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Barring block 7, Medigadda safe to use, say officials

Structures in seven other blocks intact

STATE BUREAU

Hyderabad

The Medigadda barrage, part of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP), which was inspected by the Central Water and Power Research Station (CWPRS) team as part of its geotechnical and geophysical investigations, was deemed to be safe, despite persisting issues pertaining to its seventh block.

The CWPRS was engaged by the State government along with two other Central agencies for further investigations.

Gaps that occurred beneath the seventh block raft system due to the failure of secant piles were suspected to have caused the sagging of the 20th pillar of the seventh block while the structures in the seven other blocks were found to be intact and sound enough to support resumption of water lifting operations, according to officials.

They are of the opinion that the barrage could be put to use by taking up sand and cement grouting to fill the gaps caused due to dislocation of underground soils beneath the raft system. The L&T, which has been engaged for the imple-



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mentation of the interim works recommended by the NDSA team, has already commenced the works. Efforts are on to complete them under a time-bound programme well before the monsoon sets in bringing floods into the river. By all means, they wanted to complete a major part of the works on the structure in the river bed by June 10, so that even heavy floods would not hamper the work progress.

Stock-taking mission

The irrigation officials, after several rounds of stock-taking done in all its eight blocks with an end-to-end investigation, defended the

project, stating that the sinking of barrage pillars was a minor occurrence and that the project remained safe. The implementing agency had completed the mandatory electrical resistivity tomography (ERT) and Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) tests for imaging subsurface structures covering all eight blocks of the project.

The structural issues spotted in the seven block also could be addressed by completing the necessary tests for which sophisticated equipment was being acquired as desired by the central organisations, that were tasked with the job, they said.

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Chief Secretary Shiv Das Meena on Saturday inspected places where development work is going on. Greater Chennai Corporation commissioner Dr J. Radhakrishnan and officials present. —DC

CS: No flooding in Chennai hereafter

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CHENNAI, MAY. 25

There would be no floods in Chennai even if the city received up to 20 cm of rain during the coming monsoon season as the work on the construction of the water drainage system had been almost completed, Chief Secretary Shiv Das Meena said on Saturday.

Meena, who inspected the ongoing work along with Chennai Corporation Commissioner J Radhakrishnan, told the media that the efforts to prevent water stagnation during rains was now being undertaken with several stakeholders like Highways and Water

Resources departments and the Corporation.

Work, taken up in places like Chennai, Coimbatore and Madurai, would be completed by September, ahead of the onset of the monsoon season.

To question the damage to standing crops by the rains, the Chief Secretary said that the district Collectors had been urged to look into it and come up with reports.

The Chief Secretary visited Nanganallur main road where stormwater drain (SWD) works worth ₹ 58.97 crore are going on. Later, he reviewed the ₹57.7-crore closed culvert construction works at Velachery main road in

Perungudi zone. He also visited Okkiyam in Old Mahabalipuram Road (OMR) where a culvert work worth ₹25 crore is underway.

Earlier, he inspected the desilting work of SWDs on Dr. Nair road at ward 133 and Subramaniam Nagar in ward 132 of Kodambakkam zone.

He said that precautionary measures were being taken to prevent damage due to flooding. The respective district collectors have been instructed to take action where heavy rain warning has been issued, he said.

Shiv Das Meena also visited Chitlapakkam Lake in Tambaram corporation.

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Rains cause damage to property in Kerala

Thiruvananthapuram, May 25: The ongoing spell of heavy rains in Kerala has hit normal life, with scores of houses being damaged, roads being submerged, trees uprooted, flood water entering houses and trains running late as a result of the steady downpour that continued to lash the state on Saturday.

Flood water entered houses, schools and shops located in low-lying areas of Kuttanad in coastal Alapuzha district.

Potholes appeared on roads, posing a threat to vehicle users in many places there.

At Kaikulangara in Kollam district, a family of four had a narrow escape as the tiled roof of their house collapsed due to heavy showers.

Residents of the house escaped with minor injuries and were taken to a nearby hospital, police said.

Another house in Kannettumukku here was completely damaged following downpour in the small hours today, they said.

However, the elderly woman living in it said she had a miraculous escape as she ran out to the courtyard hearing a sound in the night.

Several roads were battered and houses damaged in the coastal village of Pozhiyur, which witnessed intense sea incursion on Friday evening.

Relief camps were set up in the area and fishermen have been advised not to venture into the sea due to the continuing inclement weather.

Intense water-logging and uprooting of trees disrupted normal life in towns and villages alike in several parts of the southern state.

Several trains, heading to the state capital were reportedly running late

due to bad weather.

According to officials, the agricultural sector in Thiruvananthapuram district incurred loss to the tune of Rs 1.82 crore owing to heavy rains in the last three days.

Agriculture produces in 66.89 hectares of land have been destroyed in Thiruvananthapuram and as many as 720 farmers suffered losses between May 22 to 24 here, they said.

Four houses have been completely destroyed and 41 were partially damaged due to torrential downpour in the district where several families were shifted to relief camps in the past few days.

Meanwhile, the IMD sounded a yellow alert in seven districts of the state, including Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha, Idukki, Kottayam and Ernakulam.

A yellow alert indicates heavy rainfall between 6

cm and 11 cm.

The weather department predicted isolated heavy rain in these districts in the coming hours.

As per the latest update of the Indian National Center for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), high waves ranging from 0.5 to 3.1 metres and sea incursions are predicted along the coast of Kerala from southern Vizhinjam to northern Kasaragod until Saturday night.

In view of the warning, authorities have advised people not to venture into the sea and stay away from beaches.

Those who live on sea shore were asked to move to safer places if necessary as the chances of sea incursion were higher.

Fishermen were asked to keep their fishing vessels safe in respective harbours, a statement from the Kerala Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA) said. —PTI

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चिंताजनक शिवाला से सिंधिया घाटों के बीच थे आठ जलस्रोत, पाताल का पानी कहे जाने वाले जलस्रोतों में तीन सूखे

गंगा के बाद 'पाताल का पानी' प्रदूषित हो रहा

■ अरविंद मिश्रा

वाराणसी। काशी में गंगा के बाद अब घाटों पर मौजूद प्राकृतिक जल स्रोत भी प्रदूषित होने लगे हैं। आम बोलचाल में इन स्रोतों से आने वाले जल को 'पाताल का पानी' कहा जाता है। गंगा का जल आचमन योग्य न रह जाने के बाद से ये जल स्रोत ही सैलानियों, तीर्थपुरोहित, माझियों सहित घाट पर दिन बिताने वाले लोगों की प्यास बुझाने के प्रमुख साधन रहे हैं।

कभी शिवाला से लेकर सिंधिया घाट के बीच कुल आठ जल स्रोत हुआ करते थे। उनका स्थान शिवाला घाट, चौकी



घाट, राणा महल घाट, दशाश्वमेध घाट, डॉ राजेंद्र प्रसाद घाट, मानमंदिर घाट, मणिकर्णिका घाट और सिंधिया घाट है।

मात्र तीन स्रोत हैं जिनका जल अब उपयोग करने के लायक हैं। वयोवृद्ध लक्ष्मण माझी बताते हैं कि अब सिर्फ

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गंगा किनारे के तीन जल स्रोत करीब दो वर्ष पहले सूख चुके हैं जबकि दो का जल प्रदूषित हो चुका है। जो तीन जल स्रोत अपना अस्तित्व खो चुके हैं, उनमें एक दशाश्वमेध घाट पर, दूसरा मानमंदिर घाट और तीसरा मणिकर्णिका घाट पर था।

दो का जल प्रदूषित

घाट के दो स्रोत जिनका जल उपयोग के लायक नहीं रह गया है, वे क्रमशः डॉ. राजेंद्र प्रसाद घाट और सिंधिया घाट पर हैं। दो वर्षों से भी अधिक समय से इनसे प्रदूषित जल प्रवाहित हो रहा है। कभी गंगाजल की तरह ही शुद्ध रहे इन दोनों स्रोतों के जल में मलजल मिलने लगा है।

शिवाला, चौकी और राणामहल घाट स्थित स्रोत से निकलने वाला जल ही पीने योग्य रह गया है।