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NORTHWEST INDIA EXPERIENCED ITS WARMEST JUNE SINCE 1901

# IMD predicts above-normal rainfall in July

## MPOST BUREAU

**NEW DELHI:** India is likely to experience above-normal rainfall in July, except for parts of the northeastern region, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Monday.

During a virtual press conference, IMD Chief Mrutyunjay Mohapatra stated that July rainfall, averaged across the country, is expected to be above normal—more than 106 per cent of the long-period average of 28.04 cm.

“Most parts of the country are likely to receive normal to above-normal rainfall, except for many areas in northeast India and some parts of the northwest, east, and southeast peninsular regions,” he explained.

The Met office predicted that maximum temperatures are likely



People use a boat to cross flood waters following heavy rainfall, in Nagaon district, on Monday PTI

to be normal to below normal over many parts of northwest India and the southern peninsula, excluding the west coast. However, many

areas of central, east, and northeast India, along with the west coast, are expected to experience above-normal maximum temperatures.

## Highlights

- » July rainfall likely to exceed 106% of the long-period average of 28.04 cm
- » Maximum temperatures expected to be normal to below normal in northwest India and southern peninsula, excluding the west coast
- » Above-normal maximum temperatures likely in central, east, northeast India, and along the west coast

Regarding minimum temperatures, Mohapatra said: “Most parts of the country are likely to experience above-normal minimum tem-

peratures, except for some areas in the northwest, adjoining central India, and pockets of the southeastern peninsula.”

“We anticipate good monsoon rains in July. Cloudy conditions generally lead to higher minimum temperatures,” he added.

The IMD also reported that northwest India recorded its warmest June since 1901, with a mean temperature of 31.73 degrees Celsius. The monthly average maximum temperature in the region was 38.02 degrees Celsius, 1.96 degrees above normal, while the average minimum temperature stood at 25.44 degrees Celsius, 1.35 degrees above normal.

Mohapatra said that the mean temperature of 31.73 degrees Celsius in northwest India this June was 1.65 degrees above normal and the highest since records began in 1901.

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