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Torrential rains trigger flood-like situation in J&K, bridge damaged on Jammu-Pathankot highway



> CM puts all departments on high alert

>> Schools to remain closed across Jammu today

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/SRINAGAR: Heavy rains battered most parts of Jammu and Kashmir overnight, triggering flood-like situation in several low-lying areas and causing damage to a vital bridge on the Jammu-Pathankot national highway, officials said.

Jammu recorded 190.4 mm rainfall in the past 24 hours ending 8.30 am, the secondhighest downpour this month in a century. The highest rainfall for August remains 228.6 mm, logged on August 5, 1926 while the previous second-highest was 189.6 mm on August 11, 2022.

Authorities have issued advisories asking people to stay away from water bodies and landslide-prone areas amid a weather forecast predicting moderate to intense rainfall with possibility of cloudbursts, flash floods and landslides in high altitude areas till August 27.

Chief Minister

Singh appointed deputy NSA



NEW DELHI: Former CRPF and ITBP director general Anish Dayal Singh

has been appointed the new deputy National Security Advisor (NSA), with a mandate to handle internal affairs official sources said a 1988-batch Singh, Indian Police Service

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Abdullah has directed all concerned departments to remain on high alert in view of heavy rains across Jammu and Kashmir, which have caused waterlogging in several residential areas and led to rivers and nallahs flowing above the danger mark.

The Chief Minister has emphasized close coordination among departments, ensuring that control rooms remain fully functional and

The Chief Minister's Office is in constant touch with the line departments to monitor the evolving situation.

He said that special priority is being given to clearing waterlogged areas, restoring drainage systems, and ensuring the immediate resumption of essential services including drinking water supply and electricity in the affected regions.

The Chief Minister has appealed to the public to remain cautious and cooperate with the administration

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

Governor Manoj Sinha on

Sunday visited Government Medical College in Jammu to

enquire about the health of citizens injured in Chashoti

The team of doctors briefed

the Lieutenant Governor on

appropriate and specialized

treatment and integrated approach to the care of

injured for their quick recov-

ery. It was informed that 16

people are presently under-

going treatment at GMC

Jammu and being monitored

Speaking to media persons

by senior health staff.

Lieutenant

JAMMU:

flash floods.

as necessary safety and relief

measures are being taken.

All government and private schools will remain closed in Jammu division on Monday owing to bad weather conditions, while Jammu and Kashmir Board of School (JKBOSE) Education announced postponement of class 10 and 11 examina-

"In view of the inclement and bad weather conditions, it is hereby ordered that all government as well as private schools in the Jammu Division shall remain closed tomorrow (August 25)," Directorate of School Education, Jammu said.

In a notification, JKBOSE announced the postponement of annual (Private)/Bi-annual 2025 examination of Secondary School Examination (Class 10th) and Higher Secondary Part-1st (Class 11th) scheduled to be held on Monday.

It said the decision to postpone the examination was

LG visits GMC Jammu; enquires about health

of injured in Chashoti flash floods

taken in view of severe inclement weather prevailing across the region.

"New dates for the postponed exams will be notified separately," the JKBOSE

In Jammu, at least 45 students of the Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM) were evacuated to safety in a joint operation by the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and police after floodwaters submerged the ground floor of the hostel complex, officials said.

SDRF and police deployed manpower equipped with boats to reach out the students after more than seven feet of water from the overflowing canal entered their hostel buildings this morning, the officials said.

They said the rescue operation continued for more than five hours and all the trapped students were evacuated to safety.

Director IIIM, autonomous body under the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), Dr Zabeer Ahmed said the institute has made arrangements for the safe stay of the

Normal life was disrupted in Jammu city because of the heavy downpour which led to overflowing of streams and drains, leading to inundation of roads and flood waters entering homes at several places, including Janipur, Roop Nagar, Talab Tilloo, Jewel chowk, New Plot and

houses were also damaged, while nearly a dozen vehicles were swept away in the flash floods, the officials said. A portion of a road adja-

Boundary walls of several

Sanjay Nagar.

cent to a temple near Tawi bridge caved in, while a culvert on the exit gate of Jammu bus stand also collapsed owing to the heavy rainfall.

The overflowing streams and drains aggravated the where the flood waters Kishtwar and Doda districts entered home, damaging in Jammu with south Kashmir's Anantnag were boundary walls at several places and dozens of vehicles. closed owing to landslides at An official of the traffic different places. A bridge near Logate Morh

floodwaters inundate hostel

>> SDRF teams conduct Disaster

Management Ops across Jammu

department said the strategic 250-km Jammu-Srinagar national highway and 434km Srinagar-Leh national highway is open for traffic despite heavy rains, while the Mughal road connecting Poonch and Rajouri in with Jammu south Shopian and Kashmir's

highway was diverted through the alternate

on Jammu-Pathankot high-

way was damaged in the mid-

dle due to overflowing of

Sahar Khad nallah following

heavy rains in Kathua dis-

trict, the officials said,

adding the traffic on the

situation in low-lying areas Sinthan ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

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LG Manoj Sinha enquiring health of injured in Chashoti flash floods.

on the sidelines of his visit, the Lieutenant Governor reiterated the commitment of the administration to trace the 32 persons who are still

missing. "Government stands firmly with the bereaved family members who have lost their loved ones

PM concerned, no stone left unturned to provide relief to cloudburst-hit people in Kishtwar: Rajnath

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday said the Centre is making all efforts to provide relief and rehabilitation to those affected by a recent cloudburst in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district.

Reviewing the situation in the affected Chisoti village via video-conferencing from the Raj Bhawan here, Singh said it is heartening to note that the Union Territory administration, Army, NDRF, SDRF and police have done excellent work during the crisis situation.

Flash floods triggered by cloudburst struck Chisoti, the last motorable village en route to the Machail Mata temple, on August 14, killing 65 people,



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh interacting with a child injured in Chashoti cloudburst, during visit to GMC Jammu on Sunday.

mostly pilgrims, and leaving

more than 100 injured. A large-scale search operation is underway for 32 people reported missing by their families after the tragedy. A makeshift market, a langar (community kitchen) site for the annual pilgrimage to the Machail Mata temple, 16 houses and government buildings, three temples, four water mills, a 30-metre-long bridge and more than a dozen vehicles were also damaged in the incident.

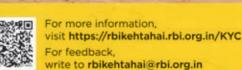
"Due to inclement weather, I could not go to the cloudburst affected areas of Kishtwar today. Reviewed the situation at Chisoti from Jammu, via video conferencing facility," Singh said in a post on X.

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