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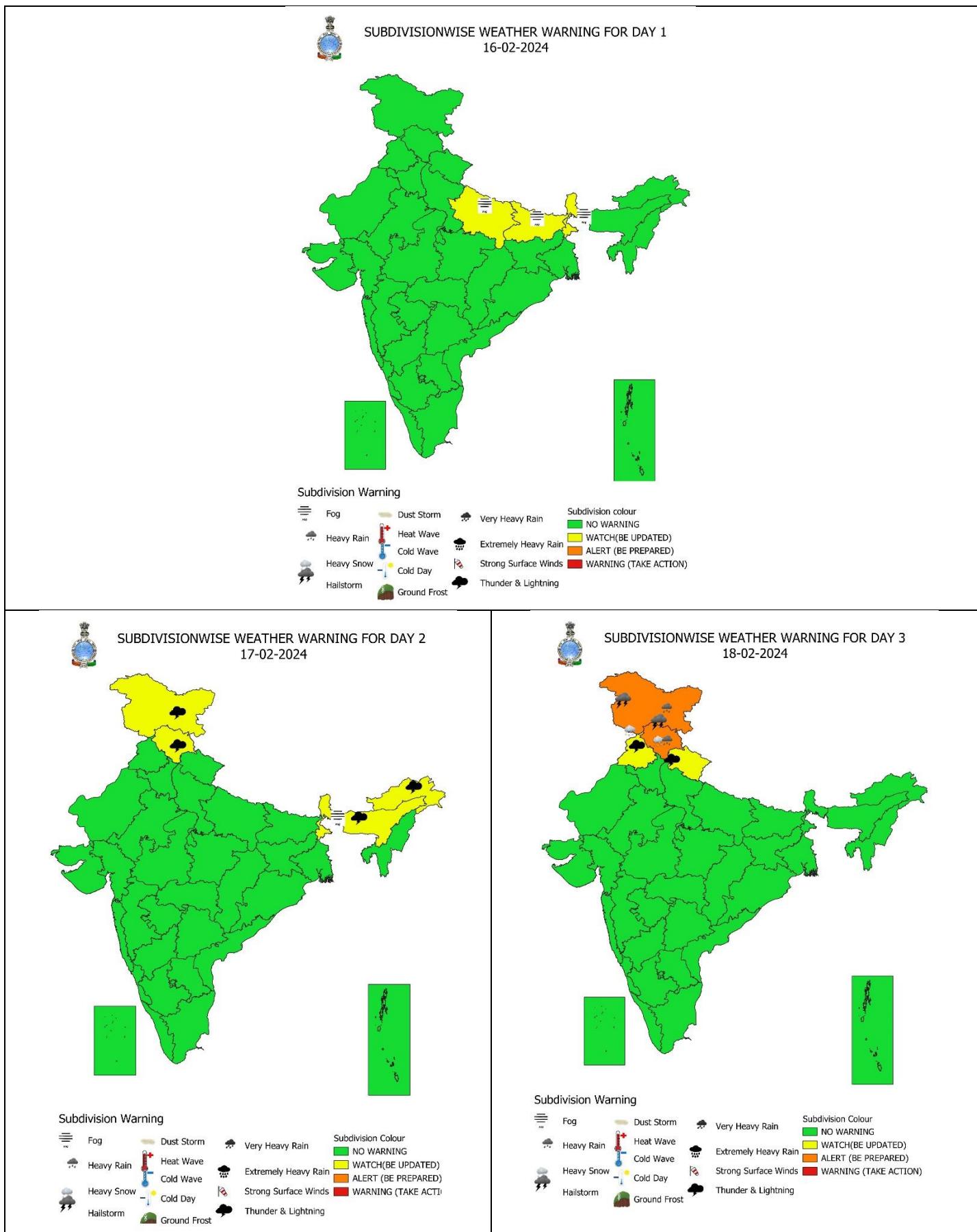
**Subject: An intense spell of rainfall/snowfall activity likely over Western Himalayan Region during 17<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> and adjoining plains of northwest India during 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> with peak activity on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

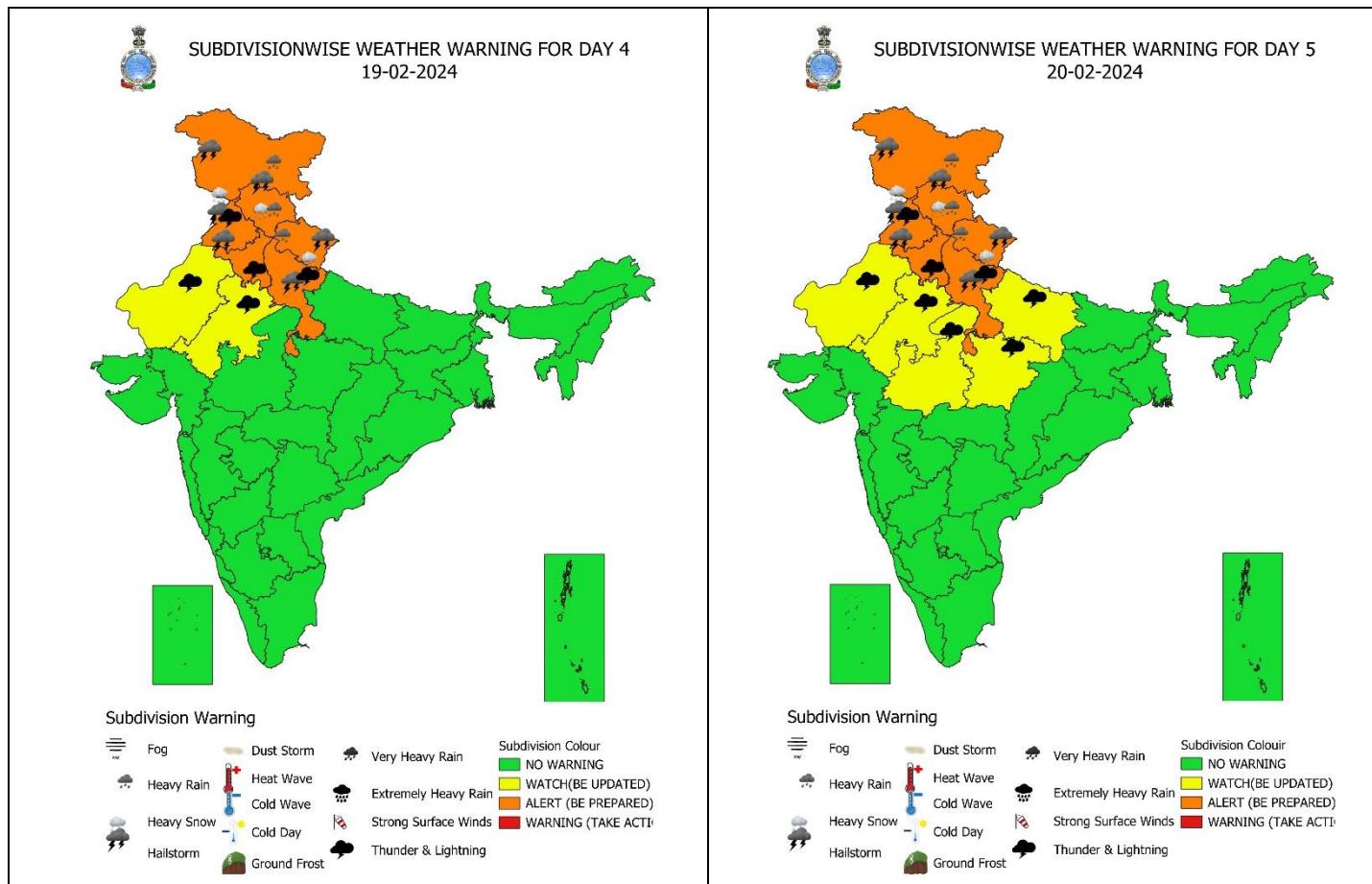
- ❖ A fresh active Western Disturbance is likely to affect northwest India from 17<sup>th</sup> February and under its influence:
  - Fairly widespread to widespread light/moderate rainfall/snowfall accompanied with **thunderstorms, lightning** over Western Himalayan Region (Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh-Gilgit-Baltistan-Muzaffarabad, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand) **during 17<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2024.**
  - **Heavy rainfall** very likely at isolated places over Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh-Gilgit-Baltistan-Muzaffarabad and Himachal Pradesh during 18<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> and over Uttarakhand on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.
  - **Very Heavy rainfall** also very likely at isolated places over Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh-Gilgit-Baltistan-Muzaffarabad, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.
  - **Hailstorm activity** very likely at isolated places over Jammu division on 18<sup>th</sup>; over Himachal Pradesh on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> and over Uttarakhand during 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.
  - Scattered light/moderate rainfall very likely over Punjab and Haryana-Chandigarh-Delhi during 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>; West Uttar Pradesh during 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>; East Uttar Pradesh & north Madhya Pradesh during 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>s and over north Rajasthan during 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.
  - Isolated **thunderstorms, lightning and gusty winds** (speed reaching 30-40 gusting to 50 kmph) very likely over Punjab during 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> and over Haryana-Chandigarh-Delhi, West Uttar Pradesh & north Rajasthan during 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>st</sup> February, 2024.
  - **Hailstorm activity** very likely at isolated places over Punjab, Haryana and West Uttar Pradesh during 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.
  - Scattered to fairly widespread light/moderate rainfall accompanied with **thunderstorms, lightning and gusty winds** (speed reaching 30-40 gusting to 50 kmph) very likely over Punjab during 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>; Haryana-Chandigarh, West Uttar Pradesh during 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>st</sup> February, 2024.

The state-wise forecast is given below:

S.No.	State/sub-division	Forecast
1.	Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Light to moderate rain/snowfall accompanied with thunderstorm &amp; lightning at a few places on 17<sup>th</sup> and at most places during 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> February.</li> <li><b>Very heavy rainfall/snowfall likely at isolated places on 19<sup>th</sup>; heavy rainfall/snowfall at isolated places on 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> February.</b></li> <li><b>Hailstorm at isolated places likely over Jammu Division on 18<sup>th</sup> February.</b></li> </ul>
2.	Himachal Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Light to moderate rain/snowfall accompanied with thunderstorm &amp; lightning at isolated places on 17<sup>th</sup> ; at many places on 18<sup>th</sup>; at most places on 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> February.</li> <li><b>Very heavy rainfall/snowfall likely at isolated places on 19<sup>th</sup>; heavy rainfall/snowfall at isolated places on 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> February.</b></li> <li><b>Hailstorm at isolated places likely on 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; 19<sup>th</sup> February.</b></li> </ul>
3.	Uttarakhand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Light to moderate rain/snowfall accompanied with thunderstorm &amp; lightning at most places on 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup>; at a few places on 18<sup>th</sup>; at isolated places on 17<sup>th</sup> February.</li> <li><b>Very heavy rainfall/snowfall likely at isolated places on 19<sup>th</sup>; heavy rainfall/snowfall at isolated places on 20<sup>th</sup> February.</b></li> <li><b>Hailstorm at isolated places likely during 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> February.</b></li> </ul>
4.	Punjab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Light to moderate rain accompanied with thunderstorm &amp; lightning with gusty winds (40-50 kmph) at many places on 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup>; at isolated places on 18<sup>th</sup> February.</li> <li><b>Hailstorm at isolated places likely on 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> February.</b></li> </ul>
5.	Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Light to moderate rain accompanied with thunderstorm &amp; lightning with gusty winds (40-50 kmph) at many places on 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> February.</li> <li><b>Hailstorm at isolated places likely over Haryana on 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> February</b></li> </ul>
6.	West Uttar Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Light to moderate rain accompanied with thunderstorm &amp; lightning with gusty winds (30-40 kmph) at many places on 20<sup>th</sup>; at a few places on 19<sup>th</sup> February.</li> <li><b>Hailstorm at isolated places likely over West Uttar Pradesh on 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> February</b></li> </ul>
7.	East Uttar Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Light to moderate rain accompanied with thunderstorm &amp; lightning at a few places on 20<sup>th</sup>; at isolated places on 19<sup>th</sup> February.</li> </ul>
8.	West Rajasthan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Light to moderate rain accompanied with thunderstorm &amp; lightning at isolated places on 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> February.</li> </ul>
9.	East Rajasthan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Light to moderate rain accompanied with thunderstorm &amp; lightning at isolated places on 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> February.</li> </ul>
10	North Madhya Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Light to moderate rain accompanied with thunderstorm &amp; lightning at isolated places on 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> February.</li> </ul>

## Annexure I





**Impact & Action Suggested due to heavy rainfall/snowfall over Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh-Gilgit-Baltistan-Muzaffarabad and Himachal Pradesh on 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>; over Uttarakhand on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.**

### Impacts Expected for Rain/Snow

- Disruption of Electricity.
- Landslide, rock fall and mudslides, Blocking/washout of roads/highways/bridges Nallahs.
- Disruption of traffic flow.
- Damage to Kuchcha and unsecured structures.

### Suggested Actions

- Avoid roadway underpasses, drainage ditches, low lying areas and areas where water collects – they can unexpectedly flood or overflow.
- Stay away from power lines or electrical wires.
- Don't stay in kuchcha houses during heavy rainfall as it may collapse anytime soon
- Drive carefully.

**Impact expected and action suggested due to thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds & Hailstorm:** over Western Himalayan Region and Punjab during 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>; Haryana & West Uttar Pradesh on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

**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.

**Legends:**

- ❖ **Heavy Rain:** 64.5 to 115.5 mm; **Very Heavy Rain:** 115.6 to 204.4 mm; **Extremely Heavy Rain:** >204.4mm.
- ❖ **Obsy:** Observatory; **AWS:** Automatic Weather Station; **dist:** District; **NH:** National Highway; **KVK:** Krishi Vigyan Kendra; **DVC:** Damodar Valley Corporation
- ❖ **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-Himalayan 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, Tamil Nadu, 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 Widespread (FWS/ Many Places)	1-25	Isolated (ISOL)

Subdivision Warning

- Heavy Rain
- Heavy Snow
- Thunderstorms & Lightning
- Hailstorm

Dust Storm

- Strong Surface Winds
- Heat Wave
- Cold wave
- Fog

Subdivision color

- NO WARNING
- WATCH(BE UPDATED)
- ALERT (BE PREPARED)
- WARNING (TAKE ACTION)

### Probabilistic Forecast

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

### Flash Flood Risk

High Risk (Take Action)
Moderate Risk (Be Prepared)
Low Risk (Be Updated)

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