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"Paddy and maize are main crops of the Jammu region which are dependent on rain water. We had good pre-monsoon rains. The Monsoon has also set on time which is good," Joint Director, Agriculture Department, A S Reen told PTI.

He said the sowing of maize that is mostly cultivated in the rain-fed hilly areas was completed sometime back and the frequent rains over the past week are a blessing for the crop.

The rice cultivation in Jammu plains and some parts of hilly areas is in progress. "Watering of fields from canals and tube wells is insufficient and the rainfall is quite essential for the crop, especially Basmati Rice which needs a lot of water for irrigation." The Basmati crop takes 160-170 days to reach the harvesting stage and needs a lot of water at crucial stages for a successful crop. Reen said the paddy production of Jammu is around four lakh quintals, while two lakh quintals of rice are procured through Food Corporation of India to meet the local demand.

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"Rains are beneficial for the growth of the paddy. The success of the crop depends on water availability during the next one month and if we had a good monsoon, we are hopeful of a good yield this time," Darshan Kumar, a farmer from Marh block in the outskirts of Jammu city said. He said the agriculture department employees are working in close coordination with the farmers to educate them about the newly introduced government schemes.

Thakur Dass said rains have brought relief as earlier there was a shortage of water, also affecting the wheat crop.

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AGENCIES

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The swollen Beas following incessant rain at Bhuntar in Kullu district on Saturday. PTI

Streams in spate, highways blocked in Lahaul-Spiti dist

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

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Heavy rain caused flash floods in water streams in Lahaul and Spiti district, leading to blocking of the Manali-Leh highway, Gramphu-Kaza highway, Manali-Rohtang highway and Sansari-Killar-Thirot-Tandi (SKTT) highway.

Around 200 tourists and local vehicles are stranded on the Manali-Leh highway near Teling Nullah due to blocking of the road. A flash flood in the nullah brought debris on the highway, leading to traffic disruption. The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) is working to restore the traffic movement on the road.

The Sansari-Killar-Thirot-Tandi highway, which connects J&K and Chamba district with Lahaul, is also blocked at Mudgran in Lahaul and Jungle Camp in Chamba district.

During the day, a flash flood was reported in the Mudgran Nullah, which flooded the road in the area. Another flash flood occurred in Jungle Camp Nullah, about 5 km away from Tindi toward the Pangri region of

LOSS SUFFERED SINCE ONSET OF MONSOON

■ Jal Shakti Vibhag	₹127.20 cr
■ Public Works Dept	₹204.04 cr
■ HPSEBL	₹0.92 cr
■ Horticulture Dept	₹26.22 cr
■ Urban Dept	₹0.38 cr
■ Total	₹362.66 cr

45 LIVES LOST

■ 1 in Centre-notified disasters (landslide, cloudburst & flash flood)
■ 44 in state-notified disaster (road accident, fire, drowning, fall from steep rock, snake bite, electrocution etc.)
■ 80 persons injured

PROPERTY LOSS

- 15 houses destroyed completely
- 55 houses suffer partial damage
- 7 shops destroyed
- 37 cowsheds also damaged

INCIDENTS	NO.
LANDSLIDE	17
CLOUDBURST	1
FLASH FLOOD	15

ADVISORY FOR VISITORS

- The Lahaul-Spiti administration has issued an advisory for the visitors to drive cautiously on the roads in the district
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Chamba district, leading to the blocking of the highway.

A portion of the Gramphu-Kaza highway was damaged around 3 km away from Koksar toward Chatru leading to traffic disruption. Some private vehicles and an HRTC bus headed towards Manali were stranded.

The Manali-Rohtang highway was blocked due to a massive landslide at the Dorni Mod. Tourists had to suffer due to the disruption of traffic at various places in the region.

The BRO is working to restore all blocked highways.

The Lahaul-Spiti administration has issued an advisory for the visitors to drive cautiously on the roads in the district. As water streams are in spate due to heavy rain, tourists have been advised to avoid venturing close to water streams. There is a warning of heavy rain till July 10. Mandi district witnessed incessant rain today, but no loss of life or property was reported there.

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Director Agriculture, Jammu K K Sharma said the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna (PMFBY) will go a long way in mitigating the financial risk of the farmers suffering from the crop losses and aid in stabilizing their income.

Highlighting the achievements under the scheme, Sharma said till date one lakh farmers in Jammu division have benefited from PMFBY with the disbursement of an amount to the tune of Rs 96 crore as settlement of claims to these beneficiaries.

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**नेपाल और भारत पंचेश्वर
बहुद्देशीय बिजली संयंत्र की
'डीपीआर' को देंगे अंतिम रूप**

काठमांडू, 8 जुलाई (भाषा)।

नेपाल और भारत सीमावर्ती महाकाली नदी पर प्रस्तावित 6,480 मेगावाट क्षमता की पंचेश्वर बिजली परियोजना से संबंधित विस्तृत परियोजना रिपोर्ट (डीपीआर) को अंतिम रूप देने के लिए विशेषज्ञों की बैठक करने पर सहमत हो गए हैं। एक मीडिया रिपोर्ट में शनिवार को यह जानकारी दी गई। समाचार पत्र काठमांडू पोस्ट में प्रकाशित रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, नेपाल के पोखरा में गुरुवार और शुक्रवार को आयोजित पंचेश्वर विकास प्राधिकरण की शासकीय परिषद की बैठक के दौरान इस पर सहमति बनी। नेपाल के ऊर्जा, जल संसाधन और सिंचाई मंत्रालय के प्रवक्ता मधु भेटुवाल के हवाले से कहा गया, 'इस बैठक में विशेषज्ञों के दल का मार्च में समाप्त हो चुका कार्यकाल आगे बढ़ाने का निर्णय लिया गया।'

Dainik Bhaskar- 09- July-2023

हर घर जल पहुंचाने में हिमाचल बना देश का पहला पहाड़ी राज्य

देश में शीर्ष 9 राज्यों को पीछे छोड़कर अपना स्थान बनाया

भास्कर न्यूज | शिमला

वाटर टेस्टिंग के लिए हिमाचल में 69 प्रयोगशालाएं

कठिन भौगोलिक परिस्थितियों के बावजूद हर घर जल पहुंचाने में हिमाचल देश का पहला पहाड़ी राज्य बन गया है। प्रदेश में कुल 17.08 लाख ग्रामीण परिवार हैं, जहां हर घर में नल से जल पहुंचाया जा रहा है।

केंद्र ने 15 अगस्त, 2019 को जल जीवन मिशन की घोषणा की थी, जिसके तहत वर्ष, 2024 तक देश के सभी घरों को घरेलू नल कनेक्शन देने का लक्ष्य रखा गया था। हिमाचल ने समय से पहले अपना

पेयजल गुणवत्ता सुनिश्चित करने के लिए प्रदेश में 69 प्रयोगशालाएं स्थापित की गई हैं। प्रत्येक गांव को पानी की जांच के लिए टैस्ट किट बांटी गई हैं, लोग अपने गांव में ही पानी की नियमित जांच करवा सकते हैं। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि जल शक्ति विभाग की ओर से कौशल विकास केंद्रों के माध्यम से 14,200 युवाओं को प्रशिक्षित किया गया है, प्रशिक्षण के साथ उन्हें प्रतिमाह 5000 रुपए का वज्जीफा भी दिया जा रहा है।

लक्ष्य हासिल करते हुए पेयजल के क्षेत्र में एक बड़ी उपलब्धि हासिल की है। हिमाचल ने देश में शीर्ष 9 राज्यों में अपना स्थान बनाया है। जल जीवन मिशन में प्रति व्यक्ति

प्रतिदिन 55 लीटर साफ पानी देना तय किया है। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि राज्य स्तरीय योजना स्वीकृति समिति ने प्रदेश में कुल 1742 योजनाएं मंजूर की गईं।