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Flood situation critical in Southsalmara Mankachar dist

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flood situation has turned from bad - fields, specially ahu rice, jute, vegto worse in Southsalmara Manka-etables etc.; have been damaged by char district because of the Inces-the flood waters. sant rains during the last few days. The newly-built Borairalga hosmaintaining a rising trend.

ing shelter on higher lands with their household belongings. Thou-HATSINGIMARI, July 13: The sands of hectares of standing crop

As per the official report on pital building was eroded com-Wednesday, the water level of Brah-pletely on Wednesday. The Hatirmaputra has been flowing 34 cm, charaBOP, situated near the hospiabove the danger mark and it is stab is also likely to be eroded by Thursday or the day after. On the In two revenue circles of the dis-tother hand, there is a grave threat trict, namely Southsalmara and iof a breach in the newly-built Ka-Mankachar, about 218 revenue vil- liralga dyke. The Deputy Commislages have been directly affected sioner, ADC, SP and others inby the flood of river Brahmaputra. spected the dyke on Wednesday Thousands of people have been tak- and engaged labourers for its im-

mediate protection. The local people and some NGOs are also helping to protect the embankment. It is to be mentioned here that if the dyke is breached, the entire Mankachar LAC area will be severely affected by flood.

One Moklesa Khatun (3), d/o Mokaddes Ali of Radhuram Chariali under Fokirgonj PS, died on Wednesday after falling into flood waters. In another incident one Azad Ali (7), s/o Ayan Uddin of Bauskata part IV under the same Fakirganj PS, also died on Wednesday while he travelling on a raft made of banana plant. His body was recovered after three hours.

79,110 flood-hit take shelter in relief camps in Sonitpur

CORRESPONDENT

TEZPUR, July 13: With the early arrival of monsoons this year in have taken shelter at 42 relief camps the Northeast region, Sonitpur fected several areas under Thela-Revenue Circles.

According to the district adminfrom July 4 to July 10 last, a total of the victim is yet to be recovered Pathar LP School.

under three revenue circles of. carried out by the SDRF and the Tezpur, Chardwar and Nadwar NDRF teams," stated a statein different areas. "To look after district faced the first waves of these flood-affected people, special flood from June 16 which has af- teams of the Veterinary department and Health department have mara, Dhekiajuli and Charidwar been deployed in those relief camps," the statement said.

"Till date, one person died in istration, due to the heavy rainfall "the flood. However, the body of

79,110 people from 113 villages despite search operations being ment issued by the district administration

Under the Thelamara Revenue Circle, 3,665 livestock have been affected. As per the report, due to the flood and erosion, people of four villages under the Thelamara Revenue Circle have taken shelter at a relief camp at Nabil

10,500 affected in Dibrugarh dist

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DIBRUGARH, July 13: The current wave of floods in the Dibrugarh district has affected 10,500 people in 22 villages spread across the seven revenue circles. The worst affected is the Dibrugarh West Revenue Circle, according to official sources, where 128 people have been shifted to relief camps.

In the district so far, 193 hectares of paddy fields and 924 hectares of other land have been submerged by flood

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1 dead in Odisha flood, govt seeks IAF help

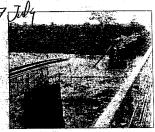
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BHUBANESWAR: Odisha is staring at a major flood this monsoon after over 520 mm rainfall in the past 24 hours in Kalahandi and Rayagada districts flooded most parts of the two districts with one person dying in a landslide.

Rains triggered by a low pressure over Bay of Bengal since Saturday have led to flash floods in Nagabali and Kalyani rivers of Rayagada district affecting over 7,000 people in Kalyansinghpur block. Unconfirmed reports said three persons — a minor and two elderly persons — were swept away by flood water in Kalyansingpur block. A local Panchayat Samiti member's husband diedin a landslide while trying to rescue a family.

"We have requested four helicopters from Indian Air Force for dropping food packets in affected areas. Another Naval helicopter in Vishakhapatnam is in a state of readiness for rescue. With more rains expected in southern Odi-



Damaged railway bridge over
 river Nagabali in Rayagada
 district on Sunday.

sha till July 18, we are taking no chances," said special relief commissioner Bishnupada Sethi, after chief minister Naveen Patnaik conducted a review meeting of rescue operations on Sunday.

In Rayagada, four road bridges were washed away, while in Kalahandi, Hati river was flowing over the bridge connecting Junagad and Bhawanipatna. A major rail mishap was averted after heavy rains washed away a rail bridge in Rayagada-Titlagarh section on Sunday just minutes before a goods train was about to pass over it.

60 dead and over 10 lakh affected by floods in Assam

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GUWAHATI: Clear skies for the third consecutive day across Assam ensured water recession from several inundated areas, but over 10 lakh people still remain affected by the recent floods.

A total of 1,512 villages in 21 of the state's 32 districts are still under water and 22,837 people displaced from their homes still taking shelter in 280 relief camps across the state.

The affected districts are Dhemaji, Lakhimpur, Biswanath, Darrang, Nalbari, Barpeta, Chirang, Bongaigaon, Kokrajhar, Dhubri, South Salmara, Goalpara, Morigaon, Nagaon, Karbi-Anglong, Jorhat, Golaghat, Majuli, Sibsagar, Karimganj and Cachar.

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According to state disaster management authority, one more death was reported from Morigaon district on Sunday taking the total number of casualties to 60. Water level in the Brahmaputra came below the danger level at Tezpur and Goalpara but continued to flow above the red

mark at Neematighat in Jorhat district and Dhubri

Dhansiri, Katakhal and Kushiyara flowed over danger mark one place each and Barak at two places in Cachar and Karimganj districts. More than 2,000 people were evacuated on Sunday. Nearly 50,000 hectares of crop land still remain flooded and 11 lakh domestic animals and poultry affected. Several important state highways also remained under water in Biswanath, Bongaigaon, Goalpara, Dhubri, Golaghat, Majuli and Sibsagar.

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'₹7,000cr spent, but Ganga still polluted'

Set Up Task Force To Enforce NGT Order: Mehta

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New Delhi: The report of a fire literally on the Ganga prompted noted environmentalist and lawyer M C Mehta to file a PIL in the Supreme Court over 32 years ago. Discharge of inflammable effluents from nearby industries in Haridwar had caused the fire on water and subsequently triggered the chain of events which culminated in Thursday's NGT judgement directing both central and state authorities to take multiple actions on the ground to comprehensively clean the country's national river.

In an interview to TOI, Mehta on Friday recalled how a ground visit to find out the reason for the fire exposed him to the cruel face of industries which used the river to discharge toxic chemicals. "It was really shocking for me to know that a person lithis cigarette and threw the matchstick in the drain joining the river, leading to a massive fire in Ganga. It took nearly 30 hours for authorities to control the fire. The incident had shaken me so much that I, as a lawyer, decided to bring it to the notice of the SC," he said.

Mehta had filed the petition against four industries, including the public sector BHEL, and the rest is history. Cove The SC had later clubbed cases pertaining to the Ganga river pollution. "Unfortunately, nothing was done on the ground. In fact, all the government agencies, local



The NGT on Thursday prohibited dumping of waste within 500 metres from river Ganga

authorities and industries are under contempt for not following the previous apex court order," said Mehta demanding a probe into the subsequent actions which resulted in spending of over Rs 7,000 crore of public money in the name of cleaning the river Ganga without any concrete result on the ground in the past three decades

The NGT on Thursday prohibited dumping of waste within 500 metres from the river and ordered that a 100metre stretch on either side of the river between Haridwar (Uttarakhand) and Unnao (Uttar Pradesh) must be a "no-construction, no-development zone". It also made a provision of imposing Rs 50,000 fine for dumping waste into the river.

Mehta, recipient of the Ramon Magsaysay Award, who had also fought a long legal battle to protect Taj Mahal from pollution, believes that the implementation of the green court's order is very much possible provided the government shows political will. He said pollution in the Ganga would not have reached the present levels if successive governments. both at Centre and states, had enforced previous SC orders.

He suggested that the government set up a task force (a central body) and entrust it with adequate powers to enforce the NGT order within 500 metres stretch on both sides along the entire length of the river passing through the five states - Uttarakhand, UP, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal.

On the government's plan to bring a central law on the river Ganga, Mehta believes that no political party could afford to oppose such a law if the government introduces it in Parliament. "Anyone opposing such law would expose himself/herself before the people," he said. He also explained the rationale behind the NGT order, saying it would be in the interest of the people, living along the river. He pointed out that they in fact are living on toxic land, drinking poisonous water and producing hazardous products. "The ardous products. health cost of all such activities is far bigger than what they have been earning on the polluted land along the river," said Mehta.

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It's more than a natural disaster

To save the N-E from floods, rethink the idea of development

n what appears to have become a recurring annual problem, Assam and other northeastern states are once again in the grip of an "unprecedented" flood. The situation has yesterday taken an even more grim turn as Union minister of state for development of north eastern region (DoNER) Jitendra Singh confirmed that a total of 58 districts have been affected due to floods and landslides in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Manipur where around 80 lives have been lost so far.

Estimates suggest that more than 17.43

lakh people in 26 of Assam's 32 districts continue to remain affected by rising water levels. In the Kaziranga National Park, home to the rare one-horned rhinoceros, nearly 75% of the site has been inundated, forcing animals to take shelter on higher ground.

In spite of the fact that this is an annual occurrence with rivers in this region, which flood every monsoon, the loss of life and property that should be avoidable by taking adequate precautions is also becoming a regular feature. The Brahmaputra river, which is second only to the Amazon in size, eats into the cultivable land in Assam, as it erodes more land every time it floods. While this is a natural occurrence, a large part of the blame for the recurring devastating floods must also go to deforestation in Assam and neighbouring states. While it is commendable that the government has decided to direct authorities to use experts from space technology and ISRO to assess the damage caused by floods and landslides; it is once again, a measure to assuage the damage rather than prevent it.

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The Brahmaputra routinely breaches the embankments built to rein it in. The idea that the river can be held in place by building an embankment around it has been proven a bad idea time and again, in flood-prone states such as Bihar. Rampant construction on the floodplains, and a degeneration of other wetlands increase the pressure on the main river, come the monsoons. With the reality of climate change bringing with it an increasing number of extreme weather events, the situation in the future can be reliably expected to get worse. It is time for the government to rethink the paradigm of development, in which infrastructure is built at great cost on the floodplains;

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After NGT order, it can't be business as usual

The PM's Namami Gange project will be in jeopardy if UP fails to get its act right

declared an area of 100 metres from the edge of Ganga between Haridwar (Uttarakhand) and Unnao (UttarPradesh) as a no-development zone. It also prohibited dumping of waste within 500 metres from the river. The observation was part of

araft of measures that a six-member NGT bench headed by Justice Swatanter Kumar, listed in a 543-page judgment on a petition by environmentalist MC Mehta. Sending out a signal that it won't be lenient with polluters any longer, the NGT also declared a fine of ₹50,000 on anyone who dumps waste in the Ganga and said the UP government is "duty-bound" to shift tanneries from Jajmau to Unnao or any other place it considers appropriate within six weeks.

Indicting the callous manner in which public money is being spent, the bench noted that "even after spending ₹7,304.64 crore up to March by the Centre, state government and local authorities of the state of UP" the status of the Ganga has "not improved in terms of quality or otherwise and it continues to be a serious environmental issue". This is a damning indictment of the authorities involved in restoring/rejuvenating the river. However, as environmentalist Manoj Misra said in a recent tweet, mere pollution control is not rejuvenation. Much more needs to be done. The Centre has allotted ₹2,000 crore for the Namami Gange project to clean up the river. Now the onus of ensuring that the polluting tanneries abide by the norms is with the state.

For years, lax implementation has meant the government hasn't been able to restrain factories and people from polluting the Ganga. Ensuring that this happens won't be easy. But now with same party ruling the Centre and state, there should be better coordination. If the state is unable to do so, then it will be failing to execute a pet project of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

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Causes for annual floods in Assam are well-known. It's now time to put lessons from research on the Brahmaputra into practice

XX N APRIL, ASSAM'S chief secretary reviewed the state's preparedness to carry out relief and rescue operations during floods. Emergency management exercises were conducted at the ward and village levels. But two months later, as the Brahmaputra went into spate, the state administration was caught unawares again. Floods in the state have claimed more than 50 lives, nearly 18 lakh have been affected by the deluge and most of the Kaziranga National Park is submerged. Nearly 2 lakh hectares of the state's crop area is affected.

Floods in Assam are as regular as the monsoon itself. According to the National Flood Commission of India, about 40 per cent of the state's area is flood-prone. But humanmade factors have compounded this annual problem. This year, the Ranganadi, Dikting and Singra — tributaries of the Brahmaputra — swelled up after the North East Electric Power Corporation opened up its dams to release water from the Ranganadi Hydro-electric Project in Arunachal Pradesh's Lower Subansiri district. Floods caused by the release of water in the Brahmaputra's upstream have become a common monsoon scourge in Assam, since the past seven years. Like most river-related problems, the solution lies in dialogue between upper and lower riparian states.—Arunachal Pradesh and Assam, in this case. Assam's policymakers are aware of the problems emanating from the Brahmaputra's upstream. "The floods are caused by the runoff of heavy rainfall during the monsoon and high sediment loads from upper watersheds that are geologically unstable and degraded because of deforestation and changing land use," notes a report issued last year by the Assam State Disaster Management Authority. However, authorities in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh have not put their heads together to resolve the issue.

Even within Assam, agencies which should be working together to keep the floods in check, have operated along different lines. While the state's disaster management authority has correctly identified the geological instability caused by deforestation, Assam's water resource department continues to harp on the discredited system of embankments. The state's embankments — walls to hold river water from spilling — were built according to recommendations made in 1954 by the Rashtriya Barh Ayog. Floods in the past six decades have shown that when the Brahmaputra swells up during the monsoons, it puts pressure on the embankments, causing breaches. This year, eight embankments in the state have been damaged. Moreover, academic and government studies have shown that the Brahmaputra changes course frequently and it's virtually impossible to contain the river within the embankments. Given that the Brahmaputra is among the better studied of the country's rivers, the annual havoc it causes should have been contained by now. It is time research is put to practice.

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Panel on Ganga proposes 2 new bodies

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An official panel, framing a draft law on the cleaning of the Ganga, has proposed a twotiered mechanism to replace two existing bodies which are implementing the Namami Gange programme.

If the draft legislation is enacted, it would become the firstever law on any river in the country. The panel has recommended establishing an integrated development council (IDC) with the prime minister as its ex-officio chairperson.

The IDC is proposed to replace the existing National Council for Ganga, which is also chaired by the PM. Besides, it has suggested setting up the National River Ganga Basin Management Corporation (NRGBMC) to be headed by the water resources minister. It is proposed to replace the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG). The National Council for Ganga and the NMCG are currently implementing the Namami



NGT shifts focus on Phase-II of Ganga rejuvenation

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After passing a slew of measures to rejuvenate the Ganga between Haridwar and Unnao, the National Green

Gange programme.

TheIDCisproposed to have 19 members. These include Union ministers of water resources, environment, urban development, power, rural develTribunal has now shifted focus to clean the next stretch of the river passing through Allahabad and Varanasi.

A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Swatanter Kumar has convened a

opment, drinking water and sanitation, chief ministers of five Ganga basin states and five co-opted experts.

The NRGBMC would have 13 members, including secremeeting of all stakeholders involved in cleaning of the river from Unnao in Uttar Pradesh to the state's border with Bihar to chalk out an action plan for cleaning the Ganga.

taries of ministries of water resources, environment, NITI Aayog's deputy chairman, central pollution control board chairperson and five experts from the IDC.

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Teesta project: Panchayats in Sikkim accuse govt of forging their approval

JAY MAZOOMDAAR NEW DELHI, JULY 14

THREE LEPCHA gram panchayats of North Sikkim have accused the district administration of forgery and suppression of facts in furnishing consentunder the Forest Rights Act for the 520 MW Teesta stage IV hydel power project.

Lepchas are recognised as one of the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups, whose rights are to be protected by state governments while diverting forest land.

In a submission to the Union Ministries of Environment and Tribal Affairs, and the Covernor and Chief Minister of the state, the gram panchayats Friday claimed that three out of four gram sabhas held between November 2016 and May 2017 rejected the Rs 3,703-crore hydel project.

The panchayats alleged that the district administration did not forward two rejections to the Union Environment Ministry and forged signatures of the members of the third gram sabha to furnish a false resolution in favour of the project.

According to the submission, the district administration had CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Teesta project

accepted the request to postpone the gram sabha meeting on Teesta IV as most members of Lum Gor Sangtok gram panchayat were unavailable for the proposed May 13 event. But the administration allegedly went ahead and held a gram sabha on "FRA awareness" and subsequently sent a forged resolution to the Environment Ministry.

"That May 13 gram sabha and its resolutions were anyway illegal. Moreover, at least 10 of those who signed the attendance register were either not on the voter's list of the village or not present at the meeting. We will hold a press conference in Gangtok tomorrow with specifics of those outsiders and the forged signatures," said Topgay Lepcha, secretary of Lum Gor Sangtok gram panchayat, adding that a "legal gram sabha" held on May 30 unanimously rejected the project.

"Forging a gram sabha resolution is a very serious offence. Government officials should not be biased or work on behalf of project News item/letter/article/editorial published on 1861-13.7.407 in the

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Every state part of nation, we don't want them to quarrel: SC

NEW DELHI: "Every state is a part of the nation and we don't want them to quarrel," said the Supreme Court on Wednesday, as Karnataka continued to accuse Tamil Nadu of breaching the 1924 agreement on Cauvery water sharing by enlarging its area for irrigation.

Appearing for Karnataka, senior advocate F S Nariman submitted before a three-judge bench presided over by Justice Dipak Misra that the real shares for each state should be determined on the basis of need.

He said the factors which should be considered included contribution of water by each state, its population and cultivable area to raise the crop.

The Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal was to give due weight to climatic factors, hydrological cycle, engineering factors and geographical positions in the basin to determine the need for each state.

"The tribunal had to first adjudicate the shares of states by the principle of suitable apportionment, without reference to any diversion/utilisations made by party states. It would then have become apparent as to whether or not any party state. had appropriated in excess of its equitable share in the waters," Nariman said.

The bench, also comprising Justices Amitava Roy and A M Khanwilkar, observed that there is no chance of the matter being referred back to the tribunal again. The court would continue to hear arguments on part of Karnataka on Thursday on the civil appeals also filed by Tamil Nadu against the tribunal's decision.

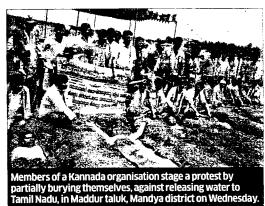
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Agitators resort to unique protest

MADDUR (MANDYA DISTRICT): Continuing their protest against the release of water to Tamil Nadu from KRS dam, members of Kasturi Karnataka Janapara Vedike tried to grab attention by burying themselves in soil, at Maddurate on Wednesday

The protest entered the sixth day on Wednesday. The protesters dug earth with excavators, and buried themselves partially in the soil, saying, "Give us water or bury us completely."

Tahsildar S Harsha visited the spot and pacified them. He promised the agitators that he has already submitted a report to the government and has sugested releasing water into canals. He advised them to continue with their protest in a



peaceful manner instead of resorting to such gimmicks.

Yielding to his request, the protesters came out of the pits, DH News Service

but threatened to continue with the protests till the government decides to stop releasing water. **DH News Service** News item/letter/article/editorial published on <u>/パゾタ・/・フ・タ・ス゚タイン/</u> in the Hindustan Times \ Statesman The Times of India (N.D.) Indian Express Tribune

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Rain claims 74 lives across cour

HAVOC NE suffers the most as normal life thrown out of gear due to landslides

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NEW DELHI: Heavy rains have killed 74 people, including 70 from the Northeast, and displaced thousands in the past 15

The weather department has predicted an increase in the intensity of rains, with the monsoon moving towards northwest India. The monsoon has covered Maharashtra and Gujarat and parts of southern Rajasthan and western Madhya Pradesh, apart from the Northeast.

Heavy rains lashed suburban Mumbai, leading to waterlogging and traffic jams.

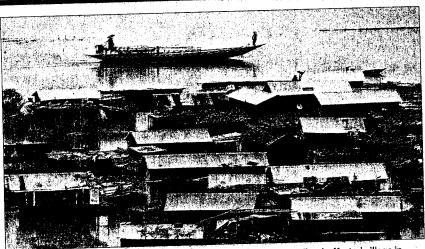
In Rajasthan, a sub-divisional magistrate and his vehicle were washed away by a sudden current in a river. His body is yet to be recovered.

At least 50 people died in flood-related incidents of drowning, landslides and electrocution in Assam till Thursday.

In Madhya Pradesh, many areas in Rewa and Satna were submerged and the authorities have relocated hundreds to safer places.

SK Dey, meteorologist at India Meteorological department (IMD), Bhopal, said an alert has been issued in western MP such as Indore, Ratlam, Agar Malwa, Jhabua, Alirajpur, Ujjain and Barwani for the next 24 hours. The state government has deferred local body elections in Dhar and Barwani, where houses of 15,000 people will be submerged because of release of additional water from the Sardar Sarovar Dam because of rains.

Weather department officials said the rains were good for second round of sowing and would mean higher agricultural output this year.



Villagers use a boat as they row past partially submerged houses at a flood-affected village in PTI PHOTO

Morigaon district of Assam on Friday.

Monsoon tears

Life in parts of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and almost the whole of Northeast India has been thrown out of gear by monsoon

RAJASTHAN

A sub-division magistrate swept away in swollen river in Banswara district in south Rajasthan

■ Heavy rains have lashed Banswara and nearby districts submerging many homes

MADHYA PRADESH

250.4 mm rainfall in state since June 1 against normal rainfall of 252.8 mm

290.7 mm rain in east MP, against a normal rainfall of 285.4 mm. 2% excess rain than the average

MIZORAM

13 killed and 11 others sustained injuries

1.3 lakh people in all eight districts in

₹15.57 crore is the estimated value

the state affected by floods and

3,400 houses damaged

219.4 mm rainfall in Western MP against a normal of 227.7 mm

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40,000 hectares of agricultural land affected

≡ imphal-Jiribam sector of NH37 damaged

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

14 of family killed in a landslide in Laptap village on Tuesday

- Water supply to Naharlagun and Nirajali towns hit
- Road connection to Itanagar remains nearly cut

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49 people had died till Thursday across the state

17.43 lakh people in 26 of the 32 districts remain affected

13 lakh domestic animals and poultry have also been affected

2,400 villages have been inundated

86,000 hectares are crop area affected

3,385 houses damaged

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4 killed and five others injured when a bridge collapsed in Dimapur on Tuesday

20 houses damaged by landslides in Dimpur on Thursday

■ Dimapur-Kohima NH29 was damaged near Kiruphema village

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"We have to verify the charges and consider its legal point of view as well before filing a case in the matter," Sanap told HT.

Officials from the Pune, weather bureau in-charge of issuing predictions said they had been made aware about the complaint. "All our predictions over the last three months are being, analysed by our office. The issue has been escalated to our head office in New Delhi. We will be issuing a release once we get a clarity on the matter," said a senior official from the meteorological services for agriculture in India under IMD.

The weather bureau in New Delhi said they would respond to the allegations once they were communicated about it.

"We are not a commercial agency, and we work for the public good. Every year we make efforts to improvise our abilities and deliver better services," said IMD director Dr KJ Ramesh.

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भागलपुर-्खगड़िया में भारी बारिश से कई सड़कें जलमग्न हुईं

बिहार और उत्तराखंड में दर्जनों गांव बाढ़ से धिरे



जागलपुर **हिन्दुस्तान टीम**

नमानार बारिश और गंगा के जलस्तर में हो रहो वृद्धि के कारण भागलपुर जिले के उर्जनों गांव बाढ़ से घिरने लगे हैं। लोगों को अभी से आवागमन में दिक्कत होने जगी है।

स्कृली बच्चों को खासकरस्कूल आने जाने में कठिनाइयों का सामना करना पड़ हा है। ग्रामीणों को अस्पताल जाने में जिकत हो रही है। श्रीरामपुर चचरी पुल इयने के बाद करीब 50 हजारकी आवादी नाव से शहर आने-जाने को मजबर है। हजार की आबादी भागलपुर में नाव के भरोसे

आफत : कुमाऊं में मलबे से सड़कें बंद

सीमांत जिले में लगातार बारिश के साथ मलबा आने से आंतरिक मार्ग बंद हैं। भूस्खलन से जगह-जगह मकानों को क्षित पहुंच रही है। पिथौरागढ़ जिले में 14 माइग्रेशन गांवों का तहसील मुख्यालय से संपर्क कटा हुआ है। पिथौरागढ़ जिले में जौलजीवी-मुनस्यारी मार्ग 10 घंटे बाधित रहा। सेराघाट-नैनी मोटर मार्ग पिछले एक सप्ताह से बंद है। बागेश्वर जिले में बागेश्वर-कपकोट मोटर मार्ग शनिवार को करीब 8 घंटे बंद रहा। पिछले 24 घंटे में धारचूला में सर्वाधिक 43.80 मिमी बारिश हुई है।

गांव उत्तराखंड के पड़े अलग–थलग

आपदा : नगालैंड में एनएच पर भूस्खलन

नगालैंड के कोहिमा जिले के विस्तेमा गांव के पास भूस्खलन होने से नगालैंड और मोणपुर के बीच राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग संख्या-2 का एक बड़ा हिस्सा बह गया। एक पुलिस अधिकारी ने कहा कि विस्तेमा गांव से करीब 200 मीटर दूर सुबह भूस्खलन हुआ। भूस्खलन से सड़क का 70 मीटर हिस्सा बह जाने से यातायात अवरुद्ध हो गया। राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग-2 मणिपुर के लिए जीवनरेखा की तरह काम करता है क्योंकि सभी माल वाहन, यात्री वाहन और सामान इस रास्ते से ही राज्य में पहुंचते हैं।

बाढ़ से बेहाल बच्चे :



बिजनौर जिले के मंडावर क्षेत्र में शनिवार को गांव रावली में गंगा और माल

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ृजरात में लगातार दूसरे दिन कई जिलों अति भारी वर्षा से जनजीवन बुरी तरह अभावित हुआ। कई गांवों का संपर्क कट या, जबिक कुछ राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग समेत 31 से अधिक सड़कें जलभराव तथा पुल टटने के कारण वंद हो गई हैं।

सुरंद्रनगर में वायुसेना ने मोर्चा संभाला और एक गांव से 12 लोगों को सुरक्षित निकाला। उधर ओडिशा में भारी बारिश की चेतावनी जारी की गई है। गुरुवार से अब

रिजिजू ने अरुणाचल में किसानों को भरोसा दिया

केंद्रीय मंत्री किरण रिजिजू ने शनिवार अरुणाचल प्रदेश में बाढ़ प्रभावित किसानों से मुलाकात की और उन्हें केंद्र और राज्य सरकार से हरसंभव मदद का भरोसा दिलाया। रिजिजू ने पश्चिम सियांग जिले के बाढ़ग्रस्त आलो इलाके का केंद्रीय टीम के साथ दौरा किया और गांवों में हालात का जायजा लिया।

तक वर्षाजनित घटनाओं में पांच लोगों की मौत हुई है जिनमें एक आठ वर्षीय बालक समेत दो लोग शनिवारको पानी में बह गए। एक-एक मौत सुरेन्द्रनगर के सायला तथा गजकोट के लोधिका तालका में हुई। साथ ही बिजली गिरने से दो व दीवार गिरने से एक की मौत हुई है। कई स्थानों पर पशुओं के बह जाने की भी सूचना है। जामनगर के अलियावाला में एक वाहन के पानी में बह जाने की सूचना है।



सीतामढ़ी में बेलसंड के मौलापुर गांव में बागमती का जलस्तर बढ़ने से न

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रोजी-रोटी के लिए जान जोखिम में डाल रहे



बारिश _{से} बदहाली

उत्तर भारत समेत देश के कई हिस्से इन दिनों बाढ़ की चपेट में हैं। ऐसे कई इलाकों में लोगों को रोजाना रोजी-रोटी के लिए अपनी जान जोखिम में डालनी पड़ रही है। कोई उफनती नदी-नाले को तैरकर तो कोई नाव के सहारे अपने काम पर जा रहा है। ऐसे ही कुछ लोगों के संघर्ष की कहानी।

घाघरा के पानी में कई सड़कें डूबीं

लाटघाट (आजमगढ)। हिटी

वाघरा नदी की बाढ़ से घिरे चक्की हाजीपुर निवासी और होम्योपैथ डॉक्टर श्रीराम यादव की मुश्किलें बढ़ गई हैं।

उनका कहना है संपर्क मार्ग के डूब जाने से उनकी दिनचयां ही बदल गई है। बाढ़ के बाद से सुबह चार बजे उठना पड़ रहा है। पहले बच्चों को पानी के बीच से 15 किलोमीटर दर स्कल छोड़ने जाना



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पड़ता है। पहले सुबह आठ बजे डिस्पेंसरी जाते थे। अब नौ किलोमोटर की दूरी पैदल ही तय कर डिस्पेंसरी पहुंच पाते हैं। निर्माविधा : लोगों की जिजीविषा बयां करती ये दो तस्वीरें बाढ़ से बदहाल इलाकों की हैं। नीचे बायीं ओर की तस्वीर यूपी में बुलंदशहर के बुगरासी क्षेत्र के भगवानपुर व खेत में काम करने जाते हैं। वहीं, दायीं तरफ की तस्वीर बिहार के मधेपुरा की है। यहां बाढ़ से आधा दर्जन गांवों की सड़कें जलमग्न हैं। ऐसे में लोग जान जं



कभी तैरकर तो कभी नाव से गंगा पार कर रहे हीरालाल

बुलंदशहर । बुलंदशहर के बुगरासी क्षेत्र के गंगा तटीय गांव भगवानपुर निवासी हीरालाल को अपने परिवार के भरण— पोषण के लिए रोजाना 2 किलोमीटर गंगा पार कर खेत जाना पड़ता है। 60 वर्षीय हीरालाल खेतों पर जाने के लिए कभी नाव का सहारा लेते हैं तो कभी तैरकर भी जाना पड़ता है। हीरालाल परिवार की जीविका के लिए गंगा किनारे स्थित खेतों में सब्जी उगाते हैं। सुबह छह बजे घर से निकलने के बाद वह देर रात ही वापस लौट पाते हैं। उनके परिवार में 14 लोग हैं और परिवार खेती पर ही निर्भर है। ऐसे में बारिश और बाढ़ के समय उनकी मुश्किलें काफी बढ़ जाती हैं। बाढ़ और बारिश से गंगा का जल स्तर अधिक हो। जाने पर नाव चलना बंद हो जाती हैं। ऐसे में उन्हें तैरकर गंगा नदी को पार करना पड़ता है। साथ ही बाढ़ में भूमि कटान से उनकी फसल को नुकसान उठाना पड़ता है।



जैने गांवी की सड़के जलमन्न है। ऐसे में लोग जान जोखिम में डालकर तेज धार की बीच नाव से काम पर जाने की मजबूर है। 🗨 हिन्दुस्तान

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मप्र व राजस्थान में मानसून सक्रिय

मध्य प्रदेश और राजस्थान समेत देश के कई राज्यों में मानसून ने रपतार पकड़ ली है। वहीं पूर्वातर के तीन राज्य असम, मणीपुर और अरुणाचल के 58 जिलों में बाद के हालात हैं। वहीं मध्र के झाबुआ जिले में पिछले तीन दिन से जारी बारिश के चलते पेटलावद के कई सरकारी ऑफिस में पानी घुस गया।

जिले में पिछले तीन दिन से जारी बारिश के चलते पेटलावद के कई सरकारी ऑफिस में पानी घुस गया। 24 घंटे में आबू में 8 इंच बारिश 55 की मौत हो चुकी है असम में। आधा काजीरंगा नेशनल पार्क डूबा। ब्रह्मपुत्र, जोरहाट, तेजपुर और सोनितपुर नदी खतरे के निशान से ऊपर बह रही है। News item/letter/article/editorial published on 14.7.3017 in the

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