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Rainfall above avg despite monsoon pause

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Despite the early onset of monsoons this year, Telangana, including Hyderabad, has not experienced widespread rains. Instead, the region has seen a rise in temperatures post the initial monsoon days, along with scattered and isolated rains.

As of June 16, Telangana has received a cumulative rainfall of 69.8 mm, slightly above the normal average of 61.2 mm, according to the data from the Telangana Development Planning and Society (TGDPS). It is only from June 6 to 9 that the State has recorded signifi-

cant rainfall, placing the average rainfall within the normal to excess range.

Substantial rains ahead

However, weather expert T Balaji, known as the 'Telangana Weatherman', said the State is expected to receive above-normal to excess rainfall from July to September. According to Balaji, Telangana's monsoon pattern this year may resemble that of 2019, with substantial rains anticipated in July.

"The current break in the monsoon and subsequent rise in temperatures are typical phenomena associated with early monsoons," he explained, noting that this pattern would

continue until the end of the month, with scattered and isolated rains across the State. "The State would receive substantial and widespread rainfall hopefully from mid-July," he added.

Adding to the optimism, the US-based National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has recently announced that the El Niño conditions, which typically suppress monsoon activity in India, have ended.

They have been replaced by ENSO-neutral conditions, with a high probability of La Niña conditions developing by July. La Niña is associated with strong monsoons,

above-average rainfall, and cooler temperatures, potentially pushing the country into a rain-surplus state.

According to TGDPS, the State recorded its highest annual rainfall in 19 years in 2022-23 at 1,387.8 mm. The second highest was 1,322.4 mm in 2020-21, followed by 1,180.5 mm in 2021-22. In 2023-24, the State received 994.8 mm of rainfall, slightly above the normal average. Although the rainfall this year might not reach the intensity seen in 2020 and 2022, weather experts affirm that Telangana is likely to experience another year of substantial rains.

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IMD predicts heavy rainfall in northeast, heatwave in north India

NEW DELHI: The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecasted very heavy rainfall for the sub-Himalayan regions of Sikkim, Assam, and West Bengal on Saturday, June 15. Additionally, the regions of Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, and Tripura are likely to experience heavy rainfall.

The IMD predicts thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and gusty winds, with speeds of 40-50 kmph, likely to prevail over Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Sikkim, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Goa, Maharashtra, and North Interior Karnataka. Coastal areas along the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal are expected to experience squally weather today.

In Uttar Pradesh, the IMD has raised a red alert as the state continues to experience a severe heatwave. Prayagraj recorded the highest temper-



ature at 46.9 degrees Celsius on Friday. The red alert applies to Mathura, Hathras, Agra, Firozabad, Mainpuri, Pratapgarh, and Gorakhpur. An orange alert has been issued for Mahoba, Lalitpur, Raebareli, Ayodhya, Amethi, and other areas.

Apart from Uttar Pradesh, the IMD has also predicted heatwave conditions for Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, and Punjab. Hot and humid weather is expected to prevail over Odisha.

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