

230 trees uprooted in Vadodara city, district

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Vadodara: A day after strong winds blew through the city, the forest department was busy clearing roads in the rural areas. Dozens of trees were uprooted in the city and adjacent villages on Tuesday blocking several internal roads. The district administration and forest officials began the operation to clear the roads late on Tuesday evening.

“We cleared trees from Dumad-Savli Road, Chansad-Chhapad Road, Sindhrot Road, Ampad-Samiyala Road and some stretches on the western by-pass,” said Nidhi Dave, range forest officer (RFO). Over 230 trees were uprooted in the district apart from 108 electric poles that were damaged. However, no injuries were reported. A total of 16 roads were cleared for smooth traffic movement.

On some roads, tree branches were dangling dangerously by the roadside posing threat to the commuters. “Our four teams either removed the branches or trimmed the trees in taluka areas. We have been working continuously for last three days,” Dave added.

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The civic body too was busy removing fallen trees and hoardings in different city areas on Wednesday. A total of 90 electric poles that were damaged have been repaired. On Wednesday too, some areas saw power outages for several hours.