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An amazing rain record! Just about now, at the end of winter, is the beginning of the hot season in India which has a monsoon climate. A monsoon climate is one where the winds blow from land to sea six months and from sea to land the other six. In India the winds all winter long have been northeast from the cool to cold interior Asia. They persist until the latter part of June when the temperature will rise to 100 degrees in the shade. At the end of June the wind reverses, blowing southwest from the sea, and the rains begin. At places on the south slope of the Himalayas nearly 500 inches fall a year, about two-thirds of this falling in the summer months. This is disastrous, as it washes away the soil in places.
