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बाढ़ के कारण रायगढ़ जिले में सावित्री नदी पर हुई दुर्घटना मुंबई-गोवा हाइवे का पुल गाड़ियों, लोगों समेत बहा

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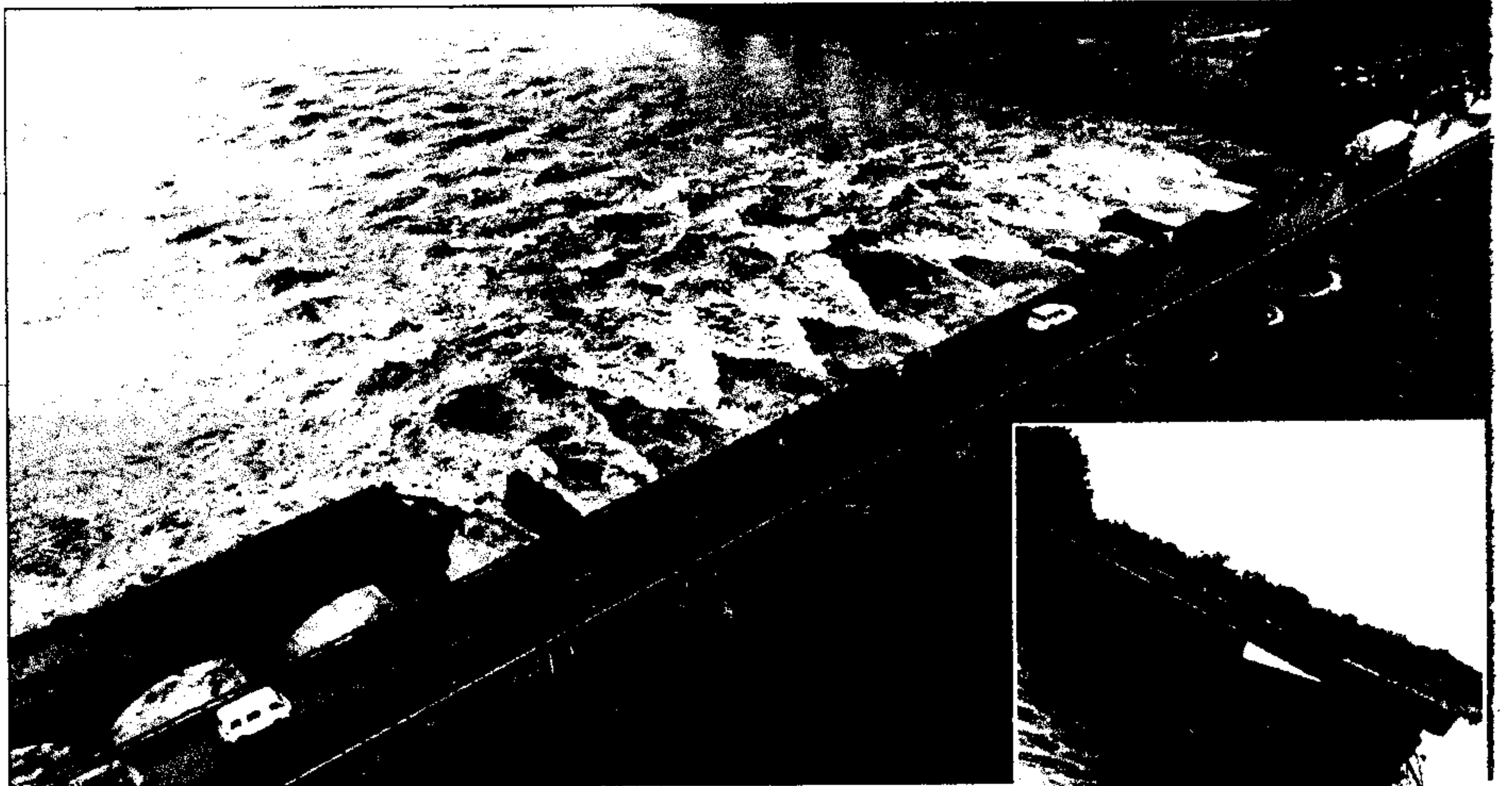
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भारी बारिश की वजह से मुंबई-गोवा हाइवे पर स्थित महाड में मंगलवार देर रात एक पुराना पुल गिर जाने से कोंकण इलाके की उफनती सावित्री नदी में कई गाड़ियां समा गईं। इसमें दो लोगों की मौत हो गई और 40 से ज्यादा बह गए हैं। तकरीबन 15 गाड़ियां टूटे पुल से नदी में बह गईं। इसमें राज्य परिवहन की दो बसें भी शामिल हैं। बचाव अभियान और सर्च ऑपरेशन के लिए एनडीआरएफ समेत सेना को भी लगाया गया है। लापता लोगों की तलाश के लिए नौसेना के हेलिकॉप्टरों की मदद ली गई। हालांकि नदी में समाई बसें और अन्य वाहनों में कितने लोग सवार थे, इसकी पूरी जानकारी नहीं मिली है। लापता लोगों की तादाद बढ़ने की आशंका जताई जा रही है।

गृह मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह ने इस हादसे पर संसद में कहा, 'रेस्क्यू ऑपरेशन के लिए 12 नावों के साथ 115 जवानों वाली एनडीआरएफ की चार टीमों भेजी गई हैं।' वहीं महाराष्ट्र के मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस ने ट्वीट कर कहा, 'वहां दो समानांतर पुल थे। इनमें से एक पुल नया था जबकि दूसरा अंग्रेजों के जमाने का था। पुराना वाला पुल टूट गया है।' मीडिया रिपोर्ट्स के मुताबिक, 'मंगलवार रात साढ़े 12 बजे सावित्री नदी पर बना पुल अचानक भरभरा कर गिर गया। इससे पुल से गुजर रही गाड़ियां नीचे उफनती सावित्री नदी में जा गिरीं। रायगढ़ में पिछले दो दिनों से भारी बारिश हो रही है।



रायगढ़ जिले के अधिकारियों के मुताबिक, राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग प्राधिकरण के अधिकारियों ने एक इंजीनियरिंग कंसल्टेंसी फर्म के साथ इस साल मई में इस पुल का दौरा किया था और इसे सुरक्षित घोषित किया था।

पूरे देश में जारी है मॉनसूनी कहर

नासिक में डूबे
कई मंदिर



महाराष्ट्र के अहमदनगर में 24 घंटे में इतनी बारिश हुई, जितनी पूरे सीजन में होती है। वहीं, नासिक में चार दिन से लगातार वर्षा के चलते दत्त मंदिर, बालाजी मंदिर, मारुति मंदिर और खंडेराया मंदिर डूब गए हैं, जबकि त्र्यंबकेश्वर मंदिर में भी पानी अंदर घुस आया है।

मध्यप्रदेश के नीमच में बारिश से मोरवन डैम में पानी उफनाया तो एक मगरमच्छ बहकर गांव में पहुंच गया। वन विभाग की टीम ने लगभग 2 घंटे की मशक्कत के बाद इसे पकड़ा। फिर इसे गांधीसागर अभयारण्य में छोड़ दिया गया।

उत्तराखंड के पिथौरागढ़ में मलबे की चपेट में आने से दो लोगों की मौत हो गई। चमोली के थराली रुइसाण गांव में घर पर पेड़ गिरने से तीन लोग घायल हो गए।

हिमाचल में बादल फटने से तबाही जारी है। पहले चंबा फिर किन्नौर और अब रामपुर में बादल फटने से भारी तबाही हुई है। घर, पैदल चलने वाले पुल और किसानों-बागवानों की जमीनें बह गई हैं।

काजीरंगा के गैंडे
सड़कों पर आ गए



असम के काजीरंगा पार्क में बाढ़ आने से गैंडे सड़क पर आ गए। बाढ़ से 20 गैंडों समेत 207 जानवर मारे जा चुके हैं। बाढ़ से राज्य के निचले इलाकों में बुरे हालात हैं। वन सुरक्षाकर्मियों ने 109 जंगली जानवरों को बाढ़ से निकालकर सुरक्षित स्थानों तक पहुंचाया है।

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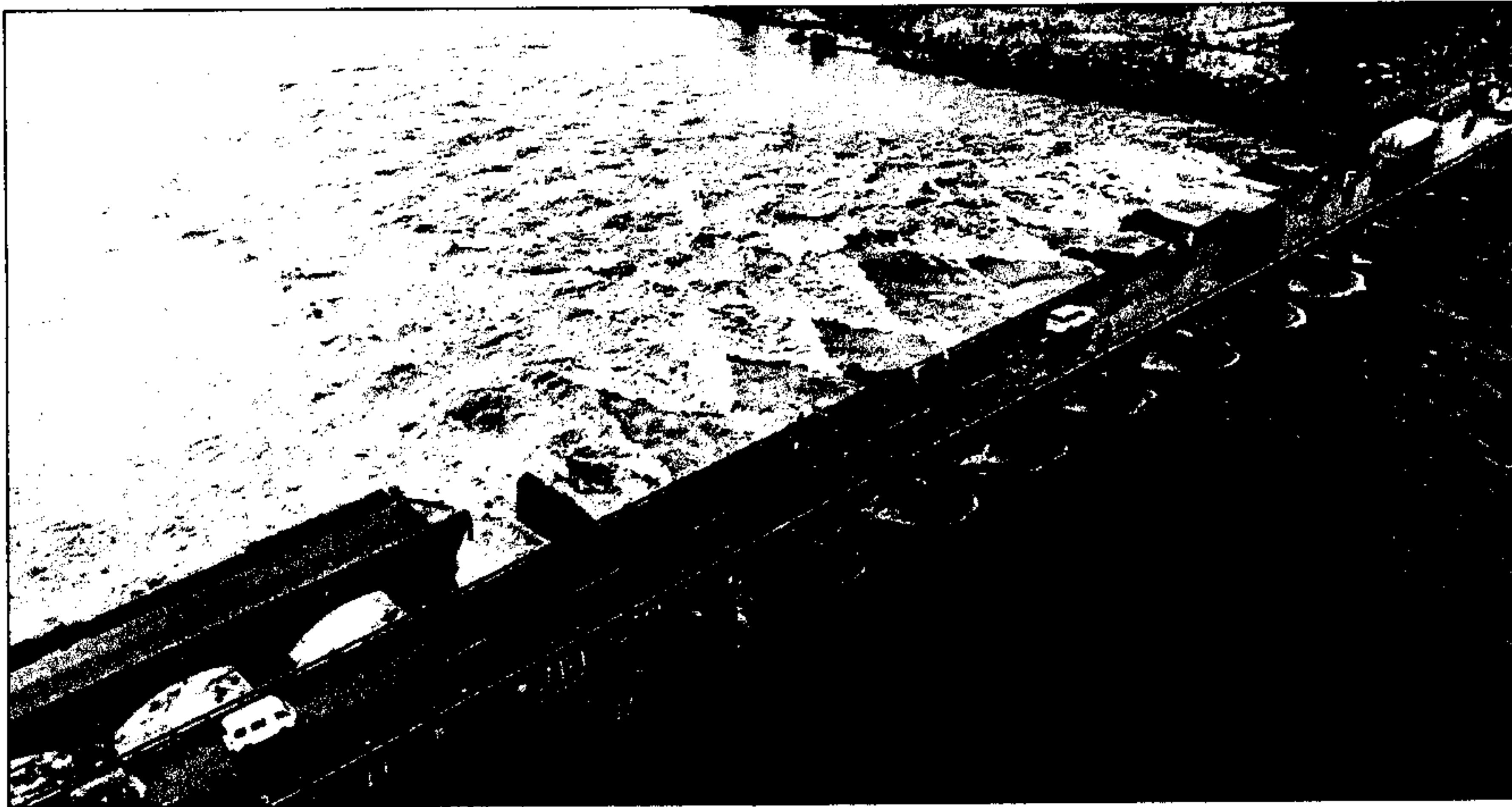
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H. Times ५/८/१६ **22 FEARED DEAD IN BRIDGE COLLAPSE**



■ At least 22 people were missing after an 88-year-old bridge on the Mumbai-Goa highway collapsed into the swollen Savitri river late on Tuesday. Two state-run buses were among the vehicles feared to have been lost. A multi-agency search operation had found nothing till Wednesday night. »P10 PTI

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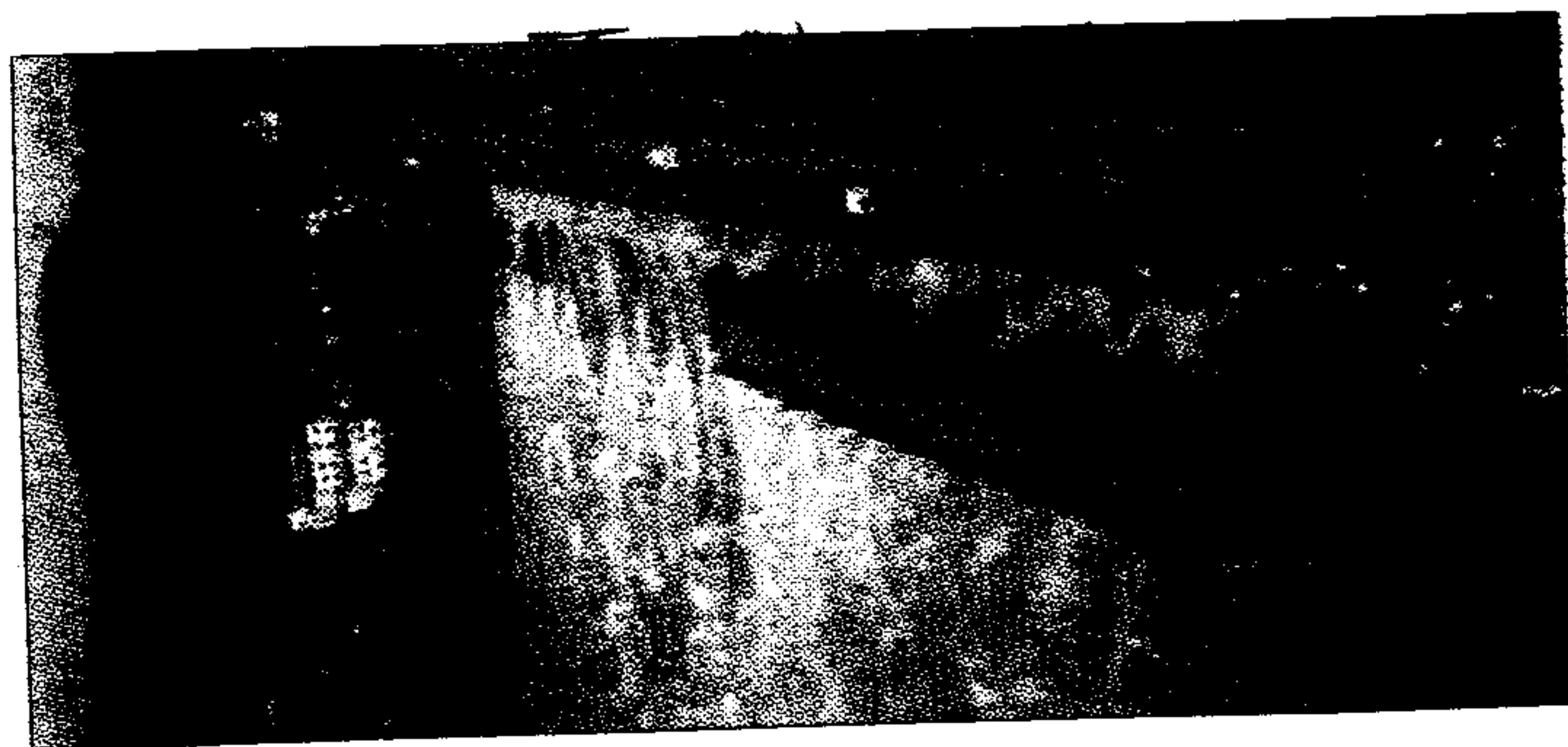
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बिहार में सामान्य तौर पर बादल छाए रहने के साथ बारिश अथवा गरज के साथ छीटे पड़ने की संभावना है।



मध्य प्रदेश में मौसम विभाग ने अगले 24 घंटे में कई स्थानों पर भारी बारिश की चेतावनी दी है।

अगले 24 घंटों में ओडिशा के दूर-दराज क्षेत्र के एक-दो जगह भारी बारिश हो सकती है।



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GONE WITH THE RAIN: People gather around a caved-in portion of Gopalpura bypass road in Jaipur on Tuesday. PTI

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Rain cripples Gujarat, Maharashtra

Coast Guard, NDRF rescue 134 people in Valsad

DH - 3 Aug

AHMEDABAD/ MUMBAI: The Coast Guard and the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) were pressed into rescue operations as heavy rain lashed south and east-central Gujarat on Tuesday, while most parts of Maharashtra, too, receive a pounding.

Three deaths due to drowning were reported from Bhagrawada village in coastal Valsad, Gujarat, and two others in Orsang river near Bodeli in Chhota Udepur district. The coast guard rescued 28 people, while the NDRF team rescued another 106 people in Valsad.

Heavy rain in south Gujarat since Monday night has left Vapi and Valsad regions at the brink of a flood as many rivers are in spate. The local administration in Valsad, Daman and Dadra Nagar Haveli region has already sounded an alert.

"About 10 am on August 2, 2016, the Indian Coast Guard Air Station Daman received telephonic information from Valsad Administration (Gujarat) regarding 10 people trapped on roof top near Valsad due to rise of water in Auranga river," a coast guard press communiqué said.



People on top of a submerged house wait to be rescued in flood-hit Valsad town in Gujarat on Tuesday after heavy rain. PTI

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"The coast guard Chetak helicopter was launched expeditiously within 15 minutes of receipt of information," it added. The water level at Auranga river reached 11.5 metres, about a metre above the danger mark.

As many as 20 villages were cut off due to flooding in Ambika river in Dang district, with reports of several bridges being damaged. The Vaghai-Saputara road that connects Gujarat to Maharashtra, too,

was cut off due to landslides on Saputara ghat road, blocking traffic. Several cities and villages were marooned in Maharashtra on Tuesday as heavy rain pounded the coastal Konkan belt and Nashik and Satara districts.

Several temples in Ramkund area of Nashik were either fully or partially submerged. The rail traffic between Mumbai and New Delhi slowed down in the morning due to heavy rain. Tracks were also washed away

at some places in Gujarat. The Tansa and Modak Sagar lakes in Thane district, that provides drinking water to Mumbai, have started overflowing.

Besides Mumbai, Palghar, Thane, Raigad, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts received very heavy rainfall. More than 100 to 150 villages were marooned.

The worst-affected was Nashik district, where the Godavari was flowing in full force.

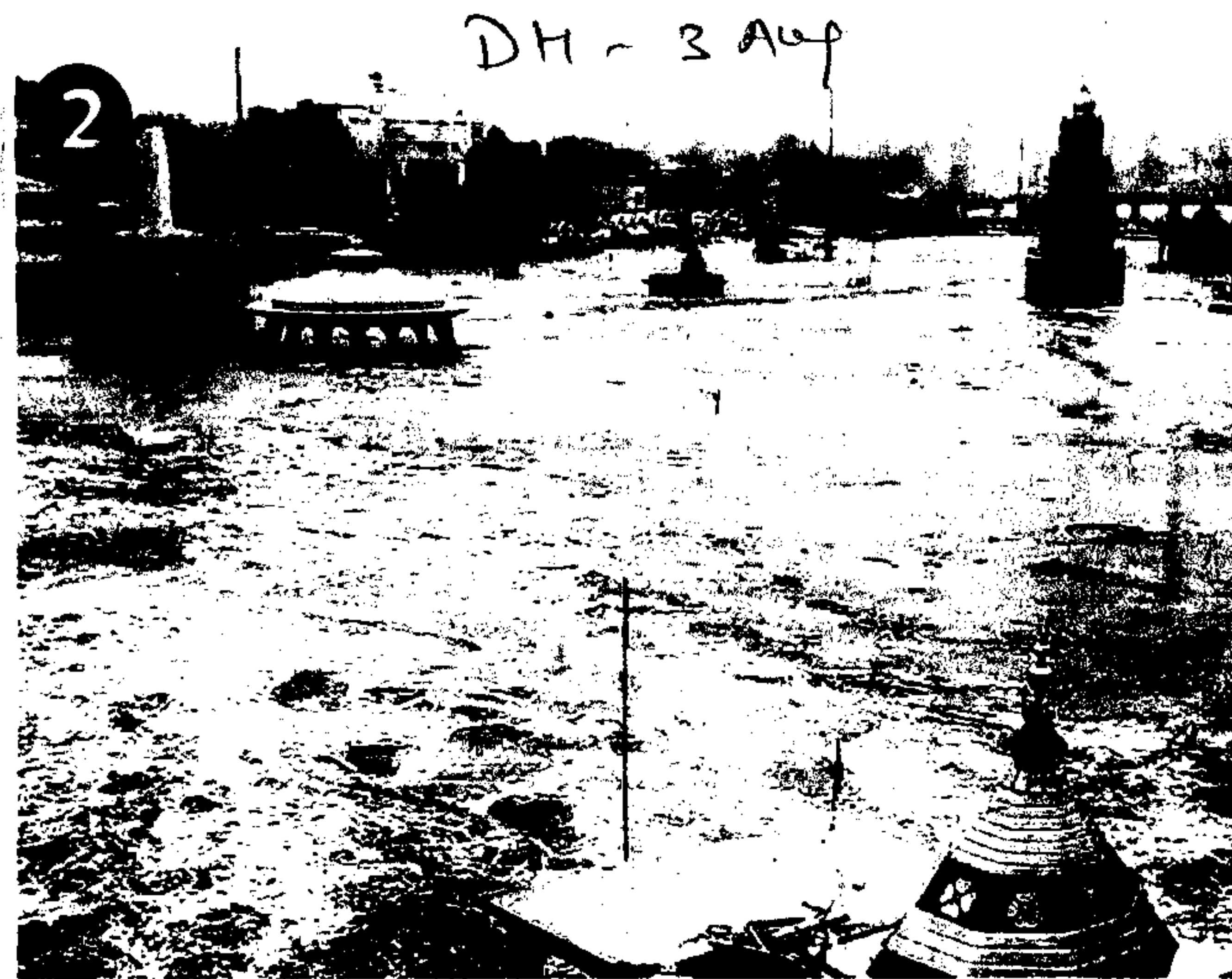
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MONSOON HAVOC: (1) People are stranded across a bridge which was shut for traffic due to an overflowing stream in Khed, Maharashtra (2) Several temples were inundated near the Ramkund area of Nashik (3) A boy pushes his bike through floodwaters in Mirzapur (4) A tree fell on a taxi near St Xavier's College in Mumbai on Tuesday. DH PHOTO/PTI

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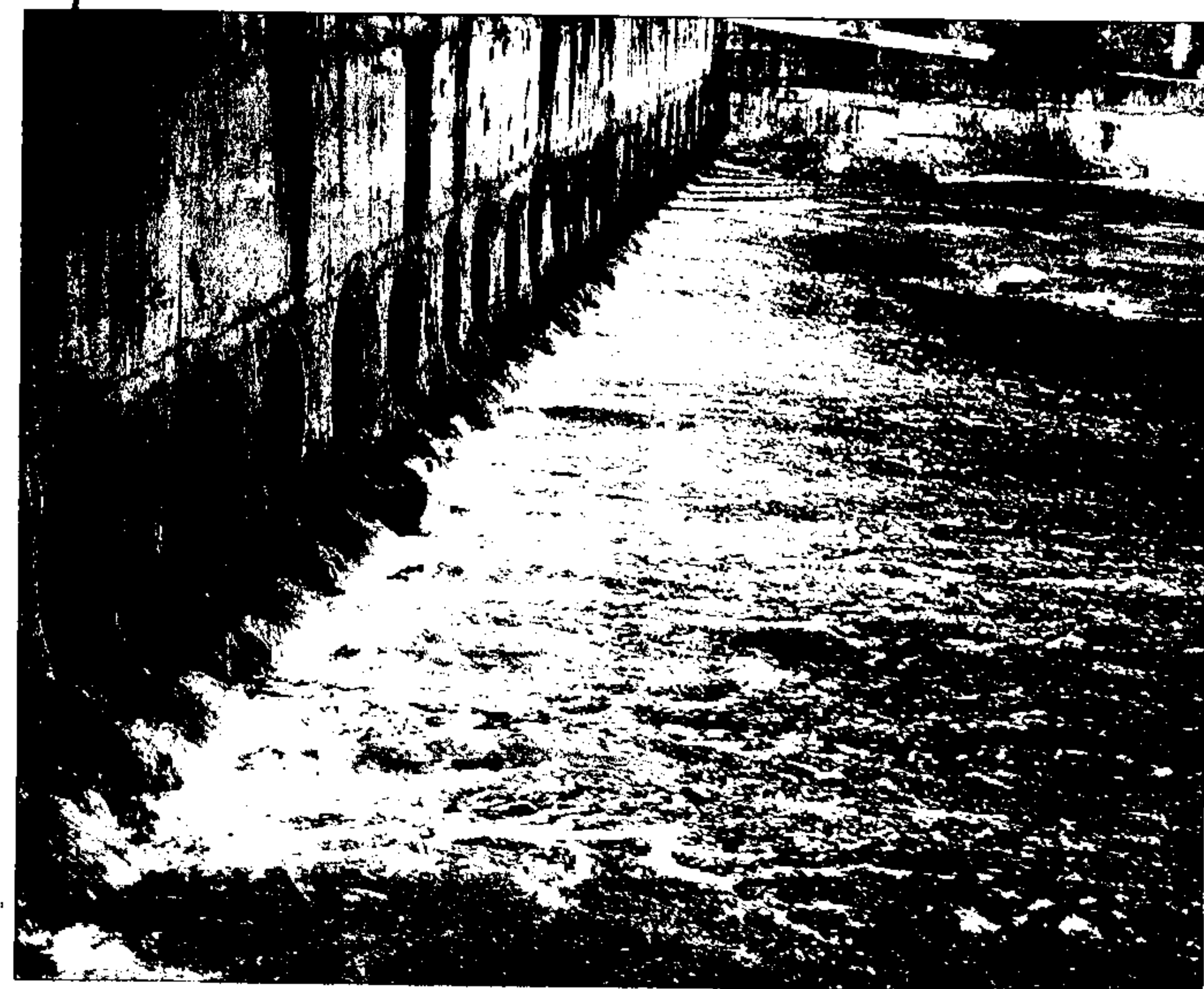
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Rain effect

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Water flows out of the Hebbal (left) and Jakkur lakes on Tuesday. Last week's rains have pushed up the water levels. DH PHOTOS

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Water Resources Minister Keshab Mahanta inspecting flood-affected areas, in Barpeta district on Monday. – UB Photos

300 villages in Barpeta still under floodwater

CORRESPONDENT

BARPETA, Aug 1: Though the flood has subsided and the water level of almost all the major rivers are receding for the last four days, 300 villages in Barpeta district are still reeling under floodwater.

About three lakhs villagers in the district have been languishing under floodwater for about a month. *Char* (sandbars) areas of Chenga and Baghbar of the district and the entire south, south-west and north-east are-

as were affected by the flood.

The worst sufferers were the cultivators who collectively lost more than 26,000 hectares of cropland due to the flood. Cattle and poultry farms also suffered a major setback. Even after considerable improvement of the situation, there are acute shortage of grass and fodder in the district.

Meanwhile, State Water Resources Minister Keshab Mahanta today visited some of the flood-affected and erosion-hit areas in Barpeta district. He

visited Safakamar area where the erosion of Beki river have threatened the existing road communication with the Manas National Park. He also visited Khagrabari, Gobardhana and Sundaridia Sattr.

Speaking to the mediapersons, Mahanta said that appropriate measure would be taken to check erosion of Nakhanda river at Sundaridia soon.

Rajya Sabha MP Ripun Bora also visited the flood-affected areas of the district on Sunday.

With 71% water in dams, city set for cut-free supply for a yr

Rain Continues, Another Two Months To Go

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Heavy rain received in the 24 hours between July 31 and August 1 took the total stock in these seven lakes supplying Mumbai to 10.3 lakh million litres, or 71% of the reserve needed to go through a year without any water cuts.

If the good rain continues, Mumbaikars could keep water cut woes at bay. Mumbai needs 14.8 lakh million litres of water in its reservoirs by September 30 for full supply for a year.

Heavy showers continued in Mumbai on Monday. The rainfall recorded in 24 hours from 8.30am on July 31 to 8.30am on August 1 was 38mm in Colaba and 110.5mm in Santa Cruz, above normal for both observatories. Weathermen said a typhoon in the Pacific Ocean is one of the key reasons for the heavy rainfall over north Konkan and Mumbai.

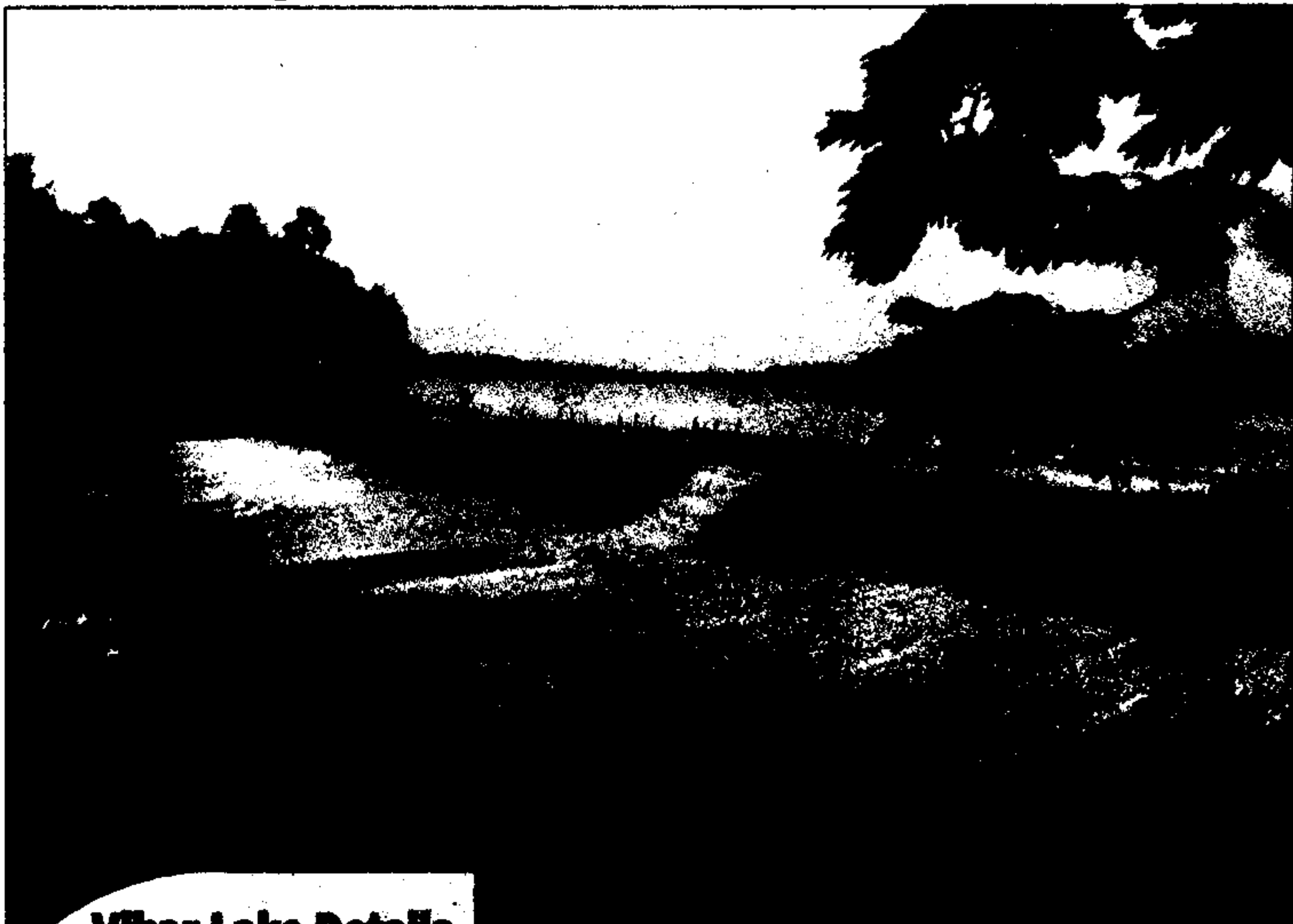
Significantly, Vihar Lake started overflowing on Monday morning at 4.20am. The BMC daily supplies 3,750 million litres of water to Mumbai, of which 90 million litres or around 2% comes from Vihar. Vihar is the second lake after Tulsi among the seven that supply Mumbai — the only two within city limits — to overflow.

Late in the evening, news came that Modak Sagar had also started overflowing. It became the third of the city's lakes — and one of the larger ones — to overflow. The lake which supplies 440 million litres a day or almost 12% of the city's daily needs flowed over the brim at 10.28pm on Monday. Interestingly, two lakes overflowed on the same day.

In the 24 hours between July 31 and August 1, the lakes received 73,254 million litres of water. "If it continues to rain in such a manner there should not be any problem this year. We have already received 10.3 lakh million litres of water and two more months of monsoons left," said an official from the BMC's hydraulic department. The BMC revoked the 20% water cut it had imposed on Mumbaikars owing to a poor monsoon last year on July 20.

The total rainfall received by Vihar lake so far is 2,993.6mm. Last year, it got only 1,500mm of rainfall till Aug 1

VIHAR, MODAK SAGAR OVERFLOW



Total stock Mumbai needs to get by a year without cuts

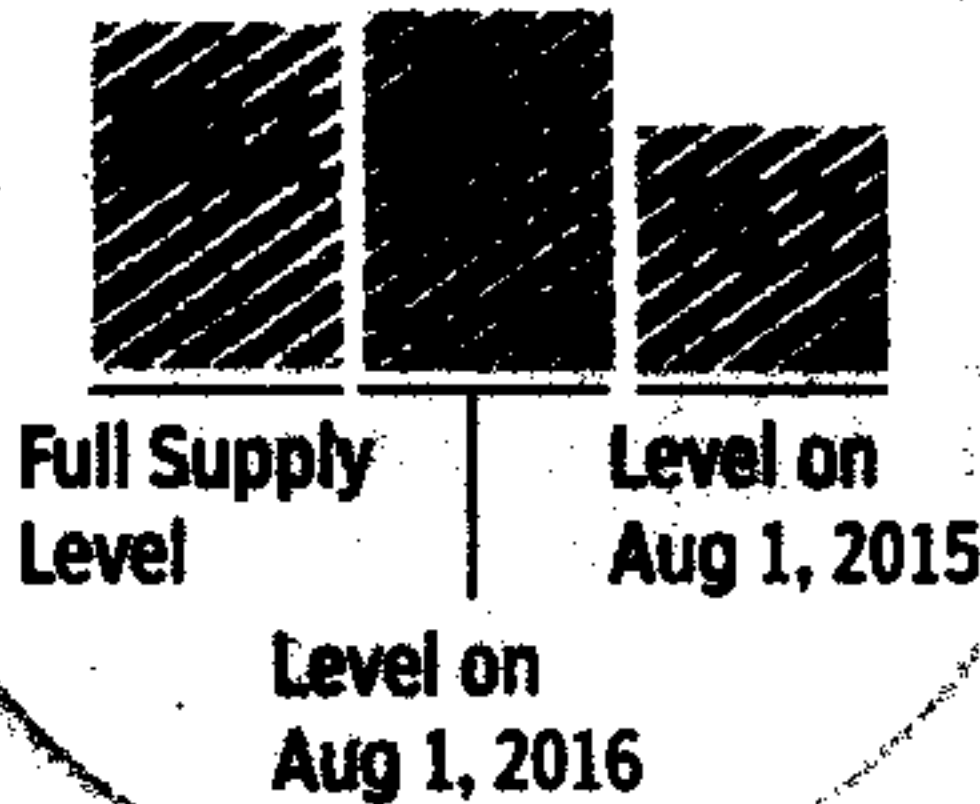
14.4L million litres by Sept 30, the official end of monsoon

Stock as on Aug 1, 2016
10.3 lakh million litres

Aug 1, 2015 | 8.3 lakh million litres

71% stock already accumulated

Vihar Lake Details (In metres)



Vihar started overflowing before Monday dawn

Supply Stock As On Aug 1

► Vaitarna system, which supplies parts of Mumbai city and the western suburbs, had 227 days of water

► Bhatsa, which supplies the eastern suburbs and parts of city like Matunga, Sion, Dongri, Byculla, had 200 days of water

Total Rainfall

Colaba
1,323.2 mm
Santa Cruz
1,731.7 mm

24-Hr Rain in Catchment Areas (July 31-Aug 1 in mm)

Lake	2016	2015
Modak Sagar	167	8.20
Tansa	121.6	3
Vihar	319.4	0.00
Tulsi	297	5
Upper Vaitarna	60	0.00
Bhatsa	73	3
Middle Vaitarna	111.9	13.2

Situation In Navi Mumbai

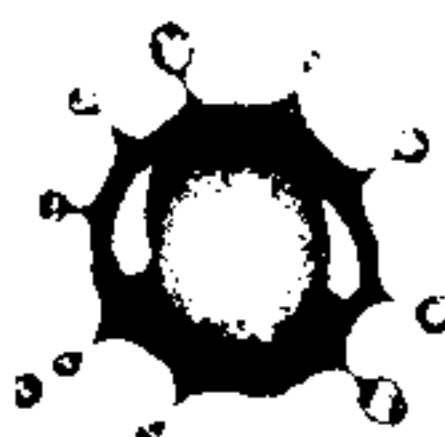
2.32L million litres needed by Sept 30 for 24x7 supply for a year

2.27L million litres received till Aug 1

Situation In Thane

► For 24x7 supply, Thane needs Bhatsa reservoir to hold 942.1 million cubic metres (mcm) of water and 236mcm for Barvi by Sept 30. It shares both dams with neighbouring civic bodies

► As on Aug 1, the level in Bhatsa is 737.2mcm and 145.31mcm in Barvi



ected by flood include Lamapur, Golaghat, Bon-aon, Jorhat, Dhemaaji, Bar-a, Goalpara, Dhubri, Dar-g, Morigaon, Sonitpur, Nal-g, Sivasagar, Kokrajhar, Di-garh, Biswanath, Nagaon,

shelter in 275 relief camps and 52 relief distribution centres. The NDRF and SDRF are extending help to the district administrations in evacuating the affected people to safe places, said the bulletin.

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Water starts flowing in Latur's taps after a year of drought

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Mumbai: As the monsoon sets in deeper over the hinterlands in Maharashtra's Marathwada and Vidarbha regions, towns battling acute water shortage are beginning to report a turnaround in fortunes. Residents of Latur, once known as the pocketborough of former chief minister Vilasrao Deshmukh, for instance, received tap water on Monday for the first time after a year of acute shortage during which the local administration had to depend on trainloads of water supplies.

The drought in Latur had even led to a serious law and order problem, not to mention large scale migration to neighbouring districts. Latur, Beed, Osmanabad, Prabhani and Aurangabad were the worst affected as a result of the scarcity. In fact, the situation in Latur was so bad that the district administration had to impose prohibitory orders in a few areas to tackle violence and hijacking of tankers. "We found that owing to acute shortage of



For the first time, water was supplied by trains to Latur

drinking water in Latur city, there was a massive law and order problem. Then we decided to impose prohibitory orders at 20 places in the city. It did help to tackle the law and order situation," a senior official told **ToI**.

In addition, following intervention of chief minister Devendra Fadnavis and railway minister Suresh Prabhu, for the first time water was supplied to Latur by train from Miraj, March 19 onwards. "We were transporting nearly 50,000 litres water on a daily basis. In view of the improved situation, we may ask

the railway administration to stop supplying water for the time being. If there is a need, water supply by rail network may be resumed," he said.

Latur legislator Amit Deshmukh said there was still no water in the catchment areas of the dams, but rivers around Latur and neighbouring districts were overflowing.

He said his priority is to ensure the Rs 200-crore Ujani-Dhanegaon water supply project is completed in a time-bound manner. "I am told the project has been approved. It was been proposed to transport water from the Ujani dam to Dhanegaon dam by a pipeline. Once it is completed, besides Latur, it will meet the demand of neighbouring districts," he said.

A water resources official said while monsoon was at its height, there was no rainfall in catchment areas of major dams, particularly Jaikwadi in Marathwada. "We expect monsoon will progress; as a result, water levels will rise. As of now, department has deployed a number of tankers in Marathwada," he said.

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Rain in August-September likely to be above normal: IMD

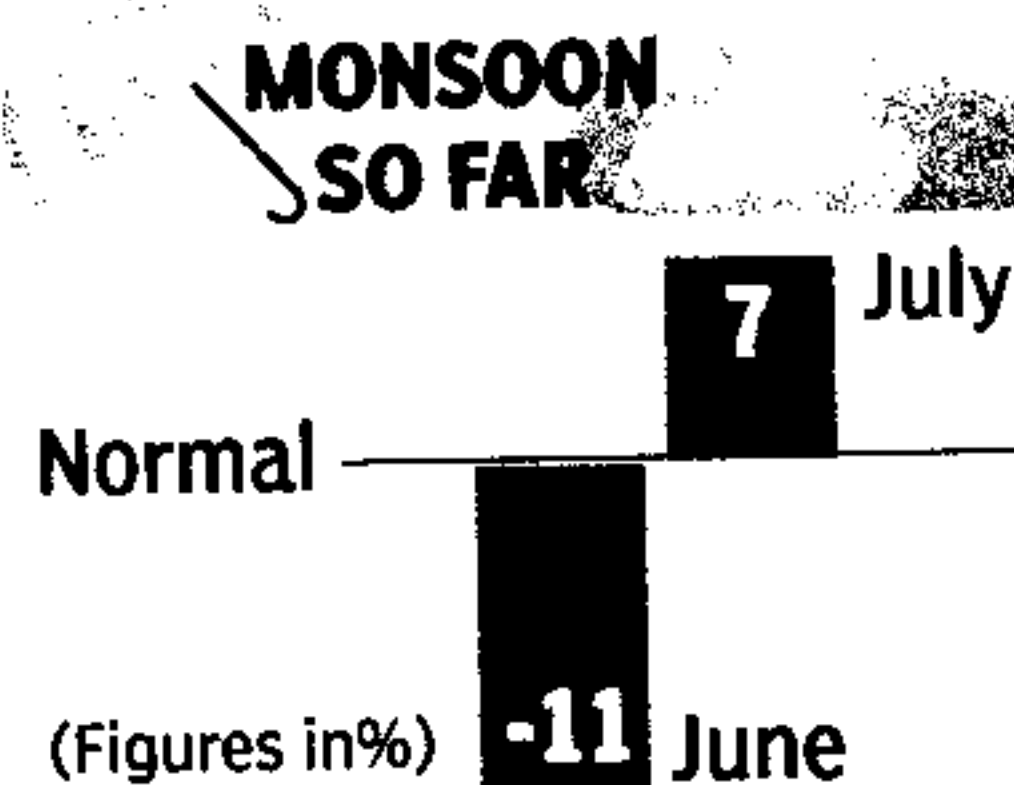
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New Delhi: Sticking to its June prediction of “above normal” monsoon rainfall this year, the India Meteorological Department in its final forecast update of the season on Monday said the rainfall in August-September is likely to be 107% of the long period average with a possibility of September getting “excess” rain.

“The season’s (June to September) rainfall is likely to be 106% of LPA, with a model error of 4%, as was forecasted in June,” IMD said, adding that the probability of an above-normal monsoon was a high 55%. An “above normal” monsoon, according to IMD, is one

WET AHEAD

- IMD sticks to forecast of ‘above normal’ monsoon at 106% of long period average (LPA)
- Aug-Sept rains likely to be 107% of LPA, also in the ‘above normal’ range
- No change in earlier prediction for August, which IMD says may get 104% of LPA



where countrywide rainfall is 104% to 110% of the LPA.

The update did not revise any of the forecasts the department had made in June, including the prediction of August rains at 104% of LPA.

“We don’t see the negative Indian Ocean Dipole—warming of eastern Indian Ocean that’s sometimes linked with an adverse monsoon — impacting the monsoon, which is so far progressing as predicted,” said D Sivananda Pai, IMD lead monsoon forecaster. Though nearly 21% of the country has received “deficient” rainfall till July 31, good rainfall in many parts during June-July has already broken the cycle of two consecutive drought years.

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Flood recedes in Assam, people leave relief camps

21 rhinos killed in Kaziranga

GUWAHATI: As flood waters began to recede in Assam, the people started to move back to their homes from the relief camps.

The recent wave of floods in the state left 32 dead and at its peak, 40 lakh people were affected.

As many as 19 districts are engulfed by flood waters as the Brahmaputra and seven of its tributaries are flowing above the danger level. The floods ravaged Lakhimpur, Golaghat, Morigaon, Jorhat, Dhemaji, Sivsagar, Kokrajhar, Barpeta, Bongaigaon and Chirang districts.

According to the Assam State Disaster Management Authority assessment report, as on Tuesday, 804 villages are still affected. Nearly 44,000 hectares of cropland across the affected districts have been inundated.

Nearly 37,000 people have taken shelter in 117 relief camps in some of the flood-hit districts, the sources said. The state government has started its flood damage assessments and restoration works on a war footing, sources added.

Park inundated

The Kaziranga National Park, known for its one-horned rhinos, has been totally devastated by the floods that reached the park last week and inundated nearly 90% of the area. As many as 21 Rhinos have died, sources said.

The flood water arrived on July 5 and began to recede from July 31, and animals have started to return back to the core area from higher grounds. Till Tuesday, at least 310 wild animals, including 21 Rhinos, have died due to drowning or being hit by speeding vehicles as they tried to cross National

Highway 37 to move towards higher grounds in Karbi Anglong district.

Ten Rhino calves, between the age of two to six months, have also died. Carcass of an adult male Royal Bengal tiger was found on Tuesday, sources added. The carcass was found in Siga Forest Camp under Agoratoli Range of the park. Sources said the big cat may have died after a fight with the buffaloes.

"The flood water was higher this year as compared to the 2012 flood, but this year the animal death toll is less. We have been able to conduct successful rescue operations," said Suvasish Das, the divisional forest officer.

So far, nine Rhinos have been rescued, while a strong search operation in the buffer area of the park is still underway.

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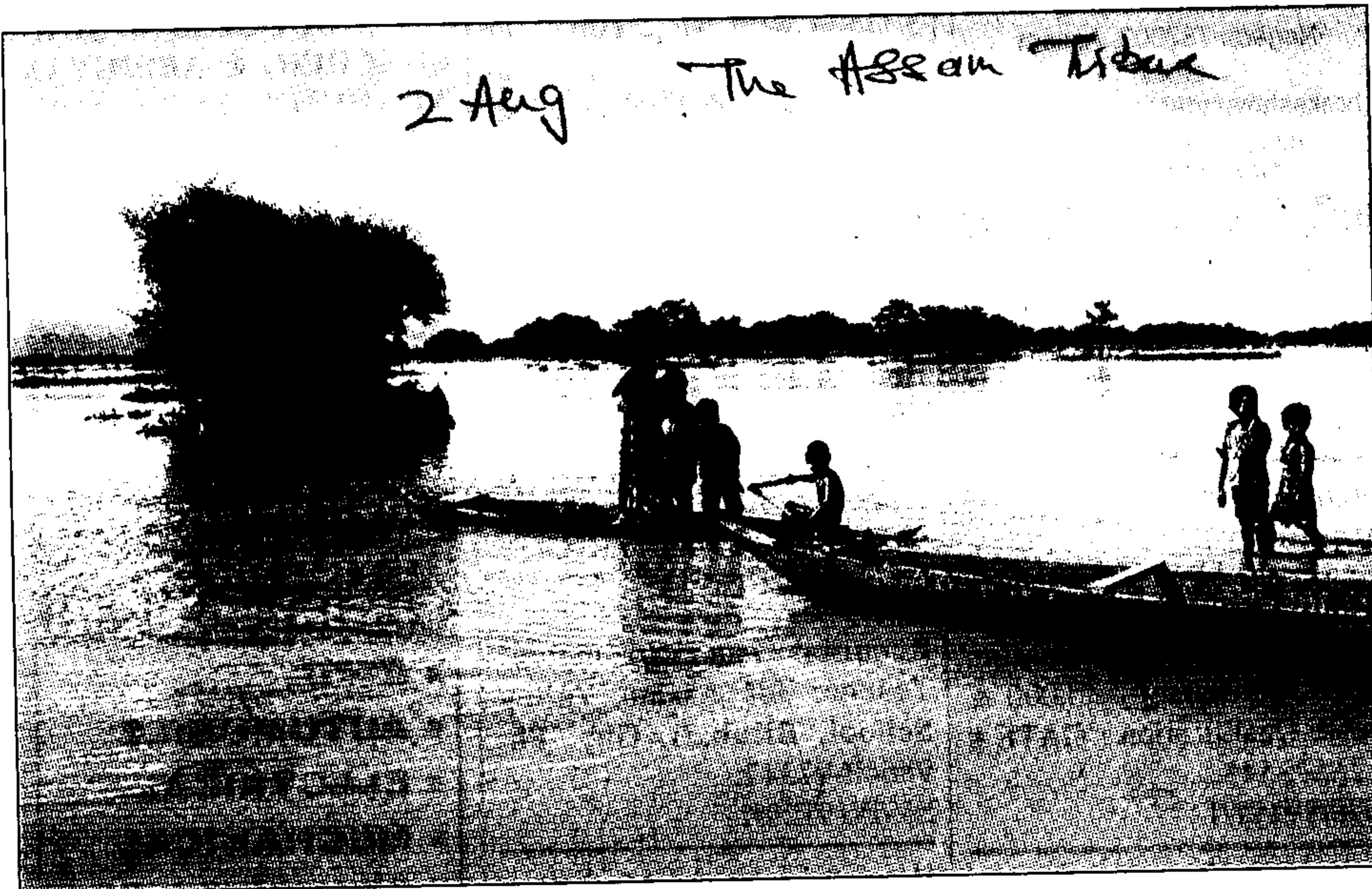
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No shortage of flood relief funds: Sonowal



The flood-affected Kong Bong area near Narayanpur on Monday. – UB Photos

R DUTTA CHOUDHURY

GUWAHATI, Aug 1: Both the Prime Minister and Union Home Minister have given commitment to provide adequate funds to Assam to tide over the crisis arising out of the devastating floods and at present, there is no shortage of money to provide relief to the affected people, asserted Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal. He also stressed the need for strengthening the Brahmaputra Board.

Talking to *The Assam Tribune* here today, Sonowal re-

vealed that the State still has Rs 620 crore in the State Disaster Relief Fund (SDRF) and there should not be any problem in providing relief to the affected people. He warned that if any officer is found to be responsible for dereliction of duty in matters of providing relief to the affected people, immediate action would be taken against such officer.

Sonowal revealed that unlike the previous years, funds to provide relief to the affected people were released well in advance so that relief operations can be launched imme-

diately after the floods hit the State. Earlier, the next of kin of those killed in floods had to wait for long periods to get ex-gratia payment, but this year, the process of issuing cheques to the unfortunate families who lost near and dear ones in floods, has already started and most of them have already received the money, he added.

Reacting to criticism that Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh, during his visit to the State to assess the situation, did not announce any special grant to the State, Sonowal

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Govt lists GST Bill in RS for Wednesday

NEW DELHI, Aug 1: The long-pending GST Bill was today listed for consideration and passage in Rajya Sabha on Wednesday amidst strong indications that the most far-reaching taxation reform in independent India would be supported by Congress and all other major political parties.

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Bill, which has been in the making for over a decade, entails introduction of a single indirect tax regime across the country.

"The GST Bill is listed for consideration and passage on Wednesday in Rajya Sabha and we seek support of all political parties. The mood is in favour of its passage," Parliamentary Affairs Minister Ananth Kumar said. According to top government sources, a fresh round of talks was held today with the main opposition Congress and other parties, including the Left and Samajwadi Party, for building a consensus on the key tax reform legislation.

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley held further consultations with senior Congress leaders Ghulam Nabi Azad and Anand Sharma and chalked out details of the contentious bill aimed at bringing about a consensus on the key bill, sources said.

Jaitley also met CPI-M general secretary Sitaram Yechury, besides some other leaders. Later, along with Kumar, he met Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan. – PTI

State flood situation still grim

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Aug 1: Flood situation in the State continued to remain grim today with nearly 11,00,618 people of 1,659 villages under 62 revenue circles of 21 districts are still reeling under floodwaters. Today, three cases of flood-related death have been reported from Barpeta (one case) and Dhubri (two cases), said the official flood bulletin issued by the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) here this

evening.

The Brahmaputra is flowing above its danger levels at Neamatighat and Dhubri, while Dhansiri is flowing above its danger level at Numaligarh and the Beki is flowing at Road Bridge, said the flood bulletin.

The districts which are still affected by flood include Lakhimpur, Golaghat, Bongaigaon, Jorhat, Dhemaji, Barpeta, Goalpara, Dhubri, Darrang, Morigaon, Sonitpur, Nalbari, Sivasagar, Kokrajhar, Dibrugarh, Biswanath, Nagaon,

South Kamrup, Kamrup (Metro), Karbi Anglong and Chirang.

Of these districts, Barpeta, Goalpara, Dhubri and Morigaon are found to be the worst affected ones. In each of these districts, over one lakh people are affected by flood. Till date, 1, 25, 812 people are taking shelter in 273 relief camps and 52 relief distribution centres. The NDRF and SDRF are extending help to the district administrations in evacuating the affected people to safe places, said the bulletin.

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Wildlife units rescuing animals displaced in Kaziranga flood

SIVASISH THAKUR

GUWAHATI, Aug 1: Even as the current wave of floods has extracted a heavy wildlife fatalities in Kaziranga National Park, Mobile Veterinary Service (MVS) units of the Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation (CWRC) – the wildlife rescue, care and rehabilitation facility jointly run by Wildlife Trust of India (WTI), Assam Forest Department (AFD) and International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) have played a key role in saving wild animals in distress.

The MVS units have till date (August 1) attended 107 wildlife rescue cases during the ongoing deluge in Kaziranga.

Significantly, the CWRC is attending to as many as eight rhinos – all calves separated from their mothers and now being kept under observation at the large animal nursery at CWRC. A jungle owlet and a fishing cat were also admitted to the centre for treatment during the floods.

This year's floods – the worst to have hit the State in a decade – plunged Kaziranga, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, into a deep crisis, with over 200 wildlife fatalities, including 17 rhinos, recorded so far.

"MVS teams have handled 107 rescue cases in seven days. They have released 62 hog

deer out of 92 rescue cases attended till date; they have also attended, with the AFD, three eastern swamp deer rescues (two of the deer survived and were brought to CWRC for treatment)," Dr Rathin Barman, deputy director, WTI and centre-in-charge, told The Assam Tribune.

Working with the Kaziranga authorities, MVS teams have also attended ten Asian one-horned rhinoceros rescue cases in a week of floods, of which one rhino died before it could be brought to the rescue centre and another was rescued and released shortly after.

"The sudden influx of rescued animals – especially the large number of rhino calves – into CWRC has stretched our resources to the limit. The number of animals under our care has risen sharply in the last

week and we have had to erect a temporary shelter where two baby elephants are being housed," Dr Barman said.

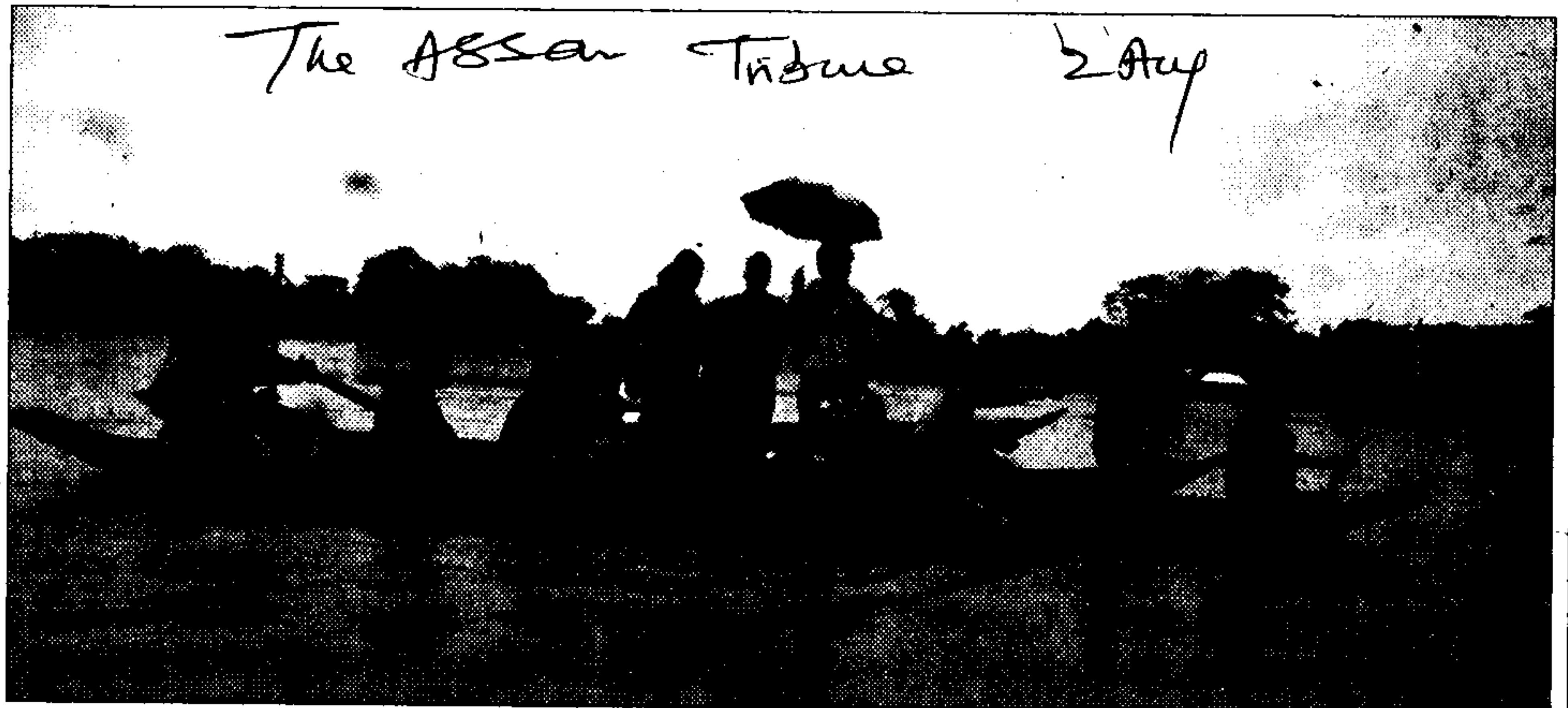
He added that two paddocks were also ready to the shift rhino calves into once they became stable. Several of these animals would require long-term care before they could possibly be rehabilitated in the wild.

"Our veterinarians and animal keepers have been working round the clock to ensure that rescued animals get the required treatment and care. A lot of the animals have undergone trauma and are highly stressed. Several of the orphaned rhino calves in particular were injured and emaciated, and were initially not responding to our milk formula. They are now responding well," Dr Panjit Basumatary, lead veterinari-

an at the centre, said.

As large areas of the park are inundated in the annual monsoon floods, wild animals seek higher ground across National Highway-37 towards the foothills of Karbi Anglong. The intense flooding this year has caused unprecedented animal movement and a large number of casualties, particularly hog deer, from vehicular traffic.

While the Kaziranga authorities had introduced a 'Time Card' system to regulate the speed of vehicles on NH-37 during the floods, the role of MVS units – three from CWRC and one from WTI and the Japan Tiger and Elephant Fund's Wildlife Rescue Centre at Diphu – in running round-the-clock rescue and wildlife crisis mitigation operations in the four Forest Ranges adjoining the highway has been crucial.



A wildlife rescue team searching for displaced animals in flood-affected areas.

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Climate change set to make take-offs more turbulent, UN warns

Ian Johnston

Climate change will have "severe consequences" for planes trying to take off, and increase the chance of in-flight turbulence, icing-up incidents and engine-threatening dust storms — but there is no reason to "panic" just now, the United Nations' air travel agency has said.

The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) also warned that a rise in sea level could threaten low-lying airports, while a higher number of clouds could reduce visibility, particularly in West Asia and Latin America.

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ICAO's Environmental Report 2016 said preparations for a warmer world should start now. "Climate

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change poses a new set of risks that airports need to assess properly. The last decades have provided a glimpse of the future climate, but the main effects will be more evident three or four decades from now," it said.

"A rational response at all airports is therefore to carry out risk assessments of existing and new infrastructure in order to think ahead, reduce risks, minimise life cycle costs, and ensure the reliability and regularity of the aviation sector..." it added, "All actors in the aviation industry should carry out risk assessments, and decide if action is required." THE INDEPENDENT

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