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After heavy rain, landslide threat looms large in Karnataka



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Bengaluru: Even as the torrential rains lashing across Karnataka took a break, the threat of landslides in Shivamogga, Chikmagalur, Kodagu, Hassan and Belagavi districts in Karnataka continues to haunt people.

Due to heavy rains for over a week, multiple landslide incidents have been reported from Thirthahalli and Sagara Taluk of Shivamogga district.

There have been more than 10 incidents of landslides in Bharathipura region and similar cases are being reported from Huligudda, Yedehalli, Kolikalugudda and other places in Shivamogga district.

The movement of heavy vehicles was restricted after a huge crack surfaced on the Mangaluru-Madikeri road following a landslide near the Made village on Monday. There were reports of highways caving in near Nirjii, Vantagoda, Malingapura near Mudhol taluk in Bagalkot district.

Hassan District Collector R. Girish has issued an order prohibiting vehicular movement on Bengaluru-Mangaluru national highway - 75 following landslides until further orders.

Following the prediction of heavy rainfall by India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Monday, district administrations are gearing up to manage the situation in Belagavi, Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Uttara Kannada, Shivamogga, Hassan and Madikeri.

As many as 9,000 people have been shifted to safer places across the state in the backdrop of damages caused by heavy rains. Red alert has been issued in 7 districts.

Krishna, Kaveri, Tungabhadra, Hiranyakeshi, Ghataprabha, Malaprabha, Vedaganga, Doodhganga, Panchaganga rivers have crossed danger levels.



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The Krishna district collector J Nivas said heavy rains are likely in the next 48 hours due to low pressure in the Bay of Bengal and urged the coastal people of the district to be vigilant in this regard and farmers to take precautionary measures to protect their crops.

Meanwhile, the Meteorological department has forecasted that the low-

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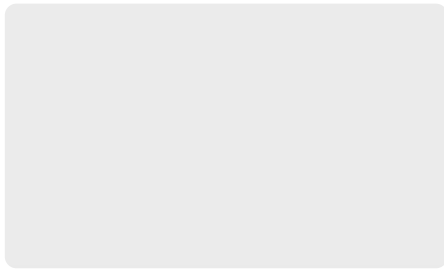
turbulence.

The collector advised those who had already gone hunting into the sea to reach the shore as soon as possible. He appealed to the coastal people not to go swimming in the sea. It is forecasted that Nellore, Chittoor, Krishna, Guntur, Ongole, Kadapa, and Anantapur are likely to receive heavy rainfall due to this low-pressure effect.

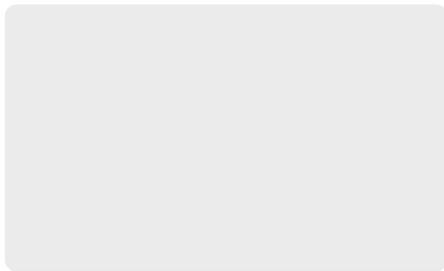
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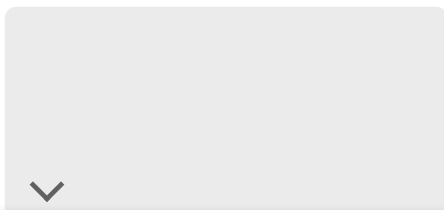
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