

Rain above 100 mm 3rd time in a week; city on orange alert today

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AMID HEAVY rain lashing Mumbai, the city recorded over 100 mm rain for the third time in the past week, with Santacruz observatory recording 101 mm of downpour between Sunday and Monday until 8.30 am. Meanwhile, the coastal observatory in Colaba registered 45 mm of showers.



While rain is here to stay, its intensity will recede in the coming days, say meteorologists. *Express file*

With the city experiencing incessant showers, the Indian Meteorological Department has sounded an orange alert in Mumbai on Tuesday as well as its neighbouring districts of Thane and Raigad, stating the possibility of heavy to very heavy rain in isolated pockets of the city.

Weather experts have attributed the heavy downpour to several low pressure areas developing over northern Bay of Bengal as well as a cyclonic circulation which is over the west-central Bay of Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and the Odisha coast. Mahesh Palawat, a meteorologist from Skymet Weather Services told The Indian Express, "A low pressure is expected to develop over the Bay of Bengal by tonight or tomorrow. This will have a full impact on the West coast, intensifying the winds from the Arabian Sea and eventually leading to the activation of monsoon surge."

The weather station in Santacruz recorded 23 mm of rain whereas the Colaba observatory registered 3.6 mm of downpour, amid a yellow alert put in place by IMD. Meanwhile, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation's (BMC) recording apparatus showed that on Monday till 6 pm, the maximum showers were recorded in the western suburbs at 24 mm

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Tree dept officials attribute falling trees to digging work for real estate and infra projects in Mumbai. *Express file*

Over 100 trees fall in a week; BMC neglected NGT order, says NGO

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MUMBAI, JULY 24

MUMBAI HAS lost a significant portion of its green cover, as more than 100 trees collapsed in the city during the past one week as torrential rain lashed the city continuously. The city reeled under relentless heavy rain in the past one week, with rain figures touching the three digit mark twice. The city recorded the highest rainfall of this season between July 21 and 22.

become heavy as they soak water," said an official. "In the past year, several roads have been being dug up, thus damaging the tree basins. This is one of the contributing factors, and so we have already asked the roads department to erect barricades around tree basins, wherever digging needs to be done," the official added.

According to figures recorded by Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), a total of 113 trees collapsed in the island city and suburbs between July 21 and 23, with 56 cases reported between July 19 and 20 alone. The civic body's data also states that of the 113 trees that collapsed, 50 were from western suburbs, 32 from eastern suburbs, and 31 were from island city.

Civic officials also maintained that many trees that fell were in the periphery of private buildings as several societies do not prune trees annually, which poses a threat to residents. Stalin D, environmentalist and director of NGO, Vanashakti, told The Indian Express that they had predicted this outcome in 2015, following which they had approached the National Green Tribunal (NGT) court of India.

It is pertinent to note that after the onset of monsoon in Mumbai on June 25, the city lost close to 100 trees in a week.

"After we went to NGT, the court ordered BMC to implement remedial measures but nothing has been implemented on ground till date. As a damage control measure they are just pruning branches, which is of no use, because by removing a few branches you can't restore a tree's balance," he said.

Byculla railway stn gets UNESCO heritage award

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The award is presented to Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw. *Express*

THE HERITAGE Byculla Railway station which has been restored to its original glory, received the UNESCO award on Monday. The award was declared in November last year. "I love Mumbai", an NGO of BJP politician and spokesperson Shaina NC, took up the restoration work of the said station, with the help of heritage conservation architect Abha Lamba and Minal Bajaj of Bajaj Trust, which partnered in the conservation work. As per Shaina NC, UNESCO's Asia Pacific Cultural Heritage award for Byculla Station was presented to Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Monday. The 169-year-old Byculla rail-

The civic body said Rs 2 crore and 512 MT of dry cold mix was supplied to all 24 municipal wards to fix potholes. *Express file*

BMC filled over 6,000 potholes between April & July this year

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POTHLES MADE a comeback on the roads of the city as the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) on Monday said that more than 6,000 potholes were filled by the civic body in the past one month.

measure of pothole filling by using hardened concrete. However, the civic officials on Monday said that most of the potholes have been filled by using cold mix techniques.

In a statement, the civic body said that between April and July 24, 2023, a total of 6,045 potholes were filled by the BMC's roads department. It is pertinent to note that for this year onwards, the BMC has also taken over the responsibility of maintaining the Western and Eastern Express highways, which are ridden with potholes during monsoon.

"So far, 512 metric tonnes of dry cold mix have been supplied to all the 24 municipal wards of Mumbai for filling the potholes. Besides this, a fund of Rs 2 crore has also been allotted to each municipal ward to mitigate pothole issues," said civic officials. "While the deadline for filling a pothole is 48 hours. However, we are trying to achieve this within 24 hours by deploying adequate manpower and machinery," said an official. Mumbai at present, has a road network of 2,050 km, of which nearly 1,000 km is being concretised.

The Mumbai civic body uses the conventional method of pothole filling by using cold mix. From this year onward, the civic body had announced that it would adopt an innovative

SC/ST Act: HC refuses to quash FIR for 'objectionable' WhatsApp status, says 'behave responsibly'

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MUMBAI, JULY 24

ONE SHOULD behave responsibly while communicating through one's WhatsApp status, the Nagpur bench of Bombay High Court said, while dismissing a plea by a man booked under Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, for posting objectionable content on WhatsApp status.

Kishor Landkar had posed a question on his WhatsApp status, urging viewers to search online for a 'shocking result'. A search led to objectionable material against a certain community, as per the FIR

A division bench of Justice Vinay Joshi and Justice Valmiki Meneses earlier this month was hearing an application by the 27-year-old man seeking to quash FIR registered against him by Washim District Police for offences punishable under section 295-A (deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs) of IPC and provisions of SC and ST Act, along with section 67-A of the Information Technology Act.

As per the FIR, the complainant stated that on March 23, 2023, he had checked applicant Kishor Landkar's WhatsApp status wherein he had posed a question urging viewers to search for it on Google to get a 'shocking result'. "When the complainant searched the matter, he noted ob-

jectionable material that would outrage religious feelings of a community, and hence lodged an FIR against the applicant. However, advocate SS Dhengale for the applicant submitted that he neither intended nor deliberately displayed the said WhatsApp status to hurt the feelings of a community. He also said that one's WhatsApp status can only be seen by those who have saved the person's number, and so, the applicant had no intention of humiliating a particular group. Dhengale also submitted that neither provisions of SC and ST Act, nor of Section 67-A of IT Act would apply in the present case.

After perusing the material on record, the bench said that apparently the said WhatsApp status investigates others to search Google and read what applicant intends. "WhatsApp status can be a picture or video of something you are doing, thinking or something you have seen. Through the status, you share an end-to-end encrypted text, photo, video and updates that disappear after 24 hours. The very purpose of

19-yr-old man dies, pillion rider injured as bike skids

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A 19-YEAR-OLD bike rider died, while a 17-year-old boy riding pillion sustained grievous injuries after their bike allegedly skidded on the Eastern Freeway on July 15. Police said that a case of rash and negligent driving was registered against the deceased Kunal Valjani after he passed away in JJ Hospital.

An officer said, "Around 4 am on July 15, we were informed about an accident on Eastern Freeway." Teams were dispatched to the spot following which the two teenage boys were rushed to JJ Hospital in South Mumbai. Valjani sustained grievous head injury, while Bhanush Manoj, who was riding pillion, sustained unconscious, and when more gained consciousness the next day, he revealed their identity. Both are from Govandi and were on a joy ride to Marine Drive when their bike slipped and fell on the freeway," the officer said. On June 21, Valjani succumbed to his injuries after which a case of rash and negligent driving was registered against him.

An officer said, "The rider was booked because he chose to drive there despite knowing that two wheelers are prohibited on the Eastern freeway."



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Extract of Standalone Financial Results for the quarter ended on 30th June 2023

Particulars	₹ Crore	
	Quarter ended on 30.06.2023	Quarter ended on 31.03.2023
	Audited	Audited
Total revenue from operations	32,341.62	34,275.25
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	5,753.23	6,385.95
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	5,742.01	5,686.97
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax	4,270.70	4,020.86
Total comprehensive income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	4,429.63	4,086.62
Paid-up equity share capital [Face value ₹ 1 per share]	1,222.40	1,222.40
Reserves excluding revaluation reserves	-	1,33,575.11
Securities premium reserve	31,290.24	31,290.24
Net Worth	1,37,496.63	1,33,067.00
Paid-up Debt Capital	10,624.84	15,058.49
Net Debt Equity Ratio	0.29	0.30
Basic earnings per share of ₹ 1 each (not annualised) - in Rupees (after exceptional items)	3.49	3.29
Diluted earnings per share of ₹ 1 each (not annualised) - in Rupees (after exceptional items)	3.49	3.29
Debture Redemption Reserve	1,328.75	2,046.00
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.09	8.25
Interest Service Coverage Ratio	9.31	10.09

Extract of Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter ended on 30th June 2023

Particulars	₹ Crore	
	Quarter ended on 30.06.2023	Quarter ended on 31.03.2023
	Unaudited	Unaudited
Total revenue from operations	59,489.66	62,961.54
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	1,841.95	3,309.18
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	1,855.37	3,320.77
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax	524.85	1,566.24
Total comprehensive income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(2,647.86)	1,370.98
Paid-up equity share capital [Face value ₹ 1 per share]	1,221.24	1,221.21
Reserves (excluding revaluation reserves) and Non controlling interest	-	1,03,953.97
Net Worth	97,935.69	1,00,462.79
Net Debt Equity Ratio	0.69	0.61
Earnings per equity share:		
Basic earnings per share of ₹ 1 each (not annualised) - in Rupees (after exceptional items)	0.52	1.40
Diluted earnings per share of ₹ 1 each (not annualised) - in Rupees (after exceptional items)	0.52	1.40
Debture Redemption Reserve	1,328.75	2,046.00
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	0.47	2.99
Interest Service Coverage Ratio	3.55	4.07

Note:
The above is an extract of the detailed format of Standalone and Consolidated financial results for the quarter ended on 30th June 2023 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 and Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Standalone and Consolidated results for the quarter ended on 30th June 2023 are available on the websites of the Stock Exchanges (www.nseindia.com/www.bseindia.com) and the Company's website (www.tatasteel.com).

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