***Main Points from the Abhay’s Mail*.**

**-26th July 2005,**

**-5,000 people died,**

**-the eighth heaviest ever recorded 24-hour rainfall figure of 994 mm (39.1 inches),**

**-Severely affected were Raigad, Chiplun, Khed, Ratnagiri and Kalyan in Maharashtra and the southern state of Goa.**

**-Maharashtra state government declared 27 and 28 as a state holiday for the affected regions,**

**-the highest ever rainfall recorded in the last 100 years in the country battered the suburban Mumbai and Thane, Maharashtra experienced one of the worst floods in its history,**

**-All the ground floor flats were under water,**

**-total number of cattle losses in the floods is 15,321**

**-Western and Central Railways did not run their local services for a number of days**

**-In agriculture sector, approximately 5.5 lakh hectares of land had suffered crop losses**

**-more than 20,000 classrooms had been damaged, and 97 school buildings had collapsed. About 437 Primary Health Centers, rural hospitals, and residential premises for health personnel had been damaged by flooding. The Public Works Department estimated that it would require Rs. 1,200 crores for repairing roads and bridges damaged by flooding.**

**-667 of its transformers were affected, 12 high-tension towers fell and 14 small distribution stations were flooded,**

**-The Indian Merchants Chamber had pegged these losses at Rs. 5,000 crores.**

**-loss of about Rs. 450 crores.**

**-52 local trains damaged § 37,000 autorickshaws spoilt § 4,000 taxis § 900 BEST buses damaged § 10,000 trucks and tempos grounded**

**-about 8 lakh families are badly affected by floods, and the total amount that may have to be disbursed may go up to Rs. 400 crores**

**-5.5 lakh people were evacuated to safer places**

**-food and drinking water for all the evacuated people were arranged with the help of NGOs and other local organizations.**

**-provided free of cost food grains to all the people affected by the floods.**

**-sanitation drive by which more than 1000 dumpers and JCBs were deployed in all the flood affected areas for disposing of animal carcass and garbage.**

**-1,253 medical teams have been deployed in all the districts for medical check-ups and sanitation programs**

**-Distributed 20 kilogram of food grains and 10 litres of kerosene oil to all the flood-affected families free of cost.**

**The Government of India has also sanctioned 15,000 tons of food grains through the Special Component of the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY).**

**. It would require Rs. 1,200 crores to replace the drainage system**