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Heavy rains batter State

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An overflowing Bayyaram lake following heavy rains in Mahabubabad district on Saturday. Northern and eastern districts of the State bore the brunt of heavy rains.

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

Heavy to very heavy rains continued to batter several districts and two persons were washed away in the overflowing waters at Amruthadhara weir constructed on the Nemalikunta rivulet on Saturday.

Many low-lying areas were inundated and streams and rivulets were in spate at several areas across the State.

The State recorded an average rainfall of 40.1 mm against the normal rainfall of 9.3 mm. Northern and eastern districts bore the brunt of heavy rains. Some places

KCR puts govt machinery on high alert

HYDERABAD: Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao asked the Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar to take immediate protective measures in the wake of incessant rains across the State and instructed the government machinery to be on high alert. He instructed the CS to conduct a video conference with officials

of departments concerned in the flood affected areas apart from alerting National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and rescue teams. (REPORT PAGE 4)

in erstwhile Nizamabad, Nirmal, Mancherial and Adilabad districts received over 10 cm of rainfall till Saturday evening. While Mudhole in Nirmal received the highest rainfall of 20 cm, Bhainsa received 16.8 cm and Macherla in Nizamabad recorded 16.1 cm of rainfall.

Agricultural fields in Lingapur were inundated following a breach in Tunginimatlu canal. Traffic movement got disrupted on the Ergatla - Metpally as Teegalavagu was overflowing.

Meanwhile, heavy rains have resulted in considerable inflows into several ir-

rigation projects across the State. In Nirmal, the backwaters reached the Palsikar Ranga Rao project at Gundegaon, affecting traffic movement in the region. Gaddennavagu project in Bhainsa received over 9,100 cusecs and officials said they may release more water

downstream. Uttoor, Indravelly and Narnoor mandals in Adilabad agency areas too received heavy rainfall. Coal production was suspended at Managuru as rainwater flooded the area and the same was the case in Mancherial district.

Meanwhile, district administrations of Wanaparthy, Narayanpet, and Mahabubnagar have set up control rooms to monitor the situation. A day after issuing red alert, the Met Department issued a yellow alert for Adilabad, Kumuram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Nirmal and Rajanna Sircilla districts for Sunday. (REPORTS PAGE 4)

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He instructed Somesh Kumar to conduct a video conference with officials of departments concerned including the Collectors of all the districts in the flood affected areas apart from alerting National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and rescue teams.

The Chief Minister said he was regularly reviewing the situation. Since a red alert was issued in Telangana and Maharashtra, he would hold a video conference either on Sunday or Monday and review the situation.

He asked the Ministers, MPs, MLAs, leaders of local organizations and public representatives in the districts to be alert to protect the people of their respective areas. The Chief Minister called upon the public representatives to help people in the affected areas and ensure that losses do not occur.

He appealed to the public not to take unnecessary risks in the wake of heavy rains and floods and people should avoid going out unless it is an emergency. They should also take proper self precautions. The Chief Minister asked the officials of the irrigation department to be on high alert and take relevant measures in view of overflowing rivers in Godavari basin and heavy floods.

Revenue Sadassus postponed

Meanwhile, Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao postponed 'Revenue Sadassu' with Ministers, MLAs and Collectors to be conducted at Pragathi Bhavan on July 11 along with the similar conferences across the State from July 15 to another date due to heavy rains. He said the new dates will be announced after weather condition is improved.



Dark clouds hover over agricultural fields in Mahabubnagar district on Saturday even as heavy rains were reported across the State. — Photo: N Rahu

Take steps to avoid loss of life, property: Puvvada

KHAMMAM: Transport Minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar in a statement here on Saturday directed the district officials to be alert and take steps to avoid loss of life and property. He advised the people to be vigilant in view of heavy rains forecast in Khammam and Kothagudem districts.

With the meteorological department issuing a red alert with a forecast of heavy rainfall in Khammam district, the district administration has set up a control room with emergency numbers to address the situation. District Collector VP Gautham informed that a control room with toll free numbers 1077 and 9063211298 was set up to help those affected by rains. As several low lying areas have been identified, continuous monitoring should be done in such places by appointing an officer, the Collector said.

Streams, rivulets overflow in Karimnagar

KARIMNAGAR: Normal life was paralyzed following continuous rainfall in various parts of the erstwhile Karimnagar district. While major irrigation projects are getting huge inflows, tanks, rivulets, ponds and other water bodies were overflowing. People across the district were confined to their homes as rains lashed heavily since Friday. Nakkavagu near Hanumajipet of Vemulawada rural mandal was overflowing due to heavy inflows into the rivulet. Road connectivity between various villages have been disconnected.

Korutla MLA K Vidhyasagar Rao advised people living along the banks of Godavari river to be alert since water from Babli project has been released into SRSP. Shepherds and fishermen should stay away from the river for one week, he said. Highest rainfall of 103.3 mm was recorded in Govindaram of Jagtial district on Saturday.

Sripada Yellampalli Project gates lifted

PEDDAPALLI: Irrigation officials of Sripada Yellampalli Project in Anthergoan mandal lifted ten flood gates to release 49,440 cusecs of water into the river Godavari on Saturday evening. The project was getting huge inflows from upper reaches following incessant rains. Anticipating possible heavy inflows, project officials lifted flood gates. The project was receiving 51,635 inflows of water from its catchment area. 15.1255 tmc of water is available in the reservoir as against its storage capacity of 20.175 tmc. Project authorities had alerted the revenue and police officials following the opening of the flood gates of the project.

Meanwhile, ten flood gates of Parvathi Barge in Manthani mandal were also lifted to release 5,000 cusecs of water.

The Lower Manair Dam in Karimnagar also started receiving inflows into the project.

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Panel to prevent Yamuna pollution

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NEW DELHI: Union home minister Amit Shah on Saturday formed a committee to look into water pollution in Delhi that leads to contamination of the river Yamuna, officials aware of the matter said.

The panel will be headed by Union home Secretary Ajay Bhalla.

The panel was formed after Delhi raised the issue of pollution, water scarcity and industrial and chemical effluent discharge from Haryana into the Yamuna as the key issues plaguing the national Capital at the 30th Northern Zonal Council meeting held in Jaipur on Saturday.

Lieutenant governor Vinai Kumar Saxena and deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia represented Delhi in the meeting along with the senior state officials.

The LG said that three drains with polluted water from Haryana fall into the Najafgarh drain in Delhi which pollutes the Yamuna. Sisodia placed data related to this before the inter-state council and said that currently, 5,000 cusecs water containing industrial effluents is discharged by Haryana into

the Najafgarh drain.

Sisodia said, "Almost the same amount of water is discharged in Najafgarh drain from different other drains of Delhi and in total about 10,000 cusecs of polluted water is getting discharged in Najafgarh drain. In this, the amount of polluted water coming from Haryana is very high, which if not stopped now, then Delhi and Uttar Pradesh will have to bear the consequences. Recently, the deaths of fishes in Najafgarh drain were reported because of the untreated polluted water from industries of Haryana that is being discharged here."

Delhi presented two proposals in front of the council and said that either Haryana should treat the 5000 cusecs of polluted water from its industries and use it, or they should release only treated water in Najafgarh drain. LG Saxena suggested constructing a new drain where water coming from the drains of Haryana or any other state could be treated before being discharged in the Yamuna.

"...home minister Amit Shah decided to form a committee on the request of the deputy chief minister," a Delhi government statement said.

Millennium Post- 10- July-2022

Khattar raises SYL, Vidhan Sabha building issues in zonal council meeting

OUR CORRESPONDENT

CHANDIGARH: Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar while attending the 30th meeting of the Northern Zonal Council, chaired by Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah at Jaipur, strongly raised several important issues of the State including the Sutlej-Yamuna link canal, appointment of members in the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB), restoration of Haryana's share in Panjab University, and a new additional building for the Haryana Vidhan Sabha.

The Chief Minister said that the 30th meeting of the Northern Zonal Council would be helpful in promoting cooperative federalism as well as in resolving various issues of inter-state and between the Center and the states in a time-bound manner.

Khattar said that though

Haryana has a significant contribution to the country's economy. The per capita income of the state is Rs 2,74,635, which is the highest among the big states of the country. Also, on the parameters of economic growth rate, Haryana is also among the leading states in the country. The State has ranked second in the country and first in North India in providing logistics facilities to industries, the CM added. He said that the completion of the construction work of the Sutlej-Yamuna Link canal is a long pending issue between Haryana and Punjab. Due to non-completion of SYL Canal, surplus, unchanneled water of Ravi, Sutlej and Beas goes to Pakistan.

He said that through a semi-official letter dated May 6, 2022, he had requested the Union Minister of Jal Shakti to convene the second-round meeting of the Chief Ministers of both the states at the earliest.

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Water level rising in rivers in Kerala

NDRF teams are deployed in Idukki, Kozhikode, and Wayanad districts

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The heavy spell of rain lashing Kerala for the past one week is likely to continue for the next four days under the combined influence of an offshore trough and a low-pressure system over the Bay of Bengal.

In view of the rain spell, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams have been deployed in Idukki, Kozhikode, and Wayanad districts.

A red alert has been issued in the Lower Periyar, Kallarkutty, and Kuttiyadi reservoirs, while an orange alert has been declared in the Poringalkuthu reservoir. Ac-



Busy bees: Workers at the upcoming vegetable market in Kozhikode engaged in construction despite rain. ■ K. RAGESH

ording to an advisory forecast of the Central Water Commission, water level in the Kadalundi (Malappuram), Bharatapuzha (Palakkad), Vamanapuram (Thiru-

vananthapuram), Kallada (Kollam), and Thodupuzha (Idukki) rivers is rising.

According to the India Meteorological Department, heavy rain is likely to conti-

nue till Tuesday under the influence of a low-pressure area over Odisha and neighbourhood.

Peringome in Kannur recorded the highest rainfall of 15 cm during the last 24 hours ending at 8.30 a.m. on Saturday. Three relief camps, two in Alappuzha and one in Thrissur, are operational in the State, accommodating 63.

The rain deficit in Kerala was wiped out with heavy rain in the past one week. The State, which witnessed 48% deficient rain in June, has now recorded normal rainfall of 1,718.8 mm. As per the IMD, a departure of plus/minus 19% is normal rainfall.

The Tribune- 10- July-2022

CM Khattar seeks new Vidhan Sabha building in Chandigarh, raises SYL

NEW DELHI, JULY 9

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar today raised several issues concerning the state, including the SYL canal and a new building for the Haryana Vidhan Sabha in Chandigarh, during a Northern Zonal Council meeting chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

He also raised the issues of appointment of Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) members and the restora-



MANN DEMANDS LIKEWISE, TRIGGERS STORM

A tweet by Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann seeking land for a new Punjab Vidhan Sabha building kicked up a political storm in the state, with the Opposition, including the Congress and the Shiromani Akali Dal, warning that any such move would weaken the state's claim on Chandigarh. **INSIDE**

tion of state's share in Panjab University. He demanded that the colleges of Haryana in areas adjoining Chandigarh should be affiliated with Panjab University.

Due to the non-completion of the SYL canal, surplus water of the Ravi, Sutlej and the Beas was going to Pakistan, Khattar said. He

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CM Khattar seeks new..

requested the Centre to intervene and resolve the issue. He claimed Haryana was allotted 3.50 million acre-feet share in the Ravi-Beas surplus water, as per an order of the Centre dated March 24, 1976.

He also claimed that Punjab was not taking further action on a decision taken at a meeting of the CMs of both states with the Union Jal Shakti Minister. The meeting was held on August 18, 2020, on the directions of the Supreme Court.

Meanwhile, the Punjab Government requested for setting up a new water tribunal for assessing the river water situation in the state.

Representing the state government, Punjab Cabinet Minister Harjot Singh Bains opposed the SYL canal construction. He asserted that Punjab did not have even a single drop of water to share with other states, officials said.

Bains said the groundwater level in the state was already depleting and most of the blocks were in dark zones. He is learnt to have said that the assessment of river water sharing made by tribunals in the past is obsolete in the current scenario.

Officials said Amit Shah assured the Haryana CM

that his request as regards the land for the Haryana Vidhan Sabha complex at Chandigarh would be considered positively.

In a statement, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs said, "Complex problems of sharing river water among the member states were also discussed. Amit Shah asked the states concerned to adopt a cordial approach to the issue and find a time-bound solution."

Claiming that the role of the council was advisory in nature, the MHA said, "Shah expressed happiness that in his three years of experience, more than 75% of the issues in the council were resolved by consensus and that efforts should be made to achieve 100% results on issues requiring building of national consensus."

Besides Shah and Khattar, the meeting was also attended by Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot, Himachal CM Jai Ram Thakur, Ladakh Lt Governor Radha Krishna Mathur, Delhi Lt Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena, Punjab Governor and administrator of Chandigarh Banwarilal Purohit as well as senior officers from these states.

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Settle Pong oustees' cases, Centre urged

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JULY 9

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur today urged the Centre to settle the cases of Pong Dam oustees in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court. Thakur was speaking at the 30th meeting of the North Zonal Council in Jaipur today.

"People have suffered the pain of displacement for the Pong dam and other projects. About 2.25 lakh acres were reserved in Rajasthan to rehabilitate 16,352 displaced Himachalis but so far only 8,713 displaced persons have been provided land," he said.

The meeting was presided over by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, which was attended by Chief Ministers and Lieutenant Governors of eight states and UTs. Issues related to law and order, internal security, border areas and inter-state water issues were discussed at the meeting.

Thakur said Himachal, having a share of 7.19 per cent in the BBMB projects, had not been made a full time member of the BBMB. "Despite 65,563 acres land for the Bhakra project and additional lands in Dehar and Pong projects of the Beas being submerged, Himachal has not been giv-

ONLY 50% GOT LAND IN RAJASTHAN

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Himachalis but only 8,713 persons have been provided land, says Jai Ram Thakur.

en the right to use electricity and water from these reservoirs," he said.

The Chief Minister suggested a few amendments to the Forest Conservation Act, 1980. He also took up the issue of four-laning of the Pinjore-Baddi-Nalagarh road and urged the Centre for the speedy redressal of the long pending issue of rail connectivity with the Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh industrial area.

The CM said Prime Minister Narendra Modi had laid the foundation stone of the Rs 7,000 crore Renuka dam project to be constructed on the Giri in Sirmaur district on December 27, 2021.

"The project will produce 200 million units of power annually and meet 40 per cent of the drinking water requirement of Delhi," he said.

The Statesman- 10- July-2022

Punjab not taking any action, Centre should resolve SYL issue, says Khattar

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, 9 JULY

Accusing Punjab of not taking any further action on Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) canal, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Saturday said the Centre should play a pivotal role in resolving the issue of the Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) canal.

Speaking at the 30th meeting of the Northern Zonal Council, chaired by Union home and cooperation minister Amit Shah at Jaipur, Khattar said the completion of the construction work of the SYL is a long pending and serious issue between Haryana and Punjab.

Due to the non-completion of the SYL Canal, surplus, unchanneled water of Ravi, Sutlej and Beas goes to Pakistan, he said.

The CM said Haryana has also been allotted a 3.50 mil-

lion acre-feet share in the surplus water of Ravi-Beas as per the order of the Union government dated 24 March, 1976.

He said as per the decision

taken in the meeting of the Union Jal Shakti minister on 18 August 2020, with the CMs of both the states on the direction of the Supreme Court to resolve the issue,

Punjab is not taking further action.

Khattar said through a semi-official letter dated 6 May 2022, he had requested the Union minister of Jal



"On one hand, we are not getting this water, while on the other, Delhi is demanding more water from us," he added.

Shakti to convene the second-round meeting of the CMs of both the states at the earliest to discuss this issue.

This apart, Khattar said he had written a semi-official letter to Union home minister Amit Shah, requesting to organise a meeting of the CMs of both the states.

The Haryana CM said earlier he had also written three semi-official letters to the Punjab CMs for this meeting, but no response was received from his side. He said this water is very important for Haryana. "On one hand, we are not getting this water, while on the other, Delhi is demanding more water from us," he added.

In the meeting, Khattar

also raised the issue of getting 700-1000 cusecs of less water even from the Bhakra main line (BML) canal.

He said that on this issue, a committee consisting of chief engineers and officers of BBMB (Bhakra Beas Management Board) from the participating states has also found Haryana has been given less distribution of water at the BML contact point.

Highlighting the issue of appointment of members in BBMB, the CM said the previous tradition of nominating Member (Irrigation) from Haryana should be continued on similar lines of the nomination of member (power) in BBMB from Punjab.

Khattar said the share of Haryana in Panjab University should be restored and the colleges of Haryana adjoining Chandigarh should also be affiliated with this University.

The Pioneer- 10- July-2022

MHA to form body to decide city's share of water from Renuka Dam

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has decided to form a committee headed by Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla to decide the national Capital's share of water from Renuka Dam on priority basis. Besides Renuka Dam, the Delhi Government is also helping construct Lakhwar & Kissau dams in Uttarakhand to meet Delhi's water demands.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has also directed the committee to check the feasibility of the proposal of constructing new drain similar to Najafgarh drain for treatment of polluted water in Delhi in the request of the Delhi Government and directed to resolve the issues at the earliest.

The decision was taken at the 30th Northern Zonal Council meeting held in Jaipur on Saturday where Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena and Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia raised the issue of pollution, water scarcity and industrial

and chemical effluent discharge from Haryana in the Yamuna. The council comprises Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Rajasthan, National Capital Territory of Delhi and Union Territory of Chandigarh.

The Lt Governor also raised the issue of polluted water being released by Haryana. He said that three drains with polluted water from Haryana get discharged in Najafgarh drain in Delhi and are polluting it. This is further polluting the Yamuna. Lt Governor also raised the issue of security and the forthcoming G20 summit that need inter-state coordination.

Highlighting water problems faced by Delhi every year, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia has demanded the formation of a committee to discuss and decide how much extra water the capital should get after construction of the Renuka Dam in Himachal Pradesh. He said that 5,000 cusecs of industrial and chemical effluent water coming from Haryana is polluting Najafgarh

drain; if it is not stopped then Delhi and Uttar Pradesh will continue to suffer. Sisodia said that Delhi Government has started cleaning and maintenance of Najafgarh drain on a war footing. All the polluted water that is discharged in the drain will be treated at the sewage treatment plant first. But until Haryana will not stop discharging the chemical laden polluted water from its industries in the Najafgarh drain, complete cleaning of the drain is not possible.

He also presented the two proposals in front of the council and said that either Haryana should treat this 5000 cusec of chemical water from its industries and use it or they should release the treated water in Najafgarh drain.

The Deputy Chief Minister supported the proposal of Lieutenant Governor of constructing a new similar drain where water coming from drains of Haryana or any other state could be treated before being discharged in the Yamuna. The Deputy Chief Minister also demanded for

expediting the construction of "Renuka Dam" and urged that the government should decide the amount of water to be given to Delhi now, so that this can be included in the state's water policies. Commenting on the demand, Home Minister Amit Shah said, "We understand the requirement of water in Delhi, but it is not possible to decide the same at this time." On this, the Deputy Chief Minister quoted the text from the MoU between 6 states- "As Delhi government is investing money in this project, so the distribution of electricity will be according to the conditions of the coming time. But Delhi will be given water on priority basis out of the amount of water left in it."

Sisodia urged the council that Delhi should get the water on priority basis from the day one as soon as the dam gets functional. Home Minister Amit Shah agreed with the Deputy Chief Minister and said that a committee will be constituted to decide the amount of water to be given to Delhi.

Rajasthan Patrika- 10- July-2022

एसवाईएल को लेकर जल्द हो बैठक

सतलुज-यमुना लिंक नहर मुद्दा हल करने में गृहमंत्री निभाएं भूमिका: मनोहर

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चंडीगढ़. हरियाणा के मुख्यमंत्री मनोहर लाल ने उत्तर क्षेत्रीय परिषद की 30वीं बैठक में सतलुज-यमुना लिंक नहर, भाखड़ा ब्यास प्रबंधन बोर्ड में सदस्य नियुक्ति, पंजाब विश्वविद्यालय में हरियाणा के हिस्से को बहाल करने और हरियाणा विधानसभा के लिए नए अतिरिक्त भवन सहित कई महत्वपूर्ण मुद्दों को पुरजोर तरीके से उठाया। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि हरियाणा उद्योगों को लॉजिस्टिक सुविधा देने में देश में दूसरे तथा उत्तर भारत में पहले स्थान पर है।

मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि सतलुज-यमुना लिंक नहर निर्माण कार्य पूरा करना हरियाणा और पंजाब राज्यों के बीच पुराना और गंभीर मसला है। एसवाईएल पर पंजाब आगे

कार्रवाई नहीं कर रहा है एसवाईएल को लेकर दोनों राज्यों के मुख्यमंत्रियों की जल्द आयोजित हो।

हरियाणा के सीएम ने उठाए कई मुद्दे

मुख्यमंत्री ने गृहमंत्री अमित शाह से कहा कि उन्हें भी इस विषय में अर्ध सरकारी पत्र लिखा है। सीएम मनोहर ने बताया कि भाखड़ा मेन लाइन नहर से हरियाणा को 700-1000 क्यूसेक कम पानी मिल रहा है। ऐसे में भाखड़ा ब्यास प्रबंधन बोर्ड में सदस्य (सिंचाई) हरियाणा से नियुक्त किया जाए। सीएम मनोहर ने पंजाब विश्वविद्यालय में हरियाणा के हिस्से को बहाल करने के लिए नियमों में संशोधन की मांग की है। मौजूद विधानसभा भवन में हरियाणा का पूरा हिस्सा दिलवाया जाए।