

Heavy rain leaves six dead, 12 injured across Maharashtra

Three feared trapped after landslide in Lavasa; CM says ready to airlift people in Pune as downpour claims four lives; since May, 94 people died from monsoon-related incidents across the State

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Incessant rain wreaked havoc in several parts of Maharashtra on Thursday, leaving at least six persons dead and 12 injured, and inundating houses in low-lying areas. Three persons are feared trapped after a landslide in Lavasa, as officials evacuated hundreds of people to safety zones across the State.

As per the State Disaster Situation report, two persons were killed in a lightning strike in Chandrapur, three died from electrocution in Pune's Deccan Gymkhana area, and one died after a landslide in Pune's Maval tehsil. According to Pune district administration authorities, the Maval landslide victim was a restaurant staffer.

From May 15 to July 25, at least 94 people died in different parts of Maharashtra due to monsoon-related incidents such as lightning strikes, landslide, tree falls, and building collapses.

Across the State, four persons are missing and 145 have been injured. Around 241 people have been evacuated and at



Monsoon mayhem: Officials and volunteers at a waterlogged area during a rescue operation amid heavy rain in Pune on Thursday. PTI

least 306 animals are dead.

In Pune, the fire and rescue personnel rescued and moved nearly 160 people marooned in houses and buildings in low-lying areas to safety zones, with over 200 personnel deployed in these operations. Authorities said they had responded to 16 incidents where water had flooded residential and commercial buildings since Wednesday midnight.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said if

the need arises, rain-hit people will be airlifted in Pune, where the incessant downpour claimed four lives and inundated residential colonies and houses in low-lying areas on Thursday. Mr. Shinde said he has spoken to the Pune Collector and civic officials and authorities of its neighbouring Pimpri Chinchwad, an industrial township. He has also spoken to Army and National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) officials to seek their help

in the evacuation.

In Mumbai, flight operations saw significant disruptions at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport. Due to adverse weather, runway operations were halted from 8.32 a.m. to 8.43 a.m., and then again from 10.36 a.m. to 10.55 a.m. Airlines issued travel advisories while Air India announced full refund or a one-time complimentary rescheduling for bookings confirmed for travel on Thursday.