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Rain kills 30 in Telangana, AP, Maha

Heavy damage in
Karnataka too

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BENGALURU, DHNS

Incessant rains wreaked havoc on an unprecedented scale in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, killing at least 25 people, submerging thousands of houses and inundating several low-lying areas.

Heavy showers also paralysed life in the Kalyana Karnataka districts of Kalaburagi, Bidar, Yadgir and Raichur, as a deep depression in the Bay of Bengal crossed the coast in Kakinada, leaving behind a trail of destruction in the

southern states.

At least two persons were killed in Karnataka while six died after a retaining wall along the Chandrabhaga river collapsed in Maharashtra on Wednesday.

In Hyderabad, nine people were killed in a wall collapse. A few more are reportedly missing after being swept away in raging floodwaters.

Heavy rains and inflows have caused the swelling of Himayat Sagar and Osman Sagar reservoirs. For the first time in many years, water was released by opening four gates from Himayat Sagar. Army men are helping in rescue operations, majorly concentrated in the worst-affected old quarters of Hyderabad.

At least 10 people were killed in Andhra Pradesh.

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Floodwater gushes through a street following heavy rains in Hyderabad on Wednesday. PTI

Heaviest rain since 1992 leaves a trail of destruction in Kalaburagi, Bidar dists

Unprecedented rain cripples Kalyana K'taka



A farmland under water in Kelavadi village of Badami taluk, Bagalkot district.



The unrelenting showers flood Rajajinagar off Kusnoor Road in Kalaburagi on Wednesday.



The residents of a flooded Janata Colony in Moratagi of Sindagi taluk, Vijayapura district, move to safer places. DH PHOTOS

KKALABURAGI/MJAVAPURA/BAGALKOT/HUBBALLI, DHNS

Heavy showers on the intervening night of Tuesday and Wednesday paralysed normal life in Kalyana Karnataka districts - Kalaburagi, Bidar, Yadgir and Raichur.

Kalaburagi city and several parts of the district bore the maximum brunt of unrelenting rain. Bhagwan Thippanna (21), a resident of Narbol in Jewargi taluk, is feared to have been washed away in the overflowing Bhima river.

An elderly woman was electrocuted in a flooded house at Sunder Nagar in Kalaburagi. Victim has been identified as Bhimabai (96).

Unrelenting rain has rendered several residential areas in Kalaburagi into islands. Many villages in both Kalaburagi and Bidar have been cut off as the swollen rivers and streams

have submerged over a dozen major and minor bridges.

Acres of agriculture land in Chincholi taluk, Kalaburagi district have gone under water following the release of excess water from Chandrapalli and Nagaral reservoirs. Breach in Nagaidai and Dhottol lakes have only made the matters worse.

A woman in advanced stage of pregnancy delivered a baby at a relief centre opened at the government school at Nagaidai. The mother and the newborn had been moved to a primary health centre at Salebeeranahalli of the taluk.

A total of 36 people stranded at the flooded farms and houses in Chincholi taluk were rescued by NDRF and Fire and Emergency Service personnel.

Two village accountants, stranded in the floodwaters of Kagina and Gun-

dagarthi stream, were rescued by the local fishermen in Chitapur taluk. Similarly, four construction workers from Bihar were rescued from the flood-hit work site between Anolli and Deglamadi Cross.

A bridge at Malkhed on Kalaburagi-Sedam road has once again gone under the Kagna waters.

A flood alert has been sounded in the villages in Manjira river basin following a heavy discharge of water from Latur dam in Maharashtra.

In Bidar district alone, more than 100 houses have been either partially damaged or collapsed completely.

The story is no different in Yadgir district, as many as 44 villages on Krishna and Bhima rivers basin are facing a flood-like situation.

Koppal and Raichur districts, however, had some respite from heavy rain on Wednesday. Many parts of the undivided Raichur district saw

light to moderate rain throughout the day. However, there was no let-up in rain for Vijayapura and Bagalkot districts, where the swollen Doni, Krishna, Malaprabha and Ghataprabha rivers flood threat to many villages in their basin.

Several bridges, including the Talikoti-Hadaginal across Doni river, continued to remain under water. Over 25 families at Moratagi Janata Colony in Sindagi have been evacuated following the flooding triggered by a lake breach.

The traffic on Bagalkot-Hubbali road has been hit badly following a surge in Bennehalla stream and Malaprabha river. An elderly woman died after a portion of her house wall fell on her at Madalgeri in Gadag district.

Parts of Haveri and Ballari have suffered crop loss owing to the sustained wet weather.

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HEAVY RAINS FLOOD HYDERABAD



Buildings and vehicles lie partially submerged in floodwaters in Hyderabad on Wednesday. A wall collapsed, killing nine persons in the capital of Telangana, while three others died elsewhere. Many parts of the city had received more than 25cm of rainfall over the past 24 hours, a government official said. Authorities declared a holiday on Wednesday and Thursday and asked residents to stay indoors. Text by Reuters and PTI picture



A man struggles to stay afloat in gushing floodwaters. (PTI)



Vehicles submerged in floodwaters. (PTI)

CM to review situation in rain-hit N K'taka districts

BENGALURU, DHNS

With heavy rainfall wreaking havoc in several parts of north Karnataka, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa is scheduled to review the situation with deputy commissioners of the affected districts on Friday.

Thousands of people have been displaced due to unrelenting heavy rainfall in seven districts - Belagavi, Bidar, Vijayapura, Bagalkot, Kalaburagi, Raichur and Yadgir.

"I'm reviewing the situation with all deputy commissioners on Friday. I will also release the necessary funds," Yediyurappa told reporters. He has directed ministers in charge of districts to go around and review the situation.

"The district in-charge ministers are already visiting the affected regions. Suitable action will be taken on compensation for the damages," Yediyurappa said.

In a statement, Yediyurappa said NDRF teams - two in Kalaburagi and Yadgir, one in Raichur - were on their feet. Two additional teams will be deployed, he added. "For the safety of people, two helicopters are being sent to the Bidar airport. People need not panic."

Deputy Chief Minister Govind Karjol, who is in charge of Kalaburagi and Bagalkot districts said, "I have directed the DCs to quickly survey losses of human life, animals, homes, crops, roads, bridges and buildings so that compensation can be released immediately."

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47 die in Maha rain fury

Rain and floods damage over 2,300 houses and large acreage of crops

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PUNE: Heavy rains and floods have claimed at least 47 lives in Maharashtra's Pune, Aurangabad and Konkan divisions in the last three days while crops on lakhs of hectares were damaged extensively, officials said on Friday. Twenty-eight persons have died in rain-related incidents in western Maharashtra which comes under Pune division, sixteen in central Maharashtra's Aurangabad division and three in coastal Konkan, they said.

Over 2,300 houses were damaged in heavy rains and floods in Western Maharashtra where more than 21,000 people were moved to safer places, as per the Pune Divisional Commissioner's office. "14 people died in Solapur, 9 in Sangli, 4 in Pune and 1 in Satara," said an official.

Crops such as sugarcane, soybean, vegetables, rice, pomegranate and cotton, spread over 57,000 hectares in Pune, Solapur, Satara and Sangli districts, have suffered damage. 513 livestock perished in the region. 2,319 houses were damaged in the four districts.

Around 21,292 people from 6,061 households in Solapur (17,000), Sangli (1,079), Pune (3,000) and Satara (213) districts were shifted to safer places. The death toll was 16 in Aurangabad division and three in Konkan division.

"Thirteen tehsils in Aurangabad division had heavy rainfall, that is, more than 65 mm in 24 hours, which caused flooding and damaged houses as well as crops over 4,99,648 hectares," an official said.

In Konkan division, 326 houses were damaged in Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri districts while five cattle died.

Deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar reviewed the flood situation in western Maharashtra and asked the administration to prepare 'panchnama' (inspection report) of damaged crops, houses and other properties immediately.



People use a boat to tide over floodwater in Pune's Pandharpur on Friday.

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After flashfloods, Telangana braces for fresh spell of rain

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HYDERABAD: A fresh spell of moderate to heavy rain is likely in parts of Telangana from Sunday, the Hyderabad meteorological department said on Thursday.

According to weather experts, a trough has formed between west-central Bay of Bengal and east-central Arabian Sea across coastal Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, and there is a cyclonic circulation associated with the well-marked low-pressure area over east central Arabian Sea off the coast of north Maharashtra.

"A fresh low-pressure area is likely to form over central Bay of Bengal around October 19. It is likely to become more marked during subsequent 24 hours," weather scientist B Raja Rao said.

Under the influence of the low-pressure area, the Met department has predicted light to moderate rains or thunder showers in parts of Telangana on Sunday. "Later, there will be heavy to very heavy rains in isolated places in the state,"

AN OFFICIAL RELEASE FROM THE CMO SAID THAT THE HEAVY RAINS AND SUBSEQUENT FLASHFLOODS HAD CLAIMED 50 LIVES

the weather forecast said.

In the last 24 hours, most parts of the state, particularly Hyderabad, returned to normal with just one or two spells of rain, though some parts of northern Telangana received rainfall ranging from 1 cm to 6 cm. Bejjur in Asifabad-Kumaram Bheem district received the maximum rainfall of 6.1 cm, followed by 3.8 cm in Jadcherla in Mahabubnagar district and 3 cm at Serilingampalli in Ranga Reddy district on the outskirts of Hyderabad.

While an official release from the chief minister's office on Thursday said that the heavy rains and subsequent flashfloods had claimed 50 lives, reports from different parts of the state suggest that

the death toll could be higher.

According to the CMO note, there were 11 casualties in Hyderabad.

Officials from the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, the police and teams of disaster response forces are still conducting rescue operations for people stuck in flood waters.

State minister for municipal administration KT Rama Rao inspected several rain-affected areas in Hyderabad for the third consecutive day on Friday, to supervise relief operations.

Hyderabad mayor Bonthu Rammohan, deputy mayor Baba Fasiyuddin, corporators, and co-option members announced that they would donate one-month's salary to the chief minister's Relief Fund for relief measures in the flood-hit parts of the city.



KCR urges Centre to release ₹1,350 crore for relief work

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Sailors turned saviours during Hyderabad deluge

They led rescue efforts in blinding rain

V.V. SUBRAHMANYAM
HYDERABAD

Equipped with salvage boats and sailing equipment, sailors and support staff led by national champion K. Gowtham waded through canals amid blinding rain and gusty winds to conduct rescue operations, steering many citizens in submerged colonies to safety.

Gowtham and his fellow national sailors, Y. Prasad of Rasoolpura, and M. Saibaba, a bronze medallist in the Optimist class in 2017 now working as the Yacht Club coach, used the same boats they had sailed in for the Nationals.

With inflatables, radios and jackets, they proved to be the unlikely saviours, even as many government personnel also worked overnight to reach out to rain-hit citizens.

'It was surreal'

The sailors were aided by a voluntary organisation called SDIF, headed by Mohammad Azam Khan.

"We got a call around 7 a.m. on October 13, saying that about 500 people were stranded and unable to get out of their houses. So our coaches responded immediately. Never in the past 40 years have I seen such a deluge at the lake, and it was surreal as wind and water lashed the Hussainsagar in the dead of night," recalls Suheim Sheikh, president of the



Sailors rescuing citizens trapped in a rain-affected area of Hyderabad.

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Yacht Club.

Gowtham and Saibaba headed out to Tolichowki, rescuing people in low-lying colonies adjacent to lakes. Prasad, on the other hand, left for Saroornagar and managed to ferry 15 families to safety, after which he headed to Rasoolpura with his boat as he got a call from Shaik Nayeem of the Kriya Sangh Society, informing him that water levels there were rising rapidly.

Around 1,600 rescued

By the end of the rescue job, the national champions had trained many local volunteers, and left the Yacht Club boats behind, which were used through the night. Azam Khan, who heads SDIF, was full of praise for Gowtham, Prasad and Saibaba, who, in four small Optimist class boats, rescued about 1,600 citizens in two days.

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Residents wade through a waterlogged alley after heavy rainfall in Hyderabad on Wednesday. REUTERS

Deluge derails life in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD/MUMBAI, DHNS: Incessant rains on Tuesday wreaked havoc on an unprecedented scale in Hyderabad.

At least a dozen people have died in various rain caused incidents, while a few more are reportedly missing.

Nine people from two families, including three children, were killed when a wall collapsed in Bandlaguda area of the old city on Tuesday night.

Twenty four hours after the

turbulent rains, hundreds of colonies remained submerged in waters. Residents were unable to step out even for essential commodities like milk. Electricity is yet to be restored in many areas.

Army men are helping the disaster relief forces, police and the civic machinery involved in rescue and rehabilitation operations.

The extraordinary rains were a result of the depres-

sion from the Bay of Bengal that moved over Telangana on Tuesday morning, after crossing the AP coast at Kakinada.

6 killed in Maharashtra

At least six persons were killed when a retaining wall along the Chandrabhaga river in Pandharpur town of Solapur district collapsed on Wednesday.

The Solapur, Osmanabad and Sangli districts have been experiencing heavy rains over

the last couple of days.

Because of overflowing rivers, road traffic to neighbouring Karnataka and Telangana states have been affected.

The IMD has forecast heavy rains in Kolhapur and Pune districts of Western Maharashtra and the coastal Konkan belt.

Heavy rainfall warning has been issued for the financial capital of Mumbai and North Konkan districts of Thane, Palghar and Raigad.

No respite: Red alert sounded in 6 districts

BENGALURU/MANGALURU, DHNS: The deep depression in the west-central Bay of Bengal will continue to bring heavy rainfall in three coastal districts - Uttara Kannada, Udupi and Dakshina Kannada - and Belagavi, Bagalkot and Vijayapura districts on Thursday, said the India Meteorological Department.

The IMD has sounded a red alert for the aforementioned districts on Oct 15.

Predicting thundershowers for Shivamogga, Kodagu, Chikkamagaluru, Kalaburagi, Gadag and Dharwad districts, the weather department has issued an orange alert for the said districts, and a yellow alert has been sounded for Bidar, Haveri, Koppal, Raichur, Yadgir and Hassan districts.

Meanwhile, many places



A view of a flooded low-lying area at Kottara Chowki in Mangaluru on Wednesday.

in coastal districts have been experiencing heavy showers since Tuesday night.

The overnight showers poured misery on Mangaluru city. Water-logging was reported in many low-lying residential areas and major roads in the city, causing hardships to the residents and the commuters.

Incessant rain has dam-

aged the retaining wall of Mahathobhara Sri Karinjeshwara Temple in Bantwal taluk.

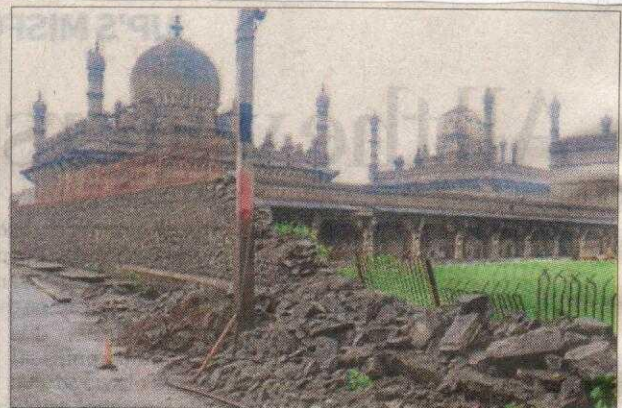
Kollur in Udupi has recorded a whopping 24 cm of rain, Kota 17 cm and Mangaluru 15 cm.

Moderate to heavy rain lashed parts of Malnad districts - Hassan, Chikkamagaluru, Shivamogga and Kodagu on Wednesday.

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The Yellamma temple at Mannur village of Afzalpur taluk, Kalaburagi district, goes under the floodwaters of Bhima river on Thursday.



A portion of the compound wall of the historic Ibrahim Roza, the Adilshahi monument, caves in, following a prolonged wet weather, in Vijayapura. DH PHOTOS

Rain subsides, floods continue to ravage villages

Road connectivity hit in K'buragi, Vijayapura dists

KALABURAGI, DHNS

The rain subsided in the district and other places in Kalyana Karnataka region but the subsequent flood continued to affect the villages on Thursday.

Deputy Commissioner Vasireddi Vijaya Jyothsna directed the officials to shift the people of the 148 villages in four taluks of the district as 7.5 lakh

cusec of water is expected to be released from two reservoirs in Maharashtra.

A total of 5.11 lakh cusec of water was being released from Sonna barrage cutting off the road connectivity between several towns. This is the highest discharge from the barrage in the recent past, as about 3.6 lakh cusec was discharged in 2018. The district administration has sounded a red

alert for two days.

Two NDRF teams, with the help of the police, rescued about 150 stranded people. Over 50 relief centres have been set up and additional centres will be opened if need be, the DC said.

Meanwhile, the body of Baburao Kamble (30), a resident of Dongaragoan village, who washed in a stream in Jawalaga (B) village in Kamalapur taluk on Tuesday night, was found on Thursday afternoon. He had come to the village to see his wife and twin babies.

Heavy discharge from Veer and Ujani dams in neighbouring Maharashtra has already

triggered flood-like situation along the Bhima basin.

A portion of Gundagarthi bridge in Chittapur taluk has washed away in the floods snapping road connectivity between Telangana-Karnataka and Maharashtra. The road leading to Hyderabad via Malkhed and Sedam has also been cut off. Water has entered into six villages located on the bank of Bhima river in Afzalpur taluk.

The condition in the neighbouring Yadgir district is no different either.

Doni, Bhima in spate

Meanwhile, a number of villages in Vijayapura district

are bearing the brunt of flood, following the heavy discharge of water from reservoirs in Maharashtra.

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A farmer, Shivaputra Hanamantha Natikara (38), was washed away at Mulasavalagi in Devarahippuragi taluk. Doni river is in spate. Roads (63 km in all) and two bridges are also damaged, the district administration has said.

Huge inflows continue into Telangana, A.P. dams

Bhima at record high of 408 metres in Karnataka; CWC warns of further rise

B. CHANDRASHEKHAR
HYDERABAD

Heavy to very heavy rains in the upper Krishna Basin in Maharashtra and Karnataka, including catchment areas of several tributaries of the Krishna, have resulted in sustained massive inflows to

1.01 metres above the highest ever level of 407.34 metres recorded on August 13, 2006. The CWC has forecast that the level is expected to reach 410 metres by Sunday noon, resulting in further inflows into Jurla.

Jurla and Srisailem reservoirs. Officials have forecast further rise in levels over the next couple of days.



TELANGANA

Bhima, a major tributary of the Krishna, is in spate and has already crossed the record flood level at Deongraon bridge in Kalaburagi in Karnataka. According to officials of the Central Water Commission (CWC), the flood level in Bhima was 408.35 metres or "extreme flood level", over the danger level of 404.5 metres.

On Saturday night, Jurla was getting inflows of nearly 5 lakh cusecs. Though the lion's share came from the Bhima, inflows from Almatti-Narayampur was also sizeable at around 1.5 lakh cusecs.

The river is flowing over

The discharge at Jurla was about 4.7 lakh cusecs. Consequently, Srisailem downstream is getting an inflow of nearly 6 lakh cusecs in addition to water from the Tungabhadra. Levels in the latter are also expected to rise by Sunday morning according to the CWC. The discharge at Srisailem is nearly



Grave threat: Portions of the Golconda Fort which suffered damage due to heavy rain in Hyderabad. • SENSISH NANISETTI

Rain ravages portions of Golconda Fort

SERISH NANISETTI
HYDERABAD

Relentless rain over the past week in Hyderabad has ravaged the 500-year-old Golconda Fort. On Saturday, a team of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) officials inspected damaged portions of the fort, which have been cordoned off to prevent further damage.

"The steps and rocks of the kingsway, the wall near the Jagadambika temple, the rear wall and a structure near the second well have suffered damage. We are regulating the movement of tourists so that they don't come to any harm. Luckily, visitors or tourists were not present at the locations where the damage took place," said an ASI official at the site office.

The kingsway with wide steps is the path the Qutb Shahi royalty that ruled over the Golconda Kingdom used to ride up on horses to the top of the fortress known as Bala Hissar (high fortress).

Nearly five metres of the rock wall gave way, exposing soil on the path to the temple.

The ASI is the custodian of the inner fort. A few days earlier, a portion of the Majnu Buri (bastion) had collapsed in rain in another part of the fort.

The Golconda Fort was built and modified by successive generations of Qutb Shahis who ruled for 160 years from the fort. It was considered an impregnable fortress with multiple rock curtains and was never conquered, except by treachery.

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Officials carry out a rescue operation in Hyderabad on Sunday.

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3 dead after fresh rain batters Hyd; K'taka braces for floods

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HYDERABAD: A fresh spell of overnight heavy rains caused flooding on Sunday in parts of the city and left three people dead in separate rain-related incidents just days after it witnessed one of the worst deluges in recent times following unprecedented downpour in over a century, police and civic officials said.

The latest rains since Saturday evening led to lakes and other water bodies overflowing with the water inundating several low-lying areas, including parts of the city affected last week, here and the outskirts, they said.

A total of 37,409 families were affected in various localities that were inundated in the city due to the recent floods and ration kits and blankets were being distributed among them, a release from GHMC said.

The Disaster Response Force personnel, staff of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation and police swung into action

since Saturday night itself, evacuating the marooned.

Basements of several residential apartment complexes were flooded by the rain waters and people were seen walking in knee-deep water in some areas.

A video showed auto-rickshaws getting washed away in a flooded street.

At least three people including two children died in rain-related incidents reported from different parts of the city over the past 24 hours here, police and civic officials said.

Situation bad in Karnataka

The flood situation remained grim in four districts of Karnataka with the Krishna and Bhima rivers in spate as the Army, the national and state disaster response forces undertook rescue work, evacuating hundreds of marooned people, officials said.

Chief minister BS Yediyurappa said many villages in Kalaburagi, Vijayapura, Yadgir and Raichur districts were either completely or partially submerged due to the

floods caused by heavy rains last week and he would undertake an aerial survey of the affected areas on October 21.

According to the Karnataka Disaster Management Authority (KDMA), a total of 20,269 people, including 15,078 in badly-hit Kalaburagi, have been evacuated so far by the personnel of the Army, the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), besides the local police and district authorities.

There was no loss of human lives anywhere in the flood-affected areas, whereas two cattle died in Vijayapura, KDMA Commissioner Manoj Rajan said.

A total of 111 villages in the four districts have been affected by the floods, caused by heavy rains and water released by dams in neighbouring Maharashtra.

Officials said the Bhima river continued to remain in spate in Kalaburagi, Vijayapura and Yadgir districts, while the surging Krishna river has affected villages in Raichur.

Heavy rain continues to wreak havoc in the southern States of Andhra Pradesh,

Second flood warning issued in Andhra Pradesh

Inflows at Prakasam Barrage on the rise

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With the inflows at the Prakasam Barrage rising gradually after a brief downward trend, a second flood warning was issued in the early hours of Sunday.

The second flood warning, which had been in force since October 14, was withdrawn only on Saturday afternoon as the discharge at the barrage fell to less than 5.69 lakh cusecs.

The discharge as of 7 p.m. was 6.15 lakh cusecs. It was 5.70 lakh cusecs at 6.30 a.m. As of 6 p.m., the discharge at the Srisailem project was 5.09 lakh cusecs. It was 5.23 lakh cusecs at Pulichintala.

The inflows and outflows at the barrage was more than 6 lakh cusecs throughout the day. A similar situation was likely to continue for another day, officials said.



Water being discharged downstream of Prakasam Barrage. • K.V.S. GIRI

Meanwhile, thousands of flood victims continue to stay either at the relief centres or at other safe places as their houses located along the Krishna remain marooned. Minister for Transport Perri Venkata-ramaiah, along with other officials, inspected the flood-hit islands of Edurumondi, Nagayalanka and Belachetta Dibba.

Hyderabad inundated again

Dowpouir from Saturday evening leaves localities inundated; 2,100 families shifted

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Another bout of very heavy rain after a gap of three days saw widespread flooding in Hyderabad again, with lakes and drains breaching their bunds, leaving several housing areas inundated, people stranded and vital road links snapped.

The latest spell of torrential rain began on Saturday evening, and continued unabated for over six hours during the night, dumping close to 20 cm of rain in a few locations.

Residents of colonies in Hafiz Baha Nagar and surrounding localities had to be shifted at 3 a.m. on Sunday, as a breach in the Gurrani Chervu lake inundated the locality. Eyewitnesses said water level rose to five feet, and there was a possibility of casualties.

The entire district administration, GHMC Commis-



Tough times Residents being shifted from a flooded street near Balapur in Hyderabad on Sunday. • NAGARA GOPAL

tioner D.S. Lokesh Kumar, Water Board MD M. Dana Kishore, Police and Irrigation officials reached the area to monitor relief operations. A statement from the GHMC said 2,100 families were shifted from the Gurrani Chervu flooding area on Saturday evening. The affected families were being given ration kits and blankets.

With the Himayatsagar exceeding full tank level, HMWS&SB officials opened the flood gates and released water into the Musi river, which is already in spate, submerging the causeways at Chaderghat and Musaram-bagh yet again.

Waist-deep water in the Malakpet road underbridge hampered traffic, and areas on the eastern side of the city were cut off. Traffic came to a standstill on the Vijayawada highway for a five-km stretch, starting from Abdul-lahpurnet.

Several colonies in Nacharam, Mansurabad, Nagole, Karamghat and other localities were inundated as lakes nearby overflowed. Water in the Hussainsagar also exceeded full tank level, and was flowing through the surplus *nala* towards Musi.

The Singapore Township area near Chatkesar received the highest rainfall at 19.7 cm, followed by Peerzadiguda at 18 cm.

Rocktown Colony in Nagole, Bhavainagar, L.B. Nagar received over 17 cm, while localities such as Alkapuri, Habsiguda, IS Sadan, Ramanaapur, Thattiana-ram, Bandlaguda, Asman-gadh, Shantinagar, Uppal, Rein Bazar, Lingojiguda, Shaikpet and other areas, too, received heavy rainfall upwards of 15 cm.