

DISASTERS UPDATE

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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

National

Highway blocked due to flash floods in J&K

The Jammu-Pathankot national highway was blocked due to flash floods due to heavy rains in Kathua district stranding over 1,000 vehicles. Heavy rains lashed Jammu region triggering flash floods in several canals and river Ujh in Hiranagar and Kathua belt of the district. The Jammu-Pathankot national highway was blocked due to water-logging at Hiranagar and Jasrota villages on Thursday morning. (NZ-22/07) (Source: **DD News**)

Five killed in flash floods, landslides

DEHRA DUN: At least five persons were killed in flash floods and landslides in Almora district of Uttarakhand over the past 24 hours. A mother, son and daughter-in-law died after being washed away by rapid currents while trying to cross a seasonal nullah in Jaiti village. A woman died after debris fell on her on the Patlot-Aghora road and a child died after being carried away by currents in a canal in the Galia area, according to reports here on Thursday. (Source: **The Hindu**)

Flood alert in North Bengal

KOLKATA: Heavy rain in parts of North Bengal over the past two days has raised concerns about a developing flood-like situation there. Several parts of Jalpaiguri district have been affected with the water levels reach a threatening level in three rivers – Kaljani, Teesta and Jaldhaka. There is a red alert in certain parts along the Fulohar river in parts of Debipur Gram Panchayat in Malda district. The homes of about 200 families have been washed away. (Source: **The Hindu**)

International

13 dead in China mine flood

BEIJING: Authorities have confirmed the deaths of 13 workers trapped in a flooded coal mine in northwest China at the weekend - one of a spate of recent accidents to hit the sector. The last five bodies were pulled early on Friday from the pit in the city of Jiuquan in Gansu province. A total of 2,631 miners were killed in China last year, according to official figures. (AFP, Source: **The Times of India**)

Mounting death toll in floods in China



Torrential rains and floods have killed 701 people this year and left 347 missing in China. Floods had hit 27 provinces and municipalities, affecting 110 million people. The Direct economic losses had reached 142.2 billion yuan (USD 20.88 billion). (MA- 22/07) (Source: **DD News**)