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Minister K.T. Rama Rao along with his Cabinet colleagues Mahmood Ali, V. Srinivas Goud, Sabitha Indra Reddy, Talasani Srinivas Yadav, Jagadish Reddy and HMWS&SB managing director M. Dana Kishore inspect the Sunkishala project works near Nagarjunasagar. The minister laid the foundation stone on Saturday. — K. DURGA RAO

Sunkishala boost for city water: KTR

Hyd can face 5 drought years, says min.

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HYDERABAD, MAY 14

Municipal administration and urban development (MA&UD) minister K.T. Rama Rao on Saturday said that the intake well at Sunkishala was designed to cater to the drinking water needs of Hyderabad until 2071. "It would ensure that no drinking water shortage would arise in Hyderabad even if there is a drought for five successive years," he added.

While laying the foundation stone for the intake well and pumping house of the project, Rama Rao said that Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao had designed drinking water supply schemes to meet the domestic and industrial requirements of Hyderabad for 100 years. Hyderabad would emerge as the second biggest city after New Delhi in 15 years, he said.

The minister said that other metros were struggling with drinking water shortage, power cuts, pollution and skyrocketing prices of properties. "The Chief Minister has succeeded in solving the decades-old issues in a short span of seven-and-half-years. The Chief Minister is dreaming of developing Hyderabad as a global city," he said.

Rama Rao said that drinking water schemes for Hyderabad and surroundings were designed to draw water from the Krishna and the Godavari rivers.

Together with water from the Kaleshwaram project, he said, Hyderabad had 65 tmcft of river water for utilisation. The Hyderabad Metrop-

olitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board had completed 48 km of the ring main works out of 158-km project along the ORR. The systems were designed to back each other if one of them failed due for any reason.

He said the Water Board was geared up for Krishna Phases IV and IV to cater to the drinking water needs of areas in and around the ORR.

"The Chief Minister has also planned a 159-km long main ring with three-metre diameter pipelines to provide irrigation to

the areas and water to industries that will come up along the regional ring road (RRR)," Rama Rao added.

Currently, water for Hyderabad is drawn from the Alimineti Madhava Reddy Project (AMRP) irrigation canal, which uses water from the Krishna river via the Nagarjunasagar project. When the water level at Nagarjunasagar drops below the minimum draw down level (MDDL) of 510 feet in summer, the canal system is unable to deliver water to the city.

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No response to SOS from Haryana, Delhi faces water shortage

New Delhi: With the Yamuna drying up under the blazing sun and Haryana not responding to SOS calls, authorities in Delhi are barely meeting the drinking water demand in several areas, officials said on Saturday. The level in the Wazirabad pond has dropped to 670.70 feet, the lowest this year: It was 671.80 feet on Thursday.

The pond level had dropped to 667 feet on July 11 last year, prompting Delhi Jal Board (DJB) to move the Supreme Court seeking directions to Haryana to release additional water in the Yamuna.

DJB has thrice written to the Haryana Irrigation Department in this connection in a fortnight -- on May 12, May 3 and April 30.

"Even flow via CLC (Carrier-Lined Channel) and DSB (Delhi Sub-Branch) is fluctuating... The lifting of 120 cusec of water from the Wazirabad pond is affected due to low pond level. This will affect water production adversely. Due to peak summer, the water requirement is more," the SOS sent on Thursday read.

"It is requested to supply 150 cusecs of raw water additionally through DD-8/river route, so as to ensure that 120 cusecs reach the Wazirabad pond in this time of crisis, till

the arrival of monsoon," it read. According to officials, there has been no response from the neighbouring state, leaving Delhi to fend for itself.

The production capacity at Wazirabad, Chandrawal and Okhla water treatment plants has reduced to 85% and could further decrease to 75% on Sunday, a DJB official said.

"We have resorted to water rationing and have been able to meet the demand so far. However, the situation could turn worse if Haryana does not respond and release additional water," the official said.

Adhering to its Summer Action Plan, DJB has deployed extra tankers to cater to areas facing water shortage and is trying to augment water supply through tube wells. The Delhi government last month said it would supply around 1,000 million gallons of drinking water every day during the summer as against 935 MGD earlier to meet the rising demand. It also said 1,198 water tankers would be deployed during the peak season (April-July) to prevent water scarcity.

Haryana supplies 610 million gallons of water a day to Delhi through two canals and the Yamuna. PTI



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IMD issues red alert for Ernakulam, Idukki districts in Kerala

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: The India Meteorological Department has issued a red alert for Ernakulam and Idukki districts of Kerala for Saturday indicating extremely heavy rainfall and an orange alert for southern districts till May 16.

The weatherman has issued a red alert for Ernakulam and Idukki for Saturday while an orange alert has been issued for Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha, Kottayam and Thrissur districts till May 16.

A red alert indicates heavy to extremely heavy rains of over 20 cm in 24 hours, while orange alert means very heavy rains from 6 cm to 20 cm of rainfall. A yellow alert means heavy rainfall between 6 to 11 centimeters.

The India Meteorological Department said squally

weather with wind speed reaching 40-50 kmph is likely to prevail over Kerala coast and advised fishermen not to venture into sea till May 16.

The weatherman has also issued a yellow alert for Malappuram, Kozhikode and Wayanad districts on these days.

Since it was raining in the southern part of the state for the past few days, the district administrations have issued warning to people staying in low lying areas, on the banks of the rivers and hilly regions to remain vigilant.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) had earlier predicted that the Southwest monsoon, which is also known as Edavapathi in the state, is likely to bring the first showers to Kerala by May 27, five days earlier than the normal onset date.

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CAPITAL GRAPPLES WITH WATER SHORTAGE AMID SEVERE HEATWAVE

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