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Amarnath yatra suspended on both routes

Heavy rain has caused landslips between Railpathri and Brarimarg, putting pilgrims at risk

PEERZADA ASHIQ

Heavy rain has forced the suspension of Amarnath yatra on Wednesday, as three pilgrims died and three more were injured in landslides on Tuesday evening on the Baltal route.

"The pilgrimage from both the Baltal [in central Kashmir] and Pahalgam [in south Kashmirl routes was suspended because of landslips and shooting stones between Railpathri and Brarimarg. The routes witnessed continuous rains," said a spokesman of the Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB).

An official said 29 health facilities and 1,380 health professionals, including 450 doctors, have been deployed on the twin routes. In all, 60,752 pilgrims had paid



Mountain trail: Pilgrims on their way to Amarnath via the Pahalgam route. *NISSAR AHMAD

obeisance at the holy cave thus far, the SASB spokes-

Nine people, including a BSF officer and a palanquin lifter, have died since the pilgrimage started on June 28. Last year, there were only 25 deaths in the entire period.

2012, but the casualties have come down significantly

since then after the SASB issued a health advisory for pilgrims embarking on the There were 120 deaths in trekking on the twin routes on the Supreme Court's intervention.

Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh arrived in Srinagar on Wednesday on a two-day

Review by Rajnath

He will review the security situation in the State and visit the Amarnath shrine too, said an official.

"I am anguished beyond words on the loss of precious lives due to a landslide on the Baltal route. My thoughts are with the bereaved families and my prayers for the speedy recovery of the injured," Mr. Singh wrote on Twitter before landing in Srinagar.

National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Union Home Stcretary Rajiv Gauba, Joint Se cretary, Jammu and Kashmir Gyanesh Kumar and a few officers of the Home Ministry accompanied the Minister.

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Rain pours misery in Malwa, 5 dead

Several houses damaged, drains choked, paddy fields submerged 7-5

ARCHIT WATTS

MUKTSAR, JULY 4

Heavy rain, accompanied by strong winds, claimed the lives of five persons, including three of a family, in Malout on Tuesday night. The deceased have been identified as Amritpal Singh (35), owner of a laboratory at Khubban village, his two daughters Manshirat (seven) and Agampreet (five), all residents of ward 14. They were sleeping when the roof collapsed. Amritpal's wife Tejinderpal Kaur, who is pregnant, suffered a head injury.

A few hours after the death of her husband and two daughters, the woman gave birth to twins at a private hospital. She doesn't know that her husband and daughters are no more.

In another incident at Malout village, Harjinder Kaur (22), who was also pregnant, died after the roof of her house collapsed. Her husband, a driver, was away and she was sleeping with the other family members.

At Mahuana village, Tarsem Singh (56), a truck driver from Samana in Patiala district, who had come here to attend a two-day refresher course at the State Institute of Automotive and Driving Skills (SIADS) died after the roof of a road-side eatery gave way. The deceased was sleeping with five others who escaped with minor injuries.

With rainwater inundating paddy and cotton fields at several places, the worst affected were farmers and shopkeepers.

Drains were seen overflowing at various villages, flooding various localities in Malout.

Electricity towers at Bhagwanpura village were damaged due to strong winds.



Three of a family died in roof collapse at Malout; and (below) a vehicle stuck in a waterlogged road in Abohar on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTOS

While one electricity tower fell in the fields, the other got partially damaged, disrupting the power supply.

Ravi Brar, a farmer from Tappakhera village, said, "I had sown paddy, but now the field is submerged. I don't even have more seedlings for transplantation. The state government's decision to sow paddy after June 20 has caused losses to farmers in the area. The sad part is that nobody from the administration has come to take stock of the situation. The water level is rising and it may even damage the residential area. Residents will have to block roads." Meanwhile, the district administration announced a relief of Rs 1 lakh each to the next of kin of deceased. "I have also initiated the process to give Rs 4 lakh more to the families. Besides, a special girdawari has been ordered to assess the crop loss," Sumeet Jarangal, Deputy Commissioner, Muktsar.

LIFE CRIPPLED IN ABOHAR

At Abohar, high-velocity winds threw life out of gear. Residents had to make do without power. which was restored on Wednesday afternoon. Schoolchildren had a narrow escape when a bus got stuck in a pothole on the Azeemgarh road. Almost all roads were inundated. There were reports of roof collapse from Sant Nagar, Idgah Basti, Nai Abadi, Daulatpura, Waryamkhera and Sappanwali. On the Abohar-Malout road, a dhaba's roof collapsed, injuring workers labal and Sonu, who were taken to the civil hospital. Kulwant Singh of Sant Nagar was also hospitalised. Breach in three sub-canals near Kala Tibba, Bhagsar and Rajpura villages submerged cotton and paddy fields. - OC



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Flood of despair

Mumbai's capacity to deal with nature's challenges is falling with every passing year

umbai is an efficient city in some ways, but this reputation depends on fair weather. It turns into a soggy mess with the arrival of a monsoon. This year the season has begun with the spectacular collapse of a pedestrian bridge on a crucial railway line in Andheri, causing injuries and overall urban paralysis. Not even a year has passed since the ghastly stampede on a foot overbridge at Elphinstone Road station, that took over 20 lives. The recurrent disasters involving infrastructure are proof of the indifference among policymakers to the city's needs, even as they speak of a 'global standard' of living. It is fair to ask whether Mumbai is prepared, after the passage of a dozen years, to meet a disaster such as the July 2005 flooding caused by 99.4 cm of rain in a 24-hour period. The city continues to attract a large number of people looking for opportunity – the population rose from 11.9 million in 2001 to 18.4 million a decade later. But urban managers, led by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, have not invested enough in new infrastructure and have done a shoddy job of maintaining the old. If Maharashtra has to achieve higher rates of economic growth and touch an ambitious 10%, as Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis desires, Mumbai's infrastructure planning should be in the hands of an empowered custodian who can secure the cooperation of all urban agencies.

A return to nature is needed to relieve Mumbai of its flooding woes. According to one estimate, the city's Mithi river, blocked by debris and garbage, has lost about 60% of its catchment to development. The setting up of a Supreme Court monitoring committee has not helped much. It will take resolute measures to stop the release of sewage and industrial chemicals into the Mithi, and retrieve lost mangroves. A cleaner river connected to functional drainage can aid in the speedy removal of flood waters, and improve the environment. Yet, there are other basic challenges which are particularly worrisome to less affluent residents. In a 2015 study, the World Bank found that half of the poor did not consider moving out of flood-prone areas, because of the uncertainty of living in a new place with severe social disruptions and reduced access to education and health facilities. What this underscores is the need to make the best use of all available space, densify development where feasible, and improve conditions in situ. It is welcome that a joint safety audit with the IIT will be conducted on public infrastructure, in the wake of the bridge collapse. But such inspections must be regularly carried out and quick remedial steps taken.

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शिमला, (पंजाब केसरी): हिमाचल प्रदेश में पिछले 2 दिनों से हो रही बारिश ने कई सालों का रिकॉर्ड तोड दिया है।शिमला में इस सीजन में सबसे अधिक बारिश दर्ज की गई है। शिमला में 24 घंटों के दौरान 118.6 मिलीमीटर बारिश रिकॉर्ड की गई है। इससे पहले प्रदेश में वर्ष 2005 में जुलाई माह में 24 घंटों के दौरान 108 मिलीमीटर बारिश रिकॉर्ड की गई थी। मौसम विभाग ने 48 घंटों तक फिर अलर्ट जारी कर दिया है, ऐसे में बारिश का ये आंकड़ा और बढ़ने की संभावना है। सोमवार से हिमाचल में सिलसिलेवार बारिश जारी है जिसकी वजह से तापमान में भी गिरावट आई है। शिमला का न्यन्तम तापमान 14.6 डिग्री सैल्सियस पहुंच गया है।

प्रदेश के 6 ज़िलों में अलर्ट जारी

मौसम विभाग ने बताया कि प्रदेश के 6



चम्बा के कुछ क्षेत्रों में भारी बारिश की चेतावनी दी गई है। वहीं प्रदेश में 8 जुलाई तक मौसम

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और अगस्त महीने में मानसून प्रदेश में अपना असर दिखाता रहेगा और इस मानसून में प्रदेश भर में 100 मि.मी. से अधिक बारिश होने की संभावना है। बारिश होने की वजह से प्रदेशभर में कई घटनाएं देखने को मिल रहीं है। राजधानी की ही बात की जाए तो पेड़ गिरने और भू-स्खलन होने जैसी घटनाएं सामने आ रही हैं। घरों में पानी और मलबा घुस आया है। कई छोटे रास्ते बाधित हो गए हैं। मौसम विभाग की ओर से 48 घंटों का अभी और अलर्ट जारी किया गया है। इसके साथ ही ये सूचना जिला प्रशासन और आपदा प्रबंधन को भी दी गई है ताकि प्रशासन मुस्तैद रहे। प्रदेश में बीते 2 दिनों से हो रही भारी बारिश को देखते हुए लोक निर्माण विभाग ने सभी फील्ड स्टाफ की छुट्टियां रद्द कर दी हैं। अब मानसून सीजन खत्म होने के बाद ही पी.डब्ल्यू.डी. का फील्ड स्टाफ छटिटयां ले पाएगा।

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r-bridge collapsed on Tuesday morning. (Right) A man signals a car on an inundated road at the

ridge linking Andheri East and West gives way

131 mm rain in 24 hours brings road traffic to a halt

TANVI DESHPANDE MUMBAI

Mumbaikar's woke up to a downpour on Tuesday morning, with the city receiving 131 mm in a 24-hourperiod until 8.30 a.m. The figure stood at 98.3 mm by the end of the day. Water logging in many places disrupted traffic.

The Indian Meteorological Department's Santacruz observatory recorded 98.3 mm from dawn to dusk on Tuesday, while the Colaba observatory recorded 45.4 mm. Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation's automated weather station Malad (West) recorded the highest rainfall of 97.2 mm, followed by Chembur (96.8 mm), till 5.30 p.m.

Action reaction

The heavy downpour led to water logging in Central Mumbai's Hindmata junction for at least three hours



An ambulance in Central Mumbai. • PRASHANT NAKWE

and traffic had to be diverted over the flyover. Other chronic flooding spots in Central Mumbai, the Sion's King's circle and the Gandhi market, were under ankledeep water for hours. The other areas that saw flooding include Andheri subway, Parel TT, Shindewadi, Bhoiwada, Parel, Dharavi, Chunabhatti, Chembur, Vikhroli, Ghatkopar, Bhandup, Sakinaka, Chincholi Road, Dindoshi Road, New Link Road Malad and Jogeshwari.

There were 13 incidents of slabs collapsing across the city, but no injuries were reported. A 30-feet wall collapsed on a house in suburban Thane's Ghodbunder Road area, killing one person.

In Bandra, the fire brigade received a call around 11 am that a youth was drowning in Shastri Nagar nullah no.3 near Bandra-Kurla Complex. The brigade's rescue teams were sent to the spot, but the youth could not be found.

"Only one person had seen him going into the sea. Even the CCTV cameras showed nothing. We searched until 3 pm, after which we called it off. Nobody has been reported missing. We have asked locals to alert us if a body washes ashore. It is possible that the person managed to save himself," said a fire brigade official.

The Hindu Chenna, CHENNAY 3

Thundershowers likely to continue till tomorrow

Changes in direction of westerly winds influenced activity



People struggling to cross the waterlogged Cudappa Rangaiah Street in Periamet. •R. RAGU



A branch of a tree that snapped in the heavy rain on Monday blocking a stretch of Gandhi Irwin Road.



Vehicles moving through the inundated roads in Egmore.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Some parts of the State may continue to experience thundershowers till Thursday. However, it may not be as widespread as Monday's heavy rainfall, according to the Meteorological Department.

Thunderstorm lashed several areas across the State on Monday night and brought in a high rainfall of 17 cm to Samayapuram in Tiruchi district in the past 24 hours.

Places like Kancheepuram (10 cm) and Poonamallee (9 cm) also registered bountiful rain in a short period.

Chennai too received heavy rainfall of 6.2 cm on Monday night, which is the second highest volume recorded during a single day in July in the past decade. Last year, the city recorded 8.4 cm on July 10.

The weather station in Meenambakkam too registered a rainfall of nearly 5 cm.

Weather trend

Widespread thundershowers also brought in marginal inflow of about 100 cusecs into the city's major reservoirs in Poondi and Chembarabakkam on Tuesday.

S.Balachandran, Director,

Area Cyclone Warning Centre, Chennai said the same weather trend may continue till Thursday. Changes in speed and direction of westerly winds influenced the thunderstorm activity.

But, only isolated rainfall accompanied by gusty winds can be expected till Thursday in few parts of the State.

Chennai too has chances of thundershowers in a few places during the evening or night.

The maximum temperature would be around 35 degree Celsius till Thursday, he said

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Nature's wrath: A road leading to Pithoragarh washed away after a cloudburst in Uttarakhand on Monday.

More rains coming

Heavy to very heavy rainfall is expected in large parts of India, including several places in Jammu and Kashmir, Tamil Nadu, Assam and Gujarat over the next few days till Friday

- The warning comes after the IMD said last week that monsoon had covered the entire country, 17 days ahead of its normal onset date
- According to the IMD, heavy to very heavy rains at a few places, with extremely heavy rains at isolated places, are very likely over Uttarakhand and east Uttar Pradesh
- The four-month monsoon season normally begins from June 1 and ends on September 30
- This year, the monsoon touched Kerala on May 29, three days ahead of its normal onset date



Ganga impact: A man helps a biker wade through a flooded road at Danapur in Patna on Monday after water level in the Ganga river increased following the recent rains. •PTI

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Traffic crawls in morning, it's a breeze by afternoon

Mumbai: Heavy rain coupled with the Andheri bridge collapse paralyzed road traffic on Tuesday morning and with the repair work on the Andheri bridge to continue for the next few days, motorists' woes are far from over. On Tuesday, the worst affected stretches were Western Express Highway (WEH), Jogeshwari-Vikhroli Link Road and Santacruz-Chembur Link Road (SCLR) with citizens headed to the airport complaining of inordinate delays.

Following the road overbridge collapse, the Gokhale flyover, which connects Andheri East to Andheri West, was closed for traffic. It will remain closed for the next few days and motorists have been advised to take any of these alternate routes: Bal Thackeray bridge at Jogeshwari, Milan subway, Mrinal Gore flyover, Captain Gore bridge, Andheri subway, Khar subway or Milan subway. On Tuesday, though, some of these alternate routes developed massive congestion. Andheri subway and Milan subway were submerged, re-



- van Havigates a waterlogged stretch off fdesd

ducing movement of vehicles to a crawl. Mrinal Gore flyover too was choc-a-bloc. The Milan sub-

VEHICLES DIVERTED AFTER BRIDGE CRASH

way at Santacruz, too, was submerged. "I was stuck at the beginning of SCLR close to 45 minutes in my vehicle around 9am," said a female motorist.

Congestion was reported on Eastern Express Highway from Dadar to Sion and Sion to Gandhi Market. Traffic from Dadar Circle to King's Circle came to a standstill. A tree crash on Mulund bridge saw the route shut. In a reprieve for delayed flyers, three airlines offered to accomodate them on subsequent flights.

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Commuters who travelled late in the afternoon, though, were pleasantly surprised as congestion had eased. "It took me barely an hour and 10 minutes to reach my workplace," said Miku Patel who boarded an Ola cab at Kandiylifor CST. TNN

2 die in heavy rain, flights hit hard; expect downpour again



The heavy rain that lashed Mumbai since Monday evening has claimed two lives. While an unidentified man drowned in a drain at Bandra (W) on Tuesday morning, a 35-year-old man died when a compound wall crashed near Ghodbundar Road on Monday night.

The city received 131mm of rain in the 24 hours ending 8.30am Tuesday, making it the second wettest monsoon day this year. Nearly half of the flights at Mumbai airport were delayed on Tuesday due to bad weather. Several schools remained shut while other suspended the second shift. Colleges also saw poor attendance. Mumbai University, which had six exams, announced a re-exam for hose who missed them. With seeral areas getting water-loged, train services were delayed nile vehicles crawled on roads.

The scenario is likely to be siilar on Wednesday as the Met department has forecast another day of heavy rain. TNN P3,4

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TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2018 The Assam

Heavy to very heavy rainfall in large parts of India this week: IMD

NEW DELHI, July 2: Heavy to very heavy rainfall is expected in large parts of India, including several places in Jammu and Kashmir, Tamil Nadu, Assam and Gujarat, over the next few days till Friday, the India Meteorological Department said today.

The warning comes after the IMD said last week that the monsoon had covered the entire country, 17 days ahead of its normal onset date.

According to the IMD, heavy to very heavy rains at a few places, with extremely heavy rains at isolated places, are very likely over Uttarakhand and east Uttar Pradesh.

Heavy to very heavy rains, with extremely heavy rainfall at isolated places, are very likely today over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Sikkim, Bihar, Assam and Meghalaya, the weather office said in a statement.

Heavy to very heavy rain is also very likely today at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, West Uttar Pradesh and Arunachal Pradesh.

Heavy rains at isolated places are also expected today over north Haryana, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura, Konkan and Goa, Rayalaseema, Tamil Nadu, Lakshadweep and coastal Karnataka.

For tomorrow, the IMD said heavy to very heavy rains, with extremely heavy rainfall at isolated places, are likely over Assam and Meghalaya.

Heavy to very heavy rain is also expected for tomorrow at isolated places over east Uttar Pradesh, SubHimalayan West Bengal, Sikkim and Bihar.

Heavy rains at isolated places are expected tomorrow over Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, north Haryana, Chandigarh, west Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Konkan and Goa, Rayalaseema, coastal Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, it said. – PTI



A man helps a biker wade through a flooded road after the water level of Ganga river increased, at Danapur in Patna on Monday. – PTI

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Flood situation grim in Lakhimpur dist

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NORTH LAKHIMPUR, July 2: The flood situation remains critical in Lakhimpur district, with continuous rain lashing the region, thereby increasing the water level in different rivers.

In Nowboicha Revenue Circle, the flood caused by river Singra near Dolahat continues to affect the daily life of the people.

It may be pertinent to add here that the river changed its course due to flash floods on June 28 last, breaching the Dolahat-Phulbari PWD Road

and overflowing National Highway-15. Near Raj Ali, it is still flowing on its diverted course despite all efforts by the district administration along with the concerned departments.

The Lakhimpur district administration since Saturday has been trying to bring back the Singra river from its diversion to its original course by cutting channels and putting bamboo poles, but with no success.

Continuous rain in Lakhimpur district and in neighbouring Arunachal Pradesh has kept the river in spate, thus thwarting the concerted efforts by the concerned author-

and overflowing National Highway-15. Near Raj Ali, it is still river to its original course.

In all, 16 villages, namely Balitika, Balijan, Haripur, Konwarpur, No. 2 Naharani, Haribor-Naharbari, No. 2 Solmari, Phukandoloni, Dolahat, No. 1 Kolakhowa, Digh Pukhuri, No. 30 FC Grant, Bharaluwa, Boloma, Bishnupur and Solmora have been affected by flash floods emanating from the Singra so far.

Meanwhile, the district administration has been carrying out relief operations in 14 flood-affected villages of Nowboicha Revenue Circle. The relief items included baby

food and drinking water bottles. Six temporary relief camps have been set up in the area, while six medical teams have been deployed at Gossainbari, Gelahati, Rowdang-Borpathar, Archiga, Pandhowa, Mohghuli and NH-15 Dolahat areas of the affected region.

Further, two veterinary camps were also set up in the affected areas of Nowboicha. According to district administration sources, 25, 230 people have been adversely affected by the deluge. Cropland measuring approximately 60.3 hectares has been damaged so far in Nowboicha.



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