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13L people evacuated in WB, Odisha before Yaas

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KOLKATA/BALASORE, MAY
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A day before the “very severe” Cyclone “Yaas” makes its landfall and strikes mainly two states in eastern India, a tornado hit two districts of West Bengal on Tuesday, leaving two persons dead due to electrocution and injured several others, while damaging several houses. Eleven lakh people were evacuated to safer places in West Bengal, while in Odisha at least two lakh people were evacuated.

It was also found Cyclone Yaas had slightly changed its course; and

will now have its landfall at Dhamra, in Odisha’s Bhadrak district, at 5.30 am on Wednesday, instead of Balasore. Heavy downpours and squally winds lashed the coastal districts both states. In the midst of a raging pandemic, those who are Covid-positive are being placed in separate cyclone shelters.

In Kolkata, West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee has stationed herself at the control room at Nabanna, the state secretariat, for the next two days to lead her government’s relief and rescue operations. The Indian Army has deployed 17 relief columns of soldiers in 10 districts of the state.

The tornado struck two districts — Hooghly and

North 24 Parganas —located on both sides of the Hooghly river on Tuesday afternoon. The two victims — Swapan Das Baul (40) and Kamal Majhi (21) — are from Pandua in Hooghly districts. They were out of their homes then.

The director-general of the India Meteorological Department, Dr Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, said Tuesday evening: “The storm will further intensify in the next 12 hours and turn into a very severe cyclonic storm. It will have its landfall near Dhamra in Odisha’s Bhadrak district. The windspeed at the time of landfall will most likely be 155-165 kmph, gusting up to 185 kmph.”

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Speed up LI schemes: KCR

He orders to call tenders for projects by June 15

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MAY 25

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao on Tuesday directed officials to speed up work on all lift irrigation schemes proposed on foreshores of Nagarjunasagar reservoir as well as in undivided Nalgonda district from Devakonda to Kodad.

The CM further ordered that officials call tenders for construction of these projects by June 15. Minister Jagadish Reddy has been asked to coordinate with irrigation department for speeding up of the foreshore schemes.

Addressing a high-level meeting on irrigation sector at Pragathi Bhavan with ministers and senior officials, Chandrashekar Rao pointed out that Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project has become a boon for Telangana state, as it alone irrigated 35

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lakh acres of farmlands and enabled farmers to raise two crops a year. He asked officials to fill all major and minor tanks, reservoirs and check dams in the state with Kaleshwaram water in the upcoming rainy season.

The Chief Minister pointed out that 90 per cent of tanks under Kaleshwaram remained brimming with water even during summer. This resulted in significant improvement in levels of ground water across the state. In this context, he said 50 per cent of total tanks should always be full with Kaleshwaram water irre-

spective of rainfall.

Rao said, "New irrigation facilities created by Telangana government have led to unprecedented increase in agriculture production. Crops are being sown in more than one crore acres. Even during the difficult Corona time last year, agriculture sector contributed 17 per cent to GSDP and remained as a backbone of state's economy."

Stating that water will be available from Yellampalli to Dummugudem till October-end due to Kaleshwaram, he directed officials to fill all tanks and keep water ready for farmers to raise a second crop during the Rabi season.

At the same time, the CM said, officials should ensure that there is no drinking water shortage in any part of the state. Minimum water levels must be ensured in all the reservoirs by coordinating with Mission Bhagiratha officials, he added.

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NGT appoints joint panel to inspect Mekedatu dam site

It will check for any construction activity without Centre's nod

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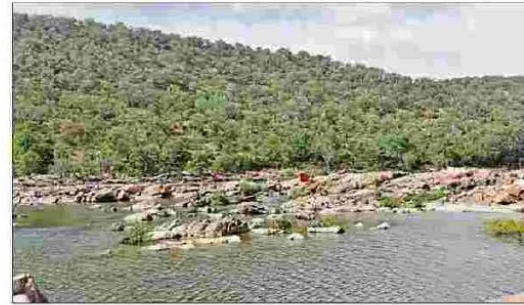
The Southern Bench of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) on Tuesday constituted a four-member committee to visit Mekedatu where Karnataka has proposed to build a reservoir across the Cauvery, to check whether any construction activity was on there, without obtaining necessary permission from departments of the union government.

In their order, Justice K Ramakrishnan and expert member Dr K Satyagopal, a retired IAS

officer of the Tamil Nadu cadre, said the committee will inspect the area in question and submit a factual as well as action taken report, if there is any violation found. The report should be submitted on or before July 5.

The bench was hearing a suo motu case based on a newspaper report dated April 15, 2021, which said 'Construction activity near Mekedatu dam evokes unease in TN'.

It appointed a joint committee comprising of a senior member from the Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MoEF&CC),



A view of the spot identified by the Government of Karnataka for the construction of a balancing reservoir-cum-drinking water project at Mekedatu in Ramanagara district. DH FILE PHOTO

Bengaluru, a senior officer from the Cauvery Water Management Authority, a senior officer from the Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited and a senior officer from the Forest department not below the rank of additional conservator

of forests, Karnataka.

"The committee is also directed to go into the question as to whether any construction activity as alleged in the newspaper report has been started without obtaining necessary clearance from the Forest De-

partment as well as from the MoEF&CC under the Forest Conservation Act as well as the EIA Notification, 2006," the order said.

If there is any construction made and if any damage has been caused to the environment, they are directed to assess the damage caused to the environment and environmental compensation payable by the respective authorities who are responsible for the same, the order said.

The proposed construction of a reservoir in Mekedatu is yet another source of friction between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. While Tamil Nadu says no reservoir can be built without its concurrence and that it is against the orders of the Supreme Court, Karnataka says the project is aimed at fulfilling drinking water needs of Bengaluru.

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KCR reviews status of irrigation projects

Directs officials to coordinate with the authorities of Mission Bhagiratha to maintain Minimum Drawdown Level in all projects to ensure there is no drinking water shortage

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

The Irrigation Department has been advised to coordinate with the authorities of Mission Bhagiratha to maintain Minimum Drawdown Level (MDDL) in all the projects, to ensure that there is no shortage of drinking water.

At a review meeting here on Tuesday, Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao said that through the revival of the Sri Ram Sagar Project, the water problem has been ended permanently even for the last ayacut areas of Suryapet and Thungathurthy. The Mallanna Sagar will be a boon for Husnabad, erstwhile Medak district, Alair, Bhongir and Jangaon district, he said.

He added that upon completion, the Sitarama project in Khammam district and the Devadula project in Warangal district will cater exclusively to the local requirements. Similarly, the officials were asked to finalise the water management plans for irrigation projects in the Krishna and Godavari basins in other districts. The State government

has already allocated Rs 700 crore to take up various canal repair works, while the funds required for taking up operation and maintenance works will be made available with the Principal Secretary of Irrigation Department shortly.

"Once water is released from the Kaleshwaram project, the flow should not stop until it reaches the last acre," he said. He also directed the officials to cancel the old tenders invited for the Nellikal Lift Irrigation Scheme and invite fresh tenders within next one week, to irrigate around 24,000 acres in Nagarjuna Sagar constituency.

As there is an increased work for the Irrigation Department, the Chief Minister insisted that the promotions should be given to all eligible candidates and the vacant posts should be filled immediately. A separate board will be established for taking up the recruitments exclusively for the Irrigation Department soon. Engineer-in-Chief Muralidhar Rao was instructed to submit the vacancy position of all posts within the Department immediately and it was sug-



Priority Areas

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- DPR sought on Sangameshwara and Basaveshwara lift irrigation scheme works in Sangareddy

Officials asked to modernise the Haldi Vagu project canal to provide irrigation facility to 7,000 acres

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Chandrashekhara Rao asked the officials about the progress of medium irrigation projects in Adilabad district and directed them to submit a status report. Soon after the construction of the

Sammakka Sarakka barrage is completed, he wanted them to deploy a technical team to train the engineers in the barrage management. He asked them to stop land acquisition for the contractors' camps and complete construction of staff quarters near all the major lift ir-

rigation schemes and pump houses on a priority basis. He also insisted that the third phase of SRSP should be completed at the earliest.

Besides taking up DBM-71 canal lining works for diverting the Kaleshwaram water from Mylaram tank to Suryapeta and Thungath-

urthy areas, the officials were asked to modernise the Haldi Vagu project canal to provide irrigation facility to 7,000 acres. They were instructed to consult the Water and Power Consultancy Services (WAPCOS) to conduct a survey for about two lakh acres of aya-

cut proposed to be cultivated under various lift irrigation schemes under Mancherla, Kagaznagar and Bellampally constituencies.

The Chief Minister inquired about the progress of Sangameshwara and Basaveshwara lift irrigation scheme works in Sangareddy district. The officials were asked to prepare and submit the detailed project reports (DPRs) immediately. As works of the Sitamma Sagar project began, he sought to know the progress of the Paleru link works. The Sitamma Sagar project is expected to be completed by June next year.

He wanted the Irrigation officials to bring any issues to the attention of CMO Secretary Smita Sabharwal and OSD Sridhar Deshpande regularly. He also wanted them to complete the Mallanna Sagar project within a fixed timeframe. He enquired about the progress of Armoor and Balkonda Lift Irrigation Schemes, as well as Bunadigani Canal, Dharma Reddy Canal and Pilaipelli canal in Nalgonda district.

Chandrashekhara Rao reiterated the importance of

completing the irrigation projects in the State. "We fought for Telangana State with the major objective of achieving our share in irrigation water supplies. We have succeeded in fulfilling our dream of one crore acres. We will overcome the hurdles created due to the Covid-19 pandemic and complete all the pending projects," he added. He advised the officials to change their working style as per the changing needs of Irrigation and Agriculture sectors in the State. He wanted them to conduct a workshop for engineers on operation and maintenance of projects in first week of June.

Ministers G Jagadish Reddy, Vemula Prashanth Reddy, S Niranjan Reddy, MLCs Seri Subhash Reddy, M Sreenivas Reddy, MLAs M Yadagiri Reddy, Hanmanth Shinde, S Saidireddy, Principal Secretary for Irrigation Rajat Kumar, CM Secretary Smita Sabharwal, OSD Sridhar Deshpande, Advisor Pentareddy, E-in-Cs Muralidhar Rao, Hariram, and Venkateswarlu, along with the Chief Engineers of Kaleswaram and other projects, attended the meeting.

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[Contingency Plans]

Bengal, Odisha brace for 'Yaas'

Over 9 lakh people evacuated, 3 lakh personnel put on high alert to combat cyclone, says Mamata

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BHUBANESWAR/KOLKATA/RANCHI

West Bengal and Odisha have evacuated lakhs of people from vulnerable areas to safety as severe cyclonic storm 'Yaas' is nearing the coast and is expected to make landfall near Dhamra Port in Bhadrak district early on Wednesday.

Neighbouring Jharkhand has also sounded an alert and is preparing for the cyclone's impact. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday said that her administration has evacuated over nine lakh people to safe shelters.

The Odisha government, on the other hand, said it has moved over 2 lakh people from vulnerable areas in coastal districts to safety.

IMD Director General Dr Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said that 'Yaas' is likely to intensify into a Very Severe Cyclonic Storm (VSCS) by Tuesday evening. He said the cyclone's impact will be severe for six hours before and after the landfall and Chandbali will witness the maximum damage.

Dr Umashankar Das, a scientist at the Regional Meteorological Centre, Bhubaneswar said that the landfall will most likely be between Dhamra and Chandbali in Odisha's Bhadrak district.

Banerjee said over 74,000 officers and workers and over 2 lakh policemen and civic volunteers have been deployed to mitigate the natural calamity in West Bengal.

She said that National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF)



Dark clouds loom over fishing boats moored as cyclone Yaas barrels towards eastern coast in the Bay of Bengal, in Digha some 190 km from Kolkata on Tuesday. — Photo: AFP

Patnaik urges people to cooperate with officials

BHUBANESWAR: As cyclone "Yaas" is likely to have its most impact on Odisha making a landfall somewhere near Balasore on Bengal-Odisha border, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik urged the residents of coastal regions to cooperate with local administration and shift to cyclone shelters.

CM also asked them to adhere to Covid-19 protocols and to continue wearing masks. He described

how cooperation from people will strengthen the government's efforts. "Cyclones- not a new phenomenon for Odisha," chief minister Naveen Patnaik said.

"At a time when we are fighting the Covid-19 pandemic, Cyclone Yaas is another challenge that we have to face. Last year in May, we faced cyclone Amphan along with Covid-19 and with the help of people, it was all managed. This

time too, we will all work in tandem to combat the calamity and the pandemic," he said.

"Our priority is to save every life and therefore I request you all to shift to a safe place and cyclone shelters and give full cooperation to the administration. Due to Covid pandemic we need to be more careful, people need to use two face masks and to follow other Covid appropriate behaviour," he said. IANS

personnel have been deployed and Army's help will be sought if required.

"We have evacuated at least 9 lakh people to relief and flood centres. There are 4,000 flood centres in the State. "We are monitoring

the situation 24/7. Control rooms have been set up at every block to monitor the situation, apart from the one at state secretariat Nabanna," she said.

"The Chief and Home Secretaries are in touch with

the district magistrates. I have spoken with the DMs of South and North 24 Parganas, Jhargram and Purba Medinipur districts. I will be at Nabanna to monitor the situation throughout the night," she said.

Jagan reviews preparedness

AMARAVATI: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy asked the Collectors of the three north coastal districts to be on a high alert in view of the Yaas cyclone that is likely to cross the Bay of Bengal coast in neighbouring Odisha on Wednesday.

The Chief Minister conducted a videoconference with Collectors of Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram and Srikakulam districts and reviewed the situation. Chief Secretary Aditya Nath Das, who was camping in Srikakulam, briefed the CM on the prevailing situation in the three north coastal districts.

All higher officials were stationed in Srikakulam, bordering Odisha, to closely monitor the situation and take required action, he said. Except light rain, there has been not much impact in Srikakulam district. The Chief Secretary said diesel generators sets have been kept ready in all hospitals to ensure there was no disruption to oxygen supply for Covid-19 patients, in the event of a power outage.

Srikakulam District Collector J Nivas said they were coordinating with Odisha officials to take necessary precautionary and relief measures where required.

Special teams have been positioned in Ichhapuram to handle any problem related to transportation of oxygen tankers, Nivas added. PTI

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Mekedatu dam: NGT panel to check if construction is on, norms flouted

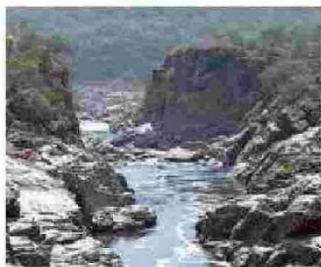
PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, May 25

The National Green Tribunal has formed a committee to submit a report on alleged violation of norms in the construction of a reservoir across the Cauvery river at Mekedatu in Karnataka.

A bench comprising Justice K Ramakrishnan and expert member K Satyagopal issued notices to the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Department of Water Resources, Central Water Commission, Karnataka and the Tamil Nadu government among others.

The direction came after taking *suo motu* cognisance of a newspaper report that Karnataka proposes to construct a dam across the Cauvery river in the area and that the proposal was deferred by the Cauvery Water Management Authority twice in the past following strong opposition from the Tamil Nadu government



citing the pendency of case before the Supreme Court.

"Considering the allegations made in the newspaper report, we are satisfied that there arises a substantial question of environment, which requires the interference of this Tribunal. So, the matter is admitted.

Members on panel

The committee comprises senior members from the Integrated Regional Office, MoEF, Bengaluru; Cauvery Water Management Authority, Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited and the Forest Department

not below the rank of Additional Conservator of Forest, Karnataka.

The bench said: "The committee is also directed to go into the question as to whether any construction activity as alleged in the newspaper report has been started without obtaining necessary clearance from the Forest Department as well as from the MoEF under the Forest Conservation Act as well as the EIA Notification, 2006. "If there is any construction made and if any damage has been caused to the environment, they are directed to assess the damage caused to the environment and environmental compensation payable by the respective authorities".

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Department of Forests, Karnataka, will be the nodal agency for co-ordination and for providing necessary logistics for this purpose, the NGT said.

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Jal Jeevan Mission: Centre releases Rs 1,605-cr grant to 8 NE states

NEW DELHI: The Centre has released a grant of Rs 1,605 crore to the northeastern states under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to provide 11 lakh tap water connections in 2021-22, the Jal Shakti ministry said on Tuesday. This is the first tranche of the four to be released in this financial year.

"With the focus on faster development of North Eastern (NE) states, Government of India released Rs 1,605 crore to eight northeastern states for the implementation of JJM to provide tap water supply to rural

homes in the financial year 2021-22," the Jal Shakti ministry said.

During the financial year 2021-22, Rs 9,262 crore have been allocated as central grant for NE states under the Jal Jeevan Mission. The enhanced allocation as well as release of funds at this challenging time to provide tap water connections to rural homes in northeastern states will boost the economy of the region, it said.

Out of the central fund allocated under the JJM, 93 per cent is to be utilised on

developing water supply infrastructure, 5 per cent on support activities and 2 per cent on water quality monitoring and surveillance activities. The central funds are released based on the output in terms of tap water connections to be provided in the states/UTs and the utilisation of available central and matching state share.

The states have to transfer the central fund released along with a matching state share to the single nodal account within 15 days of release of the central fund.

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KCR aims to complete all lift LI

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD

CHIEF Minister K Chandrashekar Rao has instructed the officials concerned to complete the estimates for all the lift irrigation schemes proposed from Devarakonda to Kodad under Nagarjuna Sagar Left Canal jurisdiction by June 15 and get ready for inviting the tenders.

The CM asked to prepare estimates for the works of 15 Lift projects that were sanctioned with laying foundation stone at Nellikallu, construction of canals, setting up of pumps and other related works. He instructed the Irrigation department officials to prepare separate estimates for each lift and invite tenders for all of them at one time.

KCR held a high-level meeting at Pragathi Bhavan here on Tuesday on the proposed Lift Irrigation projects under Krishna Basin, progress of projects being constructed on Godavari river, repair and maintenance works of the projects on the onset of Monsoon, and other related irrigation issues.

The CM instructed the engineers to keep filling up of tanks, ponds, and reservoirs as on top priority in this monsoon. The check dams constructed with Rs 4,000 crore are yielding good results and storing water. 50,000 tanks should be filled to the brim and by June 30, the first phase of check dams should be completed, he said.

KCR said that Rs 700 Crore is kept with the Irrigation officials to repair the canals and other works. He wanted repairs to the gates; canals should be attended for the coming season. He said funds for the construction of projects, operations and maintenance would be released from the Finance department and the same would be kept with the Irrigation secretary. "If we press a button at Kaleswaram, water should flow to the tail end of the Ayucut without any problem. Make arrangements accordingly," the CM said.

KCR wanted the officials to change their working culture in tune with the changing circumstances and to conduct a workshop on O&M (Operational and Maintenance) for the engineers in June first week. He asked the engineers to be careful while preparing the estimates.

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चक्रवात 'यास' : बंगाल-ओड़ीशा के कई इलाकों में बारिश

जनसत्ता ब्यूरो
नई दिल्ली, 25 मई।

चक्रवात 'यास' आज (बुधवार को) ओड़ीशा और पश्चिम बंगाल के समुद्र तट से टकराएगा। इससे पहले कई इलाकों में मंगलवार से ही बारिश शुरू हो गई। ओड़ीशा के भुवनेश्वर, चांदीपुर और बंगाल के दीघा

में बारिश होती रही। तूफान को लेकर बिहार और झारखंड में सतर्कता जारी की गई है। तूफान के बुधवार सुबह ओड़ीशा के भद्रक जिले के धमरा बंदरगाह के पास दस्तक देने की आशंका है। भारत मौसम विज्ञान विभाग (आइएमडी) ने इस बारे में बताया है। इस बीच मंगलवार देर शाम एक रिपोर्ट में विभाग ने बताया कि चक्रवात 'यास' भीषण

चक्रवाती तूफान में तब्दील हो गया।

मौसम विभाग के मुताबिक, चक्रवात 'यास' सोमवार रात से खतरनाक होना शुरू हो गया। इसके असर से मंगलवार को बंगाल के मेदिनीपुर, 24 परगना और हुगली में भी बारिश हुई है। नेशनल डिजास्टर रेस्पॉन्स फोर्स (एनडीआरएफ) ने पूर्वी मेदिनीपुर और दीघा के कई इलाके सोमवार को ही खाली

करवा लिए थे। एनडीआरएफ ने ओड़ीशा, बंगाल में अभी तक की सबसे अधिक टीमों तैनात की हैं। संघीय आपदा बल ने पांच राज्यों और केंद्र शासित प्रदेश अंडमान-निकोबार द्वीपसमूह में तैनाती के लिए कुल 112 टीमों को तैयार किया है। बंगाल की खाड़ी में बन रहे चक्रवात से इन इलाकों के प्रभावित होने की आशंका है।

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बालासोर में 'यास' का असर, ओडिशा में भारी बारिश, बंगाल में 40 घर क्षतिग्रस्त, दो की मौत

हरिभूमि ब्यूरो, एजेंसी ॥ नई दिल्ली

चक्रवाती तूफान यास के उत्तरी ओडिशा के बालासोर के निकट असर दिखाना शुरू कर दिया है। ओडिशा के भुवनेश्वर में तेज हवाओं के साथ बारिश शुरू हो गई है। तूफान के खतरे को देखते हुए एनडीआरएफ की टीम तैनात की गई है। मौसम विभाग के अनुसार इस दौरान 155 से 165 किलोमीटर प्रतिघंटा की रफ्तार से हवा चलने की उम्मीद है जो 185 किलोमीटर प्रतिघंटे की रफ्तार तक पहुंच सकती है। 26 मई की सुबह तक इसकी तीव्रता और बढ़ जाएगी तथा यह बेहद गंभीर चक्रवाती तूफान में तब्दील हो जाएगा। इसके खतरे को देखते हुए मौसम विभाग ने उत्तर प्रदेश, झारखंड, बिहार समेत कई राज्यों के अधिकांश जिलों के लिए बारिश का अलर्ट भी जारी किया है। बंगाल की खाड़ी के ऊपर बना गहरे दबाव का क्षेत्र चक्रवाती तूफान 'यास' में बदल गया है। इसके चलते जहां समुद्र में ऊंची-ऊंची लहरें उठ रही हैं। पश्चिम बंगाल की मुख्यमंत्री ममता बेनर्जी ने प्रेस कॉन्फ्रेंस में बताया कि तूफान यास के चलते दो घटनाएं हुई हैं। हालिशहर में 40 घर क्षतिग्रस्त हो गए हैं। दूसरी घटना चिनसराह में हुई है, जहां कुछ घर क्षतिग्रस्त होने की खबर है। पांडुआ में करंट लगने से 2 लोगों की मौत हो गई है।

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तोफते के बाद अब एक और चक्रवाती तूफान का तांडव हो गया शुरू



मछुआरों को समुद्र में न जाने का अलर्ट



ओडिशा के पुरी, कटक, खुर्दा और जाजपुर जिले तथा पश्चिम बंगाल के झाड़वाम, पश्चिम मेदिनीपुर और उत्तरी 24 परगना जिलों में 80-90 किलोमीटर रफ्तार की हवाएं 110 किलोमीटर तक पहुंच सकती

हैं। मौसम विभाग ने अगली सूचना तक मछुआरों को समुद्र में नहीं जाने की सलाह दी है। दक्षिण पूर्व रेलवे ने भी बुधवार तक कई पैसेंजर स्पेशल ट्रेनों को रद्द करने की घोषणा की है।

50 हजार लोगों को सुरक्षित स्थानों पर पहुंचाया गया

आधिकारिक सूत्रों ने बताया कि तटवर्ती जिलों में लोगों को सुरक्षित स्थानों तक पहुंचाने का काम तेजी से हो रहा है और दोपहर तक 50,000 लोग सुरक्षित शिविरों में चले गए हैं। उन्होंने बताया कि 'यास' के तट तक पहुंचने के बहुत पहले ही यह प्रक्रिया पूरी हो जाएगी। चक्रवात के दस्तक देने के दौरान समुद्र में 2-4.5 मीटर की लहरें उठने के अनुमान के चलते लोगों को को सुरक्षित स्थानों पर पहुंचाया जा रहा है। आईएमडी ने मंगलवार सुबह नौ बजकर 10 मिनट पर जारी अपने बुलेटिन में कहा कि 'यास' के अगले 12 घंटे में उत्तर-पश्चिमोत्तर दिशा में बढ़ने की संभावना है।

चांदबाली में सबसे ज्यादा नुकसान होने की चेतावनी

क्षेत्रीय मौसम विज्ञान केंद्र भुवनेश्वर के वैज्ञानिक डॉ. उमाशंकर दास ने बताया कि जिले में धमरा और चांदबाली के बीच चक्रवात के दस्तक देने का अनुमान है। आईएमडी के महानिदेशक डॉ. मृत्युंजय महापात्र ने बताया कि यास के मंगलवार शाम तक बहुत गीषण चक्रवाती तूफान में बदलने की और चांदबाली में सबसे ज्यादा नुकसान की आशंका है। उन्होंने कहा कि चक्रवात के दस्तक देने के छह घंटे पहले और बाद तक इसका गंभीर असर देखने को मिलेगा।



पारादीप के आगे बढ़ा

आईएमडी ने कहा कि यह प्रवाह पिछले छह घंटे के दौरान 10 किलोमीटर प्रति घंटे की रफ्तार से उत्तर-पश्चिमोत्तर दिशा की ओर बढ़ रहा है। सुबह साढ़े पांच बजे यह पारादीप (ओडिशा) से करीब 320 किलोमीटर दक्षिण-दक्षिणपूर्व और दीक्षा (पश्चिम बंगाल) से 420 किलोमीटर दक्षिण-दक्षिणपूर्व में था। जो अब आगे बढ़ चुका है।