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Subject: (i) Significant reduction in rainfall activity over northwest India after 24 hours and over south Peninsular India after 48 hours.

(ii) A fresh spell of rainfall likely to commence over northwest India from 06th May.

Weather observed during past 24 hours ending at 0830 hrs IST of today: (Refer Annexure I for details)

Significant Meteorological features:

- ❖ A Western Disturbance as a cyclonic circulation lies over Haryana & neighbourhood in lower tropospheric levels.
- ❖ Another Western Disturbance seen as a trough along Long.68°E to the north of 22°N in middle tropospheric levels.
- ❖ A trough/wind discontinuity runs from southwest Madhya Pradesh to south Tamil Nadu in lower tropospheric levels.
- ❖ A cyclonic Circulation lies over South Interior Karnataka & neighbourhood in lower tropospheric levels.
- ❖ A fresh Western Disturbance likely to affect Northwest India from 05th May night.
- ❖ A cyclonic circulation is likely to develop over Southeast Bay of Bengal around 06th May, 2023. Under its influence, a Low Pressure Area is likely to form over the same region during subsequent 48 hours.

Forecast and warning for next 5 days

Northwest India:

- ❖ Light to moderate fairly widespread to widespread rainfall/snowfall with thunderstorm/lightning/gusty winds (wind speed 30-40 kmph) very likely over Northwest India during next 2 days, significant reduction thereafter for subsequent 02 days and a fresh spell likely to influence the region from 06th May with scattered to fairly widespread rainfall/snowfall over Western Himalayan region and isolated to scattered rainfall over plains of northwest India for subsequent 2-3 days.
- **❖ Hailstorm** activity very likely at isolated places over Uttarakhand during 02nd-04th May. **Thundersquall (wind speed 50-60 kmph)** very likely over Uttarakhand on 03rd May.
- ❖ Heavy rainfall very likely at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Uttar Pradesh on 02nd May.

Central India:

- ❖ Scattered/fairly widespread rainfall with thunderstorm/lightning/gusty winds (40-50 kmph) very likely over the region during next 2 days and reduction thereafter.
- **♦ Hailstorm** very likely at isolated places over East Madhya Pradesh on 02nd & 03rd; over Vidarbha and Chhattisgarh on 02nd May.

East India:

- Light/moderate scattered to fairly widespread **rainfall** with thunderstorm/lightning/gusty winds very likely over the region during next 2 days and reduction thereafter.
- * Hailstorm very likely at isolated places over Gangetic West Bengal on 03rd May.

South India

- Scattered/fairly widespread rainfall with thunderstorm/lightning/gusty winds (40-50 kmph) very likely over the region during next 3 days and reduction thereafter.
- ❖ **Heavy to very heavy rainfall** very likely at isolated places over South Interior Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Karaikal and Kerala on 02nd May, **heavy rainfall** at isolated places over Coastal Andhra Pradesh during 02nd-04th; South Interior Karnataka, Kerala & Tamil Nadu during 02nd-03rd and over Telangana & Rayalaseema on 02nd May.
- **\Delta Hailstorm** very likely at isolated places over Telangana on 02^{nd} May.

Northeast India:

- ❖ Light/moderate fairly widespread to widespread rainfall with thunderstorm/lightning/gusty winds very likely over the region during next 5 days.
- ♦ Heavy rainfall very likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh during 02nd-05th May and over Assam & Meghalaya 02nd, 03rd & 05th May.

West India:

- ❖ Light isolated rainfall with thunderstorm/lightning very likely over the region during next 5 days.
- ❖ Hailstorm activity very likely at isolated places over Madhya Maharashtra and Marathawada on 02nd & 04th May.

Maximum Temperatures, its Forecast and Heat Wave Warnings (Graphics in Annexure II):

- ❖ Yesterday, Maximum Temperatures were below 37°C over most parts of the country. These are below normal by 3-6°C over most parts of the country
- ❖ Maximum temperatures are very likely to be below normal to near normal over the country during next 5 days.
- ❖ No Heat wave conditions likely over any part of India during next 5 days.

For more details kindly refer:

https://mausam.imd.gov.in/responsive/all_india_forcast_bulletin.php https://mausam.imd.gov.in/responsive/districtWiseNowcast.php

Impact expected and action suggested due to thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds & Hailstorm:

❖ 02nd May: Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Gangetic West Bengal

Impact expected:

- Strong wind/hail may damage plantation, horticulture and standing crops.
- ❖ Hail may injure people and cattle at open places.
- Partial damage to vulnerable structures due to strong winds.
- Minor damage to kutcha houses/walls and huts.
- Loose objects may fly.

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.

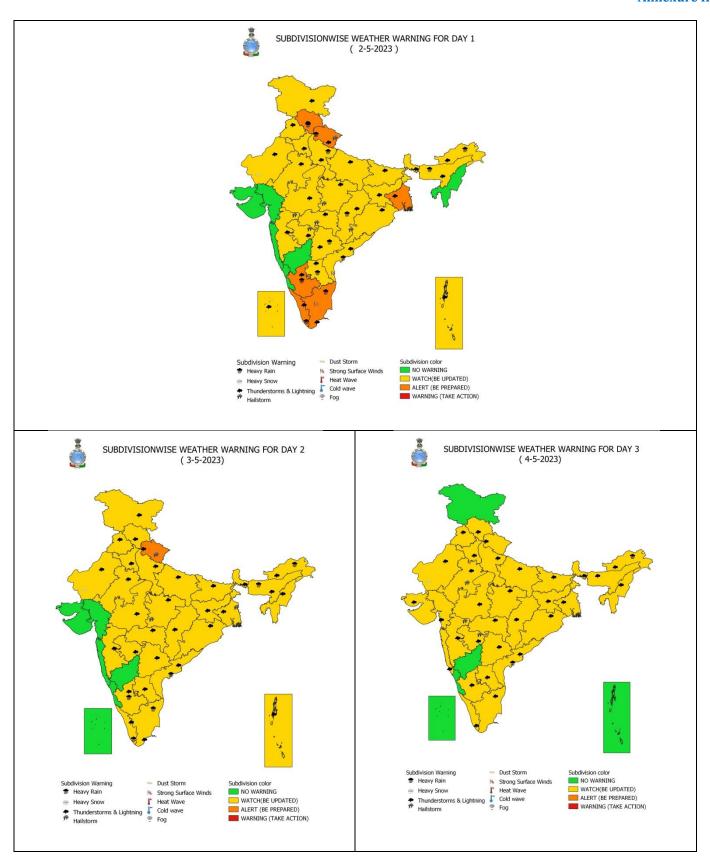
Agromet advisories for thunderstorms/lightning/gusty winds/ Hailstorm likely over various parts of the country:

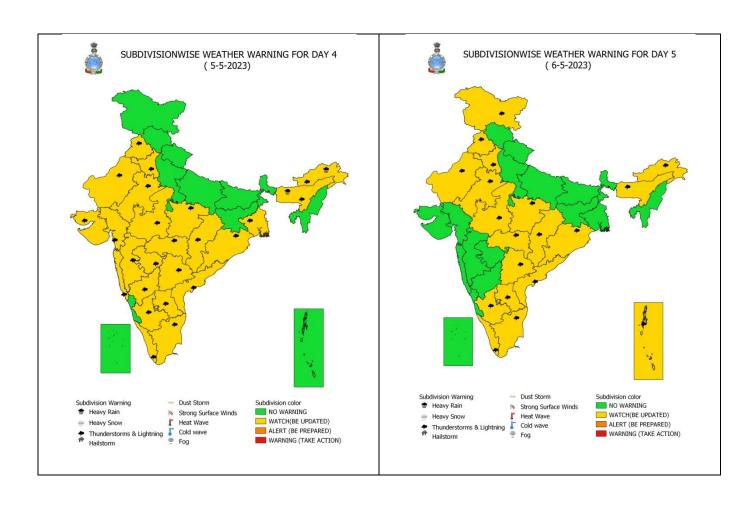
- Postpone harvesting of green gram and black gram in Tamilnadu; wheat in Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.
- ❖ Complete harvesting of matured rice in Kerala and Interior Karnataka during clear weather.
- Continue harvesting of matured maize, fruits, onion and other vegetables in Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada and Vidarbha during clear weather.
- ❖ Keep the harvested produce of crops in safe places.
- Drain out excess water from crop fields to avoid water stagnation in Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam & Meghalaya, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, South Interior Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
- ❖ Use hail nets to protect orchards in Uttarakhand, East Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada, Vidarbha, Gangetic West Bengal and Telangana.
- Provide mechanical support to horticultural crops and staking to vegetables.

Observations: (from 0830 hours IST of yesterday to 0830 hours IST of today):

- * Rainfall/thundershowers observed: at most places over Jammu, Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit, Baltistan & Muzaffarabad, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Karaikal, Kerala & Mahe, Arunachal Pradesh; at many places over West Bengal & Sikkim, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, East Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam, Lakshadweep; at a few places over Punjab, Rajasthan, Vidarbha, Odisha, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Bihar, Assam & Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura, Telangana, South Interior Karnataka, and at isolated places over West Rajasthan, Rayalaseema, Coastal & North Interior Karnataka, Gujarat state, Jharkhand, Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada and Konkan & Goa.
- * Heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places over Tamil Nadu and heavy rainfall at isolated places over East Madhya Pradesh, West Uttar Pradesh, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, South Interior Karnataka, Kerala and Arunachal Pradesh.
- Hailstorm Observed at isolated places over East Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha, Madhya Maharashtra, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu.
- * Significant rainfall recorded(in cm): Tamil Nadu: Vanamadevi (dist Cuddalore) 19, Sankaridurg (dist Salem) 17, Adirampatnam (dist Thanjavur) 15, Sattur (dist Virudhunagar) 14, Tiruchengode (dist Namakkal), Tirukattupalli (dist Thanjavur), Nandhiyar Head (dist Trichy) 13 each, Edapadi (dist Salem), Cincona (dist Coimbatore), Kamatchipuram (dist Dindigul), Mahabalipuram (dist Chengalpattu) 12 each, Coastal Andhra Pradesh: Sullurpeta (dist Tirupati) 9, Therlam (dist Vizianagaram) 8, Gudur (dist Tirupati) 7, Telangana: Atmakur Wnp (dist Wanaparthy) 8, Pebbair (dist Wanaparthy) 7, Rayalaseema: Nagari (dist Chittoor) 5, Kerala: Perumbavur (Ernakulam district) 10, Alathur (Palakkad district) 9, Neyyattinkara (Thiruvananthapuram district), Kumarakom (Kottayam district), Idukki & Kodungallur (Thrissur district) 7 each, South Interior Karnataka: Malur (dist Kolar) 9, Sargur (dist Mysuru) 7, Himchal Prdaesh: Kangra, Shimla-5 each, Odisha: Kandhamal-8, Jammu & Kashmir: Katra-5, Batote-4; Himachal Pradesh: Mandi-5, Uttarakhand: Champawat-6, West Uttar Pradesh: Bijnor-6, Haryana: Palwal (dist Palwal) 6, West Rajasthan: Naguar-5, East Rajasthan: Ajmer, Jhunjhunu, Sikar-4 each, Bihar: Siwan, Gaya-4 each; East Madhya Pradesh: Rithi (dist Katni) 9, Bijuri (dist Anuppur) 7, Saurashtra: Dhari (dist Amreli) 6, Gujarat Region: Daman-5.

Annexure II





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:**
 - **Northwest India:** Western Himalayan Region (Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh-Gilgit-Baltistan-Muzaffarabad, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand); Punjab, Haryana-Chandigarh-Delhi; West Uttar Pradesh, East Uttar Pradesh, West Rajasthan and East Rajasthan.
 - Central India: West Madhya Pradesh, East Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha and Chhattisgarh.
 - **East India:** Bihar, Jharkhand, Sub-Himalaya West Bengal & Sikkim; Gangetic West Bengal, Odisha and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
 - Northeast India: Arunachal Pradesh, Assam & Meghalaya and Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura.
 - West India: Gujarat Region, Saurashtra & Kutch, Konkan & Goa, Madhya Maharashtra and Marathwada.
 - **South India:** Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam, Telangana, Rayalaseema, Coastal Karnataka, North Interior Karnataka, South Interior Karnataka, Kerala & Mahe, Tamilnadu, Puducherry & Karaikal and Lakshadweep.

SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION (% of Stations reporting)						
% Stations	Category	% Stations	Category			
76-100	Widespread (WS/Most Places)	26-50	Scattered (SCT/ A Few Places)			
51-75	Fairly Widespred (FWS/ Many Places)	1-25	Isolated (ISOL)			

Subdivision Warning		Dust Storm	Subdivision color
🔛 Heavy Rain	3	Strong Surface Winds	NO WARNING
Heavy Snow	1	Heat Wave	WATCH(BE UPDATED)
Thunderstorms & Lightning	1	Cold wave	ALERT (BE PREPARED)
Hailstorm		Fog	WARNING (TAKE ACTION)

Probabilistic Forecast				
Terms	Probability of Occurrence (%)			
Unlikely	< 25			
Likely	25 - 50			
Very Likely	50 - 75			
Most Likely	> 75			