

# DISASTERS UPDATE

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## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

### NATIONAL

#### 9 killed, 10 injured as building collapses in rain-hit Thane

**Source: DD News**

**Date: 02 August 2016**

The two-storey structure, housing 7 to 8 families, at Gaibi Nagar under Shanti Nagar police station limits in the town, crashed at around 9:30 am, Bhiwandi tehsildar Vaishali Lambate said.

Among the deceased were a woman and her four sons. Initially, five persons had died in the incident, but the toll rose after more bodies were pulled out from the debris of the collapsed building.

An emergency meeting was convened by Thane Guardian Minister Eknath Shinde at Bhiwandi Nizampur Municipal Corporation office in view of the incident. District Collector Mahendra Kalyankar and Municipal Commissioner E Ravindran were present at the meeting.

The Collector had earlier rushed to the site to supervise the relief and rescue operation which was hampered by the heavy rains that lashed the district today.

Eight of the deceased were identified as - Shahjahan Khurshid Aalam Ansari (42), her four sons Muddashir Khurshid Aalam Ansari (20), Saif Khurshid Aalam Ansari (17), Khalid Khurshid Aalam Ansari (15) and Shakib Khurshid Aalam Ansari (11), and Aayesha Mobin Ansari (38), Suphiya Shahnava Shah (19) and Yehem Ejaz Shah (10).

One of the deceased is yet to be identified. Nine of the injured were rushed to Thane Civil Hospital where they were being treated for their injuries, the tehsildar said, adding that one person has been admitted to a hospital in Bhiwandi.

It was yet to be ascertained whether the structure was in the list of dangerous buildings, sources said.

Following the heavy rainfall since early this morning, many low-lying areas were waterlogged in Thane city and surrounding areas.

Thane Municipal Commissioner Sanjeev Jaiswal, after visiting the disaster control cell, issued a warning to residents of the city not to step out of their houses unless it was absolutely essential.

### **Flood situation worsens in Bihar**

**Source: DD News**

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Flooding in Bihar is mainly due to heavy rainfall in Nepal's catchment areas as a result of which water from the swollen rivers are discharged towards the neighbouring areas in Bihar.

Around one lakh hectares of land have been affected by the floods caused due to rise in the water levels of Mahananda, Bakhra, Kankai, Parmar and Kosi rivers of the state.

Road links to scores of villages have been cut off.

### **Incessant rains lash Nashik, alert issued**

**Source: Zee News**

**Date: 02 August 2016**

Nashik: Incessant rains continued to lash the city and other parts of the district on the third consecutive day on Tuesday, throwing normal life out of gear.

Tribal-dominated Igatpuri Tehsil received 213 mm rains while 128 mm rains was recorded each in the temple towns of Trimbakeshwar and Peint in the last 24 hours, officials of the district collectorate said.

### **Heavy rains lash south Gujarat causing flash floods; 5 dead**

**Source: The Indian Express**

**Date: 02 August 2016**

Heavy overnight rains lashed south and east central Gujarat causing flood like situation in localities alongside rivers flowing through Valsad, Navsari and Surat districts and killing at least five persons at two places, officials said today.

Auranga river in Valsad was flowing above danger level, due to incessant rains, flooding three villages situated in low-lying areas along its bank, district disaster management officials said.

Three persons drowned at Bhagrawada village in coastal Valsad, while two other drowned in Orsang river near Bodeli in Chhota Udepur district, officials said.

Three bodies have been fished out while operation was on to find other two, they said.

In south Gujarat, Valsad received 245 mm rainfall in 24 hours till this morning, Navsari 96 mm, Dangs 104 mm of rainfall. Chhota Udepur in east-central Gujarat received 28

mm rainfall. The state has received 299.27 mm rainfall, or 37.55 per cent of average rainfall.

Several low-lying localities in Valsad city including Andhiawad and Kasturba hospital area were also affected, with reports of persons stranded on roof top being relocated to safe areas, they said.

Pardi town in Valsad district was also affected with several persons in Kosamba in coastal Valsad having been rescued by Indian Coastguard helicopter.

“A helicopter of the Indian Coast Guard from Daman along with teams of National Disaster Relief Force (NDRF) from Surat were pressed into action along with local police to carry out rescue operations in affected villages, mainly those situated along the coastal areas,” Valsad Collector Remya Mohan said.

Water level at Auranga river was recorded at 11.5 metres, which is about one metre above the danger mark, disaster management officials said.

Damanganga river in Vapi in Valsad district was also flowing near danger level due to water released from Madhuban dam in Dadra and Nagar Haveli, they said.

In Navsari, Ambika river was flowing near the danger level, with nearly a dozen villages affected due to flooding, officials said. Gandevi in Navsari was particularly affected with several villages cut off due to flooding of connecting bridge over Ambika river.

## **Minister reviews flood relief measures**

**Source: The Hindu**

**Date: 02 August 2016**

In the wake of the deluge experienced by several areas, including middle income housing layouts in last week's rains, a special review meeting was held here with the line departments for coordinated relief measures.

The meeting held under the aegis of Collector C. Kathiravan and the Minister for Animal Husbandry Balakrishna Reddy addressed the carrying out of relief efforts in areas that were affected by deluge last week.

The meeting besides addressing the immediate relief and reparations, also brought to table the future course of action in the event of a disaster and the need for concerted action on the part of the line departments.

Addressing the meeting, the Minister directed the line departments to enhance inter-departmental coordination and also expedite relief works including civic repairs etc in the areas that were adversely impacted by the onslaught of rains.

Earlier, the affected areas including Annai Nager, Chandrabigai lake, Ameriya petrol bunk, KCC Nagar were inspected by Mr. Reddy. Further, relief and compensation was also distributed to those affected in the rains. Minister disbursed compensation of Rs.25,000 to a farmer of Badhrakavundanur village in Denkanikottai, who had lost two oxen. The oxen were killed after struck by lightning in last week's rains. The funds were disbursed under the Disaster Relief Fund.

Similarly, relief of Rs.5,100 each was disbursed to four persons for damage to houses caused by the rains. Houses were damaged in Jujuvadi, Kothapalli, Andhivadi and Eachannur.

## Water, power problems in flood-hit areas

Source: The Hindu

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Health hazard: Large puddles of stagnant water and open drains have residents of Kodichikkanahalli worried about mosquitoes and attendant diseases.— Photo: Sudhakara Jain

*Residents are also dealing with dead rats, and snakes, surfacing after the overflowing drain water was removed*

More than 72 hours after parts of southeast Bengaluru were flooded, many residents in Kodichikkanahalli are still grappling with the problem of power and drinking water supply.

Most families that had vacated their homes on Friday following rise in flood water level, moved back by Saturday evening after water was pumped out. However, even by Monday afternoon power supply was yet to be restored to some and many water lines are rendered useless.

“We cleaned our house and moved back by Saturday night itself but, ever since the rain began and until now we have not had electricity. The big houses in the nearby Anugraha Layout have their electricity back. The rescue trucks have also left,” said Mrs. Venkat, a grocery-shop owner. She added that their entire stock of flour, sugar and other ration items were spoilt.

“We have attended to all complaints received through our two call centres. There were several complaints about apartment complexes. However, if there are some individual complaints, we will attend to it,” said Bescom MD Rajendra Cholan.

Water supply has been a problem since Friday morning. “In some areas, where our lines have been inundated we have been supplying water in trucks. We have also provided around four

trucks to help apartments pump out water from their basements. But, wherever our direct pipes have not in running order, the water supply is unaffected,” said BWSSB Chairman Tushar Girinath.

### **Dead rats**

Several residents are also dealing with dead rats, and snakes, surfacing after the overflowing drain water was removed. “There are several dead rats which have come to the surface after the waters overflowed. Even while the desilting work, dead rats are emerging along with snakes. We have been receiving several panic calls about snake sightings, some of them genuine that are being attended a team that is on emergency stand-by,” said Mohan, snake volunteer who heads the Quick Animal Rescue Team.

### **Mosquito menace**

Large puddles of stagnant water in front of homes, and open drains that are yet to be closed have residents worried about mosquitoes and attendant diseases. “There is a lot of stagnant water and mosquitoes have increased after the rain stopped, and it is worrisome. Large piles of mud which were made at the entrances to help with the water drainage has also not been removed,” said Ananya Giridhar, another resident of Kodichikkanahalli.

### **Water level in Krishnagiri reservoir**

**Source: Zee News**

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KRP Dam being fortified with barricades on the eve of Adi Perukku that is set to see hundreds of people taking a dip in the water released from the reservoir. —Photo: N. Bashkaran

The outflow from the Krishnagiri reservoir stood at 1059 cusecs, the same as the inflow into the reservoir. Two days after a flood warning was issued for the low-lying areas falling within the watershed of the reservoir, the inflow into the reservoir from Kelavarapalli was 1059 cusecs. Since the water level had reached 50 feet of the reservoir capacity of 52 feet, the outflow has been maintained at the same 1059 cusecs. With the Adi Perukku on Tuesday, the outflow is expected to bring cheer to the people, even as the reservoir area has been fortified with barricades to meet the teeming tourists.

## INTERNATIONAL

### **12 killed in Pakistan bus-truck collision**

**Source: Zee News**

**Date: 02 August 2016**

Islamabad: At least 12 persons were killed and over 30 others injured on Tuesday in a passenger bus and truck collision in Pakistan's Sindh province.

The accident took place when the speeding bus travelling towards Karachi from Dera Ismail Khan rammed onto the stationary truck, Dawn online reported.

### **Typhoon Nida: cities on high alert in China as storm makes landfall**

**Source: theguardian**

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Typhoon Nida has swept across Southern China, with the city of Guangzhou issuing its first-ever red storm alert and Hong Kong braced for flooding and landslides.

Those living in the storm's projected path on the mainland were told by the National Commission for Disaster Reduction to prepare three days' worth of food and other essentials, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

After making landfall near Hong Kong, the typhoon was expected to churn across the manufacturing centre of Guangdong province, gradually weakening as it moved into the neighbouring Guangxi region.

In Hong Kong, most of the financial hub was shut down, with gale-force winds disrupting hundreds of flights, while low-lying areas were put on flood alert.

More than 150 flights were cancelled, the Airport Authority said, with Cathay Pacific and Dragonair warning none of their flights would be operating until 2pm (1600 AEST) at the earliest. Hundreds of passengers were stranded at the airport and around 325 flights are expected to be rescheduled.