Heavy showers trigger fresh flood threat in Krishna basin

More rain forecast for north Interior K'taka, coast

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Showers resumed in the state after a brief respite on Sunday. North Karnataka districts received widespread rains while parts of coast and Mahad 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 Kalol barrage in Chikkodi taluk clocked 1.05 lakh cusecs on Sunday. With the catchment areas in Maharashatra experiencing downpour, the inflow is expected to go further up.

The Jarat-Bhuvshi 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 Kanapura taluk has swelled Malaprabha, Mahadai and Pandari rivers and many rivulets. The overflowing streams have cut off more than 50 villages. Several temples on the banks of the swollen Malaprabha, including Mahadev Mandir, Ram Mandir and Iskcon 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 paddly crop on hundreds of acres in Belagavi and Huikkeri 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.
Krishna, tributaries unleash flood fury in north Karnataka districts

Malaprabha, Ghataprabha rivers hit Belagavi, Bagalkot districts hard

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Torrential 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 district. The overflowing Krishna has submerged Ralbag-Kudachi bridge and Datta Mandir near Kalol, inflowing into Krishna river at Kalol barrage during the night and clocked 1.51 cu. ft. per second on Monday and is expected to go up to 2.75 cu. ft. per second in the next 48 hours. The NDRF and SDRF teams have been kept ready to face any eventualities in Nippani and Chikkodi taluks.

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Pandari river has triggered a mudslide near Shilvan railway station in Khanapur taluk while Hiranyakeshi river inundated several villages on its banks in Hukkeri taluk, including Kotalbagi, where the Durgadewi 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 Aiyya 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 Lolasur 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 Modhol 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 cu. ft. of water was released to Krishna downstream from Narayanpur reservoir on Monday. The heavy discharge of water has raised flood alert in more than 20 villages in Yadgir district.

The flooded Huvina Hedge bridge on Raichur-Kalaburagi state highway is closed for traffic. With Sreelabhali bridge going under water, the island villages in Lingasugur 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, Kadagu and Hassan districts while yellow alert warning has been issued for Belagavi, Dharwad, Ha- veri, 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) showed. That between June 1 and August 18, Delhi has recorded cumulative rainfall of 1147.9 mm.

However, the city is expected to continue 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 southwest Delhi received 24-44 mm rainfall, while central and south Delhi received trace rain.

Intermittent showers were reported from Dwarka, Janakpuri, Palam, Utam Nagar, Rajinder Nagar 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 30-50 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 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 remaining days.

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

IMD data also shows that till July 18, Delhi had a rainfall deficit of 44%, but by July 24, it was reduced to 32%. The IMD forecast also shows that this season Delhi is likely to record normal or surplus rainfall. Between June 1 and August 18, Delhi received 1147.9 mm rainfall.

In 2019, the monsoon season retreated in Delhi on October 10, with a rainfall deficit on nearly 98%. The city, however, witnessed surplus rainfall in 2018 and 2017, with 770.6 mm and 752.3 mm rainfall respectively. The IMD had recorded 128.2 mm rainfall in 2016 and against the city’s average of 98.8 mm and 115.3 mm in 2015. The city had gauged 370.8 mm rainfall in 2014.

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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, disinfectants and the Delhi Jal Board often have to dig up roads to lay or repair wires, sewers, pipelines or water pipelines. According to municipal officials, diggers of roads were 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.

“As apart from clogged drains, road cutting was a major cause of water-logging. Many a time we see officers get impatient and start digging roads to repair or lay wires. 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 in Delhi, which are over 60 feet wide. The PWD manages more than 1,200 arterial and other big roads in Delhi.

Delhi has been experiencing heavy water logging over the past two decades. 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 and cover open trenches during monsoon.

“All deep work should be stopped and it should be ensured that trenches are filled in and made water tight. 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 arrangement during night hours are in place,” a PWD circular said.

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