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PM Modi reviews situation in six flood-affected states

ALARMING Bihar flags Nepal's non-cooperation in maintaining embankments on other side

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PATNA/NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday underlined the need for better coordination between the central and state agencies to have a permanent system for forecasting of floods. He also stressed on extensive use of innovative technologies for improving the forecast-and-warning system.

The PM made these remarks during a virtual meeting with the chief ministers and representatives of six states to review the flood situation in various parts of the country.

The states that attended the meeting, which was convened to review their preparedness to deal with the southwest monsoon and the current flood situation, were Assam, Bihar, UP, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala.

A statement from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said at the meeting, Modi highlighted that the investments in localised early warning systems should be increased so that the people of an area can be cautioned on time in case of a threatening situation such as breached river embankments, inundation or lightning.

Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar drew the Prime Minister's attention to how Nepal did not cooperate in carrying out



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a virtual meeting to review the flood situation in six states, in New Delhi on Monday. PTI

annual maintenance work on embankments falling on the other side of the International Border, across Darbhanga and Madhepura districts, and also pitched for the removal of 25% cap on the amount to be spent for extending gratuitous relief to affected people in times of natural calamities.

He said, "Floods in north Bihar are invariably caused by heavy rainfall in the catchment areas of rivers originating from Nepal. But in the absence of required co-operation from the neighbouring country, despite reaching out on an official level, embankment repair works could not be completed on schedule in May and got extended to June-end this year."

Meanwhile, the Maharashtra government demanded setting up of a committee for tackling crisis situations in states and ensuring a better coordination. Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray sought an immediate central assistance for Maharashtra in view of the June 3 Cyclone Nisarga that caused widespread damage in the state's coastal districts.

The Karnataka government said it requested the prime minister to provide an additional special assistance of ₹4,000 crore to handle the flood situation.

The meet, which lasted for nearly an hour and a half, was also attended by defence minister Rajnath Singh, health minister Harsh Vardhan, ministers of

state for home Nityanand Rai and G Kishan Reddy, and senior officers of the central ministries and organisations concerned.

The prime minister asserted that in view of the Covid-19 situation, the states must ensure that people follow all health precautions such as wearing of face masks, hand sanitisation and maintaining an adequate physical distance with each other while undertaking rescue efforts.

Modi said the states should ensure that all development and infrastructure projects are built with resilience to withstand local disasters and help reduce the consequential losses.

The prime minister pointed out that over the last few years, forecasting agencies such as the India Meteorological Department and the Central Water Commission are making concerted efforts to make better and more usable flood forecasts. Pilot projects are underway to use innovative technologies to improve the location-specific forecasts, for which the states should provide the necessary information to these agencies and disseminate warnings to the local communities, Modi said. "The prime minister emphasised on better coordination between all central and state agencies to have a permanent system for forecasting of floods," the PMO statement said.

BAGHJAN FIRE RAGES ON



Another attempt to cap the blowout of an Oil India Limited natural gas well, which has been on fire since June 9 in Assam's Tinsukia, failed on Monday due to technical issues. Operations will resume after necessary rectification. OIL

INDIA-CHINA TENSION

'De-escalation may take longer, Army prepared'

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NEW DELHI: Top brass of the Indian military including Chief of Defence Staff general Bipin Rawat informed a committee of lawmakers on Monday that the de-escalation in Ladakh, where Chinese troops transgressed in June, forcing India to deploy heavily along the Line of Actual Control, may be a long-drawn process but that the Indian armed forces is prepared for it and has made all arrangements for troop deployment in the harsh winter.

The top general and three-star Generals who attended the meeting also emphasised that the Indian armed forces is prepared to face any onslaught but at the same time efforts are also on to bridge the trust deficit with China, whose transgression resulted in a bloody conflict in Galwan valley on June 15 that left 20 Indian soldiers including a colonel, and an unspecified number of Chinese soldiers

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dead. Apart from Gen. Rawat, at least four three-star Generals including Vice Chief of Indian army, Lt. Gen S K Saini were also present.

Reversing the trust deficit created by the brutal clash at Galwan Valley will also be enormously hard, and it is expected to be an impediment to the disengagement and de-escalation processes, HT reported on July 3.

Military negotiations with China have hit a roadblock due to the Chinese People's Liberation Army's reluctance to vacate positions held by it in what New Delhi claims as Indian territory.

SC to hear 6 BSP MLAs' transfer plea today

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday will hear a petition by six former legislators of the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) in Rajasthan demanding the transfer of a petition seeking their disqualification from the Rajasthan high court to the apex court.

The six members of the legislative assembly (MLAs) had merged with the Congress in 2019 for which they faced disqualification petitions filed by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) legislator Madan Dilwar. Rajasthan assembly speaker CP Joshi rejected the disqualification pleas on July 29.

This prompted Dilwar to approach the Rajasthan high court, which issued notice to Joshi on July 30 but refused to stay the speaker's directive.

In a related development, the Congress party approached the

THE SIX MLAs MERGED WITH THE CONGRESS IN 2019 AND THEY FACED DISQUALIFICATION PETITIONS FILED BY BJP MLAs MADAN DILWAR

high court to be added as a party to the proceedings there. This matter is also listed on Tuesday when the HC could decide the fate of the six BSP MLAs — Sandeep Yadav (Tijara), Wajib Ali (Nagar), Deepchand Kheria (Kishanganhar Bas), Lakhman Singh Meena (Karauli) and Rajendra Gudha (Udaipurwati) ahead of a crucial special assembly session called by chief minister Ashok Gehlot beginning August 14.

While the proceedings remain pending in the high court, Dilwar filed an appeal in the Supreme Court to stay the speaker's July 29 order. A stay

could be crucial in the event chief minister Ashok Gehlot, who has faced a rebellion by former deputy chief minister Sachin Pilot and 18 other MLAs of his party, faces a trust vote in the House.

Senior advocate Harish Salve appeared for Dilwar before an apex bench of justices Arun Mishra, BR Gavai and Krishna Murari. He said the issue in focus is whether the six MLAs could merge their party with the Congress when their original political party, BSP has refused to sanction the merger. The merger was approved by the speaker on September 18, 2019.

The bench told Salve that the Rajasthan high court had issued notices on Dilwar's petition and the matter is pending there. Salve informed the Court that to delay the proceedings there, the six BSP MLAs have sought to transfer the petition pending with HC to the Supreme Court. "Their petition is pending in the

Supreme Court and they are not moving for listing it. Obviously they want to claim in HC that the matter is pending in the Supreme Court."

The six MLAs have sought a transfer on the grounds that the legal issues raised in Dilwar's petition before the HC are under consideration of the top court in another case from Assam, in a case titled Mr. Mithou Krose v Imtilema Sangtam.

The bench directed that the petition be listed on Tuesday along with Dilwar's plea. According to Dilwar, the MLAs ought to be disqualified on the grounds of defection under the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution, Salve said. But the six MLAs have claimed that as per paragraph 4 of the Tenth Schedule, when two-thirds of the members of a political party within the assembly merges with another in the House, the members will be immune from disqualification.

Kerala landslide toll at 48; 22 still missing

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: The toll in Rajamalai landslide in Idukki district went up to 48 on Monday with the recovery of six more bodies while 22 are still missing, chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan said. He said some bodies were recovered from a river and rescue work is still going on despite inclement weather. Rejecting criticism from Opposition parties, who

questioned his delay in visiting the affected district, Vijayan said he will visit the spot at an appropriate time.

"There is no discrimination between plane crash victims and those affected by landslide. What the government announced in the latter case is only an interim relief and it will be raised further. Some parties are whipping it up unnecessarily to create confusion among people," he said. Opposition Congress and BJP

had questioned discrepancy in relief in twin tragedies that struck Kerala on Friday. While the CM had announced Rs 10 lakh relief for families of the dead in the plane crash, landslide victims were given only Rs 2 lakh. But Vijayan said the government will ensure rehabilitation of affected plantation workers. He also said rescue work will continue till the recovery of the last body.

But an official of the Kannan Devan Hills Plantation Limited,

which owns the estate, said it will be difficult to ascertain exact number of people trapped in the landslide as some houses had guests and children, studying outside Idukki, who came home due to the lockdown. The official cited that few who died were not on company's records, indicating that the toll may go up. Most of the victims hail from south Tamil Nadu districts but are settled in plantation areas for work for more than two generations.

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