



Goa Among India's Worst Rain-Deficient States As Monsoon Nears End

■ State faces 34% seasonal shortfall, with September rainfall down 44% amid prolonged dry spells

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PANAJI: Goa is heading towards the close of the southwest monsoon with a significant rainfall deficit, ranking sixth among States with the highest seasonal shortfalls in the latest India Meteorological Department (IMD) data.

The State has recorded 1,873.7 mm of rainfall so far, considerably below its normal seasonal figure of 2,835 mm. The difference of nearly 961 mm puts Goa's cumulative rainfall deficit at 34 per



cent. Meghalaya currently tops the list of rain-deficient States with a 59 per cent shortfall. Andhra Pradesh follows at 44

per cent, while Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Punjab have recorded deficits of 42, 41 and 40 per cent, respectively. Goa's rainfall

performance has taken a further hit in September, with the State receiving only 81.6 mm between September 1 and 12. The normal rainfall for the period is 145.7 mm, resulting in a monthly deficit of 44 per cent. The lack of rain has also translated into repeated dry days. On September 11, Goa received just 0.1 mm of rainfall, compared with the daily normal of 8.3 mm. This represented a 99.2 per cent deficiency for the day. [▶ CONTD TO PAGE 06](#)

Goa Pushes For Monsoon-Era Inspection Of Kalasa-Bhandura Project

State wants PRAWAH team to conduct field visit and drone survey to assess Karnataka's diversion works



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PANAJI: Goa has stepped up its demand for an on-site assessment of Karnataka's Kalasa-Bhandura project, asking the river basin authority PRAWAH to facilitate a joint inspection while the monsoon provides an opportunity to assess water flows under actual field conditions.

The demand was raised by Goa's representative S. S. Gill during the seventh meeting of PRAWAH on July 7. Minutes of the meeting accessed by Prudent show that Goa urged the authority to treat the inspection as a priority during the current monsoon. Gill reiterated

Goa's position that management of the Mahadei basin should be based on cooperation, scientific assessment and long-term sustainability. He specifically pressed for the long-pending joint inspection of Karnataka's Kalasa diversion works to be taken up during the rainy season. According to Goa, a monsoon inspection would enable technical experts to examine the project and surrounding areas when water is actually flowing, allowing the impact and functioning of the diversion works to be assessed under real conditions. The State has also [▶ CONTD TO PAGE 06](#)

Three Security Personnel Killed": BLA Claims Fresh Strikes Across Balochistan

■ Separatist group alleges attacks on security posts and military vehicles as violence intensifies across Pakistan's restive province

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NEW DELHI: The Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) has claimed responsibility for a fresh series of attacks targeting Pakistani security forces across Balochistan, including an improvised explosive device attack that it says killed three Frontier Corps personnel. According to the group, the



IED targeted a Pakistani military vehicle in the Malant area of Tump. The BLA also claimed that its fighters carried out attacks on several security installations and posts in

different parts of the province. The separatist organisation said some of the attacks took place along the strategically important Quetta Taftan trade route. It claimed that its fighters destroyed a military vehicle, overran several checkpoints and took weapons and other equipment from security personnel. The BLA has

also released photographs and videos that it claims show its fighters attacking, capturing or destroying Pakistani security positions. These claims have not been independently verified, while Pakistani security authorities have not immediately confirmed the reported casualties or the extent of the alleged [▶ CONTD TO PAGE 06](#)

UCC To Be Introduced In 21 BJP-NDA States Before 2029: Amit Shah

■ Home Minister says criminal justice reforms, national security measures and anti-drug efforts remain key government priorities

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NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said Uniform Civil Code (UCC) will be introduced in all 21 states governed by the BJP and its NDA allies before the 2029 Lok Sabha elections. Shah said several states have already taken steps towards implementing the UCC, which he described as part of the government's broader efforts to ensure



equal rights. He also highlighted the abolition of triple talaq as a measure that, according to him, strengthened the rights of

Muslim women. On criminal justice, Shah said the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita has brought significant changes to the country's legal system. He claimed that several states recorded an increase of around 30 per cent in their conviction rates within a single year. He also said efforts were underway to establish a system under which cases could be resolved and justice delivered within three years.

Shah highlighted several measures taken on national security, including the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A. He said Jammu and Kashmir has now been fully integrated with the rest of the country. He also claimed that the government had brought an end to decades of Naxal violence and signed more than 14 peace agreements in the Northeast, with over 9,000 people surrendering.

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