



Retreating monsoon to bring heavy rainfall

NASHIK: The retreating monsoon is expected to bring a fresh wave of rainfall across various regions of Maharashtra, beginning Monday, September 23, 2024. According to weather predictions, the second round of rainfall will commence with heavy showers in Vidarbha, followed by moderate rainfall in Marathwada, and light showers in Konkan, Khandesh, Nashik, Ahmednagar, Pune, Satara, Sangli, Solapur, and Kolhapur districts, as well as Mumbai.

A more intense phase of rainfall is predicted from September 26 to 29, when heavy to very heavy rainfall is likely to lash Mumbai suburbs, Thane, Palghar, Nashik, north Ahmednagar, Dhule, Jalgaon, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, Jalna, Buldhana, Akola, Washim, Amravati, Wardha, Nagpur, Bhandara, and Gondia. During this period, different regions will experience varying intensities of rain.

On September 26 and 27, Khandesh, Nashik, and surrounding areas are likely

to be hit by heavy rains, while on September 28 and 29, Mumbai, along with Thane, Palghar, Raigad, and Ratnagiri districts, will experience a deluge.

Of particular concern is the Nashik district, where heavy rains in the upper regions and dam catchment areas between September 26 and 29 could lead to a rise in water levels in rivers. Weather expert Manikrao Khule warned that the possibility of flooding in the Godavari basin cannot be ruled out during this period.

Nashik city receives light drizzle

On Saturday evening, the city was greeted by a very light drizzle, providing relief to residents who had endured a hot and humid afternoon. The brief rainfall offered a refreshing change to the atmosphere, easing the discomfort brought on by the high humidity earlier in the day.

NMC seeks details on fake resolution

NASHIK: Municipal Commissioner Dr. Ashok Karanjkar has formally requested detailed information from the municipal branch of the District Collectorate regarding a fraudulent resolution involving works of Rs. 4 crores from MLA funds. Works from MLA fund are done by the PWD and not by the Municipal Corporation. For that, NOC of the municipal branch in the District Collectorate is required. On this line, the municipal branch received General Body Resolution No. 89. In this, documents were submitted and approval was sought.

Sentinel Lab to be set up at Thackeray Hospital

NASHIK: In a move to tackle the rising incidence of dengue, the state government's healthcare department has approved the establishment of a municipal sentinel lab at Late Balasaheb Thackeray Hospital, located in Nashik Road. This move aims to streamline the testing of blood samples for dengue. This lab will enhance testing capabilities for dengue and is expected to be operational within two months, with immediate recruitment of pathologists and microbiologists.



The decision comes as dengue cases in Nashik have surged alarmingly over the past three months. Initial reports indicated 33 patients in May, but the numbers escalated dramatically, reaching to 1,000 by

August. The situation became critical with the unfortunate demise of a 70-year-old resident from Govindnagar. Currently, suspected dengue patients must have their blood samples sent to the sentinel lab at the district civil hospital for testing. However, this system faced significant challenges in July, when a severe shortage of test kits resulted in over a thousand pending test reports of Municipal Corporation, leading to confusion and delays in diagnosis and treatment. Guardian Minister Dada Bhuse then intervened and instructed to make the test kits available.

In light of these difficulties, Bhuse recommended that the Municipal Corporation establish its own Sentinel Laboratory for dengue testing. Acting

on this advice, the Corporation submitted a formal proposal to the Joint Director of Health Services, which has now received approval.

The new lab is expected to be operational within two months, with recruitment of necessary staff, including pathologists and microbiologists, commencing immediately.

The Municipal Corporation has decided to set up a Sentinel Lab at Late Balasaheb Thackeray Hospital. The Joint Director of Health Services approved the proposal, paving the way for our municipal laboratory. We are committed to hiring experts and the necessary personnel to ensure the lab operates efficiently.
- Dr. Tanaji Chavan, Chief Health Medical Officer, NMC

Irregular water supply

Commissioner calls for urgent action

NASHIK: During a crucial meeting of department heads at the Nashik Municipal Corporation on September 20, Municipal Commissioner Dr. Ashok Karanjkar addressed pressing issues regarding irregular and low pressure water supply in many parts of the city and rising dengue cases. Complaints of contaminated water and low pressure in many areas have been escalating, prompting Dr. Karanjkar to call for

urgent assessments by engineers and divisional officials.

The Municipal Commissioner emphasized the need for immediate site visits to identify the root causes of these water supply issues. "We must ensure that all related engineers and officials investigate the complaints directly and devise actionable plans to resolve them," he instructed.

In light of the upcoming State Assembly elec-

tions and the enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct, Dr. Karanjkar also urged department heads to prioritize important proposals for timely submission to the General Body Meeting and the Standing Committee. With the decline in rainfall contributing to an increase in dengue cases, he directed the health department to form dedicated teams for daily inspections across all areas and to conduct regular fogging..

Instructions to fill potholes

With the current dry weather, all potholes on major roads, highways, and colony roads will be filled up without delay. The relevant engineers and officials from the Public Works Department should inspect these areas and take prompt action. Municipal Commissioner Dr. Ashok Karanjkar has instructed. He emphasized that it is essential to resolve any complaints regarding potholes to ensure safe and smooth road conditions for the public.

MISSION GAGANYAAN

India's first human spaceflight to be launched: ISRO chief

BENGALURU: India's ambitious space exploration program is gearing up for a historic milestone, with its first human spaceflight mission, Gaganyaan, set to launch by the end of 2024, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chairman S Somnath said. Speaking at a space expo here, Somnath confirmed that preparations for the Gaganyaan mission are nearing completion.

"Gaganyaan is ready for launch, and we are targeting liftoff by the end of this year," he said, adding The mission will see India join an elite group of nations capable of sending humans into space.

Gaganyaan, which was approved in 2018, represents India's maiden attempt to send astronauts into low-Earth orbit. It marks a pivotal mo-

ment in the country's space journey, with the mission designed to test cutting-edge technologies essential for



human space exploration, including long-duration spaceflight and safe re-entry to Earth's atmosphere.

The mission also reflects India's broader ambitions to assert itself

as a major space power. Following the government approval, ISRO's long-term plans include developing the Bhartiya Antariksh Station, the country's first space station, by 2035, and sending astronauts on a crewed lunar mission by 2040.

Somnath also shed light on ISRO's upcoming Chandrayaan-4 lunar mission. The engineering phase is complete, and the project has received Cabinet approval to move ahead. Unlike its predecessors, Chandrayaan-4 will require two launches due to the expanded size of its satellite, which will incorporate five modules.

The mission will focus on showcasing critical technologies for a successful lunar landing and safe return to Earth, with an expected completion by 2040.

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