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**Subject: Deep Depression over southwest Bay of Bengal**

The deep depression over southwest Bay of Bengal moved nearly northwestwards with a speed of 12 kmph during past 6 hours, and lay centred at 1730 hours IST of today, the 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 over the same region, near latitude 8.3°N and longitude 82.6°E, about 120 km east-northeast of Batticaloa (Sri Lanka), 150 km east-southeast of Trincomalee (Sri Lanka), 180 km north-northeast of Pottuvil (Sri Lanka), 420 km southeast of Karaikal (Puducherry) and 590 km south-southeast of Chennai (Tamil Nadu).

It is very likely to continue to move northwestwards and cross north Sri Lanka coast between Trincomalee and Jaffna around noon/afternoon of 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2026.

Forecast track and intensity is given in Table below:

<b>Date/Time (IST)</b>	<b>Position (Lat. °N/ long. °E)</b>	<b>Maximum sustained surface wind speed (kmph)</b>	<b>Category of cyclonic disturbance</b>
09.01.26/1730	8.3/82.6	55-65 gusting to 75	Deep Depression
09.01.26/2330	8.7/82.1	50-60 gusting to 70	Deep Depression
10.01.26/0530	9.0/81.6	45-55 gusting to 65	Depression
10.01.26/1130	9.2/81.0	40-50 gusting to 60	Depression
10.01.26/1730	9.3/80.5	35-45 gusting to 55	Depression
11.01.26/0530	9.2/79.7	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 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2026.

**(ii) Wind Warning:**

**(a) Southwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining areas of East Equatorial Indian Ocean:**

Squally weather with wind speed reaching 55-65 gusting to 75 kmph is currently prevailing. It would gradually decrease becoming 45-55 gusting to 65 kmph by 10<sup>th</sup> early morning, 40-50 gusting to 60 kmph by 10<sup>th</sup> noon and 25-35 gusting to 45 kmph by 10<sup>th</sup> midnight.

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

Squally weather with wind speed reaching 50-60 gusting to 70 kmph is prevailing over the region. It would gradually decrease becoming 45-55 gusting to 65 kmph by 10<sup>th</sup> morning.

**(d) Along & off Tamilnadu-Puducherry coasts**

Squally weather with wind speed reaching 40 – 50 gusting to 60 kmph is very likely to prevail till 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 southwest Bay of Bengal & adjoining areas of East Equatorial Indian Ocean, Gulf of Mannar & adjoining Comorin area and along & off Sri Lanka coast on 09<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> January and improve gradually thereafter.
- ❖ Sea condition is very likely to be Rough to very rough along & off Tamilnadu-Puducherry coasts on 09<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> January and improve gradually thereafter.

**(iv) Fishermen Warning:**

- ❖ Fishermen are advised not to venture into southwest Bay of Bengal & adjoining East Equatorial Indian Ocean, Gulf of Mannar and adjoining Comorin area and along & off Sri Lanka & Tamilnadu-Puducherry coasts on 09<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

**(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 0230 hours IST of tomorrow, the 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2026.**

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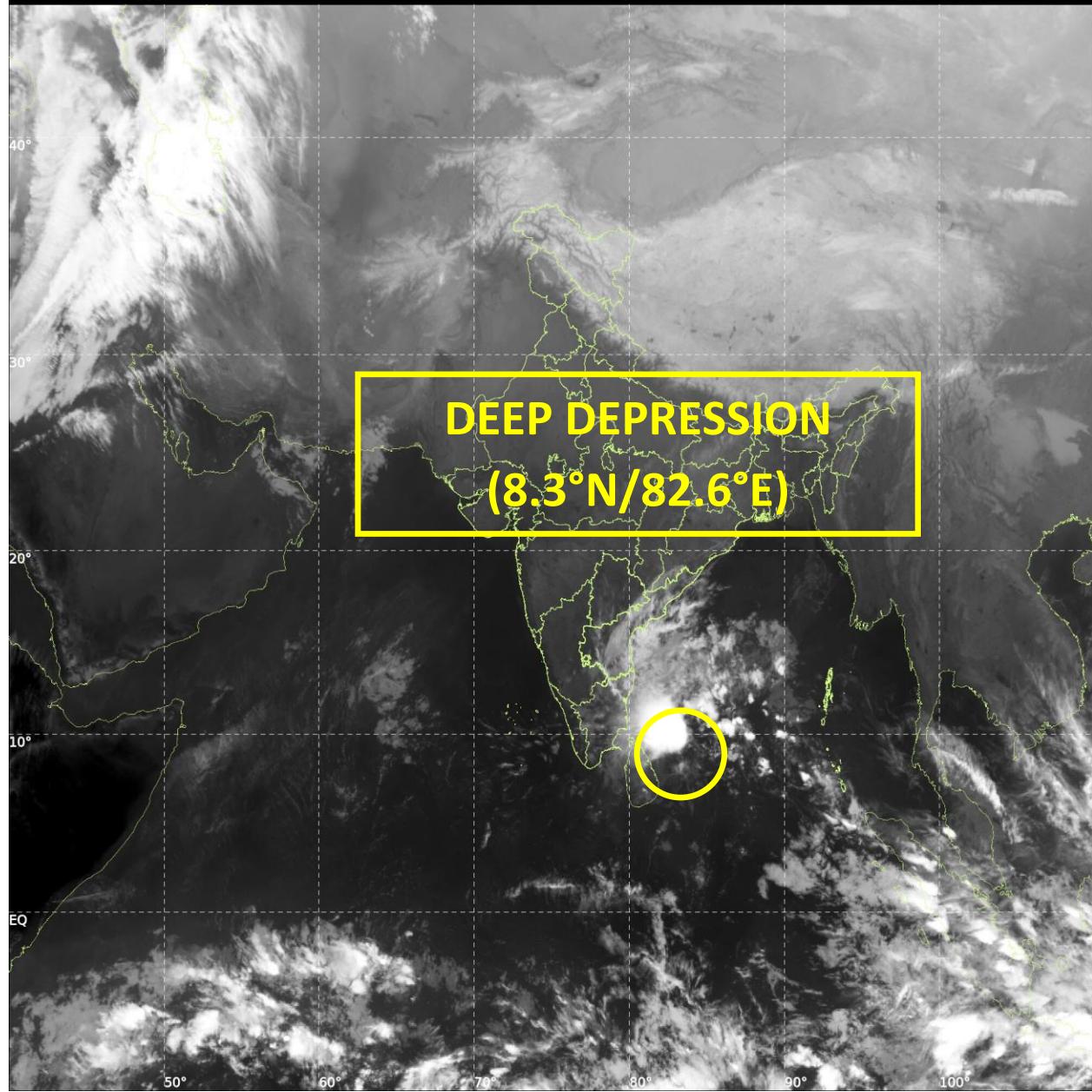
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INSAT-3DS IMG, Thermal Infrared1 Count @ 10.83  $\mu$ m  
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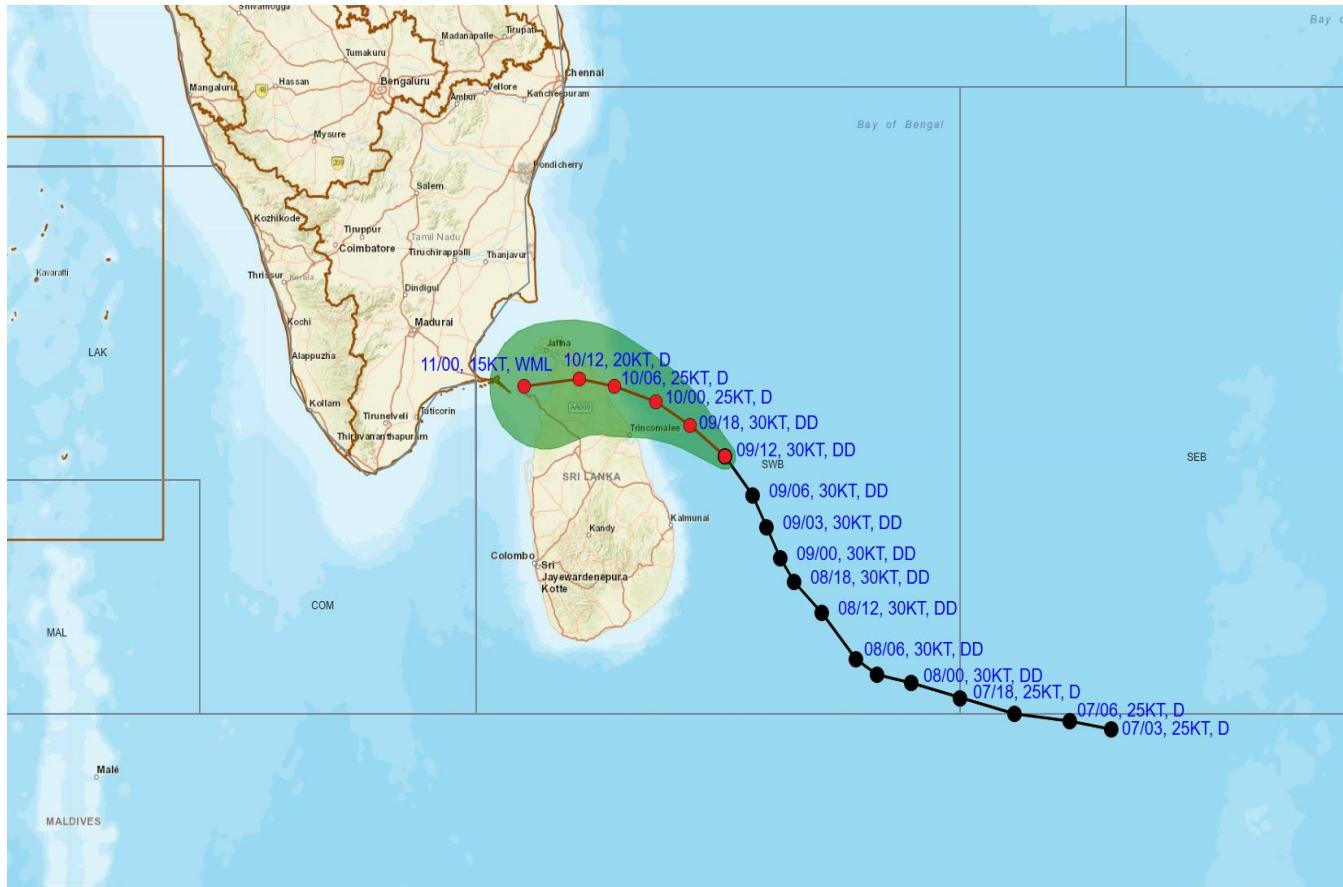
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## OBSERVED AND FORECAST TRACK ALONGWITH CONE OF UNCERTAINTY OF DEEP DEPRESSION OVER SOUTHWEST BAY OF BENGAL BASED ON 1200 UTC (1730 Hrs. IST) OF 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026.



### 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 (≥ 120 KT)

LESS THAN 34 KT

34-47 KT

≥ 48 KT

OBSERVED TRACK

FORECAST TRACK

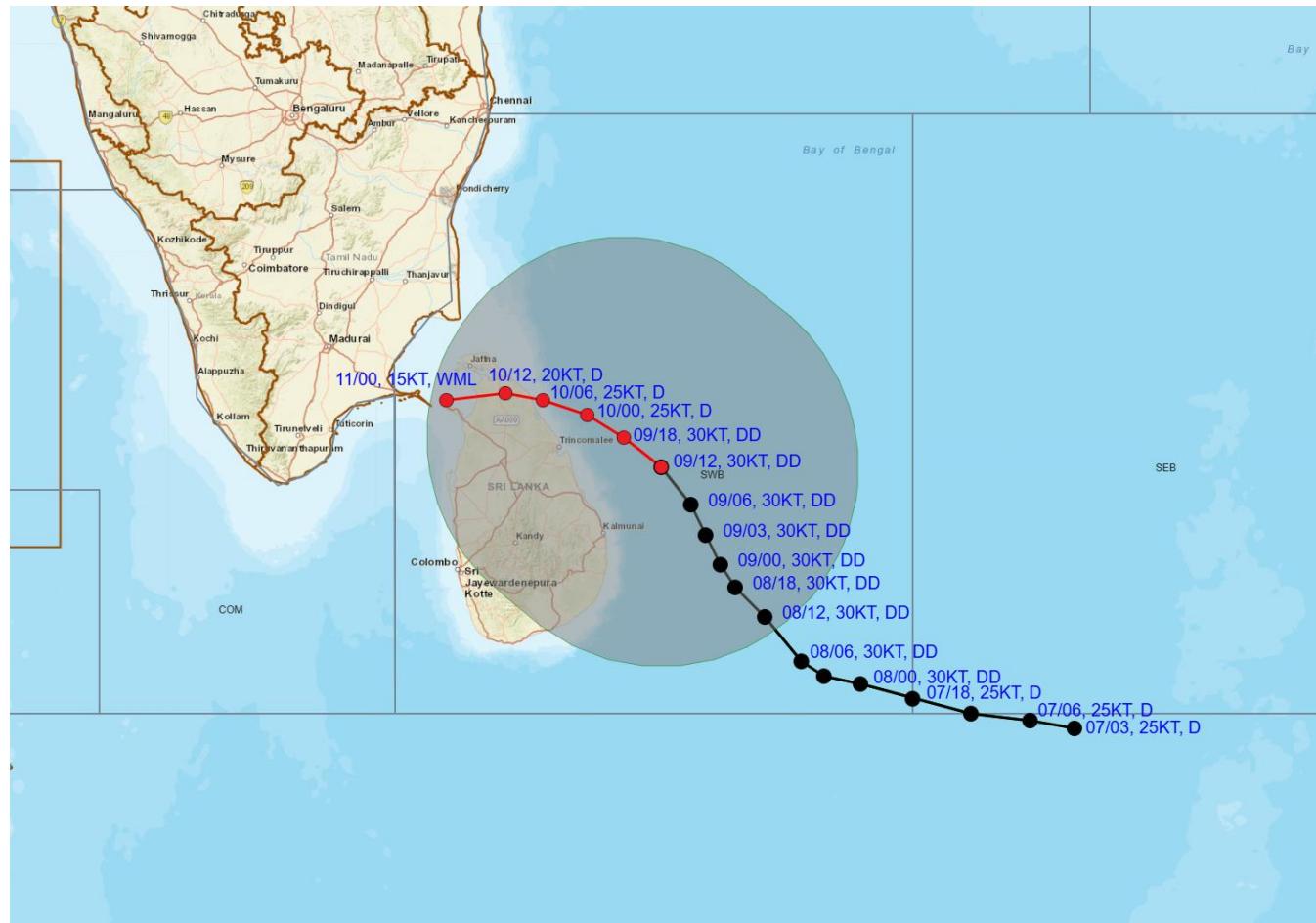
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Forecast distance (km) and direction of the centre from nearest 5 coastal stations

Forecast Date and Time	Lead Period	Lat	Lon	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3	Station 4	Station 5
09.01.26/1200	0	8.3	82.6	BATTICALOA (119,ENE)	TRINCOMALEE (152,ESE)	POTTUVIL (179,NNE)	MULLAITTIVU 1) (224,ESE)	BADULLA (225,NE)
09.01.26/1800	6	8.7	82.1	TRINCOMALEE (94,E)	BATTICALOA (118,NNE)	MULLAITTIVU 1) (155,ESE)	VAVUNIYA (176,E)	ANURADHAPURA (190,ENE)
10.01.26/0000	12	9.0	81.6	TRINCOMALEE (60,NE)	MULLAITTIVU 1) (91,ESE)	VAVUNIYA (124,ENE)	BATTICALOA (143,N)	ANURADHAPURA (150,ENE)
10.01.26/0600	18	9.2	81.0	MULLAITTIVU 1) (21,ESE)	TRINCOMALEE (74,NNW)	VAVUNIYA (74,NE)	ANURADHAPURA (116,NNE)	JAFFNA (119,ESE)
10.01.26/1200	24	9.3	80.4	MULLAITTIVU 1) (46,W)	JAFFNA (57,SE)	VAVUNIYA (62,N)	MANNAR (64,ENE)	KANKASANTURAI 1) (67,SSE)



## OBSERVED AND FORECAST TRACK ALONGWITH QUADRANT WIND DISTRIBUTION OF DEEP DEPRESSION OVER SOUTHWEST BAY OF BENGAL BASED ON 1200 UTC (1730 Hrs. IST) OF 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026.



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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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AREA OF MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WIND SPEED:

■ 28-33 KT (52-61 KMPH)

■ 34-49 KT (62-91 KMPH)

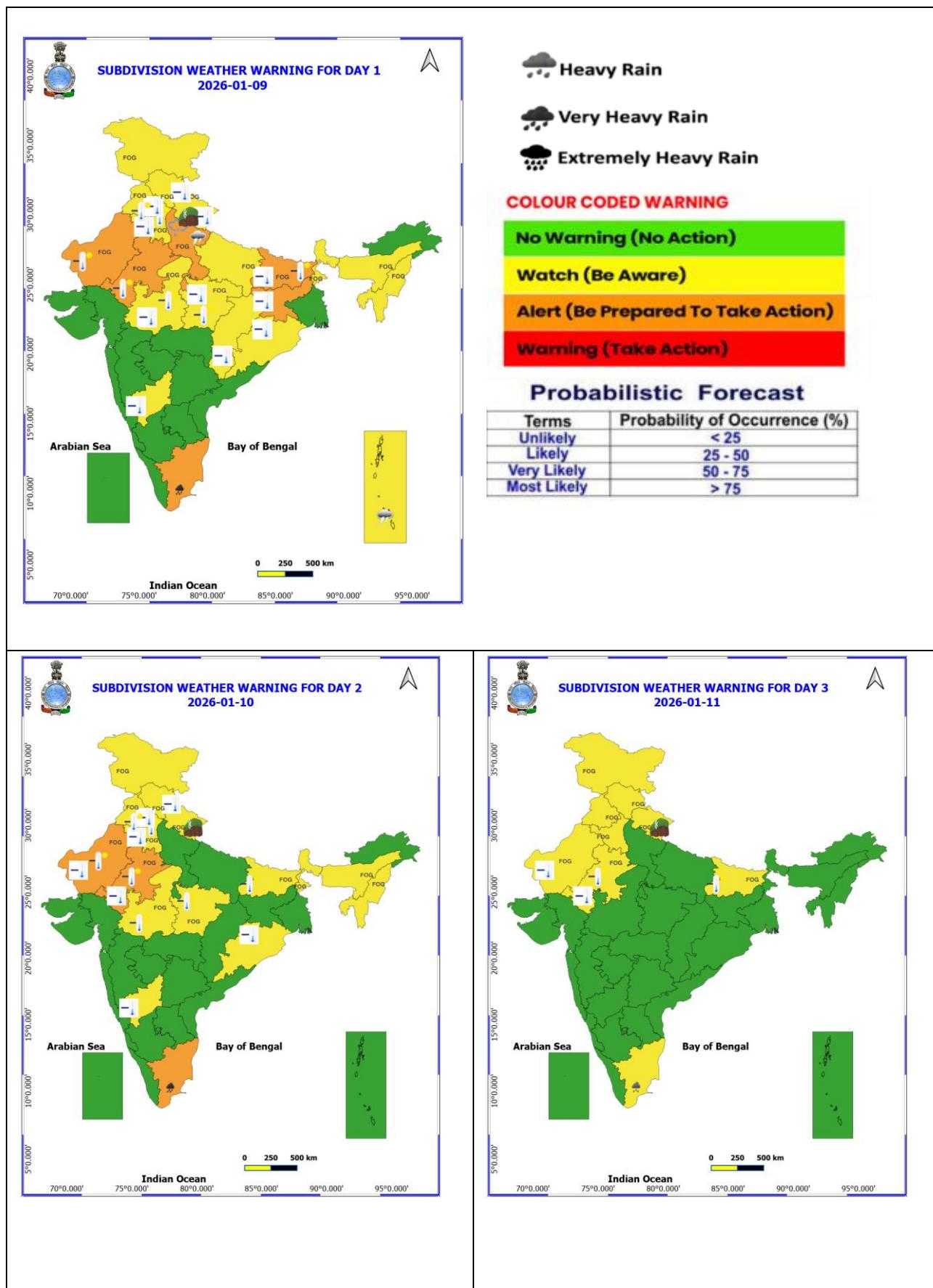
■ 50-63 KT (92-117 KMPH)

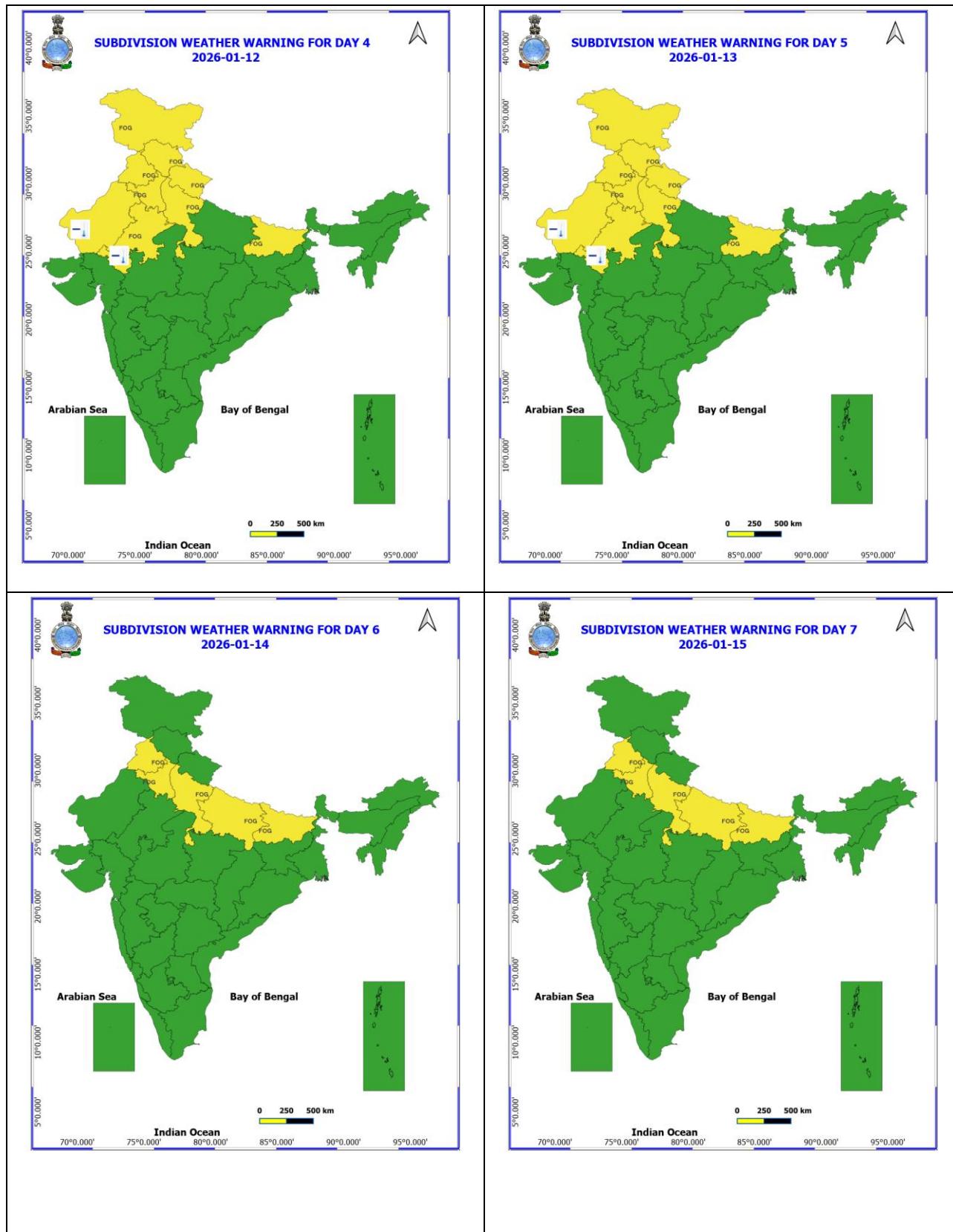
■  $\geq$  64 KT ( $\geq$ 118 KMPH)

### IMPACT OVER THE SEA

MSW (knot/kmph)	Impact	Action
28-33 (52-61)	Very rough seas	Total suspension of fishing operations
34-49 (62-91)	High to very high seas	Total suspension of fishing operations
50-63 (92-117)	Very high seas	Total suspension of fishing operations
$\geq$ 64 ( $\geq$ 118)	Phenomenal	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

