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**Special Message (No.- 1)**

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**Subject: Thunderstorm, lightning, gusty winds & hailstorms likely over East central and adjoining Eastern parts of India including over Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar and Odisha during 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> March with peak activity on 20<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> March.**

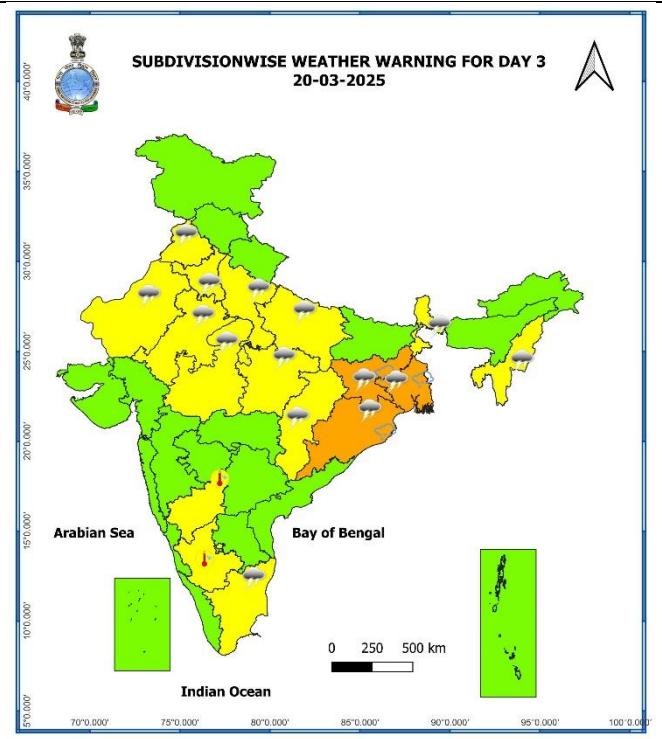
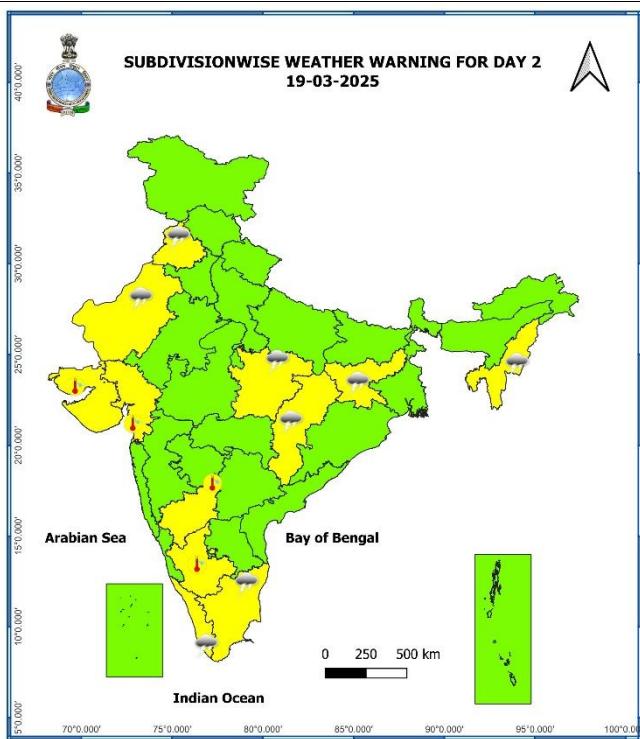
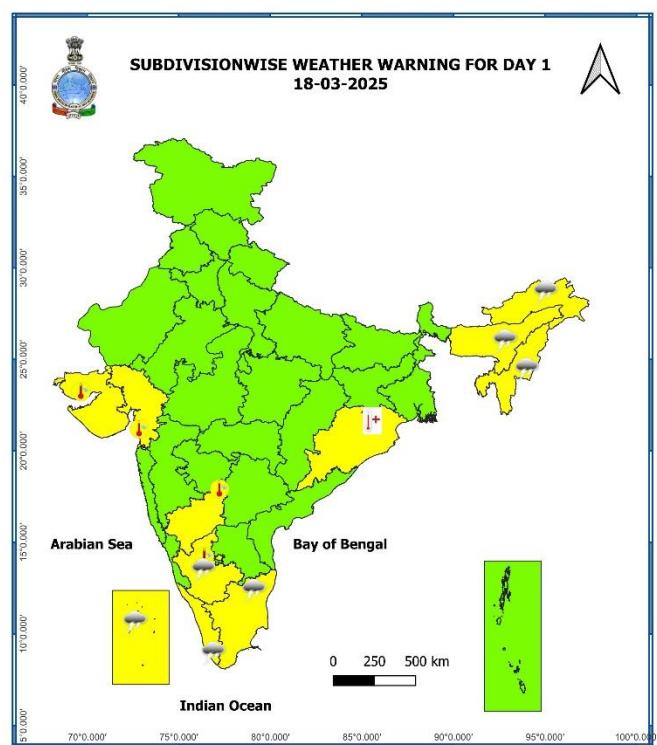
**Weather Systems and Forecast & Warnings during next 5 days: (Annexure I)**

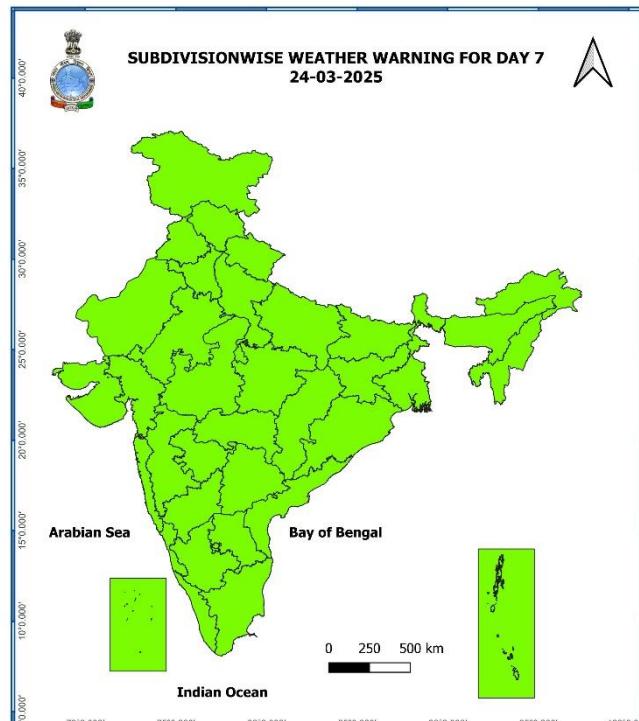
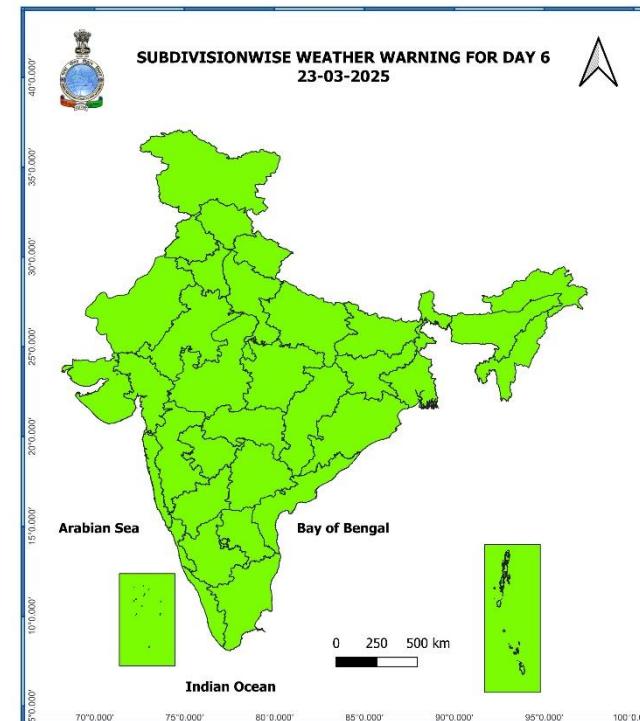
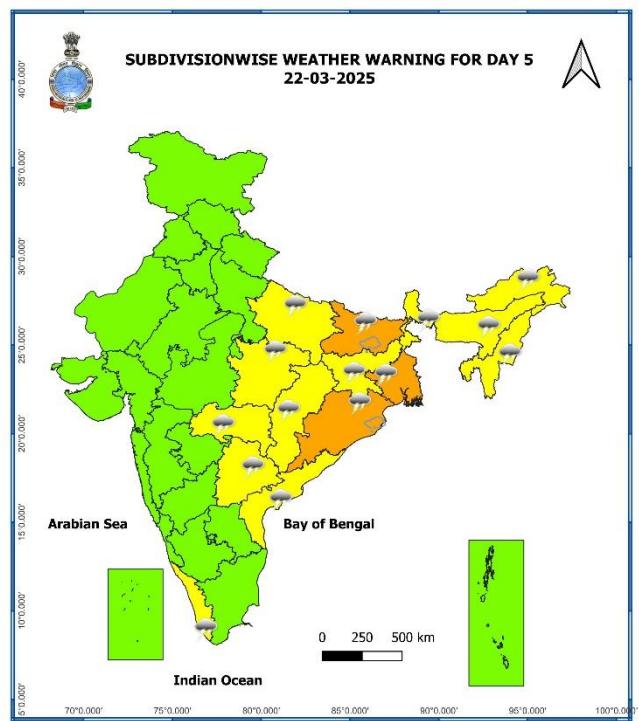
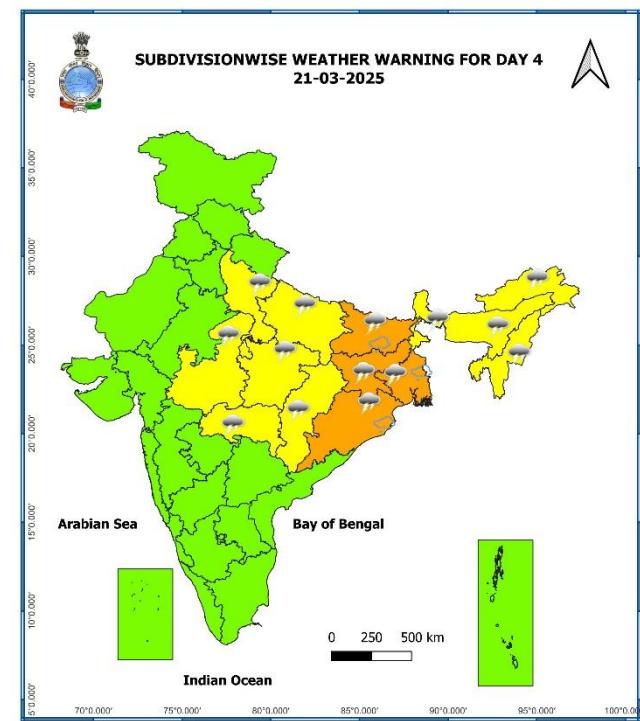
- ❖ Due to wind confluence from the Bay of Bengal over Central and East India in lower tropospheric levels:
  - ✓ Isolated to Scattered light/moderate rainfall accompanied with **thunderstorm, lightning & gusty winds (speed 30-50 kmph)** likely over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim during 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> and over Bihar on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>; East Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh during 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>; West Madhya Pradesh on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> and Vidarbha on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> March.
  - ✓ Scattered to Fairly widespread light/moderate rainfall accompanied with thunderstorm, lightning & gusty winds (speed 40-60 kmph) likely over Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand and Odisha during 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March.
  - ✓ Isolated hailstorms also likely over Jharkhand on 20<sup>th</sup>; Gangetic West Bengal on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>; Bihar on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>; Odisha during 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> March.

The state-wise forecast & warnings are given at ANNEXURE.

For more details, kindly refer: <https://mausam.imd.gov.in/responsive/all india forcast bulletin.php>

## ANNEXURE I





**Impact expected and action suggested due to thunderstorm accompanied with lightning/gusty winds & hailstorm** over east & central India during 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March 2025.

❖ **Impact expected:**

- ❖ Strong wind may damage plantation, horticulture and standing crops.
- ❖ 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 & 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

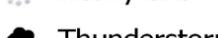


Heavy Rain



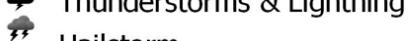
Dust Storm

Subdivision color



Heavy Snow

NO WARNING



Thunderstorms & Lightning

WATCH(BE UPDATED)



Hailstorm

ALERT (BE PREPARED)



Cold wave

WARNING (TAKE ACTION)



Fog

### 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)