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## 4th time in 10 days: H'way to Goa shut for 8 hrs after rain

Umesh K Parida

**Navi Mumbai:** For the fourth time in the last 10 days, on Monday, the Mumbai-Goa highway was shut at two locations for up to eight hours following heavy rainfall. While incessant rain flooded Chiplun city forcing authorities to halt vehicular movement on the British-era bridge over Vashisthi river from 6am to 2pm, the Khed section of the highway was closed for traffic from 9.30am to 2pm as Jagbudi river level was close to the danger mark.

Chiplun naib tehsildar T S Sejal said, "Around 114mm rainfall was recorded in the 24-hour period ending Monday 8am. The Mumbai-Goa highway was closed for traffic keeping in mind the safety of people as Vashisthi river rose dangerously." Chiplun resident Ra-



The closed British-era bridge over Vashisthi river in Chiplun city

**“** Around 114mm rainfall was recorded in the 24-hour period ending Monday 8am. The Mumbai-Goa highway was closed for traffic as water level of Vashisthi river rose

**T S Sejal | CHIPLUN NAIB TEHSILDAR**

jendra Shinde said the river flooded the city, forcing people to wade through knee-deep water. Another resi-

dent Sunil Salvi said, "There was also a landslide which damaged three houses. Two women were injured in the incident."

Khed tehsildar Shivaji Jadhav said, "The area received 86mm of rainfall between Sunday 8am and Monday 8am. As Jagbudi river water level was close to the danger mark, vehicles were barred from plying on the British-era bridge for nearly five hours."

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## PM calls Sonowal as flood toll rises; over 4,000 villages hit

95% of Kaziranga inundated; Brahmaputra, Barak in spate

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
GUWAHATI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi called up Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal to take stock of the flood situation that has claimed 15 lives and affected 42.86 lakh people so far.

Floodwaters have inundated 95% of the 430 sq km Kaziranga National Park (KNP) and other one-horned rhino habitats such as the Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary. Forest officials said 17 of the herbivores have drowned or died in accidents while moving to safety.

Officials of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) said the



**Safer shores:** Victims moving to safety in country boats in Morigaon district of Assam on Monday. • RITU RAJ KONWAR

rising Brahmaputra and Barak rivers and their tributaries have inundated 30 of the State's 33 districts.

"As on Monday, 42.86 lakh people across 4,157 villages have been affected and

83,180 of them have taken shelter in 183 relief camps across 26 districts," an ASDMA official said.

Sixteen persons also died of AES and Japanese Encephalitis on Monday.



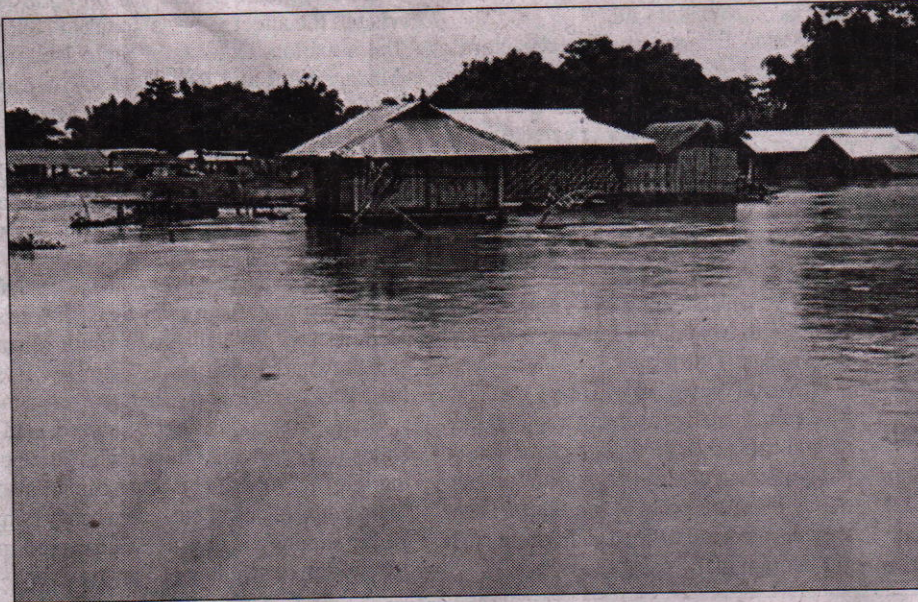
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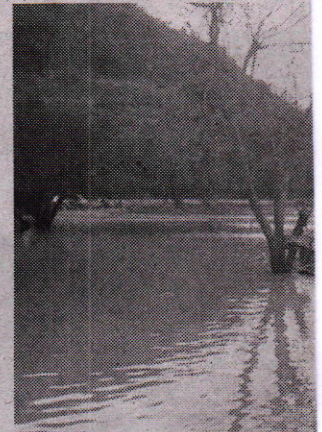
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# State flood situation of families



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Submerged areas of Narayanpur and Sivas

## CORRESPONDENT

**MANGALDAI July 14:** The over-  
all flood situation in Darrang district  
has worsened with the surging wa-  
ter of the Brahmaputra and its tribu-  
taries submerging new areas particu-  
larly in Dalgao and Mangaldai re-  
venue circles. In Dalgao Revenue cir-  
cle, 41 villages has been hit by the  
current wave of flood, while the fig-  
ure in Mangaldai Revenue circle  
stood at 21. As per the reports of the  
District Disaster Management Au-  
thority on Sunday, altogether 86 vil-  
lages have been affected so far with a  
population of around 55,000. The  
flood situation may further deterio-  
rate in the district in the next couple  
of days as the Brahmaputra is flow-  
ing nearly one-and-a-half metre  
above the danger level. Till filing of  
this report, no flood relief camp has  
been set up by the district adminis-  
tration barring five distribution points  
of cattle feed.

**Dhubri Correspondent adds:**  
The Flood situation in Dhubri district  
has remained grim as over 3 lakh  
people have been affected so far.

The Bahmaputra and major riv-  
ers are now flowing above the dan-  
ger mark. According to sources, the  
situation is likely to deteriorate fur-  
ther in the next 24 hours. They also  
informed that the current wave of  
flood has affected over two lakh ani-  
mals, besides damaging 5,000 hec-  
tares of crop areas.

Athani circle is said to be the worst  
affected so far, followed by Dhubri cir-  
cle, South Salmara, Gauripur,  
Golokganj, Agomoni and Chapar. The  
Dhubri district administration has set  
up three relief camps through which it  
has provided shelter to 1,246 people.

**Goalpara Correspondent adds:**  
The flood situation in Goalpara district  
may worsen in the next 24 hours as  
the surging water of Brahmaputra has  
submerged new areas of Matia, Balijana  
and Lakhipur Revenue Circles.

According to an offi-  
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and stakeholders.

The guidelines for implementa-  
tion of the policies are still at an early  
stage of formulation and will be  
finalised after extensive consultations  
are carried out, Ramakrishnan said.

Towards this end, the government  
will hold consultative meets with all  
sections and stakeholders so that the  
exercise so carried out is in every-  
body's interest and protects the  
rights of all citizens.

The government assured the  
citizens that it will not take any

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# Over 50 villages inundated in Kamrup district

ANN Service

MIRZA, July 14: With the water level of the Brahmaputra rising 32 cms above the danger level at Palasbari, Goroimari, Chamaria, Boko and Hajo Revenue Circles in Kamrup district, over 40,000 families in over 50 villages have been badly affected.

Sources said that several villages, namely Bardia, Bhatkhowadia, Hengratari, Baniapara, Biturtari, Pagladia, Kalardia etc under Palasbari Revenue Circle in Kamrup district have been completely submerged and several hundred families have taken shelter in relief camps.

Sources said that over 10 villages, including Balagaon No. 1, Balagaon No. 2, Batahidia, Saralpara, Maghuwa, Bhakuwamari, Khetrapara, Nayapara etc villages under Goroimari Revenue Circle in Kamrup district have been completely submerged today by flood waters of the Brahmaputra.

In Hajo LAC too, a large number of villages, including Panditorpam, Gaoburapam etc have been completely submerged by surging waters of the Brahmaputra.

"Relief and rescue operations by the Government agencies concerned has not been launched so far in most of the flood-affected villages of Kamrup district. We demand the Government to distribute relief material and provide at least one boat in each affected village under Kamrup dis-

trict for launching rescue operations. Further, it is necessary to provide fodder to the affected livestock too," said Abul Ali of Bhatkhowadia village in Palasbari LAC.

Flood waters of the Brahmaputra has also completely submerged several villages, namely Kuriahamari, Bhaganmari, Naobajchar, Laopara etc under Barkhetri Revenue Circle in Nalbari district while several villages, namely Bhelengimari (Kasumari NC), Chandanpur, Changbandha, Mohsora etc., under Chenga LAC in Barpeta district have also been submerged, thus causing panic among the affected people.

Several other villages under Boko LAC in Kamrup district, including Panikhaiti, Arikati, Lutoridiya, Laturadiya NC, Kamalapur etc., have also been inundated and several livestock lost to the deluge.

Flash flood by waters of the Jaljali river has wreaked havoc in vast areas of Mandira NC, Malibari, Jamlai, Pijupara, Nagarbera (partly) villages under Boko LAC in Kamrup district. The Hekera-Nagarnera PWD road under Boko LAC has been submerged at Jamlai village, thereby disrupting surface communication.

In the meantime, the condition of floods induced by the Kulsi and Batha rivers improved today although many places of Kukurmara, No. 1 Balasidhi, Pantan, Kalardia, Patarighat, Bhatipara, Baranti, Tokoradia etc., under Chhaygaon Revenue Circle are still reeling under flood waters.

The situation arising out of Kulsi river

Tezpur, Amtola, No. 1 Jiakur, No. 2 Jiakur, Kandulimari, Panikhaiti, Mallatari, Roumari, Futuri, Bejortari etc villages under Palasbari Revenue Circle in Kamrup district has also partly improved.

Vast tracts of standing crops were damaged and hundreds of ponds inundated in these villages, following which all the captive fish managed to escape. Flood waters of Puthimari breached an embankment at Koiserbori, Sonapur and Athgaon area under Hajo LAC in Kamrup district on July 12 and flood waters rushing through the breached portions inundated several villages, including Athgaon, Okhura, Ketekibari, Japia, Bhaillabari, Bagta, Manakuchi etc., under Hajo Revenue Circle, causing panic among the affected people. Over 50 families shifted their belongings to the embankment at Koiserbori and Monakuchi villages under Hajo LAC in Kamrup district.

The Deputy Commissioner of Kamrup district Kamal Kumar Baishya and MLA of Hajo LAC Suman Haripriya visited some of the flood-affected areas in Hajo LAC, including the breached portion of the embankment at Sonapur (Boromboi) area on July 12 and directed the concerned officials to deal with any eventuality arising out of the situation.

The MP of Guwahati Lok Sabha constituency Queen Ojah too visited some of the affected areas in Hajo area on July 13 and assured all possible assistance to the needy people.



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# 28 districts in State reeling under flood

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, July 14: More than 26 lakh people have been affected by floods in 28 districts of Assam as on Sunday, even as the death toll rose to nine.

The deaths were reported in Dhemaji (2), Golaghat (3), Jorhat (2), Barpeta (1) and Dhubri (1). Two other incidents of death due to rain-fall-induced landslides were also reported.

According to the Indian Meteorology Department (IMD), there is a likelihood of more rainfall in the State in the next 48 hours.

"The Union Home Minister has reviewed the flood scenario of the State and we have explained him the scenario. The Government of India has assured that the first instalment of the financial package for flood relief would be released soon," Kumar Sanjay Krishna,

Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management department, told media persons here.

"We have enough fund at our disposal at the moment for relief operations and around Rs 56 crore has been released for districts depending on the requirement," Krishna said,

adding that comprehensive assessment of the damage could only be done after the flood is over.

Last year, fund to

the tune of Rs 590 crore was released by the Centre for flood.

The flood-affected districts of the State are Dhemaji, Lakhimpur, Biswanath, Sonitpur, Darrang, Baksa, Barpeta, Nalbari, Chirang, Bongaigaon, Kokrajhar, Goalpara, Kamrup, Morigaon, Hojai, Nagaon, Golaghat, Majuli, Jorhat, Sivasagar, Dibrugarh, Tinsukia, Cachar, Dhubri and West Karbi Anglong.

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**Over 26 lakh people affected, death toll mounts to 9**

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Further, the Brahmaputra river was flowing above the danger level at the Neamatighat (Jorhat), Tezpur (Sonitpur), Guwahati, Goalpara and Dhubri points till July 13. Similarly, Burhidehing at Khowang, Subansiri at Badatighat, Dhansiri at Numaligarh, Jia Bharali in Sonitpur, Kopili at Kamrup and Dharamtul, Puthimari in Kamrup, Beki in Barpeta, Barak in Cachar, Katakhal at Matizuri, and Kushiara at Karimganj were also above the danger level till July 13.

Krishna also informed that 168 proposals for repairing embankments sent by the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) have been approved so far, for which an amount of Rs 250 crore has already been released.

Teams of the NDRF and the SDRF are stationed at various flood-affected locations for search and rescue operation.

As far as the Kaziranga National Park is concerned, around 70 per cent of its total area is affected by flood and the district administration has been put on alert.



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# 67 dead as IMD sounds red alert

**FLOOD HAVOC** Death toll rises in Assam, Bihar; Centre releases ₹251 crore for Assam; Met sounds alarm for Kerala

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**GUWAHATI/PATNA/LUCKNOW/CHANDIGARH:** The death toll in floods in North-East, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh rose to 67 on Tuesday from 45 on Monday, even as the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted more rains in these regions.

Close to nine million people in the flood affected regions have been affected with nearly 300,000 living in relief camps.

Union water resources minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat who met chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal on Tuesday, announced the release of Rs 251 crore as first installment to the state disaster response fund, the Assam's disaster management authority said.

"The floods in Assam are a concern for the entire country. I would like to assure that the Centre will extend all help to the state to tackle the situation effectively," Shekhawat said.

Till Tuesday, 22 people have died in floods, including two in landslides in Guwahati, and five deaths were reported from Barpeta, Dhubri, Morigaon and Nagaon. There are 5.25 million people affected in 30 of the state's 33 districts. Around with 147,000 displaced persons are taking shelter in 695 relief camps, the state disaster management authority said.

The ongoing floods have taken a toll on the animals residing within the Kaziranga National Park, the biggest habitat of one horned rhinos in the world. Four rhinos and an elephant died in the past 24 hours due to floods, according to divisional forest officer RB Saikia, taking the total animal death toll in the park till Tuesday to 30.

In Bihar where 12 of the state's 38 districts are facing a deluge, chief minister Nitish Kumar told the state assembly that Rs 6000 will be given as relief to six lakh families affected by the floods, through direct benefit transfer Friday onwards.

"Bihar is hit by disasters, like floods or drought every year, but we don't get adequate funds. The state only received Rs 500 crore (from the Centre) in the 2017 floods," he said.

With recovery of nine more bodies on Tuesday, the death toll

## REELING DUE TO RAINS



People wade through a flooded street in Guwahati, Assam, on Tuesday.

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### ASSAM

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has reached 33 in Bihar.

In eastern Uttar Pradesh, six deaths were reported due to floods in rivers originating in Nepal. Hundreds of villages in Balrampur, Shravastri and Lakhimpur districts remained under water as Rapti and Sharda rivers continued to flow over the danger mark, the state's irrigation department said.

Punjab's Bathinda received 178 mm rainfall in eight hours on Tuesday morning — the city receives 375 mm in a year.

The IMD also issued a red alert (over 240 mm in 24 hours) for Kerala's six districts, including Idukki, Wayanad, Kannur, Ernakulam and Thrissur, from July 18 onwards. These were some of the most affected districts in the 2018 floods, which were the worst that the state had experienced in a century.

Meanwhile, in Nepal, at least 78 people have died and 40 injured, with around 17,500 displaced due to floods and landslides, authorities said Tuesday. (With agency inputs)

## Floods hit Assam's trans persons hard

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**NEW DELHI:** A transgender organisation claimed that trans people were among the worst affected in flood-hit Assam as they have little access to relief.

According to All Assam Transgender Association (AATA), at least 13 gharanas or traditional housing for trans groups, each comprising 60-70 people, were washed away.

Pinki Begum, a 27-year-old in Nagaon district, said rising water levels have displaced 40 members of her community. Their savings have been lost, too. "We spent four nights in a tent camped on a highway with no food," Begum said.

When her house was flooded in 2017, she found little help in

relief camps, she said. "If others got 10 kg ration, we got 1 kg."

AATA founder Swati Bidhan Baruah said social attitudes, bias and discrimination came into sharper focus during natural disasters. "Whatever money comes always goes to the men and women. This is why we need to target measures to specifically help them," she said.

Assam's State Disaster Management Authority refused to comment on the issue even as it said the agency acted without bias. "The government is taking all possible steps to provide assistance to the flood-affected people of the state as per the norms," the agency said in a statement.

Activists say at least two trans people have died in Nagaon and hundreds displaced.

## Bihar announces ₹360 crore relief for 600K families

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**PATNA:** Bihar will give ₹6,000 per family as gratuitous relief, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar announced in the state assembly on Tuesday. With 12 of the state's 38 districts flooded, and over 2.6 million people affected, the relief will be disbursed through direct benefit transfer (DBT) starting July 19, he said.

On Tuesday, the death toll reached 33 in the flood-affected state, as flood waters entered two more blocks of Katihar and Madhubani districts. At present, over 116,000 people are living in 221 relief camps.

According to a Water Resources Department bulletin, five rivers — Baghmati, Kamla Balan, Lalbakeya, Adhwara and Mahananda — are flowing above danger levels at various places due to incessant rainfall, both in the catchment areas as well as in their source regions in Nepal. The Tarai region of Nepal had experienced 280-300 mm rainfall against 50 mm average in last few days, which caused the rivers to swell up.

"Funds would not be an impediment for giving assistance to flood victims as people affected by natural disasters have the first right on the state coffers," he said.

"There are six lakh families affected, and Rs 360 crore will be spent by the state as relief," said Prataya Amrit, principal secretary, Disaster Management Department, adding that this is the first time DBT will be used.

Some of the worst affected districts include Sheohar, Sitamarhi, Muzaffarpur, Supaul, Saharsa, Madhubani and Kishanganj.

Meanwhile, the chief minister also raised concerns that parts of north Bihar may face drought. Bihar witnessed drought-like situation in 24 districts in 2018.

"Going by the weather pattern so far, I fear Bihar could be in for another drought," Kumar said



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# Record rainfall drowns Bathinda

Water enters residences of IG, Dy Commissioner, SSP | 37 cows die in roof collapse

SUKHMEET BHASIN  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, JULY 16

The city today got flooded after it received record 178 mm rain, which poured continuously for six hours.

Residents were at the receiving end with the town's drainage system choked following the heavy spell of rain. Most of the roads in the town were flooded with rainwater, which entered many localities and damaged household items. A number of educational institutions declared holiday today.

The situation was such that even the official residences of IGP Bathinda Range MF Farooqui, District and Session Judge Kamaljit Singh Lamba, Deputy Commissioner B Srinivasan and Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Dr Nanak Singh were submerged as these are located in the low-lying area of Civil Lines.

This despite the fact that the area is represented by members of the influential Badal clan in both Parliament as well as the state Assembly. Both Bathinda MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal and Bathinda (Urban) MLA Manpreet Badal have made tall claims of development in the city.

Meanwhile, the roof of a cow shelter collapsed due to heavy rainfall in Bhagta area in the district. Of nearly 80 cows inside the shelter, 37 died in the incident. Revenue Minister Gurpreet Singh Kangar reached the spot and announced Rs 5 lakh compensation, while SAD leader Sikander Singh Maluka reportedly gave Rs 25 lakh from his pocket.



A rickshaw-puller wades through the submerged Power House road in Bathinda on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: PAWAN SHARMA

## Fields in Moga flooded as Sutlej swells

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SANGHERA (MOGA), JULY 16

Hundreds of acres of standing paddy crop and green fodder have been submerged in water in many villages/settlements located inside the dhushi bundh of the Sutlej in Dharamkot subdivision of the district as the water level in the river has increased due to moderate and heavy rainfall in its catchment areas during the past 24 hours.

Sarpanch of Sanghera village Balkar Singh claimed that paddy, green fodder and mint crops were damaged on more than 1,500 acres of land inside the dhushi bundh in at least six villages and human settlements. A vast stretch of cultivable fields are located inside the bundh.

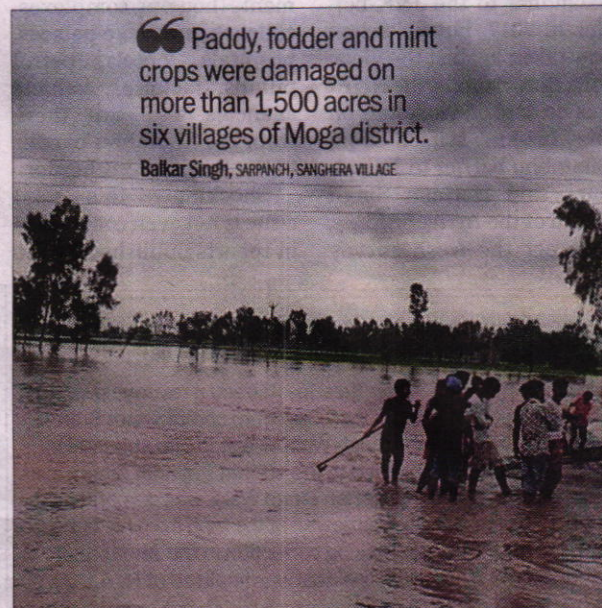
Many link roads were seen submerged in water. There was also shortage of potable water, local people alleged.

Sanghera village and a few human settlements have been completely disconnected from other areas due to flooding. Several houses and tubewells have also submerged.

Meanwhile, Narinder Singh Dhaliwal, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Dharamkot, claimed that he had visited the areas around the dhushi bundh along with officials of the Agriculture Department. There was no stagnant river water outside the bundh areas. "As far as initial reports are concerned there are no losses to crops outside the dhushi bundh areas, but still we will conduct girdawari in the next few days," he said.

“Paddy, fodder and mint crops were damaged on more than 1,500 acres in six villages of Moga district.

Balkar Singh, SARPANCH, SANGHERA VILLAGE



Residents try to make a bundh to stop the flow of water into Sanghera village of Moga district on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO



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# Gushing Ghaggar floods Patiala villages

## Damages paddy on hundreds of acres | Villagers flee homes with their belongings

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PATIALA, JULY 16

The water of the Ghaggar today crossed the danger mark and entered villages in Sanaur and Ghanaur areas of Patiala. It inundated freshly sown paddy on hundreds of acres in many villages.

The rainwater put life out of gear in villages, including Sirkapra, Bolar kalan, Bossar, Asarpur, Jogipur and Rathian in Sanaur and Maru, Sarala Khurd and Mandoli in Ghanaur. People gathered outside villages as their farmland remained submerged.

The water level had already touched the danger mark of 16 ft at the Sarala head on Monday night. A crack that developed in an overbridge in Sanaur further widened to over 40 ft and disconnected Malakpur, Batti, Batta and Rathian villages.

The water level did not recede throughout the day. Villagers showed submerged paddy and questioned preventive measures taken by the administration before the onset of the monsoon. "Every year we are threatened by the Ghaggar. The Irrigation Department failed to complete the repair of its banks



Flood-affected villagers shift to safer places in Patiala. TRIBUNE PHOTOS: RAJESH SACHAR



“Every year we are threatened by the Ghaggar. The department has failed to complete the repair of its banks and de-silting work on time. Now our property and crops are getting damaged” Mukhtiar Singh of Maru village

and de-silting work on time. Now public as well as private property and paddy on hundreds of acres is getting affected,” said Mukhtiar Singh of Maru village.

“The river flows in a zig-zag manner due to which water has eroded the natural sidewalls and entered villages. It has damaged newly constructed roads and infra-

structure in many villages. We will be in danger if the water level rises further,” said Satnam, a panchayat member. Davinder Singh, Superintending Engineer (SE), Patiala drainage circle, said, “The water level has started receding at the Sarhala head slowly.”

Deputy Commissioner Kumar Amit held a meeting

with officials of the Drainage Department, civil, police and Army personnel. He said all help would be provided to affected residents.

“The situation is under control. Teams have been formed to look into the issue and provide help,” he added.

Meanwhile, the water level of another rain rivulet, Badi Nadi, in Patiala, rose and

reached houses in various colonies near its banks. Residents said more than 300 people were affected. People were forced to leave their houses early morning as the water level rose over 4-ft above the ground. The administration has made temporary provisions for the stay of all affected residents of the area.



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# From deficit to 10% surplus rain in Punjab

## Serious shortfall in Haryana, Himachal; above-average level in dams

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CHANDIGARH, JULY 16

Following widespread rains in the region over the past couple of days, the monsoon deficit in Punjab has been covered up, though the neighbouring states of Haryana and Himachal Pradesh continue to face a serious shortfall.

The poor rains in catchment areas notwithstanding, the water storage in vital dams remains comfortable, with the availability being above the 10-year average for this time of the year. The water level at Bhakra Dam on the Sutlej, which is vital for irrigation and power generation, was recorded at 1,624.18 feet today, about 110 feet more than that in the corresponding period last year.

The rainfall in Punjab, which till a few days ago was deficient by almost 50 per cent, is now 10 per cent above the long-term average. From June 1 to July 16, the state has received 147.9 mm rain



Patiala residents move to safety and (below) deluge in Bathinda. TRIBUNE

### RAIN CHEER NOT FOR ALL

STATE*	NORMAL	ACTUAL	DEVIATION
Punjab	135mm	147.9mm	10%
Haryana	126.4mm	69.9mm	-45%
Himachal	225.6mm	144.6mm	-36%

\*RAINFALL DATA FROM JUNE 1 TO JULY 16

against the normal of 135 mm, according to Met Department. Rains in Haryana and Himachal Pradesh, on the other hand are deficient by

45 per cent and 36 per cent.

Six Punjab districts of Gurdaspur, Amritsar, Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar, Ferozepur and Moga have received rainfall

below the long-term average, with Hoshiarpur (-69 per cent) being the worst-hit.

Only four districts in Haryana—Ambala, Yamunanagar, Kurukshetra and Karnal—have received normal rainfall and deficiency in other districts ranges up to 92 per cent. Faridabad, Mewat, Rohtak and Panipat are among the worst-affected.

No district of the hill state of Himachal Pradesh, has received rain above the long-term average. Solan (-15) and Shimla (-19) are the best placed while the tribal districts of Chamba (-60) and Lahaul and Spiti (-55) and Kangra (-47) are the worst hit.

According to Central Water Commission (CWC) officials, Bhakra Dam is filled up to about 48 per cent of its capacity. The storage had gone down to 6 per cent last year because of unusually low water inflow. The present storage level at the Bhakra, say sources, is 15 per cent above the past 10-year average during autumn.





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## Grim situation: Encephalitis death toll touches

# Flood, fever make lives miserable in Assam

Sumir Karmakar

**GUWAHATI, DHNS:** Flooded homes and the fear of encephalitis has made lives miserable for many in Assam as 42.86 lakh people were affected by floods and the death toll due to encephalitis rose to 192 on Monday.

The daily flood bulletin issued by the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) here said 30 of the state's 33 districts were affected by floods so far while 83,180 people took shelter in 183 relief camps.

"Four flood-related deaths were reported from Goalpara, Morigaon, Nagaon and Hailakandi districts in the past 24 hours. This takes the death toll due to floods to 13 while two others had died earlier due to landslides," said the bulletin.

The number of flood-affected people stood at 26,45,533 on Sunday. Train service between Lumding-Badarpur hills section was cancelled till July 19 after heavy rains damaged railway tracks between Jatinga Lumpur and New Harangajao stations in central Assam, chief public relations officer of Northeast Frontier Railways, Pranav Jyoti Sharma said.

Prabin Saikia, a farmer in Dhakuakhana in North Assam's Lakhimpur district felt relieved on Saturday evening after reaching a shelter camp with his five-member family after his home was completely

damaged by floods. But the high fever of his six-year-old son Raktim from Sunday morning left him worried again. "The government is telling all suffering from fever to go for a blood test to confirm encephalitis. But how can I take him to hospital in this flood?" worried Saikia told DH over the phone on Monday.

Lakhimpur, sharing a border with Arunachal Pradesh is one of the worst flood-affected districts. Apart from local rains, water flowing down the hills of Arunachal Pradesh aggravate the flood situation.

The state health department said on Monday evening that 16 deaths were reported due to Acute Encephalitis Syndrome and Japanese Encephalitis (JE) in the past 24 hours, taking the death toll to 192 since June 28.

The six new deaths caused by JE were reported from Lakhimpur, Barpeta, Darrang, Hailakandi, Jorhat and Tinsukia districts. A total of 1,409 AES/JE cases has been reported from across the state so far.

### Special fund

Debabrata Saikia, the leader of the Opposition in Assam Assembly wrote a letter to Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal on Monday with a request to impress upon the Centre to announce a special flood relief package immediately like it did during the similar flood in Kerala, J&K and Tamil Nadu in the past.

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A family marooned on top of a hut in the flood-hit locality of P



Villagers use a makeshift raft to cross a flooded area on the outskirts of Agartala on Monday. REUTERS

## 95% of Kaziranga flooded

As many as 13 hog deers and sambar died due to floods in Kaziranga National Park so far. Of these, eight hog deers and a sambar died after being hit by vehicles on the NH-37 while crossing the road to reach the highland to avoid floods. Another 14 animals have been rescued. A statement issued by the office of Assam forest minister Parimal Suklabaidya said 95% of the park has been inundated.

## 'Declare flood a national calamity'

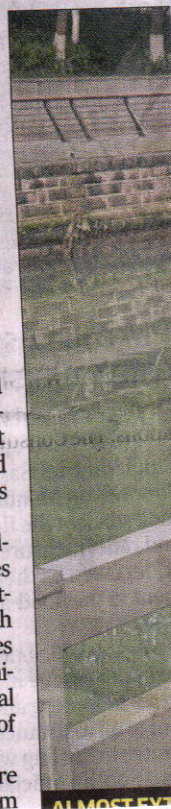
The devastating floods in Assam provided on Monday to again raise the criticism in the state a national calamity. Communist perennial problem, reports DFJ's sickened At least three Congress MPs lining schemes test in front of Parliament in N alleging indifference by the BJP such journal- the Centre and in the state towae authorities "Flood is an annual phenomenon of report- massive devastation. The problem on in-depth year. The state government is nonsequences manent solution to this problem that the Chi- a national calamity first by the Cvoid of critical huge fund and expertise to find tportrayals of said Ripun Bora, Rajya Sabha m pera." "We're reporter from

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# U-K sees heavy rain; Maha showers swell N-K rivers

**BENGALURU: Monsoon showers have receded in most parts of Karnataka, but Uttara Kannada district continued to experience downpour.**

On Monday night, heavy rain lashed Karwar town, causing hardships to the residents and the commuters due to flooding of low-lying areas and the roads.

Incidents of rainwater gushing into the houses and commercial establishments were reported at Padmanabhnagar, Mahadevnagar, KHB Layout and surrounding areas.

Overcast conditions prevailed over the town, which experienced light showers in-

termittently through the day.

Several parts of the district also witnessed heavy showers. Ankola recorded 11.2 mm of rain in the last 24 hours (ending 8 am on Monday), Kumta received 97.8 mm, Bhatkal 90 mm, Joida 47 mm and Sirsi 38 mm, according to the officials of Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre.

Moderate to heavy showers threw life out of gear at Devasugur, Shaktinagar and surrounding villages in Raichur taluk. Children were left stranded at their schools in several villages as premises of several government schools were inundated with rainwater. Parts of Harapanahalli taluk in Ballari district also have

received moderate showers on Monday.

## Rivers in full flow

Meanwhile, despite a lull in the rain for the last couple of days, East-flowing rivers in North Karnataka continued to receive good inflow owing to the incessant rain in their catchment in the recent past.

With River Krishna flowing in full steam, as much as 1.14 lakh cusecs water has flowed into Almatti reservoir. Over 38,000 cusecs were released downstream from Almatti.

The confluence of Krishna and Malaprabha rivers at Kudalasangama (the aikya sthala of Basavanna) is full to the brim.

Hipparagi reservoir near Rabakavi-Banahatti on Monday received 84,300 cusecs of water while the outflow was 83,300 cusecs.

Four of six low-lying bridges across Krishna and its tributaries in Chikkodi and Nippani taluks have been open for vehicular traffic after the water level in the rivers subsided on Monday. However, Malikwad-Dattawad and Kallol-Yadur bridges are still under water.

Tungabhadra river is in full flow along its course in Harihar and Harapanahalli taluks. With the water level in the river rising with each passing day, farmers have shifted their pump sets from the river basin.

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A child drains out water after Sunday night showers flooded her house at Madhavnagar in Karwar. DH PHOTO



The residents of Aski and surrounding villages travel by a boat, only mode of transportation, in Krishna river to reach Rabakavi-Banahatti and Athani towns. DH PHOTO



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**Stranded**

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Villagers are transported on a boat towards a safer place at a flooded village in Nagaon district in Assam on Monday. About 43 lakh people have been affected by floods that have claimed 15 lives so far. REUTERS

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