

Government of India
Ministry of Earth Sciences
India Meteorological Department



Press Release

Date: 06th December, 2024

Time of Issue: 1300 hours IST

Subject: i. A fresh Western Disturbance is likely to affect Western Himalayan Region and adjoining plains of Northwest India from 08th December.

ii. A Low pressure area is likely to form over central parts of south Bay of Bengal around 07th December.

i. Realised weather during past 24 hours till 0830 hours IST of today

Rainfall realized over the country: (details in Annexure I)

No significant rainfall realised during past 24 hours.

Fog conditions realized over the country:

- ❖ **Dense fog (visibility 50-200 m)** reported in isolated pockets of Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim, Bihar and Odisha.
- ❖ **Visibility reported (in metre): Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim:** Cooch Behar 50; **Odisha:** Chandbali 50

Weather Systems and associated weather:

- ❖ A fresh **Western Disturbance** is likely to affect Western Himalayan Region and adjoining plains of Northwest India from 08th December. It is very likely to cause light/moderate rainfall/snowfall over Western Himalayan Region and light isolated rainfall over Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh & West Uttar Pradesh on 08th & 09th December, 2024.
- ❖ A **cyclonic circulation** lies over Equatorial Indian Ocean & adjoining southeast Bay of Bengal in lower tropospheric levels. Under its influence, a low pressure area is likely to form over central parts of south Bay of Bengal around 07th December. The system is likely to move west-northwestwards and reach over southwest Bay of Bengal off Sri-Lanka – Tamil Nadu coasts around 12th December. Under its influence, isolated heavy rainfall is likely over coastal Tamil Nadu on 11th & 12th December and Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam & Rayalaseema on 12th December.

Forecast & Warnings (upto 7 days) (Annexure II & III):

- ❖ **Heavy rainfall** at isolated places very likely over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Karaikal on 11th & 12th and Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam & Rayalaseema on 12th December.
- ❖ **Dense fog conditions** very likely to prevail during late night/early morning hours in isolated pockets of Assam & Meghalaya & Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura till 09th, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh & Uttar Pradesh during 07th-10th, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim, Bihar during 08th-10th and Himachal Pradesh on 10th & 11th December morning hours.
- ❖ **Cold wave** conditions very likely in isolated pockets over North Rajasthan during 10th -12th December.

ii. Temperature conditions and Forecast:

Temperature Conditions during past 24 hours till 0830 hours IST of today

Minimum temperatures are in the range of 5-10°C in the Northwest India, 10-15°C in the Indo Gangetic plains & eastern parts of India and 15-20°C over Central India, Gujarat State & Maharashtra. Minimum temperatures are **markedly above normal (5°C or more)** at a few places over Madhya Maharashtra, Vidarbha, Telangana and Odisha; at isolated places over Marathwada; **appreciably above normal (3°C to 5°C)** at many places over Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam; at isolated places over South & North Interior Karnataka, Gujarat State; **above normal (1°C to 3°C)** at many places over Kerala & Mahe and Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Karaikal; at isolated places over East Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand, Konkan, Andaman & Nicobar Islands. These are **below normal (-3°C to -1°C)** at isolated places over Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh-Gilgit-Baltistan-Muzaffarabad, Delhi, Assam & Meghalaya and near normal over rest parts of the country. Today, **the lowest minimum temperature of 3.8°C** is reported at **Adampur IAF (Punjab)** over the plains of the country.

Forecast of temperature:

- ❖ No significant change in minimum temperatures likely over Punjab, Haryana-Chandigarh during next 48 hours, then rise by 2°C during subsequent 2 days and fall thereafter.
- ❖ No significant change in minimum temperatures likely over Rajasthan during next 3 days and gradual fall by 2-3°C during subsequent 2 days.
- ❖ Gradual fall in minimum temperatures by 2-3°C likely over East India during next 2 days and then gradual rise by 2-3°C during subsequent 3 days.
- ❖ Gradual fall in minimum temperatures by 3-5°C likely over West India during next 5 days.
- ❖ No significant change in minimum temperatures likely over Central India during next 3 days and gradual fall by 2-3°C during subsequent 2 days.

iii. Weather conditions and forecast over Delhi/NCR during 06th to 09th Dec. 2024 (Annexure IV)

For more details, kindly refer National Weather Bulletin:

https://mausam.imd.gov.in/responsive/all_india_forecast_bulletin.php

For District wise warnings refer: <https://mausam.imd.gov.in/responsive/districtWiseWarningGIS.php>

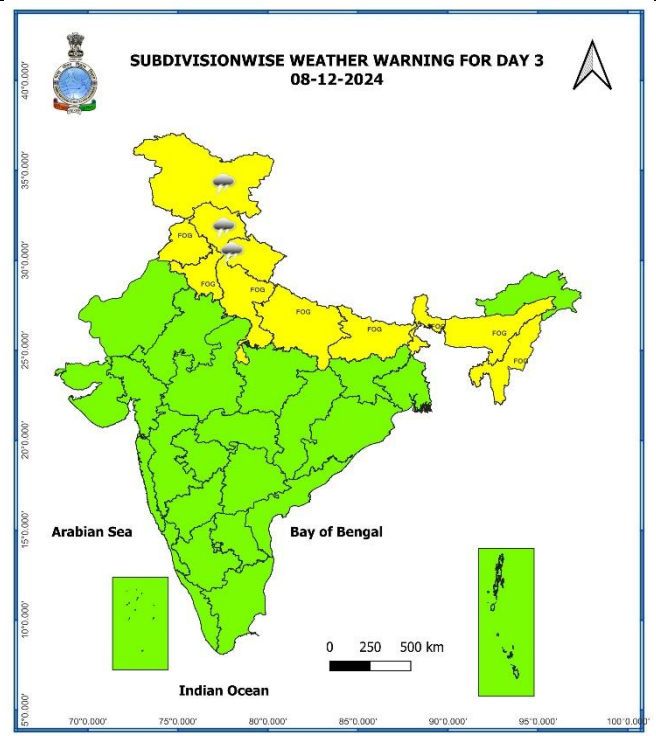
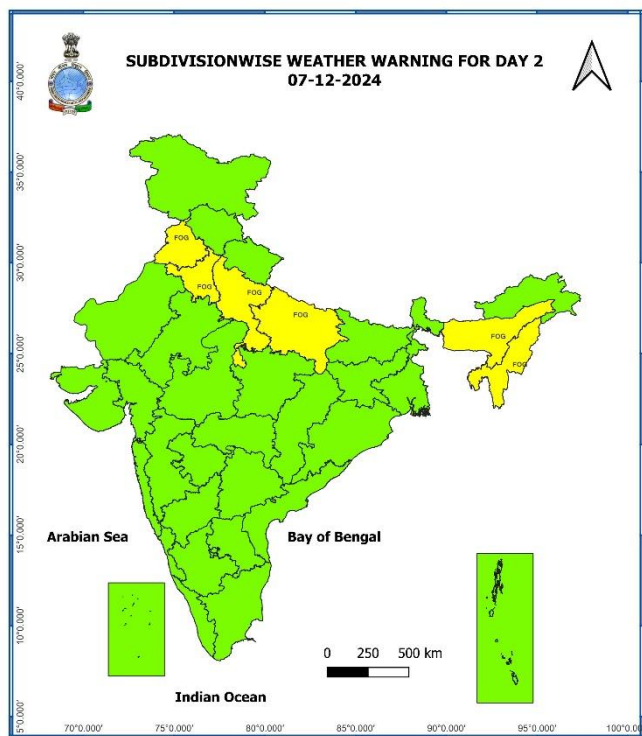
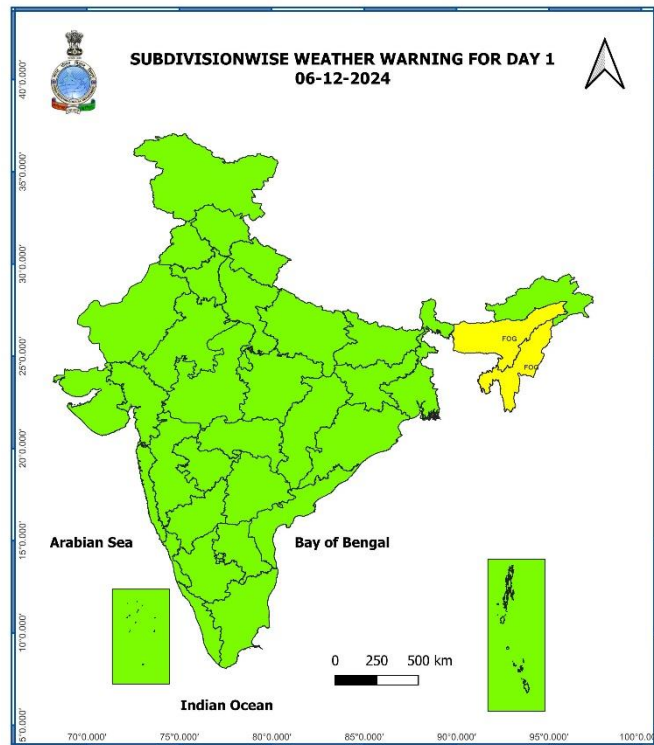
ANNEXURE I

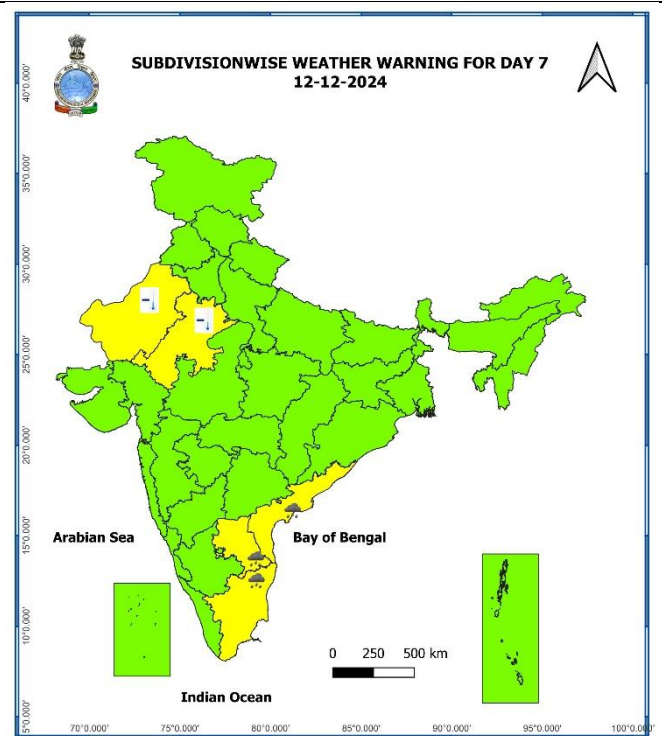
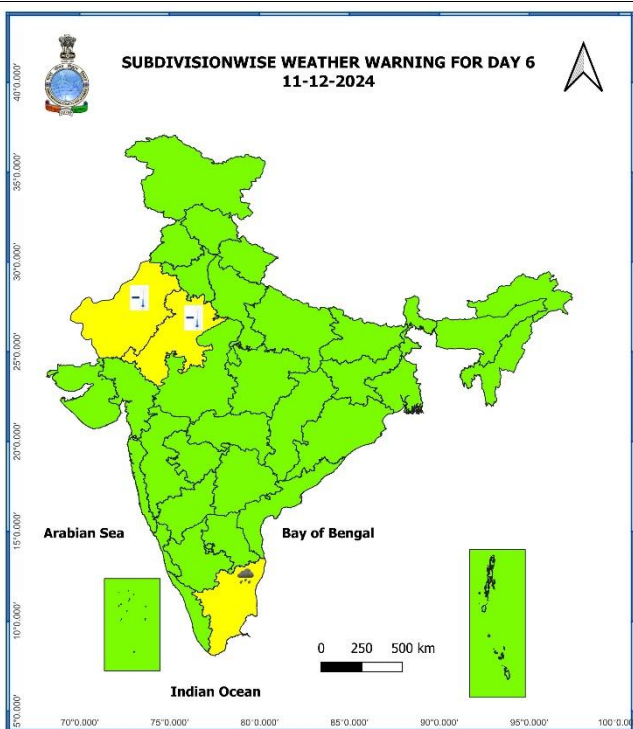
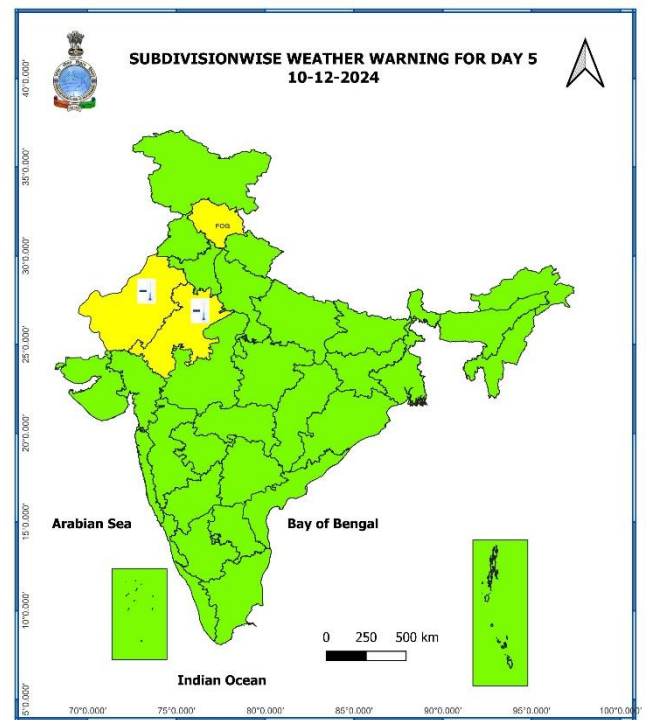
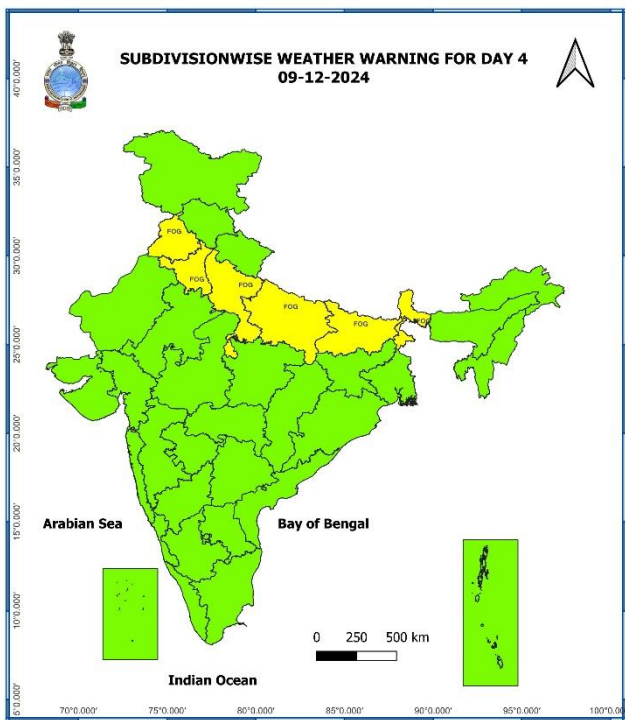
Rainfall recorded during past 24 hours till 0830 hours IST of today 06.12.2024 (in cm):

- ❖ **Konkan & Goa:** Sanguem (dist South Goa) 5, Quepem (dist South Goa) 3;
- ❖ **Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam:** Veligandla (dist Prakasam) 4, Ongole (dist Prakasam) 4;
- ❖ **Kerala & Mahe:** Panathur (dist Kasargod) 2, Thiruvananthapuram (dist Thiruvananthapuram) 1, Kodungallur (dist Thrissur) 1, Neyyattinkara (dist Thiruvananthapuram) 1, Taliparamba (dist Cannur) 1

7 Days Rainfall Forecast								
S. No.	Subdivision	06-Dec	07-Dec	08-Dec	09-Dec	10-Dec	11-Dec	12-Dec
		Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
1	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	FWS	FWS	WS	WS	FWS	SCT	SCT
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	ISOL	SCT	SCT	SCT	ISOL	DRY	DRY
3	ASSAM & MEGHALAYA	DRY	DRY	DRY	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY
4	NAGALAND, MANIPUR, MIZORAM & TRIPURA	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
5	SUB-HIMALAYAN WEST BENGAL & SIKKIM	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	SCT	ISOL	DRY	DRY
6	GANGETIC WEST BENGAL	DRY	DRY	DRY	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY
7	ODISHA	DRY	DRY	DRY	ISOL	ISOL	DRY	DRY
8	JHARKHAND	DRY	DRY	DRY	ISOL	ISOL	DRY	DRY
9	BIHAR	DRY	DRY	DRY	ISOL	ISOL	DRY	DRY
10	EAST UTTAR PRADESH	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
11	WEST UTTAR PRADESH	DRY	DRY	ISOL	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY
12	UTTARAKHAND	DRY	DRY	ISOL	SCT	DRY	DRY	DRY
13	HARYANA CHANDIGARH & DELHI	DRY	DRY	ISOL	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY
14	PUNJAB	DRY	DRY	ISOL	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY
15	HIMACHAL PRADESH	DRY	DRY	SCT	SCT	ISOL	DRY	DRY
16	JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH	DRY	DRY	SCT	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY
17	WEST RAJASTHAN	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
18	EAST RAJASTHAN	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
19	WEST MADHYA PRADESH	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
20	EAST MADHYA PRADESH	DRY	ISOL	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
21	GUJARAT REGION	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
22	SAURASHTRA & KUTCH	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
23	KONKAN & GOA	ISOL	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
24	MADHYA MAHARASHTRA	ISOL	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
25	MARATHAWADA	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
26	VIDARBHA	DRY	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY
27	CHHATTISGARH	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY
28	COASTAL ANDHRA PRADESH & YANAM	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	SCT
29	TELANGANA	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY
30	RAYALASEEMA	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	SCT	FWS
31	TAMILNADU PUDUCHERRY & KARAIKAL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	SCT
32	COASTAL KARNATAKA	SCT	SCT	ISOL	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY
33	NORTH INTERIOR KARNATAKA	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
34	SOUTH INTERIOR KARNATAKA	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY	ISOL
35	KERALA & MAHE	SCT	SCT	SCT	SCT	SCT	SCT	SCT
36	LAKSHADWEEP	SCT	SCT	SCT	SCT	SCT	SCT	SCT

- As the lead period increases forecast accuracy decreases.





- Action may be taken based on **ORANGE AND RED COLOUR** warnings.
- Vulnerable regions likely urban and hilly areas action may be initiated for heavy rainfall warning.
- As the lead period increases forecast accuracy decreases.

Weather Realised (past 24 hours) & forecast (during 06th Dec. to 09th Dec. 2024) over Delhi/NCR**Past Weather:**

There has been a fall in maximum temperature upto 03°C over Delhi/NCR during past 24hr. The Maximum and Minimum temperature over Delhi is in the range of 23 to 26°C and 08 to 11°C respectively. The maximum and minimum temperature were near normal over most places. Mainly smog/ mist condition with predominant surface wind from northwest direction with wind speed reaching 12 to 20 kmph prevailed on 05.12.2024. Mainly clear sky condition with wind speed less than 12 kmph northwest direction prevailed over the region in the forenoon today.

Weather Forecast:

06.12.2024: Mainly clear sky. The predominant surface wind is likely to be northwest direction with wind speed less than 12 kmph till evening. It would decrease thereafter becoming less than 06 kmph from northwest direction during night. Smog/mist is likely in the evening/night.

07.12.2024: Mainly clear sky. The predominant surface wind is likely to be from northwest direction with speed less than 04 kmph during morning hours. Smog/shallow fog is likely in the morning. The wind speed will increase thereafter becoming less than 06 kmph from variable direction during afternoon. It will decrease thereafter becoming less than 04 kmph from southeast direction during evening and night. Smog/mist is likely in the evening/night.

08.12.2024: Partly cloudy sky. The predominant surface wind is likely to be from southeast direction with speed less than 08 kmph during morning hours. Smog/shallow to moderate fog is likely in the morning. The wind speed will gradually increase becoming 12-14 kmph from southeast direction during afternoon. It will decrease thereafter becoming less than 08 kmph from southeast direction during evening and night. Smog/mist is likely in the evening/night.

09.12.2024: Mainly clear sky. The predominant surface wind is likely to be from variable direction with wind speed less than 04 kmph during morning hours. Smog/ moderate fog in the morning. The wind speed will increase thereafter becoming 08-10 kmph from southeast direction during afternoon. It will gradually decrease becoming less than 06 kmph from southeast direction during evening and night. Smog/ shallow fog is likely in the evening/night.

Impact expected due to dense fog in the night /morning hour:

❖ Transport and Aviation:

- May affect some airports, highways and railway routes in the areas of met- sub-division.
- Difficult driving conditions with slower journey times.
- Unless taken precautionary measures, it may lead to some road traffic collisions.

❖ Power Sector:

- Chances of Tripping of Power lines in the very dense fog routes.

❖ Human Health:

- Lung related health impacts: Dense fog contains particulate matter and other pollutants and in case exposed it gets lodged in the lungs, clogging them and decreasing their functional capacity which increases episodes of wheezing, coughing and shortness of breath.
- Impact on people having asthma bronchitis: Long time exposure to dense fog may cause respiratory problem for people having asthma bronchitis and other lung related health problems.
- Eye Irritation: Dense fog contains pollutions of various types and these Pollutants in the air if exposed may tend to irritate the membranes of the eye causing various infections leading to redness or swelling of the eye.

Action suggested:

❖ Transport and Aviation:

- Be careful while driving or outing through any transport.
- Use fog lights during driving.
- Be in touch with airlines, railways and state transport for schedule of your journey.

❖ Power Sector:

- To keep ready Maintenance Team
- Human Health: To avoid outing until unless emergency and to cover the face.

Impact expected due to cold wave/severe cold wave conditions over north Rajasthan

- An increased likelihood of various illnesses like flu, running/ stuffy nose or nosebleed, which usually set in or get aggravated due to prolonged exposure to cold.
- Do not ignore shivering. It is the first sign that the body is losing heat. Get Indoors.
- Frostbite can occur due to prolonged exposure to cold. The skin turns pale, hard and numb and eventually black blisters appear on exposed body parts such as fingers, toes, nose and or earlobes. Severe frostbite needs immediate medical attention and treatment.
- Impact on agriculture, crop, livestock, water supply, transport and power sector at some places.

Action suggested:

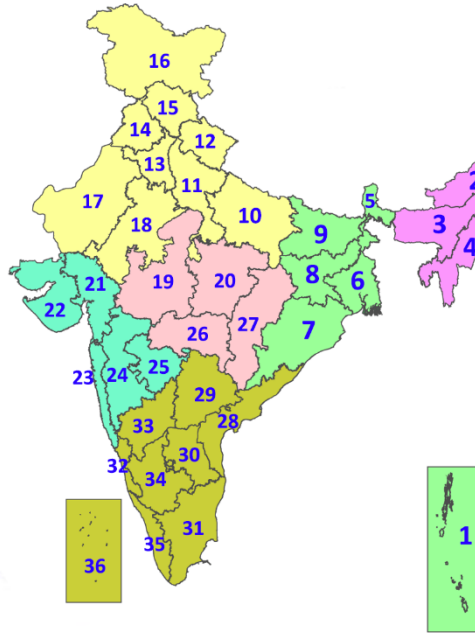
- Wear several layers of loose fitting, light weight; warm woolen clothing.
- Cover your head, neck, hands and toes adequately as majority of heat loss occurs through these body parts. Wear several layers of loose fitting, light weight; warm woolen clothing rather than one layer of heavy cloth.
- Eat vitamin-C rich fruits & vegetable and drink sufficient fluids preferably warm fluids to maintain adequate immunity.
- Avoid or limit outdoor activities.
- Keep dry, if wet, change cloths immediately to prevent loss of body heat. Wear insulated/waterproof shoes.
- Warm the affected area of the body slowly with lukewarm water; do not rub the skin vigorously.
- If the affected skin area turns black, immediately consult a doctor.
- Maintain ventilation while using Heaters to avoid inhaling toxic fumes.
- Take safety measures while using electrical and gas heating devices.
- Extreme care needed for vulnerable people.
- Seek medical attention as soon as possible for someone suffering from frostbite/ Hypothermia.
- Protect livestock from cold weather.

Legends & abbreviations:

- ❖ **Heavy Rain:**64.5-115.5mm; **Very Heavy Rain:**115.6-204.4mm; **Extremely Heavy Rain:** >204.4mm.
- ❖ **Obsy:** Observatory; **AWS:** Automatic Weather Station; **ARG:** Automatic Rain Gauge; **dist:** District; **NH:** National Highway; **KVK:** Krishi Vigyan Kendra; **DVC:** Damodar Valley Corporation; **PTO:** Part Time Office, **Aero:** Aerodrome, **IAF:** Indian Air Force.
- ❖ **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 Marathawada.
 - **South India:** Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam, Telangana, Rayalaseema, Coastal Karnataka, North Interior Karnataka, South Interior Karnataka, Kerala & Mahe, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Karaikal and Lakshadweep.

LEGENDS

1. अंडमान और निकोबार द्वीपसमूह
2. अरुणाचल प्रदेश
3. असम और मेघालय
4. नागालैंड, मणिपुर, मिजोरम और त्रिपुरा
5. उप-हिमालयी पश्चिम बंगाल और सिक्किम
6. गंगीय पश्चिम बंगाल
7. ओडिशा
8. झारखंड
9. बिहार
10. पूर्वी उत्तर प्रदेश
11. पश्चिम उत्तर प्रदेश
12. उत्तराखंड
13. हरियाणा, चंडीगढ़ और दिल्ली
14. पंजाब
15. हिमाचल प्रदेश
16. जम्मू और कश्मीर और लद्दाख
17. पश्चिम राजस्थान
18. पूर्वी राजस्थान
19. पश्चिम मध्य प्रदेश
20. पूर्वी मध्य प्रदेश
21. गुजरात
22. सौराष्ट्र
23. कोंकण और गोवा
24. मध्य महाराष्ट्र
25. मराठवाड़ा
26. विदर्भ
27. छत्तीसगढ़
28. तटीय आंध्र प्रदेश और यनम
29. तेलंगाना
30. रायलसीमा
31. तमिलनाडु, पुडुचेरी और कराईकल
32. तटीय कर्नाटक
33. आंतरिक उत्तरी कर्नाटक
34. आंतरिक दक्षिणी कर्नाटक
35. केरल और माहे
36. लक्षद्वीप



1. Andaman & Nicobar Islands
2. Arunachal Pradesh
3. Assam & Meghalaya
4. Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura
5. Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim
6. Gangetic West Bengal
7. Odisha
8. Jharkhand
9. Bihar
10. East Uttar Pradesh
11. West Uttar Pradesh
12. Uttarakhand
13. Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi
14. Punjab
15. Himachal Pradesh
16. Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh
17. West Rajasthan
18. East Rajasthan
19. West Madhya Pradesh
20. East Madhya Pradesh
21. Gujarat
22. Saurashtra
23. Konkan & Goa
24. Madhya Maharashtra
25. Marathwada
26. Vidarbha
27. Chhattisgarh
28. Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam
29. Telangana
30. Rayalaseema
31. Tamilnadu, Puducherry & Karaikal
32. Coastal Karnataka
33. North Interior Karnataka
34. South Interior Karnataka
35. Kerala & Mahe
36. 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)



Fog



Heavy Snow



Cold Wave



Heavy Rain



Dust Storm



Cold Day



Very Heavy Rain



Heat Wave



Ground Frost



Extremely Heavy Rain



Warm Night



Thunder & Lightning



Hot Day



Hailstorm



Hot & Humid



Dust Raising Winds



Strong Surface Winds

COLOUR CODED WARNING

No Warning (No Action)
Watch (Be Aware)
Alert (Be Prepared To Take Action)
Warning (Take Action)

Probabilistic Forecast

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

* Red colour warning does not mean "Red Alert", Red colour warning means "Take Action".
Forecast and Warning for any day is valid from 0830 hours IST of day till 0830 hours IST of next day.
For more details, kindly visit <https://mausam.imd.gov.in> or contact: 011-2434-4599
(Service to the Nation since 1875)

DEFINITION/CRITERIA

Rain/ Snow *

Heavy: 64.5 to 115.5 mm/cm *
Very Heavy: 115.6 to 204.4 mm/cm*
Extremely Heavy: > 204.4 mm/cm *

Heat Wave

When maximum temperature of a station reaches $\geq 40^\circ \text{C}$ for plains and $\geq 30^\circ \text{C}$ for hilly regions
(a) Based on Departure from normal

Heat Wave: Maximum Temperature Departure from normal 4.5°C to 6.4°C .

Severe Heat Wave: Maximum Temperature Departure from normal $\geq 6.5^\circ \text{C}$

(b). Based on Actual maximum temperature

Heat Wave: When actual maximum temperature $\geq 45^\circ \text{C}$.

Severe Heat Wave: When actual maximum temperature $\geq 47^\circ \text{C}$

(c) Criteria for heat wave for coastal stations

When maximum temperature departure is $> 4.5^\circ \text{C}$ from normal. Heat Wave may be described provided maximum temperature $\geq 37^\circ \text{C}$

Warm Night

When maximum temperature remains 40°C

Warm Night: When minimum temperature departure 4.5°C to 6.4°C .

Severe Warm Night: When minimum temperature departure $> 6.4^\circ \text{C}$.

Cold Wave

When minimum temperature of a station $\leq 10^\circ \text{C}$ for plains and $\leq 0^\circ \text{C}$ for hilly regions.

(a). Based on departure

Cold Wave: Minimum Temperature Departure from normal -4.5°C to -6.4°C .

Severe Cold Wave: Minimum Temperature Departure from normal $\leq -6.5^\circ \text{C}$

(b) Based on actual Minimum Temperature (for Plains only)

Cold Wave: When Minimum Temperature is $\leq 4.0^\circ \text{C}$

Severe Cold Wave: When Minimum Temperature is $\leq 2.0^\circ \text{C}$

(c) For Coastal Stations

When Minimum Temperature departure is $\leq -4.5^\circ \text{C}$ & actual Minimum Temperature is $\leq 15^\circ \text{C}$

Cold Day

When minimum temperature of a station $\leq 10^\circ \text{C}$ for plains and $\leq 0^\circ \text{C}$ for hilly regions

Based on departure

Cold Day: Maximum Temperature Departure from normal -4.5°C to -6.4°C .

Severe Cold Day: Maximum Temperature Departure from normal $\leq -6.5^\circ \text{C}$

Fog

Phenomenon of small droplets suspended in air and the horizontal visibility $< 1 \text{ km}$

Moderate Fog: When the visibility between 500-200 metres

Dense Fog: when the visibility between 50- 200 metres

Very Dense Fog: when the visibility < 50 metres

Thunderstorm

Sudden electrical discharges manifested by a flash of light (Lightning) and a sharp rumbling sound (thunder)

Dust/Sand Storm

An ensemble of particles of dust or sand energetically lifted to great heights by a strong and turbulent wind.

Frost

Ice deposits on ground

Air temperature $\leq 4^\circ \text{C}$ (over Plains)

Squall

A strong wind that rises suddenly, lasts for atleast 1 minute.

Moderate: Wind speed 52-61 kmph

Severe: Wind speed 62-87 kmph

Very Severe: Wind speed > 87 kmph

Sea State

Effect of various waves in the sea over specific area

Rough to very rough: Wind speed 41-62 kmph (22-33 knots) & Wave height 2.5-6 metre

High to very high: Wind speed 63-117 kmph (34-63 knots) & Wave height 6-14 metre

Phenomenal: Wind speed > 117 kmph (> 63 knots) & Wave height > 14 metre

Cyclone

Cyclonic Storm: Wind speed 62-87 kmph (34-47 knots)

Severe Cyclonic Storm: Wind speed 88-117 kmph (48-63 knots)

Very Severe Cyclonic Storm: Wind speed 118-165 kmph (64 - 89 knots)

Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm: Wind speed 166-220 kmph (90 -119 knots)

Super Cyclone Strom: Wind speed > 220 kmph (> 119 knots)

* Red colour warning does not mean "Red Alert", Red colour warning means "Take Action".
Forecast and Warning for any day is valid from 0830 hours IST of day till 0830 hours IST of next day.
For more details, kindly visit <https://mausam.imd.gov.in> or contact: 011-2434-4599
(Service to the Nation since 1875)