

HINDON FLOOD: 1 DEAD, OUTAGES IN GZB



UNDERWATER PARKING: Water from Hindon river inundated a parking yard of a cab aggregator on the floodplains in Gr Noida's Ecotech 3 on Tuesday. For the fourth day, the river flowed close to danger mark. While thousands have been evacuated from homes next to the river, efforts are on to remove layers of hyacinth which are impeding the river's flow and raising inundation risk. On Tuesday, a woman who returned to her flooded home to feed her cattle in Ghaziabad's Ator village drowned in a flooded pit. She is the sixth person to drown in floodwaters in Noida and Ghaziabad in the past 10 days. With two substations submerged in Ghaziabad, several residential colonies reported outages spanning 5-20 hours | P 6

Hindon Floods Two Substations

Outages Run Up To 20 Hours And More Frequent At Night, Say Residents

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Ghaziabad: Some have moved to guesthouses and hotels, most are spending sleepless nights without power for hours.

Electricity supply to several Ghaziabad colonies have been affected because water from the flooded Hindon has inundated the Kanha Upvan substation, forcing the authorities to shut it down for the time being.

Over the past few days, areas such as Shalimar Garden, Rajendra Nagar, Shyam Park, Lajpat Nagar, Mohan Nagar and Sahibabad have been bearing outages spanning four to 20 hours.

Among the worst affected is Parsvnath Regalia society in Raj Bagh, which has had to make do with only four hours of power supply. For the rest of the day, the residents are relying on power backup — a cause for concern because of the steep cost.

The usual power cost is Rs 7.7 per unit. But for the back-up, we must pay as high as Rs 18.6. Just imagine the amount we have to incur if the backup runs for almost 20 hours daily. There's pressure on the AQA,



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but they can't do much with the supply cut off from the substation itself," said Rohit Kumar Sinha, a resident.

In Rajendra Nagar, residents complained of outages recurring up to 8 hours. "After sweating in the humid weather for hours, I called up the local electricity office and was told that the substation supplying power was under water. I had little option but to move to the company guesthouse along with my wife. I will be back only after the situation improves," a resident said.

Rohit Sinha of Viharoo Enclave said outages were more frequent at night. The situation is no different in Rajendra Nagar, Mohan Nagar and Sahibabad, he added. "We can do little but stay awake at night," he said.

Daily routine has taken a hit in most houses. People have to leave for schools and colleges and homemakers have to finish daily chores. All of these revolve around power. With outages happening any time of the day we have

Woman drowns in pit near flooded house

Ghaziabad: A 42-year-old woman who had returned to her flooded village to feed the cattle drowned in a pit near her house on Tuesday morning. Monika of Ator village in Ghaziabad is the sixth person to have drowned in the floodwaters of the Yamuna and Hindon over the past 10 days.

Naresh, her neighbour, said Monika's family had been evacuated to a safer location after Ator was flooded by the Hindon. The family's livestock was also shifted to a makeshift shed.

had to tweak our schedules accordingly," Sinha said.

Shalimar Garden has been facing outages for almost four hours daily. "At night, the outages last up to two hours. The situation is the same in Lajpat Nagar," said Virsh Chander Singh from the Welfare Forum of RWAs.

Areas such as Rajendra Nagar, Raj Bagh, Vrindavan Garden, New Karhera Colony and Shyam Park haven't had any relief from the outages either.

Most of these colonies get power supply from the 132kV

Kanha Upvan substation, which has been shut since Sunday because of waterlogging. The authorities have made alternative arrangements — sourcing power from the 132kV substation in Mohan Nagar and the 220kV facility in Morti. But it clearly hasn't been enough.

"We have been continuously draining the water out from the Kanha Upvan substation. As an alternative, we are sourcing some of the supply from the substations in Mohan Nagar and Morti," said Satendra Singh, chief engineer at the Uttar Pradesh Power Transmission Corporation Limited (UPPTCL), Meerut.

Officials at the Morti substation are, however, on the edge. The substation is currently under 1.5ft of water, but the level is receding.

"Waterlogging has slightly reduced at the Morti substation. We are adopting a wait and watch policy," Singh said.

Three pumps have been deployed to drain out the water. At least 10 teams are engaged in channelling the floodwater.

"The Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation has deployed three pumps mounted on tractors to drain out the water," he said.