

Bengaluru floods: Engineer drives through water-logged streets, the Internet reacts to photo of water inside his car

Heavy rains, leading to severe waterlogging, has disrupted daily life. A viral photo of water inside a moving car has triggered outrage over the city's ongoing infrastructure challenges.

Bengaluru is currently grappling with intense rainfall that has left large parts of the city severely waterlogged. With a red alert in place and emergency services on high alert, daily life has been significantly disrupted. Yet, many working professionals are still expected to report to their offices, braving flooded roads, stalled traffic, and unpredictable conditions.

Among those affected was Arun Vinayak, a Bengaluru resident and co-founder of Exponent Energy, who faced an unusual sight on his commute – his car was completely flooded. On Tuesday morning, Vinayak shared a photo of his waterlogged vehicle on his X account, saying, “Building hardware in India is even harder if you have to make your office and cars and homes IP67. #underwater #batteryok #engineersnotok en route to work today.”

The reference to “IP67”—a technical standard for devices that are resistant to water and dust—struck a chord online. Vinayak’s witty take on the situation quickly went viral, resonating with many who are experiencing the same soggy reality.

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— Arun Vinayak (@Arun_Vinayak_S) May 19, 2025

Many X users reacted to the post. While some found humour in the situation, others were concerned. “Dude’s got a car with beach mode,” one user said. Another X user wrote, “Dangerous to drive the car let alone automatic.”

“Throw in some fish and make it a leg spa day?” said a third user. One user wrote, “The water looks clean though!”

Meanwhile, the rest of the city is also reeling under the effects of the downpour. In one widely circulated video, a BMTC bus was seen ploughing through a heavily flooded street, creating waves that knock over multiple two-wheelers.

Three people were seen falling off a scooter due to the impact. The video sparked outrage on social media, not just over Bengaluru's perennial drainage issues but also over the recklessness of public transport drivers in such hazardous conditions.

As the rains continue, residents are left navigating both literal and bureaucratic obstacles, with many calling for urgent improvements in urban infrastructure and disaster management.