

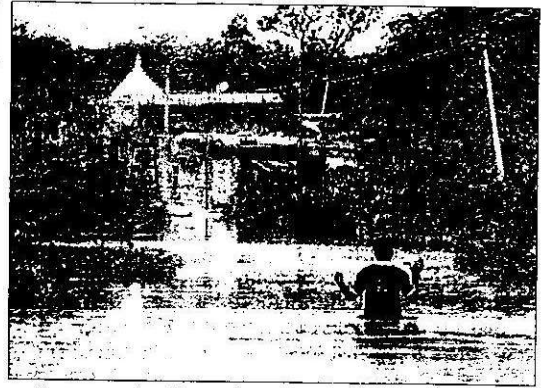
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Mannur village in Afzalpur taluk, Kalaburagi district, goes under the floodwaters of Bhima river on Saturday, following a heavy discharge of water from Sonna barrage.



A man wades through water carrying food for his family members at Donna village in Afzalpur taluk on Saturday. DH PHOTO/PRASHANTH H G

## Flood havoc continues in K'buragi, Vijayapura; Army called in

### Raichur braces for flood woes with 10L cusec joining Krishna river today

KALABURAGI/VIJAYAPURA/  
RAICHUR, DHNS  
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Two Bhima river basin districts - Vijayapura and Kalaburagi - are reeling under unprecedented floods.

A record 8 lakh cusecs of water from Sonna barrage in Afzalpur taluk, Kalaburagi district, has triggered imminent threat of flooding in 157 villages of Afzalpur, Kalaburagi, Jewargi, Chittapur and Shahabad taluks of Kalaburagi district and Sindagi taluk in Vijayapura.

More than 55 villages have already submerged under the floodwaters of Bhima river. More than 18,000 people evacuated from these villages.

Over 18,000 affected people have been put up at 120 kalaji (relief) centres opened across Kalaburagi district. According to preliminary estimates, household articles and food-grains in more than 20,000 houses had been damaged in the floods, Deputy Commissioner V V Jyotsna told reporters.

With many minor and major bridges, at Konehipparagi, Devangaon, Fattaragha and Kattisangavi, going under the Bhima waters, the road connectivity between Kalaburagi and Vijayapura is completely lost.

Tarapur village in Sindagi taluk has been completely submerged. The villagers and cattle had been evacuated since Friday. The situation is no different at Devangaon, Kadlewada, Byadagihal, Kumasagi villages.

However, the Vijayapura-Solapur highway has been opened for traffic on Saturday after the water level in Bhima receded in Chadchan taluk.

### Rescue ops on war footing

A team of 98 Indian Army jawans from Secunderabad base was called for assistance in Kalaburagi as the flood situation in the district has worsened on Saturday.

This apart, two IAF helicopters have been kept stand-by at Bidar Air Force Station. Three NDRF teams and several rescue teams from the

state including the SDRF team from Mangaluru and Firemen from Bidar, are already at the ground zero, evacuating people and cattle from the flood-hit villages.

Also, hundreds of expert swimmers, divers and boats have been roped in from Bagalkot, Udupi, Uttara Kannada and Ballari districts

The swollen Ghataprabha and Krishna rivers have meandered their way through the sugarcane fields in Chikkodi and Jarnkhandi taluks.

The historic Sangamanath Temple at Kudalasangama is facing submergence due to heavy discharge of water from Almatti reservoir.

Many barrage-cum-bridges in Belagavi district have still remained under Krishna waters. Datta Mandir at Nar-

asimhawadi on the confluence of Krishna and Panchaganga rivers has completely gone under water.

Meanwhile, an alarming 10 lakh cusecs of water is joining Krishna river - 8 lakh cusecs from Sonna barrage and 2 lakh cusecs from Almatti - in Raichur taluk. The Raichur and Yadgir district administrations have sounded a flood alert in the villages on the banks of Krishna.