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Subject: Depression over southwest Bay of Bengal off northeast Sri Lanka coast

The depression over southwest Bay of Bengal off northeast Sri Lanka coast moved west-northwestwards with a speed of 15 kmph during past 6 hours and lay centred at 0830 hours IST of today, the 10th January, 2026, over the same region near latitude 9.1°N and longitude 81.2°E, about 50 km east-southeast of Mullaitivu (Sri Lanka), 60 km north-northeast of Trincomalee (Sri Lanka), 140 km east-southeast of Jaffna (Sri Lanka), 250 km southeast of Karaikal (Puducherry) and 450 km south-southeast of Chennai (Tamil Nadu).

It is very likely to continue to move west-northwestwards and cross north Sri Lanka coast between Trincomalee and Jaffna close to Mullaitivu as a depression by noon/afternoon of today, 10th January, 2026.

Forecast track and intensity is given in Table below:

Date/Time (IST)	Position (Lat. °N/ long. °E)	Maximum sustained surface wind speed (kmph)	Category of cyclonic disturbance
10.01.26/0830	9.1/81.2	45-55 gusting to 65	Depression
10.01.26/1130	9.3/80.9	40-50 gusting to 60	Depression
10.01.26/1730	9.3/80.4	35-45 gusting to 55	Depression
10.01.26/2330	9.2/80.0	25-35 gusting to 45	Well Marked Low Pressure Area

(i) Rainfall Warning:

Tamilnadu, Puducherry and Karaikal: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with **heavy to very heavy rainfall** at isolated places is very likely over coastal Tamil Nadu on 10th January, 2026. Rainfall activity would gradually decrease with light to moderate rainfall at many places and **heavy rainfall** at isolated places is very likely over Tamil Nadu on 11th January, 2026.

(ii) Wind Warning:

(a) Southwest Bay of Bengal and along & off Sri Lanka coast, Gulf of Mannar and adjoining Comorin Area:

Squally weather with wind speed reaching 45-55 gusting to 65 kmph is currently prevailing over the region. It would gradually decrease becoming 40-50 gusting to 60 kmph by 10th afternoon and 25-35 gusting to 45 kmph by 10th midnight.

(b) Along & off Tamilnadu-Puducherry coasts

Squally weather with wind speed reaching 40-50 gusting to 60 kmph is very likely to prevail till 10th afternoon. It would gradually decrease thereafter.

Squally weather with wind speed reaching 35-45 gusting to 55 kmph is very likely to prevail along and off North Tamil Nadu & Puducherry coasts on 10th January and decrease thereafter.

(iii) Sea Condition:

- ❖ Sea condition is very likely to be rough over southwest Bay of Bengal, Gulf of Mannar & adjoining Comorin area and along & off Sri Lanka coast on 10th January and improve gradually thereafter.
- ❖ Sea condition is very likely to be rough along & off Tamilnadu-Puducherry coasts on 10th January and improve gradually thereafter.

(iv) Fishermen Warning:

Fishermen are advised not to venture into southwest Bay of Bengal, Gulf of Mannar and adjoining Comorin area and along & off Sri Lanka & Tamilnadu-Puducherry coasts on 10th January.

(v) Impact Expected over south coastal Tamilnadu and Karaikal due to heavy rainfall

- ❖ Localized Flooding of roads, water logging in low lying areas and closure of underpasses mainly in urban areas of the above region.
- ❖ Occasional reduction in visibility due to heavy rainfall.
- ❖ Disruption of traffic in city areas and roadways due to water logging in roads and poor visibility due to heavy rain leading to increased travel time and incidents
- ❖ Likely disruption of marine and inland water transportation like small boats and trawlers.
- ❖ Damage to horticulture and standing crops in some areas due to inundation and wind.

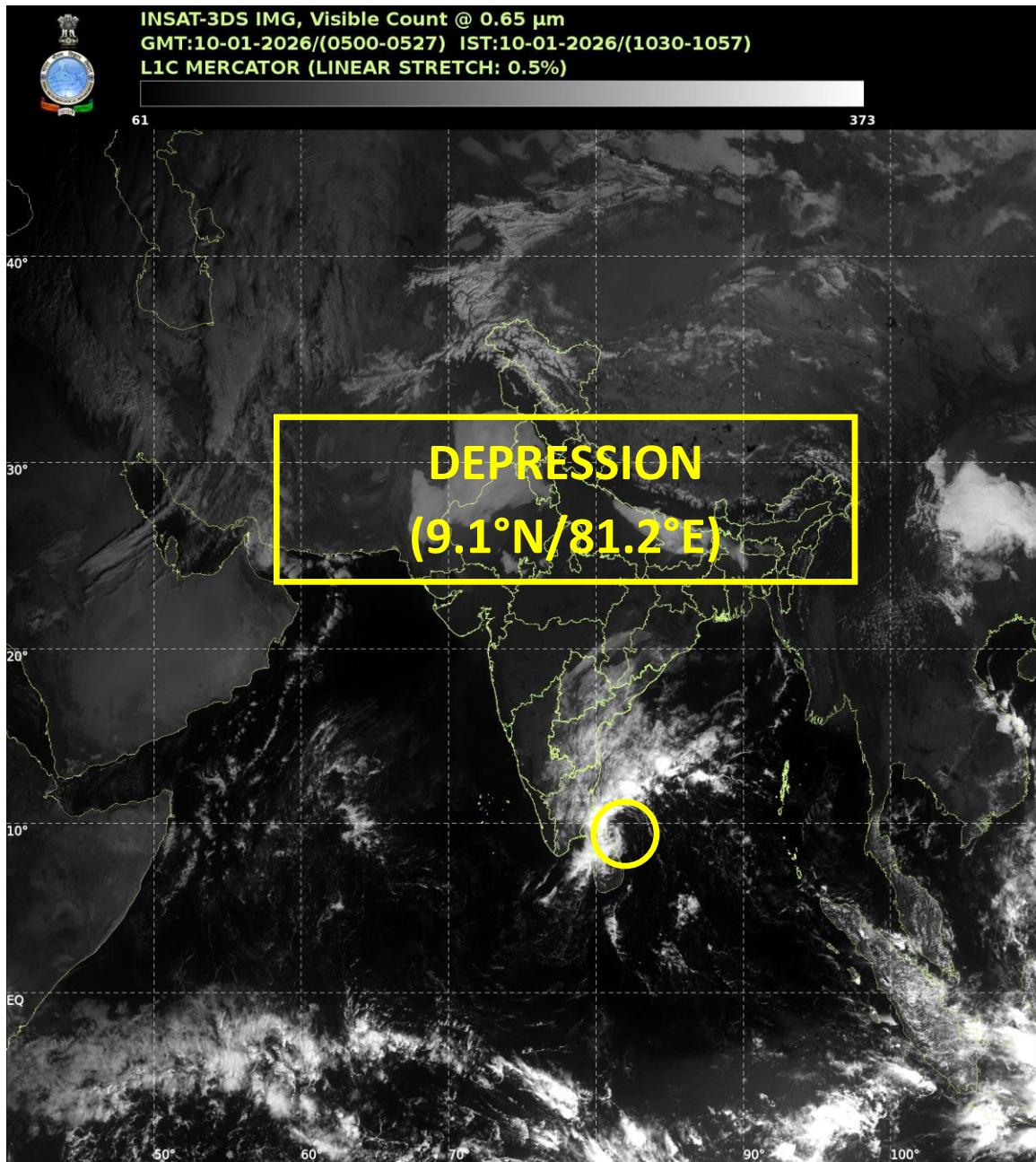
(vi) Action Suggested for coastal Tamilnadu-Puducherry and Karaikal

- Judicious regulation of onshore/offshore, Port and maritime activities
- Judicious regulation of tourism activities in coastal areas.
- Judicious regulation of surface transports including railways and roadways.
- Avoid going to areas that face the water logging problems often.

Next bulletin will be issued at 1430 hours IST of today, the 10th January, 2026.

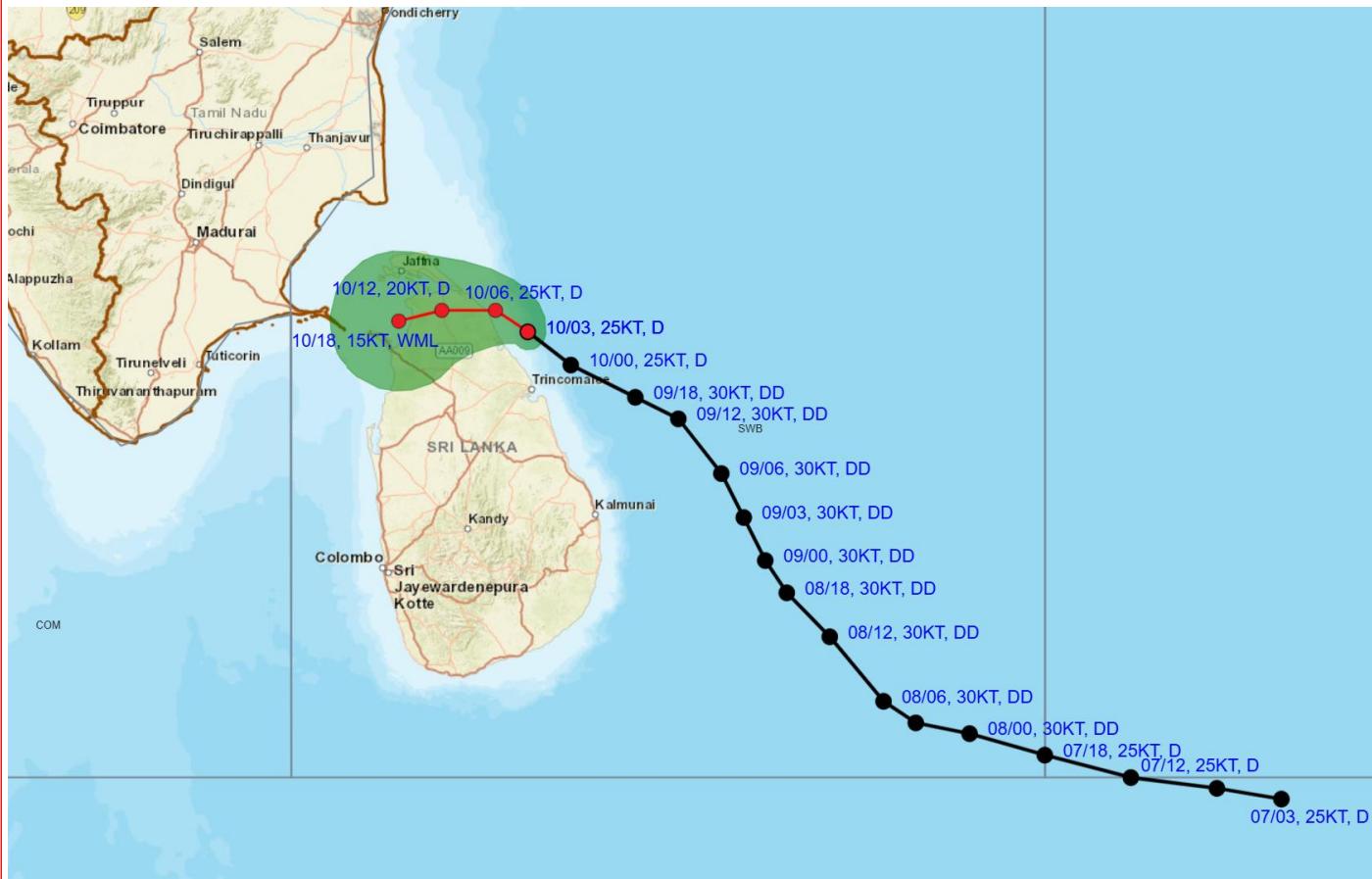
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OBSERVED AND FORECAST TRACK ALONGWITH CONE OF UNCERTAINTY OF DEPRESSION OVER SOUTHWEST BAY OF BENGAL OFF NORTHEAST SRI-LANKA COAST BASED ON 0300 UTC (0830 Hrs. IST) OF 10TH JANUARY 2026.



DATE/TIME IN UTC

IST=UTC + 0530

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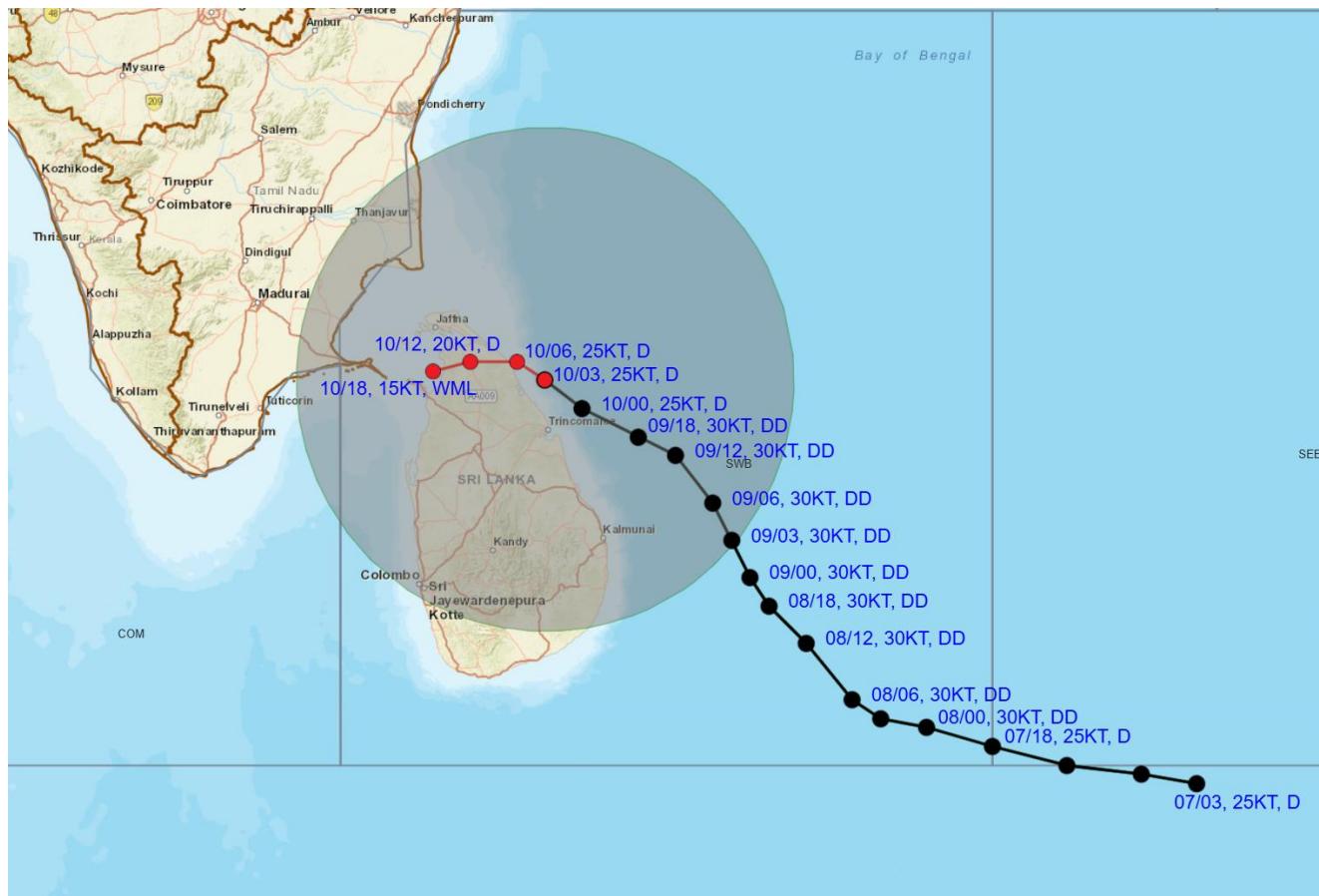
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- 34-47 KT
- \geq 48 KT
- OBSERVED TRACK**
- FORECAST TRACK**
- CONE OF UNCERTAINTY**

Forecast distance (km) and direction of the centre from nearest 5 coastal stations

Forecast Date and Time	Lead Period	Lat	Lon	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3	Station 4	Station 5
10.01.26/0300	0	9.1	81.2	MULLAITTIVU 1) (46,ESE)	TRINCOMALEE (58,N)	VAVUNIYA (86,ENE)	ANURADHAPURA (121,NE)	MAHA ILLUPPALLAMA (136,NE)
10.01.26/0600	3	9.3	80.9	MULLAITTIVU 1) (10,ENE)	VAVUNIYA (75,NE)	TRINCOMALEE (89,NNW)	JAFFNA (105,ESE)	KANKASANTURAI 1) (107,ESE)
10.01.26/1200	9	9.3	80.4	MULLAITTIVU 1) (46,W)	JAFFNA (57,SE)	VAVUNIYA (62,N)	MANNAR (64,ENE)	KANKASANTURAI 1) (67,SSE)
10.01.26/1800	15	9.2	80.0	MANNAR (26,NNNE)	JAFFNA (50,S)	KANKASANTURAI 1) (67,S)	VAVUNIYA (74,NW)	PAMBAN (87,E)



OBSERVED AND FORECAST TRACK ALONGWITH QUADRANT WIND DISTRIBUTION OF DEPRESSION OVER SOUTHWEST BAY OF BENGAL OFF NORTHEAST SRI-LANKA COAST BASED ON 0300 UTC (0830 Hrs. IST) OF 10TH JANUARY 2026.



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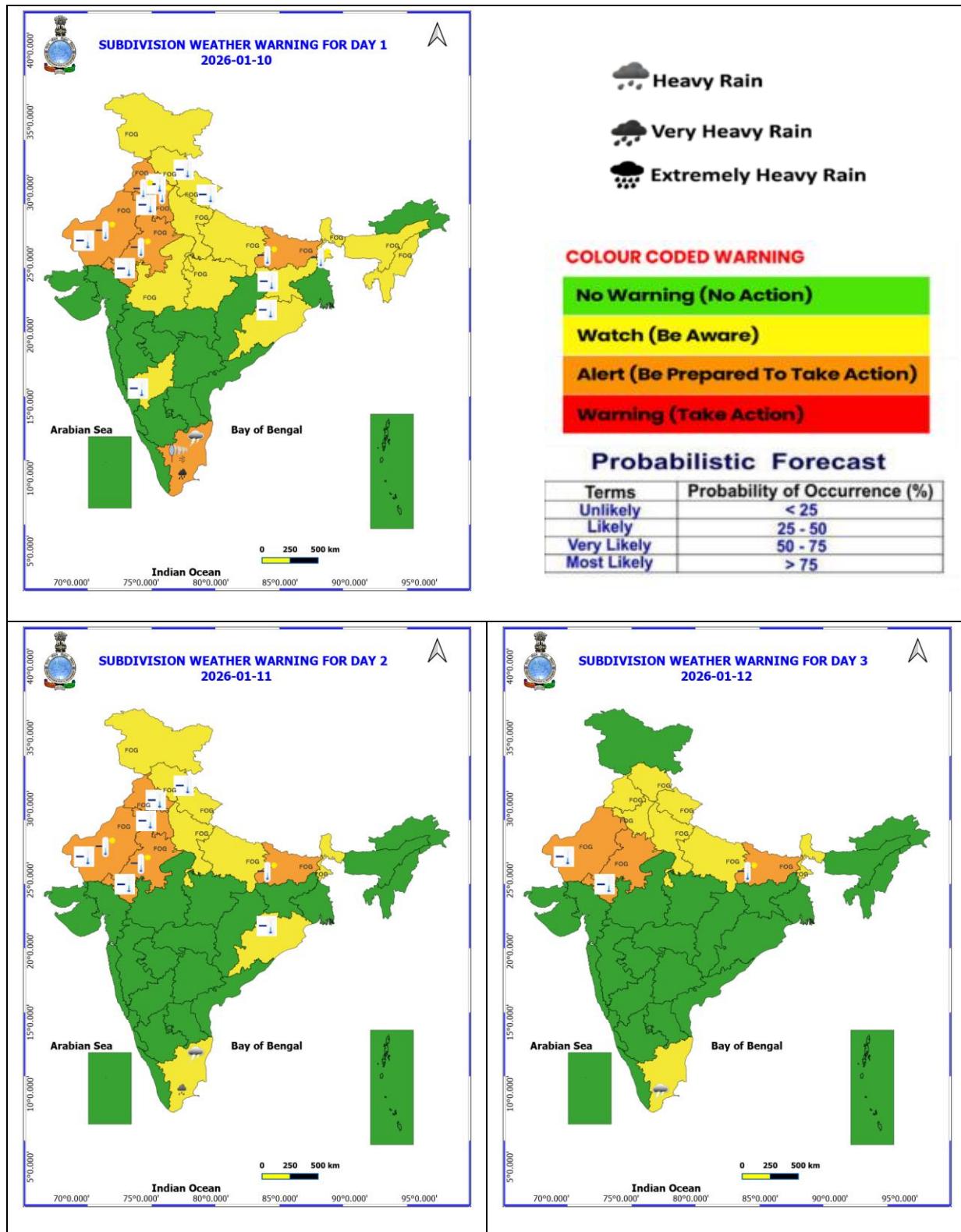
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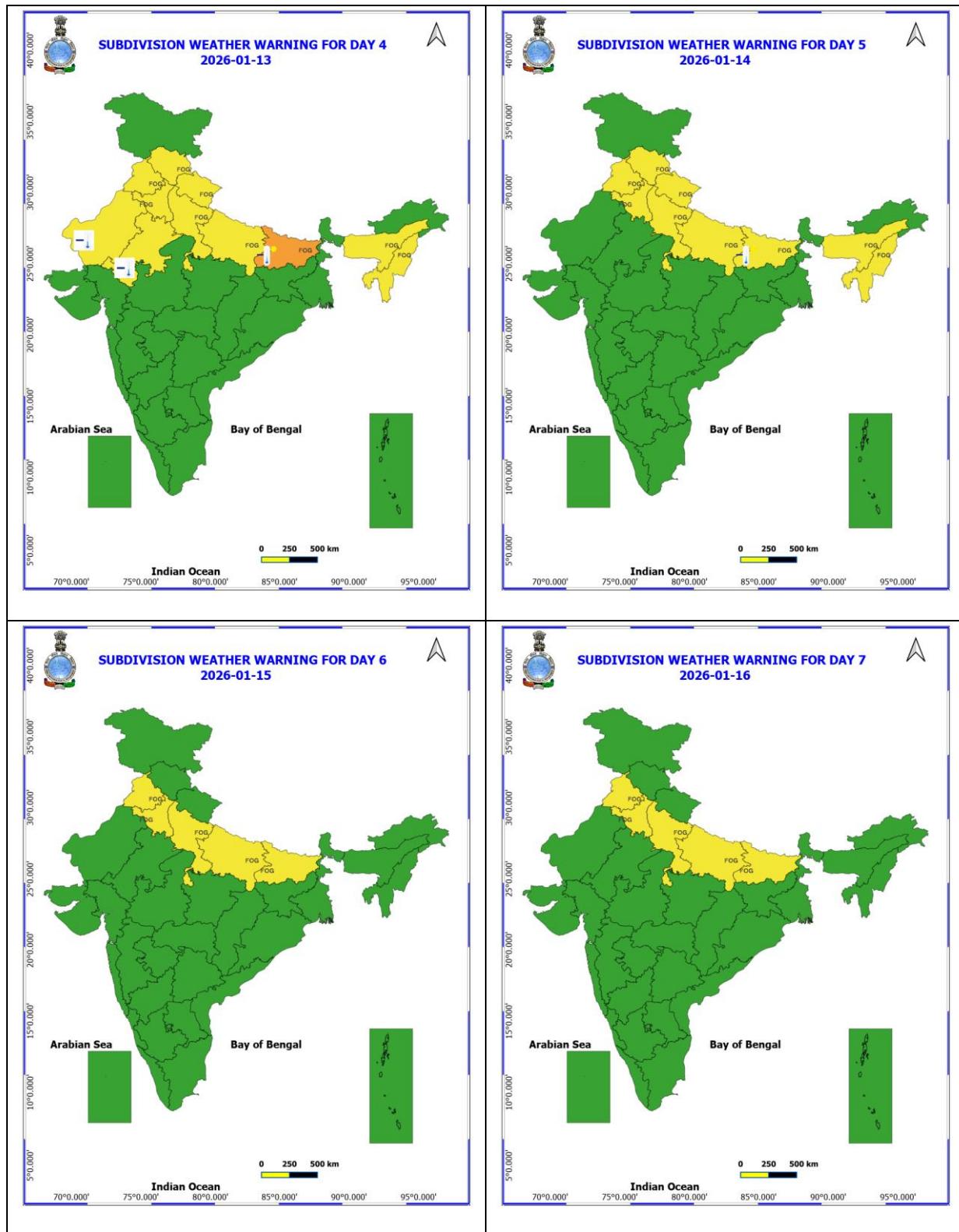
— 20-25 KT (40-50 KMPH)

IMPACT OVER THE SEA

MSW (knot/kmph)	Impact	Action
20-25 KT (40-50 kmph)	Rough seas	Total suspension of fishing operations

WARNING GRAPHICS





Action may be taken based on ORANGE AND RED COLOUR warnings.

- Vulnerable regions likely urban and hilly areas action may be initiated for heavy rainfall warning.
- As the lead period increases forecast accuracy decreases.

Fishermen Warning Graphics

