

NOVEMBER RAINS HIGHEST IN 5 YEARS

The country saw 645 events of heavy rainfall and 168 events of very heavy rainfall in November, the highest in the month in five years, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Wednesday



44 lives in Andhra Pradesh, 16 in Tamil Nadu, 15 in Karnataka and three in Kerala were lost due to extremely heavy to very heavy rainfall in peninsular India

11 extremely heavy rainfall (more than 204.5 mm) events were recorded in India this November, equalling the number reported last year. The country reported zero, four and one event of extremely heavy rainfall in November in 2019, 2018 and 2017, respectively

160 per cent more rainfall – 232.7 mm against the average of 89.5 mm – in November, the highest in the month since 1901 was recorded

56.5 mm of rainfall against the normal of 30.5 mm – an excess of 85.4 per cent – in November was received by the country in whole

44.54 mm has been the long period average of rainfall in peninsular India in December, based on the data of the 1961-2010 period.

Peninsular India which comprises five meteorological subdivisions – Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikkal; coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam; Rayalaseema; Kerala and Mahe, and South Interior Karnataka – is most likely to see above-normal rainfall (more than 132 per cent of the long period average) in December