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Subject: Ongoing rainfall spell with moderate thunderstorms, lightning, gusty winds & hail over Northwest India likely to continue during next 48 hours and abate thereafter.

Weather Systems and Forecast & Warnings:

- ❖ An intense **Western Disturbance** as a cyclonic circulation lies over northeast Iran with an embedded trough in middle & upper tropospheric westerlies roughly along Long. 55°E to the north of Lat. 26°N with an induced **Low Pressure Area** over southwest Rajasthan.
- ❖ A cyclonic circulation lies over northeast Rajasthan with an east-west trough from this circulation to Gangetic West Bengal across south Uttar Pradesh, south Bihar & north Jharkhand in lower tropospheric levels. High moisture feeding from Arabian Sea is likely into Northwest India on 14th & 15th April.
- ❖ A fresh Western Disturbance is likely to affect Northwest India from 18th April, 2024.
- ❖ Under the influence these weather systems:
 - ✓ Fairly widespread to widespread light to moderate rainfall/snowfall with **thunderstorm, lightning & gusty winds (30-40 kmph)** over Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh-Gilgit-Baltistan-Muzaffarabad, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand on 14th & 15th April, 2024.
 - ✓ Scattered to fairly widespread rainfall with **thunderstorm, lightning & gusty winds (30-40 kmph)** very likely over West Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana-Chandigarh-Delhi, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh on 14th & 15th April, 2024.
 - ✓ **Isolated hailstorm** very likely over Jammu Division, Himachal Pradesh & Uttarakhand on 14th & 15th and over Punjab, Haryana-Chandigarh-Delhi, West Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh on 14th April, 2024.
 - ✓ **Isolated heavy rainfall/snowfall** very likely over Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh-Gilgit-Baltistan-Muzaffarabad and Himachal Pradesh on 14th & 15th April, 2024.
 - ✓ **Strong surface winds (30-40 kmph)** very likely to prevail over Haryana-Chandigarh-Delhi and Uttar Pradesh on 16th & 17th April, 2024

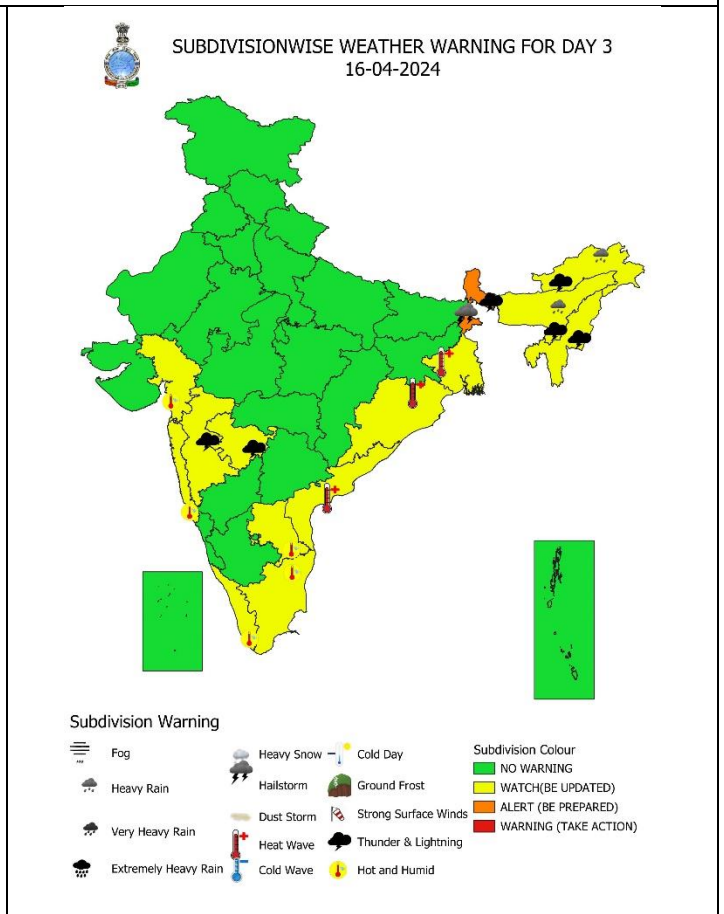
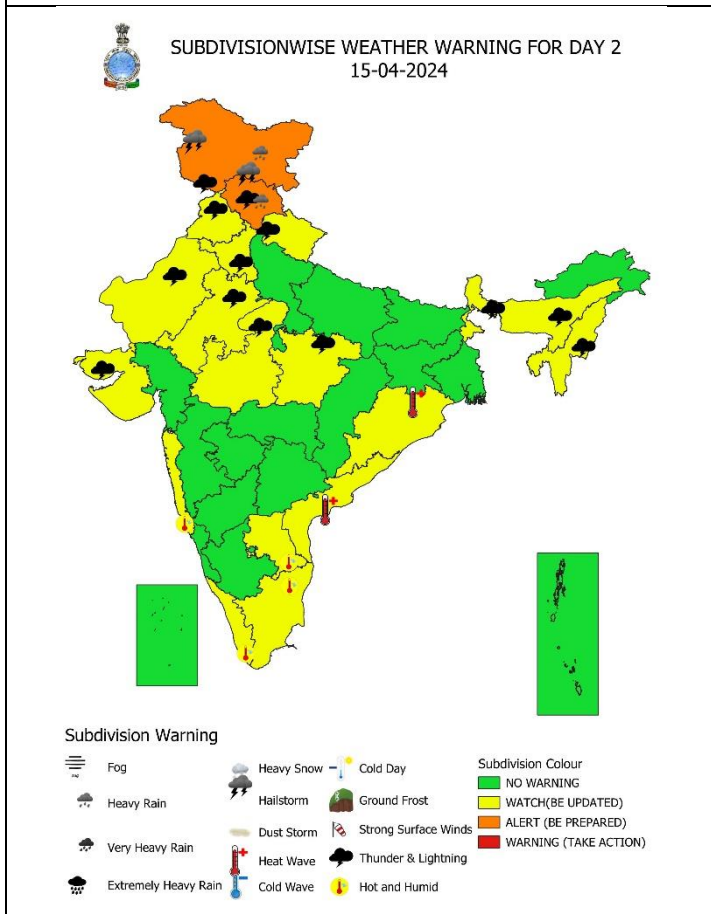
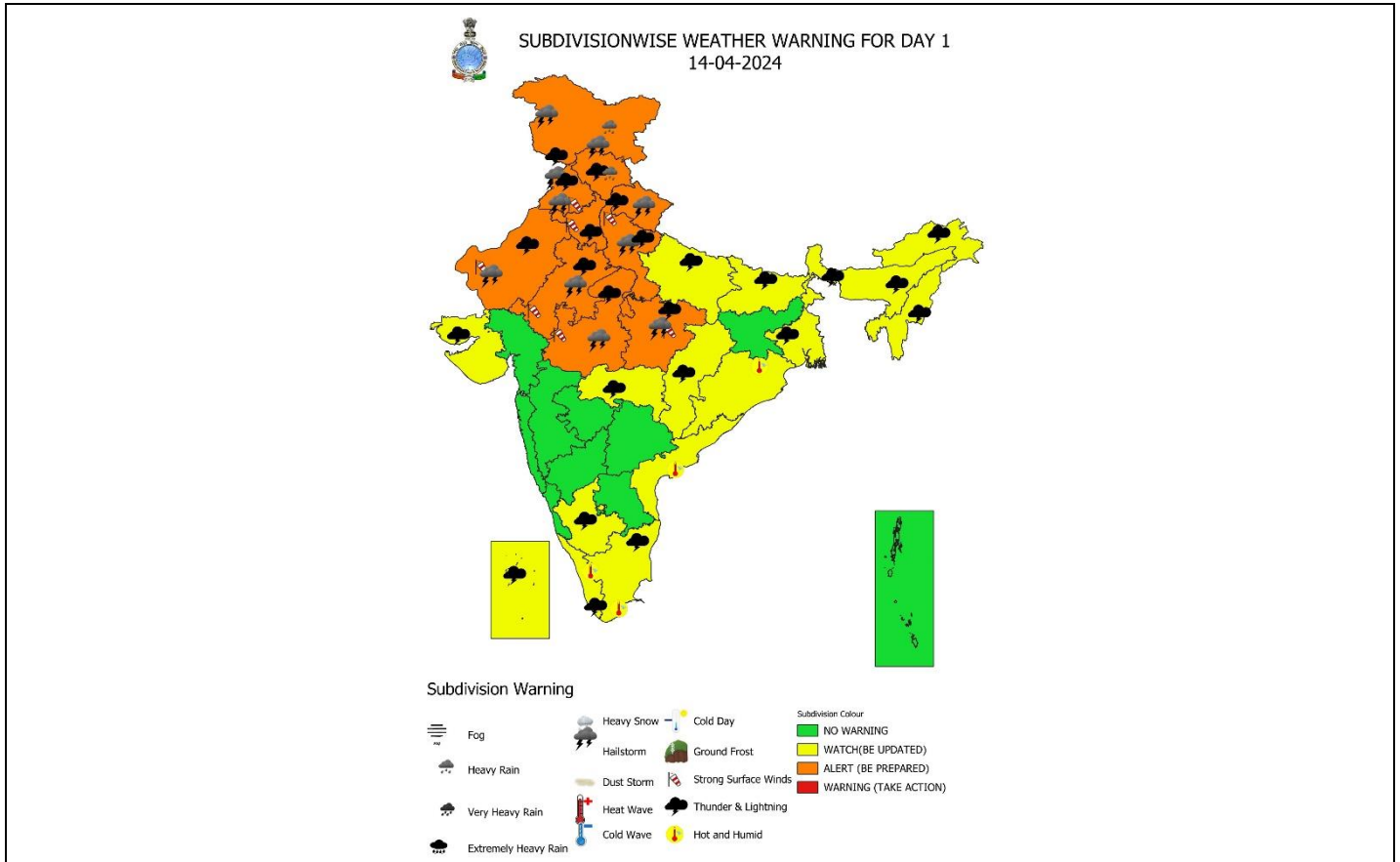
The state-wise forecast is given below: (Warning graphics are given at ANNEXURE-I)

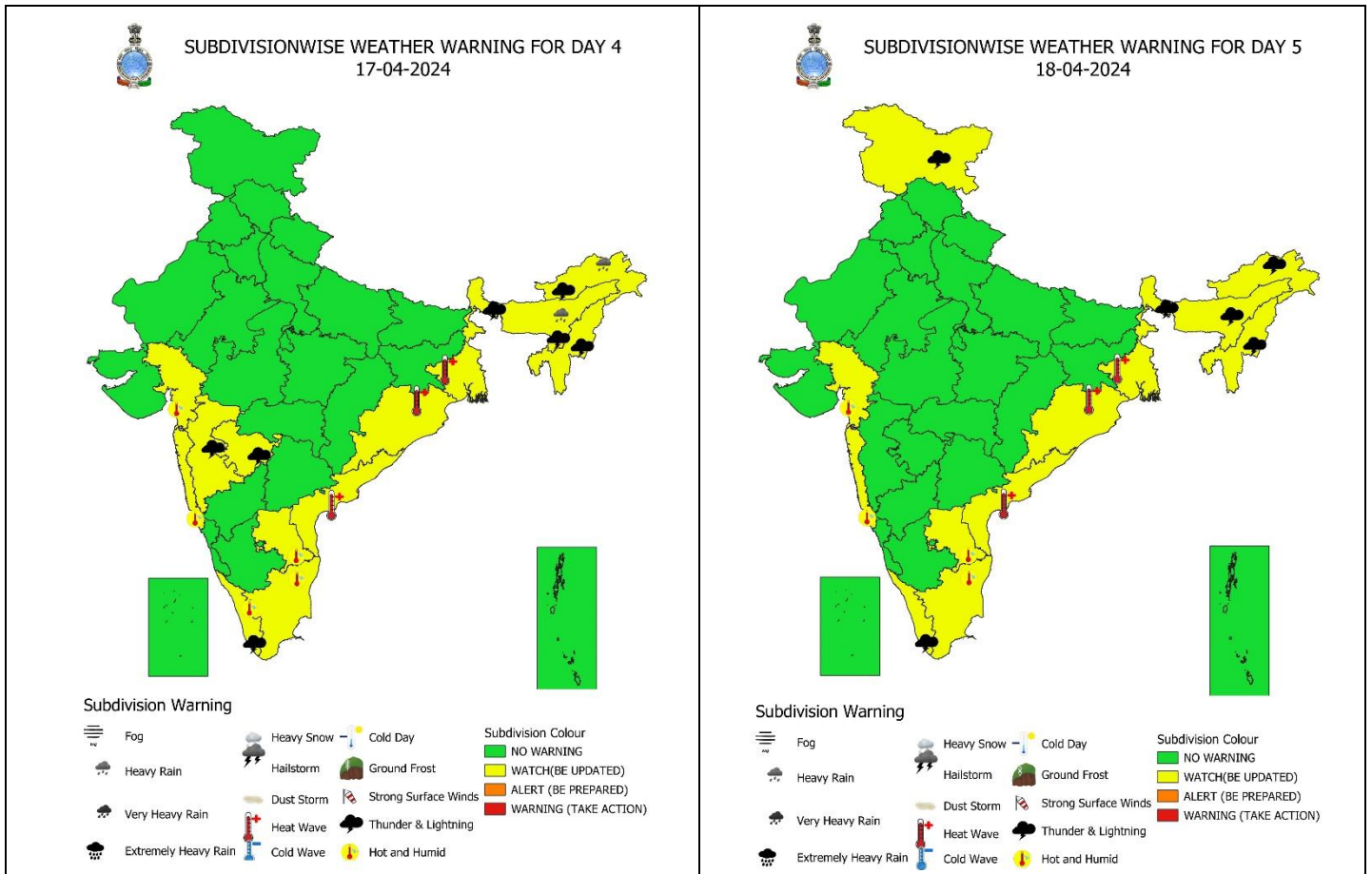
S. No.	State/sub-division	Forecast
1.	Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light to moderate rain/snowfall at most places accompanied with isolated thunderstorm & lightning on 14th & 15th April. • Heavy rainfall/snowfall at isolated places also likely on 14th & 15th April.
2.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

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hailstorm also likely at isolated places on 14th April.
10.	West Madhya Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light to moderate rain at isolated places on 14th & 15th April. • Light to moderate rain at isolated places with thunderstorm, lightning & gusty winds (40-50 kmph) on 14th & 15th April. • Hailstorm also likely at isolated places on 14th April.
11.	East Madhya Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light to moderate rain at isolated places on 14th & 15th April. • Light to moderate rain at isolated places with thunderstorm, lightning & gusty winds (30-50 kmph) on 14th & 15th April. • Hailstorm also likely at isolated places on 14th April.

For more details, kindly refer: https://mausam.imd.gov.in/responsive/all_india_forecast_bulletin.php

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Impact expected and action suggested due to thunderstorm accompanied with lightning/gusty winds & Hailstorm Jammu Division, Himachal Pradesh & Uttarakhand on 14th & 15th and over Punjab, Haryana-Chandigarh-Delhi, West Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh on 14th April, 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.

Impact & Action Suggested due to heavy rainfall over Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh-Gilgit-Baltistan-Muzaffarabad and Himachal Pradesh on 14th & 15th 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 Withhold harvesting of mustard and pulses in Jammu & Kashmir; mustard in Himachal Pradesh; wheat and mustard in Punjab and wheat in Haryana. Keep the already harvested crop at safer places.
- Undertake immediate harvesting of matured mustard, wheat and barley in Uttarakhand; wheat and mustard in West Uttar Pradesh and keep the harvested produce at safer places.
- 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 Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.
- Use hail nets or hail caps in fruit orchards to prevent mechanical damage and provide mechanical support to horticultural crops & staking to vegetables in North-West India and Madhya Pradesh.
- Make necessary arrangements for draining out excess water from crop fields to avoid water stagnation in Tamil Nadu, Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh.


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.

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	 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)

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)