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North Karnataka sinks 60-year record for most rainy days

Region received 651 mm rain in 46 rainy days

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The number of rainy days recorded during the current monsoon season in the north interior Karnataka region is the highest in the last 60 years.

While the Southwest Monsoon is yet to withdraw this year, Karnataka registered 50 rainy days between the normal monsoon period of June 1 to September 30, making it the second highest in 60 years.

The previous record for the

maximum number of rainy days was in 2010 when 52 rainy days were recorded between the period.

The monsoon, which piled woes on many parts of north Karnataka during the second week of October, is now set to withdraw in the next three to four days. According to forecasts, the Southwest monsoon will recede from the state by October 26.

During the monsoon season, the north interior Karnataka region had the highest rainfall during monsoon in 59 years. In



A file picture of a motorcyclist struggling to navigate on a flooded road in Dharwad. DH PHOTO

terms of rainy days - a 24-hour period when 2.5 mm or more rainfall is recorded - the region had 46, the highest in 60 years. The region received 651 mm against a normal of 457 mm between June to September.

For Karnataka, the number of rainy days touched 50 for only the third time in 60 years

in 2020. Previously 50 rainy days were recorded in 2010 (52) and 2009 (50).

G S Srinivas Reddy, senior consultant, Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC), told *DH* that there was relatively more rainfall this year due to the effects of rain causing systems

such as La Nina and Indian Ocean Dipole system - both of which were simultaneously active.

"In August, the number of low pressure systems were very high contributing to the rainy days in Karnataka," he said, noting that such systems were active for 28 days in August - one of the highest.

Late withdrawal

Withdrawal of monsoon has started slightly late, said Geeta Agnihotri, Director, IMD Bengaluru. "Rain-bearing low pressure systems are continuously forming in the Bay of Bengal. Rainfall being recorded in the state will stop in the next two-three days, after which we can expect the monsoon to withdraw from northern parts of India, she said.