

DISASTERS UPDATE

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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

NATIONAL

Heavy rainfall in interior parts of Odisha in next 48 hours: IMD

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Bhubaneswar, Aug 03:--Under the influence of a low pressure over Bay of Bengal, there will be widespread rainfall in Odisha with extremely heavy rainfall interior parts of State in the next 48 hours.

The local unit of IMD has said, the low pressured formed over the north-Bay of Bengal and its adjoining areas has centered over north-west Bay of Bengal between north Odisha and West Bengal. The IMD sources further said that the rainfall activity in the state will continue till Saturday due to low wind speed in the upper atmosphere.

Mumbai – Goa highway bridge collapse LIVE: 2 bodies found, many feared missing

Source: The Indian Express

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The bridge over the Savitri River on the Mumbai – Goa highway collapsed late Tuesday night. Several vehicles, including two buses ferrying dozens of people are believed to have been swept away in the collapse. Traffic on the highway has been disrupted after the collapse.



The Savitri River flows through the Konkan region in Mahad. NDRF teams were rushed from Pune and are engaged in search and rescue operations at the spot. They are, however, facing some difficulty owing to heavy rains and consequently a traffic pile-up. Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis is closely monitoring the situation and has been providing updates of the government's efforts on Twitter. "Spoke to Raigad SP and Collector about bridge collapse on Mumbai – Goa Highway. Administration has rushed to spot for rescue and immediate measures," Fadnavis said. The chief minister said that the primary reason seems to be the high pressure caused due to flooding of river Savitri due to heavy rains in the catchment area of Mahabaleshwar. "There were two parallel bridges; one is a new bridge and one constructed during the British era. The old one collapsed." "There is no confirmed assessment about casualties," the chief minister added.

INTERNATIONAL

Emirates plane EK521 from Thiruvananthapuram crash-lands at Dubai airport, 300 on board safely evacuated

Source: Zee News

Date: 03 August 2016

Dubai: An Emirates Airline flight EK251 from Thiruvananthapuram crash landed at Dubai International Airport on Wednesday afternoon. There were 282 passengers and 18 crew on board.

As per reports, the plane landed on its belly after suspected failure of the landing gear.

Emirates Airline confirmed that there were no fatalities among the passengers and crew. "All passengers and crew were accounted for and safe," the airline said.

Emergency help line number of Emirates at Trivandrum Airport 0471-3377337.

The Boeing 777-300 had left Thiruvananthapuram airport at 10:20 am today. The incident happened at Dubai Airport at about 12.45 pm local time.

Meanwhile, Dubai Media Office confirmed that emergency response teams at Dubai Airport have fully extinguished the fire on the Emirates plane.