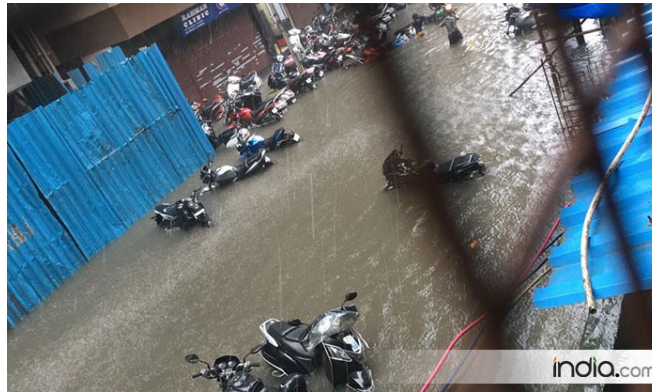


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Mumbai, Aug 30: Twelve years after the July 26 deluge, [incessant rainfall yet again brought the city of Mumbai to a halt](#) on Tuesday. In most parts of the city, commuters were stranded and many remained in their offices as BEST and the [local trains stopped their services due to water logging](#). According to the reports, [seven people have died and several have been reported missing](#). Early this morning, a man died after falling into an open manhole on Dadar's Matkar road. A two-storeyed building collapsed killing one and injuring two at Varsha Nagar in Vikhroli.

Apart from that 80-year-old senior citizen Manav Vaidya and Bombay Hospital Gastroenterologist Deepak Amrapurkar have been reported missing since yesterday. However, the question that still remains is why does Mumbai suffer every year? What has happened to all those promises that the Mumbai civic bodies made before every monsoon? The death toll, clogged roads clearly showed that Mumbai was not monsoon-ready even this year.

Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray and former Additional Municipal Commissioner Sanjay Deshmukh had promised that Mumbai will not face any water logging this year. But Tuesday's rains and the situation on the roads gave a different view altogether as people struggled to even get back to their houses. Water logging on roads and railway tracks proved that that work was not done well by the civic bodies. (Also Read: [Mumbai Local Train Services Resume, Moderate Rainfall Expected Today](#))

On Tuesday, Mumbai was drenched by 298 mm of rain, the highest in a day in August since 1997. "At some places, there was 286 mm of rainfall in 8 hours at a stretch. Last year, we received scattered rainfall and it wasn't this intense. 25 mm per hour is a manageable scene for BMC, but this year, at places like Parel it was 260 mm per hour," Sudhir Naik, deputy municipal commissioner, general administration, was reported as saying by Mumbai Mirror.

"Our storm water drain, conservancy workers and sweepers are provided with sticks to drain water from manholes. They place the sticks in manholes so that people don't trip into them," said Naik. (Also Read: [Dabbawalas Deliver Food on Foot as Mumbai Sinks After Heavy Rainfall](#))

16 cases of short circuit and 210 cases of tree-falling were reported across Mumbai. Other areas that received rainfall above 300 mm include Santa Cruz, Dadar, Parel, Prabhadevi, Sion, Elphinstone Road, Worli, Bandra, Matunga, King's Circle, Kurla, Khar, Andheri, Ghatkopar, and Vikhroli reports DNA.

Water logging was reported at Peddar Road, Worli, Western Express Highway, Linking Road, Eastern Express Highway and LBS Road. A civic official told DNA that out of the 310 de-watering pumps, used by BMC, 62 could not be used as they were

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submerged under water. (Also Read: [Indian Navy Helps Mumbaikars, Distributes Breakfast at Parel, CSMT Station](#))

He also said that due to continuous rains, water had come up to the diesel engine of the de-watering pumps and as the rain continued, almost 20 per cent of the pumps were completely under water. "It was raining so heavily that the pumps could not be used to prevent water logging," he said, adding, "In areas like Sion, Wadala, Elphinstone Road, Hindmata, Gandhi Market, Milan Subway and from Khar to Santa Cruz the de-watering pumps were shut."

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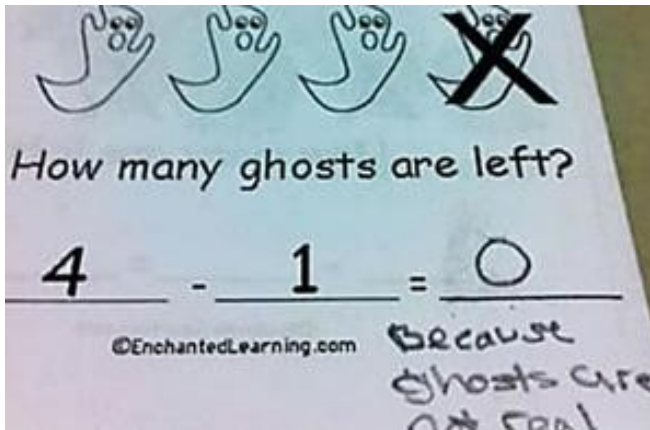
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