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Mahad bridge collapse: 3 more bodies spotted, toll rises to 17

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MUMBAI: Three more bodies were on Friday spotted in the Savitri River even as incessant rains hampered the search operations launched after two buses and some private vehicles were swept away following collapse of a British-era bridge near Mahad in Raigad district.

With this, the total number of deceased in the tragedy has gone up to 17.

"Till last night, we had fished out 14 bodies. The search teams this morning have spotted three more bodies," Raigad Additional Superintendent of Police Sanjay Patil said.

Efforts are on to fish out the three bodies, he said.

"Whenever our team gets the bodies out from the river, they are sent to local hospital for postmortem and then we hand over them to the kin after following the laid down procedures," Patil said.

He said apart from 20 boats and nearly 160 personnel from Coast Guard, NDRF, Navy roped-in the search operation, the district administration was also taking help of local fishermen who have knowledge about the river's topography.

The local police were providing all logistical and technical support to the jawans in the

search, he said.

Another senior police official, who was present at the spot, said some of the bodies traced so far were recovered as far as about 120 kms from the mishap site.

He said the search operation will continue till the remains of buses and other four-wheelers are found.

"That is why we have extended the area of search operation and alerted local residents who live alongside the Savitri River and appealed them to inform us, if they spot anything afloat in the water," he said.

He, however, said the incessant rains were hampering the pace of search operation.

Chief minister Devendra Fadnavis had said in the legislative assembly on Thursday that 8 bodies have been recovered so far and 42 people are missing.

He said the government has decided to give Rs 5 lakh to kin of the deceased in the tragedy.

Mumbai crawls as heavy rains cause waterlogging, traffic snarls; BMC issues high tide alert

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Mumbai: Heavy rains since Friday morning flooded many parts of Mumbai, causing waterlogging and traffic snarls at various places while also disrupting movement of trains and flight operations.

The downpour led to waterlogging in parts of south and central Mumbai as well as eastern and western suburbs, leading to major traffic snarls in the morning peak hour.

Traffic crawled at a snail's pace on major thoroughfares like Eastern Express and Western Express highways and major north-south roads, delaying tens of thousands.

Suburban train services on Western Railway, Central Railway and Harbour Line ran 15-30 minutes late.

The Central Railway was hit due to flooded tracks near Sion-Kurla. The cascading effect affected the other two lines.

All domestic and international flights to and from Mumbai reported around 30 minutes delay due to heavy rains, low visibility and air congestion.

Though there were no diversions or cancellations, there were three go-arounds and consequent delays, airport officials said.

Besides Mumbai, the adjoining districts of Thane, Palghar and Raigad were also lashed by heavy rains, slowing traffic on all major routes linking Mumbai with Ahmedabad, Pune, Nashik and Goa.