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Nine workers and engineers working on the bridge across the Mir Alam tank were rescued by the Hyderabad Disaster Management and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) after their boat malfunctioned in the middle of the lake recently.

About Mir Alam Tank

- Mir Alam Tank, located in **Hyderabad, Telangana**, is a **historic reservoir** to the **south of the Musi river**.
- It covers an area of approximately 260 acres and has a capacity of 21 million cubic meters of water.
- The tank is fed by several streams and springs that flow down from the nearby hills.
- **It was the primary source of drinking water for Hyderabad before the Osman Sagar and Himayat Sagar reservoirs were built by the last Nizam of Hyderabad between 1913-25.**
- The tank is adjacent to the Nehru Zoological Park.
- **History:**

- The tank was **named after Mir Alam Bahadur**, then the **Prime Minister of Hyderabad during Asaf Jah III's reign**, the **third Nizam of Hyderabad** state.
- Mir Alam Bahadur is believed to have laid the foundation for the tank on July 20, 1804, which was then completed in a period of two years and **declared open on June 8, 1806**.
- **Mir Alam had led the forces of Nizam against** the battle with **Tipu Sultan**.
- It is **believed** that **Mir Alam built the lake from part of the treasure** that he **grabbed from Srirangapatna after defeating Tipu** Sultan.
- The tank was designed by a French engineer and features 21 semi-circular arches, making it an architectural marvel of its time.

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