

Noida 'welcome' board collapses, skies turn purple: Delhi-NCR storm leaves trails of chaos

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Delhi-NCR experienced a heavy rain and hailstorm on Wednesday evening, offering much-needed relief from the intense summer heat. The capital was hit by a dust storm accompanied by strong winds, estimated at 50–60 km/h with gusts reaching up to 70 km/h, followed by intense rainfall and hail. According to weather officials, the storm was triggered by a cyclonic circulation over the neighbouring state of Haryana.

While the sudden weather shift provided relief from the heat, it also caused significant disruption across Delhi and the NCR. One of the most notable incidents was the collapse of the “welcome board” at the Delhi-Noida border, which led to traffic snarls and inconvenience for commuters.

See here:

Massive storm in #Noida. Never seen anything like this before. #noidaweather
pic.twitter.com/zGMsKgsfFi

— Arshiya Bhalla (@BhallaArshiya) May 21, 2025

Another video captures a dramatic moment lightning struck in Noida. Shared by X user @Anirudhtyagi10, the viral clip shows the sky lighting up in a vivid purple hue just as the thunderstorm hits, creating a striking visual of the intense weather.

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How was your experience today in Noida?

I managed to capture a good shot of thunder storm in Sector 134, Noida. #Noida #LightningStorm
#storm #thunder #india pic.twitter.com/dsRvwUloYD

— Anirudh (@Anirudhtyagi10) May 21, 2025

In another post, commuters are seen stranded amid a sudden dust storm, parking their vehicles on the roadside and rushing for cover. The next frame reveals uprooted trees that have fallen onto a parked car in a high-rise society, adding to the chaos caused by the storm.

Visuals from greater noida #DelhiRains pic.twitter.com/Xd95dINMf5

— NOVA (@vnova240) May 21, 2025

A video shared by X user Anmol Singh shows a massive traffic disruption following the intense storm. The viral post offers a glimpse of the Noida-Greater Noida Expressway, where the aftermath of the storm caused significant congestion and chaos on the road.

Watch:

Massive traffic blockade at Noida- Greater noida expressway after massive Strom.....if travelling towards this route please avoid for the time being #DelhiWeather #traffic #DelhiRains #noida
pic.twitter.com/CxCf9MM6xp

— Anmol Singh (@AnmolSinghvines) May 22, 2025

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the city reached a maximum temperature of 40.7 degrees Celsius, slightly above the seasonal average, with humidity levels varying between 64 per cent and 34 per cent.