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## Pune landslide: Death toll rises to 20; UAVs, NDRF teams deployed for search and rescue operations

**Pune:** Two Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and nearly 400 personnel of the NDRF have been deployed to help rescue nearly 200 people who are trapped following a landslide in Pune.

The two UAVs have been directed to fly over Ambegaon in Pune to help the on-going rescue operations, a spokesperson of the National Disaster Response Force said on Wednesday.

The death toll in the landslide at a village in Maharashtra's Pune district on Wednesday continues to rise as the toll has now gone up to 20 with more bodies being extricated from the rubble.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi directed Home Minister Rajnath Singh to rush to Pune to take stock of the situation, a PMO statement said. "The Prime Minister has condoled the loss of lives in the landslide and directed all possible efforts to help the affected people," the statement said.

Seven teams of the National Disaster Response Force, with 42 rescue workers each, are involved in the rescue operations.

The Centre on Wednesday rushed around 300 personnel of the NDRF to help rescue people who are trapped.

Nearly 200 people are feared trapped with several houses coming under the landslide triggered by heavy rains in Ambegaon in Pune.

The incident took place at 10:45 am on Wednesday. For the past four days, heavy downpours lashed the remote village, which has poor connectivity.

(With PTI inputs)

Image: National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) personnel clear the debris from the site of a landslide at Malin village, in Maharashtra/Reuters

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