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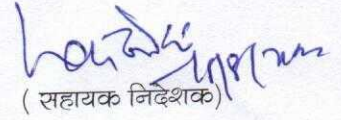
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People stand next to a car partially covered in mud due to flooding after a heavy monsoon rainfall in Jaipur on Friday. AFP

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Tungabhadra dam nearing full capacity; flood alert sounded

HOSAPETE (BALLARI), DHNS

The Tungabhadra reservoir is inching closer to its full capacity. On August 14, the water-level in the dam stood at 1,630.66 feet, just three feet short of its full reservoir level.

The dam has 91.98 tmcft of water as against its full storage capacity of 101 tmcft. Inflow into the dam clocked 51,177 cusecs on Friday. It was 50,609 cusecs on Thursday. The reservoir has received copious inflows in the first two weeks of August owing to torrential rains in its catchment areas in Malnad.

With the dam nearing full capacity, the Tungabhadra Board has sounded a flood alert for three basin districts in Karnataka and two in undivided Andhra Pradesh as there is a possibility of releasing water



Tungabhadra reservoir is just three feet short of its full reservoir level. The live storage level in the dam stands at 91.98 tmcft as against its full capacity of 101 tmcft. DH PHOTO

to the river anytime.

"People should not venture into river or take their cattle for grazing in river bed. The

district administration of Koppal, Ballari, Raichur, Karnool and Mahbubnagar should take appropriate measures in this

KRS dam almost full

The Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) dam in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district, is just half-foot short of reaching the maximum level of 124.80 ft, reports DHNS from Mysuru.

The water level as on August 14 was 124.25 ft. The dam is expected

to reach the maximum level by Saturday morning, according to Cauvery Neeravari Nigam officials.

The dam has received 16 feet water in the last 10 days. The inflow, as on Friday evening, was 10,941 cusecs while the outflow was 3,864 cusecs.

regard," a Tungabhadra Board release stated.

Normally, the Tungabhadra Board celebrate the Independence Day by opening all 33 crest gates. This year, the

board is expected to lift all crest gates at 5 pm on Saturday and the preparation for the same is underway. However, the reservoir has been closed for public in the wake of pandemic.

Godavari flows at danger mark; many shifted to safety

9,000 families affected in East and West Godavari districts

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The Godavari river is flowing at danger mark at Bhadrachalam. The level had touched 61.6 feet by 6 p.m. on Monday, and it may increase further, officials said.

Floodwater entered many island villages and people have been shifted to safer places. Officials have been cautioning people over the rising water level in West and East Godavari districts of Andhra Pradesh.

Polavaram Sub-Collector R.V. Suryanarayana said about 4,000 families were affected in 35 habitations in Velerupadu, Polavaram and Kukunur mandals.

"By afternoon, about 1,500 families, mostly Adivasis, had been shifted to safer places," the Sub-Collector said.

East Godavari District Collector D. Muralidhar Reddy, who visited the affected villages, said floodwater entered about 70 habitations in Amalapuram, Mummidivaram



Homes submerged: A family wading through a flooded street in East Godavari district on Monday. ■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

and other areas and in the merged mandals. About 5,000 families were affected, he added.

Be alert, says KCR

Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao asked the officials to be alert to prevent loss of life and property in the wake of heavy rains and floods across the State. He asked the officials to take precautionary mea-

sures on a war-footing with the forecast of heavy to very heavy rains for the next couple of days. At a review meeting held at Pragathi Bhavan in Hyderabad on Monday, the Chief Minister directed the officials to set up control rooms at every level and not to hesitate on expenditure for taking up relief measures.

(With inputs from Hyderabad bureau)

Incessant rain kills 7 in 2 days in Gujarat

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AHMEDABAD

Seven people were killed in rain-related incidents in Gujarat in the last two days as intense spells caused flooding and water-logging, prompting the government to deploy 13 teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) in the State, officials said on Monday.

Widespread rain lashed many areas in the State in the day, with Mandvi taluka in Surat receiving 249 mm between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. The Met department has predicted "heavy to very heavy rain at isolated places" in different parts of the State during the next three days. "Seven people have died in various rain-related incidents in Gujarat on August 15 and 16. We have deployed 13 teams of the NDRF to tackle any emergency situation," relief commissioner Harshad Patel told reporters in Gandhinagar.

Heavy rain prompted authorities to suspend traffic on 195 roads, including 16 State highways, during the day, a government release said. Dolvan in Tapi district received 205 mm rainfall, followed by Talala in Gir-Somnath (180 mm), Valod in Tapi (156 mm), Vandsa in Navsari (155 mm), Waghai in Dang (135 mm), Mahuva in Surat (132 mm), Vyara in Tapi (114 mm) and Jodia in Jamnagar (110 mm), the release said.

Rain also lashed parts of arid Kutch district, including Mandvi (133 mm) and Mundra (132 mm), it said.

The fresh spell of rain has lifted water stocks in several dams. Gujarat has so far received 79.44 per cent of its average annual rainfall, the release said.

A high alert has been issued as 94 dams are 90% filled, while an alert has been sounded for 10 dams which are 80% to 90% full.

Rain-washed Rajpath



Hazy Capital: Vehicles moving past Rajpath in New Delhi during showers on Monday. ■ SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Biz as usual, city wades through waterlogged roads

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Heavy rain during the peak hours choked portions of Outer Ring Road and Ring Road and many arterial stretches on Monday afternoon. Traffic police said that major snarls occurred near Kalkaji and Moti Bagh due to severe waterlogging.

Traffic from IGI Airport was affected after a bus broke down due to waterlogging near Palam flyover on the carriageway going towards Palam Village. Rohtrak Road also got choked due to flooding near Rajdhani Park.

Police said that in the past few weeks, rain had carved deep potholes on many major roads leading to traffic jams and breakdown of vehicles. Shoddily repaired roads added to the mess.

The snarls began around 2.30pm when the showers gained momentum. The waterlogging near Kalkaji stalled some small cars after water entered their engines. While the drivers struggled to remove the vehicles from the road, a jam built up behind them

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stretching till Modi Mill.

A bus broke down around the same time near Moti Bagh choking Ring Road till Safdarjung Enclave. "Once arterial roads get blocked, the other stretches connected to them also get affected. A ripple effect of the jams chokes the entire zone within no time," said

a traffic police officer.

PWD said that a combination of severe waterlogging and potholes affected the movement of commuters on Rohtrak Road near Rajdhani Park. The national highway has emerged as a perpetual trouble spot because of dysfunctional drainage lines. Si-

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laints of waterlogging were received from Karkardooma and Arya Nagar in Shahdara South zone and Jafraabad from Shahdara North zone. "A tree fell near 30 Foota Road in Mahanpuri and we sent a maintenance team to remove it," a senior EDMC official said.

Despite south Delhi witness-

ing a strong spell of rain, the monsoon report of the civic body showed very few cases of waterlogging. A senior SDMC official said that till 7.30pm waterlogging complaints were received from Kalkaji and New Friends Colony in central zone and Madhu Vihar and Radharpuri in Najafgarh zone.

Orange alert: Delhi braces for more rain

Met Dept Warns Of Moderate To Heavy Showers Over Next 3 Days; Monsoon Quota May Hit Surplus

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The capital recorded light to moderate rain on Monday evening with the mercury settling at 35.7 degrees Celsius — two notches above the normal for this time of the season.

Meanwhile, the IMD has issued an "orange" alert for the city for the next three days with moderate to heavy showers likely expected. Delhi has, so far, received "normal" rain, with the earlier deficit wiped out by last Thursday's spell, which was the heaviest of the season.

"Most parts of the city are likely to see moderate rain from Tuesday with some locations recording heavy rain too. This will continue till Thursday, with light rain expected on Friday. There is a chance Delhi's overall rain could even touch the surplus range by Friday," a met official said.

Safdarjung — Delhi's base station — recorded 23.2mm of rainfall between 8.30am and 5.30pm on Monday, while Lodhi Road recorded 24.9mm rainfall during the same period.

This season, the capital has received 338.4mm of rainfall so far, as against a normal

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mark of 395.1mm — which comes to -14%. If rainfall is between -19% and 19%, it is classified as "normal" rain. However, exceeding 19% places it in the "excess" category. A deficit of -20% and more, meanwhile, places the rainfall in the "deficient" range.

The city has been recording some of its best air this week, with a "good" air day recorded on August 13 when the AQI touched 50. Since then, the AQI has been hovering in the "satisfactory" range and

was recorded at 66 on Monday. SAFAR — a body under the Union ministry of earth sciences has forecast the AQI to drop once again in the next few days owing to widespread rains.



"Fairly widespread rain is likely to continue in Delhi for the next 24 hours and likely to intensify thereafter. AQI is forecast to stay between the lower end of the 'satisfactory' and the 'good' category for the next two days," SAFAR stated on Monday.

Flooding, snarls: Rain brings city to halt again

BOGGED DOWN Civic bodies maintain that adequate arrangements were in place and the water that accumulated on the Capital's streets was pumped out immediately

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NEW DELHI: Rain lashed parts of the national Capital on Monday, leading to water logging and traffic snarls at a number of locations across the city.

According to officials of the India Meteorological Department, Delhi received moderate rainfall on Monday with the Safdarjung Observatory, representative of city's weather, recording 23.2 mm rain. Lodhi Road received 24.6 mm rain while Delhi Ridge got 6.4 mm. Palam received 0.6 mm while Aya Nagar received only traces of rainfall.

The Met department has forecast light to moderate rainfall over the next two days. However, a heavy spell is likely around the same time.

The Delhi traffic police and civic and road-owning agencies said water logging was reported in around 25 places in the city. Some of the locations where water accumulated on roads include Tilak Bridge, Okhla Sabji Mandi, Begampur, Kirari, areas near Batra Hospital, Rajdhani Park Metro station, areas near Adhchini flyover, Bhairon Marg, areas near Lajpat Nagar Metro station, Maharani Bagh, Loni roundabout, Mandoli traffic signal and IP Flyover.

The Public Works Department (PWD) and civic bodies maintained that adequate arrangements were in place and the water that accumulated on main roads and streets was pumped out immediately.

"Immediately after receiving information about water logging, we installed temporary pumps and cleared roads of water within 15-20 minutes. Since the rainfall was not heavy, water logging took place at fewer places than usual," the PWD official said.



■ Vehicular movement slowed down in several areas due to water-logging after the rainfall on Monday. IMD has predicted more rain in the next two days.

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Due to water logging, commuters got stuck in traffic on Mathura Road, Ring Road near Maharani Bagh and Sarai Kale Khan, Vikas Marg, Tilak Bridge, Adhchini, Rohtak Road, Rohini among others.

"There were snarls at a few places due to water logging, but we deployed our staff at those spots to prevent jams from building up," said a senior traffic police officer.

DELHI TO SEE MORE RAIN

The Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC), Delhi, has issued an orange category warning for Tuesday in Delhi. One or two spells of moderate rain and thunderstorms are likely between Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning which can cause minor traffic disruptions, according to RMC. An orange category

warning implies that disaster management agencies should prepare to avert any rain or flooding-related disasters.

IMD also issued a red category alert for Tuesday in Uttarakhand and east Rajasthan for Wednesday in east Rajasthan, as the monsoon is likely to intensify over northwest India.

A red category warning implies that disaster management agencies should take action against rain or flooding-related disasters.

Delhi had a 13% monsoon deficit as on Monday morning, considered to be normal by IMD.

"We are also expecting some heavy spells of rain in certain parts of Delhi on Tuesday and Wednesday. Overall, the rain is likely to be in the moderate category. The monsoon trough is south of Delhi. For the next three or four days, it's likely to oscillate

near Delhi. Southwesterly winds from the Arabian Sea are bringing in a lot of moisture. There is also a cyclonic circulation over northeast Madhya Pradesh. The combination of these factors will bring rain to the entire north-western region till August 20," said Kuldeep Shrivastava, head, regional weather forecasting centre.

There is low pressure over northeast Madhya Pradesh and adjoining areas of north Chhattisgarh and southeast Uttar Pradesh.

It is very likely to move west-north-westwards and weaken during the next 24 hours.

Due to favourable conditions, IMD is expecting enhanced rainfall activity with heavy to very heavy showers over northwest India, including the western Himalayan region till August 20, IMD said in its Monday bulletin.

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Kangra-Ranital road blocked for 6 hours

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DHARAMSALA, AUGUST 17

A heavy landslide blocked traffic on the Ranital-Kangra highway for about six hours this morning, disrupting essential supplies to the Kangra valley. Heavy rain last night triggered landslides.

The Public Works Department (PWD) authorities deployed JCB machines to clear the debris, which took about six hours, to open the road. The stretch near Kangra is prone to landslides as the hills have been cut for road widening.



The Kangra-Ranital highway blocked due to a landslide caused by rains on Monday. PHOTO: KAMALJEET