

Plan crops wisely amid rain deficit, Uttam tells farmers

- Says deficit could worsen if September-October rains remain weak as projected
- He says drinking water and irrigation needs must be balanced
- Dondapadu Lift Scheme to provide irrigation to 53,000 acres



He appealed to farmers not to base their crop decisions entirely on the expectation of substantial rainfall or fresh reservoir inflows in the coming weeks. “Farmers must carefully assess assured water availability while selecting crops. We have to support agriculture wherever dependable water is available, but at the same time we must safeguard sufficient water for drinking purposes through the summer and until the next monsoon,” he said.

Uttam Kumar Reddy said the government would maintain a judicious balance between irrigation and drinking-water requirements. Reservoir releases would be decided on the basis of actual usable storage and realistic assessments of likely inflows rather than assumptions about future rainfall.

deficient during September and October as projected by the meteorological authorities. The minister said the State government was closely monitoring rainfall, reservoir levels and inflows before deciding on water release. The continuing rainfall deficit had affected inflows into major reservoirs, including

Nagarjuna Sagar, making prudent management of the available water essential. Referring to the outlook for the remaining monsoon period, Uttam said indications of deficient rainfall during September and October had to be factored into agricultural and water-management decisions.

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IRRIGATION and Civil Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy cautioned farmers to exercise care in crop planning as the rainfall deficit continues, warning that the situation could aggravate if rainfall remains

Tragedy strikes Siddipet: Couple with 2 kids killed as car plunges into a well

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SIDDIPET

A tragic road accident occurred on Wednesday night near Appanapalli village in Dubbak mandal when four members of the family died after their car plunged into a roadside well.

Dandugula Raju from Balwanthapur village was returning home from Siddipet, along with his wife and two children, when the accident happened. The family left Siddipet at around 7 pm, but when they did not reach home even by midnight, relatives informed the police. Using the cell phone location, the police traced the car and found it had fallen into a well near Appanapalli.

Since none noticed the car falling, all four --Dandugula Raju (30), his wife Bhagya (25), son Nihansh (four) and daughter Shanvika (two) --died on the spot. The police, along with rescue teams, retrieved the bodies during the night and shifted them to the area hospital



for post-mortem. A case has been registered. The incident has caused deep grief in Balwanthapur and Appanapalli villages, with locals mourning the tragic loss.

TG BJP hails Centre’s youth outreach push

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TELANGANA State BJP welcomed the Union Cabinet's decision encouraging every Union Minister to visit a university, interact directly with students, and understand the aspirations, concerns, and expectations of the younger generation.

On Thursday, BJP State Chief Spokesperson and Media In-charge N V Subash said the initiative reflected Prime Minister Narendra Modi's consistent emphasis on engaging with young people and understanding their aspirations.

He said the Prime Minister had repeatedly used social media and direct interactions to remain con-

Attempt to murder case against ex-OSD to Konda Surekha

HYDERABAD: An attempt to murder case has been registered against former OSD to Minister for Environment and Forests Konda Surekha following a complaint by a 36-year-old real estate businessman, Gongidi Harikrishna, who alleged that he was assaulted with iron rods and sticks by a group in Hyderabad.

Medipally police initially registered a Zero FIR and later transferred the case to Jubilee Hills Police Station as the incident falls under its jurisdiction. Based on Harikrishna's complaint, police registered a case against Sumanth and five others. According to the complaint, Harikrishna received a call from Sumanth on July 30 asking him to meet him urgently. Harikrishna reportedly told him that he had returned to his native place and would meet him the following morning.

Later, Sumanth's friend Ramu allegedly called Harikrishna and asked him to come to his office. On August 20, Harikrishna went to Ramu's office along with his friend Kiran, where Sumanth and Ramu were present.

Harikrishna alleged that Sumanth questioned him for allegedly using his name to collect money from people. Though he denied being involved in any such collections, Sumanth allegedly abused him and attacked his hands and legs with an iron rod.

He further alleged that five others accompanying Sumanth also assaulted him. The complainant identified the alleged associates as Prashanth, Arun Kumar Reddy, Karthik and Mahender Reddy, among others, and claimed that they attacked him at Sumanth's instigation. After receiving the complaint, Medipally police regis-

tered a Zero FIR and subsequently transferred the case to Jubilee Hills Police Station for further investigation.

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POTHOLE PERIL ENDS, ROAD WORKS BEGIN



Hans India A DANGER CALLED POTHOLED ROADS!

The condition of roads in Hyderabad continues to turn from bad to worse. Repeated pleas by the citizens to municipal mandarins fell on deaf ears. Rain-ravaged roads are resulting in frequent traffic jams. Innumerable accidents have also taken place, some of them are fatal. Will the officials shed their ostrich-like attitude and take up the repairs on war-footing? PHOTOS : SRINIVAS SETTY



AUGUST 5

Deep potholes on the road opposite Shalivahana Super Specialty Hospital at SBI Colony, Shalivahana Nagar, behind Dilshuknagar, had been forcing motorists to negotiate the stretch cautiously. Following the report published in The Hans India on August 5, authorities began work on a new road on August 20.



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Do you have any civic issues? Are any roads in your locality damaged? Do you have any complaints against govt departments? Are any private companies taking you for a ride regarding sales and service?

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Mail the details along with relevant photographs if any, to hanspeoplesvoice@gmail.com

— EDITOR

HC seeks JNTUH stand on grace marks for R22 students

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THE first hearing in the High Court was held on Thursday for the petition filed by the Students Protection Forum (SPF) seeking the grant of grace marks to R22 regulation students.

A single-judge bench headed by Justice Juvvadi Sridevi heard the petition, and the SPF advocate, Anil Raj, presented arguments on behalf of the students.

The SPF presented the problems faced by R22 students, the need for grace marks, and their impact on students' educational and employment opportunities to the court.

After hearing the arguments, the court directed JNTUH to submit its instructions on the provisions related to the R22 regulation, details on grace marks, and the university's stand. The

next hearing was adjourned to August 25.

On the occasion, SPF State President Rahul Nayak said, "The future of thousands of R22 students is linked to this issue. Many students are facing difficulties because they cannot complete their degrees due to a small difference in marks. Despite receiving job offers, some have not completed their degrees and have had their joining delayed, while others have also lost job opportunities. That is why we request the university to take a positive decision keeping in mind the future of the students," said Rahul Nayak.

SPF advocate Anil Raj said, "We have brought the necessary issues to the court's attention on behalf of the R22 students. The court, after hearing the arguments, ordered the university to submit details related to the R22 regulation and grace marks.

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