

Heavy downpour brings Hyderabad to its knees

Wednesday's rainfall wreaked havoc on Telangana's capital with several roads getting submerged and leaving vehicle users stranded; flood water entered several homes in many localities

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Incessant downpour for the major part of Wednesday evening left Hyderabad gasping, with roads and streets under water and motorists stranded on road for hours. The after-effects on Thursday were no less taxing, with several areas grappling with inundation.

Balanagar received the highest rainfall of over 10 cm, followed by Alwal at 9.6 cm. Drains overflowed everywhere, turning roads into streams.

For dozens of vehicles on the Suchitra-Kompally Road of NH-44, the downpour and its aftermath



Harrowing experience: People had a tough time as vehicles were stranded in many areas due to rain in Hyderabad. G. RAMAKRISHNA

were nothing short of a hellish experience on Wednesday night. It was bumper-to-bumper traffic on the road with little relief from the heavy downpour.

On the Begumpet-Paradise-Secunderabad stretch, traffic jam was witnessed for more than a km, as flood water prevented free flow of traffic.

The airport flyover was the only available road as the road adjacent to it leading to the airport disappeared under the flood water.

Rain in Anantapur

Heavy rainfall in Anantapur, Rayadurg, and Bukkarayasamudram mandals of Andhra Pradesh in 24 hours ending Thursday morning led to water inflow into Pandameru, Thadakaleru, and Nadimivanika that kept many houses inundated. The SDRF teams along with the police and fire service personnel rescued 1,200 people from six colonies. (With inputs from Anantapur)