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**Subject: Depression over southeast & adjoining areas of southwest Bay of Bengal and East Equatorial Indian Ocean**

The depression over southeast Bay of Bengal and adjoining East Equatorial Indian Ocean moved nearly west-northwestwards with a speed of 18 kmph during past 6 hours and lay centred at 1730 hours IST of today, the 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 over southeast & adjoining areas of southwest Bay of Bengal and East Equatorial Indian Ocean, near latitude 5.0°N and longitude 86.8°E, about 570 km east-southeast of Pottuvil (Sri Lanka), 620 km east-southeast of Batticaloa (Sri Lanka), 710 km east-southeast of Trincomalee (Sri Lanka), 990 km southeast of Karaikal (Puducherry) and 1140 km south-southeast of Chennai (Tamil Nadu).

It is very likely to intensify further into a deep depression during next 12 hours. It is very likely to move west-northwestwards initially across southwest Bay of Bengal during next 36 hours.

**Rainfall Warning:**

❖ **Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal:** Light to moderate rainfall at many places with heavy rainfall at isolated places is very likely on 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2026. The activity would gradually increase becoming light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2026. It would decrease thereafter becoming light to moderate rainfall at many places with heavy rainfall at isolated places on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2026.

- ❖ **Kerala and Mahe:** Light to moderate rainfall at many places with **heavy rainfall** at isolated places is very likely on 10<sup>th</sup> January.

**(ii) Wind Warning:**

**(a) Southeast Bay of Bengal:**

Squally weather with wind speed reaching 45-55 gusting to 65 kmph is very likely to prevail on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 and gradually decrease thereafter.

**(b) Southwest Bay of Bengal:**

Squally weather with wind speed reaching 45 - 55 gusting to 60 kmph is very likely to prevail till morning of 8<sup>th</sup> January. Thereafter, the winds would gradually increase and squally winds with speed reaching 50-60 gusting to 70 kmph are likely to prevail during 8<sup>th</sup> morning to 10<sup>th</sup> morning. It would gradually decrease then, becoming 40-50 gusting to 60 kmph by 10<sup>th</sup> afternoon.

**(c) Adjoining areas of East Equatorial Indian Ocean:**

Squally weather with wind speed reaching 40-50 gusting to 60 kmph is very likely to prevail till evening of 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 and gradually decrease thereafter

**(d) Along & off Sri Lanka coast, Gulf of Mannar and adjoining Comorin Area:**

Squally weather with wind speed reaching 35-45 gusting to 55 kmph is very likely to prevail on 7<sup>th</sup> January. It would gradually increase and squally winds speed reaching 40-50 gusting to 60 kmph are likely to prevail from 8<sup>th</sup> morning to 10<sup>th</sup> afternoon and gradually decrease thereafter.

**(e) Along & off Tamil Nadu - Puducherry coasts**

Squally weather with wind speed reaching 35-45 gusting to 55 kmph is very likely to prevail along and off South Tamil Nadu coast on 8<sup>th</sup> January and 40 – 50 gusting to 60 kmph from 9<sup>th</sup> morning to 10<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> January and decrease thereafter.

**(iii) Sea Condition:**

Sea condition is very likely to be rough to very rough over southeast & adjoining southwest Bay of Bengal & East Equatorial Indian Ocean on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> January, southwest Bay of Bengal during 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> January, along & off Sri Lanka coast, Gulf of Mannar and adjoining Comorin during 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> January, along & off Tamil Nadu-Puducherry coasts during 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> January and improve gradually thereafter.

**(iv) Fishermen Warning:**

Fishermen are advised not to venture into southeast Bay of Bengal & adjoining southwest Bay of Bengal & East Equatorial Indian Ocean on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> January; southwest Bay of Bengal during 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> January; along & off Sri Lanka coast, Gulf of Mannar and adjoining Comorin, South Tamil Nadu coast during 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> January; along & off North Tamil Nadu-Puducherry coast during 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> January.

**(v) Impact Expected over coastal Tamil Nadu-Puducherry 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 Tamil Nadu-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 0230 hours IST of tomorrow, the 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2026.**

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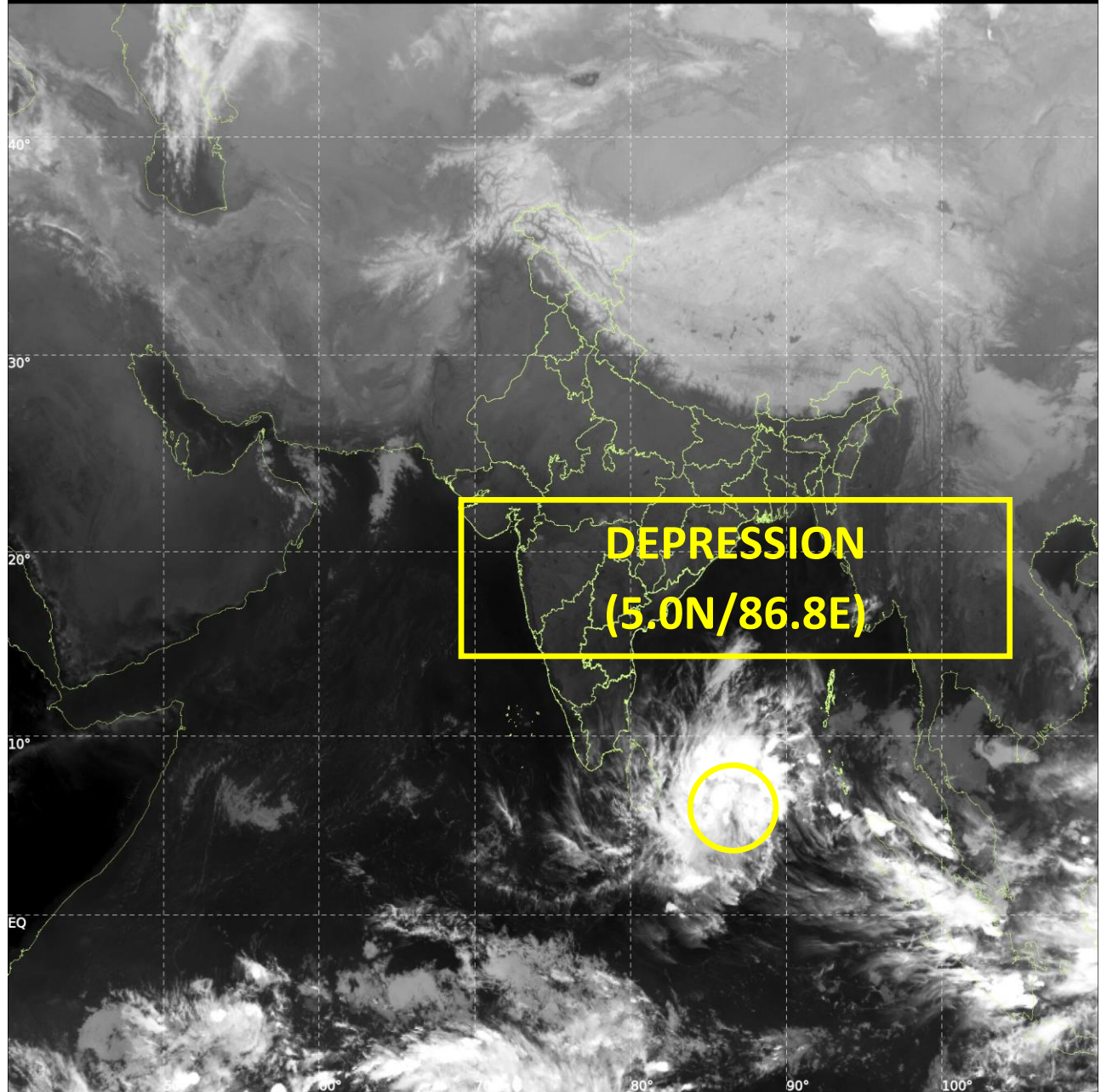
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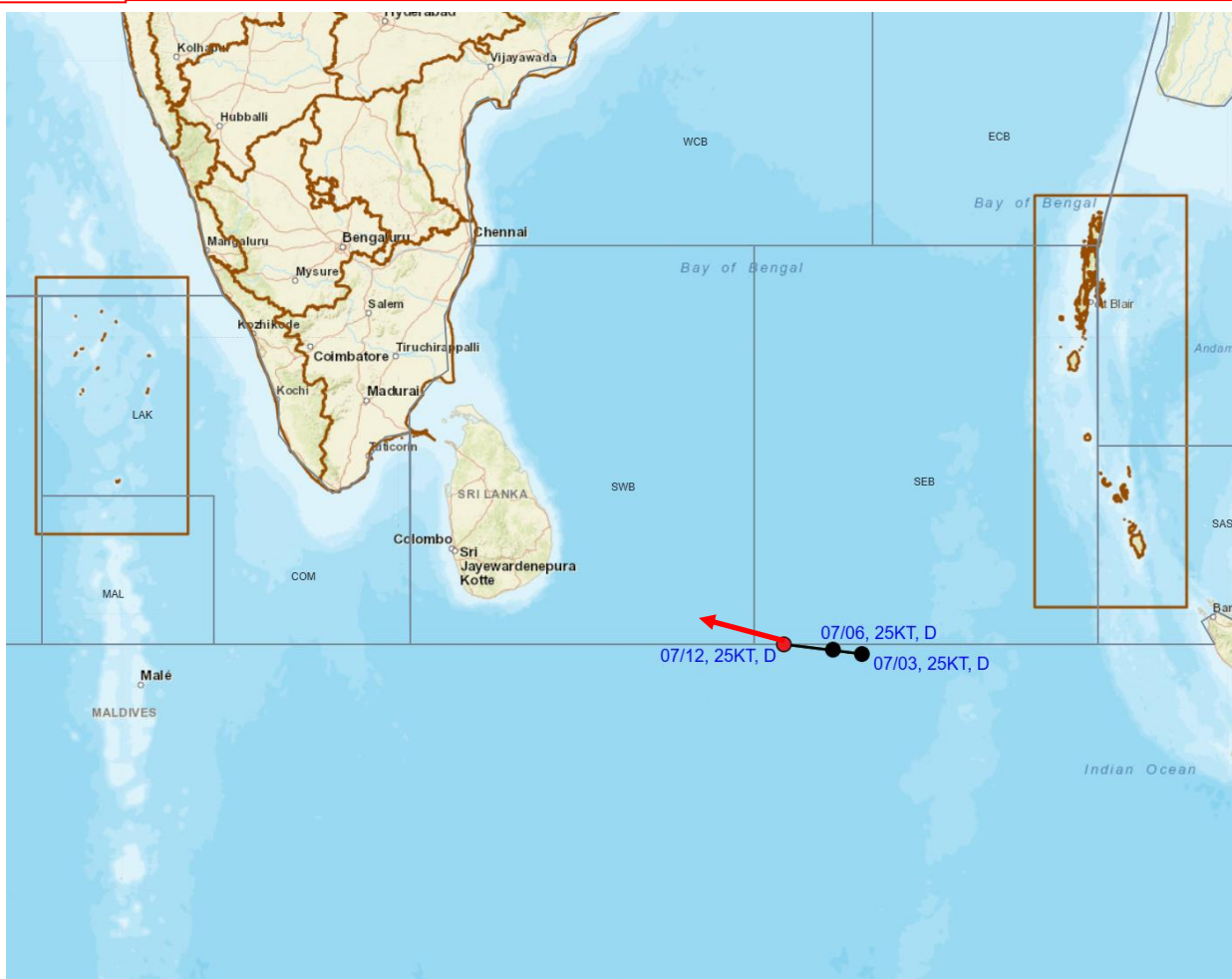
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**OBSERVED AND FORECAST TRACK OF DEPRESSION OVER SOUTHEAST & ADJOINING AREAS OF SOUTHWEST BAY OF BENGAL AND EAST EQUATORIAL INDIAN OCEAN BASED ON 1200 UTC (1730 Hrs. IST) OF 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026**



**DATE/TIME IN UTC**

**IST=UTC + 0530**

**L: LOW PRESSURE AREA**

**WML: WELL MARKED LOW PRESSURE AREA**

**D: DEPRESSION (17-27 KT)**

**DD: DEEP DEPRESSION (28-33 KT)**

**CS: CYCLONIC STORM (34-47 KT)**

**SCS: SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM (48-63KT)**

**VSCS: VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM (64-89 KT)**

**ESCS: EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM (90-119 KT)**

**SuCS: SUPER CYCLONIC STORM ( $\geq 120$  KT)**

LESS THAN 34 KT

34-47 KT

$\geq 48$  KT

OBSERVED TRACK

FORECAST TRACK

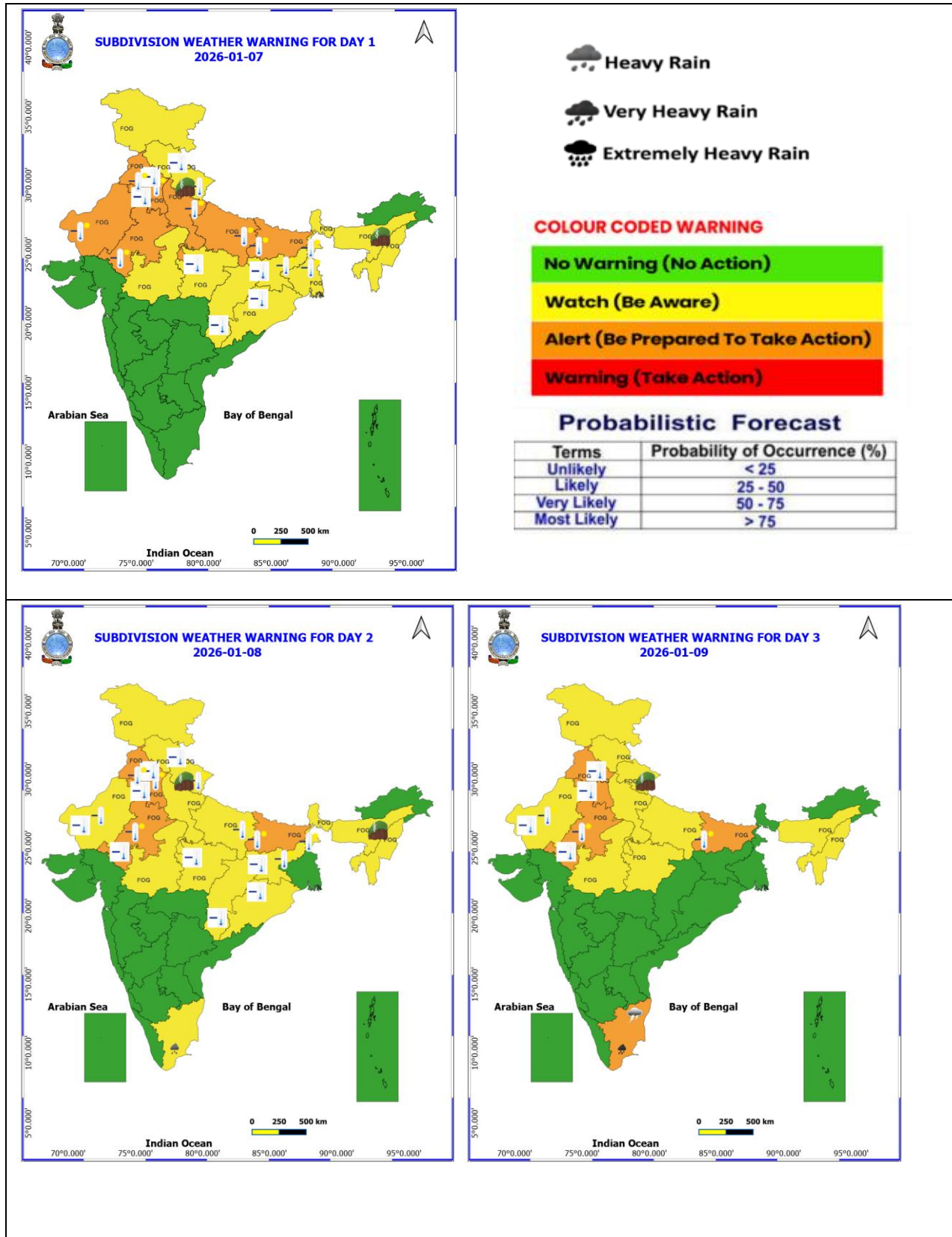
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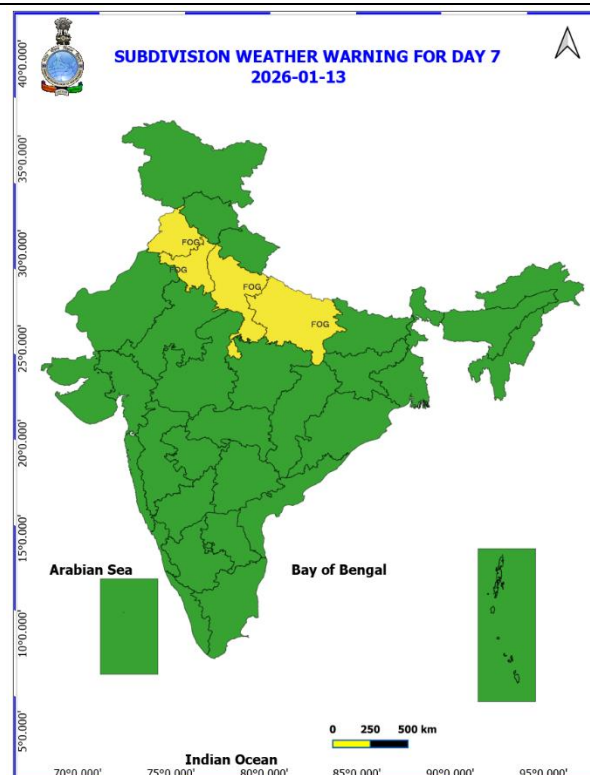
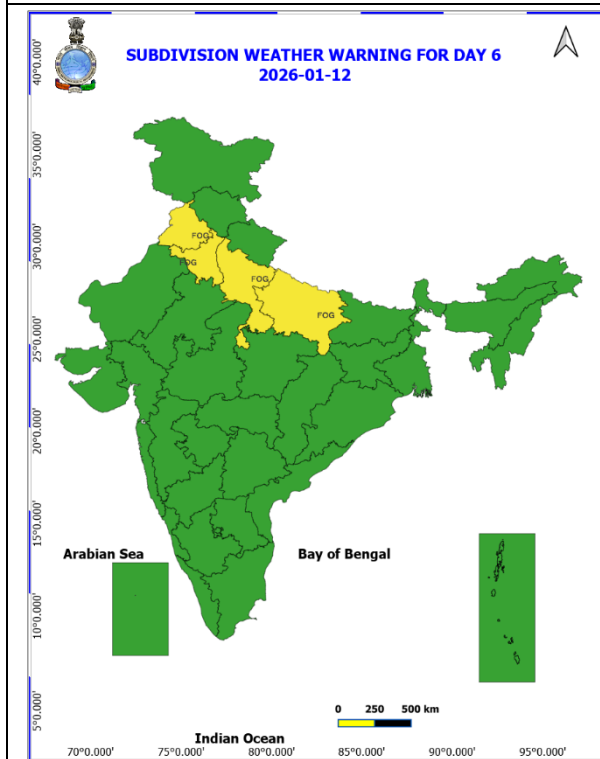
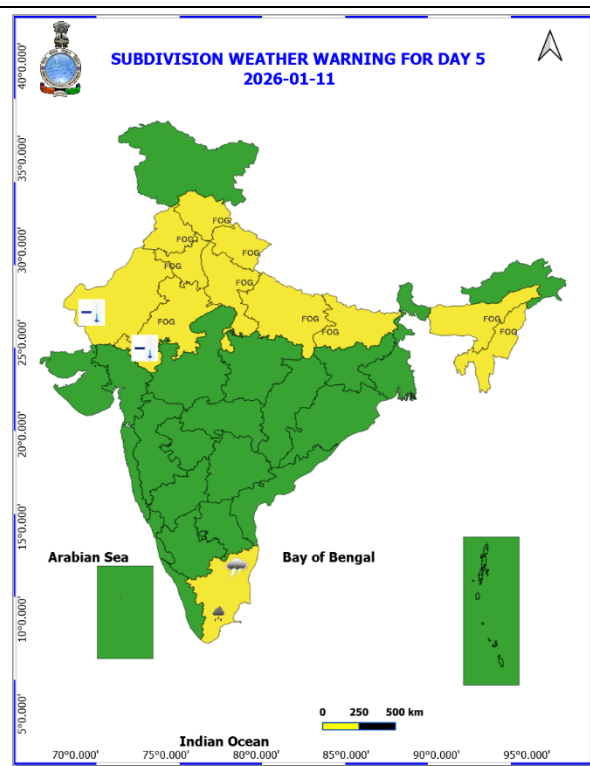
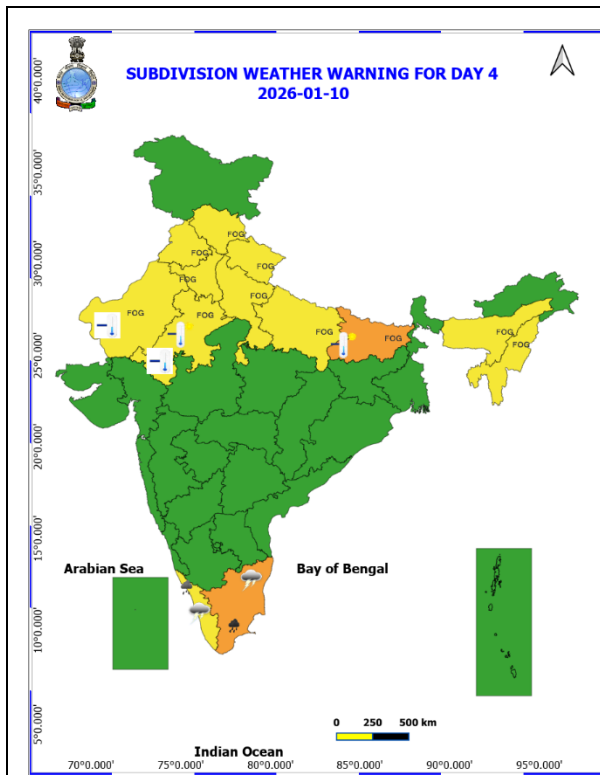
**Forecast distance (km) and direction of the centre from nearest 5 coastal stations**

Forecast Date and Time	Lead Period (hrs)	Lat	Lon	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3	Station 4	Station 5
07.01.26/1200	0	5.0	86.6	POTTUVIL (570, ESE)	BATTICALOA (620, ESE)	TRINCOMALEE (710, ESE)	KARAIKAL (990, SE)	CHENNAI/MINAMBAKKAM (1140, SE)



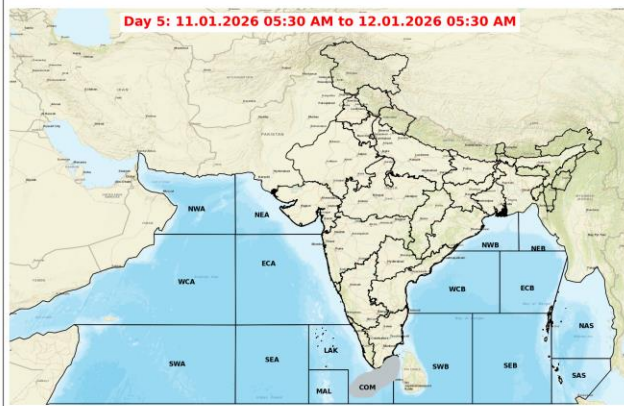
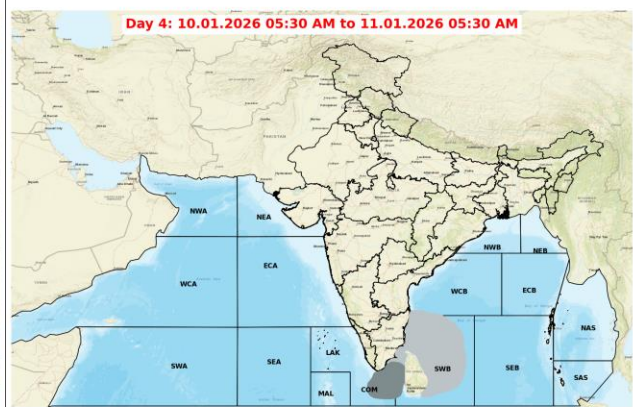
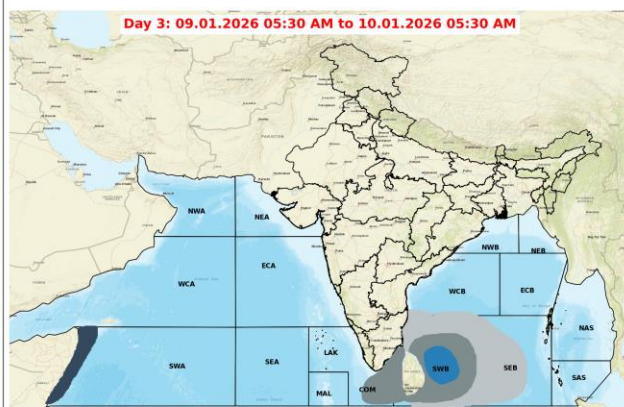
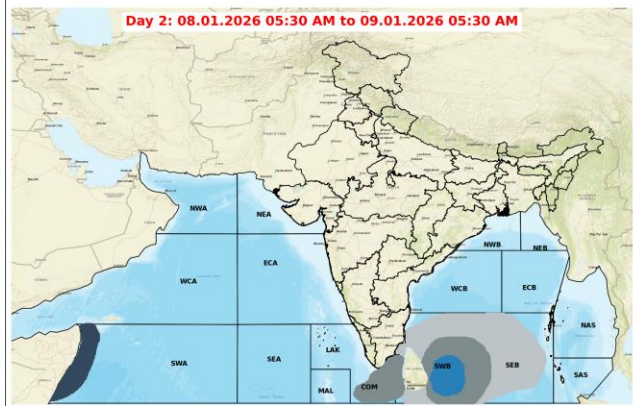
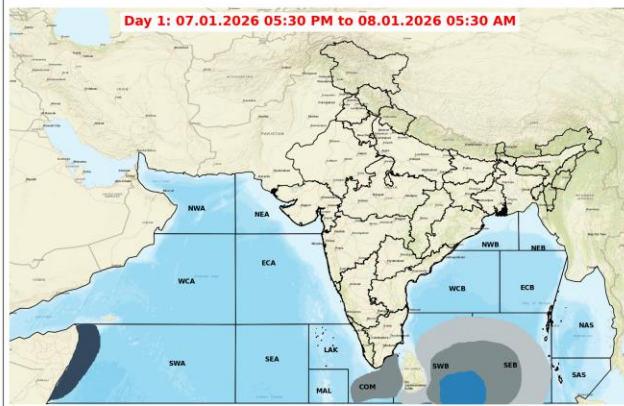
## WEATHER WARNING GRAPHICS





- 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



### Legend

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| Squally Weather with wind speed 35-45 kmph gusting to 55 kmph | Squally wind with speed 55-65 kmph gusting to 75 kmph       |
| Squally Weather with wind speed 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph | CS with Gale winds with speed 60-80 kmph gusting to 90 kmph |
| Squally Weather with wind speed 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph | SCS with Gale wind speed 90-110 kmph gusting to 120 kmph    |
| Squally wind with speed 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph         | VSCS with Gale wind speed 120-165 kmph gusting to 185 kmph  |
| Squally wind with speed 50-60 kmph gusting to 70 kmph         | ESCS with Gale wind speed 165-220 kmph gusting to 245 kmph  |

Fishermen are advised not to venture into the marked areas.