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Floods in A.P., Telangana leave thousands homeless

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VIJAYAWADA/HYDERABAD

A respite in rain on Monday helped the governments of the two Telugu States – Andhra Pradesh and Telangana – take up relief operations after incessant rain caused heavy damage to road and rail infrastructure and left thousands homeless after their houses were inundated. In Andhra Pradesh, the death toll was 17 in NTR, Guntur and Prakasam districts. Three persons were reported missing in NTR.

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, who toured the flood-affected districts of Nalgonda and Khammam, said the government has decided to set up a State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) to tackle emergency situations like floods in the future. The government decided to enhance ex-gratia for families of those who died due to floods from ₹4



Rain fury: Flood-affected families moving to safer places in Sitara Centre area in Vijayawada on Monday. G.N. RAO

lakh to ₹5 lakh each, and for milch animals to ₹50,000 from the existing ₹30,000 and for sheep and goats to ₹5,000 each from ₹3,000. The Chief Minister also announced an interim relief of ₹10,000 each to the flood-affected families. The IMD has issued a yellow alert in 10 districts of Telangana for Tuesday.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu visited the affected areas in Vijayawada well

past midnight and was on the field till about 3 a.m. on Monday, and again took to the floodwaters in a boat a few hours later. He spoke to the people who were stuck in their houses amidst several feet of swirling water that gushed from the Krishna River and Budameru rivulet, and handed over food to some of the victims.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Mr. Naidu over phone and assured him of all possible support from the Central government. The Union Home Ministry dispatched eight NDRF teams that worked alongside the SDRF and the police. Mr. Naidu wanted the floods to be declared as a national calamity.

Some areas in Vijayawada city resembled rivers as boats moved stranded people to safety.

Six helicopters airlifted food and other essentials to the flood victims and more than 110 boats were involved in shifting people to safety. The boats were brought in trucks from the neighbouring districts and several cranes and earthmovers were deployed.

35 killed in T'gana, Andhra as rains continue to wreak havoc

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HYDERABAD: Unprecedented rainfall and floods in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh over the past three days have killed 35 people, battered roads and rail tracks, submerged thousands of acres of crops and left people scrambling for essentials, as agencies engaged in relief and rescue operations and the chief ministers of the two states stepped up efforts to tackle the situation.

Sixteen people were killed in rain-related incidents in Telangana and 19 in neighbouring Andhra Pradesh, as continuous downpour since Saturday caused by a depression in the Bay of Bengal disrupted normal life in the two southern states. The India Meteorological Department has predicted more rainfall in some parts of both states on Tuesday.

In Telangana, incessant rainfall caused inundation of low-lying areas, damage to agricultural crops and disruption of the state's rail and road links with neighbouring Andhra Pradesh.

The Revanth Reddy government in Telangana has put the damage at ₹5,000 crore as per preliminary estimates and sought an immediate assistance of ₹2,000 crore from the Centre. State information technology and industries minister D Sridhar Babu told reporters that the actual extent of damage was being estimated and the government would soon come out with full details.

The MeT office said the state received more heavy rains than normal and also predicted heavy rains in Adilabad, Nizamabad and Nirmal districts on Tuesday. Heavy rain is also very likely to occur at isolated places in Komaram Bheem Asifabad, Jagtial, Sangareddy, Medak and Kamareddy districts till 8.30 am on Tuesday, the weather body said.

In view of the forecast, chief minister Reddy directed the collectors and other officials of these dis-

tricts to be alert and shift the people in low-lying areas to relief camps, if necessary.

Reddy, who held a meeting with officials in Hyderabad, also urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to visit the rain-hit areas and to declare the floods as a national calamity. In a statement, he announced a compensation of ₹5 lakh for the kin of each of the deceased. While 16 deaths were confirmed, five people continued to remain missing at the time of filing this report.

In neighbouring Andhra Pradesh, as many as 19 people have died in various rain-related incidents in the past three days, the state government said on Monday.

Officials said nearly 450,000 people have been affected by the rainfall and floods in the state, leading to the evacuation of 31,238 people to 166 relief camps.

The most affected districts included NTR, Guntur, Krishna, Eluru, Palnadu, Bapatla and Prakasam. Twenty teams of the State Disaster Response Force and 19 National Disaster Response Force are engaged in relief and rescue operations, the officials said.

Chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu visited the flood-hit areas. "Visited flood-affected areas in Vijayawada for the second day. I personally monitored the relief being extended to flood victims..." he said on X, adding: "Safety of the people is our responsibility. We are putting in all efforts to relieve them as soon as possible from this unexpected calamity."

Following a request from the Guntur and NTR district administrations, the Indian Navy agreed to deploy two choppers for search and rescue operations in the affected areas, the officials said.

Meanwhile, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi urged Congress leaders and workers to mobilise all available resources to support the ongoing relief and rescue efforts in the two states.

(With PTI inputs)



People wade through waterlogged roads in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, on Monday.

REUTERS

Two killed, 1 injured in Vaishno Devi landslide

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JAMMU: Two women pilgrims were killed and a five-year-old girl was injured in a landslide on the new yatra track to the Vaishno Devi shrine in Reasi district of Jammu & Kashmir on Monday, officials said.

The landslide, the officials said, hit the new Himkoti track near Panchi, three kilometres ahead of Bhawan, at 2.35pm, prompting authorities to briefly close the route and suspend helicopter services in the area. The pilgrimage to the shrine atop Trikuta hills continued through the traditional Sanjichhat route, the officials said.

"The yatra on the Himkoti track was disrupted owing to the landslide amid rainfall over the past few days. Disaster management teams of the board are present at the spot for rescue and relief. The yatra, however, continues uninterrupted on the old Sanjichhat

track," Anshul Garg, chief executive officer of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, said.

Officials said the pilgrims were heading for the shrine when they got trapped under a tin shed following the landslide.

L Prasad, whose granddaughter was injured, said they were taking a break from trekking to the shrine when police started clearing the track due to a monkey scare. "Suddenly, there was a landslide and the debris fell on a tin shed, which collapsed," he said. His granddaughter, Sanvi, has been admitted to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital.

Reasi deputy commissioner Vishesh Paul Mahajan confirmed the deaths, and said senior police and civil administration officers were sent to the spot to take stock of the situation. J&K LG Manoj Sinha expressed grief over the deaths and announced a compensation of ₹5 lakh for the kin of each of the deceased.

4 DEAD AS HEAVY RAINFALL LASHES MARATHWADA

CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR:

Heavy rains lashed Marathwada region of Maharashtra for 24 hours ending at 9am on Monday, with Pathri village in Parbhani district recording the highest rainfall of 314 mm, leaving four people dead and affecting normal life in rural areas, officials said.

The wet spells affected people in at least 63 villages, damaging some houses and crops on 45 hectares of land, as per a preliminary assessment by revenue authorities.

"At least four people and 88 animals lost their lives on September 1 amid rains. Twenty-nine pucca and 135 kuccha houses suffered damage. Similarly, crops on 45.20 hectares of land belonging to 74 farmers from 18 villages were also affected," officials said.

The heavy rains also caused the submergence of a bridge connecting Hingoli and Sengaon villages.

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5 rain deaths in Marathwada in 24hrs, Army joins rescue op

54 Marooned People Rescued From Hingoli

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Sambhajinagar: As unprecedented widespread showers lashed parts of Marathwada, Maharashtra, especially Parbhani (138mm), Hingoli (134), and Jalna (111) districts, in 24 hours ending Monday morning, the region reported at least five rain-related deaths. An 18-month-old child from Kannad was among those who died. Rescue and evacuation operations were initiated with help of Army and others.

In Hingoli around 54 people, including 40 farmers, were stranded in floodwaters overnight in Devjana village of Kalamnuri taluka. They were rescued by Monday afternoon. "One 38-year-old farmer from Tembhurni village of Basmath taluka was swept away in a gushing nullah on Sunday. His body was found 24 hours later. Though the flood started receding by Monday evening, SDRF



A railway track gets washed away at Mahabubabad in Telangana Monday

Vijayawada faces worst flood in 2 decades

Over 40% of Vijayawada city has been inundated by the worst floods to have hit Andhra in the last two decades, report **Venu Lanka & Srikanth Aluri**. Two surrounding rivers, Krishna & Budameru, have breached their banks, submerging even areas that were never affected by flooding in the past. Torrential rains triggered by a low pressure system have battered the city and parts of the state for past four days. By Sunday, the swelling Budameru river had deluged 16 divisions of Vijayawada. The situation worsened when the surging Krishna spilled over and inundated other areas of the city. CM N Chandrababu Naidu's residence on the banks of Krishna faced the danger of inundation as the water touched the protective wall of the house and reached the bund road on Monday. Meanwhile, Telangana CM Revanth Reddy urged PM Modi to immediately release Rs 5,438 crore as temporary relief towards losses suffered by the state.

teams were kept on standby," Hingoli additional collector Khushalsingh Pardeshi said.

Marathwada also reported 88 cattle deaths due to lightning and rain-related incidents.

2 pilgrims die, 3 hurt in Vaishno Devi landslide

Sanjay Khajuria | TNN

Jammu: Two women pilgrims died and three others were critically injured when a landslide caused an overhead iron structure to crash on them on the new Himkoti track to Vaishno Devi temple near Panchhi helipad in Jammu and Kashmir's Katra on Monday afternoon.

"Rescue teams retrieved the two bodies from the landslide debris," a shrine board official said.

The deceased have been identified as Sapna from Punjab's Gurdaspur and Neha from Uttar Pradesh's Kanpur.

"After the accident, pilgrims' movement on Himkoti track has been halted. Yatra continues uninterrupted," Reasi Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Paul Mahajan said.

On July 19, 2023, the track was closed in view of landslide threats following heavy rain breaking 43-year record.

आंध्र और तेलंगाना में बारिश का कहर, 31 की मौत



हैदराबाद/तेलंगाना, एंजेंसी। तेलंगाना और आंध्र प्रदेश में भारी बारिश का दौर सोमवार को भी जारी रहा। इस दौरान 31 लोगों की मौत हो गई। सड़कें और रेल पटरियां क्षतिग्रस्त हो गईं, जिससे आवागमन बाधित हो गया। हजारों एकड़ कृषि फसलें जलमग्न हो गईं और लोगों को दैनिक जरूरतों के लिए संघर्ष करना पड़ा। एसडीआरएफ की 20 और एनडीआरएफ की 19 टीमें राहत और बचाव कार्यों में लगी हुई हैं। सोमवार को बारिश के दौरान विभिन्न घटनाओं में तेलंगाना में 16 और आंध्र प्रदेश में 15 लोगों की मौत हो गई। तेलंगाना में बारिश से संबंधित



तेलंगाना में भारी बारिश से केसमुद्रम के पास रेलवे ट्रैक के नीचे का हिस्सा बह गया। • प्रे

घटनाओं में मरने वाले लोगों में एक पिता और उनकी वैज्ञानिक बेटी भी शामिल हैं। पेशे से वैज्ञानिक एन अश्विनी छत्तीसगढ़ के रायपुर स्थित 'आईसीएआर-नेशनल इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ बायोटेक स्ट्रेस मैनेजमेंट' के स्कूल ऑफ क्रॉप रेजिस्टेंस सिस्टम रिसर्च में कार्यरत थीं। तेलंगाना में

केसमुद्रम के पास रेलवे ट्रैक के नीचे बजरी का एक हिस्सा बाढ़ के पानी के कारण बह गया।

आंध्र में लगभग 4.5 लाख लोग प्रभावित हुए हैं, जबकि विजयवाड़ा में हालात ज्यादा खराब हैं। यहां 2.7 लाख से अधिक लोगों का जीवन अस्त-व्यस्त हो गया है।

उत्तराखंड : श्रद्धालुओं को सोनप्रयाग में रोकना

देहरादून। उत्तराखंड के विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में हो रही बारिश लोगों के लिए आफत साबित हो रही है। बरसात के कारण मलबा आने से बदरीनाथ हाईवे समेत कुल 147 मार्ग बाधित हो गए थे। सोमवार शाम तक इनमें से अधिकतर सुचारु हो गए। उधर, केदारनाथ का पैदल मार्ग बाधित होने से करीब 1500 तीर्थयात्रियों को सोनप्रयाग में रोकना पड़ा।

हिमाचल : बारिश से 100 से अधिक सड़कें बंद

शिमला। हिमाचल प्रदेश में सोमवार को बारिश के कारण राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग 707 सहित कुल 109 सड़कें बंद हो गईं। वहीं, स्थानीय मौसम विभाग ने चंबा, कांगड़ा, मंडी, शिमला, सिरमौर, सोलन, कुल्लू और किन्नौर के कुछ हिस्सों में बाढ़ की चेतावनी दी है। इसके अलावा राज्य के विभिन्न स्थानों पर भारी बारिश का 'येलो अलर्ट' भी जारी किया है।

तेलंगाना में 5000 करोड़ के नुकसान का अनुमान : तेलंगाना में राज्य सरकार ने सोमवार को प्रारंभिक अनुमानों का हवाला देते हुए 5,000 करोड़ रुपये के नुकसान का अनुमान लगाया तथा 2,000 करोड़ रुपये की तत्काल केंद्रीय सहायता की मांग की। 432 ट्रेनें रह, 139 के मार्ग बदले गए

: दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे (एससीआर) के एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि भारी बारिश के चलते कई स्थानों पर पटरियों पर जलभराव के कारण 432 ट्रेनें रद्द कर दी गईं, जबकि सोमवार दोपहर तक 139 ट्रेनों का मार्ग परिवर्तन किया गया है। उन्होंने कहा कि मरम्मत कार्य चल रहा है।

आंध्र-तेलंगाना बारिश से बेहाल, 31 लोगों की मौत, बचाव के लिए 26 टीमें तैनात

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देश के कई राज्यों में मूसलधार बारिश का सिलसिला जारी है। तेलंगाना और आंध्र प्रदेश में बाढ़ जैसी स्थिति बन गई है। सोमवार को तेलंगाना में बारिश से संबंधित घटनाओं में 16 लोगों की मौत हो गई। आंध्र प्रदेश में पिछले तीन दिनों में ऐसी ही घटनाओं में 15 लोगों की जान गई। दोनों राज्यों में राष्ट्रीय आपदा मोचन बल (NDRF) की 26 टीमें को राहत और बचाव कार्यों के लिए तैनात किया गया है।

तेलंगाना के मुख्यमंत्री ए. रेवंत रेड्डी ने केंद्र से बाढ़ को राष्ट्रीय आपदा घोषित करने का अनुरोध करने की योजना बनाई है। राज्य के आईटी एवं उद्योग मंत्री डी. श्रीधर बाबू ने बताया कि नुकसान की पूरी रिपोर्ट मिलने के बाद ही स्थिति की व्यापक जानकारी मिल सकेगी। मुख्यमंत्री ने बारिश से जुड़ी घटनाओं में मारे गए लोगों के परिजनों को पांच-पांच लाख रुपये देने घोषणा की है। राज्य सरकार बाढ़ से हुए नुकसान पर एक विस्तृत रिपोर्ट केंद्र को सौंपेगी और प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी से राज्य के बाढ़ प्रभावित क्षेत्रों का दौरा करने की गुजारिश करेगी। वहीं, आंध्र प्रदेश के विजयवाड़ा के मोगलराजपुरम में लैंडस्लाइड के कारण पांच लोगों की मौत हो गई। विजयवाड़ा ग्रामीण, जी कोडरु मंडल और रेड्डीगुडेम मंडल में एक-एक व्यक्ति की मौत हुई, ये सभी इलाके एनटीआर जिले के अंतर्गत आते हैं। गुंटूर जिले में भी पांच लोगों की मौत की खबर है, जिसमें उप्पलापाडु से नम्बुरु जा रहे एक शिक्षक और दो छात्र पानी में बह गए।



सिकंदराबाद में बारिश से कई जगह रेल पटरियों को नुकसान हुआ।

जयपुर सहित राज्य के कई जिलों में भारी बारिश

■ भाषा, जयपुर : राजस्थान में मॉनसून के एक बार फिर जोर पकड़ने से राजधानी जयपुर सहित कई जिलों में भारी बारिश हुई और यह दौर जारी रहने की संभावना है। मौसम विभाग के जयपुर केंद्र के अनुसार, सोमवार सुबह साढ़े आठ बजे तक 24 घंटे के दौरान पश्चिमी और पूर्वी राजस्थान में बारिश हुई। इस दौरान अलवर, सीकर, अजमेर व नागौर जिले में कहीं-कहीं भारी बारिश। जयपुर जिले के कई हिस्सों में भारी बारिश हुई। एक नए मौसमी तंत्र के प्रभाव से पूर्वी राजस्थान के अनेक भागों में बारिश की गतिविधियों में बढ़ोतरी होगी। कहीं-कहीं भारी बारिश की संभावना है और यह अगले एक सप्ताह तक जारी रहेगी।

कर्नाटक में पटरियों पर पानी, बिहार जाने वाली कई ट्रेनें कर दी गई रद्द

■ पीटीआई, हाजीपुर : कर्नाटक में साउथ वेस्टर्न रेलवे के रेल रास्तों पर कई जगहों पर जलजमाव के कारण बिहार की कई ट्रेनें रद्द कर दी गई हैं। ईस्ट सेंट्रल रेलवे के मुख्य जनसंपर्क अधिकारी सरस्वती चंद्रा ने कहा कि रायनपाडु स्टेशन और विजयवाड़ा-निडदवोलु रेलखंड पर कई जगहों पर पटरियों पर जलजमाव हो गया है। इस वजह से, सोमवार को दानापुर से चलने वाली गाड़ी संख्या 12296 संघमित्रा एक्सप्रेस, बेगलुरु से चलने वाली गाड़ी संख्या 12295 संघमित्रा एक्सप्रेस, बेगलुरु से चलने वाली गाड़ी संख्या 06509 बेगलुरु-दानापुर विशेष रेलगाड़ी और चार सितंबर को दानापुर से चलने वाली गाड़ी संख्या 06510 दानापुर-बेगलुरु विशेष रेलगाड़ी को रद्द कर दिया गया है।

हिमाचल प्रदेश के आठ जिलों में बाढ़ की चेतावनी

■ भाषा, शिमला/गोपेश्वर : हिमाचल में सोमवार को बारिश के कारण NH-707 सहित कुल 109 सड़कें बंद हो गईं। मौसम विभाग ने मंगलवार तक चंबा, कांगड़ा, मंडी, शिमला, सिरमौर, सोलन, कुल्लू और किन्नौर के कुछ हिस्सों में हल्के से मध्यम स्तर की बाढ़ की चेतावनी दी है। मंगलवार तक राज्य के विभिन्न जगहों पर भारी बारिश और आंधी का 'येलो' अलर्ट जारी किया गया है। वहीं, उत्तराखंड के चमोली जिले में बदरीनाथ नैशनल हाइवे भारी बारिश के कारण कई जगह लैंडस्लाइड के चलते बंद हो गया है।