

Heavy rains fill reservoirs across Karimnagar, revive agri activities

- Widespread rainfall over the past three days revives kharif farming and boosts farmers' confidence
- Reservoirs, tanks and canals receive fresh inflows as water lifting under the Kaleshwaram project resumes
- Heavy rains disrupt coal production in Ramagundam, while authorities remain on high alert



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AFTER weeks of uncertainty caused by a prolonged dry spell, widespread rainfall over the past three days has brought much-needed relief to farmers across the united Karimnagar district. The showers have accelerated paddy transplantation and other kharif operations while replenishing reservoirs, tanks and streams across the region. Farmers have resumed cultivation of paddy, cotton, maize and horticultural crops after de-

layed monsoon rains had slowed agricultural activity during June. Against the kharif cultivation target of 9.51 lakh acres of paddy, 2.02 lakh acres of cotton, 50,000 acres of maize and 1.72 lakh acres of horticultural crops, only a small area had been cultivated due to poor rainfall. Farmer Koppula Satyanarayana from Kishtampet village in Peddapalli district said the recent rains had restored hope after the prolonged impact of El Niño conditions and encouraged farmers to restart field operations. The rainfall has improved

storage in the Lower Manair, Mid Manair, Upper Manair and Shanigaram reservoirs, while water from the Sri Ram Sagar Project has started reaching the united Karimnagar district through the Kakatiya and Flood Flow canals. Meanwhile, heavy rainfall has disrupted coal production in Ramagundam due to waterlogging in open-cast mines. Authorities remain on alert as the IMD has forecast more rain, while Karimnagar District Collector Chitra Mishra declared a holiday for schools on July 31 as a precautionary measure.

Be vigilant amid heavy rains, CS Jaju directs Collectors and police

Tourists should be prevented from visiting waterfalls, picnic spots, and other hazardous tourist destinations during the period of heavy rains

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HYDERABAD

IN view of heavy rains lashing Telangana, Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju has directed district Collectors to take all necessary precautionary measures to prevent any loss of life or property.

The Chief Secretary ordered that tourists should be prevented from visiting waterfalls, picnic spots, and other hazardous tourist destinations during the period of heavy rains.

Collectors in the Godavari river basin districts were asked to closely monitor river conditions and alert residents in low-lying areas.

The CS held a video conference on Thursday with Collectors, Police Commissioners, and Superintendents of Police to review preparedness, as the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast heavy rainfall for another two days.

He said that since heavy rainfall is expected to continue through Thursday night in several districts, coordinated action must be taken by all departments, particularly the police and district administration. He instructed Collectors to establish control rooms in every district headquarters and continuously



monitor the situation. He stated that National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) teams have already been deployed and assured that any additional assistance required would be provided immediately.

Referring to the anticipated impact of El Niño, the Chief Secretary noted that rainfall is expected to remain below normal even in September. He instructed District Collectors to create awareness among farmers about shifting from paddy to alternative crops. He said vegetable cultivation would not only fetch better market prices but that produce would also be procured through the Hare Krishna Foundation, providing farmers with assured mar-

ket support. He directed Collectors to remain on high alert over the next two days, particularly in districts likely to receive very heavy rainfall, and to ensure that preventive measures are taken well in advance so that the public does not face any inconvenience.

During the meeting, DGP CV Anand informed that the Police department has identified 249 high-risk picnic spots near water bodies and an additional 167 tourist locations across the State.

Appropriate restrictions are being enforced to prevent public access to these locations during periods of heavy rain and flooding. He also stated that 12 SDRF companies are on standby for emergency response.

Relentless rains cut off villages as Godavari swells in Asifabad



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KUMURAM BHEEM ASIFABAD: Heavy rains over the past two days have crippled normal life across Telangana's Asifabad district, cutting off road connectivity to several villages as streams and rivulets overflowed. Rising inflows from Maharashtra have swollen the Godavari River at Tummidihetti, prompting authorities to issue flood warnings for low-lying areas.

Floodwaters flowing over the Pittaguda bridge in Lingapur mandal disrupted access to Khimanayak Thanda, Pulasingh Nayak Thanda, Jamuladara and Gunnur. Police have deployed pickets at vulnerable locations and warned people against venturing near flooded rivers and streams. To manage the rising inflows, officials lifted five spillway gates of the Kumram Bheem project and opened gates at the Vattivagu project to release excess water downstream. Collector Haritha and SP Nitika Pant inspected the affected areas and urged residents to avoid crossing flooded roads and low-level bridges. Educational institutions remained closed as the India Meteorological Department's Red Alert continued for the district.

Heavy rains bring relief to farmers, trigger flood alert in Nirmal

Kadam Project opens 16 gates; overflowing streams cut off tribal villages

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HEAVY rainfall across Nirmal district from Tuesday night to Thursday brought much-needed relief to farmers while creating flood-like conditions in several parts of the district. After a prolonged dry spell that left crops wilting and farmers anxious, the widespread showers revived hopes for a better agricultural season.

The heavy rains caused streams, rivulets and low-lying areas to overflow, inundating roads and disrupting normal life. Several roads were submerged, while tribal villages in Pempu and Kadam mandals lost road



connectivity as overflowing forest streams cut off access. Officials have been working to divert floodwaters from vulnerable areas

and restore connectivity wherever possible. Major irrigation projects, including the Kadam Narayan Reddy Project, Sadarmat Bar-

rage and Gaddanna Vagu Swarna Project, received significant inflows. At the Kadam Project, irrigation officials opened 16 of the 18 gates, releasing around 1.5 lakh cusecs of water into the Godavari River. Two gates of the Sadarmat Barrage were also lifted to regulate floodwaters.

District Collector Bhavesh directed all mandal-level officials to remain on alert and ensure public safety. A 24/7 flood control room has been established at the Collectorate, while Khanapur MLA Vedum Bojju Patel visited the Kadam Project to review the flood situation and ongoing management measures with irrigation officials.



Massive inflows into Godavari threaten flood

Water level likely to touch 43 ft at Bhadrachalam today

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THE Godavari river is witnessing a steady rise in water levels at Bhadrachalam, with irrigation officials forecasting that the river could reach the first warning level of 43 ft on Friday following a massive inflow from the Indravati river.

The Godavari was flowing at 28.4 ft at present, officials said, adding that nearly 10 lakh cusecs of water from the Indravati was joining the river, triggering apprehension of a further rise in the water level.

Officials have estimated that the Godavari could rise to 45 ft depending on the intensity and duration of the



inflows from the upstream areas. The administration and irrigation authorities are closely monitoring the situation, particularly in the low-lying areas along the river, in view of the possibility of a

rapid rise in the water level. Officials said the situation was being reviewed continuously and necessary precautionary measures would be taken if the river approaches the warning levels.

Gandra demands urgent infrastructure overhaul in residential schools

- Interacts with students to assess education, food, accommodation and campus facilities
- Seeks better sanitation, study infrastructure and health safeguards for girl students
- Urges government to prioritise quality education and essential amenities in residential schools

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JAYASHANKARBHUPALPALLY

FORMER Bhupalpally ML-AGandra Venkata Ramana Reddy on Thursday visited the Minority Residential School and Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) at the district headquarters along with BRS leaders and BRSV student representatives. During the visit, he interacted with students to

understand the quality of education, accommodation, food and other facilities available on the campus.

After inspecting the institutions, Gandra pointed out several shortcomings, including poor sanitation, cracks in the Minority Residential School building, inadequate lighting and the need for painting and repairs.

At the KGBV, he appealed



to the district administration to improve bathroom facilities for girls, install fans and lights in classrooms and establish a dedicated reading hall. He also urged authori-

ties to undertake mosquito fogging, spread bleaching powder and maintain hygiene during the monsoon to prevent seasonal diseases. Interacting with teachers and staff, Gandra

stressed the need to enhance educational standards and called on the government to ensure quality education and better infrastructure for residential school students.