

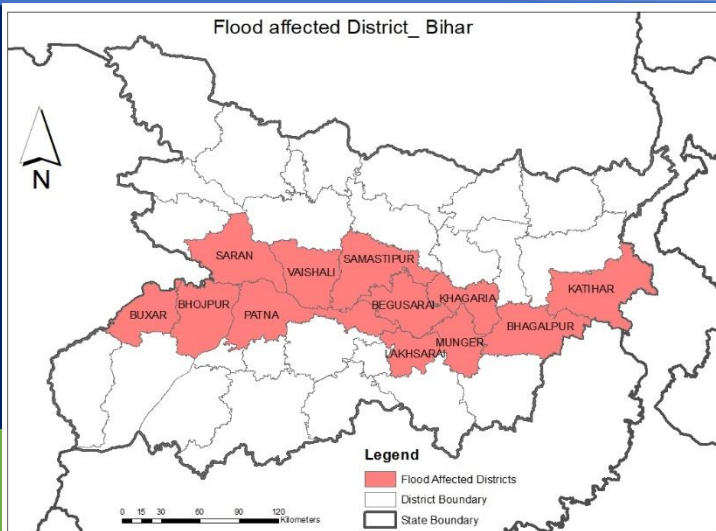
SITUATION REPORT- 1

Flood Situation in Bihar

Date: 23rd September 2024 (Mon)

Time: 03:00 PM (IST)

SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE



- Due to the rising water levels of the Ganges, a flood situation has emerged in several districts of Bihar.
- The water level in the tributaries of the Ganges is also increasing rapidly, resulting in water entering new areas. The Harhar River is in spate, affecting villages in multiple panchayats of the Ghat Kusumba block in Sheikhpura district.
- Flood conditions persist in several areas of Patna, where the Ganges River's water level has risen significantly. However, the water level in the Ganges has started to recede gradually.
- Despite this, the flood situation remains critical in Buxar, Bhojpur, Patna, Saran, Vaishali, Munger, Khagaria, Samastipur, Begusarai, Lakhisarai, Bhagalpur, and Katihar districts, affecting over 1.2 million people.
- There have been reports of eight deaths due to drowning in floodwaters: two each in Samastipur, Begusarai, and Vaishali, and one each in Banka and Araria districts.
- The Disaster Management Department has placed these districts on alert, and all necessary facilities are being provided.
- Authorities have instructed district administrations to evacuate residents from areas where floodwaters are spreading.
- Floodwaters reached the girder of bridge number 195 between Sultanganj and Ratanpur stations on the Jamalpur-Bhagalpur railway section late Saturday night, disrupting train operations on this section since 11:45 PM Saturday.
- The most severely affected districts include Bhagalpur, Munger, Lakhisarai, Katihar, and Khagaria.
- Although water levels in the Ganges, Sone, and Saryu rivers have receded over the past 24 hours in Patna, Bhojpur, Saran, and Vaishali districts, water levels continue to rise, and rivers remain above danger levels. Floodwaters have reached the railway lines at the Bariarpur-Ratanpur station.
- Eight pairs of trains have been suspended along the Bhagalpur-Kiul railway corridor, and routes of 20 trains have been diverted. In Begusarai district, rapid soil erosion due to the swift flow of the Ganges has caused 11 houses in Matihani block to be submerged.

Statistical Analysis



Affected District:

12



Affected Blocks :

64



Affected Gram Panchayats:

361



No. of Casualties:

08



Affected Population :

12.67 Lakhs



No. of Camps :

08



Inmates in Relief Camps:

3950



People Evacuated:

36799



No. of Community Kitchens:

329



Situation in Bihar | Source: Media

GOVERNMENT RESPONSES

- A total of 1,14,600 tarpaulin sheets and 19,600 dry ration packets have been distributed to affected communities. Additionally, 1,400 boats and 20 boat ambulances have been deployed to support rescue and relief efforts in the flood-affected regions.
- Orders have been issued to district authorities to ensure the evacuation of affected populations by NDRF and SDRF teams. Special care is being provided for vulnerable groups, including children, the elderly, and pregnant and lactating women.
- District administrations have been instructed to operate relief camps and community kitchens in accordance with established SOPs, ensuring the provision of clean drinking water, proper sanitation, lighting, and medical staff.
- Serving fried food in these facilities has been prohibited to maintain hygiene standards. Additionally, bleaching powder is being sprayed in flood-affected areas to prevent the spread of vector-borne diseases.
- The Agriculture Department has requested reports on crop and horticultural damage from affected districts at the Gram Panchayat level within 24 hours, and assistance will be provided to impacted farmers.
- Meanwhile, district administrations are reinforcing embankments in areas prone to flooding.
- A total of 21 SDRF teams have been deployed for rescue and relief operations, and 10 NDRF teams equipped with boats and life-saving equipment are actively engaged in the state.
- Both Control Rooms of the Ministry of Home Affairs are monitoring the situation 24/7, ensuring that all necessary support is provided to the state for effective disaster response.
- For more details please check [daily press release of disaster management department](#), and [MHA daily Sitrep](#)

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSES

- IAG Bihar along with Sphere India and UNICEF field office Bihar is monitoring the situation and planning for emergency coordination meeting.

Annexures

- [Ministry of Home Affairs Disaster Management Division Daily Situation Report](#)
- [Bihar State Disaster Management Authority](#)
- [Disaster Management Department, Daily Press Release](#)
- [Flood Management Improvement Support Centre Water Resources Department, Government of Bihar](#)
- [Bihar Mausam Seva Kendra](#)



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Source of Information

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