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## Modi announces ₹500 cr for flood-hit Bihar, upsets people

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PATNA, 26 AUGUST

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today undertook an aerial survey of flood-ravaged Bihar and announced an immediate relief package of Rs 500 crore. This was his first visit to the state since his once arch-rival, chief minister Nitish Kumar, joined hands with the BJP after breaking alliance with the Grand Alliance which had won the last 2015 Assembly polls.

However, the announcement has come as a major disappointment to the state given the gravity of the flood devastation. Floods have affected a total population of around 1.70 crore settled in 19 districts of Bihar, destroying standing crops planted in over 6.50 lakh hectares of lands and damaging 2,500 houses, apart from claiming 418 lives till date.

Reports said that everyone was expecting a bigger package from the PM who had failed to keep his promise of granting Rs. 1.25 lakh crore special package to Bihar as announced during the Assembly poll campaign. Moreover, the BJP which was given the mandate to sit in the Opposi-



PM Narendra Modi and CM Nitish Kumar conduct an aerial survey of flood-hit Bihar on Saturday.

tion made a backdoor entry to power, thanks to his JD-U friend Kumar, yet Bihar ended up getting only a Rs 500 crore package.

What's further embarrassing is that the state government had calculated the initial flood damage to Rs 10,000 crore. Based on the reports gathered from the flood-hit districts the officials later burnt midnight oil to draft the memorandum and give a power-point presentation to the PM but failed to impress him. However, the PM has "assured" to increase the relief money after proper assessment of the damage suffered, for which he has announced to send a Central government team to the state.

Interestingly, even the Con-

gress government at the Centre headed by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had had announced a relief package of Rs 1,010 crore and also the release of 1.25 lakh tones of food grains free of cost for distribution in the flood-hit areas during the 2008 Kosi floods.

The then Prime Minister Mr Singh had made this announcement after conducting an aerial survey of flood-affected Kosi region on 29 August, 2008.

"Bihar has been worst-hit by floods but Nitishji's NDA PM gave only Rs 500 crore. However, in 2008, the UPA-led Central government gave Rs 1100 crore. What will the CM say on it?" asked Leader of Opposition in Bihar Assembly Tejashwi Yadav.

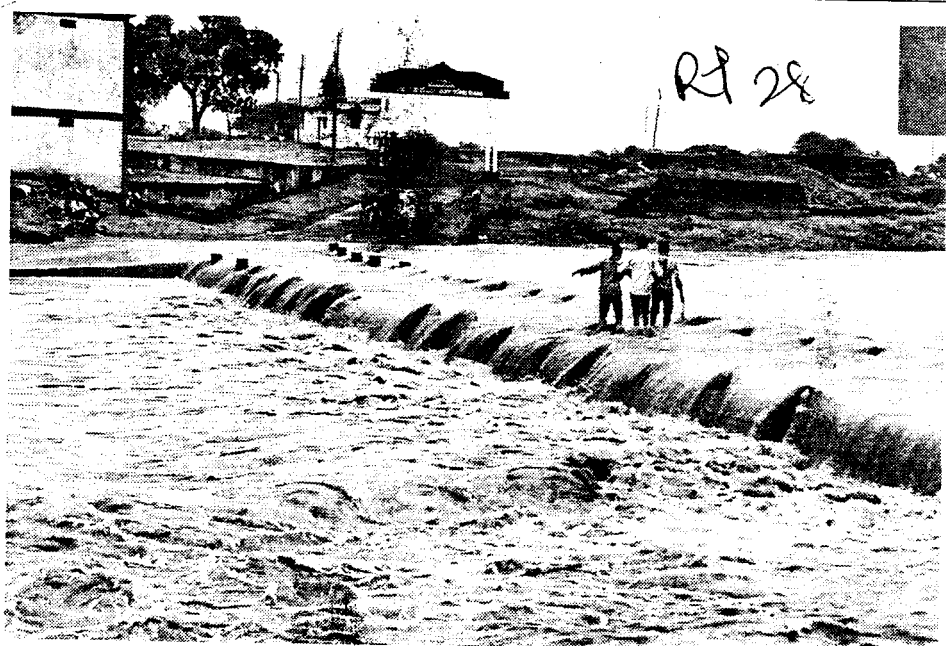
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### पंपावती नदी उफान पर

पेटलावद. दोपहर में 3 बजे के लगभग रायपुरिया बेग में मूसलाधार बारिश हुई, किंतु पेटलावद में मौसम खुला रहा। मौसम खुला रहने के बावजूद भी पंपावती नदी में भरपूर पानी की आवक रही। अचानक पंपावती नदी में पानी बढ़ जाने के कारण लोग नदी पर एकत्रित होने लगे। इस दरम्यान तेज गति से पानी के बाहव के कारण दो गाये भी बह गईं।

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# Bihar flood toll 482; five more die in UP

Waters receding at some places; many people returning home, say Bihar officials

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As many as 42 deaths in flood-related incidents were reported from Bihar in the last 24 hours, taking the toll to 482, whereas five persons lost their lives in Uttar Pradesh, pushing the flood toll in that State to 101.

As many as 1.71 crore people in 19 districts of Bihar were still affected by the deluge, officials said.

## Relief camps

A total of 187 blocks and 2,371 panchayats were affected by the flood, a State Disaster Management Department release said, adding that the number of relief camps had come down to 222, where 1.44 lakh people had taken shelter.

Araria district alone accounted for 95 deaths, followed by Sitamarhi (46), Purnea (44), Katihar (40), West Champaran (36), East Champaran (32), Darbhanga (30), Madhubani (28), Madhepura (25), Kishanganj (24), Gopalganj (20), Supaul (16), Saran (13), Muzaffarpur (9), Saharsa (8), Khagaria (8), Sheohar (6) and Sanastipur (2).

The flood waters, however,



A view of submerged houses in Darbhanga district. • FILE PHOTO

had receded at some places, prompting many to return home, officials said.

## 28 NDRF teams

A total of 28 National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams comprising 1,152 personnel with 118 boats, 16 teams of the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and 630 Army personnel, divided into seven teams, were taking part in the rescue and relief operations, they added.

The Met office has forecast heavy rain at one or two places

of West Champaran district, north-central, north-east and south-east parts of the State on Monday.

## UP toll 101

Five deaths in flood-related incidents were reported from Uttar Pradesh in the last 24 hours, taking the toll to 101, the flood control room at the relief commissioner's office said.

Four deaths were reported from Gorakhpur district, while the other one was reported from Lakhimpur Kheri, it

added.

The number of flood-hit districts had reduced from 24 to 14, officials said, adding that 3,128 villages remained affected by the deluge and 2,061 of them were marooned.

Rivers such as the Rapti, Ghaghara, Burhi Rapti, Rohini and Quano were in spate and had inundated vast areas of Lakhimpur Kheri, Barabanki, Faizabad and Ballia, Gorakhpur, Siddharthnagar, officials said.

## Temperature falls

Light to moderate rains at a few places led to a drop in the temperature in major cities of Bihar on Sunday. Patna recorded 2.2 mm, Bhagalpur 30.6 mm and Purnea 59.8 mm rainfall, met office bulletin said.

Patna recorded a maximum temperature of 30 degrees Celsius, compared to 37 degrees Celsius on Saturday, it said.

The fall in mercury was witnessed elsewhere too. The temple town of Gaya recorded 33 degrees C, while it was 29 degrees C in Bhagalpur and 29.6 degrees C in Purnea.

The State weather office fore-

cast generally cloudy sky with one or two spells of rain or thundershower in Patna, Gaya and Bhagalpur.

It, however, warned of heavy rain at one or two places over West Champaran, North-central, North-east and South-east Bihar during the next 24 hours.

The flood situation in Assam registered a marked improvement on Sunday, although over 1.6 lakh people were still suffering across six districts of the State, an Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) report said. Over 2.03 lakh people were hit by the latest wave of floods in Assam till Saturday. The affected districts are Dhemaji, BARPETA, Chirang, Morigaon, Nagaon and Karbi Anglong.

The third wave of floods has so far claimed the lives of 73 people across Assam and the total number of deaths in flood-related incidents this year stood at 157 in the State, including eight in capital Guwahati.

As per today's ASDMA report, Morigaon was the worst hit with over 92,000 affected people, followed by Nagaon where 54,500 people were hit by the deluge.