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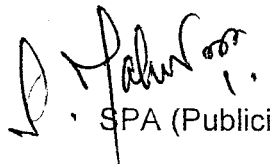
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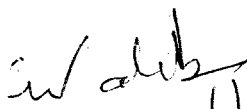
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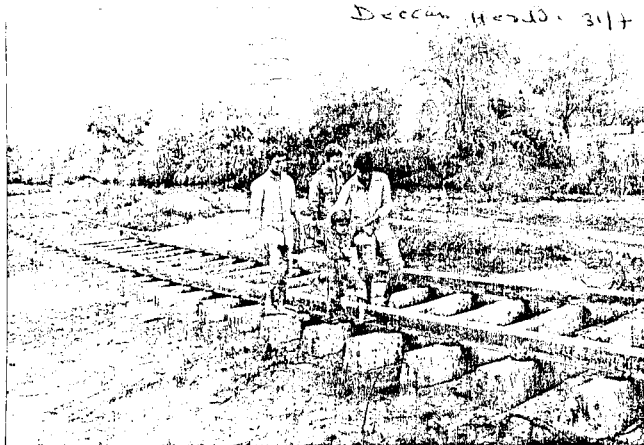


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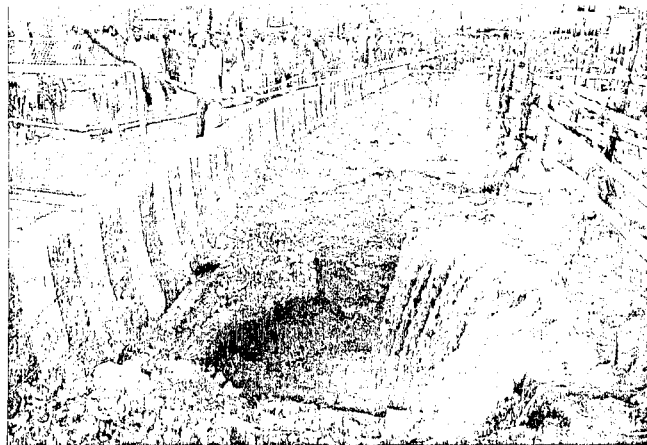
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Villagers walk along railway tracks damaged in floods at Godha, 195km from Ahmedabad. AFP



A damaged road near Kashi Vishwanath temple after heavy rain in Varanasi on Sunday. PTI

# Lightning strikes in Odisha kill 11

## Landslides and flood wreak havoc in several areas, claim many lives

**NEW DELHI:** Eleven people were killed as lightning struck them in Odisha on Sunday, while landslides and floods, triggered by heavy rain, continued to wreak havoc in many parts of the country killing several people.

In Delhi, the skies were partly cloudy with the maximum temperature settling at 34.1 degrees Celsius, normal for this time of the year, while the minimum was recorded at 28 degrees Celsius, a notch above the season's average.

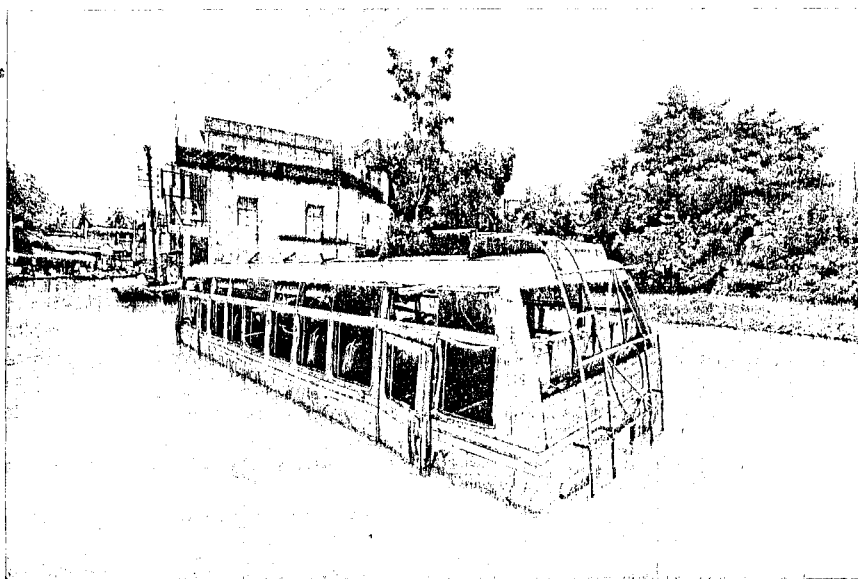
In Odisha, the flood toll rose to seven with the death of three more people in Jajpur district while lightning strikes in Bhadrak, Balasore and Kendrapara districts claimed 11 lives and left eight injured.

According to an official, while five died in Bhadrak, three each were killed in Balasore and Kendrapara districts.

### Situation improving

However, in a major respite to people in Kendrapara and Jajpur districts, water level in the Brahmani river has receded at Jenapur.

The water level of Kharasota river is showing a receding trend near Aul in Kendrapara district.



A bus submerged in flood waters at Ghatal in West Midnapore district of West Bengal on Sunday. PTI

The flood situation in Sundargarh district has also improved considerably with the waters of Brahmani, Ib and Koel rivers receding.

The flood-like situation in the southwestern districts of Rajasthan too has started to improve as the water showed receding trend, even as the

death toll touched 17 since July 22. A body was recovered from a swollen canal in Sumperpur. Two children drowned in a pond in Marwar Junction of

Pali district.

As many as 55 people were rescued from different villages in Barmer.

Relief and rescue operations

in all affected districts are being carried out by the army, NDRF, SDRF and the respective district administrations, an official said.

### Bengal

The flood situation in West Bengal improved further as water has started to recede in majority of the rivers in the worst-hit Howrah, Hooghly and West Midnapore districts.

The toll, however, rose to 34 since July 21 following the death of three more people in the state, officials said.

A senior official in the state's Disaster Management Department said that nearly 25 lakh people were affected in about 170 villages in 11 flood-hit districts.

The flood was mainly caused by heavy rain last week, triggered by a huge low pressure trough, and water released by the Damodar Valley Corporation through its dams along the course of the Damodar river in Bihar and Bengal.

Maximum temperatures at most places in Haryana and Punjab hovered close to the normal limits with the joint capital Chandigarh receiving light showers and recording a maximum of 33.5 degrees Celsius.

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## Narmada dam: Supreme Court deadline passes, showdown looms

**MILIND GHATWAI**  
BADWANI, JULY 31

The deadline given by the Supreme Court for the Sardar Sarovar project-affected families in the Narmada valley ended on Monday amid signs that a showdown was on the cards between Narmada Bachao Andolan (NBA) supporters and the administration of Badwani and Dhar districts as and when the police move

in for forcible eviction.

While the state government insisted that the SC on Monday rejected a petition seeking stay on eviction, the NBA activists claimed the court had extended the deadline to August 8 due to tension in certain areas in Dhar and Badwani districts.

The state government indicated that it was in no mood to move in the police immediately, but would do so once the water level in the dam starts rising, threatening sub-

mergence in these two districts where 7,100 families are still to be resettled. The NBA claimed the number was much more.

As the deadline loomed on Monday, project-affected families and NBA supporters gathered at Chikhaldia village, where NBA leader Medha Patkar is on fast since July 27. Using vehicles and cots as barricades against the entry of government officials to the protest site, NBA activists and affected families announced they would not vacate the submergence zone.

Badwani collector



Medha Patkar on fast in Dhar. 12

Tejaswi Naik said the SC had not extended the deadline and that the government was free to take a call on eviction from August 1. "We will

continue to engage in dialogue for a fortnight, by which time the water level will rise significantly. We are maintaining restraint," he told *The Indian Express*.

"The government wants to evict us forcibly, but does not want to provide facilities at rehabilitation sites," said Balkrishna Mukati of Bajrikheda village. "We were scared as there was likelihood of eviction but we decided we wouldn't move," said Rajendra Solanki of Ekalbara village. NVDA officials said basic facilities at many rehabilitation sites had been given.

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# Bengal flood situation grim; 39 dead

About 27 lakh people affected; nearly 400 relief camps running in the State at present

SOUMYA DAS  
KOLKATA

Even as the State government has claimed that the flood-like situation has improved in Bengal, the death toll has risen to 39 so far. Speaking to *The Hindu* State Disaster Management Minister Javed Khan said: "Thirty-nine people have died in the State so far due to the flood-like situation and about 27 lakh have been affected by it." He also said that nearly 400 relief camps were running in the State at present.

The situation is still grim in several areas of Howrah, Hooghly and Paschim Medinipur. Locals said several areas in Amta II and Udaynarayanpur block of Howrah district are still heavily waterlogged, the residents Ghatal and Daspur II blocks are struggling due to alleged lack of government aid. As for the Hooghly district areas such as Khanakul, Goghat and Pursurah under Arambagh subdivision, are still heavily waterlogged. However, district officials remained tight lipped on the



**Rain battered:** People wade through knee-deep water at Sehagori village in Howrah district on Monday. ■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

matter.

However, a couple of days ago when *The Hindu* visited Chitnan village in the Amta II block of Howrah there was "severe discontent" among locals against the State government regarding aid.

Standing in one corner of the ground floor of a damp

and partially waterlogged two-storey school building, Geeta Bera (70) looked on in a rather aloof manner as other villagers jostled to grab hold of the government aid, mainly food and trampoline. The school building, a makeshift flood shelter, has been home to nearly 700 residents

of Chitnan village in Amta II block of Howrah district for the last couple of days.

The village has been severely waterlogged as the Rupnarayan river has been overflowing its banks due to monsoon rain and heavy water release from its

dams by the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC).

"This chaos is nothing new to us. I have been seeing this since my childhood. About four decades ago when my father died, there was a similar situation here. As there was no place for cremation, we left the body in the river," Ms. Bera told *The Hindu*. As she spoke, several people gathered in the narrow corridor of the school and started speaking of their sufferings. While some blamed the DVC for their annual ordeal, others accused the State government of "not doing enough" to alleviate their condition.

It's not just the poor condition of the flood shelter which is plaguing the villagers. The swelling waters of the Rupnarayan have ruined our crops, mainly paddy, in large swaths of the area causing heavy losses to farmers. "This year I have sowed paddy in four acres of land and now it is all ruined. I have suffered a loss of about ₹80, 000," said Sheikh Hasanujjaman.

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# ₹20,000 crore allocated for Namami Gange: Uma Bharti

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The government has allocated ₹20,000 crore for Namami Gange Programme and a timeline set to complete projects, Union Minister Uma Bharti on Monday told the Rajya Sabha.

The obstacles to meet the timelines have also been removed, the Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation said while replying to supplementary question by KT Tulsi during Question Hour.

"Will Ganga ever be clean," Tulsi asked. Sharing the member's concern, Bharti said this was the first time that the Modi government has given



a timeline and all the issues and obstacles to meet the deadline have been addressed.

Bharti said projects worth ₹4,000 crore were taken up in previous 29 years, but except one or two projects, the rest are not fully complete. The government has sanctioned 163 projects under the Namami Gange Programme. The minister said the BJP-led government has issued tenders

and released funds. "₹20,000 crore central fund has been allocated for the development of Ganga-related projects," she said.

"Under National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA), Namami Gange Programme, total 163 projects for various activities such as sewage infrastructure, river front development, ghats and crematoria, ghat cleaning, rural sanitation etc have been sanctioned," Bharti said. Of the 163 projects, 41 projects have been completed so far, she said, adding that 86 projects have been sanctioned after 2015. As per the data, 81 projects relate to sewage infrastructure and 59 projects to ghats and crematoria.

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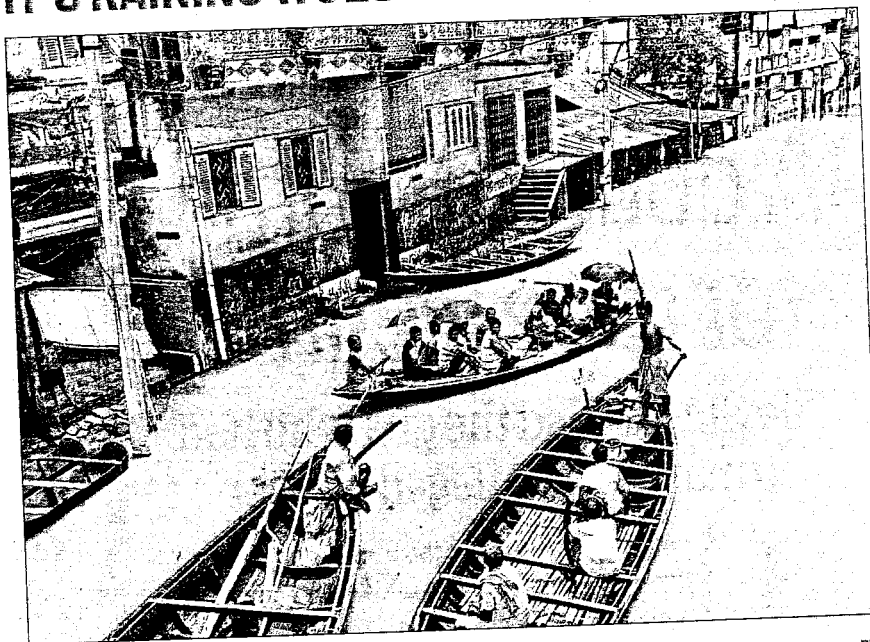
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## IT'S RAINING WOES

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• People on boats from flood-hit West Midnapore district in West Bengal.

PTI

Rain continued to batter several states on Monday. River Ganga has been flowing above danger mark in Haridwar even as five people died in Uttarakhand in rain-related incidents. In Assam, floods have claimed 70 lives so far. Over 90 animals, including seven rhinoceros, have died due in the Kaziranga National Park in Assam, the government told Parliament on Monday. PM Narendra Modi will visit Assam on Tuesday. Mean-

while, a 62-year-old woman who kept herself afloat for 13 hours in Damodar river in Burdwan, West Bengal, was rescued. A resident of Kalibazar, Tapati Chowdhury, had gone to see the swollen Damodar river out of curiosity on Saturday. The flood toll in West Bengal rose to 39 with the death of five more. In Himachal Pradesh, heavy rains triggered landslides leading to blockage of over 150 roads.

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## HOME FROM WHERE CHOPPER PLUCKED OCCUPANTS



Waters from the raging Shilabati river flow past a three-storied building damaged in floods in Pratappur village of West Midnapore on Sunday.

At least 20 people stranded in the building for the past few days were airlifted to safety on Saturday after the air force demonstrated that rescuing with ropes tied to the waist was neither critical nor unsafe.

The demonstration was needed because the villagers had refused to be lifted through winching to a helicopter a day earlier. Altogether 30 people were rescued by the process in flood-hit Ghatal on Saturday.

Actor and Trinamul MP Dev (right) visited his constituency Ghatal on Sunday and held three meetings with administrative officials on the flood situation.

The Ghatal sub-division has been one of the worst-hit areas in the state this year, with breaches in the embankments of the swollen Shilabati and other rivers flooding several villages. The area witnesses floods almost

every year.

"I want the Ghatal master plan executed during my tenure as a Lok Sabha member. I will talk to Didi (Mamata Banerjee) and Rajib-da (Rajib Banerjee, state irrigation minister) about it again. I will take up the issue in Parliament tomorrow," Dev said.

Dev had on August 2 last year raised the perennial problem of floods in Ghatal in his maiden speech in the Lok Sabha.

Speaking mostly in Bengali, he had sought the Centre's help in implementing the flood-prevention Ghatal master plan.

The Ghatal master plan involves desilting of rivers like the Shilabati and Kangshabati, and re-excavation of ponds and canals in the flood-prone areas of the two Midnapores.

"If this project is implemented, about 17 lakh people in a dozen blocks of the two Midnapores would be benefited," said an irrigation department official.

Report by Anshuman Phadikar, pictures by Pradip Sanyal

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## FLOOD-AFFECTED AAMTOLA VILLAGE IN LAKHIMPUR

Assam Tribune 30/7/17



Flood relief materials being distributed by members of the Assam Tribune Employees' Union at Aamtola village.





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# Govt OKs study on why Gangajal doesn't turn bad

## SEVEN PROJECTS APPROVED

**Total 170 projects have, so far, been approved under the Namami Gange programme**

### Seven projects approved on Monday

**These projects include:**  
Sewage infrastructure;  
River front development;  
Ghats & crematoria, river surface cleaning; rural sanitation; afforestation and research

➤ 41 of the 170 projects have been completed so far

➤ 87 of all the projects are related to creating sewage infrastructure

➤ 4 sewage infrastructure projects have so far been completed

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**New Delhi:** The Centre approved on Monday seven projects, worth nearly Rs 425 crore, under its ambitious ongoing river cleaning programme. Besides new sewage infrastructure projects, the fresh approvals include a research work to study non-putrefying properties of 'Gangajal' (Ganga water) — considered 'holy' by Hindus.

The study will, in fact, be an extension of an ongoing research carried out by the National Environment Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) to identify special properties of the river's waters. The research will cover study of both water and sediments, especially in the upper reaches of the Ganga.

"This research would focus on finding out the science behind these special properties in order to formulate a strategy to retain these characteristics", said an official note of the Union water resources ministry.

All these projects were approved by an executive committee of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), a central body which approves all projects

up to Rs 1,000 crore under the Namami Gange programme. The Mission has earmarked Rs 4.96 crore for the research study to understand the non-putrefying properties of the river Ganga.

The six sewage infrastructure related projects, approved on Monday, include three projects each for Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. In UP, these projects are aimed at creation of sewage treatment capacity of 29 million litres per day (MLD), at Unnao (13 MLD), Shuklaganj (6 MLD), and Ramnagar (10 MLD) at a total cost of over Rs 238 crore.

In Bihar, these projects will create additional sewage treatment capacity of 27 MLD at Sultanganj (10 MLD), Nalgachia (9 MLD) and Mokama (8 MLD). "All the six projects will be provided with 'operation and maintenance' cost for 15 years by the central government", said the ministry in a statement.

The projects at Unnao and Sultanganj will be taken up under hybrid annuity-based PPP model in which 60% of the capital cost will be paid to the contractor over a period of 15 years on the basis of his work performance on the achievement of desired norms of treated waste water.