1,000 crore to rebuild infrastructure, a senior government official said. Punjab has reasoned that the relief

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Volunteers distribute relief material among the flood-hit at Murajwala village, near Lohian, in Jalandhar district on Sunday. SARABJIT SINGH

RESCUE OPERATION ON

FEROZEPUR 500 evacuated, 630 given relief in 15 marooned villages in Makhu and Hussainiwala

JALANDHAR 31 evacuated, 389 families given medical aid, 655 treated at OPDs while 4,600 treated at medical camps

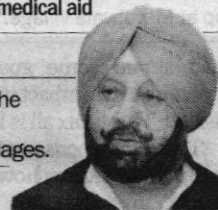
KAPURTHALA Dry rations and other relief material provided to people; 1,415 given medical aid; veterinary care provided to 640 cattle

ROPAR 500 evacuated, drinking water and power supply restored in affected villages; 3,300 provided medical aid

FORTIFY BANKS ALONG PAKISTAN BORDER: CAPTAIN

Chandigarh: Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Sunday asked the Water Resources Department to work out a joint action plan to strengthen embankment along the India-Pakistan border to avert flooding of nearby villages.

SIX JALANDHAR VILLAGERS HURT IN CLASH OVER RATION PAGE 2



Bhakra outflow cut to 8,300 cusecs

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 25

Following a request from the Punjab Government, the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) today decided to further reduce discharge from the Bhakra Dam's floodgates from tonight.

The four spillway gates at the top of the dam, which were opened by four feet or about 8 per cent of their total discharge capacity, would now be lowered by two feet. This would reduce the discharge from about 19,000 cusecs to 8,300 cusecs. "The Punjab Government approached us today morning asking us to either stop or decrease the outflow from Bhakra to whatever extent possible.

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City hit by spell of light rain, expected to continue this week; air quality to improve

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NEW DELHI: Light rain hit the national capital Sunday after a long spell of hot and humid days. Besides, cool and gusty winds blew over the city in the afternoon making the day pleasant for Delhiites.

According to India Meteorological Department, the Safdarjung observatory received 2.4mm rainfall, categorised as 'light' rain, between 8.30am and 5.30pm. Other weather stations, including Ridge and Lodhi Road recorded 14.2 mm and 10.1mm rainfall at the same time.

"A low pressure system has formed in the Bay of Bengal, which is passing through Madhya Pradesh. In association with this system, easterly winds blowing over Delhi bringing moisture have triggered the rainfall. We expect light rain Monday as well," said Kuldeep Srivastava, head, regional weather forecast centre (RWFC),

Also, Srivastava said the cool and gusty winds blowing over



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AMAL KS/HT PHOTO

the city are a result of heavy rainfall in Uttar Pradesh and other neighbouring regions.

The department has also forecast light rain, drizzle and thundershowers over the coming week. The maximum and minimum temperatures on Sunday

were recorded a notch above the season's average — 34.1 degrees Celsius and 26.8 degrees Celsius, respectively.

Meanwhile, the Air Quality Index (AQI) was 91 in the 'satisfactory' category. "A further improvement in air quality is

expected over the next two days owing to strong winds and rainfall, however, in the satisfactory category only," said a statement issued by Safar, the pollution monitoring agency under the union Ministry of Earth Sciences.

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Workers trying to remove the boat stuck in a gate of Prakasam Barrage in Vijayawada, A.P., on Saturday. ■CH.VIJAYA BHASKAR

Efforts to remove boat stuck in barrage fail

Water goes waste as gate cannot be closed

STAFF REPORTER
VIJAYAWADA

The operation to remove a boat stuck in the 68th gate of the Prakasam Barrage continued here, with teams intensifying efforts late into the evening on Saturday.

Following multiple failed attempts, officials of the Andhra Pradesh Water Resources Department (WRD) roped in salvage teams from other reservoirs in the State and Karnataka. Teams from Rajahmundry, Pulichintala, Bairavani Tippa and Ballari along with the State and National Disaster Response Force tried to lift and pull out the metal boat using ropes and cranes but with little success. Later in the evening, a team from Polavaram project joined the operation with additional equipment, according to WRD officials.

The operation is being hampered by the position of the boat. "Any attempt to remove it without proper care could damage the gate components," said Chief Engineer, Krishna Delta System R. Satish Kumar.

Other gates closed

Meanwhile, a huge quantity of water is being discharged into the sea as the gate cannot be closed. The remaining gates were closed three days ago after

water level in the Krishna dropped.

Minister for WRD P. Anil Kumar Yadav, District Collector A. Md. Imtiaz visited the Barrage and asked officials to ensure that the boat was removed at the earliest as water was being wasted.

However, irrigation officials say water discharge was inevitable as the inflow into the Barrage which reached full reservoir level was continuing. The outflow from the Barrage was around 21,000 cusecs throughout Saturday and inflow was around 15,000 cusecs.

The boat has been stuck in the sluice gate for around 10 days. Officials are optimistic of removing it on Sunday.

Man slips, drowns

An elderly man, M. Appanna, accidentally fell off Prakasam Barrage while watching the boat salvage operation around the time when the Minister and Collector visited. The man was washed away and was found dead later downstream, according to the Krishnalanka police.

"The government has failed in protecting people. It is atrocious that the mishap took place in the presence of the Minister," Telugu Desam national general secretary and MLC Nara Lokesh tweeted.