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Heavy rain claims 27 lives in Solapur, Sangli, Pune districts

Chief Minister asks State administration, Army, Navy, Air Force to be on high alert

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At least 27 people have died in rain-related incidents in Solapur, Sangli and Pune districts of western Maharashtra, officials said on Thursday. Over 20,000 people were evacuated to safer places in these three districts. Mumbai too witnessed waterlogging after overnight rains on Thursday.

"A total of 27 people have died due to rain-related incidents in Solapur, Sangli and Pune districts since Wednesday. Fourteen casualties are from Solapur district, nine from Sangli and four from Pune district," said an official from the Pune Divisional Commissioner's office.

The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) began rescue work in Pandharpur, where six people died in wall collapse on Wednesday, while over 6,000 people from 500 families were evacuated in Solapur.

In Pune, the police retrieved three bodies, including that of a woman, after four people on two two-wheelers were washed away in Daund taluk. Two NDRF teams stationed in Maval taluk have been deployed for rescue and rehabilitation efforts. While one team reached Pandharpur, the other was pressed into action in Latur in Marathwada.

Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray chaired a meeting to take a review of the flood situation and asked the State administration, Army, Navy and Air Force to be on high alert to tackle any emergency in parts of western Maharashtra and Marathwada.

In a statement, the Chief Minister's Office said, "NDRF teams have been stationed in Osmanabad, Solapur, Pand-



Rough ride: A bus trudges through the waterlogged Karad-Vita highway following heavy rain, in Karad on Thursday. •PTI

harpur and Baramati." The Chief Minister asked the administration to avoid loss of life, property and agriculture and expeditiously carry out assessment of the losses caused by the rains. He also directed the local administration to provide financial aid to the kin of those who lost their lives in the wall collapse in Pandharpur.

Thousands marooned

Relentless overnight rain led to massive property damage in Solapur and Pune districts, with thousands of villagers marooned by rising floodwaters in rural Solapur.

Rising levels of Sina river have affected residents in at least 100 villages in Madha and Mohol taluks in Solapur, with several livestock being washed away by the floodwaters. The Vakav village was entirely cut-off from the rest of the district by the swollen waters of Sina river.

As per the Solapur district administration, at least 1,000 people were evacuated from Pandharpur on Wednesday night. Authorities of the Vitthal-Rukmini temple trust said it would take the responsibility of feeding and lodging those

evacuated from their homes.

Two lakh cusecs of water were discharged from Ujjani dam since 10 p.m. last night. With rains providing a temporary reprieve to Solapur in the morning, the discharge has been reduced to one lakh cusecs. The rains have compelled authorities to shut traffic on Pune-Solapur road, as well as roads connecting Solapur to other districts like Bijapur in neighbouring Karnataka.

Intense and continuous showers saw an alarming rise in the water levels of all major rivers in western Maharashtra: the Panchganga in Kolhapur rose by seven feet, owing to massive rainfall throughout Wednesday night, while the Krishna river level in Sangli has risen by five feet in just three hours. All main roads in Sangli have been closed for traffic as a precautionary measure.

In Pune, overnight showers caused damage to property in the city with furious rainwaters mangling scores of two-wheelers parked in the open. In Baramati in rural Pune, a flood-like situation prevails as several residents have moved to higher grounds for safety. The rains

have led the Savitribai Phule Pune University to postpone the final year examinations scheduled for Thursday.

As per a notification put up on the varsity's website, authorities said it was postponing the online and offline exams given the flood-like situation and the fact that the civic administration had issued a cyclone and heavy rainfall alert. They said the revised schedule would be announced soon.

In Pune city, Katraj-Sinhagad Road, Sahakarnagar and Shivajinagar areas were badly hit with water entering houses, including Patil hospital on Sinhagad road.

PMC to blame, says Sule

Baramati MP and Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader Supriya Sule visited the worst-hit areas in Katraj in Pune city later in the day. Hitting out at the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) controlled-Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC), Ms. Sule said it was responsible for the deplorable state of the city's public works. She said, "A similar situation occurred last year in which more than 20 people lost their lives owing to intense bouts of rain. But it appears that the PMC has not grown any wiser and is not expending sufficient funds to improve the city's anti-rain infrastructure."

BJP leader and Pune Mayor Murlidhar Mohol said that no one ought to play politics over natural calamities. He said, "The BJP has only been in power for the last three years in the PMC. It was the NCP and Congress who were in power for the past two decades in the civic body. So, why weren't any repairs carried out then?"

(With PTI inputs)

Hyderabad residents relieved as water recedes

Locals had to deal with muck washed up to their streets; power restored

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The skies cleared on Thursday after heavy rain battered Hyderabad, giving residents the much-needed relief. While water from many flood-hit colonies receded, distress calls continue to pour in.

According to data released by the Telangana State Development Planning Society, Rajendranagar received 41 mm rainfall in the last 24 hours. Hayatnagar recorded 40 mm, and Mehdiapatnam witnessed 39 mm rainfall. L.B. Nagar, Kapra, and Goshamahal received the lowest rainfall in the last 24 hours.

Hyderabad City Police Commissioner Anjani Kumar on Thursday pointed out the hardship faced by those living on the south of Musi river, which comprises large parts of the Old City. He tweeted, "South zone too suffered a lot from the fury of heavy rains. Every PS of SZ remained alert from the first

hour. Along with me, many senior officers personally supervised the rescue operations. We had to call Army at Al Jubail Colony for operations. Community had faith and it helped."

After the deluge, and the subsequent receding of waters, areas such as Chaderghat, Moosanagar and Shankar Nagar, a low-lying area where several houses were submerged in the Musi flood, were dealing with muck washed up to their streets and houses.

After respite for several hours on Wednesday, the rains pounded the city briefly at night. The Gurram Cheruvu in Balapur area began to overflow. Public representatives attempted to contain the water by stacking sand bags.

WhatsApp to the rescue

Meanwhile, WhatsApp chat groups began coordinating relief work. Users shared information such as the need



Raining worry: People being shifted from the old city of Hyderabad on Thursday. • NAGARA GOPAL

for volunteering and relief in flood-hit areas.

Locals and volunteers of non-government organisations continued to deliver cooked food and dry ration packs to those in need. Till late on Wednesday night, pleas for help came from Uppal, Al Jubail Colony, Nadeem Colony, and Hashama-

bad. Some parts of these neighbourhoods continued to grapple with flooding as waters had not fully receded.

Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) officials along with elected public representatives Asaduddin Owaisi and others took stock of the situation and visited Nadeem Colony,

among other places. Mr. Owaisi said there was a breach in Palle Cheruvu and that the authorities have been alerted.

Connectivity problems

While power was restored in many areas in the city on Wednesday, supply in parts like Film Nagar, Suchitra, Er-

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Flash floods claim 50 lives in Telangana



NDRF personnel help in evacuating residents from a flooded neighbourhood after heavy rainfall in Hyderabad on Thursday. At least 50 people have died in the rains in Telangana in the last few days, the state government said.

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Met dept predicts intense cyclones, colder winter this year

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NEW DELHI: This year could see frequent and more intense cyclones over the Bay of Bengal during October-November and a relatively higher frequency of cold waves during winter season, India Meteorological Department chief M Mohapatra has said.

"We associate La Nina years with a higher frequency of intense cyclones over Bay of Bengal and colder winters. But many other factors influence the winter. A forecast will be issued in November for the winter months. But if we consider only the impact of La Nina then that is definitely linked to colder winters," Mohapatra said in response to a query during a webinar organised by National Disaster Management Authority.

La Nina conditions have

already set in, he said.

IMD in its El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) bulletin for October said currently, weak La Nina conditions are prevailing over equatorial Pacific and sea surface temperatures (SSTs) are below normal over central and eastern equatorial Pacific. El Niño and the Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is a periodic fluctuation in sea surface temperature and the air pressure of the overlying atmosphere across the equatorial Pacific Ocean according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ENSO has a major influence on weather and climate patterns such as heavy rains, floods and drought.

El Niño has a warming influence on global temperatures, whilst La Niña has the opposite effect.

In India for example, El Niño



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is associated with drought or weak monsoon while La Nina is associated with strong monsoon and above average rains and colder winters.

The latest forecast indicates cooling of SSTs will most likely continue and weak La Niña conditions are likely to turn

into moderate La Niña conditions during coming months and sustain till early part of the next year.

No cyclone has developed this October yet. But the depression over north interior Karnataka and adjoining areas of Maharashtra that moved west-northwestwards has weakened into a well-marked low-pressure area over south Maharashtra.

It is likely to move further west-northwestwards and emerge into eastcentral Arabian Sea off the Maharashtra coast by October 16.

It is then very likely to intensify into a depression again during subsequent 24 hours over eastcentral and adjoining northeast Arabian Sea off Maharashtra – south Gujarat coasts, move gradually west-northwestwards and intensify further.

Monsoon withdrawal from

northwest India will resume only after these weather systems subside and rain stops.

"Due to La Nina the atmospheric circulation patterns change. There are more western disturbances which bring snow and rain to northern India and cold air from the north infiltrates other parts of northwest India also. This is why La Nina is associated with cold winters. Similarly, the frequency of cyclone formation increases but slightly to the north from its normal position. So you may see more cyclones forming near Odisha, West Bengal, Bangladesh and they have a higher chance of recurring as opposed to cyclones forming near Tamil Nadu or south Andhra Pradesh coasts during non-La Nina years. We are expecting moderate La Nina till the end of the year," said DS Pai, climate expert and scientist at IMD Pune.

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