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Kishtwar bears brunt of torrential monsoon rains

46 killed, scores missing as cloudburst hits Machail yatra's base camp

➤Shah speaks to LG, CM, takes stock of situation

➤Army joins rescue operation, 300 troops deployed

BHARAT BHUSHAN
JAMMU, AUG 14

Amid the widespread destruction caused by multiple cloudbursts & the resulting flashfloods in the neighbouring Himachal Pradesh, mountain-locked Chositi village - the starting point of Machail Mata yatra to the Himalayan shrine of Mata Chandi in Kishtwar district of Jammu - was too badly battered by a massive cloudburst that today claimed the lives of at least 46 people, including two CISF personnel, and caused a great amount of damage to the infrastructure.

According to officials, the cloudburst, caused by a heavy spell of rain in the hilly region, and the subsequent flashfloods also hit several houses clustered together in the foothills.

Chositi is the starting point of Machail Mata yatra.

The death toll could go up as scores of people were said to be missing, officials said, adding that nearly 200 people had been rescued so far. The condition of several of them was said to be serious.

The disaster struck Chositi between noon and 1 pm, when a large number of pilgrims had gathered there to undertake the Machail



Mata yatra which commenced on July 25 and was scheduled to end on September 5. The 8.5 km trek to the 9,500-ft-high shrine begins

shrine of Chandi Mata on foot along the Jasnai nallah.

Quoting locals, officials said when the cloudburst occurred, a

gushing waters in Jasnai nallah swept huge mounds of debris as a result of which many got washed away. The development occurred so fast that no one got a chance to run to safety.

Triggered by the torrential rains, the extreme weather caused widespread destruction in the village, washing away some approach roads & cutting off access to multiple areas, officials said.

Officials said nearly 200 people had been rescued so far, while search and relief operations were continuing in the difficult terrain amid heavy rains and the sliding

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HELPLINE NUMBERS

The UT administration has set up a control room-cum-help desk to assist people & pilgrims. The numbers provided are: 9858223125, 6006701934, 9797504078, 8492886895, 8493801381 & 7006463710. Besides these, the district control room numbers are: 01995-259555 and 9484217492. The Kishtwar police control room number is 9906154100.

from Chositi.

After parking their vehicles at Chositi, where makeshift shops and a langar had been set up, pilgrims would proceed to the holy cave

large number of pilgrims were either standing in the nullah, or sitting at the nearby langar facility.

The fury of rains, followed by the cloudburst, was so intense that the

Ktwr cloudburst: LG says rescue operation in full swing

Himalayan Mail News
JAMMU, AUG 14

LG Manoj Sinha today said that a rescue & relief operation was in full swing in the cloudburst-hit Chositi village in Jammu's Kishtwar district.

"Home Minister Amit Shah has assured all possible assistance," he said in a

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Every possible help will be provided: PM on Ktwr cloudburst

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said his thoughts and prayers were with all those affected by the cloudburst in Jammu & Kashmir's Kishtwar district and asserted that every possible assistance would be provided to those in need.

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J&K police bags 127 Gallantry Medals, highest in country

Himalayan Mail News
JAMMU, AUG 14

The J&K police has been awarded 127 Gallantry Medals on the occasion of Independence Day, the highest number among all police forces in the country. The announcement was

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Editor-in-Chief

LG Kavinder pushes for global branding of Ladakh pashmina
Expresses grief over Ktwr cloudburst tragedy



LEH, AUG 14: Ladakh LG Kavinder Gupta today stressed the need for global branding, value addition,

and robust marketing of Ladakh's world-famous Pashmina wool to signifi

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