



Sixteen gates of the Sri Ram Sagar Project were lifted to release over 49,920 cusecs downstream following heavy rains on Wednesday.

'Stop AP from releasing Krishna water'

STATE BUREAU

Hyderabad

Telangana requested the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) to stop Andhra Pradesh from releasing Krishna water through Pothireddypadu (PRP) Head Regulator and Handri Neeva Sujala Sravanti (HNSS) immediately and account for all the diverted water during the surplus period by AP against its share.

It also urged that Telangana may be permitted to carry over part of its share to the next water year through storage in common reservoirs.

In a letter to board Chairman, Telangana Irrigation and CAD Department, Engineer-in-Chief (General), C Muralidhar said water diverted from PRP till date was 76.39 TMC and from HNSS was 9.28 TMC by Andhra Pradesh for the current water year 2021-22 from June 1, 2021, to September 20, 2021.

Paddy output to touch 1.6 cr tonnes

PS DILEEP
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Breaking its own record, Telangana's paddy production in the Vaanakalam (kharif) season could be a whopping 1.6 crore tonnes, a quantum jump from the 1.13 crore tonnes of paddy produced last Vaanakalam, on account of the increase in area under cultivation as well as increased yield per acre in the State.

The first advance estimations released by the Directorate of Economic and Statistics had placed paddy production at 1.38 crore tonnes this Vaanakalam, despite a marginal drop in the extent of cultivation area from 52.77 lakh acres last year to 52 lakh acres this season. The increased production is on account of higher yield per acre this Vaanakalam season, officials told *Telangana Today*.

Agriculture Department officials, however, pointed out that the area under paddy cultivation was in



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fact, 61 lakh acres, an additional nine lakh acres, that would take the yield to 1.6 crore tonnes as against the Directorate of Economic and Statistics initial figures of 52 lakh acres and 1.38

crore tonnes respectively. Though the area under cultivation has not increased significantly, the officials are attributing the increase in paddy production to favourable climatic condi-

tions and increased yield per acreage. Telangana has emerged as a key rice producing State in the country. Since State formation, the increased irrigation facilities especially Kaleshwaram

Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS) and its affiliated irrigation systems, have encouraged farmers to take up paddy cultivation on a large scale.

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Paddy production to hit 1.6 crore tonnes

The total production of foodgrains is expected to be around 1.09 crore tonnes (including 91.96 lakh tonnes paddy). A total 1.28 crore acres are under cultivation for agricultural crops in the State, as against the proposed cultivation area of 1.4 crore acres.

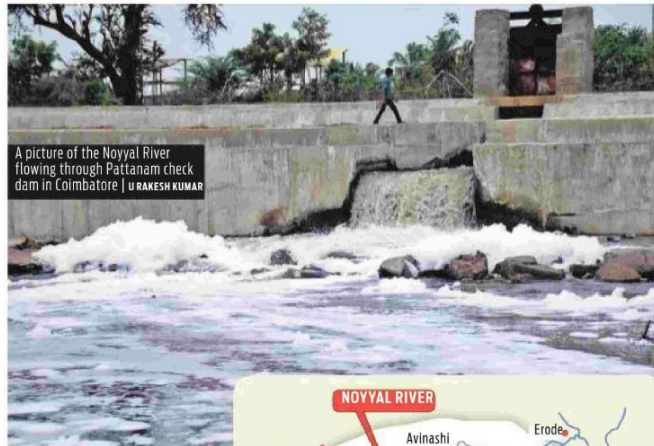
Meanwhile, cotton is being cultivated in about 50.68 lakh acres and its production is estimated around 69.46 lakh bales (weighing 170 kg each) during the current season as against 57.85 lakh bales during last monsoon season. Similarly, redgram is being cultivated in about 8.77 lakh acres and is expected to produce about 5.32 lakh tonnes. In all, the total production of pulses is expected at around 5.8 lakh tonnes against total cultivation area of 10.47 lakh acres.

Other major crops receiving good yield during the current monsoon season in the State include 21.03 lakh tonnes of sugarcane, 11.37 lakh tonnes of maize, 3.71 lakh tonnes of chillies, 2.45 lakh tonnes of turmeric, 2.43 lakh tonnes of soya, 53,000 tonnes of onions, 32,000 tonnes of green gram, 24,000 tonnes of groundnut, 22,000 tonnes of jowar and 16,000 tonnes of black gram, among others.

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Once life-giver, Noyyal is now farmers' curse

A tributary of the Cauvery, the river has become so toxic it is turning arable land barren and poisoning groundwater



A picture of the Noyyal River flowing through Pattanam check dam in Coimbatore | U RAKESH KUMAR

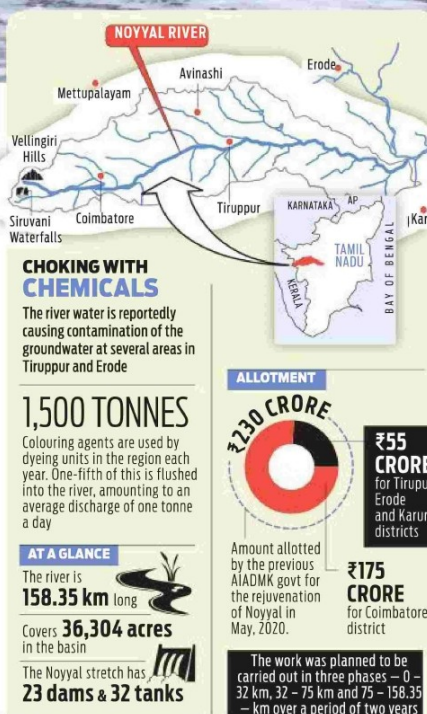
M SARAVANAN @ Coimbatore

It was sheer desperation that pushed a group of farmers from Tiruppur and Erode approach the Madras High Court in 2018, seeking to curtail the flow of Noyyal water through their villages. Reason? The river, a tributary of Cauvery and once a great nurturer of life, had turned into an effluent carrier that reportedly turns even the groundwater toxic. Originating from the sacred heights of the Vellingiri Hills in Coimbatore, Noyyal meanders through western Tamil Nadu, offering its water to the masses of Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Erode, and Karur before its confluence with Cauvery.

Old-timers in these districts said the river is a seasonal one, with peak flow during the monsoon. Over the past many years, however, Noyyal seems to have turned into a 'perennial' river, only that its flow mostly contains untreated effluent and sewage from dyeing units and local bodies in Coimbatore and Tiruppur, sources said.

"Groundwater near Orathupalayam check dam on the river stretch was found with over 7,500 TDS (Total Dissolved Solids). High levels of chemicals dissolved in the water ruined almost 500 acres; all this because of the effluent discharge from Coimbatore and Tiruppur. So, a group of farmers here moved the High Court in 2013 to prevent the entry of water from the Noyyal channel into their areas," said C Nallasami, Secretary of Federation of Tamil Nadu Agriculturalists Association.

Esan Murugasami of the Tamil Nadu Farmers Protection Association in Tiruppur and Erode said: "There is no proper mechanism to monitor the zero-discharge-system by dyeing units in Tiruppur. Because of this, around 20,000 acres of arable land in Tiruppur, Erode, and Karur districts have turned barren. The effluent also pollutes the Cauvery, which is a major source of drinking water for



many districts." But, A Eswaran, former president of Tamil Nadu Science Forum (Tiruppur) differs. "Effluent discharge, mainly from garment units, is falling since 2013 because of government mitigation efforts. Nevertheless, discharge of sewage by local bodies, mainly from Coimbatore, Tiruppur, and Sullur, continues."

R Manikandan, the coordinator of Kovai Kulangal Pathukappu Amaippu, said: "To rejuvenate Noyyal, the previous government had allocated ₹230 crore in May 2020. The plan, however, focussed on strengthening bunds, not preventing effluent discharge. Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation (CCMC) is a major source of effluent to the river."

To this, CCMC Commissioner Raja Gopal Sunkara responded: "Providing connections of underground drainage to houses in the city is yet to be completed. To pre-

vent sewage discharge into the river, we have operationalised two sewage treatment plants in the city. We are working on another to treat sewage from areas added to the corporation. The completion will take some time."

PK Selvaraj, President of Kaushika Neer Karangal said that Noyyal cannot be revived if local bodies do not treat their sewage.

When contacted, P Thirumurthi, Executive Engineer of Water Resources Organisation of PWD said: "Almost 85% work of the rejuvenation project has been completed. Yes, the project did not include provisions to prevent the discharge of sewage by local bodies and effluent by industries. The present government, however, has asked us to submit a detailed plan report to address effluent discharge to Noyyal."

Ahead of the World Rivers Day on September 26, TNIE looks at the problems plaguing the rivers flowing through Tamil Nadu.

DOWN BY THE RIVER



Vehicles drive through heavy rain at Masab Tank on Wednesday with the Twin Cities seeing moderate to heavy rainfall in several parts. — R. PAVAN

IMD predicts rainfall in state for three days

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 22

The state is expected to receive more light rains for the next 48 hours. According to K. Naga Ratna, director, Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), Hyderabad, "The south-west monsoon has been normal in the state. Rains occurred in most places in Telangana. While light rains occurred at many places, moderate rains, and isolated heavy rains occurred at several

places."

The cause of the rains, she said, was due to a low-pressure area over Jharkhand, and a trough that ran over the state. "Under the influence of these two weather systems, we can expect light to moderate showers, in most places including Hyderabad. But there will be isolated heavy rains in many places," she said.

Parts of the city witnessed rainfall on Tuesday night. Furthermore, she said the state was likely to

witness light to moderate rains and thunder-showers at many places. "Heavy showers could be witnessed in the districts of Adilabad, Mancherial, Medak, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Komaram Bheem Asifabad, Nirmal, Medak, Nizamabad and Kamareddy," said Naga Ratna. Going by the Telangana State Development Planning Society's (TSDPS) forecast, several parts of the city would witness light to moderate rains for the next three days.

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Maharashtra: Heavy rain lashes Nashik, dam water released towards Jayakwadi

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NASHIK/AURANGABAD: Nashik district received heavy rainfall on Wednesday, prompting the water resources department to start release from the Gangapur dam.

The rainfall in the catchment areas and water discharge from the dams brought inflow into the Jayakwadi dam, which is the lifeline for parts of Marathwada.

Nathsagar, the Jayakwadi dam's reservoir, was getting an inflow of 13,793 cusec till 6pm on Wednesday and the dam was filled to more than 75% of its live storage.

Heavy rains battered Nandgaon taluka in Nashik district for the second time in a fortnight as it received about 82mm rain on Tuesday night.

On the night of September 7, the taluka had received 123mm rain, which had resulted in the inundation of large parts of Nandgaon town.

Meanwhile, the recent showers have taken the average rainfall count in Marathwada to 864mm by Wednesday, which is more than the recent record rainfall of 836mm seen in 2005.

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1.76L cusec released from Madhuban dam

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Surat: Due to heavy inflow of fresh water, discharge from Madhuban dam on Daman Ganga River was increased up to 1.8 lakh cusecs downstream on Wednesday. However, with a drop in the inflow of rain water, the outflow has also been reduced later in the day.

The outflow at 6 pm was 1.76 lakh cusecs against inflow of 83,610 cusecs. Water level in the dam is 79.2 metres against the full reservoir level of 79.86m. On Wednesday morning, Valsad district collector Kshipra Agre sounded an alert on Twitter about heavy discharge from the dam warning residents in Valsad to stay away from causeways and riverbanks.

“There is no forecast of heavy rainfall in the next 24 hours in the catchment area of Madhuban dam. Though we are closely monitoring the situation. The discharge has been reduced after the drop in inflow but it will be increased further if we receive more water in the dam,” an officer said.

Meanwhile, no additional water is being released from Ukai dam as the inflow has reduced to 18,561 cusecs on Wednesday. At present 11,000 cusecs of water is being released through canals. The water level is 341.59 feet which is almost three feet below the rule level and FRL of 345 ft.

“We are storing the water up to the rule level and the dam will be filled up to its maximum level. There is no heavy rainfall in the catchment area but the dam will continue to receive fresh water,” said a Ukai dam official. Due to storing of water the release of water is discontinued in hydro power units as well. In upstream of Ukai Hatnur dam is releasing around 16,000 cusecs of water.

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मौसम: माही के पानी से बेणेश्वर धाम बना टापू



साबला (झंगरपुर) . माही बजाज सागर बांध के सभी 16 गेट खोलने के बाद सोम व माही नदी में पानी की भारी आवक से बुधवार को बेणेश्वर धाम के तीनों पुलों पर पानी की चादर चली। इस वर्ष पहली बार बेणेश्वरधाम टापू में तब्दील हुआ है। धाम पर मंदिरों के पुजारी, व्यापारियों समेत 60 से 70 लोग मौजूद हैं। सभी सुरक्षित हैं। बेणेश्वर साबला पुल पर करीब पांच फीट, गनोड़ा पुल पर करीब सात फीट और वालाई पुल पर तकरीबन 10 फीट पानी की चादर चल रही थी।
बीसलपुर बांध. राजमहल. बीसलपुर बांध के गेज में मंगलवार रात 8 बजे से लेकर बुधवार रात 8 बजे तक 14 सेमी पानी बढ़ा है। **फोटो: विनोद नायक गनोड़ा**