

# KRMB meet in Sept, key issues in focus

STATE BUREAU

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Key issues pertaining to sharing of Krishna River water between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh and evolving a sound mechanism for the operation of powerhouses of Srisailem and Nagarjuna Sagar Project (NSP) for ensuring proper reservoir management are expected to be discussed during a meeting of River Management Committee (RMC) of Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) next month.

## **Rule curves**

Another crucial issue regarding the formulation of rule curves of Srisailem and NSP reservoirs might also be discussed during the meeting. A few days ago, officials from Telangana Irrigation and Command Area Development (I&CAD) requested KRMB to furnish data for the formulation of rule curves of Srisailem and NSP reservoirs at the earliest while convening the next RMC meeting.

One more key issue to evolve a methodology for demarcation of surplus water over and above 75 per cent dependable flows in the Krishna basin under Telangana and Adnhra Pradesh region would also be discussed.

The same issue came up for discussion during the RMC meeting conducted on August 4. Senior officials from I&CAD would be giving a detailed presentation during the meeting.

# Monsoon rains: Rivers in spate; floods, landslides impact hundreds

Flood situation alarming in Odisha, evacuation efforts underway; 2 die due to heavy rains in Rajasthan, schools closed

## MPOST BUREAU

**BHUBANESWAR/ NEW DELHI:** Floods and landslides triggered by intense monsoon rains have killed at least 50 people in the northern and eastern regions of India. The flood situation in several northern Odisha districts was alarming on Monday, as the swollen Subarnarekha river inundated low-lying areas and left people in over 100 villages marooned, officials said.

The water level in all the rivers located in north Odisha is in spate due to heavy rain caused by a deep depression over the Bay of Bengal, and subsequent flood-water release from Jharkhand, they said.

Authorities in Balasore and Mayurbhanj districts had on Sunday launched a massive evacuation drive to shift people from vulnerable areas to



Narmada in spate following heavy monsoon rains, at Bhedaghat in Jabalpur, on Monday PTI

safer locations, which is continuing on Monday, they said.

Subarnarekha has been rising significantly since Sun-

day evening, inundating many areas in Baliapal, Bhograi, Basta and Jaleswar in Balasore by 11 am, the officials said.

The Saraskana and Rasgopur blocks in Mayurbhanj district have also been submerged. The authorities expect

peak flooding to take place after more water is released from the Galudih barrage in Jharkhand. **Continued on P4**

## Highlights

- » The flood situation in several northern Odisha districts was alarming on Monday, as the swollen Subarnarekha river inundated low-lying areas and left people in over 100 villages marooned, officials said
- » Nearly 156 villages in 83 gram panchayats in Balasore district have been hit by the flood. The administration has evacuated 40,000 people by Monday noon, and they are housed in 227 temporary shelters
- » In Tonk district's Mandawara village, a 40-year-old woman, Samodara Meena, slipped into a flooded drain behind her house. Her husband Babu Lal Meena, 45, jumped into the drain to rescue her but both of them died, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Uniyara, Khalil Ahmed said



# Floods

As per data from the Central Water Commission (CWC), the water level of Subarnarekha at Rajghat in the district was 11.90 metre at 9 am as against the danger level of 10.36 metre, while at Jamsolaghat, it was 50.04 metre as against the danger level of 49.15 metre.

Apart from the Subarnarekha river, Balasore district is also affected by the flood waters of river Budhabalang and Jalaka, they said.

In Jajpur district, the Baitarani river inundated a number of blocks, including Dasrathpur and Korei, while in Keonjhar, several places in Hatadihi, Ghasipura and Anandapur are under water.

Odisha Water Resources Minister Tukuni Sahu, after reviewing the flood situation, said: "Though the Subarnarekha river is still flowing above the danger mark, the water level has remained stable for the last eight hours. We are keeping a close watch."

Nearly 156 villages in 83 gram panchayats in Balasore district have been hit by the flood. The administration has evacuated 40,000 people by Monday noon, and they are housed in 227 temporary shelters. The process is still underway, Balasore District Collector Dattatraya Bhausaheb Shinde said.

Meanwhile, a couple died as heavy rainfall and subsequent release of excess water from dams led to a flood-like situation in parts of Rajasthan's Kota and Jhalawar districts and surrounding areas, officials said on Monday.

Thousands were evacuated from low-lying areas across districts, they said.

In Kota, Jhalawar and Bundi, the administration declared a holiday in government and private schools on

Tuesday. Schools were closed on Monday also. Kota was the worst affected among the three districts.

In Tonk district's Mandawara village, a 40-year-old woman, Samodara Meena, slipped into a flooded drain behind her house. Her husband Babu Lal Meena, 45, jumped into the drain to rescue her but both of them died, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Uniyara, Khalil Ahmed said.

In Kota, approximately 3,500 people were shifted from low-lying areas to safer places and temporary shelters as the areas were submerged following rainfall and release of water from the Kota barrage.

"As many as 1,500 people have been shifted to safer places from low-lying areas in Kota. School buildings are being used as temporary shelters," Kota District Collector O P Bunkar said.

State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) teams have also been pressed into service, he said.

A Kota district administration official said 14 of the 19 gates of the barrage have been opened so far.

Nearly 3.83 lakh cusecs of water has been released from the barrage. The authorities plan to release 5.75 lakh cusecs, the official said.

Heavy rains continued in many parts of Madhya Pradesh for the third day on Monday, resulting in schools being closed in some districts including state capital Bhopal and Jabalpur, officials said.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a red alert for Monday, predicting heavy to very heavy rainfall with extremely heavy rainfall at isolated places in western parts of the state.

Rivers, drains and other water bodies were in spate in large parts of the state and gates of many dams were opened to release water.

Less vehicular traffic was witnessed due to poor visibility on many roads, espe-

cially in western MP. There were also reports of water-logging in some of the low-lying areas of the state. The IMD has advised people to avoid travelling amid torrential rains.

On Monday, heavy rains pounded Bhopal and adjoining areas. Schools in some districts including Bhopal and Jabalpur remained closed on Monday due to torrential rains, the officials said. The weather forecast had prompted the authorities to issue orders on Sunday evening for the closure of schools.

In the 24-hour period till 8.30 am on Monday, Bhopal received 190.5 mm rainfall, followed by Guna-174.9 mm, Sagar-173.9 mm, Raisen-162 mm and Jabalpur 160 mm, an IMD official said.

Rains coupled with wind uprooted many trees along roadsides in Bhopal, and also caused power supply disruptions in many areas as well as traffic snarls.

Bhopal Municipal Corporation personnel were seen clearing the roads of trees and branches falling on the pathways.

A depression was lying over central parts of MP near Bhopal and Sagar. Hence, very heavy rains are likely to continue in Bhopal, Narmadapuram, Sagar and Gwalior divisions till tonight, senior meteorologist with the IMD's Bhopal Office Ved Prakash Singh said.

The depression is likely to move westwards (towards Guna in MP and Rajasthan).

As a result, Indore and Ujjain divisions are also expected to get moderate to heavy rains by night when the depression over central MP moves westwards, the official said.

The monsoon showers have abated a bit in eastern MP, he said, adding that almost the entire state received rainfall in the last 24 hours. The rain activity is expected to reduce from Tuesday, Singh said.

WITH AGENCY INPUTS

# Heavy rains trigger flood fury in MP, Odisha; 6 dead

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## BHUBANESWAR/BHOPAL:

At least six people were killed and lakhs displaced due to heavy rain reported in Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan since Sunday, officials said on Monday.

While four rain-related deaths were reported in Odisha in the 24 hours leading up to Monday, MP reported two deaths in the same time period, according to inputs from respective state disaster management officials.

At least nine lakh people have been affected by flooding across 13 districts of Odisha so far. According to an official from the state's disaster management authority, a 10-year-old boy was washed away in Jalaka river at Basta block of Balasore district on Monday; a woman was washed away in Subarnarekha river in Baliapal block of the same district on Monday; a 10-year-old girl in Baripada town of Mayurbhanj died in a wall collapse and farmer was washed away by floodwaters in Jabinpur village under Hatadihi block of Keonjhar district on Sunday. These deaths take the toll from rain-related incidents in the state to 14 in the last four days.

According to the official mentioned above, floodwaters in most districts are ebbing but Balasore continued to face a deluge.

District collector, Dattatrey Bhausaheb Shinde, said over 40,000 people have been evacuated to safer places.

The state's water resources minister, Tukuni Sahu, said the Subarnarekha river is flowing above the danger level but the water level is expected to recede by Tuesday.

Meanwhile, in MP, a 49-year-old sarpanch in Ashoknagar district, Brijendra Singh Raghuvanshi was swept away in an overflowing drain on Monday after he failed to get out from the car



A partially submerged temple along the Narmada river, in Jabalpur on Monday.

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that was washed into the drain. The second death reported from the state was that of businessman Akhbar Khan (38) in Bhopal on Monday. He died after a tree fell on him, said an official from the state disaster management authority.

According to India Meteorological Department (IMD) data, Bhopal airport recorded its highest 24-hour rainfall in a decade on Monday with 250 mm of reported downpour. Overall, MP received 210 mm of rain.

State home minister Narottam Mishra said, "All the SDERF and home guards are on alert. Many villages, which are affected due to flood, the relief operations are also going on."

In Rajasthan, heavy rainfall over the last 24 hours and the release of water from Kota barrage has led to a flood-like situation in Kota, Jhalawar and surrounding districts.

Dag in Jhalawar recorded the highest rainfall (234 mm) followed by 224 mm in Kota city during this period, officials said.

(With PTI inputs)



# पोलावरम परियोजना को लेकर पीएम से मिले रेड्डी

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी। आंध्र प्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री व्हाई एस जगन मोहन रेड्डी ने सोमवार को प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी से मुलाकात की और गोदावरी नदी पर बनने वाली पोलावरम सिंचाई परियोजना के लिए संशोधित लागत अनुमानों को शीघ्र मंजूरी देने की मांग की। मुख्यमंत्री ने बाद में राष्ट्रपति द्रौपदी मुर्मू से भी मुलाकात की।

आधिकारिक सूत्रों ने बताया कि प्रधानमंत्री से हुई 40 मिनट की मुलाकात के दौरान रेड्डी ने पोलावरम परियोजना को लेकर चर्चा की और विजयनगरम जिले में प्रस्तावित भोगापुरम हवाई अड्डे के निर्माण को मंजूरी दिए जाने, चिकित्सा महाविद्यालयों की स्थापना किए जाने और केंद्र सरकार की विभिन्न योजनाओं के तहत राज्य सरकार को कोष जारी किए जाने की मांग की।

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नई दिल्ली में सोमवार को आंध्र प्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री व्हाईएस जगन मोहन रेड्डी ने प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी से मुलाकात कर उन्हें स्मृति चिह्न भेंट किया। ●प्रद

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प्रयागराज. गंगा-यमुना का जलस्तर की रफ्तार में धीमी आई है, लेकिन सोमवार को देर रात तक जलस्तर में फिर से बढ़ोत्तरी होने की संभावना जताई जा रही है। उत्तराखंड में हुई तेज बारिश की वजह से बैराज बांध से लगातार पानी छोड़ा जा रहा है। जिला प्रशासन ने अलर्ट जारी करते हुए जानकारी दी है कि सोमवार को शाम तक जलस्तर में बढ़ोत्तरी होगी। गंगा-यमुना में जलस्तर बढ़ने से प्रयागराज चारों तरफ से बाढ़ के पानी से घिर गया है। जिसकी वजह से दो दर्जन से अधिक गांवों का संपर्क टूट गया है। आवागमन करने के लिए गांव वाले लोग नाव का सहारा लेने पर मजबूर हैं। इसके अलावा शहरी इलाकों में पानी घुसने



## जलस्तर में होगी वृद्धि

प्रयागराज में गंगा-यमुना के जलस्तर में वृद्धि हो रही है। दोनों नदियों में पानी की बढ़ोत्तरी देखी गई थी, लेकिन सोमवार की सुबह से लेकर दोपहर 12 बजे तक दोनों नदियों के जलस्तर बढ़ोत्तरी में कमी देखी गई है।

से परिवार बाढ़ शिविर में ठिकाना बना लिया है। इसके साथ ही बाढ़ की स्थिति देखते हुए बाढ़ चौकियों को

## बारिश होने पर हालात होंगे बेकाबू

प्रयागराज में बाढ़ आने से कछारी इलाको में पानी पहुंच गया है। गांवों में आवागमन करने वाले रास्ते गए हैं और आवागमन बाधित हो गया है। बाजार जाने के लिए ग्रामीणों को नाव का सहारा लेना पड़ रहा है।

सक्रिय करते हुए बाढ़ क्षेत्रों में एनडीआरएफ के जवानों की तैनात कर दी है।