



**Government of India  
Ministry of Earth Sciences  
India Meteorological Department**

**Press Release**

**Date: 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2023**

**Time of Issue: 2100 hours IST**

**Sub: i) IMD-National Media workshop on Weather and Climate on 28 April 2023 (0900-1600 hrs IST)**

**ii) IMD-Press Conference and Press Release on “Rainfall and Temperature forecast for May 2023” on 28 April 2023 at 1600-1630 hrs IST**

IMD is organizing National Media workshop on Weather and Climate. In this event, **Dr. M. Ravichandran**, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, has kindly consented to be the **Chief Guest**, **Shri Kamal Kishore**, Member Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority, Shall be the **Guest of Honour** and **Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra**, DGM, IMD will address to gathering. Details of Inaugural and Technical Sessions are attached. This workshop is exclusively for all registered Media personal who have been already confirmed by IMD.

It is further to inform to all media personals that this Workshop will be followed by Press Conference and Interaction with Print & Electronic Media on “Rainfall and Temperature forecast for May 2023”: at 1600 hrs IST, by Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, DGM, IMD.

All media personals are welcome for this Press Conference.

The Media Workshop as well as Press Conference events will be in dual mode and virtual link for attending the same is as follows:

<https://imd-mb.webex.com/imd-mb/j.php?MTID=m478911df2d75c3b4834d928e4e715873>

**Venue of the Workshop and Press Conference: Mahika Hall. Prithvi Bhawan, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003**

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*Inaugural Session*

*on*

*28<sup>th</sup> April*

*2023 at*

*Mahika Hall, Prithvi Bhawan, MoES, Lodhi Road*

*0900 to 1100am*

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| <i>1. Registration of participants</i>  | <i>0900-0945</i> |
| <i>2. Arrival of Dignitaries</i>  | <i>0950-0955</i> |
| <i>3. Lighting of lamp</i>  | <i>0955-1000</i> |
| <i>4. Welcome of guests</i>   | <i>1000-1005</i> |
| <i>5. Welcome address by Shri S C Bhan</i>  | <i>1005-1010</i> |
| <i>6. Address by Dr.Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, DGM, IMD</i>                                    | <i>1010-1020</i> |
| <i>7. Release of Publications</i>   | <i>1020-1025</i> |
| <i>8. Address by Shri Kamal Kishore, Member Secretary, NDMA<br/>&amp; Guest of Honor</i>  | <i>1025-1035</i> |
| <i>9. Inaugural address by Dr. M. Ravichandran, Secretary, MoES<br/>&amp; Chief Guest</i> | <i>1035-1045</i> |
| <i>10. Vote of thanks by Dr. R K Jenamani</i>   | <i>1045-1050</i> |

*National Anthem*

*High Tea*



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*Technical Session*  
on  
28th April  
2023 at  
Mahika Hall, Prithvi Bhawan, MoES, Lodhi  
Road 1130 am to 1630 pm

*Session-1: Familiarization with Services of IMD*

<i>1130-1210</i>	<i>Weather and Climate Services of IMD</i> <i>Shri S C Bhan, Sc-G, IMD</i>
<i>1210-1250</i>	<i>Familiarization of Weather Bulletins (General and Special), Warnings, Terminologies, their Interpretation, Mausam Website familiarization</i> <i>Dr. R K Jenamani, Sc-G, IMD</i>
<i>1250-1330</i>	<i>Interaction with media on "Real time access of Weather, climate Information and Warning products"</i> <i>Moderator Shri S C Bhan and Dr. R K Jenamani Sc-G IMD</i>
<i>1330-1430</i>	<i>Lunch Break</i>

*Session-2: Panel Discussion, Concluding Session and  
Recommendations and Press Conference*

<i>1430-1530</i>	<i>Panel Discussion chaired by Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, DGM, IMD Moderated by Shri S C Bhan, Sc-G, IMD</i>
<i>1530-1600</i>	<i>Concluding Session and Recommendations</i>
<i>1600-1630</i>	<i>Press Conference on "Rainfall and Temperature forecast for May 2023": Presentation by Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, DGM, IMD Followed by interaction with Print &amp; Electronic Media</i>
<i>1630</i>	<i>Evening Tea</i>



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*Panel Discussion on*  
*28<sup>th</sup> April, 2023*

*Timing: 1430-1530 hrs*  
*IST*  
*at*

*Mahika Hall, Prithvi Bhawan, MoES, Lodhi Road*

*Topic for panel discussion "Role of Media in Communicating Weather Forecast and its Uncertainty to the Public and the Stakeholders"*

*Chairman: Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, DGM, IMD*

*Panelist\*:*

1. Sri Pallava Bagla, Photo-journalist & Science Editor, "Climate vs weather variability and LRF Monsoon"
2. Sri Amit Bhattacharya, Senior editor, The Times of India "Weather extremes and Impact and communicating to public and Stake holders"
3. Dr Dinesh C. Sharma, Science and Environment Journalist, columnist and Author. "Challenges of Weather information Dissemination in the Digital Age"
4. Sri Amitabh Sinha, Senior Editor on Climate and Environment, Indian Express
5. Sri Viswa Mohan-Senior Editor, Times of India-"Agro-advisories for farmers and how best it can be used in close coordination with Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) across the country"
6. Mrs Jayashree Nandi Climate and Environment Correspondent Hindustan Times "Heat waves and heat stress in cities"
7. Mr Sagar Kulkarni Senior Journalist "Go beyond weather forecasts for the farm sector"
8. Mrs Himani Rana, Deputy Director, I/C Reporting News Services Division ,All India Radio

*Moderator: Shri S C Bhan, Sc-G, IMD*

*\*Each panelist will speak for about 3-4 minutes. Following the presentations by the Panelist, there will be Question -Answer Session of about 45-minutes.*