

WET, WET, WET: Torrential rains wreak havoc in Goa

Rainwater & sewage overflowed on the roads due to blocked drains; commuters inconvenienced as KTC bus stands in Panjim and Margao witnessed inundation; underpass opposite GMC witnessed waterlogging, OPD services affected

Team Herald

PANJIM: Torrential rains threw normal life out of gear as Goa witnessed a flood-like situation on Tuesday. Several streets in the towns were flooded as rainwater and sewage overflowed on the roads due to blocked drains.

Commuters were inconvenienced as Kadamba Transport Corporation Limited (KTCL) bus stands in Panjim and Margao experienced inundation. The underpass opposite Goa Medical College and Hospital (GMC) witnessed massive waterlogging as motorists struggled to wade through the water. The OPD services at the hospital were badly affected.

In Margao, the visitors are facing difficulty in entering the South Goa District Hospital (SGDH) due to the inundated streets.

The heavy rain flooded the fish market in Pernem, which reignited the de-



Heavy rains further exposed the condition of the roads in Altinho and Bhatlem areas of Panjim, which lie in a pathetic state. Commuters had a tough time in negotiating the pothole-ridden roads

IMD FORECAST

► For September 25, the IMD has issued an orange alert and has forecast heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places

► For September 26,

mand for constructing a new fish market.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD), which issued an orange alert for

the Met Department has issued yellow alert and has predicted heavy rainfall with winds gusting to 30-40 kmph at isolated places

Tuesday, changed the same to a red alert.

As per the IMD, Panjim received 4.16 inches of rainfall between 8.30 am and 5.30

pm on September 24.

Goa has received an average rainfall of 167.7 inches as against the normal rainfall of 116.2 inches of rainfall from June 1, 2024 so far, registering an increase of 44.2 per cent. Out of 13 rain gauge stations, Valpoi and Sanguem received more than 200 inches of rainfall so far.

During the last 24 hours ending at 8.30 am of Sep-

tember 24, Mapusa received one inch of rainfall, Pernem 0.3 inches, Ponda 3.1 inches, Panjim 0.7 inches, Sanquelim 0.7 inches, Valpoi one inch, Canacona 0.9 inches, Dabolim one inch, Margao 1.77 inches, Mormugao 0.94 inches and Sanguem 1.1 inches.

MORE GOA NEWS ON PG 7

Rains inflict more pain on Panjim's already pathetic roads

Team Herald

PANJIM: The heavy rains that lashed Goa on Tuesday, further exposed the condition of roads in Panjim which are already in pathetic condition.

The people had a tough time negotiating the pothole-ridden roads as they remained submerged due to heavy showers.

The road in Bhatlem, the one near All India Radio at Altinho, the stretch connecting St Inez junction to Goa Pharmacy College, the route near Azad Maidan, the one near Cafe Bhosle and the stretch from Cafe Bhosle to Old Patto bridge, were hardly visible.

The city residents questioned as to why are the roads which are in a pathetic state, not being repaired.

Speaking to **O Herald**, Asif Abdul Karim, a resident of Tamdi Mati, said, "The rains have exposed the condition of the city roads, which are already in pathetic condition. Whether it is Bhatlem road or the one near St Inez junction or near Cafe Bhosle, the condition of all the roads is the same. It is painful that in spite of the roads used by our elected representatives too, their

condition remains the same. These potholes are simply being ignored."

Rajan Silim Khan, a resident of Portais, said, "The road connecting Bhatlem to St Cruz was repaired to some extent in May this year, but it could not withstand the heavy rains and developed potholes. Though rubble soling has been done, people, especially motorists, are losing their balance and falling."

सी एस आई आर - राष्ट्रीय समुद्र विज्ञान संस्थान दिनांक 26 सितंबर 2024 को 83वां सी एस आई आर स्थापना दिवस मना रहा है।

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- समुद्र विज्ञान में कैरियर पर व्याख्यान

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★ Open Day for Public - 0930 to 1500 hrs

- Exhibition on marine resources and instruments
- Films on Ocean Sciences
- Talk on 'Careers in Oceanography'



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PHARMACY COUNCIL OF INDIA

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Celebrating **WORLD PHARMACISTS DAY**
25th September 2024

Theme - Pharmacists: Meeting Global Health Needs



On World Pharmacists Day (September 25th), we recognize the vital role pharmacists play as drug information specialists and accessible healthcare providers, pharmacists have a unique opportunity to Educate patients and healthcare professionals on the benefits of generic over-the-counter (OTC) and prescription medications, Initiate conversations with patients, addressing concerns and promoting informed decision-making and Leverage social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) to increase awareness about safe use of medicines. The theme of this year is underscored by the increasing recognition of pharmacists as integral members of the healthcare team, capable of contributing significantly to various aspects of patient management and health promotion.

PCI proudly declared State Pharmacy Councils as training centres for upskilling of registered Pharmacist pan India under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY 4.0)

- Andhra Pradesh Pharmacy Council
- Kerala State Pharmacy Council
- Telangana State Pharmacy Council
- Karnataka State Pharmacy Council
- Pondicherry Pharmacy Council
- Tamil Nadu Pharmacy Council

Role of Pharmacists: • Awareness on Generic Medicines • Rise Above Addiction • Clinical Pharmacist and Patient Counselling • Current Good Manufacturing Practices



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MESSAGE

On this World Pharmacists Day, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for your invaluable contributions to the healthcare sector. This year's theme, "Pharmacists: Meeting Global Health Needs," perfectly captures the vital role you play in addressing the health challenges of today's world.

Pharmacists are at the forefront of the healthcare system, ensuring the safe and effective use of medications. Your expertise not only enhances patient outcomes but also supports vital public health initiatives.

In our interconnected world, your responsibilities have expanded beyond merely dispensing medicines. Your ability to bridge the gap between patients and the healthcare system ensures that everyone has access to the care they need, regardless of their circumstances. The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted your resilience and adaptability as you continued to provide essential services under challenging conditions. As we look to the future, your commitment and professionalism will remain key in addressing global health needs.

You are an essential part of the global healthcare workforce, and your contributions are vital for achieving universal health coverage and improving health outcomes worldwide.

I thank you all for your unwavering dedication and for the critical role you play in improving the health and well-being of our communities.

(Jagat Prakash Nadda)



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MESSAGE

"Happy World Pharmacists Day-2024!"

Dear Fellow Pharmacists

Today, we celebrate the invaluable contributions of pharmacists in promoting health and wellness worldwide. Your dedication to ensuring safe and effective medication use, as well as providing pharmaceutical care to individuals and communities, is truly commendable. The theme for this year's World Pharmacists Day is "Pharmacists: Meeting Global Health Needs". This theme highlights the crucial role pharmacists play in meeting global health challenges and promoting better health outcomes. We recognize the significant impact pharmacists have on healthcare systems, from dispensing medications to counselling patients on proper usage and ensuring drug safety. Your expertise and commitment to lifelong learning are essential in improving patient outcomes. Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) has indeed been a stalwart institution in ensuring pharmacy education and practices in India meet global standards. Recently, PCI has made significant strides in transforming pharmacy education and practices. Some notable initiatives include: Specialized Training Programs, GPAT Funds and Scholarships to secure the future of pharmacy education, Exit Examination for D. Pharm Students-Ensuring graduates meet excellence standards, Aadhar Authentication, Bringing transparency to teaching and professional activities, Streamlining pharmacist registration across state councils, Pharmacy Training Centers, Collaborations opening doors for Indian pharmacists globally, Monitoring medication safety with Pharma Co-Vigilance Centres, Embracing innovation and technology, Revised B. Pharm Curriculum- Aligning with NEP 2020 for relevant pharmacy education. In collaboration with the Government of India (GOI) and Quality Council of India (QCI), launched transformative initiatives to upskill pharmacists, enhancing their expertise and contributing to India's healthcare excellence. PCI proudly declared state pharmacy councils as training centres for upskilling of registered pharmacist pan India. These efforts demonstrate PCI's commitment to excellence in pharmacy education and practice.

I wish to extend my deep sense of appreciation to all the pharmacists for their tireless efforts in safeguarding public health and promoting accessible and affordable healthcare. We appreciate their dedication to the pharmacy profession and unwavering commitment to enhancing patient well-being.

Warmest wishes to all pharmacists on this special day!

(Dr. Montukumar M. Patel)