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Heavy rain continues to lash Goa, widespread damage reported

Tillari water floods low lying areas in Sodiem-Siolim

rose to dangerous levels in the low

lying area behind the Holy Cross

High School. The mud house belong-

ing to one Sheila Chari was in dan-

ger after the entire area was flooded.

"The lone inmate of the house has

been marooned and is at the mercy

of Good Samaritans for her provi-

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PANJIM: Heavy rainfall continued to lash the State on Monday throwing normal life out of gear and causing widespread damage in different areas across the state.

Due to the heavy rains, Sanguem, Sanvordem and Quepem areas faced flooding and rise in sea water level. The water level of the floods reached till the calf of a person compelling the local pedestrians to be trapped on one side of the road. Not only the roads but schools and residential houses also faced heavy

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PONDA: Commuters had a har-

rowing time trying to negotiate

their vehicles across the roads

dotted with potholes near the

main Opa-Khandepar junction.

cals, school going students too

faced hardship while travelling

Not only commuters but lo-

water flooding. The Paroda bridge was submerged while there was waterlogging on Mandovi bridge propelling the commuters to travel through the inundated bridge. Also the boundary wall of a house in Fatorda collapsed.

Speaking to O Heraldo, Gill D'Souza, a Fire and Emergency Services (FES) official said, " The house has collapsed because of accumulation of rain water on its roof. We have advised the occupants to move to other places as staying in the house is not safe. Wall of a house next to a

play school at Bhailipeth, heavy rains.



Bicholim, collapsed while Flood like situation was part of the wall of an old witnessed at Sodiem. Siolim. and Guirim, national highroadside house collapsed way at Peddem. at Matavwado, Penha de According to Station Fire França, Porvorim due to the

SIOLIM: Low lying areas in Sodiem

Siolim were flooded after rain wa-

ter and the excess water released

from the Tillari Irrigation Canal en-

tered several homes in Pilimbi and

In Pilimbi, the water level entered

the homes of the Mirajkar family and

damaged electrical appliance and con-

sumer goods. The family had to spend

four harrowing days wading in knee

In Morod, a retaining wall next

to the house of one Monica D'Souza

collapsed with the monstrous flow

of water that gushed from the hill

top. The culvert which connects the

In Gaunsavaddo, the water level

village too is in peril.

deep waters and with no place to go.

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Gaunsa Vaddo.

Officer (SFO). Porovirm, D G

Pednkar land slide and falling of a tree were reported near Gurudwara at Betim and the same were cleared by the official of Fire and Emergency Services and Disaster Management Authority.

In the capital city of Panjim, various areas like Inter State Bus Terminal, Patto, D B Road, Miramar Circle experienced water logging causing the vehicular traffic to run at snail's pace. During the last three

days, Panjim has 12.5 inches of rainfall. Canacona 11.8 inches, Margao 10.15 inches, Quepem 16.88 inches and Sanguem 17.59 inches of rainfall

So far the state has received an average rainfall of 23.26 inches as against 8.91 inches from July 4 to 10, 2024, registering an increase of 161.3 per cent.

Meanwhile, the IMD Goa on Monday issued an orange alert for July 16 and yellow alert for the next three days.

"Heavy to very heavy rainfall very is likely at a few places with strong surface winds over North Goa and South Goa districts on July 16 while Heavy rainfall is very likely at isolated places with strong surface winds over North Goa and South Goa districts on July 17, 18 and 19, 2024," the IMD said.

Villagers say that the Tillari canal

is more of a curse than a boon as it

has destroyed their village, turned

fields into swamps and now it was

Sarpanch Deepa Naik stated that

she has visited the area with the

WRD officials and Talathi Sumit

Shirodkar and hoped to get some

compensation for those affected by

Villagers however stated that the

nullahs and drainages need to be

desilted. Builders are constructing

roads overs nullahs with the bless-

ings of the Town and Country Plan-

ning Department and the panchayat

prefers to see no evil even when is-

sues are debated at the gram sabha,

flooding the low-lying areas here.

sions," said a villager.

Trees uprooted, houses damaged in Ponda



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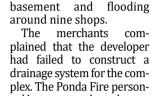
PONDA: Normal life was paralysed in Ponda taluka due to the incessant rain. The continuous down-

pour accompanied by gusty winds led to uprooting of trees, many of which landing on power lines and plunging the area in darkness.

Many houses were extensively damaged after gusty winds knocked down trees.

In Nagzar at Curti, a metal roof of Sunder Traders and the roof tiles of a house belonging to Akash Naik was blown away with the winds causing substantial loss to the owners.

Waters for the swollen nullah entered many homes damaging electrical gadgets



A residential cum com-

mercial building near the

Ponda Market Complex

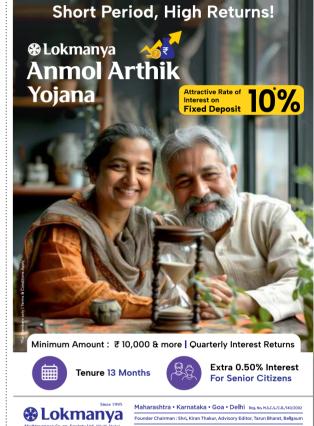
was flooded with rain wa-

ter accumulating in the

nel later pumped out the water from the basement.

With the water level at the Opa river flowing at a dangerous level, the Nirankal road was flooded and water gushed into homes at Dharbandora and Davkon.

At Muder, two electric poles were damaged after a huge tree fell on the road.



Road collapses at Chorla Ghat; poses threat to motorists

Tough time for commuters at OPA

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PORIEM: The protection wall and a portion of the road collapsed at Chorla Ghat posing a serious threat to motorists travelling to Belagavi and other villages near the

through this service road at the

Locals urged the authorities

to conduct temporary repairs

on the road for the convenience

of the public and traffic on NH.

PTA Chairman Suraj Gar-

ad lamented that the recently

tarred road was washed away

Opa Junction.

with the rains

Goa border. On Monday, Traffic police kept traffic safety cones to alert the motorists to tread cautiously on the road.



Water level swells dangerously at Paroda



brunt of the downpour. The Prabhudesai family in

pem and Sangeum talukas.

QUEPEM: With the Kushwati Ghativada Rivona had a narrow river in full spate, the water escape after a tree came crashlevel rose dangerously at Paring down on their house as they oda with vehicles staying away were fast asleep. Fire Service from the area. Paroda often officials then rushed to the resgets flooded with the heavy cue of the family and cleared the downpour and measures by area. Fields were inundated for the Public Works Department the last few days and farmers to raise the level of the road complained that their efforts stretch that often gets subwere drowned in agony. merged have proven futile too. A flood like situation was witnessed in the entire Oue-

Falling trees damaged homes and power lines too bore the

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PONDA: Shigao resident Thomas Rodrigues was seriously injured in a road accident here on Monday. Police stated that Rod-



Man injured in road accident rigues was trapped in

lamented locals.

the floods.

his car after a Fire Birgade vehicle accidentally knocked against his car. Fire officials then rushed to the area, rescued the victim and shifted him to

Tiny and congested St Cruz market stinks, has no toilet: in dire straits

Shoppers and vendors complain of terrible stench pervading the market, situated just below the Panchayat Ghar; the market has no toilets, posing great difficulty for women vendors; ex-sarpanch says panchayat cannot afford market rates to buy land for a new market ICS: LIPENDRA NAIK

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ST CRUZ: Most markets across Goa are in pitiable condition. The St Cruz market is no exception. The market. which is maybe

over 60 years old, is in dire straits, to say the least.

Shoppers and vendors both complain of the terrible stench which pervades the tiny and congested market, which is situated just below the St Cruz Panchayat Ghar. The market is stinking and has no toilets, posing great difficulty, especially for women vendors.



The fish and vegetable vendors cannot be accommodated in the congested market. Hence many local vendors are forced to sit by the roadside and sell fruits and vegetables.

The location of the market itself is bad. Can you imagine that a road actually passes through the market? The road may be closed during market hours, so there is no place for parking. The panchayat has not taken any initiative to build a new market, though there is talk of

land being acquired.

A male flower vendor narrated, "I have been selling flowers in this market for 50 years. First there was a small shed. It was expanded about 20 years ago. The market is congested. They are saying they are building a new market for the last 10 years, but

nothing has happened. When it rains heavily the rain blows into the shed with the wind." Mukundraj Mudras, a res-

ident of St Ćruz said, "The problems of the St Cruz market are decades old. Ever since the population of the village started growing over the last 20 years, the market has been inadequate. There are no facilities, such as parking and toilet. There are no facilities for the dif-

ferently-abled. And there are no facilities for the vendors. The Panchayat only collects sopo (sitting fee) and has no foresight to do long term planning."

"Many sarpanchas and panchas have been elect-



KEY POINTS

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Mudras disclosed.

lems, but did nothing about Mariano Araujo, former them. During the rains the St Cruz sarpanch acknowlplace stinks. People used to edged, "We could not build a use this market since there new market because there is is a huge parking problem a problem of land acquisition. at the Panjim market. This The market should be built is the only place to shop, there itself, there is no other now it is a major problem," place. The present market is

very old and people face a lot of problems. There is severe traffic congestion, especially since schools have started. There is no traffic police to direct the traffic. The local MLA should solve the problem. The panchayat does not

want to do anything. They don't want to approach the MLA. There are no facilities for the vendors."

"Secondly, during Covid pandemic people were selling fish by the roadside. This still continues. This has to stop. The panchayat has to take action against this. The panchayat has to find a big open space and build a new market. But the land prices are such that the panchayat cannot afford the market rates. The present panchayat ghar and market fall in khazan land. Though the panchayat had dumped a few trucks of mud in the kazan land to build a new market, the Goa State Pollution Control Board has told them to

remove it," Araujo said.

