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# Godavari crosses first warning level



River Godavari in spate at Bhadrachalam in Kothagudem district on Sunday. The water level reached 43.60 feet at 8 pm with a discharge of 9,60, 541 cusecs and the forecast indicates a further rise in the water level.

## STATE BUREAU

Kothagudem

Officials issued the first warning as river Godavari crossed the first warning level of 43 feet at Bhadrachalam in the district at 6.51 pm on Sunday.

The water level reached 43.60 feet at 8 pm with a discharge of 9, 60, 541 cusecs, and the forecast indicates a further rise in the water level, said district Collector Jithesh V Patil. He advised the people living in flood-affected villages on the banks of the river to move to the relief centres established by

the district administration. Flood duty officers started shifting the residents from the flood-affected villages to relief centres in Cherla. Superintendent of Police (SP) B Rohith Raju advised the public not to venture out unless it was an emergency as water bodies were overflowing. He cautioned people, especially youth, against taking selfies at rivers, tanks, and streams as it could pose a danger to their lives.

Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao along with Collector, SP and ITDA Project Officer B

Rahul inspected the breached Peddavagu project site and houses damaged due to breach in the project at Gummadavalli village. He assured the affected families that the government would extend all possible support to them. Later, speaking to the media, the Minister said the Peddavagu incident was sad and caused damage to property leaving the poor people to face troublesome situations. He lauded the district administration for taking immediate measures to prevent loss of life. The government would do every-

thing possible for all the farmers who were suffering due to the floods; also support the family of a villager Venu Murali who died due to electric shock while repairing damaged electric wiring at his house at Kothur. Since Peddavagu belongs to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana both the States allot funds to carry out repairs. By consulting the Andhra Pradesh government the project would be reconstructed with a better design to withstand heavy floods and three additional gates would be installed, the Minister added.

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# NDSA to review KLIS interim works today

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Hyderabad

The interim works implemented on the three barrages of the Kaleshwaram will be up for review and scrutiny by the National Dam Safety Authority in Delhi on Monday. A team of officials from the Irrigation Department will take part in the review, which is intended to finalise the way forward. The issue before the irrigation authorities is whether the KLIP barrages at Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla can be put to use for the purpose they were designed or not.

The State government has already written to the NDSA seeking a green signal for resuming pumping operations to support irrigation needs in the command of the multiple projects that have been integrated with the multi-stage pumping network of the Kaleshwaram project.

As recommended by the NDSA, the Irrigation Department could complete the removal of the distressed gates at Medigadda after ascertaining the integrity of each part of the barrage and its gates. Works pertaining to crack monitoring, bracing of piers from No 16 to 22 and installation of optical targets to monitor

## CM makes suggestions to officials

**HYDERABAD:** Ahead of the NDSA review of the interim works on the Medigadda Barrage to be held in New Delhi on Monday, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy made several suggestions to officers and engineers on Sunday. This was after he reviewed the Medigadda barrage repairs, inspections, commission inquiries and other issues with Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy and others at his official residence in New Delhi on Sunday.

any further distress or settlement of the structure were completed.

Certain geophysical and geotechnical tests suggested by it on Medigadda, however, were not completed as the inflows started into the project. The NDSA reportedly questioned certain works which were taken up on Medigadda by the Irrigation Department on its own as they were likely to impact the studies it had recommended.