

Indian Express

10 July 2018

Kozhikode, Kannur, Wayanad, Kasargod, Predicts Rain Fury

IMD predicts rain fury to continue till Friday

Met Dept says northern districts of Kozhikode, Kannur, Kasargod and Wayanad to get heavy to very heavy rainfall

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@TPuram

AFTER the briefest of lulls, the southwest monsoon is expected to regain its strength. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted heavy to very heavy rainfall in many districts over the next few days.

The latest IMD forecasts warn most districts would receive heavy rainfall till July 13. The districts of Kozhikode, Kannur, Kasargod and Wayanad would receive heavy to very heavy rainfall between July 11 and July 13. Fishermen have also been warned against entering parts of the Arabian Sea due to the possibility of strong winds.

Though there was a brief lull in the rain towards the beginning of July, monsoon has picked up now, the IMD said.

Since the May 29 onset of monsoon, the state has so far received normal rainfall, with Pal-

akkad among the districts which clocked excess rainfall, while Thrissur being the lone district to record deficient rainfall. Between June 1 and July 4, the state received 774.4 mm of rainfall, with a one per cent departure from the normal figure of 765.7 mm.

All districts except Palakkad and Thrissur have recorded normal rain. The rain gods have particularly smiled upon Palakkad which received 686.3 mm against the normal 558 mm, a departure of 23 per cent. But Thrissur has been less fortunate, as it received only 631.8 mm against the expected 828.3 mm, which is 24 per cent less.

"We qualify it as normal if the recorded rainfall is within a 19 per cent difference range, higher or lower, from the expected rainfall. On the other hand, there is not much point looking at short term. This year, for instance, we have received good rainfall in the beginning of the season, said K Santhosh, director, IMD Thiruvananthapuram.

