

48 people rescued from flash floods in Andhra Pradesh

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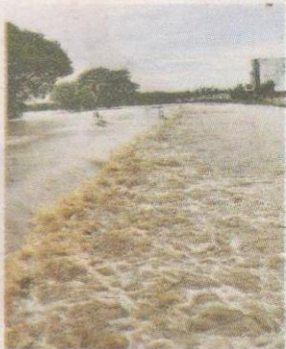
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Forty-eight villagers, trapped in flash floods at Kanchala Lanka, Ambapuram and other habitations in NTR district of Andhra Pradesh, were rescued by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) 10th Battalion, State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Quick Response Teams (QRTs) and the police, and were brought to safe places using cranes and ropes.

The river bed village, Kanchala Lanka, was completely surrounded by flood waters.

Water continued to flow on National Highway 65 at Ithavaram village in Nandigama mandal on Friday, as Munneru river, which was in spate, flooded the area.

Road communication from Vijayawada to Hyderabad was cut off, as knee-deep water flowed on the National Highway since Thursday. Road link to Ibrahimpatnam, Kanchikacherla, Nandigama and Jaggaiahpet was cut off caus-



The Munneru flowing over the Vijayawada-Hyderabad NH-65, cutting off road transportation in Andhra Pradesh on Friday.

ing severe inconvenience to the residents.

Police Commissioner Kanthi Rana Tata directed the police deployed on the National Highway to be in touch with the irrigation, revenue and police officials of Khammam and Bhadrachalam districts of Telangana, and take all precautionary steps. "Flood may continue till Friday midnight. Traffic towards Hyderabad will be allowed if water level recedes by Saturday," Mr. Kanthi Rana said.