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Subject: Current Weather Status and Extended Range Forecast for the next two weeks (18th November to 02nd December 2026)

1. Salient Observed Features for the week ending 18 November 2026:

- **Formation of Severe Cyclonic Storm "Akvan" over central parts of south & adjoining westcentral Bay of Bengal:** The **upper air cyclonic circulation** lay over south Andaman Sea & neighbourhood in lower & middle tropospheric levels at 0830IST of, 11th November, 2026. Under its influence, a **Low Pressure Area** formed over Southeast Bay of Bengal at 0530 hours IST on 13th November, 2026. The Low Pressure Area over Southeast Bay of Bengal intensified into a **Well Marked Low Pressure Area** over the same region at 0530 hours IST of 14th November. The Well Marked Low Pressure Area over Southeast Bay of Bengal intensified into a **Depression** and lay centered over Southeast & adjoining Southwest Bay of Bengal at 0530 hours IST of the 15th November 2026. The Depression over Southeast & adjoining Southwest Bay of Bengal intensified into **Deep Depression** and lay centered at 2330 hours of 15th November, 2026 over the same region. The Deep Depression over Southeast & adjoining Southwest Bay of Bengal intensified into a **Cyclonic Storm "Akvan"** over the central parts of south & adjoining westcentral Bay of Bengal at 1730 hours IST of 16th November. The Cyclonic Storm "Akvan" over the central parts of south & adjoining westcentral Bay of Bengal intensified into a **Severe Cyclonic Storm "Akvan" [Pronunciation: Akvan]** over the same region at 0530 hours IST of today, the 18th November, 2026.
- **No Heavy rainfall was recorded over any part of the country during the week.**
- During the past week, rainfall was 69% below Long Period Average (LPA) over the country as a whole (Annexure I).
- Cumulatively from 1 October to 18 November 2026, the country as a whole had rainfall that was 35% below LPA (Annexure II).
- Details of weekly and cumulative rainfall distribution are given in Table 1.

Table 1: Rainfall status (Week and season)

Region	Week			Season		
	12.11.2026 TO 18.11.2026			01.10.2026 TO 18.11.2026		
	Actual (mm)	Normal (mm)	Departure (%)	Actual (mm)	Normal (mm)	Departure (%)
EAST & NORTHEAST INDIA	**3.9**	**4.4**	**-12%**	**69.1**	**139.4**	**-50%**
NORTHWEST INDIA	**3.9**	**2.6**	**51%**	**30.7**	**28.7**	**7%**
CENTRAL INDIA	**0.0**	**3.5**	**-99%**	**33.0**	**66.6**	**-50%**
SOUTH PENINSULA	**1.5**	**21.4**	**-93%**	**158.5**	**217.0**	**-27%**
THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE	**2.1**	**6.9**	**-69%**	**62.7**	**96.1**	**-35%**

2. Large-scale features:

- Currently, strong to very strong El Niño conditions prevail over the equatorial Pacific, with SSTs well above average in the central-eastern and eastern Pacific. These are expected to strengthen further through end-2026, with Monsoon Mission Coupled Forecast System (MMCFS) indicating a high likelihood of strong-to-very strong El Niño conditions persisting through January–March 2027.
- Currently, neutral IOD conditions prevail over the Indian Ocean. Sea surface temperatures are warmer than normal in both the western and eastern equatorial Indian

Ocean, with stronger warming in the west. MMCFS predicts that neutral IOD conditions are most likely to continue throughout the forecast period, while some international centres expect the positive IOD phase to continue in the near term.

- The Madden Julian Oscillation (MJO) is currently in Phase 3 with amplitude more than 1. It is likely to move to Phase 4 with decreasing amplitude during first half of week 1. Thereafter, there is loop back westwards propagation with the decrease in the amplitude during second half of the week 1 and entire week 2. Thus, MJO is highly favorable for enhancement of convective activity/ Cyclogenesis (formation of depression over the Bay of Bengal (BoB) and Arabian Sea (AS) during the entire forecast period.

3. Forecast for the next two weeks

Weather systems & associated Precipitation during Week 1 (19 to 25 November 2026) and Week 2 (26 November to 02 December 2026)

Weather systems & associated Precipitation during Week 1 (19 to 25 November 2026):

Weather systems during Week 1:

- Severe Cyclonic Storm "Akvan" [Pronunciation: Akvan] over the central parts of south & adjoining westcentral Bay of Bengal moved north-northwestwards and lay centered at westcentral Bay of Bengal at 2330 hours IST of today, the 18th November, 2026. It further moved northwards and lay over the same region at 0830 hours IST of today, the 19th November, near Latitude 14.9°N and Longitude 85.3°E, about 420 km east-southeast of Narsapur (Andhra Pradesh), 400 km south-southeast of Kalingapatnam (Andhra Pradesh), 490 km south of Gopalpur (Odisha) and 550 km south of Puri (Odisha) and 590 km east-northeast of Chennai (Tamil Nadu). It is likely to move north-northwestwards and cross North Andhra Pradesh & Yanam and South Odisha coasts between Narsapur and Puri, close to east of Gopalpur, by noon of 20th November, 2026 with the maximum sustained wind speed of 90-100 kmph gusting to 110 kmph.
- A feeble **Western Disturbance** as a trough in middle tropospheric westerlies with its axis in middle tropospheric levels now runs roughly along Long. 75°E to the north of Lat. 33°N.

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

- **Fairly Widespread to Widespread** rainfall likely over Gangetic West Bengal during 19th-21st November; Jharkhand during 20th-21st November; Odisha during 19th-20th November; Chhattisgarh during 20th-21st November; Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura during 19th-20th November.
- Isolated **heavy rainfall** likely over southeast Bihar, Gangetic West Bengal and Odisha on 21st November; Jharkhand on 19th November and on 21st November, Chhattisgarh during 20th-21st November; Assam & Meghalaya on 20th November; Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura during 19th-21st November; Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Karaikal during 23rd-25th November.
- Isolated **very heavy rainfall** likely over Gangetic West Bengal during 19th-20th November; Jharkhand on 20th November; Assam & Meghalaya on 21st November; Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam on 20th November.
- Isolated **extremely heavy rainfall** likely over Odisha during 19th-20th November; Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam on 19th November.
- **Thundersquall (wind speed reaching 70-80 kmph gusting to 90 kmph)** likely over Odisha during 19th-20th November. **Thundersquall (wind speed reaching 60-70 kmph gusting to 80 kmph)** likely over Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam on 20th November.
- **Above-normal rainfall activity is likely over the most parts of East & northeast India and below normal over remaining parts of the country.**

Weather systems & associated Precipitation during Week 2 (26 November to 02 December 2026):

- A feeble Western Disturbance is likely to affect the Western Himalayan Region during the Week 2.

Precipitation during Week 2 (26 November to 02 December 2026):

- No active western disturbance likely to affect northwest India during the week.
- Isolated heavy rainfall is likely over Tamil Nadu and Kerala during some days of Week 2.
- **Rainfall activity is likely to be normal over south Peninsular India and is below normal over remaining parts of the country during Week 2.**

Temperature forecast for Week 1 (19 to 25 November 2026) and Week 2 (26 November to 02 December 2026)

Temperature forecast for Week 1 (19 to 25 November 2026):

- Gradual fall in night time temperatures likely over northwest India during the week.
- Above normal weekly minimum temperature by (2-4°C) likely over some parts of Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, East and Northeast India. Below normal minimum temperatures are likely over Northwest India, West India and Peninsular India during the week. Near-normal minimum temperatures are likely over remaining parts of the country. **(Annexure IV).**
- No probability of a cold wave over any part of the country during the week.

Temperature forecast for Week 2 (26 November to 02 December 2026):

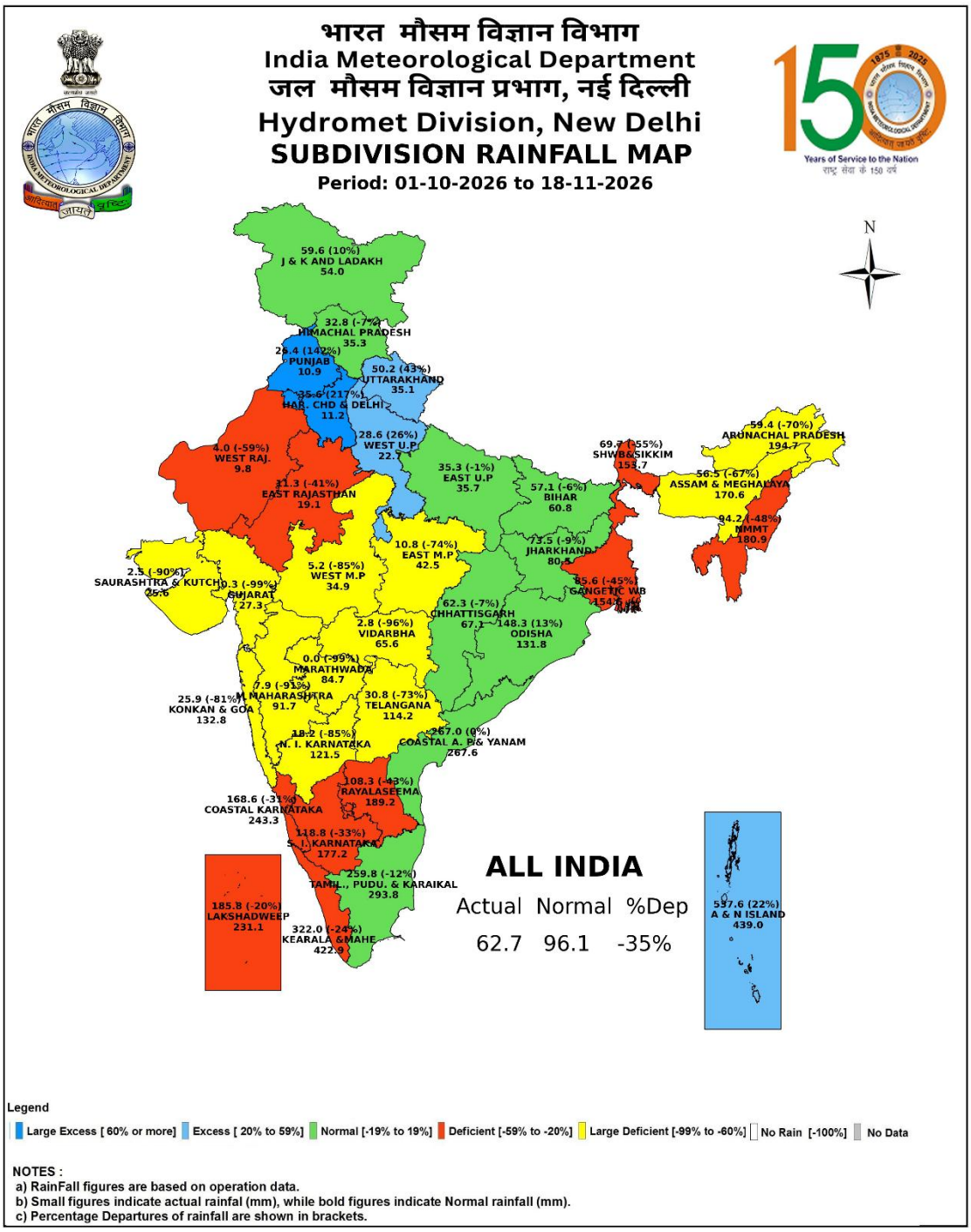
- Gradual fall in night time temperatures likely over northwest India during the week.
- Above normal weekly minimum temperature likely over some parts of Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh and Northeast and Peninsular India. Near-normal to below normal minimum temperature likely over remaining parts of the country. **(Annexure IV).**
- No probability of a cold wave over any part of the country during the week.

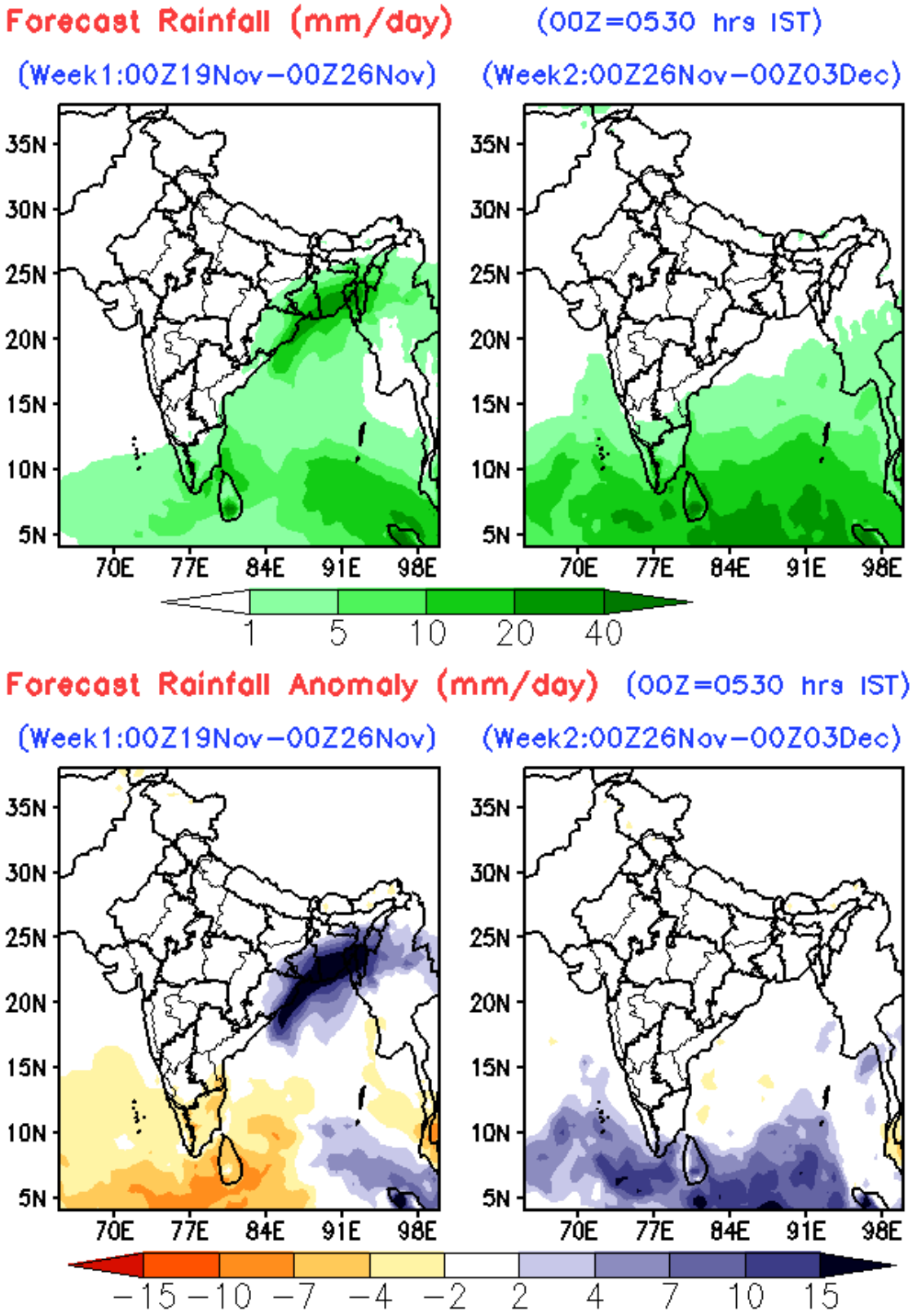
Fog warning:

- Dense fog conditions very likely over East Uttar Pradesh on 19th November and during 22nd-23rd November; Haryana Chandigarh & Delhi and Punjab during 20th-22nd November; West Uttar Pradesh during 21st-23rd November.

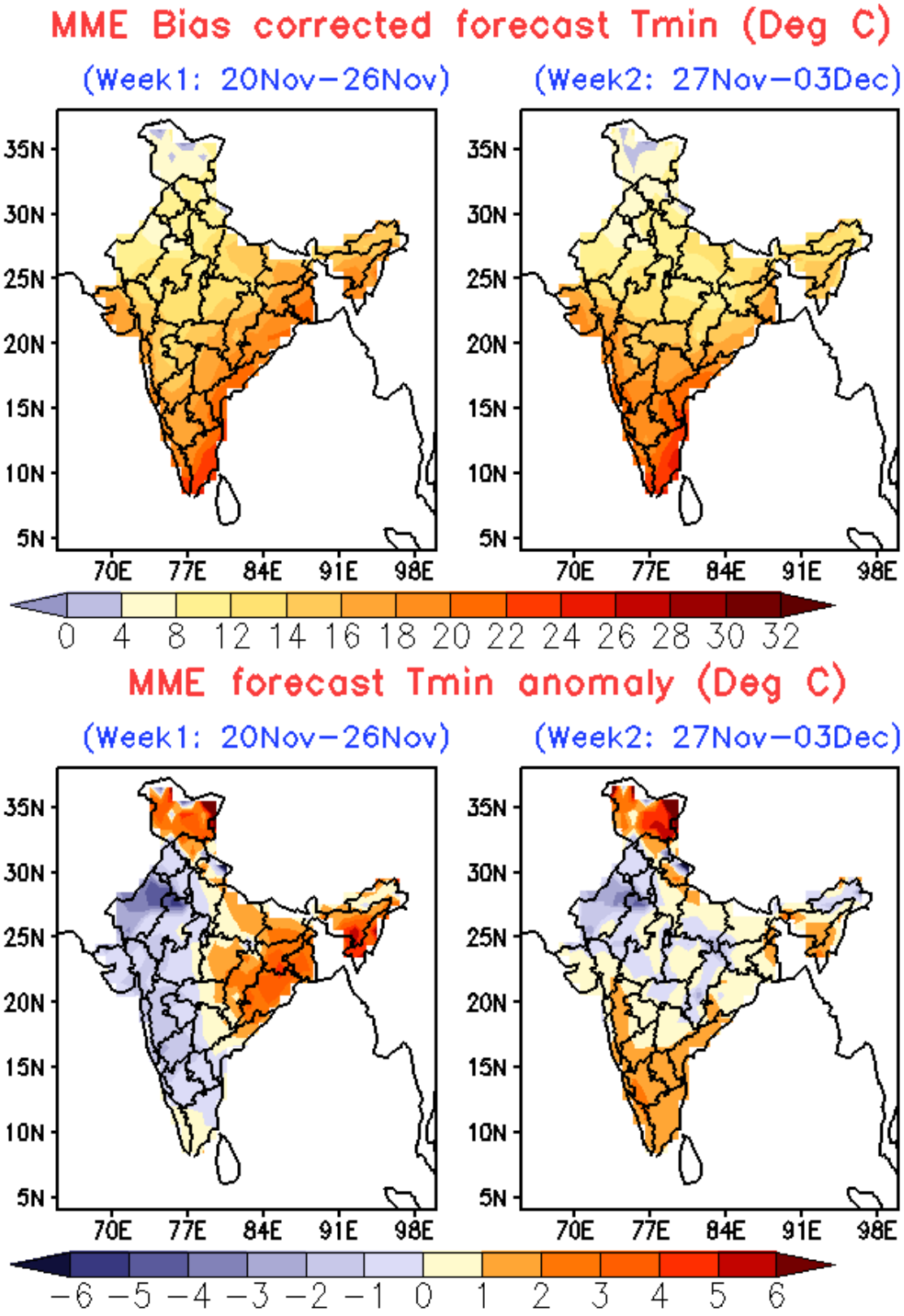
Annexure I


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जल मौसम विज्ञान प्रभाग, नई दिल्ली
Hydromet Division, New Delhi
SUBDIVISION RAINFALL MAP
Week: 12-11-2026 to 18-11-2026
Years of Service to the Nation
15.9 (115%) J & K AND LADAKH 7.4
1.6 (-54%) HIMACHAL PRADESH 3.5
0.0 (-99%) PUNJAB 1.0
1.7 (38%) UTTARAKHAND 1.2
0.0 (-99%) HAR. CHD & DELHI 0.5
1.2 (12%) WEST RAJ. 1.1
0.0 (-98%) WEST U.P 0.8
0.0 (-98%) EAST RAJASTHAN 1.9
0.0 (-100%) EAST U.P 0.6
6.4 (114%) SHWB&SIKKIM 3.0
11.2 (49%) ARUNACHAL PRADESH 7.5
5.7 (-1%) ASSAM & MEGHALAYA 5.7
2.8 (-64%) NMMT 7.6
0.0 (-96%) BIHAR 0.5
0.4 (-59%) JHARKHAND 1.0
1.7 (-71%) GANGETIC WB 5.9
0.0 (-100%) EAST M.P 3.4
0.0 (-100%) WEST M.P 2.5
0.0 (-100%) SAURASHTRA & KUTCH 2.6
0.0 (-100%) GUJARAT 1.8
0.0 (-100%) CHHATTISGARH 2.5
0.0 (-99%) ODISHA 4.2
0.0 (-100%) VIDARBHA 3.6
0.0 (-100%) MARATHWADA 4.1
0.0 (-100%) KONKAN & GOA 5.7
0.0 (-100%) M.MAHARASHTRA 5.8
0.3 (-94%) TELANGANA 5.6
0.0 (-100%) N. I. KARNATAKA 7.7
0.1 (-99%) COASTAL A. P& YANAM 28.7
0.2 (-99%) RAYALASEEMA 21.5
0.0 (-100%) COASTAL KARNATAKA 18.5
0.0 (-100%) S. I. KARNATAKA 11.9
0.7 (-98%) TAMIL., PUDU. & KARAIKAL 39.6
2.3 (-89%) LAKSHADWEEP 19.9
1.7 (-95%) KEARALA &MAHE 33.1
92.2 (42%) A & N ISLAND 64.7
N
ALL INDIA
Actual Normal %Dep
2.1 6.9 -69%
Legend
Large Excess [60% or more]
Excess [20% to 59%]
Normal [-19% to 19%]
Deficient [-59% to -20%]
Large Deficient [-99% to -60%]
No Rain [-100%]
No Data
NOTES :
a) RainFall figures are based on operation data.
b) Small figures indicate actual rainfal (mm), while bold figures indicate Normal rainfall (mm).
c) Percentage Departures of rainfall are shown in brackets.


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SUBDIVISION RAINFALL MAP
Period: 01-10-2026 to 18-11-2026
Years of Service to the Nation
राष्ट्र सेवा के 150 वर्ष
N
59.6 (10%)
J & K AND LADAKH
54.0
32.8 (-7%)
HIMACHAL PRADESH
35.3
26.4 (142%)
PUNJAB
10.9
50.2 (43%)
UTTARAKHAND
35.1
35.6 (217%)
HAR. CHD & DELHI
11.2
28.6 (26%)
WEST U.P
22.7
4.0 (-59%)
WEST RAJ.
9.8
11.3 (-41%)
EAST RAJASTHAN
19.1
35.3 (-1%)
EAST U.P
35.7
57.1 (-6%)
BIHAR
60.8
69.7 (155%)
SHWB&SIKKIM
153.7
59.4 (-70%)
ARUNACHAL PRADESH
194.7
56.5 (-67%)
ASSAM & MEGHALAYA
170.6
94.2 (-48%)
NMMT
180.9
10.8 (-74%)
EAST M.P
42.5
73.5 (-9%)
JHARKHAND
80.5
5.2 (-85%)
WEST M.P
34.9
2.5 (-90%)
SAURASHTRA & KUTCH
25.6
0.3 (-99%)
GUJARAT
27.3
85.6 (-45%)
GANGETIC WB
154.6
62.3 (-7%)
CHHATTISGARH
67.1
148.3 (13%)
ODISHA
131.8
2.8 (-96%)
VIDARBHA
65.6
0.0 (-99%)
MARATHWADA
84.7
7.9 (-91%)
M.MAHARASHTRA
91.7
25.9 (-81%)
KONKAN & GOA
132.8
30.8 (-73%)
TELANGANA
114.2
18.2 (-85%)
N. I. KARNATAKA
121.5
267.0 (0%)
COASTAL A. P& YANAM
267.6
108.3 (-43%)
RAYALASEEMA
189.2
168.6 (-31%)
COASTAL KARNATAKA
243.3
118.8 (-33%)
S. I. KARNATAKA
177.2
259.8 (-12%)
TAMIL., PUDU. & KARAIKAL
293.8
185.8 (-20%)
LAKSHADWEEP
231.1
322.0 (-24%)
KEARALA &MAHE
422.9
ALL INDIA
Actual Normal %Dep
62.7 96.1 -35%
537.6 (22%)
A & N ISLAND
439.0
Legend
Large Excess [60% or more]
Excess [20% to 59%]
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Extended range forecast of weekly distribution of rainfall in mm per day (top panel) and anomalies (lower panel) from IMD MME



Extended range forecast of weekly distribution of Minimum Temperature in °C (top panel) and anomalies (lower panel) from IMD Bias Corrected Forecast

Annexure V

Impact Expected and Action Suggested due to extremely/ very heavy rainfall:

- Isolated **extremely heavy rainfall** likely over Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam on 19th and over Odisha during 19th-20th November.
- Isolated **very heavy rainfall** also likely over Gangetic West Bengal during 19th-20th; Jharkhand on 20th; over Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam on 20th; over Assam & Meghalaya on 21st November.

Impact expected:

- Breaking of tree branches, uprooting of small trees like banana, papaya, drum sticks. Strong wind and rain may damage plantation, horticulture and standing crops.
- Partial damage to vulnerable structures due to strong winds and rain.
- Minor damage to kutcha houses/walls, huts and roads due to heavy rain.
- Loose objects may fly.
- Small ships, trawlers and boats may be affected.
- Road and rail traffic may be affected due to heavy rain and squally winds.
- There could be localised landslides, mudslides, landslips, water logging, inundation and flooding over low lying areas.
- Occasional reduction in visibility due to heavy rainfall.
- Helicopter services may get affected.

Action suggested:

- People are advised to keep a watch on the weather for worsening conditions and be ready to move to safer places accordingly.
- Take safe shelters; do not take shelter under trees, as there could be lightning.
- In case of expected lightning, unplug electrical/ electronic appliances, immediately, get out of water bodies and keep away from all the objects that conduct electricity.
- Tourism and recreational activities to be regulated.
- Onshore and offshore activities to be judiciously regulated.
- Helicopter services to be regulated.

Impact expected due to dense fog in the night /morning hours:

- Dense fog conditions very likely over East Uttar Pradesh on 19th November and during 22nd-23rd November; Haryana Chandigarh & Delhi and Punjab during 20th-22nd November; West Uttar Pradesh during 21st-23rd November.

- 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.

Agromet advisories for likely impact of Heavy Rainfall

❖ In **Coastal Andhra Pradesh,** postpone sowing of *rabi* crops such as green gram, black gram, maize, ragi and sunhemp. Make necessary arrangements for draining excess water from fields of rice, red gram, cotton, maize, sugarcane, turmeric, ginger, niger, rajmash, ragi and vegetables; plantations of banana and and already sown *rabi* crops. Provide adequate support to banana, coffee, black pepper and other plantation crops to minimize damage due to strong winds.

❖ In **Odisha,** postpone sowing of *rabi* crops such as mustard, toria, groundnut, sunflower, green gram, black gram, chickpea and lentil. Cover vegetables nurseries like tomato, chilli and brinjal using plastic covers or polythene sheets, if feasible. Make provision to drain excess water from standing rice fields, vegetable nurseries and recently sown fields of *rabi* crops. Provide support to the crops like banana and papaya. Arrange for strong staking in vegetables.

❖ In **Gangetic West Bengal**, harvest mature aman rice immediately and keep the harvested produce in a safe, elevated and covered place or heap the harvested produce in the field and cover it properly with polythene. Harvest mature fruits of brinjal, papaya and banana. Make proper arrangement for draining out excess water from fields of standing crops, winter vegetables and betel vine garden. Postpone the land preparation and sowing of *rabi* crops such as mustard, rapeseed, lentil and potato. Strengthen trellises for climbing vegetables like beans and gourds.

❖ In **Jharkhand,** postpone harvesting of pigeon pea and late sown and long duration rice crop. Store the already harvested produce in a safe and dry place as soon as possible. Postpone sowing of wheat, mustard, rapeseed and vegetables. Ensure proper drainage facilities in vegetable nurseries and fields of potato and pulses. Provide staking to vegetable crops such as tomato, chilli and brinjal to prevent from lodging.

❖ In **Chhattisgarh**, keep harvested produce of rice in safe and elevated place at the earliest. Postpone the sowing of *rabi* crops such as chickpea, wheat, mustard and vegetables (cauliflower, broccoli, beetroot, late-season cucumber and late-season bitter gourd). Make provision to drain excess water from the standing crop fields. Provide support / staking to banana and tomato plants; support for vine-type vegetables such as bitter gourd, bottle gourd and other cucurbitaceous vegetables.

Agromet advisories for likely impact of Thunderstorm / Gusty Winds

- Shift the harvested produce in safer places or cover the produce with tarpaulin sheets in the fields. Tie the harvested crops securely and cover them to minimize the risk of displacement from strong surface winds.
- Provide mechanical support to horticultural crops and staking or support to vegetables and young fruit plants / fruit-bearing plants to avoid lodging due to strong winds.

Advisories for likely impact of Heavy Rainfall for Livestock / Poultry / Fisheries

- Keep the animals inside the shed during heavy rainfall and provide them balanced feed.
- Store the feed and fodder in a safe place to prevent spoilage.
- Construct an outlet with proper netting around the ponds to drain excess water, thereby preventing fish from escaping in the event of overflow.