ALMANAC TODAY
Friday: 21/07/2023 **Year:** Shobhan **Aadi:** Valar Pirai **Adhik Shravan:** Shukla Paksha
Tithi: Tritiya till 06-59 hrs **Nakshatra (Star):** Magha till 13-58 hrs
Moon in Simha. Today is Vinayaki Chathurthi **Rahukaalam:** 10:30-12:00
Yamagantam: 15:00-16:30 **Gulikakalam:** 07:30-09:00

WEATHER
MIN 30°C | MAX 36°C
FORECAST
Warm, stray morning t-storm

Sunrise	05.36 am
Sunset	07.19 pm
Moonrise	08.30 am
Moonset	09.45 pm

'Floods were not natural, humans responsible'

Rapid encroachment and bad engineering responsible for the crisis, say experts

IFRAH MUFTI @ New Delhi

THREE days after Delhi cabinet minister Saurabh Bharadwaj claimed that the flooding in the city was a result of a deliberate act by the BJP-led Centre and the Haryana government, as they intentionally released water towards the national capital, one of the former chief engineers of Haryana irrigation department said that the state had no role in it.

Bharadwaj highlighted that despite the absence of rainfall in Delhi over the past 3-4 days, the water level in Yamuna had risen to 208.66 meters.

DELHI deluge

However, RK Garg, retired chief engineer of Haryana irrigation department stated that the state had no role in Delhi's floods.

"Hathnikund is a barrage and not a dam. The difference between a dam and a barrage is that a dam stores water while a barrage diverts the water," Garg pointed out.

Further elaborating the causes for the floods in the national capital, Garg said, "Delhi is fortunate enough to have an efficient drain in the form of the Yamuna. It collects water from the entire catchment area but unfortunately it is the sole responsibility of the city to stop all the natural drainages that lead to floods. We can't call Delhi a planned city as it has been overtaken by the unauthorized structures. The encroachment on the drainage line is blocking the flow of the water and then the bad engineering of the non-aligned roads makes it worse."

Echoing a similar opinion, CR Babu, professor emeritus, former pro vice chancellor of Delhi University and head of the Centre for Environment Management of Degraded Ecosystems said that Delhi floods were not natural floods but rather human mediated which have disturbed the entire ecological system.

"From Wazirabad barrage to Okhla barrage, we had a floodplain of 5 kms which allowed 3.5 lakh cusecs of water to flow smoothly but the flood plain was reduced to only 300 metres after the flood. Now since the passage became narrow, the water level was raised to 2.8 and we saw it overflowing on the embankments."

Ramesh Negi, CEO of Delhi Jal Board from 2008-2012 and additional commissioner at MCD handling drainage system from 2008-10, said, "Drainage needs to be maintained, people need to be sensitized. We need to fill the gaps and a master plan needs to be in place to salvage what we lost."

The swollen Yamuna at ITO on Thursday | PTI

People stand in a flooded low-lying area on Thursday | PARVEEN NEGI

Cabinet nod to ₹10K for affected families

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AN ex-gratia of ₹10,000 will be provided to the families affected by the floods ahead of their return to their homes from relief camps, an official statement issued on Wednesday said. The decision to provide financial aid to families was taken after Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal met victims to assess the situation. He expressed his concern for the flood victims, said a government statement.

"The implementation of the ex-gratia relief is aimed at providing immediate financial assistance to the affected families and helping them recover from the devastating impact of the floods," he stated.

The decision is particularly important at this point as it provides timely aid to affected families at a juncture when they have just started returning back from relief camps, the statement added. As per the approved Cabinet note, families affected by the floods and currently residing in relief camps will receive an ex-gratia amount of Rs 10,000. This will be subject to verification of their details and genuineness.

The relief will be disbursed through electronic transfers or direct benefit transfers directly into the bank accounts of the head of each beneficiary family, the statement added.

In case any beneficiary does not have a bank account, the district administration will organise camps to facilitate the account opening process before transferring the relief amount, it said. The verification process will be conducted by the respective district administrations

Yamuna flowing below danger mark: CWC data

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE water level of the Yamuna in Delhi dropped below the danger mark of 205.33 metres on Thursday morning and is expected to recede further, albeit slowly as heavy rainfall is likely at isolated places in the upper catchment areas in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. The Central Water Commission's (CWC) data showed the water level reached 205.25 metres at 10 am. There have been marginal fluctuations in the water level over the last two-three days.

The Yamuna had been receding gradually after reaching an all-time high of 208.66 metres last Thursday. The water level dropped below the danger mark of 205.33 metres by 8 pm on Tuesday, after flowing above the threshold for eight days. It receded to 205.22 metres at 5 am on Wednesday, before it started rising again and breached the danger mark.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has warned of heavy to very heavy rain at isolated places in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh till July 22. In case of heavy rains upstream of Delhi, the increase in the water level could slow down the pace of rehabilitation of the affected families in the inundated low-lying areas of the capital and they may have to stay in relief camps for a longer period.

It could also impact the water supply, which became normal only on Tuesday after being affected for four to five days due to the inundation of a pump house at Wazirabad. The pump house supplies raw water to the Wazirabad, Chandrawal and Okhla water treatment plants, which together account for around 25 per cent of the city's supply.

The Okhla plant began operating on Friday, Chandrawal on Sunday and Wazirabad on Tuesday.

On Tuesday, a DJB official said, "There is a shortage of only 10-12 million gallons of water per day (MGD) due to inundation of some tube wells in the river floodplain at Palla."

The DJB extracts around 30 MGD from the tube wells installed in the Palla floodplain. Parts of Delhi have been grappling with waterlogging and flooding issues for more than a week now.

Three CPWD panels formed for removal of water from Raj Ghat

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

WHILE the conditions in the majority of areas affected during the worst flooding of the last five decades in the national capital has normalised, Mahatma Gandhi Samadhi Complex at Rajghat and other nearby memorials dedicated to former prime ministers and the president are still waterlogged. Despite deployment of adequate manpower and machinery, about 250 acres-premises comprising memorials of Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi, Giani Zail Singh and Atal Bihari Vajpayee are yet to be cleaned.

Considering the damage caused by the inundation to the Samadhi complex, the Central Public Work Department has constituted three committees to remove flood water from the memorials dotting the near two-kilometre long stretch along the Ring Road. The panels have also been entrusted responsibility to take up restoration of all sites of national importance subsequently.

According to the senior officials, the directions to the formed teams for dewatering and restoration of the Samadhi complex was taken on Wednesday after an inspection of the site conducted by Delhi lieutenant governor (L-G) VK Saxena. The senior officials of the ministry of housing and urban affairs (MoHUA) including additional secretary and joint secretary along with officers of the city administration were also present. "During the inspection, it was felt that a huge quantity of water has filled in the Samadhi Complex, which needs immediate attention by deploying adequate resources," said officials.

On Wednesday, Delhi's public work department (PWD) minister Atishi said that the Raj Ghat and complex around it continues to hold floodwaters due to its bowl-like structure. However, she added that both state and central agencies are engaged in pumping out the water. The three teams headed by senior engineers will work for dewatering and restoration of Raj Ghat, Kishan Ghat, Shanti Van, Shakti Sthal, Veer Bhoomi, Sadaiv Atal, Vijay Ghat and Ekta Sthal, officials added.

"Raj Ghat and other memorials have different levels comprising sunken gardens and some parts are higher than the ground level. Lower levels are still holding water. Adequate numbers of pumps and smanpower have been pressed into service to clean the area. However, it is taking time," said officials.

A view of the flooded Raj Ghat from Ring Road side | PARVEEN NEGI

DON'T TAKE PAINKILLERS IF YOU GET DENGUE, CAUTION EXPERTS

ASHISH SRIVASTAVA @ New Delhi

WITH the city's drug control authority banning over-the-counter (OTC) sale of painkillers amid a spike in cases of dengue and chikungunya, experts have warned that unguided use of these medicines may cause irreversible damage to platelets.

"Banned over-the-counter sale of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) like aspirin, dispirin, ibuprofen, voveran, without medical prescription as the use of these may pose a threat to dengue patients is a welcome move. They interfere with function of platelets and prevents blood clot formation which can lead to excessive bleeding," said Dr Manali Agarwal, senior resident, Microbiolody dept, AIIMS.

"These drugs, while commonly used to manage pain and inflammation, have been found to cause platelet destruction in human blood. Controlled use of these drugs is warranted, because dengue, chikungunya etc. cause a lot of bodyache, along with fever, so caution in using such painkillers must be adhered to," said Dr Anurag Saxena, HOD, internal medicine at a private hospital.

'City may suffer losses of ₹2.75 trillion by '50 due to climate change'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

DELHI is projected to suffer losses of ₹2.75 trillion by 2050 due to the impacts of climate change, with changes in precipitation and temperature patterns posing significant threats to the lives of the most vulnerable populations. The warning comes from the city government's draft action plan on climate change. The plan, which is pending approval, highlights "heat waves/higher temperature and heavy precipitation events over fewer number of days" as major challenges that the city will confront in the upcoming years.

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> Delhi Climate Action Plan, 2019

India introduced its National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) in 2008, following which state governments were instructed to create their own action plans. The State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC) must be aligned with the strategies laid out in the NAPCC. In January 2018, the central government directed the states to revise and strengthen their SAPCCs, taking into account the evolving national and international climate action, science and policy landscape.

Delhi's previous climate action plan was finalised in 2019 — after a lengthy seven-year consultation with stakeholders — rendering it obsolete. "At an aggregate level, the total cost of climate change for Delhi by mid century is expected to be ₹2.75 trillion," the draft action plan states. It estimates the losses from the agriculture and allied sectors at ₹80 billion, manufacturing at ₹330 billion and services at ₹2.34 trillion.

During the formulation of the new action plan, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Sixth Assessment Report (IPCC AR6) was examined, analysing the impacts of different climate scenarios on annual maximum and minimum temperatures and precipitation, an expert who contributed to the plan said. The projections show a rise in maximum temperatures in Delhi by 1.5 degrees Celsius.

Health checkup, jabbing of cattle a priority: Minister

ANUP VERMA & AMIT PANDEY @ New Delhi

DELHI government has issued instructions for health checkup of animals in the flood-affected areas after water started receding. The animal husbandry department has constituted 8 teams for medical checkup of animals. Additionally, it has been instructed to rescue animals and provide medicines and vaccines for them. The government has allocated two mobile vans on a rotational basis for rehabilitation camps dedicated to the well-being of animals.

Orders have also been given to consistently provide sufficient animal feed in the relief camps. "Along with the health check-up of the animals, these teams will give suggestions to the cattle rearers to save them from other diseases occurring during the rainy season," said health minister Gopal Rai.

As the floodwaters receded from the low-lying areas of the capital, the grim sight of deceased bovines scattered along the city roads came into view. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi reported picking up more than 315 dead animals from the flood-affected regions.

Nityanand Sharma, caretaker of Dharam Sangh Gau Sewa Sadan, shared the challenges faced in rescuing cattle from their cowshed located near the Yamuna. "We have safely rescued around 215 cattle in Dharamshala, but some of them suffered from skin diseases and insect infestations," Sharma revealed.

EXPRESS READ

Rain unlikely in Delhi over next two days: IMD

New Delhi: Delhi is unlikely to witness rainfall during the next two days, the India Meteorological Department said in a bulletin on Thursday. On Thursday, the maximum temperature settled at 38.4 degrees Celsius, three notches above the season's average. The minimum temperature had settled at 27.6 degrees Celsius. The relative humidity at 5.30 pm was at 54 per cent, the bulletin said.

Govt to provide free sugar to underprivileged

New Delhi: The Delhi Cabinet on Thursday approved a proposal to provide free sugar to the city residents. This move aims to alleviate the hardships faced by underprivileged families and ensure food security for all. Besides free food grains, including wheat and rice, to all NFSA beneficiaries under the NFSA, by the Union of India, the Delhi Government has decided to provide free sugar to residents.

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Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned that Gold ornaments pledged with ESAF Small Finance Bank and not redeemed by borrowers, despite repeated reminders and notices, of our branches, are listed below. This will be auctioned as per the details given below:

DATE OF AUCTION : 24-07-2023 TIME : 10 AM TO 4 PM
AUCTION VENUE : THROUGH E-AUCTION
AUCTION ADDRESS : https://gold.matexnet.org/

To register as bidder for the e-Auction with terms and conditions, and full details of e-Auction please visit the above site

BRANCHES & LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBERS
New Delhi- Paschim Vihar: 63220000440287, New Delhi - Lajpat Nagar: 63220000958662

Customers who are interested to release the ornaments by paying the total due amount may do so, at the respective branches, on or two days before the date of the auction.
Bidders who wish to participate in the auction shall produce their KYC documents. GST No. is mandatory for registered firms/companies. Bidders shall deposit a sum of Rs.50,000 as EMD before participating in the auction.

Thrissur
Date: 21-07-2023
Sd/-
Authorized Signatory

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER IBC, 2016
Sale Notice under IBC, 2016

M/s Abhinav Steels and Power Limited (in Liquidation)
CIN : U74899DL1987PLC029384
Regd. Off (as per MCA records): 401, Mahavirji Complex LSC, Rishabh Vihar, New Delhi-110092 In
Liquidator's Office: CS-14, Ansal Plaza, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, 201010
Contact Person: Aradhana Singh - Mobile No. 8920352845
Date of E-auction-15th August 2023

Sale of assets of **M/s Abhinav Steels and Power Limited (in Liquidation)** forming part of Liquidation Estate by the liquidator appointed by the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, New Delhi Bench vide order dated **02.09.2022 in C.P. (IB) – 275(ND)/ 2019.** The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform https://www.eauctions.co.in/

Description	Date and Time of E- Auction	Reserve Price (INR)	Submission of EMD Amount	Bid Incremental value
BLOCK-1: Composite Block of all the assets as mentioned below in Block No. 2 & 3	**15-08-2023** (11.30 A.M. to 12.30 P.M.) with unlimited extension of 5 min. each.	₹ 76,26,16,784/-	₹ 3,81,30,839 on or before 13-08-2023, before 11:30 A.M.	₹ 50,00,000/-
BLOCK-2: Land & Building of Abhinav Steels and Power Limited situated at Plot no. A-42, 43, 44, 45, 46 & 47 Satharia Industrial Development Authority, Satharia, Jaunpur Uttar Pradesh.	**15-08-2023** (1.30 P.M. to 2.30 P.M.) with unlimited extension of 5 min. each.	₹ 25,35,81,860/-	₹ 1,26,79,093 on or before 13-08-2023, before 1:30 P.M.	₹ 20,00,000/-
BLOCK-3: Plant & Machinery of Abhinav Steels & Power Limited situated at Plot no. A-42, 43, 44, 45, 46 & 47 Satharia Industrial Development Authority, Satharia, Jaunpur Uttar Pradesh.	**15-08-2023** (3.30 P.M. to 4.30 P.M.) with unlimited extension of 5 min. each.	₹ 50,90,34,924/-	₹ 2,54,51,746 on or before 13-08-2023, before 3.30 P.M.	₹ 50,00,000/-

1. Date of Inspection: **5th Aug., 2023 to 12th Aug., 2023** (from 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.) with prior intimation to the Liquidator. EMD Submission last date: **13th Aug., 2023.**
2. EMD shall be deposited on or before **13th Aug., 2023** through Demand Draft/ NEFT/RTGS/Cheque in the below-mentioned Bank Account: **Account No**: 023663300005239, **Beneficiary Name:** ABHINAV STEELS & POWER LIMITED IN LIQUIDATION, **IFSC Code:** YESB0000470 **Bank Name:** Yes Bank, **Branch:** VAISHALI BRANCH
3. Detailed terms and conditions are available in the e-auction process document which will be uploaded on the e-auction agency's website on **21st July, 2023.**
4. Last date for submission of Expression of Interest – **04th Aug. 2023.**
5. Declaration of Qualified Bidders- **05th Aug., 2023.**
6. The successful bidder of Plant & Machinery (Block- 3) will be granted 120 days to dismantle the Plant & Machinery from the date of issue of the sale certificate.
7. The successful bidder of Land & Building (Block -2) will be given physical possession of the Land & Building within 120 days from the date of issue of the sale certificate.
8. In the event of success of auction block-wise, the successful bidder of the Land & Building will receive physical possession of the Land only after the successful bidder of the plant and machinery completes the dismantling and removal process. To facilitate this, a period of 120 days will be allowed for the successful bidder of the Plant & machinery to complete their tasks.
9. Preference will be given to the successful bidders based on the objective of maximizing the value of assets. In the event that both block 1 and 3 secure successful bids in the auction, the Liquidator's decision shall be final, taking into account the aforementioned objectives of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016.
10. This Sale Notice **shall be read in conjunction with the complete E-Auction Process Document** containing details of the assets, online e-auction bid form, declaration and undertaking forms, general terms and conditions of the e-auction Sale, which is available on the website: https://www.eauctions.co.in/. You may please contact **Mr. Vijay Pipaliya at 9870099713** and Email ID: admin@eauctions.co.in for any support and assistance if required.

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