



**Government of India  
Ministry of Earth Sciences  
India Meteorological Department**



**Date: 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2026  
Time of Issue: 1600 hours IST**

**Special Message (No.- 2)**

**FROM: INDIA METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT  
TO: CONTROL ROOM, NDM, MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
CONTROL ROOM, NDMA  
SECRETARY, MOES  
DIRECTOR GENERAL, DOORDARSHAN  
DIRECTOR GENERAL, AIR PIB MOES  
CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVT. OF JAMMU & KASHMIR  
CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVT. OF LADAKH  
CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVT. OF HIMACHAL PRADESH  
CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVT. OF UTTARAKHAND  
CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVT. OF PUNJAB  
CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVT. OF HARYANA  
CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVT. OF CHANDIGARH  
CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVT. OF DELHI  
CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVT. OF UTTAR PRADESH  
CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVT. OF RAJASTHAN**

**Subject: (i) Under the influence of Western Disturbance, wet spell likely over Western Himalayan region during next 7 days with possibility of isolated heavy rainfall/snowfall over Kashmir valley on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> and Himachal Pradesh & Uttarakhand on 23<sup>rd</sup> January.**

**(ii) Isolated to scattered rainfall likely over adjoining plains of northwest India during 22<sup>nd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> January.**

**Weather Systems and Forecast & Warnings during next 7 days: (Annexure I)**

- ❖ A Western disturbance seen as a trough in middle and upper tropospheric westerlies with its axis roughly along Long. 73°E to the north of Lat. 32°N.
- ❖ An intense Western disturbance is likely to affect Northwest India from the night of 21st January, 2026.
- ❖ High moisture feeding from Arabian Sea over northwest India on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> January.

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

- ❖ Isolated to scattered light to moderate rainfall/snowfall likely over Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh-Gilgit-Baltistan-Muzaffarabad on 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> and fairly widespread to widespread rainfall/snowfall over Western Himalayan Region during 22<sup>nd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> January; with isolated heavy falls over Kashmir valley on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> and higher reaches of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand on 23<sup>rd</sup> January.
- ❖ Isolated to scattered light to moderate rainfall over Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, West Uttar Pradesh during 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>; East Uttar Pradesh on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> and Rajasthan on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> January.
- ❖ Thunderstorm activity accompanied with lightning & gusty winds (speed 30-50 kmph) likely over Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh-Gilgit-Baltistan-Muzaffarabad and Himachal Pradesh on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>; Uttarakhand during 23<sup>rd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>; Punjab, Haryana Chandigarh & Delhi, West Rajasthan during 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>; West Uttar Pradesh and East Rajasthan on 23<sup>rd</sup>; East Uttar Pradesh on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> January.

The state-wise forecast is given below: (Warning graphics are given at ANNEXURE-I)

S. No.	State/sub-division	Forecast
1.	Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isolated to scattered light to moderate rainfall/snowfall likely during 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> January.</li> <li>Fairly widespread to widespread rainfall/snowfall during 22<sup>nd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> January.</li> <li>Thunderstorm activity accompanied with <b>lightning &amp; gusty winds (speed 40-50 kmph)</b> likely on 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> January.</li> <li>Isolated <b>heavy rainfall/snowfall</b> likely over Kashmir valley on 22<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 23<sup>rd</sup> January.</li> </ul>
2.	Himachal Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fairly widespread to widespread rainfall/snowfall during 22<sup>nd</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> January, and Isolated to scattered light to moderate rainfall/snowfall likely during 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> January.</li> <li>Thunderstorm activity accompanied with <b>lightning</b> likely on 22<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 23<sup>rd</sup>.</li> <li>Isolated <b>heavy rainfall/snowfall</b> likely on 23<sup>rd</sup> January.</li> </ul>
3.	Uttarakhand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isolated to scattered light to moderate rainfall/snowfall likely on 22<sup>nd</sup> January.</li> <li>Scattered to Fairly widespread to widespread rainfall/snowfall during 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> January.</li> <li>Thunderstorm activity accompanied with <b>lightning</b> likely during 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> January.</li> <li>Isolated <b>heavy rainfall/snowfall</b> likely on 23<sup>rd</sup> January.</li> </ul>
4.	Punjab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scattered to fairly light to moderate rainfall likely during 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup></li> <li>Thunderstorm activity accompanied with <b>lightning and gusty winds (speed 30-40 kmph)</b> during 22<sup>nd</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> January.</li> </ul>
5.	Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isolated to Scattered light to moderate rainfall likely during 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> January.</li> <li>Thunderstorm activity accompanied with <b>lightning and gusty winds (speed 30-40 kmph)</b> during 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> January.</li> </ul>
6.	Uttar Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isolated to Scattered light to moderate rainfall likely during 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> January.</li> <li>Thunderstorm activity accompanied with <b>lightning and gusty winds (speed 30-40 kmph)</b> on 23<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 24<sup>th</sup> January.</li> </ul>
7.	Rajasthan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isolated light to moderate rainfall likely during 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> January.</li> <li>Thunderstorm activity accompanied with <b>lightning and gusty winds (speed 30-40 kmph)</b> on 22<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 23<sup>rd</sup> January.</li> </ul>

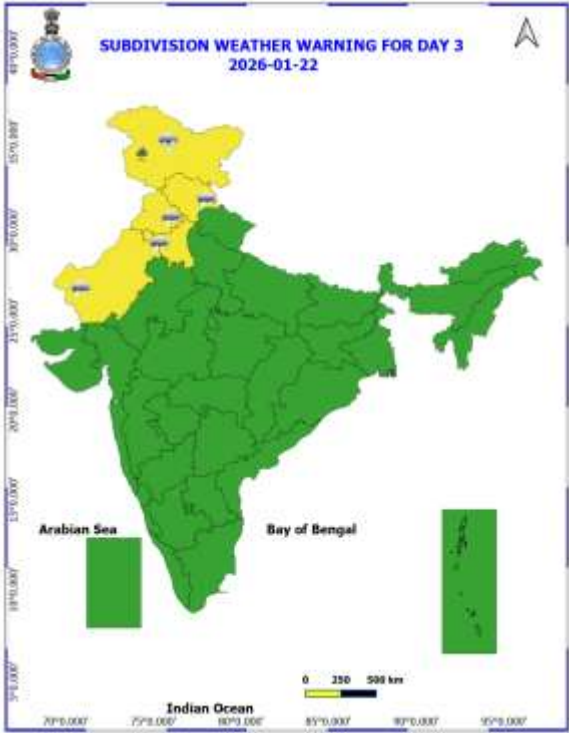
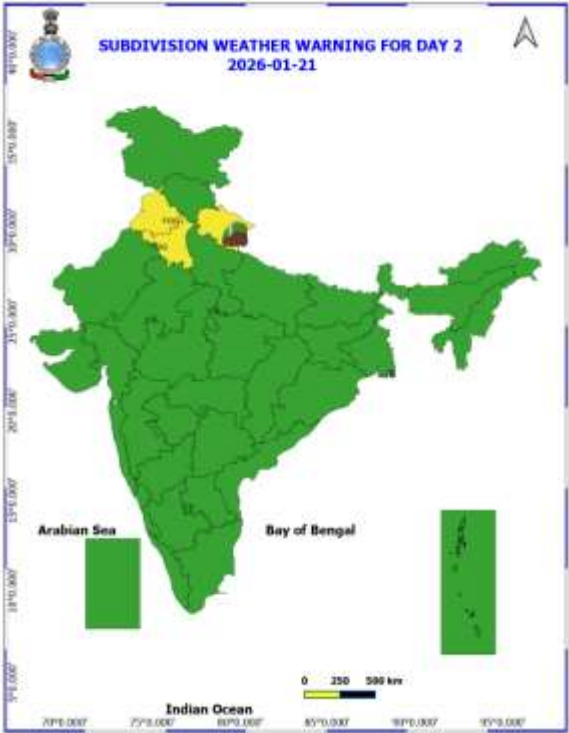
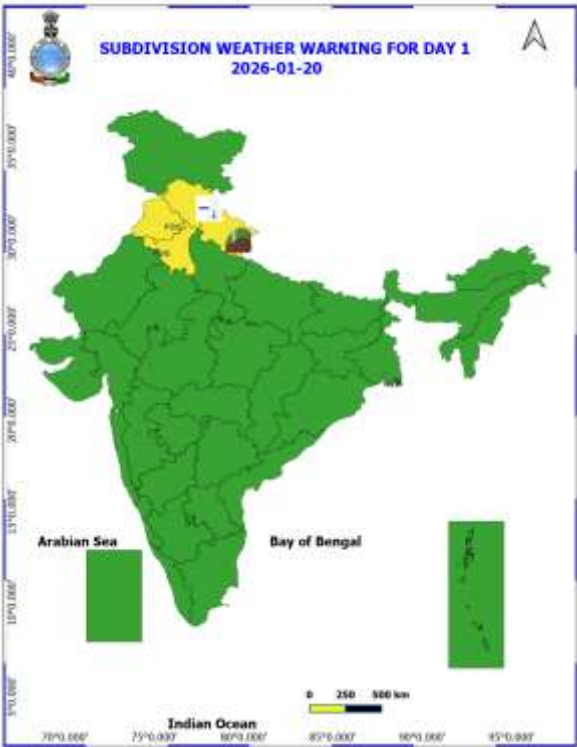
The state-wise forecast & warnings are given at ANNEXURE I

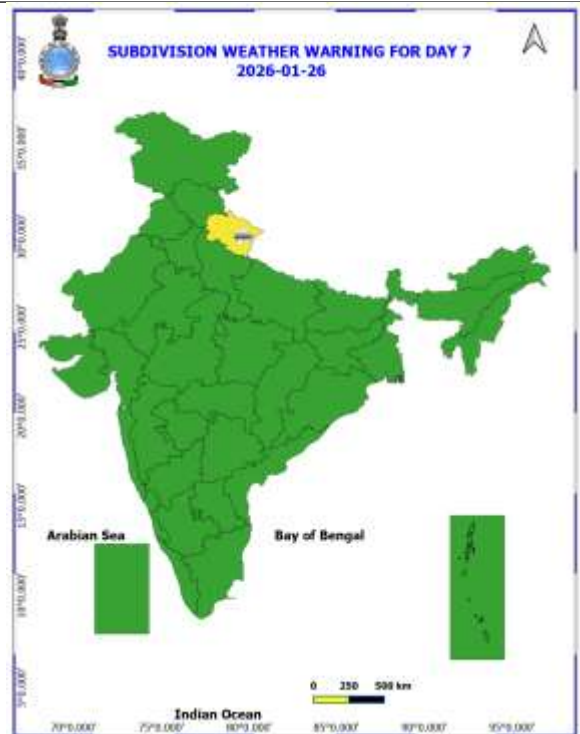
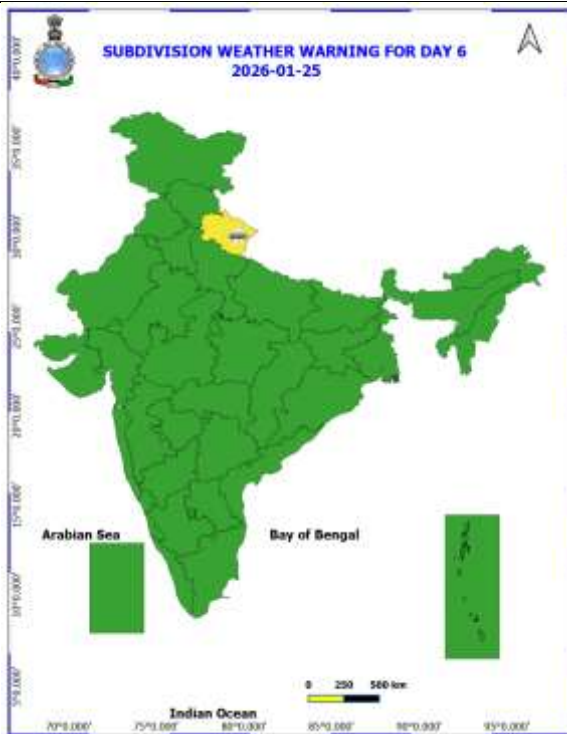
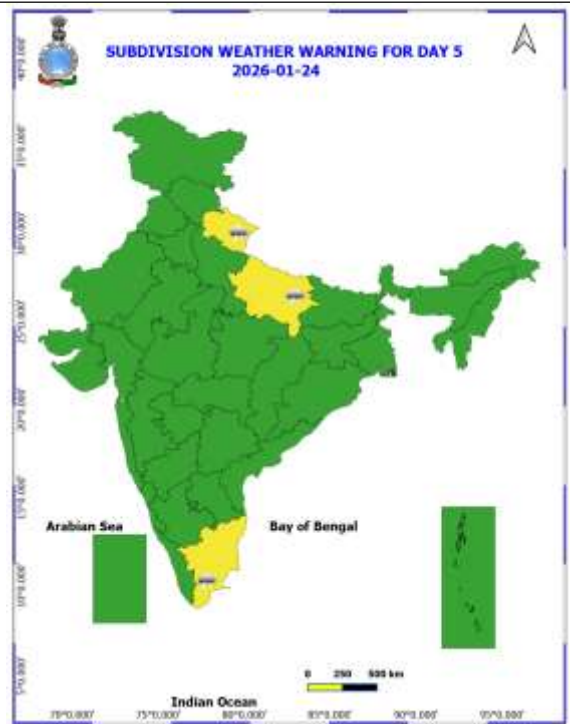
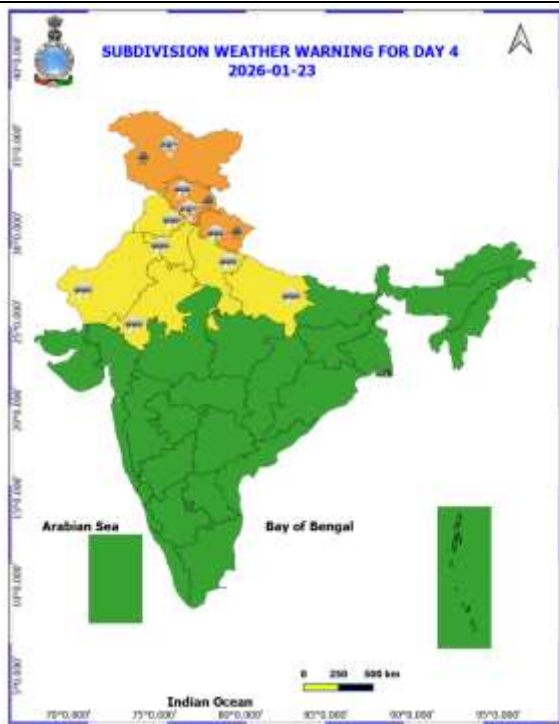
**For weather summary and forecast, kindly refer National Weather Bulletin:**

[https://mausam.imd.gov.in/responsive/all\\_india\\_forecast\\_bulletin.php](https://mausam.imd.gov.in/responsive/all_india_forecast_bulletin.php)

**For District wise warnings refer:** <https://mausam.imd.gov.in/responsive/districtWiseWarningGIS.php>

Umasankar Das  
Scientist 'D'  
NWFC, IMD, New Delhi





## 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	Dust Storm	Subdivision color
Heavy Rain	Strong Surface Winds	NO WARNING
Heavy Snow	Heat Wave	WATCH (BE UPDATED)
Thunderstorms & Lightning	Cold wave	ALERT (BE PREPARED)
Hailstorm	Fog	WARNING (TAKE ACTION)

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)	