



Heavy rain pounds north Indian States, 11 killed

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Highlights

- Incessant rain triggered flash floods and landslips in the hill States of northern India, with at least 11 people killed in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Haryana.
- In the wake of heavy rain, the Punjab government has issued a red alert.
- All deputy commissioners are keeping a close tab over the current situation, and disaster control rooms have also been activated.
- All officials have been directed to remain at standby in view of the situation.
- The government has ordered closure of all schools and colleges in the State.
- Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh, who presided over the meeting, announced a survey to assess crop damage.

Water release

- The Bhakra Beas Management Board issued an advisory to the Punjab government that it will release “excess” water from the Pong dam following incessant rain in the catchment areas of the Beas river.
- Five people, including a minor girl, died and as many injured in separate incidents during heavy rain in Kullu, Kangra and Chamba districts of Himachal Pradesh on Monday, officials said.
- A “high alert” has been sounded for Kullu district.
- Several houses were also swept away in flash floods as the Beas is flowing at a dangerous level.
- An Air Force team has rescued 21 people stranded due to flash floods at Dobi in Kullu district in the past 48 hours.
- In Uttarakhand, most of the places, including State capital Dehradun, received showers, with around 45 rural roads blocked in different districts, the State Emergency Operation Centre said.
- Heavy rain led to landslips which blocked the roads to Badrinath, Kedarnath and Yamunotri, affecting the Chardham Yatra.
- In Rajasthan, heavy to moderate rainfall was recorded in various parts of the State in 24 hours.
- In Jammu and Kashmir, five members of a family, including three minors, were killed when their house was buried under debris after a landslip in Doda district, while 29 people stranded in Kathua district after flash floods were rescued.