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# Flood situation in Assam worsens

Prime Minister assures all help to Sonowal

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The flood situation in Assam deteriorated on Sunday with one person losing his life, while nearly five lakh people are hit across 15 districts.

- Concerned over the grim flood condition in Assam, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday spoke to Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and took stock of the prevailing situation in the State besides assuring him of all Central help.

According to a report by the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), one person died in the swirling flood waters in Karimganj district.

With this, the total number of persons losing their lives in this year's flood-related cases has gone up to 26, including seven in

Guwahati.

The ASDMA said more than 4.87 lakh people are currently suffering in Lakhimpur, Jorhat, Golaghat, Cachar, Dhemaji, Biswanath, Karimganj, Sonitpur, Majuli, Barpeta, Nagaon, Nalbari, Sivasagar, Morigaon and Chirang districts.

## 3.83 lakh affected

Till Saturday, 3.83 lakh people were affected in the latest wave of flood across the State.

Around 1,096 villages are under water and nearly 41,200 hectares of crop area have been damaged, ASDMA said, adding, the worst affected is Lakhimpur, where over 1.21 lakh people have been affected by the deluge, followed by Karimganj with more than 1.19 lakh sufferers.

Authorities are running 181 relief camps

and distribution centres in 10 districts, where 17,744 persons are currently taking shelter.

Across the State, 1,88,148 animals and poultry have been affected by the flood waters.

Due to the impact of flood waters, many roads, embankments and bridges have been damaged in several districts, including Majuli, Dhemaji, Morigaon, Biswanath, Sivasagar, Golaghat, Jorhat, Karimganj, Sonitpur and Nagaon.

## Above danger mark

The Brahmaputra is flowing above danger mark at Nimatighat in Jorhat, Tezpur in Sonitpur, along with Dibrugarh, Goalpara and Dhubri towns. Other rivers in the State are also flowing above danger mark.

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# Protest over SYL to remain peaceful, says Abhay

## TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JULY 8

Abhay Singh Chautala, Leader of the Opposition in the Haryana Assembly, today reiterated the decision of the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) to block the entry of vehicles coming to the state from Punjab on July 10. He said it was up to the Central government to get the Supreme Court's order on the Sutlej Yamuna Link (SYL) canal implemented. However, he added that the protest would be peaceful.

"We have been organising protests from the beginning of the year to press for the implementation of the Supreme Court's order on the SYL canal. The BJP government in the state, however, has been trying to obstruct



INLD leader Abhay Singh Chautala addresses a press conference in Chandigarh on Saturday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MANOJ MAHAJAN

our protests. The deployment of paramilitary forces for our July 10 protest shows that the government does not support the SYL cause," Abhay

said while addressing mediapersons here today. He added traffic coming from Punjab would be stopped at five places throughout the state.

"Party president Ashok Arora and I will be at the Chandigarh-Lalru border while INLD MP Dushyant Chautala and others will be at the Ambala-Shambhu border. INLD Jind unit president Krishan Rathi and all four MLAs from Jind will be at the Narwana-Dhanauri border while former MLA Nishan Singh and others will be on the Ratia-Budlahada road (Jakhal point) in Fatehabad," he said.

INLD MP Charanjit Singh Rori, Digvijay Chautala and all MLAs from Sirsa would be at Dabwali border with Punjab, he added.

Abhay said he would visit the five places by helicopter. "Except ambulances and fire engines, we will stop all types of vehicles from entering Haryana from the Punjab

side. During our protest from 9 am to 3 pm, the drivers of vehicles coming from Punjab will be stopped and given flowers. They will be asked to convey to the Punjab government to give Haryana its share of waters and sent back," he added. The protest would be peaceful and there was no need to deploy paramilitary forces.

Abhay rued that 60 per cent of Haryana was in the dark zone and 37,000 tubewell connections were pending. "Let the Prime Minister assure us that the SYL canal will be made," he said. "The Haryana Chief Minister should assure us that we will get our share of water. Only then will we call off our protest. All political parties, which care for the state's interest, should come forward and support us on July 10," he said.

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## Access to Mullaperiyar is not absolute: Kerala to SC

'State has responsibility to protect dam, environment'

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NEW DELHI

Denying Tamil Nadu's allegations that its officials were obstructed from accessing the Mullaperiyar dam, the Kerala government said the right of free access to the dam is not an "absolute or unqualified one."

A counter-affidavit filed by Kerala said the "right of free access to the Mullaperiyar Dam by the officials of the State of Tamil Nadu by reference to Clause 7 of the lease deed of 1886 is not available through the Vallakadavu-Mullaperiyar forest road. Secondly, such a right

of free access is not an absolute or unqualified right."

### Right of access

It said the 1886 deed for the lease of the land on which the dam and its supporting structures are situated, which is relied upon by Tamil Nadu, reserves all sovereign rights of Kerala. "Even otherwise, Kerala has necessary overriding Constitutional authority and responsibility to regulate the right of access by insisting on the production of identity cards and the necessary authorisation, both in the interest of the safety of the

dam and the protection of forest, environment and wildlife," contended the Kerala government's affidavit, authored by the Secretary, Water Resources Department.

It said Central laws, particularly the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, imposes responsibilities on the State of Kerala to protect and preserve wildlife in sanctuaries from movements, encroachments or trespassing.

The land, leased in 1886, is a part of the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary, as declared under Section 18 of the 1972 Act.

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## SC stays HC verdict on Ganga status

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The Supreme Court froze the status of "legal persons" accorded to rivers Ganga and Yamuna by the Uttarakhand High Court in March 2017.

A Bench of Chief Justice of India J.S. Khehar and D.Y. Chandrachud stayed the High Court verdict which held that the rights of the two major rivers "shall be equivalent to the rights of human beings and the injury/harm caused to these bodies shall be treated as harm/injury caused to the human beings."

The High Court had invoked its jurisdiction as the *parens patriae* of the rivers while declaring the "glaciers including Gangotri and Yamunotri, rivers, streams, rivulets, lakes, air, meadows, dales, jungles, forests wetlands, grasslands, springs and waterfalls, legal entity/ legal person/juristic person/juridical person/moral person/artificial person having the status of a legal person, with all corresponding rights, duties and liabilities of a living person, in order to preserve and conserve them."

### Mining, stone crushing

The stay came on a petition filed by Haridwar resident Mohammad Salim over mining and stone crushing along the banks of the Ganga.

The High Court had ordered the Director, Namami Gange project, for cleaning and rejuvenating the river, the Chief Secretary and the Advocate General of Uttarakhand to act as "legal parents" of the holy rivers and work as a human face to protect, conserve and preserve them and their tributaries.

These officers, the High Court had directed, would be bound to "uphold the status" of the two rivers and also promote their "health and well-being."

It had also directed the government to form a Ganga Management Board as per a December 2016 order.

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# Assam flood situation grim, PM assures central help



A girl and her brother travel by raft to cross the floodwaters at Murkata village in Morigaon district of Assam. PTI

NEW DELHI, JULY 9

At least 19 persons were killed by lightning in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh while the flood situation in Assam deteriorated today, with one more person losing his life in Karimganj district, taking the flood toll in the state to 26. Nearly five lakh people have been hit across 15 districts.

According to the Assam State Disaster Management Authority, 1,096 villages have been inundated and 41,200 hectares of crop area damaged. The Brahmaputra is flowing above the danger

In Punjab & Haryana, monsoon expected to revive in 2-3 days

mark at several places.

The PM spoke to Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today and assured him of all central help.

The floodwater has submerged the low-lying areas of the Kaziranga national park. Ferry services between Guwahati and North Guwahati have been suspended. In

all, 14 districts of Assam are in the grip of floods. The state government has opened 128 relief camps.

Nearly 24,000 people have taken shelter in these camps. Relief material, like drinking water and rice, are being distributed. Medical teams have been deployed in flood-hit areas.

"Abt 5 lakh people affected by the raging Brahmaputra in Assam but little relief from State or Central govt as they are mentally in Israel (sic)," tweeted Congress spokesperson Abhishek Singhvi. — PTI



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## Major rivers in UP flowing above danger mark

AGENCIES

LUCKNOW, 9 JULY

With several parts of Uttar Pradesh receiving heavy rains, major rivers have started rising with Ghaghra and Sharda flowing above the danger mark at some places, officials said.

According to a report of the Central Water Commission (CWC), River Sharda is flowing above the danger mark at Shardanagar, while River Ghagra is flowing above the danger mark at Elgin Bridge and Ayodhya.

Other rivers which have been rising include Rapti, Kwano and Burhi Rapti.

Heavy rains have lashed some parts of the state with Bhinga recording 75 mm, Ayodhya 55 mm, Bansi 41.4 mm, Palliakalan 23.8 mm, rainfall on Sunday, the CWC report said.

The Met office here said that light to moderate rain or thundershowers have occurred at many places in the eastern region and at a few places in the western districts of Uttar Pradesh.

Principal Secretary, Irrigation, Suresh Chandra has inspected the Elgin-Charsandi dam and directed officials concerned to take precautions.

Few days back the Met department had issued high alert in 10 UP districts.

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## प्रधानमंत्री ने मदद का आश्वासन दिया, अभी तक 26 लोगों की मौत, पांच लाख लोग प्रभावित असम में बाढ़ आपदा से हालात काफी बिगड़े

गुवाहाटी/नई दिल्ली | एजेंसियां

असम में बाढ़ से हालात काफी बिगड़ गए हैं। इस आपदा के कारण रविवार को एक और व्यक्ति की मौत हो गई। जबकि राज्य के 15 जिलों में करीब पांच लाख लोग प्रभावित हुए हैं। इस बीच, प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने रविवार को असम के मुख्यमंत्री सर्वानंद सोनोवाल से बात की और राज्य के मौजूदा हालात का जायजा लेने के अलावा उन्हें हरसंभव केंद्रीय सहायता मुहैया कराने का भरोसा दिया।

असम राज्य आपदा प्रबंधन प्राधिकरण (एसडीएमए) के

मुताबिक, करीमगंज में बाढ़ के पानी में एक व्यक्ति की मौत हो गई। इसके साथ ही राज्य में इस वर्ष बाढ़ से मरने वालों की संख्या 26 हो गई है, जिनमें सात की मौत गुवाहाटी में हुई है। लखीमपुर, जोरहाट, गोलाघाट, कचार, धेमाजी, बिश्वनाथ, करीमगंज, सोनितपुर, माजुली, बारपेटा, नौगांव, नलबाड़ी, शिवसागर, मारीगांव और चिरांग जिले में 4.87 लाख से ज्यादा लोग बाढ़ से प्रभावित हैं। जबकि 1,096 गांव बाढ़ग्रस्त हैं और 41,200 हेक्टेयर में लगी फसलों को क्षति पहुंची है। राज्य सरकार ने 90 रहत शिविर बनाए हैं जिनमें 17,740

### नागालैंड में भारी बारिश से एनएच-29 का हिस्सा बहा

कोहिमा। नागालैंड में पिछले दो हफ्तों से जारी तेज बारिश के कारण जन जीवन अस्त व्यस्त हो गया है। कई स्थानों पर भूस्खलन की घटनाएं हुई हैं। नागालैंड और मणिपुर की जीवन रेखा कहा जाने वाला राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग 29 एक किलोमीटर तक बह गया है।

लोगों ने शरण ली है। इस बीच, प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र ने टेलीफोन के जरिये मुख्यमंत्री सोनोवाल से बात कर असम में बाढ़ से उपजे हालात की

### कांग्रेस ने प्रधानमंत्री के विदेश दौरे पर सवाल उठाए

नई दिल्ली। कांग्रेस ने प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के लगातार विदेश दौरे को लेकर सवाल उठाए हैं। कांग्रेस प्रवक्ता अभिषेक सिंघवी ने ट्वीट किया, जब राजनयिक दौरा अच्छी छुट्टियां हो। असम में बाढ़ से करीब पांच लाख लोग प्रभावित हुए हैं।

जानकारी ली। उन्होंने बाढ़ पीड़ितों को राहत मुहैया कराने के लिए राज्य सरकार की ओर से किए जा रहे उपायों, बाढ़ से हुए नुकसान और