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A house damaged in the flood water, in Bajali. ANI

a yellow alert for Saturday, asking people to be on watch and remain updated for heavy rain and thunderstorm in some parts of the State.

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The worst affected has been the Bajali sub-division where 2.67 lakh people have been hit by the deluge.

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tricts are also among the severely hit with around 80,000 and 73,000 people affected, respectively.

More than 35,000 people are staying in 140 relief camps. Another 75 relief distribution centres are also functional.

Different agencies, including National Disaster Response Force, State Disaster Response Force, civil defence personnel and lo-

cal people, have been assisting the administration in carrying out rescue and relief operations.

Widespread damage

Embankments have been breached or damaged in Biswanath, Darrang and Kokrajhar districts in the past 24 hours.

Roads, bridges and other infrastructure have been damaged in different districts, including Bajali, Baksa, Barpeta, Cachar, Chirang, Darrang, Dhemaji, Dhubri, Goalpara, Karimganj, Kokrajhar, Majuli and Nalbari.

Reports of erosion have been recorded in Baksa, Biswanath, Bongaigaon, Chirang, Dhubri, Kokrajhar, Dibrugarh, Sivsagar, Sonitpur, South Salmara, Udalguri and Tamulpur.

Landslips and urban flooding have also been reported from different parts, the report added.

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Reservoir levels go down as monsoon plays hide-and-seek across Karnataka

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Almost into the last week of June, the southwest monsoon has been scanty across Karnataka and water levels across major reservoirs are depleting.

Though the last 24 hours have seen some traction with moderate to heavy rain in different parts of the State, there is a nearly 66% shortfall if the average for June 1 to 24 is considered, according to the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC).

As against an average of 145.2 mm rainfall for the period June 1 to 24, the State has received 48.4 mm. The cumulative rain-



Dry spell: A view of Krishnaraja Sagar dam which has only 9.993 tmcft of water, against the total capacity of 49.45 tmcft. FILE PHOTO

fall during the same period in South Interior Karnataka, North Interior Karnataka, coastal belt, and Malnad region is also on the deficient side.

As the monsoon is playing truant, water levels in the reservoirs in the Cauvery basin of the State and

in Kalyana and Kittur Karnataka regions are fast-depleting.

Zero inflow

Though officials say there is enough storage for drinking water needs, outflow to canals for irrigation purposes and industries is

likely to be hit if the dry spell continues. However, there is zero inflow to several reservoirs, raising concerns of the coming days.

The cumulative storage capacity of the four major dams in the Cauvery basin is 114.57 tmcft, against which the actual storage as on Saturday was 31.41 tmcft compared to 65.82 tmcft on the corresponding day last year.

Similarly, the cumulative storage capacity across major dams in the Krishna basin is 422.45 tmcft against which the available quantum is 74.94 tmcft.

Information provided by officials indicated that Tungabhadra reservoir at Hosapete holds enough water but only for drinking purpose.

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The Regional Meteorological Centre here has issued a 'Yellow' alert for Saturday, asking people to be on watch and remain updated for heavy rainfall and thunderstorm in some parts of the state. As per an official report, more than 4.88 lakh people in 16 districts are currently reeling under floods.

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Worst affected has been the



People wade through flood water in flood-hit Bajali district of Assam. (right) Villagers row a makeshift raft to move across a flooded locality at Kanduguri village, in Bajali district of Assam

FILE PIC

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‘Desilting helps in easy flow of Cauvery water’

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CHENNAI, JUNE 24:

The water resources department has desilted all the rivers and canals in the Cauvery basin which has resulted in free flow of water from the Mettur dam to the tail end of the delta and this will also prevent flooding of fields during the north-east monsoon.

The officials said the government allocated Rs 90 crore for desilting works for a distance of 4,773 kilometre in the delta districts. In Thanjavur alone 189 desilting work were undertaken at a cost of ₹20 crore and an IAS officer was nominated for each district for the desilting works.

A maximum of 836 machines were used during the works and a mobile app was formed to monitor the daily progress of works. The desilting works were monitored every day and the daily progress reports were sent to the additional chief secretary of the department through e-mail on the same day.

According to the officials of the water resources department, the Mettur dam was opened at the scheduled time and water flow was ensured till the tail end of the Cauvery delta.

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राष्ट्रीय स्वच्छ गंगा मिशन का दावा

आठ वर्षों में गंगा की मुख्यधारा पर सफाई का काम लगभग पूरा

जनसत्ता ब्यूरो
नई दिल्ली, 24 जून।

गंगा की निर्मलता और अविरलता के 'नमामि गंगे' कार्यक्रम को नदी स्वच्छता का एक माडल करार देते हुए राष्ट्रीय स्वच्छ गंगा मिशन के महानिदेशक जी अशोक कुमार ने दावा किया कि कुछ प्रारंभिक समस्याओं को दूर करते हुए पिछले आठ वर्षों में नदी की मुख्यधारा पर सफाई का काम लगभग पूरा हो गया है और अब सहायक नदियों पर ध्यान दिया जा रहा है।

राष्ट्रीय स्वच्छ गंगा मिशन के महानिदेशक कुमार ने कहा कि नमामि गंगे मिशन की शुरुआत वर्ष 2014-15 में 20 हजार करोड़ रुपए की

लागत से प्रारंभ की गई थी। नमामि गंगे परियोजना की रफ्तार धीमी होने को लेकर आरोप पर कुमार ने कहा कि वर्ष 2014 में जब कार्यक्रम को मंजूरी दी गई थी तब कुछ समस्याएं थीं जो विस्तृत परियोजना रपट, राज्यों में क्षमता निर्माण, भूमि आदि से जुड़ी थीं। उन्होंने कहा कि लेकिन पिछले दो वर्षों में इसको लेकर काफी काम हुआ है और अभी 3000 एमएलडी जलमल शोधन क्षमता तैयार हो गई है। उन्होंने कहा कि वर्ष 2021 तक 900 एमएलडी जलमल शोधन क्षमता थी और पिछले डेढ़ वर्षों में 2000 एमएलडी से अधिक जलमल शोधन क्षमता तैयार हुई है, जिससे स्पष्ट है कि काफी काम हुआ है। राष्ट्रीय स्वच्छ गंगा मिशन के आंकड़ों के मुताबिक, अब तक नमामि

गंगे कार्यक्रम के तहत कुल 436 परियोजनाएं मंजूर की गईं जिनकी लागत 37,150 करोड़ रुपए थी। इसमें से 244 परियोजनाएं पूरी हो गई हैं। मिशन के महानिदेशक ने कहा कि मिशन को लेकर राज्यों से आने वाले प्रस्ताव, जमीन से जुड़ी भी समस्याओं आदि की पहचान की गई और इन्हें दूर किया गया है।

उन्होंने कहा कि पहले लोग सोचते थे कि गंगा नदी साफ नहीं की जा सकती है, वह सोच आज पूरी तरह से बदल गई है। अशोक कुमार ने कहा कि गंगा नदी की स्वच्छता एवं निर्मलता के अभियान के लिए प्रारंभ में 20 हजार करोड़ मंजूर हुए और फिर 2021 में 22,500 करोड़ आबंटित किए गए।