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निदेशक (तकनीकी प्रलेखन)

Rain alert after hot and humid days

DEBRAJ MITRA

Calcutta: After a lingering spell of heat and humidity, the city is tipped to get heavy rain on Tuesday.

A low-pressure area is expected to form over the north Bay of Bengal on Tuesday, the Met office has said. The system is likely to trigger widespread rain across south Bengal over the next two days.

"The system is still a cyclonic circulation over northwest Bay. It is tipped to intensify into a low pressure tomorrow," an official said.

"On August 4, heavy to very heavy rain is likely in some pockets of Nadia, Birbhum, East and South 24-Parganas, Howrah and Hooghly. Heavy rain is expected in some pockets of all other south Bengal districts," said Sanjib Bandyopadhyay, deputy director general, India Meteorological Department, Calcutta.

"The showers will continue on Wednesday but the western districts of Bengal, like Purulia, Jhargram and Bankura, are likely to get more rain."

Calcutta is also tipped to see one or two spells of heavy rain on Tuesday, said a Met official. The intensity of the showers will go up in the second half of the day.

If the forecast comes true, the city will see heavy rain after a while. Most of July was rainy but it was not "classical monsoon rain". The rains in the city were caused by local thunder clouds and not because of any system over the Bay.

"Since there was no monsoon on the Bay, the monsoon trough remained stationed on the foothills of the Himalayas. Now, the trough has come down," the Met official said.

The weather in Calcutta has been hot and humid during the day for the past several days. The sweaty conditions will not go away but a spell or two of heavy rain could offer some temporary relief, a weather scientist said.

Monday was sweaty in Calcutta. The maximum temperature was 37.1 degrees, five notches above normal. The minimum relative humidity was 55 per cent.

July, usually the rainiest month with a quota of around 400mm of rain, saw around 350mm this year, according to figures with the India Meteorological Department, Calcutta.

The deficit is around 10 per cent but the predictions come with a margin of around 20 per cent, the Met official said. July 2019 was among the driest in recent memory, with only 160mm of rain in the city.

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Paddy fields under water following heavy rain at Janekere village in Sakleshpur taluk of Hassan district on Tuesday.
(Right) A motorcyclist braves rain in Davangere. DH PHOTOS

Inflows to dams swell as rains lash catchment areas

Heavy showers in Malnad; red alert in coast

BENGALURU, DHNS

A red alert was issued to coastal districts of Karnataka on Tuesday, as heavy showers lashed coastal and Malnad districts. Due to widespread showers in catchment areas, a flood warning was issued downstream of Kabini dam in Mysuru district.

Inflow to major reservoirs across River Krishna is expected to swell in the coming days as India Meteorological Department issued red alert for catchment areas of the river in Maharashtra till Thursday. With successive floods in

the month of August in 2018 and 2019, authorities say measures were in place to prevent such incidents this year.

Kabini, a relatively smaller dam received inflows in excess of 10,000 cusecs on Tuesday prompting, a flood alert to villages downstream. Inflow to Almatti dam in North Karnataka too was around 10,000 cusecs and it is expected to swell as heavy rainfall continued in parts of Maharashtra. Linganamakki dam in Shivamogga district received an inflow of 38,428 cusecs. Due to high inflow to Tunga dam, around 45,000 cusecs of wa-

ter was released from there during the day.

Parts of Hosanagara taluk in Shivamogga district received 194 mm rainfall as of 8.30 pm. Parts of Uttara Kannada, Hassan, Chikkamagaluru and Kodagu districts also received rainfall in excess of 100 mm.

Overcast conditions are expected to prevail in South Interior Karnataka for the next three days and fairly widespread rainfall is forecast during the period.

Speaking to *DH*, Manoj Ranjan, Commissioner, Karnataka State Disaster Management Authority, said that heavy rainfall is expected to continue in parts of the state for the next few days. Due to the integrated approach for reservoir management between Karnataka and Maharashtra, measures are in place to control the outflow of the

reservoirs, he said.

"In a departure from the practice of stocking up water in dams and releasing it in a go when inflows continue, we are factoring in rainfall forecast and are releasing water accordingly," he said. If very heavy rainfall is forecast, water is released before high inflows reach the dam.

Meanwhile, heavy rains disrupted normal life in Sakleshpur of Hassan district on Tuesday. Kadamane, Devalakere, Maranahalli, Shiradi Ghat, Bisile, Kaginahare and surrounding areas received 240 mm rains. Janakere, Kyana-halli and other areas recorded 160 mm.

Rainwater inundated paddy fields, affecting agriculture activities at several villages, in the region. Heavy rains accompanied with gusty winds uprooted hundreds of trees and electric poles. A huge tree

fell on Bengaluru-Mangaluru national highway, affecting traffic.

Assistant Commissioner M Girish Nandan appealed to farmers not to cross the streams and rivulets. Those living in low-lying areas should shift to safer areas. The people should immediately contact the taluk administration, in case of emergencies, he said.

As much as 25,000 cusecs of water was released from Kabini dam following copious rains in the catchment areas. The maximum level of the dam is 2,284 ft and the water storage level has reached 2,280 ft. The office of the executive engineer, Kabini Reservoir, has issued a flood alert, asking the people residing in villages downstream, to move to safer places.

Dharwad city has been receiving heavy rains for the past two days.

Flood threat looms large in Kodagu

Rivers Cauvery and Lakshmanatheertha in spate

MADIKERI, DHNS

The flood-hit Kodagu district is in high alert as Rivers Cauvery and Lakshmanatheertha are flowing above the danger level due to heavy rain.

Triveni Sangama in Bhagamandala is almost full, while River Cauvery is flowing on Bhagamandala - Ayyangeri road. Waterfalls in the district are in glory while the rivulets and streams are in full flow.

Paddy fields in Bhagamandala and Cherambane are inundated. The old bridge across River Lakshmanatheertha at Balele is inundated.

With the catchment areas receiving heavy rain, the inflow into Harangi reservoir has increased drastically. Ac-

cordingly, water is being released into the river. By noon, 5,500 cusecs of water was released into the river.

Residents of Kushalnagar are facing the threat of floods for the third consecutive year.

People living on the banks of River Cauvery in Karadigodu were shifted to safer locations as the river was flowing at danger level.

Earlier, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) personnel, District Disaster Management Officer Ananya Kumar and police and revenue department officials visited the spot and assessed the situation.

People living in the close proximity to River Cauvery in Siddapura, too, are vulnerable to floods.

The district administration has set up relief centres for the flood affected. Covid-19 patients, if any, among the flood victims, will be admitted to the designated Covid-19 hospital and their family members will be kept in quarantine in the Covid centres.



Movement of vehicles was affected following landslide in Madikeri on Tuesday. DH PHOTO

12 rhinos among 151 animals killed in Kaziranga due to floods

GUWAHATI, DHNS: A total of 151 animals including 12 iconic one-horned rhinos have died in Kaziranga National Park due to the flood Assam has been witnessing since May this year.

The flood bulletin issued by Kaziranga authorities said 81 animals drowned in floodwater while 21 died after being hit by vehicles while crossing the NH-37 passing through the park. Rest of the animals died in flood-related mishaps.

Hog deers bore the maximum brunt as 50 of them died due to flood. Wild boars, wild buffalo, swamp deers also died in floodwater, the bulletin said.

The animal death toll could further go up as 50% of the 434 sqkm park still remained inundated on Tuesday.

Kaziranga—a Unesco World Heritage site since 1985 and one of the major tourist attractions mainly due to its iconic one-horned rhino population (2,413 in 2018) is sandwiched between the river Brahmaputra and Karbi Anglong hills.

As the Monsoon rain in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh hills raise the water level will inundate the park, animals are often seen rushing to Karbi Anglong hills to avoid the floods.

Rain batters Mumbai; Rail-road services hit

Two fishermen go missing; 200 boats said to be at sea

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MUMBAI, DHNS

At least seven people were killed as heavy rains pounded the Mumbai metropolitan region (MMR) and the coastal Konkan belt in Maharashtra late on Monday night.

The road and rail services were paralysed in Mumbai, which recorded over 200 mm of rainfall from midnight till Tuesday morning.

According to weathermen, the same weather conditions would prevail until Thursday.

In Thane, a 15-year-old died of electrocution, while a woman drowned in Navi Mumbai. One person is said to have died of drowning in Ratnagiri.

In Mumbai's Santacruz area, four people fell into a drain after a retaining wall collapsed. Firemen recovered the body of a one-and-a-half-year-old girl while three persons were reported missing.

In Mumbai, a landslide along

the Western Express Highway in Kandivli slowed down the vehicle movement on the arterial road, while traffic was slow in the Eastern Express Highway. In Palghar, trees fell and tin rooftops got blown away or damaged in heavy winds, but there are no reports of casualties.

Around 200 fishing boats have ventured into the sea since August 1, and are yet to return. Two fishermen went missing while 11 were rescued after a boat got caught in heavy rains and capsized some 12 kilometres off Gorai beach in north Mumbai.

The rivers including Mithi, Oshiwara, Poisar and Dahisar are flowing in full force. People in slums have been asked to exercise precautions.

The catchment areas and dense forests in Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Tungreshwar Wildlife Sanctuary and Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary too received heavy rainfall.

The bus and train services in Mumbai and its suburbs were



Vehicles ply on a waterlogged street at Kurla during monsoon rains in Mumbai, on Tuesday. Mumbai and a few neighbouring districts are put on red alert for "extremely heavy rainfall" on Tuesday and Wednesday. PTI

affected because of waterlogging. There was, however, not much impact on people at large, as the majority of them are working from home.

The Maharashtra government declared a public holiday in Mumbai City and suburban twin districts, asking people to stay indoors.

Tourism Minister Aditya Thackeray, Mumbai Mayor Kishori Pednekar and Municipal Commissioner Iqbal Singh Chahal together inspected the situation in various parts of the city. The Bombay High Court adjourned its virtual hearings as many staff members could not reach the court.

Bihar flood situation worsens, 66 lakh hit

Overflowing rivers inundate new areas in the State; CM makes aerial survey

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The flood situation in Bihar deteriorated on Wednesday as waters from overflowing rivers originating in Nepal inundated fresh areas and the number of affected people rose to 66.60 lakh across 16 districts, a government bulletin said.

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar made an aerial survey of the affected areas of north Bihar and visited a village in Darbhanga district, which has been hit by the calamity.

No fresh casualty

According to the disaster management departments bulletin, the death toll in flood related incidents remained at 19 as no fresh casualty was reported.

The size of the flood-affected



An aerial view of the flood-affected Darbhanga district of Bihar on Wednesday. ■PTI

ed populace, however, grew by nearly three lakh since Tuesday and the number of panchayats hit by the calamity was 1,165, a rise of 13.

The number of people evacuated from badly affected areas, till date, was 4.80 lakh, the bulletin said.

Meanwhile, the Chief Mi-

nister set off for an aerial survey of various embankments situated along the rivers in spate which continued for an hour and a half before his aircraft landed at Darbhanga airport.

Darbhanga is the district worst-hit by the deluge, accounting for seven deaths

and 18.71 lakh affected people.

The Chief Minister visited a school in Maknahi village which has been converted to a relief camp-cum-community kitchen. He interacted with the inmates there and enquired about the facilities they were receiving.

Holding a tray full of biscuit packets, Mr. Kumar offered these to the children of the 15 families staying in the camp with his face, covered with a mask, betraying a broad smile.

Social distancing

He expressed satisfaction upon being told by the District Magistrate concerned that social distancing and hand hygiene were being adequately taken care of at the camp.

Maximum drenching



It's pouring: People wading through a flooded road at Byculla in Mumbai on Wednesday. Heavy rain lashed various parts of Mumbai. ■ EMMANUEL YOGINI