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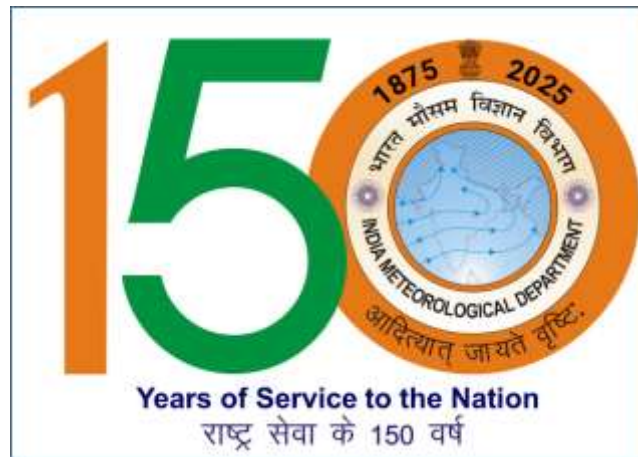
## Press Release

Dated 26th December, 2023

**Sub: Hon'ble Union Minister of Earth Sciences Sh. Kiren Rijiju Ji releases the logo to commemorate the celebrations of IMD's 150 years of Service to Nation**

- India Meteorological Department (IMD) organised a Press Conference today, the 26th December, 2023 at 1200 hrs IST to release the logo commemorating IMD's 150 years of service to the nation. The Hon'ble Minister of Earth Sciences (HMOES) Shri Kiren Rijiju Ji graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Dr. M. Ravichandran, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, DG IMD, Dr.S. Pandian, Joint Secretary MoES, Shri Vivek Sinha, Sc. G, IMD & Co-Chair Local Organising Committee and Mrs. Ranju Madan, DDG (Administration), IMD & Co-Chair LOC also graced the occasion. The logo release ceremony was also attended by various sister organisations of IMD, central and state Govt. agencies and print and electronic media, in person and online mode.
- The India Meteorological Department (IMD) was established in 1875 as one of the first scientific departments of the Government of India. As it commemorates its 150th year of service to the nation, IMD is ushering into a new era. IMD will celebrate this milestone with year-long celebrations during January 15, 2024, to January 15, 2025.
- Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, DG IMD in his welcome address discussed the evolution of logo since its inception in 1875, in pre independence era, independence era and the existing logo.
- On this occasion, Dr. M Ravichandran, Secretary Ministry of Earth Sciences discussed about the need to enhance awareness and outreach programmes alongwith the enhancement of capabilities to communicate the weather & climate services of IMD to common people and stakeholders.
- To commemorate the 150 years of foundation of IMD, Shri Kiren Rijiju Honourable Minister of Earth Sciences released the logo.
  - ❖ The logo symbolizes the remarkable journey of the department since 1875
  - ❖ It signifies 150 years of dedicated service to the nation by IMD.
  - ❖ It indicates the continuous progress of the department in providing weather and climate support for a weather-ready and climate-smart nation.
  - ❖ It highlights the role of IMD in global welfare in the spirit of "**Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**".
  - ❖ The logo is a testimony to the transition from dependent India to a self-reliant India (**Atmanirbhar Bharat**).
  - ❖ It illustrates the continuity of Indian meteorology from the ancient era to the modern era, with "**Aadityaat Jaayete Vrishti**" embedded in the logo.
  - ❖ The logo's resemblance to the national tricolour theme ensures alignment of IMD's services with the national vision and mission.

- The HMOES also interacted with print and electronic media about the services of IMD.
- Mrs. Ranju Madan presented the Vote of Thanks to the delegates.
- The logo release video is available at the link: <https://youtu.be/Q9aGatf7b9c>



**Photo 1:** IMD Logo commemorating 150 years of Service to Nation



**Photo2:** From left: (i) Mrs. Ranju Madan, Sc. G, IMD, (ii) Dr. M. Ravichandran, Secretary Ministry of Earth Sciences, (iii) Shri Kiren Rijju Ji, Hon'ble Union Minister of Earth Sciences, (iv) Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Director General of Meteorology, India Meteorological, (v) Dr. S Pandian, Joint Secretary, MoES and (vi) Sh. Vivek Sinha, Sc. G, IMD