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**Subject: Light to moderate rainfall spell accompanied with thunderstorms, gusty winds & hail over Northwest India during 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> with peak intensity on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.**

**Weather Systems and Forecast & Warnings:**

- ❖ An intense **Western Disturbance** as a cyclonic circulation lies over Iran in middle & upper tropospheric westerlies. High moisture feeding from Arabian Sea is likely into Northwest India during 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> April. As a result:
  - ✓ Isolated light rainfall/snowfall very likely over Jammu-Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand on 12<sup>th</sup> and fairly widespread to widespread light to moderate rainfall/snowfall with **thunderstorm, lightning & gusty winds (30-40 kmph)** over the region during 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.
  - ✓ Scattered to fairly widespread rainfall with **thunderstorm, lightning & gusty winds (30-40 kmph)** very likely over Northwest Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana during 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> April and isolated to scattered light to moderate rainfall with **thunderstorm, lightning** very likely over Rajasthan during 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.
  - ✓ **Isolated heavy rainfall/snowfall very likely over Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh-Gilgit-Baltistan-Muzaffarabad during 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> and Himachal Pradesh on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.**
  - ✓ **Isolated hailstorm very likely over Jammu, Rajasthan on 13<sup>th</sup>; Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> and Uttarakhand & West Uttar Pradesh on 14<sup>th</sup> April.**
  - ✓ **Dust storm/thundersquall (50-60 kmph)** very likely over Rajasthan on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.
  - ✓ **Strong surface winds (20-30 kmph)** very likely to prevail over Haryana-Chandigarh-Delhi and Uttar Pradesh during 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.

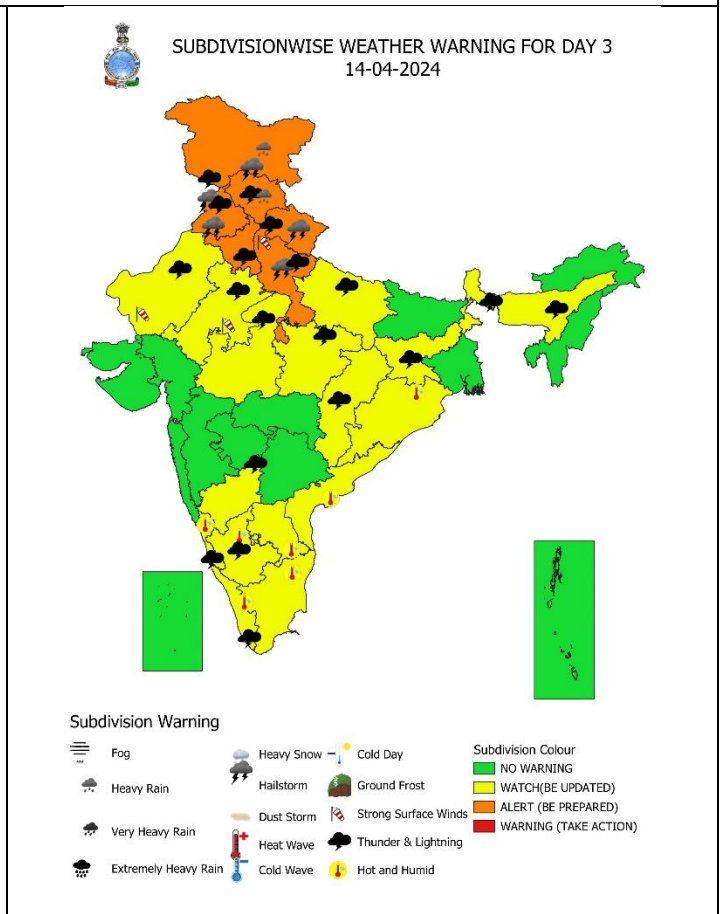
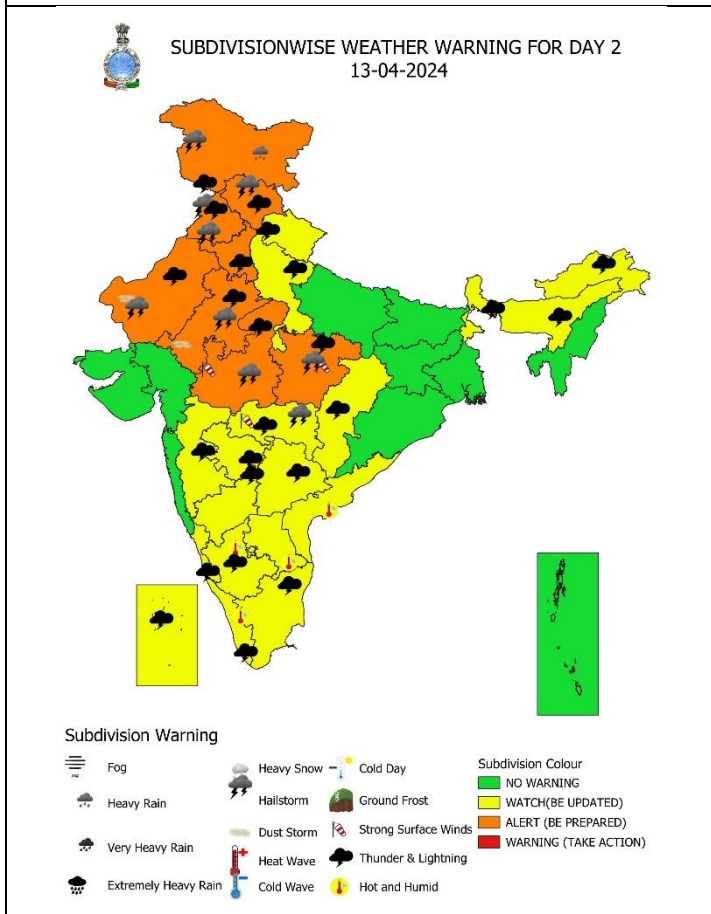
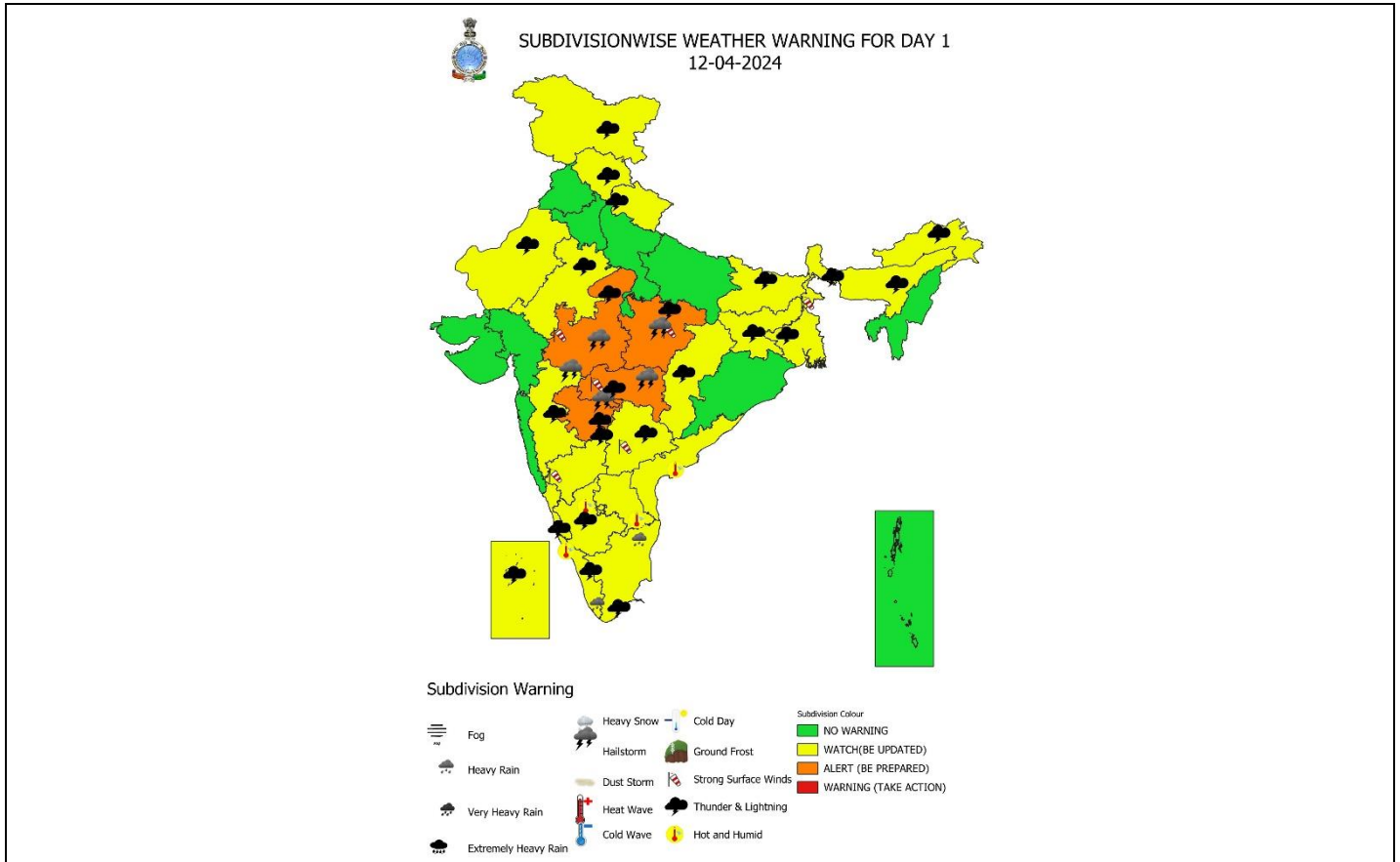
The state-wise forecast is given below: (Warning graphics are given at ANNEXURE-I)

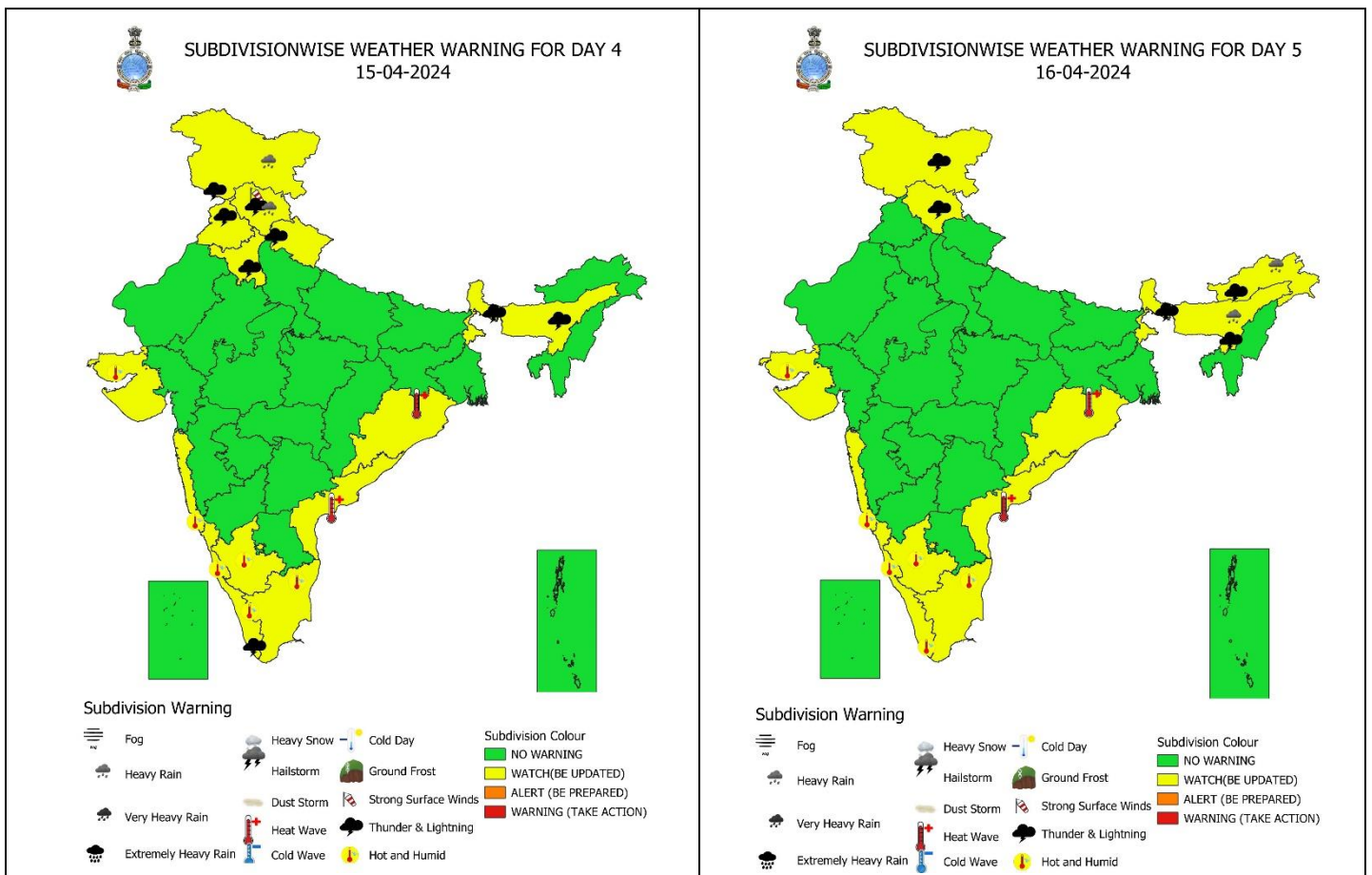
S. No.	State/sub-division	Forecast
1.	Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Light to moderate rain/snowfall accompanied with thunderstorm, lightning &amp; gusty winds (speed occasionally reaching 40-50 kmph) at a few places on 12<sup>th</sup>; at most places during 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>; at a few places on 16<sup>th</sup> April.</li> <li>• <b>Heavy rainfall/snowfall at isolated places also likely during 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> April.</b></li> <li>• <b>Hailstorm also likely at isolated places on 13<sup>th</sup> April.</b></li> </ul>
2.	Himachal Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Light to moderate rain/snowfall accompanied with thunderstorm, lightning &amp; gusty winds (speed occasionally reaching 30-50 kmph) at isolated places on 12<sup>th</sup>; at many places on 13<sup>th</sup>; at most places on 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; 15<sup>th</sup>; at a few places on 16<sup>th</sup> April.</li> <li>• <b>Heavy rainfall/snowfall at isolated places also likely on 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; 15<sup>th</sup> April.</b></li> <li>• <b>Hailstorm also likely at isolated places on 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 14<sup>th</sup> April.</b></li> </ul>
3.	Uttarakhand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Light to moderate rain/snowfall accompanied with thunderstorm, lightning &amp; gusty winds (speed occasionally reaching 30-50 kmph) at isolated places on 12<sup>th</sup>; at a few places on 13<sup>th</sup>; at most places on 14<sup>th</sup> at a few places on 15<sup>th</sup> April.</li> <li>• <b>Hailstorm also likely at isolated places on 14<sup>th</sup> April.</b></li> </ul>
4.	Punjab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Light to moderate rain accompanied with thunderstorm, lightning &amp; gusty winds (speed occasionally reaching 30-50 kmph) at many places on 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 14<sup>th</sup>; at a few places on 15<sup>th</sup> April.</li> <li>• <b>Hailstorm also likely at isolated places on 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 14<sup>th</sup> April.</b></li> </ul>
5.	Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Light to moderate rain accompanied with thunderstorm, lightning &amp; gusty winds (speed occasionally reaching 40-50 kmph) at a few places on 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 15<sup>th</sup>; at many places on 14<sup>th</sup> April.</li> <li>• <b>Hailstorm also likely at isolated places on 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 14<sup>th</sup> April.</b></li> </ul>
6.	West Uttar Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Light to moderate rain accompanied with thunderstorm, lightning &amp; gusty winds (speed occasionally reaching 30-50 kmph) at isolated places on 13<sup>th</sup>; at a few places on 14<sup>th</sup> April.</li> <li>• <b>Hailstorm also likely at isolated places on 14<sup>th</sup> April.</b></li> </ul>
7.	East Uttar Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Light to moderate rain accompanied with thunderstorm, lightning &amp; gusty winds (speed occasionally reaching 30-40 kmph) at isolated places on 14<sup>th</sup> April.</li> </ul>
8.	West Rajasthan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Light to moderate rain accompanied with thunderstorm, lightning &amp; gusty winds (speed occasionally reaching 30-60 kmph) at isolated places on 12<sup>th</sup>; at a few places on 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 14<sup>th</sup>; at isolated places on 15<sup>th</sup> April.</li> <li>• <b>Hailstorm also likely at isolated places on 13<sup>th</sup> April.</b></li> </ul>

9.	East Rajasthan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Light to moderate rain accompanied with thunderstorm, lightning &amp; gusty winds (speed occasionally reaching 30-50 kmph) at isolated places on 12<sup>th</sup>; at a few places on 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 14<sup>th</sup> April.</li><li>• <b>Hailstorm also likely at isolated places on 13<sup>th</sup> April.</b></li></ul>
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For more details, kindly refer: [https://mausam.imd.gov.in/responsive/all india forcast bulletin.php](https://mausam.imd.gov.in/responsive/all%20india%20forcast%20bulletin.php)

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✓ **Impact expected and action suggested due to thunderstorm accompanied with lightning/gusty winds & Hailstorm over Jammu, Rajasthan on 13<sup>th</sup>; Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> and Uttarakhand & West Uttar Pradesh on 14<sup>th</sup> April.**

**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.

**Impact & Action Suggested due to heavy rainfall over Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh-Gilgit-Baltistan-Muzaffarabad during 13<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup> and Himachal Pradesh on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> April, 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 Kuccha 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.

**Agromet advisories for Heavy Rainfall, Gusty Winds, Hailstorm and Heat Wave likely over various parts of the country**














- Harvest the matured crops, fruits and vegetables during clear weather and keep the harvested produce at safer places or cover the heaps of harvested produce in the fields with tarpaulin sheets in North-West India.
- Use hail nets or hail caps in fruit orchards to protect them from mechanical damage in North-West India.
- Make necessary arrangements for draining out excess water from crop fields to avoid water stagnation in Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh.
- Provide mechanical support to horticultural crops & staking to vegetables in North-West India.

**Legends & abbreviations:**


- ❖ **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; **PTO:** Part Time Office.
- ❖ **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.

<b>SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION</b> (% 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	 Dust Storm	Subdivision color
 Heavy Rain	 Strong Surface Winds	 NO WARNING
 Heavy Snow	 Heat Wave	 WATCH(BE UPDATED)
 Thunderstorms & Lightning	 Cold wave	 ALERT (BE PREPARED)
 Hailstorm	 Fog	 WARNING (TAKE ACTION)

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

<b>Flash Flood Risk</b>	
 High Risk (Take Action)	
 Moderate Risk (Be Prepared)	
 Low Risk (Be Updated)	