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Subject:

Enhanced rainfall/snowfall with isolated heavy falls over Western Himalayan Region and enhanced rainfall activity over Plains of northwest India till 09<sup>th</sup> January, 2022.

## Weather Observed during past 24 hours ending at 0830 hrs IST of today:

- **Precipitation (in cm): East Madhya Pradesh**: Chhatarpur, Niwari, Panna-5 each, Tikamgarh-4, Sagar-2; **West Madhya Pradesh:** Bhopal-4, Shajapur, Vidisha, Bhind, Rajgarh, Gwalior, Shivpuri-3 each; **Punjab**: Kapurthala-4.
- **Minimum temperatures** are above normal by 3-6°C over most parts of Northwest & central India and Gujarat and near normal over rest parts of North India.
- Fog (at 0830 hours IST of today): Dense to very dense fog occurred in isolated pockets over Rajasthan, northwest Madhya Pradesh, West Uttar Pradesh, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim and Bihar and moderate fog in isolated pockets over Delhi, East Uttar Pradesh and Tripura.

#### Forecast & Warnings:

## I. Wet spell over Northwest & Central India till 9<sup>th</sup> January:

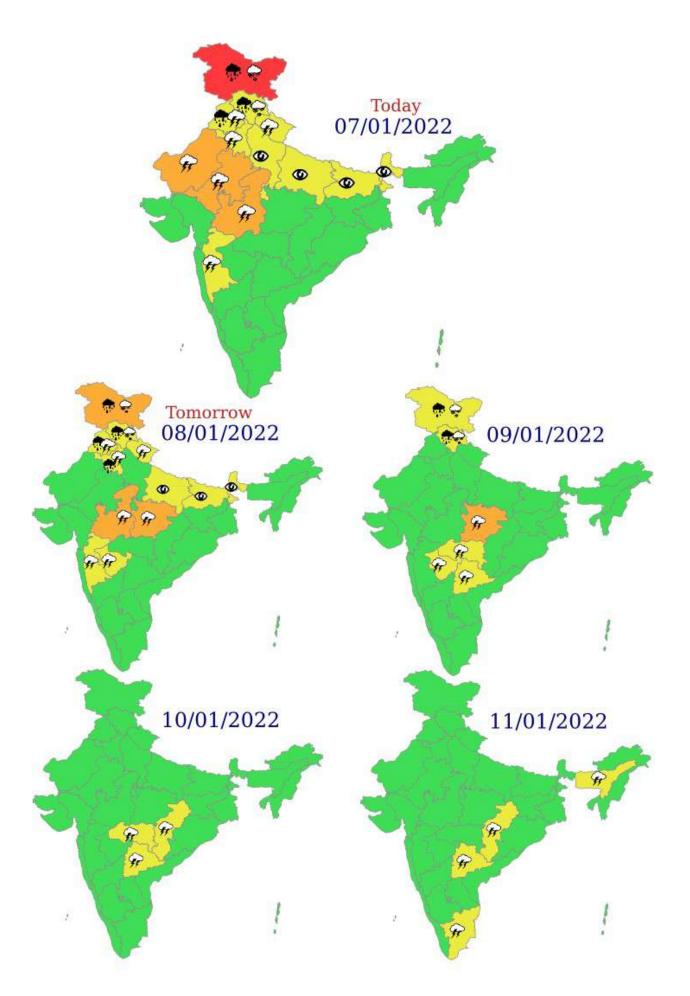
- The Western Disturbance as a cyclonic circulation lies over south Afghanistan & neighbourhood in lower & middle tropospheric levels with trough aloft in upper tropospheric levels along Long. 65°E to the north of Lat. 15°N. The induced cyclonic circulation lies over southwest Rajasthan & adjoining south Pakistan at lower tropospheric levels.
- There is high moisture feeding from Arabian Sea over northwest & adjoining central India in lower & middle tropospheric levels and is very likely to continue during next 2-3 days. The confluence of winds from Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal at lower tropospheric levels is very likely over central India during next 4-5 days.
- Under the influence of above systems:
  - Fairly widespread to widespread light/moderate rainfall/snowfall over Western Himalayan Region till 09<sup>th</sup> and decrease significantly thereafter. Isolated heavy Very Heavy rainfall/snowfall very likely over Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh-Gilgit-Baltistan-Muzaffarabad on 07<sup>th</sup> and isolated Heavy falls on 08<sup>th</sup> & 09<sup>th</sup> January. Isolated heavy rainfall/snowfall very likely over Himachal Pradesh during 07<sup>th</sup>-09<sup>th</sup> January.
  - ✓ Fairly widespread to widespread light/moderate rainfall very likely over Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, north Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh during 07<sup>th</sup>-09<sup>th</sup> and decrease significantly thereafter. Scattered to fairly widespread light/moderate rainfall very likely over Madhya Pradesh during 07<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, Vidarbha and Chhattisgarh during 09<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> January.
  - ✓ Isolated heavy rainfall very likely over Punjab on 07<sup>th</sup> & 08<sup>th</sup> and over Haryana, Chandigarh on 08<sup>th</sup> January.

- ✓ Isolated thunderstorms with lightning/Hail very likely over Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, West Madhya Pradesh on 07<sup>th</sup> & 08<sup>th</sup>; East Madhya Pradesh on 08<sup>th</sup> & 09<sup>th</sup>; Vidarbha on 09<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> and over Chhattisgarh on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2022.
- ✓ Isolated to scattered light/moderate rainfall very likely over East India during 09<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> January.

### II. Minimum Temperatures, Cold Wave and Fog:

- ✓ Minimum temperatures are above normal by 3-6°C over most parts of Northwest & central India and Gujarat and near normal over rest parts of North India.
- ✓ No significant change in minimum temperatures very likely over most parts of Northwest India & Madhya Pradesh during next 2 days and fall by 3-5°C thereafter.
- ✓ No Cold Wave Conditions likely over North India during next 4-5 days.
- ✓ Fall in minimum temperatures by 3-5°C very likely over Gujarat State during next 3 days and no significant change thereafter.
- ✓ Gradual rise in minimum temperatures by 2-4°C over East India during next 5 days.
- Dense Fog in isolated pockets in night/morning hours very likely over West Uttar Pradesh during next 24 hours and over East Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim during next 2 days.

For more details refer: https://mausam.imd.gov.in/imd\_latest/contents/subdivisionwise-warning.php



**EXPECTED IMPACT & ACTION SUGGESTED due to isolated Heavy/Very Heavy** rainfall/snowfall over Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh during 07<sup>th</sup>-09<sup>th</sup> January and isolated Heavy rainfall over Punjab on 07<sup>th</sup> & 08<sup>th</sup> and over Haryana, Chandigarh on 08<sup>th</sup> January, 2022.

### A. Impact Expected

- Localized Flooding of roads, inundation and water logging in low lying areas and closure of underpasses mainly in urban areas of the affected region.
- > Occasional reduction in visibility due to heavy rainfall.
- > Disruption of traffic in major cities due to water logging in roads leading to increased travel time.
- Minor damage to kutcha roads.
- > Possibilities of damage to vulnerable structure.
- Localized Landslides/Mudslides
- > Damage to horticulture and standing crops in some areas due to inundation.
- It may lead to riverine flooding in some river catchments (for riverine flooding please visit Web page of CWC)

## **B. Action Suggested**

- > Check for traffic congestion on your route before leaving for your destination.
- > Follow any traffic advisories that are issued in this regard.
- > Avoid going to areas that face the water logging problems often.
- > Avoid staying in vulnerable structure.
- Harvest the ripen crops like Paddy & Horticultural crops and also secure the harvested crops securely from the damage due to rain and strong winds.

Impact expected and action suggested due to Thunderstorm, Lightning & Hail over Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, West Madhya Pradesh on 07<sup>th</sup>–08<sup>th</sup>; over Rajasthan on 07<sup>th</sup>; over East Madhya Pradesh on 08<sup>th</sup> & 09<sup>th</sup>; over Vidarbha on 09<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>; over Chhattisgarh on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> January., 2022.

Impact expected:

- > Hail may damage plantation, horticulture and standing crops.
- Hail may injure people and cattle at open places.

Action suggested:

- Stay indoors, close windows & doors and avoid travel if possible.
- Take safe shelters; do not take shelter under trees.
- Do not lie on concrete floors and do not lean against concrete walls.
- Unplug electrical/ electronic appliances.
- Immediately get out of water bodies.
- Keep away from all the objects that conduct electricity.

# Legends:

Heavy Rain: 64.5 to 115.5 mm; Very Heavy Rain: 115.6 to 204.4 mm; Extremely Heavy Rain: >204.4 mm.

### Region wise classification of meteorological Sub-Divisions:

1) **Northwest India:** Jammu, Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit, Baltistan & Muzaffarabad; Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi; West Uttar Pradesh, East Uttar Pradesh, West Rajasthan and East Rajasthan.

2) Central India: West Madhya Pradesh, East Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha and Chhattisgarh.

3) **East India:** Bihar, Jharkhand, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim; Gangetic West Bengal, Odisha and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

4) **Northeast India:** Arunachal Pradesh, Assam & Meghalaya and Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura.

5) **West India:** Gujarat Region, Saurashtra & Kutch, Konkan & Goa, Madhya Maharashtra and Marathwada.

6) **South India:** Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam, Telangana, Rayalaseema, Coastal Karnataka, North Interior Karnataka, South Interior Karnataka, Kerala & Mahe, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Karaikal and Lakshadweep.

