

Heavy rain batters IT parks, arterial roads in Bengaluru

Six flights diverted to Chennai; tech workers offered WFH

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Unprecedented heavy downpour on Sunday night – the third highest single-day rainfall of 131.6 mm the city has recorded – brought Bengaluru to its knees, battering civic infrastructure. Roads were inundated, rainwater entered homes, flights were diverted, buses and other vehicles were stranded, schools shut and boats deployed for rescue.

While the downpour was widespread, affecting more than just the low-level areas, civic authorities said the monsoon this year yielded the second highest rainfall in the city since 1971.

Even information technology parks were flooded, including Manyata Tech Park in Hebbal, Eco Space in Bellandur and Prestige Tech Park in Marathahalli. Wi-



Flood havoc: Officials rescue people as the Halanayakanahalli lake breached in Bengaluru on Monday. ■ MURALI KUMAR K.

pro's office in the Sarjapur area were flooded after a lake nearby overflowed. The Outer Ring Road Companies Association has instructed tech and bank workers employed by various enterprises in the area to work from home for the week.

Six flights, including two international ones, were diverted to Chennai. The airport received 109 mm of rainfall between 11.30 p.m on Sunday and 4 a.m on Monday.

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