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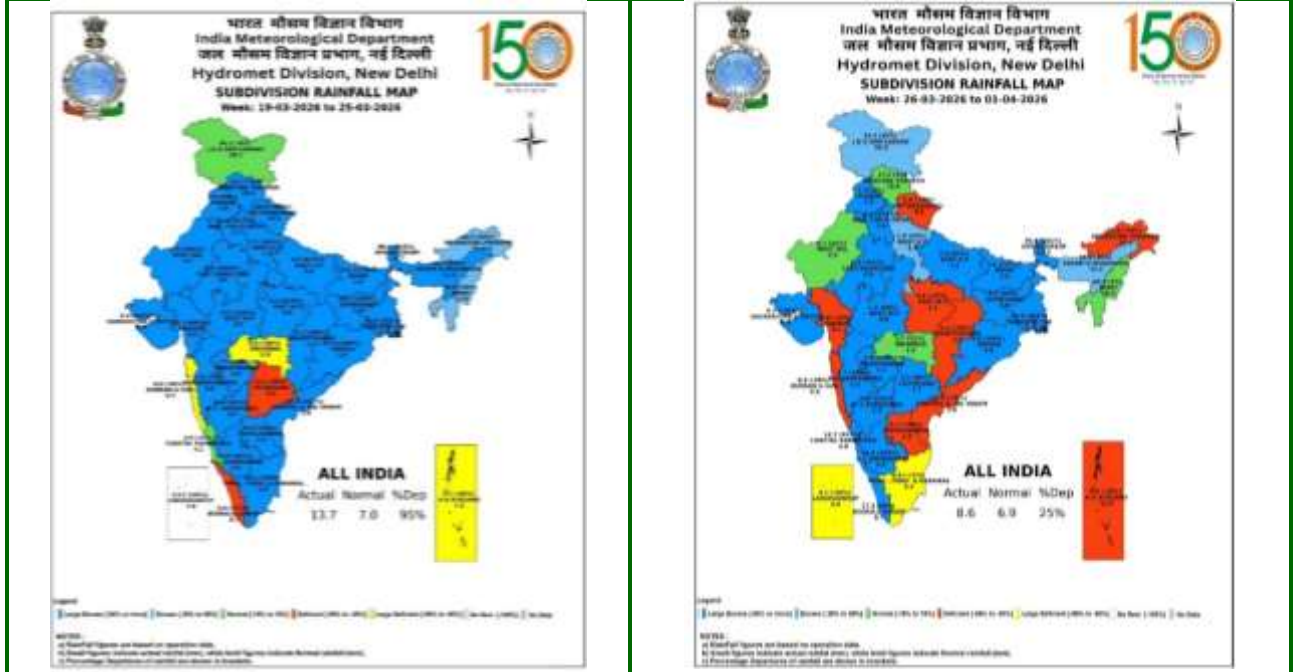
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वास्तविक वर्षा तथा विस्तारित अवधि पूर्वानुमान

Realized Rainfall and Extended Range Forecast
(वर्षा और तापमान)
(Rainfall and Temperature)

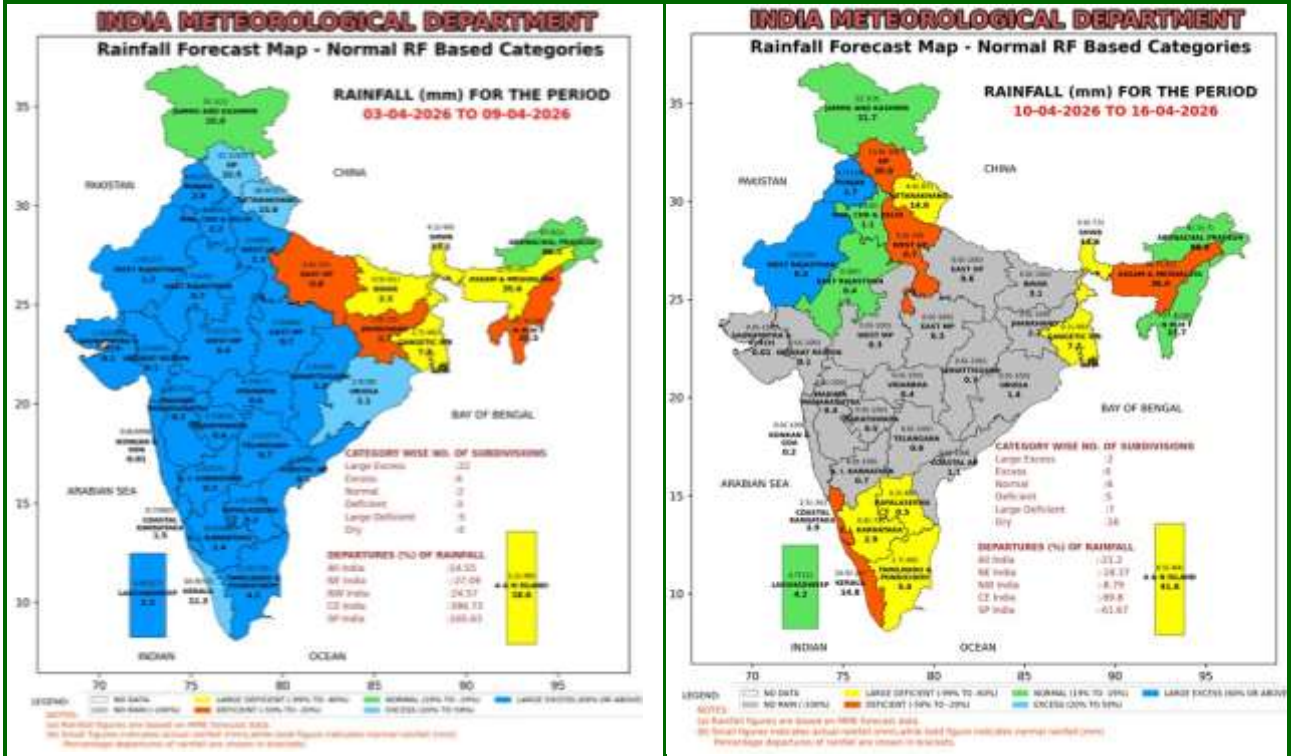
Realized Rainfall
(19th March to 01st April 2026)



- Normal or above normal rainfall occurred in both the weeks over Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal & Sikkim, Assam & Meghalaya, Nagaland-Manipur-Mizoram-Tripura (NMMT), Odisha, West Madhya Pradesh, Saurashtra & Kutch, Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada and Karnataka.
- Normal or above normal rainfall occurred in either of the two weeks over Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Gujarat Region, East Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Vidarbha, Andhra Pradesh & Yanam, Telangana, Kerala & Mahe and Tamil Nadu- Puducherry & Karaikal
- Below Normal rainfall / No rain occurred in both the weeks over rest of the States & UTs.

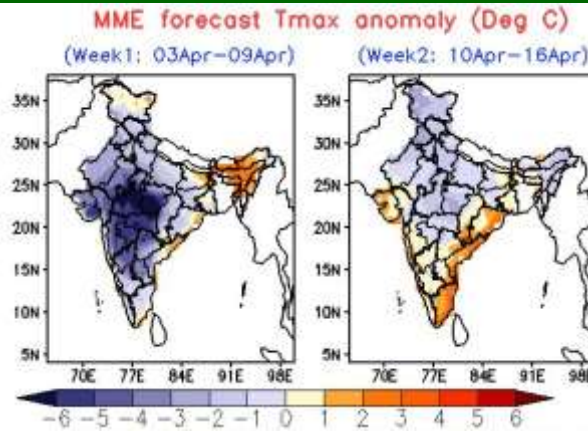
Extended Range Forecast System

**Rainfall forecast maps for the next 2 weeks (IC- 01st April, 2026)
(03rd to 16th April, 2026)**



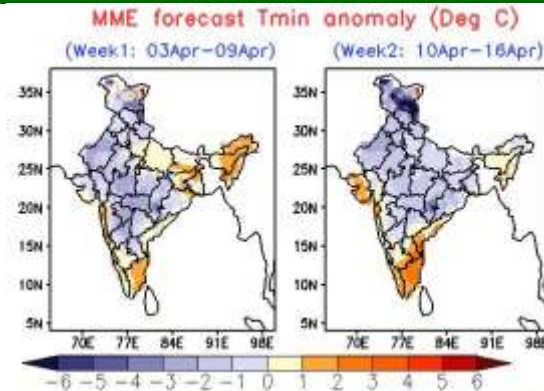
- **Week 1 (03.04.2026 to 09.04.2026):** Rainfall activity is likely over Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh & North East India, in some parts of Punjab, Uttarakhand, West Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Maharashtra & Coastal Karnataka and at isolated places in South Interior Karnataka, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala.
- **Week 2 (10.04.2026 to 16.04.2026):** Rainfall activity is likely over Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, North East India and at isolated places in Punjab.

**Maximum and Minimum temperature anomaly ($^{\circ}$ C) forecast
for the next 2 weeks (IC- 25th March, 2026)
(27th March to 09th April, 2026)**



Maximum Temperature (Tmax)

- **Week 1 (03.04.2026 to 09.04.2026):** Maximum Temperature is likely to be above normal over North East India, in many parts of Bihar and Jammu & Kashmir and, in the coastal regions of Odisha, Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Kerala.
- **Week 2 (10.04.2026 to 16.04.2026):** Maximum temperature is likely to be above normal over South India and, in many parts over Maharashtra, Saurashtra-Kutch & Odisha.



Minimum Temperature (Tmin)

- **Week 1 (03.04.2026 to 09.04.2026):** Minimum Temperature is likely to be above normal over North East India, Bihar, Jharkhand, East Uttar Pradesh, Konkan & Goa, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, South Interior Karnataka, Coastal Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.
- **Week 2 (10.04.2026 to 16.04.2026):** Minimum temperature is likely to be above normal over many parts of Saurashtra-Kutch, South India and North East India.

Strategic Agricultural Planning based on Rainfall till 16 April 2026

Agromet Advisories

Kerala

Kerala received 50.2 mm (10% normal) of rainfall from 01 March to 05 April 2026. Kerala's extended-range weather forecast (rainfall) for the next two weeks (03-09 April to 10-16 April 2026) in Kerala indicates excess rainfall for week 1 and deficit rainfall for week 2.

- Due to increasing temperature and dry weather, there is a chance of rice bug infestation, so spray Malathion @ 2 ml per litre of water during early morning (before 9 AM) or late evening (after 3 PM) to ensure effective control without affecting pollination.
- Since dry weather conditions prevail, there is a chance of mites attacking the banana. Apply wettable sulphur at three grams per one litre of water.
- Since dry weather conditions prevail, adequate irrigation should be provided to Coconut and Arecanut. Since air temperature is increasing, it is a desirable practice to bury fresh or dried coconut husk around the coconut palm to conserve soil moisture. It is desirable to apply lime (white colour) on the stem near the ground to protect it from heat.
- Due to favourable conditions for downy mildew, adopt preventive spraying with Mancozeb @ 2 g per litre and, upon disease appearance, spray Akomin® (@3ml per litre) on both leaf surfaces at 15-day intervals for effective disease control.
- In chilli, dry weather favours whitefly multiplication, so spray 2% neem oil–garlic emulsion uniformly on the crop to reduce pest population and prevent virus transmission.
- Since the mango flowering has just started, spray 1% Azadirachtin at 2ml per litre of water or Thiamethoxam 2g per 10 litres to control the attack of mango hopper as well as caterpillars affecting the inflorescence in mango.

Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu received 26.0 mm (8% normal) of rainfall from 01 March to 05 April 2026. Tamil Nadu's extended-range weather forecast (rainfall) for the next two weeks (03-09 April to 10-16 April 2026) in Kerala indicates a large excess rainfall for week 1 and a large deficit rainfall for week 2.

- Very light to light rain is expected for the next five days; hence, farmers are advised to harvest the produce and keep it safe to avoid fungal infection.
- In cotton, Rain is expected for the next five days. Harvest the burst cotton bolls and store them under proper conditions to avoid quality deterioration.
- In chilli, Rain is expected for the next five days. Hence, harvest the mature fruits.
- In bananas, earthing up and propping should be practised to avoid lodging.

Karnataka

Coastal Karnataka received 26.5 mm (115% large excess) rainfall, North Interior Karnataka received rainfall of 31.2 mm (194% Large excess), and South Interior Karnataka received rainfall of 35.0 mm (111% large excess) from 01 March to 05 April 2026. The extended range weather forecast (rainfall) provided for the next two weeks (03-09 April to 10-16 April 2026) is a large excess rainfall over Coastal Karnataka, North Interior Karnataka and South Interior Karnataka for week 1 and deficit rainfall over Coastal Karnataka, no rain over North Interior Karnataka and a large deficit rainfall over South Interior Karnataka for week 2.

South Interior Karnataka

- Right time for Post-harvest technology for harvested crops drying, cleaning and storage of rabi crops.
- Apply neem leaves/neem powder in grain bags as a natural repellent.
- For long-term storage of pulses, store with tri-sodium phosphate (TSP) treated gunny sacks to reduce bruchid attack.
- Provide balanced feed and mineral supplements. Provide shade, proper ventilation, and sprinkle water on the shed roof if needed during peak afternoon heat.
- Ensure proper airflow in poultry sheds. Use fans if necessary. Provide cool water with electrolytes during hot hours. Provide electrolytes + vitamins in water for immunity.
- Continue vaccination and deworming schedules. Observe for signs of heat stress (panting, reduced feed intake).

Andhra Pradesh

Coastal Andhra received 11.4 mm (3% normal) and 11.4 mm (1% normal) of rainfall in the Rayalaseema region from 01 March to 05 April 2026, the extended-range weather forecast (rainfall) provided for the next two weeks (03-09 April to 10-16 April 2026) shows a large excess rainfall over Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Rayalaseema for week 1 and no rainfall over Coastal Andhra Pradesh and a large deficit rainfall over Rayalaseema for week 2.

- As the temperatures are increasing, farmers are advised to provide irrigation frequently based on soil conditions at an 8 to 10-day interval.
- Present weather conditions are favourable for the incidence of stem borer in Paddy. To control spray Cartap hydrochloride @ 2.0 g or Acephate @ 1.5 g or chlorantraniliprole @ 0.3 ml/litre of water.
- Farmers who planted banana seedlings can protect the plants from heat stress by sowing seeds, i.e., sunhemp, dhiancha, cowpea, field bean and cluster bean around the plant. This helps the plants withstand the heat. Additionally, placing leaves or newspapers around the plant as a shade helps reduce the impact of the heat. Also suggested to give support against the wind to reduce crop loss due to extreme weather.
- Present dry weather conditions are favourable for fall armyworm. Monitor whorls regularly. Spray Neem oil @ 5 ml/L against early infestations.
- The present weather conditions are favourable for the incidence of black thrips in chilli. To control black thrips, install 25-35 blue sticky traps per acre and also to spray Diafenthurion @1.5 g per litre of water is recommended. • Farmers are advised to take up spraying operations based on local weather conditions.
- Prevailing weather conditions are congenial for the incidence of mango hopper. To control, spray fipronil @2.0 ml or acetamiprid @0.2 g imidacloprid @0.5 ml per litre of water is recommended.
- Wherever irrigation facilities are available, farmers are advised to take up sowing of perennial fodder grasses to avoid fodder shortage during summer. Also suggested to avoid feeding maize and sorghum crops for 45 to 50 days due to the highest cyanide concentration in the seedling stage.

Odisha

Odisha received rainfall of 34.1 mm (35% excess) from 01 March to 05 April 2026. The extended range weather forecast (rainfall) provided for the next two weeks (03-09 April to 10-16 April 2026) over Odisha is excess rainfall for week 1 and no rainfall for week 2.

- So, keeping in view the weather forecast, farmers are advised to withhold fertiliser and pesticide application for the next two days.
- Harvest the Green gram, black gram and groundnut crop at the physiological maturity stage and ensure their safe storage.

- Farmers are advised to make a bund for conserving rainwater in the paddy field. The bund should be higher and wider so that more rainwater can be conserved in the field.
- Keep the drainage channel open in non-paddy and vegetable crops.
- In view of forecasted thunderstorm accompanied by gusty winds, provide mechanical support to cucurbits and staking to Tomato, Banana and Papaya plants.
- Tie sugarcane leaves from four to five plants together to prevent lodging and provide staking.
- Harvest the mature vegetables immediately. Cover the harvested produce with a polythene sheet.
- As there is a chance of thunderstorms and lightning activity, stop all outdoor activities once you hear thunder or see lightning. Do not take shelter under tall trees, electric poles, or isolated sheds. If no shelter is available, crouch low with your feet together in an open area.
- During thunderstorms, unplug all farm equipment, motors, and irrigation pumps to avoid damage. Do not touch electrical wires, metal fences, or use mobile phones while in open areas.
- Pluck the marigold, rose, and chrysanthemum flowers as their quality may deteriorate because of untimely rainfall.
- Provide sufficient clean drinking water to dairy animals and Poultry birds.

Madhya Pradesh

East Madhya Pradesh received rainfall of 14.2 mm (23% excess) and West Madhya Pradesh received rainfall of 8.2 mm (64% large excess) from 01 March to 05 April 2026. The extended range weather forecast (rainfall) for the next two weeks (03-09 April to 10-16 April 2026) is a large excess of rainfall over East Madhya Pradesh and West Madhya Pradesh for week 1, and no rainfall over East Madhya Pradesh and West Madhya Pradesh for week 2.

- In wheat, apply sprinkler irrigation as the last irrigation
- In chickpea, it will be ready for harvest in the coming weeks. Protect from fire.
- Monitoring of aphids in mustard.
- In sugarcane, for rabi sown canes, intercultural operations should be practiced. As the day temperature is rising, a light irrigation is required in the crop field, followed by urea application in the rabi-sown canes.
- In moong/urd/summer soybean, as the temperature is rising, light irrigation is also applied. For summer soybeans, weed control is needed after 15 days with post-emergent herbicides.
- Sowing of okra in the field with varieties such as A-4, Arka Anamika, and Parbhani. The recommended seed rate is 10-15 kg/acre. Ensure adequate moisture for germination before sowing.
- In Mango and citrus trees, irrigation is avoided during flower formation to ensure good fruit setting.

Maharashtra

Konkan received rainfall of 0.4 mm (-81% large deficit), 11.3 mm (177% large excess) rainfall over Madhya Maharashtra, 10.2 mm (32% excess) rainfall over Marathwada, and 6.7 mm (-42% deficit) rainfall over Vidarbha from 01 March to 05 April 2026. The extended range weather forecast (rainfall) for the next two weeks (03-09 April to 10-16 April 2026) is a large excess rainfall over Konkan, Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada and Vidarbha for week 1 and no rainfall over Konkan, Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada and Vidarbha for week 2.

Marathwada

- As per the requirement, irrigation management should be done in sugarcane.
- In summer sesamum, irrigation management should be done in summer sesame crop with an interval of 8 to 10 days in medium soil and with an interval of 12 to 15 days in heavy soil. Irrigation should be done with the help of a sprinkler irrigation system.

- In summer groundnut, Irrigation management should be done in summer groundnut as per requirement with the help of a sprinkler irrigation system.
- In Rabi crops (Chickpea/Safflower/Sorghum/Wheat), threshing of mature *rabi* crops should be done and stored in safe places.
- In sugarcane, for management of stem borer in Sugarcane crop, take a spray of Chlorpyrifos 20% @ 25 ml or chlorantraniliprole 18.5 % @ 4 ml per 10 litres of water.
- In maize, for management of fall armyworm in maize crop, take a spray of Emamectin Benzoate 5 % @ 4 g or Spinetoram 11.7 SC @ 4 ml per 10 litres of water. Harvesting of the mature maize crop should be done.

Chhattisgarh

The rainfall received over Chhattisgarh was 7.3 mm (-31% deficit) from 01 March to 05 April 2026. The extended range weather forecast (rainfall) provided for the next two weeks (03-09 April to 10-16 April 2026) over Chhattisgarh is a large excess rainfall for week 1 and no rainfall for week 2.

- In mustard, according to the weather forecast, there is a possibility of clear weather in the upcoming days. Therefore, farmers are advised to start harvesting as soon as possible if the crop is in the physiological maturity stage.
- In sugarcane, according to the weather forecast, there is a possibility of clear weather in the upcoming days. Therefore, farmers are advised to give irrigation to sugarcane crops as needed.
- In maize, according to the weather forecast, there is a possibility of clear weather in the upcoming days. Therefore, farmers are advised to go for intercultural operation and earthing up should be done at morning.
- In wheat, according to the weather forecast, the possibility of clear weather is there in the upcoming days. Therefore, farmers are advised to start harvesting as soon as possible if the crop is in the maturity stage.

Assam

Rainfall of 205.9 mm (107% large excess) was received over Assam from 01 March to 05 April 2026. The extended range weather forecast (rainfall) provided for the next two weeks (03-09 April to 10-16 April 2026) over Assam is a large deficit of rainfall for week 1 and a deficit of rainfall for week 2.

- Since there is a possibility of getting light to moderate rainfall in the coming 5 days, repair the bunds in the *boro* rice fields to conserve rainwater.
- Lowland areas with higher water submergence, which are not suitable for growing normal rice, can be used for cultivating Bao or deep-water rice. Select recommended varieties like Maguri, Panikekua, Amona, Negheri, etc. About 19 Kg of seeds are required for cultivating one bigha of land.
- Taking advantage of predicted fair weather in the coming 5 days, complete the planting of sugarcane setts in the main field. Before planting, treat the setts by dipping them in a solution of Carboxin or Azoxystrobin in the recommended dose.
- Go for nursery raising of the cuttings (stem/leaf-bud/air layering) of Assam lemon. Stem cuttings may be raised in polyethene bags under partial shade conditions. For transplanting the cuttings in the main field during May to August, pits of 0.5m x 0.5m size with a spacing of 3m x 3m should be prepared now and refilled with soil-manure mixture (1:1) and then allowed to settle.
- Continue planting of banana suckers in the main field. Collect healthy sword suckers of dwarf banana varieties like Jahaji, medium tall varieties like Chenichampa, Malbhog, Barjahaji and tall varieties like Purakol, Monohar, Bhimkol, etc., for planting. The spacing between the plants and rows should be maintained at 1.8m × 1.8m (dwarf variety), 2.1m × 2.1m (medium tall variety) and 2.4m × 2.4m (tall variety). Make necessary arrangements to drain out excess water from the fields.

West Bengal

Gangetic West Bengal received rainfall of 59.9 mm (91% large excess), and Sub-Himalayan West Bengal received 231.3 mm (220% large excess) from 01 March to 05 April 2026. The extended range weather forecast (rainfall) provided for the next two weeks for West Bengal (03-09 April to 10-16 April 2026) is a large deficit rainfall over Gangetic West Bengal and Sub-Himalayan West Bengal during week 1 and week 2.

- Under current weather conditions of very little rainfall and high temperature, *Boro* rice at the flowering to grain formation stage needs proper care to prevent yield loss. Farmers should keep 5–7 cm of standing water in the field to reduce heat stress and help proper grain filling, as this stage is very sensitive to water shortage. Irrigation should be given in the early morning or evening to reduce water loss.
- Farmers are advised to maintain optimum soil moisture through light and frequent irrigation at 3–4-day intervals, preferably during early morning or evening hours. For better fruit development and to minimize flower drop, foliar spray of 1% potassium nitrate (KNO₃) or 0.5% boron may be applied during cooler hours.
- Farmers are advised to give light irrigation immediately to keep enough moisture in the soil, as this stage of the crop is very sensitive to water shortage. To reduce the effect of high temperature and prevent flower or bud dropping, spray NAA @ 40 mg per litre or salicylic acid @ 100 mg per litre. This helps the crop tolerate heat and improves pod formation.

Bihar

Rainfall of 26.6 mm (183% large excess) was received over Bihar from 01 March to 05 April 2026. The extended range weather forecast (rainfall) provided for the next two weeks (03-09 April to 10-16 April 2026) over Bihar is a large deficit of rainfall for week 1 and no rainfall for week 2.

- Farmers are advised to maintain proper soil moisture in the wheat crop, which is in the grain-forming/milking stage, and late-sown wheat requires third irrigation at the stage of formation of jointing after 60-65 days of sowing, and fourth irrigation at 80-85 days after sowing at the flowering stage and constant monitoring of the wheat crop against aphids.
- Sowing of sunflowers is advised. Mordane, DRSF-108 and Paradevik and DRSF-108 are composite varieties, and BSH-1, KBSH-1, MSFH-1, MSFH-8, MSFH-17 and KBSH-44 varieties are hybrid, which are recommended for sowing in North Bihar. Application of 10-15-ton FYM, 30-40 kg Nitrogen, 80-90kg Phosphorus and 40 kg Potash per hectare is advised during land preparation.
- Sowing is advised for Green gram (Mung bean) & Black gram (Urd). Pusa Vishal, Samrat, SML-668, Sona, HUM-16 varieties for Mung bean and Pant Urd-19, Pant Urd-31, Ultra and Navin varieties for Urd are recommended for sowing in North Bihar.

Uttar Pradesh

Eastern Uttar Pradesh received rainfall of 11.5 mm (42% excess), and Western Uttar Pradesh received rainfall of 14.1 mm (22% normal) from 01 January to 26 January 2026. The extended range weather forecast (rainfall) for the next two weeks (23-29 January to 30 January-05 February 2026) is deficit rainfall over Eastern Uttar Pradesh and a large excess rainfall over Western Uttar Pradesh during week 1 and no rainfall over Eastern Uttar Pradesh and deficit rainfall over Western Uttar Pradesh during week 2.

Western Uttar Pradesh

- In wheat and barley, Farmers are advised to harvest mature crops; threshing should be done before 5 April or stored in a safer place.
- In zaid maize, Farmers are advised to skip irrigation, and weeding should be taken up.
- In gram/lentil, Harvesting, threshing and winnowing should be done before 5 April.
- In zaid urd and moong, the weeding should be taken up.

Punjab

Rainfall of 26.8 mm (10% normal) was received over Punjab from 01 March to 05 April 2026. The extended range weather forecast (rainfall) provided for the next two weeks (03-09 April to 10-16 April 2026) over Punjab is a large excess of rainfall for week 1 and week 2.

- As there are chances of rainfall, wait if rainfall does not happen, and apply the last irrigation to the late sown wheat up to April 10.
- Fields infested with dila, post-emergence application of 800 g per acre 2, 4-D sodium salt 80 WP in 200 litres of water is recommended. Do not sow moong/mash as an intercrop if sugarcane has been sprayed with herbicide.
- Start sowing of recommended varieties/hybrids of cotton, including Bt cotton or desi cotton, during this month. Sow seeds in polythene bags to fill gaps in cotton.

Jammu

Rainfall of 136.1 mm (-20% deficit) was received over Jammu from 01 March to 05 April 2026. The extended range weather forecast (rainfall) provided for the next two weeks (03-09 April to 10-16 April 2026) over Jammu is normal rainfall for week 1 and week 2.

- In wheat, postpone irrigation due to the chances of rainfall. Drain out excess rainwater from fields. Organize a campaign for control of rats.
- In vegetables, drain out excess rainwater from fields. Postpone irrigation due to the chances of rainfall. Monitor crop for attack of cutworms that cut down the plant from the collar area and can be controlled by Profenophos @ 0.5ml/lit of water sprayed during clear weather 10cm away from the root zone at 15-day intervals.
- In oilseed, drain out excess rainwater from fields. Shift harvested/threshed crops immediately to safer places.
- In rabi pulses, drain out excess rainwater from fields. Shift harvested/threshed crops immediately to safer places. Complete harvesting of the mature lentil/ Pea crop immediately to prevent pod shedding.

Rajasthan

East Rajasthan received 11.1 mm (123% large excess) of rainfall, and 7.7 mm (38% large excess) of rainfall was received over West Rajasthan from 01 March to 05 April 2026. The extended range weather forecast (rainfall) provided for the next two weeks (03-09 April to 10-16 April 2026) shows a large excess of rainfall over East Rajasthan and West Rajasthan for week 1, normal rainfall over East Rajasthan, and a large excess of West Rajasthan for week 2.

- In present weather conditions, transplanting of young seedlings of tomato, chilli and cole crops may be done this week. Keeping the increasing temperature in view, farmers are advised to use light irrigation in standing crops and vegetables as required.
- Harvest the wheat crop when the crop is at the maturity stage.
- For the control of termites in barley. Apply chlorpyrifos 20 e.c. @ 4 litre/ha. With irrigation water.
- At present, the timely sown gram crop is at the maturity stage. So, farmers are advised to start the harvesting of gram.

- After harvesting of mustard, keep the crop for sun drying in field and then after threshing should be done.
- Complete the sowing of black gram till 15th March. Improved varieties are T-9, P.U.-19, Narendra urd-1 and Narendra urd-2. Seed rate- 30-35 kg/ha.
- Present weather is suitable for the sowing of cucurbitaceous crops. So, farmers are start sowing of cucumber, bitter guard and bottle guard etc.
- Farmers are advised to procure quality seeds for green gram from certified source and start sowing during this week. Variety: - Green gram – Pusa Visal, Pusa 9531, PDM-11, SML-668 Seed treatment with crop specific Rhizobium culture as well as phosphorus solubilizing bacteria (PSB) is also advised.
- Start making an incision in Opium Poppy. Use a three-tip mortar to make an incision.

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