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Daily Crop Weather Information as on 01 March 2021

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Significant Weather Features (IMD)

- Maximum temperature is currently 3-6°C above normal over North and Central parts of India covering East Rajasthan, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, east Vidarbha, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Bihar, Jharkhand and Gangetic West Bengal. It is likely to fall by 1-2°C over Northwest & adjoining Central India during next 2 days (01st-03rd March). No significant change in maximum temperatures over rest parts of the country.
- A fresh Western Disturbance is likely to affect Western Himalayan Region from the night of 02nd March. Under its influence, isolated to scattered rainfall/snowfall with isolated thunderstorm/lightning likely over Jammu, Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit, Baltistan & Muzaffarabad, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand on 03rd March.
- Another fresh Western Disturbance is likely to affect Western Himalayan Region from the night of 05th March. Under its influence, scattered to fairly widespread rainfall/snowfall activity likely over the region during 06th-08th March with maximum intensity on 07th March.
- Isolated to scattered rainfall with peak thunderstorm/lightning very likely over Northeastern states during next 4-5 days.
- The images showing the latest satellite picture in the figure. 1.

Main Weather Observations (IMD)

- Rain/Thundershowers observed (from 0830 hours IST of yesterday to 0830 hours IST of today): at most places over Arunachal Pradesh, at many places over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim and at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit-Baltistan & Muzaffarabad, Assam & Meghalaya and Uttarakhand. Fog reported at 0830 hours IST of today: Shallow Fog in isolated pockets over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim.
- Maximum Temperature Departures as on 28-02-2021: Maximum temperatures were markedly above normal (5.1°C or more) at most places over Uttarakhand, West Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand; at many places over Punjab, East Madhya

Pradesh and East Uttar Pradesh; at a few places over Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar, Gangetic West Bengal and Odisha; at isolated places over East Rajasthan and West Madhya Pradesh; appreciably above normal (3.1°C to 5.0°C) at many places over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura, Chhattisgarh and West Rajasthan; at a few places over Gujarat, Madhya Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa and Telangana and at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit-Baltistan & Muzaffarabad and Vidarbha; above normal (1.6°C to 3.0°C) at many places over Marathawada and Rayalaseema; at a few places over Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam and Tamilnadu, Puducherry & Karaikal; at isolated places over Kerala & Mahe and Karnataka. They were appreciably below normal (-3.1°C to -5.0°C) at a few places over Assam & Meghalaya; at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh; below normal (-1.6°C to -3.0°C) at isolated places over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim and near normal over rest parts of the country. Yesterday, the highest maximum temperature of 40.0°C was reported at Bhubaneshwar (Odisha) over the country.

• Minimum Temperature Departures as on 01-03-2021: Minimum temperatures are markedly above normal (5.1°C or more) at many places over Marathwada; appreciably above normal (3.1°C to 5.0°C) at most places over Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim and Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura; at many places over Jharkhand, Gangetic West Bengal, Gujarat region, Vidarbha, Odisha and Assam & Meghalaya; at a few places over West Rajasthan and Saurashtra & Kutch and at isolated places East Rajasthan; above normal (1.6°C to 3.0°C) at most places over East Utter Pradesh; at many places over Madhya Pradesh, Madhya Maharashtra, Arunachal Pradesh and Coastal Karnataka. They are below normal (-1.6°C to -3.0°C) at most places over South Interior Karnataka; at a few places over Rayalseema and near normal over rest parts of the country. The lowest minimum temperature of 9.2°C reported at Hissar (Haryana) over the plains of the country.

Weather Warning during the next 5 days (IMD)

- 01 March (Day 1): Thunderstorm with lightning very likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam & Meghalaya and Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura.
- 02 March (Day 2): Thunderstorm with lightning very likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam & Meghalaya and Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura.

- 03 March (Day 3): Thunderstorm with lightning very likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit-Baltistan & Muzaffarabad, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Assam & Meghalaya and Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura...
- 04 March (Day 4): Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Assam & Meghalaya.
- 05 March (Day 5): Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh.
- The weather outlook for seven days i.e., 01 Mar to 09 March 2021 forecasted (Provided by Real-Time Weather Forecasts from NOAA/NCEP collected from http://monsoondata.org/wx2/) rain/thundershower may occur over Some parts of Extreme northern parts of India. (Fig. 2).

Agricultural activities (AICRPAM-CRIDA)

Tamil nadu

Weather condition:

With respect to daily rainfall, rainfall occurred at isolated places over Tamil Nadu on 19.2.2021, 20.2.2021, 22.2.2021, 23.2.2021, a few places over Tamil Nadu on 21.2.2021, dry weather prevailed over Tamil Nadu on 24.2.2021 during this week.Minimum temperature range of 20°C - 26°C prevailed over the state except Kodaikanal and Uthagamandalam (7°C - 10°C) during the period under report.Maximum temperature range of 27°C - 35°C prevailed over the state except Kodaikanal and Uthagamandalam (14°C - 21°C) during the period under report. ¬Maximum temperature: 33.6°C (normal 34.9°C), minimum temperature: 17.3°C (normal 19.5°C), rainfall: 0.0 mm (normal 4.3 mm). The maximum and minimum temperature were 1.3°C and 2.2°C below normal respectively and rainfall was 4.3 mm below normal across the week. General weather situation in Tamil Nadu:

Contingency measure:

- Irrigated crops:Water management -Light to moderate rainfall is expected till 20.02.2021 (8:30hrs). so based the arrival of rainfall irrigation to be scheduled. Paddy:Tillering to panicle initiation stage- Prevailed weather is conducive for Leaf folder. So farmers are advised to spray Azadirachtin 0.03% 1000ml/ha. (or) Chlorontriniprole 18.5%SC @ 150g/ha. (or) Thiamethoxam 25% WG @ 100g/ha. Prevailed weather is conducive for Rice case worm. So farmers are advised to spray Quinalphos 25 EC 80 ml (or) Dislodge the cases by passing a rope and drain water. Collect the cases and destroy
- Chillies:Flowering to fruiting stage-Prevailing weather is conducive for Thrips damage. Spray Thiacloprid 21.7 % SC@6.0 ml/10 lit.

- Banana: All stages-Due to water stagnation, crop infected with Wilt. Soil drenching of Carbendazim 0.1 per cent solution around the pseudostem.
- Jasmine: Flowering stage Prevailing weather is conducive for Blossom midge. Spray Thiamethoxam 2.5% WG @ 0.75 g/litre (or) Novaluron 3ml/lit. of water.
- Coconut: Seedling stage -Rhinoceros beetle damage- Soak castor cake at 1 kg in 5 liter of water in small mud pots and keep them in the coconut gardens to attract and kill the adults. Apply mixture of either neem seed powder + sand (1:2) @150 g per palm or neem seed kernel powder + sand (1:2) @150 g per palm in the base of the 3 inner most leaves in the crown.
- Animal husbandry: Livestock diseases-Bluetongue Livestock Disease Very low risk and Peste des Petits Ruminants(PPR): Goats and sheep are most affected domestic animals. Very low risk.
- Clinical Signs: Fever, nasal and ocular discharge, respiratory distress, necrotic lesions in buccal mucosa, gum, dental pad, palate, tongue and diarrhea. Animals May die because of dehydration and pneumonia. Preventive Measures- Vaccination of susceptible animals of above 3 months old age. Restriction on animal movement, strict bio security measures and proper disposal of carcass.
- Next five day forecast -Thunderstorm Warning DAY 1(19.02.2021) & DAY 2(20.02.2021): Thunderstorm with lightning is likely to occur at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal area. Extended range forecast -Rainfall forecast -Rainfall is predicted to be above normal during Week 1 (19.02.2021 to 25.02.2021): and below normal during Week 2 (26.02.2021 to 04.03.2021).

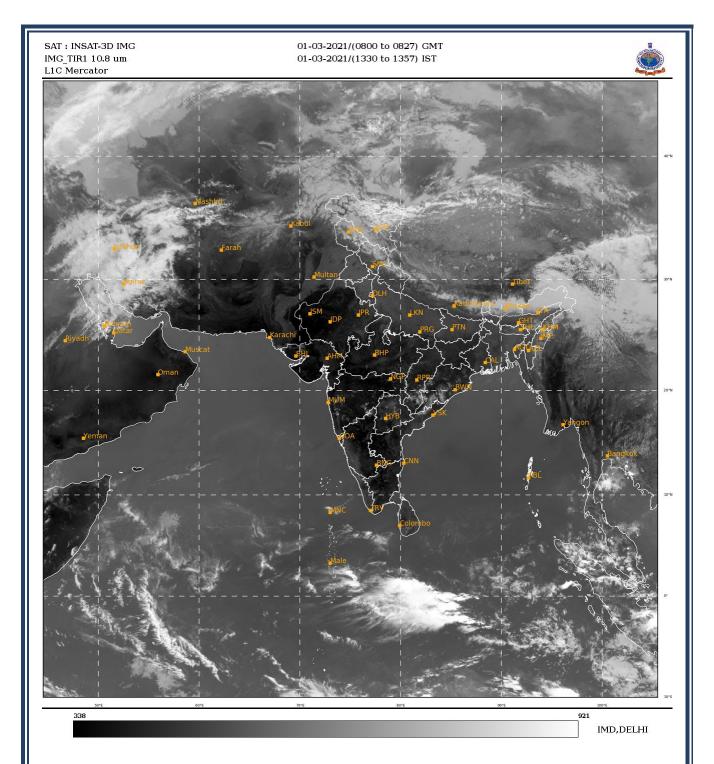


Figure: 1. Latest available satellite picture as on 01 March 2021 at 1357 Hrs (IST). (Source: IMD).

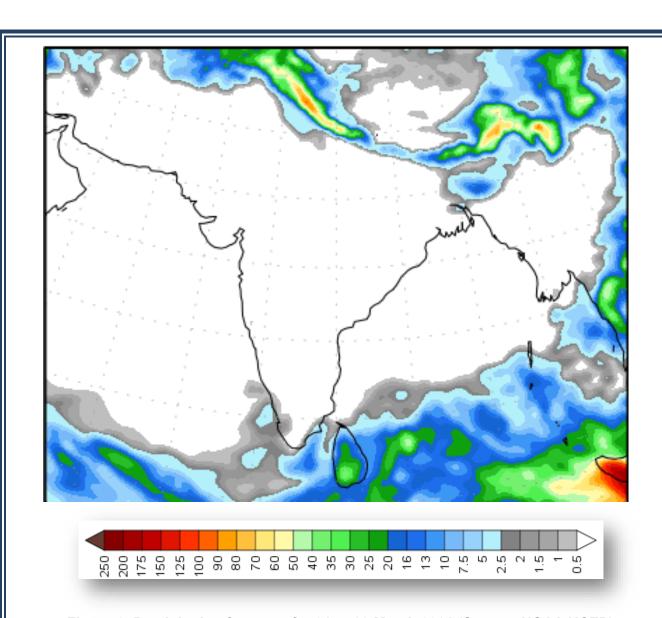


Figure: 2. Precipitation forecast for 01 to 09 March 2021 (Source: NOAA NCEP).

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