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North West India (Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand)

Punjab

Light rainfall occurred at isolated places on 19th February. Weather remained mainly dry on rest days.

Rain / thundershower is likely over the State from afternoon of 24th February.

Advisories

- As there was quite excess rain during the week ending 14th February in Amritsar, Bhatinda, Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Muktesar, Nawashahar, Patiala, Ropar and Sangrur districts of the State and rain/thundershower is likely over the State from afternoon of 24th February, apply light irrigation to **sugarcane, wheat, horticultural crops, gram & lentil** and **oilseed crops** depending on soil profile stored moisture in these districts. Apply irrigation in the remaining districts of the State to the crops to bring soil to field capacity.
- Attack of **late blight** is reported in **potato**. In order to check further spread of the disease, spray Dithane M-45 @ 500 g / acre.
- Monitor **rabi oilseeds** for **aphid** attack and if the pests population crosses ETL, spray Dimecron @ 250 ml / ha or Methyl Demiton @ 850 ml / ha.
- Spray one litre Endosulfan 35 EC in 650 litres of water to control **aphids** in **wheat**.
- Monitor the **pulse** crops for **pod borer** attack and if the pest population crosses ETL, spray Endosulphan @ 500-750 ml / ha.

Haryana

Rain / thundershowers is likely over the State from afternoon of 24th February.

Advisories

- As there was quite excess rain during the week ending 14th February in Ambala, Chandigarh, Hissar, Jind, Karnal, Kurukshetra, Mahendragarh, Rohtak, Sirsa, and Yamunanagar districts of the State and rain/thundershower is likely over the State from afternoon of 24th February, apply light irrigation to **sugarcane, wheat, horticultural crops, gram & lentil**, and **oilseed crops** depending on soil profile stored moisture in these districts. Apply irrigation in the remaining districts of the State to the crops to bring soil to field capacity.
- Continue sowing of **sunflower**.
- Attack of **late blight** is reported in **potato**. In order to check further spread of the disease, spray Dithane M-45 @ 500 g / acre.
- Attack of **stem borer** and **termite** is reported in **wheat**. Spray Endosulfan 35 EC @ 1.5 ml / litre of water to control stem borer.
- Apply Aldrin 30 EC @ 5 litres / ha in irrigation water to control **termite** in **wheat**.

Rajasthan

Weather remained mainly dry in the State.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State.

Advisories

- Apply irrigation to **mustard, wheat, gram, cumin** and **barley** as rain / thundershowers is likely to occur at scattered places only after 24th February afternoon over the State.
- Monitor **gram** for **pod borer** and if the pest population crosses ETL, spray Monocrotophos or Endosulphan @ 1 ml / litre of water. Spraying may be continued on a non rainy day after 24th.
- Monitor **wheat** for **termite** attack and apply Endosulfan 35EC @ 2.285 litres / ha or Chloropyriphos 20 EC @ 4 litres /ha to control termite. Spraying may be continued on a non rainy day after 24th.
- Cloudy weather conditions are favourable for **aphids** attack in **cumin** and if the pest population crosses ETL, undertake plant protection measures.
- Monitor **mustard** for **aphids** attack and if the pests population crosses ETL, spray Endosulphan @ 1.25 litres/ha. Spraying may be continued on a non rainy day after 24th.

Uttar Pradesh

Weather was mainly dry in all divisions of the State.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State. However rain / thundershower is likely over West Uttar Pradesh from afternoon of 24th February & isolated rain / thundershower over East Uttar Pradesh from 24th February night.

Advisories

- There was no significant rain during last week and mainly dry weather is likely over the State for next three days except rain / thundershower is likely over West Uttar Pradesh from afternoon of 24th & isolated rain / thundershower over East Uttar Pradesh from 24th night. Under the circumstances, apply required irrigation to **rabi oilseed crops, pulses** and **winter vegetable**.
- To control the **violet spot disease** in **Onion** spray the solution of Mancozeb 0.2% @ 2gm / liter of water.
- To control **fruit borer** insect in **pea** and **gram**, spray the solution of Endosulphan 35 EC @ 2 litre / hectare in necessary amount of water.
- Monitor **mustard** crop for **sawfly** and **mahu** and if the pests population crosses ETL, spray Endosulphan @ 1.25 litres / ha to control the pests.
- Monitor **mango** for hopper and if the pest population crosses ETL, spray the solution of Carathane or Calixin @ 1ml / litre in water.
- Harvesting of **winter vegetables** and **sugarcane** may be continued.

Himachal Pradesh

The precipitation occurred at many places in the State.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State till forenoon of 24th, however scattered rain / snow is likely over the State from 24th February afternoon.

Advisories

- As there was quite excess rain during the week ending on 14th February in **Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Shimla, Sirmaur, Solan** and **Una** districts of the State and mainly dry weather is likely over the State till forenoon of 24th and scattered rain / snow is likely from 24th February afternoon, apply light irrigation to **vegetables, wheat, barley, gram, mustard** and **rapeseed** depending on soil profile stored moisture in these districts. Apply irrigation in the remaining districts of the State to the crops to bring soil to field capacity.
- Continue land preparation and nursery sowing and transplanting of **cauliflower** and **cabbage** in low and mid hills.
- Apply second split dose of N @ 25 – 30 kg / ha at tillering stage of **wheat**.
- There is mild chance of attack of **pod borer** in **gram**. If attack crosses economic threshold level, spray Monocrotophos (Monocil 36 EC/SL) or Carbaryl 50 WP (Sevin) @ 875 ml or Endosulfan 35 EC (Thiodan/Hindon/Endocel) @ 1250 ml in 625 litres of water per ha. Spraying can be repeated at 15 days interval, if the pest still persists.
- Undertake nursery preparation of **onion** with N – 53 variety. Prepare land and also continue transplanting in

main field.

- Farmers are advised to arrange for smoking around the field to save the crops from cold injury. Also wipe out water droplets on the leaves by pulling rope from the two sides of field. This will prevent formation of ice crystals during night time.

Uttarakhand

Light rain recorded at isolated places on 15th February and very light rain was recorded at isolated places on 15th, 18th & 19th February, while it remained mainly dry during rest of the week. Sky remained mainly clear to generally cloudy during the period.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State till the forenoon of 24th February. However, scattered rain/snow is likely over the State from afternoon of 24th February.

Advisories

- There was no significant rainfall during last week and mainly dry weather is likely over the State till the forenoon of 24th February. However, scattered rain/snow is likely over the State from afternoon of 24th February. Under the circumstances, apply required irrigation to **mango**, **potato** and **wheat** crops.
- Continue harvesting of matured crops of **sugarcane** and **pea**.
- Monitor **mango** for **mealy bug** and **gall midge**. If the pest population crosses ETL, spray Monocrotophos @ 1 ml / liter of water to control mealy bug and spray Dimecron @ 0.3 ml / liter of water to control gall midge.
- Monitor **litchi** for **mite** attack. Spray Dimethoate @ 0.05% to control mite.
- Undertake planting of **potato** in hilly areas.

Jammu & Kashmir

Light to moderate rain / snow has occurred at a few places on 19th February and at isolated places on 21st February. Weather remained mainly dry on 20th February over J & K state.

Isolated rain / snow is likely over the State during next 24 hours and mainly dry weather till forenoon of 24th February. Scattered rain/snow activity is likely to commence again from 24th February afternoon.

Advisories

- There are chances of cold / frost injury to horticultural crops in Jammu division. In order to protect the crops from cold / frost injury, farmers are advised to undertake the following measures.
 - Apply irrigation and arrange for smoke near the field to safeguard the crops from cold/frost injury.
 - Wipe out water droplets on the leaves by pulling rope from the two sides of field. This will prevent formation of ice crystals during night time.
- Conserve moisture in **mustard**, **gram**, **lentil** and **peas** where the crops are at maturity stage.
- Undertake transplanting of **poplar** from nursery to orchard areas. Cover the early planted saplings with *sarkanda* to prevent from cold injury.
- Continue sowing of **bhindi**, **beans** and **cucurbits**

Delhi

Weather remained mainly dry.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State. However, scattered rain / thundershower over the State is likely from afternoon of 24th.

Advisories

- As there was no rainfall during last week over the State and only scattered rain / thundershower over the State is likely from afternoon of 24th, apply irrigation to **vegetables**, **wheat**, **barley**, **gram** and **mustard**.
- Prepare land and perform sowing of **pumpkin**, **ladies finger**, **beans** and **Spinach**.
- Use Parbani Kranti, Pusa Savnee and Pusa Sadabahar varieties of **ladies finger** and Pusa Jyoti variety of

spinach for sowing.

- Monitor red pumpkin beetle in cucurbits and if attack exceeds economic threshold level, spray carbaryl 50% WP @ 750 – 1000 gms / ha on a non-rainy day.
- If purple bleaching disease is noticed in onion, apply dithane M-45 or dithane Z-78 @ 2 kg / ha on a non-rainy day.

Southern Region (AP, Tamilnadu, Karnataka and Kerala)

Kerala

Rain / thundershowers occurred at isolated places in the State on 19th & 20th February. Mainly dry weather prevailed on 21st February.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State.

Advisories

- Apply irrigation to plantation crops as there was no rainfall during last few weeks and dry weather is likely to prevail for the next three days.
- Continue harvesting of matured crop of mundakan rice. Continue transplanting of puncha rice.
- Attack of leaf eating caterpillar and coried bug is reported in coconut. Cut and burn the affected leaves. Release larval and pupal parasitoids to control leaf eating caterpillar biologically. Spray Sevin @ 4 gm / litre of water to control coried bug.
- Attack of spindle bug is reported in arecanut. Spray Carbaryl @ 4 g / litre of water to control the pest.
- Attack of bunchy top disease is reported in banana. Apply 12.5% Phorate 10G or 10 g Carbofuran 3G / plant in leaf axil or 25 gm Phorate or 20 gm Carbofuran / pit in soil, 165 days after planting.
- Protect the plantation crops from scorching by applying lime.

Tamilnadu

Rainfall occurred at one or two places over the State on 19th and 20th February and mainly dry weather prevailed on 21st February.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State.

Advisories

- Apply irrigation to rice, millets, sunflower, pulses, cotton and groundnut as there was no significant rainfall for the last week except in Nagappattinam, Nilgiris, Pondicherry and Thirunelveli districts and dry weather is likely to prevail for the next three days. Apply irrigation depending upon soil profile stored moisture in the above mentioned districts.
- Continue planting of early sugarcane. Undertake sett treatment with *Pseudomonas fluorescence* @ 600 g / ha before planting.
- Undertake intercultural operation to keep the field weed free and application of fertilizers in maize, groundnut, cotton and sunflower.

Karnataka

Rainfall occurred at isolated places over South Interior Karnataka, mainly dry weather prevailed over Coastal Karnataka and dry weather prevailed over North Interior Karnataka on 19th & 20th February. Dry weather prevailed over the State on 21st February.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State.

Advisories

- Apply irrigation to groundnut, sunflower, sugarcane and rice as there was no significant rainfall during last few weeks and mainly dry weather is likely to prevail for the next three days.

- Monitor **rice** for **leaf roller**, **stem borer** and **thrips** and if the pests population crosses ETL, undertake plant protection measures.
- Monitor **groundnut** for **thrips** and if the pest population crosses ETL, undertake plant protection measures.
- Monitor **ratoon sugarcane** for **army worm** in Bidar and Bagalkote districts and if the pest population crosses ETL, undertake plant protection measures.
- Continue harvesting **rabi** crops like **jowar**, **wheat**, **maize** and **sunflower**.

Andhra Pradesh

Isolated rain occurred over Coastal Andhra Pradesh from 15th & 19th February and over Telangana on 16th & 17th February and over Rayalseema on 19th February. Generally dry weather prevailed elsewhere over the State during the rest of the week.

Mainly dry weather is likely to prevail over the State.

Advisories

- There was no significant rainfall during last week over the state except in Guntur, Nellore and West Godavari districts in Coastal Andhra Pradesh and mainly dry weather is likely to prevail over the State for the next three days. Under the circumstances, apply irrigation to **rabi** crops like **maize**, **rice** and **groundnut** to bring the soil moisture to its field capacity. Apply irrigation depending upon the soil profile stored moisture in the above mentioned districts.
- Attack of **tikka leaf spot** is reported in **groundnut**. To control the disease spray Dithane-M-45 @ 2 g / litre water or Carbendazim @ 1 g / litre water.
- Undertake weeding followed by application of urea in **rice**. Maintain 4-5 cm standing water in the field.
- Attack of **blast** is reported in **rice**. Spray Tricyclozole @ 0.5 g (or) Edfenophos @ 1 ml / litre of water. Also monitor the crop for stem borer and if the pest population crosses ETL, spray Methyl Parathion @ 350 ml / ha.
- Incidence of **stem borer** is noticed in **maize**. To control stem borer spray Endosulfan 2 ml / lit of water.
- Continue harvesting matured crop of **Bengal gram**.

Eastern Region (Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Sikkim, West Bengal)

Assam

Dry weather prevailed over the region.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the region.

Advisories

- As there was no significant rain in the State during last week and mainly dry weather is likely over the State for next three days, apply irrigation to **vegetables**, **Potato** and **Wheat**.
- Maintain 3 – 5 cm water at tillering stage in the **rice** field.
- Continue harvesting of **sugarcane**, **arhar**, **rapeseed** and **mustard**, **pea**, **lentil** and **potato**. Red rot infested **canes** should be harvested early and field should be newly planted and rotooning should be discouraged.
- Mild incidence of **pod** and **apion borer** in **arhar**, **late blight** in **tomato** and **Hispa**, **Brown Plant Hopper** and **blast** and **sheath blight** diseases in **rice** is reported in a few localities.
- Monitor late blight of **tomato** and if crosses economic threshold level, spray Indofil M-45, alternatively Indofil Z-78 @ 25 gm in 10 litres of water.
- There is mild chance of attack of **aphids** and **stem borer** and **leaf blight** and **leaf spot** diseases in **wheat**. Apply Dimecron 100 E.C. @ 0.5 ml per litre of water or Malathion 50 E.C. @ 2 ml per litre of water to control aphids and stem borer. For control of leaf blight and leaf spot diseases apply Diathane Z -78 @ 2.5 gm per litre of water.

- Monitor attack **Hispa**, **Brown Plant Hopper** and **blast** and **sheath blight** diseases in **rice**. If crosses economic threshold level, to control Hispa and Brown Plant Hopper insecticides like Chloropyriphos 20E.C. @ 1.5 ml per litre of water or Phosphamidon @ 1ml per litre of water is to be applied. For control of Blast diseases as soon as 1 or 2 spots on leaf are seen Hinosan 50 E.C. @ 1ml per litre of water or Blitox @ 4gm per litre of water is to be applied and spraying is to be continued at an interval of 10-15 days till the diseases is controlled. For control of sheath blight diseases Carbendazim (Bavistin) @ 0.5 gm per litre of water is to be applied.

Arunachal Pradesh

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State.

Advisories

- As mainly dry weather is likely over the State for the next three days, apply required irrigation to **mustard**, **wheat** and **ginger** crops.
- Intercultural operation may be continued in **mustard** and **ginger**.
- Monitor **mustard** crop for **aphid infestation**. The crop should be protected from aphids by spraying of Metasystox (1 ml per liter water) or neem based insecticide (2 ml / litre of water) if crosses economic threshold level.
- Continue harvesting of matured crop of **potato** and **winter vegetables**.

Bihar

Weather was mainly dry.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State.

Advisories

- There was no significant rainfall during last week and mainly dry weather is likely over the State for the next three days. Under the circumstances, apply required irrigation to **potato**, **vegetables**, **maize**, **pulses**, **oilseeds** and **wheat**.
- Apply split dose of N @ 25 – 30 kg / ha as top dressing at tillering stage of **wheat**.
- To protect the late sown **rai** crop from **aphid** and **alternaria blight**, spray mixed solution of acephate @ 800 g / ha plus Copper oxy-chloride @ 2.5 Kg / ha.
- Monitor **rabi maize** for pest and diseases and if there is considerable symptom of **leaf blight** on leaves spray Mancozeb @ 2.5 Kg / ha.
- Prepare land and continue sowing of summer vegetables like **bhindi**, **bottle gourd** and **sponge gourd**.
- Continue harvesting of matured **potato** crop.

Jharkhand

Weather remained mainly dry.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State.

Advisories

- There was no significant rainfall during last week and mainly dry weather is likely over the State for the next three days. Under the circumstances, apply required irrigation to **vegetables**, **maize** and **potato**, **pulses**, **oilseed** and **wheat** crops.
- Monitor **wheat** for **termite** attack. Spray Chlorpyriphos @ 2.5 ml / lite of water.
- If **early Blight** appears in **potato** and crosses economic threshold level, it may be protected by spraying of Mancozeb (2.5 g per liter of water) or Ridomil (1.5 g per litre of water).

- **Beans, pulses and oilseed crops** may be affected by **aphids**. If aphid population crosses economic threshold level, the crops are to be protected by application of neem based insecticide Nimarine or Venguard @ 5 ml per litre water or Metasystox @ 1 ml / litre of water.
- There is mild chance of attack of **pod borer** in **arhar**. If crosses economic threshold level, spray Monocrotophos @ 1ml / litre of water.

Sikkim

Sky remained generally cloudy during the period.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State.

Advisories

- Conserve moisture where the standing crops are at maturity stage.
- Monitor **large cardamom** for **stem borer** and undertake plant protection measures to prevent further damage. Remove **Chirkey** and **Foorkey** affected plants and destroy the affected plants completely.
- Start land preparation and undertake sowing of **maize** after applying FYM / compost. Line sowing may be undertaken to ensure plant population.

West Bengal

During the said period light to moderate rain occurred at isolated places over the districts of Sub-Himalayan West Bengal. However, weather was mainly dry over rest of the State.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State.

Advisories

- As there was excess rainfall in **24 Pargana (S), Coochbehar, Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri and Malda** districts of the State during last couple of weeks, postpone irrigation to the crops in these districts.
- As there was no significant rainfall during last week in remaining districts of the State and weather will be mainly dry for next three days, apply irrigation to **gram, lentil, rapeseed and mustard, wheat and potato** in these districts.
- Apply 25 – 30 kg N / ha at 3 weeks after transplanting of **boro rice**. Maintain 3 – 5 cm water in the field at tillering stage.
- Keep vigilance against outbreak of blast disease in **boro rice**. If disease infestation exceeds economic threshold level i.e. at least one leaf or 25 % of the leaves of the plant, spray water soluble Ediphenphos 50% @ 1 ml or Triamiphos 48% @ 1ml or Carbendazim 50% @ 1 gm or Tricycogol 75% @ 0.5 ml per litre of water. 750 litre of water is required for spraying 1 hectare of land.
- Monitor brown rust disease in **wheat** and in the event of occurrence of this disease, apply carboxyn or oxycarboxyn @ 1 gm per liter of water if more than 20 % plants are affected by the disease.
- Keep vigilance against infestation of loose smut disease of **wheat**. Wrap the disease affected inflorescence with wet gunny bag and burn the same to prevent spreading of the disease.
- Monitor Pod borer in **gram** and if exceeds economic threshold level, spray 5 % Neem extract or spray 35 EC Endosulphon @ 1000 ml or 25 EC Quinolphos @ 1000 ml / ha in 500 liters water.
- Attack of late blight disease is reported in **potato** in some areas of North Bengal. There is more chance of attack of late blight disease in **potato** under foggy condition. If attack crosses economic threshold level, apply mancozeb @ 2.5 g per litre of water at 7 – 10 days interval.

Central Region (Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, MP & Orissa)

Gujarat

Weather remained mainly dry.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State.

Advisories

- As there was no significant rain in the State during last few weeks and mainly dry weather is likely over the State for next three days, apply irrigation to **new sugarcane crop, castor, mustard, wheat and summer groundnut** to bring the soil moisture to field capacity.
- Continue harvesting of already matured crops of **sugarcane**. Harvest the crop when brix reading of sugarcane is 19 or more unit.
- Prepare land and continue transplanting of **rice** seedling. Transplant 2 – 3 plants / hill. Maintain 2 – 3 cm water in rice field 2 – 3 days after transplanting. Maintain 3 – 5 cm water in the field wherever crops are at tillering stage.
- There is mild chance of attack of aphids, mustard saw fly and jassids in **mustard**. If aphid population exceeds economic threshold level, spray pesticides phosphamidon @ 4 ml or dimethoate @ 10 ml or monocrotophos @ 12.5 ml in 10 liter water as per requirement. Second spray 10 to 15 days after first spray if required or dust the methyl parathion 2% powder or quinalphos 1.5 % @ 25 kg / ha.
- There is mild chance of attack of semi looper in **castor**. If semi looper population exceeds economic threshold level, spray endosulphan 35 EC or quinalphos 25 EC or Monocrotophos 36% SL at the interval 15 days.
- Prepare field for sowing of **summer groundnut** by 1 or 2 ploughings. Before ploughing apply 8 to 10 MT compost or 1 MT castor cake in the field. Select varieties from J-11, GG-2, 4, 6, TG-26, ICGS-37, 44. Adopt spacing of 22.5 to 30 cm between the rows. Apply 25 kg N, 50 kg P₂O₅ / ha at the time of sowing as basal dose.
- Prepare field for sowing of **summer bajra** by 2 or 3 deep ploughings. Select varieties from GHB-526, 558. Apply 60 kg N, 60 kg P₂O₅ / ha at the time of sowing as basal dose.

Chhattisgarh

Weather remained dry.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State.

Advisories

- As there was no significant rain in the State during last few weeks and mainly dry weather is likely over the State for next three days, apply irrigation to **sugarcane (new crop), vegetables, gram, mustard, potato, linseed and wheat** and also to early sown **sunflower** wherever crops are at vegetative stage.
- Continue preparation of land and sowing of **sunflower** and planting of new crop of **sugarcane**.
- Select varieties from CO-62175, C.O.L.K.-8001 etc. for planting of **sugarcane**. Use top 1/3rd portion of the cane as a seed for best germination. Dip 2-3 eyes pieces in a solution of Agelal or Bavistine fungicide (2gm / lit of water) for 30 minutes before planting.
- Attack of **stem borer** is reported in **wheat**. Monitor **stem borer** population in **wheat** and if crosses economic threshold level, apply demecron 85 EC @ 2 ml / 3 litres of water.
- Monitor Pod borer in **gram** and if exceeds economic threshold level, spray 5 % Neem extract or spray 35 EC Endosulphon @ 1000 ml or 25 EC Quinolphos @ 1000 ml / ha in 500 liters water.

Maharashtra

Mainly dry weather prevailed all over the State.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State.

Advisories

- As there was no rain during last few weeks in the State and mainly dry weather is likely over the State for next three days, apply irrigation to **rabi jowar, safflower, rabi maize, potato, onion, sugarcane (Pre-seasonal) and wheat**.
- Apply 136 kg Nitrogen / ha along with 85 kg each of P₂O₅ and K₂O after 12 to 16 weeks from planting of

sugarcane (Pre-seasonal).

- Prepare land for sowing of **summer groundnut**. For sowing select a variety from SB-11, M-13, GT-26, TAG-24, TPG-41 & Koyna.
- Prepare land and continue transplanting of **rice** seedlings. Transplant 3 – 4 seedlings / hill at the time of transplanting. Maintain 2 – 3 cm water in the field after 3 – 4 days of transplanting.
- Prepare land for sowing of **summer sunflower**. For sowing select an improved variety from EC-68414, Morden & SS-56 & hybrid variety from KBSH-11 & APSH-11.
- Prepare land for sowing of **summer bajra**. For sowing select a variety from Sradha & Saburi.
- Mild incidence of **White Woolly Aphids** in Pune, Kolhapur and Aurangabad & **Pyrilla** & **White fly** in Nashik in sugarcane, **Aphids** and **Leaf cater pillar** in Nashik division, **Sugary disease** in Pune and **aphids** in Kolhapur division in *rabi* jowar, **Aphids** in Kolhapur division in safflower, **Rust** in Kolhapur division in wheat and **Pod borer** in Pune, Aurangabad, Amravati and Nashik division in gram is reported.
- Monitor infested plant by **Sugary disease**, **aphids** in *rabi* jowar & if exceeds economic threshold level, spray 5% Neem extract or Diamethoate 500 ml or Methyl Dimeton 400 ml or Monocrotophos 300 ml / ha in 500 liter water. Spraying may be repeated after 10 – 15 days.
- Monitor Aphids in **Safflower** and if exceeds economic threshold level, spray 5 % Neem extract or spray 35 EC Endosulphon @ 700 ml or 25 EC Quinolphos @ 1000 ml/ha in 500 liter water . Second spraying may be done after 15 days.
- Monitor infested plant by Rust in **wheat** and if exceeds economic threshold level, spray 75 % Mancozeb 1500 gm + Urea 20 kg/ha in 500 liter water.
- Monitor Pod borer in **gram** and if exceeds economic threshold level, spray 5 % Neem extract or spray 35 EC Endosulphon @ 1000 ml or 25 EC Quinolphos @ 1000 ml / ha in 500 liters water.

Madhya Pradesh

Dry weather prevailed over the State.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State. Isolated rain / thundershower is likely over the State from 24th February.

Advisories

- Conserve moisture in **wheat**, **gram**, **mustard**, **masoor** and **linseed** as the crops are at maturity stage. Apply irrigation to irrigated **wheat**.
- Monitor **wheat** for **kandwa** disease and remove and destroy the affected plants completely to prevent further spread of the disease.

Orissa

Weather was dry over the State during the above period.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State.

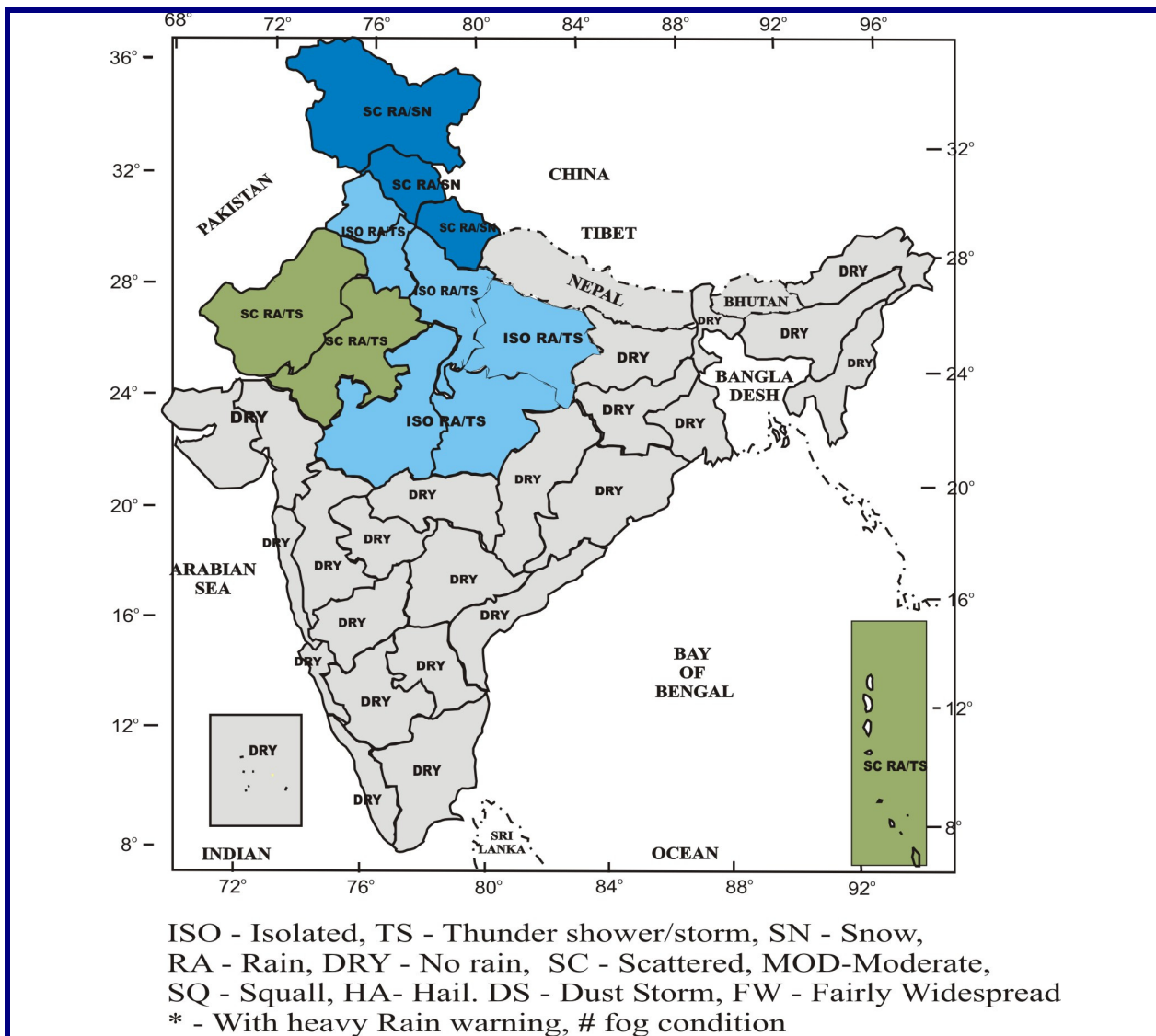
Advisories

- As there was no significant rain during last week except in Cuttack, and Jagatsingpur districts and mainly dry weather is likely over the State for next three days, apply required irrigation to **mustard**, **vegetables**, **groundnut** and **pulses**. Apply irrigation in the above mentioned districts depending on soil profile stored moisture.
- Prepare land with basal application of 50 kg N, 50 kg P₂O₅ and 50 kg K₂O / ha and complete transplanting of **Dalua Rice**. Apply 16 kg Nitrogen per acre as first top dressing for early transplanted crops.
- Prepare land with basal application of 8 kg N, 16 kg P₂O₅ and 16 kg K₂O and start sowing of **summer groundnut**. Select varieties from Smruti and AK 12-24.
- Continue sowing of **summer moong** with basal application of 8 kg N, 16 kg P₂O₅ and 8 kg K₂O / acre.

- Monitor the **mustard** crop for **saw fly** and spray Endosulfan @ 2 ml / litre of water to control the pest if it crosses economic threshold level (ETL).
- If **powdery mildew** in **cucurbits** crosses ETL, spray Mancozeb @ 4 g / litre of water.
- Monitor **brinjal** and **tomato** for **wilt** and if it crosses ETL, spray 1.5 g Streptocycline and 20 g copperoxychloride in 10 litre of water.
- Monitor **thrips** in **chillies** and if it crosses ETL, spray 300 ml Ethion or 400 ml Dimethoate per acre.

Forecast Map

Valid upto 25th February 07



Salient weather features for the week ending 21/02/07

METEOROLOGICAL ANALYSIS

- Last week's western disturbance as an upper air system over East Uttar Pradesh and adjoining Bihar lay over Assam & Meghalaya on 15th February, over east Arunachal Pradesh and adjoining Assam on 16th and moved away eastwards on 17th February. However, another upper air cyclonic circulation lay over Bangladesh and neighbourhood at lower levels on 17th and 18th February.

- A fresh western disturbance affected Western Himalayan region during 16-18th February. Another western disturbance affected the region from afternoon of 20th February.
- An easterly wave affected south peninsula and Lakshadweep islands during 17-21st February.

RAINFALL

Under the influence of the above systems:

- Isolated to scattered rain/snow occurred over Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh during many days of the week.
- Isolated rain/thundershower occurred over Punjab on 15th & 19th and over Rajasthan on 16th and 18th February.
- Rain/thundershower occurred at isolated places over West Bengal & Sikkim during first half of the week and over Orissa and Jharkhand on 17th and 18th February.
- Scattered/fairly widespread rain/thundershower occurred over northeastern States during 15-18th February.
- Isolated/scattered rain/thundershower occurred over Coastal Andhra Pradesh on 18th February, over Tamil Nadu during 18-20th February, over Kerala during 19-21st and over Lakshadweep Islands on 20th and 21st February.
- Mainly dry weather prevailed over the remaining parts of the country during the week.

MINIMUM TEMPERATURES

- The Minimum temperatures were generally normal over northwest India outside Punjab, where they were below normal by 2-3 °C on 15th February and 18th February and normal during remaining days of the week.
- They were below normal by 2-3 °C over east India on 15th and 19th February, over West Bengal & Sikkim on 16th February, over Bihar on 17th February, over East Uttar Pradesh on 18th February and over Jharkhand and Orissa on 20th and 21st February. They were normal over these subdivisions on remaining days of the week.
- They were above normal by 2-3 °C on 15th, below normal by 2-3°C on 16th February and 19-21st February and normal on 17th February over northeast India. They were below normal by 2-3 °C over Assam & Meghalaya and normal over remaining parts of northeast India on 18th February.
- They were above normal by 2-4 °C over Rajasthan and Gujarat throughout the week. They were normal on remaining parts of west India during the week except on 15th February and 17th February, when they were below normal by 2-3 °C.
- They were normal over central India during the week except over West Madhya Pradesh where they were above normal on 16th and 19th to 21st February.
- They were normal over south India except over Tamil Nadu where they were above normal by 2-3°C on many days during the week.

RAINFALL DURING THE WEEK ENDING ON 21ST FEBRUARY, 2007.

Rainfall was excess/normal in 4, deficient/scanty in 22 and no rain in 10 out of 36 meteorological subdivisions (Actual: 3.0 mm, Normal: 7.0 mm and Departure: -57%).

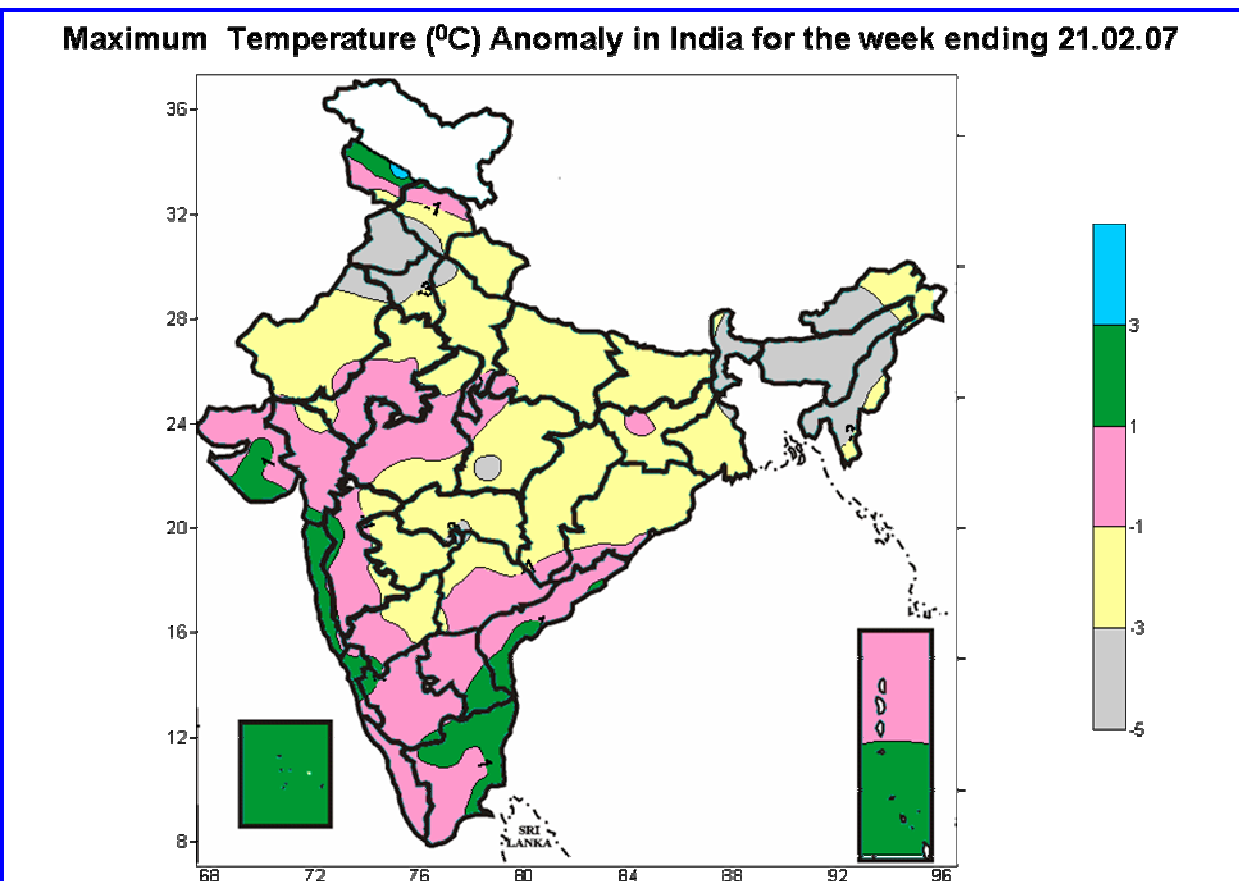
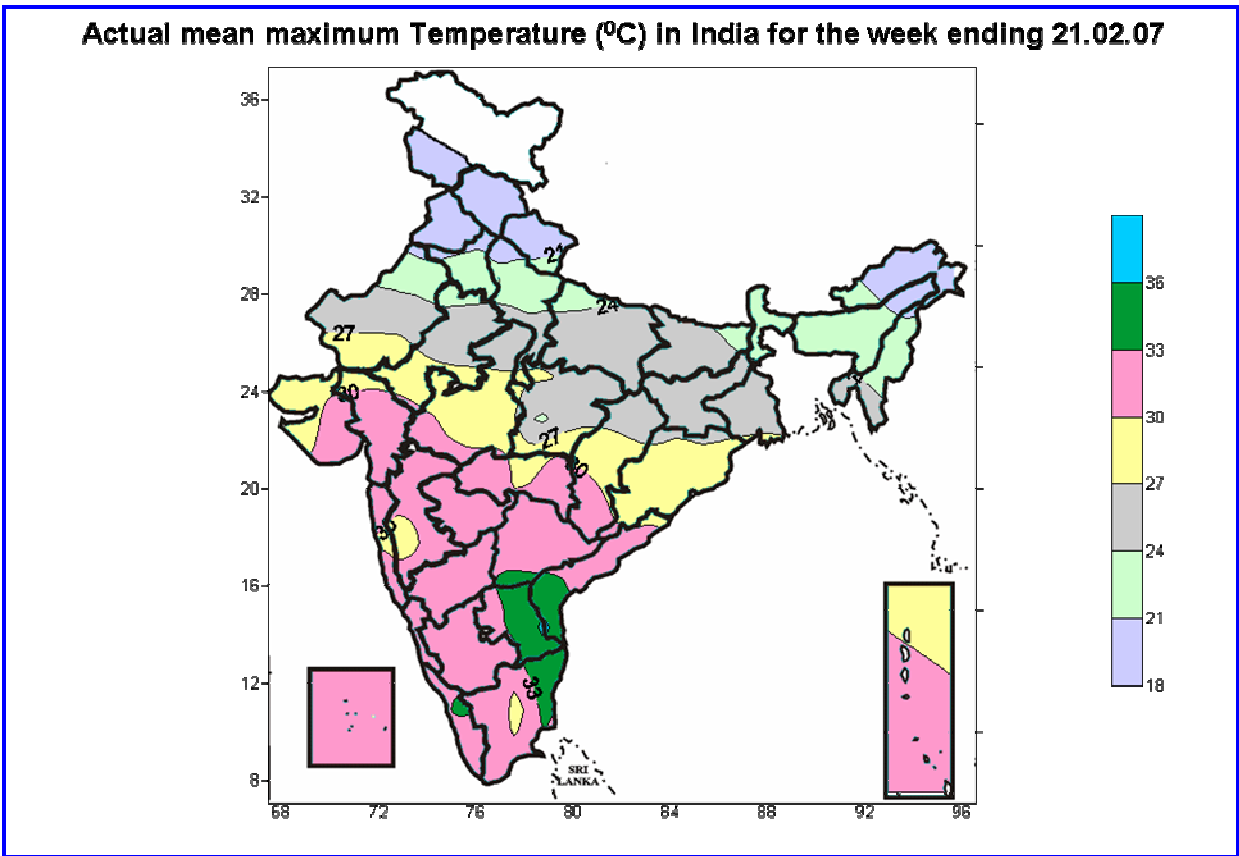
CUMULATIVE SEASONAL RAINFALL (1ST JANUARY TO 21ST FEBRUARY, 2007)

Rainfall was excess/normal in 14, deficient/scanty in 21 and no rain in 1 out of 36 meteorological subdivisions. (Actual: 26.8 mm, Normal: 37.7 mm and Departure: -29%).

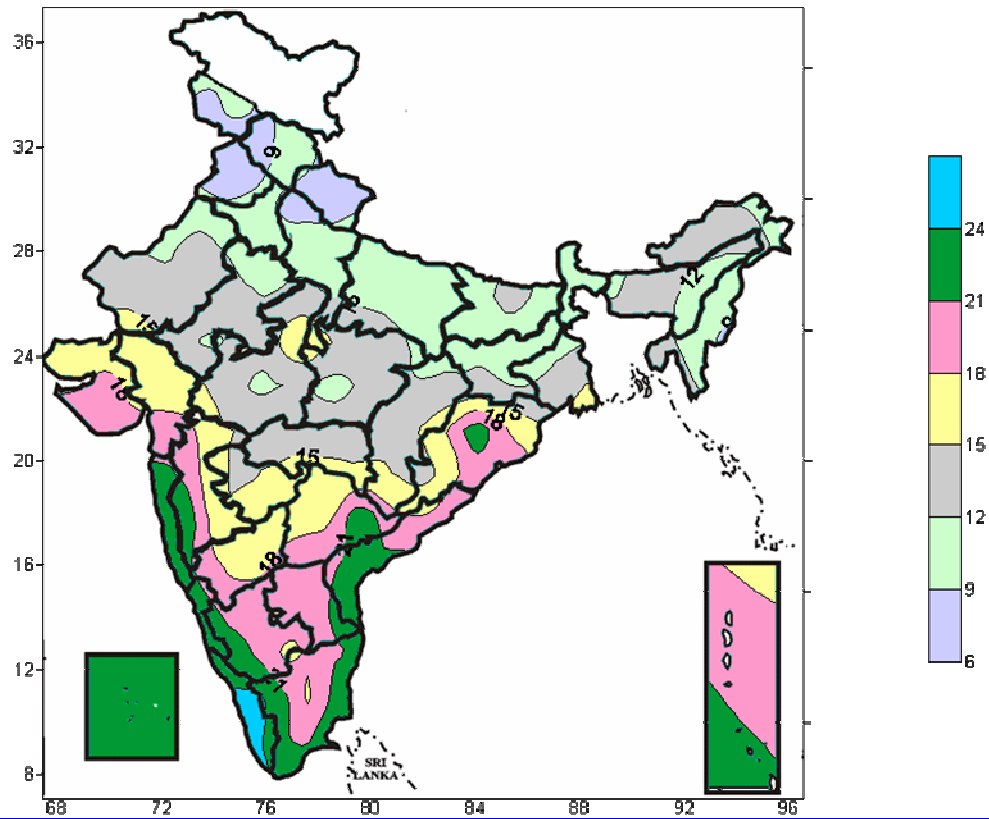
OUTLOOK FOR THE WEEK ENDING ON 28TH FEBRUARY, 2007.

- Due to a western disturbance, isolated to scattered rain/thundershower is likely over northwest & Central India on 25th February, over east India on 25th & 26th February and over northeast India on 26th.
- Another western disturbance is likely to affect Western Himalayan region and adjoining plains towards the end of the week.
- Isolated to scattered rain/thundershowers likely over extreme south peninsula during 2nd half of the week.

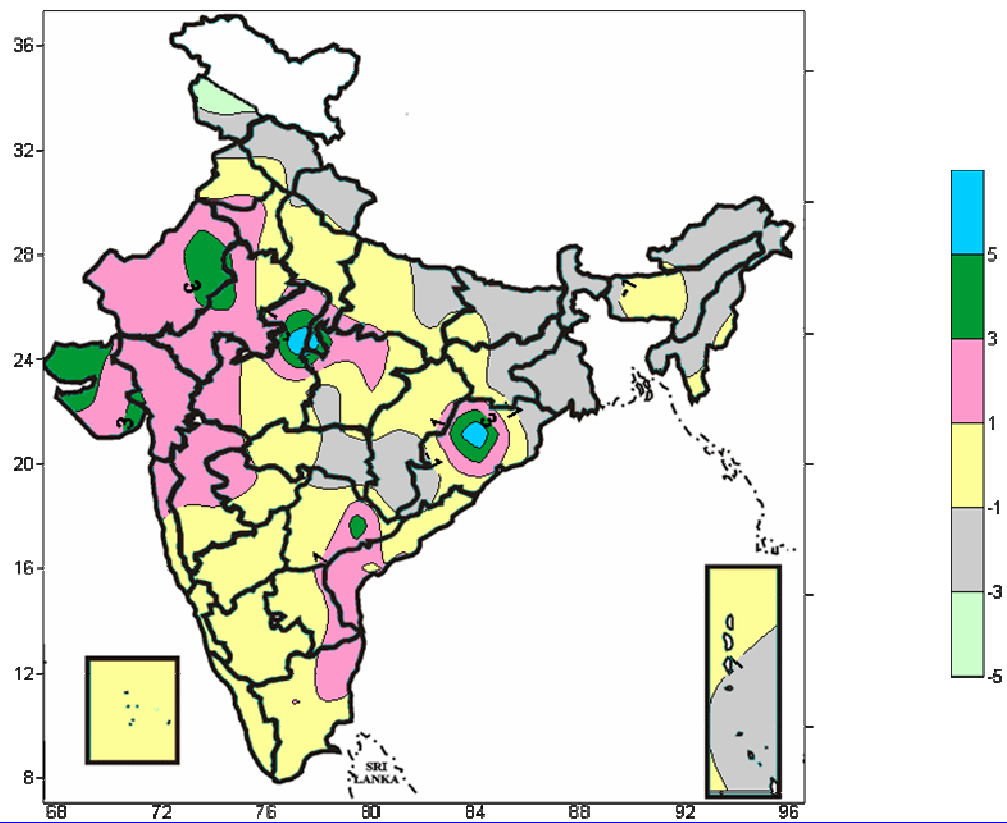
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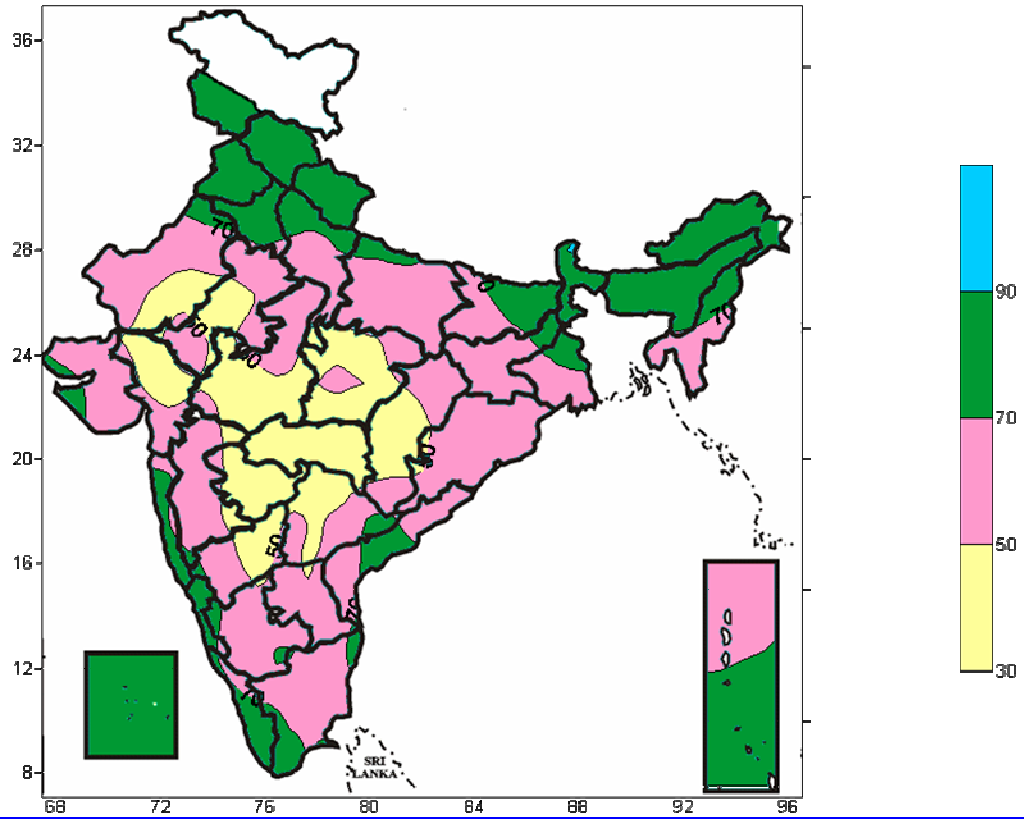
Actual mean Minimum Temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) in India for the week ending 21.02.07



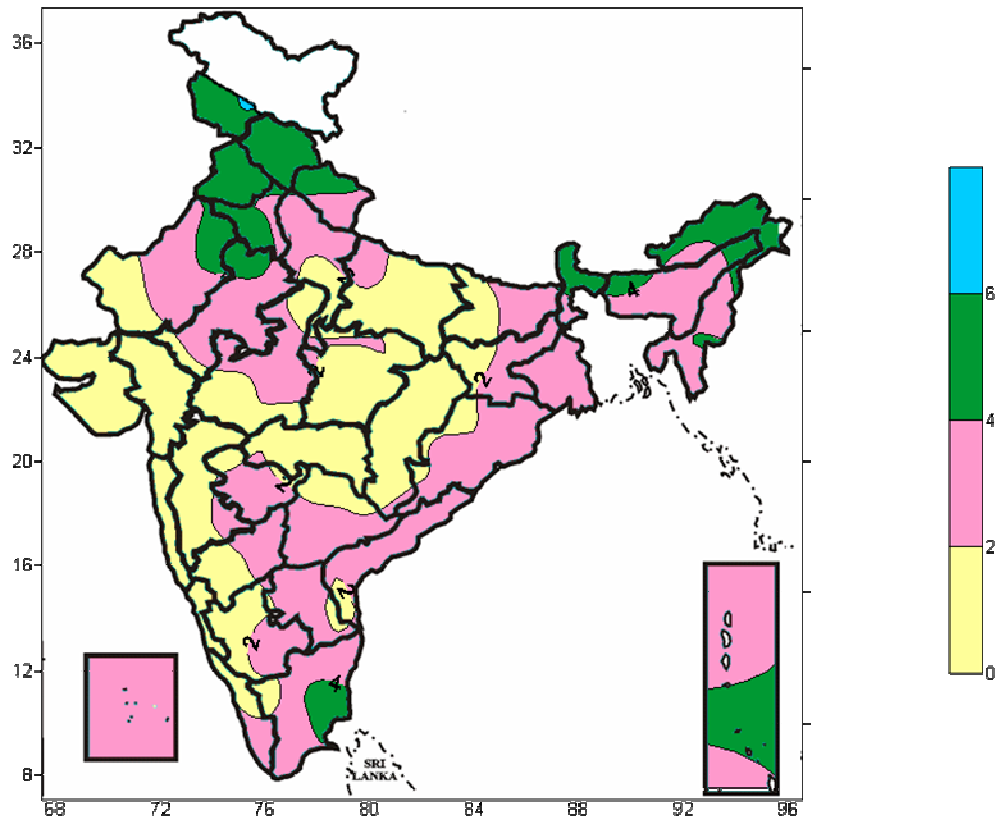
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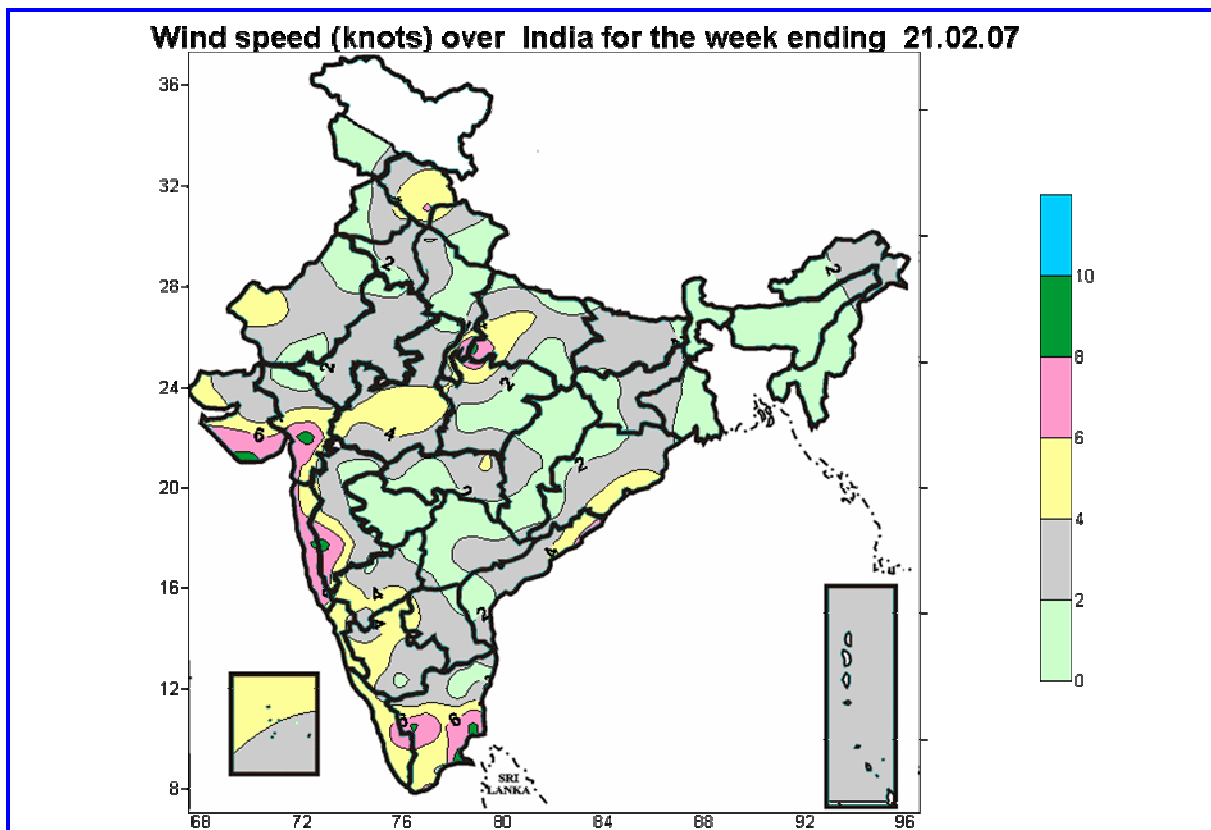


Relative humidity (%) over India for the week ending 21.02.07



Cloud amount (Okta) over India for the week ending 21.02.07





Desert Locust Forecasting



Rainfall (mm)							
Station Name	15.02.07	16.02.07	17.02.07	18.02.07	19.02.07	20.02.07	21.02.07
Amritsar	NIL						
Barmer							
Sriganganagar							
Jaisalmer							
Kota							
Deesa							
Churu							

Temperature (degree celcius)							
Station Name	15.02.07	16.02.07	17.02.07	18.02.07	19.02.07	20.02.07	21.02.07
Amritsar	11.5	11.5	12.5	13.5	11.5	13.0	13.5
Barmer	20.0	20.5	20.0	22.5	22.0	21.5	-
Sriganganagar	13.0	14.0	13.5	16.0	14.5	16.0	-
Jaisalmer	20.0	-	19.5	21.5	20.5	18.5	21.0
Kota	18.5	20.0	21.0	20.0	22.0	22.5	22.0
Deesa	21.0	21.5	21.5	22.0	23.0	24.0	25.0
Churu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

There is no chance of locust infestation in Rajasthan and the adjoining areas during this week.

CROP – STATE – STAGE

Delhi

Barley	Vegetables (Brinjal, Chilly, Cauliflower and cabbage, raddish, carrot, and turnip)	Early sown vegetable crops	Wheat	Mustard/Gram
Vegetative	Sowing/ Transplanting	Vegetative/ flowering/ fruiting/ harvesting	Tillering	Flowering/Pod formation

Haryana

Horticultural crop	Sugarcane	Gram /Lentil	Rabi oilseeds	Wheat
Vegetative	Vegetative	Pod formation	Flowering	Tillering
Toria	Sunflower			
Harvesting	Sowing			

Himachal Pradesh

Wheat	Gram	Summer vegetables (Cauliflower, Cabbage in low and mid hills)	Vegetables (Tomato, brinjal, ladies finger)	Barley
Tillering	Flowering/Pod formation	Nursery sowing /Transplanting	Vegetative/flowering / fruiting / harvesting	Vegetative
Onion	Rape seeds and Mustard	Fruit plants		
Nursery preparation	Vegetative/ Flowering	Prune		
Jammu & Kashmir				
Vegetable crops	Toria / Brown Sarson	Mustard	Pea/Lentil/Gram	Wheat / Barley
Flowering/ Fruiting/ Harvesting	Maturity / harvesting	Maturity	Pod maturity	Grain formation

Punjab

Sugarcane	Rabi oilseeds	Gram/Lentil	Horticultural crop	Wheat
Vegetative	Flowering	Pod formation	Vegetative	Tillering
Toria	Sunflower			
Harvesting	Sowing			

Rajasthan

Mustard	Wheat	Cumin	Gram	Barley
Siliqua development	Grain formation	Seed formation	Pod development	Grain formation

Uttar Pradesh

Wheat / Barley	Rabi pulses	Sugarcane	Mango	Winter Vegetables
Vegetative/Flowering	Flowering /seed formation	Harvesting	Flowering / matured tree	Vegetative/ flowering/harvesting
Rabi Oilseeds(Rai and Mustard)				
Flowering /seed formation				

Uttarakhand

Pea	Mango/Litchi	Wheat	Sugarcane	Potato
Harvesting	Flowering	Flowering	Maturity / harvesting	Tuber growth
Apple				
Flowering				

Assam

Vegetables	Sugarcane	Wheat	Boro Rice	Potato
Vegetative/ Flowering/ Fruiting/ Harvesting	Harvesting	Flowering/Milk/Dough	Tillering	Tuber growth / maturity
Pea and Lentil	Arhar	Rape seed and Mustard		
Pod maturity/ Harvesting	Maturity/Harvesting	Pod maturity/ Harvesting		

Arunachal Pradesh

Mustard	Ginger	Potato	Wheat	Winter vegetables
Flowering	Vegetative	Harvesting	Flowering	Harvesting

Bihar

Summer Vegetables	Rabi vegetables	Wheat	Rabi Maize	Boro Rice
Sowing	Flowering / fruiting / harvesting	Flowering/Grain formation	Tasseling / Silking / cob initiation	Transplanting

Potato	Rabi Oil seeds (Toria, Sarson, Linseed)	Rabi Pulses (Lentil, Gram, Pea)		
Tuber growth / maturity	Pod formation / maturity	Pod formation / maturity		

Jharkhand

Boro rice	Rabi Maize	Wheat	Potato
Transplanting	Tasseling / silking/Cob formation	Flowering	Tuber formation
Rabi vegetables (Tomato, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Brinjal, Chilli)	Summer vegetables	Rabi pulses and oilseeds (Gram, masoor, lentil, linseed, oat, mustard and kusum)	
Flowering / Ffruiting/Harvesting	Sowing	Pod formation/maturity	

Sikkim

Maize	Mustard	Rabi vegetables	Wheat	Large Cardomom
Sowing	Siliqua Maturity	End Harvesting	Grain formation/development	Vegetative

West Bengal

Boro rice	Sugarcane	Wheat	Rapeseed and Mustard	Gram/ Lentil
Early vegetative / tillering	Cane maturity / harvesting	Flowering / Milking / dough	Pod formation / maturity / harvesting	Pod formation / maturity / harvesting
Early transplanted Boro rice	Potato			
Early vegetative/Tillering	Tuber growth / maturity / harvesting			

Chattisgarh

Gram / Mustard	Vegetables (Tomato, chilli, brinjal)	Sugarcane	New crops Sugarcane	Wheat
Pod formation / early maturity	Vegetative / Flowering/ Fruiting / harvesting	Maturity/Harvesting	Planting	Flowering / Milk/Dough
Sunflower	Early Sown Sunflower	Summer Vegetables	Potato	Early sown Sugarcane
Field preparation / sowing	Germination / early vegetative / vegetative	Sowing	Tuber growth / Maturity	Sprouting/Early vegetative/vegetative
Linseed				
Seed formation / early maturity				

Gujarat

Mustard	Wheat	Summer Rice	Castor	Summer Bajra
Pod formation/ Maturity/Harvesting	Milk/Dough	Transplantation	Spike formation/Maturity	Land preparation/Sowing
Kharif Cotton	Summer Groundnut	Early sown Groundnut	Sugarcane	New Sugarcane
Picking	Land preparation/sowing	Germination/Vegetative	Maturity / Harvesting	Planting
Early Sown Sugarcane	Early Sown Rice			
Sprouting/Early vegetative/Vegetative	Early vegetative/Tillering			

Maharashtra

Sugarcane (Seasonal) (Madhya Maharashtra, Marthwada and Vidarbha)	Rabi Jowar (Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada & Vidarbha)	Safflower (Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada & Vidarbha)	Wheat (Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada, Vidarbha & Konkan)	Gram (Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada, Vidarbha & Konkan)
cane maturity / harvesting	Grain formation/grain maturity / harvesting	Head formation /(Head maturity- at some places)	Milk/Dough	Pod maturity / harvesting
Rabi Maize (Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada, Vidarbha & Konkan)	Rabi Sunflower (Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada & Vidarbha)	Sugarcane Preseasonal (Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada & Vidarbha)		
Cob formation/Cob maturity/Harvesting	Seed maturity / harvesting	Sprouting / early vegetative		

Potato (Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada & Vidarbha)	Onion (Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada & Vidarbha)	Summer Groundnut (Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada, Vidarbha & Konkan)	Summer Rice (Konkan)	Summer Sunflower (Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada & Vidarbha)
Tuber growth / tuber maturity	Bulb formation/bulb growth	Land preparation/sowing	Germination / seedling	Land preparation/Sowing
Summer Bajra (Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada & Vidarbha)	Summer Groundnut (Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada, Vidarbha & Konkan)			
Land preparation/Sowing	Germinatio/Seedling			

Madhya Pradesh

Irrigated Wheat	Mustard	Gram	Masoor	Linseed
Grain formation	Matuirty	Matuirty	Matuirty	Matuirty
Wheat				
Grain maturity				

Orissa

Vegetables	Dalua Rice	Mustard	Pulses	Rabi Groundnut
Flowering / Fruiting / Harvesting	Transplanting	Pod formation/ pod maturity	Flowering / pod formation	Pod formation/ Pod maturity
Sugarcane	New Sugarcane crop	Early transplanted Dalua Rice	Early Dalua Rice	
Maturity / harvesting	Planting	Tillering	Tillering	

Andhra Pradesh

Rabi Groundnut	Rabi Maize	Gram	Rabi red gram	Rabi rice
Pod formation/Development	Cob development	Harvesting	Pod Maturity	Tillering

Karnataka

Sugarcane (Ratoon crop)	Rabi Wheat	Rabi jowar, Sunflower and maize	Summer groundnut and Sunflower	Summer rice
Vegetative	Harvesting	Harvesting	Vegetative	Transplanting (some places) / Vegetative

Kerala

Rubber	Mundakan rice	Puncha rice		
Tapping	Harvesting	Field preparation / transplanting		

Tamil Nadu

Rice (Navarai)	Thaladi Rice	Cotton	Rice fallow Pulses (Blach gram and Green gram)	Oilseeds (Groundnut)
Tillering	Raising nursery	Vegetative	Vegetative	Vegetative
Sunflower	Maize	Early planted Sugarcane	Sugarcane (Early season)	
Vegetative	Vegetative	Early vegetative/Vegetative	Planting	
