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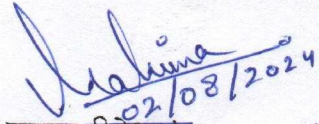
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Capital pain: Woman, son die in open drain

Delhi-NCR deluge leaves 11 dead, fatalities bring civic negligence to fore

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

As many as 11 people, including two children, died and three were injured in rain-related incidents in Delhi-NCR during Wednesday evening's intense rainfall.

In a particularly tragic incident highlighting the failure of the civic authorities, a 22-year-old woman and her three-year-old son drowned in an open drain in Mayur Vihar Phase 3 on Wednesday evening. The incident took place when the victims, Tanuja Bisht and her son Priyansh, were returning from a weekly market in Ghazipur. Unable to see the overflowing, uncovered drain, they fell into it.

Tanuja's husband, Govind Singh, who works in a private firm in Noida, was at work when the disaster occurred. Devastated, he expressed his frustration, stating that the tragedy could have been avoided if the rescue operation had been more efficient. "Every year, such incidents occur, but no action is taken," he said.

Eyewitnesses reported that Tanuja clung to her child even in death. Singh added, "We called emergency services around 7.30 pm. However, when the police arrived with a rescue team, they lacked proper equipment, and the search continued for over two hours before the bodies were recovered." The family had to transport Tanuja and Priyansh to the hospital in a private cab because no ambulance was available.

Outraged, locals pointed out that the drain had been left open for the past three months despite repeated complaints to the authorities. They argued that the negligence directly contributed to the tragedy. "They know that during the monsoon, such incidents are likely to occur.



Cars crushed under debris after a wall of Happy School collapsed due to heavy rain on Wednesday, in Daryaganj area of New Delhi. MANAS RANJAN BHUI

RECORD-BREAKING RAIN

- A woman and her son died due to drowning in an open drain in Ghazipur
- Three — a 12-year-old boy, an 18-year-old boy and a 26-year-old man — died of electrocution in Bindapur, Sangam Vihar and Vasant Kunj, respectively
- A man died following roof collapse in Sabzi Mandi Area
- 3 died of electrocution in Gurugram
- Two people die in Dadri area of Greater Noida after a



Tanuja Bisht and her son Priyansh

portion of wall collapsed

- Several cars were damaged when the boundary wall of Happy School in Daryaganj collapsed onto the vehicles parked outside, causing the road beneath to also cave in



SIX WEATHER STATIONS
RECORD OVER
100 MM
OF RAIN IN A SINGLE DAY

A view of 25 ft of waterlogging in the under-construction basement of the Ministry of External Affairs housing complex, developed by NBCC at KG Marg, following heavy rain in New Delhi on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MUKESH AGGARWAL

Drains shouldn't be left open. The area was waterlogged, and she couldn't see the open drain. The drain swept them for 50 m, and fortunately, they got stuck on the railing inside," eyewitnesses said.

Locals claim that the administration is unresponsive. The drain overflows every monsoon, yet nothing has been done despite multiple complaints to MPs, MLAs and officials. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD)

stated that the drain falls under the jurisdiction of the Delhi Development Authority (DDA).

Recently, three Civil Services aspirants drowned in a basement of Rau's coaching centre in Old Rajinder Nagar.

In response to the tragedy, AAP leaders, led by MLAs Kuldeep Kumar and Rohit Mehraulia, staged a protest at the site in Mayur Vihar Phase-3. They demanded the resignation of Lieutenant-

Governor VK Saxena, who oversees the DDA, holding placards with slogans like "L-G Resign" and "Take Action Against Guilty Officers".

Kumar, the MLA from Kondli, argued that the incident was not an accident, but a result of the DDA's failure to cover or barricade the drain despite knowing the risks posed by waterlogging. "If the drain had been closed, she would have been alive. This is not an accident; it is

murder," he said. Mehraulia, MLA from Trilokpuri, called for strict action against the DDA and compensation for the victim's family. Senior AAP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh condemned the silence of the BJP and the L-G, accusing the DDA of criminal negligence and questioning the overall integrity of BJP-led infrastructure projects across the country, citing recent failures and disasters.

MONSOON MAYHEM IN NORTH

Cloudbursts claim four lives in Himachal; 49 missing

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SHIMLA, AUGUST 1

Four persons were killed while 49 are reported missing in three separate incidents of cloudburst in the Rampur area of Shimla, Nirmand in Kullu and Chauhar Valley of Mandi late last night.

A total of 36 persons still remained untraceable from the Samej Khud near the Jhakri area of Rampur in Shimla district, where 22 houses were washed away by the gushing waters following a cloudburst at 12.15 am. "A rescue operation is being undertaken in an 85-km area, which has been divided into six parts," said Shimla DC Anupam Kashyap, while monitoring the operation. The number of people swept away is higher as the cloudburst took place when people were fast asleep.

One person died while nine are missing in the Nirmand area of Kullu, and of the 10 missing in Chauhar Valley, three bodies have been recovered. Rescue operations have been launched to trace those missing with the help of the NDRF, SDRF, police, local administration and villagers. Massive damage has been

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Rescue officials make an assessment following a cloudburst in the Rampur area of Shimla district on Thursday. PTI

12 die in U'khand; 1.5K on Kedarnath route rescued

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

Torrential rain across parts of Uttarakhand claimed 12 lives, including three from a single family, and left several injured, stranded and missing.

Three members of a family — Bhanu Prasad (50), his wife Neelam Devi (45) and son Vipin (28) — were killed in a landslide that buried their roadside cafe after a cloudburst at Jakhanyali village of

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NDRF personnel during a rescue operation in Kedarnath on Thursday. PTI

National disaster: Rahul on South's Wayanad tragedy

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

Former Wayanad MP Rahul Gandhi today termed Tuesday's landslides in the Kerala district a "national disaster" and sought a comprehensive action plan even as the administration said 190 persons had been confirmed dead and more than 200 missing.

The deceased included 27 children and 76 women, with 279 autopsies, including of body parts, conducted, and 107 bodies having been identified. "Till now, 100 body parts have been found from the debris. In all, 234 persons were admitted to hospitals and 92 are still undergoing treatment," said an official. Meanwhile, Rahul and his sister Priyanka Vadra reached Wayanad today. Union Minister George Kurien continued to oversee rehabilitation efforts, having landed two days ago. — TNS

11 PERISH IN NCR

Heavy rain in Delhi on Wednesday evening claimed the lives of 11 persons in the National Capital Region. The rainfall led to severe water-logging in various areas.

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11 of three families swept away in Mandi; 3 bodies recovered

DIPENDER MANTA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MANDI, AUGUST 1

Eleven members of three families along with their three houses were swept away in a cloudburst in Rajban village of the remote Chauhar valley in Mandi district around 11 pm yesterday. The victims were sleeping in their houses when the cloudburst took place. So far, three bodies were retrieved from the flashflood-affected area while one critically-injured person was rescued. Seven persons were missing and the teams of the NDRF, SDRF, police and the DDMA

Schools to remain closed on Friday

were searching for them.

Additional District Magistrate (ADM) Madan Kumar said that three persons were killed and one villager was injured while seven locals went missing in the cloudburst that destroyed three houses and caused widespread damage. Rescue teams were moved to the flood-affected area during the night. A team of doctors was also dispatched to treat injured persons.

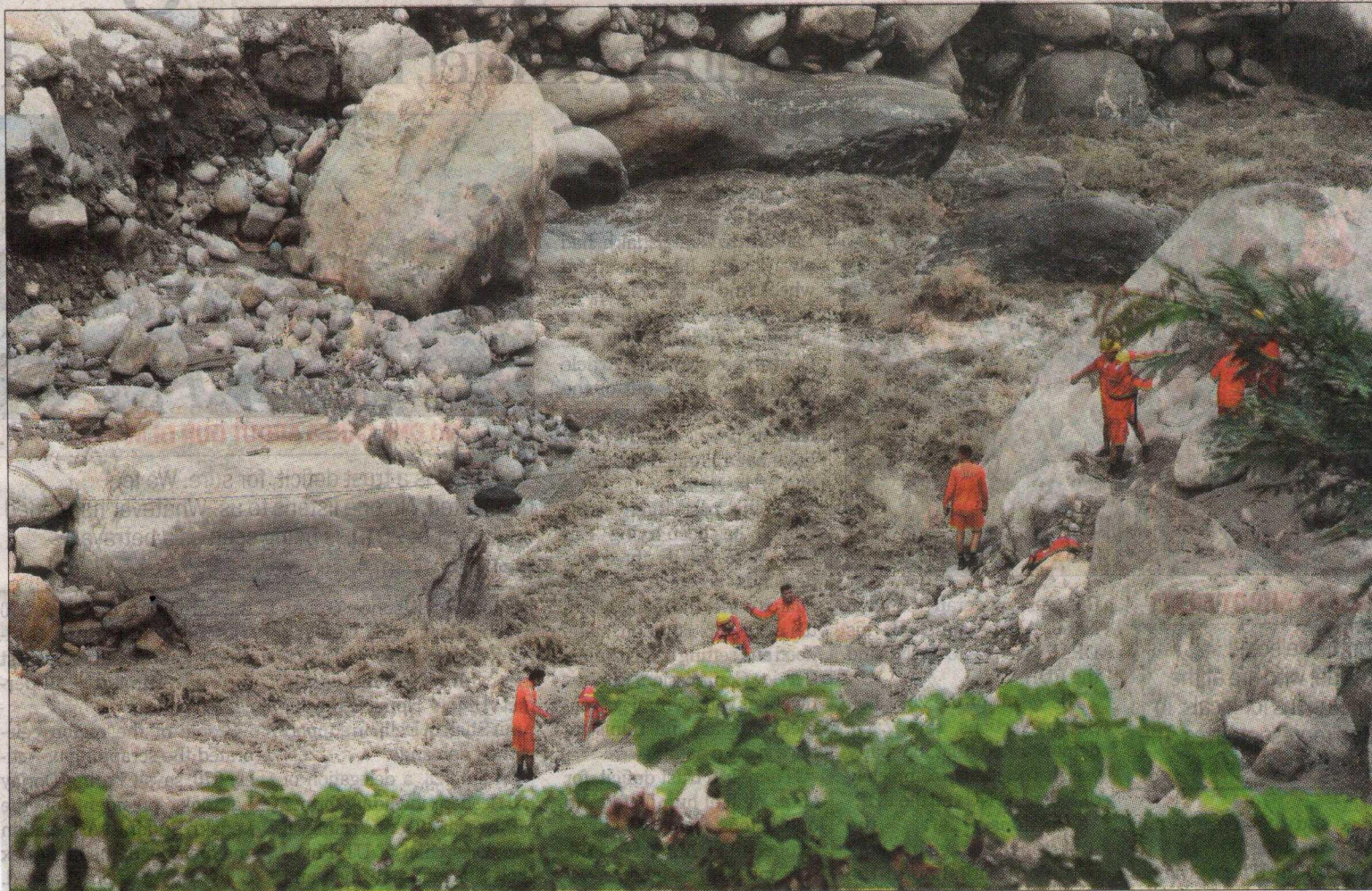
The ADM said, "The affected area is inaccessible, mak-

ing relief efforts challenging. The road to the flood-hit village has been heavily damaged. A search and rescue operation is underway to locate missing villagers".

"In view of the rise in the water level of the Beas due to another cloudburst in Malana, residents of low-lying areas in Mandi district have been evacuated. Thirty persons from Raghunath ka Padhar and Badi Gumanu and 15 from Lower Bheul have been relocated to safer areas. Temporary accommodation arrangements have been made at local gurdwaras," the ADM said.

Cloudburst leaves entire village near Rampur in mourning

36 persons, 25 houses located along nullah, PHC & school buildings swept away in flood waters



A rescue operation underway in Samej village of Rampur in Shimla district after flashfloods triggered by a cloudburst on Thursday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: LALIT KUMAR

'Orange alert' issued day before disaster, says IMD

'It Meant Be Prepared, Don't Wait For Red Alert'

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New Delhi: A day after home minister Amit Shah told the Parliament that Kerala govt did not act on prior warning of a possible natural calamity, IMD chief Mrutyunjay Mohapatra Thursday said the Met department had issued an 'orange alert' a day before disaster in Wayanad on July 29.

Though an 'orange alert' — which means "be prepared for action and do not wait for a red alert" — is adequate to galvanise actions on the ground to minimise the impact of extreme weather events, especially as the district received significantly more rainfall than predicted by the Met department, experts have flagged the real problem as the multiplicity of agencies that continue to work in silos.

Records show that though 'red alert' was issued on the day of landslides on July 30 morning, other multiple prior warnings of heavy rainfall days before the incident could have sensitised the district administration. "The long-range forecast issued on July 25 indicated good rainfall activity along the west coast and central parts of the country from July 25 to Aug 1. We issued a 'yellow' warning on July 25, which continued until July 29, when we issued an 'orange'



A makeshift bridge installed for the rescue operations in Wayanad district

warning," added Mohapatra.

He said 'red' warning was issued by IMD on July 30 morning as very heavy rainfall (up to 20 cm) was expected, noting that Kerala had been witnessing continuous rainfall activity and "accumulation of rainfall" was an important factor behind landslides.

Acting on prior warnings has, invariably, been a problem with experts pointing out that agencies continue to work in isolation and it becomes an obstacle in taking preventive measures.

Asked about the problem, Madhavan Rajeevan, former secretary of ministry of earth sciences, said, "As far as natural disasters are concerned, different agencies have different mandates. For example, IMD provides rainfall warning but Geological Survey of

India gives landslides' warning and Central Water Commission gives alerts on floods. My point is all these institutions should work together on an operational basis."

Rajeevan, vice-chancellor of Bengaluru's Atria University, told **TOI** that India needs "multi-institutional framework for developing robust landslide prediction systems". He said, "We know the science of landslides well. We need to convert it into good services."

In the backdrop of incidents in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, where over a dozen were killed after separate incidents of extremely heavy rainfall, Mohapatra said warnings like Kerala were in place for both states, but it is difficult to ascertain at this juncture whether Himachal experienced cloudbursts.

'Very heavy rainfall' wreaks havoc in U'khand, 16 killed



A building washed away by floods in Kullu's Malana drain on Thursday

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Dehradun: As many as 16 people were killed and six seriously injured after flash-floods and landslides triggered by "heavy to very heavy rainfall" wreaked havoc in parts of Uttarakhand in the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday.

Kedarnath valley remained completely cut off following a landslide near Bhimbali on the trek route, leaving nearly 450 people stranded, while the Kedarnath highway was washed away between Sonprayag and Gaurikund. As a result, the Char Dham yatra to the shrine was halted.

A statement from the chief minister's office said, "Due to landslides at many places on the Kedarnath trekking route, the yatra has been stopped for the time being in view of the pilgrims' safety." According to sources, Indian Air Force will join ongoing rescue operations at Kedarnath starting Friday.

SDRF commandant Manikant Mishra said, "About 425 people stranded in Bhimbali, Rambara, Lincholi along Kedarnath yatra route were airlifted. Almost 1,100 people stranded between Sonprayag and Bhimbali were shifted to a safer place via an alternative route."

(With inputs from Kalyan Das, Tapan Susheel & Yogesh Nagarkoti)

Cloudbursts, flash floods hit HP; 4 killed, no trace of 49

Kullu: In almost a repeat of last year's monsoon, cloudbursts, floods, flash floods and landslides rained devastation Thursday on Himachal Pradesh, leaving at least four people dead and 49 missing, reports Rohit Mullick.

Apart from this, scores of houses and hydro projects were damaged and several vital roads, including the Chandigarh-Manali and Manali-Leh highway, were blocked. Three of the deaths occurred in Mandi and one in Kullu.

The cloudbursts in Kullu, Mandi and Shimla districts triggered flash floods, causing huge damage. Officials said the toll could rise.

Kullu and Mandi district authorities shut schools till Aug 2. CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu held an emergency meeting on Thursday to review the situation. In Kullu, a cloudburst in the upper Malana glen of Parvati valley triggered a flash flood in the Malana rivulet, damaging hydroelectric project sites. As many as 35 people, mostly employees, trapped in the Malana hydro project (Stage 1) were rescued by NDRF teams and police.

A day of rain exceeds record of entire Aug in '22, 23

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New Delhi: One day of rain measured at 107.6 mm was more than the precipitation recorded in the entire month of Aug in the past two years. While the city's base weather station, Safdarjung, recorded 91.8mm and 41.6mm of rainfall in entire August 2023 and Aug 2022, respectively, it logged 107.6mm rainfall in 24 hours till 8.30am on Thursday. The normal average for Aug in India Meteorological Department's data is 233.1mm.

Several other stations in Delhi-NCR also recorded over 100mm of rainfall till 8.30am on Thursday in the most widespread spell of heavy rain this season. SPS Mayur Vihar in east Delhi logged 147.5mm, Noida Sector 62 145mm, Gurgaon 119.5mm, Najafgarh in southwest Delhi 113mm, Safdarjung 107.6mm, Lodhi Road in central Delhi 107.5mm and Delhi University in north Delhi, 104.5mm in the 24-hour period.

Some other areas saw heavy rain, among them Pusa where 86mm of precipitation was recorded, Ayanagar 71.4mm, Jagdishpur KVK (Sonapat) 69mm and Palam 68mm in the same period.

This was the second time this season when Delhi saw widespread rainfall. On June 28, when the monsoons arrived in the city, Safdarjung logged 228.1mm of precipitation. Three other weather stations — Lodhi Road, Ridge and Palam — also reported rainfall of over 100mm.

YELLOW ALERT FOR TODAY

- > A day of rainfall at 108mm was more than the precipitation recorded in entire Aug in past two years
- > No rain was recorded from 8.30am to 5.30pm on Thursday, except for Pitampura which saw very light rainfall of 0.5mm
- > Maximum temperature dipped from 37.8°C on Wednesday to 33.4°C on Thursday
- > Minimum temperature dropped from 30.4°C on Wednesday to 24.3°C

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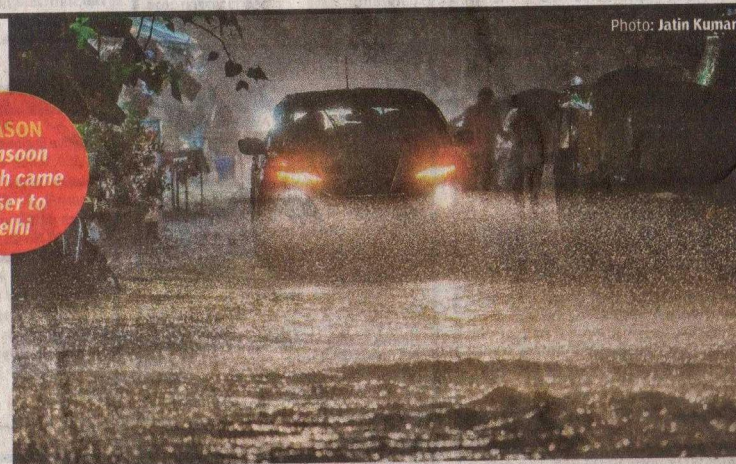
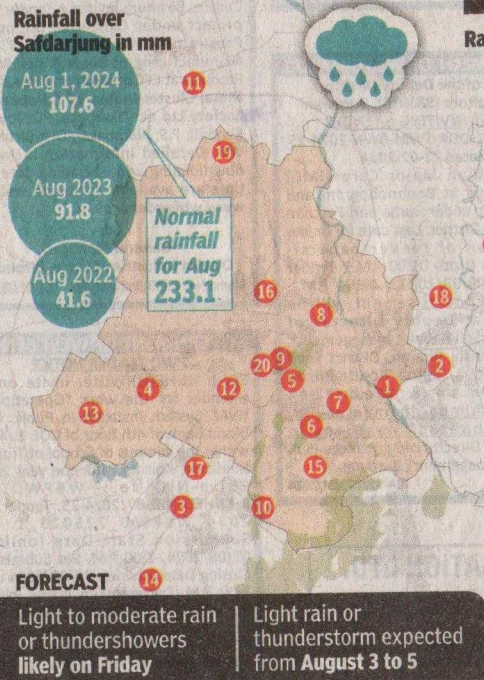
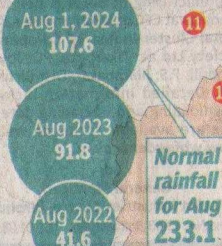


Photo: Jatin Kumar

Rainfall over Safdarjung in mm



Rainfall (in mm) recorded over Delhi-NCR in 24 hours (till 8.30am on Thursday)

Station (District)	Rainfall
1. Mayur Vihar (East Delhi)	147.5
2. Noida (Sec-62)	145
3. Gurgaon	119.5
4. Najafgarh (South West Delhi)	113
5. Ridge (North)	113
6. Safdarjung (Delhi's base station)	107.6
7. Lodhi Road (Central)	107.5
8. Delhi University (North)	104.5
9. Pusa (New Delhi)	86
10. Aya Nagar (South West)	71.4
11. Jagdishpur KVK (Sonapat)	69
12. Palam (South West)	68
13. Ujwa KVK (South West)	63
14. KVK (Gurgaon)	51
15. IGNOU (South West)	45.5
16. Pitampura (North West)	45.5
17. NCAP University (Gurgaon)	44.5
18. KV2 Air Force (Hindon)	43.5
19. Narela (North)	39.5
20. KV Naraina (South West)	27.5

RAINFALL INTENSITY

Terminology	(Rainfall range in mm)
Very light rainfall	(Trace-2.4)
Light rainfall	(2.5-15.5)
Moderate rainfall	(15.6-64.4)
Heavy rainfall	(64.5-115.5)
Very heavy rainfall	(115.6-204.4)
Extremely heavy rainfall	(>= 204.5)

FORECAST

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers likely on Friday

Light rain or thunderstorm expected from August 3 to 5

Since the monsoon trough came close to Delhi on Wednesday, the region witnessed

an intense spell of rain with parts of the city experiencing extremely heavy rainfall. Ho-

wever, no rainfall was recorded from 8.30am to 5.30pm on Thursday, except for Pi-

tampura which saw very light rain of 0.5mm.

IMD has issued a yellow

alert for light to moderate showers on Friday. Naresh Kumar, scientist, IMD, said, "The monsoon trough oscillated marginally on Thursday. Light to moderate rain is likely on Friday."

Wednesday's rain caused the mercury to dip. The maximum temperature on Thursday fell 4.4 degrees to 33.4 degrees Celsius, a degree below normal. The minimum temperature also dipped from 30.4 degrees on Wednesday to 24.3 degrees, three below normal, on Thursday. The relative humidity oscillated between 63% and 100%.

The air quality index also improved on Thursday to 64 from the 96 a day earlier. With rain helping to wash out the pollutants, the air quality was in the 'satisfactory' category. It is likely to deteriorate to the 'moderate' category on Saturday.

The Met department has forecast light to moderate rain on Saturday that may cause minor traffic disruption and water accumulation in low-lying areas and on roads. "Check for traffic congestion on your route before leaving for your destination. Follow any traffic advisories that are issued in this regard. Avoid going to areas that regularly suffer waterlogging," said IMD.

Rain intensity is likely to reduce from Saturday. The Met department has predicted light rain or thundershowers from Aug 3 to 5 and said the maximum temperature is likely to be around 35 degrees Celsius over the next few days.

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Man vs Wild: Family spends night in company of jumbos

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Meppadi: Sujatha Aninanchira and her family's escape from the deathly embrace of the landslide that flattened their home early Tuesday would in itself rank as a story of survival against all odds. Throw in a trio of jumbos in the wild — a tusker and two female elephants — and you have an almost implausible tale of life and death.

But that is exactly what Sujatha, her husband, daughter and two grandchildren encountered moments after extricating themselves from the rubble of what was their home at Chooralmala.

The family climbed up a nearby hillock to find a safe spot, only to find themselves facing the elephant trio half a metre away. "It was pitch dark, but the tusker standing nearby



Rescue crews scour mud-caked villages in Mundakkai for survivors

was hard to miss. The animal seemed terrified, too. I mumbled a prayer to the jumbo, saying we'd survived a disaster and asked it to spare us as we lay down for the night and awaited rescue," said Sujatha at a relief camp in Meppadi.

"We were so close to the tusker's legs, but it seemed to

understand our predicament. We stayed there till 6am, and the elephants stood alongside till we were rescued. I saw the tusker's eyes welling up as the dawn broke," she said.

Monday night, it was raining heavily. I heard a huge noise around 1.30 am, followed by a gush of water entering

Schoolgirl's magazine story turns prophetic

A 14-year-old student's story predicting an impending tragedy turned prophetic when the landslide hit Wayanad, sweeping away Vellarmala govt school and claiming several lives. The story, written by Laya AS for the school's digital magazine, eerily mirrored the real-life disaster that unfolded early Monday, reports **Nijeesh Narayanan**. In the story, titled 'Agrahathinte Duranubhavam' (The Tragedy of Desire), Laya narrates the tale of two girls — Alamkrutha and Anaswara — who are warned by a talking bird to flee from their village as a great danger approaches. This fictional warning became a tragic reality. Laya's father, Lenin, lost his life in the disaster while trying to save his family, including Laya, who is a Class 8 student. The magazine named Vellaram Kallukal was recently released and contains 16 pieces of student writing highlighting the scenic beauty of Mundakkai and Chooralmala.

our house," she said. The family feared the worst as logs dragged down by the landslide rammed into walls of their house, along with debris from destroyed dwellings nearby.

"The house roof collapsed, leaving my daughter injured. I remove bricks from a wall and stepped out," she recounted.

"We managed to get out and waded through the gushing waters, crawled up the hillock behind our house, and took shelter in a coffee plantation," Sujatha added.

Little did they know that a night of terror would end with a glimmer of hope in the company of wild elephants.

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THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

Photos: Rajesh Mehta, Sanjeev Rastogi & Jatin Kumar



A day after heavy rain lashed Delhi, the city witnessed a rare occurrence — clear, blue skies. But the joy came at a cost. A portion of a school building collapsed in Daryaganj while a road caved in at Hauz Khas

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From Zakhira to Pul Prahladpur, it's woeful — as usual

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New Delhi: The heavy downpour on Wednesday evening didn't lead to waterlogging only at ITO and Tilak Bridge, leaving hapless commuters in misery for hours on the roads. Some of the other usual suspects — Zakhira and Pul Prahladpur underpasses, Ring Road stretch near Nigambodh ghat, and Pragati Maidan tunnel — also witnessed flooding, resulting in complete chaos on these stretches.

According to officials, the pumps placed at these locations were insufficient to

handle the amount of rainwater. Therefore, the spots remained flooded for a few hours, putting them out of use.

During last year's floods, when the Yamuna had swelled, two spots on the Ring Road stretch between Kashmere Gate and ITO had witnessed heavy waterlogging — one, just where the IP flyover ends, where any congestion has a direct impact on ITO, and the other one at the Rajghat traffic signal.

On Wednesday, the story was no different. Both stretches saw flooding, slowing down vehicles to a crawl.

According to the PWD control room, water also col-



Road outside Bharat Mandapam was flooded on Wednesday

lected at Zakhira and Pul Prahladpur, although the traffic kept moving. However, both spots have been

identified as 'hotspots' and are prone to waterlogging, meaning they require more attention from authorities.

PTI

Pul Prahladpur underpass is one of the critical points from where several waterlogging incidents have been reported. In 2022, PWD, to avoid a repeat of waterlogging, constructed an underground sump of 7.5 lakh litres capacity and a permanent pump house of 600 horsepower.

Both Zakhira and Moolchand underpasses were waterlogged on Wednesday, putting south Delhi areas out of gear. This is the second time in a month that Zakhira underpass has been flooded.

The stretch is notorious for getting waterlogged every monsoon, causing inconvenience to commuters. During

monsoon, waste from temporary drains built by railways blocks this underpass, due to which the water pumps get clogged. PWD had said it had installed screens to stop the railway line waste. This does not seem to have helped.

At Pragati Maidan tunnel, PWD had deputed temporary pumps and removed excess water. But the entry was closed from Mathura Road. Security guards claimed there was waterlogging, which was denied by PWD officials.

"A comprehensive drainage master plan for Delhi will provide a lasting solution. The process is underway," said a PWD official.

हिन्दुस्तान 02/08/2021

आफत : दिल्ली-एनसीआर में बारिश से 11 लोगों की मौत

नई दिल्ली, हिन्दुस्तान टीम। दिल्ली समेत देश के कई राज्यों में पिछले 24 घंटे में हुई मूसलाधार बारिश लोगों पर कहर बनकर टूटी। एनसीआर में चंद घंटे की बारिश ने 11 लोगों की जान ले ली। बीती रात को खोड़ा क्षेत्र में नाले में डूबने से मां-बेटा की मौत हो गई थी।

गुरुग्राम में बीती रात भारी बारिश के बाद इफको चौक मेट्रो स्टेशन के पास पानी में करंट आने से वहां से गुजर रहे इंजीनियर समेत तीन लोगों की मौत हो गई। वहीं, गुरुग्राम-सोहना एलिवेटेड रोड पर घामडौज में बने टोल के पास बरसाती नाले में गिरने से एक बाइक सवार की मौत हो गई। बल्लभगढ़ में मोहना रोड के बरसाती नाले में डूबकर एक युवक की जान चली गई।

इधर, दिल्ली में बारिश के कारण सब्जीमंडी इलाके में दुकान गिरने से एक व्यक्ति की मौत हो गई। इसी तरह जैतपुर में एक युवक और बिदापुर में मासूम बच्चे की करंट लगने से मौत हो गई। ग्रेटर नोएडा में दादरी कस्बे की अंबेडकर नगर कॉलोनी में भारी बारिश के कारण प्लॉट की दीवार गिरने से दंपति की मौत हो गई। वहीं गाजियाबाद में इंदिरापुरम के न्यायखंड एक स्थित विधायक कॉलोनी में पानी में करंट उतरने से युवक की मौत हो गई।

➤ संबंधित खबरें P03,04,15



दिल्ली के दरियागंज में मूसलाधार बारिश के कारण गुरुवार को एक स्कूल की दीवार गिर गई, इससे कई वाहन बुरी तरह से क्षतिग्रस्त हो गए। • सलमान अली

हिमाचल में बादल फटा

हिमाचल प्रदेश में बुधवार देर रात पांच जगहों पर बादल फटने से भारी तबाही हुई। इस आपदा में गुरुवार शाम तक पांच शव बरामद हुए हैं। जबकि करीब 50 लोगों के लापता होने की सूचना है। मलाणा जलविद्युत परियोजना के बांध को भारी नुकसान पहुंचा है।

केदार मार्ग से यात्री बचाए

उत्तराखंड की केदारनाथ घाटी में फिर तबाही मची है। केदारनाथ यात्रा मार्ग पर भारी बारिश से फंसे 2537 यात्रियों को गुरुवार देर शाम तक रेस्क्यू किया गया है। भारी वर्षा के कारण केदारनाथ यात्रा ठप हो गई है। वर्षा जनित दुर्घटनाओं में राज्य में 13 लोगों की मौत हो चुकी है।

जयपुर में बेसमेंट में पानी मरा, तीन की जान गई

राजस्थान के कई जिलों में भारी वर्षा हुई। जयपुर में वीकेआई औद्योगिक क्षेत्र में एक इमारत के बेसमेंट में पानी भरने से डूबकर बच्ची सहित तीन लोगों की मौत हो गई। राज्य सरकार ने सहायता राशि देने की घोषणा की है।

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बस अड्डा परिसर में पानी भरने से यात्री परेशान

बल्लभगढ़

बल्लभगढ़ बस अड्डा परिसर में जलभराव होने से यहां बसों में सवार होने आए यात्रियों को मुश्किलों का सामना करना पड़ा। जलभराव की वजह से यात्रियों के जूते खराब हो गए थे। कुछ यात्री तो बस अड्डे के अंदर घुसने की हिम्मत ही नहीं जुटा पा रहे थे। यहां यात्री बाहर खड़े होकर बसों का इंतजार कर रहे थे।

बल्लभगढ़ की भूदत्त कॉलोनी से बस में सवार होने आई उमा ने बताया कि बल्लभगढ़ बस अड्डा पर अक्सर जलभराव होता रहता है। बारिश होते ही यहां यात्रियों पर आफत टूट पड़ती



बल्लभगढ़ बस अड्डा परिसर में बुधवार को हुई बारिश का पानी जमा होने से यात्रियों को मुश्किलों का सामना करना पड़ा।

है। यहां पर जलभराव की समस्या बरसों से है। लेकिन, सरकार ने इस समस्या को अनदेखा किया हुआ है।

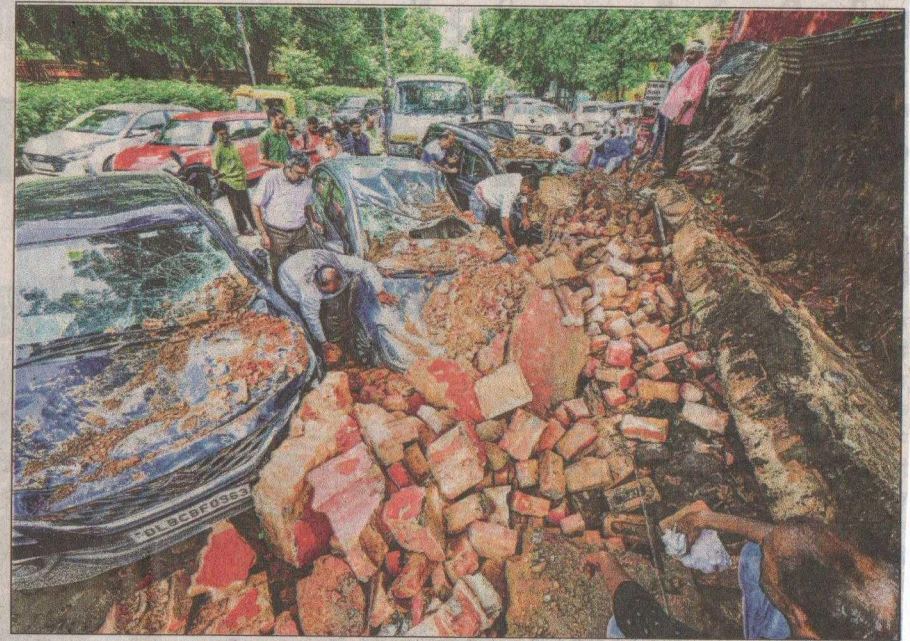
इस वजह से इसका समाधान ही नहीं हो पा रहा है। सड़कों पर जमा पानी की वजह से अनेक वाहन भी बीच रास्ते में

ही बंद हो गये और यह बंद वाहन भी जाम का कारण बन रहे थे। राहगीरों को काफी परेशानी हुई।

नुकसान के निशान छोड़ गई बुधवार को हुई बारिश



हौज खास इलाके में बुधवार को हुई तेज बारिश के बाद सड़क धंसने से गड्ढा बना गया है। • सलमान अली



दरियागंज इलाके में तेज बारिश के दौरान एक निजी स्कूल की दीवार गिरने से कई वाहन क्षतिग्रस्त हो गए। • राज के राज



राजघाट के पास गुरुवार को जलभराव होने के चलते वाहन चालकों को काफी परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ा। • हिन्दुस्तान



केजी मार्ग पर विदेश मंत्रालय के आवास परिसर की निर्माणाधीन बेसमेंट में बुधवार को हुई बारिश का पानी जमा होने से तालाब बन गया है। • सोनू मेहता

Rain havoc in hill states as several dead, missing

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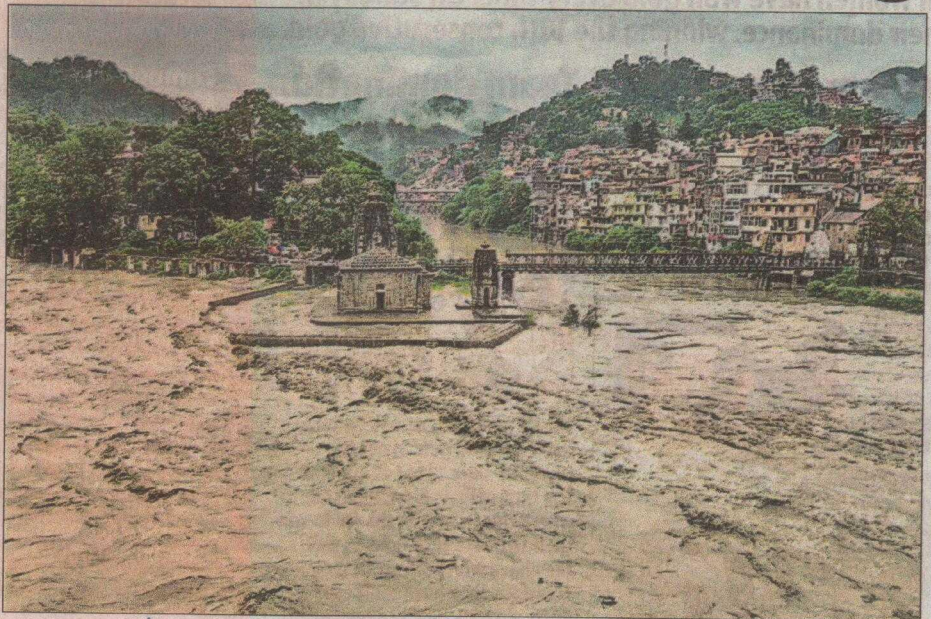
DEHRADUN/SHIMLA: Torrential rain pummelled Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand following a string of cloudbursts on Thursday morning, leading to brimming rivers sweeping away houses, wrecking bridges and decimating roads — the latest ecological challenges for the fragile hill states that have been battered by the climate crisis.

Authorities in the two states said that at least 17 people were killed and several others feared washed away, warning that the chances of finding survivors were dim despite relief efforts by teams from the army, the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), apart from state disaster relief forces and local police.

Four people were killed and over 50 missing following cloudbursts in Himachal Pradesh, where rains washed away key public infrastructure, including parts of the main highway between Chandigarh and Manali, according to officials aware of the matter. Meanwhile, four people were still in a tunnel that was cut off after a landslide in Kullu district, with authorities pausing rescue efforts after sunset, adding that they will resume on Friday morning.

In neighbouring Uttarakhand, at least 13 people were killed, six injured and one person remained

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Water levels rose in the Beas due to a cloudburst, leading to heavy rain in Mandi on Thursday. ANI

56% of the rain in city this season has fallen on just three days: Data

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NEW DELHI: Large swathes of Delhi were inundated on July 31, just over a month after a similar deluge following torrential rain in the early hours of 28 June.

Even by the relatively recent trend of the monsoon across

India becoming more patchy — averages, the only thing that seems to matter to the India Meteorological Department, are in line with long-term trends, but are achieved by a few days of intense rain — the monsoon rainfall in Delhi in the first two months of the season is an outlier.

According to gridded data

from IMD, Delhi received 56% of the total rain since June 1 — the official start of the monsoon season — in only three days. In the 1971-2020 average, which is currently used as the Long Period Average (LPA) or normal, the corresponding amount of rain in the same period took the city eighteen days.

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NORTH INDIA RAINS

missing after overnight showers rocked the state's brittle infrastructure and prompted authorities to rescue 1,500 pilgrims stranded on various spots along the Kedarnath Yatra route.

Over the past 24 hours, heavy showers also lashed Rajasthan, where four people were killed, Delhi, which reported six deaths in rain-related incidents, Gurugram, where three people were electrocuted, and Noida, where two died in a house collapse.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Thursday warned that a reprieve may not be forthcoming, with north India predicted to receive rain for at least five more days. It issued a red alert for Himachal Pradesh, warning Kangra, Kullu and Mandi districts of strong spells of rain on Friday.

Crucially, severe rain in Himachal Pradesh in July last year triggered a domino effect that engulfed parts of Punjab and Haryana, and eventually led to the Yamuna river swelling in Delhi and swallowing vast swathes of its banks in the Capital's worst floods ever. To be sure, Himachal Pradesh recorded more than 300 cloudbursts at the time.

On Thursday, the Himachal Pradesh emergency operation centre said the state reported cloudbursts in Kullu, Paddar in Mandi and Rampur in Shimla districts.

A cloudburst near Shrikhand Mahadev, Kullu, on Wednesday night triggered flash floods in Sarpara, Ganvi and Kurban drain, which in turn fed the larger Samej Khud drains in Rampur, killing two people and leaving about 30 missing, said Shimla superintendent of police (SP) Sanjeev Kumar Gandhi.

The showers pushed up levels of the Parvati and Beas rivers in Kullu, sending sheets of water roaring downstream. Landslides also wrecked the Manali-Chandigarh National Highway at several places, said an official.

Kullu deputy commissioner Torul S Raveesh also said a breach was reported in the Malana Dam, but assured that the situation "is under control."

Chief minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu convened an emergency meeting of senior officers

"The cloudburst incident took place around 4.40am. Around 50 people are missing and two bodies have been recovered. Heavy rain is expected in the next 36 hours. The DC (district commissioner), SDRF, and NDRF teams have reached the spot. I have also spoken to the Union home minister (Amit Shah)," said Sukhu.

Shah assured Sukhu of central

assistance and NDRF support.

Himachal Pradesh received an average of 37.7mm rainfall on Thursday, nearly three times the normal of 9.3mm. Shimla, Kullu and Mandi reported an excess of 264%, 453% and 300% respectively.

Uttarakhand received 37.8mm of rain in 24 hours till 8.30am on Thursday, but much of this was concentrated in Haridwar and Dehradun.

Sharp showers began lashing the state around 8pm on Wednesday. As the water gushed downstream, water levels in the Alaknanda river Rudrapur began shot up to 1,974.6m at 10pm, just a metre short of the warning level.

The local Met office said Dehradun clocked 172mm of rain.

Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhama visited Jakhanyali village and met families of those killed.

Authorities rescued more than 1,500 pilgrims stranded on the Kedarnath route.

Tarkeshwar Singh, a pilgrim from Nepal said, "I left for Kedarnath Dham from Gaurikund on Wednesday. But, I stopped because it started raining heavily and was stranded. I was rescued by an NDRF team that arrived in the morning".

WAYANAD TOLL

labourer personified the human cost of the disaster — losing 26 members of his family, 16 of them still missing.

"The river was constantly rising. I told my wife and three children to pack some clothes and headed to a relative's home five kilometres away. One of my relatives was also undergoing a surgery so I left for the hospital... In all, we have found 10 bodies. There are 16 more to go, he said.

Days of ceaseless rain precipitated two landslides within three hours in Wayanad early on Tuesday, wiping out most of Mundakkai and Chooralmala villages, decimating public infrastructure in the remote villages nestled in the Western Ghats.

Authorities said they were not expecting any more survivors and were focussing on retrieving the bodies. There was no information on the number of tea-plantation workers staying in makeshift houses made of clay, wood and tin that were completely flattened by the landslides.

CM Vijayan, who visited the landslide site on Thursday and chaired an all-party meetings at the district collectorate in Kalpetta, said: "The army has done an exemplary job. The officer who headed the operations of the army

has informed the government that all those, who could be rescued from the landslide site, have been brought to safety. No one else is remaining."

He added that the government will now focus on rehabilitating those affected. "Rehabilitation work will be done at the earliest. The most important thing is giving psychological support to the survivors. We have to avoid the spread of an epidemic," he said after the meeting.

Vijayan said the rescue efforts were likely to continue given the scale of the disaster. "This rescue attempt is not something that can be resolved in a short period of time. As of now, 12 ministers are camping in Wayanad. Now the all-party meeting has decided that four ministers will camp here to coordinate the rescue operations," Vijayan said, adding that revenue minister K Rajan, forest minister AK Saseendran, PWD and tourism minister PA Mohamed Riyas, and SC/ST department minister O R Kelu will camp in the district.

Former Wayanad MP Rahul and Congress's candidate for the bypoll to the seat Priyanka, reached Chooralmala donning translucent blue raincoats and were briefed by officials about the rescue operations.

"This is a huge tragedy... Today I feel how I felt when my father died. Here, people have not lost just a father, they have lost their brothers, sister, parents and their entire families. We should all stand with them," Rahul said.

He added that the tragedy should be declared a natural disaster considering the scale of devastation. "Let's see what the government says. This is not the time to talk about political issues. People require help here. They are in shock and they require medical assistance," he said.

Priyanka said the pain people were experiencing was unimaginable. "We are here to help them and to give as much support and comfort as we can," she said.

US President Joe Biden and Russian President Vladimir Putin extended their condolences over the tragedy. "Our prayers are with the victims of this tragic event, and we mourn with the families who have lost loved ones," Biden said in a statement.

The Russian Embassy in India in a post on X said: "President of #Russia Vladimir Putin sent a condolence message to President of #India Droupadi Murmu & Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi over the tragic consequences of the landslides in #Kerala."

The Hindu

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IMD forecasts above-normal rain in Aug., Sept

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NEW DELHI

Amid rain-triggered landslides killing over 200 people in Wayanad of Kerala, and intense spells battering Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast above-normal rain in August and September.

August, the second rainiest monsoon month, is expected to receive normal rainfall, and September more rainfall than the average 17 cm every year if the IMD forecast of an "above-normal second half" of the



Knee-deep in trouble: Autorickshaws struggle to negotiate a waterlogged road in New Delhi. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

monsoon comes true.

"The rainfall averaged over the entire country from August to September is likely to be above normal

(>106% of the Long Period Average (LPA)," the agency said in a statement on Thursday.

In recent years, rainfall

has been increasing in September and this could damage standing crops.

"Our weather models suggest that La Nina or La Nina-like conditions are likely to develop towards the end of August. So this could mean more rain in September [than normal]," said Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Director-General, IMD.

Unusually heavy rain in September and October, when the monsoon officially retreats, can alter winter sowing and spike air pollution in northern India.

July, the rainiest monsoon month, recorded 30.5 cm of rainfall when

averaged across the country, or nearly 9% more than normal. This is in line with the agency's forecast on Thursday, when it said that rain during the month would be "above normal" meaning 6% or more than usual.

Indications that Kerala would receive very heavy rain were issued beginning July 29, Mr. Mohapatra said. "We issued an orange alert on the 29th, which is a sign to authorities to take preparatory action. State should not wait for a red alert. Following that on July 30 early morning, we issued a red alert," he said.

4 dead as cloudbursts, flash floods wreak havoc in Himachal

49 missing in the State; Chief Minister urges people to stay away from rivers; PM directs officials to ensure all possible assistance to affected

Vikas Vasudeva
CHANDIGARH

Four people were killed and 49 missing following multiple incidents of cloudburst in Shimla, Mandi, and Kullu districts of Himachal Pradesh, where torrential rain has left several rivers in a spate.

According to the State's Emergency Operation Centre, one person was injured and nine people were stranded at different places following incessant rain in different parts of the State.

Chief Minister Sukhvir Singh Sukhu, who convened a meeting with government officers to take stock of the situation in Shimla, said, "Search and rescue operations are under way, and all resources have been pressed into action. We have sought help from the Army and Air Force. The State has suffered a huge loss."

"There's a possibility of heavy rain based on weather department forecast during the next 36 hours [Friday morning]. I appeal to people to stay away from rivers and rivulets," he said.

Thirty-three people went missing after a cloudburst led to a flash flood in the Samej area, near Jhakri hydro project (Rampur), in Shimla district in the early



Heavy spell: A view of a flood-like situation arising after the water level of the Beas rose in heavy rain, in Mandi on Thursday. ANI

14 killed as heavy rain lashes Uttarakhand

DEHRADUN

Fourteen people died and 10 were injured in heavy rain that triggered flooding and a house collapse as rivers swelled in Uttarakhand, officials said here on Thursday. They said that the Kedarnath Yatra was suspended amid the inclement weather conditions as the heavy downpour triggered landslides at many places. PTI

hours of Thursday. Seven persons went missing and three died near Tikkan Thalukot village in Mandi district. At Jaon village in Kullu district, one person was killed and nine people went missing, while 11 houses were washed away by the gushing waters,

which also damaged two bridges.

A flash flood was reported at Malana village in Kullu. Nine persons were stranded near Charuru village in Kullu as water in the Beas swelled.

The National Disaster Response Force, State Disaster Response Force, State Police, Home Guard, and fire service teams and administration officials have been deployed for search and rescue operations.

Shah assures help

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been monitoring the situation in Mandi. He has asked top officials to ensure all possible assistance to the affected, sources said.

Home Minister Amit Shah also spoke to Mr. Sukhu and assured him of all help from the Centre.

जल प्रलय दाइम्न 02/08/2024

जल प्रलय: केदारनाथ से केरल तक आफत

■ विस/नई दिल्ली, देहरादून/शिमला जयपुर में दिल्ली के कोचिंग सेंटर जैसा हादसा हो गया। गुरुवार सुबह मकान के बेसमेंट में बारिश का पानी घुस गया। एक नाबालिग समेत 3 लोगों की मौत हो गई। NCR के शहरों में बुधवार रात हुए हादसों में 10 लोगों की मौत हो गई। गुड़गांव में करंट से 3 लोगों की जान चली गई। एक शख्स की नाले में गिरने से मौत हो गई। फरीदाबाद में भी एक स्टूडेंट नाले में डूब गया। दादरी में दीवार गिरने से पति-पत्नी की मौत हो गई। वहीं, गाजियाबाद में 3 मौतें हुईं। ▶▶ पेज 13

देश की राजधानी दिल्ली से लेकर उत्तराखंड, हिमाचल, UP समेत उत्तर भारत और दक्षिण में केरल तक बारिश से देश की नई संसद की छत से भी पानी टपकने लगा। केदारनाथ के पैदल मार्ग से यात्रियों का रेस्क्यू किया गया। दिल्ली में बिदापुर, संगम विहार और मीठापुर इलाके में करंट लगने से एक छात्र समेत तीन लोगों की मौत हो गई। वहीं,

दिल्ली में करंट से 3 मौतें, NCR में 10 की जान गई

हिमाचल में 5 मौतें, 50 लापता

हिमाचल प्रदेश में बादल फटने की कई घटनाओं में 5 लोगों की मौत हो गई, 50 लापता हैं। कुल्लू, मंडी, शिमला में बादल फटे। कुछ लोग मलाना-1 जल विद्युत परियोजना में फंसे गए। मनाली से संपर्क टूट गया है। गृह मंत्री शाह ने CM सुक्खू से बात की।

उत्तराखंड में तबाही, 12 मौतें

उत्तराखंड में बारिश की घटनाओं में 12 मौतें हुईं, 6 घायल हैं। गौरीकुंड-केदारनाथ पैदल रास्ते पर भीमबली में 20-25 मीटर का रास्ता बह गया। गंगोत्री हाइवे पर हजारों डाक कांवेड़ फंसे हैं। दिल्ली के 2 लोग सहस्रधारा में एक नदी में बह गए।



हिमाचल के कुल्लू जिले में बादल फटने से मनाली-चंडीगढ़ हाइवे जगह-जगह से टूट गया।



केरल के वायनाड में अब तक 280 मौतों की खबर है, रेस्क्यू जारी है।

नव भारत टाइम्स 02/08/2024



दर्जनों जगह पर भरा पानी और टूटे पेड़

MCD के 12 जोन के तहत आने वाली अलग-अलग कॉलोनियों से दर्जनों जगह जलभराव और पेड़ टूटने की शिकायतें मिलीं। एमसीडी का दावा है कि कहीं भी जान माल की हानि नहीं हुई। बुध विहार फेज एक, सोनिया विहार, कश्मीरी गेट, तिलग नगर, हजरत निजामुद्दीन रेलवे स्टेशन, समेत कई जगह पानी भरा। वेस्ट पटेल नगर, अग्रसेन मार्केट, साकेत और करुणा कुंज सेक्टर तीन द्वारा समेत कई जगह पेड़ टूटे।

दरियागंज इलाके में बुधवार को भारी बारिश के कारण हैप्पी स्कूल की दीवार गिरने से कारें मलबे के नीचे दब गईं, कई अन्य इलाकों में भी हादसे हुए

पंजाब और हरियाणा में बारिश, ओडिशा में अलर्ट

■ पीटीआई, चंडीगढ़: पंजाब और हरियाणा के कई हिस्सों में गुरुवार को बारिश हुई। मोगा, तरनतारन, बठिंडा, फिरोजपुर, फरीदकोट और अंबाला में बारिश हुई।



पंजाब के बठिंडा, फरीदकोट और मोगा के कई इलाके जलमग्न हो गए। उधर, मौसम विभाग ने ओडिशा में

एक और दो अगस्त को भारी बारिश की चेतावनी जारी की है। कटक शहर के कुछ इलाकों में एक या दो बार तेज बारिश होने की चेतावनी दी है। विभाग ने कहा, 'इससे निचले इलाकों में जलभराव हो सकता है, विजिबिलिटी कम हो सकती है और यातायात बाधित हो सकता है।' वहीं, पश्चिम बंगाल के विभिन्न जिलों में शुक्रवार तक भारी बारिश होने का अनुमान लगाया है।

कर्नाटक में भी बाढ़ का खतरा, स्कूल-कॉलेज बंद

■ भाषा, मंगलुरु: कर्नाटक के लगभग पूरे तटीय इलाके में गुरुवार को भारी बारिश हुई। इलाकों में एक बार फिर तेज बारिश की चेतावनी को देखते हुए उडुपी और दक्षिण कन्नड़ जिला प्रशासन ने गुरुवार को स्कूलों और प्री-यूनिवर्सिटी कॉलेजों (इंटर कॉलेजों) में छुट्टी घोषित कर दी है। मंगलुरु में मौसम विभाग ने अपने अनुमान में तटीय कर्नाटक में तेज से बहुत तेज बारिश होने की चेतावनी जारी की है। भारी बारिश से उडुपी जिले में नदियों का जलस्तर बढ़ गया है। इसी प्रकार बेदूर में चक्र नदी के बढ़ते जलस्तर से बाढ़ का खतरा मंडरा रहा है। राजस्व विभाग के अधिकारियों ने प्रभावित क्षेत्रों का दौरा किया है।

अगस्त-सितंबर में सामान्य से अधिक होगी बारिश: IMD

■ विशेष संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली

मॉनसून का आधा सफर पूरा हो चुका है। अब अगस्त और सितंबर में देश भर में सामान्य से अधिक बारिश होगी। आईएमडी के पूर्वानुमान के अनुसार, इन दो महीने में सामान्य तौर पर देश में 422.8 एमएम बारिश होती है। इस दौरान देश के ज्यादातर हिस्सों में सामान्य से अधिक बारिश होगी। वहीं नार्थ ईस्ट इंडिया के कुछ हिस्सों और इससे लगते ईस्ट इंडिया,

अधिक बारिश के बावजूद देश के ज्यादातर हिस्सों में अधिकतम तापमान सामान्य से अधिक रहेगा

लद्दाख, सौराष्ट्र और कच्छ के अलावा सेंट्रल और पेनिनसुलर इंडिया के कुछ हिस्सों में ही सामान्य से कम बारिश की संभावना है। अधिक बारिश के बावजूद देश के ज्यादातर हिस्सों में

अधिकतम तापमान सामान्य से अधिक रहेगा। इस दौरान गंगा के मैदानी इलाकों के कुछ हिस्सों, सेंट्रल इंडिया और साउथ ईस्ट कोस्ट के कुछ हिस्सों में ही तापमान सामान्य से कम रह सकता है। वहीं, न्यूनतम तापमान भी देश के ज्यादातर हिस्सों में सामान्य से अधिक ही रहेगा। महज साउथ ईस्ट पेनिनसुलर में यह सामान्य या सामान्य से कम रह सकता है। आईएमडी के डीजी मृत्युंजय महापात्रा ने बताया कि एक से 31 जुलाई के बीच देश में सामान्य से 9 प्रतिशत अधिक बारिश हुई। इस दौरान सामान्य बारिश 280.5 एमएम है, लेकिन हुई 305.8 एमएम बारिश। मौसम विभाग के अनुसार, देश भर में औसत न्यूनतम तापमान 1901 से अब तक सबसे गर्म रहा है। जुलाई में औसत न्यूनतम तापमान 24.99 डिग्री रहा। यह सामान्य से 0.89 डिग्री अधिक है।



श्रीनगर में गुरुवार को तेज बारिश हुई। डल झील में नाव पर सवार लोग नजर आए।

भारी बारिश के आसार

3 अगस्त तक मध्यम महाराष्ट्र, 2 और 3 अगस्त को ईस्ट मध्य प्रदेश, 3 अगस्त को कोकण, गोवा, वेस्ट मध्य प्रदेश और गुजरात रिजन में भारी बारिश होने के आसार हैं। इसके लिए रेड अलर्ट जारी किया गया है। वहीं तीन अगस्त तक मराठवाड़ा और 4 अगस्त को सौराष्ट्र में कुछ जगहों पर भारी बारिश का अलर्ट है। 3 अगस्त तक उत्तराखंड, 4 अगस्त तक ईस्ट राजस्थान में बारिश बारिश का अलर्ट है।

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After cloudburst, Himachal braces for floods

KULLU



MANDI



SHIMLA



Part of a building collapsed in Kullu; people on a bridge over a swollen Beas River in Mandi; NDRF officials during a rescue operation in the Samej Khad of Rampur area in Shimla; on Thursday.

ANI; PTI

हिमाचल-उत्तराखण्ड में बादल फटे, वायनाड में अब भी कई लापता

हिमाचल में 5 लोगों की मौत, करीब 50 लापता, बचाव अभियान जारी

उत्तराखण्ड में भी भारी तबाही, नदी किनारे होटल खाली कराए गए

जयपुर में दिल्ली के कोचिंग सेंटर जैसा हादसा, बेसमेंट में पानी घुसा, तीन मौतें

IMD ने कहा, अगले कुछ दिन बारिश कई जगहों पर कहर बरपा सकती है

उत्तराखण्ड में हाई अलर्ट, चारधाम यात्रा रोकी गई

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■ पीटीआई, शिमला/जयपुर/केरल

पूरे देश में पहाड़ों से लेकर मैदान तक आफत की बारिश हो रही है। कहीं सैलाब में लोगों के बहने की खबर है तो कहीं घरो के बहने की खबर है। हिमाचल प्रदेश में बादल फटने की कई घटनाओं में पांच लोगों की मौत हो गई और करीब 50 लोग लापता बताए गए हैं। अधिकारियों ने गुरुवार को बताया कि बारिश के कारण कई मकान, होटल, पुल और सड़कें बह गईं। कुल्लू में निरमह, सैज और मलान इलाकों, मंडी में पधर और शिमला जिले के रामपुर में बादल फटे। उपयुक्त अनुपम कश्यप ने बताया कि सड़कों के बह जाने के कारण बचाव अभियान चुनौतीपूर्ण हो गया है। NDRF, भारत-तिब्बत सीमा पुलिस बल, पुलिस और होम गार्ड ने बचाव अभियान शुरू कर दिया है और लापता लोगों की तलाश के लिए ड्रोन का भी इस्तेमाल किया जा रहा है। कई लोग इमारतों में हैं और सुरक्षित हैं। एनडीआरएफ और होम गार्ड के दल उन्हें बाहर निकालने के प्रयास कर रहे हैं। उन्होंने बताया कि मनाली-चंडीगढ़ नेशनल हाइवे कई स्थानों पर भूस्खलन और ब्यास नदी का पानी घुसने के कारण क्षतिग्रस्त हो गया है। सभी शैक्षणिक संस्थानों और स्कूलों को दो दिन के लिए बंद कर दिया गया है। सीएम सुखू ने कहा कि शिमला, कुल्लू और मंडी जिलों में व्यापक नुकसान पहुंचा है और करीब 50 लोग लापता हैं और मनाली का सड़क संपर्क टूट गया है।

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अंतरज अलर्ट जारी किया गया: भूस्खलन के कारण शिमला-जुना रास्ते को बंद कर दिया गया है। मौसम विज्ञान विभाग सर्टीफ शर्मा ने बताया कि राज्य में 20 स्टेशन पर भारी से बहुत भारी बारिश दर्ज की गई है। उन्होंने बताया कि कोण्डा, चंब, कुल्लू और मंडी जिलों में गुरुवार को भारी बारिश का अंतरज अलर्ट जारी किया गया है। राज्य में अगले चार-पांच दिन बारिश जारी रहने का अनुमान है।

वायनाड में अपनों की तलाश जारी: केरल के वायनाड जिले में दो दिन पहले हुए भूस्खलन में 280 लोगों की मौत हो गई और 200 से अधिक लोग घायल हुए हैं। जिले प्रशासन ने गुरुवार को बताया कि बचावकारियों द्वारा मलबा हटाने के बाद या संख्य और भी बहने की आशंका है। लोग अपनों की तलाश में जुट रहे। सरकार द्वारा जारी आधिकारिक अनुमान के अनुसार, 191 लोग लापता हैं। प्रशासन ने बताया कि शवों के अंश सहित 252 शवों का पोस्टमार्टम पूरा हो चुका है और 100 शवों की पहचान की जा चुकी है।

बेसमेंट में घुसा पानी, तीन की मौत: राजस्थान के जयपुर शहर में एक मकान के बेसमेंट में बारिश का पानी भर जाने के कारण तीन लोगों की डूबने से मौत हो गई। पुलिस के एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि सड़क पर जमा बारिश के पानी के दबाव के कारण मकान की एक दीवार गिर गई और पानी बेसमेंट में घुस गया और तीन लोग फंस गए। पुलिस ने बताया कि बेसमेंट तक जाने वाला रास्ता संकरा था और गहरा था। इलाके में ऐसे कई और घर हैं और निवासियों को सलाह दी गई है कि वे बारिश के दौरान बेसमेंट में न रहें।



1. हिमाचल



2. जम्मू



3. केरल



4. राजस्थान



- 1) जम्मू
- 2) हिमाचल
- 3) उत्तराखण्ड
- 4) राजस्थान
- 5) केरल

राष्ट्रीय आपदा है वायनाड का भूस्खलन: राहुल गांधी

कांग्रेस नेता राहुल गांधी ने कहा कि केरल के वायनाड में हुए भूस्खलन में परिजनों और घरों को खोने वाले लोगों को देखकर बहुत दुख हुआ।

उन्होंने इसे राष्ट्रीय आपदा करार करते हुए कहा कि यह वायनाड, केरल और देश के लिए भयावह त्रासदी है। देखते हैं कि सरकार क्या कहती है।

कहा, 'यह मेरे लिए काफी मुश्किल दिन रहा है, लेकिन हम यह सुनिश्चित करने की कोशिश करेंगे कि बचे लोगों को उनका हक मिले।'

राहुल और प्रियंका गांधी ने यहां घूरलमाला क्षेत्र और मेप्पाडी स्थित एक अस्पताल और सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य केंद्र का दौरा किया।

उत्तराखण्ड के रुद्रप्रयाग जिले के केदार घाटी के लिचोली और टिहरी के नैताड़ तोक में बादल फटने से नुकसान हुआ है। हाई अलर्ट जारी कर दिया गया है। गौरीकुंड और सोनप्रयाग में नदी किनारे के होटल खाली कराए गए हैं। आयुक्त गढ़वाल मंडल ने बारिश के रेड अलर्ट के चलते हरिद्वार और ऋषिकेश में स्थित फंजीकरण केंद्र में रजिस्ट्रेशन को प्रक्रिया स्थगित करवाते हुए चारधाम यात्रा रोक दी है। गंगोत्री हाइवे पर मलबा-बोल्डर आने से हजारों डाक कांवेइ फंसे हैं। भारी बारिश से हुए अलग-अलग हादसों में दस से अधिक लोगों की मौत हो गई। गौरीकुंड से सोनप्रयाग के बीच चट्टान रास्ते पर गिरने से एहतियात के तौर पर 200 लोगों को गेस्ट हाउस और पुलिस चौकी में ठहराया गया है। चमोली जिले में मकान उड़ने से दो लोग लापता हो गए हैं। मसुरी के पास गलोगी में भूस्खलन से सड़क बंद हो गई है। देहरादून शहर के नालायनी में सड़क पर पानी इतना तेज बहने लगा कि दो लोग बहकर लापता हो गए।



तेज बहाव में होटल बहा

टिहरी जिले में भिलसमा ब्लॉक के जखन्याली गांव के नैताड़ तोक में बादल फटने से एक से परिवार के तीन लोगों की मौत हो गई। टिहरी जिले के आबदा प्रबंधन अधिकारी कुलेश भट्ट के अनुसार, जखन्याली गांव के नैताड़ तोक में एक होटल बह गया। कर्णप्रयाग में भी आधी और बारिश से भारी नुकसान हुआ। चमोली जिले में ही बराली के घागमति नदी पर बनाया गया पुल फिर बह गया।

हेलिकॉप्टर की मदद से श्रद्धालुओं को बचाया

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केदारनाथ धाम में बादल फटने के कारण यहां यात्रा करने गए कई श्रद्धालु फंसे हुए हैं, जिनको लगातार रेस्क्यू किया जा रहा है। राहत और बचाव कार्य में लंबी टीम हेलिकॉप्टर की मदद से लोगों को सुरक्षित स्थानों पर ले जा रही है। राहत कार्य में जुटे एनडीआरएफ के एक अधिकारी ने बताया, 'उनकी एक टीम रेस्क्यू में लगी हुई है। बुधवार की रात नदी ओवरफ्लो हो गई थी और बहुत ज्यादा बारिश हुई। इससे यहां का एक मार्ग बंद हो गया। रात में हमने यात्रियों को सुरक्षित स्थानों पर भेजा और दूसरे रास्तों को तलाश, जिससे यानी सुरक्षित निकल सके। बचाव कार्य सुचारु रूप से लगातार चलाया जा रहा है।' केदारनाथ यात्रा मार्ग



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में कई श्रद्धालु फंसे हुए हैं। श्रद्धालुओं को रेस्क्यू किया जा रहा है। कुछ जगहों पर सड़क टूटने की वजह से यहां से वाहनों को निकालने में मुश्किल हो रही है।