Unprecedented rains in Mount Abu

Why in news?

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Mount Abu reportedly received the heaviest rainfall in over 300 years on a single day.

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What is the current situation?

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- These rains can be attributed to the persistence of a Low-Pressure area over South Rajasthan and adjoining Gujarat.
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- Rajasthan has been receiving splashing rains since Southwest Monsoon covered the entire state.
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- According to the meteorological department's data for 1901-2000, the average annual rainfall at the hill station is 1,554.2 mm.
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- Now, in stretch of five days, Mount Abu has received a whopping 2,116 mm rainfall, breaking all previous records.
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- Torrential rain has been wreaking havoc in south-western parts of the State, leading to floods and devastation.
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- Heavy rain sent boulders down on the Mount Abu road. The popular hill spot was cut off, and about 1,500 tourists, mostly from Gujarat, were stranded for several days.
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- The supply of essential items was hit because of floods at adjoining places and prices of commodities of daily use shot up.
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Quick Fact

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Mount Abu

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- Mount Abu is situated at an elevation of 4,000 feet above sea level on a rocky plateau of the Aravalli Hills, in Sirohi district, Rajasthan bordering Gujarat.
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- The highest peak is Guru Shikhar, situated 5,650 feet above the sea level.
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- It has sub-tropical thorn forests in the foothills and sub-tropical evergreen forests along the water courses and valleys at higher altitudes.
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