Types of Weather & Climate Forecast and its application for Agriculture

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- What is forecasting?
- •In general, forecasting is the process of estimation of unknown situations.
 - * What is weather forecasting?

Weather Forecasting is the application of science and technology to predict the state of the atmosphere for a future time and given location.

Successful Weather Service

A weather service is successful when recipients:

- Receive the weather forecast;
- Understand the information presented;
- Believe the information;
- Personalize the information;
- Make correct decisions; and,
- Respond in an adequate manner,
- > Feedback, lessons learnt.

Prime Users

- Genral Public
- Agricultural Sector
- Aviation and Navigation Sectors.
- Fisheries Operations
- Construction Business
- Transportation
- Defense Services
- Mountaineering and Tourism.
- Energy Sector etc.

Importance of Weather Forecasting for Farmers in relation to Agriculture

- Weather and climate are some of the biggest risk factors impacting on farming system and agriculture management.
- Extreme weather such as severe droughts, floods, temperature etc., often strongly impede Bangladesh farming system.
- Timely Weather forecasting minimizes the risk of uncertainty of climate hazards.
- Knowing about weather in advance is important for good agriculture management practices.

Agriculture & Weather Forecasting in Bangladesh

- Agriculture is one of those prime sectors that impacted heavily due to weather
- Bangladesh is a country with diverse climate, seasons, crops and farming systems.
- Rainfall, temperature and radiation are having direct impact on agriculture systems and productivity.
- Wet and dry spells as well as extreme events causes enormous impacts on the agriculture sector.
- Majority of Bangladesh farmers are residing in villages and have poor access to the agro-climatic information.
- We need timely weather forecast on agro-climatic factors that should be accessible in a easiest way at rural community.

Farmers' need for weather forecasting

- Timely forecast on weather-Rainfall, storm, wind, frost etc to farmers
- Appropriate agricultural technologies for adaptation of changing weather and climate change
- Mitigation options for farmers in changing environment

Tactical Decisions

In Farm operations



Seed Management,
Irrigation,
Fertilizer Application,
Pesticide spraying,
etc...

Weather forecast Applications

Planning

Sowing

Transplanting

Vegetative

Grain formation

Harvesting, etc...

Strategic Decision: Contingent

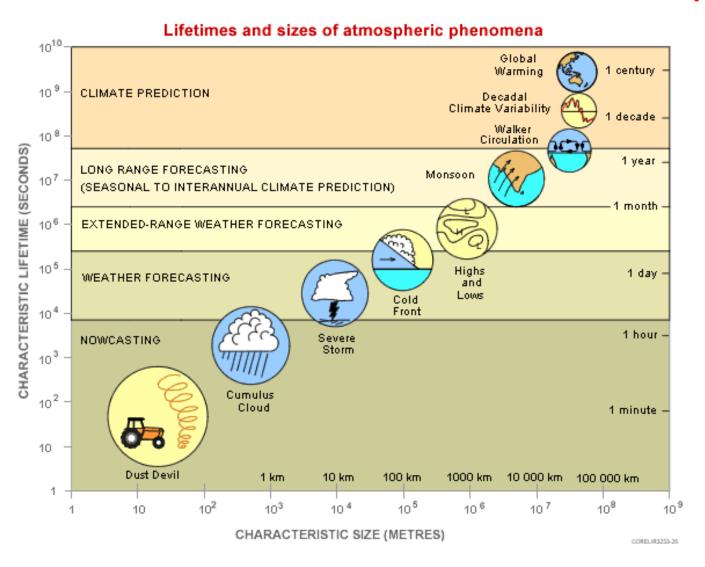
In different stages of crops



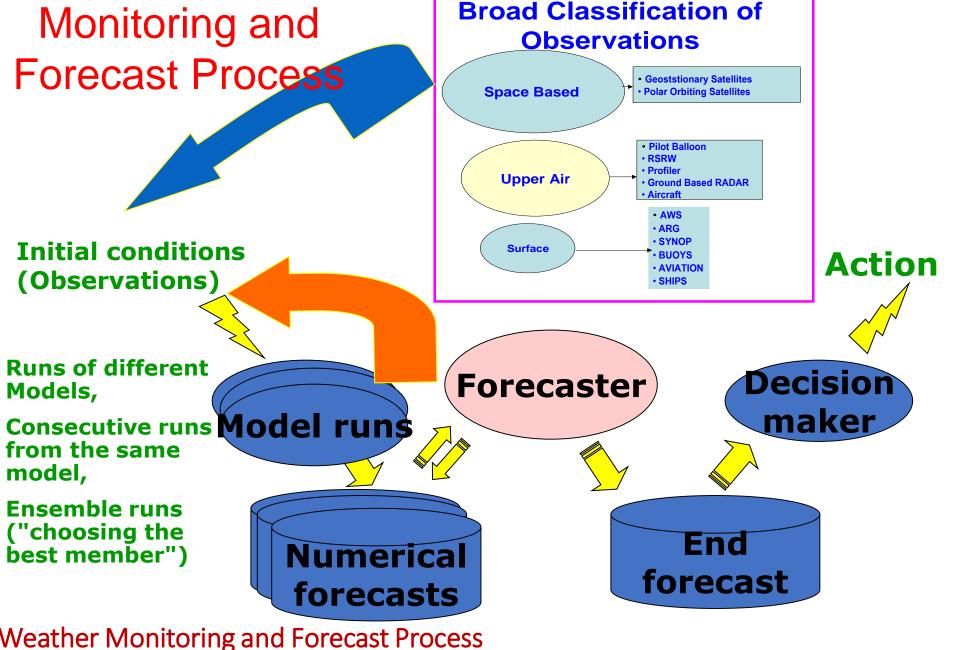
Elements Which are covered under Weather Forecast:

- 1. Rainfall
- 2. Temperature
- 3. Thderstorm, Dust storm
- 4. Clouds
- 5. Cyclonic Storms (their courses and stages)
- 6. Heavy R/F Warnings
- 7. Frost Warning
- 8. Squall Warning
- 9. Heat Waves, cold waves etc.

Space and time scales of different atmospheric systems



There are a variety of phenomena occurring in our atmosphere having different space and time scales

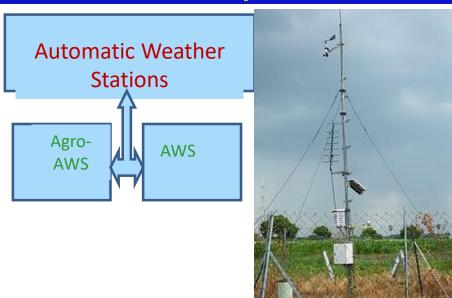


Weather Monitoring and Forecast Process

Tools: Observation, forecast, data & products.

Conventional Observational Network

- Surface Observatories –
- Agrometeorological Observatories-
- Hygrometeorological Observatories –
- Raingauge Stations
- Extreme Weather reporting Storm surge,
- Frost, Heat wave, Hail storm etc.

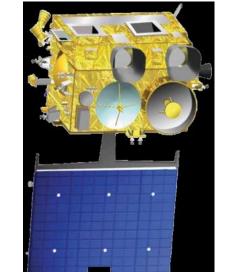


Advanced
Weather Satellite



Doppler Weather Radar 16 DWRs are installed Products are

- * Rain intensity
- * Cumulative rain
- * Cloud motion winds
- * Vertical profiles of Temperature, humidity etc.



(Res: 0.5x0.5 km)

FORECASTING METHODS

- SYNPOTIC TECHNIQUES-weather charts, experience and skill of forecaster imp.
- 2. STATISTICAL METHOD- correlation and regression, time series etc.
- 3. NUMERICAL WEATHER PREDICTION (NWP) dynamical technique, numerical model, high power computer

<u>NOTE</u>: A GOOD SET OF DATA & SUITABLE METHOD PRIME REQUIREMENTS.

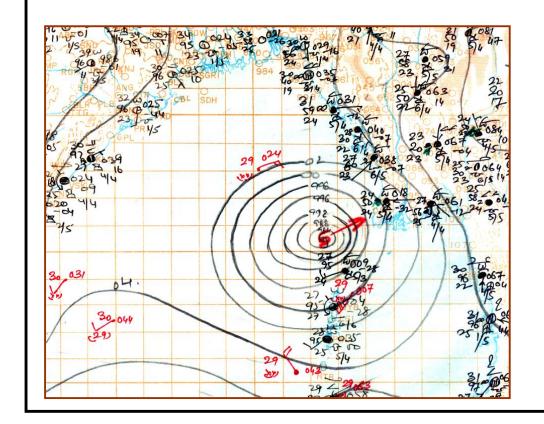
BMD's Forecast & Warning

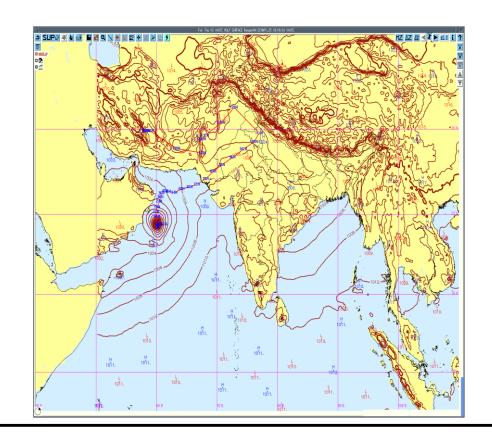
- ✓ Nowcast, short, medium and extended range Forecast
- ✓ Public Weather Local Forecast
- ✓ Long Range Forecast
- ✓ Tropical Cyclone Forecast & Warnings
- √ Warnings related to all other Disaster
- ✓ Sea State Forecast
- ✓ Coastal Zone Forecasts
- ✓ Forecasts to Aviation
- √ Forecasts for Agriculture
- ✓ Customized Forecasts to different Sectors- Power, Tourism, Defense, Adventure, Road/Railway transports, Public Utility, VIP functions, Strategic operations, Space, event based etc

Objective analysis of weather systems

Isobaric analysis at mean sea level at 12UTC of 28 April 2006

Isobaric analysis at mean sea level during cyclone, Phet at 00 UTC of 03 June 2010





HPC Resource & Models used for Weather Foprecasting







Parameter	Tools / technique				
Forecast method	Synoptic, satellite, radar, low resolution NWP models				
	Operational forecast issued Uprto 24 hrs synoptic cum models				
	Beyond 24 hrs only models				
Models	Synoptic, satellite, radar, CLIPER, Limited NWP HWRF: 3KM resolution WRF (27/9 km				
	guidance (Caorser ECMWF, UKMET, NCMRWF (T80), LAM, MM5, QLM).				
	Operational forecast issued upto 24-hr lead time qualitatively in textual form.				

Spatial and Temporal domains of Forecast

- ☐ Nowcast for next few hours (Venue/ location specific)
- Short Range for 24 to 72 hours (Location/District/ State/Met Sub-division)
- Quantitative Medium Range for 3-10 days (City, District, Block)
- ☐ Extended range for four weeks (Met Subdivision/State/ Homogeneous regions)
- Long range for month/season rainfall (Homogeneous regions/country) + India (July and August and temperature for season

Graduated Response to Disaster Risks



Why do farmers needs weather/climate

Ready!

Seasonal

- Select cultivars
- Purchase appropriate seeds
- Choose alternative livelihoods
- SensitizeCommunity

forecastFarmer Early Actions Across Time Scales

Set!

Mid-range

- Anticipate
 wet/dry spells
 variations in
 temperature
- Manage risk in harvest operations
- Plant/clear fields
- Warn community on hazards

Go!

Short range

- Determine right harvest time
- Decide timing of pesticide/fertilize rs application
- Evade crop losses
- Evacuate community

Access to relevant climate information can empower farmers to anticipate and confront climate related risks and opportunities



Short Range Weather Forecasting

Short Range for 24 to 72 hours (District)



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web.site: www.bmd.gov.bd

Date: 13-05-2019

Weather Forecast Valid for 24 Hours Commencing 09 AM Today:

Synoptic Situation: Trough of low lies over West Bengal to North Bay across southwestern part of Bangladesh.

Forecast: Rain/thunder showers, accompanied by temporary gusty/squally wind is likely to occur at a few places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Mymensingh, Dhaka & Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Khulna, Barishal & Chattogram divisions with hails at isolated places.

Heat Wave: Mild heat wave is sweeping over Khulna division and the regions of Rajshahi, Pabna, Tangail, M.Court & Rangamati and it may abate from some places.

Temperature: Day temperature may fall by (1-3) °C over Rangpur, Sylhet & Mymensingh divisions and it may remain nearly unchanged elsewhere over the country. Night temperature may fall by (1-2) °C over the country.

Wind direction and speed at Dhaka : South/Southeasterly(08-12) kph. temporary gusting to 30-40 kph.

RH at 06 A.M. of Dhaka : 83%

Today's sunset at Dhaka : 06-33 PM Tomorrow's sunrise at Dhaka : 05-17 AM

Outlook for next 72 hrs : Rain/thunder showers activity may continue.

Rainfall for last 24 hours (till 06 AM today) and maximum temperature of Yesterday, minimum temperature of today:

			tousy.						
Name of	Name of	Rain	Max.	Min.	Name of	Name of	Rain	Max.	Min.
Divisions	Stations	fall	Temp	Temp	Divisions	Stations	fall	Temp	Temp
	l	(mm)	(°C)	ര്			(mm)	(°C)	(°C)
Dhaka	Dhaka	00	35.8	28.8	Rajshahi	Rajshahi	00	37.6 36.8	26.3
	Tangail	00	36.4	25.0		Ishurdi	00		26.3
	Faridpur	00	35.9	27.4		Bogura	00	35.5	23.5
	Madaripur	00	35.5	27.5		Badalgachhi	00	36.0	21.0
	Gopalgonj	00	35.5	28.5		Tarash	00	35.8	24.0
	Nikli	00	34.2	22.5					l
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Mymensingh	Mymensingh	00	34.5	23.4	_	Dinajpur	00	34.6	21.8
	Netrokona	10	32.4	22.0		Sayedpur	Trace	34.2	20.5
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Chattogram	Chattogram	00	34.7	28.4		Dimla	45	32.8	20.0
	Sandwip	00	34.1	20.5		Rajarhat	33	31.6	19.4
	Sitakunda	00	34.0	27.9		_			l
	Rangamati	00	36.5	27.2	Khulna	Khulna	00	37.2	28.4
	Cumilla	00	34.4	27.2		Mongla	00	36.2	27.9
	Chandpur	00	35.7	27.1		Satkhira	00	36.4	28.2
	M.Court	00	36.8	27.5		Jashore	00	37.4	28.4
	Feni	00	35.5	27.4		Chuadanga	00	36.6	28.4
	Hatiya	00	35.0	27.0		Kumarkhali	00	36.0	28.0
	Cox's Bazar	00	35.0	28.7					l
	Kutubdia	00	34.5	28.6	Barishal	Barishal	00	35.3	27.5
	Teknaf	00	xx	27.5		Patuakhali	00	35.6	27.6
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Sylhet	Sylhet	10	33.1	21.1	1	Bhola	00	35.0	27.7
_	Srimangal	03	35.0	22.0			l	l	

Date: 05-01-2020 Weather Forecast Valid for 24 Hours Commencing 09 AM Today:

- Light rain/drizzle is likely to occur at one or two places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Dhaka, Mymensingh & Sylhet divisions and the regions of Jashore, Kushtia & Chattogram.
- Weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country.
- Fog: Light to moderate fog may occur at places over the country during midnight to morning.
- Temperature: Night temperature may fall by (1-3)°C and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.
- Outlook for next 72 hrs: Rainfall activity will decrease and night temperature may fall further.

Generation of district level weather forecast (DLWF)

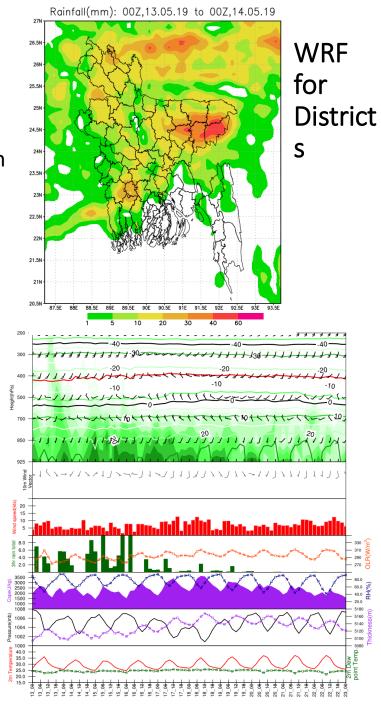
Districts in Bangladesh

Bangladesh Meteorological Department

DISTRICT LEVEL FORECAST

Weather Parameters	04/07	05/07	06/07	07/07	08/07
Rainfall (mm)	15.0	04.0	22.0	13.0	18.0
T _{max} (⁰ C)	33.0	31.0	33.0	33.0	33.0
T _{min} (⁰ C)	21.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Cloud Cover	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
RH-I (%)	76	78	76	76	76
RH-II (%)	48	52	52	52	52
Wind Speed (km/hr)	20	16	13	17	20
Wind Direction	SW	SW	W	W	W

Currently these cover 64 districts of the country







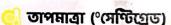


কৃষি আবহাওয়া পূর্বাভাস

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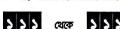










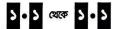








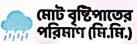




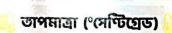
বৃষ্টিপাতের ক্ষেত্রে কোন রঙের কি মানে: হালকা বৃষ্টিপাত হালকা থেকে মাঝারি বৃষ্টিপাত হালকা থেকে ভারি বৃষ্টিপাত

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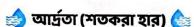
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বাস্তবায়নে: কৃষি আবহাওয়া তথ্য পদ্ধতি উনুতকরণ প্রকল্প, কৃষি সম্প্রসারণ অধিনপ্তর তথ্য উৎস: কৃষি সম্প্রসারণ অধিদপ্তর ও বাংলাদেশ আবহাওয়া অধিদপ্তর

আগামী তিন দিনের আবহাওয়াডিত্তিক কৃষিবার্তা

বিপদ সংকেত

যোগাযোগের জন্য প্রয়োজনীয় নম্বরসমূহ

উপজেলা কৃষি কর্মকর্তা কৃষি সম্প্রসারণ কর্মকর্তা

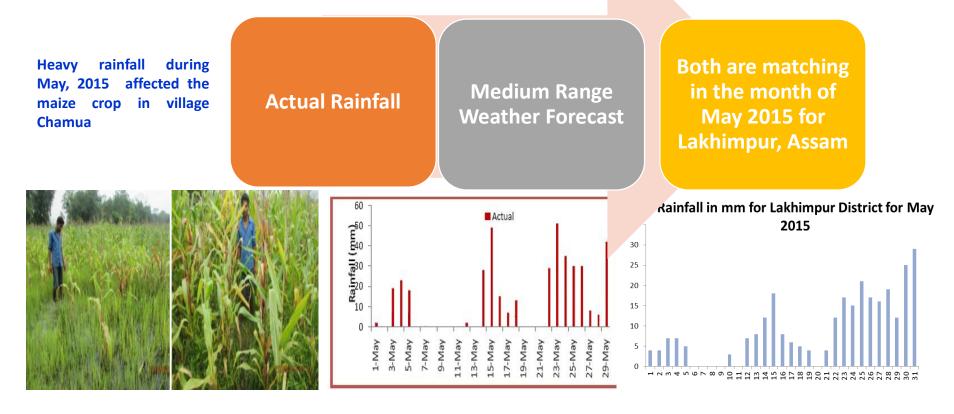
উপসহকারী কৃষি কর্মকর্তা

Agromet Display Board at Union Level

Weather Information along with Agromet Advisories under favourable and unfavourable weather conditions will be displayed shortly



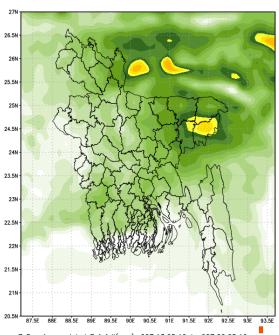
Success story of Medium Range Weather Forecast on damage of crops due to heavy rainfall



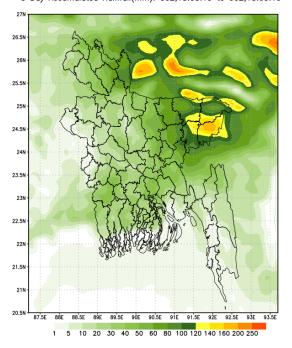
Weather forecast at that time was very much useful in managing the situation arising due to the excess rainfall. Farmers were benefited with different agromet advisories issued and displayed in the village.

Accumulated Rainfall

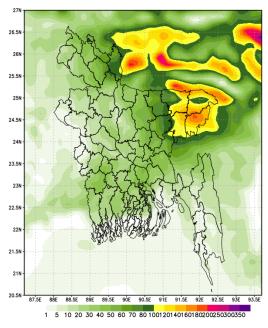




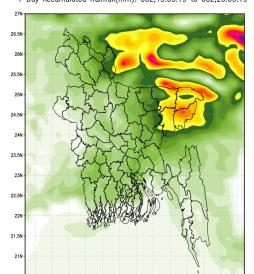
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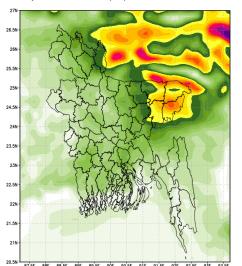
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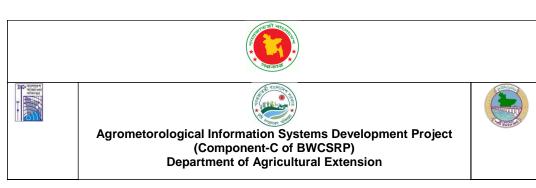


7 Day Accumulated Rainfall(mm): 00Z,13.05.19 to 00Z,20.05.19



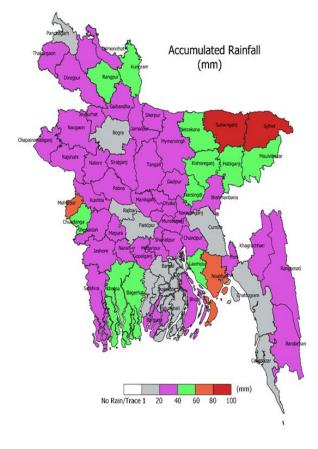
10 Day Accumulated Rainfall(mm): 00Z,13.05.19 to 00Z,23.05.19





Alert Message as on 30th April 2019

Communicated
through the Control
Room of Department
of Agricultural
Extension (DAE) to
all the agricultural
officers in the State



Special Agromet Advisories for the districts of Sylhet, Sunamganj, Meherpur, Noakhali

There is chance of comparatively very good amount of rainfall (6.0-10.0 cm) along with strong wind during 3-6 May 2019. In view of that, following urgent Agromet advisories are issued to save the standing crops;

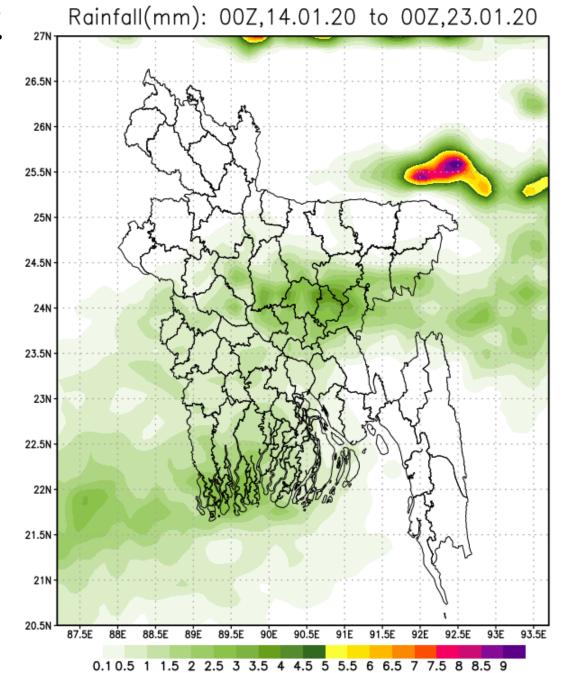
- 1. Where boro paddy found 80% maturity, harvest immediately otherwise due to cyclone shattering loss will take place.
- 2. Immediately harvest matured groundnut, rabi maize, horticultural crops, vegetables
- 3. Clean the irrigation channel so that there should not be any standing water in the paddy field
- 4. Arrange for elevated bunding around and inside the paddy field so that water current may not affect the standing crops.
- 5. Avoid sowing of new plants/ crops
- 6. Provide mechanical support to the standing crops
- 7. Uplift the plants which were lodged due to heavy rainfall and high wind immediately.
- 8. Avoid application of fertilizer, pesticides, irrigation.

Special Advisories for Rangpur, Kurigram, Kishoreganj, Chuadanga, Narsingdi, Lalmonirhat, Moulivbazar, Netrokona

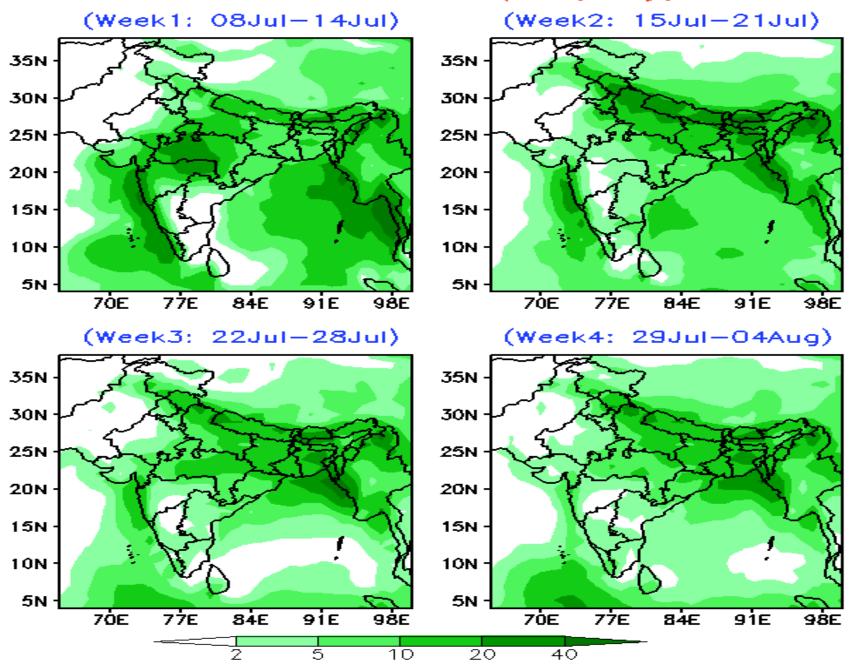
There is chance of good amount of rainfall (4.0—5.9 cm) during 3-6 May 2019. In view of that, following urgent Agromet advisories are issued to save the standing

- 1. Where boro paddy found 80% maturity, harvest immediately otherwise due to cyclone shattering loss will take place.
- 2. Immediately harvest matured groundnut, rabi maize, vegetables etc.
- 3. Avoid application of fertilizer, pesticides, irrigation.

WRF Week 2



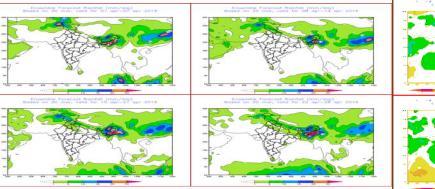
MME Actual Rainfall (mm/day)

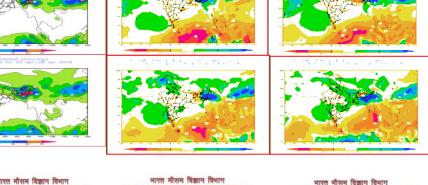


Success story of extended range for sowing of crops

Up to 30thMarch, 2016, farmers of the village did not start sowing of *bao* varieties. Based on the forecast of continuous rainfall during April, 2016 received from IMD, farmers were advised to complete the sowing as early as possible (within first/second week of April). Though, the situation of the village was worse than the previous year, due to more rainfall during April and May farmers were able to complete the sowing. Thus the advisory given based on extended weather forecast was proved to very useful for the farmers of the village.









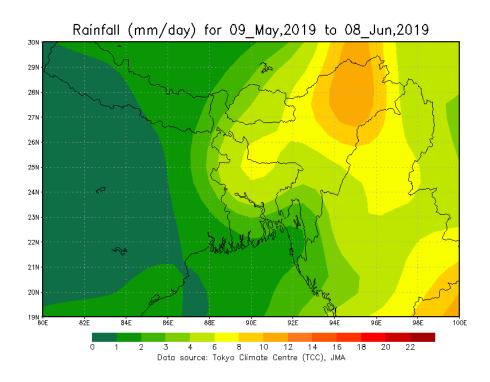


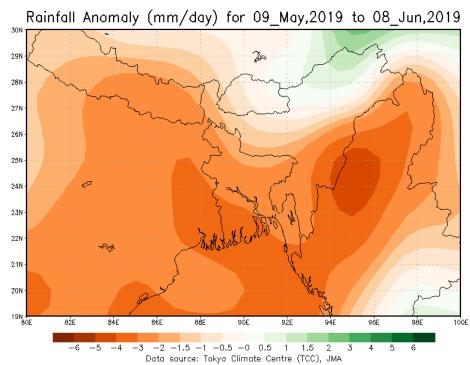




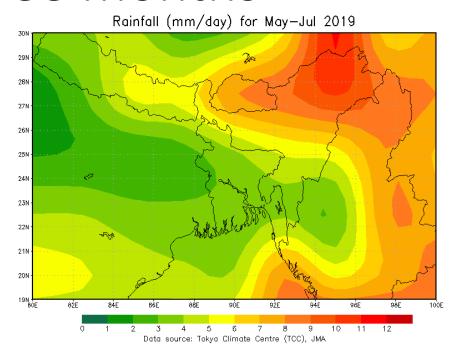


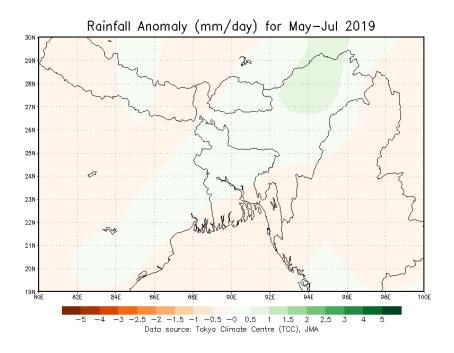
One Month Products Rainfall Forecast





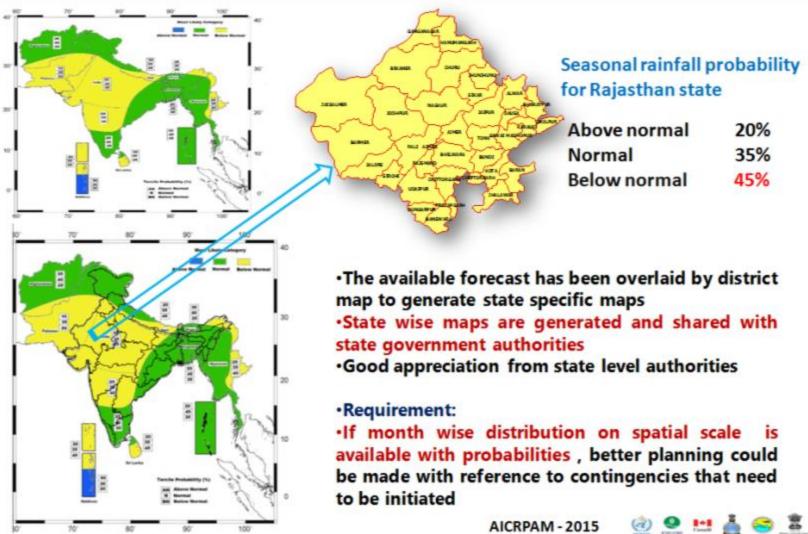
Three months





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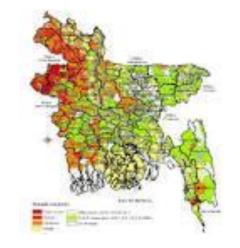




Extreme Events in Bangladesh

















✓ Cyclone

✓ Flood

✓ Drought

?Lightning/ Thunderstorm

Warnings Parameters

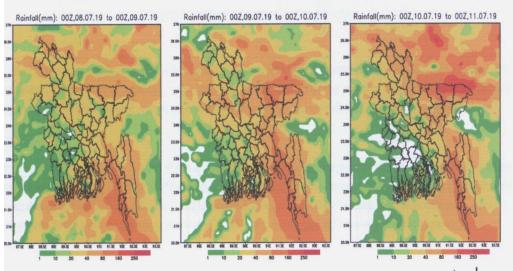
- ✓ Cyclone
- √ Heavy rainfall/snowfall
- √Thunderstorm/Squall/Hailstorm
- √ Heat/Cold Wave
- ✓ Frost
- √Fog
- ✓ Strong winds
- ✓ Storm surge and coastal inundation
- Warning criterion defined for each parameter
- Linkages with Media, Disaster authorities well defined

10/07/2019 12/07/2019



Heavy rainfall forecast over Assam & Meghalaya by IMD

Pre-Flood Agromet Advisories on 9th July 2019



Heavy rainfall forecast over Assam & Meghalaya by BMD

From 8th July onwards there is a chance in increase in water level in Brahmaputra river. During 11 to 13 the July, the level of water in Yamuna river at Jamalpur-Bahadarabad point may cross danger level. And next the water level may cross Arrange boats for migration of essential food danger level in Sariakundi in Bogura and also Sirajganj. As a result, there is chance of low to medium duration flood in Gaibandha, Jamalpur, Bogura, Sirajganj, Tangail and Manikganj.

Besides, there is chance in increase in water level of Surma, Kushiyara & Kangsha river in the regions of Sylhet, Sunamganj & Netrakona. Due to rainfall in Tripura, there is chance in increase in water level in Manu, Khoai, Gomoti river and as a result low to medium duration flood may occur in Habiganj, Moulvibazar.

Water level in major rivers like Karnafuli, Halda, Matamuhari, Sang in Barishal and Chattogram division also may increase and as a result, low to medium duration flood may occur in some places in Chattogram, Rangamati, Banderban & Cox's bazar.

Special Agromet Advisories

Drain out excess water from the nursery as well as crop field. To prevent water stagnation in the nursery bed, construct channels around the seed bed for drainage. Clean the irrigation channel for draining out extra water from the field.

Raise the bund around the crop field. Hold on all agricultural operations like transplanting, application of irrigation, fertilisers, pesticides etc. Immediately harvest the matured

vegetables.

Immediately harvest the matured kharif maize.

Provide mechanical support to banana & standing vegetables.

Arrange for popping of sugarcane.

items and others from low to high land. Arrange for migration of livestock and poultry birds to high land.

Maintain a good height of embankment around the pond. If possible provide net or bamboo chatai around the pond to protect from flowing out with flash flood.

Flood forecast issued by Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB)

Criteria for Forecast Area and Rainfall Intensity (mm/day):

Forecast Area:

At one or two places (দু'এক জায়গায়) = (1-25)% area

At a few places (কিছু কিছু জায়গায়) = (26-50) % area

At many places (অনেক জায়গায়) = (51-75)% area

At most places (অধিকাংশ জায়গায়) = (76-100)% area

Criteria for Rainfall Intensity (mm/day)

Light rain (হালকা বৃষ্টি) <10 mm

Moderate rain(মাঝারী ধরণের বৃষ্টি) 11-22 mm

Moderately Heavy rain(মাঝারী ধরণের ভারী বর্ষণ) 23-43 mm

Heavy rain(ভারী বর্ষণ) 44-88 mm

Very Heavy rain(অতি ভারী বর্ষণ) >89 mm

Are categorized as:

Cold wave (শৈত্য প্রবাহ)	Minimum Temperature Range
Mild Cold Wave (মৃদু শৈত্য প্রবাহ)-	08-10°C
Moderate cold wave (মাঝারী ধরণের শৈত্য	প্ৰবাহ)- 06-08°C
Severe cold wave (তীব্ৰ শৈত্য প্ৰবাহ)-	04-06°C
Very Severe cold wave (খুব তীব্ৰ শৈত্য গ	ধ্বাছ)- <04°C

Heat waves are categorized as:

Heat wave (তাপ প্ৰবাহ)	Maximum Temperature Range
Mild Heat Wave (মৃদু তাপ প্ৰবাহ)	36-38°C
Moderate Heat wave (মাঝারী ধরণের তাপ প্রবাহ)	38-40°C
Severe Heat wave (তীব্ৰ তাপ প্ৰবাহ)	40-42°C
Very Severe Heat wave (অতি তীব্ৰ তাপথবাহ)	>42°C

Fog Warning (কুয়াশার সতর্ক বার্তা):

In case of moderate/ thick fog and surface visibility reducing to 3000 m or less, BMD issues fog warnings for river basins and its adjoining land areas and also for airports for smooth running of transports and air craft's.

Classification of tropical disturbances that form in the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea.

Disturbance	Corresponding Wind Speed		
1. Low Pressure Area (লঘুচাপ)	Less than 17 knots (31 km/h)		
2. Well Marked Low (সুস্পষ্ট লঘু চাপ)	17-21 knots (31-40 km/h)		
3. Depression (নিম্কাপ)	22-27 knots (41-51 km/h)		
4. Deep Depression (গভীর নিমুচাপ)	28-33 knots (52-61 km/h)		
5. Cyclonic Storm (ঘূর্ণিঝড়)	34-47 knots (62-88 km/h)		
6. Severe Cyclonic Storm (প্রবল ঘ্র্ণিঝড়)	48-63 knots (89-117 km/h)		
7. Severe Cyclonic Storm with a Core of	64-119 knots (118-219 km/h)		
Hurricane wind (হ্যারিকেন এর তীব্রতা সম্পন্ন প্রবল ঘূর্ণিঝড়)			
8. Super Cyclone (সুপার সাইক্লোন)	120 knots (220 km/h) or above.		

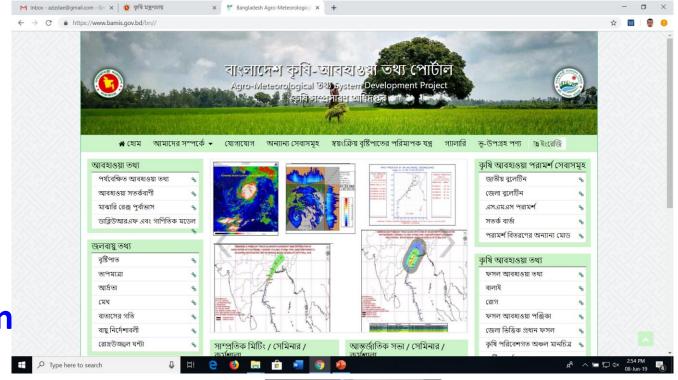
Dissemination and Communication Key Components of Warning System

- Effective dissemination:
 - ➤ Need to cover as large an audience as possible:
 - Backups and redundancies
 - ➤ Must reach Hazards Community
- Media: indispensable partner in warning process; multiple channels:
 - > Traditional (TV, Radio, Sirens, Public Address systems etc.)
 - mobile and Social networking (Email, SMS, Web, face book)
- Public education: to avoid reinterpretation (FAQs, Do's and Don't are published by IMD along with leaflets on specific hazards)

Warning Dissemination service

Dissemination mode

- Websites with
- Internet (e-mail),
- Telephone,
- Mobile Phones(SMS),
- Satellite based warn dissemination System,
- Global telecommunication system,
- Radio(AM, FM, Community Radio,
- TV (Govt and Private TV),
- Social Media (Mobile apps, Facebook and Tweeter)

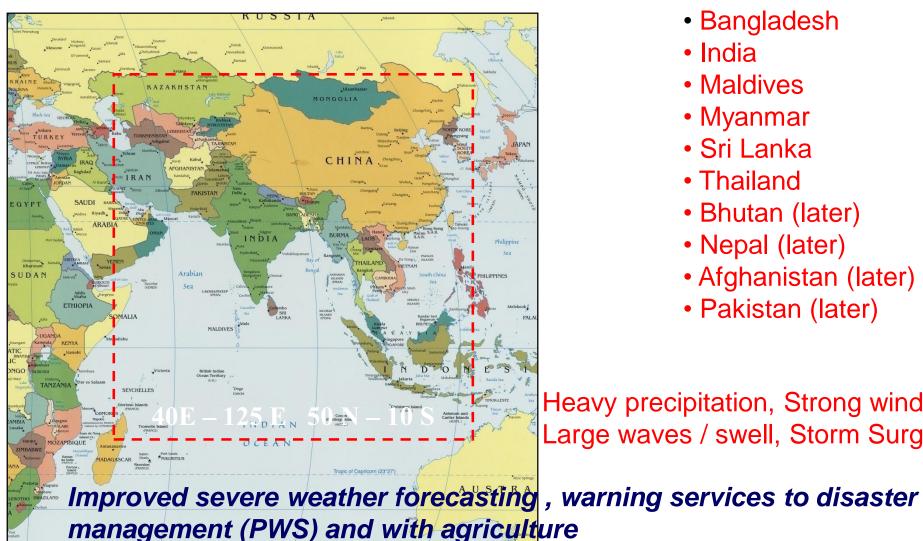






In Bangladesh condition weather forecasting should be delivered through mobile phone system with voice mail, most of the farmer are carrying a mobile phone and for the illiterate farmer, s/he can listen voice easily. The FM radio can also be used for this purpose since it covers more than 80% of the total population.

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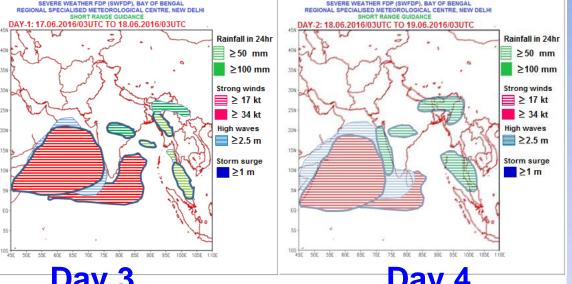


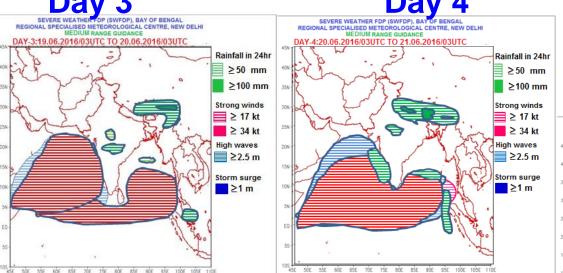
- Bangladesh
- India
- Maldives
- Myanmar
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- Bhutan (later)
- Nepal (later)
- Afghanistan (later)
- Pakistan (later)

Heavy precipitation, Strong winds Large waves / swell, Storm Surge

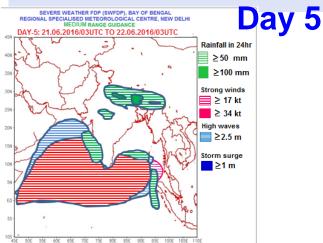
Severe Weather Forecast Demonstration Project





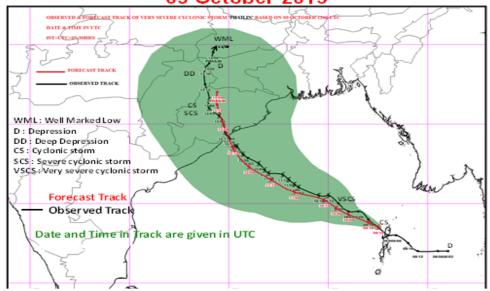


- Three tier cascading system (global, regional and national partners)
- Project will commence in pilot mode in 2 May 2016 for cyclone, heavy rain, wind and wave with RSMC, New Delhi as Regional Centre
- Global model products from NCEP, ECMWF, UKMO, JMA will be available for this domain

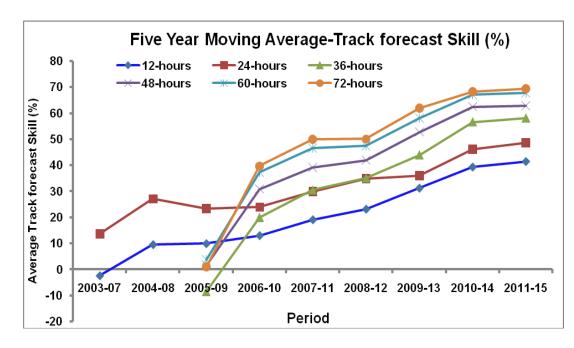


Cyclone Warning Services

Observed and Forecast Track based on 1200 UTC of 09 October 2013



- Remarkable improvement in the prediction of cyclone, e.g. Phailin and Hudhud
- At par or better than other leading centres



Temperature Departure

Heat Index Cold waves Heat waves

Thanks for kind attention!