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**Subject: (i) Depression over westcentral Bay of Bengal.**

**(ii) Cold wave conditions very likely to prevail over Jammu-Kashmir & Himachal Pradesh during next 3 days.**

**(iii) Associated with a fresh active Western Disturbance, scattered to fairly widespread rainfall activity likely over Northwest India & snowfall over western Himalayan region during 27<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> December 2024.**

**i. Realised weather during past 24 hours till 0830 hours IST of today (Annexure I)**

- ❖ **Cold wave to severe cold wave conditions** observed in isolated pockets over Himachal Pradesh, Punjab; **Cold wave conditions** in isolated pockets over Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh-Gilgit-Baltistan-Muzaffarabad, Uttarakhand, Haryana, West Uttar Pradesh and Saurashtra & Kutch.
- ❖ **Ground frost conditions** recorded in isolated pockets of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Uttarakhand.
- ❖ **Very dense fog** reported in isolated pockets of north Rajasthan; **Dense fog** in isolated pockets of Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Chhattisgarh, West Uttar Pradesh, Meghalaya and north Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ **Visibility reported ( $\leq 200$  m)** (in meter): **Punjab:** Halwara & Bathinda-200 each, **Haryana:** Hissar-200, **Delhi:** Palam & Safdarjung-200 each, **Madhya Pradesh:** Gwalior-200; **Uttar Pradesh:** Agra-200; **Chhattisgarh:** Raipur-200; **Rajasthan:** Pilani & Churu-0 each, Suratgarh & Chittorgarh-200 each; **Meghalaya:** Shillong & Cherrapunji-100 each.
- ❖ **Heavy rainfall** recorded at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Odisha.

**Weather Systems:**

- ❖ Yesterday's **well marked low pressure area** over westcentral & adjoining southwest Bay of Bengal concentrated into a **depression** over westcentral Bay of Bengal at 1730 hours IST of yesterday, the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024, moved east-northeastwards with the speed of 12 kmph during past 6 hours and lay centred at 0830 hrs IST of 21<sup>st</sup> December 2024 over the westcentral Bay of Bengal, near latitude 14.0°N and longitude 84.5°E, about 430 km south-southeast of Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh), 480 km east-northeast of Chennai (Tamil Nadu) and 590 km south- of Gopalpur (Odisha). The system is likely to move slowly east-northeastwards maintaining its intensity as a depression for next 12 hours and weaken gradually thereafter over the Sea.
- ❖ A **cyclonic** circulation lies over south Rajasthan & neighbourhood in lower tropospheric levels.
- ❖ A fresh **western disturbance** as a cyclonic circulation in middle tropospheric levels lies over Iraq & neighbourhood.
- ❖ Under the influence of these systems:
  - ✓ Light to moderate rainfall very likely at a few places with **heavy rainfall** at isolated places over Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Rayalaseema during 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> December.
  - ✓ Light rainfall/snowfall very likely at isolated places over Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh-Gilgit-Baltistan-Muzaffarabad and Himachal Pradesh during 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> December.
- ❖ Another **intense Western Disturbance** is very likely to affect Northwest India from the night of 26<sup>th</sup> December onwards. Under its influence, an induced cyclonic circulation very likely to form over southwest Rajasthan & neighbourhood on 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2024. These systems likely to interact with lower levels easterlies leading to high moisture feeding from Arabian Sea as well as Bay of Bengal till 28<sup>th</sup> December. Under the influence of these systems:
  - ✓ Fairly Widespread to Widespread Rainfall/Snowfall is likely over Western Himalayan Region during 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> December with peak activity on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> December.
  - ✓ Scattered to fairly widespread rainfall also likely over plains of northwest India and adjoining central India on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> December.

- ✓ Thunderstorm accompanied with hailstorms also likely over Punjab, Haryana, West Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh on 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> December.

## ii. Temperature, Cold Wave and Fog Forecast:

### Temperature Conditions during past 24 hours till 0830 hours IST of today (Annexure IV):

Minimum temperatures were

**below 0°C** over many parts of Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh & Himachal Pradesh;

**4-8°C** over major parts of Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan;

**8-12°C** over many parts of Madhya Pradesh, Bihar & Gujarat.

Today, the **lowest minimum temperature** of **1.8°C** is reported at **Adampur IAF (Punjab)** over the plains of the country.

**Minimum temperatures have fallen** by 1-3°C over some parts of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Odisha & risen by 1-3°C in some parts of East Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gangetic West Bengal, Marathwada, Vidarbha, Madhya Maharashtra, Jharkhand & Telangana.

Minimum temperatures are **below normal (-1°C to -3°C)** at isolated places over Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh-Gilgit-Baltistan-Muzaffarabad, Himachal Pradesh, Saurashtra & Kutch; **above normal by 4-7°C** over Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Vidarbha, southeast Madhya Pradesh, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh and near normal over rest parts of the country.

### Forecast of temperature:

- ❖ No significant change in minimum temperatures likely over Northwest & Central India during next 24 hours and gradual rise by 2-3°C thereafter.
- ❖ No significant change in minimum temperatures likely over West & East India (except Gujarat State) during next 4-5 days.
- ❖ No significant change in minimum temperatures likely over Gujarat State during next 3 days and gradual rise by 2-3°C thereafter.

### Cold Wave Warnings:

**Cold wave to severe cold wave** conditions very likely in some parts of Himachal Pradesh during 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>; **Cold wave** conditions very likely in isolated pockets over Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh-Gilgit-Baltistan-Muzaffarabad during 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, Punjab & Rajasthan on 21<sup>st</sup> December.

### Dense Fog Warnings:

**Dense fog conditions** very likely to prevail during late night/early morning hours in isolated pockets of Himachal Pradesh on 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>; Punjab, Haryana, Jharkhand, Odisha on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>; Rajasthan, Gangetic West Bengal on 21<sup>st</sup>; Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim during 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>; Assam & Meghalaya during 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> December.

### Ground Frost Warnings:

**Ground Frost** conditions very likely in isolated pockets of Himachal Pradesh during 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> and Uttarakhand on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

### Fishermen Warnings (Annexure V):

Fishermen are advised not to venture into westcentral & adjoining central parts of South Bay of Bengal till morning of 23<sup>rd</sup> December and along & off south Odisha-Andhra Pradesh-north Tamil Nadu coasts till on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

## iii. Weather conditions and forecast over Delhi/NCR during 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2024 (Annexure VI)

For more details, kindly refer National Weather Bulletin:

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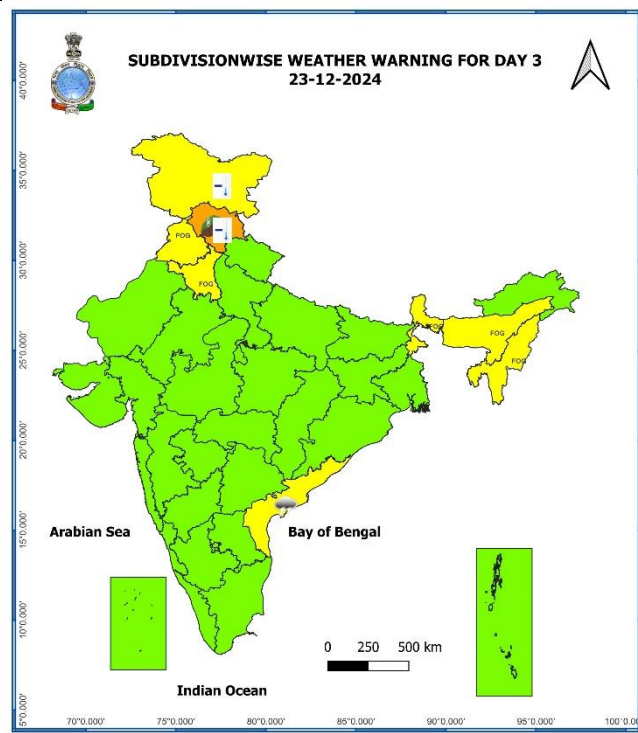
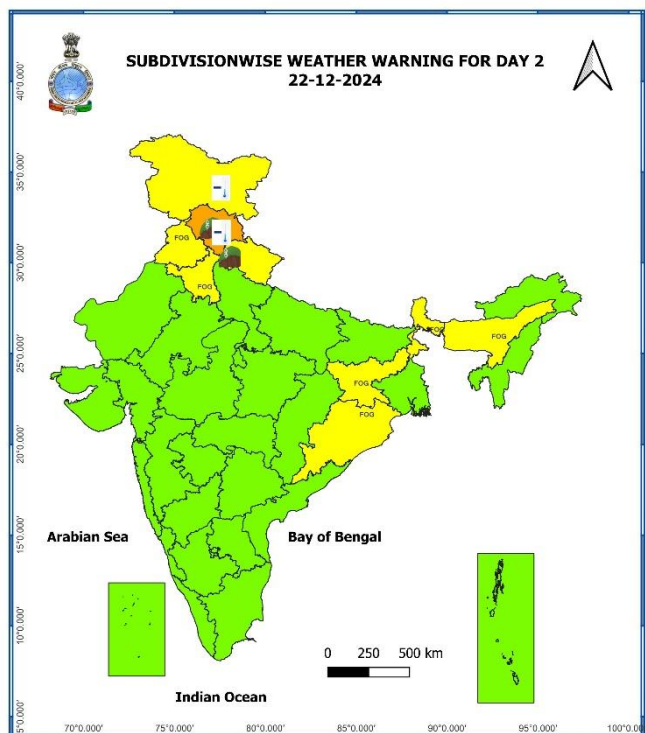
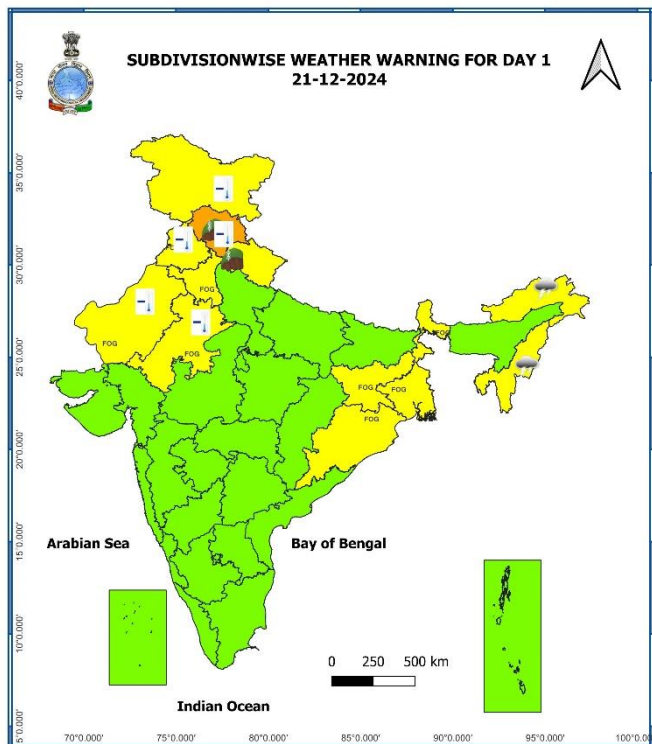
**Significant Rainfall recorded during past 24 hours till 0830 hours IST of today 21.12.2024 (in cm):**

- ❖ **Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Karaikal:** Sandhiyur KVK AWS (dist Salem) 8, Kodumudiyaru Dam (dist Tirunelveli), Balamore (dist Kanyakumari), Oothu (dist Tirunelveli), Nandhiyar Head (dist Thiruchirappalli) 7 each,
- ❖ **Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam:** Bondapalle (dist Vizianagaram) 9, Merakamudidam (dist Vizianagaram) 8, Bobbili (dist Vizianagaram) 8, Therlam (dist Vizianagaram) 8, Mentada (dist Vizianagaram) 8, Bheemunipatnam (dist ishakhapatnam) 8, Nellimarla (dist Vizianagaram) 7, Garividi (dist Vizianagaram) 7, Cheepurupalle (dist Vizianagaram) 7, Gajapathinagaram (dist Vizianagaram) 7,
- ❖ **Odisha:** Ranpur (dist Nayagarh) 11, Begunia (dist Khurda) 8, Berhampur (dist Ganjam) 8, Jatni (dist Khurda) 7, Khordha Pto (dist Khurda) 7, Pipili (dist Puri) 7, Naugaon (dist Jagatsinghpur) 7, Banpur (dist Khurda) 7, Belaguntha (dist Ganjam) 7, Krishnaprasad (dist Puri) 7, Gop (dist Puri) 7, Purushottampur (dist Ganjam) 7,

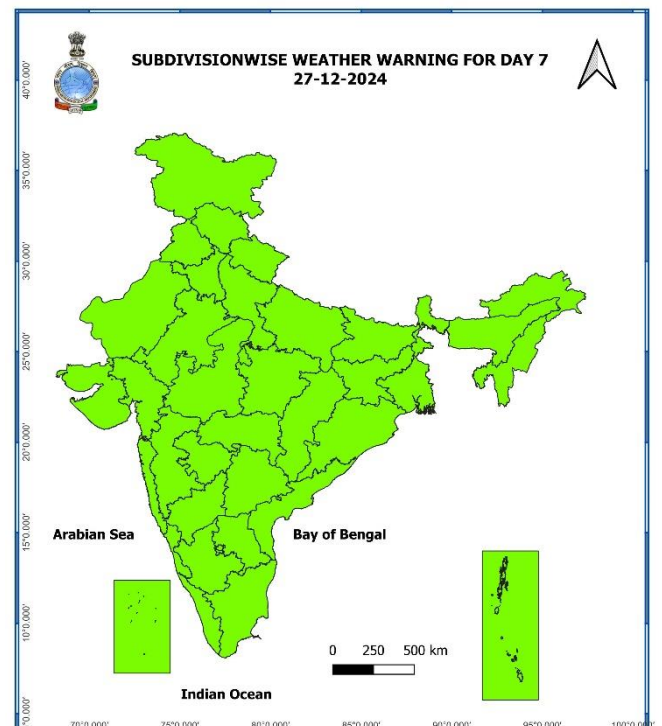
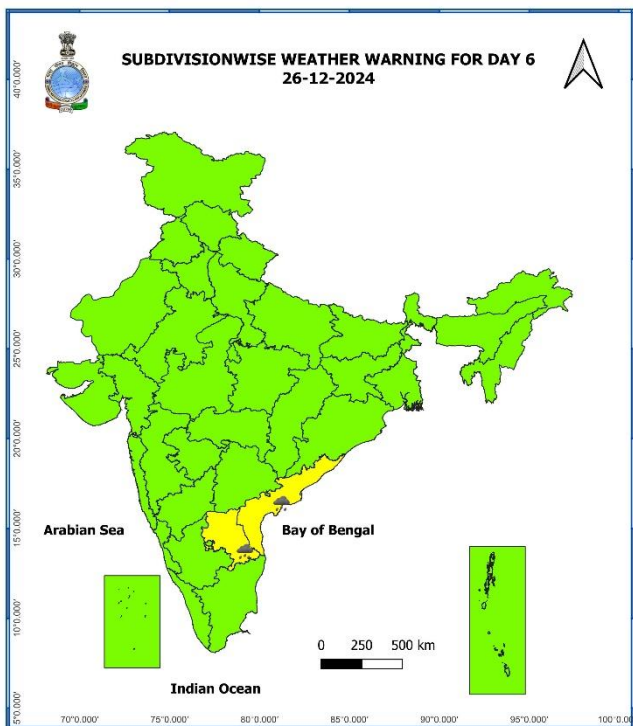
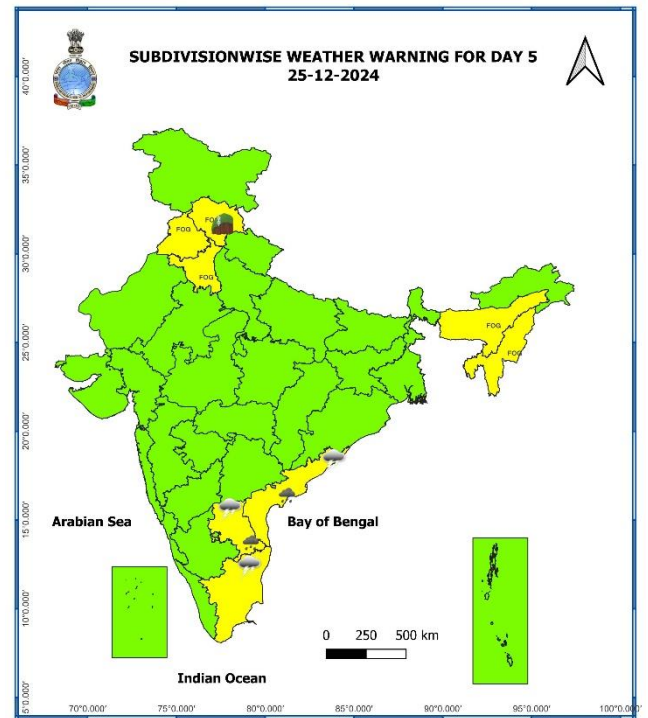
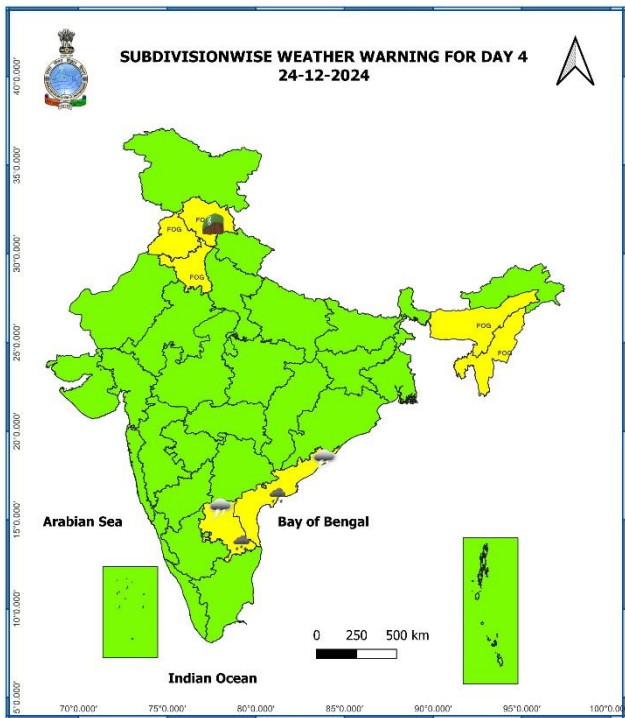
7 Days Rainfall Forecast								
S. No.	Subdivision	21-Dec	22-Dec	23-Dec	24-Dec	25-Dec	26-Dec	27-Dec
		Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
1	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	FWS	FWS	SCT	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	SCT
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	SCT	ISOL	DRY	ISOL	ISOL	DRY	DRY
3	ASSAM & MEGHALAYA	ISOL	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY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

- As the lead period increases forecast accuracy decreases.

### ANNEXURE III







- 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.

Fig. 1: Maximum Temperatures

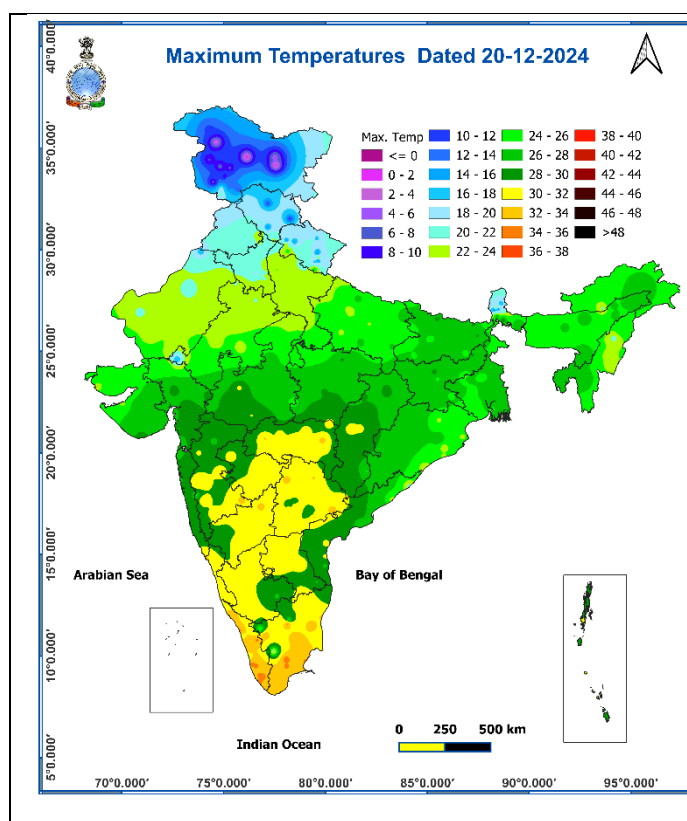


Fig. 2: Departure of Maximum Temperatures

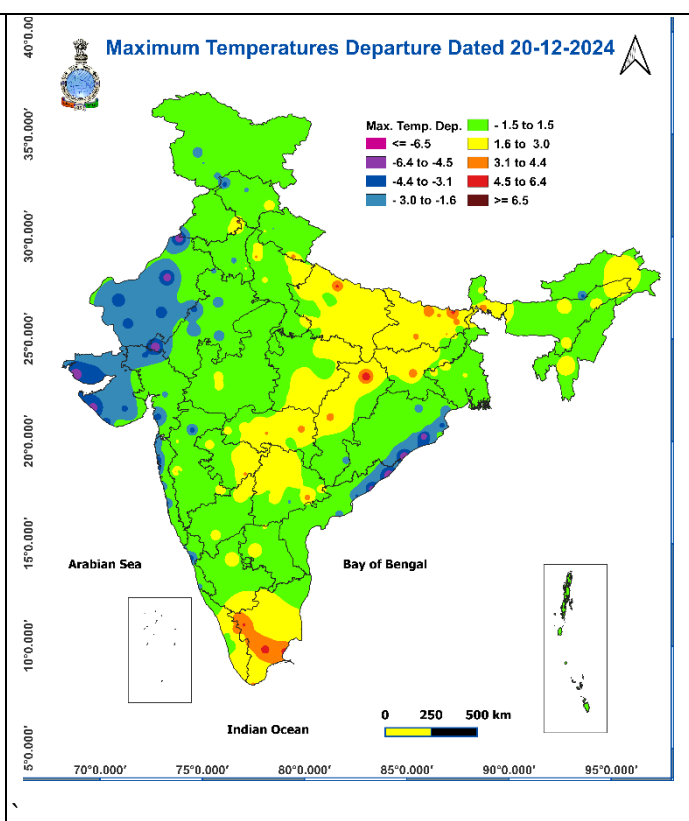


Fig. 3: Minimum Temperatures

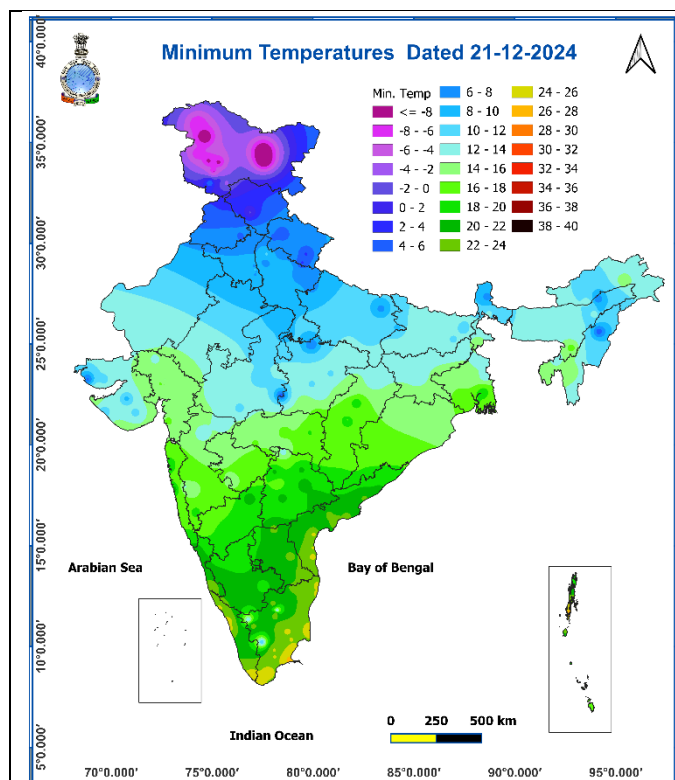
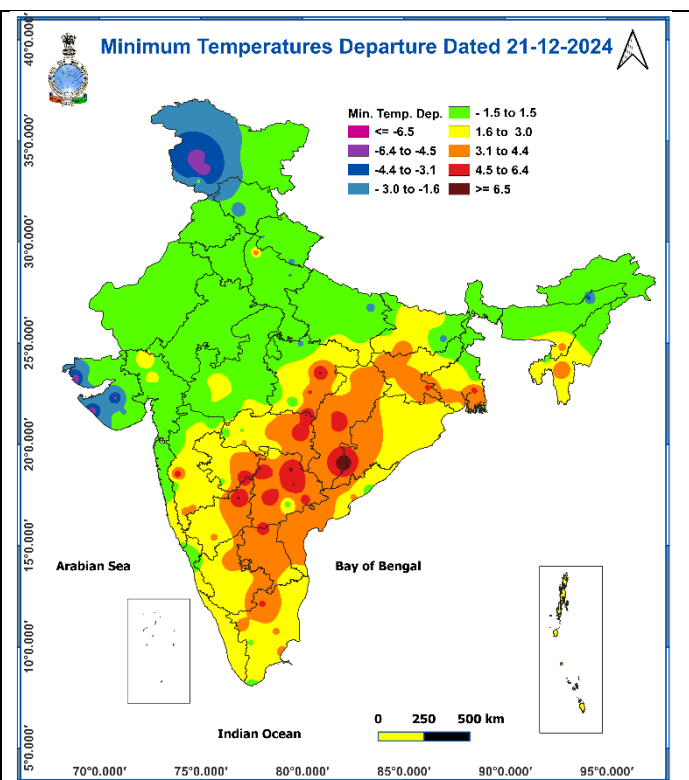
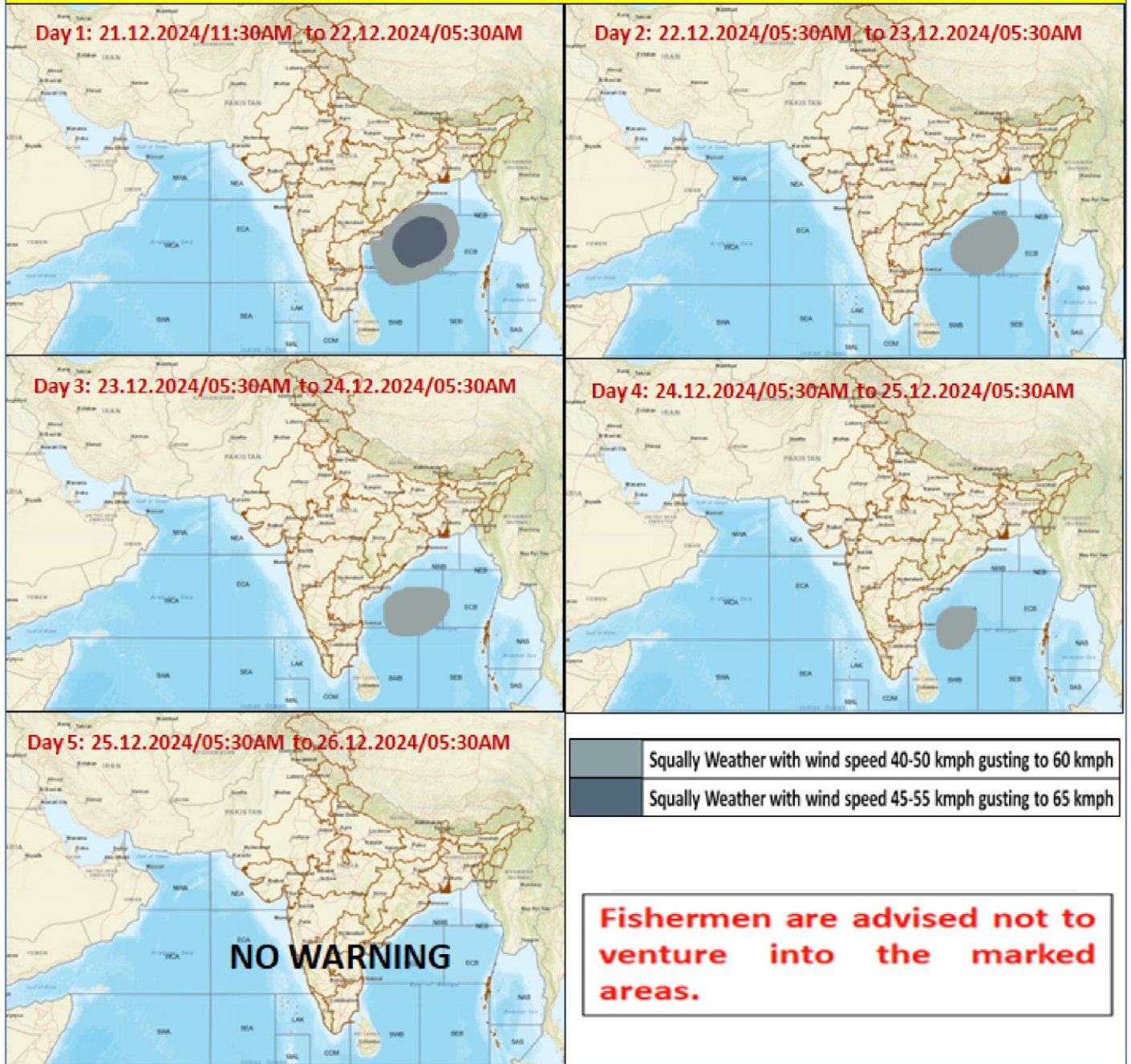


Fig. 4: Departure of Minimum Temperatures





### Fishermen Warning Graphics





**Weather Realised (past 24 hours) & forecast (during 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. to 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2024) over Delhi/NCR****Past Weather:**

There has been a slight rise in minimum temperature over Delhi/NCR during past 24hr. The Maximum and Minimum temperature over Delhi is in the range of 21 to 23°C and 07 to 09°C respectively. The minimum temperature was near normal and maximum temperature was above normal upto 01 to 03°C over most places. Moderate fog reported at Safdarjung airport. Safdarjung airport recorded lowest visibility 200m at 0730 hours IST which improved thereafter becoming 300m at 0800 hours IST. Palam airport recorded lowest visibility 600 m during 0700 hours to 0800 hours IST which improved thereafter becoming 700m at 0830 hours IST. Mainly smog/moderate fog condition with predominant surface wind from variable direction with wind speed reaching calm to 06 kmph prevailed past 24hr. Mainly smog condition with wind speed less than 06 kmph variable direction prevailed over the region in the forenoon today.

**Weather Forecast:**

**21.12.2024:** Mainly clear sky. The predominant surface wind is likely to be northwest direction with wind speed less than 08 kmph till evening. It would decrease thereafter becoming less than 04 kmph from variable direction during night. Smog/shallow fog is likely in the evening/night.

**22.12.2024:** Mainly clear sky. The predominant surface wind is likely to be from variable direction with speed less than 04 kmph during morning hours. Smog/shallow to moderate fog is likely in the morning. The wind speed will increase thereafter becoming less than 06 kmph from east direction during afternoon. It will decrease thereafter becoming less than 04 kmph from northeast direction during evening and night. Smog/shallow fog is likely in the evening/night.

**23.12.2024:** Partly cloudy sky with possibility of a spell of very light rain/drizzle during the day. The predominant surface wind is likely to be from southeast direction with speed less than 04 kmph during morning hours. Smog/ shallow to moderate fog is likely in the morning hours. The wind speed will gradually increase becoming 06-08 kmph from east direction during afternoon. It will decrease thereafter becoming less than 04 kmph from east direction during evening and night. Smog/shallow fog is likely in the evening/night.

**24.12.2024:** Mainly clear sky. The predominant surface wind is likely to be from northeast direction with wind speed less than 04 kmph during morning hours. Smog/moderate to dense fog is likely in the morning. The wind speed will increase thereafter becoming 06-08 kmph from north direction during afternoon. It will gradually decrease becoming less than 04 kmph from variable direction during evening and night. Smog/shallow fog is likely in the evening/night.

### **Impact expected due to dense/very 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 Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh-Gilgit-Baltistan-Muzaffarabad, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Rajasthan and Saurashtra & Kutch**

- 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 woollen 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 woollen 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.

### **Agromet advisories for Heavy Rainfall / Cold Wave likely over various parts of the country**

- In **Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab and Rajasthan**, apply light and frequent irrigation to the standing crops in the evening to protect them from low-temperature stress or cold injuries. Use mulching and cover vegetable nurseries and young fruit plants with straw/polythene sheets to maintain optimum soil temperature.
- Drain out excess water from standing crop fields and vegetables in Odisha, Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

## Livestock

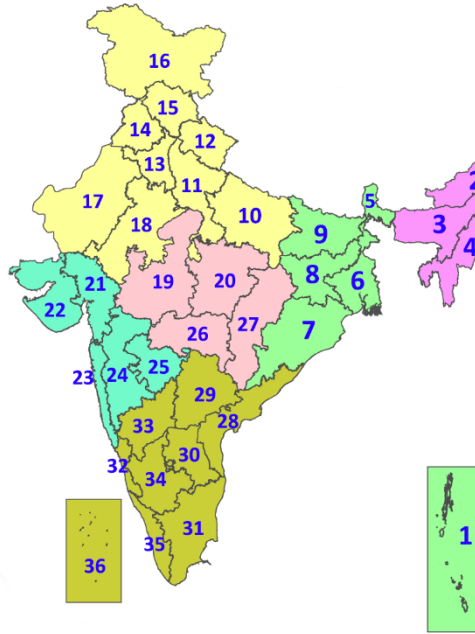
- To protect from cold, keep cattle inside the sheds during night and provide dry bedding. Also keep the chicks warm by providing artificial light in the poultry sheds.

## 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
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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

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## 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  $4.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $6.4^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

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  $40^{\circ}\text{C}$

Warm Night: When minimum temperature departure  $4.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $6.4^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

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  $-4.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $-6.4^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

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  $-4.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $-6.4^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

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)

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