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India Meteorological Department

Press Release
Date: 25th February 2026
Time of Issue: 1300 hours IST

Subject: i) Maximum temperature are likely to continue to be above normal by 3-5°C over many parts of Northwest India during the week.
ii)Two feeble Western Disturbances are likely to cause light rainfall/snowfall over Western Himalayan region during 26th to 28th February and 2nd & 3rd March, 2026.

Realised weather during past 24 hours ending at 0830 hours IST of today, the 25th February, 2026:

- **Dense fog (visibility 50-199 m)** conditions prevailed in isolated pockets over Punjab and Himachal Pradesh.
- **Visibility Reported (in meters <200 m): Punjab:** Amritsar 50 m; **Himachal Pradesh:** Bilaspur 50 m.
- **Hailstorm** activity has been recorded at isolated places over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal.
- **Heavy rainfall** has been recorded at isolated places over Kerala.

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

- **Maximum Temperatures Departures** were markedly above normal **(> 6.5 °C)** over Jammu-Kashmir; appreciably above normal by **3-5°C** over Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Rajasthan, West Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat State, Bihar, Gangetic West Bengal; by **2-3°C** over Madhya Pradesh, Konkan, Odisha, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and **near normal** over rest parts of the country. These were in the range of **34-37°C** over West Rajasthan, Odisha, West & South Peninsular India; **30-34°C** over Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, remaining parts of Rajasthan, many parts of Central & East India, Assam & Meghalaya, Tripura; **25-30°C** over Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Manipur, Mizoram. The **highest maximum temperature** of **37.8°C** was observed at **Erode (Tamil Nadu)** over the plains of India.
- **Minimum temperatures** were **less than 0°C** over Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh-Gilgit-Baltistan-Muzaffarabad**; upto 6°C** at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh & Uttarakhand; **7-12°C** over Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Sikkim, Assam & Meghalaya and **12-15°C** over Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand.
- **Minimum Temperature Departures** were **appreciably above normal** by **3-5°C** over Jammu-Kashmir, Punjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat State, Bihar; **above normal (1.6°C to 3.1°C)** over Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha and over some parts of South peninsular India and **near normal** over rest parts of the country. The **lowest minimum temperature** of **9.0°C** was observed at **Gurdaspur (Punjab)**over the plains of India.

Weather Systems, Forecast and Warnings (refer to ANNEXURE I & II):

- An **upper air cyclonic circulation** lies over south Assam in lower tropospheric levels.
- An **upper air cyclonic circulation** lies over northeast Arabian sea off Gujarat coast in lower tropospheric levels.
- An **upper air cyclonic circulation** lies over southern parts of South Interior Karnataka in lower tropospheric levels.
- An **upper air cyclonic circulation** lies over Madhya Maharashtra & neighbourhood in lower tropospheric levels.
- A **trough** runs from northwest Tamil Nadu to Madhya Maharashtra in lower tropospheric levels.

- A **fresh Western Disturbance** as a trough in middle tropospheric westerlies runs roughly along Long. 49°E to the north of Lat. 32°N.
- Another **fresh Western Disturbance** is likely to affect Western Himalayan region from 02nd March, 2026.

Under the influence of above system, the following weather is likely:

- **Scattered to Fairly widespread** light/moderate rainfall with **thunderstorm, lightning & gusty winds speed reaching (30-40 kmph)** likely over Andaman & Nicobar Islands on 25th & 26th February.
- **Isolated to scattered** light/moderate rainfall with **thunderstorm & lightning** likely over Arunachal Pradesh, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim, Chhattisgarh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Karaikal, South Interior Karnataka, Kerala & Mahe, Lakshadweep on 25th; North Interior Karnataka on 25th & 26th and over Telangana on 26th February.
- **Isolated light** rainfall/snowfall likely over Jammu-Kashmir on 26th & 27th; Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand on 27th & 28th February.

Dense Fog Warnings:

- **Dense fog conditions** likely during morning hours in isolated pockets over Punjab and Himachal Pradesh on 26th February.

Forecast of maximum temperatures:

- Gradual rise in maximum temperature by 2-3°C likely over plains of Northwest & Central India during next 7 days. Hence, **maximum temperatures are likely to be above normal by 3-5°C over many parts of Northwest India during the week.**
- No significant change in maximum temperature likely over Maharashtra during next 24 hours and gradual rise by 2-3°C during subsequent 6 days.
- No significant change in maximum temperature likely over East India during next 2 days and gradual rise by 2-3°C during subsequent 5 days.
- No significant change in maximum temperatures likely over rest parts of the country.

Weather conditions and forecast over Delhi/NCR during 25th-28th February, 2026 (ANNEXURE III)

For more details, kindly refer National Weather Bulletin:
https://mausam.imd.gov.in/responsive/all_india_forcast_bulletin.php
For District wise warnings refer: https://mausam.imd.gov.in/responsive/districtWiseWarningGIS.php
For Fishermen warning refer https://rsmcnewdelhi.imd.gov.in/fishermen-warning.php

Significant rainfall recorded (in cm) (from 0830 hours IST of yesterday to 0830 hours IST of today):

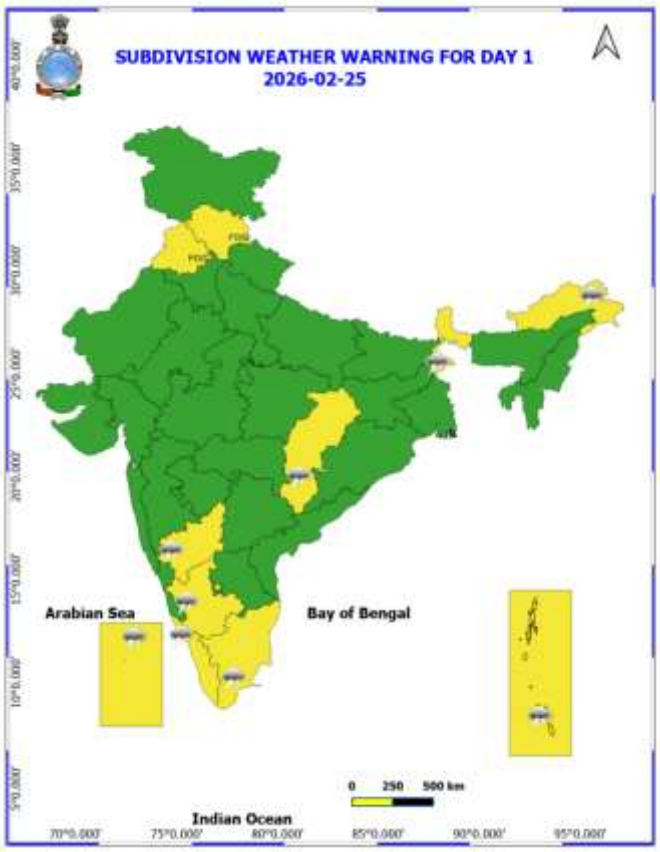
- **Kerala**: Mannarkkad (dist Palakkad) 7.

ANNEXURE I

Table-1								
7 Days Rainfall Forecast								
S.No.	Subdivision	25- Feb	26- Feb	27- Feb	28- Feb	1- Mar	2- Mar	3- Mar
		Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
1	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	FWS	SCT	ISOL	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL
3	ASSAM & MEHGHALAYA	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
4	NAGALAND, MANIPUR, MIZORAM AND TRIPURA	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
5	SUB HIMALAYAN WEST BENGAL & SIKKIM	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL
6	GANGETIC WEST BENGAL	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
7	ODISHA	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
8	JHARKHAND	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	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	DRY	DRY	ISOL	ISOL	DRY	DRY	ISOL
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	ISOL	ISOL	DRY	ISOL	ISOL
16	JAMMU AND KASHMIR AND LADAKH	DRY	ISOL	ISOL	DRY	DRY	SCT	SCT
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	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
21	GUJRAT REGION	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
22	SAURASHTRA & KUTCH	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
23	KONKAN & GOA	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
24	MADHYA MAHARASHTRA	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
25	MARATHWADA	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
26	VIDARBHA	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY	ISOL	ISOL	DRY
27	CHHATTISGARH	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY	ISOL	ISOL	DRY
28	COASTAL ANDHRA PRADESH	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
29	TELANGANA	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
30	RAYALASEEMA	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
31	TAMILNADU & PUDUCHERRY	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY
32	COSTAL KARNATAKA	ISOL	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
33	NORTH INTERIOR KARNATAKA	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
34	SOUTH INTERIOR KARNATAKA	ISOL	ISOL	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
35	KERALA AND MAHE	SCT	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	DRY	DRY
36	LAKSHADWEEP	SCT	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY

- **As the lead period increases forecast accuracy decrease.**

ANNEXURE II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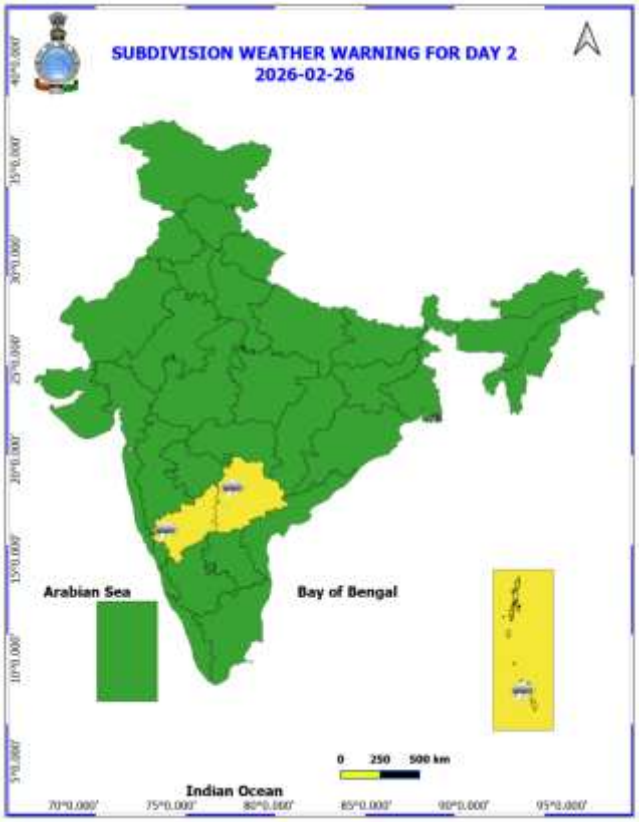
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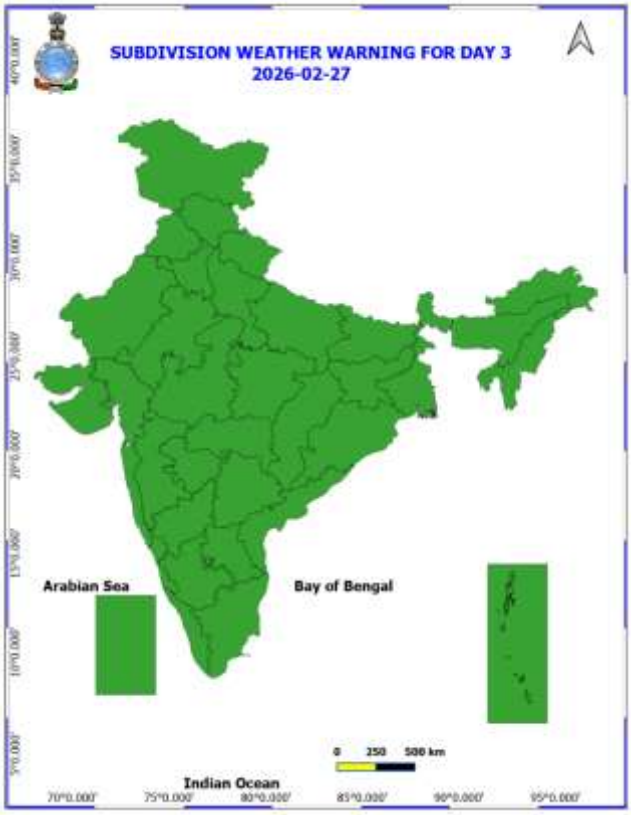
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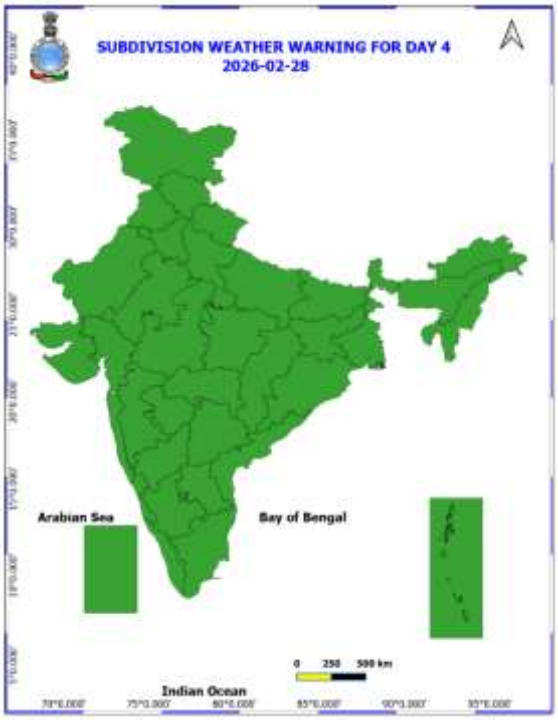

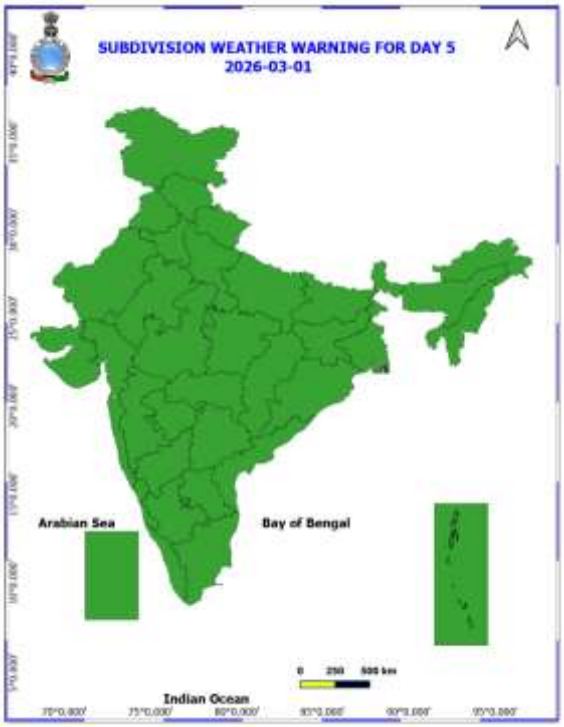

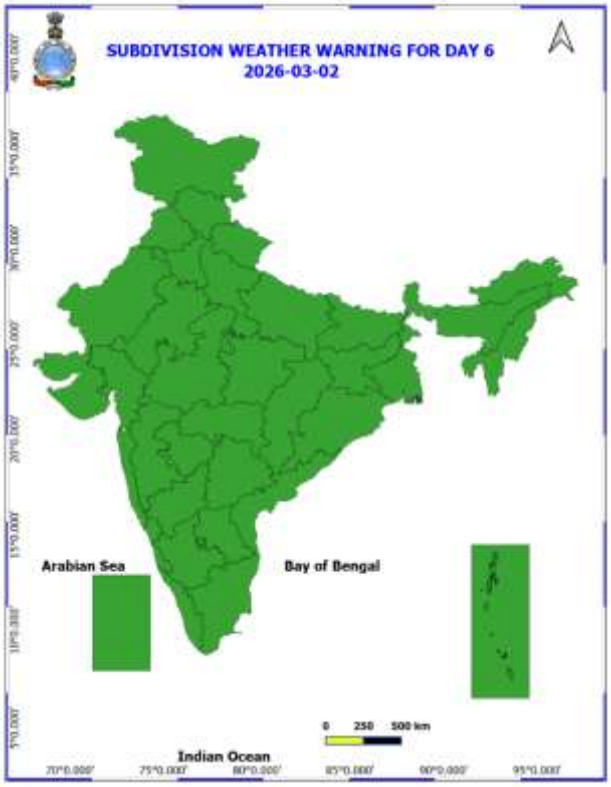

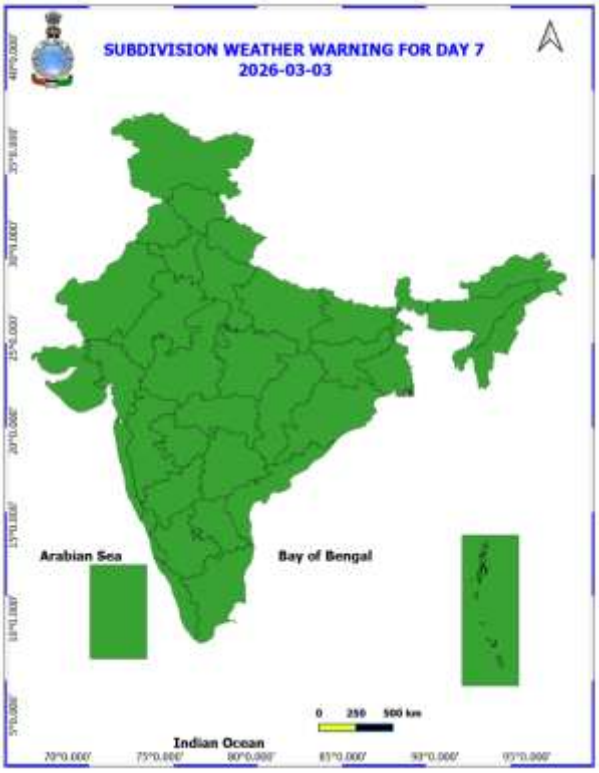

- **Action may be taken based on ORANGE AND REDCOLOUR warnings.**
- **Vulnerable regions likely urban and hilly areas action may be initiated for heavy rainfall warning.**
- **As the lead period increases forecast accuracy decreases.**

DetaileddistrictwiseMultiHazardweatherwarningfornextfivedaysavailableat
https://mausam.imd.gov.in/responsive/districtWiseWarningGIS.php

ANNEXURE III

Weather forecast over Delhi/NCR during 25th to 28th February 2026

Past Weather:

There has been rise in the minimum temperature up to 1°C and no large change in the maximum temperature during past 24 hours over Delhi. The maximum temperatures over Delhi were around 28-30°C and the minimum temperatures were around 12°C-15°C respectively. The minimum temperatures are normal (-1.5°C to 1.5°C) at most parts of Delhi. The maximum temperatures were above normal (1.6°C to 3.0°C) at isolated places and appreciably above normal (3.1°C to 5.0°C) over the remaining parts of Delhi. Mainly clear sky with wind speed reaching up to 12 kmph from the northwest direction prevailed over past 24 hours. Mainly clear sky. Surface wind speed reaching up to 08 kmph from the west direction to be prevailed over the region in the forenoon today.

Weather Forecast:

25.02.2026: Mainly clear sky. Mist during night. The maximum temperatures are likely to be in the range of 29°C to 31°C. The maximum temperatures will be appreciably above normal (3.1 to 5.0°C) over Delhi. The predominant surface wind is likely to be from the northwest direction reaching up to 16 kmph during the afternoon hours. The wind speed will decrease becoming less than 10 kmph from the north direction during evening and night.

26.02.2026: Mainly clear sky. Mist during morning hours. The maximum and minimum temperatures over Delhi are likely to be in the range of 30°C to 32°C and 13°C to 15 °C respectively. The minimum temperature will be above normal (1.6°C to 3.0°C) at many places and the maximum temperature will be appreciably above normal (3.1 to 5.0°C) at most places over Delhi. The predominant surface wind is likely to be from direction with wind reaching up to 10 kmph during the morning hours. The wind speed will increase becoming up to 20 kmph from northwest direction during the afternoon. The wind speed will gradually decrease becoming less than 10 kmph from the northwest direction during evening and night.

27.02.2026: Mainly clear sky. Mist during morning hours. The maximum and minimum temperatures over Delhi are likely to be in the range of 31°C to 33°C and 14°C to 16°C respectively. The minimum temperature will be above normal (1.6°C to 3.0°C) at most places and the maximum temperature will be appreciably above normal (3.1 to 5.0°C) at most places with markedly above normal (5.1°C or more) at few places over Delhi. The predominant surface wind is likely to be from the northwest direction with wind speed reaching up to 10 kmph during the morning hours. The wind speed will increase becoming up to 15 kmph from northwest direction during the afternoon. The wind speed will gradually decrease becoming less than 15 kmph from the southwest direction during evening and night.

28.02.2026: Mainly clear sky. Mist during morning hours. The maximum and minimum temperatures over Delhi are likely to be in the ranges of 31°C to 33°C and 15°C to 17°C respectively. The minimum temperature will be above normal (1.6°C to 3.0°C) at most places and the maximum temperature will be appreciably above normal (3.1 to 5.0°C) at few places with markedly above normal (5.1°C or more) at many places over Delhi. The predominant surface wind is associated with calm wind from the southwest direction with wind speed reaching up to 10 kmph during the morning hours. The wind speed will increase becoming up to 12 kmph from northeast direction during the afternoon. The wind speed will gradually decrease becoming less than 08 kmph from the northeast direction during evening and night.

Legends & abbreviations:

- **Heavy Rain:**64.5-115.5mm; **Very Heavy Rain:**115.6-204.4mm; **Extremely Heavy Rain:** >204.4mm.
- **Obsy:** Observatory; 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.

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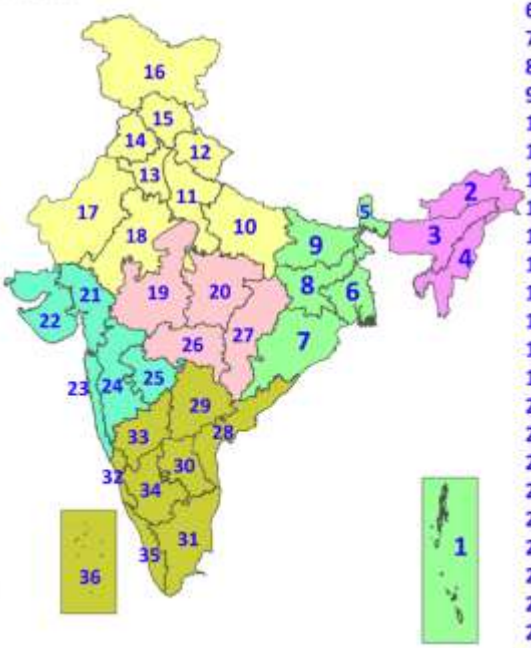
2. अरुणाचल प्रदेश
3. असम और मेघालय
4. नागालैंड, मणिपुर, मिजोरम और त्रिपुरा
5. उप-हिमालयी पश्चिम बंगाल और सिक्किम
6. गंगीय पश्चिम बंगाल
7. ओडिशा
8. झारखंड
9. बिहार
10. पूर्वी उत्तर प्रदेश
11. पश्चिम उत्तर प्रदेश
12. उत्तराखंड
13. हरियाणा, चंडीगढ़ और दिल्ली
14. पंजाब
15. हिमाचल प्रदेश
16. जम्मू और कश्मीर 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



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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 Rain
Very Heavy Rain
Extremely Heavy Rain
Thunder & Lightning
Hailstorm
Dust Raising Winds
Heavy Snow
Dust Storm
Heat Wave
Warm Night
Hot Day
Hot & Humid
Strong Surface Winds
Cold Wave
Cold Day
Ground Frost

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 ≥40° C for plains and ≥30° 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 ≥6.5° C **(b). Based on Actual maximum temperature** **Heat Wave:** When actual maximum temperature ≥45°C. **Severe Heat Wave:** When actual maximum temperature ≥47°C **(c). Criteria for heat wave for coastal stations** When maximum temperature departure is >4.5°C from normal. Heat Wave may be described provided maximum temperature ≥37°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 °C.
Cold Wave	**When minimum temperature of a station ≤10°C for plains and ≤0°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 ≤ -6.5 °C **(b) Based on actual Minimum Temperature (for Plains only)** **Cold Wave :** When Minimum Temperature is ≤ 4.0 °C **Severe Cold Wave:** When Minimum Temperature is ≤ 2.0 °C **(c) For Coastal Stations** When Minimum Temperature departure is ≤-4.5 °C & actual Minimum Temperature is ≤ 15 °C
Cold Day	**When minimum temperature of a station ≤10°C for plains and ≤0°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 ≤ -6.5 °C
Fog	**Phenomenon of small droplets suspended in air and the horizontal visibility < 1km** **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 ≤4°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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