

NHAI deploys Highway Restoration Quick Action Team on Mumbai–Goa NH-66 (Panvel to Indapur section) to tackle exceptionally heavy rainfall in Raigad District

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During the last three days, the Raigad area received approximately 300–350 mm of rainfall, including more than 250 mm in the last 24 hours, resulting in flooding of rivers, canals and adjoining low-lying areas on both sides of the Mumbai–Goa Highway. However, due to the above very heavy rainfall, the following locations are experiencing temporary overtopping on NH-66:

- At Kharoshi Phata, temporary submergence of the carriageway occurred due to flooding of the Patalganga River and high tide conditions.
- At Wakan Phata, flooding of the Amba River resulted in temporary accumulation of water on the carriageway.
- At Sukeli Ghat, waterlogging occurred due to heavy discharge from the adjoining hill slopes coupled with flooding in the surrounding areas.
- At Khamb, temporary submergence occurred due to flooding of the canal crossing the highway.

NHAI has already provided sufficient bridges and drainage structures in the 84 km Panvel–Indapur section, along with concreting of the entire road. However, due to submergence and overflow of rivers/nallahs, the flow of water is obstructed and has resulted in overtopping of the road. The Highway Police have temporarily restricted the movement of traffic in these overtopped sections and movement is being allowed as per the site situation when the water level recedes.

The movement of vehicles on two VUPs in Nagothane has been temporarily restricted for maintenance activities (to tackle separation of concrete panels and cracks in the panels) and vehicles are allowed to use the side/slip roads on both sides.

NHAI is monitoring the situation continuously in close coordination with the Highway Police, the Irrigation Department and the State administration to ensure the safe and smooth flow of NH traffic.

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