

# DISASTERS UPDATE

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## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

### National

#### House collapse claims 7 lives in MP's Sagar dt.

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Seven persons, including a woman and four minors, were killed and three others injured when a house collapsed on Saturday in Rahatgarh area of the district following incessant rains, police said.

The incident occurred in the early hours when the house of one Mehtab Shilpkar (59) at Ward No.7 of Rahatgarh area collapsed amid heavy rains, District Additional Superintendent of Police, Vivek Agrawal said.

The victims were fast asleep when the house collapsed.

The three injured — Mehtab, his son Lakhan (26) and one Mahendra (20) — have been admitted to the district hospital, the ASP added.

The deceased have been identified as Manorani (55), wife of Mehtab, their sons Vikas (18), Nitin (14) and daughter Sanjana (11), besides one Kallu (30) his wife Maya (25) and their daughter Tamanna (18 months).

Further investigations are underway, Agrawal said.

#### Flood alert sounded in Bihar as Ganga flows above danger mark

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An alert was sounded as the threat of floods returned in Bihar with the Ganga and four other rivers flowing above the danger mark even as temperatures in most parts of Punjab and Haryana on Friday rose with the mercury settling three notches above normal in the northern States.

The districts of Bihar situated on the banks of the Ganga have been put on alert as the Central Water Commission on Friday warned Ganga basin districts that the river may witness a rise in water level for next one to five days.

Due to the increase in the water level of the Ganga, waters have reportedly entered into the riverine areas of the districts like Patna, Buxar, Bhojpur, Munger, Saran, Vaishali, Bhagalpur and Samastipur, a Disaster Management Department statement said.

National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams, already pre-positioned in Patna, Vaishali and Gopalganj, have been put on alert while State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) have been put on alert in Patna and Bhagalpur, it said.

The Ganga and four other rivers, Punpun, Ghaghra, Kosi and Burhi Gandak, are flowing above danger mark in Patna, Bhagalpur and Buxar districts, the statement said.

Maximum temperatures hovered from one degree Celsius above normal to three notches above normal in most parts of Punjab and Haryana, the MeT office said.

Ambala and Hisar settled at an identical high of 36.7 degrees Celsius, three notches each above normal.

While Patiala had a high of 36.5 degrees Celsius, three notches above normal, the maximum at Amritsar was 36.4 degrees Celsius, two notches above normal.

Chandigarh and Ludhiana settled at an identical high of 35.5 degrees Celsius each, three and two notches respectively above normal.

The MeT department forecast light to moderate rainfall at few places in the region during the next 48 hours.

The three other metropolitan cities of Kolkata, Chennai and Mumbai recorded maximum temperatures of 33.1, 38.4, and 30.7 degrees Celsius respectively.

Light to moderate rainfall was recorded in Uttar Pradesh on Friday while southwest monsoon remained normal in the State.

Heavy to very heavy rain has been forecast at a few places with extremely heavy rain at isolated places very likely over west Madhya Pradesh.

Heavy rain at a few places with very heavy rain at isolated places is very likely over east Rajasthan while heavy rain at isolated places is very likely over Gujarat region, the MeT said.

Light rain occurred in some parts of Himachal Pradesh as monsoon remained subdued and there was no significant change in minimum and maximum temperatures. -PTI

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