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निदेशक (तकनीकी प्रलेखन)

After a weak spell, monsoon strengthens over coast, Malnad

Water levels go up in major rivers of state

BENGALURU, DHNS

The monsoon activity has picked up with fresh vigour in the coastal and Malnad districts on Monday. Many parts of Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Kodagu and Chikkamagaluru districts experienced heavy showers intermittently.

In the last 24 hours (ending 8 am on Monday), Dakshina Kannada has received an average of 5.2 cm of rain. Mani recorded 11 cm on Monday while Manki and Mangaluru received 9 and 7 cm of rain respectively.

With the ghats receiving copious rains, the water level has increased in Kumaradhara, Netravati and Phalguni rivers - the lifelines of the region. The bath

ghat at Kukke Subramanya has submerged.

Meanwhile, there was no let-up in showers in Kodagu. Madikeri, Napoklu, Talacauvery, Bhagamandala and surrounding areas witnessed heavy showers, accompanied by thunder activity, in spells on Monday. Inflow into Harangi reservoir clocked at 2,423 cusecs at 8 am on Monday and it increased to 2937 by evening.

The hilly district had recorded an average of 45.52 mm of rain in the last 24 hours. It was 19.11 mm in the corresponding period, last year. Incessant rain in Chikkamagaluru district has upped the water levels of Tunga, Bhadra and Hemavathi rivers. Heavy



All four crest gates of Harangi reservoir in Kodagu were opened to let out excess water on Monday. DH PHOTO

rains continued to lash NR Pura and Mudigere taluks. Kottigehara recorded 5.4 cm of rain.

The catchment areas of Malaprabha and Mahadayi rivers in Khanapur taluk of Belagavi district continued to witness heavy showers.

Kanakumbi received 8.4 cm of rain on Monday followed by Jamboti and Londa 3.1 cm and Khanapur 1.2 cm.

Meanwhile, the plains of Uttara Kannada, including Sirsi, Hubballi-Dharwad, parts of Gadag saw a few sporadic spells

of moderate showers through the day.

Orange alert for 7 dists

The India Meteorological Department had declared orange alert for seven coastal and Malnad districts till August 7. The weather department has predicted heavy to very heavy showers, accompanied by thunder, in the aforementioned regions. Belagavi and Dharwad districts are likely to receive heavy rain on Tuesday, the IMD sources said.

Living with floods, the Assam way

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GUWAHATI, DHNS

A flood-resistant village in Lakhimpur district in Assam.

(CREDIT: INDO GLOBAL SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY)

vulnerable villages in Assam now has at least two country boats, a public address system to share flood warning, a shelter home constructed on a highland for the marooned people and for the livestock, elevated hand pumps and toilets. Each village, inhabited by Mishings, Bengali and other Assamese communities also has a disaster risk management committee and many are trained on flood rescue and first aid.

All these flood-resistant mechanisms have been made possible by Indo Global Social Service Society (IGSSS), an NGO, which started its project—Recovery and Risk Reduction of flood-affected communities in Lakhimpur district in 2016. The project has been funded by HDFC bank.

Rampasad Sarkar still remembers the July night his family spent on a chang (bamboo platform) inside his home in 2015 in the flooded Alisinga village in North Assam's Lakhimpur district. "We were clueless as the water level increased so fast. There was no boat or a highland nearby where we could take shelter," said Sarkar, a farmer and father of four children.

Alisinga gets flooded by Brahmaputra and two of its tributaries—Ranganadi and Subansiri almost every year.

This year was no different as the area witnessed six to seven feet deep water with equally strong currents between May and July.

This time, Sarkar and other villagers, however, were not so worried.

"After 2015 floods, we all raised the platform of our houses. So water could not enter my home. We were more alert as the early warning was announced through the mikes installed in our village," Sarkar said.

At least 25 villages including Alisinga under Telahi block in Lakhimpur, one of the most

Heavy rain in Mumbai: govt. offices closed, HC hearings hit

Landslide on Western Express Highway; healthcare staff struggle to reach hospital

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

Heavy showers in Mumbai and the neighbouring areas crippled normal life and disrupted rail and road traffic on Tuesday, with many essential services workers, like nurses and other medical staff treating COVID-19 patients, finding it difficult to reach hospitals.

Several areas in the city and suburbs have received more than 200 mm rainfall since Monday night. For the second consecutive day, the India Meteorological Department issued a red alert for the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) and some other parts of Maharashtra for Wednesday.

In the morning, local train services, currently being operated only for essential services workers, were suspended on the Harbour Line due to waterlogging on the rail tracks. Some services on the Western and Central Lines were also affected.

Some roads near Byculla, Dadar and Mahalaxmi were inundated and the traffic police had to divert vehicles from those areas.

Several houses in low-lying areas like Kurla, Sion and parts of Bhandup were flooded due to the heavy downpour, according to a civic official.

A landslide on the Western Express Highway in Kandivali affected movement of traffic towards south Mumbai. However, there were no casualty, officials said.

Waterlogging outside the civic-run Nair Hospital in central Mumbai, where several COVID-19 patients from the city are being treated, posed a problem for its medical staff. "Nurses and other medical staff have been struggling to reach the hospital due to waterlogging on the premises and elsewhere," a resident doctor from



Monsoon blues: People wade through a waterlogged road at Null Bazar in south Mumbai on Tuesday after heavy overnight rain. ■ VIVEK BENDRE

Boat capsizes, two fishermen missing

RAINA ASSAINAR
MUMBAI

Two fishermen are missing, while 11 were rescued after a fishing boat capsized around 12 km off Gorai beach in north Mumbai on Tuesday afternoon.

According to the police, the boat, *Lucky Star*, had left for fishing at 7 a.m. on August 1, with 13 fishermen on board. "After learning of the alert of heavy rainfall from August 4, they started to return. But around 9 a.m. on Tuesday, the boat capsized some 10 nautical miles from Gorai. Another fishing boat, *God King*, from Uttan coastal town, which was passing by, rescued 11 fishermen around 1.30 p.m.. Howev-

er, two of them are still missing," senior police inspector Sanjay Narkar from Gorai police station said. The vessel too has not yet been found, he confirmed. The missing two have been identified as Mangesh Kadam (24) and Satish Jagtap (25), residents of Gorai Koli Wada.

The disaster management department of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, fire brigade, coast guard, police, and maritime board, along with a helicopter from the Navy are involved in the rescue operations, Mr. Narkar said.

Collapse in Vakola
Meanwhile, a residential

chawl of two rooms collapsed at Agripada in Vakola around 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, due to heavy rain. The one plus one structure was near a nullah, and a 26-year-old woman and her two daughters, aged seven and one, were swept away after the chawl came down. Her third daughter Shivanya, aged two, was rescued by locals and admitted to a hospital in Vakola.

The bodies of the woman, Rekha Kakade, and one-year-old Janvi were found by a National Disaster Response Force rescue team in the evening. At the time of going to press, a search was under way to find seven-year-old Shreya.

the hospital said.

The Bombay High Court adjourned its virtual hearings in various cases as many staff members could not

reach the court, an official said. The court will now hear the matters on Wednesday, an official said.

The State government al-

so announced a holiday for all its offices in Mumbai city and suburbs on Tuesday in view of the heavy rainfall in the metropolis.

3 DEAD IN MUMBAI RAINFALL



■ Commuters waded through a waterlogged street in Mumbai on Tuesday. BHUSHAN KOYANDE/ HT PHOTO

■ Heavy rainfall in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region claimed three lives in separate incidents, as the monsoon woes of waterlogging, damaged structures, suspended trains and traffic jams resurfaced.

■ The India Meteorological Department issued a red alert for or Mumbai, Thane, Palghar, Raigad, Pune, Ahmednagar and Nashik districts of Maharashtra for Wednesday.

IMD: Intense rain likely in central, peninsular regions

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NEW DELHI: A low-pressure area has formed over the North Bay of Bengal for the first this monsoon season since June 21, which is likely to cause intense rainfall in central and peninsular India over the next three to four days, India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Tuesday. North-west India, including Delhi which had a rain deficiency of 28% as on Tuesday, is likely to largely remain dry during the period.

IMD said the monsoon is in its active phase over Konkan and adjoining areas of the western coast, Odisha, and West Bengal. A cyclonic circulation is also lying over south Gujarat, which has strengthened monsoon flow over the Arabian Sea. Most parts of Konkan and Goa, including Mumbai, have been receiving heavy rain. The low-pressure area over the West Bengal-Bangladesh coast is likely to move overland and reach Gujarat on August 7 across central India. "It will bring extremely heavy rain on its path covering Chhattisgarh, east Madhya Pradesh, west Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat. The rain deficiency over central India will reduce this week," said Jenamani.

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A vehicle stuck on a waterlogged street following heavy rain in Mumbai.

HEAVY RAINS BATTER MUMBAI

200 MM RAINFALL

- Mumbai and suburbs lashed by heavy rain since Monday
- Showers are likely to continue for next 48 hours

- The downpour crippled normal life and disrupted rail and road traffic in the maximum city and surrounding areas on Tuesday
- Many roads were inundated and several houses in low-lying areas were flooded