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Subject: (i) Low pressure area over southwest Bay of Bengal. Under its influence, heavy to very heavy rainfall likely over Tamil Nadu & Rayalaseema on 18th and Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam on 18th & 19th December.

(ii) Cold wave to severe cold wave conditions likely to prevail over major parts of Northwest India during next 5-7 days.

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

- ❖ **Cold wave to severe cold conditions** observed in many parts of Punjab; in isolated pockets over Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, East Rajasthan and East Madhya Pradesh; **cold wave conditions** in isolated pockets over West Rajasthan, West Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ **Ground frost conditions** recorded in isolated pockets of West Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ **Dense fog (50-200 m)** reported in isolated pockets of Haryana.
- ❖ **Visibility reported (≤ 200 m)** (in meter): **Haryana:** Karnal 100.
- ❖ No significant rainfall realised during past 24 hours.

Weather Systems:

- ❖ **The low pressure area** lies over southwest Bay of Bengal at 0830 hrs IST of today, the 17th December. The associated cyclonic circulation extends upto middle tropospheric levels. It is likely to become more marked and move west-northwestwards towards Tamil Nadu coast during next 2 days.
- ❖ A **Western disturbance** as a trough in middle & upper tropospheric westerlies runs roughly along Long. 68°E to the north of Lat. 25°N.
- ❖ A **fresh Western disturbance** is likely to affect western Himalayan region from 18th December, 2024.

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

- ❖ **Tamil Nadu & Rayalaseema:** Isolated **heavy rainfall** very likely during 17th -19th December with isolated very heavy rainfall on 18th December.
- ❖ **Coastal Andhra Pradesh:** Isolated **heavy to very heavy rainfall** very likely on 18th & 19th December. Isolated **heavy rainfall** likely on 17th & 20th December.
- ❖ Light to moderate rainfall at isolated places accompanied with isolated thunderstorm & lightning likely over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry during 17th-20th, Kerala & Mahe on 17th, Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam during 17th-21st, Rayalaseema during 17th-19th and Odisha on 19th & 20th 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 most parts of Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh;

0-6°C over major parts of Punjab, Haryana, north Rajasthan and isolated pockets of Madhya Pradesh;

6-12°C over remaining parts of Northwest, East, Central and West India.

Today, **the lowest minimum temperature of 1.0°C** is reported at **Adampur IAF (Punjab)** over the plains of the country.

Minimum temperatures have fallen by 1-2°C over some parts of Western Himalayan region and east Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Interior Odisha and rose by 1-2°C over Bihar, Gangetic West Bengal; many parts of West Madhya Pradesh, Northwest & West India.

Minimum temperatures were below normal over most parts of the country except South Peninsular India and Northeast India. These were **markedly below normal (-5°C or less)** at isolated places over Telangana; **appreciably below normal (-3°C to -5°C)** at a few places over Madhya Maharashtra; at isolated places over Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Vidarbha, Konkan and North Interior Karnataka; **below normal (-1°C to -3°C)** at a few places over Haryana-Chandigarh-Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat State; at isolated places over Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh-Gilgit-Baltistan-Muzaffarabad, Punjab, Rajasthan, Assam & Meghalaya, Odisha, West Bengal & Sikkim, Coastal Karnataka and near normal over rest parts of the country.

Forecast of temperature:

- ❖ No significant change in minimum temperatures likely over Western Himalayan region during next 2 days and gradual fall by 2-3°C during subsequent 3 days.
- ❖ No significant change in minimum temperatures likely over plains of Northwest India during next 4-5 days.
- ❖ Rise in minimum temperatures by 3-5°C likely over Central & West India during next 4-5 days.
- ❖ Rise in minimum temperatures by 2-3°C likely over East India during next 3 days and no significant change thereafter.

Cold Wave Warnings:

Cold wave to severe cold wave conditions very likely to prevail in some parts of Himachal Pradesh and Punjab during 17th-21st, in isolated pockets over Punjab on 22nd & 23rd, East Rajasthan during 19th-22nd December.

Cold wave conditions very likely in isolated pockets over Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh-Gilgit-Baltistan-Muzaffarabad and West Rajasthan during 17th-23rd, Haryana-Chandigarh during 17th-22nd, East Rajasthan on 17th, 18th & 23rd, Madhya Pradesh and Telangana on 17th, Himachal Pradesh on 22nd & 23rd December.

Dense Fog Warnings:

Dense fog conditions very likely to prevail during late night/early morning hours in isolated pockets of Punjab, Haryana-Chandigarh, Uttar Pradesh till 18th, Assam & Meghalaya during 18th-20th, East Rajasthan during 19th-22nd December.

Ground Frost Warnings:

Ground Frost conditions very likely in isolated pockets of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab during 17th-21st and West Madhya Pradesh on 17th December.

Fishermen Warnings (Annexure V):

Fishermen are advised not to venture into central parts of south Arabian sea and adjoining equatorial Indian ocean, Somalia coast, Comorin area, Sri Lanka Coast on 17th; Gulf of Mannar during 17th-19th; Southwest & Westcentral Bay of Bengal and Tamil Nadu coast during 17th-21st; south Andhra Pradesh coast during 18th-21st December.

iii. Weather conditions and forecast over Delhi/NCR during 17th to 20th Dec. 2024 (Annexure VI)

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>

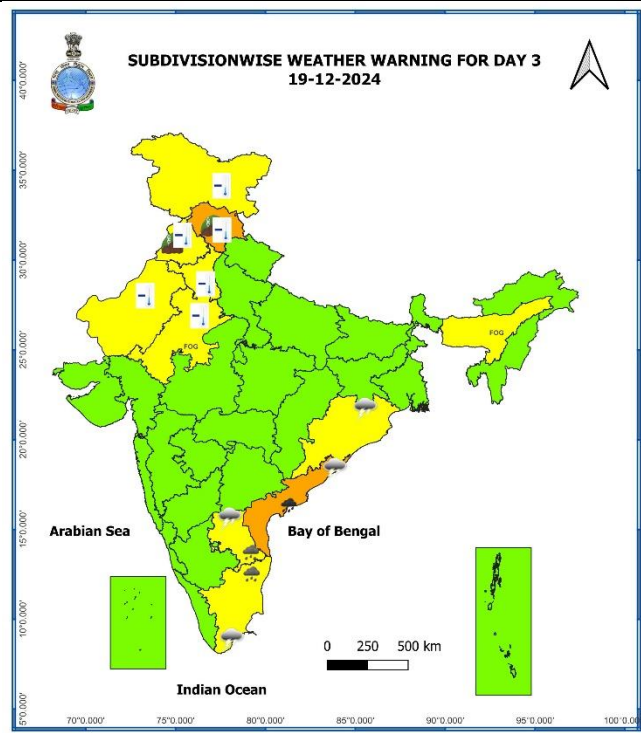
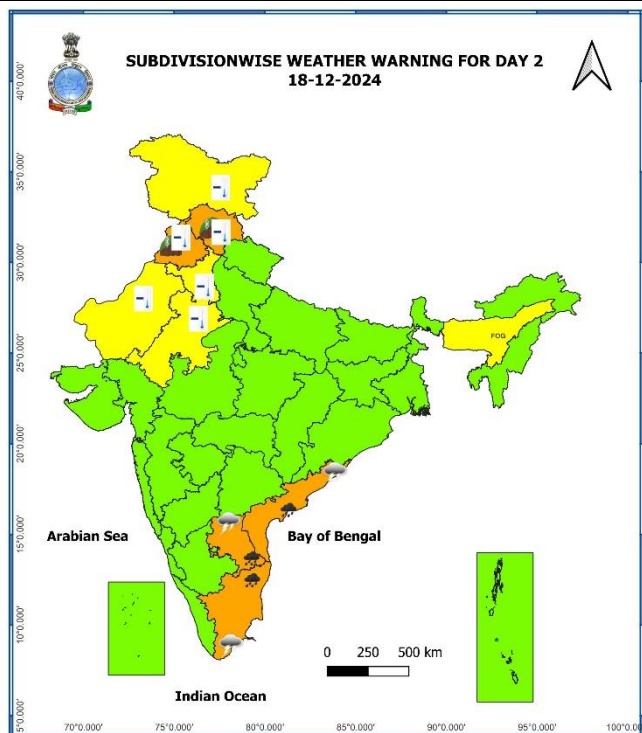
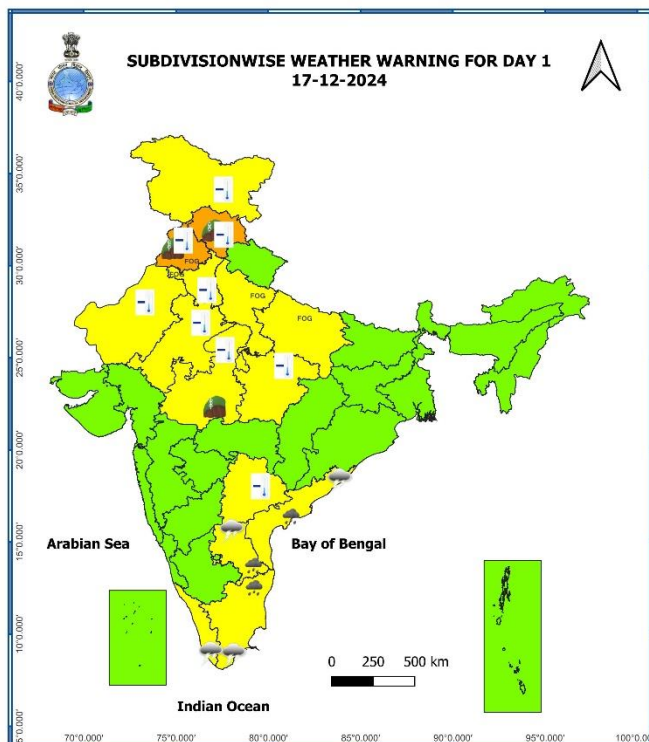
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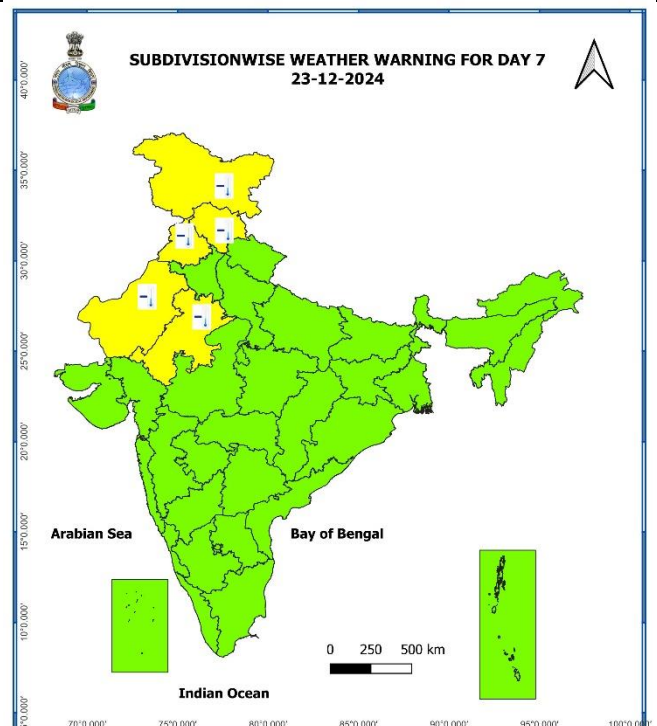
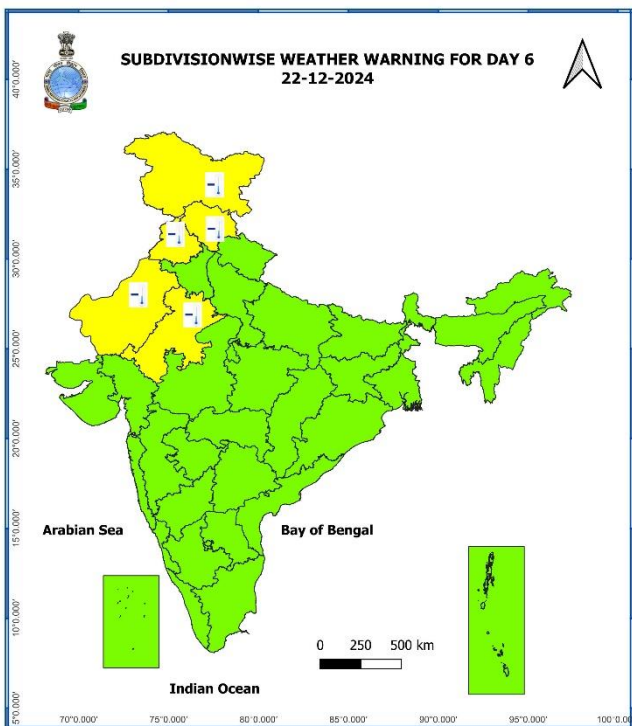
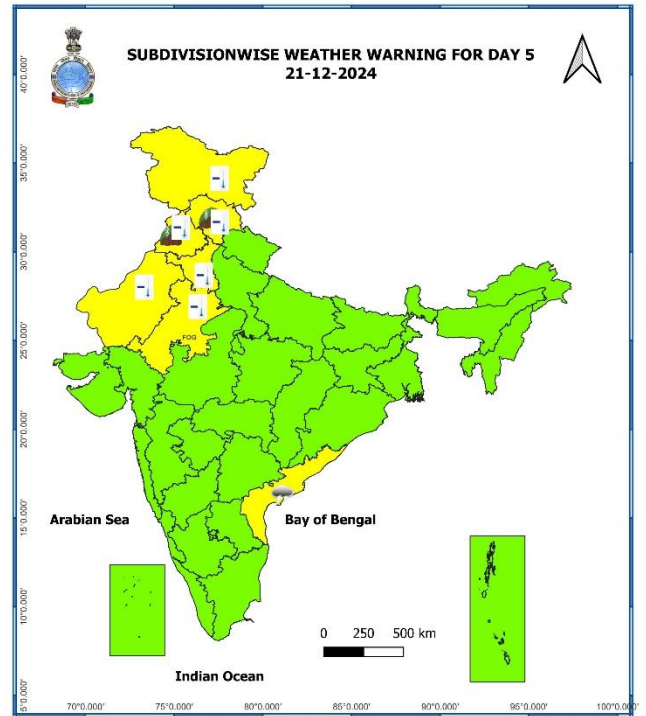
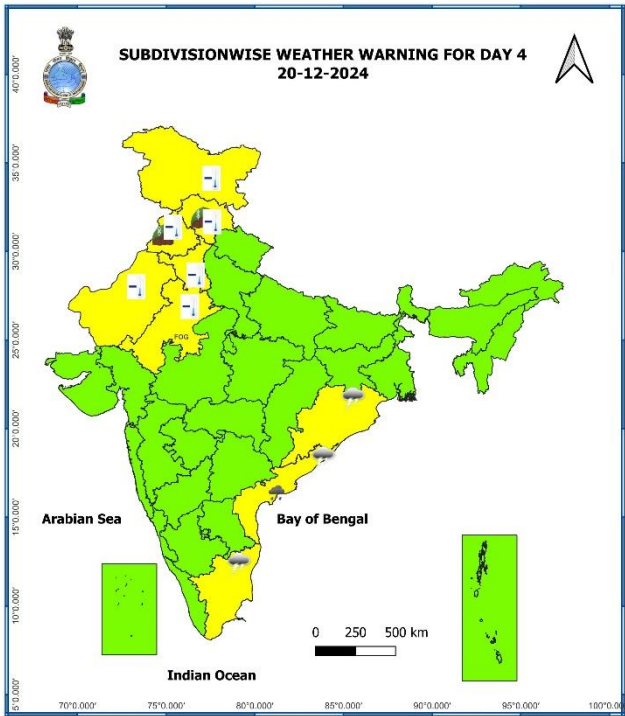
Significant Rainfall recorded during past 24 hours till 0830 hours IST of today 17.12.2024 (in cm):

- ❖ **Andaman & Nicobar Islands:** Iaf Carnicobar (dist Nicobar) 4

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

Fig. 2: Departure of Maximum Temperatures

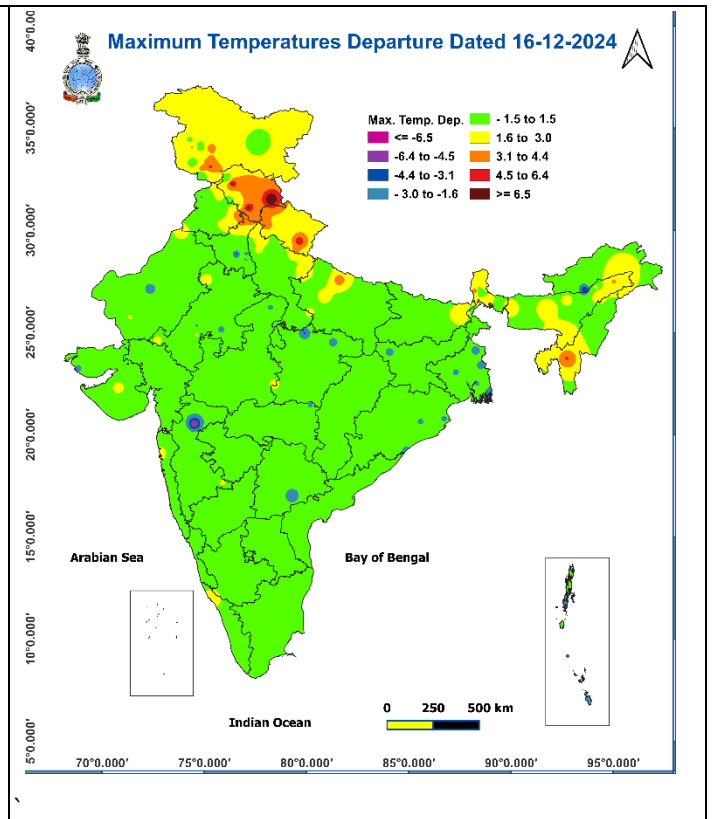
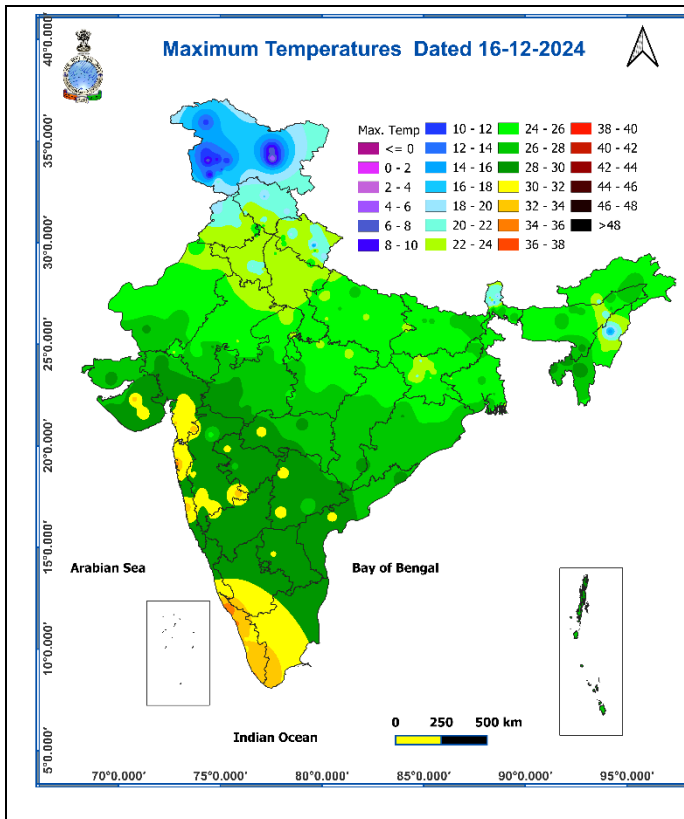
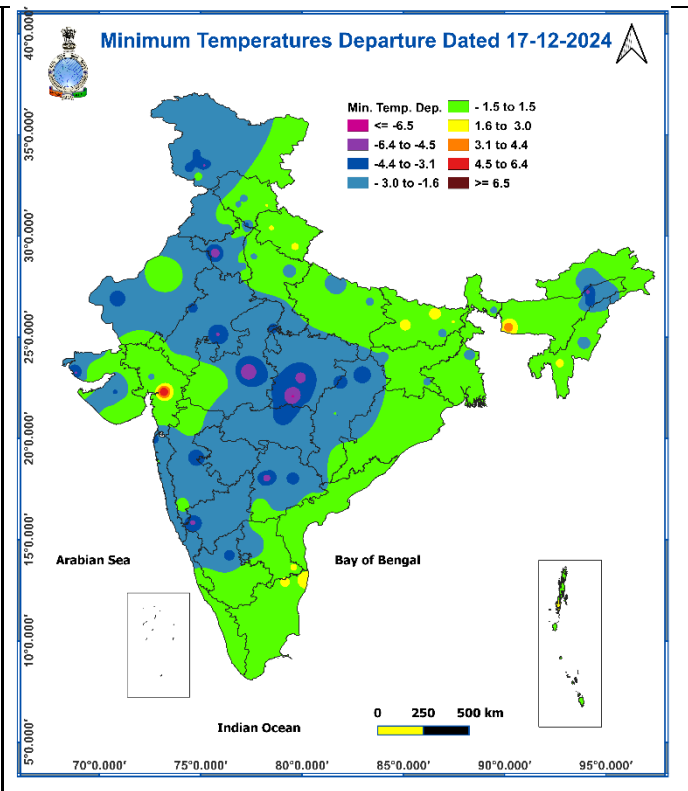
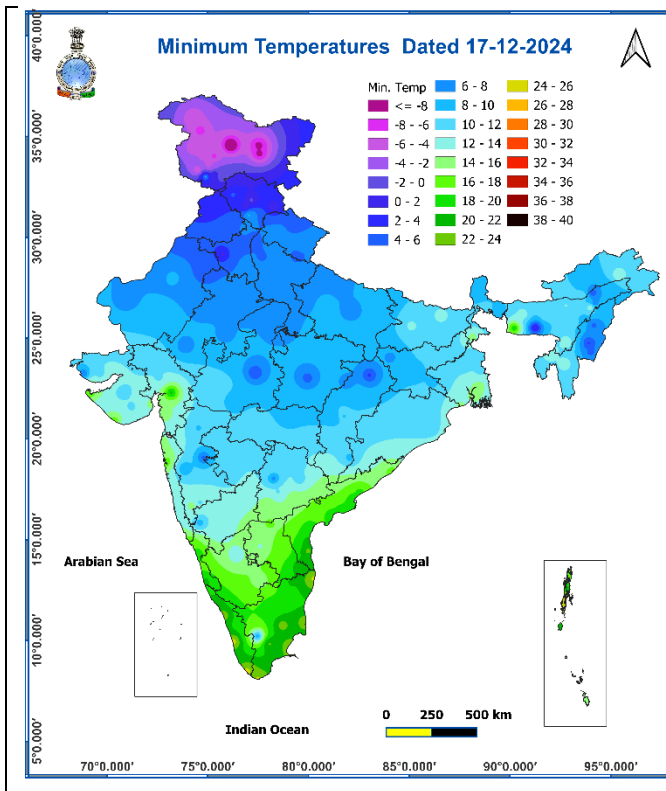


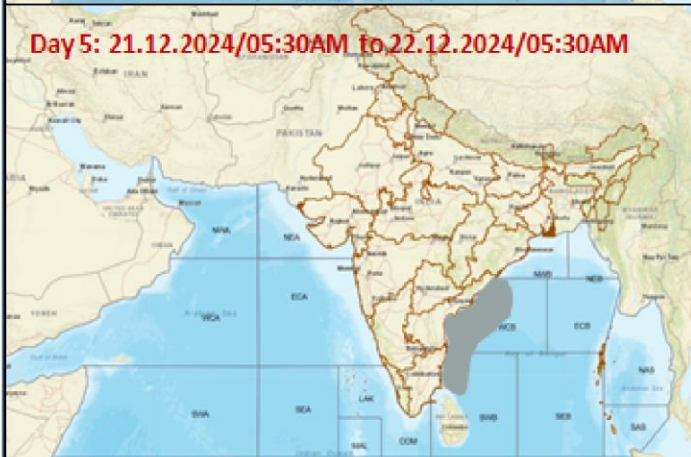
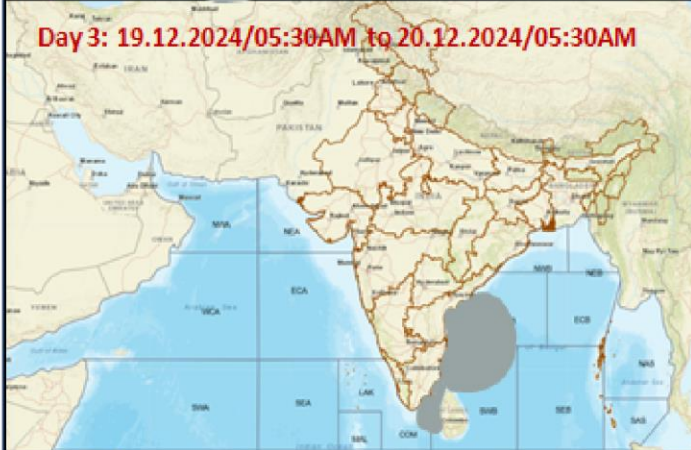
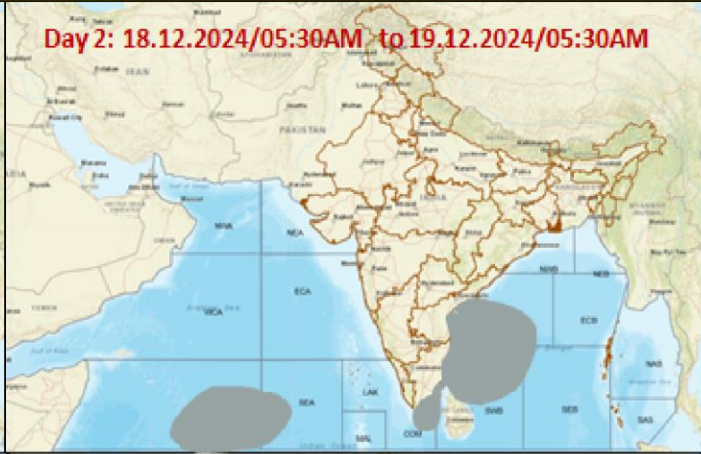
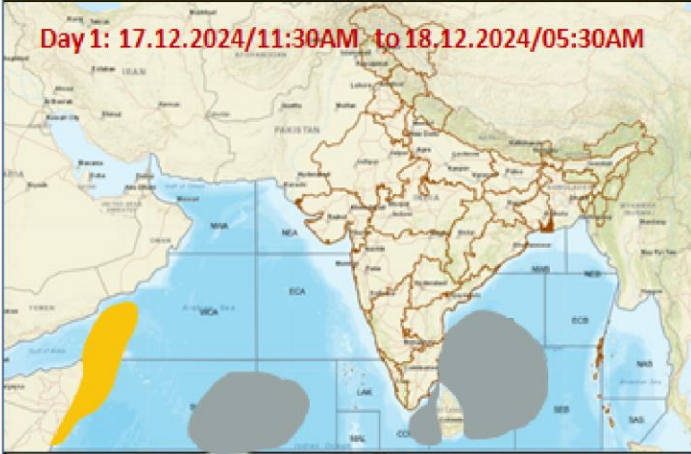
Fig. 3: Minimum Temperatures

Fig. 4: Departure of Minimum Temperatures





Fishermen Warning Graphics



	Squally Weather with wind speed 35-45 kmph gusting to 55 kmph
	Squally wind with speed 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph

Fishermen are advised not to venture into the marked areas.

Weather Realised (past 24 hours) & forecast (during 17th Dec. to 20th Dec. 2024) over Delhi/NCR**Past Weather:**

There has been a rise in minimum temperature upto 01°C over Delhi/NCR during past 24hr. The Maximum and Minimum temperature over Delhi is in the range of 20 to 24°C and 05 to 08°C respectively. The minimum temperature was below normal upto 01 to 03°C and maximum temperature was near normal over most places. Moderate fog reported at Safdarjung airport. Safdarjung airport recorded lowest visibility 350m at 0800 hours IST which improved thereafter becoming 400m at 0830 hours IST. Palam airport recorded lowest visibility 600 m during 0800 hours to 0900 hours IST which improved thereafter becoming 700m at 0930 hours IST. Mainly smog/ moderate fog condition with predominant surface wind from variable direction with wind speed reaching 04 to 06 kmph prevailed during past 24hr. Mainly smog condition with wind speed less than 06 kmph southeast direction prevailed over the region in the forenoon today.

Weather Forecast:

17.12.2024: Mainly clear sky. The predominant surface wind is likely to be variable direction with wind speed less than 06 kmph till evening. It would decrease thereafter becoming less than 04 kmph from northeast direction during night. Smog/shallow fog is likely in the evening/night.

18.12.2024: Mainly clear sky. The predominant surface wind is likely to be from northeast direction with 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 less than 06 kmph from northwest direction during afternoon. It will decrease thereafter becoming less than 04 kmph from variable direction during evening and night. Smog/shallow fog is likely in the evening/night.

19.12.2024: Mainly clear sky. The predominant surface wind is likely to be from southeast direction with speed less than 04 kmph during morning hours. Smog/moderate to dense fog is likely in the morning. The wind speed will gradually increase becoming 04-06 kmph from southeast direction during afternoon. It will decrease thereafter becoming less than 04 kmph from southeast direction during evening and night. Smog/shallow fog is likely in the evening/night.

20.12.2024: 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 08-10 kmph from northwest direction during afternoon. It will gradually decrease becoming less than 06 kmph from northwest direction during evening and night. Smog/mist is likely in the evening/night.

Impact & Action Suggested due to

❖ **Isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall** over Tamil Nadu & Rayalaseema on 18th and Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam on 18th & 19th December.

Impact Expected

- ❖ Localized Flooding of roads, water logging in low lying areas and closure of underpasses mainly in urban areas of the above region.
- ❖ Occasional reduction in visibility due to heavy rainfall.
- ❖ Disruption of traffic in major cities due to water logging in roads leading to increased travel time.
- ❖ Minor damage to kutch roads.
- ❖ Possibilities of damage to vulnerable structure.
- ❖ Localized Landslides/Mudslides
- ❖ Damage to horticulture and standing crops in some areas due to inundation.
- ❖ It may lead to riverine flooding in some river catchments (for riverine flooding please visit Web page of CWC).

B. Action Suggested

- ❖ Check for traffic congestion on your route before leaving for your destination.
- ❖ Follow any traffic advisories that are issued in this regard.
- ❖ Avoid going to areas that face the water logging problems often.
- ❖ Avoid staying in vulnerable structure.

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, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Telangana

- 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 wollen 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.

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

- Drain out excess water from rice, sugarcane, cotton, turmeric, vegetables, and other standing crop fields, as well as coconut and banana orchards in **Tamil Nadu**; from rice nurseries, pigeon pea, green gram, black gram, sesame and other standing crop fields and vegetables in **South Coastal Andhra Pradesh** and **Royalaseema**.
- Keep the harvested produce in safer places or cover the produce with tarpaulin sheets in the fields.
- Provide mechanical support to horticultural crops and staking to vegetables.
- In **Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Telangana**, apply light and frequent irrigation to the standing crops in the evening to protect the crops 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.

Livestock and Fishery

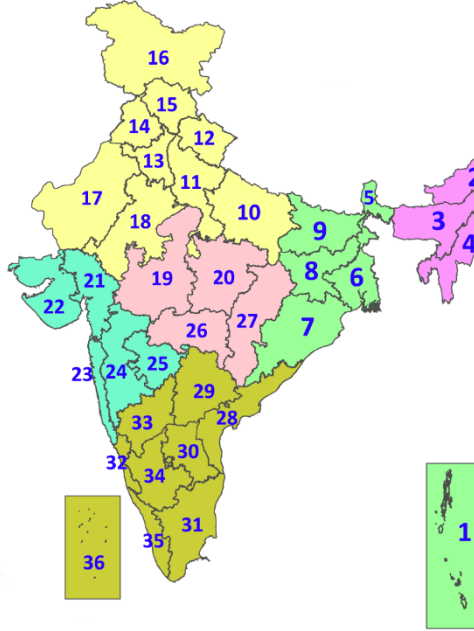
- Keep the animals inside the shed during heavy rainfall and provide balanced feed.
- Store the feed and fodder at safer place to avoid spoilage from rainfall.
- Check and disinfect poultry houses to prevent disease outbreaks due to dampness.
- Check the huts and other weaker structures before relocation of the animals.
- Remove excess water from fish ponds to avoid losses of fish (if feasible).
- 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
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)

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| 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 *	<p>Heavy: 64.5 to 115.5 mm/cm *</p> <p>Very Heavy: 115.6 to 204.4 mm/cm*</p> <p>Extremely Heavy: > 204.4 mm/cm *</p>
Heat Wave	<p>When maximum temperature of a station reaches $\geq 40^\circ\text{C}$ for plains and $\geq 30^\circ\text{C}$ for hilly regions</p> <p>(a) Based on Departure from normal</p> <p>Heat Wave: Maximum Temperature Departure from normal 4.5°C to 6.4°C.</p> <p>Severe Heat Wave: Maximum Temperature Departure from normal $\geq 6.5^\circ\text{C}$</p> <p>(b). Based on Actual maximum temperature</p> <p>Heat Wave: When actual maximum temperature $\geq 45^\circ\text{C}$.</p> <p>Severe Heat Wave: When actual maximum temperature $\geq 47^\circ\text{C}$</p> <p>(c) Criteria for heat wave for coastal stations</p> <p>When maximum temperature departure is $>4.5^\circ\text{C}$ from normal. Heat Wave may be described provided maximum temperature $\geq 37^\circ\text{C}$</p>
Warm Night	<p>When maximum temperature remains 40°C</p> <p>Warm Night: When minimum temperature departure 4.5°C to 6.4°C.</p> <p>Severe Warm Night: When minimum temperature departure $>6.4^\circ\text{C}$.</p>
Cold Wave	<p>When minimum temperature of a station $\leq 10^\circ\text{C}$ for plains and $\leq 0^\circ\text{C}$ for hilly regions.</p> <p>(a). Based on departure</p> <p>Cold Wave: Minimum Temperature Departure from normal -4.5°C to -6.4°C.</p> <p>Severe Cold Wave: Minimum Temperature Departure from normal $\leq -6.5^\circ\text{C}$</p> <p>(b) Based on actual Minimum Temperature (for Plains only)</p> <p>Cold Wave: When Minimum Temperature is $\leq 4.0^\circ\text{C}$</p> <p>Severe Cold Wave: When Minimum Temperature is $\leq 2.0^\circ\text{C}$</p> <p>(c) For Coastal Stations</p> <p>When Minimum Temperature departure is $\leq -4.5^\circ\text{C}$ & actual Minimum Temperature is $\leq 15^\circ\text{C}$</p>
Cold Day	<p>When minimum temperature of a station $\leq 10^\circ\text{C}$ for plains and $\leq 0^\circ\text{C}$ for hilly regions</p> <p>Based on departure</p> <p>Cold Day: Maximum Temperature Departure from normal -4.5°C to -6.4°C.</p> <p>Severe Cold Day: Maximum Temperature Departure from normal $\leq -6.5^\circ\text{C}$</p>
Fog	<p>Phenomenon of small droplets suspended in air and the horizontal visibility $< 1\text{km}$</p> <p>Moderate Fog: When the visibility between 500-200 metres</p> <p>Dense Fog: when the visibility between 50- 200 metres</p> <p>Very Dense Fog: when the visibility < 50 metres</p>
Thunderstorm	<p>Sudden electrical discharges manifested by a flash of light (Lightning) and a sharp rumbling sound (thunder)</p>
Dust/Sand Storm	<p>An ensemble of particles of dust or sand energetically lifted to great heights by a strong and turbulent wind.</p>
Frost	<p>Ice deposits on ground</p> <p>Air temperature $\leq 4^\circ\text{C}$ (over Plains)</p>
Squall	<p>A strong wind that rises suddenly, lasts for atleast 1 minute.</p> <p>Moderate: Wind speed 52-61 kmph</p> <p>Severe: Wind speed 62-87 kmph</p> <p>Very Severe: Wind speed >87 kmph</p>
Sea State	<p>Effect of various waves in the sea over specific area</p> <p>Rough to very rough: Wind speed 41-62 kmph (22-33 knots) & Wave height 2.5-6 metre</p> <p>High to very high: Wind speed 63-117 kmph (34-63 knots) & Wave height 6-14 metre</p> <p>Phenomenal: Wind speed >117 kmph (>63 knots) & Wave height >14 metre</p>
Cyclone	<p>Cyclonic Storm: Wind speed 62-87 kmph (34-47 knots)</p> <p>Severe Cyclonic Storm: Wind speed 88-117 kmph (48-63 knots)</p> <p>Very Severe Cyclonic Storm: Wind speed 118-165 kmph (64 - 89 knots)</p> <p>Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm: Wind speed 166-220 kmph (90 -119 knots)</p> <p>Super Cyclone Strom: Wind speed >220 kmph (>119 knots)</p>

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