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Residents shift from a flooded area in Vijayawada on Tuesday.

Andhra, T'gana step up relief op as floodwaters begin receding

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HYDERABAD: Floodwaters in several parts of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, where unprecedented downpour over a span of three days have killed 36 people, started receding on Tuesday amid a drop in rainfall, allowing the two state governments to step up relief works in the affected areas.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD), however, has issued a yellow alert and warned of heavy rains accompanied by thunderstorms in Telangana on

Wednesday and Thursday. Telangana chief minister Revanth Reddy and his Andhra Pradesh counterpart, N Chandrababu Naidu, visited some of the inundated areas in their

respective territories.

In Telangana, daily life started limping back to normalcy in Khammam town, which was ravaged by floods due to overflowing of the Munneru rivulet, as the water began receding.

Reddy, who visited Khammam, said the town received the highest-ever rainfall of 430mm in a single day, "leaving a trail of destruction". "Illegal constructions over the years near the catchment areas led to overflowing of the Munneru rivulet and submerging of colonies," he said.

According to official estimates, over 600 houses in the town have been destroyed.

Several areas in Mahabubabad and Suryapet districts were also severely affected.

The state government said 16 people died in various rain-related incidents, even as the opposition Bharat Rashtra Samithi alleged that the toll stood at 28.

Naidu also visited some of the flood-hit areas of his state and said authorities are unable to reach out to the affected in some of the interior regions, due to excess waterlogging, despite its best efforts. "We have appointed 32 senior IAS officers as in-charges of food distribution and evacuation operations. We are pressing drones to carry food, water and medicines to the interior areas," he said.

In several areas in Vijayawada and villages in the downstream of Krishna river, in Krishna district, rescue teams reached out to stranded people to provide assistance. According to official figures, 20 people died in various rain-related incidents.

4.15 lakh people affected by floods in A.P.; Navy steps in

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The Indian Navy has rescued 22 persons who were stranded in flood-affected areas in Andhra Pradesh and air-dropped more than 1,000 kg of food to the affected people on Tuesday.

The Eastern Naval Command (ENC) in Visakhapatnam has deployed naval aircraft, flood relief teams and diving teams to augment the humanitarian assistance and disaster relief efforts in the State, said an official release.

The Navy has deployed four helicopters – two advanced light helicopters and two Chetak helicopters – and one Dornier aircraft for search and rescue operations. Additional naval assets and rescue teams with associated equipment have been kept on standby to

provide the necessary assistance, the release added.

As many as 4,15,171 people were affected by rain and flood in Andhra Pradesh.

Relief camps

The government has shifted 43,417 people to 163 relief camps across the State. It has set up 197 medical camps. At least 17 people have died due to rain-related incidents in the State so far, while two persons were missing as of Tuesday.

Nine deaths were reported in NTR district and seven in Guntur district. A death was reported in Palnadu district when persons riding a two-wheeler were washed away in a stream. Agricultural crop loss was reported in 1,80,244 hectares in 20 districts. Horticultural crops in 15,109 hectares were reportedly affected by the flood.



Hard-hit: A makeshift raft being used to transport people, pets and belongings to the Singh Nagar flyover, where ambulances were available, in Vijayawada on Tuesday. K.V.S GIRI

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