

DISASTERS UPDATE

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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

NATIONAL

4 die, 6 bridges damaged as rains lash Jharkhand

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Jamshedpur (Jharkhand), Aug 12 () Incessant rains since Wednesday have affected normal life in Palamau and Chatra districts today snuffing out four lives and damaging six bridges, officials said.

While two children drowned in Chatra district, bodies of two women were found in Palamau district.

Deputy Commissioner of Chatra, Sandeep Singh, said areas like Huntergunj, Jori Kala and Ganghri were affected badly and two children identified as Vyas Kumar of Jori Kala and Gayatri Kumari of Ganghri were washed away.

Four bridges on Huntergunj-Kauleshwari main road, Jori- Pratapur main road, Chatra-Gaya NH 99 and Heru dam were damaged, but the situation was under control, he said. Singh told reporters that an NDRF team has reached Chatra to launch rescue operations. The team would stay in the district for the next two days and keep a vigil on the situation.

The administration has been shifting affected people to safer places and alerting people living in low-lying areas through public address system, Singh said.

The Met department has predicted of heavy rains today and tomorrow.

Meanwhile, bodies of two women were recovered from Amanat river in Panki block in Palamau district, said Sub-Divisional Magistrate of Medininagar, Arun Kumar Ekka.

Portions of two bridges over North Koel river at Utari road and Tarhasi-Amanat in Palamu district caved in, Deputy Commissioner Amit Kumar said.

The water level in the river was swelling owing to incessant rains and sub-divisional magistrates of Hussainabad and Medininagar were asked to inspect the damages and submit a report in this regard, he said.

Road connectivity between Palamau district and Bihar was cut off as water of the Durgawati river washed away the road near an under-construction bridge on NH 75, Ekka said.

The East Singhbhum district administration has also sounded alert owing the heavy rains in and around the steel city of Jamshedpur.

"We have been monitoring water levels in Kharkhai and Swarnarekha rivers, which was currently flowing below danger mark, said Sub-Divisional Officer (Dalbhum), Suraj Kumar.

The district administration has authorities of Mayurbhanj district of Odisha to inform it at least eight hours before, in case they release water from Bankabal dam, to allow time to shift people from flood-prone areas.

Rain plays havoc in several districts of Himachal Pradesh

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Shimla, Aug 13: Rain is playing havoc in several districts of Himachal Pradesh. Met office has warned of heavy rain at some places in mid and lower hills in the state.



More than 400 crore Rupees damage has been estimated to property in various parts of the state so far due to rainfall.

The Public Works Department has suffered maximum loss as hundreds of roads and bridges have been affected due to landslides while several water supply schemes have been also damaged.

Due to this rain, nearly two dozen trees were uprooted in past two days alone in Shimla causing damage to several houses, shops and vehicles parked on road side.

INTERNATIONAL

At Least 2 Dead, 2 Injured As Rains Pound US Gulf Coast

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Due to pounding rain, a state of emergency has been declared in Baton Rouge. (Reuters Photo)

BATON ROUGE: Torrential downpours in parts of Louisiana and Mississippi caused flooding on Friday that killed at least two men, left two people injured and forced residents to evacuate homes throughout the region, officials said.

Pounding rain over the past two days led Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards to declare a state of emergency, and forced the closure of schools, government offices and many roads.

The National Weather Service issued a flash flood watch into the weekend for parts of southern Mississippi and southeastern Louisiana, including New Orleans.

The severe weather comes five months after March flooding in Louisiana and Mississippi that left at least four dead and thousands of homes damaged.

The body of a 68-year-old man was recovered near Baker, Louisiana, near the state capital of Baton Rouge, after he drowned while attempting to evacuate, said William "Beau" Clark, coroner in East Baton Rouge Parish.

In northern Louisiana, the body of an unidentified man was recovered from a pickup truck that had been swept off a highway near the town of Greensburg, the St Helena Parish Sheriff's Office said.

Officials advised area residents to boil water and imposed a curfew, the sheriff's office said.

In Mississippi, water rescues were conducted throughout the day and two people were reported with minor injuries in Harrison County, where roads were reopened by the afternoon, the state's Emergency Management Agency said.

Two counties, Pike and Amite, were experiencing flash and river flooding after being inundated with more than 10 inches (25.4 cm) of rain since midnight, said Mississippi Emergency Management Agency Executive Director Lee Smithson.

The Tangipahoa, Biloxi and Pearl rivers all were flooding, he said. In Tangipahoa Parish, near Baton Rouge, Sheriff Daniel Edwards said rivers were rising quickly, and authorities expected more evacuations to be carried out during the day.

"I'm already seeing housing taking on water. If we get much more rain, we're going to have quite a few homes flooded," said Edwards, brother of Louisiana's governor, in a phone interview.

Amtrak halted a southbound train from Chicago en route to New Orleans due to water on the tracks near Osyka, Mississippi. It plans to bus passengers from Jackson to New Orleans, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency said in a statement.