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12 river basins in Maha, UP & K'taka now rainfall deficient

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Pune: At least 12 basins of rain-fed rivers in several states, including Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and MP, are showing a gaping rainfall deficit from the beginning of the monsoon season till now. River basins such as Tapi, Middle Godavari, Pranhita, Upper Krishna, Lower Bhima and lower and upper Yamuna have had a deficient rainfall between 20% and 40% this season.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) river basin rainfall data from June 1 to August 15 showed that the maximum rainfall deficiency was seen in the middle Yamuna river basin in north-west India, which has received around 41% less rainfall. The middle Godavari basin, between the confluence of Manjira and Pranhita, has had a 33% rainfall deficiency. This is the second highest deficiency recorded among the 61 river basins whose rainfall data is calculated by the IMD.

Most basins with deficient rainfall are in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi.

The rain-deficit upper and middle Yamuna basins fall in the northwestern parts



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of the country. Tapi, Narmada, Wainganga, Wardha, middle Godavari, Pranhita, upper Krishna and lower Bhima river basins, which have recorded a rainfall deficiency of over 20% to 30%, fall in central India. Basins in south peninsula India, such as lower Tungabhadra and Cauvery, have also been rain deficient this monsoon.

A senior IMD official told TOI that deficiency in a basin's rainfall in comparison to its normal rain is indicative of less than normal rains in the region where the basin is located. "The overall water management of a state or region, from water used for drinking, dam storage and groundwater recharge, depends on the amount of rainfall received in a basin. Rainfall over

a basin either supplements its storage or infiltrates into the ground to recharge its groundwater," he said.

A Central Water Commission official said, "Most of the rain deficient basins fall in central India, which has recorded less than normal rains till now. Similarly, the Wainganga river basin falls entirely in Vidarbha, another rain-deficient region of the country. Major areas of different states cut across these basins, with disputes over water-sharing rampant. Deficient rainfall in river basins may, therefore, only aggravate such issues. For instance, the water deficiency in the Cauvery basin has been a source of dispute between the two states sharing it," he said.

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Flood toll rises to 72 in Bihar, 123 in Assam

Nitish Kumar undertakes aerial survey



Help is at hand: Army personnel rescue flood victims in Katihar district of Bihar on Wednesday. ■PTI

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The flood situation affecting 70 lakh people in Bihar's 14 inundated northern districts continued to be grim on Wednesday, with the death toll rising to 72. The State government has commenced relief and rescue operations with the help of the Army, Air Force, 27 National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams and 15 State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) teams. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has been undertaking aerial surveys of the flood-affected districts for the last three days. The Prime Minister has also assured the State government all possible help.

The worst affected districts are Araria, Saharsa, Katihar, Purnia, Kishanganj, West and East Champaran, Sitamarhi, Madhepura, Darbhanga, Madhubani, Sheohar, Supaul and Gopalganj.

24 Assam districts affected

Eleven persons were killed in the last 24 hours in the Assam floods, taking up the toll up to 39 in the second phase of floods in the State, in which about 24 of the 33 districts of State have been affected. With this, 123 people have died in the floods in Assam so far.

Four people have died in the floods in north Bengal. The situation in Cooch Behar and Uttar Dinajpur districts continues to be grim.

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Flood-hit NE sees airfare spike, DGCA steps in



NATURE'S WRATH: A villager fishes in floodwaters surrounding his hut in Assam's Morigaon district on Thursday. Flood toll in the state has reached 134 and 179 animals are feared drowned in Kaziranga

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New Delhi: Airfares to and from the flood-ravaged Northeast India have risen dramatically in past few days and on Thursday the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) ordered airlines to immediately rein in the surging prices. Trains to several places in the region, including Guwahati, were cancelled a few times when the tracks got submerged and planes were the only way to get in or out of that place.

"Last-minute fares of flights to and from Northeast to Kolkata and rest of India have seen a dramatic jump in the past few days. This trend is still continuing due to reduced connectivity (by trains) leading to a sharp increase in demand for air travel," said travel portal Yatra's COO Sharat Dhall.

For example, Dhall said Kolkata-Guwahati one-way lowest fares for Friday (August 18) were starting at Rs9,000 while normal fare for this route is Rs 3-4,000. "Guwahati-Delhi one-way fare for next few days is about Rs 11,000 while normal fare is Rs 4-6,000. Kolkata-Dimapur one-way for next three to four

Flood claims 119 lives in Bihar, 33 in UP

Patna/Shravasti: With 47 more reported dead on Thursday, the death toll in Bihar floods reached 119. About 98 lakh people have been hit across 15 districts in the state. In Uttar Pradesh, 33 people have died so far and 12.8 lakh people across 22 districts have been affected in the deluge. As per the disaster management department (DMD), over 4.08 lakh people have been rescued and 3.41 lakh relief camps set up across Bihar. More than 1.95 lakh people are being served cooked food through 1,646 community kitchens, said DMD principal secretary Pratyaya Amrit. The DMD has also sought a detailed report about claims that bodies were being disposed off into the river in Araria district to keep the death count low, Amrit added.

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days is about Rs 13-14,000 against the normal fare of Rs 4-6,000. On an average, fares of flights to and from NE India have risen by up to three times the normal fares," Dhall said.

Floods continue to wreak havoc in many parts

Normal life paralysed and over 1.2 crore people marooned

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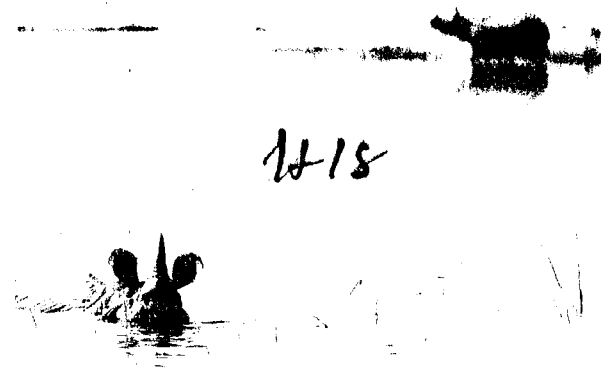
At least 53 more deaths were on Thursday reported from the deluge-battered areas of Assam, Bihar and West Bengal, where swirling floodwaters have paralysed normal life and marooned over 1.2 crore people.

Flood casualties mounted to 98 in Bihar, with 26 more people losing their lives. The deluge has affected nearly 93 lakh people in 15 districts, officials said.

Assam's third wave

The floods claimed 10 more lives in Assam. The toll in the third wave of floods in the State has risen to 49. So far, 133 people have died in flood-related incidents this year.

As many as 141 animals, including seven rhinos, have



In danger: Indian one-horned rhinoceroses wade through flood waters in the Pobitora sanctuary in Assam. • AFP

been found dead in the flooded Kaziranga National Park, a senior forest department official said. The Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) said 31.55 lakh people have been affected in districts of Dhemaji, Lakhimpur,

Biswanath, Sonitpur, Udalguri, Darrang, Nalbari, Barpeta, Bongaigaon, Chirang, Kokrajhar, Dhubri, South Salmara, Goalpara, Kamrup, Kamrup Metropolitan, Morigaon, Nagaon, Karbi Anglong, Golaghat, Jorhat, Majuli, Sivasagar and

Dibrugarh districts. Dhubri is the worst affected with 8.13 lakh people hit.

The Brahmaputra river is flowing above the danger mark at Guwahati, Nimatighat in Jorhat, Tezpur in Sonitpur, Goalpara and Dhubri.

In West Bengal, 17 more people died in the floods, although the overall situation improved on Thursday, officials said.

Bitten by snake

Out of the 17 people, 15 drowned while two others died after they were bitten by snake, a senior disaster management department official said here.

"We are monitoring the situation round-the-clock, and doing everything to help the affected people," an official said, adding there is no

dearth of relief material in the districts.

In Uttar Pradesh, at least 15 people have died due to flooding in the Balrampur and Bahraich districts over the past three days. Barabanki, Gonda, Siddharth Nagar, Mahrajanj, Balrampur and Bahraich districts are reeling under floods following heavy rain.

"Seven persons — Malik Ram (50), Badka (60), Girdhari (68), Ram Charan (50), Aman (8), Mehfooz (12), Ram Swarup (32) — have drowned in the floods in the last 48 hours," Balrampur District Magistrate Rakesh Kumar Mishra said.

In Meghalaya's West Garo Hills district, 1.2 lakh people have been affected by floods.

Twenty-four relief camps have been set up to provide help to the affected.

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पटना, (वार्ता): नेपाल की पर्वत श्रृंखलाओं पर हो रही व्यापक बारिश से बिहार में गंगा समेत सभी प्रमुख नदियों के बेकाबू होने से राज्य के 14 जिलों में आई बाढ़ की स्थिति यथावत बनी हुई है और इसमें मरने वालों की संख्या बढ़कर 170 पर पहुंच गई है।

आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग के आधिकारिक सूत्रों ने बताया कि बाढ़ के कारण पूर्णिया, किशनगंज, अररिया, कटिहार, मधेपुरा, सुपौल, पूर्वी एवं पश्चिम चंपारण, दरभंगा, मधुबनी, सीतामढ़ी, शिवहर, मुजफ्फरपुर और सारण जिलों के 110 प्रखंड में करीब 92 लाख की आबादी प्रभावित हुई है। सेना के साथ ही राष्ट्रीय आपदा बल

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सूत्रों ने बताया कि प्रभावित जिलों में लगातार सेना, राष्ट्रीय आपदा बल (एनडीआरएफ) और राज्य आपदा बल (एसडीआरएफ) की टीम लगी हुई है। इन 14 जिलों में एनडीआरएफ की 27 टीम के 1110 जवान अपनी 114 नौकाओं और राज्य आपदा बल (एसडीआरएफ) की 16 टीम के

446 जवान अपनी 92 नौकाओं तथा 630 जवान एवं 70 नौकाओं के साथ सेना की सात कंपनियां 24 घंटे राहत एवं बचाव कार्य में लगी हुई हैं। एनडीआरएफ और एसडीआरएफ की टीम के साथ चिकित्सकों का चलंत दस्ता भी प्रभावित इलाकों में लगा हुआ है। सूत्रों ने बताया कि प्रभावित इलाकों से अब तक तीन लाख लोगों को सुरक्षित निकाला जा चुका है। हालांकि कई प्रभावित जिलों में लोग

अभी भी अपना घर छोड़कर आने को तैयार नहीं हैं। पीड़ितों की सहायता के लिये ऊंचे और सुरक्षित स्थानों पर 504 राहत शिविर चलाये जा रहे हैं। विभिन्न राहत कैम्पों में एक लाख 70 हजार लोग शरण लिये हुए हैं। राहत शिविरों में मुफ्त भोजन की व्यवस्था की गयी है। कई प्रभावित इलाकों में समुदायिक रसोई घर भी बनाया गया है जहां लोगों को सुबह और शाम भोजन की व्यवस्था की गयी है। इसी तरह स्कूलों और कॉलेजों में भी अस्थायी कैम्प बनाया गया है जहां बड़ी संख्या में पीड़ित लोग शरण लिये हुए हैं। पशुओं के लिये अलग से कैम्प बनाया गया है जहां चारे की व्यवस्था की गयी है।



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