

Telangana Today- 19- November-2023

Rains, floods ravage TN again

3 killed, 3 more feared dead; IMD says more rains in store



Manimuthar waterfall overflows due to incessant heavy rainfall in Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu on Monday. — Photo: ANI

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CHENNAI/KANYAKUMARI

Intense rainfall and heavy inundation, unseen in recent times, overwhelmed four southern districts of Tamil Nadu and Chief Minister MK Stalin arrived on Monday in Delhi to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss relief initiatives.

People marooned in residential colonies were evacuated by authorities and were housed in relief centres, such as neighbourhood schools and marriage halls and over 7,000 people are housed in such facilities. Three persons were killed in rain-related incidents and three more are feared dead. Paddy fields, roads and bridges were submerged and many residential colonies came under sheets

800 train passengers stranded

MADURAI: Due to floods, approximately 800 train passengers were stranded at Srivaikuntam in Thoothukudi district of Tamil Nadu, an official said on Monday. The passengers of a Chennai-bound express train from the temple town of Tiruchendur were stranded for nearly 20 hours at Srivaikuntam, which is in the worst flood-hit region. An official said 'all efforts are on to rescue them' and NDRF authorities have also been alerted. The Tiruchendur-Chennai Egmore Express (Train No 20606) departed from Tiruchendur to Chennai at 20.25 hours on December 17. PTI

of water as heavy rains wreaked havoc in Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi and Tenkasi districts. Electricity supply was halted in advance due to rains. Mobile phone connectivity was hit in several regions and public transportation was completely affected, severely disrupting

normalcy. Road link was cut-off in several regions of southern Tamil Nadu following breaches in lakes and flooding. The storage in major dams and reservoirs in southern Tamil Nadu ranged between 80 and 100 per cent. Authorities said rescue efforts in areas including Tirunelveli junction

and Sindupoonthurai is continuing using boats. In Tirunelveli district alone, so far at least 36 villages were flooded. Food was provided to over 50,000 people.

Chief Minister Stalin reached Delhi from Coimbatore to discuss rain and the flood situation in southern parts of the State with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on December 19. Iron tracks attached to cement slabs for support dangled precariously. Chief Secretary Shiv Das Meena told reporters that the rains and flooding were unprecedented and the services of the Army, Navy and the Air Force have been requisitioned. In Tirunelveli town, a concrete house collapsed and went under water on the road, which appeared like a waterway. (SEE PAGE 2)

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Dams brim, surplus water released

Chennai, Dec 18: The storage in major dams and reservoirs in southern Tamil Nadu ranged between 80 and 100 per cent on Monday following heavy rainfall, the government said.

The Army and Coast Guard are set to be involved in rescue and relief operations and a total of 425 disaster relief personnel have been deployed and Thoothukudi airport is closed.

While the storage in Manimuthar dam was 83.10 per cent, it was 89.54 per cent and 80.73 per cent in Papanasam and

Servalar dams respectively, an official release said.

Vadakku Pachaiyyar and Nambiyar dams reached 100 per cent storage. In Kodumudiyar and Kadanadanadhi it was 88.25 per cent and 89.88 per cent. Surplus water continues to be released with copious inflows. All the dams are in Tirunelveli district.

In Kanyakumari district, the storage in four key dams and reservoirs ranged between 91.77 per cent and 94.70 per cent.

In the four districts of

Tirunelveli, Kanyakumari, Thoothukudi and Tenkasi, 225 State Disaster Response Force personnel divided into nine teams have been deployed.

In such districts, National Disaster Response Force's (200 personnel) eight teams have been stationed and two more NDRF teams are set to be deployed.

Nearly 7,500 people belonging to 1,545 families have been housed in 84 relief centres, such as schools and marriage halls, and 84 boats are in use for rescue purposes.

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Rains subsume southern Tamil Nadu again



Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu was inundated on Monday after sharp rains that have brought parts of the state to a halt.

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4 PEOPLE KILLED

Four were killed in rain-related incidents, state officials said, as they evacuated thousands, moving them to shelters.

1,000 STRUCK IN TRAIN

Nearly 1,000 people have been stranded in a train at a station in Thoothukudi since Sunday night, after the tracks were flooded.

SOUTH BEARS BRUNT

Kayalpattinam in Thoothukudi district appeared to be hit worst, being battered by 96cm rain in the 24 hours since 8.30am on Sunday.

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4 dead, nearly 1k stranded in train as TN rain fury rages on

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CHENNAI: Extremely heavy rains lashed Tamil Nadu over past 24 hours, inundating vast swathes in at least four southern districts, including Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi, prompting authorities to shift at least 7,500 people marooned in residential colonies to relief camps, officials said.

At least four people were killed in rain-related incidents on Monday, officials said and added that details regarding the incidents have been sought from local authorities.

Intense rain and heavy inundation wreaked havoc in Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi and Tenkasi districts in southern Tamil Nadu, with several parts witnessing highest-ever downpour in a day. Kayalpattinam in Thoothukudi registered 96 cm rain in 24 hours ending at 8.30am on Monday, according to Met department.

"Such extremely heavy rainfall is unprecedented," chief secretary Shiv Das Meena told reporters in Chennai.

The India Meteorological department had sounded a red alert (highest warning) in the



An inundated railway station following heavy rain, in Thoothukudi on Monday.

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four districts on Sunday. "We received an alert from IMD that there could be extremely heavy rain, which is about 20 cm, but Kayalpattinam alone received 96 cm in last 24 hours," he added.

A total of 39 places in four districts have recorded extremely heavy rain in past 24 hours, S Balachandran, deputy director of Regional Meteorological Centre, said. IMD grades rainfall of 21 cm and above in the 24-hour dura-

tion as extremely heavy, between 12 and 20 cm as very heavy, and from 7 to 11 cm as heavy.

Palayamkottai in Tirunelveli also logged its highest single-day rain at 44.2 cm, surpassing the previous high of 29.2 cm in 1963. Tiruchendur in Thoothukudi received 69 cm of rain, Moolaikaraipatti in Tirunelveli (62 cm) and Gundar dam in Tenkasi (51 cm), officials said.

The RMC has attributed the

intense rainfall to cyclonic circulation over the Comorin area in south-east Sri Lanka. The fresh spell of extremely heavy rains came around a fortnight after heavy rainfall brought by cyclone Michaung wreaked havoc in Chennai and north Tamil Nadu.

Nearly 1,000 passengers in an express train were stranded at Srivaikuntam railway station in Thoothukudi since Sunday night after the tracks were flooded and

developed cracks. Transport secretary Phanindra Reddy said food is being supplied through air to the stranded passengers.

Chief minister MK Stalin left for New Delhi in the evening and sought an appointment to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss the flood situation. "The entire government machinery has jumped into action to carry out relief work," he said.

Governor RN Ravi has also convened a meeting on Tuesday with senior officials of central agencies and armed forces to review the situation.

The state government has declared a four-day holiday for schools and colleges, the chief secretary said. At least 17 teams from NDRF and SDRF comprising 425 personnel have been pressed into service to rescue people living in low-lying areas by using boats, Meena said. "More boats are being sent to Thoothukudi, Srivaikundam, and Kayalpattinam which are among the worst-affected areas," he added.

At least 7,500 flood-affected people have been evacuated and moved to 82 relief camps, the chief secretary said.

With agency inputs

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जल संरक्षण, वर्षा जल संचयन व जल की बर्बादी के प्रति किया जागरूक

गाजियाबाद (एसएनबी)। केंद्र सरकार के राष्ट्रीय जल मिशन के कैच द रेन कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत नेहरू युवा केन्द्र, युवा कार्यक्रम एवं खेल मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार के तत्वावधान में जल संरक्षण, वर्षा जल संचयन तथा जल की बर्बादी को कम करने पर आधुनिक ग्रुप ऑफ इंस्टीट्यूट में एक संगोष्ठी का आयोजन किया गया। केंद्र के उपनिदेशक देवेन्द्र कुमार ने बताया कि पृथ्वी का लगभग दो तिहाई भाग जल से ढका हुआ है। पृथ्वी पर कुल जल का लगभग 97 प्रतिशत भाग समुद्रों में खारे पानी के रूप में पाया जाता है। केवल तीन प्रतिशत जल ही पीने योग्य है।

उन्होंने कहा कि जल के अनावश्यक उपयोग तथा जल की बर्बादी के कारण भूगर्भ में जल का स्तर लगातार गिरता जा रहा है। सभी छात्रों तथा युवाओं को अपने-अपने घरों तथा गावों में जल संरक्षण तथा वर्षा जल के संचयन के प्रति लोगों को जागरूक करना है। सबमर्सिबल पानी की बर्बादी का एक बड़ा कारण हैं। लोग सबमर्सिबल चलाकर सीधे पानी का उपयोग करते हैं। इस कार्यक्रम में प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के आह्वान पर सभी छात्रों का माई भारत पोर्टल पर पंजीकरण भी किया गया।

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हिमाचल पानी देने को तैयार: आतिशी

आतिशी का आरोप, पानी मिलने की राह में हरियाणा बन रहा है रोड़ा

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विधानसभा सत्र के दूसरे दिन सदन में प्रश्नकाल और 280 के दौरान पानी, नाले की सफाई, सीवर, यूजीआर आदि से जुड़े कई सवाल उठाए गए। इन सवालों के जवाब देते हुए जल बोर्ड और पीडब्ल्यूडी मंत्री आतिशी ने सदन को बताया कि हिमाचल प्रदेश दिल्ली को 50 एमजीडी पानी देने को तैयार है, लेकिन हरियाणा की बीजेपी सरकार इसमें रोड़ा डाल रही है। वहीं, आतिशी ने यह भी कहा कि दिल्ली में लोगों को रोजगार की उम्मीद दिखती है। इस वजह से यहां पर लोग माइग्रेट कर दिल्ली आ रहे हैं।

आतिशी ने कहा कि दो तरह से पानी की कमी को पूरी करने की कोशिश की जा रही है। पहला हिमाचल प्रदेश हमें 50 एमजीडी पानी देने को तैयार है। अपर यमुना रिवर बोर्ड में हरियाणा इसका विरोध कर रहा है। दूसरा यह कि हम ग्राउंड वॉटर के जरिए इस कमी को दूर करने का प्रयास करेंगे। हालांकि इस पर विपक्ष के नेता रामवीर सिंह बिधूड़ी ने कहा कि कहा कि यह मुद्दा सरकार सुप्रीम कोर्ट लेकर गई थी, जहां पर उन्हें इसके लिए फटकार लगी है। वहीं, इस दौरान आप

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विधायक राजेंद्र पाल गौतम ने सवाल उठाया कि जब पानी की इतनी समस्या है, फिर भी दिल्ली में अनधिकृत कॉलोनियां बसती जा

रही हैं। इन्हें कौन बसा रहा है? इस पर आतिशी ने जवाब देते हुए कहा कि यह मुद्दा गंभीर है। पूरे देश की चरमराती अर्थव्यवस्था की वजह से लोग माइग्रेट होकर दिल्ली आ रहे हैं। यहां अमानवीय परिस्थितियों में रहते हैं। रूरल डिवेलपमेंट खत्म हो चुकी है। बावजूद दिल्ली सरकार बढ़ती आबादी को भी हर सुविधाएं मुहैया कराने को तैयार है। इस पर केंद्र को सोचना होगा, गांव का विकास करना होगा।

सत्र के दौरान आप विधायक मदनलाल ने कहा कि लोग मकान की चाह में झुग्गी झोपड़ी डालते हैं। लोदी रोड इलाके में फ्लाईओवर के नीचे लोग झुग्गी डाल रहे हैं। वहां न टॉयलेट और न ही सीवर की व्यवस्था है। लोग बसते जा रहे हैं। इसे रोकने की जरूरत है। विधायक जितेंद्र महाजन के पूछे गए सवाल पर मंत्री आतिशी ने सदन को बताया कि तीर्थयात्रा से संबंधित योजना पर तीन बार अमेंडमेंट किया गया है। इसे लेकर अब क्या टर्म्स एंड कंडीशन है, उसकी जानकारी उपलब्ध करा दी जाएगी।



प्रश्नकाल के दौरान दिल्ली की मंत्री आतिशी ने पानी, नाले की सफाई, सीवर के सवालों पर दिए जवाब