

Situation Report - 03 Rainfall in Northern India

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Source: Media

SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

- Ongoing heavy downpour continues to affect several regions in North India, including Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan.
- As a result of the heavy rains, numerous rivers in the affected areas are overflowing, leading to the inundation of roads and buildings in both urban and rural areas. The prevalence of knee-deep water poses a significant and formidable challenge.
- Recent reports indicate that 42 individuals have lost their lives in landslides and other rain-related incidents over the past two days.

Himachal Pradesh:

- Himachal Pradesh has experienced severe impacts due to flash floods and landslides, resulting in the loss of 18 lives and causing damages estimated at ₹4,000 crore. The state capital, Shimla, has recorded the highest number of casualties, with 11 fatalities.
- A total of 1,694 roads, including both main and lateral routes, have been closed for traffic in Himachal Pradesh. Furthermore, 2,044 water supply schemes have been affected, and there have been 160 reported flooding incidents within the past 24 hours.
- The heavy rainfall has led to the destruction of 4,686 transformers in the region, resulting in power outages and leaving numerous villages without electricity.
- In Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, more than 100 houses have been evacuated due to rising water levels in the River Beas and its tributaries. Additionally, 113 partially damaged houses in the same district have been vacated as a precautionary measure.

SITUATION UPDATES



Affected States – Jammu Kashmir, Punjab, Haryana, UP, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Delhi



Human Lives Lost -42 (within last 48 hours)

Himachal Pradesh



No. of Partially damaged houses – 250



Injured people – 79 (Within last 2 Weeks)



No. of persons evacuated – 100+ families (Mandi)



Electricity Impact – 4686 Transformer



Rescue operations Source: Media



- The Chandigarh-Manali highway has been closed due to continuous heavy rainfall and floods. The closure was prompted by a landslide near the Six Mile area in Mandi.
- In Lahaul and Spiti, over 500 tourists are currently stranded in locations such as Chandertal and Pagal Nallah

Punjab & Haryana:

- Punjab and Haryana have also experienced heavy rain, resulting in widespread damage, flooding, and the displacement of thousands of people. At least nine individuals have lost their lives in these states.
- Schools have been ordered to remain closed until July 13, and areas near rivers and canals are inundated. Power and water supply have been affected, and authorities are working to ensure the safety of affected individuals.
- Preliminary assessments by the Punjab Public Works Department (PWD) indicate that at least 150 rural roads and 10 small bridges have been damaged in the floods over the past three days. Infrastructure damage in rural areas has been particularly significant in Dera Bassi and Mullanpur areas in Mohali.
- Due to damaged drinking water pipelines from the Bhakra main line at Kajauli, the city of Chandigarh is experiencing water supply disruptions, affecting residents on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- In Mohali's Sector-71, over 200 houses remain inundated with two to three feet of water.

Delhi:

- In Delhi, the water level in the Yamuna River has breached the danger mark of 204.5 meters due to the release of additional water by Haryana from the Hathnikund barrage. The water level is expected to rise further to 205.5 meters between 10 am and 12 noon on Tuesday, surpassing the danger mark of 205.33 meters.
- The Chief Minister of Delhi has announced that the evacuation of people from low-lying areas around the Yamuna River will commence once the water level reaches the 206-meter mark.
- Rail traffic over the old Yamuna bridge in Delhi has been temporarily suspended as the water level has crossed the danger mark in the Yamuna.
- Government agencies in Delhi received multiple complaints of waterlogging from 23 sites across
 the city on Monday.

Uttarakhand:

• Uttarakhand has also experienced rain-induced landslides, leading to the blockage of the Badrinath National Highway and several other roads.



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HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

Government Preparedness and Response

• Prime Minister Narendra Modi conducted discussions with the Chief Ministers of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand to assess the flood-like situation in the states.

Himachal Pradesh:

- The Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh has urged people to stay indoors amid the incessant rainfall and has issued helpline numbers: 1100, 1070, 1077.
- The NDRF played a crucial role in rescuing 515 stranded laborers from a waterlogged slum in Una district, Himachal Pradesh, ensuring their safety and well-being.

Punjab& Haryana

- In response to the severe impact of heavy rains, Punjab implemented proactive measures by deploying 15 teams from the NDRF, 2 teams from the SDRF, and 12 army columns.
- Through their collective efforts, these teams successfully rescued and relocated a total of 2,170 individuals to safer locations, ensuring their safety and providing necessary relief.
- The Indian Army's Flood Relief teams actively responded to requests from the civil administration and actively participated in rescue and evacuation efforts. In Rajpura, Punjab, they safely shifted a total of 47 civilians and 910 students from Chitkara University to secure areas within the last 48 hours.
- A joint operation involving the Indian Army, NDRF, and police successfully rescued 730 girl students from Chaman Vatika Kanya Gurukul in Ambala, Haryana. Their prompt and coordinated action ensured the safe evacuation of those who were trapped in the school building, prioritizing their well-being.
- In Ferozepur district, Punjab, 44 individuals, including women and children, were evacuated from the affected areas in Araji Sabran village. This humanitarian effort safeguarded their lives and provided necessary relief in the face of the crisis.

Delhi:

• In anticipation of continued heavy rainfall and adverse weather conditions, all schools under the jurisdiction of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi were temporarily closed on July 11.



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