



DELHI DELUGE

LEFT IN THE LURCH

hoodwater at metro construction site

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HARYANA Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Friday hit out at the AAP for accusing the state government of being responsible for the flood-like situation in parts of Delhi, saying doing politics on natural calamities is "unethical". His remarks came after Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Sanjay Singh held the BJP-JJP Haryana government responsible for the flood-like situation in Delhi by releasing water in the Yamuna from its Hathnikund barrage.

There has been a natural calamity and "it is unethical to do politics even in such a time", the chief minister said, according to a statement issued here. Khattar is in Delhi and he met Union Urban and Housing Minister Hardeep Singh Puri and held detailed discussions on various issues related to the state. He said that the water level in the river has increased due to heavy rains and rapid flow of rainwater from hilly areas.

Taking a jibe at CM and AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal, Khattar said that "it seems that Haryana has become a nightmare for Kejriwal

whenever Delhi is in trouble".

"Be it a pollution issue, water issue or any other, when Arvind Kejriwal fails to find any solution, he starts playing the blame game. Doing politics even on natural calamities is totally unethical," he said.

Haryana Deputy CM and JJP leader Dushyant Chautala alleged that Kejriwal has a habit of blaming neighbouring states. "Arvind Kejriwal, who was born in Haryana, likes to blame Haryana for all the issues of Delhi," he said. He advised the Delhi CM to join hands and fight this calamity together "instead of playing the blame game".

AAP leader Sanjay Singh also alleged that water from the Hathnikund barrage in Haryana's Yamunanagar was released only in the Yamuna canal of Delhi and not towards the east and west canals that flow to Uttar Pradesh and within Haryana.

AAP leader, Somnath Bharti, termed the flood-like situation in Delhi a "BJP-made disaster." "The east and west canals that flow to Uttar Pradesh and Haryana are completely dry. The water flow has been diverted towards Delhi purposely," Bharti alleged.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THREE boys drowned in a ditch allegedly at a metro construction site while taking a bath in the floodwater in northwest Delhi's Mukundpur Chowk on Friday, officials said. Nikhil (10), Piyush (13) and Ashish (13) were residents of northeast Delhi's Jahangirpuri.

The Fire Department said a water tender was rushed to the spot after receiving information about the incident at 2.25 pm. Delhi Fire Services Director Atul Garg said, "Three children drowned in a ditch at a metro construction site. They were pulled out and rushed to Babu Jagjivan Ram Memorial Hospital, where doctors declared

them brought dead." However, in a statement, the DMRC issued a clarification.

"This is to clarify that absolutely no such incident has been reported from our sites. DMRC's sites are properly barricaded and entry is strictly regulated only for authorised personnel," it said. CM Arvind Kejriwal expressed sadness over the boys' deaths and cautioned people against bathing in the Yamuna river, which is in spate.

He said, "It is very unfortunate that three children have died in the city. From news reports, we have learned that all three children were out to take a bath in the river." The AAP leader

reiterated that people should not go near the water to click selfies. "We have already urged everyone to stay away from the river at the moment. Some people are curious and they are coming towards the river to see the floods and take selfies. I humbly request everyone to not do this as the level of the water can suddenly rise and there can be an accident. The flow of the river at the moment is so strong that you will not be able to tackle the current even if you are a very good swimmer."

These are the first deaths to be reported in Delhi since the overflowing Yamuna inundated large parts of the national capital.



AREAS UNDER WATER

- Civil Lines
- Kashmere Gate
- Red Fort
- Monastery Market
- Wazirabad
- Yamuna Bank
- Akshardham

Spell of rainfall adds to woes

Parts of the national capital received light rainfall on Friday afternoon, adding to the woes of the people as the city grapples with a flood-like situation following the

Water crisis to subside as plants resume ops

ASHISH SRIVASTAVA @ New Delhi

FOR the city residents who were hit by the double whammy of an impending water crisis and the unprecedented deluge which disrupted their daily lives, some respite came on Friday after the Delhi government was able to restart the halted operations of Okhla Water Treatment Plant (WTP). It is among the three WTPs which were inundated by the Yamuna flood water and was shut down till the water receded.

Somnath Bharti, Vice Chairperson of Delhi Jal Board told this newspaper that the resuming operations of Okhla WTP would reinstate 24 MGD of water supply to the city. "It will bring much relief to the residents as the projected water shortage due to shut down of WTPs was 33.5 per cent of the total," he said.

VIKAS Marg, one of the important stretches connecting east and Central Delhi, has been closed for traffic even as the vehicular movement went haywire and commuters got stuck for hours in traffic jams as the Yamuna floodwaters submerged the busy ITO intersection and Rajghat in central Delhi on Friday. The Delhi Traffic Police alerted people to plan their journeys in view of the flood-like situation in many parts of the city. More than 4,500 traffic personnel have been deployed on the ground in affected areas of Delhi to decongest traffic and help navigate commuters in case they get stuck in jams amid floodwater, police said.

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The Director Town & Country Planning, Haryana, Chandigarh has granted In-Principle Approval vide memo no. LC-1608-Vol-VI/IE(S)/2023/19247 dated 16-06-2023 as per policy no. PF-51A2015/2708 dated 18-02-2015 for change of beneficial interest vis-à-vis Joint Development and change in Marketing Rights from M/s Ramprastha Promoters & Developers Private Limited & others to M/s Signature Global Homes Private Limited for part land of area measuring 2.303 acres out of Group Housing Colony of license no. 33 of 2008 dated 19.02.2008 (said license was originally granted in favour of S A Infratech Pvt Ltd which has merged into Ramprastha Promoters & Developers Private Limited) granted for land admeasuring 60.511 acres situated at village Gadauli Kalan, Sector-37D, Gurugram.

While according the said in-principle approval, the Director Town & Country Planning, Haryana, Chandigarh has directed the company to inform the general public about the proposed change in beneficial interest through public notice in the leading newspapers and accordingly the notice is hereby issued for their information and if any objection, the same may be sent to the office of STP Gurugram within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. The said permission granted is also being uploaded/ hosted on our website <http://www.ramprastha.com/public-notice.asp>

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IP University postpones exams

New Delhi: The IP university has postponed all its end-term examinations, scheduled for July 14, 15 and 16, citing flood-like situations in the national capital. In a notification on Thursday, the university said the schedule of the examination will be notified soon. "The End Term Examinations (Theory/ Practical), June-July of GGSIPU scheduled on July 14 (Friday), July 15 (Saturday) and July 16 (Sunday) are postponed due to Safety Measures in view of Flood like situation in some parts of Delhi till further orders," the university said.

EXPRESS READ

Lok Adalat rescheduled to July 30: Police

New Delhi: The Lok Adalat, which was set to be held on Sunday, has been rescheduled to July 30 due to the flood-like situation in parts of Delhi, police have said. The flood-like situation in parts of Delhi might pose problems for people in attending the Lok Adalat for settling their notices and challans, Delhi Traffic Police said on Friday. As a result, the Delhi Legal Services Authority has postponed the Special Lok Adalat, scheduled for Sunday. The Yamuna swelled to 207.71 m on Wednesday, breaching a record set in 1978.