

No respite from sweltering heat



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A record nearly 41 degree Celsius heat seems to have turned the state into a boiling pot.

There is hardly any hope of respite during the next couple of days if the weathermen are to be believed.

The soaring heat and humidity level is attributed to some development of cyclonic winds in the northwest Bay of Bengal, which diverted the monsoon winds.

The Regional Meteorological Centre at Borjhar has forecast no change in weather conditions in the next 72 hours.

The 38.5 degrees Celsius temperature broke 33 year old record last year. In June 1979, Guwahati recorded a maximum temperature of 38.4 degrees Celsius.

But the 40 degree degree Celsius has set new record during the last couple of days.

The unbelievable degree of soaring temperature in the “cruellest” April have given the people no less inconvenience.

Schools and colleges in several districts have been remaining closed.

Pedestrians have no option but to tread the burning roads. Some sort of respite is expected in the juice vendors.

“But the respite is momentary. The sun is not shining. It's burning,” said Porixita Bora.

Another pedestrian said that they can't keep themselves confined to their homes.

“Frequent power cuts often add to the woes,” he told Assam Times.

A soaring mercury level forced the authorities to keep schools and colleges closed in Guwahati on Friday and Saturday. But a section of the private schools opened in the city.

Kamrup (Metro) district administration has asked all schools and colleges to remain closed on Friday and Saturday because of unprecedented heat.

The Goalpara district administration has also followed the suit asking the schools and college goers to keep at home to get rid of the sweltering heat on Friday and Saturday.

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