

Fresh Gandak surge breaches embankments

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Patna: The pressure of water from the swollen Gandak on Wednesday breached Champaran and Saran embankments at three points — one in Gopalganj district and two in Saran district — taking the total number of embankment breaches to six following the fresh surge in the river since the night of Monday and Tuesday. Amid the fresh breaches, chief secretary Pratyaya Amrit directed district administrations in flood-affected areas to maintain a continuous vigil on embankments.

According to disaster management department (DMD), Champaran embankment was breached near Sheetalpur village in Baikunthpur block of Gopalganj district, to which education minister Mithilesh Tiwari belongs.

DMD also said Saran embankment was breached near Bariarpur and Haizalpur villages in Maker block of Saran district. Earlier, on the night of Monday and Tuesday, three breaches were re-



People alight from a boat after being ferried in Patna; (right) a submerged school in Gopalganj district on Wednesday

ported in Champaran embankment — one each in Bagaha-1 and Beria blocks of West Champaran district, and one at a point in adjoining Kushinagar district of neighbouring Uttar Pradesh.

Reports said around 200 villages have been inundated, while water was 7-8 feet deep in Bhagtai panchayat of Taraiya block in Saran district. The block and district administrations concerned responded to plug the breaches and conduct rescue and relief operations with the help of State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) personnel. For displaced residents of inundated Bhagtai panchayat, the block administration immediately ope-

ned a community kitchen at the middle school in the same panchayat.

According to DMD, water discharge through Valmikinagar barrage on Gandak was 1.29 lakh cusecs, through Birpur barrage on Kosi 94,996 cusecs. The water discharge has fallen substantially over the last 60 hours.

The chief secretary directed district administrations to ensure essential assistance reaches every affected family without delay. He also asked officials to intensify relief operations and remain alert at vulnerable locations to effectively tackle any emerging situation.

Samrat surveys flood-hit areas, asks officials to speed up relief

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Patna: Chief minister Samrat Choudhary on Wednesday conducted an aerial survey of flood-hit areas in north Bihar, his second such inspection in three days, and directed officials to keep community kitchens running until displaced people return home and conditions are fully normal.

Choudhary said the administration had been instructed to speed up rescue and relief operations and ensure payment of financial assistance of Rs 7,000 to every flood-affected family before Durga Puja.

He said the state was facing a grave flood situation because of water flowing in from the Terai region of Nepal. Surveys of the Kosi and Mahananda rivers are being conducted to support a comprehensive study of recurring floods and work towards a permanent solu-



CM Samrat Choudhary during an aerial survey on Wednesday

tion, he added.

According to a communication from the Chief Minister's Office, Choudhary surveyed Bagaha in West Champaran district, Bathna in Bairia block, Machchhargao in Yogapatti block, and Shivrampur, Bankatwa and adjoining affected areas in Nautan block. He also inspected from the air the breached embankment in Hajipur panchayat under Maer block in Saran district. During the flight from Patna to West Champaran, he assessed river water levels and inundated settlements along the route.

Soil erosion & cracks disrupt train services

Kumar Rajesh | TNN

Bhagalpur: Massive soil erosion and deep cracks along the Ganga-side railway embankment between Sakrigali and Maharajpur stations have disrupted train services on the Sahibganj-Barharwa-Bhagalpur section under Eastern Railway's (ER) Malda division. Floodwaters of the Ganga have weakened the embankment, forcing rail authorities

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to suspend train movement on the down line for both passenger and freight services.

Eastern Railway CPRO Shibram Majhi said a large number of railway employees and officials have been deployed at the affected site. He said restoration work is being carried out round the clock on a war footing to protect the track and resume normal train services at the earliest.

Construction work of Patahi Airport in Muz gathers pace

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Patna: Construction work at Patahi Airport has gathered pace with work on the terminal building, boundary wall and runway recarpeting progressing simultaneously. The project is aimed at restarting air services from Muzaffarpur with small aircraft under the Centre's regional connectivity programme UDAN.

Civil aviation secretary Nilesh Ramchandra Deore said the work started in July and has a 10-month completion deadline, though efforts are being made to finish it earlier, as they did at Purnea Airport, where the work was completed in a record time of four months.

A construction agency from Kanpur has started piling work and construction of pillars for the terminal building. Sand and gravel have been stocked at the site, while roofing material for the prefabricated steel-



The project is aimed at restarting air services from Muzaffarpur

structure terminal has been ordered from Sasaram.

Runway recarpeting has also started. The existing runway is 1,300 metres long and is being upgraded along with the Runway End Safety Area (RESA) to meet Code 2B standards. The old brick-paved surface is being replaced with a proper runway of asphalt and concrete.

A recent Airports Authority of India survey found that a runway of around 1,300 metres would be sufficient for operating 19-seater aircraft. The airport complex currently has around 106 acres of land.



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Cabinet clears green hydrogen policy, sanctions ₹62 crore for police vehicles

Abhay Singh | TNN

Patna: The state cabinet on Wednesday approved the Bihar Green Hydrogen Policy, 2026, aimed at promoting renewable energy, reducing carbon emissions and attracting private investment.

The policy targets annual production of 10 lakh tonnes of green hydrogen, with potential investment of Rs 16,000 crore and creation of around 12,000 jobs. Bihar Renewable Energy Development Agency has been made the nodal body for the implementation of the policy.

After the meeting chaired by CM Samrat Choudhary, cabinet secretariat ACS Arvind Kumar Choudhary said the policy seeks to reduce dependence on imported natural gas and promote green energy in line with the national mission.

The cabinet sanctioned Rs 62.52 crore for 30 water cannons and 86 Vajra vehicles for police use in crowd and riot control.

It approved Rs 115 crore for

OTHER DECISIONS

- **TARAPUR BYPASS | ₹115cr** approved for 7-km road
- **DHAUNI BYPASS | ₹87cr** sanctioned for construction
- **NH-333 | ₹51cr** for widening, strengthening
- **CRUISE TERMINALS | 25-year** lease for two sites
- **AVIATION POLICY | KPMG** appointed as consultant for ₹86 lakh

a 7-km Tarapur bypass, including land acquisition and utility shifting; Rs 87.63 crore for Dhauni bypass; and Rs 51.22 crore for widening and strengthening a 10-km two-lane stretch of NH-333 in Munger division. Another Rs 82.25 crore was sanctioned for a two-lane down ramp connecting the Mithapur-Mahuli elevated road and Parsa-Sampachak road.

The cabinet approved subsidy for Rs 213.41-crore second-phase project of M/s Ut-

karsh Sphatik Ltd for Taj City Centre, Patna.

It also approved leasing two land parcels in Sabalpur diara and Dujra diara to the Inland Waterways Authority of India for 25 years to develop two world-standard cruise terminals.

An MoU between Bihar State Housing Board and NBCC was approved for self-financed redevelopment of the old Sector-6 and Sector-5 colonies at Bahadurpur.

The cabinet approved the Mukhyamantri Hemophilia Scheme for 255 patients requiring high-cost treatment, with one vial of the injection costing Rs 39,723.

It sanctioned 34 posts each for Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee AI and Computer Science University, Bhagalpur, and Shahid Jubba Sahini Vastukala and Civil Engineering University, Muzaffarpur.

It also approved KPMG India Services as consultant for preparing Bihar's aviation policy at a fee of Rs 86.16 lakh plus applicable taxes.

DIGEST



Participants ride motorcycles during a rally organised by the 14th Bihar Battalion in Danapur on Wednesday

9-year-old boy drowns in drain

A nine-year-old boy drowned in a drain at Belchi village in the Barh subdivision of the Patna district on Wednesday. Prince Kumar had gone to deliver food to his grandmother beyond Tamlia Bridge. After handing over the food, he told her he was going to the toilet but did not return. His family launched a search and found his slippers near a bridge about two hours later.

Ganja seized in M'bani: Police seized 102kg of ganja worth around Rs 50 lakh and arrested a driver during a night patrol operation in Madhubani district, SSP Yogendra Kumar said on Wednesday.

Fatuha-Daniyawan road closed: The Fatuha-Daniyawan road has been closed for 30 days to facilitate repairs to the expansion joint of a bridge over the Dhowa/Kolhar river between Fatuha and Daniyawan, the Patna traffic police said on Wednesday.

Roundtable discussion at AIIMS-P: The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Patna, on Tuesday held a roundtable discussion on strengthening maternal and newborn healthcare in Bihar, with experts stressing the need for better coordination and continuity of care from pregnancy to the postnatal period.





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Four held in Gaya after harassment video goes viral

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Gaya: Four persons were arrested after a video showing a group of local youths allegedly assaulting a man and misbehaving with a woman near a hill in Sherghati was circulated on social media, police said on Wednesday.

The incident reportedly took place on Monday afternoon in Mahuadih locality under Sherghati police station area.

According to police, a man from Gurua and a woman from Sherghati had gone to the area on a motorcycle to visit the hills when they were allegedly stopped by a group of local youths.

Banka woman alleges rape after 2 men 'filmed' her while bathing

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Patna: A 20-year-old woman has filed an FIR in Banka alleging that two men raped her over six months after secretly filming her while she was bathing and threatening to circulate the footage, police said. According to the FIR lodged at a police station, the

FIR LODGED

woman has named two accused — Shivam Sharma and Rahul Sharma.

Police said the woman has alleged that two men raped her after threatening to circulate photographs and videos of her bathing on social media.

The complaint stated that the accused had taken photographs of her while she was bathing without her knowledge. They then threatened to make the photos public.

According to the FIR, the woman alleged that the two men raped her from Feb 11 to Aug 8, 2026, after threatening her. Distressed over the alleged incidents, the woman approached a police station on the evening of Sept 28 and submitted a written complaint seeking action.

After the complaint was filed, a police team led by SDPO Amar Vishwas visited the crime spot on Tuesday.

Vishwas said, "Raids are on to arrest the accused."

Ferries & cargo services lined up as Vikramshila Setu closes

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Bhagalpur: With road traffic on Vikramshila Setu set to be closed from midnight on Wednesday, the district administration is making arrangements for alternative waterway services to facilitate passenger and cargo movement across the Ganga.

Final touches to jetties are being given, officials said. Ferry services for passengers will operate from Biada Ghat in Barari, while cargo movement will be handled from Babupur Ghat in Sabour. Vikramshila Setu, which connects Bhagalpur with Naugachia and the north-eastern corridor across the Ganga, will remain closed from Oct 1 to Dec 31. A district administration official said the closure is required to dismantle and remove the temporary steel-fabricated Bailey bridge over the collapsed sections of the existing bridge, following which repair, restructuring, re-strengthening and restoration work can begin.

The administration is also deploying police personnel and magistrates at the river ghats to maintain law and order and regulate traffic. To provide food, drinking water and other basic facilities, 'Jeevika Didi kitchens' will be operated at the ghats.

District magistrate Alankrita Pandey said the administration had completed the necessary preparations to ensure pas-

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT



- **Passenger ferries** to start from Biada Ghat, Barari
- **Cargo movement** from Babupur Ghat, Sabour
- **Police, magistrates** deployed at ghats
- **Jeevika Didi kitchens, medical camps** arranged at ghats
- **Emergency** control room and disaster teams deployed

sengers did not face inconvenience while using the waterways. Arrangements have also been made for transporting vehicles and goods. "The previous ferry service operated from Barari Ghat has not been permitted under the current circumstances," Pandey said, adding that permanent restoration work was being carried out at the ghat. She said heavy machinery, cranes and other construction equipment would remain at the site throughout the closure period. "Passengers' safety is foremost," she said, adding that alternative routes and transportation arrangements would be made as required, she said.