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South TN, interior parts to get moderate to heavy rain

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CHENNAI: Southern and interior parts of the State will enjoy more rain than coastal Tamil Nadu with moderate to heavy rainfall predicted till Wednesday.

This comes as a surprise given that the usual rainfall pattern in Northeast monsoon means coastal regions get more rain. North coastal districts such as Chennai and Cuddalore will experience light or moderate rain up to 4 cm till Wednesday.

Several weather stations across the State recorded good rainfall with Udumal-

pet in Tiruppur district and Vadipatti in Madurai district receiving the highest volume of 120 mm in the past 24 hours till 8.30 a.m. on Monday.

S. Balachandran, director, Area Cyclone Warning Centre, Chennai, said an upper air circulation system lies over Tamil Nadu and adjoining Kerala coast.

"We can expect fairly widespread rain over southern and interior parts of the State. One or two places may even get heavy rainfall of up to 12 cm till Wednesday. However, those in the north coastal region may have rel-



Chennai will receive light or moderate rain up to 4 cm till Wednesday. — PHOTO: M. KARUNAKARAN

atively subdued rainfall for one or two days," he said.

October's rain over the State was one of the lowest in the past few decades with

a deficit of 63 per cent. Tamil Nadu registered 66.2 mm of rainfall against the average of 181 mm.

Officials of the Meteoro-

logical department said easterly winds that herald the Northeast monsoon set in late and pushed the onset by nearly 10 days. Normally, easterly winds comes in by mid-October.

Y.E.A.Raj, former Deputy Director General of Meteorology, Chennai, said some of the interior districts like Salem and Dharmapuri recorded good rain in the first half of October. However, they didn't experience showers this time.

The prolonged Southwest monsoon that retreated towards the month-end was also another reason for poor rainfall in October. "Chennai recorded the poorest rainfall in past five decades with 22.4 mm during this October. The city previously recorded a low of 71.8mm in October 2009," he said.

According to weather blogger, R. Pradeep John, Chennai recorded third worst rainfall in October in this century. He recalled that rain in October was poor during 1909 and 1918 with 15.5 mm and 11.2 mm respectively. Meenambakkam recorded barely 6 mm, which is the lowest rainfall since 1951 in October.

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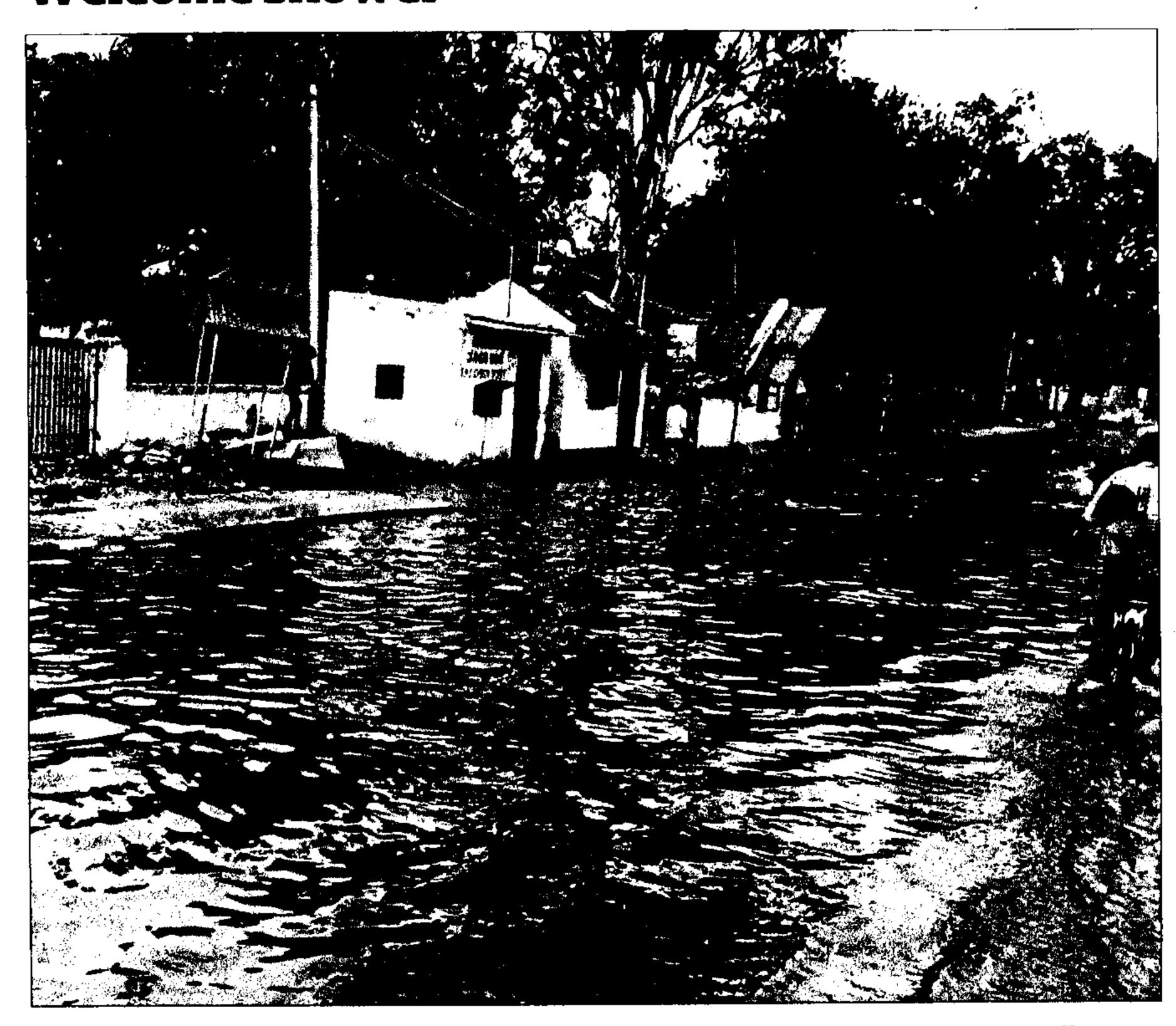
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A waterlogged road at Ooty Circle on National Highway 67 near Gundlupet town, Chamarajanagar district, after a heavy downpour on Sunday night. The showers brought respite for the residents from the sweltering heat. Crops worth lakhs of rupees have withered in Gundlupet taluk due to scanty rains. DH PHOTO

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Rain pounds TN, life hit in several parts

CHENNAI, DHNS: Barely a day after the Northeast monsoon set in, life was affected in several parts of Tamil Nadu on Monday.

Rain battered the state, even as another low pressure area is likely to form over the Bay of Bengal on Tuesday.

Regional Meteorological Centre officials told DH on Monday that since the Northeast monsoon is active over Tamil Nadu, rainfall occurred at most places in the state and neighbouring Kerala.

According to the Met office, the upper air cyclonic circulation over southwest Bay of Bengal moved inland and now lies over interior Tamil Nadu, adjoining areas of Kerala and south interior Karnataka, and extends up to 1.5 km above the mean sea level. "Under its influence, a fresh low pressure area is very likely to form over the southeast Bay of Bengal in the next 24 hours," a senior Met official said. He said heavy to very heavy rain is likely to occur over Tamil Nadu in the next 48 hours, even as fishermen were warned not to venture into the sea.