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## Ministry of Jal Shakti Signs Agreement with Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore for Establishment of International Centre of Excellence for Dams (ICED)

As part of the holistic effort of Government of India to equip national institutions of eminence to develop capability and expertise at par with global institutions and empower 'Make in India' in dam safety, Central Water Commission (CWC), Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore for Establishment of an International Centre of Excellence for Dams (ICED) under externally supported Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) Phase II and III. This MoA will remain valid for ten years or till the duration of the DRIP Phase-II and III Scheme, whichever is earlier, from the date of signing this MoA. The Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR, Ms.

Debashree Mukherjee said "ICED will give the right impetus towards building an 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and will also provide a window of opportunity for dis-

seminating knowledge and expertise in the dam safety area to many underdeveloped and developing nations in future."



ICED will act as a technological arm of the Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS) to provide specialized technical support in investigations, modelling, research and innovations, and tech-

nical support services for the Indian and overseas dam owners. The Centre will work on dam safety to support the Ministry and provide solutions to various emerging challenges faced in dam safety through scientific research. It will also offer area specific academic courses (including training programs and workshops) and carry out applied research and technology transfer in dam safety management at local, regional, national and international levels.

ICED will carry out research in two core areas (i) Advanced construction and rehabilitation materials & Material testing for dams and (ii) Comprehensive (multi-hazard) risk assessment of dams. In case, CWC, Ministry of Jal Shakti desires to include any new emerging area in dam safety, same shall be added after mutual discussion and agreement. The MoJS will provide grant of Rs. 118.05 Crore for procurement of goods, machinery for establishment of new laboratories as well as strengthening of existing laboratories, initiation of research activities, construction/ modernization of infrastructure for setting up and functioning of ICED, exposure visits to best global institutions and on ground exposure to dam safety concerns to the faculty of IISc.



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# Telangana facing drought, says CM

STATE BUREAU  
Hyderabad

For the first time in the last several years, Telangana is facing a drought, with Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy himself acknowledging this on Wednesday.

Confirming that drought conditions were prevailing in the State, the Chief Minister called for a united fight, urging farmers raising demands for the release of water from reservoirs to "understand the situation". Assuring to stand



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by them during difficult times while interacting with them, after launching the 'Rythu Nestham' digital programme to connect Rythu Vedikas in the State, through video-conferencing, Revanth Reddy said. water shortage was acute at various places due to inadequate rainfall in the last one year, leading to depleting water levels in various reservoirs. Citing increasing demand from the erstwhile districts of Karimnagar, Khammam, Nalgonda and Mahabubnagar for the re-

lease of water from reservoirs to save crops, he urged the farmers to understand the prevailing conditions. The State government was making arrangements to ensure that a drinking water crisis did not arise during the upcoming summer, he said. He also pointed out that the State was blessed with suitable land and climate to grow around 26 different types of crops. (SEE PAGE 2)

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The Chief Minister suggested to the farmers to take up not only the cultivation of paddy, cotton and chilli but also other crops which help give more profits and yield. Crop rotation would help reduce water usage and investment burden on farmers in difficult times, he said, appealing to them not to lose courage even during hardships as the government was ready to support the entire farming community.

Earlier, the Chief Minister said Rythu Nestham would help farmers get timely advice and updates from agricultural scientists and of-

ficials regularly. The State government would come up with an action plan to ensure that farmers got remunerative prices for crops cultivated by them. Besides the Rythu Bharosa investment support, crop loan waiver and crop procurement, among others, he said the State government would continue to provide life insurance coverage for farmers under Rythu Bima.

The State government had rejoined the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana to ensure that farmers got back their investment

amount during droughts and floods, he said.

The State government was initiating Rythu Nestham with an outlay of Rs 97 crore for the installation of video-conference units in 2,601 Rythu Vedikas in the next three years. In the first phase, about Rs 4.07 crore was released to install at least one unit each in 110 of the total of 119 Assembly constituencies. The digital platform would be a key enabler for farmers to make agriculture more profitable. They could also share their experiences with fellow farmers in

other parts of the State, he said.

Rythu Nestham will be conducted every Tuesday and Friday with Agriculture Extension Officers and farmers, in collaboration with Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agriculture University.

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, Agriculture Secretary M Raghunandan Rao and others participated in the programme from the Secretariat, while the Chief Minister launched the programme from his residence.

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# Will fully cooperate with NDSA panel: Uttam

STATE BUREAU

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Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy assured the National Dam Safety Authority's (NDSA) expert committee that the State government would extend full cooperation to it in restoring the collapsed pillars of Medigadda barrage.

The Minister, who met expert committee chairman

Chandrasekhar and other members on Wednesday, gave a detailed power-point presentation to the expert committee about the Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages of the Kaleshwaram project and explained to them the damages caused to the Medigadda barrage. Stating that the officials at all levels have been directed to provide all documents and information

asked by the NDSA committee, Uttam warned of strict action against those who do not cooperate with the NDSA committee and hide documents.

Though the committee had been given a four-month deadline to submit the report, the State government had requested an interim report as soon as possible, he said. Action would be taken against the con-

struction company if the NDSA committee identified any lapses on its part, he said, adding that the construction company would be held accountable for the damages, and asked to undertake repairs. The Minister also announced that steps were being taken to initiate a judicial probe into the Kaleshwaram project.

The panel will visit Medigadda on Thursday.



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## कैबिनेट मंत्री ने नल जल योजना के तहत 4.40 करोड़ के कार्यों पर मुहर लगाई

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