

National Weather Forecasting Centre India Meteorological Department Ministry of Earth Sciences

Monday 20 March 2023 NIGHT

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ALL INDIA WEATHER SUMMARY AND FORECAST BULLETIN

Significant Weather Features

Weather Forecast and Warnings:

- Northwest India: Scattered to fairly widespread light/moderate rainfall with thunderstorm, lightning/gusty winds along with isolated hailstorm likely over Western Himalayan Region and Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Uttar Pradesh & Rajasthan on 20th. There is significant decrease in rainfall & distribution till 22nd March. Thereafter, a fresh spell of rainfall & thunderstorm activity is likely to commence over the region from 23rd March, 2023.
- West & Central India: Isolated to scattered light/moderate rainfall with thunderstorm, lightning & gusty winds likely over Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha, Chhattisgarh on 20th March and reduce significantly thereafter. Isolated hailstorm is also likely over Madhya Pradesh on 20th March, 2023.
- ◆ South Peninsular India: Isolated to scattered light/moderate rainfall with thunderstorm, lightning & gusty winds likely over Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, north interior Tamil Nadu and Kerala on 20th March and reduce significantly thereafter.
- ♦ East & Northeast India: Fairly widespread to widespread light/moderate rainfall activity with thunderstorm, lightning & gusty winds likely to continue over West Bengal & Sikkim and Northeast India during 20th-23rd March. Scattered to fairly widespread light/moderate rainfall/thundershowers are also likely over Bihar and Jharkhand on 20th March and reduction thereafter. Isolated heavy rainfall very likely over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam & Meghalaya during 20th-22nd; Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura, during 20th-21st; over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim, Bihar on 20th March. Isolated very heavy rainfall also likely over south Assam & Meghalaya on 20th March, 2023.

Main Weather Observations

- Rainfall/thundershowers observed (from 0830 hours IST to 1730 hours IST of today): at many places over Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar and Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura; at a few places over Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, East Rajasthan, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim and Assam & Meghalaya and at isolated places over Jammu, Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit, Baltistan & Muzaffarabad, Madhya Pradesh, West Rajasthan, Saurashtra & Kutch, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Karaikal, Jharkhand, Gangetic West Bengal and Arunachal Pradesh.
- ♦ Significant amount of rainfall recorded (from 0830 hours IST to 1730 hours IST of today)(in cm): Solan and Ambala-4; Patiala-3; Sundernagar, Rohtak, Moradabad, Shimla, Bhagalpur, Panagarh, Baderwah, Puri and Kailashahar-2 each.
- ♦ Heavy rainfall observed (from 0830 hours IST to 1730 hours IST of today): Nil.
- Thunderstorm observed (from 0830 hours IST to 1730 hours IST of today): at isolated places over Jammu, Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit, Baltistan & Muzaffarabad, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Rajasthan, West Madhya Pradesh, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Bihar, Saurashtra & Kutch, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura and Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Karaikal.
- ♦ Minimum Temperature Departures (as on 20-03-2023): Minimum temperatures are above normal (1.6°C to 3.0°C) at many places over Punjab, Andaman & Nicobar Islands; at a few places over Bihar, Jammu, Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit, Baltistan & Muzaffarabad; at isolated places over Uttar Pradesh. They are markedly below normal (-5.1°C or less) at a few places over Vidarbha; at isolated places over Odisha, North Interior Karnataka; appreciably below normal (-3.1°C to -5.0°C) at many places over Coastal Karnataka; at a few places over Madhya Pradesh, Gangetic West Bengal, Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam; at isolated places over Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Marathwada, South Interior Karnataka, Telangana, West Bengal & Sikkim, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura and near normal over rest parts of the country. Today, the lowest minimum temperature of 12.1°C is reported at Malanjkhand (East Madhya Pradesh) over plains of the country.
- ♦ Maximum Temperature Departures (as on 20-03-2023): Maximum temperatures are markedly below normal (-5.1°C or less) at most places over Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, East Rajasthan, Madhya Maharashtra, Bihar and Jharkhand; at many places over Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi and West Bengal & Sikkim; at a few places over Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Rajasthan, Gujarat region, Marathwada, Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Assam & Meghalaya and at isolated places over Vidarbha and Telangana; appreciably below normal (-3.1°C to -5.1°C) at most places over North Interior Karnataka; at many places over Saurashtra & Kutch, Rayalaseema and Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura; at a few places over Punjab and Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam and at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Karaikal; below normal (-1.6°C to -3.0°C) at isolated places over Konkan & Goa and near normal over rest parts of the country. Today, the highest maximum temperature of 37.2°C was reported at Palakkad (Kerala & Mahe).



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Meteorological Analysis (Based on 1730 hours IST)

- ♦ The **Western Disturbance** as a trough in middle & upper tropospheric westerlies with its axis at 5.8 km above mean sea level now runs roughly along Long. 75°E to the north of Lat. 25°N.
- ♦ The **cyclonic circulation** over Northeast Rajasthan & neighbourhood extending upto 3.1 km above mean sea level persists.
- ♦ The **trough** from the above cyclonic circulation over Northeast Rajasthan to Nagaland across Uttar Pradesh & Bihar extending upto 1.5 km above mean sea level persists.
- ◆ The **cyclonic circulation** over Southwest Rajasthan & neighbourhood upto 1.5 km above mean sea level persists.
- ♦ The **trough/wind discontinuity** from Interior Tamilnadu to Central Chhattisgarh across South Interior Karnataka, Rayalaseema and Telangana at 0.9 km above mean sea level persists.
- ♦ A fresh **Western Disturbance** is likely to affect Northwest India from 23rd March.

Weather Forecast for next 5 days * upto 0830 hours IST of 25th March, 2023

- ♦ Meteorological sub-division wise detailed 5 days temperature forecast is given in Table-1.
- ◆ **East India:** No significant change in maximum temperatures very likely during next 2 days and rise by 2-4°C thereafter.
- ♦ **Gujarat and Maharashtra:** Rise in maximum temperatures by 3-5°C very likely during next 4-5 days.
- ♦ **Rest parts of the Country:** No significant change in Maximum Temperatures very likely during next 4-5 days.

Weather Outlook for subsequent 2 days during 25th-27th March, 2023

♦ Scattered to fairly widespread light/moderate rainfall/thundershowers likely over Northeast India, Western Himalayan Region & adjoining plains of Northwest India. Isolated to scattered light rainfall/thundershowers likely over south Peninsular India.



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Weather Warning during next 5 days *

- **20** March (Day 1): ♦ Heavy to very heavy rainfall very likely at isolated places over south Assam & Meghalaya; Heavy rainfall at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim, Bihar, West Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh.
- ◆Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning, hail & gusty wind (30-40 kmph) very likely at isolated places over East Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Punjab, East Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh; with lightning & hail over Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit-Baltistan & Muzaffarabad, Himachal Pradesh; with lightning & gusty wind (30-40 kmph) over Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar, Vidarbha, Chhattisgarh, Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam; with lightning over Gujarat state, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam & Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim, Odisha, West Rajasthan, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Karaikal, Kerala & Mahe.
- **21 March (Day 2): ♦ Heavy rainfall** very likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam & Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura, Uttarakhand.
- ♦ Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning & hail very likely at isolated places over Uttarakhand and West Uttar Pradesh; with lightning & gusty wind (30-40 kmph) over Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar, East Uttar Pradesh; with lightning over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam & Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura, Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha, Chhattisgarh, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim, Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam, Telangana and Tamilnadu, Puducherry & Karaikal.
- **22 March (Day 3): ♦ Heavy** rainfall very likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh and Assam & Meghalaya.
- ♦ Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning & gusty wind (30-40 kmph) very likely at isolated places over Gangetic West Bengal and with lightning over Jharkhand.
- 23 March (Day 4): ♦ Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning, hail & gusty wind (30-40 kmph) very likely at isolated places over Punjab, Haryana, East Rajasthan and with lightning & hail over West Rajasthan.
- **24 March (Day 5): ♦ Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning, hail & gusty wind (30-40 kmph)** very likely at isolated places over Punjab, Haryana and **with lightning & hail** over Uttarakhand; **with lightning, gusty wind (30-40 kmph) o**ver West Uttar Pradesh; **with lightning** over Jammu, Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit, Baltistan, Muzaffarabad, Himachal Pradesh, East Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamilnadu, Puducherry & Karaikal and Kerala & Mahe.

Kindly download MAUSAM APP for location specific forecast & warning, MEGHDOOT APP for Agromet advisory and DAMINI APP for Lightning Warning & visit state MC/RMC websites for district wise warning.



5 Day Rainfall Forecast (NIGHT)

Table-1

20-March-2023

Met-Sub-Division	20-Mar Today	21Mar Tue	22Mar Wed	23Mar Thu	24Mar Fri
1. Andaman & Nicobar Islands	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL
2. Arunachal Pradesh	WS	WS	WS	FWS	FWS
3. Assam & Meghalaya	WS	WS	WS	FWS	SCT
4. N. M. M. & T.	WS	WS	FWS	SCT	SCT
5. S.H. West Bengal & Sikkim	WS	WS	FWS	SCT	SCT
6. Gangetic West Bengal	WS	FWS	SCT	ISOL	DRY
7. Odisha	SCT	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL
8. Jharkhand	FWS	SCT	ISOL	DRY	DRY
9. Bihar	FWS	SCT	ISOL	DRY	ISOL
10. East Uttar Pradesh	WS	FWS	DRY	DRY	ISOL
11. West Uttar Pradesh	WS	FWS	ISOL	ISOL	SCT
12. Uttarakhand	WS	WS	ISOL	ISOL	FWS
13. Haryana, Chd & Delhi	FWS	ISOL	DRY	SCT	FWS
14. Punjab	FWS	ISOL	ISOL	SCT	FWS
15. Himachal Pradesh	FWS	ISOL	ISOL	SCT	FWS
16. J & K and Ladakh	FWS	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	SCT
17. West Rajsthan	ISOL	DRY	ISOL	SCT	SCT
18. East Rajasthan	SCT	DRY	DRY	ISOL	ISOL
19. West Madhya Pradesh	SCT	ISOL	DRY	ISOL	ISOL
20. East Madhya Pradesh	SCT	ISOL	DRY	ISOL	ISOL
21. Gujarat Region	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	DRY
22. Saurashtra & Kutch	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	DRY
23. Konkan & Goa	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
24. Madhya Maharashtra	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
25. Marathawada	ISOL	DRY	DRY	ISOL	ISOL
26. Vidharbha	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL
27. Chhattisgarh	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL
28. Coastal A. P. & Yanam	FWS	SCT	SCT	SCT	SCT
29. Telangana	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL
30. Rayalaseema	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL
31. T.N., Puducherry & Karaikal	SCT	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL
32. Coastal Karnataka	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
33. North Interior Karnataka	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY
34. South Interior Karnataka	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY	ISOL
35. Kerala & Mahe	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	ISOL	SCT
36. Lakshadweep	SCT	DRY	DRY	DRY	DRY

% Station Reporting Rainfall

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76-100		26-50	Scattered (SCT/ A Few Places)		
51-75	Fairly Widespred (FWS/ Many Places)	1-25	Isolated (ISOL)		
No Rain	Dry				



Fig. 1: Accumulated Rainfall (mm) during past 24 hours

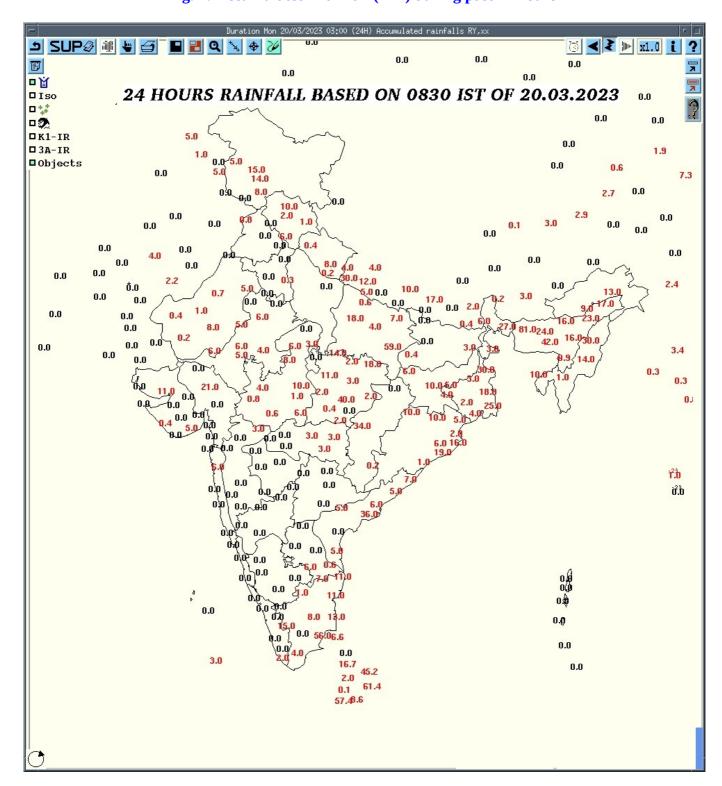




Fig. 2: Maximum Temperature during past 24 hours

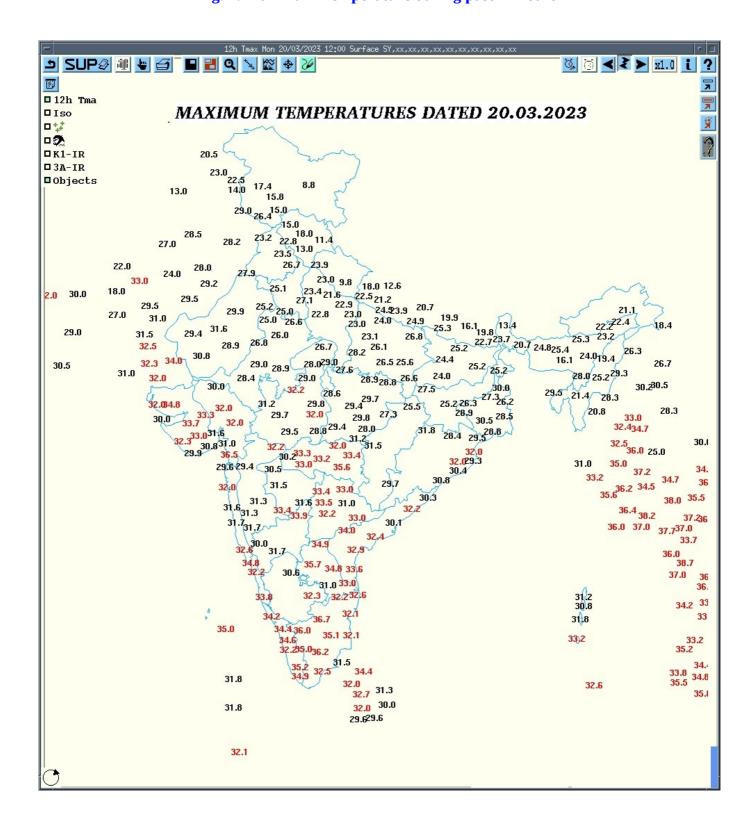




Fig. 3: Minimum Temperature during past 24 hours

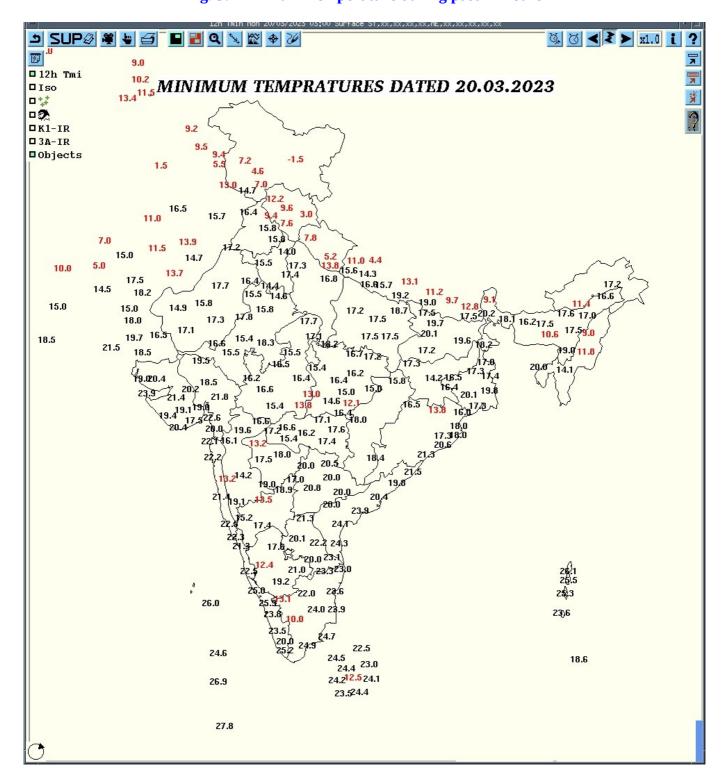




Fig. 4: Departure from Normal of Maximum Temperatures

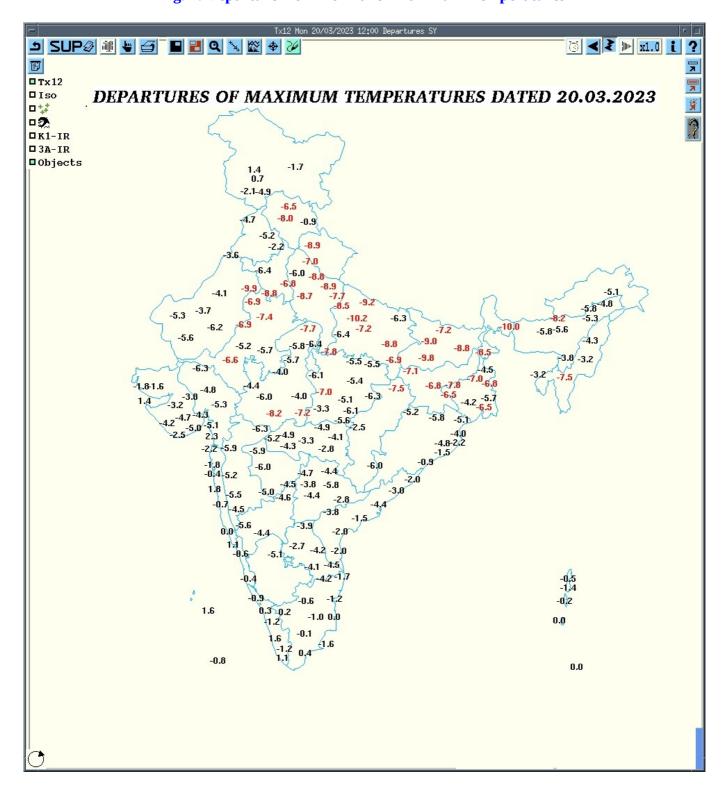
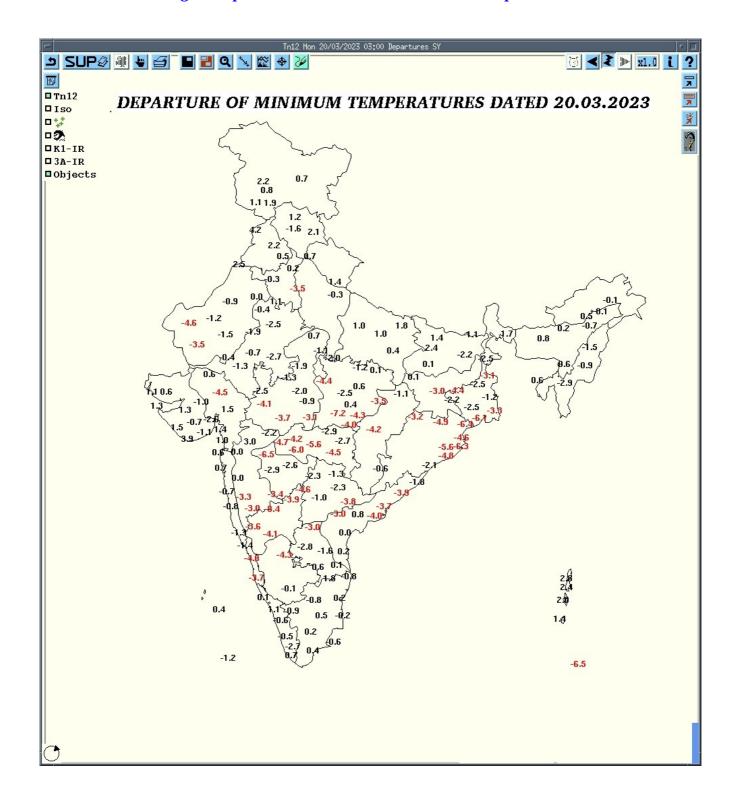


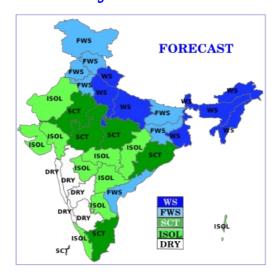


Fig. 5: Departure from Normal of Minimum Temperatures





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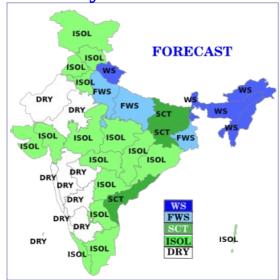


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Tuesday 21 March 2023

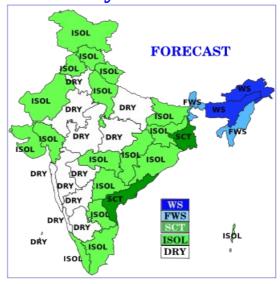




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Wednesday 22 March 2023



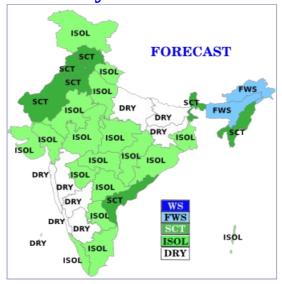


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Thursday 23 March 2023





23 March (Day 4): ♦ Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning, hail & gusty wind (30-40 kmph) very likely at isolated places over Punjab, Haryana, East Rajasthan and with lightning & hail over West Rajasthan.



Friday 24 March 2023

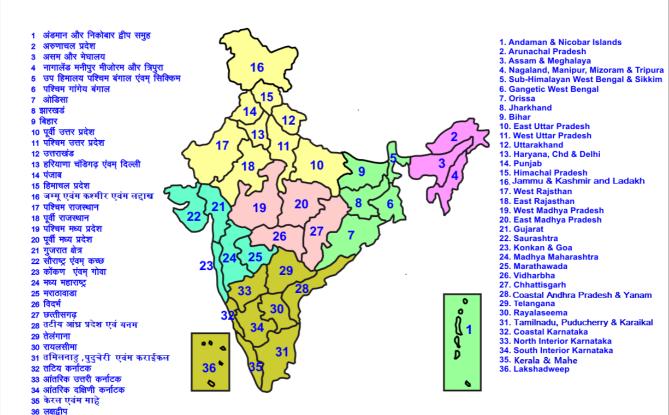




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LEGENDS



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WARNING

WARNING (TAKE ACTION) ALERT (BE PREPARED) WATCH (BE UPDATED)

NO WARNING (NO ACTION)

Probabilistic Forecast

Terms	Probability of Occurrence (%)
Unlikely	< 25
Likely	25 - 50
Very Likely	50 - 75
Most Likely	> 75



Heavy Rain



Heavy Snow



77 Thunderstorm



Dust Storm



Strong Winds



Visibility



Cyclone





Squall/ Hail



Sea State





LEGENDS Probabilistic Forecast WARNING **WARNING (TAKE ACTION)** Probability of Occurrence (%) ALERT (BE PREPARED) WATCH (BE UPDATED) Very Likely Most Likely NO WARNING (NO ACTION > 75 Heavy: 64.5 to 115.5 mm/cm * Very Heavy: 115.6 to 204.4 mm/cm* Rain/ Snow * Extremely Heavy: > 204.4 mm/cm 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** 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 When maximum temperature remains 40°C J+ Warm Night Warm Night: When minimum temperature departure 4.5 °C to 6.4 °C. Severe Warm Night: When minimum temperature departure >6.4 °C. 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** 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 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. **Cold Day** Severe Cold Day: Maximum Temperature Departure from normal ≤ -6.5 °C Phenomenon of small droplets suspended in air and the horizontal visibility < 1km Moderate Fog: When the visibility between 500-200 metres 0 Dense Fog: when the visibility between 50- 200 metres Fog Very Dense Fog: when the visibility < 50 metres 44 Sudden electrical discharges manifested by a flash of light (Lightning) and a sharp rumbling sound (thunder) Thunderstorm An ensemble of particles of dust or sand energetically lifted to great heights by a strong and Dust/Sand Storm turbulent wind. Ice deposits on ground 55 Air temperature ≤4°C (over Plains) **Frost** A strong wind that rises suddenly, lasts for atleast 1 minute. Moderate: Wind speed 52-61 kmph 4 Severe: Wind speed 62-87 kmph Squall Very Severe: Wind speed >87 kmph 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 **Sea State** Phenomenal: Wind speed >117 kmph (>63 knots) & Wave height >14 metre Cyclonic Storm: Wind speed 62-87 kmph (34-47 knots) Severe Cyclonic Storm: Wind speed 88-117 kmph (48-63 knots) 9 Very Severe Cyclonic Storm: Wind speed 118-165 kmph (64 - 89 knots) Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm: Wind speed 166-220 kmph (90 -119 knots) Cyclone Super Cyclone Strom: Wind speed >220 kmph (>119 knots)