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# KCR's jibe uncalled for, says Shekhawat

STATE BUREAU

Hyderabad

Five days after the remarks made by Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao describing the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) as a drama, Union Minister for Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat termed the remarks as a lethal attack on the democratic system and constitutional framework of the country.

"How can a person sitting on a responsible chair and heading a government in a federal structure say it as a drama?" he wondered, while addressing a hurriedly called press conference in New Delhi. He maintained that the decision of notifying KRMB and GRMB was taken after due consultations and agreements from the two States. The issue was also discussed in the Parliament.

He said Telangana had approached the SC for setting up a new tribunal under Section 3 of Inter-State River Disputes Act-1956 after separate State was formed. Since the matter was subjudice, the Centre could not con-

stitute a tribunal. The Chief Minister mentioned about the urgency and requirement of constituting a new tribunal and promised to withdraw the petition from the SC. Shekhawat said it took almost eight months for Telangana to submit application in the SC to withdraw the case. Finally on October 6, 2021, the Supreme Court allowed to withdraw the petition filed by Telangana and then the Ministry's role started.

He claimed that he could not be blamed for the delay and that the jurisdiction of the two boards was notified "after long discussions with Telangana and AP". "The Chief Minister is now making remarks saying that it was a big drama," he said. To another question on failing to hand over irrigation projects, he replied, "There is a constitutional provision for all unfortunate situations, which happen in the country." "We cannot fix a cut-off date for these types of situations. We want to do everything smoothly and empower the boards with proper infrastructure and resources with the consensus of the two States," he said.

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## Gajendra flays CM over water dispute

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Union jal shakti minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on Thursday took strong exception to Telangana state Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao's remarks accusing the Centre of delaying the resolution on water disputes between Telangana state and Andhra Pradesh for over seven years.

Addressing a press conference in Delhi, Shekhawat held Rao responsible for the delay stating that due to a case filed by the Telangana state government in the Supreme Court on Krishna waters dispute in 2015, the Centre could not initiate any steps as the matter was sub judice.

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## Shekhawat questions KCR on seven-year delay remarks

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"He (Rao) took my name in his press conference. I have the responsibility to clarify his remarks. I wish to understand how the Centre or myself could be held responsible for the seven-year delay".

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delay".

The delay was because he (Rao) chose to file a case in the Supreme Court in 2015 seeking to constitute a fresh tribunal for sharing of Krishna waters among TS, AP and other states. The case was pending for all these years. When the matter is sub judice, how can the Centre initiate steps to resolve disputes among states?" Shekhawat questioned.

The Union minister stated that in fact it was he who had made a beginning to break the deadlock by convening an Apex Council meeting with Chief Ministers of Telangana state and Andhra Pradesh in October 2020.

"In the meeting, I told the Telangana state Chief Minister to withdraw the case from the Supreme Court to break the deadlock. He agreed and even promised to withdraw the case with-



Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

in two days. But he took eight months time to withdraw the case. The Supreme Court allowed the Telangana state government to withdraw the case only last month. Only after this, the Centre's role in this issue began last month. How could he hold the Centre and myself responsible for seven-year delay?" he asked.

Addressing a press conference at Pragathi Bhavan on Monday, Rao had expressed anger at the Centre and named Shekhawat accusing them of taking seven years' time just to refer Krishna water sharing issue to a new tribunal. Rao

had said that he withdrew the case from the Supreme Court as promised but the Centre failed to resolve waters disputes between Telangana state and Andhra Pradesh even after seven years.

Shekhawat also expressed anger over Rao describing the Centre's notification on the jurisdiction of the Krishna River Management Board and the Godavari River Management Board as a "big drama".

"KRMB and GRMB were constituted as per the provisions of the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014, which was passed by both the Houses of Parliament. It's the law of the land. How can he say it's a drama?" Shekhawat remarked.

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### Showers, flooding toss Chennai; 14 killed in rain-battered Tamil Nadu

#### In view of water-logging, suburban train services see suspensions and delays

#### **OUR CORRESPONDENT**

CHENNAI: Intense showers battered Chennai and other northern regions of Tamil Nadu on Thursday while the depression over Bay of Bengal crossed coast by evening near here.

As many as 14 people were killed in rain related incidents in the state, standing crops were submerged, trees uprooted and over a 1,000 tenements, mostly huts suffered damage across Tamil Nadu.

The heavy rains and release of surplus from dams, a total of about 13,000 cusecs of water here, transformed several areas in the metropolis and other northern regions of Tamil Nadu into a virtual, large water body as streets swirled with deluge and trash. Power cut was effected in several regions considering safety. The rains also caused damage to roads and causeways.

The flooding witnessed here for the past four days threw normal life out of gear as closed, inundated subways and traffic diversions gave people a harrowing time.



Fishermen move their commodities to a safer place as waves measuring about two to three metres hit the Marina beach owing to the depression in the Bay of Bengal, in Chennai, on Thursday

With the passage of the depression on Thursday evening, there was a let up in rains in most northern Tamil Nadu regions and people could be seen visiting local markets to buy essentials after confining themselves to their homes for most part of the day.

Till date in the ongoing monsoon season, 157 head of cattle have died, 1,146 huts and 237 houses have been affected in rain related incidents across the state. In view of water-logging, suburban train services saw suspensions and delay. The services, however, resumed later. In respect of flights, though departures continued suspended arrivals resumed as the depression faded. Chennai Corporation authorities distributed a total of over 6 lakh food packets to people in affected areas.

Chennai and several other northern regions witnessed heavy rains since Wednesday night and the depression moved close towards the city today, with showers intensifying in several areas. Authorities used heavy duty motors, robotic excavators and deployed full manpower to pump out water, de-clog drains, remove trash and clear uprooted trees. As civic, revenue, public works, police and fire personnel slogged to help people and mitigate flood woes, Chief Minister M K Stalin said he bowed before all government workers involved in relief and rescue operations for their services to the people.

"Your selfless services and sacrifice have removed the distress of crores of people," the CM tweeted.

The heavy rainfall covered almost the entire city under sheets of water including the downtown Mylapore and heavily inundated several parts of neighbourhoods including Velachery and rain water entered state-run hospitals in KK Nagar and Chromepet prompting authorities to shift patients to other facilities.

Fearing damage, several residents of deluge-hit Ram Nagar in Madipakkam parked their cars on the nearby Velachery flyover's margin or underneath similar facilities nearby.

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## CAG pulls up State for lapses in 2018 floods

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The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has pulled up Kerala Government for lapses and policy and infrastructure deficiencies that hamstrung disaster response during the 2018 floods.

The CAG report on 'Preparedness and Response to Floods in Kerala,' covering the 2014-19 period, was tabled in the Assembly on Thursday.

#### **National Water Policy**

The audit by the CAG noted that the Kerala State Water Policy was not updated in tune with the National Water Policy and lacked provisions for flood control and flood management.

The State had not enact-

ed floodplain zoning legislation and floodplains were not identified and demarcated. "Had the exercise of identification and demarcation of floodplains been undertaken, the same could have been used by the Government of Kerala in their activities on flood control," it said.

Flood-hazard maps, vital for pinpointing flood-prone regions, used by the State dated back to 2010 and did not conform to the criteria set by the Central Water Commission. At the time of audit, the State was yet to have a large-scale flood-hazard map satisfying the criteria.

The CAG recommended that the Government take corrective measures in all the three issues.

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#### Storage in 5 major reservoirs maintained at lower level

Decision aimed at allowing more inflow during monsoon

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI

The storage in the five major reservoirs is being maintained at a lower level to allow more inflow during monsoon and minimise flood damage in the surrounding areas.

On Thursday, the combined storage of the reservoirs, including those in Chembarambakkam and Red Hills, was at 80%. Officials of the Water Resources Department said the release was decided based on the inflow received from catchment areas and rainfall.

Water discharge from Poondi reservoir was steadily increased up to 10,000 cusecs from Thursday morning to 6 p.m. as the inflow into the waterbody reached 12,000 cusecs. Moreover, additional water of 1,200 cusecs from Ammapalli dam is expected to reach Poondi by Friday afternoon.

Similarly, about 3,000 cusecs of surplus water was released at Red Hills. However, the outflow from Chembarambakkam reservoir remained at about 2,000 cusecs as the inflow was 4,000 cusecs and the reservoir had a rainfall of moderate intensity of 4.4 cm. Officials said the measured operation of the reservoirs was feasible as extremely heavy rain occurred during the early phase of the monsoon.

Meanwhile, Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (CMWSSB) has drafted 2,000 personnel

to attend to waterlogging and sewage complaints. Officials said nearly 2,225 complaints were received through helplines – 45674567 and 1916.

A release said the sewer network had carried additional load of rainwater and sewage in the past few days. About 850 million litres of sewage a day was treated as against normal load of 580

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The deadline for the project has been set for April next year. FILE

# Fresh deadline for completion of Tawi artificial lake project

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 11

Marred by "delays and cancellations" since its start in 2009, the Jammu and Kashmir administration has set a fresh deadline of 2023 to complete the multi-crore artificial Tawi lake project in Jammu.

However, the deadline for the completion of artificial pondage (lake) in the Tawi river has been set for April next year.

After missing the first target date in 2012, the contractor missed five other deadlines in 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018, when the contractor stopped work, prompting authorities to cancel its project and order a probe.

Stating that the project has the potential to give a major facelift to Jammu city, Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta directed the department to speed up the execution of the project, so that the artificial pondage in the river is created by April next year.

This was stated by the

Chief Secretary at a meeting to review the progress of a project related to the Tawi riverfront development in Jammu, UT officials said.

Giving details of the project, officials said under Phase-I of the project, the first 2.7-kilometre stretch from the Bhagwatinagar bridge to the Bikram Chowk bridge, including the central island and riverfronts on both sides of the Tawi, would be developed, while the 4.3-kilometre stretch beyond the Bikram Chowk bridge would be taken up under Phase-II later.

Laying down the timeline for completion of various activities under the project, the Chief Secretary directed the department to complete the process of allotment of contract by December and finish the construction of promenades, including the planned commercial and recreational assets on the riverfront, within one to one and a half years. — PTI

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#### राज्यपाल कलराज मिश्र ने राज्यपाल सम्मेलन में दिए सुझाव

### जलजीवन मिशन में केन्द्र की हिस्सा राशि 90 फीसदी की जाए: मिश्र

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नर्ड दिल्ली. राज्यपाल कलराज मिश्र ने दक्षिण राजस्थान में जल संग्रहण के लिए प्रभावी मास्टर प्लान बनाने पर जोर दिया है। उन्होंने जल जीवन मिशन के तहत राजस्थान को 50:50 के स्थान पर 90:10 के अनुपात में सहायता उपलब्ध कराने का आग्रह किया है।

राज्यपाल मिश्र गुरुवार को राष्ट्रपति भवन में 51वें राज्यपाल सम्मेलन में सम्बोधित कर रहे थे। उन्होंने राष्ट्रपति रामनाथ कोविन्द, उप राष्ट्रपति एम. वेंकैया नायडू, प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी, केन्द्रीय गृह मंत्री अमित शाह सहित विभिन्न



राज्यों के राज्यपालों एवं उप सहायता उपलब्ध कराई जाए, जो राज्यपालों के समक्ष राजस्थान के अभी 50:50 के अनुपात में मिल विकास से जुड़े मुद्दों की चर्चा करते रही है। हए विस्तारपूर्वक बात रखी।

मिशन में 90:10 के अनुपात में आवश्यकता भी बताई।

उन्होंने उच्च शिक्षा अध्ययन के राज्यपाल ने कहा कि प्रदेश के लिए दी जाने वाली उत्तर मैटिक सीमित जल संसाधनों को देखते छात्रवृति का अंश समय पर राज्य हुए राजस्थान को जल जीवन को जारी किए जाने की

#### राज्य की इन समस्याओं का उठाया

- राष्ट्रीय खाद्य सुरक्षा अधिनियम के तहत पात्र लाभार्थियों की सीमा में वृद्धि की जाए. जो वर्तमान में 2011 की जनगणना के आधार पर स्वीकृत है।
- राजस्थान बाजरे का सबसे बडा उत्पादक है। आईसीडीएस एवं
- एमडीएम के लिए बाजरे का उपयोग करने के लिए एक राष्ट्रीय तैयार की जानी चाहिए।
- राज्य की महत्वपूर्ण लंबित रेल परियोजनाओं को शीघ्र प्रारंभ किया जाए।

#### प्लान के अभाव में व्यर्थ बह रहा वर्षाजल

मिश्र ने कहा कि दक्षिण राजस्थान के बांसवाडा, ड्रंगरपुर, उदयपुर एवं प्रतापगढ जिलों की लगभग 17 लाख हैक्टेयरं भूमि माही बेसिन के तहत आती है। इस क्षेत्र में मास्टर प्लान के अभाव में बड़ी मात्रा में वर्षा जल बहकर व्यर्थ चला जाता है. जिसे रोकना आवश्यक है। दक्षिण राजस्थान क्षेत्र में जल संग्रहण की प्रभावी योजना बनाई जाए ताकि आदिवासियों को स्थानीय स्तर पर रोजगार महैया कर उनके पलायन को रोकना होगा।

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## तमिलनाडु में बारिश से हाहाकार चौदह लोगों की मौत, उड़ानें रद्द

#### चेन्नर्ड शहर सबसे ज्यादा प्रभावित, जगह जगह बाढ की स्थिति

पायनियर समाचार सेवा। नई दिल्ली

तमिलनाड के कई हिस्सों में बुधवार शाम से भारी बारिश हो रही है। राज्य के कई इलाकों में बाढ की स्थिति बन गई है। चेन्नई शहर की हालत बेहद खराब हो गई है। शहर के अधिकांश गलियों में पानी भर गया है। जलजमाव के कारण झुग्गियों में रहने वाले लोगों का भी नुकसान हुआ है। हालांकि प्रशासन बड़े पैमाने पर राहत और बचाव अभियाव चला रहा चेन्नई पहुंचे हैं जो इस ऑपरेशन में है। बारिश और बाढ ने अब तक 14 लोगों की जान ले चुकी है।

कम से कम अगले दो दिनों में और चेंगलपट्ट, धिरुवल्लूर, कांचीपुरम, बारिश होने की संभावना है। कई विल्लुपुरम, नागपट्टिनम, कुड्रालोर, जगहों पर नांव से लोगों को बचाने मायलादुधुराई, तिरुवरूर, तंजावुर, की कोशिश की जा रही है। सड़कों पर पानी घुटनों से ऊपर बह रहा है। और अन्य दक्षिणी तटीय जिलों में दक्षिण चेन्नई में पुदुकोट्टई, सेलम, रामनाथपुरम और तंजावुरी इलाके में



लोग फंसे हैं। लगभग 150 लोग शामिल रहेंगे और राहत और बचाव कम दबाव के क्षेत्र के कारण राज्य में लेकर अगले तीन दिनों तक चेन्नई, पुदुकोट्टई, रामनाथपुरम शिवगंगई भारी बारिश की आशंका है। चेन्नई और उसके आसपास के जिलों में

पुलिस, सशस्त्र रिजर्व, तमिलनाडु विशेष पुलिस और होमगार्ड के कुल कार्य को तेजी से आगे ले जायेंगे। 75,000 पुलिसकर्मियों को तैयार रखा बंगाल की खाड़ी के ऊपर बने भौसम विभाग के अनुसार गुरुवार से गया है। तमिलनाडु के पुलिस महानिदेशक सी. सिलेंद्र बाबू ने गुरुवार को कहा कि तटीय सुरक्षा समूह के 350 कर्मियों के साथ बचाव नौकाओं समेत पुलिस की 250 विशेष टीमों को तैनात किया गया है। कोलाथुर सहित चेन्नई के कई इलाकों और निचले इलाकों से लोगों को को बंद कर दिया है। पेरुंगडी

भारी बारिश के महेनजर स्थानीय बल के साथ बचाव नौकाएं, लकडी काटने की मशीन और ड्रिलिंग मशीन भी तैनात की गई है।

इस बीच, तमिलनाडु जनरेशन एंड डिस्ट्रीब्यूशन कॉरपोरेशन (टैंजेडको) के एक बयान में कहा गया है कि लगभग पूरे दक्षिण चेन्नई क्षेत्र में ज्यादातर केवल की खराबी और फीडर टैपिंग के कारण बिजली गुल हो गई है। कई जगहों पर, टैंजेडको ने एहतियात के तौर पर सेवा निकाला गया है। राज्य आपदा मोचन सबस्टेशन से मुख्य फीडर में ट्रिपिंग

के तहत आने वाले क्षेत्रों में बिजली कटौती हुई है। तमिलनाडु के राजस्व और आपदा प्रबंधन मंत्री केकेएसएसआर रामचंद्रन ने कहा कि पिछले 24 घंटों के दौरान तंजाबुर और तिरुवरुर जिलों में भारी बारिश से दो और लोगों की मौत हो गयी। इसकी के साथ जहां मृतकों की संख्या बढ़कर 14 हो गयी है। वहीं भारी बारिश के कारण अबतक 157 मवेशियों की मौत हो गयी है। राज्य में भारी बारिश से तबाही मची हुई है जिसमें 1146 झोपडियां और 237 मकान क्षतग्रिस्त हो गए हैं। बारिश और तेज हवाओं के कारण चेन्नई से उडानों का आगमन शाम तक के लिए स्थगित कर दिया गया। हालांकि प्रस्थान जारी रहा। उपराष्ट्रपति एम वेंकैया नायडू ने तमिलनाडु में भारी बारिश से हुई मौतों पर बृहस्पतिवार को दुख जताया और पीड़ित परिवारों के प्रति संवेदना जताई। मौसम विभाग के उप महानिदेशक एस. बालचंद्रन ने संवाददाताओं को बताया कि निम्नदाब का तट के करीब से गुजरने का सिलसिला शुरू हो गया है। गत छह घंटे के दौरान यह 16 किलोमीटर प्रति घंटे (शेष पेज 9)

#### तमिलनाडु में...

की रफ्तार से बढ़ रहा है। चेन्नई में मुसलाधार बारिश के लिए जारी 'रेड अलर्ट' को वापस ले लिया गया है। इस बीच, बंगाल की खाड़ी में बने कम दबाव के क्षेत्र की वजह से आंध्र प्रदेश के दक्षिणी तटीय जिलों प्रकाशम और एसपीएस नेल्लोर और रायलसीमा के चित्तर और कडप्पा जिलों में बृहस्पतिवार को भारी बारिश हुई जिससे आम जनजीवन प्रभावित हुआ। इस बीच, एसपीएस नेल्लोर और चित्तर जिलों में बचाव एवं राहत कार्य के लिए राष्ट्रीय आपदा मोचन बल (एनडीआरएफ) और राज्य आपदा मोचन बल (एसडीआरएफ) की टीमों को तैनात किया गया है। मुख्यमंत्री वाईएस जगन मोहन रेड्डी ने वीडियो कांफ्रेंस के जरिये जिलाधिकारियों को राहत शिविर खोलने और खतरे वाले इलाकों से लोगों को इन शिविरों में स्थानांतरित करने का निर्देश दिया।