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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 13 kmph during past 6 hours and lay centred at 1130 hours IST of today, the 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2026, over the same region near latitude 9.2°N and longitude 81.0°E, about 20 km east-southeast of Mullaitivu (Sri Lanka), 70 km north-northwest of Trincomalee (Sri Lanka), 120 km east-southeast of Jaffna (Sri Lanka), 230 km southeast of Karaikal (Puducherry) and 430 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 during afternoon of today, 10th 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>
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
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 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 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 10<sup>th</sup> afternoon and 25-35 gusting to 45 kmph by 10<sup>th</sup> 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 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> January and improve gradually thereafter.
- ❖ Sea condition is very likely to be rough along & off Tamilnadu-Puducherry coasts on 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 2030 hours IST of today, the 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2026.**

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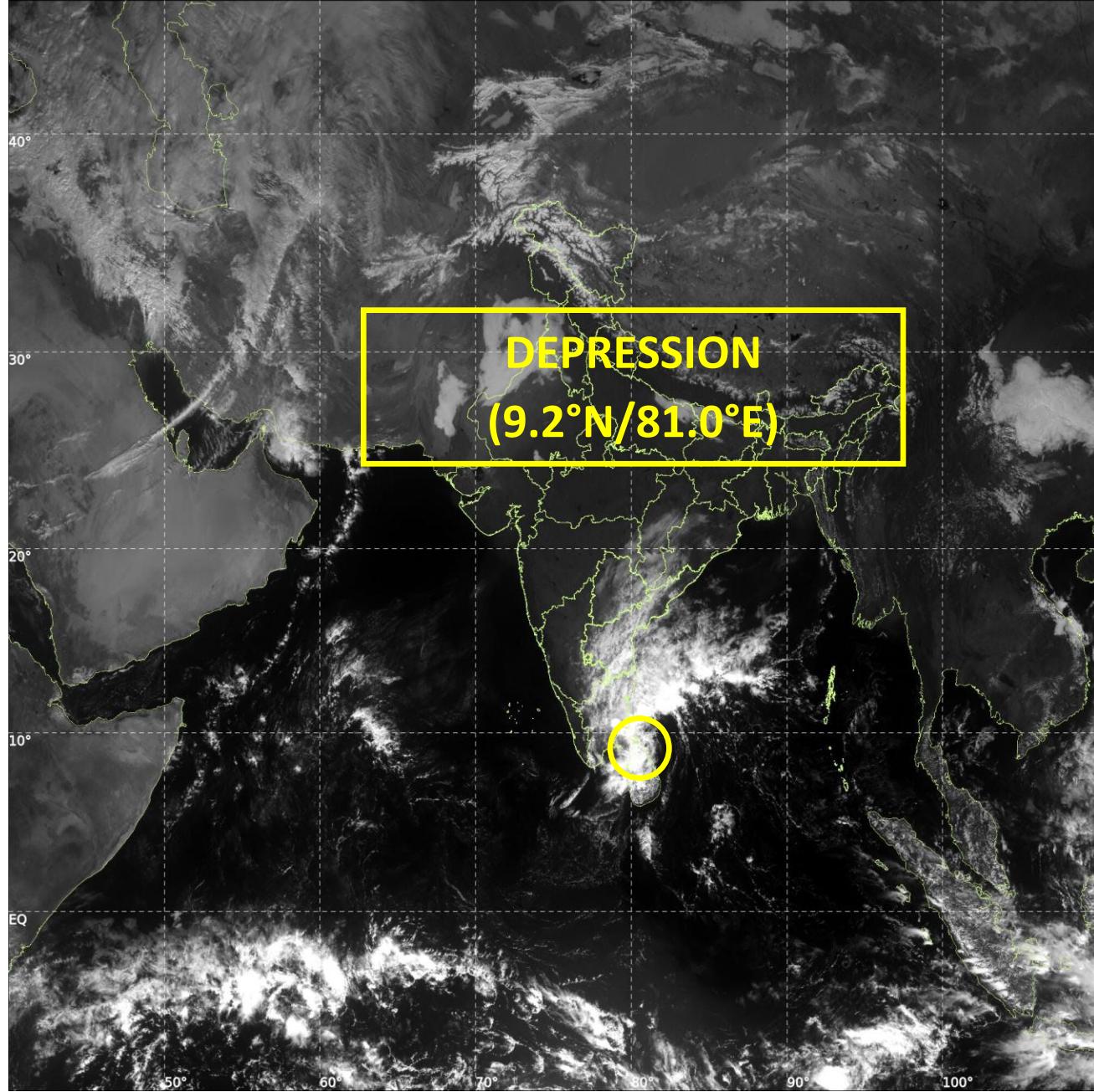
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INSAT-3DS IMG, Visible Count @ 0.65  $\mu$ m  
GMT:10-01-2026/(0700-0727) IST:10-01-2026/(1230-1257)  
L1C MERCATOR (LINEAR STRETCH: 0.5%)

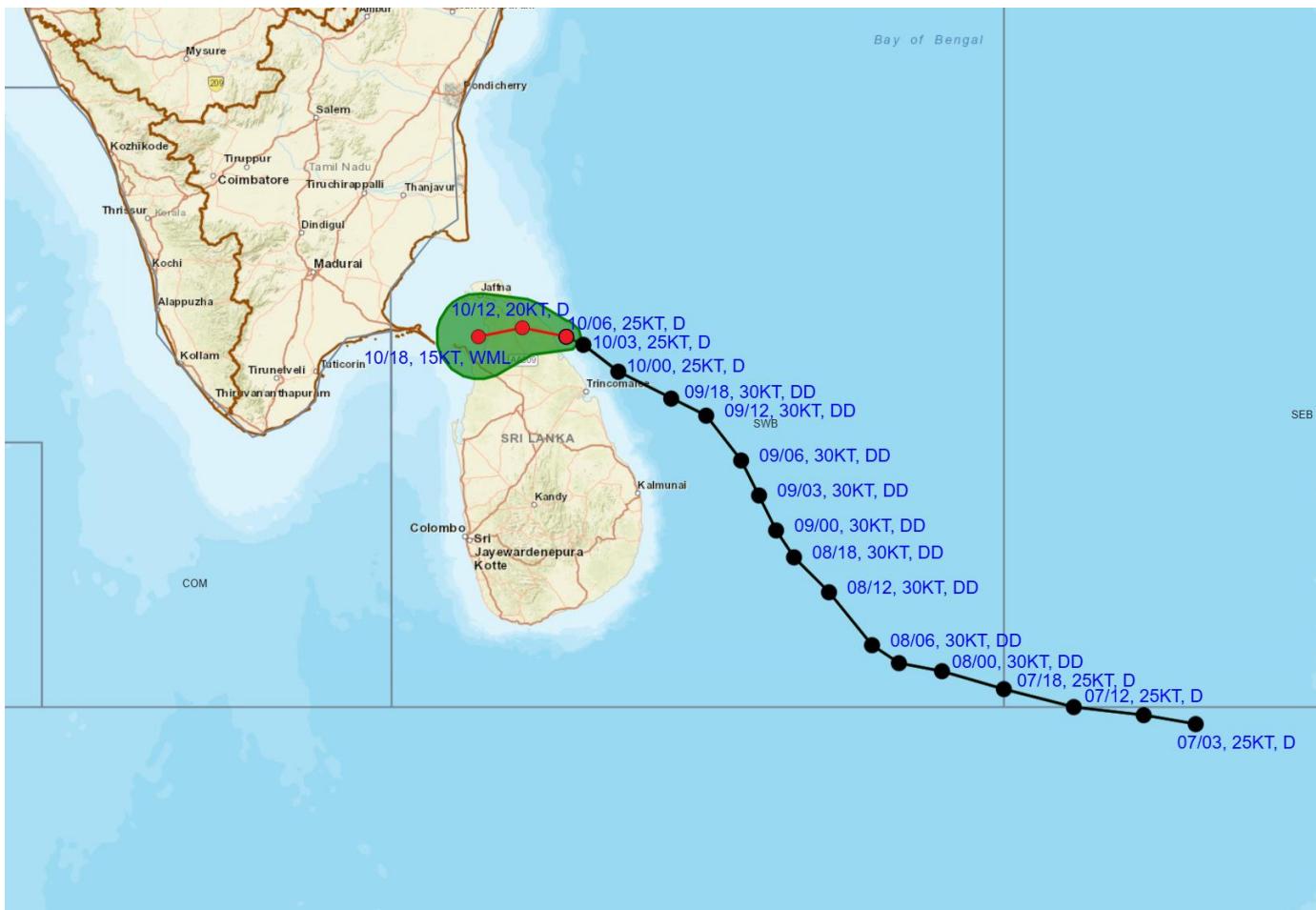
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## OBSERVED AND FORECAST TRACK ALONGWITH CONE OF UNCERTAINTY OF DEPRESSION OVER SOUTHWEST BAY OF BENGAL OFF NORTHEAST SRI-LANKA COAST BASED ON 0600 UTC (1130 Hrs. IST) OF 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026.



DATE/TIME IN UTC

IST=UTC + 0530

L: LOW PRESSURE AREA

WML: WELL MARKED LOW PRESSURE AREA

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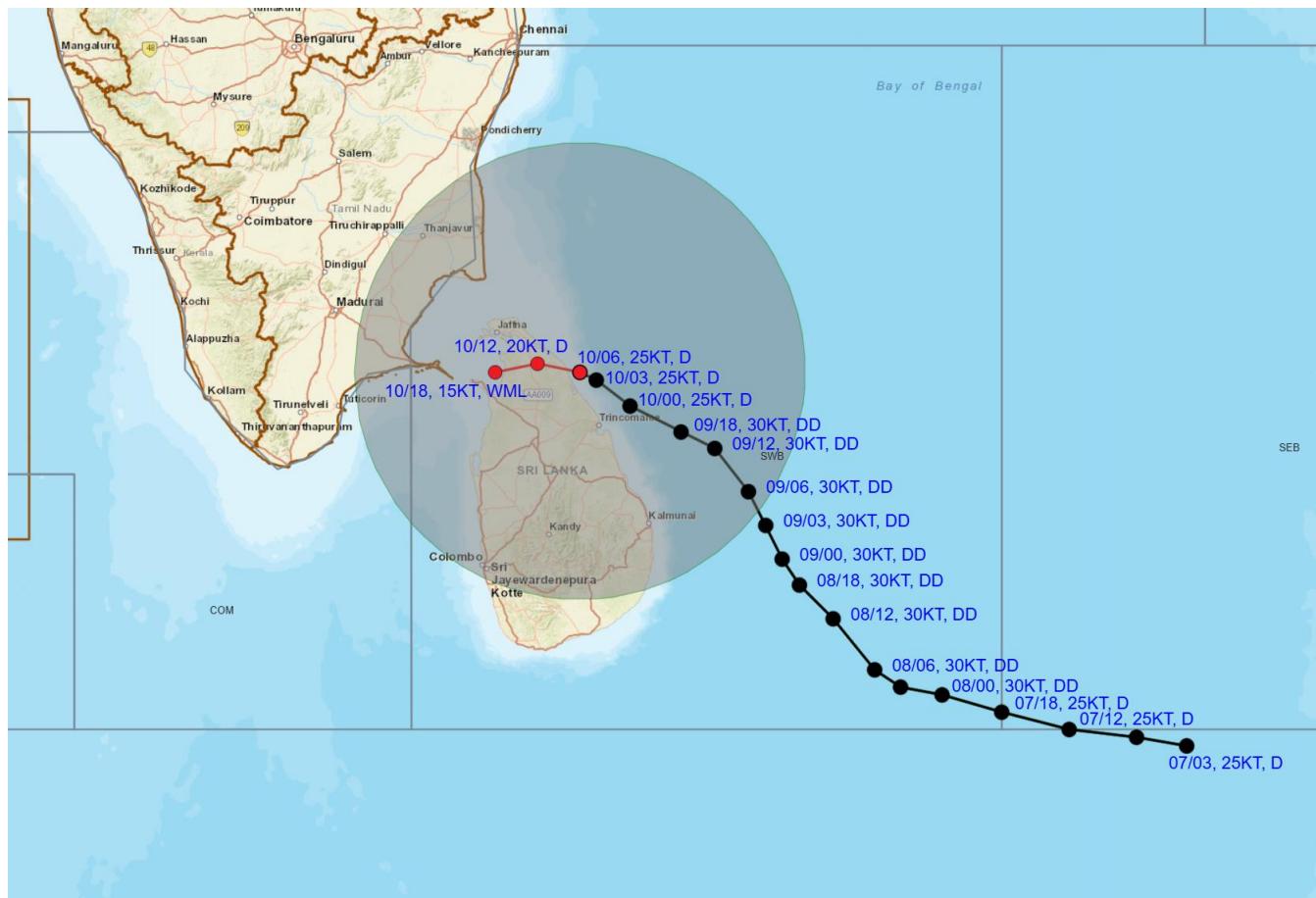
- LESS THAN 34 KT
- 34-47 KT
- ≥ 48 KT
- OBSERVED TRACK
- FORECAST TRACK
- CONE OF UNCERTAINTY

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
10.01.26/0600	0	9.2	81.0	MULLAITTIVU 1) (21,ESE)	TRINCOMALEE (74,NNW)	VAVUNIYA (74,NE)	ANURADHAPURA (116,NNW)	JAFFNA (119,ESE)
10.01.26/1200	6	9.3	80.5	MULLAITTIVU 1) (35,W)	VAVUNIYA (61,N)	JAFFNA (66,SE)	MANNAR (73,ENE)	KANKASANTURAI 1) (73,SE)
10.01.26/1800	12	9.2	80.0	MANNAR (26,NNW)	JAFFNA (50,S)	KANKASANTURAI 1) (67,S)	VAVUNIYA (74,NW)	PAMBAN (87,E)



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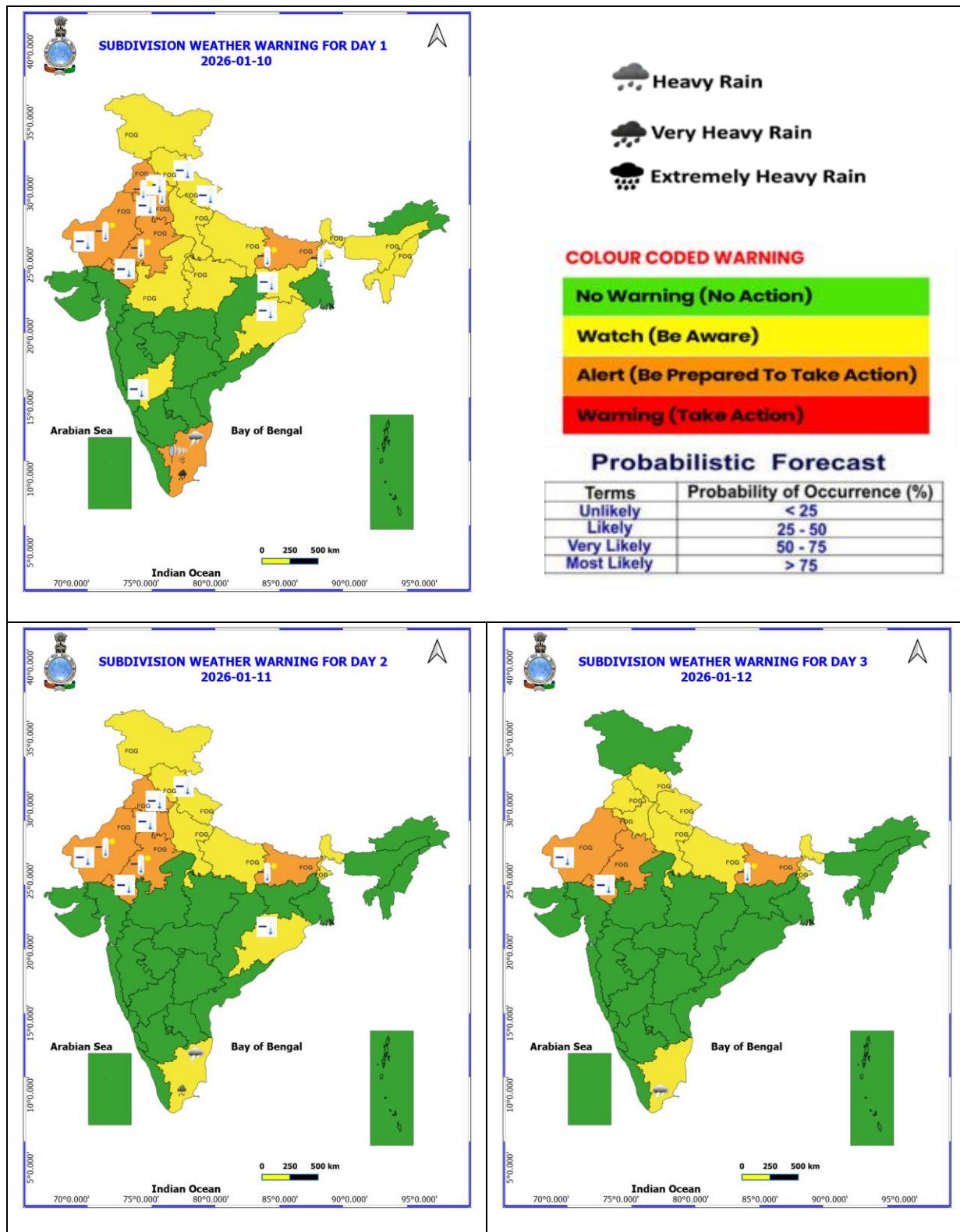
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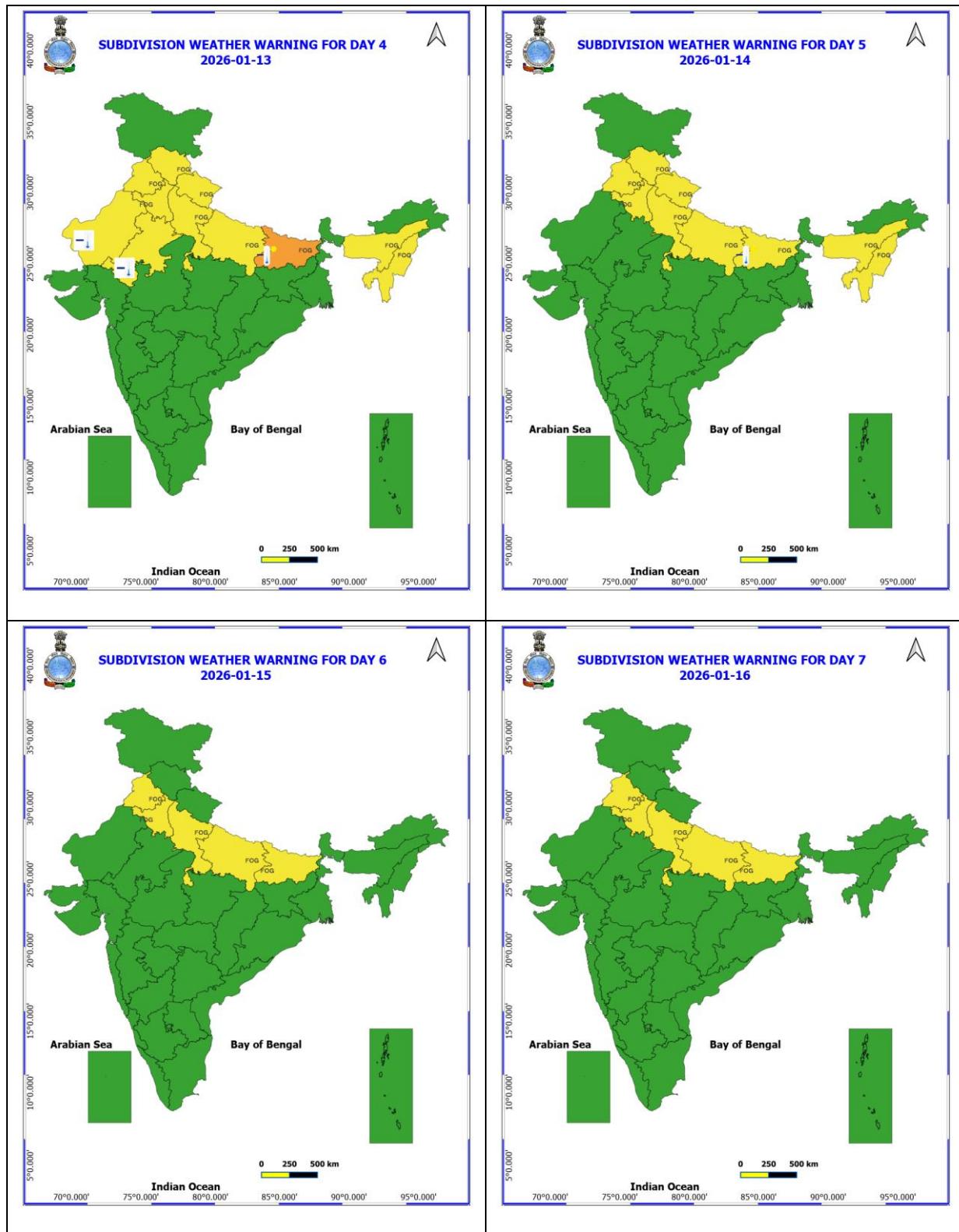
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● 34-47 KT  
●  $\geq$  48 KT  
■ OBSERVED TRACK  
■ FORECAST TRACK  
■ CONE OF UNCERTAINTY  
■ AREA OF MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WIND SPEED:  
20-25 KT (40-50 KMPH)

### 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

