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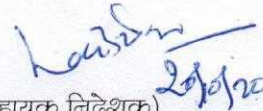
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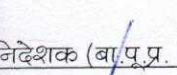
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Puja rain forecast no damper now

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Calcutta: The Met office has predicted a rain-soaked Durga Puja, which public health

experts consider good news in the season of pandemic as showers could prevent crowding at pandals and a consequent surge in Covid cases.

Satellite images studied by the Met office predicted a rainy spell in Calcutta and the rest of south Bengal between October 21 and 26 (Panchami and Dashami). The intensity of the rain is likely to peak on October 22, 23 and 24 (Sashthi, Saptami and Ashtami), according to the forecast. The southwest monsoon

starts withdrawing from the city from the middle of October. But not this year, said a Met official.

"The usual date of its withdrawal is October 12. But monsoon is witnessing a delayed withdrawal this year. A low-pressure area is likely to form over central Bay of Bengal on October 19 and become more marked over the next 24 hours," said a statement from the India Meteorological Department, Calcutta.

"The system is likely to move towards the Andhra Pradesh-Odisha coast. But a trough of low pressure is likely to form, extending from the system to Bangladesh. Under the combined influence of the

two systems, south Bengal will see significant incursion of moisture-laden south-westerly winds," said G.K. Das, the director of the IMD, Calcutta.

"Calcutta is tipped to get multiple spells of rain from October 21. The showers will last for the next five days. The intensity is likely to peak on October 22 to 24," said Das.

Because of high moisture incursion, the days are likely to be sweaty and uncomfortable, he said.

Doctors and public health experts are fearing a surge in the Covid-19 numbers after the Puja. The state government has asked the private health

care sector for more beds on standby.

"The rains might just help in arresting the surge if people chose to stay indoors," said a public health expert.

Last year and the year before had seen rain-free Durga Puja. But for Calcuttans, rain often emerges as the real Mahishasura during the Puja.

Last year, the Met office had issued a similar forecast — rainy but not a washout — for the Puja. Saptami to Dashami were humid but there was very little rain. It poured on Ekadashi.

The days leading to the Puja are likely to be sunny and hot. An odd-spell of rain is not

ruled out but before October 19, there is no other system in the making over the Bay, said a Met official. The days have been scorching in the city for the past few days now. The maximum temperature has been over 35 degrees for four days in a row. On Friday, the maximum temperature was 35.3 degrees, three notches above normal.

A low-pressure area over the North Andaman Sea that gradually intensified into a deep depression made landfall on the north Andhra coast on October 13, leading to a down-pour and flooding in several areas in Hyderabad.

The system has since lost steam, said a Met official.

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Swollen Bhima unleashes misery in K'buragi, Vijayapura

KALABURAGI/VIJAYAPURA/
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Although rain intensity has come down in Kalyana Karnataka and the undivided Vijayapura and Belagavi districts, the flood situation remained grim in the region.

The Bhima river, bolstered by heavy discharge of water from dams/barrages in its basin, is unleashing its destructive force in Kalaburagi district.

Heavy discharge of water from Veer and Ujani dams in Maharashtra and Sonna barrage in Afzalpur has triggered flood threat in over 100 villages in Chittapur, Afzalpur, Jewargi and Shahabad taluks.

An unprecedented 6.30 lakh cusecs of water was released into Bhima river from Sonna barrage. The swollen Bhima has damaged houses, road infrastructure and power lines in Kalaburagi, Vijayapura and Yadgir districts.

Most of the villages and towns, including the industrial town Wadi, have plunged into darkness for the past three days following the heavy showers which brought down power lines in the region.

The Buddhist sites Sannati and Kanaganahalli, and Chandrala Parameshwari temple in



Vast tracts of land under water as River Bhima is in spate in Saradagi village of Kalaburagi district on Friday. DH PHOTO/PRASHANTH H G

Chittapur taluk have gone under Bhima waters.

The road connectivity between Kalaburagi-Sedam, Chincholi-Bidar and Sedam-Chittapur has been cut off.

The state government has dispatched two helicopters to manage the flood situation in Bidar, Kalaburagi, Yadgir and Raichur districts.

Meanwhile, Krishna river near Raichur is surging at a drastic pace following the heavy discharge of water from Narayanapur reservoir (1.79 lakh cusecs) and Sonna barrage (3.05 lakh cusecs). The swollen Krishna has submerged the is-

land-villages in Lingasugur taluk. The residents of Gurjapur village have been evacuated to safety. Acres of ready-for-harvest paddy in Lingasugur and Raichur taluks have gone under water.

With Bhima river flowing above danger mark, the vehicular movement on the busy Vijayapura-Solapur national highway has been stopped.

The firemen and local fishermen rescued a family of seven, including five children, from an island in Doni river near Talikoti. A woman and her son were rescued from the flooded Hale Hingani vil-

PM assures help to K'taka

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday spoke to Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and assured the latter of all help in taking up relief and rescue operations.

"Spoke to CM @BSYB-JP Ji on the rainfall and flood situation in various parts of Karnataka. We stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers of Karnataka affected by the floods. Assured all possible support from the Centre in rescue and relief works that are underway," the PM tweeted.

lage on Bhima banks in Indi taluk.

Muttur and Tubachi villages in Jamkhandi taluk have turned into islands following a discharge of 1.5 lakh cusecs from Hipparagi reservoir. The low-lying bridges across Ghataprabha at Dhavaleshwar, Nandagaon and Mirji have gone under water.

The situation is no different in Chikkodi and Nippani taluks of Belagavi district, where scores of villages on Krishna river banks are facing flood threat.

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Mannur village in Afzalpur taluk, Kalaburagi district, goes under the floodwaters of Bhima river on Saturday, following a heavy discharge of water from Sonna barrage.



A man wades through water carrying food for his family members at Donna village in Afzalpur taluk on Saturday. DH PHOTO/PRASHANTH H G

Flood havoc continues in K'buragi, Vijayapura; Army called in

Raichur braces for flood woes with 10L cusec joining Krishna river today

KALABURAGI/VIJAYAPURA/
RAICHUR, DHNS

Two Bhima river basin districts - Vijayapura and Kalaburagi - are reeling under unprecedented floods.

A record 8 lakh cusecs of water from Sonna barrage in Afzalpur taluk, Kalaburagi district, has triggered imminent threat of flooding in 157 villages of Afzalpur, Kalaburagi, Jewargi, Chittapur and Shahabad taluks of Kalaburagi district and Sindagi taluk in Vijayapura.

More than 55 villages have already submerged under the floodwaters of Bhima river. More than 18,000 people evacuated from these villages.

Over 18,000 affected people have been put up at 120 kalaji (relief) centres opened across Kalaburagi district. According to preliminary estimates, household articles and food-grains in more than 20,000 houses had been damaged in the floods, Deputy Commissioner V V Jyotsna told reporters.

With many minor and major bridges, at Konehipparagi, Devangaon, Fattaragha and Kattisangavi, going under the Bhima waters, the road connectivity between Kalaburagi and Vijayapura is completely lost.

Tarapur village in Sindagi taluk has been completely submerged. The villagers and cattle had been evacuated since Friday. The situation is no different at Devangaon, Kadlewada, Byadagihal, Kumasagi villages.

However, the Vijayapura-Solapur highway has been opened for traffic on Saturday after the water level in Bhima receded in Chadchan taluk.

Rescue ops on war footing

A team of 98 Indian Army jawans from Secunderabad base was called for assistance in Kalaburagi as the flood situation in the district has worsened on Saturday.

This apart, two IAF helicopters have been kept stand-by at Bidar Air Force Station. Three NDRF teams and several rescue teams from the

state including the SDRF team from Mangaluru and Firemen from Bidar, are already at the ground zero, evacuating people and cattle from the flood-hit villages.

Also, hundreds of expert swimmers, divers and boats have been roped in from Bagalkot, Udupi, Uttara Kannada and Ballari districts

The swollen Ghataprabha and Krishna rivers have meandered their way through the sugarcane fields in Chikkodi and Jamkhandi taluks.

The historic Sangamanath Temple at Kudalasangama is facing submergence due to heavy discharge of water from Almatti reservoir.

Many barrage-cum-bridges in Belagavi district have still remained under Krishna waters. Datta Mandir at Nar-

asimhawadi on the confluence of Krishna and Panchaganga rivers has completely gone under water.

Meanwhile, an alarming 10 lakh cusecs of water is joining Krishna river - 8 lakh cusecs from Sonna barrage and 2 lakh cusecs from Almatti - in Raichur taluk. The Raichur and Yadgir district administrations have sounded a flood alert in the villages on the banks of Krishna.

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T'gana flood toll reaches 70, more rain likely

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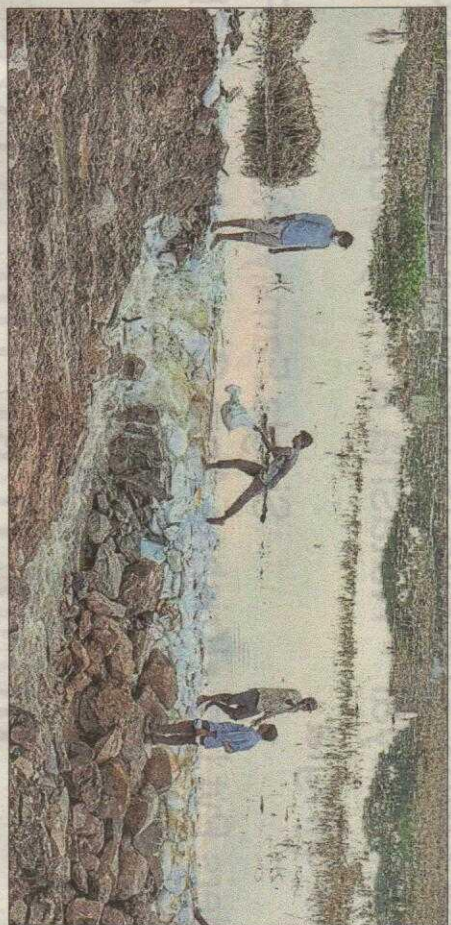
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HYDERABAD: As many as 70 people died in rain-related incidents during the past one week in the state, Telangana minister KT Rama Rao said on Monday even as he requested people in low-lying areas of the city to evacuate and move to relief camps as the Met department predicted heavy rains in the next two days.

KTR said the city received the second highest recorded rainfall after 1908, which forced the government to relocate about 37,000 from low-lying areas to relief camps.

According to him, 33 people in Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and adjoining areas, and 37 people in districts have lost their lives.

Urging people living in low-lying areas to shift to safer places and government-run relief camps following the India Meteorological Department's warning of insidious rainfall, the minister said thousands of people



Irrigation department employees repair an embankment after IMD forecast of heavy rain over the next two days, in Hyderabad on Monday.

will be moved to the camps in the next two days.

"We will minimise the life loss or will zero down the life loss as much as we can. (There were) 33 (deaths) in GHMC and about 37 (casualties) in districts. So, all together 70 people have lost their lives," the minister said.

He said, of the 33 casualties in the GHMC area, kin of the 29 deceased were compensated. A state government release on October 15 said the toll was 50 due to rain related incidents.

"IMD (India Meteorological Department) has already warned us that there would be heavy rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms. We know exactly which areas would be inundated. We are going to evacuate those colonies. We will go house by house and evacuate them. Thousands of people will be evacuated today, tomorrow and day after," he added.

Rama Rao said the state government was in touch with the Army and National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) to keep helicopters on standby in case of requirement following the Met department forecast.

A fresh spell of heavy rains on Saturday caused flooding on Sunday in parts of the city after it last week witnessed one of the worst deluges in recent times following unprecedented down-pour in over a century.

"We were able to minimise... Yes I agree things can be handled better and we will work out... We will certainly," he said.

The Telangana government in a preliminary estimate had pegged the losses at over ₹5,000 crore caused due to the rains and floods.



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