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# Submit plan on Bellandur lake: NGT

Green tribunal expresses displeasure over Karnataka's steps at rejuvenation, seeks detailed report

STAFF REPORTER  
BENGALURU

Expressing displeasure over the way in which the Karnataka government has handled the rejuvenation of Bellandur lake, the National Green Tribunal has given the authorities 10 days to provide a concrete action plan to save the lake.

The case was heard by the tribunal's Chairman Bench on Tuesday. In the government's submission, Additional Advocate General of Karnataka Aditya Sondhi said municipal solid waste, construction and demolition waste had been removed from the water body.

## Presence of phosphorus

The government said the frothing was due to the presence of phosphorus in detergent waste flowing into the lake from residential complexes. Of the 480 million litres per day (MLD) of sewage entering the Bellandur lake, around 308



**Toxic ride:** People drive through the froth emanating from the Bellandur lake in Bengaluru. ■ V. SREENIVASA MURTHY

MLD were being treated.

While the next hearing has been scheduled for September 8, the green tribunal said the agencies involved in rejuvenation must submit a detailed plan, including on the removal of silt and solid waste, upgrade of private and public sewage treatment plants, and treatment of sewage.

The petitioner, Namma

Bengaluru Foundation, said the proceedings and the government's lack of willingness to go on record on the waste being cleared had "exposed the negligence" of civic agencies. The petitioner claimed that the Karnataka Lake Conservation and Development authority had refused to go on record in the court that waste had been cleared from the over 700-acre lake.

## Government mulls microbial solutions

STAFF REPORTER  
BENGALURU

From bacteria to microbes, the Bangalore Development Authority seems to be presented with a number of solutions to a problem it doesn't seem to quite understand.

Raaginni Jaain from the Mumbai-based Geetanjali Envirotech poured over hundreds of litres of "soil-based" microbes into an outlet of Bellandur lake. She claimed that the "proprietary blend" of microbes had decreased the voluminous froth in a little more than two days.

This, however, was not backed by the BDA, which shut down the experiment on Monday evening. According to officials, the frothing had reduced because of a

combination of addition sprinklers being installed and a lower quantum of water gushing into the lake.

Ms. Jaain is not the only one offering "low-cost" solutions using microbes.

In the past, too, people backing effective microbial solutions have come forward for a large-scale clean up.

## Bacteria vs. bacteria

A company had presented the use of a bacterial solution to 'counter' the effects of another bacteria, Nocardia, which the company claimed was the cause for the froth.

While BDA officials said they were considering it, two expert committee members said the science behind it was dubious.

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## 2,855 villages in U.P. under water, toll touches 82

+ PM to do aerial survey in Bihar; flood fury abates in Assam

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LUCKNOW

The flood situation in Uttar Pradesh remained alarming on Tuesday with reports of 10 more deaths, taking the toll to 82 in the current wave of floods in the State.

"As many as 2,855 villages in 25 districts are inundated affecting a population of over 22 lakh," the Relief Commissioner's office said here, citing a flood report as on Monday.

Around 50,000 people had taken shelter in camps in eastern U.P. where there was no let-up in flood fury as the raging waters of rivers emanating in Nepal caused havoc in vast areas, it said.

**37 more deaths in Bihar**  
Bihar reported 37 more deaths on Tuesday, taking the toll to 341. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will make



**Lifeline for flood-hit:** People being rescued from an inundated village in Bihar on Tuesday. • REUTERS

an aerial survey of the flood-affected districts of Bihar on August 26, said Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi.

The flood situation in Assam improved further on Tuesday with water receding from human habitations and fields. No fresh deaths were reported in the State and the

toll stood at 70, an Assam State Disaster Management Authority report here said.

In Himachal Pradesh, one man is feared to have drowned in the swollen Govind Sagar Lake in Bilaspur district. Thirteen houses were damaged following heavy rain.

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## बिहार में बाढ़ से अब तक 341 लोगों की मौत

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कटिहार जिले में मंगलवार को बाढ़ प्रभावित क्षेत्र में पार जाने के लिए ग्रामीण स्वयं बांस का पुल बनाते हुए। (छाया : प्रेटर)

पटना, (वाता): बिहार के 19 जिलों में जारी बाढ़ की विभीषिका में अबतक कुल 341 लोगों की मौत हो चुकी है। राज्य आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग के आधिकारिक सूत्रों ने आज यहां बताया कि गंगा समेत राज्य की आठ प्रमुख नदियां कोसी, गंडक, बूढ़ गंडक, बागमती, पुनपुन, घाघरा और अधवारा समूह का जलस्तर खतरे के निशान से ऊपर रहने के कारण अभी 19 जिलों पूर्णिया, किशनगंज, अररिया, कटिहार, मधेपुरा, सुपौल, पूर्वी चंपारण,

पश्चिमी चंपारण, दरभंगा, मधुबनी, सीतामढ़, शिवहर, मुजफ्फरपुर, गोपालगंज, सहरसा, खगड़िया, सारण, पटना एवं समस्तीपुर बाढ़ की चपेट में हैं। प्रभावित जिलों में मृतकों की संख्या 341 पर पहुंच गई है। बाढ़ की भयावह स्थिति को देखते हुये जहां प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी 26 अगस्त को प्रभावित क्षेत्रों का हवाई सर्वेक्षण करेंगे, वहीं मुख्यमंत्री नीतीश कुमार लगातार प्रभावित जिलों का हवाई सर्वेक्षण करने के साथ ही राहत कार्यों का निरीक्षण भी कर रहे हैं।

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**Monsoon blues:** Release of water in rivers hamper rescue ops

DH-22

# 6 more die in UP, Assam floods

**LUCKNOW/GUWAHATI/MALDA/CHANDIGARH:** The death toll in rain-related incidents rose by three each in Assam and Uttar Pradesh (UP) on Monday.

The overall situation in Uttar Pradesh is grim. Three more deaths have pushed the flood toll to 72, the state relief commissioner's office said.

Over 20 lakh people have been hit by the current spell of floods in 24 districts of the state. 2,688 villages are under water.

A flood report said 43,602 people have taken shelter in relief camps in the affected districts of eastern UP, whipped by the raging waters of the rivers emanating from Nepal.

Army choppers, NDRF and PAC (flood) jawans continued relief and rescue operations round-the-clock in the severely hit areas of the flood-affected districts of the state.

The release of water in the rivers emanating from Nepal and incessant rain impeded rescue work and evacuation of people to safer areas.

Twenty-one companies of the NDRF, 30 of the PAC (flood), two choppers of the Indian Air Force (IAF) and several columns of the army were working day and night to save lives and properties in the affected areas.

A Central Water Commission report said the Sharda was flowing above the danger mark at Palla Kalan and near the danger mark at Shirdanagar while the Ghaghra was flowing above the red mark at Elgin Bridge, Ayodhya and Turtpar (Ballia).

Three more lives were lost in Assam floods while 12 districts continued to be affected.

Two persons drowned in Barang and one in Kokrajhar of lower Assam, pushing the death toll in the second wave of floods in the state to 70, an Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) report said.

Meanwhile, relief efforts were continuing in flood-affected areas of Uttar Pradesh.

human habitation and agricultural fields though over 76,000 hectares of farmland with standing crops is still inundated in the 12 districts, the report said.

More than 46,000 people are taking shelter in 125 relief camps.

The floods have damaged embankments, roads and bridges in Dhemaji and Dhubri districts, the ASDMA said.

The floodwaters have claimed the lives of 215 animals, including 13 rhinos and a tiger, at the Kaziranga National Park in Assam, a senior forest official said.

Due to the flooding, the animals at the UNESCO World Heritage Site are facing a food shortage within the park, compelling them to go to the nearby hills, tea gardens and even human habitations in search of food, KNP Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Rohini Ballav Salkia said.

## Situation in WB

Floods in West Bengal have claimed 152 lives so far and affected around 1.5 crore people, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said on Monday.

The state has suffered a loss of around Rs 14,000 crore due to the deluge, she said.

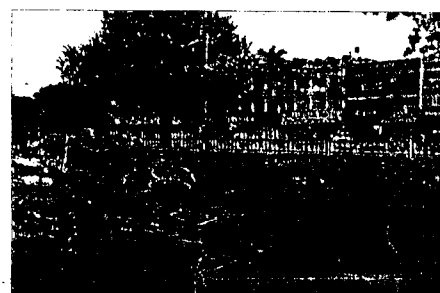
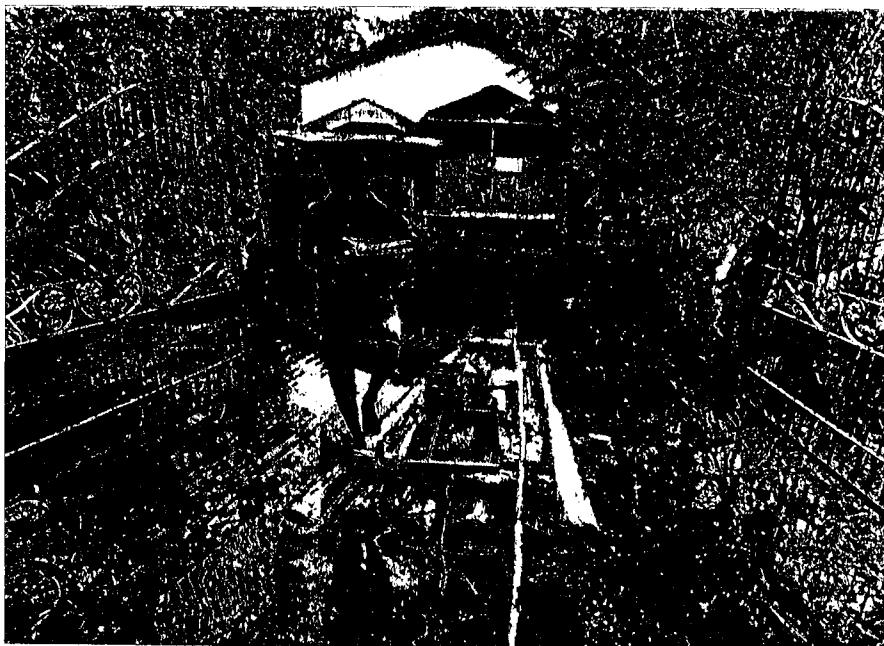
The state government, Mamata said, would send a report on the flood situation to the Centre and hoped that it would get its "justified dues".

"I heard that the Centre has provided financial assistance of Rs 2,000 crore to Assam and also to Gujarat. I do not have any problem in that. I want that every state must get aid," she said.

"The damage caused in West Bengal is no less than what happened in Gujarat and Assam. We will send a total report on the flood to the Centre and hope that we will get what we deserve," the chief minister said. She said around 152 people have lost their lives in the recent floods in West Bengal and 1.5 crore people have been affected.

## Heavy rain in Chandigarh

Heavy rain in Chandigarh on Monday led to waterlogging in several areas.



(Clockwise from top) A boy uses a raft to move books in Jakhalabandha area in the Nagaon district of Assam; a man wades through a flooded area in Chandigarh; a man and his son ride home on a bicycle in Kolkata on Monday. PTI & REUTERS

joining areas in satellite townships of Punchkula and Mohali this morning leaving commuters in swamped in deep waters in several roads.

Life in the tricity was paralysed. There was power failure and traffic snarls on roads. A grid-like situation prevailed

with cars parked on roads submerged in water. Monday's downpour was heavy, like the recent one in Bengaluru where it broke a century-old record.

In Chandigarh, a downpour of 112 mm was recorded up to 11 am when rainfall exceeded, sources said. Parts of Punjab

and Haryana, too, experienced showers on Monday.

There was water logging in several areas of Chandigarh. Videos of parked cars floating in water went viral. The Chandigarh traffic chief was out on the streets towing a trailer in an attempt to minimise the chaos.

Monsoon in this part has remained erratic and subdued. But Monday was an exception. Low-lying areas were badly affected. People posted visuals of knee-deep water flooding their drawing rooms and bedrooms in certain parts of the city.

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# 152 have died in Bengal floods, says Mamata

More than 1.5 crore people affected in state; losses total 14,000 crore

STAFF REPORTER

Releasing for the first time the official figures of casualties due to the flood-like situation in West Bengal, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said on Monday said the death toll had reached 152. She was speaking to reporters in Malda after visiting of flood hit areas. She also visited Uttar and Dakshin Dinajpur in north Bengal.

"So far 152 people have died in Bengal. It is not a small figure. About 1.5 crore people have been affected in the state and the (property) damage is tentatively worth 14,000 crore so far," Ms. Banerjee said.

She also said that out of 1.5 crore affected people, 1.2 lakh were from Malda and Uttar and Dakshin Dinajpur districts.

report to Centre

She said that "compared to the floods in Gujarat and Assam, the flood in Bengal is not a minor one." She said the Bengal government would send a report to the Centre seeking funding.

The Chief Minister said the District Magistrate of Malda had informed her that a dam had been breached in the area district of Bihar as a result of which large areas of Bihar block in Uttar Dinajpur and Buniadpur area in Dakshin Dinajpur district



In distress: Flood victims wait to collect medicines at a camp in Morigaon district of Assam on Monday. At right, villagers in West Bengal use a bamboo bridge to cross a flooded area at Itahar village in North Dinajpur district. — RITU RAJ KONWAR & PTI



215 animals, including 13 rhinos, killed in Kaziranga

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA KAZIRANGA

With 70% of its area still submerged, 215 animals including 13 rhinos and a Royal Bengal Tiger have so far lost their lives at the Kaziranga National Park in Assam, a senior forest official said on Monday.

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As the flood water from the national park recedes, Mr. Saikia said, the carcasses of animals were being recovered from its four ranges.

Dual trouble

He said the two waves of floods this year had caused the death of endangered species.

"Till date, we found bodies of 13 rhinos, 188 hog deer, four elephants, two swamp deer, four wild boars, two buffaloes and one Royal Bengal Tiger. All died due to drowning."

The Kaziranga National Park is spread over 430 square kilometre.

were getting flooded.

She denied reports of lack of flood relief material and said that adequate relief material was being supplied. "In the districts of Malda, Uttar and Dakshin Dinajpur alone we have distributed 4 lakh tarpaulin sheets," she said, adding that 32 boats had been deployed in Malda.

Toll in Assam now 154

Meanwhile, with three more deaths on Monday, the toll in Assam in the second phase of floods has gone up to 70 (since August 10). During the first phase, between May to July, 84 people had died, officials said.

## 43,000 in U.P. relief camps

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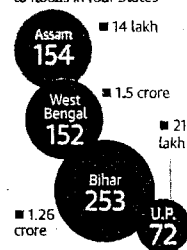
Shardanagar while the Ghaghra was flowing above the red mark at Elgin Bridge, Ayodhya and Turtipar (Ballia).

Moderate rain in Bihar

In Bihar, light to moderate rainfall occurred at one or two places in the past 24 hours. With the south west monsoon getting weak, major cities of Patna, Gaya, Bhagalpur and Purnea did not receive any rainfall during the day.

Marooned

A look at the casualties due to floods in four States



■ Flood-hit ■ Death toll  
SOURCE: ASSAM DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, BIHAR FLOOD MONITORING CELL, U.P. DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPT.