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# Water-starved Palamuru sees hope

**Two pumps of PLIS ready for dry run; to be commissioned in July**

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The Palamuru region, which went through its worst days without any succor for decades in the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh, is finally seeing a glimmer of hope. This southern pocket of Telangana, caught in the pincer grips of drought, will soon see an abundance of water, with the first phase of the long awaited drinking water component of the Palamuru Ranga Reddy Lift Irrigation project nearing completion.

Being implemented against all odds, two of the 10 pumps of the project are ready for dry run. They will be commissioned by all means in July, according to officials.

Over 1,220 water-starved villages in six districts will get supplies from the mega scheme to end their water woes. It will be a historic moment in the history of Palamuru region, which has been known for decades of drought and despair, triggering large scale exodus of farmers and farm workers to distant lands. Now, with the Palamuru Ranga Reddy Lift Irrigation project promising to end the drought, the districts of Nagarkurnool, Mahabubnagar, Narayanpet, Nalgonda, Vikarabad and Ranga Reddy are all set to erupt in celebration.

The two pumps installed in the first phase of the project at Narlapur will become operational by the end of next month yielding 3000 cusecs each. In fact, the first



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## Historic moment

**EACH PUMP  
TO LIFT  
3,000  
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UNDER PHASE 1  
AT NARLAPUR**

- **6,000 cusecs** of water to be drawn from foreshore of Srisaillam
- Water supply in **1,220 villages** en route to be augmented soon
- **1,220 villages** in **six districts** to get drinking water

phase will have as many as eight pumps of the same capacity. One more pump is being set up as a standby to meet emergencies for serving drinking water needs.

The PRLIS was envisaged to provide 7.15 TMC of water exclusively for catering to drinking water needs of en route villages in the six districts. Once the project was completed, it would be lifting 90 TMC of flood water from Krishna. The draws to be made from the

foreshore of Srisaillam reservoir would be spanning over 60 days.

The National Green Tribunal (NGT), which has stalled works on the irrigation component of multi-stage project, however permitted the execution of drinking water component on February 17, 2017 stating that it 'did not find it in the interest of justice, to stop the work of the project with regard to the supply of drinking water'.

MA Hameed Khan, Chief Engineer, spearheading the implementation of the project, said no legal issues were involved in the implementation of the drinking water component of the scheme. As desired by Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao, who wanted the water needs of the Palamuru region to be met at any cost, top priority was accorded to the project.

Issues that mattered for the environmental clearance were being addressed along with the inter-State problems that were presently before the KWDIT II for resolution. The Ministry of Environment and Forests was provided with the additional information sought for reconsideration. Palamuru being the most backward region of the State, water supply was given a focused approach by the State government, he said.

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## CYCLONE BIPARJOY

# IMD warns of extensive damage in Guj's Kutch, Dwarka & Jamnagar

21,000 people shifted from coastal districts to temporary shelters; ICG evacuates 50 personnel from oil rig

## MPOST BUREAU

**JAKHAU/ AHMEDABAD:** Cyclone Biparjoy has "extensive damaging potential" and is likely to impact Gujarat's Kutch, Devbhumi Dwarka and Jamnagar districts the most, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Tuesday.

Biparjoy weakened from an extremely severe cyclone to a very severe cyclone on Tuesday. It is predicted to cross Saurashtra and Kutch in Gujarat and the adjoining Pakistan coasts between Mandvi in Gujarat and Karachi in Pakistan near the Jakhau Port (Gujarat) around the evening of June 15 as a very severe cyclonic storm with a maximum sustained wind speed of



A fishermen's colony wears a deserted look ahead of the cyclone landfall, at Jakhau port in Kutch district, on Tuesday PTI

125-150 kmph.

"Its damaging potential could be extensive," IMD Director General Mrutyun-

jay Mohapatra said at a press conference.

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## Highlights

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- » Rajkot, Morbi and Junagarh may receive heavy to very heavy rainfall. Winds gusting up to 145 kmph are predicted to batter all these districts

"We won't be surprised if these areas record more than 25 cm of rainfall. Usually, they do not receive such intense precipitation at this time of the year. Therefore, there is a risk of flooding in the low-lying areas," he cautioned. Rajkot, Morbi and Junagarh may receive heavy to very heavy rainfall. Winds gusting up to 145 kmph are predicted to batter all these districts on June 15.

Gusty winds and rain may cause extensive damage to standing crops, houses, roads, electricity and communication poles, and flooding of escape routes.

"Up to six-metre-high tidal waves are likely to inundate low-lying areas of Saurashtra and Kutch coasts.

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20 cm) at isolated places in Kutch, Devbhumi Dwarka, Jamnagar and Porbandar districts from June 13 to June 15.



entire northeastern state.

Clashes first broke out on May 3 after a 'Tribal Solidarity March' was organised in the hill districts to protest against the Meitei community's demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status.

Meiteis account for about 53 per cent of Manipur's population and live mostly in the Imphal Valley.

Tribals Nagas and Kukis constitute another 40 per cent of the population and reside in the hill districts.

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## IMD

We have recommended evacuation of the population in such areas and action is being taken," Mohapatra said.

Sea conditions are phenomenal (waves could be 10 to 14 metres high) in the northeast and the adjoining east-central Arabian Sea. The IMD has recommended total suspension of all activities, including oil exploration, ship movement and fishing, until June 15.

Meanwhile, the administration has so far shifted 21,000 people from different coastal districts to temporary shelters while several NDRF and SDRF teams are on standby, an official said on Tuesday.

He said the evacuation process was still underway and all the targeted population will be shifted to safer places by this evening.

The state government is aiming to evacuate people within 10 km of the coast, the official said, adding so far one fatality related to the cyclone has been recorded.

"We have already started evacuating people residing near the coast who are likely to be affected the most during the landfall. So far, various district administrations have shifted nearly 21,000 people to temporary shelters. The evacuation process is still on and all the targeted population will be shifted by today evening to safer places," said State Commissioner of Relief, Alok Kumar Pandey.

Among the 21,000 evacuees, nearly 6,500 were evacuated in the Kutch district alone, followed by 5,000 in Devbhumi Dwarka, 4,000 in Rajkot, 2,000 in Morbi, more than 1,500 in Jamnagar, 550 in Porbandar and 500 in Junagadh district, Pandey said. He said one person has died in an incident linked to the cyclone.

On Monday, one Varsha Bavaliya was killed and her husband was injured after a tree fell on their motorcycle on a state highway in Jasdan taluka of Rajkot district due to strong winds.

Pandey said the government is constantly working to ensure that there is no loss of life due to the weather phenomenon.

He said the rescue operation is being carried out

in two phases, with people residing 0 to 5 km from the seashore to be shifted first. Thereafter, people living within a distance of 5 to 10 km from the coast will be moved to safer places, with priority to be given to children, pregnant women and the elderly.

The government said 17 teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and 12 of the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) are on standby in affected districts of Devbhumi Dwarka, Rajkot, Jamnagar, Junagadh, Porbandar, Gir Somnath, Morbi and Valsad.

The Western Railway said it has cancelled three trains to Bhuj and Gandhidham, short-terminated 30 trains and short-originated 25 others as a precautionary measure.

As the sea turned rough, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) evacuated 50 personnel from an oil rig located 40 km off the Dwarka coast in an overnight operation amid inclement weather conditions due to the cyclone, the maritime agency said on Tuesday.

"India Coast Guard Region North West evacuated 50 personnel from oil rig 'Key Singapore' 40 km seaward from Dwarka in seven sorties of overnight ops by ICG ALH aircraft and ship Shoor," the ICG said in a release.

As evacuation started on Monday, Jakhau port wore a deserted look. Fishing boats were lined up on the shore to ensure that they do not suffer much damage, said officials.

Shipping activities at the country's largest public sector port in Kandla were shut following the cyclone warning and around 3,000 people, including workers there, have been shifted to safer places, district administration officials said.

A total of five Union ministers from Gujarat reached various districts that are likely to be impacted by the cyclone to help and coordinate with the state administration in rescue and evacuation measures.

Union ministers Mansukh Mandaviya, Parshottam Rupala, Darshana Jardosh, Devushin Chauhan, and Mahendra Munjpara fanned out in the affected districts to coordinate with the state administration for relief and rescue operations.

Mandaviya said shelter homes are being set up with arrangements for rations and meals while an action plan is being put in place to tackle medical and health emergencies.

He said all labourers working at ports in coastal areas have been evacuated, ships have been anchored, and crew members shifted to safer places. WITH AGENCY INPUTS

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## रुड़की के जोधपुर में उप क्षेत्रीय केंद्र का हुआ उद्घाटन भारत में जल से जुड़ी योजनाएं आकार और बजट में सबसे बड़ी : शेखावत

जोधपुर | केंद्रीय जलशक्ति मंत्री गजेंद्रसिंह शेखावत ने कहा कि जल संसाधनों को बचाए रखना हमारी सबसे बड़ी चुनौती है। भारत सरकार इस पर गंभीर है। इसलिए देश में आज जल से जुड़ी जितनी भी योजनाएं हैं, वे आकार और बजट के मामले में विश्व में सबसे बड़ी योजनाएं हैं। शेखावत मंगलवार को जोधपुर में राष्ट्रीय जल विज्ञान संस्थान, रुड़की के उत्तर पश्चिमी क्षेत्रीय केंद्र के उद्घाटन समारोह को संबोधित कर रहे थे। उन्होंने कहा कि जल की चुनौती हम सब के सामने खड़ी है। पश्चिमी राजस्थान में गुजरात से पंजाब से लगते हिस्से में तो यह चुनौती और ज्यादा बड़ी है, क्योंकि यह रेगिस्तानी इलाका है और भूजल पर निर्भरता हमारी अधिक है। उन्होंने कहा कि इस रेगिस्तानी क्षेत्र



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