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Subject: (i) Due to an intense Western disturbance heavy rainfall/ snowfall accompanied with Hailstorm, lightning & gusty winds likely at isolated places over Western Himalayan region on 22nd & 23rd January, 2026. Light to moderate rainfall also likely at a few places over the plains of northwest India during the same period.

(ii) Another intense Western Disturbance likely to affect northwest India from 26th to 28th January, 2026.

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

- ❖ A **Western disturbance** seen as a cyclonic circulation over Afghanistan between 3.1 and 5.8 km above mean sea level with the Trough in middle & upper Tropospheric westerlies with its axis at 7.6 km above mean sea level roughly along Long. 63°E to the north of Lat. 25°N.
- ❖ An induced low pressure area lay over central Pakistan.
- ❖ A **fresh western disturbance** is likely to affect northwest India from 26th January 2026.

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

- ❖ Fairly widespread to widespread rainfall/snowfall over Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand on 22nd & 23rd January.
- ❖ Fairly widespread to widespread light to moderate rainfall over Punjab on 22nd & 23rd with isolated/scattered light to moderate rainfall over Haryana Chandigarh & Delhi, West Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan on 22nd & 23rd and East Uttar Pradesh on 23rd & 24th January.
- ❖ Thunderstorm activity accompanied with **lightning & wind speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph** likely over Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh-Gilgit-Baltistan-Muzaffarabad, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Rajasthan on 22nd and 23rd; Uttarakhand, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh on 23rd January.
- ❖ **Isolated heavy rainfall/snowfall** over Kashmir valley on 22nd & 23rd and higher reaches of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand on 23rd and heavy rainfall over Punjab on 23rd January.
- ❖ **Hailstorm activity** likely over Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Haryana and West Uttar Pradesh on 23rd; Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh-Gilgit-Baltistan-Muzaffarabad, Punjab and north Rajasthan on 22nd & 23rd January.

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

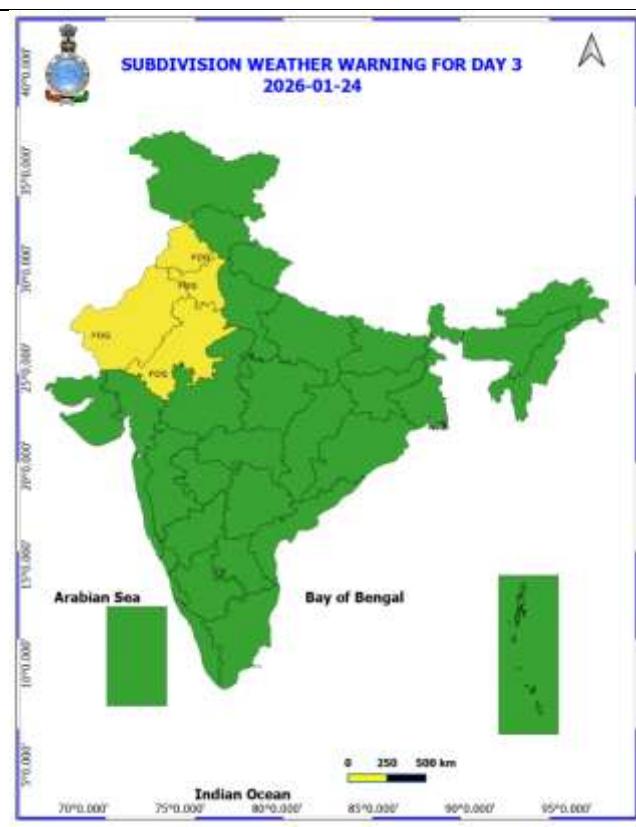
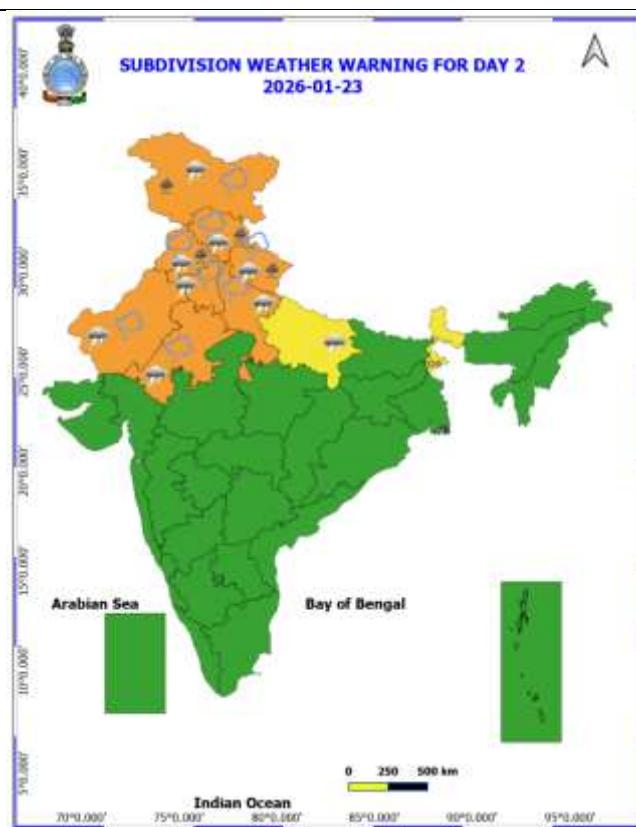
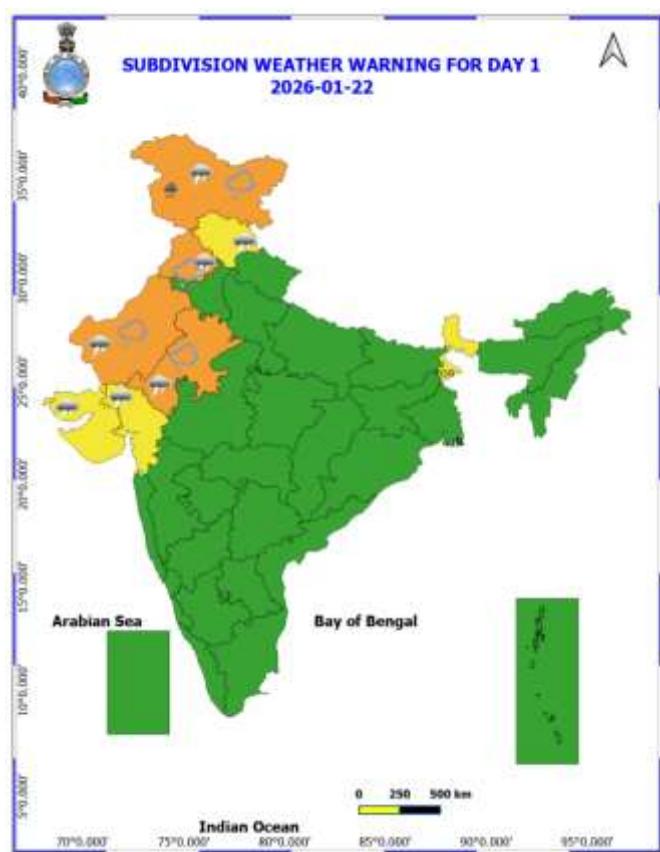
S. No.	State/sub-division	Forecast
1.	Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairly widespread to widespread rainfall/snowfall on 22nd & 23rd January. • Thunderstorm activity accompanied with lightning & wind speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph likely on 22nd and 23rd January. • Isolated heavy rainfall/snowfall likely over Kashmir valley on 22nd & 23rd January. • Hailstorm activity likely on 22nd & 23rd January.
2.	Himachal Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairly widespread to widespread rainfall/snowfall on 22nd & 23rd January. • Thunderstorm activity accompanied with lightning & wind speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph likely on 22nd and 23rd January. • Isolated heavy rainfall/snowfall likely over the higher reaches on 23rd January. • Hailstorm activity likely on 23rd January.
3.	Uttarakhand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairly widespread to widespread rainfall/snowfall on 22nd & 23rd January. • Thunderstorm activity accompanied with lightning & wind speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph likely on 23rd January. • Isolated heavy rainfall/snowfall likely over the higher reaches on 23rd January. • Hailstorm activity likely on 23rd January.
4.	Punjab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairly widespread to widespread light to moderate rainfall on 22nd & 23rd January. • Thunderstorm activity accompanied with lightning & wind speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph likely on 22nd and 23rd January. • Isolated heavy rainfall over Punjab on 23rd January. • Hailstorm activity likely on 22nd & 23rd January.
5.	Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolated/scattered light to moderate rainfall over Haryana Chandigarh & Delhi on 22nd & 23rd January. • Thunderstorm activity accompanied with lightning & wind speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph likely on 23rd January. • Hailstorm activity likely over Haryana on 23rd January.
6.	Uttar Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolated/scattered light to moderate rainfall over West Uttar Pradesh on 22nd & 23rd and East Uttar Pradesh on 23rd & 24th January. • Thunderstorm activity accompanied with lightning & wind speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph likely on 23rd January. • Hailstorm activity likely over West Uttar Pradesh on 23rd January.
7.	Rajasthan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolated/scattered light to moderate rainfall on 22nd & 23rd January. • Thunderstorm activity accompanied with lightning & wind speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph likely on 22nd and 23rd January. • Hailstorm activity likely over north Rajasthan on 22nd & 23rd January.

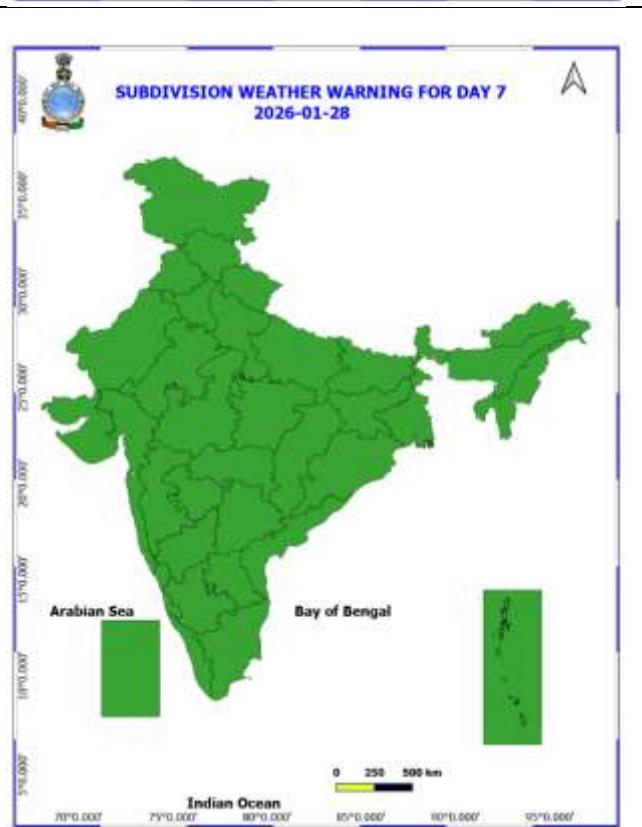
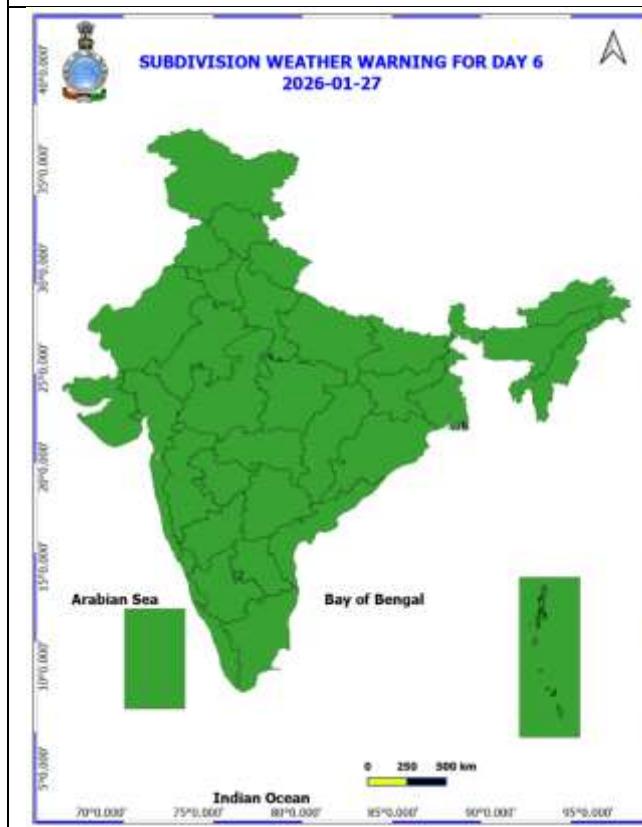
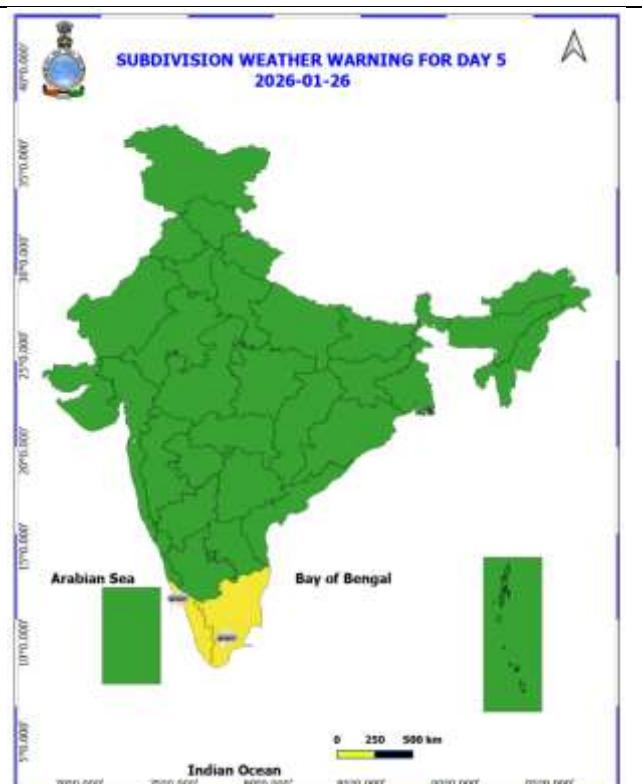
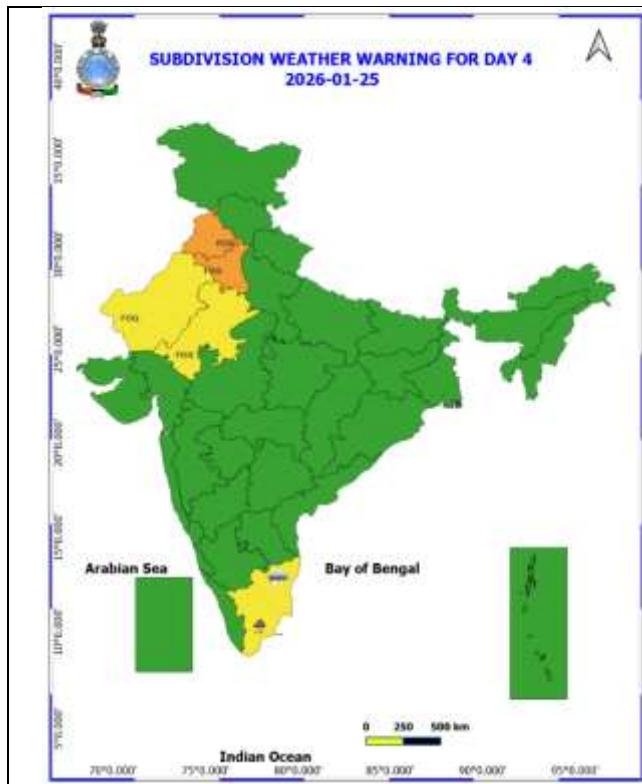
The state-wise forecast & warnings are given at ANNEXURE I

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

https://mausam.imd.gov.in/responsive/all_india_forecast_bulletin.php

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





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		Flash Flood Risk	
Terms	Probability of Occurrence (%)		
Unlikely	< 25	High Risk (Take Action)	
Likely	25 - 50	Moderate Risk (Be Prepared)	
Very Likely	50 - 75	Low Risk (Be Updated)	
Most Likely	> 75		