

## Sikkim to witness heavy rains

GANGTOK, May 26: Sikkim is expected to

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witness thunderstorm in the next two days due to which rainfall will follow in the east and north districts.

Gangtok MET Centre director G.N. Raha informed that heavy rainfall in the State for past few days is not related to cyclone Amphan. It is due to the regular western

disturbances which generates trough in the upper level followed by full moisture incursion from Bay of Bengal since May 20.

"Such changes in the atmosphere are triggering rainfall, mud slides and landslides here. However, there are chances of rainfall

to subside but if the thunderstorm is strong then intensity rainfall will happen in many areas which again might cause landslides for which we need to stay cautious," added Raha.

May 24 is recorded as the highest rainfall day in Gangtok this year with 75 mm of rainfall, informed Raha.