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Strong quake hits Chile



A child sits amid debris caused by the sea in Coquimbo, some 445 km north of Santiago, during the eve's earthquake on Thursday. - AFP

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Santiago, 17 September

A powerful 8.3-magnitude earthquake has struck off Chile, killing eight people, forcing the evacuation of a million and sparking warnings that tsunami waves could reach Japan.

Buildings swayed as far away as in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1,500 kilometres to the east. In Chile, people ran out into the streets in terror.

TV footage showed stores with floors strewn with a mess of broken bottles, jars and other spilled merchandise.

It was the sixth most powerful quake in the history of geologically volatile Chile and the strongest anywhere in the world this year, Deputy Interior Minister Mahmoud Alemy said.

The death toll of eight was given by Interior Minister Jorge Burgos.

Strong aftershocks followed the first quake, and

a tsunami alert was imposed for hours for the Chilean coast. But it was lifted before dawn today. Many people were evacuated to higher ground.

Tsunami warnings were issued in New Zealand and other countries in the Pacific.

In Chile, more than 135,000 families were left without power in the north-central coast area, the National Emergency Office reported, lowering an early figure.

Central Choapa province, which is closest to the epicentre, was declared a disaster zone and placed under military rule.

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) said the quake occurred at 2254 GMT and measured a 8.3 on the so-called moment magnitude scale.

It occurred at a shallow depth, 228 kilometres north of Santiago, a city of 6.6 million people.

The Chilean government

put the main earthquake at 8.4 on a slightly different measurement, the Richter scale.

"The motion began lightly, then stronger and stronger," said Santiago resident Jeannette Matte.

"We were on the 12th floor and we were very afraid because it was not stopping. First it was from side to side, then it was like little jumps."

Interior Minister Burgos said evacuation of coastal towns and cities had been ordered as a precautionary measure. Classes were cancelled in coastal areas.

Among the dead were a woman in Illapel, close to the epicentre, and an 86-year-old man in Santiago, where there were scenes of pandemonium as thousands fled swaying buildings.

Hardest-hit Illapel, a coastal city of 30,000, saw its electricity fail and several homes collapsed. Around a dozen people were injured.

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All eyes on PM for flood relief

NEWS ANALYSIS

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It's already too late. Prime Minister Narendra Modi should live up to his word of helping the flood-affected population in Jammu and Kashmir without any further delay. He had promised that he would make this state a model one in the country. That was in December last year. The masses are looking up to him.

The Prime Minister is aware of each and every problem of the people of the Valley and the rest of the state. He is not new to the state. He has known the state over the decades. He was in Kashmir on the day Jhelum waters deluged the Valley and the capital city of Srinagar and he visited again to know the latest in a month's time to update himself on the latest situation.

In the initial days of the floods, the Centre and the people of the country rose as one to help the marooned people of Kashmir. But after the elections, the process has been slow because of multiple reasons. Modi has the opportunity to demonstrate to the suffering people that his heart beats for the people of the state and he should help in the rehabilitation of the flood victims at the earliest.

Modi has updates on the flood situation and the plight of the people almost on a weekly basis. The fact sheet is before him. The wait is on for his response. He could have responded earlier, but much of his time was consumed by the fire-fighting measures because of the deteriorating situation in Kashmir having a dangerous impact on the national security.

He is miffed that his trust

A large majority of the flood-affected population in Kashmir do not have the resources to rebuild their homes and lives and retrieve the sources of their livelihood. This is true of the people from one end to the other in the Valley. The story of flood sufferers is more tragic in Rajouri, Poonch and Udhampur and the plains of Jammu where more lives were lost, villages buried under huge landslides and buses and homes washed away

has been betrayed in the political and economic spheres. The political atmosphere is polluted with extraneous factors that shrouded the real job of state governance. His dream that there will be focus on development and governance has been punctured. Even his own party men have started behaving as the ones engaged in encashment of their "first time and last time power" thinking.

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Central government officials have made their own assessment. Their reports highlight the plight of the people and the desperate need to rehabilitate them in a dignified manner. Theirs was a non-partisan report with no political strings or

sloganeering attached.

The Prime Minister should respond to the points listed in these reports, which have spotlighted the human angle. These suffering classes should have been the priority for any government and the Prime Minister should have paid extra attention. The hope for that had risen after he sanctioned Rs 2,100 crore under the State Disaster Relief Fund. Apart from that, the Centre has given more funds, which the state government, for reasons best known to it, is not acknowledging.

Some of these funds have been pilfered. No account book has been maintained to show where these funds have been utilised and who the beneficiaries are. The revelation of the beneficiaries will bring out the partisan manner in which the money was spent since September last year.

The economic recovery was possible had the concerns of the business community and traders taken care of. They are struggling to rebuild their lives. Their businesses have been torn apart. Some of them have got the loans to rebuild their establishments. The loans are not charity. Their activity will reactivate the economy. That's a must.

Much noise is being made about the World Bank loan of Rs 1,500 crore. At the end of the day, it is the Government of India that will pay it back.

That apart, the Prime Minister should come to the rescue of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and ensure that whatever money is allocated as relief or provided for infrastructure projects is spent in a transparent manner. Otherwise, the Centre will be held guilty of shutting its eyes to the corruption that is inherent in the system of this state.

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नई दिल्ली (प्र.सं.)। अगले एक सप्ताह तक राजधानी में उमस भरी गर्मी दर्ज की जाएगी। 18 व 19 को कुछ इलाकों में बूंदबांदी भी हो सकती है। 20 से 23 सितंबर तक बारिश दर्ज की जाएगी।

मौसम वैज्ञानिक बीपी सादव ने बताया कि विदर्भ में बने कम दबाव के क्षेत्र व पूर्वी हवाओं के चलते राजधानी में आ रही हवा अपने साथ अरब सागर से नमी ला रही है। इससे अगले कुछ दिनों में उमस बढ़ेगी। कम दबाव का क्षेत्र राजस्थान व गुजरात पहुंचने पर दिल्ली के कई इलाकों में बारिश दर्ज की जाएगी।

चिली में 8.3 तीव्रता का भूकंप, 8 मरे

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भूकंप के झटकों से थराए दक्षिण अमरीकी देश चिली में महज आठ घंटों में ही 33 झटके महसूस किए गए। इन झटकों के चलते 3500 किलोमीटर दूर तक जमीन हिल गई।

पहला और सबसे बड़ा झटका बुधवार रात 8.3 तीव्रता का आया। इसके बाद आठ घंटे तक छह बड़े और 27 छोटे झटके महसूस किए गए। इस दौरान राजधानी सैंटियागो की इमारतें हिलने लगीं और कई जमींदोज हो गईं। भूकंप के 90



चिली की राजधानी सैंटियागो में भूकंप के बाद दहशत में सड़कों पर भागे लोग। इन्स्टेंट में टूटी इमारतें।

मिनट बाद तटीय शहर कोक्विम्बो के समुद्र में 15 फीट ऊंची लहरें उठीं। इससे यहां के निचले इलाकों में पानी भर गया।

हजारों लोग सड़कों पर

भूकंप इतना शक्तिशाली था कि सैंटियागो में हजारों लोग घरों से बाहर

निकल आए। भूकंप का केंद्र इलियापल नगर से 54 किमी उत्तर-पश्चिम में और राजधानी सैंटियागो से 228 किमी उत्तर में स्थित था।

न्यूजीलैंड में सुनामी की चेतावनी

न्यूजीलैंड में भी गुरुवार को सुनामी की चेतावनी जारी की गई। अमरीका के हवाई और कैलिफोर्निया के तटीय हिस्सों में भी सुनामी संबंधी

परामर्श जारी किया गया है। ऐसा ही एक परामर्श दक्षिणी और मध्य कैलिफोर्निया में भी जारी किया गया है।

इन देशों पर भी पड़ा प्रभाव

भूकंप इतना शक्तिशाली था कि चिली के अलावा ब्रूनस अयर्स, ऑस्ट्रेलिया और पेरू और ब्राजील में भी लोगों ने

इसे महसूस किया। हालांकि चिली के बाहर किसी के हताहत होने की सूचना नहीं है।

पांच साल पहले आया था जलजला

27 फरवरी 2010 में चिली में 8.8 तीव्रता का भूकंप आया था। इसके बाद सुनामी की ऊंची लहरें उठी थीं।

इसमें तकरीबन 525 लोगों की मौत हो गई थी और 35 लापता हो गए थे। इसमें लाखों घर भी तबाह हो गए थे।

राष्ट्रपति ने देश की किया संबोधित

चिली की राष्ट्रपति मिशेल बैचलेट ने राष्ट्र को संबोधित करते हुए कहा, 'एक बार फिर हम लोगों को प्रकृति के शक्तिशाली झटके का सामना करना होगा।' राष्ट्रपति ने तटीय इलाके को खाली कर चुके लोगों से तब तक ऊंचे स्थानों में ही रहने का आग्रह किया है, जब तक अधिकारी स्थिति का पूरी तरह आकलन नहीं कर लेते हैं।

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गर्मी ने छुड़ाया पसीना ^{प्रतिक्रिया} भारी बारिश की चेतावनी

अहमदाबाद अहमदाबाद शहर समेत राज्य के कई भागों में इन दिनों पसीने छुड़ाने वाली गर्मी है। दूसरी ओर मौसम विभाग ने शुक्रवार से गुजरात रीजन के कुछ इलाकों में भारी बारिश की चेतावनी दी है। अहमदाबाद में बुधवार के मुकामले तापमान में वृद्धि हुई है। साथ ही हवा में 76 फीसदी तक आर्द्रता होने के कारण उष्णपरी गर्मी है, जिससे बिना काम के लोगों ने घरों से बाहर निकलना टाला। गुरुवार को अहमदाबाद शहर का तापमान सेंटीस (36.9) डिग्री सेन्टीग्रेड के समीप पहुंच गया। जबकि राज्य के डीसा में तापमान 38.8 और भुज में 38 डिग्री सेन्टीग्रेड दर्ज किया गया। दूसरी ओर मौसम विभाग ने शुक्रवार से लेकर 22 सितम्बर तक भारी बारिश की संभावना जताई है। चेतावनी स्वरूप कहा गया है कि विधुर्व एवं उसे सटे हुए दक्षिण छत्तीसगढ़ के ऊपर डीप डिप्रेशन के चलते गुजरात रीजन के कुछ इलाकों में भारी बारिश होने की संभावना है। गुजरात रीजन में अहमदाबाद, डीसा, राजकोट, गांधीनगर, इंदूर, बड़ोदा, वडोदा, सुरत और वलसाड के अलावा दमन, दियानगर हवेली में भारी बारिश हो सकती है।

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LINKING HOPES

THE PROJECT

❑ **Pattiseema**, a lift irrigation project, interlinks **Godavari and Krishna** rivers through the **Polavaram right canal**

❑ The canal traverses for **174 km** through **West Godavari and Krishna** districts in **AP**

❑ About **80 tmc ft** of water will be pumped into the **Polavaram canal**. An **additional 40 tmc ft** water is tapped en route through **seasonal streams** linked to the canal

❑ It is a **temporary project**. Once the **Polavaram dam** is completed, the right canal will be linked to the dam

❑ **Pattiseema** is the first project to be completed under the **revised national river interlinking project**

❑ **AP** has earlier interlinked the **Tungabhadra with the Pennar** through the **Kurnool-Cuddapah canal** and the **Krishna with the Pennar**

WHAT'S GOOD

❑ The **Pattiseema** scheme is largely **beneficial to farmers** in the **Krishna delta** — **13 lakh acres** spread over **Krishna, Guntur and Prakasam** districts

❑ The **AP** government proposes to **divert 80 tmc ft of water** it saves from the **Krishna river reservoirs** (**Nagarjunasagar and Srisaillam**) to the dry **Rayalaseema** region

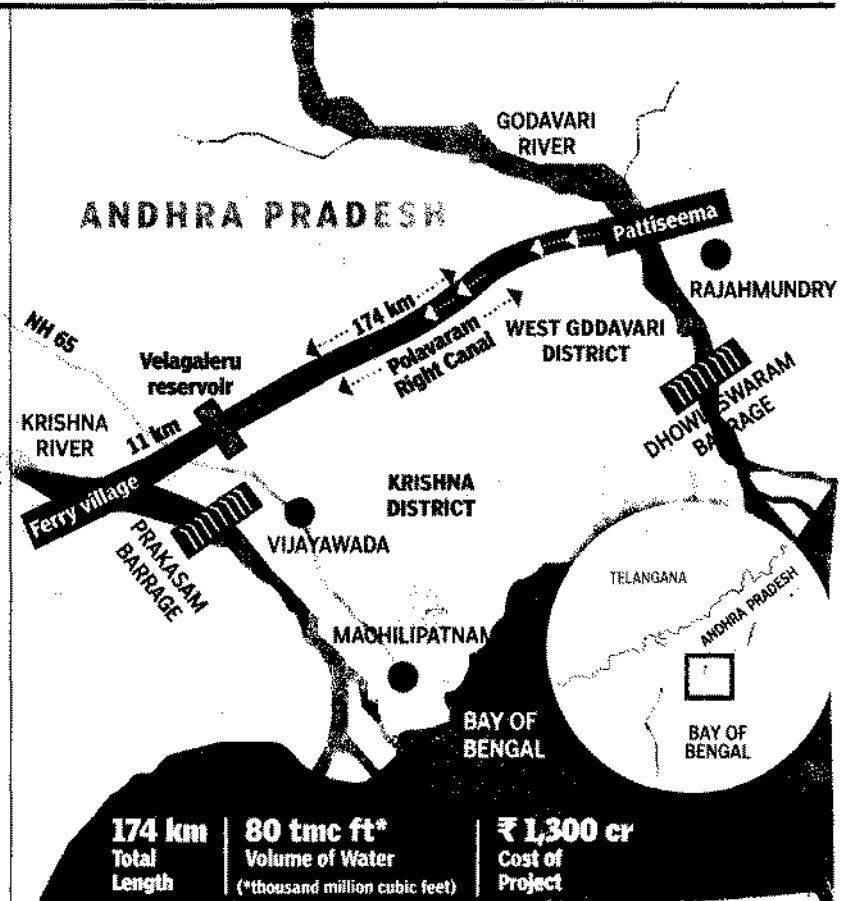
THE COST

❑ **Pattiseema** may prove to be **harmful to the environment**. Interlinking of rivers is fraught with ecological loss. Since the rivers have different environments, mixing water may **affect aquatic life**.

❑ The new canal will recharge the groundwater more than needed. This will lift up the **water table** abnormally, **causing damage** to the root system of the plants and crops all along the canal

❑ The **Pattiseema** is linked to the **Budameru (river) diversion channel**. If there's **flooding in Budameru**, **Vijayawada**, parts of **Krishna and West Godavari** districts may be affected

❑ Farmers in **West Godavari** fear that **inflow** into **Godavari delta** system will get **reduced** if water is diverted to **Krishna**



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Major relief for dry Rayalaseema, farmers to benefit

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Hyderabad: With the launch of the Pattiseema lift irrigation scheme in Andhra Pradesh on Wednesday, the Godavari was formally connected with the Krishna, and the country took a large step towards its ambitious but long-pending goal to interlink major rivers to eventually form a national water grid.

The 174-km Pattiseema project is not part of the original nationwide inter-state river-linking scheme — the

linkage. About 17 lakh acres including 13 lakh acres in the Krishna delta will get assured irrigation water for two crops round the year. Thousands of villages en route will get drinking water supplies.

The next in the pipeline under the national project is the interlinking of Ken (Madhya Pradesh) and Betwa (Uttar Pradesh) rivers. Though Ken-Betwa was touted to be the first river interlink project, under the revised national scheme, AP chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu hurried through the scheme and completed it in record eight months.

The national river interlink project was first conceived about two centuries ago by British engineer Sir Arthur Cotton, who designed the anicuts across the Godavari at Dhowlaiswaram and the Krishna in Vijayawada. The idea was revived by eminent engineer-politician Dr KL Rao about five decades ago. The Polavaram-Vijayawada link was proposed by Dr Rao. Later, TDP founder-president and former chief minister NT Rama Rao and former chief minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy too played a key role on the Andhra project.

At the national level, the river interlinking project will benefit millions of farmers in north India and down the Vindhyas. The Centre has proposed to create 3,000 storage tanks. A whopping 174 billion cubic metres (BCM) of water will be distributed through canals that run for 14,900 km across the country.

The Centre has also appointed a high-powered task force on the interlinking of the rivers, which once completed will bring an additional 35 million hectares under irrigation. The task force has been given a deadline of 2016 to submit its report.



Priests perform puja on the banks of the Krishna

first instance of the national project is the Ken-Betwa connection which will be launched in December this year. However, its significance lies in the fact that it addresses water scarcity in Rayalaseema region and is the first major intra-state river linking plan.

The Pattiseema project lifts flood water from the Godavari and pumps it into the Polavaram right canal that empties into the river Krishna in Vijayawada. The interlinking of Godavari-Krishna has been on the anvil for almost five decades. Thousands of farmers in Krishna, Guntur, Prakasam, Kurnool, Kadapa, Anantapur and Chittoor districts will gain from the Godavari-Krishna

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How Andhra CM linked rivers, delinked netas

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Hyderabad: The Pattiseema project will bring huge dividends to water-starved farmers of the Krishna Delta, reason both the TDP and YSR Congress have been vying with each other to claim credit for it.

TDP claims it completed the 174-km-long project that'll fetch flood water from Godavari to Krishna, YSR Congress alleges Naidu's government squandered public money and simply changed the project's name. It argues that most of the work on the Pattiseema (Polavaram) canal was completed during late CM YS Rajasekhara Reddy's tenure.

To claim sole credit, the TDP government removed the name 'Indira' from Polavaram Indira Sagar. It had to convince Godavari delta farmers that diversion of 80 tmc ft of water to the Krishna delta, India's rice bowl, won't impact their irrigation interests. CM Chandrababu Naidu scored a political point



Andhra CM N Chandrababu Naidu and other ministers perform a puja near Vijayawada where the Godavari's water was linked to Krishna river

when he said the 80 tmc ft water thus 'saved' from the Srisailem and Nagarjunasagar dams on the Krishna could be diverted to Rayalaseema's parched districts.

Contrary to TDP's claim, Godavari and the Krishna have been 'in-

terlinked' earlier. Andhra Pradesh, in fact, is south India's only state with all major rivers, Godavari, Krishna, Pennar and Tungabhadra, interlinked. Two of the three major linkages were carried out by the British.

Almost 160 years ago Krishna was connected to Godavari albeit for navigation. Today's Pattiseema scheme is a pure irrigation one. The Eluru canals from Godavari and Krishna meet at Malkapuram village to form part of the Kakinada-Pondicherry Buckingham canal. The two Eluru canals also meet the Tammileru rivulet that drains into the Kolleru lake.

More recently the Telugu Ganga Project that supplies drinking water to Chennai, connected Krishna with Pennar and with Kandaluru before reaching Chennai. Then, over 130 years ago river Tungabhadra was joined to Pennar via the Kurnool-Cuddapah (KC) canal.

The Pattiseema, however, is the first intra-state project that's seen completion under the revised national river linking project. The mega project meets Krishna delta's irrigation needs and brings large volumes of Godavari's waters into river Krishna, upstream of Vijayawada's Prakasam Barrage.

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Godavari and Krishna linked, will boost river grid nationally

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Hyderabad: The Godavari was formally connected with the Krishna on Wednesday—the first step towards the Centre's ambitious but long-pending goal to interlink major rivers to eventually form a national water grid.

The 174-km Pattiseema lift irrigation project, which will link the two rivers, was inaugurated by Andhra CM Chandrababu Naidu. It will channelize flood water from the Godavari and pump it into the Polavaram right canal that empties into the Krishna in Vijayawada, and is expected to address the chronic water scarcity in Rayalaseema.

The next linking in the pipeline under the national project is the one connecting Ken (MP) and Betwa (UP) in December.

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River link to help millions of farmers

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With Wednesday's interlinking, on the anvil for almost five decades, four major rivers in Andhra are now connected to one another: Godavari-Krishna, Krishna-Pennar and Tungabhadra-Pennar. Though Ken-Betwa was scheduled to be India's first interlinking project, Naidu accelerated the Pattiseema scheme, completing it in a record eight months.

The national water grid was first conceived about two centuries ago by the British engineer Sir Arthur Cotton, who drew blueprints of dams across the Godavari at Dhowlaiswaram and the Krishna in Vijayawada. The idea was revived by eminent engineer-politician Dr K L Rao about five decades ago, who also proposed the Polavaram-Vijayawada link. Later, the TDP founder-president and former chief minister N T Rama Rao and ex-CM Y S Rajasekhara Reddy too played key roles in

the project. At the national level, the interlinking project will benefit millions of farmers in north India and the Vindhyas. The Centre has proposed to create 3,000 storage tanks, from where 174 billion cubic metre of water will be distributed through 14,900km of canals across the country.

The Centre has also appointed a high-powered task force on the interlinking of the rivers, which once completed will bring an additional 35 million hectares under irrigation. The task force has been given a deadline of 2016 to submit its report.

Thousands of farmers in Krishna, Guntur, Prakasam, Kurnool, Kadapa, Anantapur and Chittoor districts will gain from the Godavari-Krishna linkage. About 17 lakh acres including 13 lakh acres in the Krishna delta will get assured irrigation water for two agricultural crops round the year. Thousands of villages en route will get drinking water supplies.

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Weak rains leave city with just 211 days' water stock

Seven Lakes Can Supply City Only Till Mid-April

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Mumbai: The monsoon season is almost drawing to a close but the levels in the seven lakes that supply water to Mumbai may not be adequate to last till the next monsoon.

The quantum of water in the lakes stood at 9.96 lakh million litres on September 16, while it was 14.26 lakh million litres on the same day last year. The city needs 14.47 lakh million litres in the lakes to see it through till the next monsoon.

In other words, all the water in the seven lakes could last for 211 days, or till mid-April 2016. However, the monsoon officially arrives in the city only on June 10—268 days beginning from today, leaving a deficit of 57 days. This does not take into account the 50% water cut for bulk consumers, but factors in the 20% cut introduced for domestic consumers on August 26.

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The only silver lining to the elusive cloud is that the civic body has withdrawn the cut on the first and tenth day of the Ganesh festival (September 17 and 27). The last time the civic body had imposed cuts across the city was in 2009 following a deficit monsoon.

The quantity of water on September 16 in the Vaitarna system, which supplies water to Mumbai city and the western suburbs, will be sufficient for 234 days, while the Bhatsa system, which supplies water to the eastern suburbs, can provide water for only 188 days.

Additional municipal commissioner Dr Sanjay Mukherjee, however, said it was too early to say whether the cuts would stay for the rest of the year as they would review their strategy on October 1. "We are still observing



NO CUTS ON SEPT 17 & 27

Lakes	Levels on Sept 16 (in m)	
	2015	
Modak Sagar	160.62	163.09
Tansa	127.26	128.54
Upper Vaitarna	599.88	603.39
Bhatsa	131.13	141.55
Middle Vaitarna	284.62	284.75
Tulsi	139.02	139.15
Vihar	76.96	80.09

Drought in 8,000 Maha villages

The Maharashtra government is likely to declare a drought in 8,000 of the state's 43,000 villages. An announcement is expected after another eight days as the state receives initial estimates of crop loss. The Marathwada region has been the worst affected. P 6

Rural jobs scheme extended

With 40% of the land mass in the country staring at a drought-like situation, the government on Wednesday approved an additional 50 days of employment to rural households under the MGNREGA scheme in areas which have received deficient rainfall. P 11

the situation and the lake levels closely. There should not be a problem if it rains well in the next fortnight," said Mukherjee. The CM on Wednesday directed civic chief Ajoy Mehta to withdraw the water cuts on two days of the Ganesh festival after a meeting with BJP MLA Ashish Shelar.

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SC to decide on reopening Krishna water dispute

Fresh verdict sought after formation of Telangana

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday said though the Krishna Water Dispute Tribunal II would function as per reference, several issues needed to be adjudicated if the current dispute was confined to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana or encompassed Maharashtra and Karnataka as well.

A bench of Justices Dipak Misra and Prafulla C Pant asked the Union government to fill the vacancy of a member in the tribunal within one week, after Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Tushar Mehta informed the court. Chief Justice of India Justice H L Dattu has nominated Justice Ram Mohan Reddy, a sitting Karnataka HC judge, as a member.

During the brief hearing, the court said: "First we should adjudicate if we can reopen the issue or if the matter is con-

fined to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Water is a resource. If it will be divided on the basis of projects or there must be some fresh allocation to Andhra Pradesh following formation of Telangana, that is to be debated."

Senior advocate Anil Divan, appearing for Karnataka, maintained that the dispute at the moment was between only Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Senior advocate Ashok Ganguly, appearing for Andhra Pradesh, said there should be fresh allocation because of formation of Telangana.

Senior advocate T R Andhwarajina, representing Maharashtra, submitted that allocation has already been decided by the tribunal.

Meanwhile, the ASG told the bench the tribunal member's appointment would done in a

week after due consultation. The court fixed the matter for further consideration on September 29.

According to the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal II award delivered in December 2010, Andhra Pradesh was entitled to get 1,001 thousand million cubic feet (tmcft) of water, Karnataka 907 tmcft and Maharashtra 666 tmcft.

Fresh allocation

Telangana, however, contended that there should be fresh allocation of the disputed waters of the Krishna river in view of Andhra Pradesh's bifurcation.

It sought a direction to the Centre to notify the setting up of a fresh tribunal under the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act of 1956 to decide the issue the sharing of the river water among the four neighbouring states of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

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Heavy rains for over 14 hours led to waterlogging in the coastal town of Bhatkal in Uttara Kannada district on Tuesday. DH PHOTO

Rains pound Bhatkal for 14 hrs

BAGALKOT/UTTARA KANNADA/RAICHUR: Heavy rains lashed Bhatkal in Uttara Kannada district for more than 14 hours throwing normal life out of gear in the coastal town.

The rain, which started late on Monday night pounded Bhatkal till Tuesday noon. The town recorded a rainfall of 60.6 mm of rain as at Tuesday morning. Ponds and tanks overflowed submerging roads and affecting movement of vehicles. Rain water gushed into houses and shops also.

Heavy rains continued to lash the North Karnataka districts of Bagalkot and Raichur for the second day on Tuesday.

More than 475 houses have been damaged in Bagalkot district on account of the downpour. Rampur in Bagalkot taluk received 117 mm of rain on Monday night while it rained

86.8 mm in Hungund. Badami, Ilkal, Hungund and Ilkal too received heavy rains. Normal life was disrupted as rain water gushed into houses in low-lying areas. Chittavadagi pond in Hungund taluk overflowed while movement of vehicles on Amaravathi road had come to a standstill.

A person was injured after lightning struck him in Jalahalli village of Deodurg taluk in Raichur. The district also received rains throughout the day.

Mangaluru

Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts received moderate rainfall after a brief break on Tuesday.

Heavy rains in Uppinangady did not dampen the spirits of protesters during the highway bandh organised by the Netravathi Nadi Tiruvu Yojane Vi-

rodhi Horata Samithi and other organisations.

In Mangaluru, the sky remained overcast through the day and good rains lashed the city and surrounding areas in the evening. In the last 24 hours, Dakshina Kannada district received 26.4 mm rainfall.

Rains lashed Udupi on Monday night. The taluk experienced 63.2 mm, Kundapura 69.9 mm and Karkala 65.2 mm rainfall.

Shivamogga

Moderate rains lashed parts of the district on Tuesday.

Bhadravathi and Shivamogga received intermittent rains till noon. Moderate rains lashed Thirthahalli, Hosanagar and parts of Sagar through the day. However, there has been no drastic rise in water levels in the dams.

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WEATHER | REPORT ■ Southwest monsoon is active over Telangana as well as Andhra Pradesh

Araku receives 27 cm rain, Warangal gets 11cm

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 15

The IMD has sounded a heavy rainfall warning for five days for all districts of Telangana and Coastal Andhra Pradesh. For Rayalaseema, the heavy rainfall warning has been issued for September 17 to 19 — for the districts of Kurnool, Anantapur, Chittoor and Kadapa.

The southwest monsoon is active over Telangana as well as AP. In Andhra Pradesh, extremely heavy rainfall was recorded in Araku valley, it rained 27 cm in a single day, on Tuesday. Many areas of north coastal AP, districts of Vizag, Vizianagaram and Srikakulam experienced rainfall of six cm and more on

CITY RECEIVES LIGHT SHOWERS DURING THE DAY

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HYDERABAD, SEPT. 15

While there were slight drizzles in Hyderabad during the day on Tuesday, towards the evening, certain areas like Nampally, Lakdikapul and Tolichowki received heavy showers of short durations.

The city on the whole received 00.5 mm of rain up to 8 pm on Tuesday. A tree fell on a



A tree fell on a car near OGH

parked car near the Osmania General Hospital but no casualties were reported.

The maximum tem-

perature recorded during the day was 28°C, a three degree departure from normal. The minimum recorded was 22°C. Indian Meteorological Department authorities said that the temperatures would remain the same till Sunday thanks to the rains. Due to heavy breeze on Tuesday, several areas, especially around the Old City, witnessed power outages.

dicted heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places almost all over Coastal AP.

In Telangana, 11 cm of rainfall was recorded at Parkal in Warangal on Tuesday followed by 10 cm in Ramayampeta of

Medak and Jukkal of Nizamabad. Rain was experienced across all districts in the state on Tuesday. For Wednesday, the IMD has predicted heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places all over the state.

LIGHTING STRIKES 3

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NIZAMABAD, SEPT. 15

Three women, including a degree first year student, were struck by lightning at Dupally village of Renjal mandal in Nizamabad district on Tuesday while they were working in their paddy fields.

Another woman who sustained serious injuries has been hospitalised in Nizamabad. Sources said the lightning occurred during a drizzle on Tuesday. After being alerted by locals, the police went to the spot and shifted bodies to the hospital for post-mortem. The police registered a case and is investigating.

RAINS FILL UP TALIPERU

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KHAMMAM, SEPT. 15

Incessant rains in Chhattisgarh have filled up the Taliperu reservoir in Charla mandal in Khammam district, following which officials opened 11 gates and released 18,000 cusecs of water into the Godavari. Rivulets like Chintavagu and Rotenthavagu are discharging flood waters into the Taliperu.

Medium irrigation projects like Mookamamidi, Wyr and Kinnerasani were also filling up. About 15 streams and rivulets including Godhumavagu and Murreduvagu in Kothagudem mandal, Masivagu and Aligeru in Bayyaram mandal, Kodipunjulavagu in Burgum-pahad mandal were in spate.

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Villagers walking past a flood-affected area at Srilankabasti in Agartala, on Monday. — UB Photos