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MESS CONTINUES Three hours of rain exposes Capital's poor monsoon preparedness as streets, residential areas get waterlogged; portions of five roads cave-in; traffic crawls across city

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NEW DELHI: Just around three hours of rain on Wednesday morning threw the city into disarray, with prolonged snarls throughout the day made worse by at least five cave-ins and waterlogging on major arterial roads, leading to traffic being diverted, forming bottlenecks across the national capital. The downpour left several residential areas flooded, with the city's agencies getting into yet another blame game, days after Delhi witnessed waterlogging after the first heavy rain spell on Sunday.

The Capital in the last four days alone has recorded 120mm of rain. IMD data shows that between July 1 and July 20, Delhi received 124.9mm rainfall. Till July 19, Delhi had a rainfall deficit of 47%, which went down to 29% till Tuesday.

In the heart of the Capital, a section of Ashoka Road caved-in, causing a 10-feet fissure, forcing Delhi traffic police to cordon the stretch off and divert traffic. Vehicles had to be stopped on the stretch between the Windsor Place and Jaswant Singh roundabouts. A New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) official said, "The area around it has been cordoned off, and an NDMC engineering team is working on site to repair the sewer line and road."

Portions of roads also caved-in on the Mahipalpur bypass and the link road near Nawada metro station on Wednesday because of waterlogging. Traffic between Vasant Kunj and Mahipalpur was severely affected because of the cave-in on Mahipalpur bypass. The bypass is also an important connect for those travelling between Delhi and Gurugram.

According to the police, the snarls also took place due to diversions put in place after a portion of Bhairon Marg caved-in on Tuesday morning. Even before the rain started on Tuesday, during the morning peak traffic rush. vehicles were directed to take alternative routes, causing jams to cascade to Noida Link Road, Sarai Kale Khan, IP Estate, Vikas Marg, ITO, Delhi-Noida-Direct Flyway, Ashram, Mathura Road and Nizamuddin Railway Bridge. The rain made snarls worse during the day, traffic officials said.

"The cave-in on Bhairon Marg became a real problem as the stretch is already a traffic jamprone zone because of ongoing construction. Road maintenance agencies have started pumping water out, but the portion won't hold till the rain continues and the soil underneath dries," a senior traffic official said.

Complaints of miles-long delays were also reported from Chirag Delhi (towards Nehru Place), Mayur Vihar Link Road, Mathura Road (near Nizamuddin railway bridge), Lajpat Nagar (Ring Road), under Uttam Nagar Metro station, Munirka (under the flyover), and outside the Karkardooma court complex.

Sunaina Parimal Das, a commuter on the Noida Link Road, said it took her over an hour to reach Patparganj from Connaught Place on Wednesday evening. "I have not been able to

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travel at a speeds beyond 20kmph. From ITO, throughout Vikas Marg and then on the Noida Link Road, vehicles were moving at snail'space," she said.

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Similar chaos was also reported from Girdhari Lal Marg, Guru Ravidass Marg, under Mayapuri flyover, under Prahladpur flyover, Dhaula Kuan (towards Gurugram), Naraina (towards Loha Mandi), Ring Road (from Sarojini Nagar to Hyatt Hotel flyover), and Mahipalpur.

The scenes of traffic jams and waterlogging in different parts of thecity led to citizens posting pictures of vehicles caught in serpentine jams on the roads.

According to PWD and the civic bodies at least 63 places in the city reported waterlogging.

Just two days after severe waterlogging under central Delhi's Minto Bridge, as a precautionary measure, Delhi's traffic police diverted vehicles from the route for nearly an hour as water started accumulating on the road again on Wednesday after the shower. A 56-year-old man had drowned in the underpass on Sunday morning

However, while this saved vehicles from getting stuck on the Minto Road, Connaught Place was flooded with rain water, and saw vehicles crawling on the outer circle, Barakhamba Road and Mandi House roundabout.

While commuters had to brave the severe congestion, residential areas were not spared the effects of the rain, with areas such as South Extension-1, Lajpat Nagar, parts of Defence Colony, BK Dutt Colony reporting waterlogging.

In Defence Colony, for instance, waterflowed back onto the streets from drains.

Satyendar Jain, Delhi PWD minister, said waterlogging incidents are being tackled effectively. "Our priority is to clear roads of waterlogging immediately and for this we have deployed 1,400 pumps allover the city. In case of high-intensity rain, there may be waterlogging on streets at certain places but I assure that it would be cleared immediately," Jain said.

Anamika Mithilesh, mayor, SDMC, said water was pumped out immediately after rain stopped. "We have cleaned the drains, but people have started throwing garbage in the open in several places, which also causes problems," she said.

Jai Prakash, mayor, North Delhi Municipal Corporation, said, "We have desilted our drains, but since PWD's bigger drains are yet to be cleaned, water back flows in smaller drains and inundates residential areas and markets," he said.

SS Singh, an urban planner and a researcher at IIT-Delhi, saidlack of a proper pre-monsoon plan is the reason behind the repeat of this picture every year.

"This just shows how inept our agencies are in handling the basics of city planning. This year they might have an excuse that they were busy handling Covid-19 management, but we see roads flooded every year, what is their excuse for that?" Singh said.

Delhi traffic police in a statement said, "Additional staff was deployed to help direct traffic across the city."

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Capital covers rain deficiency after heavy spell

HT Correspondent

NEW DELHI: Delhi recorded "heavy" category rain in many parts of the city on Wednesday morning, with weather officials saying most stations covered the rain deficiency on Wednesday, which will be reflected in their records on Thursday.

Delhi's rain deficiency since June 1 was 43% on Tuesday, which reduced to 29% on Wednesday. Safdarjung recorded 67.3 mm, Palam 81.2 mm and Lodhi Road recorded 71.9 mm rain on

Rainfall of 64.5 to 124.4 mm in a day is considered 'heavy" by the India Meteorological Department (IMD). The heavy spell of rain is due to a combination of factors, meteorologists said.

The monsoon trough (line of low pressure) is passing south of Delhi. It is passing along Bikaner, Palwal, Badaun, Bahraich, Muzaffarpur and north-eastern states. Because Palwal is just south of Delhi, it is bringing a lot of rain here. There is also a trough (area of low pressure) in the westerlies. Moist south-westerly winds are blowing from the Arabian Sea. These are contributing to rain," said Kuldeep Shrivastava, head, regional weather forecasting centre.

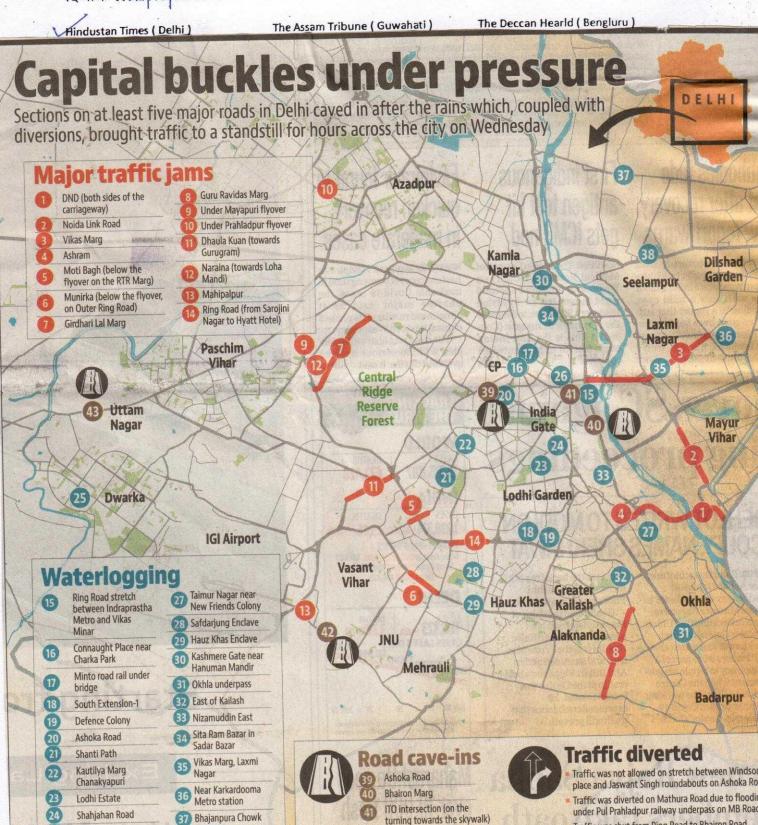
The monsoon trough is likely to shift to the east Thursday onwards, leading to gradual reduction in the rains. The western part of monsoon trough is now lying to the south of its normal position and eastern part runs close to the foothills of Himalayas. In addition, the convergence of moist southerly-southwesterly winds from Bay of Bengalover north-east and adjoining east India is likely to continue for 24 hours till Thursday

According to IMD's Wednesday bulletin, rain intensity and distribution over northwest India was likely to reduce significantly from Thursday but widespread and heavy rain is likely over central, east, northeast India and Maharashtra during the next three days.





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turning towards the skywalk)

Section on Mahipalpur bypass

Below Nawada metro station

Dwarka Sector 18

Near Hans Bhawan

Near Seelampur

Traffic was shut from Ring Road to Bhairon Road

Traffic was diverted from Minto Bridge for an hour

Monsoon deficit cut by more than a half

Second Downpour Brings Relief From Heat
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New Delhi: A week ago, it did not feel like monsoon had set in and Delhi had a rainfall deficit of 50%. However, the capital on Wednesday recorded its second "heavy" rainfall day of the season with waterlogged stretches being seen in most parts of the city.

Safdarjung, Delhi's base station, received 30.2mm of rainfall till 8.30am and another 67.6mm in the next nine hours. While Met officials have now forecast light showers on both Thursday and Friday, another good spell of rain is likely to occur on Saturday. The Palam station recorded the most rainfall on Wednesday receiving 81.2mm between 8.30am and 5.30pm, followed by Lodhi Road at 71.9mm.

Kuldeep Srivastava, scientist at IMD and head of Regional Weather Forecasting Centre, said the intensity of rain was likely to be lower on Thursday and Friday, but moderate to heavy rainfall could occur on Saturday, "Light rainfall will continue this week with some parts recording moderate showers. The intensity will increase on Saturday. Delhi's monsoon deficit has quickly been wiped out over the last few days," he said.

Overcast skies were recorded for a majority of the day reDelhi's maximum

Delhi's maximum

Delhi's maximum on Wednesday 27.5°C (7°C below normal)

Forecast for Thursday Light to moderate showers are likely to occur Rainfall on Wednesday (in mm)

Safdarjung 67.6

Palam 81.2

Lodhi road 71.9

Ridge 22.9

Aya Nagar 27.5

sulting in the maximum temperature settling at 27.5° Celsius, seven degrees below normal. The minimum, meanwhile, was 24 degrees Celsius. Delhi's relative humidity oscillated between 87% and 100% in the past 24 hours, a Met official said.

IMD data showed Delhi's overall monsoon deficit stood at 22% compared with 55% recorded last week. Srivastava said good showers were expected to continue till the end of the month. "The shift in the mon-

soon trough is finally bringing rain to the region," he added.

The forecast for Thursday showed light rainfall, with isolated parts of Delhi recording moderate showers. The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be around 34 and 24degrees Celsius, respectively.

The continuous spell of rain also kept Delhi's air quality in the "satisfactory" range over the pastfew days with an overall AQI of 59, according to Central Pollution Control Board data.

Roads cave in at two prime locations

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New Delhi: The second downpour this monsoon ended in caving in of potions of two roads in Lutyens' Delhi and one at Mahipalpur on Wednesday leading to long traffic snarls. Police said vehicles were either diverted to other stretches or allowed to ply in a single lane to prevent mishaps and avoid further damage to the roads.

A cave in was reported in the afternoon from Ashoka Road in central Delhi. Prior to this, a portion of the road near Palika Kendra had collapsed. These roads fall under the jurisdiction of New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC).

"We barricaded Ashoka Road at Windsor Place and Andhra Bhavan to prevent vehicles
from reaching the damaged
area. Traffic wasn't allowed
between Windsor Place to Jaswant Place roundabout. A diversion was made through Janpath," said a traffic policeman.

A NDMC official said that the cave in at Ashoka Road



occurred due to leakage in the sewer line. "Initially, it was assumed that the leakage was in CPWD's water supply, but when we dug the portion the sewer line was found punctured. We will try and complete the repa-

ir work today and reconstruct the damaged portion on Thursday for smooth movement of traffic," he added.

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The road near Palika Kendra collapsed due to loosening of soil. "We have filled the portion with debris and will repair it within 2-3 days. The one-metre cave in next to the side berm settled down due to the incessant rain. I think

incessant rain. I think cables were laid there some time ago and the spot was not filled properly," the official said.

At Mahipalpur, a portion of

the service lane used for Uturn caved in. Police said traffic going towards Vasant Kunj was stopped before the National Crime Records Bureau building. Commuters were diverted from Mahipalpur crossing towards Vasant Kunj. As a precautionary measure, both carriageways of Mahipalpur underpass were also blocked.

Meanwhile, NDMC received 17 complaints of waterlogging from Shantipath, Lodhi Estate, Kautilya Marg, Connaught Place (Charkha Park), Jamnagar House, Baba Kharak Singh Marg, among other places. Falling of trees was reported from 10 places, including Kasturba Gandhi Marg, opposite Lodhi Garden, Khan Market, Safdarjung Road, Mandir Marg, APJ Abdul Kalam Road, etc.

"A neem tree on the central verge of the road near gate 1 of Lodhi Garden fell down, blocking the entire stretch. The roots of the 70 year-old tree were dead, which could have caused the fall," said an official.

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from Jangpura Extension, D-Block Defence Colony, Vasant In the trans-Yamuna areas waterlogging complaints were received from Mayur Vihar Khajuri Khasand Geeta Colony Chaotic scenes of vehicles water were seen at the AIIMS intersection. A bus broke down near the flyover, further worse ning vehicular movement. Jyo the AIIMS flyover got choked due to waterlogging, in addiin the flooded area. "Whose ying for it?" she asked. She was

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You Wish For Rain And Then You Don

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New Delhi: Heavy rain on agencies in maintaining the Wednesday exposed the systemic failure of Delhi's civic drainage system. While kneenes on arterial roads across the city, even the colony roads led to trees falling at more than deep water caused chaotic sce maintained by the municipal at over 50 sites, gusty winds corporations were found floo ded. While water had collected 30 locations across the city.

A senior PWD official said that they got the maximum rators were present at all sites round the clock. However, the number of complaints was hunumber of complaints on Wed nesday this rainy season. "AL pumps were in place and ope ge owing to the heavy rainfall we flushed out water from the roads within 30 minutes. The which is why there was heavy waterlogging there," headded Despite the intense rainfall re are no drains in Burari

The official said that by the ve 15cm. However, employees end of this month, there were ted system to ensure that the soon as the water level rose aboplans to introduce an automa



While waterlogging was reported from over 50 sites, gusty winds led to trees falling at more than 30 locations

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A PWD OFFICIAL SAYS

related to falling of trees were said the central control room received assistance requests from Sazaar Sita Ram in the Walled City, Sadar Bazar, court lane in Civil Lines and Jamuna Bazaar. among other areas. All calls received from Rohini zone.

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> The situation was much worse in south Delhi. The mon-Municipal Corporation stated soon report by South Delhi

said, "Everyone knows that hea notalone as the anger of Delhii AIIMS premises. Anand Pal who was visiting the hospital vy rain wreaks havoc in Delh with road caves-ins and massi ve traffic jams. However, this ti tes poured on social media. 27 locations witnessed

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While water was reported

waterlogging, while there were 16 cases of trees falling. A portion of a wall fell in Arian Nagar near Kotla Mubarakpur.

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Chhail Bihari said all large drains were under the jurisdiction of PWD. "Waterlogding committee chairperson ging occurred because they North corporation stan were not desilted," he claimed

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BHARATPUR: A Central Bureau of all Investigation court in Mathura is sentenced 11 policemen, including a former Deputy Superinfendent of Police, to life imprisonment on Wednesday, a day of after holding them guilty in the Raja Man Singh.

The CBI had named 18 police The court also slapped a fine ₹10,000 on each of 11 officials

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Gangetic Plains from UP to the east," said Mahesh Palawat, vice systems move along the monsoon July 27 and 29 there is likely to be erly and easterly winds which can bring a lot of rain in the Indonortheast accentuating floods tral, northwest India. Between once again in Bihar and north trough bringing rain in east, cen a major confluence of south west president, Skymet Weather.

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A flooded street in Birbhum, West Bengal, on Wednesday.

nandling the flood situation in Assam, an official statement by The Centre will soon release 7346 crore as an initial amount for the central government said CENTRE TO ASSAM

Wednesday morning inundated low-lying areas of Bagaha, Gopalganj and Vaishali in Bihar.

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orecast that northwest India is ikely to get 103% of LPA while dicted in June. IMD, in its long soon rain at 107% of the long period average; Central India is Until July 22, northwest India northeast India has a surplus of expected to receive excess monsouth peninsula and northeas 'ndia area likely to receive 102% and 96% of LPA respectively with nas a deficiency of -16% and 16%, contrary to what was prerange forecast issued on June Meteorological Department. model error of 8% (+/-)

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months, bringing rain over the core monsoon region-mainly only one low pressure system this north-eastern region dry. These sure systems over Bay of Bengal since June 21. There has been monsoon until now. Low pressoon pull all moisture leaving the sure systems during the mon-"There has been no low-pres

systems then bring a lot of rain

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Choked drains flood Dasarahalli, Yelahanka after night-long rain

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A stormwater drain in Rukmini Nagar, T Dasarahalli, which breached following heavy rain on Monday night. (Centre) A woman clears out floodwater from her house in Rukmini Nagar. (Right) A large tree crashing on an auto in Vidyaranyanagar. DH.PHOTOS/B H.SHIVAKUMAR

Basement car park, ground-floor houses and sumps inundated

> HITA PRAKASH BENGALURU, DHNS

any localities in Dasarahalli and Yelahanka were inundated in Monday night's heavy rains due to a clogging of stormwater drains.

The control rooms at both Dasarahalli and the BBMPhead office received many distressed calls with complaints of compound wall collapse, falling of tree branches and flooding.

BBMP control room officials

disclosed to DH that water overflowed onto the streets of Belmar Layout, Gundappa Layout, HMT Layout in Chokksandra ward and Rukmini Nagar in T Dasarahalli, where people accused civic authorities of neglecting the clogged drains that caused waterlogging during the rainy season every year.

The four-foot-high water that flooded the streets entered the basement parking areas and sumps. "Encroachment of the Nelagedaranahalli stormwater parallel to Tumakuru Road is causing the flooding and clogging of the drains here," local resident BS Mahesh said. Around ten feet of the 33-foot-long stormwater canal has been encroached at one stretch, where water from HMT Layout, Dasarahalli Lake and Ramaiah Layout flows in. "The pressure created due to the encroachment results in water

Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC) revealed that the city received two centimetres of rain, with Doddabommasandra in Yelahanka receiving 91 mm. Chokkasandra, Bagalagunte, Nandini Layout, HMT Layout and Yeshwantpur Industrial Area in the Dasarahalli zone witnessed heavy rainfall of over 150 mm.

Downpour also lashed Jakkur and Yelahanka areas. Barring a few areas in Bengaluru South and RR Nagar, all parts of the city received moderate rainfall on Monday night. "The flooded houses are a part of a slum building next to the drains," said Narasimha Murthy, Joint Commissioner, T Dasarahalli, BBMP. "Officials have been desilting the drains. Drainage work has also been carried out in the last six months. Once the work is done, we'll build a retaining wall to prevent the overflow of water."

overflowing to the surrounding areas. This becomes even worse when drains are choked with silt and garbage," Mahesh said.

MLA R Manjunath and local Corporator Umadevi Nagaraj inspected the area and assured to resolve the problem. So far nothing has been done, Mahesh added. Those residing on ground floors have built brick walls of up to four feet height to stave off the

overflowing rainwater, even as the IMD predicted more rains in the coming days.

Monday night's downpour damaged bikes, cars, and furniture in several homes. Residents said the BBMP had released funds to people distressed by the flooding, but the process was riddled with lapses. Data provided by meteorologists at the Karnataka State Natural