

At 69% deficit, rains failed TN in October

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Chennai: Rains failed Tamil Nadu in October, so much so that the shortfall in the month so far is 96% in Chennai and 69% in the rest of the state. Against a normal rainfall of 164.7 mm between October 1 and 27, the rest of the state received only 50.6 mm. Chennai received only 9.7 mm, against a normal rainfall of 234.7 mm, and Tiruvallur district 3.2mm against a normal of 183.66mm.

Though India Meteorological department has forecast that north-east monsoon would set in on October 30th, the month is expected to go with a deficit rainfall after 2009, when it received only 71.8 mm of rainfall.

"It has been forecast that the north-east monsoon will be around normal this time as rainfall of about 39-44 cm is expected," an IMD official told TOI. Conditions for the onset of the north-east monsoon was favourable and it could set in in the next two days, he said.

Meanwhile, Kyant cyclone has lost its strength and has become a deep depression in the Bay of Bengal. "It is only to due to Kyant cyclone that Tamil Nadu did not have north-east winds, which would have brought rainfall during October. The winds are expected to change the direction after October 30 and that is why the forecast says it will rain on October 30," Skymet chief meteorologist Mahesh Palawat told TOI.

As per the IMD data on rainfall recorded till October 28, all districts in the state have a deficient rainfall. Tirupur district has received 97.9mm against a normal of 137.1mm. The deficit is 29%, lowest among the districts in Tamil Nadu for October.

"After the current deep depression, there is another system coming up in south-east Bay of Bengal and due to this north Tamil Nadu, including Chennai and southern Andhra Pradesh will receive heavy to very heavy rainfall. The system is likely to move towards Chennai and Nellore coast bringing in heavy rainfall," said Palawat.

Scattered rain is expected over Tamil Nadu till November 2. Thereafter coastal areas may receive a few rainy spells with one or two heavy spells. In the meantime, the interior parts will continue with light rain activity. The maximum temperatures of Tamil Nadu will be in the range of 33°C to 35°C and the minimum temperatures will be between 24°C and 27°C, says Skymet on its forecast for the coming days.

Acuweather, another private meteorologist, said initially, it will rain in the northern coast of Andhra Pradesh on Friday, before expanding to the southern coast and north-eastern Tamil Nadu on Saturday. The wettest days for Diwali celebrations in Chennai will be on Saturday and Sunday, the forecast said.