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Delhi witnesses heaviest rainfall this monsoon

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Cloudy skies, more rain forecast till Wednesday: IMD

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Capital witnessed the heaviest rainfall in 24 hours this monsoon, resulting in waterlogging and slow traffic movement at different parts of the city on Thursday.

As per the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Safdarjung weather station recorded 68 mm rainfall in 24 hours till 8.30 a.m. on Thursday.

Rainfall of intensity below 15.6 mm is considered "light", between 15.6 and 64.4 mm "moderate", and 64.5 mm and above is "heavy". Ayanagar station recorded 99.2 mm rainfall, Palam station 93.6 mm, and Ridge station 84.6 mm rainfall till 8.30 a.m.

"Generally cloudy sky with one or two spells of moderate rain/thunder-

Gurugram grapples with waterlogging woes again

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GURUGRAM

In one of the heaviest rain this monsoon, Gurugram received around 90 mm of rainfall, with maximum 150 mm in Patadui area on Thursday, causing waterlogging at several points. Narsinghpur, Khandsa and Biliaspur Chowk on NH-48 were also flooded.

showers," reads IMD's forecast for the city on Friday. Cloudy skies and rainfall are predicted every day in the city till Wednesday and the city has been placed in yellow alert till Monday.

"Waterlogging reported

The police sent across a series of traffic alerts in the morning from its Twitter handle, informing about waterlogging at Basai Road, Mata Mandir Road, IFFCO Chowk, Himgiri Chowk and Sector 46 traffic signal.

Many residents took to social media to express their anguish over power cuts and waterlogging.

on Raja Garden flyover and Mayapuri flyover both carriageways," Delhi Police said in a tweet on Thursday morning.

Waterlogging and tree felling were reported in several parts of the city.

Photo: Anindya Chatterjee/Anindya



WHEN HELPERS NEED HELP

A Delhi Police van got submerged in rainwater at the Pul Prahladpur underpass in southeast Delhi on Thursday morning. After the area's ACP's appeal for help, four local residents waded through the water to push the vehicle to safety | [More pictures on P4](#)

SEASON'S HEAVIEST SHOWERS

99.2mm Rain at Ayanagar in 24 hrs till 8.30am (Thursday). Palam 93.6mm, Ridge 84.6mm

64.4mm or more IMD's definition of heavy rainfall (24 hrs)

7.3°C Fall in max temp from Wednesday

Outlook More rain likely today, although of reduced intensity (light to moderate). Rain expected over next few days, including Aug 15

➤ Almost all city underpasses flooded. Heavy waterlogging at many other roads, residential areas around Mandi House, Mundka and Nangloi; shops in Sadar Bazar

➤ At least 20 trees down, many in south Delhi localities such as Hauz Khas, GK-II, Panchsheel Park

Downpour leaves many areas in state inundated

TRIBUNE REPORTERS

PANIPAT, AUGUST 13

With 174 mm rain, the highest in a day this monsoon, Sonapat was waterlogged today. The downpour started in the wee hours and continued throughout the day.

Municipal Commissioner Jagdish Sharma said arrangements had been made to drain out water. Power supply was also disrupted, causing inconvenience to residents.

The situation was similar in Panipat. Residential and commercial areas were submerged in knee-deep water, with blocked sewers aggravating the problem.



A portion of the roof which collapsed in Potli village of Yamunanagar on Thursday.



Motorists drive amid rain on the Delhi-Gurugram expressway on Thursday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: S CHANDAN

Mayor Avneet Kaur said the sanitary wing of the municipal corporation had cleaned all drains before the monsoon. She accused residents and shopkeepers of throwing garbage, including polythene, in drains.

GURUGRAM: Heavy rain left Gurugram waterlogged. Many parts of the Delhi-Gurugram expressway were submerged, throwing life out of gear.

Many residential areas were waterlogged. The parking of a housing society caved in in New Gurugram, leaving cars damaged.

"We have a monsoon operation plan. We manage traf-

fic and aid in diverting movement, removing water and getting broken down vehicles removed and repaired. The situation was under control and we managed to avoid massive jams," said Commissioner of Police KK Rao.

JHAJJAR: Heavy rain threw life out of gear in Bahadurgarh and Jhajjar. A majority of low-lying roads and residential areas were flooded.

"There is no system to drain out rainwater from the campus. We have raised the issue with the authorities, but to no avail," said an employee of the Civil Hospital in Jhajjar.

Arun Nandal, secretary of the municipal council, claimed that the water was drained out immediately after the downpour.

YAMUNANAGAR: A portion of the roof of a house collapsed due to rain in Potli village under the Radaur subdivision.

Members of the family, who were inside the room, had a narrow escape. Satish Kumar said household items were damaged.

KARNAL: Continuous rain left several areas waterlogged. Residents complained that cleaning of drains should have been done prior to the monsoon.



A house damaged due to rain at Tambru village in Jaisinghpur.

Rain damages houses in Palampur, Jaisinghpur

RAVINDER SOOD

PALAMPUR, AUGUST 13

Heavy rain in the Palampur region of Kangra for the past 24 hours has disrupted normal life. Several houses in the lower areas of Palampur have also been damaged and the power supply and traffic have been disrupted.

Houses situated on the hilltop in Tambru village of Jaisinghpur suffered extensive damage this morning. Piar Singh Thakur, whose house was damaged, said that the PWD had constructed a road adjoining his house a few years ago, resulting in large scale soil erosion.

He said that the PWD had assured him of constructing a

retaining wall to protect the buildings and check soil erosion. However, despite repeated visits to the PWD office and the local MLA, no wall had been constructed, he added.

He said that he and his son had invested their life savings in the construction of the house, which was on the verge of collapse because of unscientific cutting of hills and negligence of the PWD.

The Chhota Bhanghal area of Baijnath subdivision was also lashed by heavy rain in the past two days. Several roads in the valley were blocked, following heavy landslides. The movement of vehicular traffic to the internal parts of the area was suspended. No bus moved beyond Multhan.

Living Over Life: Rain Brings A Few Bucks For Drain Cleaners

Pankhuri Yadav and
Paras Singh | TNN

New Delhi: Heavy rain is not only a misery for commuters, but also for a particular group of workers. Ramesh Singh, 50, belongs to this group. He has been working as a drain cleaner for two decades and dreads the season as it means dire situations and a barrage of diseases. "Every time I step into a drain, I tell myself this could be the last time I am alive," Singh said at ITO on Wednesday. "But this is all we can do to eke out a living, the only way I can make money to feed my grandchildren because my son is jobless."

Rain means a source of earning for hundreds of others too. After Thursday's heavy showers, Jaldeep Singh, 46, was in knee-deep water at ITO yielding a bamboo stave to clear the roads of water. He sweeps streets otherwise, but during the rainy season is allocated the duty of clearing clogged drains. "We work on drains that are less than 3ft wide mostly on PWD roads, even though we are municipal corporation people," said Singh.

Singh comes from Laxmi Nagar in the city's east for his duties in the central zone. "Unlike others, we can't wear masks when we enter the dra-



Yogesh Kumar

TROUBLED WATERS: The cleaners concede that everytime they step into a drain, they tell themselves that it could be for the last time

A DRAIN CLEANER SAYS

This is the first time I got to clean a drain after a gap of a year... I always have some hesitation before going into a drain because the flow of water is unpredictable. But once in, there is no looking back

ins," Singh pointed out. It took four men like him almost four hours to get the ITO stretch free of water.

It is no pleasure for these men to enter the drains knowing fully well they are laying their lives on the line. "We take precautions, no doubt,

but it takes well over an hour to clean a drain. And as soon as it rains the next time, we are at the same job again," said Kamlesh.

Shri Pal has spent his whole working life ensuring the capital continues to function despite downpours. "We

are assigned to waterlogged areas in the morning," he said without enthusiasm. "Today, because the Independence Day rehearsal was to take place, we had to come here around 6am. We managed the waterlogging situation only around 3pm." Pal said that while the rest of the city fretted about Covid infection, they just had to brazen it out. "We take baths and apply mustard oil to sanitise ourselves after the shift," he disclosed.

Shashi Kumar, 54, met with an accident and thought he would lose his leg. Fortunately, he recovered after a month and after recuperating over a few months was able to join work. "This is the first time I got to clean a drain after a gap of a year," Kumar said. "I always have some hesitation before going into a drain because the flow of water is unpredictable. But once in, there is no looking back."

Kumar recognised that during the pandemic, it had become all the more important to sanitise himself before leaving his home and before meeting his family after work because men like him are ever susceptible to Covid infection. "But our work is important, else the situation in the capital would be worse than it already is," he reasoned.

