

Epoch Mine Campus Zimbabwe - Gwanda State University (GSU) and the University of Venda (UNIVEN) have officially entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to enhance academic and research collaboration.

The signing ceremony for the MoU took place at the GSU's Epoch Mine Campus in Matabeleland South Province in Zimbabwe. The UNIVEN delegation led by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Bernard Nthambeleni, included Prof. Joseph Francis, Adv. Eric Nemukula, Dr. Segun Obadire, and Thabo Dikgale.

The MOU between GSU and UNIVEN, facilitated by the Trans Limpopo Spatial Development Initiative (TSLDI), aims to promote business and academic partnerships between Limpopo Province in South Africa and the three provinces namely Matabeleland South, Matabeleland North, and Bulawayo Metropolitan in Zimbabwe. The key focus areas of the MoU include undertaking collaborative research, work integrated learning, teaching and learning, community engagement activities, use of staff from both universities as external examiners, developing joint staff development programmes, promoting integration of innovations into entrepreneurship, developing twin programmes and joint degrees among others.



From left is the Gwanda State University Vice-Chancellor, Professor Doreen Zandile Moyo and the University of Venda Vice-Chancellor, Professor Bernard Nthambeleni posing for a photo after the MOU signing ceremony.

GWANDA STATE UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY OF VENDA SIGN MOU

The MoU further seeks to ensure that GSU and UNIVEN cooperate with each other as appropriate, with relevant national, regional, and international institutions operating within the region in the design, implementation and assessment of capacity development initiatives to achieve maximum impact on matters of common interest.

After signing the MoU, GSU Vice-Chancellor Prof. DZ Moyo, led the UNIVEN delegation on a tour of various GSU projects, including the Clothing Division, Furniture Division, Engineering Laboratory and Innovation Complex, Agro-Innovation Complex, Chalets, Agro-Innovation Hub and Industrial Park, and the Insingadale Farm.

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**UNIVEN
MEETS GSU**
in pictures



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GWANDA STATE UNIVERSITY PARTICIPATES AT THE PRESTIGIOUS DIAMOND OPEN ACCESS SUMMIT



Picture shows attendees of the 2nd Diamond Open Access Summit, held in Capetpown, South Africa. Circled, is the Gwanda State University Deputy Librarian, Mr Phillip Ndhlovu.

Gwanda State University participated at the 2nd Diamond Open Access Summit, which was held on the 9th to the 14th of December, 2024, in Cape Town, South Africa. Open Access is the practice of creating research output, such as scholarly articles, theses, and data, freely available online to the public. This practice aims at enhancing the process of knowledge transfer and promoting equitable access to information across various fields.

This globally recognised event brought together experts, advocates, and stakeholders from around the world to discuss the future of open access publishing, with a particular focus on the Diamond Open Access model.

The Diamond Open Access model ensures the dissemination of scholarly content without financial barriers for both authors and readers, aligning closely with Gwanda State University's goals to promote equitable access to knowledge and research.

This community-driven approach to publishing eliminates the need for article processing charges (APCs), creating a more inclusive and sustainable publishing ecosystem.



“The University’s participation underscores its commitment to fostering open science and strengthening scholarly communication within Zimbabwe and beyond”.

The University managed to acquire invaluable insights and strategies to enhance the library’s role in supporting open access initiatives, ensuring that the University continues to make significant contributions to global knowledge-sharing platforms.

The discussions also tackled critical topics such as the sustainability of open access, community governance, and innovative practices in scholarly publishing.

The knowledge gained is expected to shape future library policies and expand the university’s efforts to empower researchers through open access platforms.

The University Library is excited to integrate these insights into its library services to better serve the academic community and advance the principles of open access.

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Gwanda State University (GSU) has been ranked number 47 out of 129 Universities in the Sub-Saharan Africa Region, a development that showcases the growth trajectory of the institution's learning, teaching and research.

According to the Times Higher Education (THE) 2024 Sub-Saharan Africa University Rankings, released on Wednesday, 27 November 2024, GSU (first time participating) was ranked number 47 in the region.

The Sub-Saharan Africa University Rankings measure Universities performance using carefully calibrated indicators to provide comprehensive and balanced comparisons across three vital areas: teaching, research and societal impact.

The criteria has 20 metrics, which are grouped into five pillars: resources and finance; access and fairness; student engagement; ethical leadership; and Africa impact. GSU was recognised mainly for its resources and finance as well as student engagement.



“A total of 129 Universities from 22 countries were assessed for their impact in addressing some of the toughest challenges in the region. Out of the 22 countries which were assessed, Zimbabwe notched two of the top 20 spots.”



GSU HARVESTS FIRST WHEAT CROP, BOOSTS RURAL INDUSTRIALISATION

Scene of a thriving Wheat Crop at the Insingadale Farm

GSU is taking great strides in contributing towards Agro-based industrialisation, a development inline with the implementation of Education 5.0 philosophy.

This follows a successful harvest of the inaugural winter crop from the Insingadale Farm. The harvest adds to the national pillar of the food security cluster (echoed in the National Development Strategy (NDS), 1) and is contributing to the rural industrialisation of Zimbabwe.

Speaking during a tour of the winter crop at Insingadale farm, the Vice-Chancellor Professor DZ Moyo said that the clearing of land commenced in December 2023 and it was done manually because the University was yet to be mechanised. As a result the process of clearing the land took longer than expected.

"We expect a good harvest given the quality of the crop. There are two benefits to this project. The first being the academic side whereby our students come here for their practical lessons and the second benefit is revenue benefit from the harvest for the University.

Our hope is that the students will use the knowledge gained here to venture into winter wheat farming," said Prof Moyo.

She added that the institution encountered a few hurdles and noted that the El Nino-induced drought was a major set back as the region recorded insignificant rainfall. "The project would not have been a success without the permit from Zinwa (Zimbabwe National Water Authority) that allows us to draw water from the nearby Insiza River to augment supplies from our boreholes at the farm," said Prof Moyo.

The University engaged surrounding communities and consulted with local leadership who then assisted in identifying contract workers for the project. "We also encountered theft and vandalism infrastructure challenges but we addressed the problem by engaging the communities through their local leadership," said Vice-Chancellor Moyo. She said by employing locals, the University had given ownership of the project to the local community who are now protecting the infrastructure against vandals.

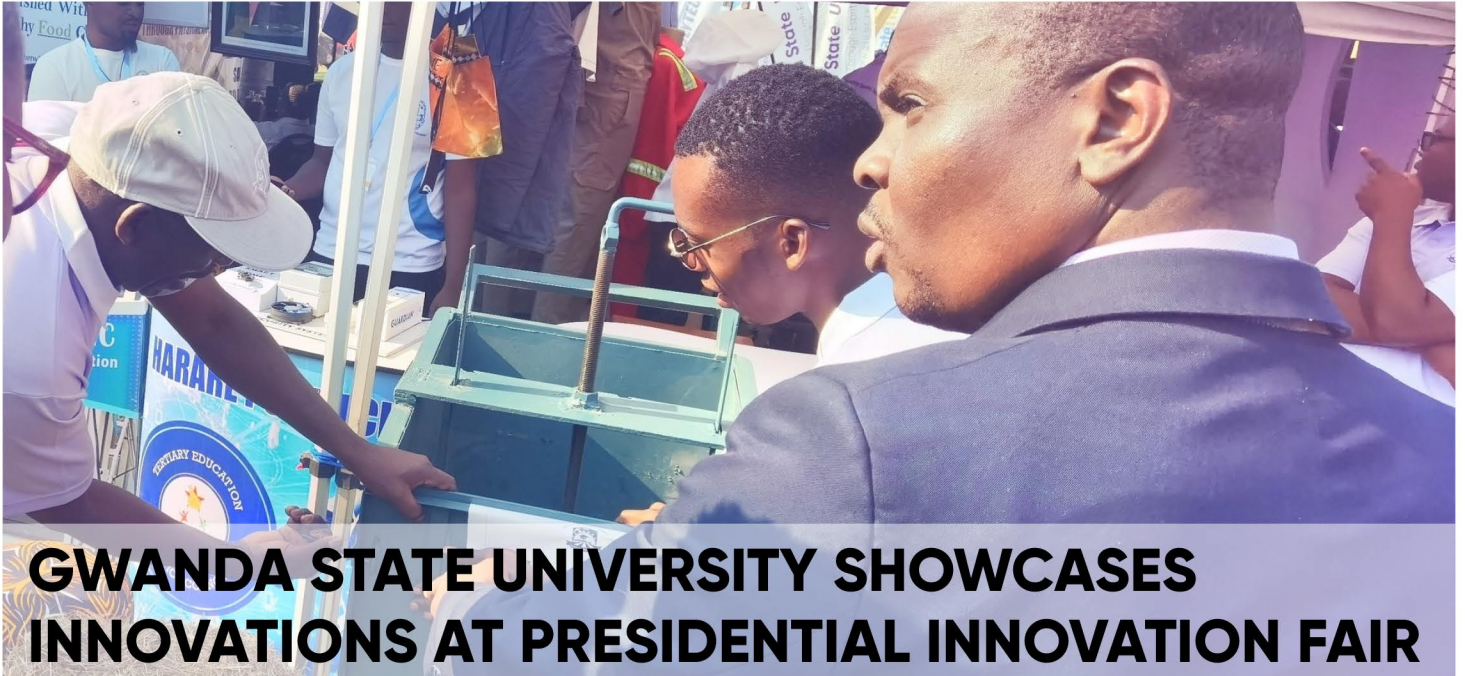
Matabeleland South Minister for Provincial Affairs and Devolution, Dr Evelyn Ndlovu, said despite falling short of the targeted hectareage for winter wheat cropping in Matabeleland South, GSU has unexpectedly added to the Matabeleland South winter hectrage.

"The province had a target of 5 000 hectares for winter wheat but due to the drought, we only managed to plant 4 000 hectares. The Gwanda State University crop is an addition to that target," she said.

Minister Ndlovu said Government had confidence in the capabilities of the relatively young University hence it was availing more land for projects.

"Gwanda State University is a young institution but the speed at which they are implementing their programmes and growing as a University is very impressive.

"The University has a cattle and goat project and they are planning to add piggery, which shows how innovative they are when it comes to food production," she said.



GWANDA STATE UNIVERSITY SHOWCASES INNOVATIONS AT PRESIDENTIAL INNOVATION FAIR

The Deputy Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation, Science and Technology Development, Honourable Simeliszwe Sibanda engages with GSU staff during the 2nd Edition of the Presidential Innovation Fair, held in Harare.

Gwanda State University (GSU) participated in the 2nd Edition of the Presidential Innovation Fair, held in Harare.

The annual event attracted higher and tertiary education institutions, government agencies, and research and innovation departments, all showcasing innovations that are at commercialisation stage.

At the Fair, GSU exhibited a range of innovations, including a manually operated hay baler, precision fertiliser applicator, transformer porcelain bushings, clothing apparels, and furniture.

The exhibition provided valuable opportunities for prospective business leads for student innovations.

During the official opening of the fair, the guest of honour, the President of Zimbabwe and Chancellor of Gwanda State University, Cde Dr. Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa, emphasised the critical role of science, technology, and innovation in achieving Zimbabwe's Vision 2030.

He highlighted the growing need for skills development in institutions of higher learning that will boost the viability of grassroots industries.

The President also commended young innovators for their dedication and hard work, which has significantly improved the quality of graduates from Zimbabwean institutions of higher learning.

The Presidential Innovation Awards aimed to encourage high-level and quality innovations within institutions.

The fair also aimed to build and reinforce a thriving innovation ecosystem through exhibitions and expos, attracting local and international venture capital and fostering idea sharing, benchmarking, and standardization of innovation initiatives.



GWANDA STATE UNIVERSITY EXHIBITS AT 2024 BEITBRIDGE BUSINESS EXPO



Gwanda State University (GSU) participated in the 2024 Beitbridge Business Expo, held from July 11 to 13, 2024, at Dulivhadzimu Stadium in Beitbridge.

The three-day expo, themed "Beitbridge 24 seven," aimed to promote Beitbridge as a 24-hour service town.

At the Expo, GSU showcased its various academic programmes and projects to prospective students and stakeholders. The University also held a career guidance session with students from more than six high schools as a way of enhancing its brand visibility and engagement with the community.

Among the distinguished visitors to GSU's exhibition stand was Mrs. Beauty Bhulu, Matabeleland Vice-President of the Zimbabwe National Chamber of Commerce (ZNCC), who officiated the event. Mrs. Bhulu appreciated the presence of higher education institutions at the expo.

"I was particularly pleased to see the involvement of Gwanda State University (GSU), and other Institutions of Higher learning participating in this expo.

We applaud their efforts to expand academic outreach to all corners of the country, aligning with the Government's National Development Strategy 1 (NDS1) drive," she said.

She also commended GSU for its outstanding participation in the 2024 Business Expo, recognising the University's commitment to academic excellence and community engagement.

GSU SHOWCASES INNOVATION AT 2024 ZIMBABWE AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Gwanda State University (GSU) participated at the 114th edition of the Zimbabwe Agricultural Show (ZAS), held from August 26 to August 31, 2024, in Harare.

At the show themed "*Cultivating Prosperity*," GSU's exhibitions highlighted cutting-edge projects including a Mine Inspection Drone, Precision Fertiliser Applicator, Transformer Porcelain Bushings, Clothing Apparels, and Furniture products.

The show also provided a platform for the University to enhance its visibility and attract stakeholders.

Mozambican President Filipe Nyusi officially opened the show, with a key note address that emphasized the importance of stronger economic cooperation between Mozambique and Zimbabwe, highlighting the significance of regional economic integration and the potential for enhanced trade relations.

"Our determination to take ownership of resources for the benefit of our people prevails," President Nyusi said. He also expressed the intention of both countries to continue fostering collaboration and producing wealth together for the welfare of their citizens.

Established in 1895, the ZAS aims to promote agriculture and its supporting activities, and facilitating agricultural development in Zimbabwe.



Gwanda State University Student, Carlos Muriro explaining his innovation to a visitor at the GSU exhibition stand during Zimbabwe Agricultural Show.

GSU SUCCESSFULLY HOLDS 3RD AGM.



Pic1: From right, is the Deputy Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation, Science and Technology Development, Honourable Simelisizwe Sibanda, Gwanda State University Council Chairperson Dr. Sheri Nyakudya, Gwanda State University Vice-Chancellor, Professor Doreen Zandile Moyo, Gwanda State University Registrar Mr Erasmus Mupfiga and the Gwanda State University Bursar, Mr Pardon Zhira. Pic2: Attendants following the proceedings during the AGM.

Gwanda State University successfully held its 3rd Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 18 December, 2024, in Harare.

The Annual General Meeting was held in accordance to the Public Entities Corporate Governance Act: [Chapter 10:31]; No. 4 of 2018.

Participants included representatives from the Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation Science and Technology Development, Auditor General, Accountant General, Corporate Governance Unit, PKF Chartered Accountants, as well as some members of the Gwanda State University Council and Management.

The Gwanda State University 2023 Annual Report was adopted following the presentation by the Vice-Chancellor Professor Doreen Zandile Moyo.

The Deputy Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education Innovation Science and Technology Development Mr Simelisizwe Sibanda re-appointed members of the Gwanda State University Council for the year 2024.

Following the presentation by the PKF Chartered Accountants, the University acquired an unqualified audit status for the year 2023,-

an achievement that was hailed by the Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education Innovation Science and Technology Development.

Speaking at the 3rd Annual General Meeting in Harare, the Deputy Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education Innovation Science and Technology Development Mr Simelisizwe Sibanda commended the milestone achievement.

"I congratulate the leadership at Gwanda State University for creating a good culture of managing the entrusted resources the correct way, culminating in an unqualified audit", said the Deputy Minister.

He also pointed out that the culmination of hard work in 2023 was not only witnessed in the management of University resources, but also seen in the academic area through pursuit of Heritage based Education.

The Deputy Minister added that the University should upscale its innovation and industrialisation drive in-line with declaration made by His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe Cde. Dr Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa, of envisioning 2025 as a year of commercialisation.

"The declaration propels Gwanda State University to commercialise its innovations so as to boost industrial activities", the Deputy Minister said.

He implored the University to champion development in the mining and agricultural sectors in Matabeleland South Province and nationally.

He added that the University needs to further enhance its infrastructure development through construction of Innovation hubs and Industrial Parks which will ultimately equip students with practical skills.

The Deputy Minister reiterated that the Ministry will continue supporting Gwanda State University so that it remains a centre of excellence.

The Vice-Chancellor Professor Doreen Zandile Moyo applauded His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe and Chancellor of Gwanda State University Cde Dr Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa, the Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education Innovation Science and Technology Development, Gwanda State University Council, Management, Staff, Students and Alumni for their unwavering support that has contributed to the Gwanda State University's positive image.

GSU GEARS FOR IMPROVED SERVICE DELIVERY IN 2025



Pic1

Gwanda State University held its inaugural Intergrated Result Based Management (**IRBM**) Strategic Plan Review Workshop in Gweru. The workshop aimed at improving service delivery at the University.

Pic 1 and Pic 2: Attendants following the proceedings during the IRBM Strategic Review Workshop.

Participants of the workshop included the Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education Innovation Science and Technology Development, Public Service Commission, Zimbabwe Council of Higher Education, Gwanda State University Council and Management.

The GSU 2021-2025 Strategic Plan feeds into the Human Capital development pillar of the National Development Strategy (NDS) 1.



Pic2

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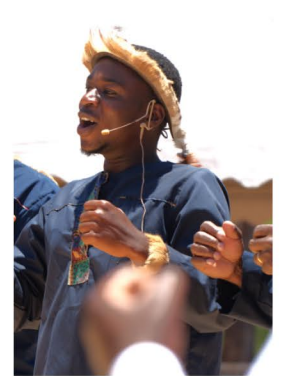


3RD GRADUATION CEREMONY

FRIDAY, 22 NOVEMBER, 2024.

IN PICTURES







Gwanda State University (GSU) successfully held its inaugural Fundraising Golf Tournament at Harry Allen Golf Club in Bulawayo.

The fundraising tournament's goal was to generate capital to establish a state of the art infrastructure for a piggery project, envisaged to enhance teaching and learning through imparting students with hands-on skills and experience on pig rearing. The event attracted at least 70 golfers from various organisations across the country.

In her remarks, delivered during the tournament's prize giving ceremony,

GSU Vice-Chancellor Professor Doreen Zandile Moyo highlighted the importance of such events for the University's growth and development.

She noted that GSU's development could not rely solely on government support, hence the decision to engage various stakeholders to support the growth and development of GSU.

She commended golfers for their dedication and sportsmanship, noting that golf as a sport, symbolised self-improvement, patience and resilience.

Professor Moyo congratulated the winners and applauded all participants for their exceptional commitment.



"To our champions, congratulations on your outstanding performance. To those who may not have won today, remember that every challenge faced on the course and every lesson learnt brings you one step closer to your goals," she said.

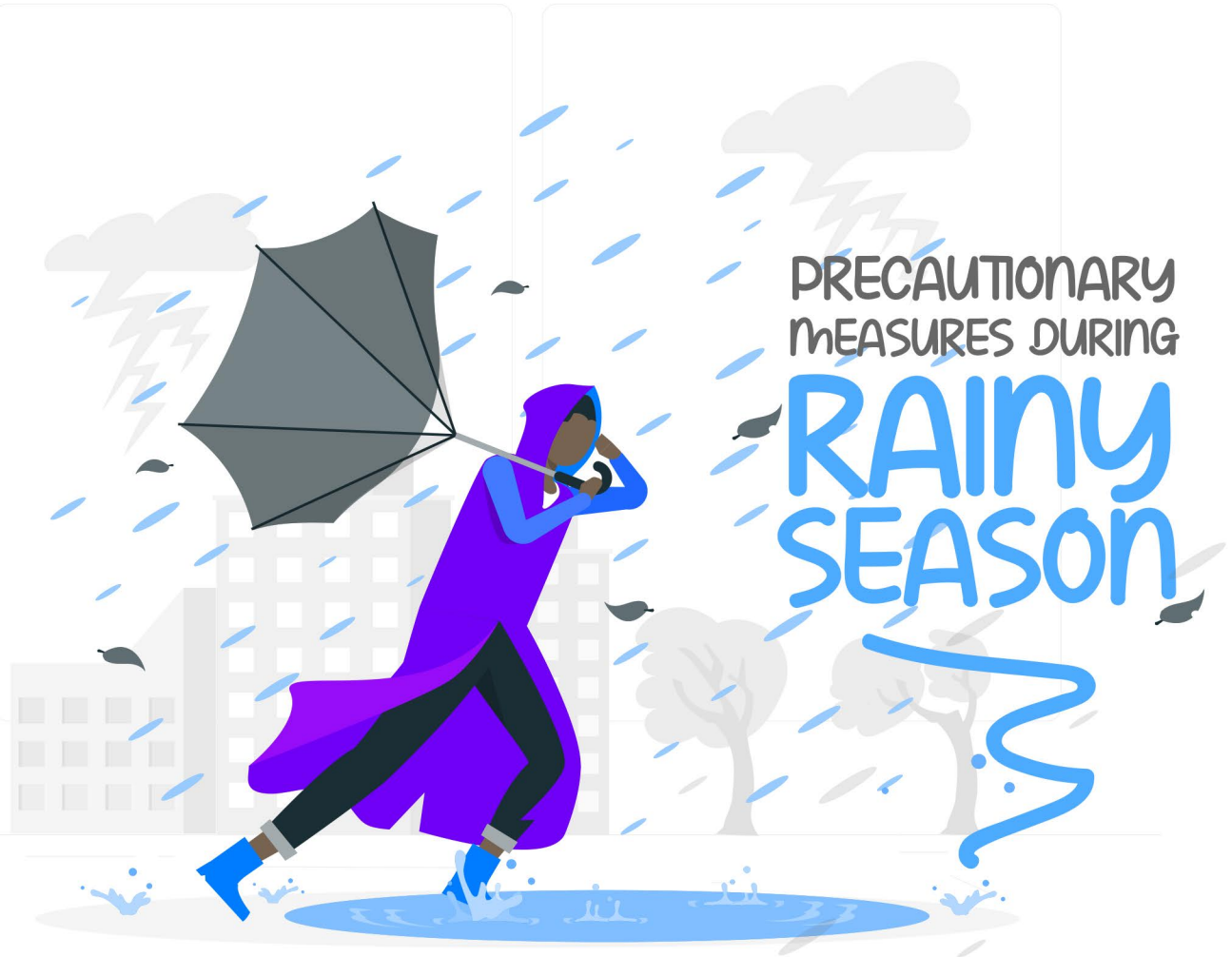
The prize giving ceremony also featured speeches from platinum sponsors, Old Mutual and Calm Health International, who pledged to support future GSU's golf tournaments.



2024 INAUGURAL FUNDRAISING GOLF TOURNAMENT IN PICTURES.







While the rainy season brings the much-needed relief and lush greenery, it also introduces a host of challenges and potential dangers that can affect the natural eco system. From unpredictable weather patterns and flooding to increased risks of waterborne diseases and structural damages, it is essential to be well-prepared to navigate these adverse conditions safely.

This comprehensive guide offers **15 essential safety tips and practical advice** associated with the rainy season. Understanding and implementing these strategies will ensure the well-being of yourself and your loved ones, as well as minimise property damage.

1. Stay Informed with Weather Updates

Keeping up-to-date with weather forecasts is the first step in staying safe during the rainy season. Use reliable sources such as local meteorological departments, weather apps, and news channels to receive timely alerts about heavy rains, storms, and potential flooding. Being informed allows you to make proactive decisions and take necessary precautions in advance.

2. Secure Your Home

Ensuring your home is secure against heavy rains can prevent significant damage and reduce the risk of accidents. Taking proactive steps to fortify your home minimises the impact of severe weather and helps maintain the structural integrity of your living space.

3. Avoid Flood-Prone Areas

Flooding is a common hazard during the rainy season. Avoid travelling through or staying in areas known to be prone to flooding. Understanding your area's geography can help you avoid dangerous zones and reduce the likelihood of encountering floodwaters. Floodwaters can be dangerous due to strong currents, contamination, and hidden debris. Maintaining a safe distance from these waters protects you from potential injuries and illnesses that can arise from contact with contaminated water.

5. Elevate Electrical Appliances

Electrical malfunctions are a common risk during heavy rains and flooding. Protecting your electrical appliances from water damage not only preserves your devices but also prevents electrical hazards such as shocks or fires.

6. Maintain Proper Drainage Systems

Effective drainage is vital to prevent water accumulation and reduce the risk of flooding. Regular maintenance of your drainage systems ensures that excess rainwater is efficiently directed away from your property, minimising water damage and related issues.

8. Prepare for Power Outages

Power outages are common during heavy rains and storms. Being prepared for such events ensures that you remain functional and safe even when the electricity supply is disrupted.

9. Practice Safe Driving

Driving during the rainy season requires extra caution to prevent accidents. Wet roads and reduced visibility can increase the risk of collisions, so adopting safe driving practices is essential for your safety and that of others on the road.

10. Protect Yourself from Mosquitoes

The rainy season often brings an increase in mosquito activity, which can lead to diseases like malaria. Taking preventive measures against mosquitoes helps safeguard your health and reduces the risk of mosquito-borne illnesses.

11. Stay Healthy and Hydrated

Proper hydration and nutrition support the immune system and overall well-being during the rainy season.

12. Stay Indoors During Severe Weather

Staying indoors during heavy storms and strong winds minimizes the risk of accidents and injuries. It provides a safe refuge from the elements and reduces exposure to potential hazards.

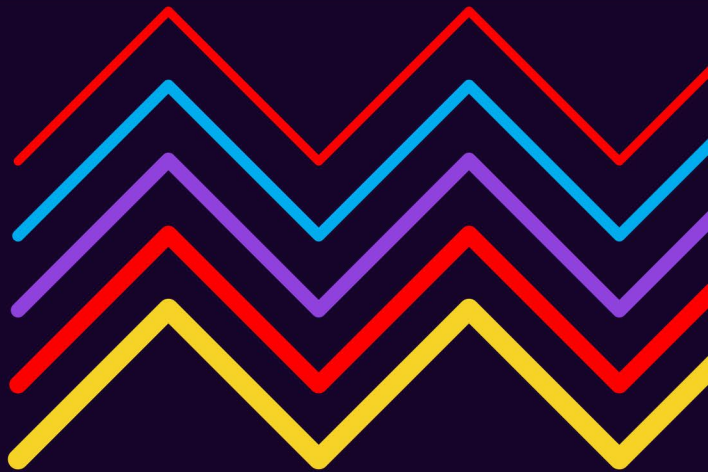
13. Educate Your Family

Ensuring that everyone in your household is aware of safety measures is crucial during the rainy season. Family education fosters a collaborative approach to safety and ensures that each member knows how to respond effectively in emergencies.



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