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{ INAUGURATES IRRIGATION SCHEME }

KCR takes on Modi over Krishna water sharing

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HYDERABAD : Telangana chief minister K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) on Saturday attacked the Union government for deciding the share of the state in Krishna river waters, adding that the residents should question the leaders of Bharatiya Janata Party on the issue.

KCR was speaking at a public meeting at Kollapur in Nagarkurnool district after inauguration the Palamuru Rangareddy Lift irrigation scheme — the second largest such scheme in the country being constructed on Krishna river.

"We asked for water. We said, Narendra Modi, you decide how much share our Palamuru (another name for Mahabubnagar) and Telangana will get in Krishna river. We should get (our share) as per Consitution and law. We have to build Palamuru lift irrigation," he said.

"But, the Prime Minister who claims to be 'Vishwaguru', the BJP and the leaders and activists, there are so many of them in Mahabubnagar district. Does it take 10 years?" KCR said.


K Chandrashekar Rao

All that the Centre has to do is to write to the Krishna tribunal to distribute water between the two states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, he said. "But, Modi does not respond to it," he said. The Telangana government had gone to the Supreme Court for determination of its share in Krishna water but the Centre asked it to withdraw the case promising to refer the matter to the tribunal.

One year has passed since the Centre made the suggestion but there has been no progress, he said.

He asked the people to question the BJP activists and leaders as to why the matter has not been referred to the Krishna tribunal "since the last 10 years".

HT reached out to the BJP for a response but did not get one immediately.

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₹45K-CR PACKAGE ANNOUNCED FOR DROUGHT-HIT MARATHWADA

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MUMBAI: The Maharashtra government on Saturday announced schemes worth ₹45,000 crore for Marathwada, which include 11 new irrigation projects worth ₹13,677 crore for the region that is reeling under a near drought.

The government has also decided to launch three river-linking projects—Damanganga-Vaitarna-Godavari Valley, Damanganga (Ekdare)-Godavari and Par-Godavari—to transfer surplus water from the Damanganga and Vaitarna rivers to the deficit Upper Godavari basin at an estimated cost of ₹14,000 crore.

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CM announces ₹45,000 cr to develop Marathwada region

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The announcement was made after a special cabinet meeting held in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar (formerly Aurangabad) on Saturday. The meeting venue was chosen since the 75th anniversary of "Marathwada Liberation Day", also known as Marathwada Mukti Sangram, is to be celebrated on September 17. Marathwada, currently called central Maharashtra region, was under Nizam rule and was liberated and included in the Bombay Presidency in 1948 and later in Maharashtra in 1960.

Marathwada is a politically significant region, and the government has been on the backfoot here after the hunger strike by Maratha activist Manoj Jarange-



Eknath Shinde

Patil for reservation benefits for the community. Marathas comprise 32% of the state's population and the police lathi charge on activists at the site of the strike has triggered massive outrage.

Most districts in Marathwada are dependent on rain-fed farming and are facing a drought-like situation this year, which is one of the major reasons for agrarian distress in the region that also logs second-highest farmers' suicides in the state. This drought-prone central Maharashtra region elects 46 legislators, and caste equations, emotive issues and religion often trump development.

The state government has also decided to revive the stalled Marathwada water grid project. "After the central government started the 'Har Ghar Jal' scheme, many states sought financial support for water grids except our government led by Uddhav ji," Fadnavis said.

The opposition parties have, however, criticised the government for not declaring a drought in Marathwada. "Declaring a drought and providing immediate relief to the farmers was essential but the state government has played a cruel joke," said Nana Patole, state Congress president.

CENTRE CLEARS NEW NAMES OF AURANGABAD, OSMANABAD

MUMBAI: Aurangabad and Osmanabad districts in Maharashtra have been officially renamed as Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar and Dharashiv respectively, chief minister Eknath Shinde said on Saturday.

In June last year, during the last cabinet meeting of the previous Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government, former chief minister Uddhav Thackeray gave approval to the long-pending demand of renaming Aurangabad as Sambhajinagar and Osmanabad as Dharashiv. The official notification of the changes was issued by the state government on Friday night.

"We have made it (renaming) foolproof. The earlier MVA government took the decision when they were in the minority and their government was about to fall. But we made it foolproof..." the CM said.

Aurangabad derives its name from Mughal emperor Aurangzeb, while Osmanabad was named for a 20th-century ruler of the princely state of Hyderabad.

Chhatrapati Sambhaji, the eldest son of warrior king Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, was the second ruler of the Maratha state founded by his father. Sambhaji Maharaj was executed on Aurangzeb's orders in 1689.

Dharashiv, the name of a cave complex near Osmanabad, dates back to the 8th century as per some scholars.

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KCR attacks PM for failing to resolve Krishna water dispute

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Hyderabad: Telangana chief minister **K Chandrasekhar Rao** swiped at PM Narendra Modi on Saturday, questioning why the BJP-led NDA government had delayed resolving the Krishna water dispute between the two Telugu-speaking states for a decade.

He expressed frustration that despite the Telangana government's withdrawal of a case in the Supreme Court regarding its share of Krishna water over a year ago, no action had been taken.

KCR's criticism came during a public meeting in Kollapur, where he inaugurated the PRLIS (Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme) by activating a 145MW Maha Bahubali pump at the Narlapur reservoir in Nagarkurnool district. The Phase-I of the project aims to provide drinking water to 1,226 villages across southern Telangana.

This was KCR's first direct attack against Modi in months. The criti-

cism followed the recent summons issued by the enforcement directorate to his daughter Kalvakuntla Kavitha in a case related to the Delhi liquor policy scam.

The chief minister urged local BJP leaders to demand the NDA government write a letter to the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal (KWDT) to determine Telangana's water share. He emphasised that Telangana only seeks its legally entitled share of Krishna water and nothing more.

He was visibly angry when some BJP workers tried to obstruct his convoy on the way to the PRLIS inauguration venue.

KCR expressed his satisfaction that his dream project, PRLIS, had finally become a reality. He shared his goal of irrigating at least 20 lakh acres in the former Mahabubnagar district in the coming years. The foundation for PRLIS was laid by KCR in 2015, but the project faced delays due to legal issues and approvals from the Centre.



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Emergency meet on Cauvery water sharing tomorrow

The Cauvery Water Management Authority has convened an emergency meeting on Monday, with a single-point agenda in view of Karnataka's refusal to provide any more water to Tamil Nadu. The meeting acquires significance with Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah writing to Union Jal Shakti minister Gajendra Singh expressing the state's inability to provide water. **P8**

Cauvery authority's meeting on Sept 18

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Chennai: With the **Karnataka** government refusing to release water to Tamil Nadu, the Cauvery water management authority (CWMA) has convened an emergency meeting with a single point agenda on September 18. The state government was informed about the meeting on Friday. "The authority's last meeting (on August 29) was also an emergency one with a single-point agenda on water sharing," an official told **STOI**.

The Cauvery water regulation committee (CWRC), the technical committee of the CWMA, had on Tuesday directed the Karnataka govern-

ment to ensure realisation of flows at the rate of 5,000 cusecs at Biligundlu, the inter-state border, for the next 15 days, considering the hydro-meteorological condition.

The Central Water Commission's gauging station at Biligundlu has reported that realization of flows had been at the rate of 1,870 cusecs (Sept 12), 2,500 cusecs (Sept 13) and 3,142 cusecs (Sept 14).

The emergency meeting also comes in the wake of Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah writing to Union jal shakti minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, saying that storage in four reservoirs was only 53 tmcft and the CWRC order cannot be implemented.

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Delegation of all-party MPs to meet Shekhawat, push for water release by Karnataka

Led by Water Resources Minister Duraimurugan, the delegation will urge the Jal Shakti Minister to direct Karnataka to release water to TN, as per the orders of CWMA/CWRC, says CM Stalin

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

A delegation of all-party MPs from Tamil Nadu, led by Minister for Water Resources Duraimurugan, will meet Minister for Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and urge him to prevail upon the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) to order the release of 12,500 cusecs of water to Tamil Nadu, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin said on Saturday.

In a statement here, he said the India Meteorological Department (IMD) had predicted normal rain in the Cauvery catchments in Karnataka between September 13 and 15. "The delegation would submit a memorandum to the Minister urging him to direct Karnataka to release water based on the orders of the CWMA/Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC)," he said.

Mr. Stalin said a long legal battle resulted in the Supreme Court fixing the quantum to be realised at Billigundlu on February 2, 2018. Moreover, as per the final direction of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribu-



Chief Minister M.K. Stalin chairing a meeting of DMK MPs on Saturday. It was decided that parties that are a part of INDIA would highlight in Parliament the failure of the BJP government.

nal (CWDIT) and a Supreme Court order, water should be shared on a pro rata basis during distress period. "As per the orders, Tamil Nadu should have received 103.5 tmc till September 14. But it has received just 38.4 tmc," he said.

Mr. Stalin said the storage at the Mettur dam was 69.25 tmc and water was released on June 12 for Kuruvai and Samba cultivation on the basis of normal monsoon predicted by the IMD. "Since Karnataka has not released Tamil Nadu's share and the CWMA and the CWRC could not find a solution, Tamil Nadu filed

a petition in the Supreme Court," he said.

Recalling the Karnataka government's statement that Tamil Nadu's demand was unjustifiable since the State had increased its ayacut area and the State's letter to the Union Jal Sakthi Minister stating Tamil Nadu would get adequate water during the northeast monsoon, Mr. Stalin said, "Karnataka's claims are not true."

Meeting of MPs

Earlier in the day, Mr. Stalin chaired a meeting of DMK MPs, at which it was decided that the parties,

which are part of INDIA, would highlight in Parliament the failure of the BJP government.

The resolution decided to fight against the Centre's Vishwakarma Yojana, stating that it would encourage traditional family avocation and prevent youths from attending colleges. Making a strong case for increasing the slab for creamy layer among the Backward Classes to ₹25 lakh per annum, the resolution demanded implementation of the Mandal Commission recommendations in the Central government employment.

Business Line- 17- September-2023

Telangana CM unveils phase-I of ₹50,000 crore Palamuru-Rangareddy lift irrigation scheme

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Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrababtu Naidu has launched the phase-I of the ₹50,000-crore Palamuru-Rangareddy lift irrigation scheme, which seeks to pump up water from River Krishna to provide drinking water and irrigation to over 12 lakh acres in six districts in the southern part of the State.

Naidu formally launched the scheme's first phase at Narlapur village in Nagarkurnool district by switching on one of the three dozen heavy-duty pump sets.

At a cost of 26,262 crore, the project seeks to arrest the migration of thousands of labourers from Mahabubnagar district. The project would



NEW START. Chief Minister K Chandrababtu Naidu inaugurates the Palamuru-Rangareddy lift irrigation scheme in Narlapur. The project seeks to pump water to an elevation of 670 m and arrest the migration of thousands from Mahabubnagar district. ❧

have 31 massive pump sets with a capacity of 145 MW each and three pump sets with a capacity of 75 MW each.

The scheme seeks to lift 90 tmc of water in 60 days from the foreshore of Srisailem reservoir on the Krishna.

The water will be lifted in

five stages through pumping stations at different places.

WATER TO 6 DISTRICTS

The water is being pumped to an elevation of 670 metres at KP Lakshmidvipalli village near Shadnagar town. In the first phase, the scheme will

provide drinking water to 1,226 villages in six districts — Nagarkurnool, Mahabubnagar, Nalgonda, Rangareddy, Vikarabad and Hyderabad.

The government has acquired 27,000 acres to take up the first phase of work. In the second phase, it would acquire 39,000 acres more. The scheme will have six reservoirs, with a gross capacity of 67 thousand million cubic feet (tmc), with an aggregate canal length of 30 km and 95 km long tunnels.

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नर्मदा से 5.45 लाख क्यूसेक पानी छोड़ा गया, निचले इलाकों पर निगरानी नर्मदा डैम के 23 गेट खोले गए, 50 से अधिक गांवों को किया गया अलर्ट

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महाराष्ट्र और मध्य प्रदेश में भारी बारिश के कारण नर्मदा बांध में पानी की आवक हो रही है। इसलिए नर्मदा बांध का लेवल 136.88 मीटर तक पहुंच गया है। ऊपरी क्षेत्र से 11,68,235 क्यूसेक पानी की आवक हो रही है। इसलिए 2.95 मीटर तक 23 दरवाजे खोले गए हैं। साथ ही रिवरबेड फायरहाउस से कुल 5,45,000 क्यूसेक पानी नदी में छोड़ा जा रहा है। एक घंटे में जलस्तर 25 सेंटी बढ़ गया है।

सरदार सरोवर नर्मदा निगम लिमिटेड द्वारा प्रचुर जल राजस्व के विरुद्ध सख्त निगरानी रखी जा रही है। बांध में जल स्तर बनाए रखने और बाढ़ के प्रभाव को कम करने के लिए नर्मदा निगम द्वारा लगातार साप्ताहिकीय प्रयास किये जा रहे हैं। बाढ़ के प्रभाव से बचने के लिए घरों में खाली निचले



इलाकों पर लगातार निगरानी रखी जा रही है।

करजम तालुका के 22 गांव अलर्ट: नर्मदा बांध से पानी छोड़े जाने की आशंका के बाद जिला प्रशासन की ओर से खडोदरा जिले के नदी किनारे के गांवों को अलर्ट करने के निर्देश जारी किए गए हैं। खडोदरा के दाभोई तालुका के 3, शिनोर और करजम तालुका के कुल 22 गांवों के नागरिकों से नदी तट पर न

जाने की अपील की गई है। गुरुआत में 1.45 लाख क्यूसेक पानी छोड़े जाने की संभावना थी। हर घंटे अधिक गेट खोलने के बाद, जिला कलेक्टर अतुल गोरे ने तालुका प्रणाली संचालकों से पानी छोड़े जाने की संभावना के कारण खडोदरा जिले में नर्मदा नदी के किनारे के शिनोर, दाभोई और करजम तालुका के गांवों को सतर्क करने के लिए कहा है।

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अंतरराष्ट्रीय बांध सुरक्षा कार्यशाला का समापन

जयपुर @ पत्रिका. राजस्थान इंटरनेशनल सेंटर में दो अंतरराष्ट्रीय बांध सुरक्षा कार्यशाला के समापन पर केन्द्रीय जल शक्ति मंत्री गजेन्द्र सिंह शेखावत ने कहा कि बांधों के लिए आपातकालीन कार्य योजनाओं को आगे बढ़ाने के लिए एक संयुक्त कार्यबल की स्थापना हो। उन्होंने कहा कि बांध स्वास्थ्य और बांध सुरक्षा पर विशेष ध्यान देने की जरूरत है। उन्होंने कहा कि आज इस बात पर गहनता से मंथन करने की जरूरत है कि किसी भी सूरत में कोई बांध नहीं टूटे। इसके लिए सभी समूहों को एक मंच पर आकर चर्चा करने की जरूरत है।