

Telangana Today - 01- December-2023

AP 'takes control' of NSP operations

TS irrigation officials take steps to resume control of project

STATE BUREAU

HYDERABAD

Telangana Irrigation officials are gearing up to resume control of the Nagarjuna Sagar Project operations while working out strategies to smoothly handle the dam site confrontation with Andhra Pradesh. In a midnight swoop, AP officials, accompanied by over 400 armed personnel, stormed into the facilities on the dam and took over the control of the operation of the head regulator of the right canal of the project along with 13 of the crest gates on its side.

They faced hardly any resistance as the entire force, barring 20 policemen, protecting the project was away after being deployed for poll duty in different districts. Reinforcements sought by project authorities were expected to reach the dam on Thursday night. The project Chief Engineer has already appraised the State government of the situation and has also posted the KRMB of the developments at the project.

Irrigation officials are of the view that Andhra Pradesh had planned the operation under the supervision of the Superintendent of Police of Guntur at a time when Telangana police personnel stationed at the dam were drafted for election duty. The personnel will be back only after handing over the EVMs to the returning officers concerned. The Project Chief Engineer had already mobilised the required men and machinery to remove encroachments on the dam.

All the crest gates and head regulators of the dam were upgraded to operate on auto mode. The moment op-



Police officials posted at the Nagarjuna Sagar Project. AP officials, accompanied by over 400 armed personnel, stormed into the facilities on the dam.

Midnight swoop

Andhra Pradesh takes control of 13 crest gates

- Right canal head regulator also taken over by the neighbouring State
- Telangana waiting for reinforcements to reach dam site
- AP starts drawing **10,000 cusecs** to meet irrigation needs
- KRMB informed of AP's move

eration of the crest gates and head regulator were taken over by AP, officials from Telangana, in a preemptive move, withdrew the power supply to the head regulator. Within hours, the AP officials restored power supply to the right canal head regulator from their local sources and started drawing some 10,000 cusecs of water through the right canal to support standing crops.

As per the standard operating procedure, the Sri-sailem project was placed under the operational control of Andhra Pradesh, while the Nagarjuna Sagar

Project was placed under the control of Telangana. The water level in the Nagarjuna Sagar Project was close to the MDDL of 510 feet. Both the States had already agreed to use the water available in the project only to meet drinking water needs. But backing out from its commitment, AP started drawing water for irrigation purposes. The Andhra government's act is highly "reprehensible" and would be taken up with the Centre if the KRMB failed to act against Andhra Pradesh in this case, a senior Irrigation official said.

No compromise on rights of TS, says Jagadish

STATE BUREAU

Nalgonda

Energy Minister G Jagadish Reddy said incidents like the Andhra Pradesh attempt to take over the Nagarjuna Sagar Project would repeat until the Centre took a decision on water sharing of Krishna river between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana States. There was no question of compromising on the rights of Telangana on its share in river water. The people of Telangana were dependent on the Nagarjuna Sagar project for drinking water. Indirectly referring to comments made by Congress leaders, the Minister said the BRS would never indulge in cheap politics of utilizing the water sharing issue to get votes in the elections.

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CYCLONE TO BRING MORE RAIN

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CALM BEFORE THE STORM: Water stagnated on Marina on Thursday after rain lashed Chennai on Wednesday. IMD has forecast that the cyclone over southeast Bay of Bengal may move towards the north TN and south AP coast by Monday morning, bringing heavy rain in the city and nearby districts on Saturday and heavy to very heavy rain on Sunday and Monday. IMD also forecast heavy rain in eight districts, including the delta and south coastal regions, on Friday | **FULL COVERAGE: P 2**

CHENNAI HOLDS UP AS CYCLONE LOOMS

RAINFALL DATA
(6PM, NOVEMBER
29 TO 6PM
NOVEMBER 30)

7.5
Rainfall in cm

| | |
|---------------|------|
| Meenambakkam | 22.8 |
| Alandur | 11.8 |
| Mugalivakkam | 11.2 |
| Valsaravakkam | 10.5 |
| Adyar | 10 |
| Teynampet | 10 |

AREAS
WITH
HIGH
RAINFALL
IN CM

INUNDATED ROADS IN CHENNAI'S T NAGAR AND SURROUNDING AREAS

North Usman Road | Dr Nair Road | Habibullah Road
Sivanyanam Salai | Bazullah Road | Duraisamy
Subway | Vijayaraghava Road | West Mambalam
Road | Brindavan Street | Arya Gowda Road

OTHER AREAS WHICH FACED INUNDATION

Purasavakkam High Road | Jamalia |
Ottari Nullah | Rangarajapuram | AGS
Colony in Velachery | Parts of Ashok
Nagar including Postal Colony

CANALS, RIVER SWELLING

Mambalam Canal
Ottari Nullah
Thanikachalam Canal
Adyar River

Total inundated roads
on Thursday

100
roads

Canals maintained by
GCC | 30

FLOODGATES: Water from
Chembarambakkam
reservoir was let out at
6,000cusecs on Thursday
morning; the flow was
reduced to 4,000cusecs by
the evening

Core city areas such as T Nagar flooded because of release of 6,000 cusecs from Chembarambakkam lake. We are coordinating with water resources department to reduce level of release from the reservoir to ensure water here recedes

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After partial flooding, city braces for more showers as cyclone Michaung hovers over Bay of Bengal

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NAV BHARAT UDYAN PHASE 1

Work on 30-acre garden, museum space along Yamuna to kick off soon

DAMINI NATH

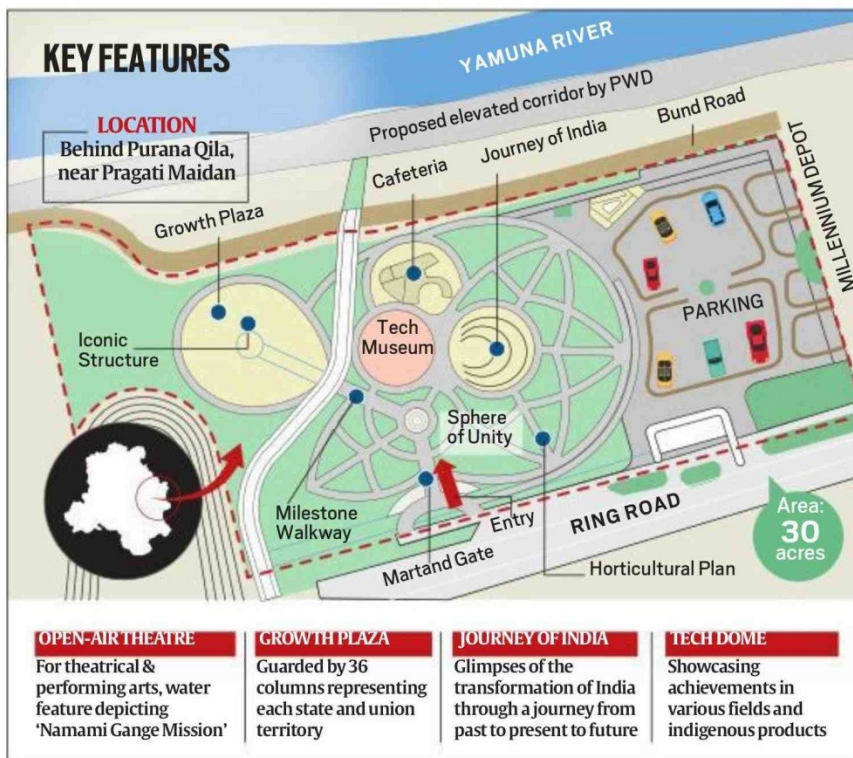
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 30

THE GOVERNMENT'S plan to set up the Nav Bharat Udyan (New India Garden), a 30-acre campus of gardens, a museum and public spaces along the Yamuna near Purana Qila, is likely to kick off soon, according to sources.

Proposed as a part of the Central Vista redevelopment plan in 2019, the garden will be located behind Purana Qila, near Pragati Maidan. The location is in a straight line from the Central Vista, which is the stretch from Rashtrapati Bhawan to India Gate, marking a notional extension of the Central Vista, as per the plan.

The Central Public Works Department (CPWD) on November 24 floated a tender for Rs 35.08 crore for Phase I of the project. The bidding would be open till December 9 and the successful bidder would have 6 months to complete the project, as per the tender document.

Phase one includes construction of minor bridges over the existing drain, internal roads, surface parking, laying of foundation and stone-base pedestal, water supply and drainage,



walkways and boundary walls.

According to the CPWD's plans, the garden will have vari-

ous domes and walkways with the themes of "Tech Museum", "Sphere of Unity", "Milestones

Walkway" and "Journey of India". A "Growth Plaza" with 36 columns representing each state

and union territory is also being planned. An open-air theatre for performing arts, along with a water feature depicting the Namami Gange Mission would be located on one side of the garden, as per the plan. The entrance to the garden would be based on the Martand Temple. The garden would be part of the larger 118-hectare Amrut Biodiversity Park being developed by the Delhi Development Authority.

Apart from the recent tender, the CPWD has also started work on the Tech Museum by seeking bids for its planning and design on November 2.

"A contemporary Tech Museum is envisioned in the Nav Bharat Udyan; that will be a premiere exhibition space focusing on disseminating information on achievements of the nation using the latest technology. The objective of the museum is to provide visitors a better understanding and to create a sense of pride amongst them about the achievements of our nation in various fields," the tender document said.

The museum would use 3D mapping, touch-enabled displays, projections and holograms, as well as conventional exhibits, the tender said.

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WATER | DISPUTE

Police forces from both states become involved; inter-state road blocked

AP releases Sagar water after face-off with TS

MD ILYAS | DC
VIJAYAWADA, NOV. 30

Hours before the Assembly elections were to commence in Telangana state, the AP government released 2,000 cusecs of water for drinking purposes from the Nagarjunasagar dam after a face-off with Telangana officials on Thursday night. The road between the two states was barricaded and the AP government reportedly deployed 1,200 personnel at the dam.

Water from the Nagarjunasagar dam, located on the border of the two Telugu states, serves the irrigation, drinking water and power needs of AP and Telangana. The project has 26 gates, of which the Telangana government operates Gates 1 to 13 and the AP has control over the rest, as per the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014. Release of water from the dam is based on the advice of the Godavari Waters Dispute Tribunal.

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The ruckus started when AP officials went to the dam to release the water, but Telangana officials objected and placed barri-

cades. AP officials then summoned the police, who reached the dam and removed the barricading. The Telangana special

police force, upon arriving at the spot, did not allow the AP police to go on to the dam and locked up the control room. Officials from the two states argued about the release of water for about half an hour.

The AP police tried to pacify their Telangana counterparts, explaining that AP had the right to control its part of the project and Telangana could not deny their rights. With Telangana police refusing to budge, the AP police forcibly entered the dam

and escorted the AP irrigation officials into the control room.

The AP officials then took control of the operation of Gates 14-26. The AP police also set up barricades on the project road, completely preventing vehicular movement between the two states.

Iron fencing was laid on the project to prevent the movement between the two states.

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Andhra Pradesh opens Nagarjunasagar Dam gate

PTI ■ AMARAVATI

Andhra Pradesh irrigation officials opened one gate of the Nagarjunasagar Dam on Thursday to meet the drinking water needs of the state, an official said, which led to some friction with their Telangana counterparts.

Engineer-in-Chief (Irrigation) C Narayana Reddy told PTI that Andhra Pradesh officials had no other option but to open the gate to release 3,000 cusecs of water as Telangana has been allegedly creating hindrances over the past nine years.

"This is a drought year, that's why we are left with no other option but to take control of our facilities in our own territory," said Reddy, adding that the dam gate was opened around 10 am. According to the EIC, Telangana officials are allegedly not allowing Andhra Pradesh officials to

even enter the dam to conduct inspections. Moreover, he alleged that they established four checkpoints in Andhra Pradesh territory and termed it unwarranted as one state government cannot go into another state and handle checkpoints. Reddy alleged that Telangana officials have been executing such activities forcibly. "To avoid friction between the states, we were holding ourselves back but the menace has reached a peak.

They were not letting us do even timely release of water for drinking needs," he said. Reddy observed that Telangana has not only trespassed to handle irrigation installations in Andhra Pradesh territory but is also allegedly controlling all the release points to Andhra Pradesh.

"The problem is that they have presumed that Nagarjunasagar Dam is under their control and they have trespassed into our

territory on the right bank," he said.

According to the irrigation official, the central line of Krishna river is the boundary between both the states, with the jurisdiction of the left side falling into Telangana and the right side Andhra Pradesh. He said that on the right side the right main canal has a powerhouse and a head regulator for release of water to exclusively cater to the needs of Andhra Pradesh. Similarly, the left bank of the river houses Telangana's installations which fall in its territory and is handled by it, Reddy added. Further, he said 13 gates of the 26-gate spillway fall into Telangana's jurisdiction and the remaining 13 into Andhra Pradesh's.

However, he alleged that Telangana authorities did not stop within their facilities and installations but also encroached on Andhra Pradesh side as well.

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भास्कर खास • ओखला में बनेगा एशिया का सबसे बड़ा वेस्ट वाटर ट्रीटमेंट प्लांट यमुना को प्रदूषण मुक्त करने की तैयारी, यह प्लांट रोजाना 564 एमजीडी दूषित जल को शोधित करेगा

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प्रदूषण के लिए देश की सबसे गंदी के रूप में शुमार हो चुकी यमुना नदी को प्रदूषण मुक्त करने के लिए दिल्ली सरकार ओखला में एशिया का सबसे बड़ा जल शोधन संयंत्र (एसटीपी प्लांट) का निर्माण कर रही है। इसकी क्षमता रोजाना 564 एमजीडी दूषित जल को शोधित करने की है। जल मंत्री आतिशी सिंह ने गुरुवार को अधिकारियों के साथ इस एसटीपी प्लांट का दौरा किया। प्रोजेक्ट में देरी को लेकर जलमंत्री आतिशी ने अधिकारियों से नाराजगी जाहिर करते हुए निर्देश दिए कि इस साल के अंत दिसंबर तक इस प्लांट को शुरू करें। आतिशी ने कहा कि यह एसटीपी प्लांट यमुना के पानी को प्रदूषणमुक्त करने के दिशा में गेम चेंजर होगा।



40 लाख लोगों को मिलेगा फायदा

जल मंत्री आतिशी ने कहा कि इस एसटीपी प्लांट में यूवी सहित अत्याधुनिक तकनीकों का इस्तेमाल करते हुए सीवेज के पानी को शोधित किया जाएगा। इसके साथ ही बायोलॉजिकल ऑक्सीडेशन डिमांड (बीओडी) स्तर को शोधित कर मानक के नीचे लाया जाएगा। उसके बाद ही साफ पानी को यमुना नदी में छोड़ा जाएगा। इस परियोजना का लाभ 40 लाख लोगों को मिलेगा।

आतिशी ने कहा, यह प्लांट ग्रीन एनर्जी पर आधारित होगा। यह सीवेज के गाद से बायो-गैस तैयार कर 4.8 मेगावाट बिजली की आधी ऊर्जा की जरूरत खुद पूरी करेगा। इस प्लांट के शुरू होने के बाद प्रतिदिन करोड़ों लीटर सीवर के जल

को बिना शोधित सीधे यमुना में छोड़ने के बजाय उसे शोधित कर छोड़ा जाएगा। प्लांट चालू होने के बाद गंदे पानी के बायोलॉजिकल ऑक्सीडेशन डिमांड (बीओडी) स्तर को शोधित कर 10 तक लाया जा सकेगा।