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IMD forecasts moderate showers in city



Sailors practice at the Hussain Sagar as city witnessed a brief respite from the showers on Saturday afternoon. — Photo: Anand Dharmana

CITY BUREAU Hyderabad

The weather in Hyderabad remained pleasant for most part of Saturday with no rain and a cloudy sky. However, rains lashed some areas towards the evening.

The maximum temperature remained 30 degree Celsius, whereas the minimum recorded on Saturday was 23.6 degree Celsius.

According to the forecast by Telangana State Development Planning Society, Hyderabad will witness light to moderate thundershowers at isolated places for the next three days. The maximum temperature in the city is expected to be around 30 degree to 32 degree Celsius, while the minimum temperature will range between 21 degree and 23 degree Celsius. As of July 17, Hyderabad

received 322 mm average rainfall in July, whereas the normal rain expected was 196.4 mm. As per the officials at Indian Meteorological Department-Hyderabad, a low pressure is likely to form over the Northwest Bay of Bengal and neighborhood around July 21, which might result in moderate rains in the city. The IMD also issued a five-day thunderstorm warning for several districts

including Adilabad, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Bhadrachalam, Khammam, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Yadadri Bhongir, Rangareddy, Hyderabad, Medchal Malkajgiri, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Medak, Mahabubnagar, Nagarkurnool, Wanaparthy, Narayanpet and Jogulamba Gadwal. On Saturday, Kanduvada, Rangareddy received the maximum rainfall in the State, of 49.8 mm.

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River gazette creates TS loan trouble

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The Centre's gazette taking over irrigation projects on the Krishna and the Godavari rivers issued on Thursday has created 'loan trouble' for certain projects being built by the Telangana State government.

The government is heavily dependent on loans for construction of irrigation projects.

It has formed separate corporations to mobilise

loans for projects and entered into agreements with consortiums of various banks.

However, the Centre's gazette declared several Telangana state projects on the Krishna river, which are under various stages of construction, as 'unapproved'.

Prominent among them are the Palamuru-Ranga Reddy, Kalwakurthy Dindi and Tumilla lift irrigation schemes and the Srisaillam Left Bank Canal (SLBC).

Two days after issuance of

the gazette, banks have conveyed to the state government that they would not be able to lend to unapproved projects, according to official sources in finance department.

Irrigation official sources say it is practically impossible to secure approvals for unapproved projects within six months as mandated in the gazette. The fate of these projects now hangs in the balance.

The Centre's Power Finance Corporation and Rural Electrification

Corporation remain lenders to irrigation projects besides a host of commercial PSU banks.

Sources say the lenders and PSU banks which function under the control of the Centre cannot flout the gazette on projects and extend loans to unapproved projects.

The state government accorded administrative approval for Palamuru-Ranga Reddy project in June 2015 with an outlay of ₹35,200 crore. However, the cost went up as the project

got delayed due to court cases.

The government has spent nearly ₹7,000 crore for land acquisition for the project.

The works on packages 1 to 18 of the project are in progress. There is also uncertainty over the fate of Alimineti Madhava Reddy, Bhakta Ramadasu and Nettempadu lift irrigation projects which were completed and are in operation currently as they have been included in the list of 'unapproved projects'.

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HEAVY RAINS PREDICTED FOR THREE DAYS

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After a deceptive lull for two days, the monsoon appeared to return with renewed vigour on Saturday evening with heavy showers drenching many parts of an already soaked Hyderabad.

The Indian Meteorological Department-Hyderabad warned of heavy rains accompanied by lightning in isolated areas across several districts till July 20.

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Light to moderate rain or thundershowers are likely to occur at many places. The IMD defines 'isolated places' as up to 25 per cent of a given geographical area, while 'many places' is defined as covering 51 to 75 per cent of a given area.

The IMD said that isolated places in Mahbubnagar district received very heavy rainfall with heavy rainfall reported from some locations in Narayanpet, Nagarkurnool, Nalgonda, Wanaparthy and Yadadri-Bhongir districts on Friday morning. Among the areas receiving the highest rainfall were Chinna Chinta Kunta in Mahbubnagar district with 12 cm, Maganoor and Makthal in Narayanpet with 11 cm each, and Kothakota in Wanaparthy, and Kollapur in Nagarkurnool districts with 9 cm each.

On Saturday, according to the TS Planning Development Society that operates more than 1,000 automated weather stations, Pedda Adiserlapalle in Nalgonda district received 9 cm of rain. In the GHMC limits, the TSPDS said the highest rainfall of 5.68 cm occurred in Bandlaguda till 10 pm. Several other parts of the city including Golconda, Langar Houz, Asifnagar, Mehdipatnam, Toli Chowki, Banjara Hills, Jubilee Hills received heavy showers.

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TS continues to generate power at Srisaillam dam

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After considerable depletion, the water levels in Srisaillam reservoir have started rising, thereby enabling Telangana government to continue to generate one unit of hydroelectric power as it is releasing water from Jurala project since Friday.

As TS has been drawing water from Srisaillam reservoir since June 1, the water level started dipping gradually and touched its lowest of 807 ft against the minimum drawdown level of 805 ft. AP water resources authorities assumed that once the water level dips further, the neighbouring state may stop power generation, which was reduced to one unit from the earlier five units.

The TS government started power generation from Jurala project and began releasing utilised water for power generation downstream to the tune of 38,364 cusecs into the Srisaillam project. This has increased the water levels in Srisaillam reservoir.

AP water resources authorities say that if Jurala dam gets filled to

Jurala lifts 5 gates to release water

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Priyadarshini Jurala, the first project of Telangana state on Krishna River, has opened five of its crest gates on Saturday after it started receiving 59,438 cusecs of water. The project is releasing 33,908 cusecs of water after using it for generating power. 624 cusecs of water is being let out into its canals.

On the same day last year, Jurala had, however, received 89,129 cusecs of water and released 86,826 cusecs of it. The project has a gross capacity of just 9.66 tmc.

its capacity, the TS government may have to release water downstream into Krishna Rive.

Krishna river upstream projects like Almatti and Narayanapur located in Karnataka received good inflows. The current water level at Almatti reservoir is

The current reservoir level of 1,053.08 feet is just a little short of its total storage capacity of 1,045 feet at FRL. Since June 1, when the water year began, Jurala has received total of 39.25 tmc of water, with a flood cushion of 1.19 tmc.

An engineer at the project site said that they are not holding any water and releasing inflows continuously.

On the other hand, Srisaillam Reservoir has received average inflows of 26,045 cusecs during the past 24 hours.

The reservoir has only 34.10 tmc of water against its total storage capacity of 215.80 tmc.

1,698.69 ft with storage of 98.09 tmc ft of water against gross capacity of 129.72 tmc ft. water. Narayanpur reservoir had water at 1,612.57 ft with storage of 34.30 tmc ft against full capacity of 37.64 tmc ft.

Water resources authorities from the

state maintain that though TS government is supposed to draw water from Srisaillam reservoir up to minimum drawdown level at 834 ft for power generation, it drew water even after it dipped to a new low. Meanwhile, as water levels have started rising in the reservoir, TS may continue to generate power and may press into service the remaining units out of a total five.

Srisaillam Dam superintendent engineer S. Venkata Ramanaiah said, "Water level in Srisaillam reservoir is rising slowly as the TS government is releasing water from the Jurala project. At present, the TS government is drawing water from Srisaillam reservoir to operate only one unit to generate power."

On the other hand, the TS government stopped power generation from its Nagarjunasagar and Pulichintala projects a few days ago and the same status remained on Saturday.

KRMB has recently asked it to stop power generation from all three projects-Srisaillam, Nagarjunasagar and Pulichintala.

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Heavy rain predicted in HP; landslides warning issued

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SHIMLA, JULY 17

The meteorological department here on Saturday issued a warning for landslides in the state due to heavy rainfall predicted in the next three-four days.

Latest weather conditions and interpretations of different global and regional models indicate that rainfall activity is very likely to increase around Saturday for the next three-four days with moderate to heavy rainfall in lower and middle hills of Himachal Pradesh, the MeT centre in Shimla stated.

Expected weather conditions may trigger landslides on national and state highways, inundations in low-lying area, high discharge in stream and nullahs, besides disruption of traffic and other electrical and communication channels, it warned. In view of these, the state government authorities are advised to take adequate safety measures, the weather office added.

Rainfall was recorded at isolated places over the state during the day, it said. Shahpur received 35 mm rain, Malan 29 mm, Guler and Barthin 12 mm each, and Pidana, Dalhousie and Tisso 10 mm each, the Met centre said.

The highest temperature was recorded in Una at 38.2 degrees Celsius, and the lowest in Lahaul-Spiti's administrative centre Keylong at 14.8 degrees Celsius.

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8% fall in Monsoon rain derails sowing of Kharif crops

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The Monsoon rainfall has shrunk by eight per cent due to the break during the peak time, derailing the sowing of kharif crops in percentage. Barring sugarcane and jute, the coverage of all kharif crops is lower than last year. The decline in area of crops such as rice, pulses, oilseeds and cotton is in double figures.

Data provided by the Ministry of Agriculture showed that a total of 612 lakh hectares had been covered till date compared with 692 lakh hectare during the same period a year ago - down 11.5 per cent year-on-year. While the acreage is 80 lakh hectare lower than last year, it is also down by nearly 25 lakh hectare than the normal sowing registered during 2016-20.

As per the ministry's data, planting of rice, the key summer crop, stood at 161.97 lakh hectare as compared to

In the case of coarse cereals, the drop in area is 25 per cent compared with the normal sowing and 24 per cent compared with last year. Sowing of coarse cereals is also surprisingly lower since farmers opt for the hardy, less water consuming crops when monsoon plays truant.

Barring sugarcane and jute, the coverage of all kharif crops is lower than last year,

Oilseeds coverage is down nearly 14 per cent mainly in key States of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, which have reported substantial drop in the acreage. However, the area is up in Maharashtra and Gujarat.

The pulses' crop coverage is also seeing a decline of 10 lakh hectare despite hopes of a higher acreage in view of high prices that prevailed last season (July 2020-June 2021).

Sugarcane planting was almost unchanged at 5.3 million hectares. India is the world's second-biggest sugar producer.

171.44 lakh hectare in the previous year. In the case of rice, the acreage has been dragged by Odisha (4.26 lakh hectare), Chhattisgarh (3.99 lakh hectare), Bihar (2.83 lakh hectare), Assam (2.28 lakh hectare) and Haryana (1.14 lakh hectare) among others.

India has received 293.1 mm rainfall as against the normal of 318.4 mm so far. At least 22 states are facing deficient rainfall. Due to uneven rainfall, some states could not sow due to excess rainfall while some failed to do so due to shortage of rainfall across the country.

The decline in sowing crops comes after the country's rain pattern for the monsoon season has dipped, impacting the farm and agriculture sector directly.

India is the world's biggest exporter of rice and top importer of edible oils.

A drop in production could not only limit rice exports, but also boost imports of edible oils such as palm oil, sunflower oil and soyaoil.

Sowing of monsoon-sown crops normally begins in late May and peaks in July while harvesting starts in late September.