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

Punjab

Weather remained dry in the State during the period.

Isolated rain / thundershowers are likely over the State on 31st March & 1st April.

Advisories

- As isolated rain / thundershowers are likely over the state on 31st March and 1st April, postpone irrigation to **summer sunflower, wheat and horticultural crops**.
- Undertake planting of early maturing varieties of **sugarcane** i.e COJ 64, COH 56 and COH 92 and mid season CO 7717, COH 99 and COS 8436 after current spells of rain.
- Attack of **aphids** is reported in **wheat**. Continue spraying of Fentitrothion 50 EC @ 250 ml / ha after current spells of rain to control the aphids. Remove loose smut affected earhead so that spores of the fungus do not spread.

Haryana

Weather remained dry in the State during the period.

Isolated rain / thundershowers are likely over north Haryana & Chandigarh on 31st March & 1st April. Mainly dry weather over rest part of the State. Rise in day and night temperatures by 2-3⁰C over the State during next 48 hours.

Advisories

- As isolated rain/thundershowers are likely over north Haryana on 31st March and 1st April, postpone irrigation to **summer sunflower, wheat and horticultural crops**. Apply irrigation to the crops in south Haryana.
- Continue planting of early maturing varieties of **sugarcane** i.e CO J-64, COH 56 and COH 92 and mid season CO 7717, COH 99 and COS 8436 after current spells of rain.
- Continue sowing of **sunflower** after current spells of rain.
- Attack of **aphids** and **loose smut** is reported in **wheat**. For controlling aphids, continue spraying of Fentitrothion 50 EC @ 250 ml / ha after current spells of rain. Remove loose smut affected earhead so that spores of the fungus do not spread.

Rajasthan

Rain / thunderstorm occurred at isolated places in **Ajmer, Jaipur and Bikaner** divisions and weather remained mainly dry in rest divisions of the State.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State. Rise in day temperatures by 2-3⁰C, leading to prevalence of heat wave conditions over south Rajasthan during next 48 hours.

Advisories

- **Heat wave conditions** are likely to prevail over south Rajasthan during next 48 hours. As the crops are at harvesting stage, crop damage will be lesser. Arrange immediately for harvesting the matured crop of **wheat**.
- Continue harvesting of matured crops of **cumin, gram, mustard and barley**.

Uttar Pradesh

Weather was mainly dry in all divisions of the State.

Weather will be dry in all divisions of the State. Rise in day and night temperatures by 2-3⁰C.

Advisories

- As mainly dry condition prevailed most of the districts in the State and mainly dry weather is likely over the State for the next three days, apply irrigation to **wheat** at **grain formation stage** and **winter vegetable crops (onion)**.
- **Monitor** the violet spot in **onion**. To control the disease spray the solution of Mancozeb 0.2% @ 2 gm / liter of water if damage exceeds ETL.
- The blossoming in **mango** by 30-45 cm in length affected with malformation disease and to control **Bhunga** insect, spray the solution of Monocrotophos 1 ml / litre of water or Dimethoate 1.6 ml / litre of water and to control **Black rotten** disease or **internal rotten** disease in mango, spray the solution of Barex 0.6 % @ 6 gm / litre of water.
- Harvesting of **winter vegetables** and **sugarcane** may be continued as dry condition will prevail for next three days.
- Continue the sowing of **summer urad, moong, maize, sunflower** and **sugarcane**.

Himachal Pradesh

Weather was mainly dry.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State till tomorrow and isolated to scattered rain / snow thereafter.

Advisories

- As isolated to scattered rain is expected from tomorrow onwards, postpone irrigation to the crops for two to three days.
- Continue land preparation and nursery sowing and transplanting of **cauliflower** and **cabbage** in low and mid hills and sowing of **bhindi**.
- There is mild chance of attack of powdery mildew in **vegetables**. If attack crosses economic threshold level, spray carbendazime 0.5 % after current spells of rain to control the disease.
- 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 after current spells of rain. Spraying can be repeated at 15 days interval, if the pest still persists.

Uttarakhand

Light to moderate rain was recorded at many places on 22nd March while mainly dry weather prevailed during rest of the week.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State. Rise in day and night temperatures by 2-3 °C during next 48 hours.

Advisories

- Postpone irrigation to **mango, potato** and **wheat** crops as scattered rain is likely on 1st April.
- Continue planting of **potato** in hilly areas after current spells of rain.
- Field preparation and sowing / ratooning of **sugarcane** may be continued after current spells of rain.

Jammu & Kashmir

Weather remained mainly dry over J & K State.

Weather will be mainly dry over J & K divisions till 30th March and isolated to scattered rain / snow thereafter.

Advisories

- There are chances of cold injury to standing crops in Kashmir. In order to protect the crops from cold injury, farmers are advised to undertake the following measures.

- Arrange for smoking near the field to safeguard the crops from cold 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.
- Rouge out loose smut and flag smut affected **wheat** and **barley** crops in Jammu and destroy them completely to prevent further spread.
- Continue harvesting of the matured crops of **mustard**, **gram**, **lentil** and **pea** in Jammu division.
- Continue land preparation and sowing of **summer mash** and **moong** in Jammu division. Sowing of **summer vegetable** crops should be completed without any further delay. Transplanting of **tomato**, **brinjal** and **chillies** from nursery to field area may be undertaken during this period.

Delhi

Weather remained mainly dry.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State. Rise in day and night temperature by 2-3⁰C during next 48 hours.

Advisories

- As there was no significant rainfall during last week over the State and mainly dry weather is likely for next three days, apply irrigation to **vegetables**, **wheat** and **barley**.
- Harvest **mustard** crop on bright sunny days when 80% siliqua are at maturity stage.
- 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 Jobner Green, All Green and S-23 varieties 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.

Southern Region (AP, Tamilnadu, Karnataka and Kerala)

Kerala

Rain / thundershowers occurred at isolated places on 27th March. Dry weather prevailed on 26th & 28th March.

Isolated rain / thundershowers are likely over the State.

Advisories

- Apply irrigation to plantation crops viz., **coconut**, **arecanut**, **rubber**, **banana** and **puncha rice** as there was no significant rainfall during last few weeks and rain / thundershower is likely to occur at isolated places only for the next three days over the state.
- Attack of **leaf folder**, **stem borer**, **brown plant hopper** and **gall midge** and **blast** and **blight diseases** is reported in **puncha rice**. Spray Carbaryl @ 2 kg / ha to control the pests. Spray Carbendazim @ 1 g / litre of water to control the diseases.
- Attack of **powdery mildew** is reported in **rubber**. Spray Wettable sulphur @ 0.2% or Carbendazim @ 0.05% to control the disease.
- Attack of **pseudostem weevil** is reported in **banana**. In endemic area, first remove the outer sheath of plants and spray Quinalphos @ 0.05% or Chlorpyrifos @ 0.03% or Carbaryl @ 0.2%. Spraying / drenching may be done on leaf axils, rhizome, surrounding soil and all the bore holes of pseudo stem made by larvae. Repeat the treatment after three weeks if infestation persists.
- Attack of **spindle bug** is reported. Spray Carbaryl @ 4 g / litre of water to control the pest.
- Attack of **coried bug** and **leaf rot** is reported in **coconut**. Spray Sevin @ 4 gm / litre of water to control coried bug. Spray crowns and leaves with 1% Bordeaux mixture or 0.5% Copper Oxy Chloride formulation or 0.4% Mancozeb to control leaf rot. In the leaf rot affected plants, remove the rotten portions from spear and the two adjacent leaves and pour 300 ml fungicidal solution at the base of the spear which can be prepared by mixing Hexaconazole 5 EC @ 2 ml or Mancozeb @ 3 gm in 300 ml of water.

- Protect the **plantation crops** from scorching by applying lime.

Tamilnadu

Dry weather prevailed over the State from 26th to 28th March.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the state.

Advisories

- Apply irrigation to **rice, millets, sunflower, maize, sugarcane, pulses, cotton and groundnut** as there was no significant rainfall for the past few weeks and dry weather is likely to prevail over the State for the next three days.
- Undertake intercultural operations to keep the field weed free and application of fertilizers in **groundnut, cotton and sunflower**.
- Monitor **rice** for **stem borer** and **mealy bug** and if the pest population crosses ETL, spray Methyl Parathion 50 EC @ 350 ml / ha to control stem borer and spray Dimecron 100 EC @ 0.5 ml / litre of water to control mealy bug.
- Monitor **groundnut** for **aphids** and if the pest population crosses ETL, spray Dimecron 100EC or Metasystox 25EC @ 1 ml / litre of water to control the pest.
- Continue land preparation and sowing of **summer gingelly**. Adopt 5 kg / ha seed rate for sowing. Apply M.N. mixture or Manganese Sulphate @ 5 kg / ha after sowing.

Karnataka

On 26th March rainfall occurred at isolated places over South Interior Karnataka and dry weather prevailed over Coastal Karnataka and North Interior Karnataka. On 27th March, rainfall occurred at isolated places over Interior Karnataka and dry weather prevailed over Coastal Karnataka. On 28th March, rainfall occurred at isolated places over the State.

Isolated rain / thundershowers are likely over Coastal Karnataka. Mainly dry weather is likely over rest of the State.

Advisories

- Apply irrigation to **summer groundnut, sunflower, sugarcane and rice** as there was no significant rainfall during last few weeks and rain / thundershower is likely to occur at isolated places over coastal Karnataka only and dry weather is likely to prevail over rest region for the next three days.
- Monitor **rice** for **leaf roller, stem borer and thrips** and if the pest population crosses ETL, spray Methyl parathion 50 EC @ 350 ml / ha to control **stem borer**. Spray Dimecron 100 EC @ 0.5 ml / litre of water to control **thrips and leaf roller**.
- Monitor **groundnut** for **leaf miner** and if the pest population crosses ETL, spray Methyl Demeton @ 0.02%. Undertake earthing up and apply gypsum @ 200 kg / ha as the crop is now at pegging stage.
- Monitor **ratoon sugarcane** for **wooly aphids** and if the pest population crosses ETL, release *Dipha* sp, adopt wider spacing, inter-cropping with soyabean and pulses of short duration as plant protection measures against wooly aphids in Mysore, Mandya and Hassan districts.

Andhra Pradesh

Except very light rain at Kurnool on 27th March dry weather prevailed elsewhere over the State during the week.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State.

Advisories

- Attack of **Brown Plant Hopper** is noticed in **rice**. Incidence of **sheath rot** and **sheath blight** is noticed in East Godavari district. Incidence of **blast** is noticed in **Nellore, Prakasm, East Godawari, West Godawari, Guntur and Nizamabad** districts. Though there is report of attack of **blast, blight and BPH**, prevalence of high temperature and low humidity do not favour further spread of the pests and disease. Avoid spraying where the crop is at maturity stage.
- Continue harvesting matured crops of **groundnut and red gram**.

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

Assam

Light rain occurred at isolated places on 26th and weather was dry on 27th & 28th March over the State.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the region during next 48 hours and isolated rain/thundershowers thereafter.

Advisories

- Maintain 3 – 5 cm water at tillering stage in the *boro rice* field.
- Mild incidence of **Brown Plant Hopper**, **Yellow stem borer** and **blast** and **sheath blight** diseases in rice is reported in a few localities.
- Monitor attack of **Brown Plant Hopper** and **blast** and **sheath blight** diseases in *boro rice*. If attack crosses economic threshold level, to control **Brown Plant Hopper** insecticides like Chloropyriphos 20 E.C. @ 1.5 ml per litre of water or Phosphamidon @ 1ml per litre of water is to be applied. For management of **yellow stem borer**, *Trichogramma Japonicum* @ 50,000 per hectare in six releases is to be used. 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.
- To control rat in **wheat** field use Celphos / Quickphos tablet (1 or 2 per hole) or prepare poison bait using 80 gm Atta / Crushed Maize, 5gm Gur, 5 gm Dry fish and 5 gm Zinc Phosphate.
- Harvest already matured crops of **wheat** on bright sunny days. Wheat is ready for harvest when grain will produce cracking sound while pressed between teeth.
- Prepare land and start sowing of summer vegetables like **ladies finger**, **ridge gourd**, **cucumber** etc., transplanting of **early ahu rice** and sowing of **jute** and **maize**.
- Field should be prepared well for transplanting of **early ahu rice** and well rotten FYM or compost manure has to be applied @ 1.5 tonnes per bigha in addition to Urea @ 12 Kg, single super phosphate @ 18 Kg & MOP @ 3 Kg per bigha. The roots of uprooted seedlings are to be washed and dipped in 0.02% solution of chloriphos 40 E.C @ 1 ml per litre of water along with 1% Urea for 3 hours as a protective measure against Stem borer, Gall midge and plant hoppers. Maintain 2 – 3 cm water in the field 2 – 3 days after transplanting.
- Plough land and ladder 5 -6 times to obtain a fine seed bed for sowing of **jute**. In termite and cricket infested field the soil is to be treated with Malathion 5% dust @ 30 kg per hectare. Use seeds of varieties JRC 212, 321, 7447 etc. for sowing.
- Well drained soil is suitable for Maize cultivation. Apply Compost @ 1 tonne along with Urea @ 18 kg, SSP @ 33 kg and MOP @ 9 kg per bigha at the time of land preparation for sowing of **maize**. Use seeds of varieties Ganga-5, Hi- Starch, Campo – NLD, Naviot etc. for sowing.

Arunachal Pradesh

Sky remained partly cloudy over the State. Rain / thundershowers occurred at one or two places on 26th and 27th March and weather remained mainly dry on 28th March.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State during next 48 hours and isolated rain / thundershower thereafter.

Hot day conditions are likely to prevail over some parts of the State.

Advisories

- Intercultural operation may be continued in **ginger**.
- continue harvesting of matured **mustard** crop.
- Continue field preparation and sowing of **summer vegetables** like **ladies finger** and **cucurbits**, **fox tail millet**, **paddy** and **maize**.

Bihar

Light rain occurred at a few places on 23rd March.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State. Rise in day and night temperatures by 2-3 °C.

Advisories

- As mainly dry condition prevailed in most of the districts in the State and mainly dry weather is likely over the State for the next three days, apply irrigation to **summer maize**.
- Prepare land and continue sowing of summer vegetables like **bhindi, bottle gourd, sponge gourd, maize and urad, moong**.
- Maintain 3 – 5 cm standing water in the **boro rice** field.
- Continue harvesting of matured **wheat, maize, rabi pulses and oilseeds**.

Jharkhand

Weather remained mainly dry.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State. Rise in day and night temperatures by 2-3⁰C.

Advisories

- As mainly dry condition prevailed in most of the districts in the State and mainly dry weather is likely over the State for the next three days, apply irrigation to **wheat**. As late sown **wheat** crop is at milk stage, moisture must be maintained in the soil.
- Continue harvesting of matured **maize, pulse, rabi vegetable and potato** crops.
- Maintain 3 – 5 cm water in the **boro rice** field.

Sikkim

Sky remained generally cloudy during the period. Light to moderate rain occurred at many places on 22nd & 24th March and light rain occurred on 25th March over East Sikkim. No rain occurred on 23rd, 26th to 28th March during the week. Rainfall was deficient during the period.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State. Rise in day and night temperatures by 2-3⁰C.

Advisories

- Apply irrigation to **large cardamom, orange and vegetable crops** as there was no significant rainfall for the last few weeks and dry weather is likely to prevail for the next three days over the State.
- Conserve moisture in **mustard and wheat** as the crops are now at maturity stage.
- Monitor **orange** for **fruit borer** and if the pest population crosses ETL, apply poison bait made by Malathion 50 EC @ 20 ml with molasses or gur @ 200 g in 2 litres of water to control the pest.
- Monitor **large cardamom** for **stem borer** and if the pest population crosses ETL, spray Endosulfan 35 EC @ 1 ml / litre of water to control the pest. **Chirkey and Foorkey** affected plants may be destroyed by burning.

West Bengal

During the said period weather was mainly dry.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State. Rise in day and night temperatures by 2-3⁰C.

Advisories

- As there was no significant rain in the State during last two weeks and mainly dry weather is likely for next three days, apply irrigation to **sugarcane, sesamum, groundnut and green gram** crops.
- Continue harvesting of already matured crops of **wheat** on bright sunny days. Wheat is ready for harvest when grain will produce cracking sound while pressed between teeth.
- Apply second split dose of 25 – 30 kg N / ha at 6 weeks after transplanting of **boro rice**. Maintain 3 – 5 cm water in the field after 2 – 3 days of application of fertilizer.
- No supplementary fertilizer dose of N is required if **sesame** is sown after harvesting of potato crop. Otherwise apply 12.5 kg N per ha at 3 weeks after sowing.
- Prepare land and continue planting of **sugarcane**. Select early maturing varieties (10 months) form C.O.J. 7218, C.O. 62197, C.O. 87263 and medium maturing varieties (10 – 12 months) form B.O.91, C.O. 62033, C.O. 7202, C.O. 7224, C.O. 1148, C.O. 87268, C.O.S. 776. etc. for planting of **sugarcane**. Sett rate is 50 –

62.5 q / ha. Use top 1/3rd portion of the cane as a seed for best germination. Soak in water for 24 hours for better sprouting. Treat the seed in 100 gm Mithoxy Ethyl Mercuric chloride per 40 litres of water for 20 minutes and then dry in shade. Alternatively you can treat the seeds by Carbandazim 50% 1 gm / litre of water.

- Prepare land for sowing of **jute** in North Bengal. Apply compost manure @ 7.5 – 12.5 tonnes / ha. Apply N, P₂O₅ and K₂O each @ 25 kg / ha also before last land preparation. Select improved variety from Shyamali, Sonali & Sobujsona etc. for *C. capsularis* and Chaitali, Basudev, Baisakhi, Nabin etc. for *C. olitorius* for sowing. Seed rate is 7.5 kg per ha for *C. capsularis* and 5 kg per ha for *C. olitorius*. Seeds may be treated with 1 gm carbendazime per kg of seeds before sowing.

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

Gujarat

Hot day conditions prevailed in some parts of coastal Saurashtra on 26th March.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State. Rise in day temperatures by 2-3⁰C, leading to prevalence of heat wave conditions over parts of the State during next 48 hours.

Advisories

- As there was no rain during last few weeks in the State and mainly dry weather will prevail along with the probability of increase in temperature in the State which may cause higher evapotranspiration loss from the crops for next three days, apply irrigation to **new sugarcane crop, summer groundnut and summer bajra** to bring the soil moisture to field capacity.
- Maintain 3 – 5 cm water in the **rice** field. Apply 30 kg N / ha as a supplementary dose to the crop at tillering stage. Water may be drained out before fertilizer application & maintain water level after 2 days.
- Apply 75 kg N / ha as top dressing at 45 days after planting of new **sugarcane** crop. For saving of 25% Nitrogen fertilizer apply 2 kg Bio fertilizer azetobactor mixed with 100 kg FYM / ha in furrows at an interval of 30 & 60 days from sowing.
- If **groundnut** appears yellowish spray mixture of 100 gm ferrous sulphate + 10 gm citric acid (lemon arc) dissolved in 10 liters of water and spray over the crop in 500 liters of water.
- Apply 60 kg N as a supplementary dose to **summer bajra**.
- Continue harvesting of **Castor and Wheat**.

Chhattisgarh

Weather remained dry over the state.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State. Rise in day and night temperatures by 2-3⁰C.

Advisories

- As there was no significant rain in the State during last two weeks and mainly dry weather is likely for next three days, apply irrigation to **new sugarcane crop, vegetables, sunflower, summer groundnut, sesamum and green gram** crops.
- Apply 75 kg N / ha as top dressing at 45 days after planting of **sugarcane**.
- Apply 30 kg Nitrogen / ha after 25 - 30 days from sowing of **sunflower**.
- Apply second split dose of 25 – 30 kg N / ha at 6 weeks after transplanting of **summer rice**. Water may be drained out before fertilizer application & maintain water level after 2 days. Maintain 3 – 5 cm water in the field at tillering stage.
- Continue preparation of land and sowing of **summer vegetables** like **ladies finger, pumpkin, barbati** etc.

Maharashtra

Mainly dry weather prevailed all over the State.

Mainly dry weather will prevail all over the state. Rise in day & night temperatures by 2 to 3⁰C in Vidarbha.

Advisories

- As there was no rain during last few weeks in the State and mainly dry weather will prevail along with the probability of increase in temperature in North Marathwada and North Vidarbha which may cause higher evapotranspiration loss from the crops for next three days, apply irrigation to **sugarcane (Pre-seasonal), summer groundnut, summer sunflower, summer bajra, summer maize and sugarcane (Suru)**.
- Apply 140 kg Nitrogen / ha along with 85 kg each of P₂O₅ and K₂O at the time of earthing up in **sugarcane (Pre-seasonal)**.
- Second dose of 125 kg Gypsum / ha may be applied after 30 days after sowing of **summer groundnut**. Undertake intercultural operation wherever crops are at vegetative or flowering stage (within 6 weeks of sowing) to keep the field weed free.
- 20 kg Blue green Algae / ha may be applied in **summer rice** field at early tillering stage in Vidarbha. Maintain 3 – 5 cm water in the field. Second dose of 40 kg Nitrogen / ha may be applied after 30 days from transplanting. Use 1 kg Neem cake powder in 6 kg urea at the time of above application. Water may be drained out before fertilizer application & maintain water level after 2 days.
- Apply 30 kg Nitrogen / ha at vegetative stage of **summer sunflower**. To increase pollination at flowering stage, hand covered with woolen cloth may be moved 3 to 5 times on floral disc smoothly early in the morning.
- Apply 45 kg Nitrogen / ha at vegetative stage of **summer bajra**.
- Second dose of 100 kg Nitrogen/ha may be applied after 6 to 8 weeks from transplanting of **sugarcane (Suru)**. Use 1 kg Neem cake powder with 6 kg Urea at the time of application.
- Mild incidence of **sap sucking insects** and **tikka disease** in **Latur** in summer groundnut is reported.
- Monitor **summer groundnut** for sap sucking insects and if exceeds economic threshold level, spray Chlorpyrifos or Rogor @ 15 ml in 10 liters of water. Use 500 liters of above solution for spraying one hectare of land.
- Monitor **summer groundnut** for **tikka disease** and if exceeds economic threshold level, spray Carbendazim (Bavistin) @ 5 gm or Tridemorf @ 7 ml in 10 liters water. Use 500 liters above solution for spraying one hectare of land.

Madhya Pradesh

Dry weather prevailed over the State.

Mainly dry weather is likely over the State. Rise in day and night temperatures by 2-3⁰C.

Advisories

- Continue harvesting of matured crop of **irrigated wheat**.
- Continue land preparation and sowing / planting of **summer moong** and **sugarcane**. Undertake seed treatment with *Rhizobium* before sowing moong. Do sett treatment with *Azospirillum* before planting sugarcane.

Orissa

Rain fall occurred at isolated places over the State on 28th March and Weather was dry during the remaining days.

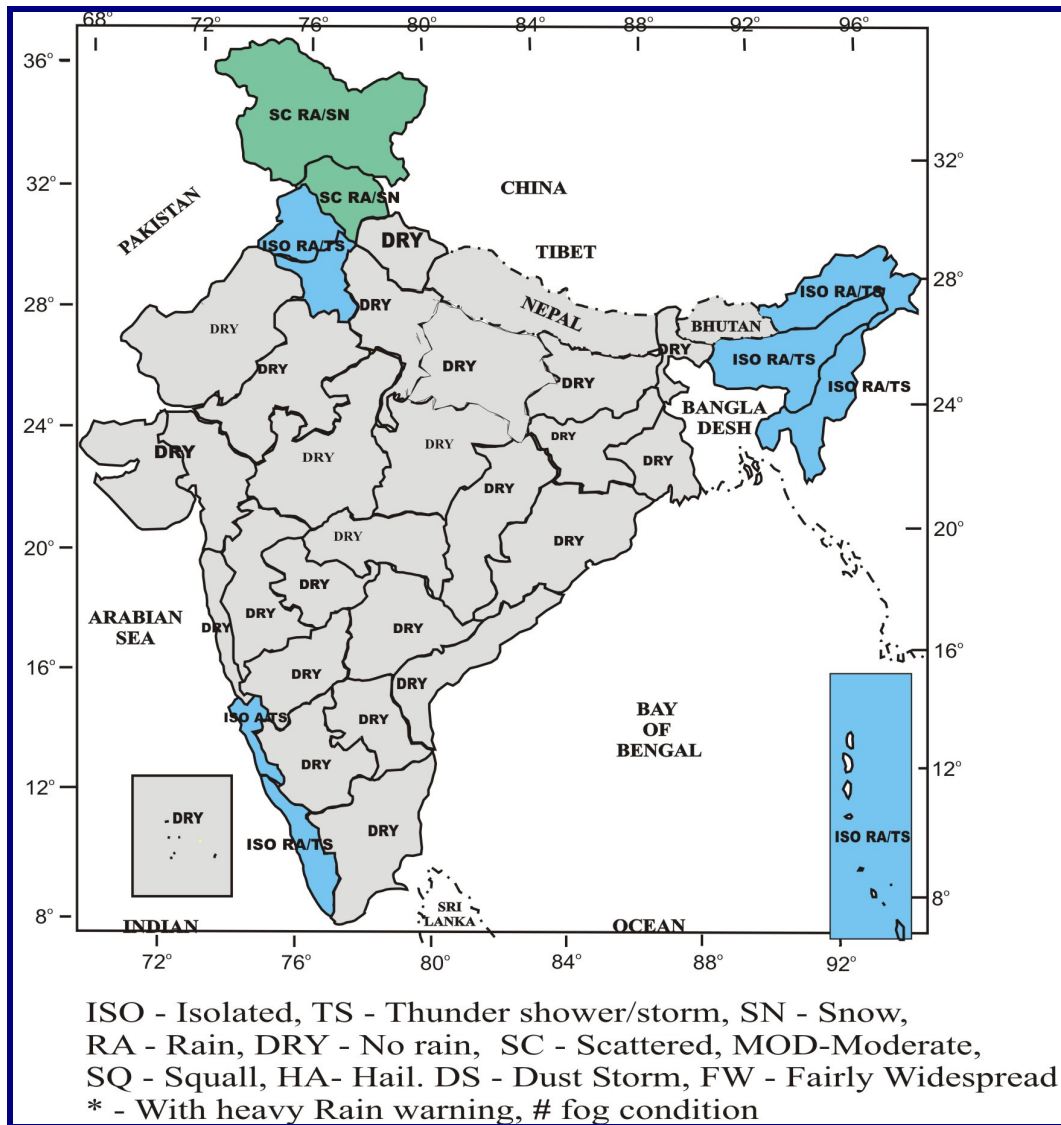
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Advisories

- Weather was mainly dry and rainfall occurred at isolated places over the State during last week. Mainly dry weather is likely over the State for next three days, therefore, apply irrigation to **vegetables, sugarcane and pulses**.
- Prepare land with basal application of 8 kg N, 16 kg P₂O₅ and 16 kg K₂O / acre and continue sowing of **summer groundnut**.
- Continue sowing of **summer moong** with basal application of 8 kg N, 16 kg P₂O₅ and 8 kg K₂O / acre.
- Monitor infestation of **Spodoptera** in **summer pulse crop**. To manage the pest, spray Chlorpyrifos @ 2 ml per litre of water. To control the **Yellow vein mosaic** spray methyl demeton @ 2 ml per litre of water.

Forecast Map

Valid upto 1st April 07



Salient weather features for the week ending 28/03/07

METEOROLOGICAL ANALYSIS

- Last week's western disturbance as an upper air system over Jammu & Kashmir and neighbourhood moved away eastward on 22nd. The induced cyclonic circulation at lower levels over central Pakistan and adjoining Punjab & Rajasthan lay over Haryana and neighbourhood on 22nd and became less marked on 23rd.
- An upper air trough in the westerlies ran from Bihar to North Interior Karnataka across Chhattisgarh and Vidarbha extending upto 1.5 km a.s.l. on 22nd. It ran from Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim to north Bay of Bengal on 23rd and became less marked on 24th. However, a cyclonic circulation at lower levels lay over Assam and neighbourhood on 24th. It was seen as a trough extending from Assam to north Bay of Bengal at lower tropospheric levels on 25th and became less marked on 26th.
- Strong northwesterly winds prevailed over Indo-Gangetic plains during 2nd half of the week.
- A trough/line of wind discontinuity at lower tropospheric levels ran across south India during many days of the week.

RAINFALL

Under the influence of the above systems

- Fairly widespread precipitation occurred over Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Punjab and scattered precipitation occurred over Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh on 22nd.
- Isolated to scattered rain/thundershowers occurred over Bihar and Jharkhand on 22nd & 23rd, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim on 22nd to 24th, northeastern States on 22nd to 26th and Gangetic West Bengal and Orissa on 23rd. Isolated rain/thundershowers also occurred over Orissa on 25th.
- Isolated rain/thundershowers occurred over south India during many days of the week.
- Mainly dry weather prevailed over the remaining parts of the country during the week.

MINIMUM TEMPERATURES

- The minimum temperatures were normal over northwest and south India throughout the week. They were also normal over west India during many days of the week.
- They were above normal by 2-3 °C on 22nd and 23rd and were normal thereafter over central India.
- They were generally normal during first half and below normal by 2-3 °C during second half of the week over many parts of east India.
- They were above normal by 2-4 °C during 24-26th and near normal on remaining days of the week over northeast India.

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES

- The maximum temperatures were above normal by 2-4 °C over many parts of south India during the week.
- They were normal during first half and above normal by 2-3 °C during second half of the week over Maharashtra and Gujarat.
- They were below normal by 2-3 °C during middle of the week and were normal on remaining days over northwest India.
- They were normal over remaining parts of the country during the week.

RAINFALL DURING THE WEEK (FOR THE WEEK ENDING ON 28TH MARCH, 2007)

Rainfall was excess/normal in 2, deficient/scanty in 18 and no rain in 16 out of 36 meteorological sub-divisions (Actual: 3.1 mm, Normal: 8.4 mm and Departure: -64%).

CUMULATIVE SEASONAL RAINFALL (1ST MARCH TO 28TH MARCH, 2007)

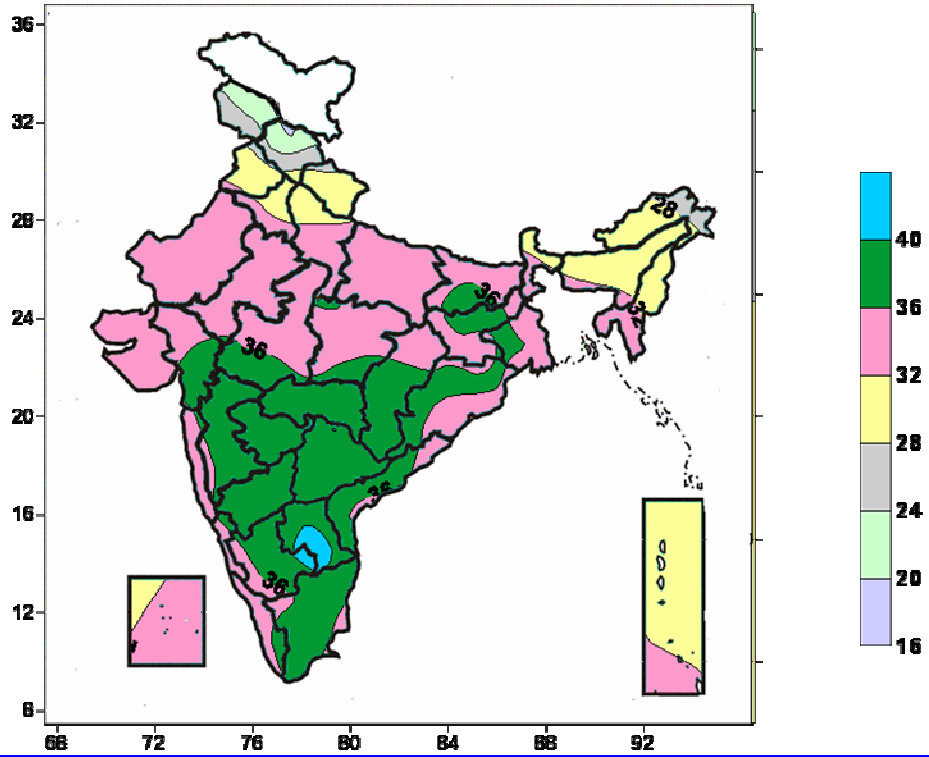
Rainfall was excess/normal in 13, deficient/scanty in 19 and no rain in 4 out of 36 meteorological sub-divisions. (Actual: 34.1 mm, Normal: 28.3 mm and Departure: +20%).

OUTLOOK FOR THE WEEK ENDING ON 4TH APRIL, 2007.

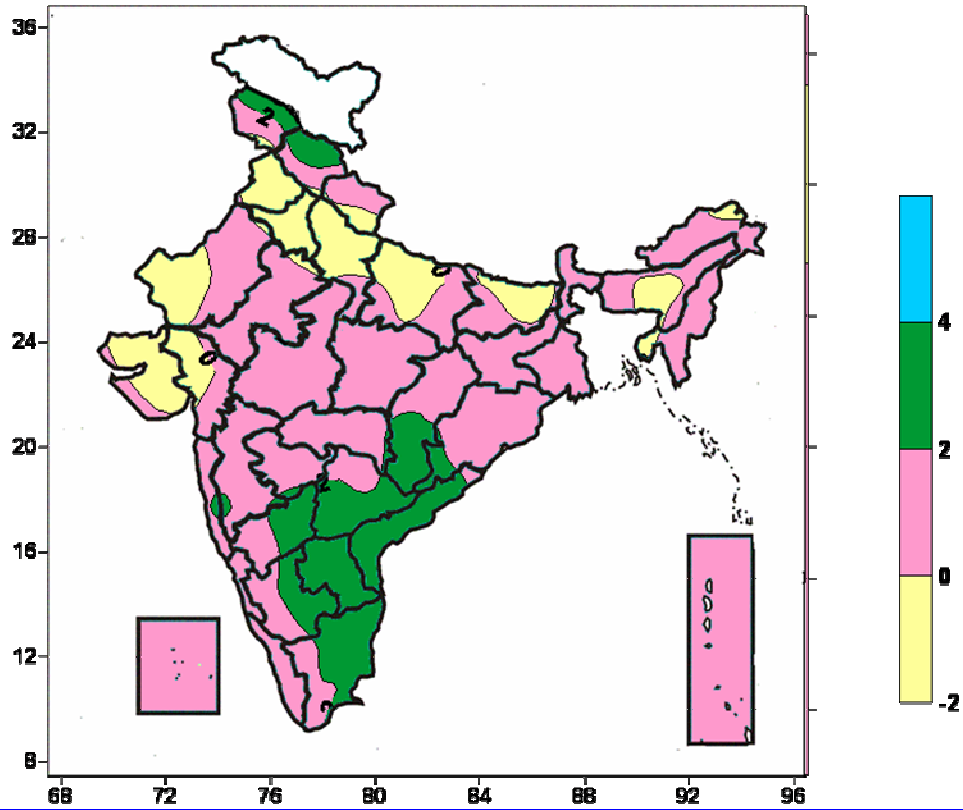
- Under the influence of a fresh western disturbance as an upper air system, scattered precipitation likely over Jammu & Kashmir and isolated over Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab and north Haryana during 31st March and 1st April onwards.
- Scattered rain/thundershowers are likely over northeast India from 1st onwards.

Contour maps for the week ending 28th March, 2007

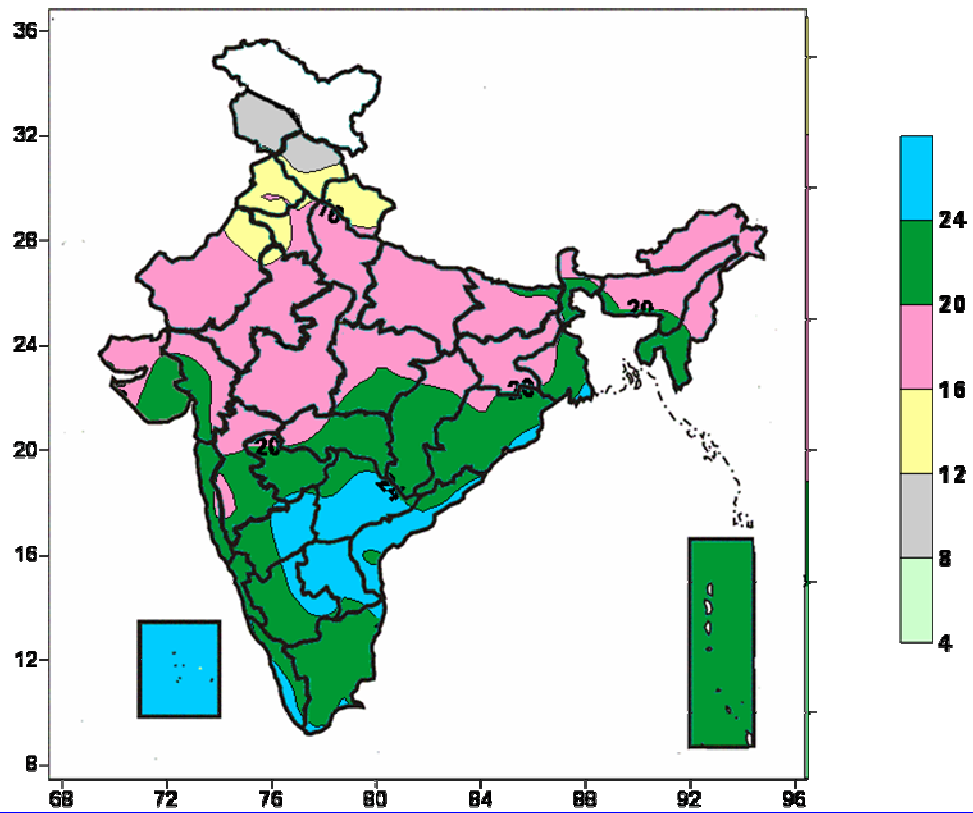
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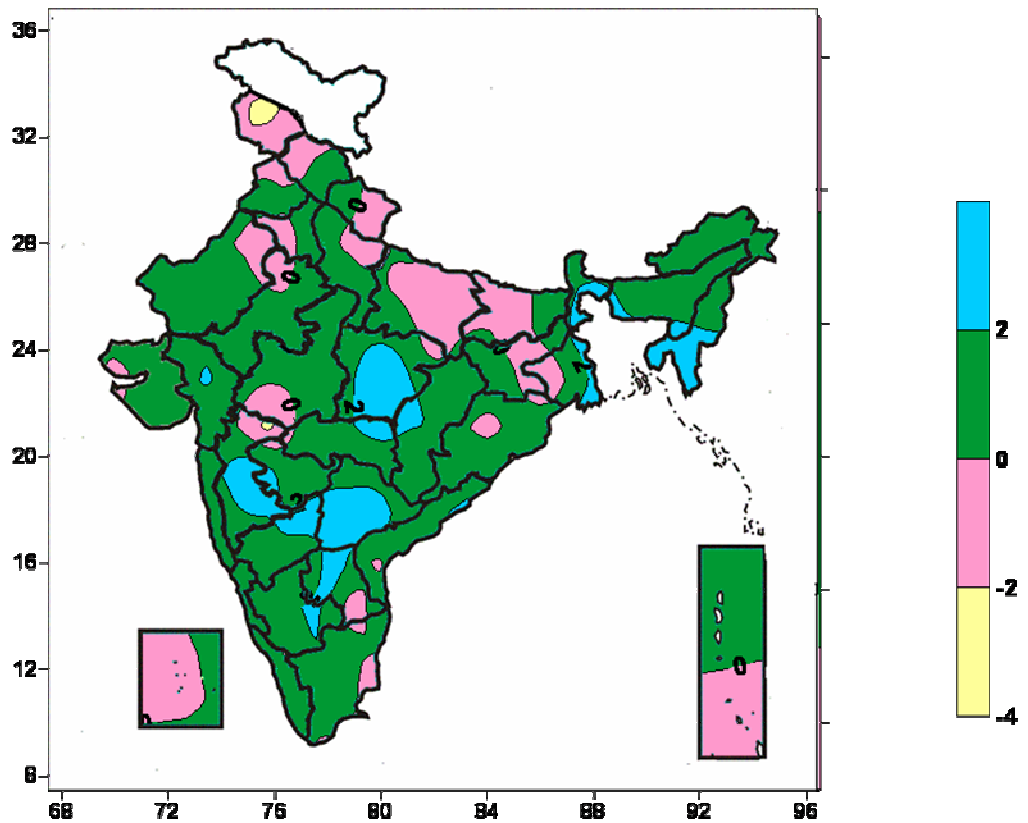
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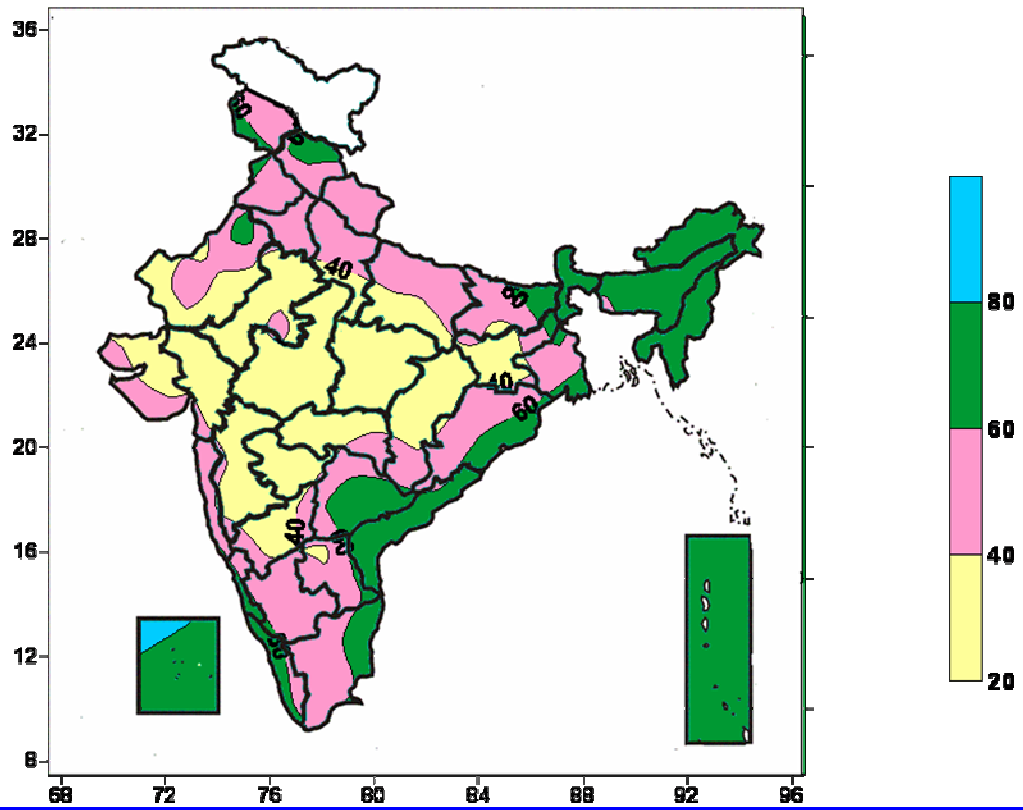
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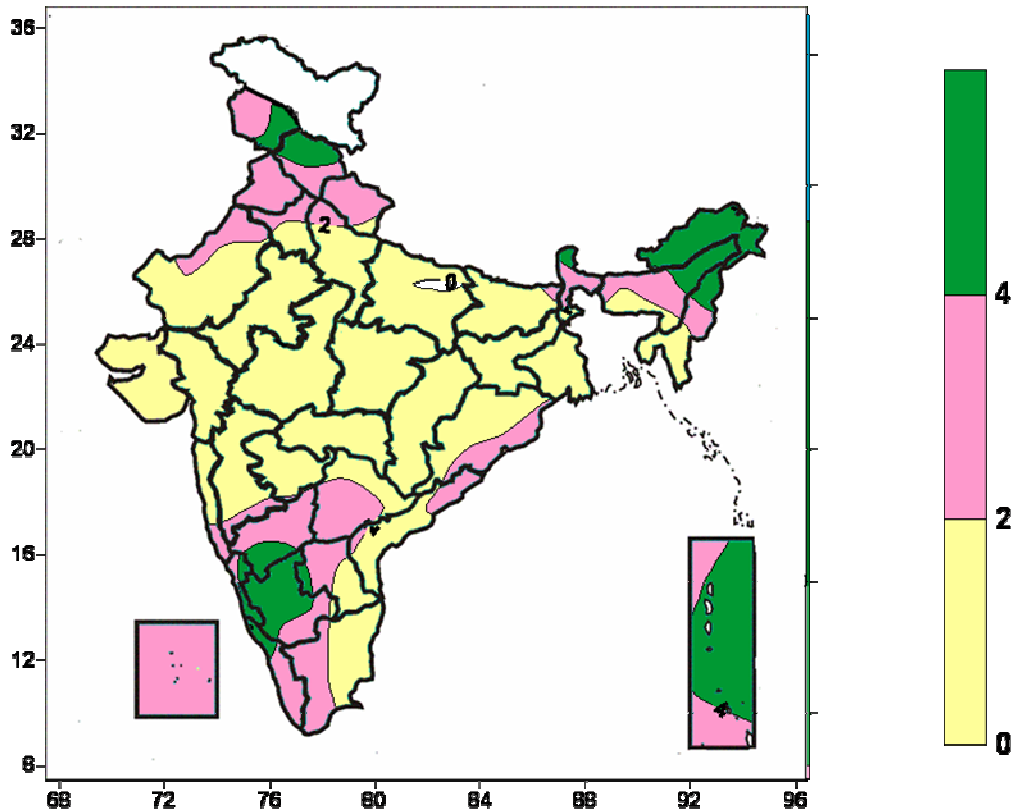
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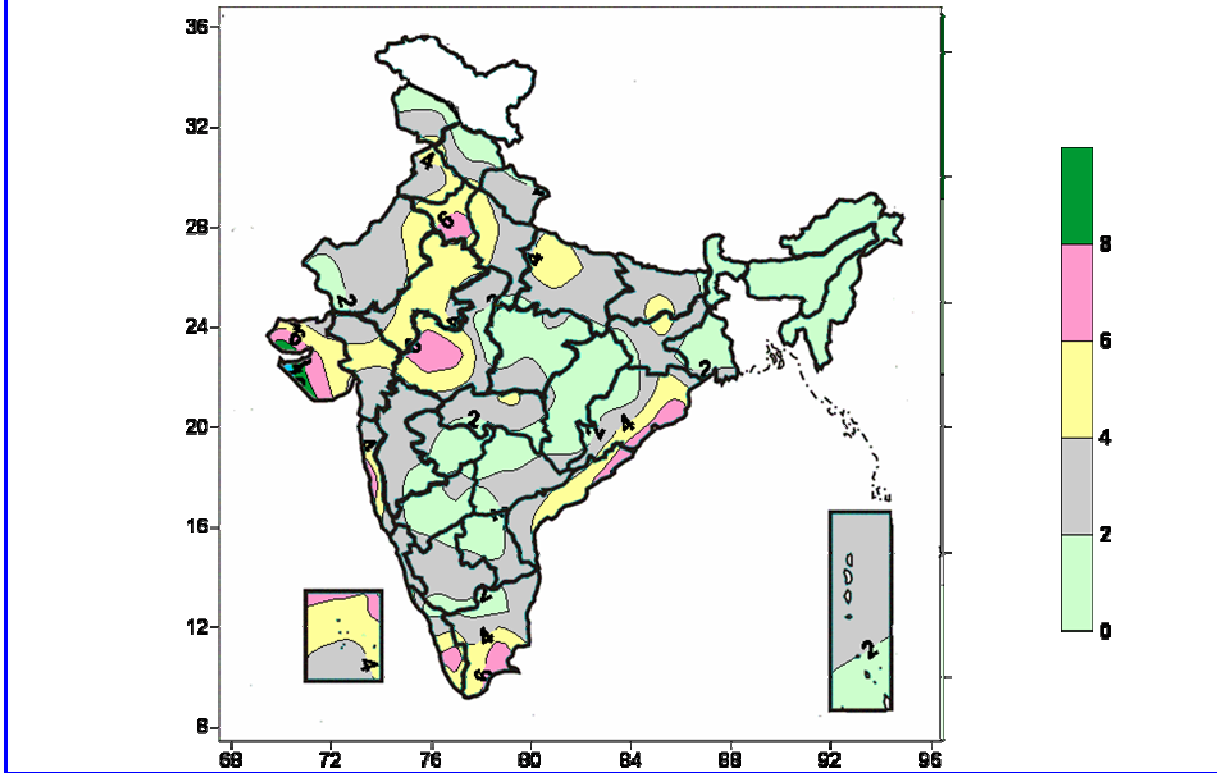
Relative humidity (%) over India for the week ending 28.03.07



Cloud amount (okta) over India for the week ending 28.03.07



Wind speed (knots) over India for the week ending 28.03.07



Desert Locust Forecasting



Rainfall (mm)							
Station Name	22.03.07	23.03.07	24.03.07	25.03.07	26.03.07	27.03.07	28.03.07
Amritsar	16.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barmer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sriganganagar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jaisalmer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deesa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Churu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Temperature (degree Celcius)							
Station Name	22.03.07	23.03.07	24.03.07	25.03.07	26.03.07	27.03.07	28.03.07
Amritsar	19.5	18.5	19.0	20.5	20.0	20.5	20.5
Barmer	25.0	25.5	26.5	26.0	-	29.5	-
Sriganganagar	21.5	21.5	21.5	23.0	23.5	24.5	25.0
Jaisalmer	24.0	23.5	24.5	26.5	26.5	-	29.5
Kota	29.0	27.0	26.0	27.5	28.0	28.0	29.5
Deesa	24.5	27.0	26.0	27.5	-	28.5	29.5
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
Grain formation/ maturity	Sowing/ transplanting	Vegetative/ flowering/ fruiting/ harvesting	Milk / dough	Seed maturity / harvesting
Gram				
Pod maturity / harvesting				

Haryana

Early sown Sugarcane	New Sugarcane	Gram /Lentil	Rabi oilseeds	Wheat
Vegetative	Sowing	Maturity	Maturity	Grain formation / milking
Sunflower	Horticultural crop			
Sowing	Vegetative			

Himachal Pradesh

Wheat	Gram	Summer vegetables (Cauliflower, Cabbage in low and mid hills)	Vegetables (Tomato, brinjal, ladies finger)	Barley
Flowering	Pod formation	Nursery sowing /Transplanting	Vegetative/flowering / fruiting / harvesting	Flowering
Onion	Rape seeds and Mustard	Fruit plants		
Bulb formation	Pod maturity	Prune		

Jammu & Kashmir

Vegetable crops	Brown Sarson	Wheat / Barley (in Kashmir division)	Pea/Lentil/ Mustard	Wheat / Barley (in Jammu)
Fruiting/ Harvesting (in Jammu Division) Vegetative- in Kashmir Division	Seed formation – in Kashmir Division	Flowering	Harvesting	Grain development
Fruit crops	Summer mash and moong			
Plantation	Sowing (Jammu div.)			

Punjab

Sugarcane	Early sown Sugarcane	Gram/Lentil	Horticultural crop	Wheat
Sowing	Vegetative	Maturity	Vegetative	Grain formation / Milking
Toria	Summer Sunflower	Rabi oilseeds		
Harvesting	Early vegetative	Maturity		

Rajasthan

Mustard	Wheat	Cumin	Gram	Barley
Harvesting	Grain maturity	Harvesting	Pod harvesting	Harvesting

Uttar Pradesh

Wheat / Barley	Rabi Pulses	Sugarcane	Summer Sugarcane	Winter Vegetables
Maturity (early varieties) Grain formation (late varieties)	Harvesting / Sowing (Moong,Urad)	Sowing	Field preparation	Flowering/harvesting
Rabi Oilseeds(Rai and Mustard)	Early sown Summer Sunflower	Summer Sunflower	Early sown Summer Vegetables	Summer Vegetables
Harvesting	Seedling /early vegetative	Sowing	Seedling/ early vegetative	Seedling / early vegetative
Mango				
Fruit setting				

Uttarakhand

New crop Potato	Mango/Litchi/ Apple	Wheat	Sugarcane	Potato
Germination/Vegetative growth	Flowering	Flowering / milky / dough	Sowing and ratooning	Germination / vegetative growth

Assam

Summer vegetables	Sugarcane	Wheat	Boro Rice	Early sown Ahu rice
Sowing	Harvesting	Maturity / harvesting	Dough / maturity	Early vegetative

Ahu rice	Early Summer vegetables	Jute	Maize	
Transplanting	Germination/ early vegetative / vegetative	Land preparation/ Sowing	Land preparation/ Sowing	

Arunachal Pradesh

Mustard	Ginger	Potato	Wheat	Early sown Summer vegetables
Maturity / harvesting	Vegetative	Harvesting	Maturity	Germination
Summer vegetables	Early sown Foxtail millet	Foxtail millet	Early sown Maize	Maize
Sowing	Germination	Land preparation / sowing	Germination	Land preparation / sowing
Direct Seeded Ahu Rice				
Land preparation / sowing				

Bihar

Summer Vegetables/ Fruit crops	Boro Summer Rice	Wheat	Potato	Rabi Maize
Sowing	Early vegetative/tillering	Maturity / harvesting	Harvesting	Maturity
Early sown Summer Maize	Summer Maize	Rabi Oil seeds (Sarson, Linseed)	Rabi Pulses (Lentil, Gram, Pea)	
Early vegetative	Sowing	Maturity/Harvesting	Maturity/Harvesting	

Jharkhand

Boro rice	Rabi Maize	Wheat	Early sown wheat
Early vegetative/tillering	Maturity	Milking / grain development	Harvesting
Rabi vegetables (Tomato, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Brinjal, Chilli)	Summer vegetables	Rabi pulses and oilseeds (Gram, masoor, lentil, linseed, oat, mustard and kusum)	Potato
Harvesting	Sowing	Maturity/Harvesting	Tuber Maturity

Sikkim

Maize /Ginger	Mustard	Summer vegetables	Wheat	Large Cardomom
Sowing	Silqua maturity	Sowing	Grain maturity	Flowering
Orange	Early sown vegetables			
Flowering	Early vegetative			

West Bengal

Boro rice	Wheat	Sesamum	Groundnut	Green gram
Tillering/Panicle initiation / flowering	Maturity / harvesting	Early vegetative / vegetative / flowering	Early vegetative / vegetative	Germination / early vegetative / vegetative
New Crop Sugarcane	Early sown Sugarcane	Early sown Sesamum	Early sown Groundnut	Early sown Green gram
Planting	Sprouting/Early vegetative/Vegetative	Germination/Early vegetative	Germination/Early vegetative	Germination/Early vegetative
Jute				
Land preparation / sowing				

Chattisgarh

Gram, Mustard	Vegetables (Tomato, chilli, brinjal)	Green gram	Sugarcane	Wheat
Harvesting	Fruiting / harvesting	Early vegetative / vegetative	Sprouting/Early vegetative/vegetative	Maturity/Harvesting
Sunflower, Groundnut	Early Sown Sunflower	Summer Vegetables	Summer rice	Linseed
Early vegetative / vegetative	Germination / early vegetative / vegetative	Sowing	Tillering	Harvesting
Summer sesamum	Early sown Summer sesamum	Green Gram	Early sown Green Gram	
Early vegetative / vegetative	Germination / early vegetative / vegetative	Field preparation/Sowing	Germination/Early vegetative	

Gujarat

Kharif Cotton	Wheat	Rice	Castor	Summer Bajra
Picking	Maturity/ Harvesting	Tillering	Harvesting	Tillering

Mustard	Summer Groundnut	New Sugarcane		
Harvesting	Vegetative	Early vegetative / vegetative		

Maharashtra

Rabi Jowar (Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada & Vidarbha)	Safflower (Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada & Vidarbha)	Wheat (Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada, Vidarbha & Konkan)	Rabi Maize (Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada, Vidarbha & Konkan)	Rabi Sunflower (Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada & Vidarbha)
Harvesting	Harvesting	Harvesting	Cob maturity/Harvesting	Seed maturity / harvesting
Sugarcane Preseasonal (Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada & Vidarbha)	Onion (Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada & Vidarbha)	Summer Groundnut (Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada, Vidarbha & Konkan)	Summer Rice (Konkan, Vidarbha & Kolhapur dist.)	Summer Sunflower (Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada & Vidarbha)
Early vegetative/active growth	Harvesting	Vegetative / flowering / pegging (Flowering/ pegging in Thane, Raigad & Ratnagiri & pod formation in Sindhudurga district)	Early tillering / tillering – in Vidarbha. Tillering / flag leaf initiation in Kolhapur . Flag leaf initiation in Thane, Raigad, & Ratnagiri dist. Flowering / panicle initiation in Sindhudurg dist.	Vegetative / (floral bud formation in Latur and Amravati)
Summer Bajra (Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada & Vidarbha)	Summer Maize (Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada & Vidarbha)	Sugarcane (Suru) (Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada and Vidarbha)		
Vegetative / flag leaf initiation (flowering in Nasik)	Vegetative / Tasseling / silking	Sprouting/Early vegetative		

Madhya Pradesh

Irrigated Wheat	Summer moong and sugarcane			
Harvesting	Sowing / planting			

Orissa

Vegetables	Dalua Rice	Mustard	Pulses	Summer pulses
Flowering / Fruiting / Harvesting	Tillering / panicle initiation / flowering	Pod maturity/Harvesting	Pod formation Maturity	Germination/Early vegetative
Early sown Sugarcane	Sugarcane	Rabi Groundnut		
Harvesting	Early vegetative	Pod maturity/Harvesting		

Andhra Pradesh

Rabi Groundnut	Rabi Maize	Gram	Rabi red gram	Rabi rice
Pod harvesting	End Harvesting	Harvesting	Pod harvesting	Grain maturity Flowering in some places

Karnataka

Sugarcane (Ratoon crop)	Rabi Jowar and Wheat	Sunflower	Summer groundnut	Summer rice
Vegetative	Harvesting	Budding	Pegging	Tillering

Kerala

Rubber	Puncha rice			
Tapping	Flowering			

Tamil Nadu

Rice (Navarai)	Early planted Sugarcane	Cotton	Rice fallow Pulses (Black and Green gram)	Oilseeds (Groundnut)
Flowering	Vegetative	Vegetative	Pod formation / maturity	Vegetative
Sunflower	Summer gingelly/ Maize	Early sown Summer gingelly /Maize		
Vegetative	Sowing	Vegetative		