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Sub: Cyclonic Storm "FENGAL" [pronounced as FEINJAL] over north coastal Tamil Nadu & Puducherry (Cyclone Warning: Red Message for North Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and adjoining south Andhra Pradesh)

The Cyclonic Storm "FENGAL" [pronounced as FEINJAL] over north coastal Tamil Nadu & Puducherry remained practically stationary during past 6 hours and lay centered at 0530 hours IST of today, the 1st December 2024 over the same region near latitude 12.0°N and longitude 79.8°E, close to Puducherry, about 30 km north of Cuddalore, 40 km east of Villupuram and 120 km south-southwest of Chennai.

It is likely to move westwards slowly and weaken gradually into a deep depression over north coastal Tamil Nadu and Puducherry during the next 6 hours.

The system is being continuously monitored by the Doppler Weather Radar at Chennai & Karaikal.

Date/ Time (IST)	Position (Lat. ⁰ N/ long. ⁰ E)	Maximum sustained surface wind speed (Kmph)	Category of cyclonic disturbance
01.12.24/0530	12.0/79.8	60-70 gusting to 80	Cyclonic Storm
01.12.24/1130	12.0/79.7	55-65 gusting to 75	Deep Depression
01.12.24/1730	12.0/79.5	45-55 gusting to 65	Depression

Forecast track and intensity are given in the following table:

Warnings:

(i) Rainfall Warning:

Tamil Nadu & Puducherry: Light to moderate rainfall at many places with **heavy to very heavy** rainfall at isolated places over interior Tamil Nadu & Puducherry on 01st December, and **heavy** rainfall at isolated places over Tamil Nadu on 02nd and 03rd December.

Coastal Andhra Pradesh: Light to moderate rainfall at many places with **heavy rainfall** at isolated places on 01st December.

Rayalaseema: Light to moderate rainfall at many places with **heavy rainfall** at isolated places on 01st December.

South Interior Karnataka: Light to moderate rainfall at many places with **heavy to very heavy** rainfall at isolated places on 01st & 2nd December.

Kerala: Light to moderate rainfall at many places with isolated heavy rainfall is likely on 1st December, **heavy to very heavy rainfall** at isolated places on 2nd & 3rd December.

(ii) Wind warning:

- **Southwest Bay of Bengal**: Gale wind speed reaching 60-70 gusting to 80 is prevailing over southwest Bay of Bengal. It is likely to decrease becoming squally wind speed reaching 55-65 kmph gusting to 75 kmph from morning of 1st December and decrease gradually thereafter.
- Adjoining areas of westcentral Bay of Bengal: Squally wind speed reaching 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph is likely to prevail over adjoining areas of westcentral Bay of Bengal till morning of 1st December. It is likely to decrease thereafter.
- Along & off North Tamil Nadu Puducherry and adjoining South Andhra Pradesh coasts: Gale wind speed reaching 60-70 kmph gusting to 80 kmph is prevailing along & off North Tamil Nadu - Puducherry and adjoining South Andhra Pradesh coasts. It is likely to decrease becoming 55-65 kmph gusting to 75 kmph from morning of 1st December and decrease gradually thereafter.
- Coastal districts of north Tamil Nadu & south Andhra Pradesh: Gale wind speed reaching 60-70 gusting to 80 kmph is prevailing over costal districts of north Tamil Nadu (Tiruvallur, Chennai, Chengalpattu, Villupuram, Puducherry Cuddalore and Mayiladuthurai). It is likely to become squally wind speed reaching 55-65 kmph gusting to 75 kmph from morning of 1st December and decrease gradually further thereafter.
- Along & off South Tamil Nadu coast and Gulf of Mannar: Squally wind speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph is likely to prevail till morning of 1st December and gradually decrease thereafter.

(iii) Sea condition:

High to very Rough Sea conditions is likely to prevail over southwest Bay of Bengal adjoining areas of westcentral Bay of Bengal, Gulf of Mannar and along & off Tamil Nadu-Puducherry, South Andhra Pradesh and north Sri Lanka coasts till morning of 1st December. It will gradually improve becoming Rough from forenoon of 1st December.

(v) Storm surge Warning (Graphics Attached):

Storm surge of about 0.5 meter height above the astronomical tide is likely to inundate the low-lying areas of the coastal districts of north Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and adjoining south Andhra Pradesh till morning of 1st December.

(vi) Fisherman warning (Graphics Attached):

- Total suspension of fishing operations.
- Fishermen are advised not venture into southwest Bay of Bengal adjoining areas of westcentral Bay of Bengal, Gulf of Mannar and along & off Tamil Nadu-Puducherry, South Andhra Pradesh and East Sri Lanka coasts till forenoon of 1st December.

(iv) Flash Flood Guidance (Graphics Attached): 24 hours Outlook for the Flash Flood Risk (FFR) till 0530 IST of 02-12-2024 :

Moderate to High flash flood risk likely over few watersheds & neighbourhoods of following Meteorological Sub-divisions during next 24 hours.

Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam–Thirupati and Nellore districts.

Rayalaseema- Chittoor and Kadapa districts.

Tamil Nadu - Puducherry & Karaikal– Chennai, Tiruvallur, Vellore, Kanchipuram, Tiruvannamalai, Villupuram, Puducherry, Cuddalore, Ariyalur, Perambalur and Karaikal districts.

Surface runoff/ Inundation may occur at some fully saturated soils & low-lying areas over Area of Concern (AoC) as shown in map due to expected rainfall occurrence in next 24 hours.

(vii) Impact Expected [over coastal districts of North Tamil Nadu (Tiruvallur, Chennai, Chengalpattu, Puducherry Cuddalore, Mayiladuthurai, Nagappattinam, Dharampuri, Krishnagiri and Villupuram) and Andhra Pradesh (Tirupati, Nellore, Kadapa and Prakasham)]

- Damage to thatched huts.
- Minor damage to power and communication lines due to breaking of branches.
- Major damage to Kutcha and minor damage to Pucca roads.
- Some damage to paddy crops, banana, papaya trees and orchards.
- Sea water inundation in low lying areas after erosion of Kutcha embankments.
- 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 major cities due to water logging in roads leading to increased travel time.
- Damage to horticulture and standing crops in some areas due to inundation.
- Breaking of tree branches, uprooting of small tress including banana, papaya and drumstick.

(viii) Action Suggested:

- Total suspension of fishing operations.
- Fishermen are advised not venture into southwest Bay of Bengal adjoining areas of westcentral Bay of Bengal, Gulf of Mannar and along & off Tamil Nadu-Puducherry, South Andhra Pradesh and East Sri Lanka coasts till forenoon of 1st December.
- The ships plying over the area need to regulated.
- People should stay in safe places during 30th morning to evening.
- Check for traffic congestion on your route before leaving for your destination.
- Follow any traffic advisories that are issued in this regard.
- Avoid going to areas that face the water logging problems often.
- Special care may be taken for fishing ponds and poultries over coastal areas.
- Avoid staying in vulnerable structure.

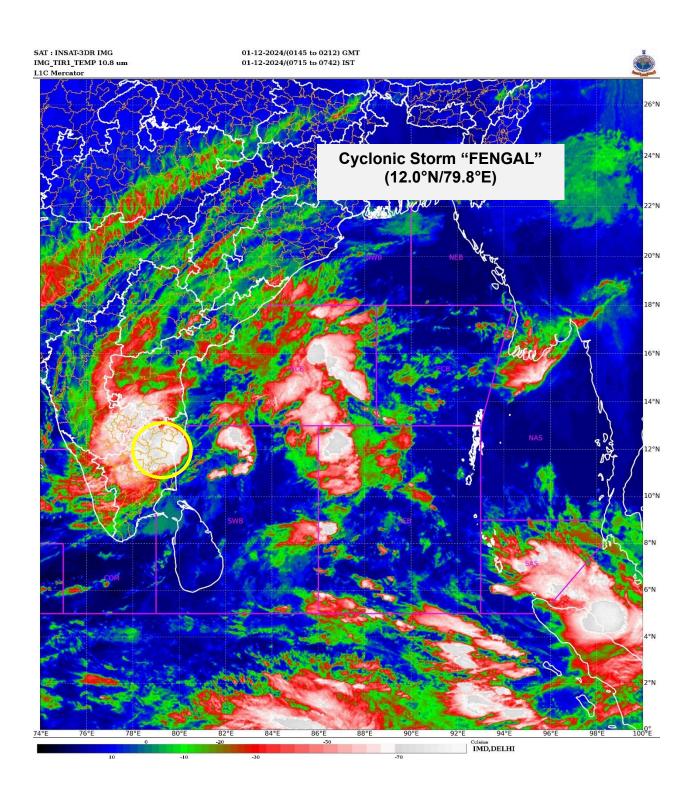
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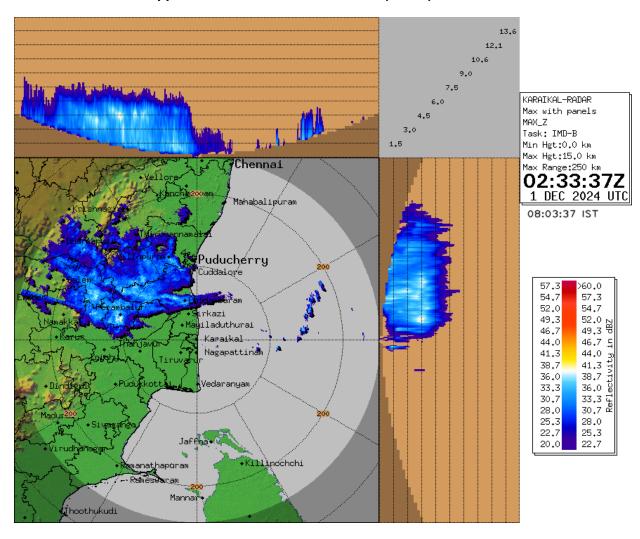
Provide adequate drainage facilities for the removal of excess water from rice, cotton, sugarcane, turmeric and vegetable fields, coconut and banana orchards. Provide mechanical support to banana plants to prevent lodging.

- Make arrangements to drain out excess water from the standing crop fields and fruit orchards in Kerala and Coastal Andhra Pradesh.
- Harvest the matured crops and keep it in safe place.
- Provide mechanical support to horticultural crops and staking to vegetables.

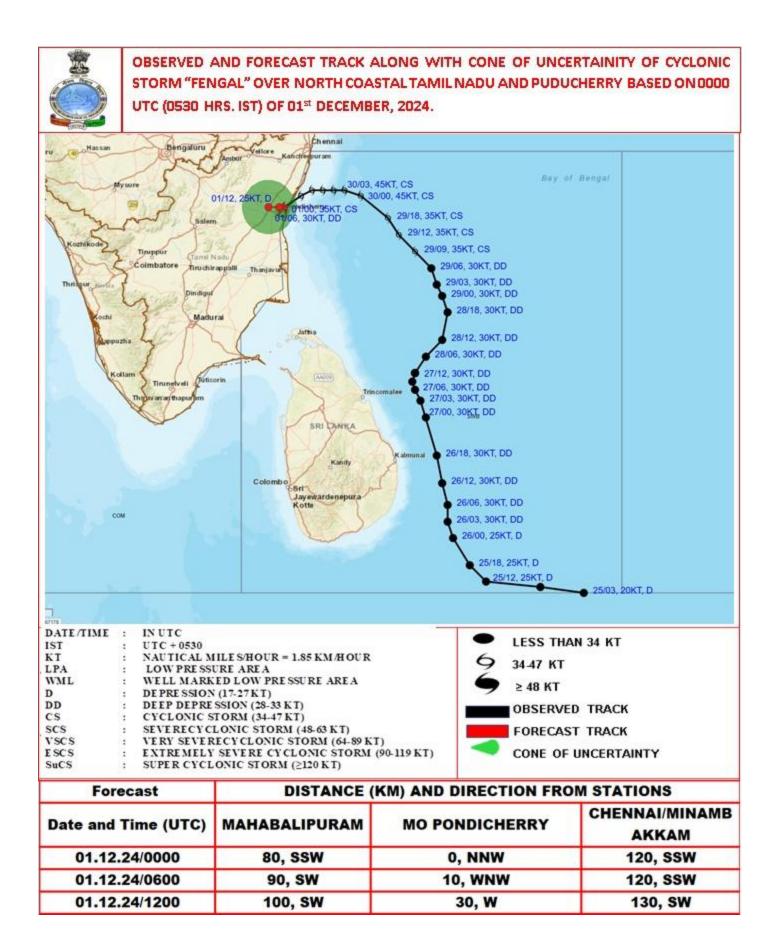
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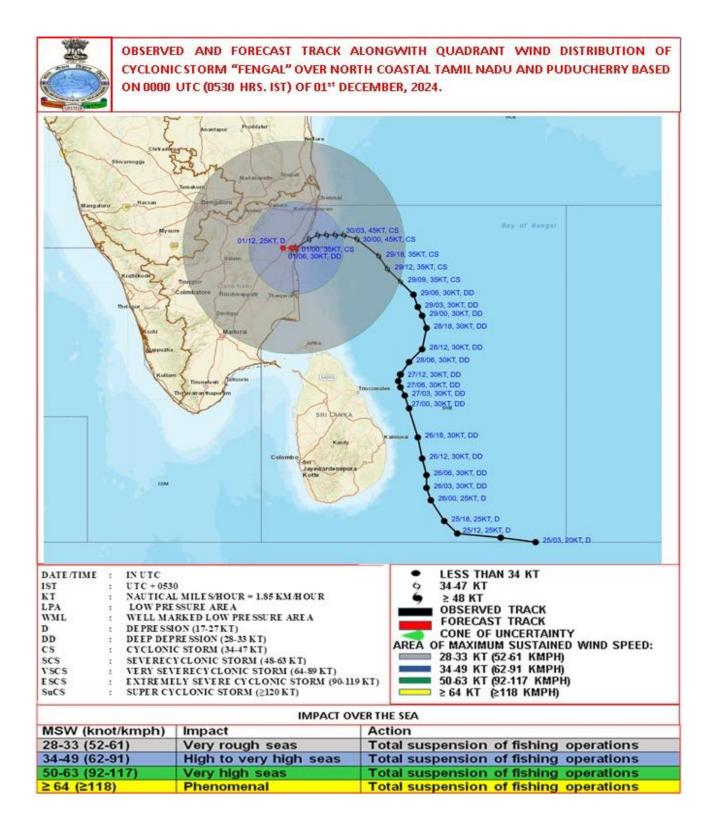
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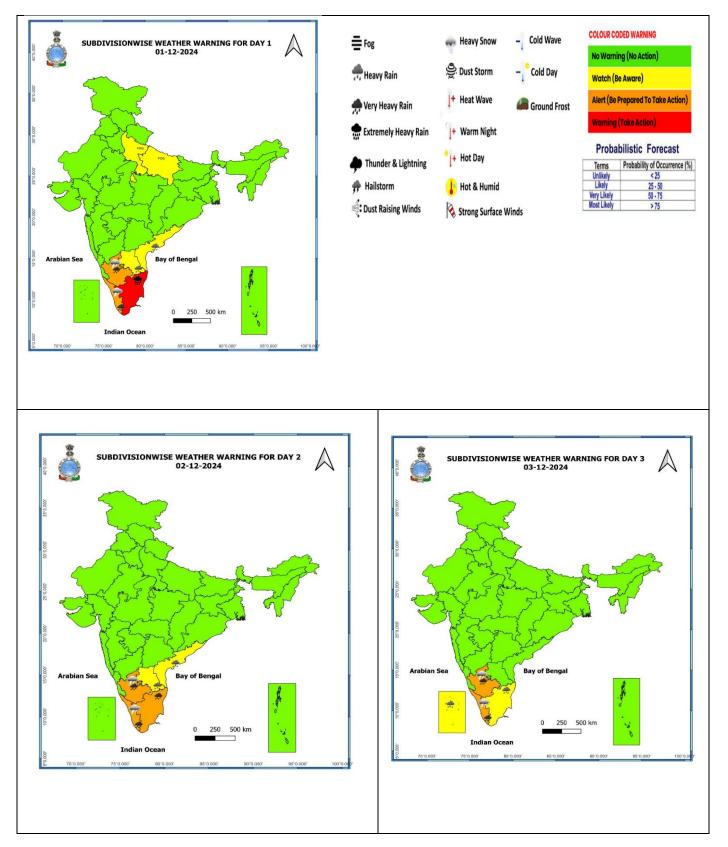


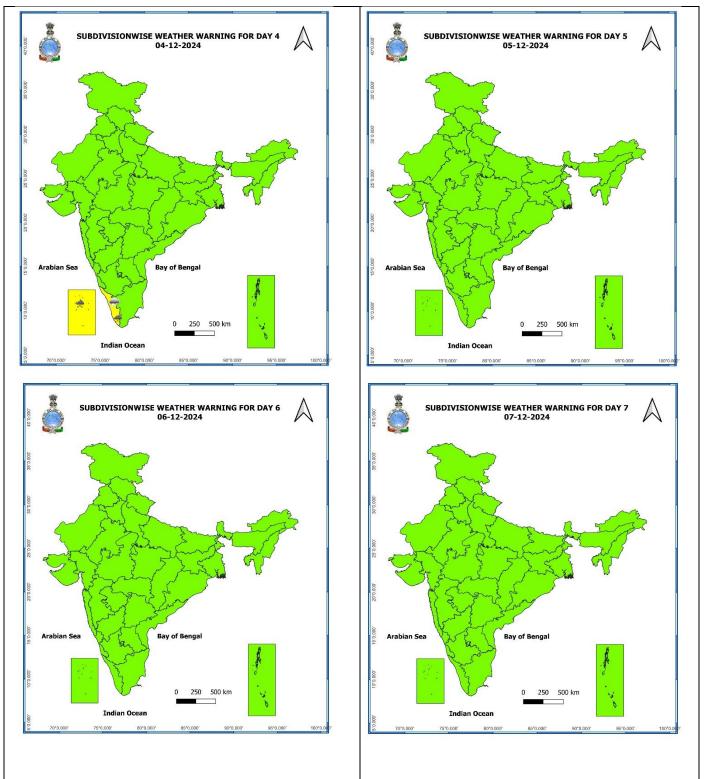
Doppler Weather Radar Observation (Max Z) at Karaikal





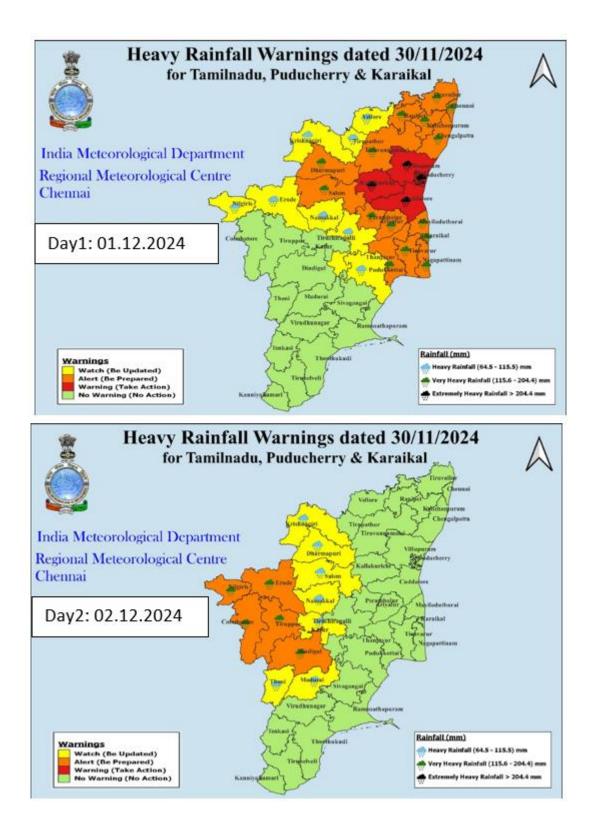
Weather Warning Graphics

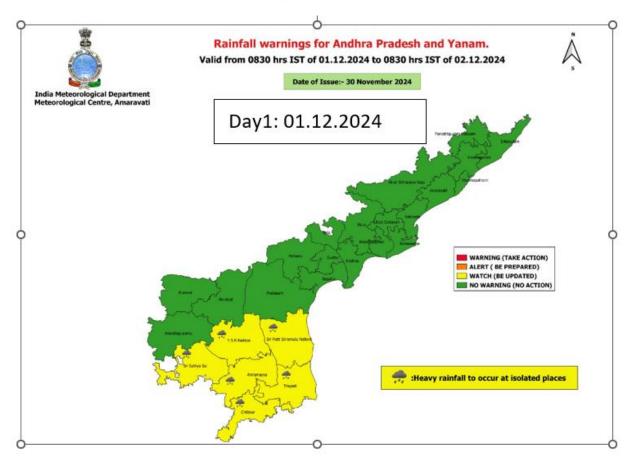




- Action may be taken based on ORANGE AND RED COLOUR warnings.
- Vulnerable regions likely urban and hilly areas action may be initiated for heavy rainfall warning.
- As the lead period increases forecast accuracy decreases.

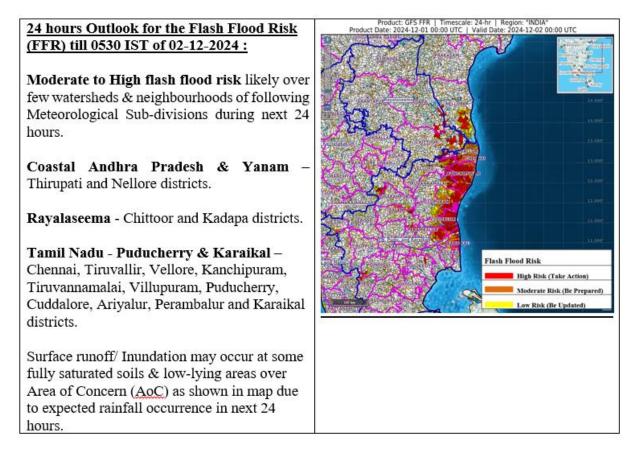
District-Wise Warning Graphics of Tamil Nadu & Puducherry

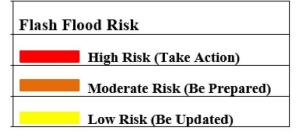




District-Wise Warning Graphics of Andhra Pradesh

Flash Flood Guidance





Storm Surge graphics

