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### Flood threat looms over north Bihar districts

Several rivers in spate following heavy rain in the catchment areas of Nepal

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With many north Bihar rivers in spate, flood threat looms over areas in border districts. Some low lying villages of East and West Champaran districts have already been inundated.

The catchment areas of neighbouring Nepal have been witnessing heavy rain for the last several days, causing rivers originating from the Himalayan region to overflow. On Monday, the Bagmati river crossed the highest flood level at Belsand in Sheohar district, while Kosi

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threatened to cross the danger mark in Khagaria district. Similarly, the enhanced release of water in Gandak river from Nepal through Valmikinagar Barrage in West Champaran triggered flood threat in the district and neighbouring Gopalganj.

"The water levels in Lalbakeya, Sikarahana, Kamla-Balan and Gandak rivers have been rising alarmingly," said an official. Several villagesin West Champaran district have been inundated. A video footage also showed floodwaters gushing into a Sashastra Seema Bal camp near Jhandu in Bagaha subdivision.

'Officials on high alert'

"All officials and engineers have been put on high alert in view of rains in Nepal region... round-the-clock vigil is also being maintained by officials in flood-prone areas," said State Water Resources Minister Sanjay Kumar Jha.

State chief secretary Deepak Kumar on Monday held a high-level meeting with crisis management group to review the flood situation in north Bihar. "There is heavy pressure of floodwater on embankments in these areas but the situation until now is under control," said a water resources department official. cEarlier, the Central Water Commission too had issued flood alert in areas of East Champaran, Muzaffarpur, Sitamarhi, Jahnjharpur and Madhubani districts.

"Heavy rainfall can be expected only at isolated places in north Bihar over next 24 hours... However, south-west monsoon has been active in Bihar and rainfall with thunderstorm would occur in all 38 districts till July 16," said Sanjay Kumar of the Patna Meteorological Centre.

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## Rangers guide three tigers out of Kaziranga

The big cats get disoriented by flood waters and human structures along their paths

RAHUL KARMAKAR GUWAHATI

The tiger can feel helpless too.

Wildlife officials and rescue workers at the flooded Kaziranga National Park (KNP) had to provide a "safe passage" for three tigers in less than two days, guiding them to the relative safety of the hills beyond a highway along the southern edge of the park.

"Two tigers swam out to Baghmari village on the outskirts of the western range of the KNP. One was directed towards Karbi Anglong and reached safely, the other disturbed by dogs in the village rested beside the highway before it was also guided to the forest in the hills," said P. Sivakumar, the park's director.



Search for sanctuary: A tiger trying to reach higher ground in the flooded Kaziranga National Park. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Animals use nine major and several minor corridors between the KNP and the hills of Karbi Anglong to escape floods during the monsoon and return when the waters subside.

About 95% of the park has been flooded this year, with 173 of the 223 antipoaching camps inundated. So far, 51 animals have been killed and 102 rescued during two waves of flood since May 22. A majority of the animals either drowned or were hit by vehicles while crossing the highway. The rescued animals include a rhino and a tiger.

Many houses, resorts, roadside eateries and other

structures have come up over the years on the corridors that are beyond the KNP but within the eco-sensitive zone that is yet to be specified. Among the newest such structures is a resort being built on the Kanchanjuri animal corridor allegedly by an MLA of the ruling alliance in Assam.

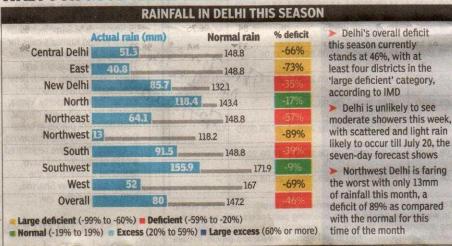
On Monday, an operation to guide a sub-adult male tiger to safety took 11 hours. It came out of the park and took shelter in a goatshed at Kandolimari village. "The tiger was disturbed by human activities. We waited patiently to let it rest and regain its strength while making the villagers understand they need to give the striped cat some space," said Sanshul Ali, a rehabilitation veterinarian.

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# Normal rain only in north and southwest Delhi so far

#### WAIT FOR GOOD MONSOON RAIN TO CONTINUE



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ith the IMD only forecasting scattered, light rain in the coming days, this deficit could only grow longer with a "moderate" to "heavy" shower only likely towards the end of the month, officials say.

In terms of the districts faring the best, only north Delhi and southwest Delhi districts have received "normal" rains so far this month, recording 118.4mm and 155.9mm of rainfall, respectively, although still below 100%. The IMD ranges categorizes rainfall between -19% and 19% as "normal", between -59% and -20% as "deficient" and between -99% and -60% as "large deficient"

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on its index.

The normal mark for the month of July is 210.6mm of rainfall. Data shows Delhi was able to clear this limit three times in the last five years.

IMD's seven-day forecast for the capital shows a drizzle could occur on Wednesday, while light rain may also occur on Thursday. For Friday, most parts could see light rain with moderate rain occurring in isolated parts. Light showers are forecast to continue until July 20, officials said, however this is unlikely to be enough to cover the deficit.

"A strong spell of rain is not expected this week, but light rains will continue over Delhi. The monsoon trough is yet to impact Delhi the same way it has brought rain near the foothills. Generally, Delhi starts recording good rain only near the end of the month," said a met official.

Delhi recorded 34.8mm of rainfall on July 5 at Safdarjung, Delhi's base station, however since then, has received only 9.2mm of rainfall at the station. The capital recorded no rain on Tuesday.

Air quality meanwhile in the capital has spiked back up to the "moderate" category with an overall Air Quality Index (AQI) of 127 recorded on Tuesday, according to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). Last week, the AQI had fallen below the 50 mark, which is classified as "good" air.

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## IMD: Monsoon to resume over north-west region from today

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NEWDELHI: After a brief lull, monsoon rains will resume in northwest and central India from Wednesday, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD). There is an 8% monsoon rain deficiency over northwest India during this season.

The monsoon trough which had moved northwards to the Himalayan foothills around July 8 bringing intense rains to east and northeast India has moved back almost to its normal position and is passing along Amritsar in Punjab; Chandigarh; Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh; Dumka in Jharkhand and Canning in West Bengal. It's likely to rain all along these regions because of high moisture incursion and easterly winds blowing from the direction of Bay of Bengal. Delhi however is likely to receive light, patchy rain during the period.

The eastern end of the monsoon trough (line of low pressure) has shifted further southwards causing significant reduction in rainfall intensity over northeast India. Under influence of likely strengthening of lower level easterlies and hence the monsoon tough, widespread rain with some heavy to very heavy rain is likely over northwestern plains during July 15 to 18 with maximum intensity and distribution of rainfall on July 16 and 18, IMD's Tuesday bulletin said.

Widespread and very heavy rain is likely over Odisha, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal during next 2 days. Under the influence of strong lower level wind convergence along the West coast, heavy to very heavy rain will affect north Madhya Maharashtra, south Gujarat region and north Konkan from July 14 to 16 with extremely heavy rain over parts of north Madhya Maharashtra and north Konkan

on July 15 and over south Gujarat region on July 16.

"The monsoon trough has come down so there will be relief from extreme rains in northeast India. When the trough moves to the plains, there is easterly wind flow. This makes conditions favourable for rain in regions where the trough passes. There is a feeble western disturbance affecting the northwestern region and a cyclonic circulation over Uttar Pradesh. These will help bring rain to northwest India but it will not be very intense. There will be a lot of rain along the west coast also mainly due to wind convergence, explained K Sathi Devi, head, national weather forecasting centre. "We are expecting rain intensity to be higher in Uttarakhand, east and west UP, east Rajasthan, Delhi NCR may get light rain and thunder," said Kuldeep Shrivastava, head, regional weather forecasting centre.