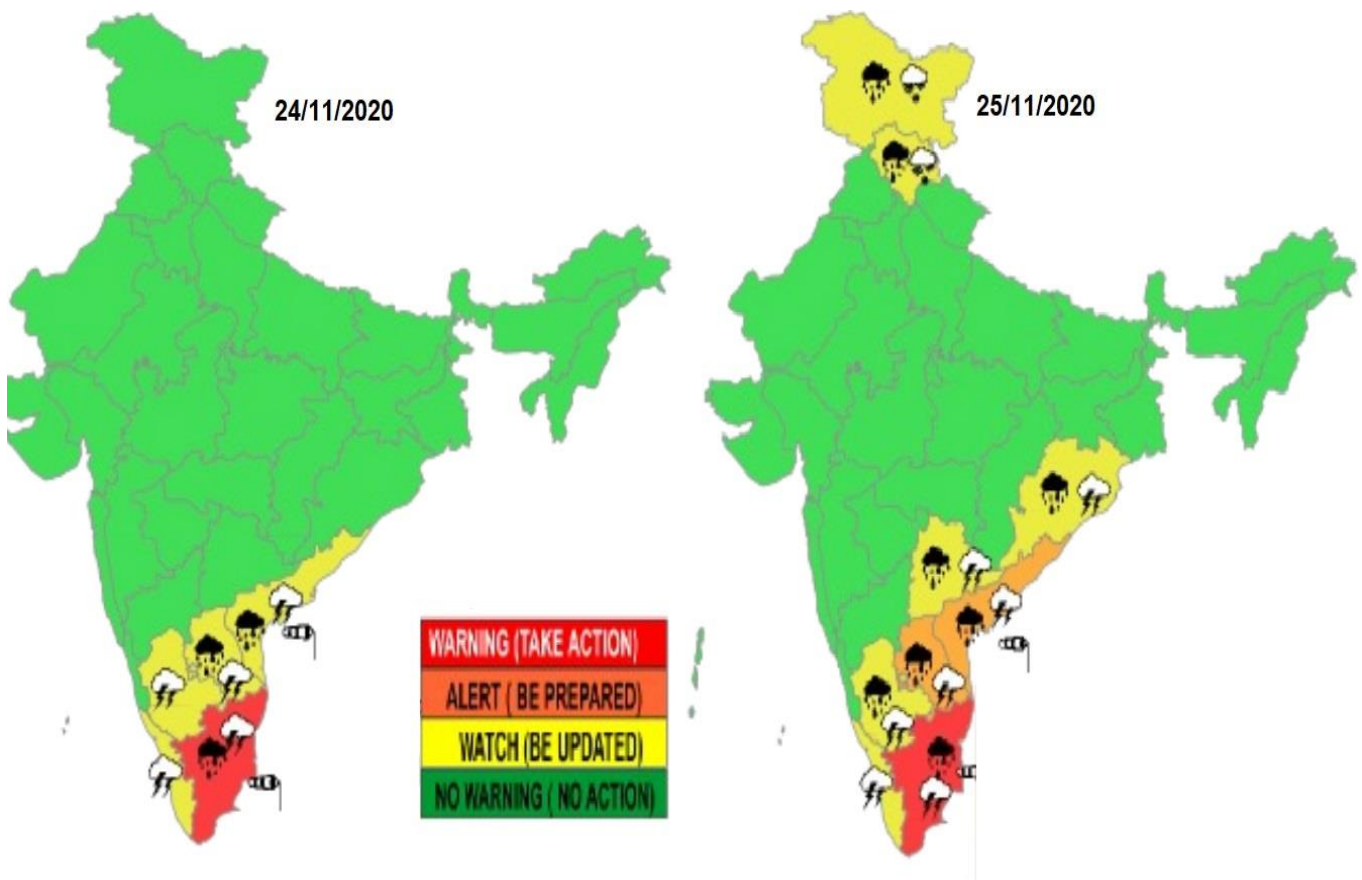


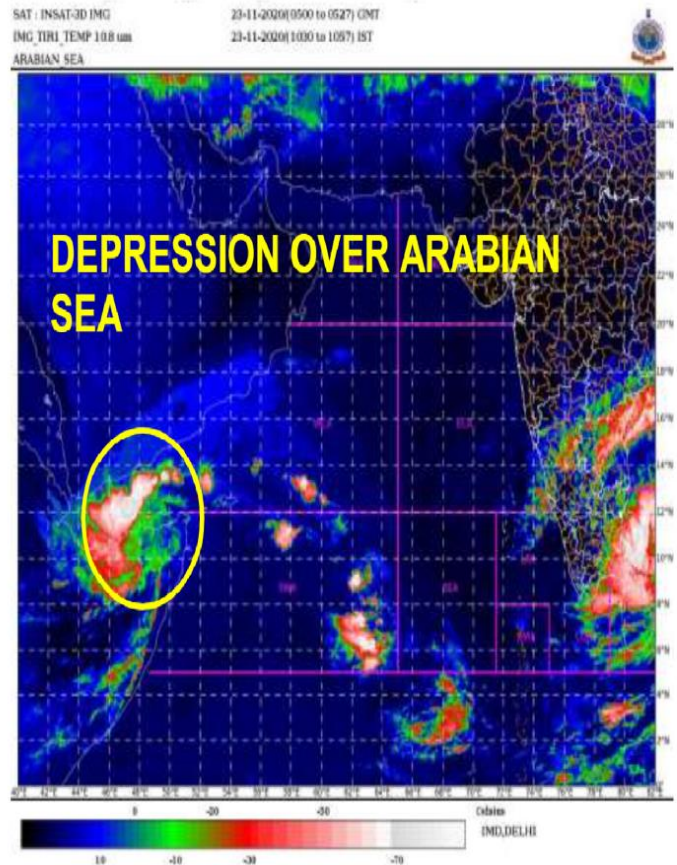
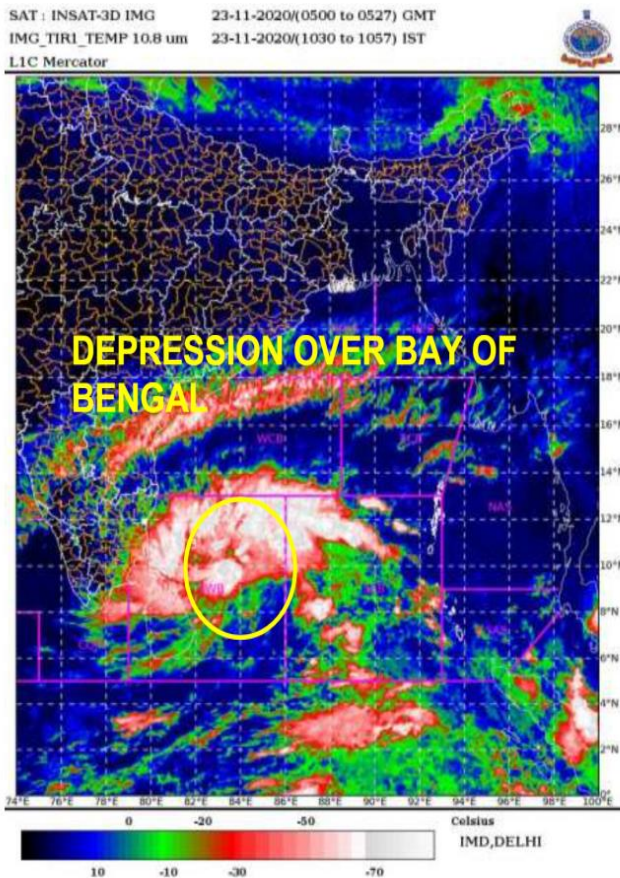
**Weather Alert for India**

IMD issuing extremely heavy rainfall alert for Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal

New Delhi, November 23, 2020 (Vigyan Samachar): India Meteorological Department (IMD) is issuing an alert for Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Karaikal predicting extremely heavy rainfall during 24 to 25 November 2020. There is a possibility of extremely heavy rainfall in Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Telangana and Rayalseema during 25-26 November 2020.



As per the latest weather forecast by IMD, North Somalia to witness 'severe' cyclonic storm (GATI) moved westwards with a speed of about 09 kmph during past 06 hours and weakened into a cyclonic circulation over the same region and lay centered at 0530 hrs IST of today, 23 November 2020.



INCOIS and IMD issued a joint ocean state forecast on a depression over the southwest & adjoining southeast Bay of Bengal that moved nearly northwestwards in past 06 hours and lay centered at 0530 hours IST of 23rd November near Latitude 9.3°N and Longitude 84.5°E, about 600 km south-southeast of Puducherry and 630 km south-southeast of Chennai creating conditions that are favorable for scattered to widespread rainfall accompanied with thunderstorm & lightning activity which is likely to increase over south peninsular India from 23 November 2020, over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Karaikal during 24 to 26 November 2020 and over south Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Rayalaseema and Telangana during 25 to 26 November, 2020.

The INCOIS-IMD weather advisory warns fishermen not to venture out to the Southwest & adjoining west-central & southeast Bay of Bengal, Gulf of Mannar and along & off Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and south Andhra Pradesh coasts during 23-25 November 2020.

As per IMD, under the influence of Western Disturbance, scattered to fairly widespread rain/snow very likely over Western Himalayan Region during next 3 days and Isolated heavy rain/snow over Jammu & Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan, Muzaffarabad and Himachal Pradesh on 25 November 2020.

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