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Country records 11% monsoon rain deficiency, northwest 30%

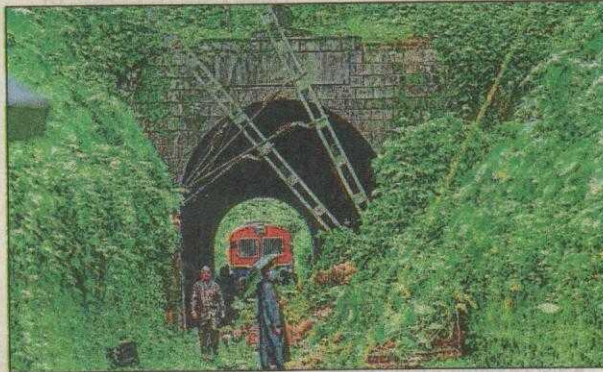
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NEW DELHI: With Delhi and neighbouring Faridabad receiving light to heavy rain on Wednesday, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said weather stations in the national capital at Safdarjung, Lodhi Road, and the Ridge recorded 9.3 mm, 13 mm and 33.2 mm rainfall respectively. Between 15.4 to 64.5 mm is categorised as moderate.

There was a 26% rain deficiency in Delhi from June 1 until Wednesday morning. It was expected to fall by Wednesday evening. Apart from Delhi, heavy rain (over 20 cm) was recorded in parts of Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh on Wednesday.

Regional Weather Forecasting Centre head Kuldeep Shrivastava said the monsoon trough is passing very close to Delhi and bringing rain to the city. "The monsoon trough is passing along Ferozepur [Punjab], Hisar, Gurgaon, [Haryana] Daltonganj, Dumka [Jharkhand] and parts of Nagaland," Shrivastava said, adding moisture incursion from



■ Railway officials inspect a track damaged due to a landslide following heavy rain in Kerala's Kottayam district on Wednesday PM

the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal is likely to bring rain again on Wednesday night and on Thursday. The western end of the trough has shifted southwards and is near to its normal position from Ganganagar (Rajasthan) to the Bay of Bengal, IMD said.

It said heavy to very heavy rain is likely in Uttarakhand, Jammu, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, Rajasthan, sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Sikkim, Arunachal Pra-

desh, Assam, Meghalaya, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala on Wednesday and Thursday. Extremely heavy rain (over 20 cm) is likely over places like Kerala. There has been just 1% excess rain since the beginning of the monsoon on June 1 across the country. Eastern and northeastern India have received 12% excess rainfall. There has been a 20% deficiency in rainfall in northwest India, 2%

in central India, and 12% excess over the south peninsula. There is an 11% rain deficiency across the country in July with 30% over northwest India; 7.5% excess over east and northeast India; 20% deficiency over central India and 14.6% excess over the south peninsula.

A good monsoon, which accounts for 70% of India's annual rainfall, is critical to the fortunes of the agricultural sector on which at least 700 million people are dependent for a livelihood.

"The formation of a cyclonic circulation around the South Bay of Bengal is a sign of weak monsoon. This is possibly the first time in several years... a historical record that there was no low-pressure system forming over the Bay of Bengal in July and so rains have been deficient in the core monsoon zone. At least 12 to 15 low-pressure systems form over the Bay of Bengal every monsoon most in July and August. This July rain deficiency is 11%," said RK Jenamani, senior scientist, National Weather Forecasting Centre.

Heavy rain eludes city, more of same today

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New Delhi: Parts of Delhi-NCR recorded light to moderate rain on Wednesday, however, "heavy" rain eluded the capital despite overcast skies recorded post noon.

Delhi received a strong, yet brief spell of rain between 11.30am and 2.30pm, while a second spell of rain was recorded closer to the evening, before 5.30pm. While IMD had forecast a spell of moderate to heavy rain in the evening, Met officials say it is likely to occur over night, with rain also forecast for Thursday.

The city's base station, Safdarjung, received 9.3mm of rainfall between 8.30am and 5.30pm on Wednesday. The Ridge station received the most rain on Wednesday, however it was in the "moderate" range, recording 33.2mm of rainfall, followed by Lodhi Road station, which recorded 13.1mm.

Kuldeep Srivastava, scientist at IMD and head of the Regional Weather Forecasting Centre (RWFC), said Delhi primarily recorded light to moderate rain, but Noida and Faridabad saw more rain. "Tomorrow, Delhi is likely to see moderate rain in more places, while some parts may also record heavy rain," said Srivastava.

IMD classifies rainfall recorded between 2.5 and 15.5mm as "light", between 15.6mm and 64.4mm as "moderate", between 64.5 and 115.5mm as "heavy" and beyond 115.6mm in a 24-hour period as "very heavy". Delhi has already received "excess" rainfall at Safdarjung, Palam and Lodhi Road stations for the month of July, however the overall rainfall deficit stands



City's base station Safdarjung received 9.3mm of rainfall on Wednesday at 26% so far this season.

The maximum temperature on Wednesday was 36.6 degrees Celsius—two notches above normal for this time of the season. Humidity levels remained on the higher side too, oscillating between 58% and 92% in the last 24 hours. Forecast for Thursday shows moderate showers with heavy rain at isolated spots.

Delhi has already recorded two "heavy" rain days this month—on July 19 and July 22.

Agencies on their toes to prevent waterlogging...

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New Delhi: Barring parts of south and central Delhi, where heavy rain was recorded on Wednesday, there were light showers in most parts of the city. The irregular rain spell made it easy for the public works department to drain out water from vulnerable spots, said an official.

PWD teams are put on high alert during any rain forecast to avoid traffic jams and fatalities, said a senior official. Water suction pumps at Mandi House and Buriari

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were started as soon as it started raining, he added.

East Delhi's monsoon report showed that waterlogging took place in Shahdara and Mansarovar Park, and trees feel due to gusty wind at multiple locations, including in C Block of Jhilmil Colony, Nand Nagri, Jagatpuri Extension and Vishwakarma Gate near Main Mandoli Road.

By evening, all waterlogging complaints were addressed and local maintenance teams are removing fallen branches and trees, said an official of East

Delhi Municipal Corporation. South Delhi received rain in some pockets, resulting in waterlogging in the South and Central zones. No monsoon-related complaint was received from the Najafgarh and West zones while waterlogging was reported from Shaheen Bagh and Okhla in the Central zone.

North Delhi Municipal Corporation also saw minimal disruption in regular life. Waterlogging complaints were received from Karala near Mangolpuri, while a tree fell near Naraina Vihar railway station and a wall was partially damaged.

As stagnant water results in waterborne diseases like dengue, PWD has planned to use suction water pumps in every park and other such locations on any rainy day. Unlike earlier, the department won't wait for the rainwater to dry up on its own, an official said.

PWD officials have been advised to take necessary steps for the removal of stagnant water after every rain. The executive engineer (civil and electrical) concerned will have to coordinate with various agencies such as New Delhi Municipal Council, three corporations, Delhi Jal Board and the railways by personally contacting them and working as a team at the local level. These engineers will be held responsible if a problem doesn't get resolved, an official said.

Rainwater enters houses, damages property

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JAMMU, JULY 29

Heavy monsoon showers today caused extensive damage to property of people in different parts of the Jammu region.

Rainwater entered over a dozen houses in Tommal and Balwant Vihar colonies of municipal ward number 61 in the Udhaywala area, damaging furniture, electronic goods and household items that brought strong resentment among people

against the authorities.

"Over a dozen houses have suffered extensive damage after rainwater from nearby nullahs entered the houses of residents. We de-silted the nullah but the flow of water was so strong that it overflowed and gushing water entered the residential complexes of people. Officers of the district administration visited the affected families and assured immediate assessment of their losses," Mohinder Kumar, councillor of the ward said.



Downpour floods a road in Jammu on Wednesday. PTI

The affected people, however, accused the administration of negligence and alleged that the authorities did not act on their repeated complaints in this regard. Similarly, residents of the Chak Manga area in Samba district also suffered losses after rainwater entered their houses.

In rural areas, downpour along with gusty wind caused damage to maize crop in the region. At several places, electric poles were uprooted that snapped the power supply

Flood-prevention repairs along Yamuna incomplete

With monsoon in full swing, villagers along river fear flooding

PARVEEN ARORA
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KARNAL, JULY 29

Though the monsoon is in full swing, the repair of the Yamuna canal abanks to prevent floods in nearby villages is yet to be completed.

The Irrigation Department was supposed to complete the repair and construction of studs at seven places in the district by June. But even one month after the elapsing of the deadline, only 60 per cent of the work has been completed, sources in the department say.

The department has constructed one stud and repaired three at Dakwala complex. At Mustafabad complex, it has constructed three studs and repaired seven along with a revetment (sloping structures placed on banks or cliffs in such a way as to absorb the energy of incoming water) of around 1,365 ft.



Among the uncompleted works are the repair of studs at Kundakalan complex, Sadarpur complex and Kalsora complex, and the construction of studs at Shergarh Tapu and a 840-ft revetment at Kalsora complex.

The delay in completing the works has generated a fear of floods among people living in more than 20 villages along the river. Nasib Singh, a village res-

ident, accused the department of not taking the repair of the Yamuna canal banks seriously, putting people's lives at risk.

The authorities, however, blamed the Covid-induced lockdown for the slow pace of work. Navtej Singh, Executive Engineer (XEN), Irrigation, said: "There was shortage of labour and construction material because of the lockdown. The

urgent works have been completed at a cost of Rs 5 crore."

Deputy Commissioner Nishant Kumar Yadav said he had formed a team led by a Sub-divisional Magistrate (SDM) to monitor the works. "The last few days of August and the initial days of September are critical in view of floods. I have directed the authorities to complete the work soon," he added.

'Lockdown to blame'

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