

60 killed as rain pounds Maharashtra

Landslips kill 49 in Raigad; rescue efforts hampered

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At least 60 persons have been killed in landslips triggered by intense rain in western Maharashtra and the coastal Konkan region as monsoon fury continued unabated on Friday.

While the entire State, including the normally arid Marathwada and Vidarbha regions, have been receiving particularly heavy showers over the last 72 hours, the situation remained particularly grim in the Mahad and Poladpur tehsils in Raigad, Chiplun and Khed in Ratnagiri, as well as the 'sugar belt' districts of Kolhapur, Satara and Sangli.

Forty-nine of those killed died in three separate landslips in Raigad itself.



First responders: Locals carrying out rescue operations after several people died in a landslide at Taliye village in Satara district of Maharashtra on Friday. ■PTI

Tragedy struck Taliye village in Mahad on Thursday evening when the entire village of around 35 houses was instantly buried in a major landslide in an incident strongly reminiscent of the 2014 Malin landslide in Pune.

While the precise casualty figures were not confirmed, the authorities said so far more than 35 bodies had been recovered from the debris while more than 70 people were missing.

Other sources said 38 bo-

dies had been retrieved from the site till now.

Local people were the first responders as heavy rainfall, waterlogging, and disrupted connectivity delayed the National and State Disaster Response Forces (NDRF and

SDRF) teams. The relief teams struggled to clear boulders and damaged roads to reach the village.

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