

Forest dept deploys manpower, rescue kits at tourist hotspots

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Nashik: The Nashik forest department has deployed staffers at Dugarwadi waterfalls and other tourist attractions to prevent any untoward incidents following intense rainfall in Trimbakeshwar taluka.

The move comes after five people of a family were washed away in a waterfall in Pune district.

The western region of the district has received good rains in the last 48 hours resulting in water gushing down fiercely from the rivulets and streams in the hilly areas. "We have already deployed personnel at waterfalls and other such places where people are likely to visit. Our men can guide the tourists considering the

rainfall situation," said deputy conservator of forests Pankaj Garg.

The staffers have been given rescue kits for emergencies and wireless handsets to communicate or seek help.

District collector Jalaj Sharma had recently chaired a meeting on the measures to be taken to ensure the safety of tourists. The meeting was attended by forest as well as police officials.

"The solution is to regulate the number of people visiting these attractions and deploying local officials or guides to ensure people do not get into trouble," a senior official from the forest department said. Meanwhile, the

department is working on preparing a mobile application for citizens to book a slot to visit tourist attractions during the monsoon.

“The modalities are being worked upon, and it will be finalised soon,” the officer said. The Nashik Municipal Corporation (NMC) has also warned people against visiting waterbodies when Godavari river is in spate.

Civic chief Ashok Karanjkar, through a press release, has appealed to people to be cautious while visiting Someshwar waterfalls, the Ramkund and Ram Setu areas, the river bank and the Takli area during monsoon to avoid any untoward incident.

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