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जल संसाधन विकास एवं सम्बद्ध विषयों से संबन्धित समाचार पत्रों की कटिंग को केंद्रीय जल आयोग के अध्यक्ष के अवलोकन के लिए संलग्न किया गया है। इसकी साफ्ट कापी केंद्रीय जल आयोग की वेबसाइट पर भी अपलोड की जाएगी।

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State goes in for micro irrigation

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 23

With groundwater resources depleting fast and canal water insufficient to meet farmers' needs by conservative flood irrigation method, Haryana has bagged four micro irrigation projects worth Rs 1,200 crore, funded largely by the Centre.

The projects that involve micro irrigation schemes like drip and sprinkler irrigation will have nearly 64 per cent funding by way of loans from NABARD and 13 per cent in the shape of subsidy from the Centre.

Devender Singh, Additional Chief Secretary, Irrigation and Water Resources, said the Centre had set up a micro irrigation fund with an initial provision of Rs 6,000 crore in 2019-20, and by taking swift action, the government was able to get sanction for four big projects.

The projects are Rs 500-crore micro irrigation projects using treated water from sewage treatment plants, Rs 400-crore project using Bhakra waters on the public-private partnership mode, Rs 189-crore projects on existing canal commands and Rs 113-crore farm water micro irrigation projects.

"The government is conscious of conservation of water and has taken steps to cover more areas under micro irrigation to address the water scarcity issue and arrest the fall in groundwater table. The government has constituted the Micro Irrigation Authority for implemen-

BAGS 4 PROJECTS WORTH ₹1,200 CR

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tation of micro irrigation projects in a big way," said Singh.

He said the state government had notified treated waste water use policy, which provided for 25 per cent use of treated waste water in the municipality and the rest to be used by the industry, power plants and irrigation. This micro irrigation project was a step towards implementing this policy. This would benefit 7,500 farmers in 105 villages.

The cost of the project was Rs 2.14 lakh per hectare and farmers' share would only be Rs 12,750, of which they would pay Rs 4,250 in the beginning and the rest in 10 yearly instalments. Singh said community-based micro irrigation schemes were proposed on canal outlets of eight channels in the Bhakra canal by farming water user associations in Fatehabad, Sirsa and Hisar districts.

"Common infrastructure will be provided in the command area of each outlet to be covered under this project, which will be installed by the Command Area Development Authority (CADA) through a concessionaire on the PPP mode," he said.

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Monsoon to hit region in 2 days

NEW DELHI, JUNE 23

Having touched Uttarakhand, the monsoon is expected to arrive in Haryana, Punjab, Delhi and Chandigarh over the next 48 hours, the IMD said today.

Conditions were becoming favourable for further advance into remaining parts of Gujarat, MP, UP, Haryana, Chandigarh and Delhi, most parts of Punjab and some parts of Rajasthan during the next two days.

Widespread rains are likely over Uttarakhand and UP over the next four-five days. While the weather is expected to remain dry in Punjab on June 26-27, monsoon will pick up pace again around the weekend, say meteorologists. —TNS

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China road projects changed course of rivers, expanded its territory: Nepal govt document

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NEWDELHI: Massive road development projects in the Tibet Autonomous Region have resulted in rivers changing course and expanding China's boundary into the northern territories of Nepal, according to a document from Nepal's agriculture department.

The document, accessed by HT, said patches of Nepalese territory in several districts were encroached on by China, and it cautioned Beijing could take over more territory in the north if the rivers continue to change course. The loss of Nepalese territory due to rivers changing course could run into "hundreds of hectares", it said. "There is a high possibility that over the period of time, China may develop its Border Observation Post of Armed Police in those territories," the docu-

ment from the agriculture ministry's survey department said.

Nepal, which shares a boundary with China in the north, has 43 hills and mountains that act as the natural boundary between the two countries. The two sides have six check posts for trade.

The department assessed that the changing course of 11 rivers already cost Nepal 36 hectares, or 0.36 sq km, across the four districts of Humla, Rasuwa, Sindhupalchowk and Sankhuwasabha.

The encroachment of 36 hectares by China was first reported to the KP Sharma Oli government last year. There were street protests after the loss of Nepalese territory to China emerged in the local media but the government, accused by Oli's detractors of attempting to cosy up to China's communist party, played down the encroachment by the Chinese and channelled the public out-

rage against India over new maps issued by New Delhi last November after the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir was split into two union territories.

Oli went on to ramp up differences with India over Kalapani, Limpiyadhura and Lipulekh, spread over 330 sq km, in May after Chinese intervention helped him survive a rebellion within his party. That intervention, however, meant he had to scrap two ordinances promulgated just five days earlier.

Oli seized the opportunity after defence minister Rajnath Singh opened an 80-km road that ends at Lipulekh pass on the border with Tibet. Analysts in New Delhi and Kathmandu believe Oli's hard push for Nepal's new political map was an effort to whip up ultra-nationalistic sentiments targeting India to consolidate his position in the government and

the party. This is why, a diplomat in New Delhi said, didn't inform Parliament before it voted on the map earlier this month that he had ignored an offer of dialogue between the foreign secretaries of the two countries.

Instead, he gave parliamentarians the impression his government was forced to push the envelope since New Delhi had declined his offer for dialogue.

New Delhi hardened its position after the map was cleared by Nepal's Parliament this month, asserting it was for him to create a conducive atmosphere in case he is interested in bilateral dialogue on the boundary issue.

Nepalese officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, questioned the veracity of the survey showing loss of land to the Chinese side and said such matters are handled by the survey department under the ministry of land

reform and management.

"Nepal and China have an agreed boundary and established protocols. The border has been completely mapped and there are pillars and established mechanisms for dealing with any issue that may arise," said one of the people cited above.

"There are also periodic inspections between the two sides and any issues that could crop up on the ground are dealt with by the two sides," the person added.

The officials acknowledged that Nepal and India are yet to reach a similar stage in their handling of the border, which is yet to be completely mapped. The Indian side said earlier this month that almost 98% of the 1,750-km land and riverine border between India and Nepal has been delineated and differences remain only in Kalapani in Uttarakhand and Susta sector in Bihar.

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■ Sowing helps; MGNREGA jobs up 53%

Rural jobs back to pre-lockdown level

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CHENNAI, JUNE 23

The unemployment rate in rural India has dropped below pre-lockdown levels, with an increase in person-days under the MGNREGA and a rise in kharif sowing activity. The overall unemployment rate, too, has come down to pre-lockdown levels despite the urban rate staying higher.

The rural unemployment rate stood at 7.26 per cent in the week ended June 21. This is lower than 8.3 per cent in the pre-lockdown week ended March 22 as well as the average unemployment rates in February and March 2020, which were 7.34 per cent and 8.4 per cent, respectively. However, it is a little higher than the 13-week average pre-lockdown rate of 6.8 per cent, as per the data from CMIE. During the 13-week lockdown period, the average rural unemployment rate had gone up to 20.3 per cent.

The relaxation of the lockdown has helped in alleviating unemployment in general. Rural India has gained by the increase in Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA) activities and by a rise in kharif sowing, says Mahesh Vyas, managing director of CMIE.

The person-days of jobs created in May 2020 by the MGNREGA shot up to 565 million, which is 53 per cent higher than the 370 million person-days of jobs



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created in May 2019. Around 33 million households benefited from the scheme in May, which is 55 per cent higher than that in the year-ago month.

Further, the southwest monsoon began on time and moved into central and western India ahead of schedule. Rainfall during the first fortnight was 32 per cent higher than the long-period average, helping kharif sowing move up 39.4 per cent higher compared to the same period last year. MGNREGA activities also have helped Kharif sowing.

The rise in rural employment rate has also helped the overall unemployment rate fall to its pre-lockdown level of 8.5 per cent in the week ended June 21. The

rate had spiked from 8.75 per cent in March to 23.5 per cent in April and May and had peaked at 27.1 per cent in the week ended May 3. The overall unemployment rate had started falling thereafter.

Though urban unemployment too has fallen sharply, it is still higher than the pre-lockdown levels. In the latest week ended June 21, the rate was down to 11.2 per cent. This is still over 200 basis points higher than the 9 per cent average in the period before the lockdown.

While many cities and towns have started opening up, some of the larger cities like Chennai and Delhi have moved back from reduced restrictions to stricter restrictions.

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Bihar CM chairs meeting to review work on floods

OUR CORRESPONDENT

PATNA: A high-level meeting was chaired by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar here on Tuesday for reviewing preparedness in the face of rising water levels of rivers originating in Nepal and flowing through the states northern districts which has off late become a serious issue.

At the meeting where Water Resources minister Sanjay Kumar Jha and top officials led by Chief Secretary Deepak Kumar were present, the chief minister instructed that flood control measures be completed at the earliest and Nepalese authorities be taken into loop wherever required.

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Assam faces second wave of floods; one dead, 37,000 hit

OUR CORRESPONDENT

GUWAHATI: Second wave of floods hit Assam on Tuesday as incessant rainfall occurred at several places, killing one person and affecting nearly 37,000 people across four districts, the state disaster management authority said on Tuesday.

According to the daily flood report of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), one person died at Nazira in Sivasagar district due to gushing waters. With this, the death toll in this year's floods has gone up to 11 in the state.

ASDMA said almost 37,000 persons have been affected due to floods in Dhemaji, Jorhat, Sivasagar and Dibrugarh districts. Dhemaji is the worst hit with nearly 15,000 people affected, followed by Sivasagar with more than 14,000 people and Dibrugarh with around 6,500 persons.

At present, 99 villages are under water and 4,329 hectares of crop areas have been damaged, ASDMA said.

It further said authorities are running 37 relief camps and distribution centres in two districts, where 1,071 people are taking shelter currently.

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CM directs to expedite KC Valley, Yettinahole projects

BENGALURU, DHNS: Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa directed the authorities to expedite KC Valley and Yettinahole projects, following a meeting with the elected representatives from Kolar, here on Tuesday.

While 400 MLD treated water has to be released to the

lakes in Kolar district under the KC Valley project, only 284 MLD treated water was received from Bengaluru, some of the MLAs complained. Yediyurappa told the BWSB to take measures to check this and ensure that enough sewage water is treated. The delegation of Kolar MLAs

was led by former speaker K R Ramesh Kumar of the Congress.

Yediyurappa also assured the delegation that the government was taking measures to expedite the Yettinahole project. "We are working to remove any hurdles in the land acquisition process," he said.

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VELIGONDA PROJECT

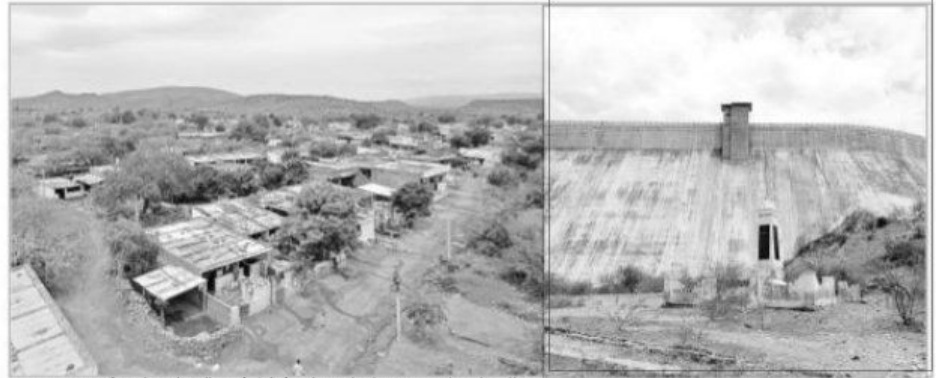
Oustees seek increased package

- Say the Rs 12.5 lakh R&R package being offered to them is not enough as many of them have piled up debts up to Rs 10 lakh from private lenders since they are not given any govt benefits after their villages have been notified as submerged ones
- They demand compensation of at least Rs 20 lakh taking wife and husband as unit, instead of entire household
- Officials identified around 7,555 families from 11 submerging villages and promised to construct rehabilitation colonies for them

NARESH NANDAM

Markapuram (Prakasam district): The displaced families of the Pula Subbaiah Veligonda Project in the district say that the Rs 12.5 lakh compensation being offered to them as rehabilitation and resettlement (R&R) package is not enough and demand the government to increase it to at least Rs 20 lakh. They say that due to the non-implementation of government schemes in the project-submerging villages, they were forced to take private loans and will be left with nothing after clearing them with compensation amount.

Veligonda project, whose construction started in 2005, will draw 43.58 tmc ft of floodwater from the backwaters of Srisailem reservoir after completion. The water travels through two tunnels of more than 18 km in length and fills Nallamala Sagar with 10 tmc ft dead storage capacity, constructed by closing three natural gaps between hills at Sunkesula, Gottipadiya, and Kakarla. Once floodwater is received, the project provides water to nearly 4.47 lakh acre land fully utilised, 15.25 lakh people get the safe drinking water in 737 villages in 23 mandals of Prakasam, 5 mandals of Nellore, and two mandals of Kadapa districts. The officials identified that about 7,555 families from 11 submerging villages viz., Sunkesula, Kalanuthala, Gundamcherla, Chintalamudipi, Katamrajuthanda, Gottipadia, Rama-



An overview of Sunkesula village (Right) Veligonda dam at Sunkesula village

lingeswarapuram, Sainagar, Krishnanagar, Akkacheruvu and Lakshimpuram will be affected by the construction of the Veligonda project. The government identified places for constructing the settlement colonies at Idupuru 1, 2 and 3, Thokapalli, Goguladinne, Vemulakota, and Ondutla started to provide internal roads, school, aanganwadi center, community hall, temple, church, peerla chavidi etc.

In a recent meeting, the government has decided to provide Rs 12.50 lakh as one-time settlement of the R&R package. It estimated that a total of Rs 1,301 crores is required for the package. The displaced families expressed dissatisfaction and demanded enhanced compensation.

Bandi Yesuratnam of Sunkesula said that they are poor and were living in the same village for generations tilling land. "We have not receiving any government benefits ever since our villages have been notified as submerged villages forcing us to avail. We are taking private loans at hefty interest. Almost 90 per cent of the affected families are small farmers and farm workers with each family having loans of nearly Rs 10 lakh," he said.

Y Kondalu, another villager, said YSRCP leaders during election campaign promised Rs 24 lakh under R&R package if they come to the power. He said in the past 15 years, many farmers have spent nearly Rs 7 to 8 lakhs just to dig borewells for the water for crops by taking loans from others. Now the government is announcing to complete the first tunnel and provide water soon, but with-

Project displaced villagers express concern as road laid under HT wires

HANS NEWS SERVICE

Markapuram: The rehabilitation colonies for the displaced families under the Veligonda project are a perfect example of the negligence of government officials.

The engineers, who need to prepare the layout, construct and oversee the works left the works to the contractors, who in turn depended on the ground-level staff, who blindly followed the design without using any common sense.

The officials and contractors who should provide the infrastructure in the settlement colonies neglected the safety of the people, who are about to vacate their native villages permanently for the welfare of lakhs of people. High tension electricity transmission lines exist at the site selected for construction of Idupuru-1 Colony for the project displaced.

But the engineers didn't give a second thought and designed a con-

High tension electricity lines exist at the site selected for construction of colony for Veligonda Project oustees

crete road, just to intersect a tower that holds high tension power cables and laid it. The locals, who witnessed the work by the officials, are worried about the quality of houses they are going to build for them.

The EE at Markapuram, Potluri Chinababu, said that the district officials discussed the road under tower earlier, but the department couldn't take any action on the contractor, as the officials also might have been involved in the construction. He said that they wanted to obstruct the road by placing cement blocks on the entrance of the road.

He said that they will utilise the plot beside it to construct the road to give diversion.

out considering the sacrifices of the people in submerging villages. The government should enhance the R&R package to Rs 20 lakh and consider the wife and husband as one unit instead of the household, he demanded.

The families of the submerging villages submitted a representation to the Markapuram RDO and announced to organise a 'Chalo Amaravati'. However, the officials say that they have not got any orders from the government yet and

advised the people to restrain for now. The special deputy collector of the Veligonda project, B Chandraleela, said that they have not yet finalised the package as the government order is not received. She said that the government has considered the package given to the Polavaram oustees and approved the recommendations made by the higher officials. She said that she will forward the concerns of the locals to the government.

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नर्मदा नहर परियोजना की
अनुपयोगी भूमि पर विकसित
होगा स्मृति वन : गहलोत

जयपुर। मुख्यमंत्री अशोक गहलोत ने जालौर जिले के सांचौर में स्मृति वन और पार्क के रूप में विकसित करने के उद्देश्य से नर्मदा नहर परियोजना कॉलोनी की 5.93 हेक्टेयर अनुपयोगी भूमि वन विभाग को हस्तांतरित करने का निर्णय किया है। मुख्यमंत्री की इस स्वीकृति से इस अनुपयोगी भूमि का सदुपयोग हो सकेगा। वन विभाग द्वारा इस भूमि पर स्मृति वन अथवा पार्क विकसित किए जाने से पर्यावरण को संरक्षण और लोगों को लाभ मिलेगा।

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जल संसाधन विभाग के अधिकारियों को सीएम का आदेश नेपाल के साथ तालमेल बना बाढ़ सुरक्षा की योजनाओं को पूरा करें

भास्कर न्यूज़ | पटना

मुख्यमंत्री नीतीश कुमार ने बाढ़ सुरक्षा की लंबित योजनाओं को पूरा करने के लिए नेपाल के संबंधित अधिकारियों के साथ समन्वय स्थापित करने का आदेश दिया है। मंगलवार



को मुख्यमंत्री ने कोशी, गंडक, कमला व अन्य नदियों पर बाढ़ सुरक्षात्मक कार्यों की स्थिति और संभावित बाढ़ की पूर्व तैयारियों की समीक्षा की। इस दौरान उन्होंने जल संसाधन विभाग के अधिकारियों को नेपाल से बेहतर तालमेल बनाकर योजनाओं को जल्द पूरा करने को कहा। मुख्यमंत्री ने अधिकारियों को सभी जिलों के तटबंधों के महत्वपूर्ण और संवेदनशील स्थानों पर बाढ़ संघर्षात्मक सामग्रियों का भंडारण

पर्याप्त मात्रा में रखने का आदेश दिया ताकि बाढ़ की स्थिति में निरोधात्मक कार्य सुचारू रूप से किया जा सके। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि तटबंधों के किनारे वृक्षारोपण किया जाए। इससे तटबंधों को मजबूती मिलेगी। साथ ही रिसाव भी नियंत्रित होगा।

संभावित बाढ़ से बचाव की सारी तैयारियां पहले से ही रखें। बाढ़ की स्थिति में लोगों को राहत पहुंचाने के लिए जो भी कार्य किए जाने हैं, एसओपी के अनुसार वे सारी तैयारियां की जाएं ताकि किसी को भी कोई कठिनाई न हो। बाढ़ की स्थिति में भी संचार व्यवस्था पूरी तरह बहाल रहनी चाहिए। बैठक में जल संसाधन मंत्री संजय झा, मुख्य सचिव दीपक कुमार, विकास आयुक्त अरुण कुमार सिंह, मुख्यमंत्री के प्रधान सचिव चंचल कुमार, जल संसाधन सचिव संजीव हंस, मुख्यमंत्री के सचिव मनीष कुमार वर्मा व अनुपम कुमार, ओएसडी गोपाल सिंह उपस्थित थे।

बाढ़ से बचाव के लिए मुख्यमंत्री के आदेश

- कोशी, गंडक, कमला और अन्य नदी बेसिन व सीमावर्ती क्षेत्रों और पिछली बार जहां कटाव हुआ था, उन स्थानों पर सुरक्षा के लिए बाढ़ सुरक्षात्मक कार्यों पूरी तत्परता के साथ पूरा करें।
- ललबैकिया दायां मार्जिनल बांध और कमला वियर के बायें व दायें गार्ड-मार्जिनल बांध पर बाढ़ संघर्षात्मक सामग्रियों का भंडारण पर्याप्त मात्रा में रखें।
- कोसी बेसिन में 22 में से 15 स्किम अभी तक पूरे हुए हैं। शेष काम को भी जल्द से जल्द करा लिया जाए।
- कमला वियर के बायें व दायें गार्ड बांध के ब्रीच क्लोजर व सुरक्षात्मक अपूर्ण काम को संबंधित अधिकारियों के साथ समन्वय स्थापित कर जल्द पूरा कराया जाए।
- वाल्मिकीनगर स्थित गंडक बराज का निरीक्षण किया जाए।