

SEVERAL RIVERS IN ASSAM flowing above danger level

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SEVERAL rivers in Assam continue to flow above the danger level amid incessant rain, according to the Central Water Commission (CWC).

The commission's latest bulletin highlights critical water levels at various monitoring sites, indicating severe and above-normal flood situations.

Three sites in Assam have severe flood situation where the water level is touching or exceeding the danger level but below the highest flood mark, while three sites have above-normal flood situation, according to the bulletin.

The CWC said more than 39,000 people displaced by flood are taking shelter in 193 relief camps in different

districts. Another 82 relief distribution centres are also operational.

Rescue and relief operations are being carried out by multiple agencies, including the NDRF, SDRF and local administration, while medical teams have also been deployed in the affected areas. Damage to infrastructure, including roads, bridges and other property, has been reported from different districts.

According to CWC's bulletin, the Buridehing River continues to flow above the normal situation, registering a water level of 133.54 metres as of 11 am on Monday. This level indicates a potential risk to nearby areas, although it remains below the danger threshold, the commission said.

El Niño ending; 60 pc chance of La Niña developing during July-Sept

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THE 2023/24 El Niño event, which drove record-breaking temperatures and extreme weather around the world, is predicted to transition to La Niña conditions later this year, according to a new update from the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO).

The world experienced the warmest April ever and the eleventh consecutive month of record-high temperatures. Sea surface temperatures have been record-high for the past 13 months.

This is happening due to the

naturally occurring El Niño - unusual warming of waters in the central and eastern Pacific Ocean - and the additional energy trapped in the atmosphere and ocean by greenhouse gases from human activities.

Amid a prevailing but weakening El Niño, millions of people in South Asia, including India and Pakistan, endured brutal heat in April and May.

The latest forecasts from the WMO Global Producing Centres of Long-Range Forecasts give equal chances (50 per cent) of either neutral conditions or a transition to La Niña during June-August.

The chance of La Niña conditions increases to 60 per cent during July to September and 70 per cent during August to November. The probability of El Niño redeveloping is negligible during this time.

While El Niño is associated with weaker monsoon winds and drier conditions in India, La Niña - the antithesis of El Niño - leads to plentiful rainfall during the monsoon.

Last month, the India Meteorological Department had forecast above normal rain in the monsoon season in India with favourable La Niña conditions expected to set.

Encounter in Pulwama

Security forces kill 2 LeT terrorists

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TWO Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) terrorists, including a self-styled 'commander' who had been operating for the longest period, were killed in an encounter with the security forces in Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

The anti-terror operation started at 11.45 PM on Sunday when Jammu and Kashmir Police along with the Army and paramilitary forces laid a cordon around a house in the Nihama area of Pulwama district following Intelligence input about the presence of terrorists, they said. The encounter with the two holed-up terrorists started at 7 AM on Monday after the duo identified as Riyaz Dar alias "Sathar" and Rayees Dar refused to surrender, they said.

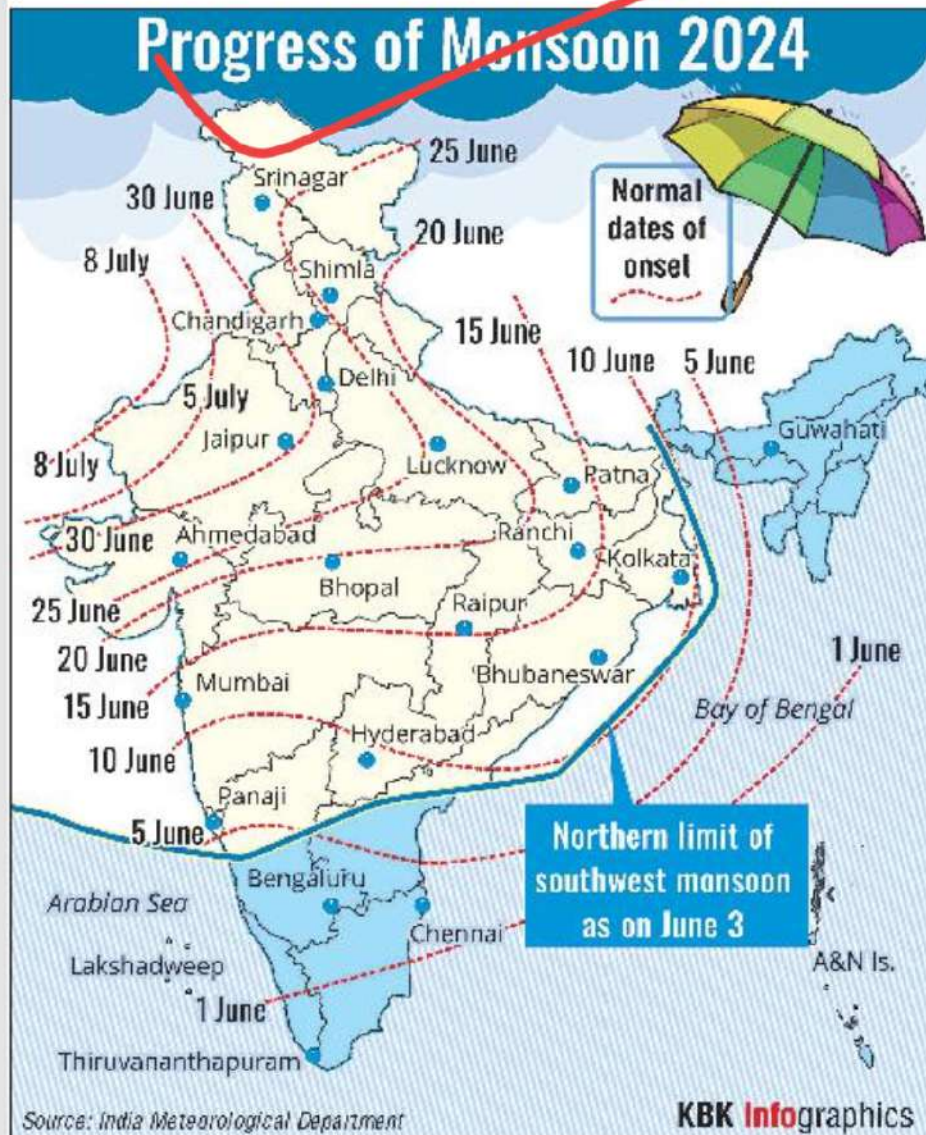
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Smoke billows out from a house during an encounter between security forces and militants, in Pulwama district on Monday.

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South-West monsoon makes further inroads



■ Conditions are favourable for advance into remaining south peninsular India

NEW DELHI, June 3 (ANI)

THE India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Monday said that the South-West monsoon had advanced into some parts of the central Arabian Sea and some parts of Karnataka, Rayalaseema, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Westcentral and Northwest Bay of Bengal.

“South-West monsoon advanced into some more parts of central Arabian Sea, some

more parts of Karnataka, Rayalaseema, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, some parts of Telangana and some more parts of Westcentral and Northwest Bay of Bengal, today the 3rd June,” IMD posted on X. It further said that conditions are favourable for further advance of South-West monsoon into remaining parts of south peninsular India

“Conditions are favourable for further advance of South-West monsoon into remaining parts of south peninsular India, some parts of south Chhattisgarh and south Odisha, some more parts of Westcentral and Northwest Bay of Bengal during next 4-5 days,” it added.