

WEATHER WATCH
RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY
Forecast for Monday: Heavy to very heavy rain likely at isolated places over Uttarakhand, East Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal.

18 die as incessant rain lashes Himachal Pradesh

Many roads were damaged due to landslips

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT CHANDIGARH

The incessant rain lashing Himachal Pradesh has caused the death of at least 18 people in the past 24 hours. Landslips left hundreds stranded as several roads, including national highways, were damaged hitting vehicular movement.

Three more deaths were reported in the State, but official confirmation was yet to be made by the authorities. Landslips hit a spot near the RTO office here, leaving three dead. One person suffered injuries in the incident, police said.

collapsed in the Lower Cemetery area following heavy rainfall early on Sunday.

In another incident, a man was killed after a landslip hit his truck on the national highway near Hatkoti Kenchi in Shimla's Rohru subdivision. A 70-year-old man and a 7-year-old child were killed in a house collapse at Lona in Mehla subdivision in Chamba district, SP Monica Bhutunguru said.

In Kullu, a man was washed away in Sujwad Nul-lah even as the locals were trying to save him. A tourist died when a landslide hit Balarga between Manikaran and Barsheni, Kullu Deputy Commissioner Richa Verma said. At Manakpura in Baddi tehsil of Solan district, two persons were killed in a building collapse.

CM orders vigil Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur said on Sunday that all Deputy Commissioners had been directed to keep a close



Hanging on: A large portion of a road, above, capsized following heavy rainfall in Shimla on Sunday while, right, many vehicles were damaged due to a landslide.

vigil on the situation and ensure safety of tourists and locals. "Tourists have been advised to stay away from river beds as there is always the possibility of sudden rise in water levels due to flash floods," he said.

The State had suffered a loss of about ₹490 crore in this monsoon season, Mr. Thakur said. "Lahaul and Spiti witnessed untimely snow, due to which there has



Suspended bureaucrat held for graft in Assam

Govt. had suspended him on July 19

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT GUWAHATI

The Assam police on Sunday arrested a bureaucrat for his alleged involvement in a land scam associated with a Central government project.

Pradip Kumar Talukdar, an Assam Civil Service officer, was taken to southern Assam's Karimganj district after the police arrested him from his Guwahati residence.

He was the Deputy Commissioner of Karimganj district when the alleged inci-

dent of graft took place.

20 cases filed Mr. Talukdar was facing 20 cases for allegedly siphoning off the money that was meant to compensate local people whose lands were acquired by the Land Ports Authority of India for a border trade project at Sutar-kandi.

The bureaucrat was transferred to the Cooperative Department where he was serving as a secretary. The government had suspended him on July 19.

Bihar MLA Anant Singh goes missing from his Patna house

Three-time member from Mokama was charged under UAPA

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT PATNA

Independent Bihar MLA Anant Singh, who on Saturday was charged under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act after an AK-47 rifle, 22 cartridges and two bombs were recovered from his ancestral home, was found missing from his Patna residence during a police raid late on Saturday.

"The MLA was missing from his residence, though his mobile phone was reco-

been heavy damage to crops," he said.

Chief Secretary B.K. Agarwal said the Chandigarh-Manali and Shimla-Kinnaur National Highways had been blocked due to landslips.

He said 50-60 people from Uttarakhand were stranded on the border, near Rohru. "We have sent teams to rescue them after a request was received from the Uttarakhand government."

Scam-tainted leaders leaving Cong.: Gogoi

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT GUWAHATI

Former Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi said that scam-tainted Congress leaders were joining the Bharatiya Janata Party in the State to escape investigation and possible punishment.

The former Chief Minister told newsmen on Saturday attacked former Rajya Sabha member Bhubaneswar Kalita and former State Minister Gautam Roy, insisting they changed party colours to save their backs.

IN BRIEF



Sovan Chatterjee seeks police protection

Former Kolkata Mayor and Trinamool MLA Sovan Chatterjee, who recently joined the BJP, on Sunday sought police protection, claiming that the security provided to him was "suddenly withdrawn" after he switched over to the saffron fold. The Trinamool leadership declined to comment on the matter. PTI

128 heads of cattle seized in Bengal

Border Security Force (BSF) personnel seized 128 heads of cattle, being smuggled across to Bangladesh, and arrested 13 people in raids in various border areas in West Bengal early on Sunday, said a BSF official. Troopers from the Sovapur outpost in Malda seized 32 heads of cattle and arrested six smugglers, including three Bangladeshi nationals. IANS

8 killed as mini-lorry plunges into well

Eight people, including four women and three minors, died and nine were injured when a mini-goods carrier transporting them plunged into a well by a village road at Thirumanur, here in Tamil Nadu on Sunday. The incident occurred around 2 p.m. when 17 persons from Perur, were going to S.N. Pudur. The driver lost control of the vehicle and plunged into the well.

Bihar Education Department site hacked

The official website of the Bihar Education Department was hacked on Sunday, with hackers uploading messages in praise of Pakistan on the webpage. "RootAyildiz Turkish Hacker" claimed responsibility for hacking the website and posted messages in praise of Pakistan and Islam. Soon after, the website was not accessible and has not been restored yet. ANI

'We believed the doctors blindly'

11 elderly persons lost vision due to infection after cataract surgery in Indore

SIDHARTH YADAV INDORE

A cloudy vision that Kali Bai developed eight months ago made it increasingly difficult for her to carry out work as a domestic help, washing vessels and sweeping floors. As she slowed down due to the vision impairment, three households terminated her services. And she lost out on ₹3,000 of the meagre ₹5,000 she made every month.

It was the promise of cataract treatment free of cost under the Union Health Ministry's National Programme for Control of Blindness that brought her and 14 other elderly persons from Dhar and Indore districts to the privately-run Indore Eye Hospital on August 8. But as a result of post-operative infection, she has lost all vision in the operated eye.

"We believed the doctor blindly. Vo toh bhagwan ka roop hote hai (They are an incarnation of God)," says Ms. Kali Bai now, squinting at light, as a tear rolls down her right eye.

Under the Centre's Blindness Control Programme, the Indore Eye Hospital had conducted 400 cataract surgeries between April and August, says District Chief Medical and Health Officer Pravin Jadia. "For each surgery, the government pays ₹2,000," he said.



Painful phase: Victims of botched eye surgeries waiting for a check up at the Choithram Netralaya in Indore, Madhya Pradesh

As doctors at the hospital noticed oozing pus and infection in the operated patients on August 9, District Blindness Control Society coordinator T.S. Vohra was informed. "We found pseudomonas of gram negative bacteria multiplying in the eyes," he said.

To arrest the multiplying bacteria, most patients were taken back to the operation theatre - some up to six times - and administered antibiotics. Three of them were operated upon again,

confirmed a doctor now tending to the patients. All to no avail.

Hospital sealed

In 2010, the same hospital was in the dock as 18 patients lost their vision after similar cataract surgery. While the victims say they have not received any compensation, the hospital was allowed to resume surgeries after a brief six month suspension.

The hospital was sealed on Saturday and the patients referred to the Choithram

Hospital, also privately run, for further treatment.

On Saturday, along with 11 other affected patients, Ms. Kali Bai waited impatiently with her daughter, Chanda, at the Choithram Hospital to be examined by a specialist being flown in from the Sankara Nethralaya in Chennai by the Madhya Pradesh government.

"We don't know whether to blame the doctor or the medicines," said Ms. Chanda Bai, who's been with her mother since August 7.

Zomato calls for truce with restaurant owners

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI

Amid an escalating face-off between restaurants and aggregators, online food ordering platform Zomato has said it is open to rectifying its "mistakes" and appealed to restaurant owners to stop their logging out campaign.

As many as 1,200 restaurants in several major cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Kolkata, Goa, Pune, Gurgaon and Vadodara have

reportedly delisted themselves from the dine-in programmes of online platforms over the "unsustainable" deep discounting offered by the aggregators, saying the table reservation services were hurting their business models. Zomato has lost 65 restaurants, which is 1% of the restaurant partner base of its 'Zomato Gold' programme.

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Parts of IAF aircraft recovered 51 years after crash in Himachal

It went missing over the Rohtang Pass, killing all 102 on board

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH

An expedition by the Dogra Scouts has recovered parts of an Indian Air Force AN-12 transport aircraft that crashed in the icy mountains of Himachal Pradesh 51 years ago, killing all 102 people on board, the Army said on Sunday.

The Western Command launched an operation on July 26 to recover the mortal remains of over 90 missing

soldiers, who were on board the AN-12 BL-534 aircraft which went missing over the Rohtang Pass in Kullu district on February 7, 1968.

After 13 days of rigorous search and recovery operation in the Dhaka Glacier at an altitude of 5,240 m, the team recovered parts of the aircraft like the aero engine, fuselage, electric circuits, propeller, fuel tank unit, air brake assembly and a cockpit door, it said in a state-

ment. Personal belongings of the passengers were also recovered.

The search area, including the location of recoveries, has been mapped for future reference, the Army said.

The expedition was joined by a team of the Indian Air Force on August 6 to augment the operation.

The aircraft went missing on its way back to the Chandigarh Air Force base.

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