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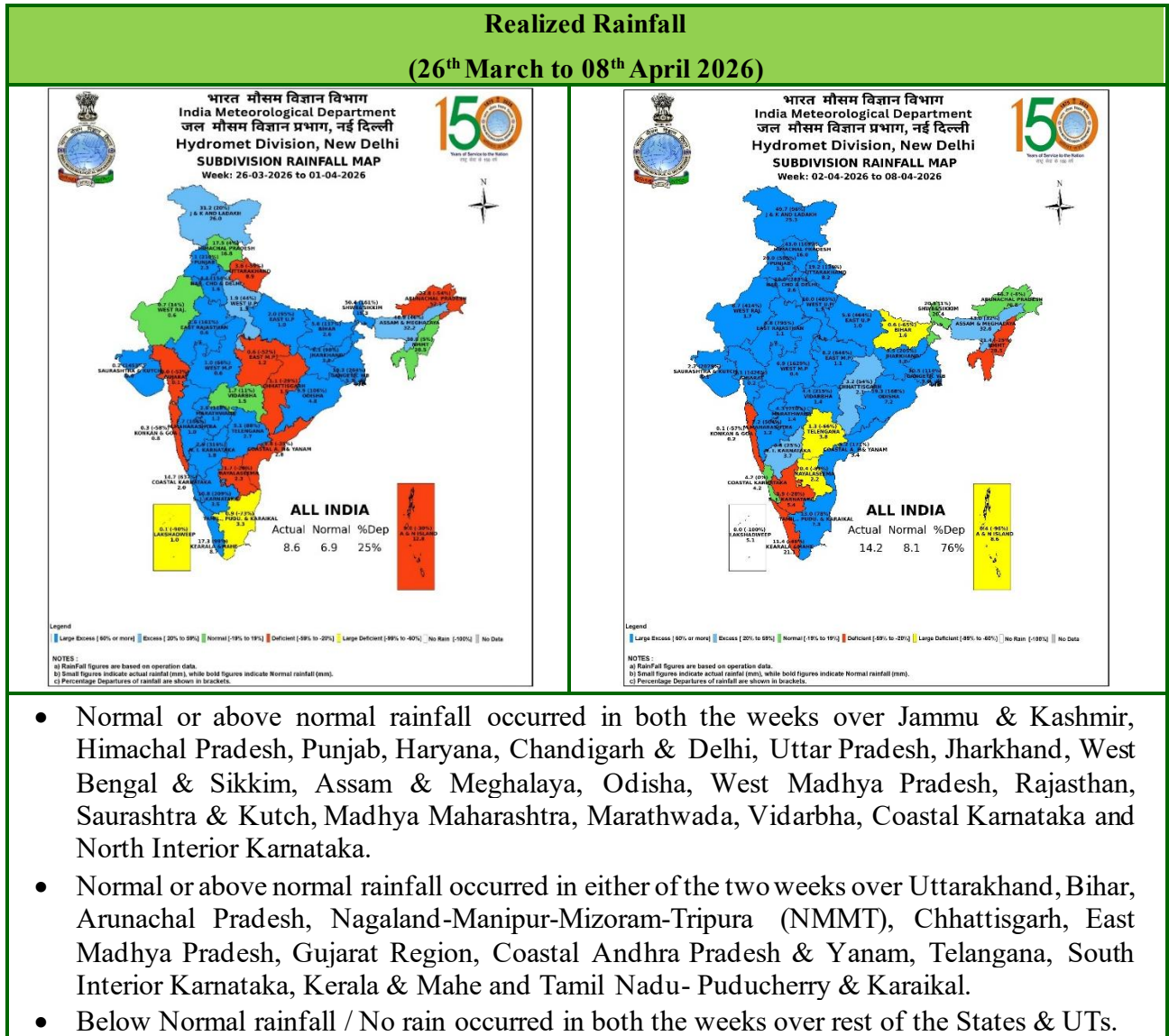
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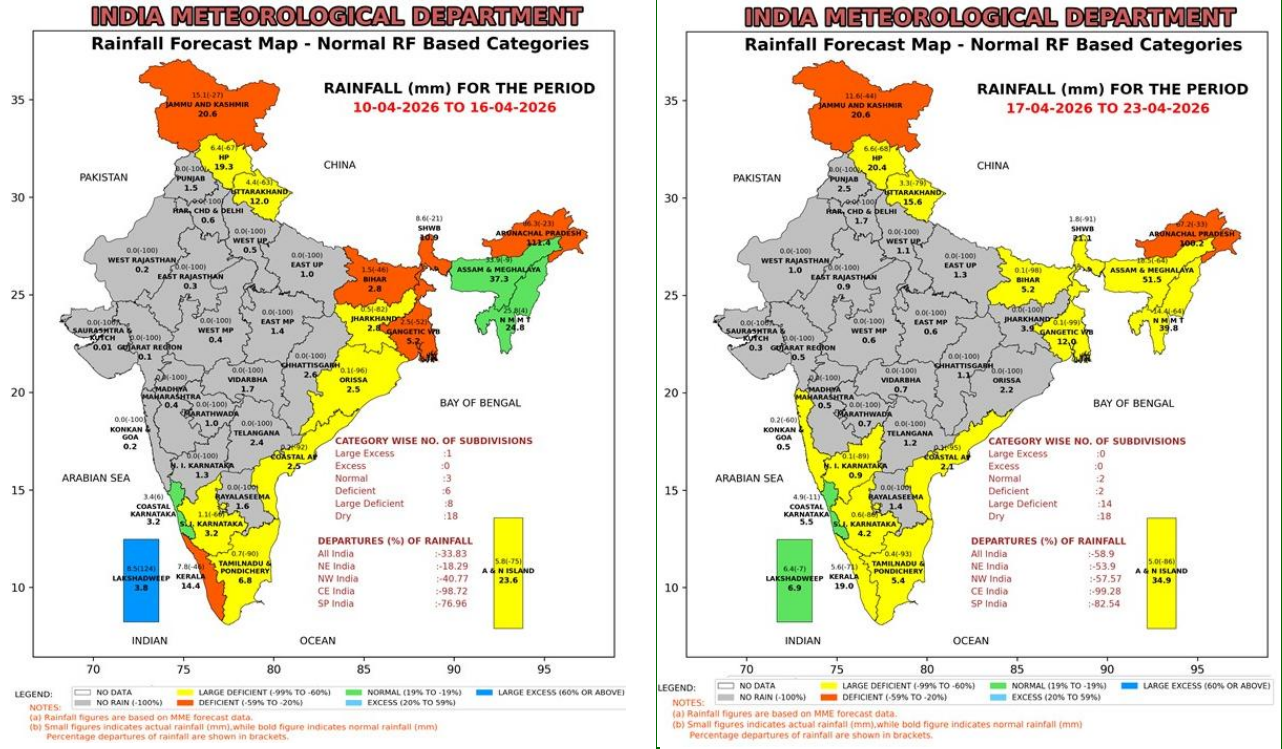
Realized Rainfall and Extended Range Forecast
(वर्षा और तापमान)
(Rainfall and Temperature)



- Normal or above normal rainfall occurred in both the weeks over Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, West Bengal & Sikkim, Assam & Meghalaya, Odisha, West Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Saurashtra & Kutch, Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada, Vidarbha, Coastal Karnataka and North Interior Karnataka.
- Normal or above normal rainfall occurred in either of the two weeks over Uttarakhand, Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland-Manipur-Mizoram-Tripura (NMMT), Chhattisgarh, East Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat Region, Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam, Telangana, South Interior Karnataka, 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- 08th April, 2026) (10th to 23rd April, 2026)



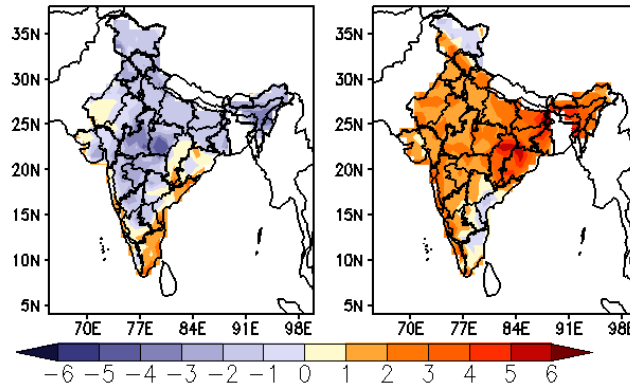
- **Week 1 (10.04.2026 to 16.04.2026):** Rainfall activity is likely over Jammu & Kashmir, Sikkim, North East India & Kerala; in some parts of Himachal Pradesh and at isolated places in Uttarakhand.
- **Week 2 (17.04.2026 to 23.04.2026):** Rainfall activity is likely over Jammu & Kashmir and North East India; in some parts of Himachal Pradesh and at isolated places over Uttarakhand and Northern part of Kerala.

**Maximum and Minimum temperature anomaly (°C) forecast
for the next 2 weeks (IC- 08th April, 2026)
(10th to 23rd April, 2026)**

MME forecast Tmax anomaly (Deg C)

(Week1: 10Apr-16Apr)

(Week2: 17Apr-23Apr)



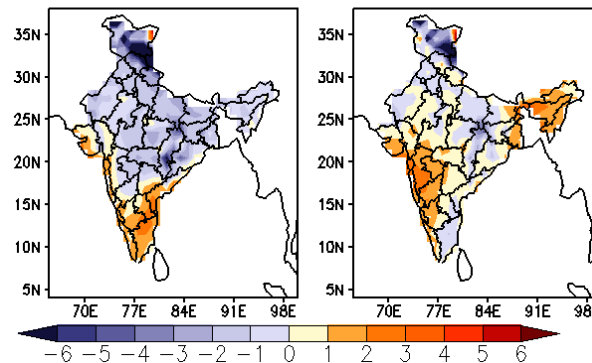
Maximum Temperature (Tmax)

- **Week 1 (10.04.2026 to 16.04.2026):** Maximum Temperature is likely to be above normal over Tamil Nadu and parts of Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and coastal regions of Karnataka.
- **Week 2 (17.04.2026 to 23.04.2026):** Maximum temperature is likely to be above normal over the country except some parts of Jammu & Kashmir, Tamil Nadu and south Coastal Andhra Pradesh.

MME forecast Tmin anomaly (Deg C)

(Week1: 10Apr-16Apr)

(Week2: 17Apr-23Apr)



Minimum Temperature (Tmin)

- **Week 1 (10.04.2026 to 16.04.2026):** Minimum Temperature is likely to be above normal over many parts of South India, Konkan-Goa and Gujarat State.
- **Week 2 (17.04.2026 to 23.04.2026):** Minimum temperature is likely to be above normal over Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat State, North East India, West Bengal and some parts of Bihar.

Strategic Agricultural Planning based on Rainfall till 23 April 2026

Agromet Advisories

Kerala

Kerala received 58.4 mm (-18% normal) of rainfall from 01 March to 12 April 2026. Kerala's extended-range weather forecast (rainfall) for the next two weeks (10-16 April to 17-23 April 2026) in Kerala indicates deficit rainfall for week 1 and a large deficit rainfall for week 2.

- Due to the prevailing hot and humid weather, there is a chance of sheath blight and blast disease in Puncta rice at the dough stage; hence, farmers are advised to monitor fields and, if symptoms appear, spray Nativo @ 4 g per 10 litres of water.
- During this special weather condition, there is a chance of Rhizome weevil attack on the banana. As a precaution, apply neem cake @ 1 kg/plant at the time of planting. Cut and remove the outer layer of the rhizome and sundry for 3-4 days after smearing it with a slurry of cow dung and ash.
- Due to the prevailing dry and high-temperature conditions, there is a risk of wilting in black pepper vines. Protect the plants from direct sunlight by smothering the basal portions of the vines with dried banana leaves, plaited coconut leaves, etc. Provide protective irrigation once every two weeks to reduce moisture stress.
- There is a chance of mealybug infestation in brinjal. As a precaution, spray 20-gram *Lecanicillium lecanii* in one litre of water. Install yellow sticky traps in the field to help manage the pest population.
- During cloudy conditions, avoid bathing the cow and washing the cattle shed, more heat will be built up. Provide proper air circulation using fans in the cattle shed. Assure increased ventilation in the cattle shed. Ensure a sufficient supply of clean drinking water to the animals.

Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu received 35.8 mm (12% normal) of rainfall from 01 March to 12 April 2026. Tamil Nadu's extended-range weather forecast (rainfall) for the next two weeks (10-16 April to 17-23 April 2026) in Kerala indicates a large deficit of rainfall for week 1 and week 2.

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

Karnataka

Coastal Karnataka received 26.4 mm (43% excess) rainfall, North Interior Karnataka received rainfall of 31.0 mm (104% Large excess), and South Interior Karnataka received rainfall of 35.6 mm (52% large excess) from 01 March to 12 April 2026. The extended range weather forecast (rainfall) provided for the next two weeks (10-16 April to 17-23 April 2026) is normal rainfall over Coastal Karnataka, no rainfall over North Interior Karnataka and a large deficit rainfall over South Interior Karnataka for week 1 and normal rainfall over Coastal Karnataka, a large deficit rainfall over North Interior Karnataka and South Interior Karnataka for week 2.

South Interior Karnataka

- Summer ploughing is recommended to facilitate soil solarisation and weed management.
- 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.
- Continue vaccination and deworming schedules. Observe for signs of heat stress (panting, reduced feed intake).
- Provide electrolytes + vitamins in water for immunity. Keep litter dry to prevent ammonia accumulation in poultry.

Andhra Pradesh

Coastal Andhra received 26.5 mm (37% excess) and 12.0 mm (-14% normal) of rainfall in the Rayalaseema region from 01 March to 12 April 2026, the extended-range weather forecast (rainfall) provided for the next two weeks (10-16 April to 17-23 April 2026) shows a large deficit rainfall over Coastal Andhra Pradesh and no rainfall over Rayalaseema for week 1 and week 2.

- Rabi maize crop is at the seed development stage. As the temperatures are increasing, farmers are advised to provide irrigation frequently based on soil conditions at an 8 to 10-day interval.
- Paddy is at the milking stage. 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.
- In maize, 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 Diafenthiuron@1.5 g per litre of water is recommended. • Farmers are advised to take up spraying operations based on local weather conditions
- Farmers are advised to provide light irrigation in the early morning or late evening to prevent fruit cracking and maintain quality, and also apply dry leaves, paddy straw, or coconut husk around the base to retain soil moisture and regulate root zone temperature.
- As temperatures are currently increasing in the district, farmers are advised to provide light irrigation to the mango crop to avoid the fruit drop and also suggested to spray Planofix @1.0 ml per 4.5 litres of water to control fruit drop.
- In the current hot weather, provide buffaloes with plenty of shade and clean, cool water throughout the day. Feed them early in the morning or in the evening and maintain their sheds well-ventilated. Avoid moving them during the hottest hours and watch for signs of heat stress like heavy breathing or reduced feed intake. A light sprinkling of water in the shed can help keep them comfortable. To prevent foot and mouth disease in sheep and goats, farmers are advised to vaccinate animals on time.

Odisha

Odisha received rainfall of 55.9 mm (77% large excess) from 01 March to 12 April 2026. The extended range weather forecast (rainfall) provided for the next two weeks (10-16 April to 17-23 April 2026) over Odisha is a large deficit of rainfall for week 1 and no rainfall for week 2.

- Make 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.
- Harvest the Green gram, black gram and groundnut crop at the physiological maturity stage and ensure their safe storage.
- As there is a chance of thunderstorms and lightning activity for tomorrow, 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.
- In shallow ponds, harvest fingerlings if the water temperature rises to 30 0C. Ensure enough water depth before introducing fingerlings in a pond.

- Provide sufficient clean drinking water to dairy animals and Poultry birds.
- Use an umbrella or a wet cloth on the head to protect from the sun's rays during the daytime.
- Considering the forecast of high day temperatures along with hot weather conditions from Sunday to Wednesday, farmers are advised to avoid working during peak hot hours (12 PM to 4 PM) and use a wide-brimmed hat or cloth to cover the head and neck.
- Humid and cloudy conditions favour pests like thrips, mites, and diseases (blight, rot). Monitor fields regularly. Apply neem-based formulations or recommended pesticides only on dry days. Avoid chemical sprays during rain.
- Ensure proper ventilation in animal sheds to avoid humidity-related stress. Monitor for heat stress as maximum temperatures remain high (34-40°C).

Madhya Pradesh

East Madhya Pradesh received rainfall of 15.6 mm (25% excess) and West Madhya Pradesh received rainfall of 11.0 mm (99% large excess) from 01 March to 12 April 2026. The extended range weather forecast (rainfall) for the next two weeks (10-16 April to 17-23 April 2026) is no rain over East Madhya Pradesh and West Madhya Pradesh for week 1, and week 2.

- In wheat, Farmers should tie and properly cover harvest crops. Before storage, grains should be properly cleaned and dried to a recommended level of moisture content of less than 12 %.
- In moong/urd/soybean, as the temperature is rising, light irrigation is required at weekly intervals.
- In sugarcane, Irrigation applied at weekly intervals. Tie the canes together to prevent lodging. Intercrop with mung/urd bean pulses also needs irrigation and sucking pest control.
- In vegetables, the present temperature is suitable for germination of French beans, lobia, okra and cucurbit vegetables. Procurement of seeds should be done from a certified source. Farmers are advised to ensure proper moisture before sowing for optimum germination.
- Mango is at the fruit set stage. Monitoring of mealy bug and mango hopper insects. Consult the nearest Scientist of KVK, if the populations of insect-pests are high.

Gujarat

Rainfall of 4.6 mm (820% large excess) was received over Gujarat from 01 March to 12 April 2026. The extended range weather forecast (rainfall) provided for the next two weeks (10-16 April to 17-23 April 2026) over Gujarat is no rainfall for week 1 and week 2.

- As per soil and climatic conditions, as well as the stage of sugarcane crop irrigation, apply. In summer, give irrigation at 15–17-day intervals or adopt a drip method of irrigation and mulching of trash in between two rows of crop to save irrigation water.
- Apply the recommended 1st split dose of Nitrogen (40 kg/ha) at 20-25 days after transplanting and 2nd split dose of Nitrogen (20 kg/ha) at 40-45 (DATP) in summer paddy.
- Apply mulch of paddy straw/mango leaves and give light irrigation to mango orchards to reduce fruit drops. Apply Urea (800g) or Ammonium Sulphate (1.8 kg) with irrigation at the pea to marble stage of mango fruits.
- In tomato, due to cloudy weather, if thrips are observed in tomatoes, undertake spraying of Neem seed oil 30 to 50 ml in 10 litres of water.

Maharashtra

Konkan received rainfall of 0.4 mm (-83% large deficit), 11.4 mm (107% large excess) rainfall over Madhya Maharashtra, 10.2 mm (7% normal) rainfall over Marathwada, and 6.7 mm (-49% deficit) rainfall over Vidarbha from 01 March to 12 April 2026. The extended range weather forecast (rainfall) for the next two weeks (10-16 April to 17-23 April 2026) is no rainfall over Konkan, Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada

and Vidarbha for week 1 and a large deficit rainfall over Konkan and no rainfall over Madhya Maharashtra, Marathwada and Vidarbha for week 2.

Konkan

- In green gram, irrigate the crop at an interval of 10 to 12 days, providing a total of five irrigations. Ensure that the crop does not face moisture stress during the branching, flowering and pod filling stages.
- Groundnut pods are considered mature when the veins on the shell become prominent, and the inner side of the shell turns dark. The kernels become fully developed. Uproot the plants when there is sufficient soil moisture and separate the pods. Dry the pods thoroughly in the sun for 4-5 days after separating them from the plants.
- In some areas, mango fruits are ready for harvesting. Fruits ready for harvest change in colour from dark green to light yellowish green. The white lenticel spots on the fruit become more prominent, and the stalk becomes mature. A depression appears near the stalk end, and the shoulders of the fruit rise, and occasionally one or two ripe fruits fall from the tree.

Vidarbha

- In groundnut, apply light irrigation as needed to protect the susceptible field crop.
- In wheat, undertake harvesting of late-sown mature wheat crop and ensure safe storage of harvested produce
- Screening of farm livestock, draught / milch animals for diseases should be considered, and they should be vaccinated for foot and mouth disease (FMD). Keep the farm animals indoor at afternoon during a heat wave. Green fodder, mineral mixture supplement and a small quantity of salt should be given to the animals with clean and cold water for drinking.

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.

Chhattisgarh

The rainfall received over Chhattisgarh was 9.9 mm (-20% deficit) from 01 March to 12 April 2026. The extended range weather forecast (rainfall) provided for the next two weeks (10-16 April to 17-23 April 2026) over Chhattisgarh is no rainfall for week 1 and week 2.

- Pulses and oilseed crops (Green Gram, Black Gram, Sesame crop). According to the weather forecast, there is a possibility of light rainfall in the upcoming days. Therefore, farmers are advised to give light irrigation in the summer crop after sowing. If there is not enough moisture in the soil for germination of the seeds, light irrigation should be given as per the requirement.
- In sugarcane, according to the weather forecast, there is a possibility of light rainfall in the upcoming days. Therefore, farmers are advised to give irrigation to sugarcane crops as required.
- In maize, according to the weather forecast, there is a possibility of light rainfall in the upcoming days. Therefore, farmers are advised not to apply a third dose of nitrogen and irrigate the maize crop as per the requirement.

- In wheat, according to the weather forecast, there is a possibility of light rainfall in the upcoming days. Therefore, farmers are advised to avoid harvesting for 1-2 days & harvested crops should be kept in a safe place.
- In late-sown chickpea, according to the weather forecast, there is a possibility of light rainfall in the upcoming days. Therefore, farmers are advised to avoid harvesting for 1-2 days & harvested crops should be kept in a safe place.

Assam

Rainfall of 238.7 mm (76% large excess) was received over Assam from 01 March to 12 April 2026. The extended range weather forecast (rainfall) provided for the next two weeks (10-16 April to 17-23 April 2026) over Assam is normal rainfall for week 1 and a large deficit of rainfall for week 2.

- Since there are no possibilities of getting heavy rainfall in the coming 5 days, spray Imidacloprid 70WG (0.3g per litre of water) to control stem borer infestation in *boro* rice crops.
- 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 sets in the main field. Before planting, treat the sets 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 polyethylene bags under partial shade conditions.
- Continue planting 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.

West Bengal

Gangetic West Bengal received rainfall of 99.9 mm (139% large excess), and Sub-Himalayan West Bengal received 273.8 mm (190% large excess) from 01 March to 12 April 2026. The extended range weather forecast (rainfall) provided for the next two weeks for West Bengal (10-16 April to 17-23 April 2026) is a deficit rainfall over Gangetic West Bengal and Sub-Himalayan West Bengal during week 1 and a large deficit rainfall over Gangetic West Bengal and Sub-Himalayan West Bengal for week 2.

- Since no rainfall is expected and temperatures are high, maintaining enough soil moisture is very important. Farmers should keep a thin layer of water (2–5 cm) in the field during the milking stage, as a lack of water at this stage can reduce grain weight and final yield. A foliar spray of 1% Potassium Nitrate (KNO₃) or 2% Muriate of Potash (MOP) can help improve grain filling and panicle development under hot and dry conditions.
- For pointed gourds, hand pollination in the early morning helps improve fruit setting, along with a foliar spray of 0.1% boron to reduce fruit deformities.
- 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 in green gram.
- Dry weather and low humidity increase the risk of Brown Plant Hopper (BPH) attack. Farmers should check the base of rice plants regularly. If more than 10 insects are found per hill, spray recommended insecticides like Pymetrozine 50% WG or Dinotefuran 20% SG, directing the spray towards the lower part of the plant.

Jharkhand

Rainfall of 35.9 mm (79% a large excess) was received over Jharkhand from 01 March to 12 April 2026. The extended range weather forecast (rainfall) provided for the next two weeks (10-16 April to 17-23 April 2026) over Jharkhand is a large deficit rainfall for week 1 and no rainfall for week 2.

- In maize, go for earthing up in summer maize, which is its knee stage height. Apply 26-kilogram urea per acre.
- In elephant foot yam, for sowing elephant foot yam, farmers should choose sandy loam soil with good drainage and go for improved varieties - Gajendra, Vidhan, Kusum and maintain a distance of 60 cm x 60 cm.
- Keep irrigating mango and litchi plants regularly after they bear fruit. To prevent small litchi fruits from falling, spray Planofix with 1 ml per 3 litres of water.
- In sorghum, sow sorghum in irrigated areas to grow fodder crops for animal feed, which has 40 per cent protein content. Choose cultivars like – Rio 988, Pusachari-615 and Green Sona. Keep the seed rate of 6-18 kg per acre for sowing. Before sowing, seeds should be treated with fungicide thiram 75% W.P. @ 1 to 1.5 gm per kg of seed.

Uttar Pradesh

Eastern Uttar Pradesh received rainfall of 16.1 mm (83% large excess), and Western Uttar Pradesh received rainfall of 23.5 mm (84% 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 Western Uttar Pradesh during week 2.

Western Uttar Pradesh

- In wheat and barley, farmers are advised to harvest their crops and tying bundles and threshing should be done.
- In barley, Farmers are advised to thresh, and winnowing should be completed as early as possible.
- In *Zaid* maize, Farmers are advised that irrigation should be done and weeding should be taken up.
- In *Zaid* Moong, Sowing of short-duration variety during this week. Weeding should be done after 20 days of sowing.
- In *Zaid* Urd, Farmers are advised to irrigate, and weeding should be done at optimum moisture by hand hoe. Weeds should be used as mulch.

Himachal Pradesh

Rainfall of 157.6 mm (14% normal) was received over Himachal Pradesh from 01 March to 12 April 2026. The extended range weather forecast (rainfall) provided for the next two weeks (10-16 April to 17-23 April 2026) over Himachal Pradesh is a large deficit rainfall for week 1 and week 2.

- In wheat, for more productivity, keep fields weed-free. Rains have occurred in some regions
- In mustard/gobhi sarson, keep the crop weed-free. Advised for harvesting mature mustard as early as possible. 75-80 per cent of the pods (Siliqua) turning parchment brown in colour is the right time for harvest. Farmers advise not to allow the crops to over-mature, which causes loss of grains due to scattering. Immediate threshing after drying is advised.
- In potatoes, apply irrigation as it is critical for irrigation and nutrient management, especially potassium and water, to ensure good tuber size and yield.
- In lower regions, the sowing of cucurbits starts this week. Seed should be treated with captan or thiram @ 2 grams/kg of seed before sowing. Use well-decomposed FYM 10-12 tons/acre in the field

at the time of ploughing. cucurbitaceous crops, if attack of red pumpkin beetle is found then, then spraying of Dichlorvos 76 EC (DDVP) @ 1 gram per litre of water is advised.

Jammu

Rainfall of 160.0 mm (-18% normal) was received over Jammu from 01 March to 12 April 2026. The extended range weather forecast (rainfall) provided for the next two weeks (10-16 April to 17-23 April 2026) over Jammu is deficit rainfall for week 1 and week 2.

- In wheat, Postpone irrigation. Rogue out loose smut and Karnal bunt-affected plants and destroyed by burning or deep burying them under soil to avoid further dispersal.
- Farmers are advised to go for sowing of okra varieties like Jammu okra 05, Arka anamika @ 1 kg/kanal is recommended. Spray Dithane-M-45 @2.5g/lt of water, if post-damping off disease (which kills the plant from the collar region) is observed at the seedling stage.
- Farmers are advised to harvest mature crops (if not harvested yet) at 75-80 per cent of the pods (Siliqua) turning brown in colour. Dry the harvested crop well before threshing. The bundles of the harvested plants should be kept in a stack with the heads upwards before threshing.
- Farmers may go for sowing summer Mash (var.) Pant U-19, Uttara and Moong (var.) PDM-54, ML-131, ML 818, PS-16, PS-7, in those areas where the rabi crop is harvested under irrigated conditions.

Rajasthan

East Rajasthan received 19.3 mm (239% large excess) of rainfall, and 15.0 mm (131% large excess) of rainfall was received over West Rajasthan from 01 March to 12 April 2026. The extended range weather forecast (rainfall) provided for the next two weeks (10-16 April to 17-23 April 2026) shows no rainfall over East Rajasthan and West Rajasthan for week 1, and week 2.

- In present weather conditions, transplanting 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, timely sown gram crops are at the maturity stage. So, farmers are advised to start harvesting grams.
- After harvesting mustard, keep the crop for sun drying in the field and then 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 start sowing cucumber, bitter guard and bottle guard, etc.
- Farmers are advised to procure quality seeds for green gram from certified sources 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 the Opium Poppy. Use a three-tip mortar to make an incision.

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