

Evacuation apace at Bhadrachalam

People shifted from riverside villages in Telangana, Chief Minister holds review

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As heavy rain continued in its catchment areas, the swollen Godavari flowed perilously above the danger mark of 53 feet at Bhadrachalam on Monday evening necessitating evacuation of people living in various riverside villages and other flood prone areas located along the river course in seven Agency mandals to relief camps.

Following copious inflows from upstream, the Godavari swelled rapidly at Bhadrachalam as it crossed the first flood warning level of 43 ft around Sunday midnight, second warning level of 48 ft at 6 a.m. on Monday and third warning level of 53 ft at 4 p.m. later in the day.



SP G. Vineeth monitoring the evacuation of villagers of Sunnambatti in Telangana on Monday. ■SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The authorities issued the first, second and third warnings within a span of just 16 hours and deployed the sectoral officers in the flood-prone areas and initiated flood contingency measures as per the flood manual.

As many as 336 persons belonging to 44 families

from the flood-prone/affected villages in Charla, Dumugudem and elsewhere in the district were moved to as many as 30 relief camps set up in Bhadrachalam town and various other parts of the Agency mandals on Monday afternoon.

Flood water from the

swollen streams submerged various stretches of the Bhadrachalam-Charla highway cutting off the road link between Bhadrachalam and Mulugu district's Venkatapuram mandal, sources said.

The TSRTC suspended all its bus services between Bhadrachalam-Parnashala and Bhadrachalam-Charla.

Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao reviewed the rain and flood situation with officials on Monday. He assessed the situation on screen with regular inputs from officials in the districts. He enquired from them about the flood in Godavari, the water flow and the status of river tributaries, a press release said.

(With inputs from Hyderabad)