

Telangana Today- 17- July-2022

Godavari still above danger mark

Water level recedes as gates of projects upstream closed due to drop in inflows

STATE BUREAU
KOTHAGUDEM

The water level in River Godavari at Bhadrachalam in the district has receded and came down to 68.60-ft by Saturday evening. However, the river is still flowing above the danger level mark.

The water level at the temple town rose to a record 70-ft on Friday, way above the third warning level, causing inundation at several places in the Bhadradi-Kothagudem district.

However, on Saturday evening, the water level was below the 70-ft mark. At 4 am on Saturday, the water level was 71.30-ft and it reached 70.30-ft at noon and by 6 pm, it was 68.60-ft as the gates of upstream projects were closed due to a drop in inflows.

Transport Minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar along with the priests of Bhadradi Temple performed 'Ganga Harati' and special prayers. The Minister inspected Godavari karakatta, relief centres at Yatapaka and Kunavaram. He asked the people evacuated from the flood-affected areas to stay put at the rehabilitation centres for another two days as the river was still flowing above the danger level.

Speaking at a review meeting later in the day, the Minister informed that because of measures taken up by the district administration, not a single life was lost due to floods. Around 10,000 houses in as many as 72 gram panchayats were inundated due to floods in different mandals in the district and about 20,000 people have been shifted to rehabilitation centres, he said.

Power supply

The biggest task ahead is to carry out sanitation, provide medical services, power restoration and supply of safe drinking water and prevent the spread of viral dis-



The Lakshmi barrage at Medigadda continued to receive huge inflows, on Saturday.

Inflows into major projects dip

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Barring the Lakshmi barrage at Medigadda, the Irrigation Department officials closed the crest gates of major projects in the Godavari basin as inflows dropped significantly. Despite getting inflows of 30,000 cusecs, the officials decided to close the gates of several dams.

Thirty-six gates of the Sriram Sagar Project (SRSP) in Nizamabad,

which received 4.18 lakh cusecs within a few weeks after the onset of monsoon on July 14, were also closed.

The dam received the highest inflows of 4.18 lakh cusecs from the upstream and catchment areas on July 14. The same 4.16 lakh cusecs of water were released downstream through 36 gates. The dam got instant inflows of 26,510 cusecs on Saturday and the present level of water is at 1,088-ft as

against the Full Reservoir Level (FRL) of 1,091 ft.

The 18 gates of the Kad-dam project in Adilabad district were also closed since inflows now came down to 7,000 cusecs as against over five lakh cusecs received last week. However, officials at Lakshmi barrage are releasing 12.10 lakh cusecs from 85 gates since it is still getting 12.10 lakh cusecs of inflows.

From Sunday night, the inflows were expected to

drop to a large extent since there is no rainfall in the State, they said. In the Krishna River basin, the Priyadarshini Jurala Project (PJP) in Mahabubnagar is receiving 1.51 lakh cusecs while the outflows were 1.57 lakh cusecs. Inflows into the Srisailem dam continued to increase on Saturday morning. As against 2.45 lakh of inflows on Friday, the dam received 2.54 lakh cusecs on Saturday while the outflows were 17,687 cusecs.

eases in Bhadrachalam, Aswapuram, Pinapaka, Dummugudem, Cherla and Manugur mandals in the district, Ajay Kumar noted. As Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao is likely to hold a review meeting on the flood situation at Bhadrachalam on Sunday, the Minister asked the officials concerned to prepare reports on the post-flood relief measures to be taken up in the flood-affected mandals. Ajay Kumar asked the officials to prepare assessment reports on the works to be undertaken for

the strengthening of the Godavari embankment and permanent solution to the sewage problem in Bhadrachalam town. "Villages should be cleaned on a war footing by engaging additional staff and the entire process

should be completed within a week," the Minister said. ZP Chairman K Kanakaiah, SCCL CMD N Sridhar, Panchayat Raj Commissioner Hanumantha Rao, District Collector Anudeep D, SP Dr Vineeth G, and others were present.

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Harish puts doctors on alert

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Following the directions of Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao, Health Minister T Harish Rao on Saturday held a review meeting with district health officials and medical officers. In the meeting, which was also attended by Health and Medical Department's principal secretary Syed Ali Mortaza Rizvi, the Minister discussed the steps to be taken on war footing to prevent the spread of viral diseases.

The Health Minister directed the authorities concerned to set up health camps in flooded villages. The doctors were also asked to be available and not take leaves.

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Godavari flood situation grim in AP

Over 170 villages inundated; crops in thousands of acres damaged

AP BUREAU
VIJAYAWADA

With the Godavari river in spate, the flood waters wreaked havoc in six districts in Andhra Pradesh and more than 170 villages are under water while crops in thousands of hectares are damaged.

According to officials here on Saturday, the Alluri Sitarama Raju (ASR), Eluru, West Godavari, East Godavari, Konaseema and Kakinada districts are badly affected as several villages are cut-off due to flood waters and as many as 628 villages in 44 mandals in the six districts are in the grip of Godavari flood water. The flood situation is so grim in some villages that Navy helicopters are being employed to airdrop the flood relief material.

The Godavari flood affected 21 mandals in Konaseema district, 9 mandals in East Godavari district, five mandals in Alluri Sitarama Raju district, 4 mandals in West Godavari district and 3 mandals in Eluru district and 2 mandals in Kakinada district.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy held a review meeting with his officials to assess the flood devastation due to the Godavari floods on Saturday. With the flood situation still continuing to be alarm-



Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy at a review meeting with officials on Saturday.

Jagan reviews flood situation

AMARAVATI: Amid the ongoing heavy rains across the state, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy held a review meeting with the officials on Godavari floods and relief measures. As per Chief Minister's instructions, ration supplies and daily essentials will be distributed on war footing to all flood-affected families. He directed them to distribute ration supplies on a war footing to all flood-affected families, which included 25 kg of rice, 1 kg of dal, 1 kg of potatoes, 1 kg of palm oil, and 1 kg of onions to every family. ANI

ing, he directed the officials to be vigilant and ensure that there should be no loss of life. On Friday too, the Chief Minister held a video conference with officials after conducting an aerial survey in the flood-affected districts. The State government has so far evacuated over 65,000 people and shifted them to 220 relief camps in the six districts. Also, 229 medical camps were also set up for the flood victims and 10 NDRF and 10 SDRF teams were also conducting relief operations in the flood-hit districts.

Garuda Aerospace to assist NDRF in Gujarat, AP

CHENNAI: Drone start-up Garuda Aerospace has offered its assistance to National Disaster Response Force in tackling the flood situations in Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh, the city-based company said on Saturday. The drones would be deployed to deliver food and necessary medicines to people affected by the floods in Vadodara (Gujarat) and in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh. PTI

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SRSP sluice gates closed with decline in inflows

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HYDERABAD, JULY 16

The sluice gates of the Sriramsagar project (SRSP) were shut on Saturday, following a dip in inflows from areas upstream of the Godavari.

Over the past week, all 36 gates were opened as the SRSP received a record water level of 139.795 TMC from June 1 to July 16. However, they were gradually shut down by Saturday.

To control the flood situation, the Sriramsagar project (SRSP) officials released 74.56 TMC of surplus water downstream of the Godavari, which reached the Bay of Bengal.

Presently, the water level in the Sriramsagar project (SRSP) is at 1088.1 feet, against its full reservoir level (FRL) of 1091 feet.

Of full storage capacity of 90.313 TMC, the capacity is currently at 76.743 TMC in the reservoir.

On the same date of 2021, the water level was at 1,085.4 feet, with 68.113 TMC in storage.

On Saturday, the water inflow was at 26,510 cusecs, with outflow decreased to 2,500 cusecs, after 3,500 cusecs and 10,000 cusecs were respectively released into the Kakatiya Canal and flood-flow canal.

Besides, 152 cusecs were also released for drinking water supply under the Mission Bhagiratha scheme.

Of 139.795 TMC of total inflows since June 1, 83.757 TMC has been discharged.



SRSP FLOOD SCENARIO AS ON JULY 16, 2022

CANAL	TMC
Surplus over RC Gates	74.56
Kakatiya	1.48
Escape Gates	1.55
Flood Flow Canal	3.76
Total Inflows	139.80
Total Outflows	83.77

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Widespread spell of rain brings city some relief from sticky heat

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NEW DELHI: Heavy rain lashed Delhi and its adjoining areas on Saturday, giving residents a break from the heat and humidity, but also led to congestion and waterlogging across Delhi.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Delhi's Safdarjung weather station, which provides representative data for the entire city, recorded 19.6mm of rainfall between 8.30am and 5.30pm on Saturday. The Lodhi Road observatory recorded 18.4mm of rainfall, Ridge recorded 25.3mm of rainfall, Palam recorded 8.7mm and the Aya Nagar weather station recorded 15.8mm of rainfall during this period.

"Moderate to heavy rain was recorded across the national capital and parts of NCR on Saturday. After monsoon hit the city, there was no widespread rain. Some parts received a good spell but most did not. Light, isolated rainfall is likely to continue on Sunday," said a Met official.

The rain also brought down the temperature. Safdarjung station recorded a maximum temperature of 36.5°C, while the minimum



People take shelter at a bus stop near Lok Nayak hospital on Saturday.

RAJ K RAJ/HT PHOTO

was 28.3°C. In some parts of the city such as Lodhi Road, the minimum temperature dropped to 26.4°C. The maximum on Friday was 38.5°C.

The rain also led to traffic jams in several areas such as Dhaula Kuan, Pankha Road, Janakpuri and ITO. At around 5.30pm, Delhi

traffic police advised people to avoid the Dhaula Kuan flyover as traffic was affected on Ring Road at Dhaula Kuan flyover because of waterlogging. An hour later, police issued a similar advisory for people to avoid Mehrauli Badarpur(MB) road near Hauz Rani Forest Park because of waterlogging

on one carriageway.

"We had to go to Dwarka in the evening. We were stuck in traffic on Pankha Road. We were told that there was a massive traffic jam in Janakpuri. It is the same story every year. Traffic is hit and roads are water logged after just a few hours of rain," a commuter

stuck near Pankha Road said.

The official monsoon report issued by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) said their zonal offices received waterlogging complaints from areas in Uttam Nagar and Malviya Nagar. The agency also said they received reports of trees being damaged or falling from at least eight areas – Jangpura extension, Defence Colony, Neb Sarai, Saket, Greater Kailash 2, Malviya Nagar in south Delhi, Kirti Nagar in East Delhi and Paharganj in central Delhi.

Meanwhile, with Saturday's rain, the cumulative rainfall deficit for the season fell to 25%.

IMD data showed that currently, northwest Delhi has excess rainfall of 59%, north Delhi has an excess of 10% and central Delhi has an excess of 1%. Meanwhile, other districts continued to record a deficit. The southwest district currently has a 54% deficit, west has a 57% deficit, south Delhi has a 30% deficit and northeast district has a 41% deficit.

Mahesh Palawat, vice-president (meteorology and climate) at Skymet Weather Services, a private forecaster, said, "The monsoon trough is in a transition phase from central India to the foothills."

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Discharge from Mettur dam goes up to 1.23 lakh cusecs

Flood alert in 11 districts; Collectors monitor low-lying areas

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The water level in the Mettur dam reached its maximum capacity of 120 feet on Saturday, and the surplus water is being released into the Cauvery. A flood alert was issued in 11 districts. The Collectors were asked to monitor low-lying areas and shift the people living there to safe places.

Following water release from Karnataka dams, the flow into the Mettur dam started increasing on July 9 when the inflow was 2,141 cusecs, and the water level was 98.91 feet. Thereafter, the inflow began increasing and touched 1.17 lakh cusecs on Friday. The dam attained its maximum capacity at 9.55 a.m. on Saturday. This is the 42nd time the dam has attained its maximum capacity in its history.

Collector S. Karmegam visited the dam. Special pujas were performed, and 50,000 cusecs was discharged through the 16-vent surplus sluices. Water was also discharged through the East-West Canals for the benefit of 45,000 acres in Salem, Namakkal and Erode districts.

At 10 a.m. Saturday, the level stood at 120 feet and the storage was 93.47 tmc. The inflow came down to 1.15 lakh cusecs from 1.18 lakh cusecs in the morning.

At 4 p.m., the discharge in the Cauvery increased to 1.13 lakh cusecs, including



Copious flow: The surplus water from the Mettur dam being released into the Cauvery on Saturday. ■ E. LAKSHMI NARAYANAN

90,000 cusecs through the 16-vent surplus sluices and 23,000 cusecs through the dam and tunnel power houses. Likewise, 600 cusecs was released through the East-West Canals. According to information available at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, the discharge was increased to 1.23 lakh cusecs.

Earlier in the day, Collector S. Karmegam told presspersons that the customary date for releasing water into the East-West Canals was August 1. However, due to the availability of water in the reservoir, the Chief Minister directed that the water be released from July 16. Water would be discharged for 137 days. This would benefit 45,000 acres (16,433 acres in Salem, 11,337 acres in Namakkal and 17,230 acres in Erode), he said.

Mr. Karmegam said flood warnings had been issued to people living in low-lying areas in the Mettur, Edappadi and Sankagiri taluks, and

they had been asked to safeguard their cattle. They were told to avoid taking baths and selfies near the riverbanks. Officials of the Revenue, Fire and Rescue Services, Public Works and Rural Development Departments were monitoring the taluks, and action would be taken against erring persons, he said.

Three youth rescued

Three youth who got caught in the floods were rescued. On Saturday, Kavin, 20, Dinesh, 21, and Prabhu, 20, of Mallikuttai, near Tharamangalam, came to the Mettur dam to see the water release. At Chinnakavur, they entered into the river to take selfies around 4 p.m. At that time, the discharge was increased. The youth were stranded on a rock in the middle of the river and called for help. Firefighters rushed to their aid; after an hour, they were brought to safety.

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Storage level up in Mullaperiyar dam

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With the catchment areas in Kerala and along the Western Ghats getting a steady rainfall during the last two to three days, the storage level has gone up at the Mullaperiyar reservoir, said PWD officials on Saturday.

From a little over 131 feet three days ago, continuous inflow into the dam pushed the storage level to 135 feet. With widespread rain in the area surrounding the dam,

the inflow that was 5,258 cusecs in the forenoon, increased to 8,160 cusecs by late evening. Thus, the water level moved from 130.85 ft to 134.20 ft, officials said, adding that on a single day, the water level increased by almost three feet. While the permissible level in the Mullaperiyar dam is 142 ft, weather forecast indicated that the storage level may increase in the coming days.

Welcoming the rain, farmers' associations in the re-

gion, which includes five districts- Theni, Dindigul, Madurai, Sivaganga and Ramanathapuram- said the farm activities were likely to get momentum, following good inflow into the reservoir.

Officials said with a little over 1,600 cusecs being discharged from the dam to the Tamil Nadu side, power generation at Lower Camp has improved. Meanwhile, PWD officials said they had alerted their counterparts in Idukki,

and the district administration had taken steps to ensure that low-lying areas were not affected due to the discharge from the dam to the Kerala side.

Vaigai dam also received a steady inflow and the water level moved up to 56.96 ft (max level 71 ft). The dam was getting an inflow of 1,823 cusecs and a discharge of 969 cusecs. Rainfall continued in many parts of Thekkadi and Kodaikanal during the last 24 hours.

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AGENCIES DIRECTED TO REVIEW PROPOSALS

Panel flags 2 projects that could affect Yamuna floodplains

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NEW DELHI, JULY 16

THE PRINCIPAL Committee constituted on the orders of the National Green Tribunal to monitor projects concerning the "rejuvenation" of the Yamuna has raised concerns about two project proposals that could affect the floodplains in Delhi — a power transmission line and an elevated road along the riverbank.

One of the proposals that the committee considered at its recent meeting was a project of the Public Works Department (PWD) to construct an elevated road along the riverbank from Wazirabad to DND. Manoj Misra,



Projects proposed along the river and floodplains are required to obtain approval of the committee. *Archive*

convenor of the Yamuna Jiye Abhiyan, who was the petitioner in the NGT case that eventually led to the constitution of the committee, raised the matter of the elevated road for the committee's consideration, stating that it is

"against the ecology of the river", and will "sharply reduce the expanse of floodplains". At a meeting earlier this year, the PWD had informed the committee that the proposed elevated road would decongest the existing Ring Road.

EXPLAINED Floodplain conservation

THE YAMUNA floodplain is part of the river's ecosystem and is important for groundwater recharge. Construction is not permitted on the floodplains, demarcated as 'Zone O' by the DDA since it is prone to flooding. The floodplain provides space for water when the level of the river rises, and constructions on the floodplain can obstruct the flow of water.

The DDA informed the committee that PWD was asked to re-examine the proposal, and it had suggested that the proposal over the floodplain should be avoided and instead, "roads can be developed over the existing Ring Road", as per the minutes of the meeting. While the PWD said construction over the Ring Road may not be possible, the panel asked for a discussion with the PWD, experts, and DDA to resolve the issue.

Another project that the committee raised issues about was Delhi Transco Limited's proposal for a 1.3-km-long extension of a 220 kV power transmission line, along with seven towers, to feed a proposed substation at Rajghat. Ecologist professor C R Babu, an

expert member of the committee, noted that the alignment would be too close to the river and could provide resistance to floodwaters, according to the minutes.

In response to the proposal, professor A K Gosain, another expert member of the panel, stated that after dismantling the Rajghat Power Plant, the area should have been retrieved for the river. The power plant is located on the floodplains. The committee has directed Delhi Transco to review the proposal.

Projects proposed along the river and floodplains are required to obtain approval of the committee, which is chaired by the Secretary, Department of Water Resources, Ministry of Jal Shakti.

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बढ़ते कदम | यूपी, झारखंड सबसे फिसट्टी, बिहार ने की तेजी से प्रगति, सात राज्यों, केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों में शत-प्रतिशत काम, 16 राज्यों, केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों के स्कूलों में पहुंचा जल

ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में नल से जल मिशन का आधा पड़ाव पार

■ रामनारायण श्रीवास्तव

नई दिल्ली। जल जीवन मिशन ने महज तीन वर्षों में देश के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में आधे से ज्यादा घरों तक नल से जल पहुंचाने का बड़ा पड़ाव पार कर लिया है। अभी तक सात राज्यों और केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों में यह लक्ष्य शत-प्रतिशत हासिल किया जा चुका है, जबकि बिहार समेत चार राज्यों में यह 90 फीसद से ज्यादा काम हो चुका है। सबसे आखिरी पायदान पर उत्तर प्रदेश है, जबकि झारखंड इससे एक स्थान ही ऊपर है।

स्वच्छ भारत मिशन के बाद जल जीवन मिशन केंद्र सरकार का दूसरा बड़ा कार्यक्रम है। 15 अगस्त, 2019 से शुरू हुए इस मिशन के तहत पांच वर्षों में ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में सभी घरों को नल से स्वच्छ पेयजल



उपलब्ध करना है। इस मिशन का आधा पड़ाव हाल में पार हुआ है और देश के 19 करोड़ 20 लाख से ज्यादा

ग्रामीण घरों में से नौ करोड़ अस्सी लाख (51 फीसद) से ज्यादा घरों तक नल से जल पहुंच चुका है।

सात राज्यों में शत-प्रतिशत लक्ष्य हासिल

अभी तक जिन राज्यों और केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों ने सफलता के लक्ष्य हासिल किए हैं उनमें गोवा, तेलंगाना, हरियाणा, अंडमान निकोबार, पुडुचेरी, दादरा नगर हवेली और दमन दीव शामिल हैं। यहां शत प्रतिशत घरों में नल से जल पहुंच चुका है। चार राज्य पंजाब, गुजरात, हिमाचल प्रदेश और बिहार में 90 फीसदी से ज्यादा घरों में नल से जल पहुंच चुका है। वहीं, उत्तराखंड में अभी 63.99 फीसदी घरों में ही नल से जल पहुंचा है।

उत्तराखंड, बिहार के अधिकांश स्कूल में पहुंचा जल, झारखंड लक्ष्य से पीछे

सरकार ने अपने इस मिशन में ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों के स्कूलों और आंगनवाड़ियों को भी प्राथमिकता दी है। इसके तहत 16 राज्यों और केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों तमिलनाडु, तेलंगाना, सिक्किम, पंजाब, केरल, कर्नाटक, जम्मू कश्मीर, हिमाचल प्रदेश, हरियाणा, गुजरात, गोवा, आंध्र, अंडमान निकोबार, दादरा नगर हवेली, दमन दीव और पुडुचेरी के सभी स्कूलों में नल से जल पहुंच चुका है। उत्तराखंड में यह 99.61 फीसदी और बिहार में 99.48 फीसदी है। उत्तर प्रदेश की स्थिति इस मामले में कुछ बेहतर है। यहां 84.44 प्रतिशत स्कूलों में नल से जल उपलब्ध है। हालांकि, झारखंड में हालात खराब हैं, वहां केवल 18.02 फीसदी स्कूल ही इस दायरे में हैं।

तीन वर्ष पूर्व शुरू हुआ मिशन

तीन वर्ष पहले मिशन शुरू होने के बाद बिहार ने बेहद तेजी दिखाते हुए अपने 92.78 लाख नल कनेक्शनों में 90.94 फीसदी मिशन के तहत ही हासिल किए हैं। उत्तर प्रदेश में 14.19 फीसदी कुल कनेक्शनों में मिशन के तहत 12.84 फीसदी और झारखंड में 21.44 कनेक्शनों में 15.80 प्रतिशत कनेक्शन ही मिशन के तहत हासिल किए गए हैं।

यूपी की हालत सबसे बुरी

इस मिशन में सबसे बुरी हालत उत्तर प्रदेश की है। यह आखिरी स्थान पर है। यहां 14.19 फीसदी ग्रामीण घरों में ही नल से जल उपलब्ध है। उत्तर प्रदेश के दो करोड़ 64 लाख से ज्यादा ग्रामीण घरों में से 39 लाख 8667 घरों में ही नल से जल पहुंच सका है। झारखंड की हालत भी बेहतर है। यहां पर 21.44 प्रतिशत ग्रामीण घरों में नल से जल उपलब्ध है।

मिशन शुरू होने के समय 16.85 फीसदी ग्रामीण घरों में ही नल से जल की उपलब्धता थी। मिशन के

तहत इसमें तीन वर्षों से भी कम समय में 34.19 फीसदी की वृद्धि दर्ज की गई है।