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जल शक्ति मंत्रालय  
जल संसाधन नदी विकास एवं गंगा संरक्षण विभाग  
केंद्रीय जल आयोग  
जल प्रणाली अभियांत्रिकी निदेशालय



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**विषय: समाचार पत्रों की कटिंग का प्रस्तुतीकरण-22-अक्टूबर-2020**

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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# 53 out of 185 lakes hit by incessant rains in city

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DEEKSHITH I DC**  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 21

As many as 53 lakes out of a total of 185 have been left damaged or left in a vulnerable condition due to incessant rains.

Irrigation officials monitoring the city lakes said all tanks were brimming with huge inflows after the city received a record 30 cm of rainfall this week, said state secretary, irrigation, Rajat

Kumar. The threat of breach of any or all water bodies is not ruled out if the city receives further rainfall.

Moosapet, Mansoorabad and Bandlaguda tanks in Hyderabad limits were on the verge of breach. Necessary measures were being taken to prevent breach of water bodies. Additionally, 15 special teams were constituted to look after safety of tanks and lakes, Mr Kumar said.

However, officials prioritised the restoration of 53 extremely damaged lakes, which would be restored with immediate effect. The state government had earmarked ₹10 crore for temporary restoration of tanks. The officials said the department sought another ₹40 crore funds to take up repairs on a permanent basis.

■ **Page 2: Low-lying areas to be evacuated first**

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# Check overflow from tanks: KCR

## CM wants special teams to monitor tanks

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 21

Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao on Wednesday directed the water resources department to constitute 15 teams to monitor tanks which were filled by floodwaters and take precautionary measures against breaches.

While speaking with Principal Secretary, Water Resources, Rajat Kumar and other officers, Chief Minister Rao told them to ensure that special teams examine tanks in the city from time to time and take necessary measures to prevent any untoward incident. Rao has asked the official machinery to be on high alert to ensure that tanks and lakes in Hyderabad are not breached due to heavy rains and flash floods.

He instructed that the teams should identify tanks that have a higher likelihood to breach and take measures. In the event of a breach, officials should take up repairs immediately he said. The CM particularly emphasised that people living in low lying and vulnerable areas should be alerted

## Kishan: Centre to give ₹4L ex gratia

IREDDY SRINIVAS  
REDDY | DC  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 21

Minister of state for home affairs G. Kishan Reddy said on Wednesday that the Central Government had announced an ex gratia of ₹4 lakh to the kin of those who had died because of floods, ₹2 lakh for those disabled and ₹11,700 those with smaller or partial injuries but affected by the recent rains in Telangana.

The minister, while addressing a press conference at Delhi, came down

heavily on the various ministers of the K. Chandrashekar Rao-led TRS government for criticising the Centre about relief funds. He slammed leaders saying this was not a time to indulge in verbal political duels, adding that such comments were neither acceptable nor would be tolerated. He clarified that disaster management funds were allocated annually to states and Union Territories.

■ Page 2: Centre gives 75% of the disaster funds

and shifted to safer places.

According to the CMO, Rao told officials that "Hyderabad received heavy rainfall, which was unprecedented for over a century. This has resulted in heavy floodwaters inflows. Besides floodwater, water from tanks in surrounding areas had entered the city. All tanks are overflowing with

water."

Reminding officials that the Met department had forecast chances of more heavy rains in coming few days, CM Rao said with tanks in the city already filled to the brim with floodwaters and inflows into them continuing, there was a high likelihood of tanks breaching, leading to more damages.



## A helping hand for the marooned



Relief material being supplied to a household which was marooned at Ramanthapur on Wednesday as the floodwaters are yet to recede. — DEEPAK DESHPANDE



Visitor at Osmansagar in Gandipet on Wednesday. The reservoir has not reached its full level due to encroachments. — R.PAVAN



A resident shows rice that got wet due to floods in Ramanthapur. — DC



Residents of Padma colony in Nallakunta protest against the illegal encroachment of a Nala. Due to this, the colony was flooded and water had entered into the houses the residents said. — DC

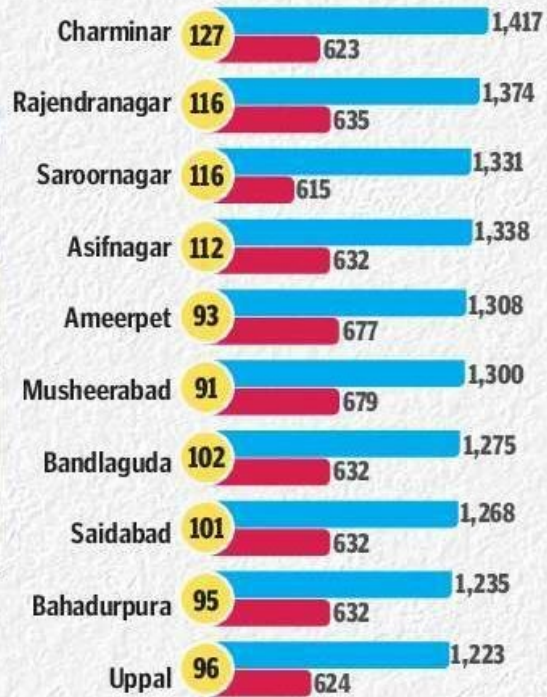
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## Telangana Today

### Highest rainfall from *June 1 to Oct 20*



■ ACTUAL (mm)  
■ NORMAL (mm)  
● DEVIATION (%)





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Mission Mode

# Special squads to monitor tanks; Central team for State today

Gol officials to conduct on-the-spot assessment of damages caused by floods

STATE BUREAU  
HYDERABAD

Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao asked the official machinery to be on high alert to ensure that tanks and lakes in the city are not breached due to heavy rains and flash floods.

Meanwhile, the Union government has deputed a five-member inter-Ministerial team to Telangana for two days beginning Thursday for preparing a report on the damages caused by the rains and floods after an on-the-spot assessment, according to a Union Home Ministry official. The team will be led by a Joint Secretary of the Ministry.

Reviewing the relief and rescue efforts, the Chief Minister wanted at least 15 special teams to be formed to examine the tanks in the city from time-to-time and take the necessary measures to prevent any untoward incident. He spoke to Principal Secretary (Water Resources) Rajat Kumar in this regard on Wednesday.

"Hyderabad received heavy rains which were unprecedented in the last 100 years. This has resulted in heavy floodwater inflows.



A road is flooded with water overflowing from the Bathula Cheruvu in Hayathnagar on Wednesday.

Besides the floodwater in the city, water from the tanks in surrounding areas also entered the city. All the tanks are overflowing," Rao told officials, according to a press release here on Wednesday.

## Forecast

The Chief Minister pointed out that the Met Department forecast chances of more heavy rains. As the tanks in the city were full and with floodwater coming into them, there was every likelihood tank breaches leading to more damages. Hence, the Chief Minister

directed for the formation of at least 15 special teams with Water Resources Department officials and staff to examine each and every tank and lake in the city.

## Quick repairs

The teams should identify the tanks likely to breach and take precautionary measures. In the event of a breach, they should take up repairs immediately.

Chandrashekhar Rao was particular that people living in low-lying and vulnerable areas be alerted and shifted to safer places.

(MORE REPORTS: PAGES 2, 3, 5)

## Power restoration in full swing

**HYDERABAD:** With heavy rains causing severe damage to the power supply network, the power utilities have taken up restoration works and resolved major problems in the State capital.

However, they have been unable to reach many areas due to severe flood especially in several apartment complexes where rainwater has inundated the parking areas.

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# No cap on financial aid to flood-hit: KTR

Says disbursal of relief will be expedited once rains recede

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

Soon after it began distributing financial aid of Rs 10,000 each to rain-affected families within 48 hours of rains wreaking havoc in the city, the State government has said there will be no limit on such assistance and that it is ready to extend more help to those whose houses were completely or partially damaged.

Announcing that an action plan would be set in place for disbursal of financial assistance shortly, Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister KT Rama Rao on Wednesday said the process of disbursal would be expedited once the rains recede.

More teams would be pressed into service to make sure the money was given to the needy families at their doorsteps, Rama Rao said while personally handing



MA&UD Minister KT Rama Rao interacting with an elderly man in a flood-affected area in Hyderabad on Wednesday.

over the assistance to families in the city.

Continuing his inspection of rain-hit areas in the State capital which he began soon after the deluge last week and the distribution of the assistance which he had launched on Tuesday, Rao

said the government would support every affected family during the crisis.

Starting his inspection from Lalapet, he visited several colonies and interacted with people who were affected by the rains and subsequent floods. (SEE PAGE 2)



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# Activists question move to lift gates of reservoirs

HANS NEWS SERVICE  
HYDERABAD

THE plans to open the gates of Osman Sagar reservoir are drawing a lot of flak from citizens. They say that the storage capacity of both the reservoirs is not full and there is no need to open the gates.

It may be noted that the Himayat Sagar reservoir gates were opened to release water downstream earlier this month. Lubna Sarwath of Save Our Urban Lakes (SOUL) says, "We have been told by senior officials that both reservoirs have been designed to take 2 times their catchments capacity. In which case and even otherwise, with the twin reservoirs not reaching full storage levels, there should be no need to open the gates even if the water level is 1754.9 feet."

She adds, "The storage capacity at 1763.50 ft FTL in TMC of Himayat Sagar is 2,967 and Storage Capacity at 1790.00 ft FTL in TMC of Osman Sagar is 3,900, the present water holding in Himayat Sagar is 1,198 and that of Osman Sagar is 0.521 as given under head which is not even half of storage capacity at FTL in either of the reservoirs the HMWSSB is answerable where the copious rains are going."

Activists argue that FTL levels are only being taken into consideration and the reason could be that the storage capacity has been reduced due to encroachments and due to silt deposits.

There have been several representations to evict ORO sports village right inside the FTL of Osman Sagar. Dr Jasven Jairath, founder convenor, SOUL said, "We have been submitting rep-



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resentations for the eviction of several encroachments but the government has been silent all these years." She adds, "FTL geo coordinates have not been given

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When even the FTL boundary of both the reservoirs is not geo-mapped how HMWSSB is in a position to determine that the reservoirs are at full storage capacity at FTL and how decisions are taken to allow precious drinking water downstream, asks Lubna. Meanwhile, slum-dwellers have been asked by Ra-

jendra Nagar RDO K Chandrakala to remain alert as Osman Sagar floodgates will open at any time.

Chandrakala asked the officials to take precautionary steps and to raise awareness of the sensitivity of the situation among people living in downstream colonies and slums. The river Musi's water level has reached an unprecedented level.

The revenue officer asked the

authorities to evacuate families living in low lying areas to safe locations. Osman Sagar 's maximum tank level (FTL) is about to reach its full capacity of 1790 feet because of the heavy rains. "The current level of the reservoir has reached 1786 feet in the catchment area."

"After touching 1789 feet depending on inflows, there is a possibility of opening flood gates at Osman Sagar at any time," said K Chandrakala, Revenue Divisional Officer, Rajendra Nagar Division.

Hyderabad has had heavy rains that in the last hundred years have been unparalleled. This has contributed to strong inflows of floodwaters.

Water from the tanks in surrounding areas also reached the city in addition to the floodwater in the city. Many of the water tanks are overflowing. The forecast from the Met department notes that there are chances of more heavy rains. Against this context, there should be a high warning for the entire official machinery,' he said.

It is reported Osman Sagar is just 3.5 ft short of FRL (full reservoir level). As heavy rains are forecast for next three days, there is high likelihood of Osman Sagar reaching FRL and water need to be released in next 1 or 2 days or in much shorter time.

HMWSSB MD Dana Kishore urged evacuation of people in the areas that are likely to get affected from Osman Sagar downstream to Bapughat confluence. Manchirevula, Narsingi, Gandhamguda, Ramdevguda, Hyderabad are some of the habitations lie in the course of the stream



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## 'Lost' river that ran through Thar Desert 172,000 years ago found

**NEW DELHI:** Researchers have found the evidence of a "lost" river that ran through the central Thar Desert, near Bikaner, as early as 172 thousand years ago, and may have been a life-line to human populations enabling them to inhabit the region.

The findings, published in the journal *Quaternary Science Reviews*, represent the

oldest directly dated phase of river activity at Nal Quarry in the central Thar Desert.

The study by researchers from The Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History in Germany, Anna University in Tamil Nadu, and IISER Kolkata indicates that Stone Age populations lived in a distinctly different Thar Desert landscape than

we encounter today.

This evidence indicates a river flowed with phases of activity dating to approximately up to 172 thousand years ago, nearby to Bikaner, Rajasthan, which is over 200 kilometres away from the nearest modern river.

These findings predate evidence for activity in modern river courses across the

Thar Desert as well as dried up course of the Ghaggar-Hakra River, the researchers said.

The presence of a river running through the central Thar Desert would have offered a life-line to Paleolithic populations, and potentially an important corridor for migrations, they said.

AGENCIES

## Central team to visit Telangana to assess flood damages

**NEW DELHI:** A five-member inter-ministerial team of the central government will visit Telangana for two days beginning Thursday for an on-the-spot assessment of the damages caused by the recent heavy rains and floods, officials said.

Incessant rains last week caused flooding in Hyderabad and parts of Telangana leaving three people dead.

The central government has constituted a five-member inter-ministerial central team for an on-the-spot assessment of the damages caused by the recent rains and consequential floods in Telangana, a home ministry official said. The team will visit the state for two days beginning Thursday and will submit a report on its return, the official said. A joint secretary of the Union Home Ministry will lead the team. **MP05T**

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हैदराबाद : बाढ़ प्रभावित लोगों को सुरक्षित स्थान पर ले जाते सेना के जवान।



बंगलुरु : भारी बारिश के चलते पानी से भरी एक इमारत से सामान निकालते कर्मचारी।

## एससी-एसटी बहुल गांवों में एक साल पहले नल कनेक्शन देने का लक्ष्य

सिक्किम के सभी ग्रामीणों को 2021-22 तक मिलेगा पानी, जल जीवन मिशन की मध्यावधि प्रगति का आकलन

हरिगुप्त ब्यूरो नई दिल्ली

देश देश के प्रत्येक ग्रामीण परिवार को 2024 तक नल कनेक्शन के जरिए पीने का शुद्ध जल मुहैया कराने के मकसद से केंद्र सरकार के प्रमुख कार्यक्रम 'जल जीवन मिशन' के तहत सार्वभौमिक कवरेज के लक्ष्य को प्राप्त हेतु सभी राज्यों और केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों की प्रगति का आकलन किया जा रहा है।

इस मिशन के तहत पूर्वोत्तर के सिक्किम राज्य ने इस मिशन को वर्ष 2021-22 तक पूरा करने का लक्ष्य रखा है। केंद्रीय जल शक्ति मंत्रालय द्वारा वीडियो कॉन्फ्रेंसिंग के जरिये बुधवार को राज्यों व केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों की मध्यावधि प्रगति का आकलन करने की प्रक्रिया के तहत हुई एक बैठक में सिक्किम ने मंत्रालय के सामने राष्ट्रीय जल जीवन मिशन की अपनी मध्यावधि प्रगति की रिपोर्ट पेश की। इस रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक सिक्किम राज्य ने वर्ष 2021-22 तक सभी घरों में शत-प्रतिशत नल कनेक्शन देने की योजना बनाई है।

### मंत्रालय के अनुसार सिक्किम में करीब 1.05 लाख हैं घर

जल शक्ति मंत्रालय के अनुसार सिक्किम में करीब 1.05 लाख घर हैं, जिनमें से 70,525 यावधि 67 प्रतिशत घरों में नल का कनेक्शन है। राज्य में एक अच्छी जल आपूर्ति अवसंरचना भी है और 411 गांवों में उसकी जलापूर्ति योजनाएं चल रही हैं। राज्य की योजना वर्ष 2020-21 तक सभी एससीएसटी बहुल गांवों और अन्य महत्वकांक्षी जिलों के गांवों में नल कनेक्शन मुहैया कराने की है। पीडब्ल्यूएस सिस्टम वाले गांवों में से केवल 81 ने हर घर जल गांव का दर्जा हासिल किया है। लगभग 211 अतिरिक्त गांवों में 7,798 नल कनेक्शन प्रदान करने से यह संख्या शत-प्रतिशत हो जाएगी।

**मिशन में तेजी लाने पर बल** ब्रेकट में ग्राम कार्य योजना और ग्राम जल एवं स्वच्छता समिति के गठन जैसे मुद्दों पर प्रकाश डाला गया। इस बात पर जोर दिया गया कि योजना, कार्यान्वयन, संचालन और पानी की आपूर्ति व्यवस्था के रखरखाव के लिए स्वीछक संगठनों, गैर-सरकारी संगठनों और महिला एसएचजी को कार्यान्वयन सहायता एजेंसियों के रूप में जोड़ा जाए। राज्य को ग्राम पंचायत पदाधिकारियों के साथ-साथ अन्य हितधारकों के क्षमता निर्माण के लिए प्रशिक्षण आयोजित करने के लिए कहा गया।



### आधी राशि स्वच्छ जल के लिए होगी खर्च

इस राशि के 50 प्रतिशत का उपयोग पानी की आपूर्ति और स्वच्छता अर्थात् पानी की आपूर्ति, अपशिष्ट जल के उपचार और उसके पुनः चक्रण के लिए होगा है। जलापूर्ति योजनाओं का संचालन और रखरखाव करना होगा।

### सिक्किम को 31.36 करोड़ का आवंटन

जल शक्ति मंत्रालय के अनुसार वर्ष 2020-21 में सिक्किम को जल जीवन मिशन के कार्यान्वयन के लिए 31.36 करोड़ रुपये आवंटित किए गए, जिसमें से 7.84 करोड़ रुपये अब तक जारी किए जा चुके हैं। पहली किस्त के दूसरे हिस्से को प्राप्त करने के लिए राज्य को अपने कोष के उपयोग में तेजी लानी होगी। सिक्किम को 15वीं वित्त आयोग अनुदान के तहत ग्रामीण स्थानीय निकायों के लिए 42 करोड़ रुपये आवंटित किए गए हैं।

### कटारिया ने किया एप लॉन्च

केंद्रीय जल शक्ति राज्यमंत्री रतन लाल कटारिया ने बुधवार को मंत्रालय के तहत डब्ल्यूआर आरडी एंड जेआर विभाग के प्रधान मंत्री कृषि सिंचाई योजना-त्वरित सिंचाई लाभ कार्यक्रम के तहत परियोजनाओं के घटकों को जियो टैगिंग के लिए एक मोबाइल एप्लिकेशन लॉन्च किया। वीडियो कॉन्फ्रेंसिंग के माध्यम से ऐप लॉन्च करने के अवसर पर मंत्री कटारिया ने कहा कि 2016-17 में राज्यों के परामर्श से केंद्रीय सरकार ने 99 परियोजनाएं शुरू की, जिनके पूरा होने से पूरे देश में 34.64 लाख हेक्टेयर अतिरिक्त सिंचाई क्षमता का सृजन होगा, जिसके परिणामस्वरूप सुरक्षित सिंचाई होगी और ग्रामीण वॉशिट समृद्धि आएगी। 99 परियोजनाओं में से 44 परियोजनाएं पूरी हो चुकी हैं और 21.33 लाख हेक्टेयर लक्षित सिंचाई क्षमता हासिल की है।