

Telangana Today- 13- July-2021

[Water War]

TS moves NGT against AP

Files contempt petition against the neighbouring State for going ahead with RLIS

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

The Telangana State government, as part of its efforts to check a stubborn Andhra Pradesh from going ahead with illegal projects, filed a contempt petition in the National Green Tribunal on Monday against the neighbouring State for continuing with the construction of Rayalseema Lift Irrigation Scheme (RLIS) despite the stay order issued by the Tribunal.

The NGT stated that the issue was under its consideration and will be taken up for hearing on July 23.

An earlier petition filed by Gavinolla Srinivas was scheduled to come up for hearing before the NGT on Monday but was postponed to July 23. Under the circumstances, Additional Advocate General (AAG) Ramachandra Rao filed the contempt petition in the NGT on Monday on behalf of the Telangana government. The Telangana government pointed out that the officials of KRMB and the Ministry of Environment were directed by the NGT to conduct a field visit to the



Congress corporators from Jawaharnagar Municipal Corporation and councillors from Ghatkesar Municipality joining TRS in presence of party working president KT Rama Rao, on Monday.

RLIS construction site as per the NGT directives. Telangana contended that the AP government did not cooperate with the officials concerned who were instructed to inspect the construction site.

The AAG, given the situation, appealed to the NGT itself to take up a field visit of the RLIS construction site. He also urged the Tribunal to conduct the hearing of the contempt petition of the Telangana government along with the petition filed by Gavinolla Srinivas aga-

inst the AP government. The Tribunal said it was seized of the matter and will conduct the hearing on July 23 as per schedule.

Meanwhile, TRS working president reiterated that TRS was the only party that will fight for the people of Telangana State without compromising on any issue including its rightful share in Krishna River water. He tore into the Opposition parties — BJP and Congress, for their double standards on the issue. Addressing Congress leaders who

joined TRS at Telangana Bhavan here, the TRS working president said for both Congress and BJP, Telangana was one of the 28 States in the country and it was not their priority. "They have no commitment towards the development of Telangana and its people. But for TRS, Telangana is the only priority. While the Opposition parties sing one tune in Telangana and another in AP, TRS will always fight for the interest of the State without any compromise," he asserted.

Many keen to join TRS: KTR

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

TRS working president and MA&UD Minister KT Rama Rao said leaders from different political parties in the State are keen on joining the TRS as they too realised that it is the only party that would fight for the benefit of the State and its people. After successfully leading the statehood movement, Chief Minister K Chandrababhan Rao is now leading the State on the path of development. "The TRS government will stand by every poor person in the State. The government is passing on the fruits of development to the common man despite the Covid-19 crisis," he said. (REPORT PAGE 5)

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Kakatiya canal gets water from LMD



Water being released to the Kakatiya canal from the Lower Manair Dam, in Karimnagar on Monday.

STATE BUREAU
Karimnagar

Water from the Lower Manair Dam was released into the Kakatiya canal on Monday for the Vaanakalam crops. As many as 3,000 cusecs would be released every day for 10 days, and if necessary, the water release would be increased to 5,000 cusecs.

BC Welfare and Civil Supplies Minister Gangula Kamalakar, along with Karimna-

gar Mayor Y Sunil Rao, released the water. Kamalakar said the government had instilled confidence among farmers by supplying Godavari water through the Kaleshwaram project.

State's lifeline

About nine lakh acres is under cultivation under the Kakatiya canal, spanning 33 mandals in seven districts up to Suryapet, the Minister said. Pointing out that the Lower Manair Dam

(LMD) would hardly have five tmc in June and July every year, Kamalakar said it now has 21 tmc water against its storage capacity of 24 tmc.

"This is possible only because of the Kaleshwaram project, which was taken up by the Chief Minister to turn parched lands into lush green fields. Godavari water is lifted to the Mid-Manair from where it is sent to the LMD," he said.

Earlier, local farmers used to stage protests demanding that

water be supplied to other areas only after catering to their needs, the Minister said, adding even he had participated in such agitations.

The situation, however, has changed now with the Kaleshwaram project, the Minister said. "Against the usual practice of taking up cultivation in August and September, farmers are now starting sowing operations much early, pinning their hopes on Chandrashekhar Rao," he said.

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Rain, thunderstorm likely at several places

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

More showers, with temperatures likely to be below or around 30 degree Celsius, could be in store for the city this week. With a few spells of rain in some parts of the city, Hyderabad experienced a breezy Monday.

The temperatures too have come down, with the average maximum temperature recorded by the India Meteorological Department being 29.2 degree Celsius, which is a fall of two degrees from the normal temperature at this time of the season. The minimum temperature recorded last night was 23.3 degree Celsius.

According to Telangana State Development Planning Society, the maximum temperature of 28.1 degree Celsius was recorded at Narayanguda, and the lowest temperature of 22.8 degree Celsius was recorded at Macha Bollaram. Ameerpet received the maximum rainfall of 15.8mm on Sunday.

Several localities, including Malkajgiri, Alwal and Secunderabad received moderate rainfall on Monday. The average 24 hours rainfall recorded by the IMD in the city was 7mm. The TSDPS forecast said Hyderabad would witness rain and thunderstorms at



Women shield themselves with an umbrella as they walk in the rain along a busy stretch, in city on Monday. — Photo: Surya Sridhar

several places for the next three days. The maximum temperature in the city was expected to be around 30 to 33 degree Celsius, while the minimum temperature would range between 22 and 24 degree Celsius.

According to Dr K Nagarathna, Director, IMD, Hyderabad, light to moderate rains were expected in the city on Tuesday as well. "While there will be show-

ers across the city, the southern and western parts of the city — areas including Saroornagar, Zoo Park, Chaderghat, Begum Bazaar, Serilingampally, Patancheru and Kukatpally — might receive heavy rainfall. Citizens living in the low lying areas should take precautions," she said.

Several other districts, including Adilabad, Warangal Rural, Rajanna Sircilla,

Siddipet and Karimnagar also received heavy rainfall. Gudur, Mahabubabad received the maximum rainfall of 81.3 mm in the State.

IMD has issued a two-day warning for many districts, according to which heavy to very heavy rain, accompanied with lightning was likely to occur at isolated places in Nizamabad, Mahabubabad, Vikarabad, Sangareddy,

Warangal (Rural), Warangal (Urban), Adilabad, Kamareddy, Nirmal, Jagtial, Rajanna Sircilla, Karimnagar, Peddapalli, Mulugu, Bhadrachalam, Kothagudem, Khammam, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Jangaon, Siddipet, Yadadri Bhongir, Medak, KB Asifabad, Mancherla, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Rangareddy, Hyderabad and Medchal-Malkajgiri districts.

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TS cuts power generation from Srisaillam plant

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JULY 12

The Telangana state government has reduced hydroelectric power generation from the Srisaillam plant by operating only one 150MW unit and producing 130 MW to 140 MW. This is seen as a strategic move to continue power generation despite stiff resistance from Andhra Pradesh and direction from the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) to stop power generation.

The Srisaillam power plant has five 150 MW units, all of which were put into operation to generate about 750 MW per day. The water level in the dam fell to 808.89 feet (full reservoir level 885 ft), and storage went down to 33.64 thousand million cubic feet, or 15.59 per cent of the gross capacity of 215.81 tmc ft. AP water resources authorities maintain that as the minimum drawdown level of water is fixed at 805 ft for Telangana state. As the water level is fast depleting,

the TS government reduced power generation.

With no rainfall in the Krishna catchment areas located in Maharashtra and Karnataka, there is no inflow of water into the Srisaillam reservoir. Rainfall received in parts of Telangana are helping the state fill up its reservoirs. It will release water downstream into Srisaillam only after its reservoirs are filled to the capacity. Rainfall in Kurnool district is having no major impact for inflow of water into the reservoir at present.

Srisaillam right bank power plant superintending engineer M. Srinivas said, "As water is depleting in the Srisaillam reservoir due to withdrawal of water by Telangana for power generation and with no inflow of water, it is operating only one unit out of five and generating nearly 130-140 mw of power at present and this exercise will continue just for a few days until water level dips to 805 ft at the dam

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Vehicles trapped in flood water due to heavy rain after a cloudburst at Mcleodganj near Dharamshala on Monday.

Cars, buildings swept away as flash floods hit Himachal

Three NDRF teams rushed to flash flood-affected regions of Himachal

Dharamshala (HP), July 12: Flash flood triggered by heavy rains swept away buildings and cars at tourist spots as bad weather also led to the closure of the airport here.

The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has rushed three teams to conduct rescue-and-search operations in the flash flood-affected regions in Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh. The teams were sent after heavy rains hit many parts of the district and several people were reported stranded near Boh and Tatwani villages, an official spokesperson said.

The district administration also instructed tourists to postpone their visit to Dharamshala in view of the heavy rains.

A drain near Bhagsu Nag in upper Dharamshala adjoining Mcleodganj changed its course owing to heavy rains, sweeping away four cars and several bikes, video clips showed. A government school building at Bhagsunag was also damaged and adjacent hotels there were inundated, it showed.

"Due to inclement weather and heavy rains, all incoming flights to Dharamshala airport at Gaggal have been cancelled," said airport's traffic in-charge Gaurav Kumar.

Owing to flash flood at Manjhi Khad area adjoining Dharamshala, two buildings were swept away while several others were reported to be damaged, the video clips.

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damaged a bridge on the Mandi-Pathankot highway after which traffic was stopped on both sides, leading to a traffic jam.

In a tweet, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, "The situation in Himachal Pradesh due to heavy rains is being closely monitored. Authorities are working with the State Government. All possible support is being extended. I pray for the safety of those in affected areas."

Union Home Minister Amit Shah spoke to Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur

on Monday to take stock of the situation arising due to the floods in several districts of the state and assured him all possible help from the Centre.

Thakur also expressed concern over the losses due to heavy rain and directed the administrations of various districts to ensure speedy relief and rescue operation in the affected areas.

He also urged the local people and tourists to refrain from going near the river banks to avoid any untoward incident.

Deputy Commissioner Dr Nipun Jindal said, "All the tourists visiting Dharamshala have been instructed to postpone their tour so that they do not face any kind of inconvenience."

He said the tourists who

have already arrived in Dharamshala and its surrounding places have also been advised to stay where they are as roads etc. have also been damaged due to heavy rains, which may cause problems in their movement.

The district administration is also making elaborate arrangements for the safety of the tourists staying in Dharamshala and its surrounding areas, he said. In case of any problem, they can contact the toll free number 1077 of the disaster control room, he said.

"Instructions have also been given to people to not go to sensitive places prone to landslides. Some people have also been shifted to safer places due to flood conditions in some areas of the district."

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AP to move SC against TS over water dispute

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JULY 12

Andhra Pradesh would file a petition in the Supreme Court on the "violation" of rules by Telangana government in drawing water "illegally" from River Krishna "without following KRMB directions".

According to reliable information, the AP government has prepared a petition on Telangana irregulari-

ties vis-a-vis sharing of Krishna water and violation of KRMB norms and would file the petition at the apex court in a day or two. The AP government would plead that the projects on interstate rivers and associated power plants should be recognized as national projects.

According to officials, construction of new irrigation projects without any permission and using excess water by violating the water

sharing agreement has turned into a big problem for AP. Hence the state government is seeking a permanent resolution in the Supreme Court.

The government said the Constitution of India gave responsibility of resolving water disputes to the Union Government. Hence, all projects on interstate rivers and associated power plants should be in the control of the central government.

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Monsoon wreaks havoc: 71 dead in lightning strikes in several states

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OUR CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: Heavy rains wreaked havoc, triggering flash floods in parts of Himachal Pradesh and the Jammu region disrupting normal life on Monday even as the deaths due to lightning strikes in several states climbed to 71, including 46 in Uttar Pradesh.

Southwest monsoon rains, which reached most parts of North India, however, eluded Delhi and parts of Haryana.

The India Meteorological Department has issued an orange alert for Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir, and a yellow alert for Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh for Tuesday with a warning of heavy rains.

The IMD has four colour-coded warnings based on the intensity of an extreme weather event and issues them in the ascending order of green, yellow, orange and red.

In Himachal Pradesh's Dharamshala, flash floods triggered by heavy rains swept away cars and two buildings,



A view of Beas in spate after heavy rain in Kullu district, on Monday

PTI

videos of which were widely shared on social media.

The flash floods also damaged several buildings, including one housing a government school, as bad weather led to the closure of the Kangra airport at Gaggal.

The district administration instructed tourists to postpone their visit to the hill town in view of the heavy rains which also disrupted traffic movement on the Mandi-Pathankot highway. In Jammu's Kathua region, 11 people, belong-

ing to a nomadic community, were rescued after flash floods following heavy rains which disrupted normal life and inundated several areas. Several farm animals were, however, washed away.

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Highlights

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Six people, including two minors, were killed and 11 others injured in separate incidents of lightning in parts of Madhya Pradesh.

Forty-six people have died in separate rain-related incidents, including lightning strikes in parts of Uttar Pradesh in the 24 hours ending 6 am on Monday, an official said.

Twenty-three people were also injured in incidents of lightning strike, he said.

While 42 people were killed after being struck by lightning, three drowned and one succumbed to snakebite, a senior official of the relief commissioner's office informed on Monday.

At 14, Prayagraj reported the highest number of deaths due to lightning strikes, followed by five each in Kanpur Dehat and Fatehpur, three each in Firozabad and Kaushambi, two each in Chitrakoot, Unnao, Hamirpur and Sonbhadra, and one each in Kanpur, Mirzapur, Hardoi and Banda, he said.

Three people drowned in Ghazipur, Firozabad and Ballia while one died due to snakebite in Fatehpur, he added.

The number of people who died in separate incidents of lightning strikes

on Sunday rose in Rajasthan to 23, including 12 in Jaipur. Twenty-seven people were also injured in those incidents.

The Southwest monsoon rains reached the desert district of Jaisalmer and Ganganagar, its last outposts but gave Delhi and parts of Haryana a miss although the periphery of the national Capital — Aligarh in Uttar Pradesh and Karnal in Haryana — received rains.

The national Capital woke up to a humid morning with the minimum temperature settling at 27 degrees Celsius, while the maximum temperature was 37.7 degrees Celsius. The relative humidity was recorded at 55 per cent at 5.30 pm.

It is expected to be a generally cloudy day with chances of light rain on Tuesday in Delhi.

IMD Director General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said the Southwest monsoon clouds are hovering over the national Capital since Saturday, even the wind pattern has changed and easterlies have brought moist winds.

As rains continued to play truant in Delhi, the IMD said the failure of numerical models in predicting the monsoon advance over the Capital this time is "rare and uncommon".

Rains also lashed several parts of Punjab and neighbouring Haryana on Monday, bringing relief to the people from the sultry weather conditions and ending the prolonged dry spell. It also brought the mercury by a few notches.

Amritsar in Punjab received a heavy downpour during the day (56 mm), Ambala, Panchkula, Karnal and Yamunanagar in Haryana were among the places to receive showers.

Light to moderate rains also occurred at few places over eastern Uttar Pradesh and at isolated places over western parts of the state. Rainfall was recorded in Kannauj, Allahabad, Jalaun, Siddharth Nagar, Shravasti, Gorakhpur, Kanpur, Haridwar, Farrukhabad, Agra, Maharajganj, Balrampur, Pratapgarh, Jaunpur, Hamirpur and Shahjahanpur.

Several parts of Rajasthan received also showers, with Kota receiving 2.7 mm rainfall. Other places to receive rainfall were Sriganganagar (2.2 mm) followed by 2.0 mm in Bhilwara and 0.2 mm in Barmer.

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Red alert has been issued for Konkan and Goa, and central Maharashtra, while an orange alert warning has been issued for Gujarat, parts of Karnataka, Maharashtra and Assam. It has also sounded a yellow alert for Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, parts of West Bengal and Kerala.

After revival of the Southwest monsoon, several parts of the country experienced heavy rains while some witnessed thunderstorms and lightning.

37,154 Covid new cases

States such as Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Gujarat and Chhattisgarh showed a decline in average daily vaccinations since the

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TN cries 'conspiracy' over water flow; will not stop it, says K'taka

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CHENNAI/BENGALURU:

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Addressing the all-party meeting, attended among others by the AIADMK, Congress and BJP, Stalin alleged the Mekedatu dam initiative was a 'conspiracy' to hinder water flow to Tamil Nadu.



Cauvery water sharing issue has been a sore point for Karnataka and Tamil Nadu for decades REPRESENTATIONAL

The meeting condemned attempts by Karnataka to build the dam and urged the union government to not accord sanction for the proposal.

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Since such areas do not have reservoirs, water reached Tamil Nadu without any hindrance and the new dam proposal was only to scuttle free flow, he said.

Hours after the all-party

meet in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka Home Minister Bommai asserted his state would go ahead with the project.

"We have already submitted the Detailed Project Report to the Central Water Commission. This project is related to utilising the additional water for drinking purpose."

"Karnataka has every right to commission this project," he said in a statement in Bengaluru.

"There is no reason to stop

the Mekedatu drinking water project. We will certainly implement it," he added.

According to Bommai, already an order related to the Cauvery water sharing has come, which has given guidelines on how and when the Cauvery water should be released for Tamil Nadu.

Congress' Karnataka unit president D K Shivakumar extended his support to the project, saying it comes under his Kanakapura assembly constituency.

"Let the government do the 'Bhumi Puja' for Mekedatu project tomorrow itself, we stand with the government," he said in a statement.

Meanwhile, responding to Bommai's remarks, Tamil Nadu Water Resources Minister Durai Murugan said the Supreme Court has made it clear the quantum of water Karnataka should release to Tamil Nadu and from which points.

"By announcing to construct a dam by blocking the water flowing to Tamil Nadu... amounts to ignoring the top court order," he said in a statement in Chennai.

He hinted Tamil Nadu has the right to legal recourse in the matter.

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Yamuna water issue: Haryana minister hits out at AAP govt

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Chandigarh, July 12: Haryana home minister Anil Vij on Monday dismissed as baseless the Delhi government's charge that his state was withholding the national capital's share of 120 million gallons of water a day and alleged that chief minister Arvind Kejriwal had "done PhD in speaking lies."

Delhi Jal Board (DJB) vice chairman Raghav Chadha, on Sunday, had said that the water utility has moved the Supreme Court, seeking directions to Haryana to release the national capital's legitimate share of water.

He claimed that Haryana has been withholding 120 million gallons of water a day (MGD) meant for Delhi and that the raw water being discharged into the Yamuna River by the neighbouring state is at an "all-time low."



Anil Vij

When asked about the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government's claims, Mr Vij told reporters that "Kejriwal (the Delhi chief minister) has done PhD in speaking lies." "First, they (AAP government) presented false figures during the second wave to procure oxygen, much above the requirement, and now Kejriwal is doing the same on the water issue to hide his own failures. They are levelling baseless allegations," he said.

Haryana is continuously

providing 1,049 cusecs of water at Munak through its canal system to Delhi, Mr Vij said, and accused the AAP dispensation of making baseless allegations against Haryana "by misleading the people of Delhi to cover up their own mismanagement."

He admitted that there is a water shortage due to delayed monsoon, but asserted that in spite of this, Haryana is giving Delhi its due share. "Even if there is water shortage, Haryana is taking the brunt, but giving Delhi its full share," Mr Vij said.

The Haryana government had said on Sunday that there is less water in Yamuna due to delay in monsoon and the AAP dispensation's mismanagement has led to water shortage in the national capital.

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Water levels in Yamuna at lowest point in 56 years: Chadha

New Delhi, July 12: Delhi Jal Board (DJB) vice-chairman Raghav Chadha on Monday said the water levels of the Yamuna river at the Wazirabad barrage have hit the lowest point in 56 years as Haryana has withheld Delhi's legitimate share of water.

Chadha, who reviewed the situation at the Wazirabad pond, said Haryana has not been releasing at least 120 MGD (million gallons per day) water that belongs to Delhi and this has led to a water crisis in the national capital.

"The water treatment plants in Delhi are operating at a reduced capacity because of a less discharge of raw water from Haryana. "With Haryana withholding Delhi's share of water, the Yamuna has dried up...so much that it can be used as a cricket or a hockey field. The water levels at the Wazirabad barrage have not been so low since 1965," Chadha said.

"Delhi is a landlocked city and relies on its neighbouring states for water supply. Uttar Pradesh sup-

plies to us a share of the Ganga water, Haryana of the Yamuna water, we get some from Punjab through (the) Bhakra Nangal (dam). The biggest share of this is supposed to be supplied by Haryana," he added.

Even if the water level in the Yamuna goes down by a foot, it causes havoc in the capital, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader said, adding that it has gone down by 7.5 feet as Haryana has withheld Delhi's share of water and the BJP-led Haryana government must return to

Delhi its rightful share of 120 MGD water.

"With folded hands, I plead with the Haryana government, please give the citizens of Delhi their rightful share of water. The Supreme Court had ordered you to supply this water on legal grounds. You have to supply it on humanitarian grounds as well," he added.

The DJB moved the Supreme Court on Sunday seeking directions to Haryana to release the capital's legitimate share of water. —PTI

NGT raps DJB for bad odour from Kondli sewage treatment plant

New Delhi, July 12: The National Green Tribunal on Monday rapped the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) for shirking its responsibility to control the "bad odour" emanating from a sewage treatment plant (STP) in Kondli here. A bench headed by NGT chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel noted that though it was earlier stated by DJB that odour control systems

will be installed, no such steps have been taken.

"We do not understand why DJB is now shirking its responsibility and taking a contra stand. This stand is against public interest and noncompliance of order of this tribunal," the bench said and directed the DJB to pay cost of ₹5 lakh per month from June 1, 2021 till compliance. —PTI

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1 dead, 6 feared buried in Kangra after heavy rains

Himachal met dept issues orange alert for heavy rains, snowfall; flash flood hits Dharamshala

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SHIMLA, 12 JULY

One woman was killed while 6 persons were feared to have been buried under debris of a landslide in Boh valley of Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh after the district was lashed by heavy rains among other parts of the state since Sunday night.

The high altitude Rulehar village in Boh valley in Shahpur sub-division of Kangra had recorded 264 mm till 5.30 pm on Monday, according to the state meteorological department.

"The road connectivity to Boh village had been affected due to landslides owing to heavy rains and a landslide had damaged six houses in which 11 persons have been reported missing.

The administration had sent rescue teams which had recovered the body of a woman and had rescued four other persons while a search and res-



cue operation for other missing persons was on," a police officer said.

Meanwhile, heavy damage to property was reported in Bhagsunag near

McLeodganj in Dharamshala on Monday morning due to flash flood that was triggered by heavy rains since Sunday night.

Around 10 cars belonging

to tourists and one house was swept away in flash flood as a nearby nullah got choked with debris and changed its course towards the road in a locality in Bhagsunag.

The Kangra deputy commissioner said 82 persons have been rescued from Triund peak who were stranded amid heavy rains and had been evacuated to safe places.

One person along with two cattle was reported to have been washed away in strong current in Samirpur Chakban area of Kangra and efforts were on to locate him, he added.

Three national highways of Pathankot-Mandi, Chandigarh-Manali, Shimla-Kinnaur and many interior roads had been blocked owing to landslides that were triggered by heavy rains.

The state meteorological department had issued an orange alert for heavy rains for the next two days while the higher reaches may experience a fresh spell of snow.

Shahpur had recorded the highest 264 mm rainfall, followed by Dharamshala with 211 mm, Palampur 162 mm, Kangra 148 mm, Dalhousie 50 mm, Kufri 31 mm and Shimla 27 mm.

Union home minister Amit Shah has also expressed concern over the losses and said he had spoken with CM Jai Ram Thakur about the natural disaster due to heavy rains.

"NDRF teams are reaching out for relief work and the Union home ministry is regularly monitoring the situation. The Centre will provide all possible help to Himachal," he added.

HP CM Thakur has expressed concern over the losses due to heavy rains and directed the administrations of various districts to ensure speedy relief and rescue operation in the affected areas.

He also urged the local people and tourists to refrain from going near the river banks to avoid any untoward incident.

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बारह घर भूस्खलन की चपेट में, दस लोग मलबे में दबे तेज बारिश से कांगड़ा में पहाड़ दरका, एक की मौत

धर्मशाला, 12 जुलाई (जनसत्ता)।

पर्यटन के लिए मशहूर कांगड़ा जिले के शाहपुर हलाके की बोह घाटी में सोमवार को करीब बारह घर भूस्खलन की चपेट में आ गए। इसमें करीब दस से ज्यादा लोग मलबे के नीचे दब गए। सुबह दस और ग्यारह के बीच जब यह हादसा हुआ उस दौरान भारी बारिश हो रही थी।

पहाड़ के दरकने से जो बड़ा हिस्सा गिरा उससे आधा दर्जन घर तो नक्शे से ही गायब हो गए हैं। हादसे की सूचना मिलते ही कांगड़ा जिला पुलिस प्रमुख विमुक्त रंजन प्रशासनिक अमले के साथ हादसा स्थल



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नई दिल्ली, 12 जुलाई।

उत्तर प्रदेश, मध्य प्रदेश, और राजस्थान में आकाशीय बिजली गिरने से बीते 24 घंटों में 75 लोगों की मौत हो गई है। अकेले उत्तर प्रदेश के अलग-अलग जिलों में बिजली गिरने से 41 लोगों की मौत हुई है। सबसे ज्यादा मौतें प्रयागराज में हुई। राजस्थान

में 23 और मध्य प्रदेश में 11 के मरने की सूचना है। प्रदेश सरकारों ने अपने अपने राज्यों में मुआवजे का एलान किया है। प्रधानमंत्री ने इस प्राकृतिक आपदा में मारे गए लोगों के परिजनों के लिए प्रधानमंत्री राष्ट्रीय राहत कोष (पीएमएनआरएफ) से दो-दो लाख रुपए और घायलों के लिए 50-50 हजार रुपए मुआवजे की घोषणा की है। प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने विभिन्न इलाकों

में आकाशीय बिजली गिरने से हुई मौतों पर सोमवार को दुख जताया और मृतकों के परिजनों के प्रति संवेदना प्रकट की।

उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार के मुताबिक, प्रयागराज में सबसे ज्यादा 14 लोगों की मौत बिजली गिरने से हुई है। कानपुर देहात और फतेहपुर में पांच-पांच मौतें, कौशांबी में 4 लोगों की मौत, फिरोजाबाद

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यमुना जल आपूर्ति में कमी पर दिल्ली सरकार की सुप्रीम कोर्ट में अर्जी

जनसत्ता ब्यूरो
नई दिल्ली, 12 जुलाई।

दिल्ली सरकार ने हरियाणा से पानी की पर्याप्त आपूर्ति नहीं होने का आरोप लगाते हुए सोमवार को सुप्रीम कोर्ट में दस्तक दी। उसका कहना है कि पानी कम मिलने के कारण उसे राष्ट्रपति एस्टेट, संसद भवन और राजधानी के दूसरे संस्थागत व राजनयिक भवनों की जल आपूर्ति में कटौती के लिए विवश होना पड़ा है। अनेक रिहायशी इलाकों में भी कटौती करनी पड़ी है।

दिल्ली सरकार के वकील ने याचिका पर जल्दी सुनवाई का मुख्य न्यायाधीश एनवी रमण के पीठ के समक्ष अनुरोध किया। यह अर्जी दिल्ली जल बोर्ड बनाम विजय वर्धन व अन्य मामले में दायर अवमानना याचिका के संदर्भ में दायर की गई है। जल बोर्ड के वकील के अनुसार सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने पूर्व में आदेश दिया था कि वजीराबाद जलाशय को हरियाणा सरकार द्वारा लबालब भरा जाएगा। ताकि दिल्ली के लोगों की पेयजल की जरूरत पूरी हो सके। लेकिन हरियाणा से अपर्याप्त आपूर्ति के कारण इस जलाशय का स्तर केवल 667.60 फीट रह गया है। जबकि यह 674.50 से नीचे नहीं जाना चाहिए। जल बोर्ड का कहना है कि वजीराबाद जलाशय केवल 31 फीसद ही भरा है। नतीजतन दिल्ली में भीषण जल संकट का खतरा है। कई इलाकों में इसी वजह से पानी की आपूर्ति में कटौती करनी पड़ी है।

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मानसून का रौद्र रूप : महीने भर से शांत रहने के बाद बादलों ने दोबारा सक्रिय होकर मचाई तबाही

हिमाचल व कश्मीर में बादल फटा कई गाड़ियां पत्तों की तरह बह गईं

एजेसी ► नई दिल्ली

करीब एक महीने तक शांत रहा मानसून दोबारा एक्टिव हो गया है। हिमाचल प्रदेश के धर्मशाला में और जम्मू-कश्मीर में बादल फटने की घटना सामने आई है। शिमला सहित कई जिलों में रविवार रात से भारी बारिश हो रही है। शिमला में भारी बारिश के बाद झाकरी और रामपुर से गुजरने वाला नेशनल हाईवे ब्लॉक हो गया है।

हिमाचल प्रदेश के कांगड़ा जिले में बादल फटने के कारण जमकर तबाही हुई। यहां भागसु-नाग से सामने आई तस्वीरें बयां कर रही हैं कि कैसे पानी के तेज बहाव में गाड़ियां बहकर निकल रही हैं। धर्मशाला में मानसून का रौद्र रूप देखने को मिला है। पर्यटन क्षेत्र भागसु में सोमवार सुबह बादल फटने से अचानक बाढ़ (फ्लैश फ्लड) आ गई। देखते ही देखते एक छोटे से नाले ने नदी का रूप धारण कर लिया। बाढ़ से भागसु-नाग का नाला ओवरफ्लो हो गया। इस नाले में उफान आने के कारण तेज धारा में कई लम्बरी वाहन बह गए। इस नाले के साथ दोनों ओर कई होटल भी लगते हैं। बादल फटने से इन होटलों को भी नुकसान पहुंचा है। कुल्लू की सरवरी नदी भी उफान पर है। इससे किनारे पर बसी झुग्गी बस्तियों पर खतरा पैदा हो गया है। नदी का पानी झुग्गी बस्ती के बीच में बह रहा है। लोगों ने अपनी झुग्गियां ► **शेष पेज 5 पर**

कुल्लू की सरवरी नदी भी उफान पर है। इससे किनारे पर बसी झुग्गी बस्तियों पर खतरा पैदा हो गया है। नदी का पानी झुग्गी बस्ती के बीच में बह रहा है। लोगों ने अपनी झुग्गियां खाली करनी शुरू कर दी हैं। नदी का जलस्तर बढ़ने के कारण अफरा-तफरी का माहौल बना हुआ है।

खास बातें

- कांगड़ा के भागसु-नाग नाले में ओवरफ्लो होने से कई होटलों को भारी नुकसान
- कश्मीर के गांदरबल में बादल फटने से बाढ़ जैसे हालात बने, घरों में पानी घुसा

बिहार के 14 जिलों में भारी बारिश का यलो अलर्ट जारी



शाह ने दिया सीएम जयराम को मदद का भरोसा, एनडीआरएफ पहुंची

हिमाचल प्रदेश में सोमवार को मूसलाधार बारिश की वजह से बादल फटने और अचानक आई बाढ़ ने कहर बरपाया जिससे भागसु गांव और अन्य प्रमुख पर्यटन स्थलों में सार्वजनिक संपत्तियों को काफी नुकसान पहुंचा है। केंद्रीय गृह मंत्री अमित शाह ने घटना पर संज्ञान लेते हुए ट्विटर के जरिए लोगों को सूचित किया कि उन्होंने राज्य के



मुख्यमंत्री जयराम ठाकुर के साथ इस मुद्दे पर बात की है और यह भी आश्वासन दिया है कि पहाड़ी राज्य में बचाव अभियान के लिए राष्ट्रीय आपदा राहत बल (एनडीआरएफ) के एक दल को तैनात किया गया है। उन्होंने यह भी कहा कि हिमाचल प्रदेश को संकट से उबारने के लिए केंद्र हर तरह की सहायता मुहैया कराएगा।

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हरियाणा के कारण उत्पन्न हुआ राजधानी में जल संकट : चड़्ढा

नई दिल्ली (एसएनबी)। दिल्ली जल बोर्ड के उपाध्यक्ष राधव चड़्ढा ने हरियाणा से यमुना में पानी नहीं छोड़े जाने के कारण राजधानी में गहरा जल संकट के मद्देनजर सोमवार को वजीरावाद वैराज का निरीक्षण के दौरान कहा कि हरियाणा की खट्टर सरकार सुप्रीम कोर्ट के दिए आदेशानुसार पानी दे।

हरियाणा से पानी नहीं छोड़े जाने से यमुना जलस्तर 7.5 फीट घट गया है। हरियाणा ने पानी नहीं छोड़ा तो, त्राहिमाम की स्थिति उत्पन्न हो सकती है। उन्होंने कहा कि यमुना पूरी भरी हुई होती है, लेकिन आज एक बहुत बड़ा खाली मैदान नजर आ रहा है।

राधव चड़्ढा ने वजीरावाद वैराज का निरीक्षण के दौरान कहा कि यह नदी पूरी भरी हुई होती है और नदी का स्तर 7.50 फीट और

जलस्तर 7.5 फीट घटा, बड़ा खाली मैदान नजर आ रही है यमुना

ऊपर होता है, लेकिन आज पानी बहुत कम स्तर पर नजर आ रहा है और एक बहुत बड़ा खाली मैदान नजर आ रहा है। उन्होंने कहा कि हरियाणा ने दिल्ली के हक का पानी रोक दिया है। हरियाणा की खट्टर सरकार ने 120 एमजीडी प्रतिदिन जो दिल्ली को मिलना चाहिए, वह नहीं दे रही है। उन्होंने कहा कि सेंट्रल, वेस्ट और

साउथ दिल्ली में जल संकट की समस्या है। मैं हरियाणा सरकार के मंत्रियों से कहना चाहूंगा कि आप यहां आइए और अपनी आंखों से देखिए। झूठे क्या न दें, आप आकर देखिए कि नदी सूख गई है। हरियाणा में तो मुख्यमंत्री और मंत्री सबके घर में पानी आ रहा है, लेकिन दिल्ली वालों के घर में पानी नहीं आ रहा है, क्योंकि यमुना नदी सूख गई है। आपने दिल्ली वालों को हक मार लिया है।