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**Press Release**

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**Subject: Shri Kiren Rijiju, Hon'ble Minister of Earth Sciences visited India Meteorological Department today, the 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.**

Hon'ble Minister of Earth Sciences Shri Kiran Rijiju Ji visited the India Meteorological Department (IMD) today, the 26<sup>th</sup> July. The Hon'ble Minister inspected various activities of IMD including observational & modeling systems, data communication, forecasting sectoral applications & warning products generation and dissemination. Dr. M. Ravichandran, Secretary Minister of Earth Sciences and Dr. M. Mohapatra, DG, IMD led the team of experts from IMD to explain the Hon'ble Minister about various activities and services provided to the country and the region.

The Hon'ble Minister appreciated IMD for the progress made in recent years in terms of forecast accuracy, service delivery, sectoral applications, impact based forecast and risk based warnings.

The Hon'ble Minister addressed the Press and Electronic Media and appreciated the achievements of IMD especially w.r.t. the early warning services provided by IMD for Biparjoy cyclone, which helped the disaster managers and public to ensure zero loss of life over Gujarat. The Hon'ble Minister specifically appreciated the services provided by IMD to farmers, fishermen and other stake holders.

During his visit, the Hon'ble Minister highlighted the collaboration among the sister organizations of Ministry of Earth Sciences. He also stressed upon augmenting observational system and ensured support to achieve it.



Meteorological data communication system of IMD being explained to Hon'ble Minister.



DG, IMD explaining about activities including indigenous decision support system for weather forecasting of IMD to Hon'ble Minister.



Flash Flood Guidance system and Hydrological services of IMD being explained to Hon'ble Minister.

Facilitation to Hon'ble Minister, MoES by IMD during his first visit on 26 July, 2023.



Hon'ble Minister addressing the Press.