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The Sindhanur-Hemmadga state highway under water in Khanapur taluk, Belagavi district. The forest areas in the taluk have been experiencing torrential rain for the last few days. DH PHOTO

# Heavy showers trigger fresh flood threat in Krishna basin

## More rain forecast for north interior K'taka, coast

BELAGAVI/HUBBALLI/  
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**S**howers resumed in the state after a brief respite on Sunday. North Karnataka districts received widespread rains while parts of coast and Malnad saw scattered rainfall in the past 24 hours.

A flood-like situation has emerged in Krishna basin districts following heavy showers in the catchment areas in the last two days.

Following a rapid surge in water level in Krishna river, the Almatti dam authorities released 2.20 lakh cusecs downstream by lifting all 26 crest gates on Sunday evening. Flood alert has been sounded in villages and towns on the banks of the river.

Inflow into Krishna river at

Kallol barrage in Chikkodi taluk clocked 1.05 lakh cusecs on Sunday. With the catchment areas in Maharashtra experiencing downpour, the inflow is expected to go further up.

The Jatrati-Bhivshi bridge in Nippani taluk is facing inundation threat.

"Koyna and other reservoirs in Maharashtra are almost full. Huge volume of water is being released from the dams. As much as 2 lakh cusecs of water will be added into Krishna and its tributaries in next 48 hours," the Belagavi district administration said quoting Maharashtra officials.

### Swollen Malaprabha

Torrential rain in Kanakumbi forests in Khanapur taluk has swelled Malaprabha, Mahadayi and Pandari rivers and many rivulets. The overflow-



Water gushes out from Kadra reservoir in Uttara Kannada district on Sunday. The catchment areas of River Kali have been receiving heavy rains over the past few days.

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ing streams have cut off more than 50 villages. Several temples on the banks of the swollen Malaprabha, including Mahadev Mandir, Ram Mandir and Iskon temple, are flooded.

According to the Agriculture officers, standing crops on over 8,000 hectares are under water.

The increased outflow from Naviluthirtha dam has submerged the old Munavalli bridge. A flood alert has been sounded in villages, downstream Malaprabha dam, in Gadag and Bagalkot districts.

Over 33,000 cusecs of water was discharged from the Hidkal dam (Ghataprabha river) on Sunday. The overflowing Markandeya river has flooded paddy crop on hundreds of acres in Belagavi and Hukkeri taluks.

After a three-day break, skies opened up on Saturday night in Uttara Kannada.

Heavy showers on the intervening night of Saturday and Sunday brought Bhatkal to a standstill. Overnight rain flooded the business establishments and houses

in the low-lying areas of the port town. Rainwater flowed like a stream on the national highway. On Sunday, 47,200 cusecs of water was released into downstream Kali from Kadra reservoir.

The twin cities of Hubballi-Dharwad continued to receive sporadic spells of heavy rains. Neersagar reservoir in the district is just 4-inch short of reaching its full capacity. Kelageri lake in Dharwad has breached.

Moderate showers, accompanied by gusty winds, lashed parts of Vijayapura district on Sunday.

The Kalyana Karnataka districts are experiencing wet weather for the past two to three days. The weather department has predicted more rain for next four days. Parts of Mysuru and Hassan districts received intermittent spells of rain on Sunday.

Rains returned to Udupi and Dakshina Kannada districts with renewed vigour on Sunday. The India Meteorological Department has sounded a yellow alert for the twin districts till August 19.



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# Krishna, tributaries unleash flood fury in north Karnataka districts

## Malaprabha, Ghataprabha rivers hit Belagavi, Bagalkot dists hard

BELAGAVI/GADAG/BAGALKOT/  
YADGIR, DHNS

**T**orrential rain in Konkan and massive outflows from dams in Maharashtra have unleashed a flood havoc in Krishna river basin districts - Belagavi, Bagalkot, Yadgir and Raichur.

The swollen Krishna and its tributaries have left a trail of destruction in Belagavi

Pandari river has triggered a mudslide near Shivthar railway station in Khanapur taluk while Hiranyakeshi river inundated several villages on its banks in Hukkeri taluk, including Kotabagi, where the Durgadevi temple is completely under water.

The flood situation in Malaprabha river basin is grim. The surging Malaprabha has flooded many villages in Saundatti and Ramdurg taluks.

Munavalli village is the worst-hit, where the floodwaters have gushed into the houses, shops and banks. The Ramdurg-Sureban bridge and Sharane Gangambike Aikya Mantap near MK Hubballi are

inundated.

The swollen Ghataprabha river has meandered its way to low-lying residential areas in Gokak town. The Gokak Fall has come alive. The Lotasur bridge on the outskirts of the town is under water.

The situation is no different in Gadag and Bagalkot district. The floodwaters of Malaprabha and Ghataprabha have flooded vast tracts of farmland in both the districts. While Malaprabha has raised flood alert in Nargund and Ron taluks in Gadag and Badami and Hungund in Bagalkot, Ghataprabha is causing flood woes to Mudhol taluk. Malaprabha has turned Hole Alur town in Gadag district into an island.

**In Kudalasangama**  
With Krishna and Malaprabha in spate, the flood threat to historic Sangamanatha Temple in Kudalasangama appeared imminent. The backwaters of Narayanpur reservoir have only worsened the situation.

As much as 2.40 lakh cusecs of water was released to Krishna downstream from Narayanpur reservoir on Monday. The heavy discharge of water has raised flood alarm in more than 20 villages in Yadgir district.

The flooded Huvinahedige bridge on Raichur-Kalaburagi state highway is closed for traffic. With Sheelahalli bridge going under water,

the island villages in Lingasigur taluk have been cut off.

### More rain forecast

The state received a fairly widespread rain on Monday. According to the India Meteorological Department, coastal region and many parts of the north interior districts are likely to receive widespread rain on Tuesday.

Orange alert has been declared for Uttara Kannada, Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Shivamogga, Kodagu and Hassan districts while yellow alert warning has been issued for Belagavi, Dharwad, Haveri, Bidar and Kalaburagi districts.



# IMD predicts widespread rain in city, monsoon deficit drops

**FORECAST** Heavy showers likely till Thursday; intermittent and intense spells reported from across the city on Tuesday

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**NEW DELHI:** After beginning on a shaky note, Delhi has managed to reduce the rainfall deficit recorded this monsoon to 14% from 23%. India Meteorological Department (IMD) data shows that between June 1 and August 18, Delhi has recorded cumulative rainfall of 342.9 mm.

However, the city is expected to cover the deficit in the next two days as IMD has forecast moderate to heavy rainfall.

Delhi starts recording monsoon rain from June 1 and September 30 is considered the monsoon retreating date.

Officially, monsoon's arrival in Delhi was declared on July 24.

Parts of the national capital on Tuesday received moderate rainfall. IMD data shows that areas around west and south-west Delhi received 2.4 mm rainfall, while central and south Delhi received trace rain.

Intermittent showers were reported from Dwarka, Janakpuri, Palam, Uttam Nagar, Rajouri Garden and Tilak Nagar, starting Tuesday afternoon. The IMD forecast said that the intensity of the rain is expected to increase and a spell of heavy rain is likely in the capital on Tuesday night.

The IMD said that these heavy spells of rainfall are likely to continue till Thursday. This, the weather scientists said, will cover the cumulative rainfall deficit that the city has recorded in the month of August. Data shows that after Tuesday's rain, the monthly rainfall recorded in the month of August touched a surplus of 3%.

"Under the influence of a large cloud cluster approaching from southwest direction, rainfall started over west and southwest Delhi. This cluster contained clouds with reflectivity as high

as 50 dBz. By Tuesday night, wind speed is also likely to reach 40-50 kmph over parts of south, central and west Delhi," an advisory released by the IMD read on Tuesday.

Reflectivity in decibel relative to Z is a radar measurement used to estimate intensity of rain or snowfall.

Kuldeep Srivastava, head of IMD's regional weather forecasting centre, said in the coming two days rainfall activity is expected to increase throughout the city.

"Tuesday's rain was mostly concentrated in parts of west and southwest Delhi, but from Wednesday, we will see moderate to heavy rains across the city," Srivastava said.

IMD data of rainfall recorded in August shows that parts of northeast Delhi, south Delhi and central Delhi have a deficit ranging between 20-40%. However, areas around northwest Delhi, southwest and west Delhi have received surplus rainfall ranging between 10-48%, making up for the rest of the city.

"We are expecting that the overall deficit will be covered in the coming three days," said Srivastava.

IMD data also shows that till July 16, Delhi had a rainfall deficit of 46%, but by July end it was reduced to 29%. The IMD forecast also shows that this season Delhi is likely to record normal or surplus rainfall. Between June 1 and August 18, Delhi

In 2019, the monsoon season retreated in Delhi on October 10, with a rainfall deficit of nearly 38%. The city, however, witnessed surplus rainfall in 2018 and 2017, with 770.6mm and 672.3mm rain respectively. The IMD had recorded 524.1mm rainfall in 2016 as against the city's average of 648.9mm and 515.3mm in 2015. The city had gauged 370.8 mm rainfall in 2014.



■ An auto breaks down on a waterlogged road in east Delhi on Monday.

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## No digging of roads till end of monsoon, says Delhi govt

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**NEW DELHI:** Alarmed by incidents of heavy water-logging across Delhi after short spells of rain, the municipal corporations and the public works department have decided not to permit any road-digging work till the monsoon season is over.

Many agencies such as telecom companies, discoms and the Delhi Jal Board often have to dig up roads to lay or repair wires, sewer lines or water pipelines.

According to municipal officials, digging of roads was one of the main reasons behind water-logging and road cave-ins during the rainy season. Only crucial work may be permitted in special circumstances, they said.

North Delhi mayor Jai Prakash said digging work by different agencies on municipal and PWD roads to lay or repair sewer lines, water pipelines, telephone cables and electric wires often

lead to water-logging during monsoon.

"Apart from clogged drains, road cutting was a major cause of water logging. Many a time, it is seen that the agency concerned, be it any discom or telecommunication company, does not properly repair the dug-up portion, which not only leads to accumulation of water but enhances the threat of road cave-in. As a precautionary measure, we have decided not to permit any road-cutting during monsoon. An order to this effect has been circulated," he said.

The mayor said in special circumstances, only works that are of "utmost importance" would be allowed.

South Delhi Anamika Mithlesh also said only emergency work will be permitted, with a rider that the agency concerned will have to properly re-carpet the stretch so that it does not get inundated after rain.

The municipal corporations

manage over 1,000 km roads than 60 feet in width. The PWD manages more than 1,260 arterial and other big roads wider than 60 feet.

Delhi has been experiencing heavy water logging even after moderate rain. In July, at least seven instances of road cave-ins were reported at different locations after just three days of heavy rain.

The PWD has issued a circular to avoid deep digging work cover open trenches during monsoons.

"All deep work should be stopped and it should be ensured that trenches are filled in and surplus earth should be removed on a daily basis after completion of work. It should be ensured that trenches (where work is already in progress) are properly barricaded, diversion boards fixed at appropriate locations and lighting arrangements in place during night hours are in place," PWD circular said.



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