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India Meteorological Department (IMD), Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), celebrated the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Day 2025 at national level on March 22, 2025, at Mahika Hall, Prithvi Bhawan, New Delhi. The theme of WMO Day 2025 is 'Closing the Early Warning Gap Together'. On this occasion, a half day national symposium was organized and several eminent scientists, policymakers, and experts participated in the symposium.

The symposium was inaugurated by Dr. M. Ravichandran, Secretary, MoES. Dr. M. Mohapatra, Director General of Meteorology, IMD, and 3rd Vice President of WMO, delivered a keynote address highlighting India's contributions to early warning systems to the regions and globe and advancements made in the field of early warning. Dr. M. Ravichandran, Secretary, MoES, underscored advances in technology to enhance weather forecasts. He urged the meteorological community to provide support to other countries for improvement of early warning systems. Mr. Safi Ahsan Rizvi, Advisor, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Ministry of Home Affairs, highlighted the role of early warning in disaster risk reduction, role of collaborations, coordination, and outreach.

Five books viz. **Rastriya Panchang 2025**, **Monograph on Precipitation Chemistry**, **Annual Rainfall Summary 2024**, **Pre-Monsoon Thunderstorm Report 2024**, and **Report on Cyclonic Disturbances over North Indian Ocean during 2024** were released on this occasion.

There were four special talks in the technical session as mentioned below.

1. **Early Warning for Early action against Heat Wave** by Dr. Naresh Kumar, Sc-F, IMD
2. **Beyond Safety Lives** by Mr. Safi Ahsan Rizvi, IPS, Advisor, NDMA
3. **The value of Weather and Climate Prediction** by Prof. Krishna Achuta Rao, IIT Delhi
4. **Common Alerting Protocol** by Mr. Sanjay Agarwal, DDG(DM), Min. of Telecommunication.

The **technical session** featured thought-provoking discussions on **early warnings for heat waves, sustainable livelihood and resilient infrastructure through early warning**, the **value of weather and climate services**, and the **importance of a common alerting protocol**. Experts from IMD, NDMA, IIT Delhi, and the Ministry of Telecommunication shared their perspectives on enhancing early warning mechanisms for disaster resilience.

The event successfully underscored the collective responsibility of stakeholders in mitigating climate risks and leveraging technology for **early warning based early action against extreme weather events**. IMD remains committed to fostering meteorological innovations and strengthening India's role in global climate resilience efforts through Early Warning for All (EW4All).



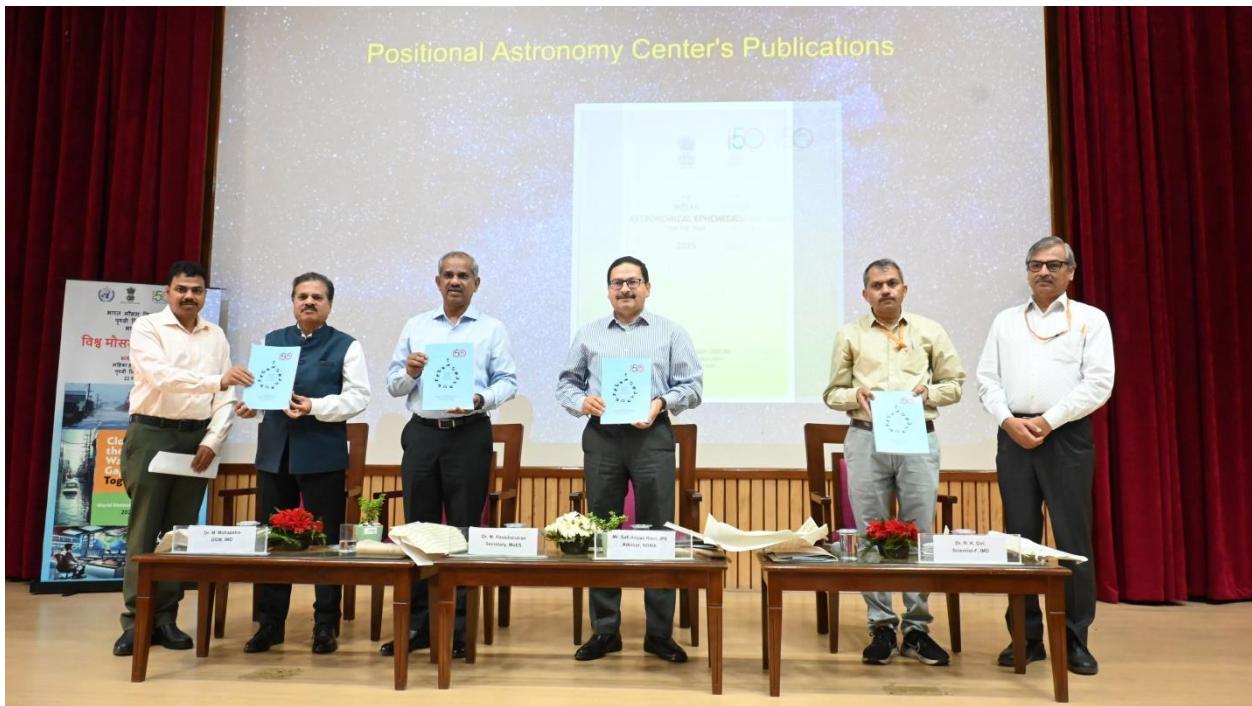
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Addresses by Dr. Mohapatra, DGM, IMD (left), Dr. M. Ravichandran, Secretary, MoES (middle) and Mr. S A Rizvi, Advisor, NDMA (right)



Secretary, MoES and DGM, IMD along with the participants of the symposium



Release of Rashtriya Panchang 2025



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