



# Rain-hit families close to Musi move to safer places

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HEAVY rain over the past week submerged a few low-lying areas located on the Musi riverbed, prompting residents to move to safer places. More than 1,000 families reside in catchment areas, that include Ayyappa Colony in LB Nagar, and Hyder Enclave in Golnaka.

These areas are close to and are located on the Musi riverbed in which heavy water is flowing after four flood gates of Osmansagar and Himayatsagar have been lifted. The two colonies were among the worst-hit areas in the heavy rainfall and shared their plight.

Most families in these areas have left their houses and moved elsewhere fearing flooding due to heavy water flow in the Musi.

A resident of Ayyappa Colony, Shiva Kumar, said, "since 2020 we have been facing flooding in the colony and have already lost some of our valuables. This year too we have the same fear, but in preparation, we have already vacated our houses in order to avoid loss of life and property." Kumar said when they purchased land it was legal and built houses with all mandatory municipal permissions. Kumar said he had purchased land in 2005 and constructed a house in 2007. Since then he, along with his seven family members, has been staying in the Ayyappa Colony.

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"But since the 2020 floods, we are unable to survive here due to poor weather conditions every year during the monsoon. While authorities sound alert asking all residents to relocate; with no other choice many move to other places."

A resident of Hyder Enclave in

Golnaka, Mohammed Qasim, said his family had rented a house this year. It was unaware of the flood-like situation during the monsoon. "I had asked my tenant to return the rent and the deposit but they are yet to be given back. Whenever there is heavy rainfall the entire house gets submerged. Now another there is another threat to our lives with Musi water entering the colony and destroying our all valuables. We have

set up temporary sheds on terrace and staying here during heavy rain."

While the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) is only making announcements in low-lying areas to evacuate, no arrangements have been made in any of the community halls or function halls. The residents are moving to their relatives while some are forced to shift to the first floor or second floor of their buildings.

# People flag concerns over tardy pace of monsoon works

## Their incompletion puts various places at flood risk

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DESPITE the incessant rain for the last one week, the GHMC is still carrying out several monsoon action plans in various areas of the Old city as well as in the Tolichowki area which were affected by last year's floods. Residents and activists allege that the monsoon action works are going on even after the arrival of the monsoon. The residents fear that even this year if the works are kept pending, they would be affected.

The GHMC is facing criticism for its failure to complete the monsoon action plan works before the monsoon. Several such projects, particularly in the southern part of the city, are yet to be taken up by the corporation.

Mohammed Ahmed, vice-president, TDP Minority Cell, pointed out "over 80 per cent of the monsoon works are incomplete. They are still going on even in incessant rain in various areas in southern part of the city."

The monsoon action works including laying of SW drain pipeline, 900 mm pipeline, box-type drain, de-silting of manholes and nalas in areas like Chandrayanguta, Baba Nagar, Falaknuma, Chandulal Baradari, Kalapather, Mecca Colony, Bahadurpura, Hari Bowli, Lal Darwaza, Noor Khan Bazar, Dabeerpura, Yakutpura, Ganga Nagar, Devan Devdi, Lad Bazar, Khilwath. These areas had suffered in the October 2020 and September 2021 floods.

He said, "These works are being delayed due to two major reasons: lack of budget and each contractor is leading at least five monsoon works in each circle which leads to pendency and slow pace." With incomplete works, the residents are facing flood-like situation following heavy rain.

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dug up and works are going on. Now roads have turned worse with silt and stagnation of water following incessant rain. "The monsoon action plan should be implemented before monsoon. The works should be completed before rainy season, but the civic body is carrying them out even after rains. The residents fear flooding again in the area," said Mohammed Asif Hussain Sohail, a social activist.

In each monsoon, several areas in Tolichowki, including Nizam colony, Hakeempet Kunta, Nanal Nagar, MD Lines, Tolichowki, Aditya Nagar colony, Janaki Nagar, Samatha Colony, and colonies surrounding Shah Hatim Lake would be the most affected.

Several works, including upgradation of pipelines, diversion of lakes, extension of nalas, and SW drains are still going on in various localities.

In the 2020 floods, most of these areas were flooded for around 15 days. The Army was assigned, and boats were used to rescue residents. "After rain stopped no works were done. Now again in monsoon, some works are being carried out by the civic body. Yet again the residents would suffer," he added.

# Schools stick to online classes as city reels under rain spell

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AS the State government declared holidays till July 16 due to heavy downpour in the State, many schools have started conducting online classes in order to brush up with the previous syllabus. School teachers were also seen sharing topics to brush up through WhatsApp.

Private school teachers pointed out that as per the academic calendar all schools affiliated with the State board should conduct the Formative Assessment (FA-I) exams by July 21. Hence, we are conducting online classes so as to finish the syllabus on time.

"As students already had a gap of two years in their studies due to the



telecasting lessons to the students." "There is only a week left for the FA-I exams to begin and we are yet to revise the syllabus. Hence, for the students to do well in their exams, we have started online classes for brushing up the syllabus. Students have also lost writing practice and are using short forms in the exams, hence we are also teaching them writing skills during this week of online classes," said Renuka, another private school teacher.

Yadagiri Shekar Rao, state president, Telangana Recognised School Management Association (TRSMA), said, "Around 30 to 35 percent private schools in the city have started online classes to revise the previous topics so that there is no learning gap."

# Bandi wants SCR to address loco pilots' problems

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STATE BJP chief Bandi Sanjay Kumar has met South Central Railway (SCR) General Manager Arun Kumar Jain and sought his intervention in resolving the loco pilots' problems. The Karimnagar MP, along with BJP Hanmakonda district party chief Rao Padma, met Jain and discussed various issues faced by the loco pilots. The BJP leaders explained to railway official that the continued agitation of the loco pilots has been posing problems. They asked the SCR GM to invite them for discussion. The MP also discussed the progress of the pending railway projects in Karimnagar district.

After the meeting Bandi said that he was assured by railway officials that the issues would be resolved soon. He impressed upon the railway officials to call the local pilots' union leaders for discussions to resolve the pending issues of the loco pilots.

# Maintain vigil to avoid contamination of drinking water, Board officials told

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IN order to ensure that slums and low-lying areas do not receive contaminated drinking water from the nearby nalas, the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Managing Director Dana Kishore directs the Water Board officials to be more vigilant in slums and low-lying areas in wake of heavy rainfall and ensure that the dwellers do not receive contaminated drinking water.

Water Board MD conducted a second inspection and inspected the MA Nagar Basti in Miyapur on Thursday. During his inspection along with Board officials, the water testing teams performed drinking water quality tests in various houses. They also distributed chlorine tablets to the residents to help them clean the stored water in their houses.



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Dana Kishore asked the officials to take strict measures to prevent

contamination of drinking water, especially in residential areas close to nalas, areas located on the bed of the river Musi and low-lying areas.

He also interacted with the residents and inquired about whether they are receiving a proper drinking water supply. The residents said that they are receiving free drinking water supply and not paying any water bills for illegal connections.

The MD also asked the officials to test the quality of fresh drinking water at the time of supply. He directed the officials to take proper precautions so that the drinking

water is not contaminated anywhere.

"Few areas from where complaints of contaminated drinking water are being registered at the Water Board are immediately resolved and if in case the process is taking time then drinking water is being supplied through free tankers temporarily till the problem is solved," said Dana Kishore.

The authorities have also been instructed to be alert to prevent sewage overflow problems due to heavy rains. It has been suggested by the authorities that as part of the pre-planning of the rainy season, excavation works have been undertaken in the manholes, and if the manholes overflow anywhere, excavation works will be undertaken immediately.

The Board has decided to pay special attention to the areas where sewage often overflows. The Board has already started the restoration works of manholes in MA Nagar Basti. Chief General Manager Vijaya Rao, GM Rajasekhar, Deputy GM, and other HMWS&SB officials were present during the inspection.



AN ENCHANTING VIEW  
Amid continuous drizzling all over the city, our lensman Ch Prabhu Das captured an enchanting view from Boats Club on the bank of Hussain Sagar lake on Thursday  
Photo: Ch Prabhu Das

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