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MAXIMUM TEMP SETTLES AT 44.7°C

# Monsoon likely to arrive in Capital by June end

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NEW DELHI: The maximum temperature in Delhi on Wednesday settled at 44.7 degrees Celsius, the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) said as it predicted the arrival of monsoon in the city by June end.

The Najafgarh weather station recorded the highest temperature in the city at 47.7 degrees Celsius, they said.



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The Safdarjung observatory, considered the official marker of the city, noted a high of 44.7 degrees Celsius, five notches above the normal average. Delhi's other weather stations, such as Narela recorded a high of 47.5

degrees Celsius while Aya Nagar recorded 45.9 degrees C, Ridge 46.4 degrees C and Palam 45.5 degrees C, the weather department bulletin said.

The national Capital is reeling under heatwave as maximum temperature for the last 15 days has stayed above 40 degrees Celsius. Monsoon is expected to arrive in the city by the end of this month, around June 27, the IMD said. The Capital was on "orange" alert, which stands

for "be prepared" in the colour codes of the IMD.

The relative humidity on Wednesday oscillated between 18 per cent and 58 per cent, according to the IMD bulletin.

It has forecast a partly cloudy sky accompanied by strong surface winds and a heatwave at most places on Thursday.

The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to hover around 45 and 30 degrees Celsius, respectively.

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— LOW-LEVEL WARM WINDS FROM NORTHWEST PROLONGING HOT WEATHER —

# 'Heatwave to continue in Northern India as monsoon progress sluggish'

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NEW DELHI: A sluggish southwest monsoon on Wednesday covered large parts of Maharashtra, awaiting a fresh pulse to march across central and northern India, which continued to reel under intense heat conditions.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said monsoon could cover Odisha, coastal Andhra Pradesh and north-west Bay of Bengal during the next three to four days.

"The Bay of Bengal arm of the monsoon is weak and is awaiting a fresh pulse to take it forward," an official said.

Heatwave conditions were observed on Wednesday in most parts of Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand; in many parts of north Rajasthan; in some parts of Himachal Pradesh, south Bihar, north Odisha and in isolated pockets



A boy rides a bicycle as an anti-smog gun is being used to spray water for relief from the scorching heat

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of Gangetic West Bengal.

Severe heatwave conditions were also observed in isolated pockets of Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Jharkhand and Gangetic West Bengal. The maximum temperatures were in the range of 45-47 degrees Celsius over some parts of west Jharkhand, south Uttar Pradesh, Haryana-

Chandigarh-Delhi, Punjab, north Rajasthan. The highest maximum temperature of 47.5 degrees was reported at Kanpur IAF in eastern Uttar Pradesh.

Monsoon watchers said the low-level warm winds from the northwest were dominating the weak monsoon pulse over the Bay of Bengal and prolonging the hot weather conditions in

## Highlights

- » IMD forecasts monsoon to cover Odisha, coastal Andhra Pradesh, and northwest Bay of Bengal in next 3-4 days
- » Severe heatwave observed in Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand; temperatures soar up to 47 degrees Celsius in some areas
- » 'After a normal progress, monsoon is going into a hiatus mode. Not much progress is expected in the next 8-10 days, thus delaying onset over north India'
- » IMD says monsoon is expected to reach Bihar and Jharkhand by June 16-18, Uttar Pradesh from June 20-30, and Delhi around June 27

parts of central and northern India. Former Earth Sciences secretary Madhavan Rajeevan said after a normal progress, monsoon is going into a hiatus mode.

"Not much progress is expected in the next 8-10 days, thus delaying onset over north India. This causes extreme temperatures & heat waves over

north India, including Delhi, UP and Bihar," Rajeevan said on X.

According to the weather office, the monsoon is expected to reach Bihar and Jharkhand by June 16-18, Uttar Pradesh from June 20-30, and Delhi around June 27, which is the normal onset date for the national capital.