

13 districts in Karnataka battered by intense rain

People in risky areas to be shifted

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Several districts in Karnataka will receive heavy rainfall in the next three or four days, according to the India Meteorological Department.

A task force headed by the Deputy Commissioners, which included officials of major departments, has been constituted to coordinate rain-related works and relief measures. Officials have been told to set up village-level task forces to monitor floods round the clock.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday chaired a high-level meeting and said orders had been issued to

officials of the district administration to shift villagers/people from locations where landslips occurred last year.

Rain havoc has claimed the lives of 12 people and 65 livestock during the last one month (since June 1). A total of 13 districts in coastal and Malnad regions of the State received heavy rainfall during the last few days, damaging houses and public property. A total 17 taluks received rainfall above the normal during the season.

The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and SDRF teams have been deployed in coastal districts for rescuing rain affected people.