

41 more lives lost in unrelenting rain in North, flood fury in states

NHs Washed Away; Infra Of ₹4k Cr Hit In HP

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The combined might of the monsoon and a western disturbance continued to barrel down on north India, leaving 41 people dead in the past 24 hours and causing extensive landslides and flooding in the hills and the plains, with the swollen Beas, Sutlej and other rivers taking down houses and cars, submerging cities, villages and cropland.

On Monday, Himachal reported 10 deaths, 17 died in lightning strikes in UP, three more were killed in separate house collapses in western UP while Punjab, Haryana and

► PM holds review meet, speaks to CMs, P 12

Rajasthan recorded four, five, and two fatalities, respectively.

In worst-hit Himachal, CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu put the death count at 17 (10 in the past 24 hours) and said the estimated loss to property was around Rs 4,000 crore. Relentless rain has caused widespread damage to infrastructure. Officials said 4,686 transformers were hit, leaving hundreds of villages in darkness.

A portion of the Manali-Leh national highway collapsed Monday, severing road connectivity to Lahaul-Spiti and Ladakh. Efforts were on to evacuate about 300 tourists and residents stranded in Lahaul-Spiti and Kullu districts using helicopters as soon as weather conditions permit.

► 17 deaths in UP, P 12

HUNDREDS OF TOURISTS STUCK; TRAINS CANCELLED

Himachal

- Rain fury has claimed 17 lives in last 3 days, damage estimated at Rs 4,000 crore
- Major portion of Manali-Leh NH collapses in Lahaul-Spiti. Hundreds stranded in Lahaul & Chamba. Kullu-Manali NH along with several other major roads blocked
- Shimla-Kalka road blocked. Many vehicles swept away in Parwanoo

Punjab & Haryana

- Satluj & seasonal rivulet Ghaggar breach banks
- Around 3K students of Chitkara University near Rajpura shifted out. Residents of 250 houses evacuated in Patiala
- Floods in north Haryana, trains cancelled. Panchkula,



A hotel collapses and is washed away by flood waters in Manali, Himachal Pradesh, on Monday

Ambala & Kurukshetra worst hit

Uttarakhand

- 2-weather system confluence shifts to Uttarakhand, state braces for red alert. Badrinath highway among several roads blocked



due to landslides

UP & Rajasthan

- 17 people killed across UP, lightning strikes injure 7 children in Rae Bareilly
- Heavy rain in 11 Rajasthan districts. 8-yr-old boy drowns in overflowing drain in Jaipur

64% rain excess in North makes monsoon surplus

Northwest India is normally the driest of the country's four regions. But this rainy season so far, the region has received such disproportionately high rains that it has pulled the nationwide monsoon figures into surplus, reports Amit Bhattacharya.

While rainfall since June 1 has been deficient in 40% of the country, northwest India has a whopping 64% surplus.

In July, the region has so far logged more than double its normal quantity of rain, with a surplus of 104%. Overall, the monsoon is now 2% above normal in the country since the start of the season on June 1. P 8

Thousands being moved as Yamuna crosses danger mark, floods city areas

New Delhi: The Yamuna crossed the danger mark on Monday, flooding low-lying areas along the riverbanks in the city and prompting authorities to evacuate thousands of people living in the floodplains, reports Abhinav Rajput.

According to the central water commission, the level in the river shot up to 205.76 metres at 8pm, above the danger level of 205.33 metres, due to heavy rains in northern states and water release from Hathnikund Barrage in Haryana. The level is expected to rise to 206.65 metre by 3am Tuesday. The low-lying areas along

Record rain overwhelmed drainage; 3 road cave-ins to be probed: CM

CM Kejriwal said on Monday that record rainfall had created problems for residents but efforts were on to mitigate them. After holding an emergency meeting with ministers and senior officials of various departments, Kejriwal said a probe had been ordered into three incidents of road cave-in. The unprecedented rainfall, he said, had overwhelmed the drainage system, resulting in complaints of waterlogging. P 2

the Yamuna, considered vulnerable to flooding, are home to around 41,000 people. Officials said the teams in six districts – North, North East, Shahdara, East, Central and

South East – were rescuing and rehabilitating people in schools, community centres, shelters and vacant plots.

► River wild, P 2

'Rainy day' no holiday, it's only study-from-home

One are the joys of schools declaring a "rainy day" which meant paper boats being floated in overflowing nullahs or snuggling under the covers with a comic or storybook and a hot snack. As schoolkids, and their parents, found out on Monday, rainy days now mean a quick switch to online classes, with children glued to laptop screens all through school hours and parents monitoring them. To some, it brought back the gloom of the pandemic, too. Government schools from nursery to Class V will stay shut on Tuesday; private schools have been advised to do so as well. P 4