

DISASTERS UPDATE

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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

Swine flu claims 12 more lives, toll rises to 2,035

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New Delhi: Swine flu claimed the lives of 12 more persons taking the toll across the country to 2,035 while the number of people affected by the H1N1 virus inched towards the 34,000-mark.

Union Health Ministry data said that till yesterday; as many as 2,035 persons had perished in various states while the number of affected persons stood at 33,761.

Meanwhile, two more persons succumbed to swine flu in Rajasthan, taking the toll of the disease-related deaths to 415 since January this year.

One person each died of swine flu in Jaipur and Bhilwara yesterday, an official of the state Medical and Health Directorate said.

Of the 6,559 people found positive for the virus in the state, 415 people have died, the official said.

Meanwhile Union Health Ministry data said that the death toll stood at 428 in worst-hit Gujarat, while the number of affected people in the state was 6,495 since January.

In Maharashtra, the death toll has increased to 394 while a total of 299 swine flu deaths have been registered in Madhya Pradesh where 2,186 people have been affected.

The death toll in Karnataka was recorded to be 82 while the number of those affected in the state was 2,733.

The number of patients succumbing to H1N1 virus in Telangana, Punjab and Haryana was 75, 53 and 51 respectively.

While 18 people have died of the disease in Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand has registered 12 casualties.

The toll in West Bengal has risen to 25 after the death of another person while swine flu death toll in Uttar Pradesh stands at 38.

In Delhi, 12 people have died of the disease while the number of affected is 4,229. The death toll in Kerala has risen to 14.

Andhra Pradesh has seen 22 swine flu deaths while an equal number of people have died in Chhattisgarh. Twenty-one people have succumbed to the disease in Himachal Pradesh.

5 killed, 18 injured in building collapse in Tamil Nadu

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Five persons were killed and 18 injured when an under construction staff quarters of the Central University collapsed in Tiruvarur on Sunday, police said.

The toll could increase as several of the injured were in a serious condition, they said.

Police and fire service personnel were searching whether more persons were trapped in the debris. A team of doctors had been rushed to the spot to give treatment and first aid, police said.

Some of the seriously injured have been rushed to Thanjavur government hospital. Police said the roof of the building collapsed while the centering work for concrete slab was in progress, as there was no sufficient support to withstand the weight. There were also complaints about the quality of construction work and the materials used, police said.

The deceased were identified as Shamir, Kittu, both from Orissa and Mani and Krishnasamy, local construction workers.

Police said they have yet to identify the fifth person.

The injured have been admitted to Government Hospital at Tiruvarur and Thanjavur Medical college hospital.

The Rs.250 crore Central University was coming up on 100 acres of land.

Srinagar-Jammu National Highway closed due to landslides after heavy rain lashes several parts of Kashmir

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Heavy rain lashed several parts of Kashmir damaging many houses and led to closure of Srinagar-Jammu national highway because of landslides with water level in Jhelum river

also rising fast. According to official sources heavy rain since yesterday has resulted in damage to at least 44 structures, including 18 houses, due to landslides in Chrar-e-Sharief area of Kashmir. Official sources said, although the water level in Jhelum was still four feet below the danger mark at Ram Munshi Bagh in the Srinagar city, the rise of two feet in the past five hours has resulted in panic among the residents.

J&K Chief Minister Mufti Sayeed arrived Srinagar from the winter capital Jammu to take stock of the situation and monitor the steps taken to counter the flood threat situation. Three J&K ministers have been travelling through the Srinagar city since this morning, asking people not to panic and assuring of all possible help. A dedicated desk has been set up in the Police Control Room for the assistance of the people in waterlogged areas of the Valley. Meanwhile, 221 families in Badgam district and 43 families in Shopian district have been shifted to safer places. Kashmir University and J&K Board have postponed all their exams scheduled to be held tomorrow. Divisional Administration, Kashmir has issued avalanche warning in avalanche prone areas and has advised people not to venture out.

Three die in road accident in Medak

Source: The Hindu

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Sangareddy, Telangana: Three persons died in a road accident at Chegunta village of Medak District in Telangana in the wee hours of Sunday. According to the police a car proceeding from Hyderabad to Basara collided head-on with another car coming in the opposite direction.

The car coming from the opposite direction was taking a turn into the village from the highway, resulting in the accident. While three persons died, one sustained injuries as the car turned on its side due to the impact.

The deceased hailing from Miyapur in Hyderabad were identified as Ratna Reddy, Pushpavathi and Surya Teja, the police sub-inspector D. Srinivasa Reddy told The Hindu.