

# Editorial

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## The crisis ahead; this is more dangerous

The state is beginning to reel under the relentless summer heat, despite the fact that the summer is yet to peak. As usual we will be experiencing the hottest temperature which is more than last year.

Most of the water bodies have dried up or are going to very soon. Reports of brewing tensions between localities arising out of utilization of common water resources, or the prevention thereof, have started pouring in from all parts, and the supply of water by the PHED have stopped in most areas of the state citing unavailability of the same.

Unlike last year some respite is seen with rain god blessing. However, it has been reported that the agricultural products in most parts of the state will see a decline this harvest season. The present situation does not augur well for the state and its people.

The impending crisis is not totally unexpected, nor natural. The past few years have seen a rapid decline in the forest areas, and despite the enforcement of the ban on deforestation and transportation of forest products in the state, at least on paper, the ground reality cannot be further from the truth. Government officials entrusted with enforcing the ban have joined hands with the smugglers to make the clandestine operations of transporting forest products smoother and more profitable, for a considerable amount of "considerations" no doubt.

The haphazard activities one has come to associate with the constructing of canals and drains in the state which undoubtedly benefits the contractors and the officials overseeing the work has their own part to play, with unconnected drains that runs above the existing roads, making it impossible for the excess water to flow down towards these drains and canals. The result has been the consistently increasing instances of floods, even after the briefest of drizzle, especially in and around the city - a sight which was a rarity when natural drains connected each and every part of the valley, forming an effective and natural network of drainage.

The botch-up of the sewage project is perhaps the most prominent reminder of the half hearted attempt of the State Government at incorporating modern methods of development and town-planning, albeit with very limited knowledge, resources and most importantly without the political will to see it through. The much talked about benefits of Rain Water Harvesting has not been introduced in the State with right earnest as it ought to have been years ago, nor has there been any strict checks and inspections for proper utilization and treatment of water which is supplied by the Public Health Engineering Department to the consumers for as long as the present generation can remember.

Having said that, there is still time, although very limited, for the Government to act and make an earnest effort to address the present situation. Some works seen taken up like cleaning a portion of river bed or passing law for preservation of wet land are not enough. It will never be a permanent solution until those in the government acted with a mission.

Reforestation, Cleaning up the huge water bodies and ensuring they are kept that way - rivers and lakes that dot the state, as well as proper connection of the drainage systems - drains and canals, with the completion of the perennially delayed sewage system will certainly make a noticeable difference in the situation. Introduction of rain water harvesting methods in right earnest with incentives to adopt the same will go a long way in empowering the people to stock up on the elixir of life and prevent future panic situations.

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## National & International News

### All Police officers should be re-trained on various aspects of sexual offences

PIB  
New Delhi, April 20,

In a letter addressed to Chief Ministers of all the States/UTs, Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi, Union Minister for Women and Child Development has outlined various steps to be taken by the States/UTs in preventing and curbing the crimes against women and children. Some of the steps mentioned in the letter are:

1. All police officers should be re-trained on various aspects of sexual offences particularly those related to collection and preservation of evidence.
2. Instructions may be issued to all police officers that utmost priority is to be given to complete the investigation of cases of sexual offences against children strictly as per the timelines of Law.
3. State Governments must take strict action against those police officers who are found to be obstructing the investigation or colluding with the perpetrators of such cases.
4. A quick and timely professional

investigation is the only method in which a potential offender can be deterred but this can be done only by the states as the police department is the state subject. Forming a special cell only for sexual offences or specially for sexual offences on children, would be a significant step in this regard.

The Women and Child Development Minister offered help to State Governments in establishing Forensic Laboratories in states which can be used for forensic analysis of evidence in the investigation of sexual offences.

The WCD Minister has requested the states to generate awareness among the children in using the e-box set up under POCSO with child-help line number 1098. The Minister also highlighted that till date 175 One stop centres for women affected by violence have been set up by the Ministry of Women and Child Development. One Stop Centres are to help those women who have no access to either police or medical facilities or are not able to visit a police station in times of distress.

### Smt Maneka Sanjay Gandhi writes to Chief Ministers of all States/UTs highlighting necessary steps for dealing with sexual offences

The letter also stressed that Section 21 of the POCSO Act may be invoked in all cases wherever failure to report or record is noted. Section 21 states that any officer who fails to report or record the commission of an offence under section 19/20 of the Act is liable for punishment. The WCD Minister called for suggestions from the state Governments on dealing with the crimes against women and children.

### Nine-year-old girl raped, murdered at a wedding ceremony in Uttar Pradesh's Etah; suspect held

Agency  
Etah, April 20

In yet another shocking incident of crime against a minor, a nine-year-old girl was allegedly raped and murdered in Uttar Pradesh's Etah district on late Thursday night.

The victim had come to attend a wedding in Etah, where she was lured by the accused man, who took her to a secluded area, raped and killed her. At around 3 am, her body was found near the area in a semi-naked condition.

The police arrested a person named Pintu after the victim's family filed an FIR. The accused was a cook at the wedding. Further investigation is underway.

### Kathmandu airport closed after jet skids off runway

Agency  
Kathmandu, April 20

Kathmandu airport was closed on Friday after a Malaysian jet with 139 people on board aborted its takeoff and skidded off the runway, officials said. Nobody was hurt in the incident but incoming flights to the Nepali capital were diverted while authorities tried to move the Malindo Airlines Boeing 737, which was stuck in mud.

It was not known how long Tribhuvan Airport, Nepal's sole international air gateway, would be closed. The flight by the Malaysian carrier to Kuala Lumpur was accelerating on the runway late Thursday when the pilots detected a problem and halted the takeoff, airport spokesman Prem Nath Thakur said. The jet skidded to a halt on grassland

and came to a stop in mud about 100 feet (30 metres) from the runway. "All aboard are safe," Thakur said, adding that the cause of the problem was not immediately known.

The incident came one month after the crash of a US-Bangla Airways plane at Kathmandu airport, which killed 51 people. In March 2015, a Turkish Airlines jet skidded off the runway as it landed, forcing Tribhuvan Airport to close for four days. The Himalayan nation has some of the world's most remote and tricky runways, flanked by snow-capped peaks with approaches that pose a challenge even for accomplished pilots. Nepal has a poor air safety record. Accidents are common and Nepal-based airlines are banned from flying in European Union airspace.

### Opp parties meet VP, give notice for impeachment of CJI

Agency  
New Delhi, Apr 20

Opposition parties led by the Congress today met Vice President and Rajya Sabha chairman M Venkaiah Naidu and handed over a notice for impeachment of Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra. According to sources, over 60 MPs of the Rajya Sabha belonging to seven political parties gave the notice for the impeachment against the CJI.

The MPs who signed the notice belong to the Congress, the NCP, the CPI-M and CPI, the SP and the BSP.

The leaders of these parties earlier met in Parliament and gave final

shape to the notice for impeachment. After the meeting, Leader of Opposition Gulam Nabi Azad confirmed that the leaders were moving the notice for impeachment against CJI.

Among those who attended the meeting in Parliament were Congress leaders Azad, Kapil Sibal and Randeep Surjewala, besides CPI's D Raja and NCP's Vandana Chavan.

Sources said the Trinamool Congress and the DMK, which were initially in favour of the impeachment against the CJI, are no longer part of it.

The impeachment notice comes a day after the Supreme Court rejected a bunch of petitions seeking an independent probe into the death of Judge B H Loya, who was hearing the Sohrabuddin Sheikh encounter case.

The SC judgement was delivered by a bench headed by the Chief Justice of India.

An impeachment motion in the Rajya Sabha has to be supported by at least 50 MPs of the Upper House, while the number of MPs supporting such a motion in the Lok Sabha is 100.

Once the notice for impeachment is submitted to the Rajya Sabha chairman, he will ascertain whether there is merit or ground for moving such a motion.

In case he finds merit, then he may form a committee to look into it, else he can reject it.

If moved, this will be the first time ever in the country's history that an impeachment would be moved against the Chief Justice of India.

### Internet services suspended in Srinagar

Agency  
Srinagar, Apr 20

Mobile Internet services have been temporarily suspended in Srinagar city, while the high-speed network was throttled in parts of south Kashmir today as a precautionary measure to check rumour mongering in the wake of recent protests demanding justice for the Kathua rape victim.

A police official said the suspension of the mobile Internet facility is a precautionary measure for just few hours



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