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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 10 kmph during past 6 hours, and lay centred at 2330 hours IST of yesterday, the 8th January, 2026 over the same region, near latitude 6.7°N and longitude 83.6°E, about 200 km east-southeast of Pottuvil (Sri Lanka), 240 km east-southeast of Batticaloa (Sri Lanka), 280 km east-northeast of Hambantota (Sri Lanka), 330 km southeast of Trincomalee (Sri Lanka), 630 km southeast of Karaikal (Puducherry) and 800 km south-southeast of Chennai (Tamil Nadu).

It is very likely to continue to move northwestwards and cross Sri Lanka coast between Pottuvil and Trincomalee around evening/night of 9th 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>
08.01.26/2330	6.7/83.6	55-65 gusting to 75	Deep Depression
09.01.26/0530	7.1/83.0	55-65 gusting to 75	Deep Depression
09.01.26/1130	7.4/82.4	55-65 gusting to 75	Deep Depression
09.01.26/1730	7.7/81.9	50-60 gusting to 70	Deep Depression
09.01.26/2330	7.9/81.4	40-50 gusting to 60	Depression
10.01.26/1130	8.3/80.5	35-45 gusting to 55	Depression

### **(i) Rainfall Warning:**

- ❖ **Tamil Nadu, 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.
- ❖ **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) 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 continue to prevail till 9<sup>th</sup> afternoon. It would gradually decrease becoming 40-50 gusting to 60 kmph by 10<sup>th</sup> early morning.

#### **(b) Southeast Bay of Bengal:**

Squally weather with wind speed reaching 50-60 gusting to 70 kmph is very likely to prevail over adjoining areas of southeast Bay of Bengal and 45-55 gusting to 65 kmph over remaining areas of southeast Bay of Bengal during next 6 hours and gradually decrease thereafter.

#### **(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 40-50 gusting to 60 kmph by 10<sup>th</sup> morning.

#### **(d) 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 during next 6 hours. It would gradually increase thereafter and squally winds reaching 40 – 50 gusting to 60 kmph are very likely to prevail from 9<sup>th</sup> morning to 10<sup>th</sup> morning. 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 very rough over southwest Bay of Bengal & adjoining areas of East Equatorial Indian Ocean and along & off Sri Lanka coast, Gulf of Mannar and adjoining Comorin area on 09<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> January.
- ❖ Sea condition is very likely to be Rough to very rough along & off Tamil Nadu-Puducherry coasts on 09<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> January and improve gradually thereafter.
- ❖ Sea condition is very likely to be very rough to rough over southeast Bay of Bengal during next 6 hours and improve gradually thereafter.

### **(iv) Fishermen Warning:**

Fishermen are advised not to venture into southwest Bay of Bengal & adjoining East Equatorial Indian Ocean on 09<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>; adjoining areas of southeast Bay of Bengal on 9<sup>th</sup> January; along & off Sri Lanka coast, Gulf of Mannar and adjoining Comorin, South Tamil Nadu coast on 09<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> January and along & off North Tamil Nadu-Puducherry coast on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> January.

**(v) Impact Expected over south coastal Tamil Nadu 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.

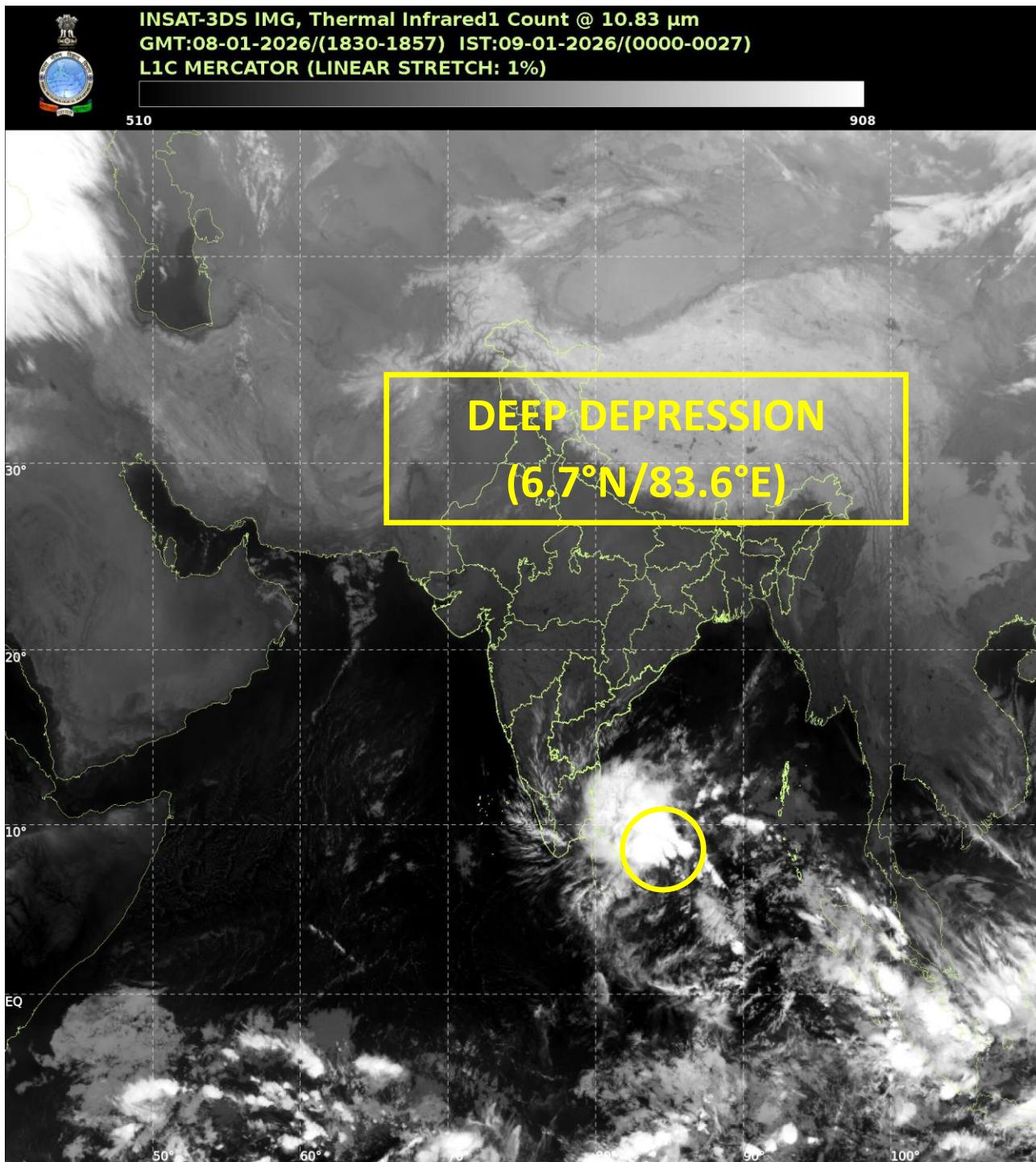
**(vi) Action Suggested for coastal Tamil Nadu-Puducherry and Karaikal**

- 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 0830 hours IST of today, the 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2026.**

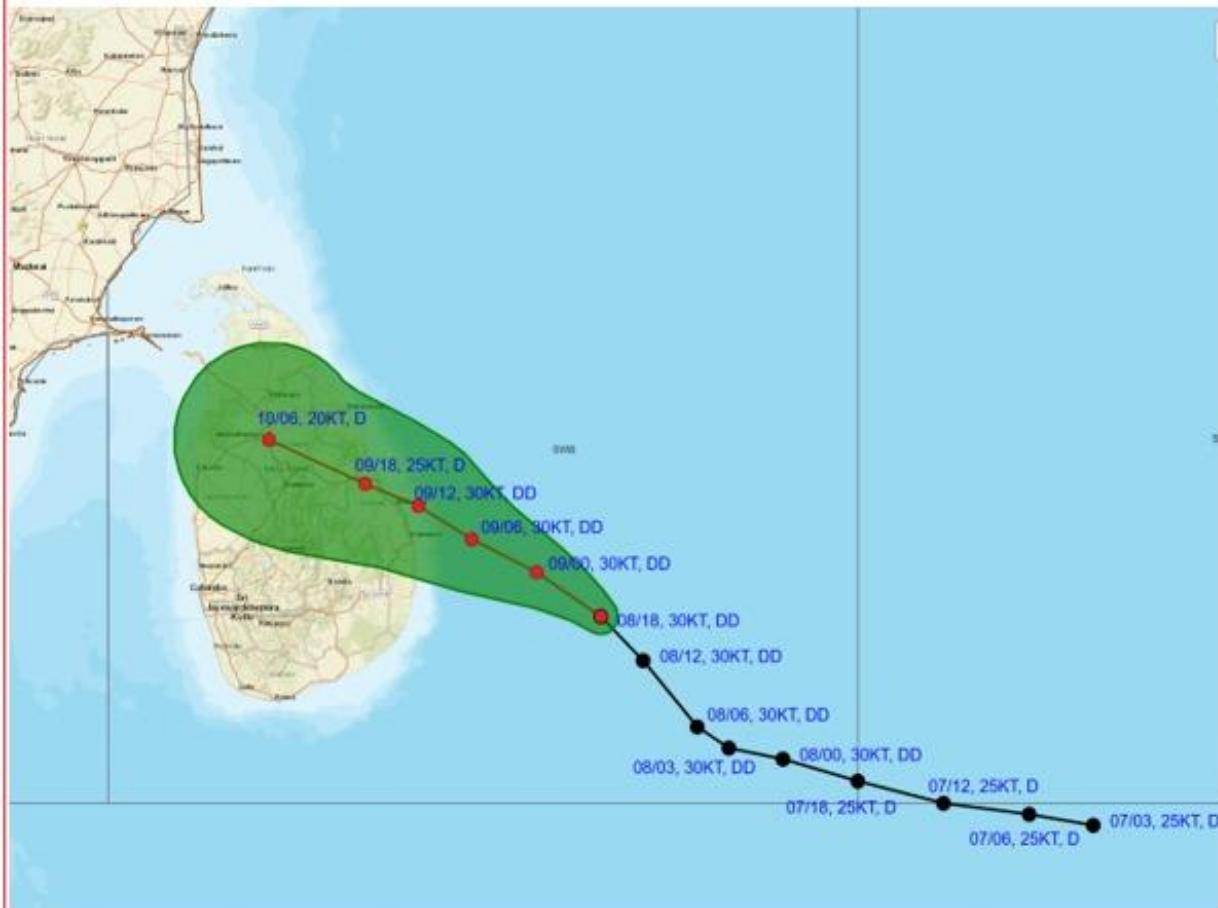
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## OBSERVED AND FORECAST TRACK ALONGWITH CONE OF UNCERTAINTY OF DEEP DEPRESSION OVER SOUTHWEST BAY OF BENGAL BASED ON 1800 UTC (2330 Hrs. IST) OF 8TH JANUARY 2026.



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 (48-63 KT)  
VSCS: VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM (64-89 KT)  
ESCS: EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM (90-119 KT)  
SuCS: SUPER CYCLONIC STORM (≥ 120 KT)



Forecast		DISTANCE (KM) AND DIRECTION FROM STATIONS			
Date and Time (UTC)	POTTUVIL	BATTICALOA	TRINCOMALEE	KARAikal	CHENNAI/MINAMBAKKAM
08.01.26/1800	190, E	230, ESE	330, SE	620, SE	790, SSE
09.01.26/0600	130, NNW	40, WNW	80, SSE	380, SSE	590, SSE
09.01.26/1800	330, SE	620, SE	790, SSE	330, SE	
10.01.26/0600	80, SSE	380, SSE	590, SSE	80, SSE	



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● LESS THAN 34 KT

○ 34-47 KT

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— OBSERVED TRACK

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AREA OF MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WIND SPEED:

— 28-33 KT (52-61 KMPH)

— 34-49 KT (62-91 KMPH)

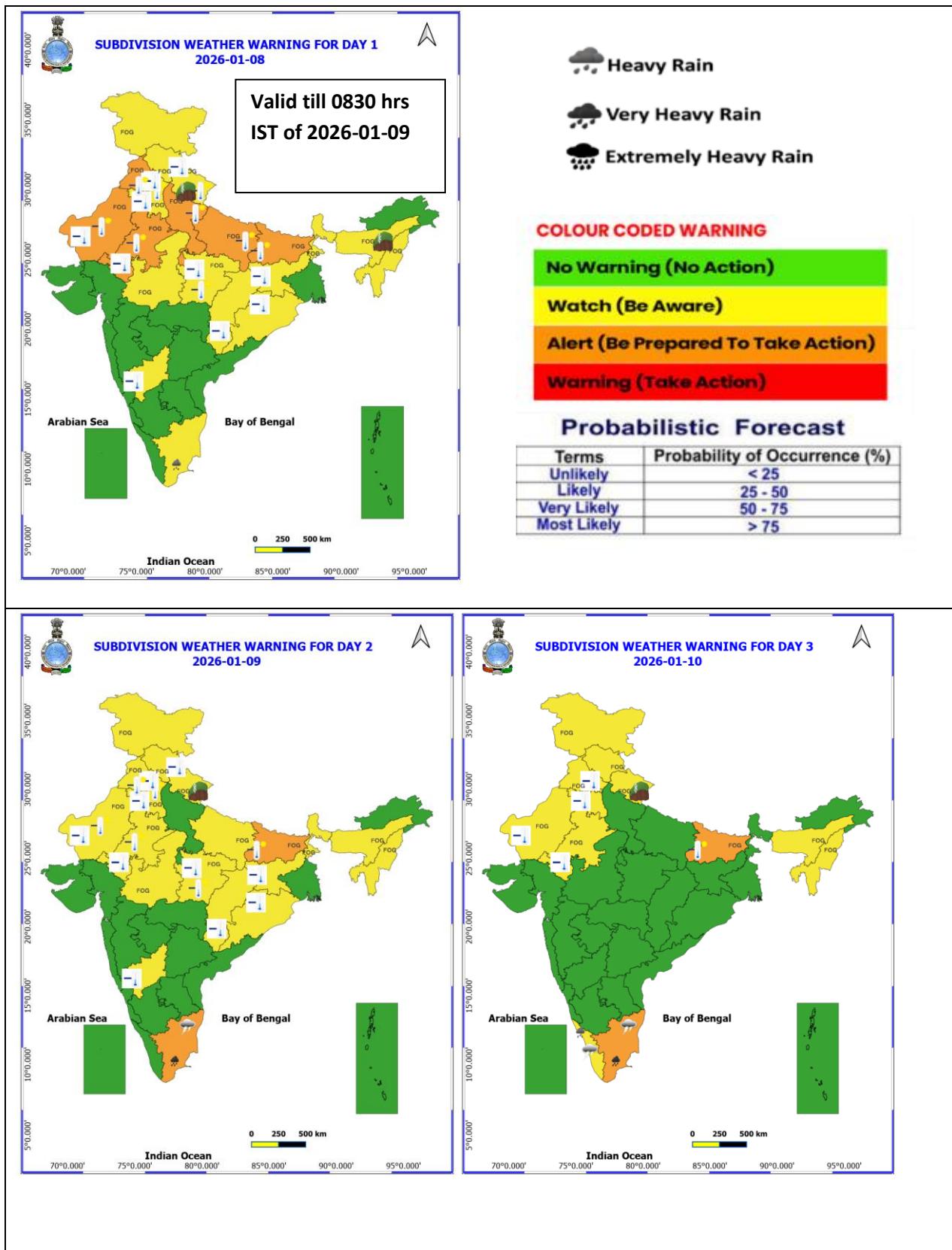
— 50-63 KT (92-117 KMPH)

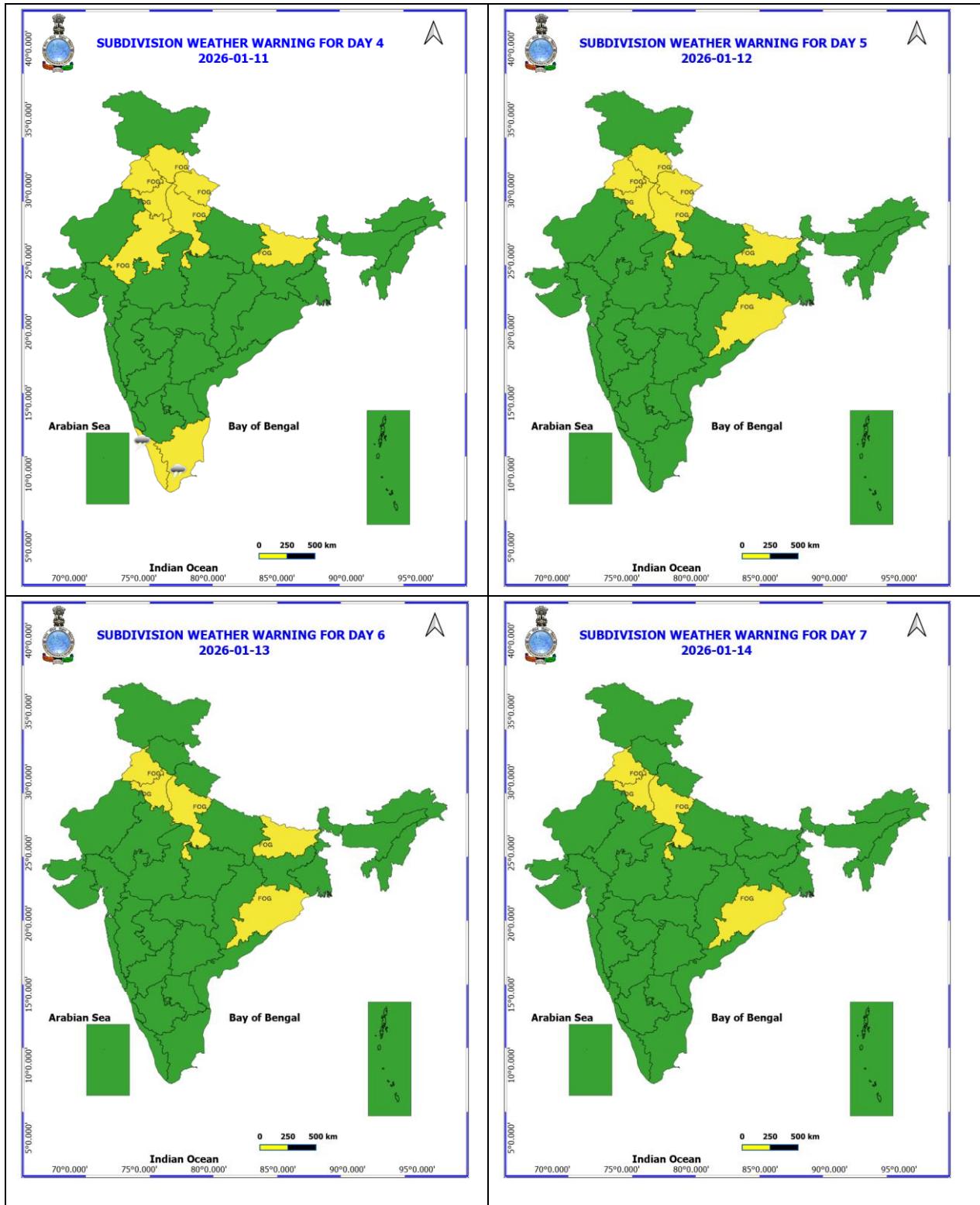
—  $\geq$  64 KT ( $\geq$ 118 KMPH)

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

