

Telangana Today- 16- July-2022

# Record inflows into Medigadda

Registers highest floodwater levels; Godavari crosses 70-ft mark at Bhadrachalam



At 12 midnight on Friday, Lakshmi barrage at Medigadda received 28.62 lakh cusecs of inflows which went up to 28.67 lakh cusecs by 5 am.

STATE BUREAU  
Hyderabad

Even as inflows into major irrigation projects in the River Godavari basin in north Telangana were receding, the Lakshmi barrage at Medigadda in Bhupalapalli district registered the highest floodwater levels at 2.30 am on Friday.

Officials released as much as 28.70 lakh cusecs by lifting 85 gates. At 12 midnight on Friday, the barrage received 28.62 lakh cusecs of inflows which went up to 28.67 lakh cusecs by 5 am. From 9 am, the inflows started dipping gradually and the barrage received 28.62 lakh cusecs and by afternoon, the inflows came down to 28.58 lakh cusecs.

By 6 pm, the barrage received 25.22 lakh cusecs and

the same was released downstream. At Sriram Sagar Project in the Nizamabad district, the inflows dropped considerably. At 6 am, the project received 1.94 lakh cusecs and the outflows were 1.50 lakh cusecs. By 6 pm, the inflows came down to 96,265 while the outflow was 74,952.

## Bhadrachalam town inundated

The flood situation in river Godavari has worsened with a rapid rise in the river caused by continuous inflows from upstream projects and the water level has crossed the 70-ft mark at 4 pm with a discharge of 23.82 lakh cusecs on Friday. At 6 pm, the water level was 70.50 ft. It was the third time the Godavari crossed the 70 ft mark in the past 36 years.

## KTR lauds Ministers, MLAs

**HYDERABAD:** Stating that extremely heavy rains had lashed the State in the last few days, Industries Minister and TRS working president KT Rama Rao appreciated and thanked the TRS leaders and workers for taking up relief and rescue measures in the flood-affected areas.

Sharing images of Ministers monitoring the situation in respective areas amid rains, the Minister on Friday tweeted: "My compliments & respect to all the Ministers & MLAs of the TRS party who've been on the ground in flood affected areas giving the much-needed support & in aiding the relief measures."

Following Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao's call, TRS workers and leaders took up relief measures and supporting the needy, he said. The Minister also appreciated the TRS elected public representatives for monitoring the situation in their respective areas. With the effective implementation of relief measures, the rain-affected people were getting timely support, he said.

## Journalist's body found

**JAGTIAL:** The body of journalist Jameer, who got swept away in the floods between Ramojipet-Jabithapur of Raikal mandal on Tuesday night, was found after 60 hours on Friday morning near Ramajipet on the outskirts of Jagtial district. The body was found in bushes about half a km away from the accident spot.

It may be recalled that though a wheel and other body parts of the car surfaced as the water receded in the stream on Thursday morning, the rescue team failed to retrieve the vehicle as the rope used to drag the vehicle had snapped. Welfare Minister Koppala Eshwar, in a statement, assured that the State government would support the family members of the deceased. Expressing condolences, Collector Ravi assured the kin of the deceased of all assistance from the State government. Final rites of the scribe were held in Jagtial on Friday afternoon.

Meanwhile, a candle light tribute was held by reporters of South Zone to Jameer. The journalists demanded the State government announce an ex-gratia of Rs 10 lakh to the kin of the scribe.

Millennium Post- 16- July-2022

# ‘Paddy acreage down 17% so far in kharif season’

## OUR CORRESPONDENT

**NEW DELHI:** The area under coverage for paddy is down 17.4 per cent in the ongoing kharif sowing season due to lesser acreage in Uttar Pradesh, which has received 65 per cent less rains than normal.

However, the sowing area of pulses, coarse cereals and oilseeds are higher by 7-9 per cent.

India is one of the major importers of edible oils and an increase in oilseeds production will help in reducing the imports of cooking oils.

Data from the Ministry of Agriculture showed that as on July 15, the paddy sowing reached 128.50 Lakh Hectares (LH) this kharif season as against 155.53 LH in the corresponding period of the previous year.

Paddy acreage improved in the last one week compared to the previous week. Sowing was down 24 per cent as on July 8. The rains this month will be crucial to compensate for the fall in the acreage of paddy.

India had received 14 per cent excess rainfall than normal for the

## Highlights

» Area under paddy is down by 17.4% in the ongoing kharif sowing season due to lesser acreage in UP, which has received 65% less rains than normal

» Sowing area of pulses, coarse cereals and oilseeds are 7-9% higher

» India had received 14% excess rainfall than normal for the season but states such as UP, Bihar and Jharkhand have witnessed deficient rains

season but states such as Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand have witnessed deficient rains. The weather office has forecast a normal monsoon this year.

The rainfall deficiency in Uttar Pradesh was 65 per cent than normal with the state receiving just 77.3 mm of rainfall as against the normal of 220 mm between June 1 and July 15.

In Jharkhand, the rainfall deficiency was 49 per cent while in Bihar it was 42 per cent.

In the case of paddy, the area under coverage is less by 27.03 LH in the current kharif sowing season compared to the year-ago period.

Paddy acreage is down in Uttar Pradesh by 8.31 LH, followed by Odisha by 3.61 LH, Chhattisgarh (3.31 LH), Bihar (2.71 LH), Madhya Pradesh (2.62 LH), Telangana (2.20 LH), and Jharkhand (1.91 LH).

As per the data, the paddy acreage is lower in Assam by 0.83 LH, West Bengal (0.74 LH), Andhra Pradesh (0.57 LH), Haryana (0.53 LH), Tripura (0.51 LH), Meghalaya (0.31 LH), Gujarat (0.31 LH), Karnataka (0.17 LH), Uttarakhand (0.05 LH), Kerala (0.03 LH), Mizoram (0.03 LH) and Goa (0.02 LH).

Higher paddy acreage has been reported from Maharashtra by 1.02 LH, followed by Rajasthan 0.75 LH, Manipur (0.30 LH), Nagaland (0.29 LH), Arunachal Pradesh (0.24 LH), J&K (0.13 LH), Tamil Nadu (0.13 LH) and Himachal Pradesh (0.12 LH).

**Hindustan Times- 16- July-2022**

## KALESHWARAM PROJECT PUMPING STATIONS FLOODED

**Srinivasa Rao Apparasu**

letters@hindustantimes.com

**HYDERABAD:** The incessant rains from the past few days in the catchment areas of the Godavari river wreaked havoc with Kaleshwaram lift irrigation project in Telangana — one of the largest lift irrigation schemes in the country — inundating two of its huge pumping stations and partially damaging another on Thursday.

According to irrigation department officials, the Kannepalli pump house at Medigadda village of Mahadevpur block in Jayashankar Bhupalpally district was completely flooded by Thursday evening. The pump house comprising of 17 giant motor pumps has the capacity to lift three thousand million cubic feet (tmc ft) of water everyday.

Another mega pump house at Annaram in Peddapalli district, was also completely flooded. A third major pump house at Sundilla suffered partial damage.

In the last one week, the Godavari catchment area spread across Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Telangana have received the rainfall in range of 140 to 240 mm.