

HIGHLIGHTS

Rainfall Prediction



- During 15 - 21 Aug, high likelihood of heavy rainfall (100 - 150 mm) is predicted for the Sabaragamuwa, Western, Uva, Central and Southern provinces fairly heavy rainfall (50 - 100 mm) is predicted for the North Central, North Western and Eastern provinces; moderate rainfall (25-50 mm) is predicted for the Northern province.
- High likelihood of heavy rainfall (100 - 150 mm) is predicted for the Southwest corner of SL during 15-21 Aug.

Monitored Rainfalls



- On average, 6.6 mm was received in SL and rainfall was concentrated in the Western hills (9.6 mm) and Northern (7.7 mm) and Eastern (7 mm) plains for last 8 days.
- On average, 7.5 mm was received in the hydro catchments in SL; Neboda (Kalutara District) received the highest rainfall (65 mm) for last 8 days.
- Highest daily rainfall was in Mahailuppallama on 11 Aug (96.4 mm).

Monitored & Predicted Wind



- From 7 Aug - 13 Aug, winds at 850mb (1.5km) were north-westerly, reaching up to 15 m/s.
- From 16 Aug - 22 Aug, winds are predicted to be westerly and north-westerly, reaching up to 15 m/s.

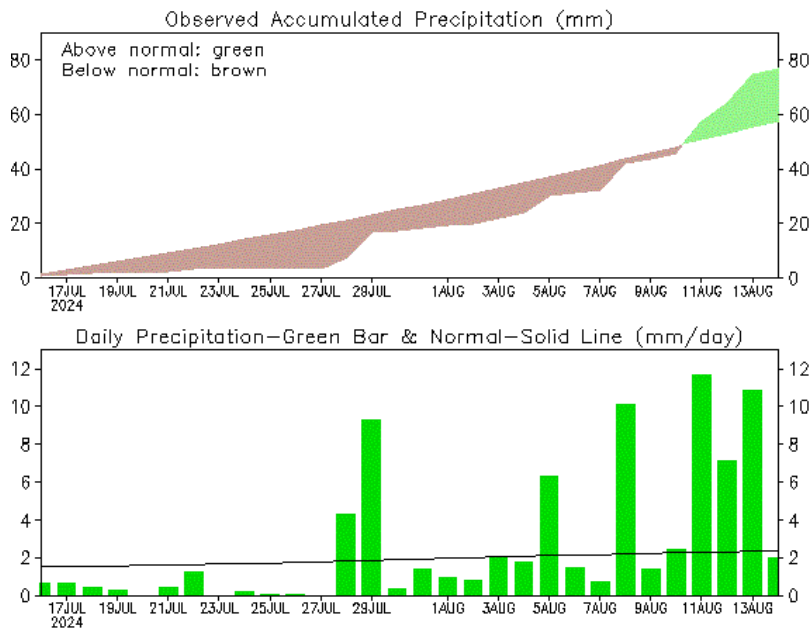
Monitored Sea & Land Tempo



- Average land surface temperature was 31.0°C in the last week with warmer anomalies from seasonal average of 1-3 °C.
- Northern plains was warmest followed by Eastern, Western and Southern plains.
- Sea surface temperature around Sri Lanka was normal to the North Eastern and some parts of the Northern side of the country and 1.5 °C above average for the other half of the country

Monitoring
Rainfall

Daily Estimates for Accumulated Rainfall from 16 Jul - 14 Aug 2024
Sri-Lanka



Data Source: CPC (Gauge-Based) Unified Precipitation (Climatology 1981-2010)
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Ocean State (Text Courtesy IRI)

Pacific sea state: August 12, 2024

ENSO-neutral conditions are present. Equatorial sea surface temperatures (SSTs) are above average in the western Pacific, near average in the east-central Pacific, and below average in the eastern Pacific Ocean. ENSO-neutral is expected to continue for the next several months, with La Niña favored to emerge during September-November (66% chance) and persist through the Northern Hemisphere winter 2024-25 (74% chance during November-January).

Indian Ocean State

Sea surface temperature around Sri Lanka was normal to the North Eastern and some parts of the Northern side of the country and 1.5°C above average for the other half of the country from 23 July to 29 July 2024.

Predictions

Rainfall

14-Day prediction: NCEP GFS models

From 15th August - 21st August:

Total rainfall by Provinces

Rainfall (mm)	Provinces
135≤	Southern
125	Sabaragamuwa, Western
105	Uva, Central
85	North Western
75	North Central, Eastern
≤45	Northern

From 22nd August - 28th August:

Total rainfall by Provinces

Rainfall (mm)	Provinces
55	Southern
45	Western, Sabaragamuwa, Central
≤25	Uva, North Western, North Central, Eastern, Northern

MJO-based OLR predictions

For the next 15 days:

MJO shall slightly enhance the rainfall during 15th – 24th August and near neutral the rainfall during 25th August – 29th August for Sri Lanka.

Interpretation

Monitoring

Rainfall: During the last two weeks, there has been fairly heavy rainfall over the following area: Nochchiyagama (Anuradhapura)

Daily Average Rainfall in the Met stations for the previous week of (8 - 14 Aug) = 6.6 mm
 Maximum Daily Rainfall: 96.4 mm & Minimum Daily Rainfall: 0.0 mm.

Region	Average rainfall for 8 - 14 Aug (mm)	Average temperature for 8 - 14 Aug (°C)	
		Maximum	Minimum
Northern plains	7.7	33.7	25.5
Eastern hills	2.8	29.4	19.1
Eastern plains	7.1	33.6	24.9
Western hills	9.6	28.5	19.8
Western plains	4.4	31.6	25.9
Southern plains	1.5	31.4	25.9

Region	Average rainfall for 8 - 14 Aug (mm)	Daily maximum rainfall for 8 - 14 Aug (mm)	Daily minimum rainfall for 8 - 14 Aug (mm)
All SL	6.6	96.4	0.0
Hydro catchment	7.5	65.0	0.0

Wind: North Westerly and Westerly winds prevailed in the sea area and around the island last week.

Temperatures: The temperature anomalies were above normal for some parts of the Western, Central and Sabaragamuwa province and below normal for some parts of the Eastern province for Sri Lanka driven by the warm SSTs.

Predictions

Rainfall: During the next week (15 - 21 Aug), heavy rainfall (100 - 150 mm) is predicted for the Sabaragamuwa, Western, Uva, Central and Southern provinces and fairly heavy rainfall (50 – 100 mm) is predicted for the North Central, North Western and Eastern provinces and moderate rainfall (25-50 mm) is predicted for the Northern province.

Temperatures: The temperature will remain above normal for the Northern, Eastern and North Central provinces during 16 August - 22 August.

Teleconnections: MJO shall slightly enhance the rainfall during 15th – 24th August and near neutral the rainfall during 25th August – 29th August for Sri Lanka.

Seasonal Precipitation: The precipitation forecast for the September-October-November, 2024 season shows a 40% or more tendency toward normal precipitation for the country.

Terminology for Rainfall Ranges

	Rainfall
Light Showers	Less than 12.5 mm
Light to Moderate	Between 12.5 mm and 25 mm
Moderate	Between 25 mm and 50 mm
Fairly Heavy	Between 50 mm and 100 mm
Heavy	Between 100 mm and 150 mm
Very Heavy	More than 150 mm

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Weekly Climate Bulletin for Sri Lanka

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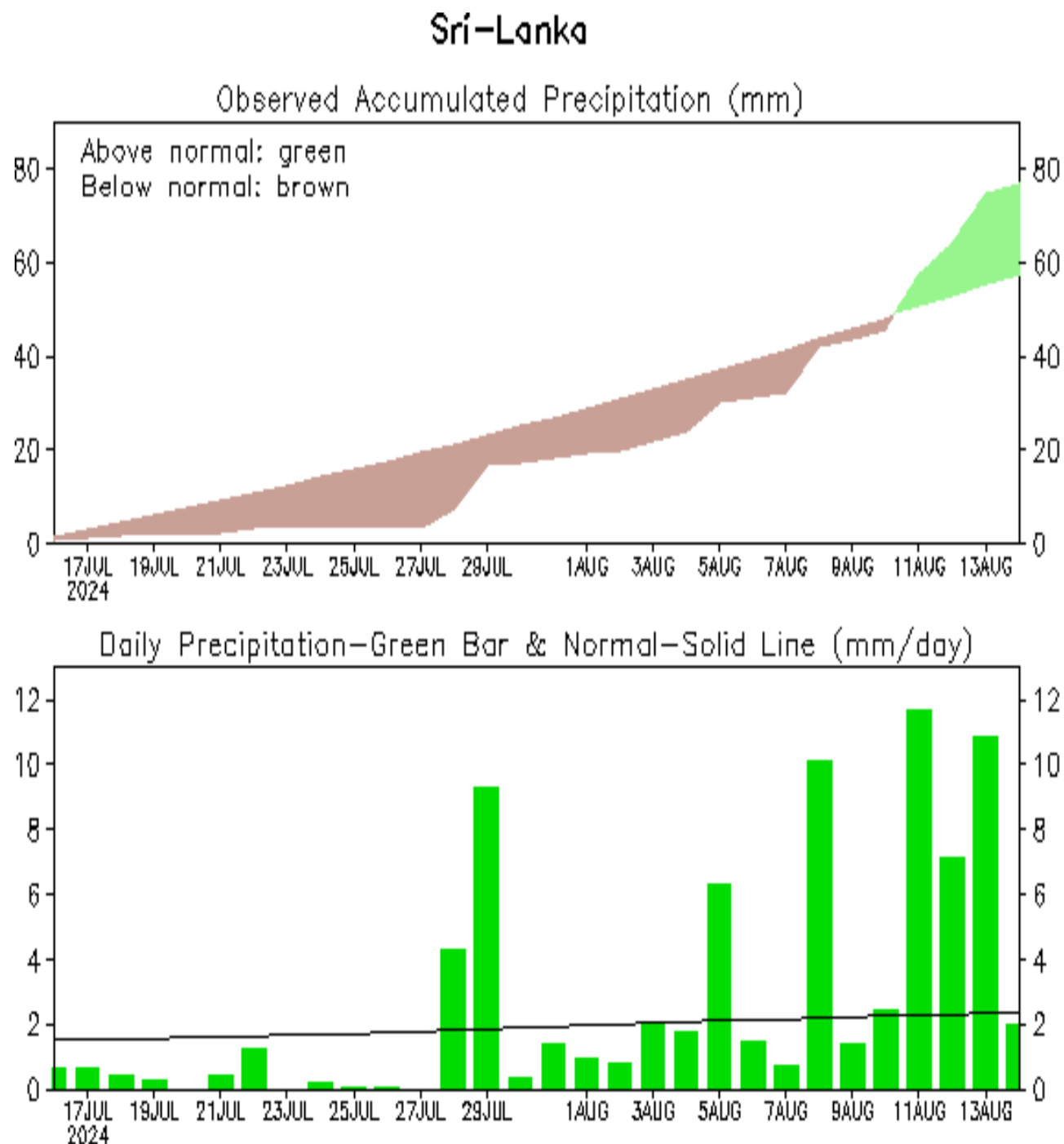
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MONITORING

Daily Rainfall Monitoring

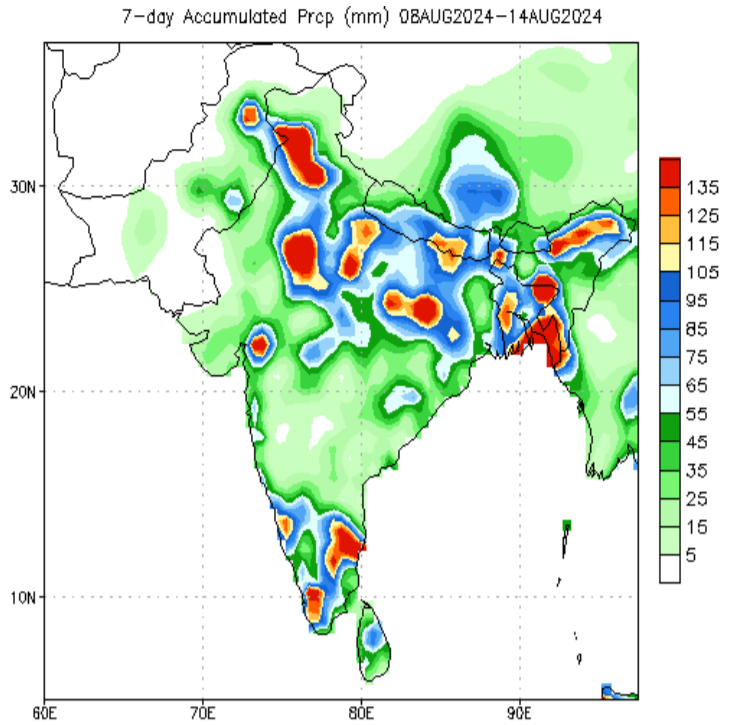
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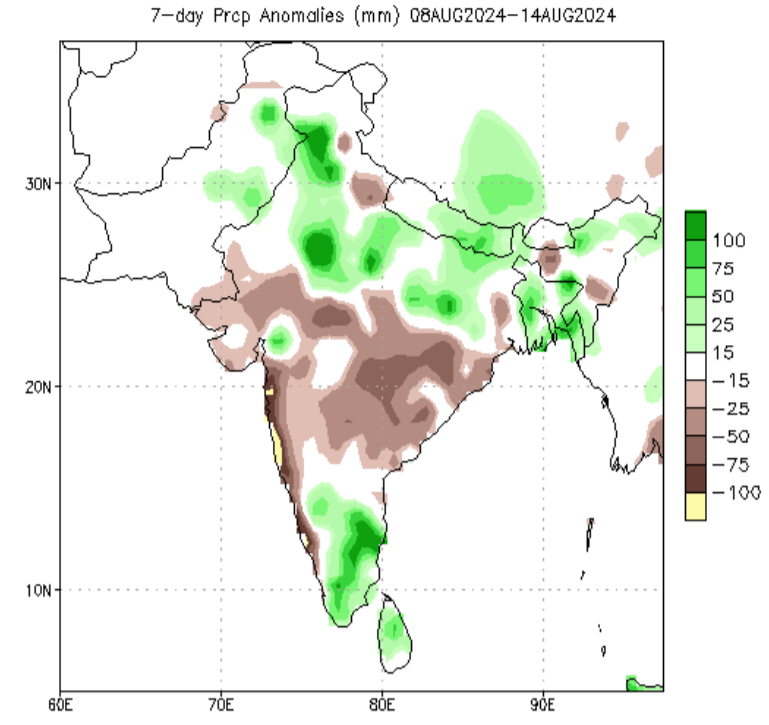
Data Source: CPC (Gauge-Based) Unified Precipitation (Climatology 1981–2010)
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Weekly Rainfall Monitoring

The following figures show the total satellite observed rainfall in the last week in Sri Lanka. The figure in the left is the total 7-day rainfall from NOAA Climate Prediction Center (CPC) Unified Precipitation Analysis and the figure in the right is the total 7-day rainfall from CPC RFE 2.0 Satellite Rainfall Estimates. The bottom two figures are the respective anomalies.



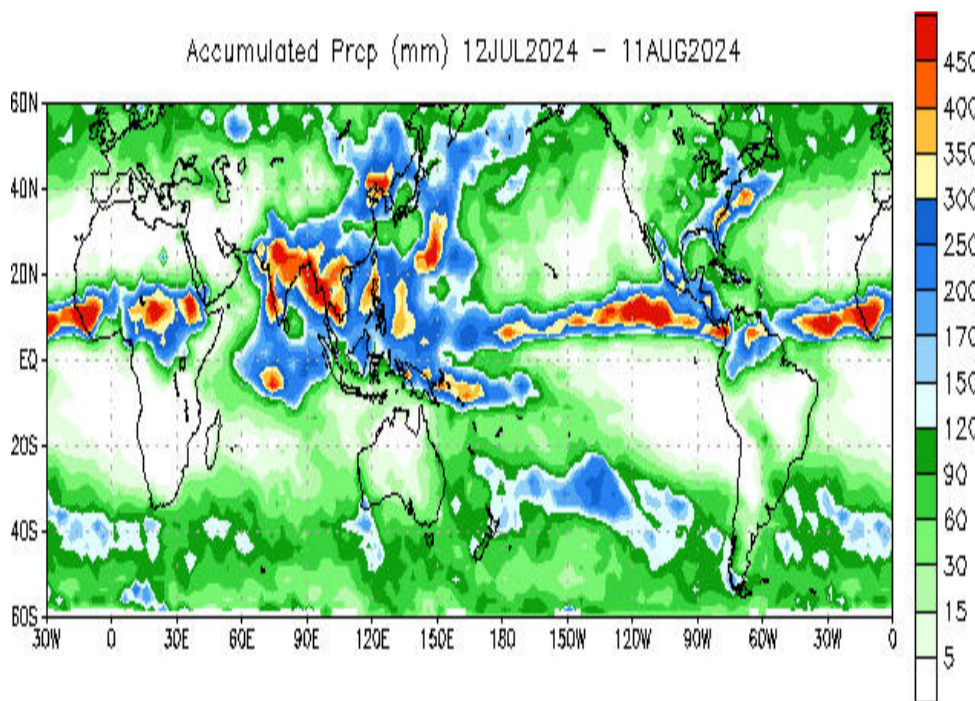
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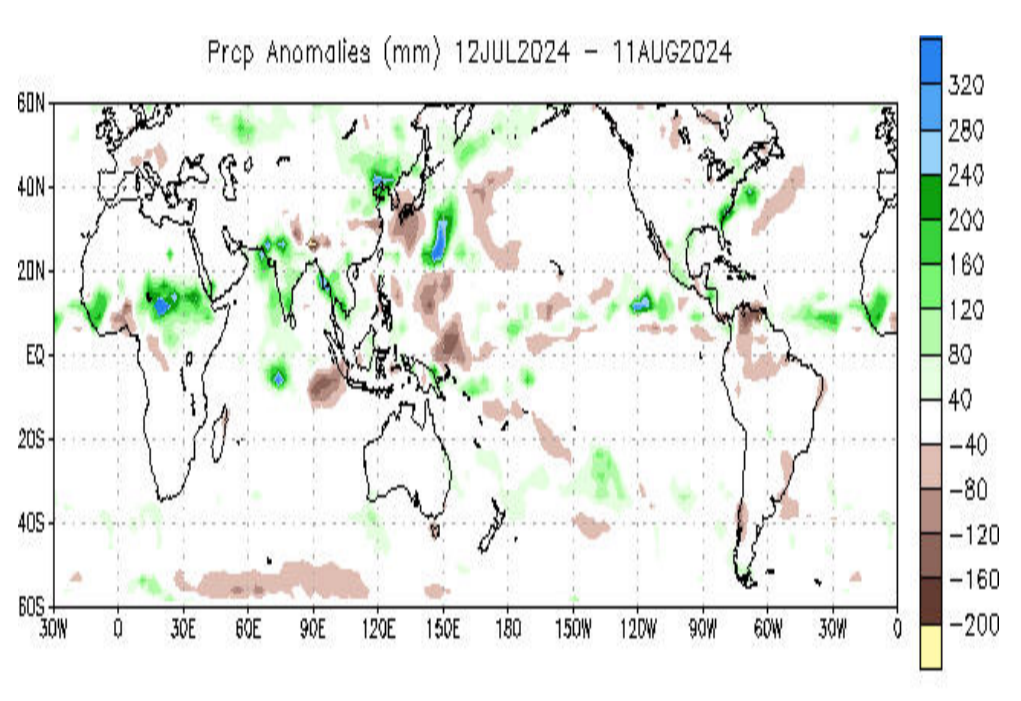
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Monthly Rainfall Monitoring

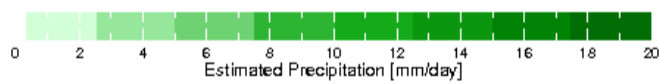
The figure in the left shows the total observed rainfall in the previous month. The rainfall anomaly in the previous month is shown in the figure to the right. The brown color in the anomaly figure shows places which received less rainfall than the historical average while the green color shows places with above average rainfall. Darker shades show higher magnitudes in rainfall



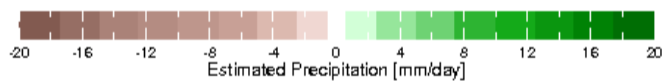
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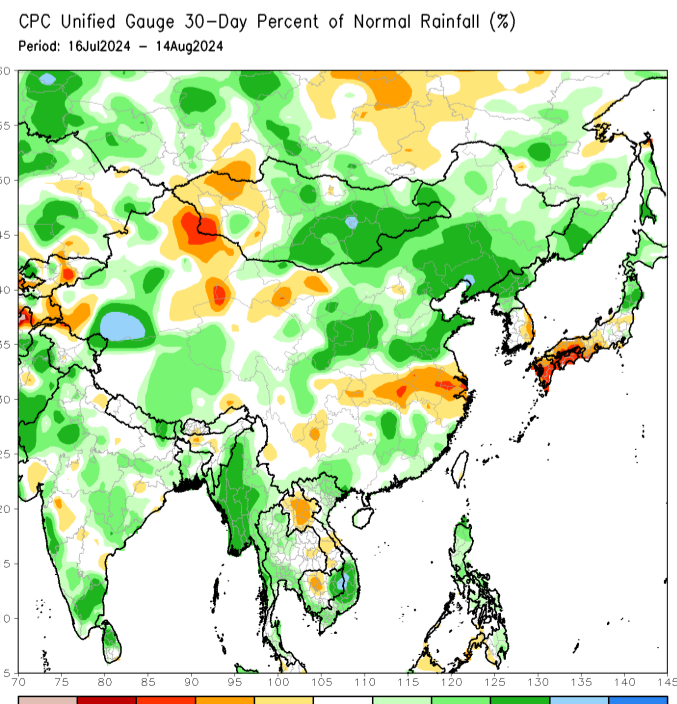
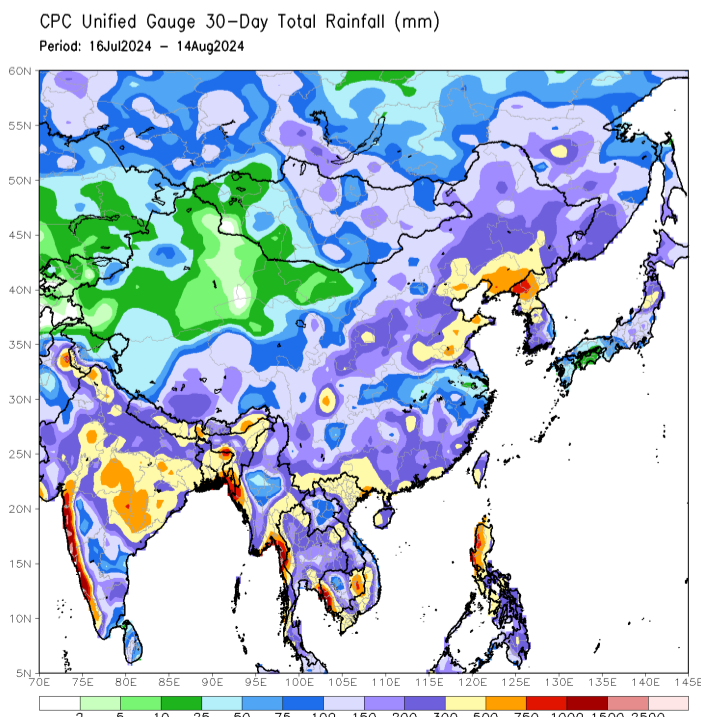


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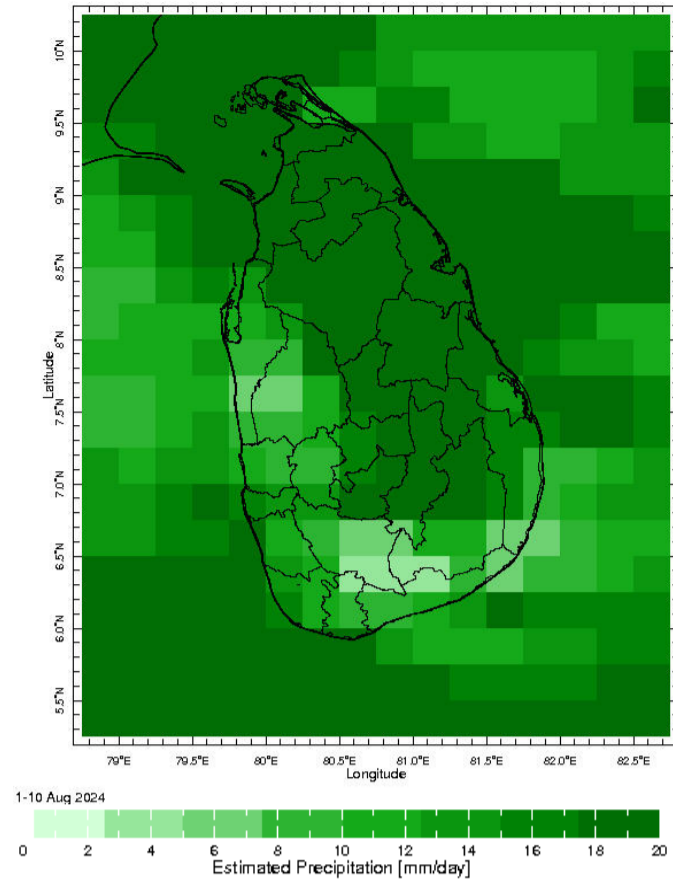
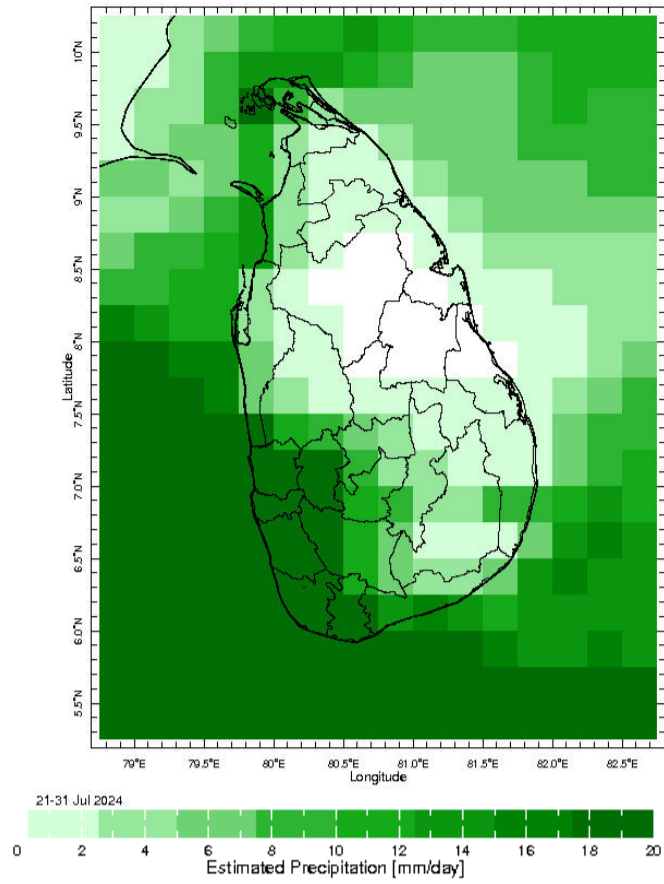


Monthly Anomaly

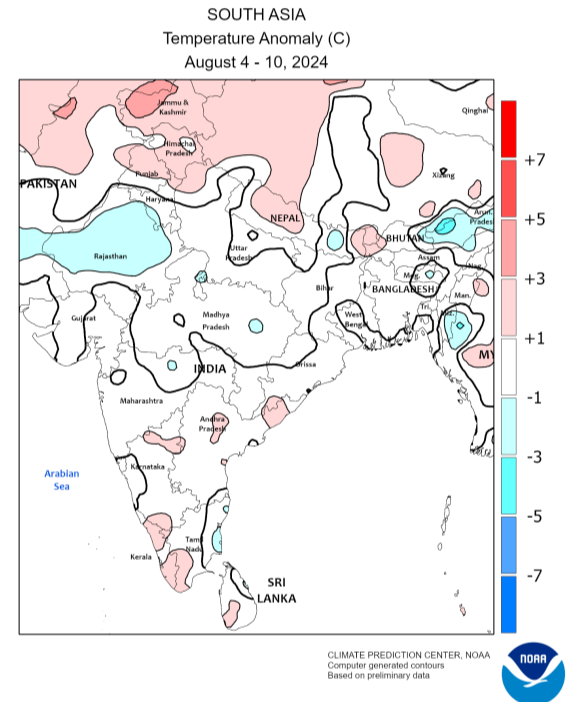
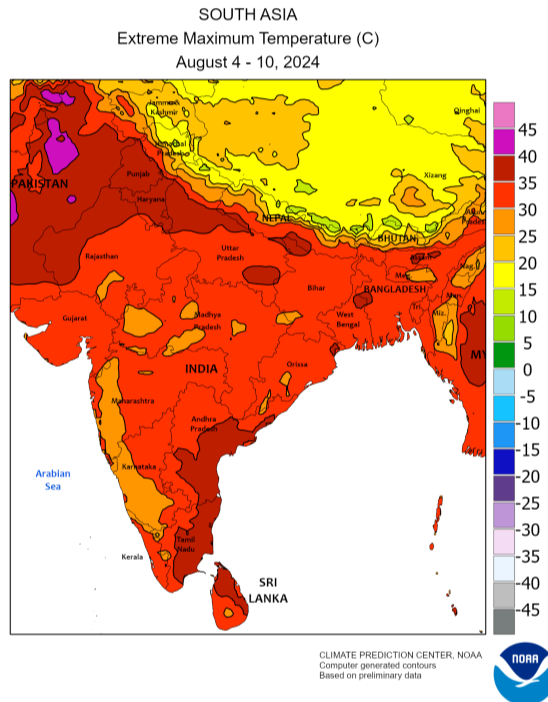
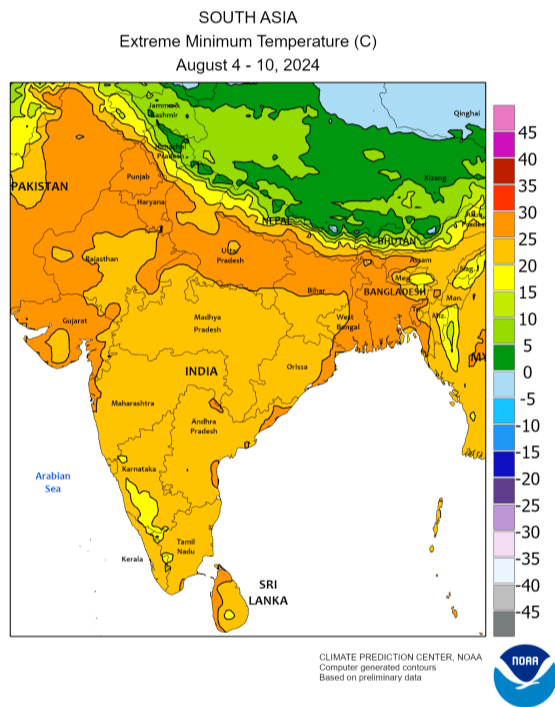
The figure in the top-left shows the total rainfall in the past 30 days from CPC Unified Precipitation Analysis while the figure in the top-right shows the total rainfall for the same period from RFE 2.0 Satellite Rainfall Estimates. The bottom two figures show the percentage of rainfall received in the past 30 days compared to normal rainfall in this period.



Dekadal (10 Day) Satellite Derived Rainfall Estimates

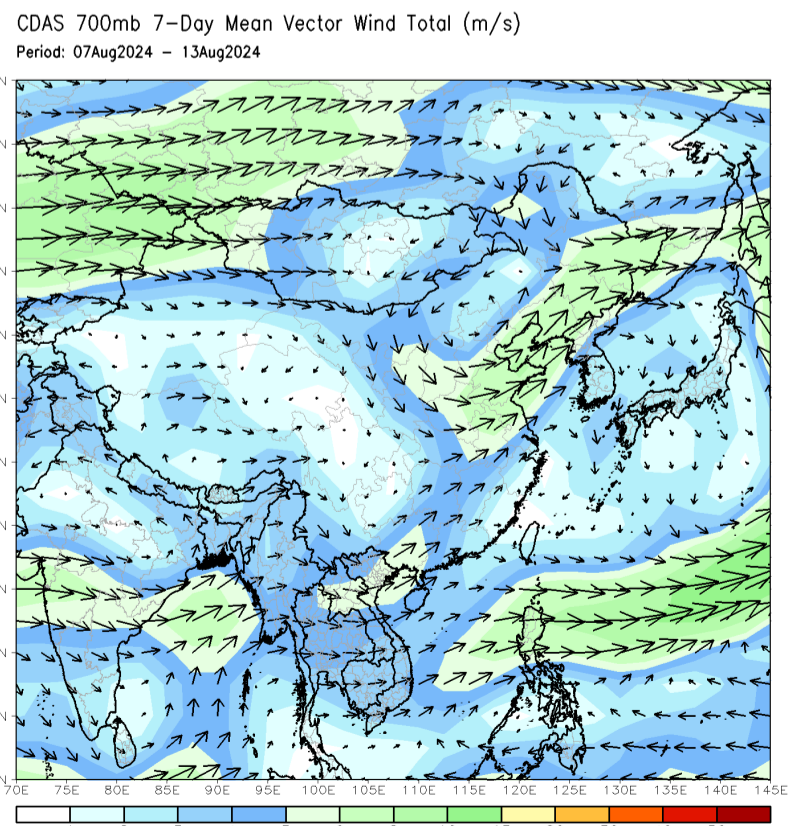
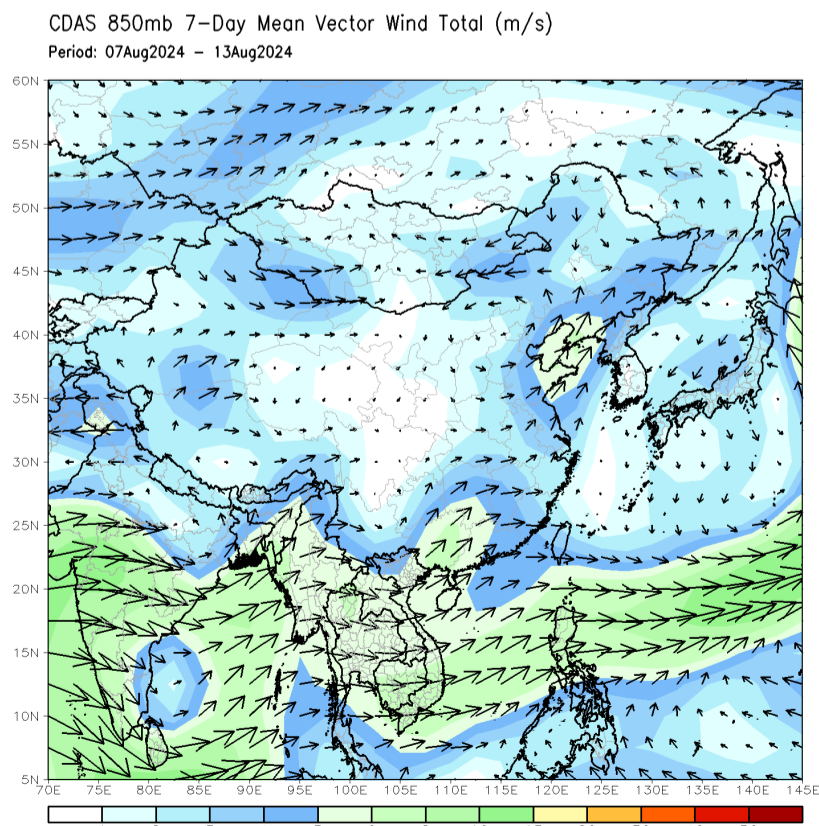


Weekly Temperature Monitoring



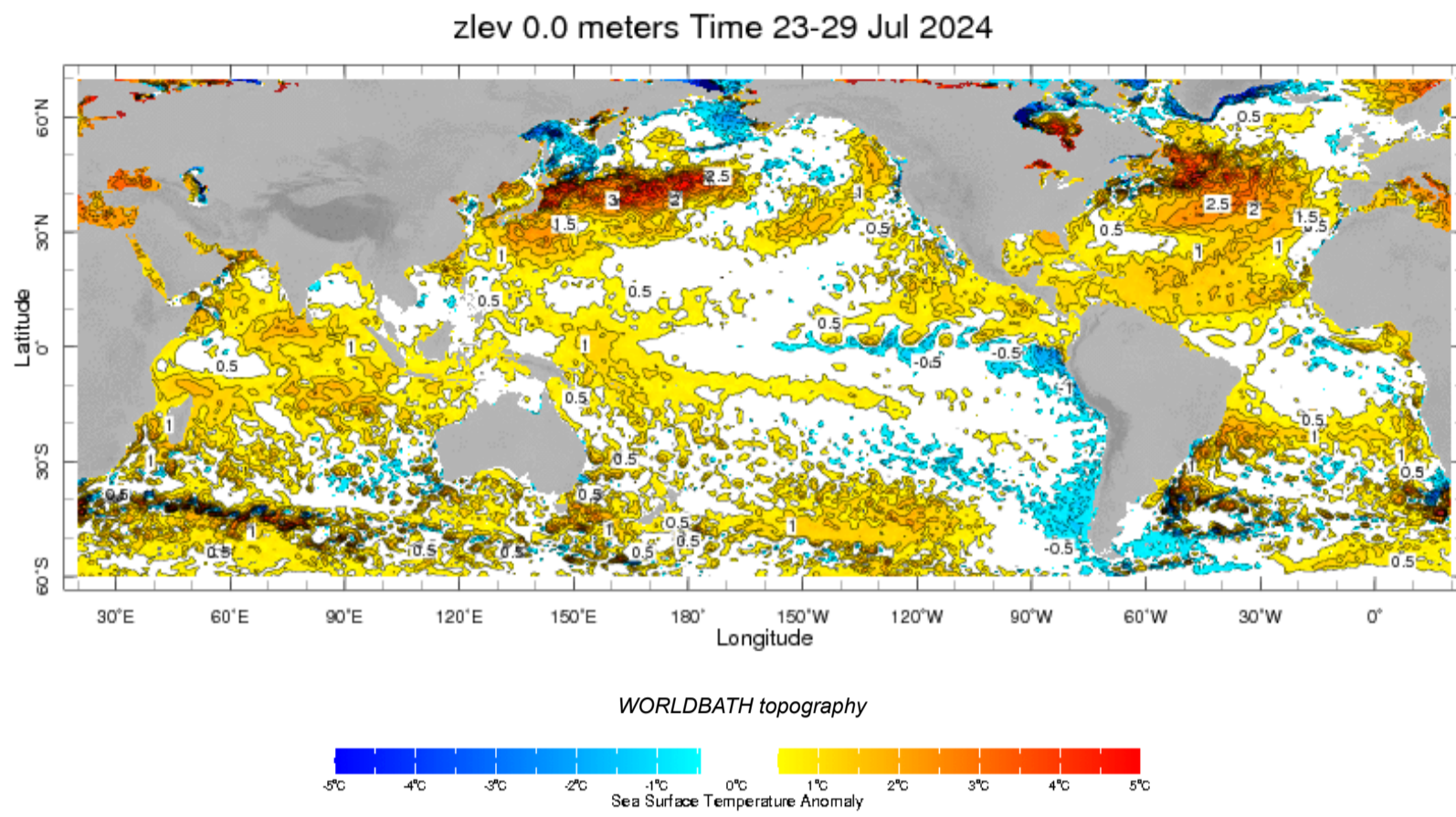
Weekly Wind Monitoring

The following figures show the mean vector wind total of the past 7 days near Sri Lanka at two levels. The figure on the left shows 850 mb (~1500 m) level and the figure on the right shows 700 mb (~3000 m) level.

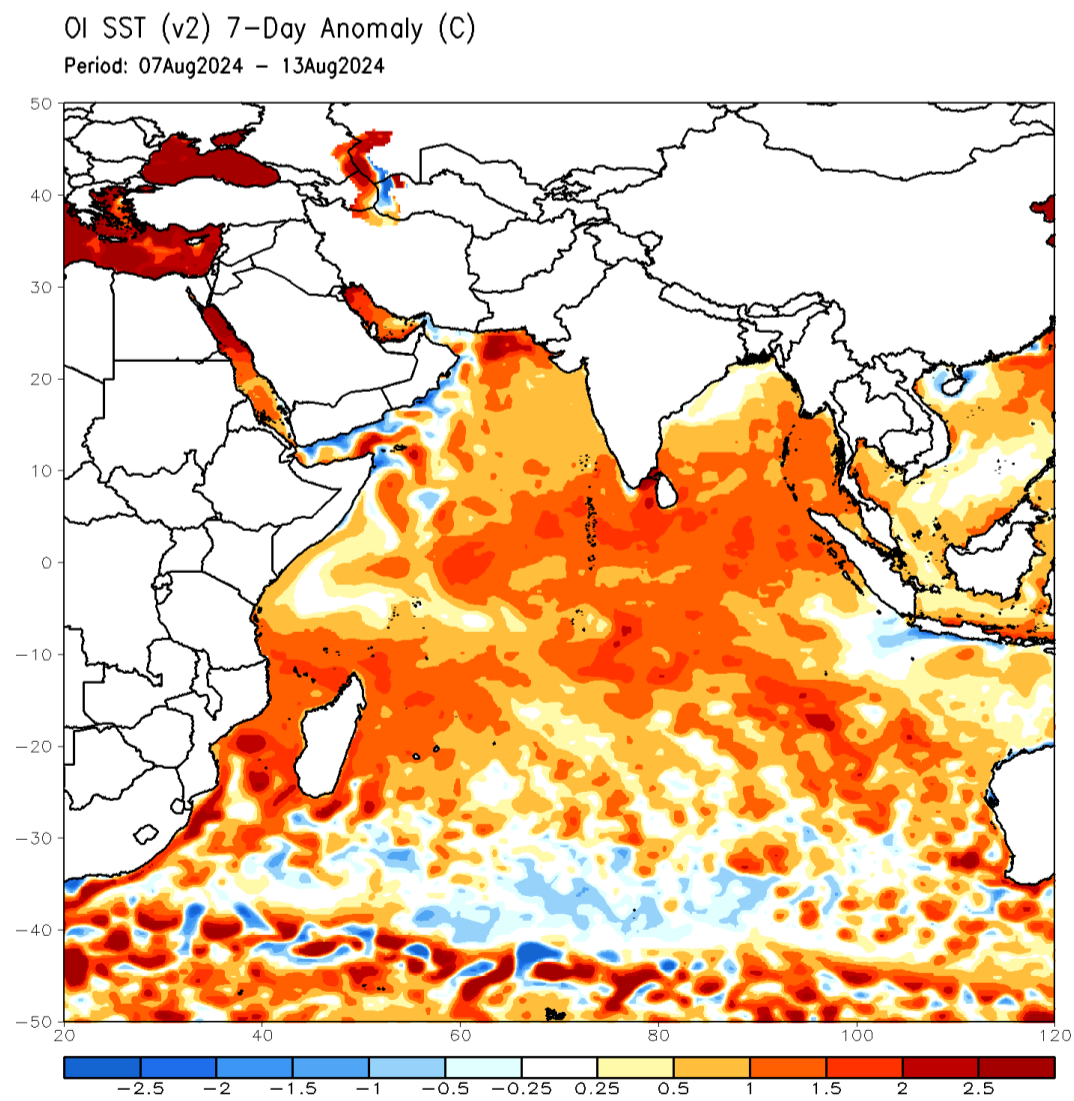


Weekly Average SST Anomalies

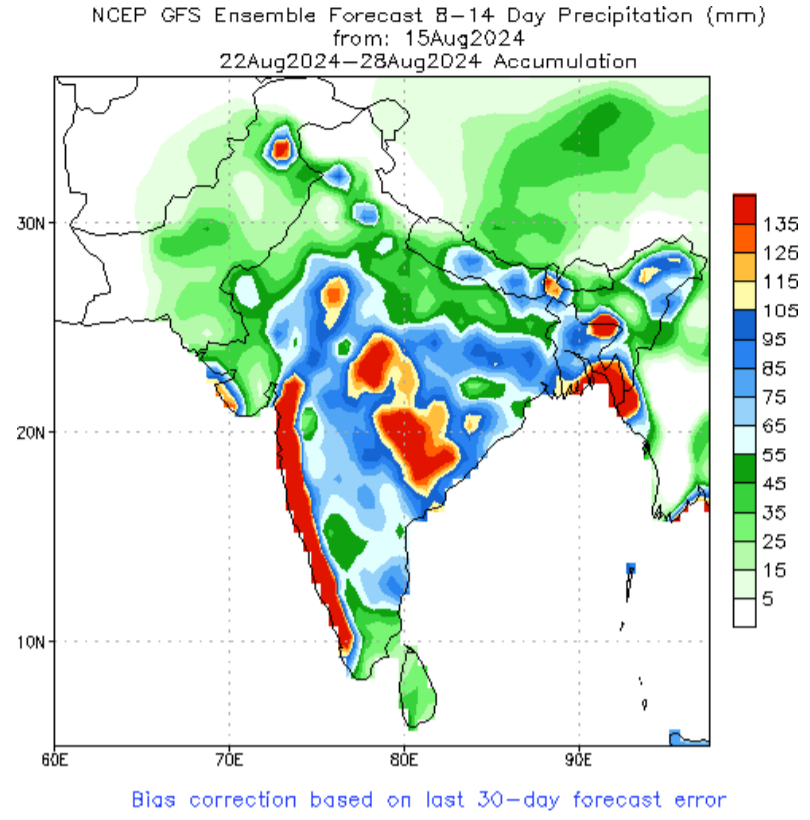
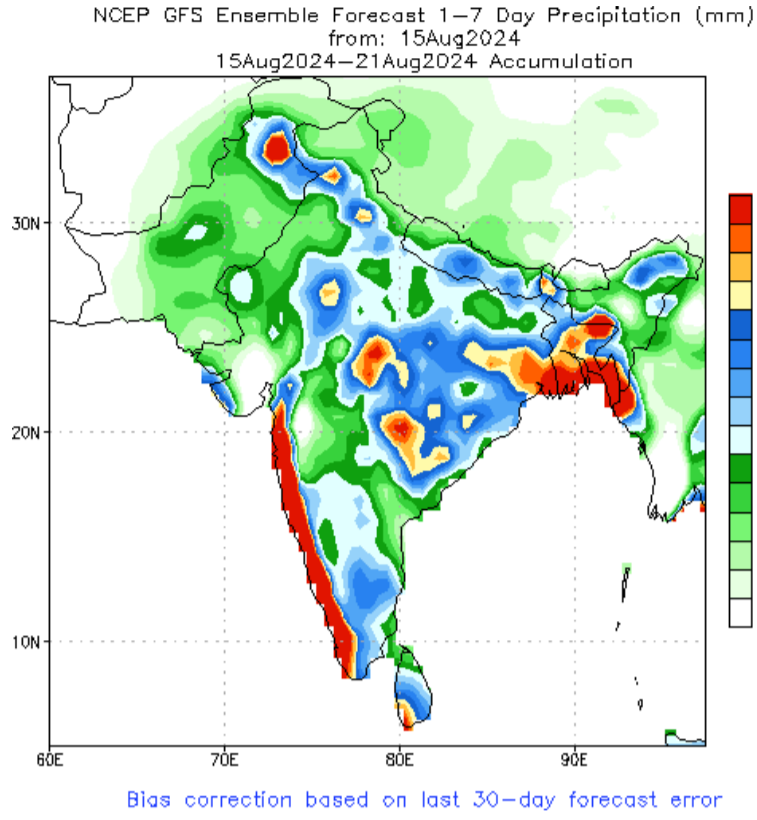
Weekly average Sea Surface Temperature (SST) anomaly in the world from NOAA NCEP



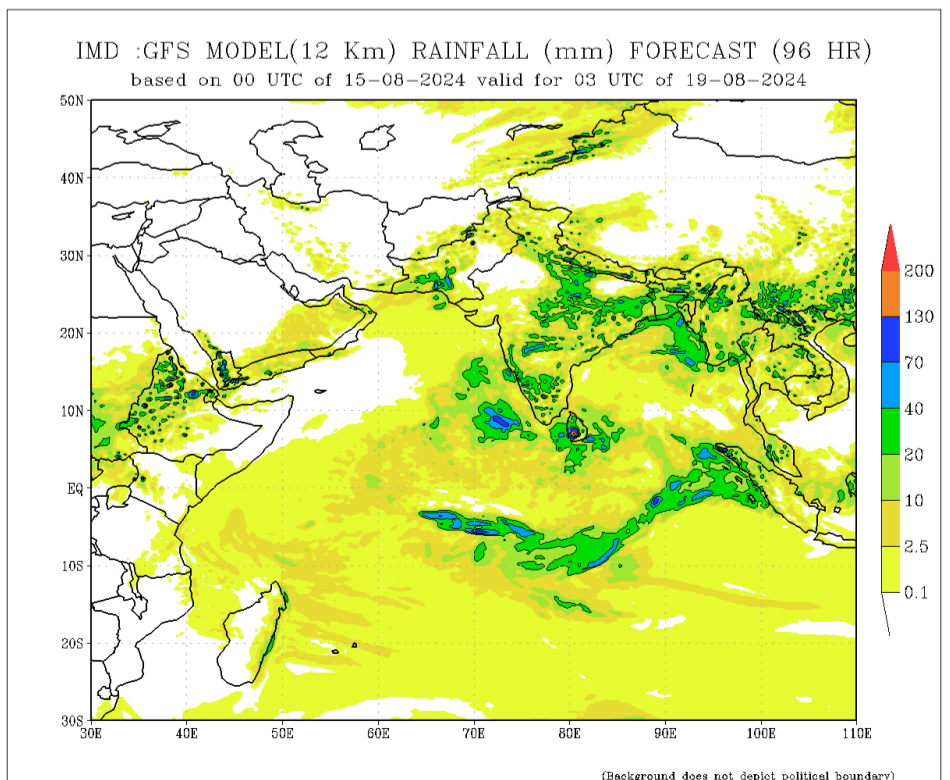
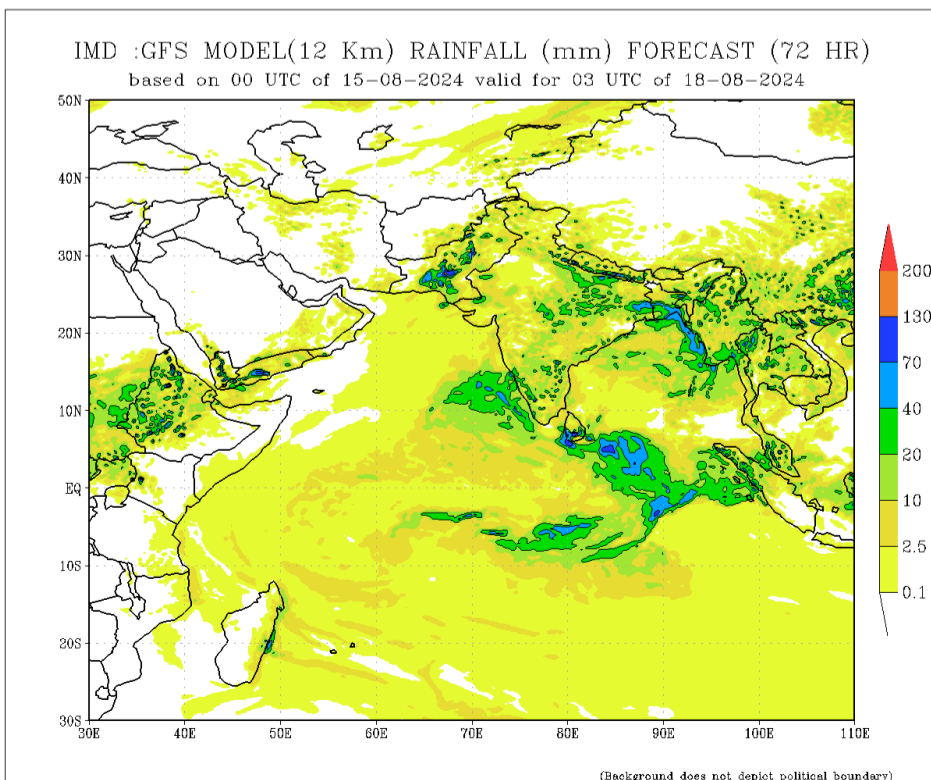
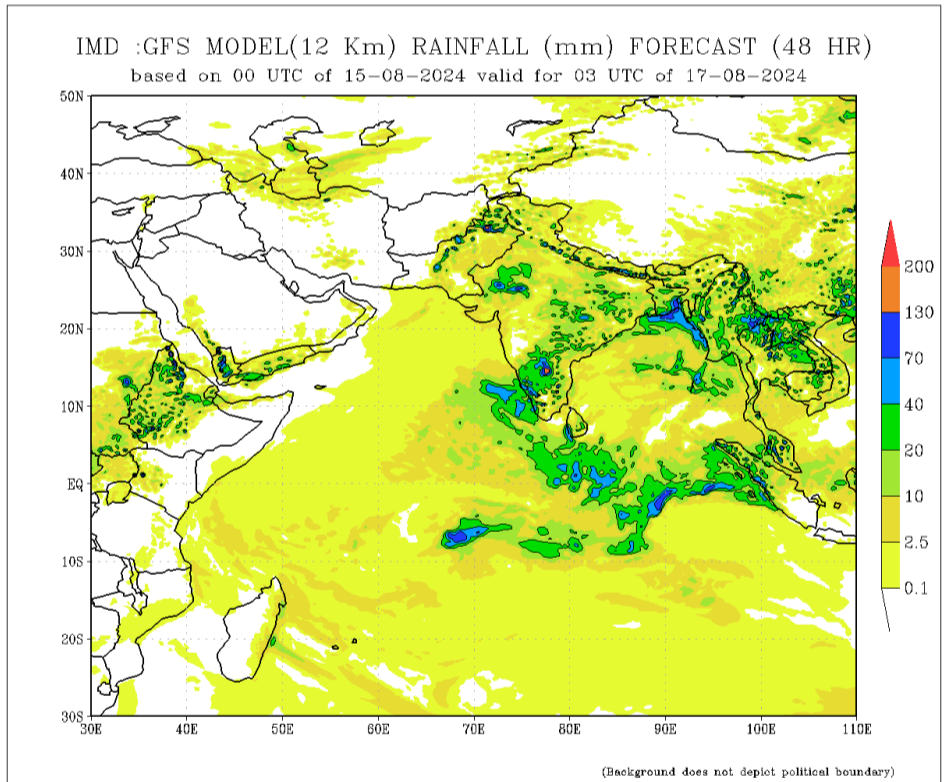
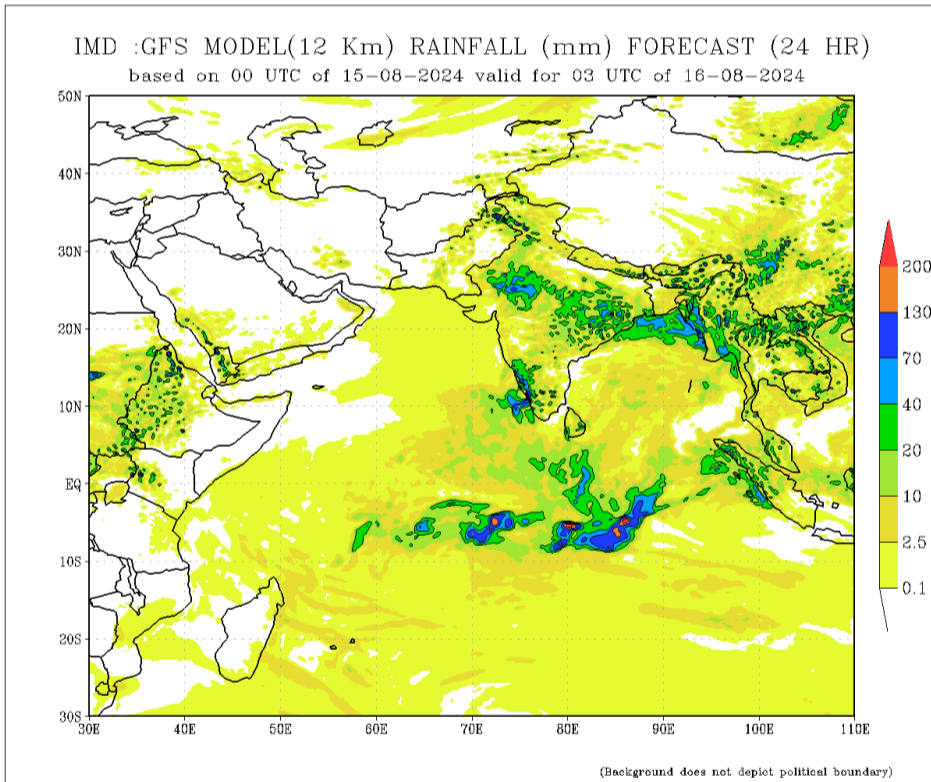
Optimum Interpolated Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly in the Indian Ocean from NOAA CPC

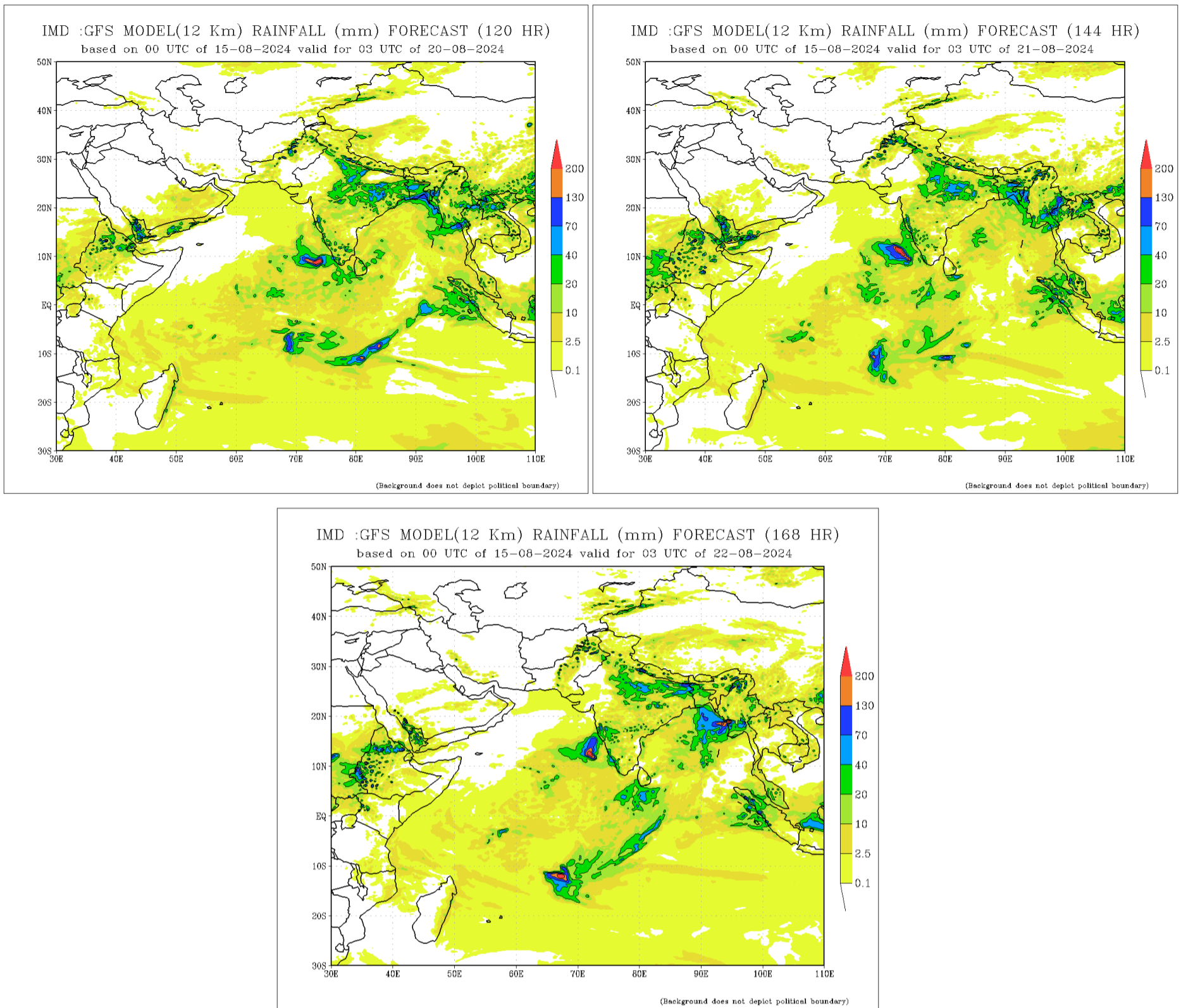


NCEP GFS 1- 14 Day prediction



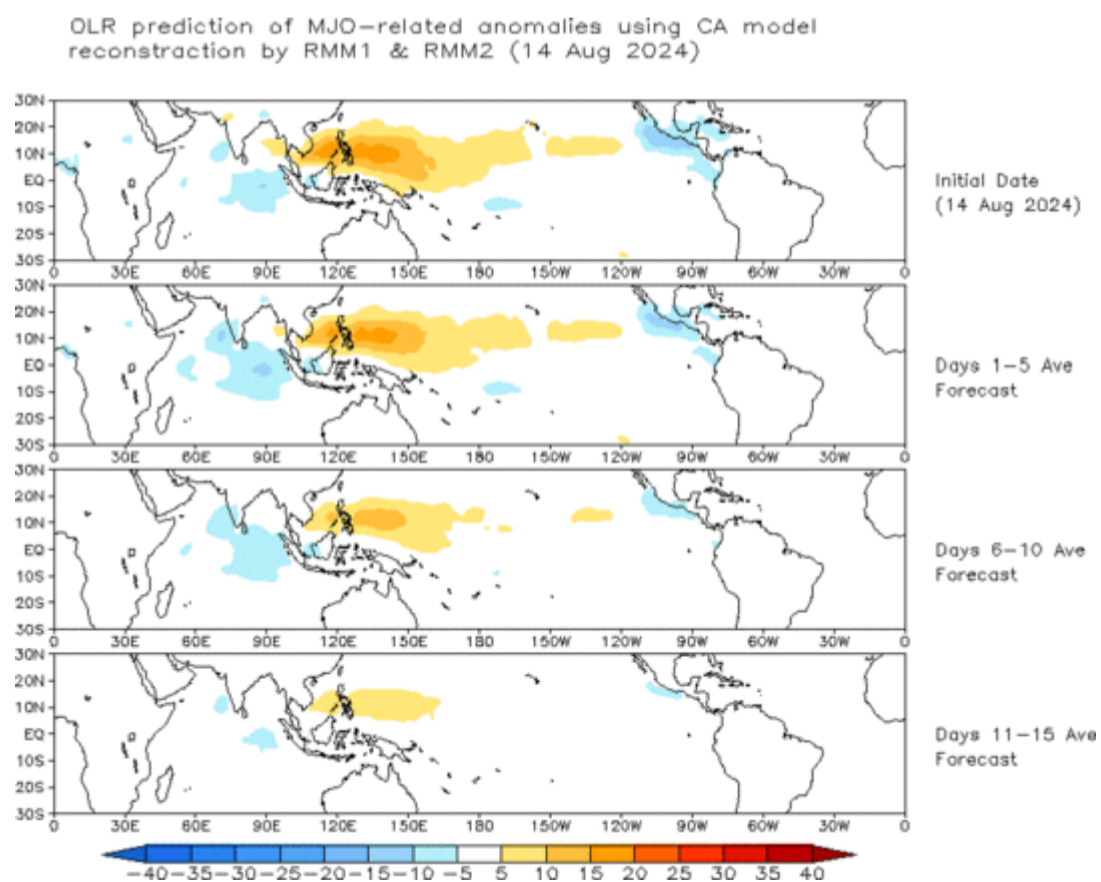
IMD GFS (T574) Model Rainfall Forecast from RMSC New Delhi, India





Madden Julian Oscillation (MJO) related Outgoing Longwave Radiation (OLR) Forecast

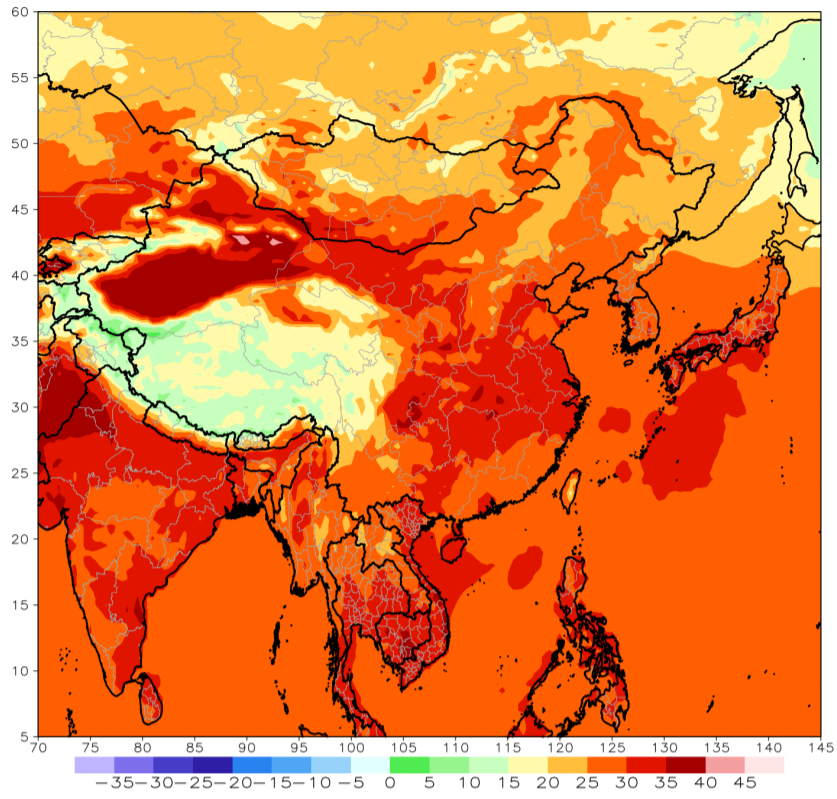
The Outgoing Longwave Radiation (OLR) is a proxy for rainfall. This can be used to identify convective rain clouds based on the MJO phase. Violet and Blue shading indicates enhanced tropical weather and Orange shading indicates suppressed conditions. The following figure shows the forecasts of MJO associated anomalous OLR for the next 15 days from the Constructed Analogue (CA) model forecasts.



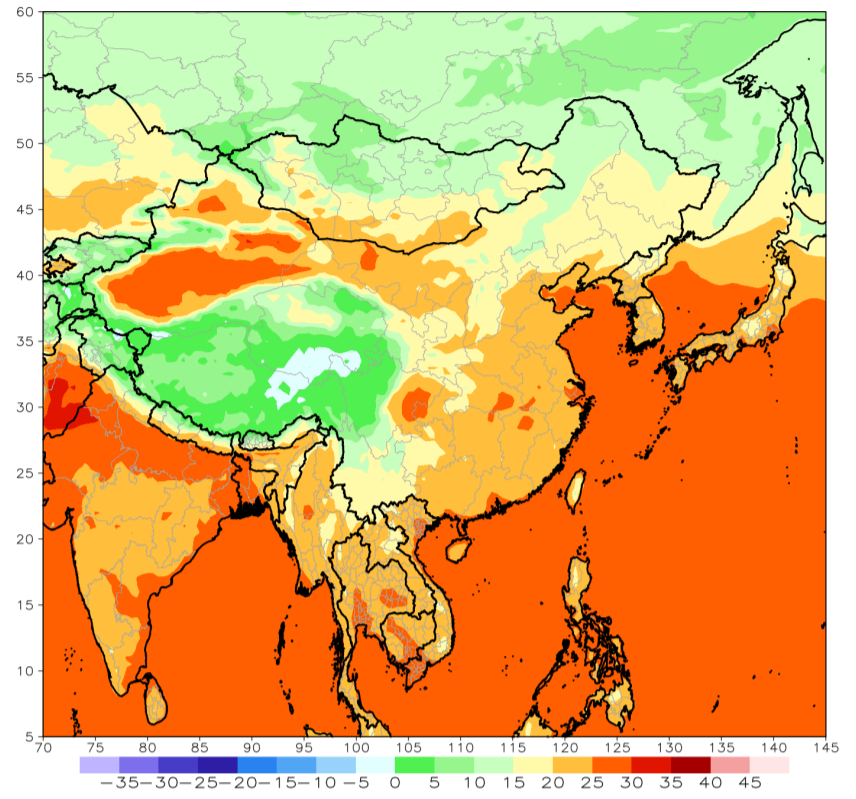
Weekly Temperature Forecast

Weekly Minimum and Maximum Temperature prediction from the GFS model (from NOAA CPC)

GFS week1 Temperature Max (C)
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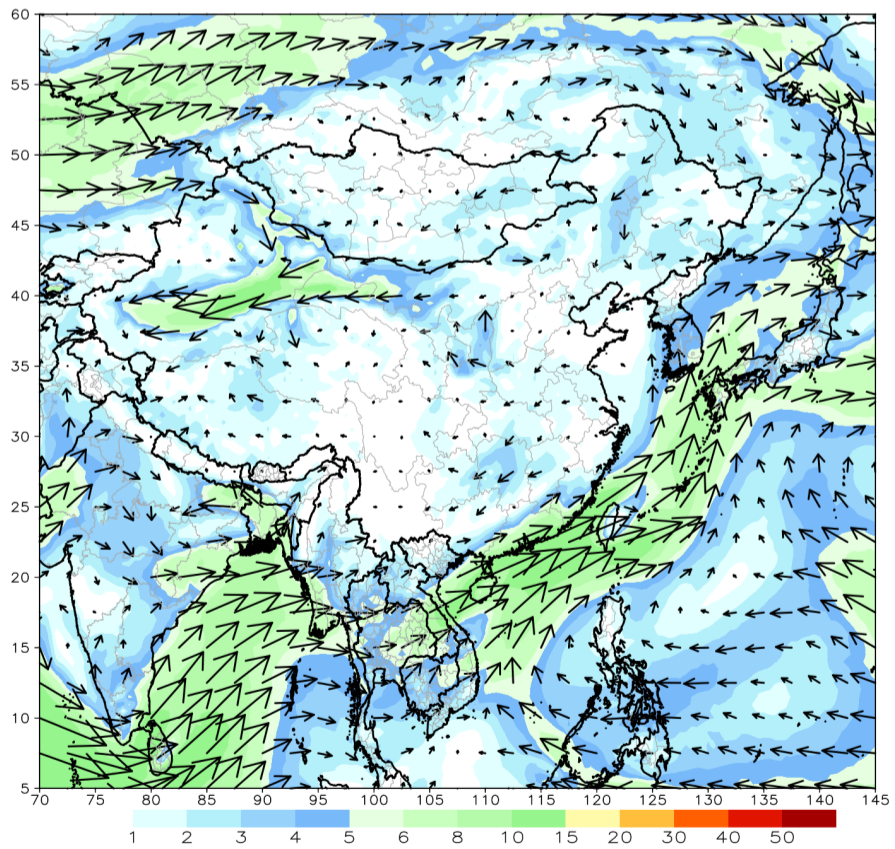
GFS week1 Temperature Min (C)
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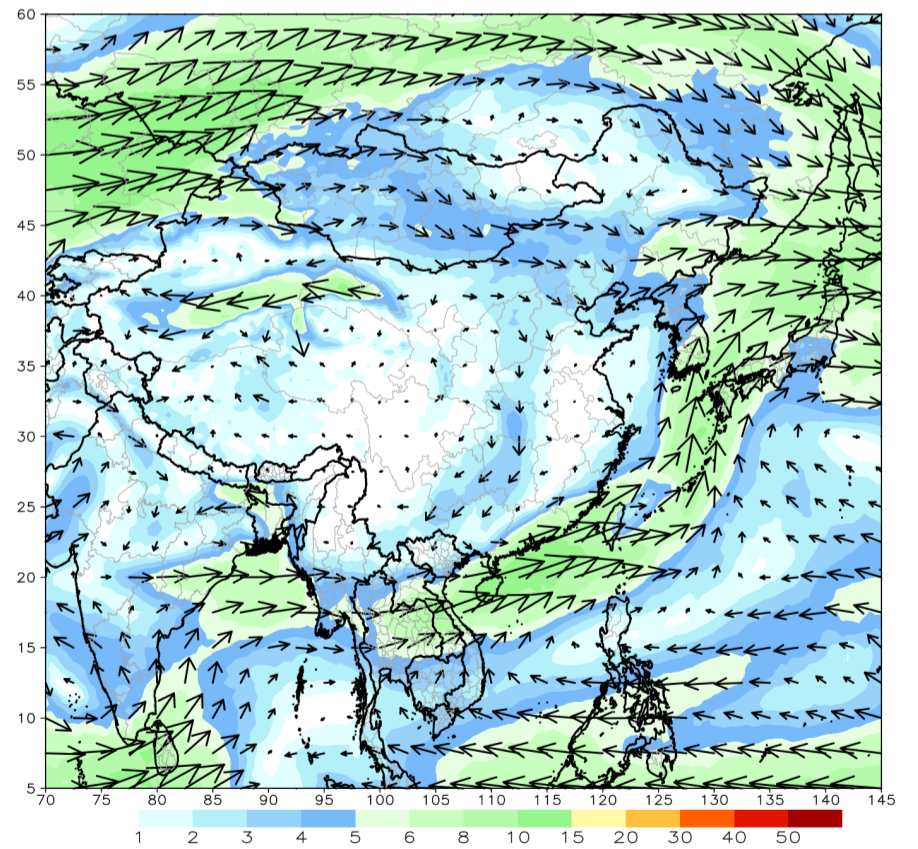
Weekly Wind Forecast

Weekly mean vector wind total prediction from the GFS model at 850 mb (left) and 700 mb (right) levels. (from NOAA CPC)

GFS 850mb week1 Mean Vector Wind Total (m/s)
Period: 18z16Aug2024 - 18z22Aug2024



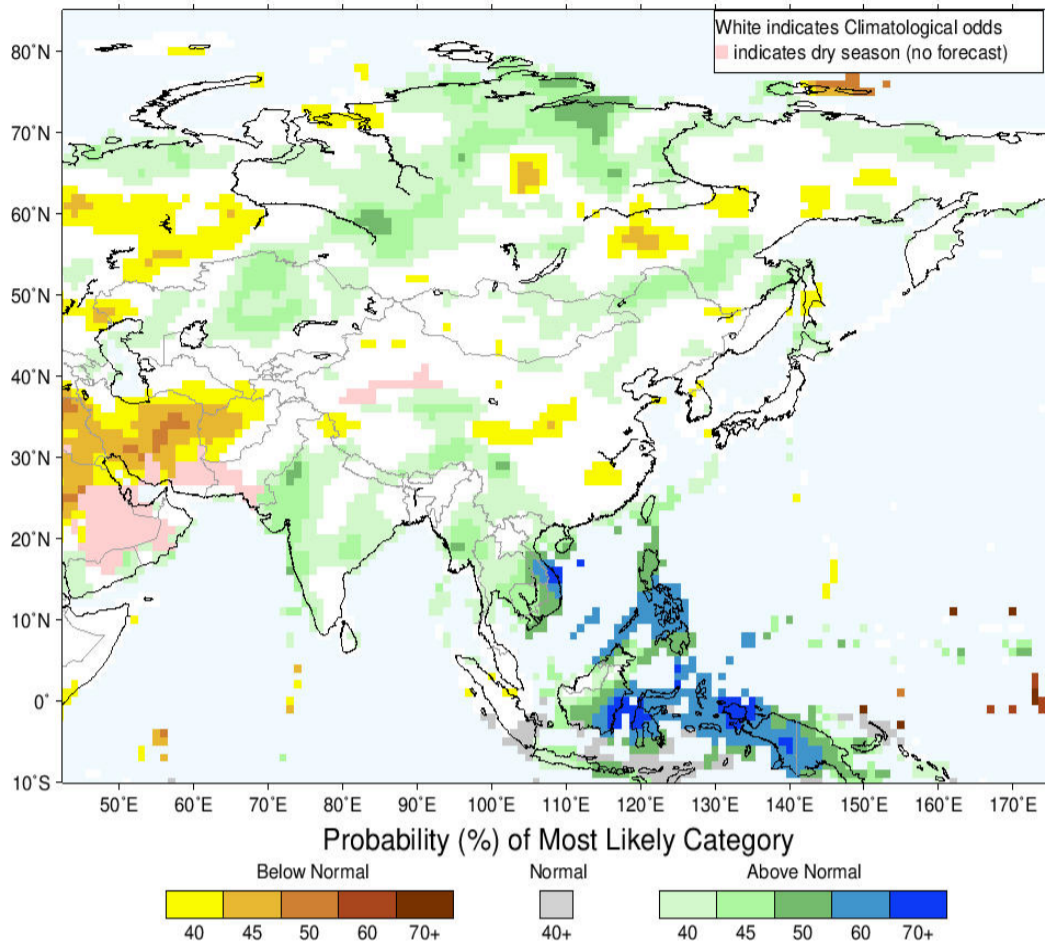
GFS 700mb week1 Mean Vector Wind Total (m/s)
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Seasonal Rainfall and Temperature Forecast

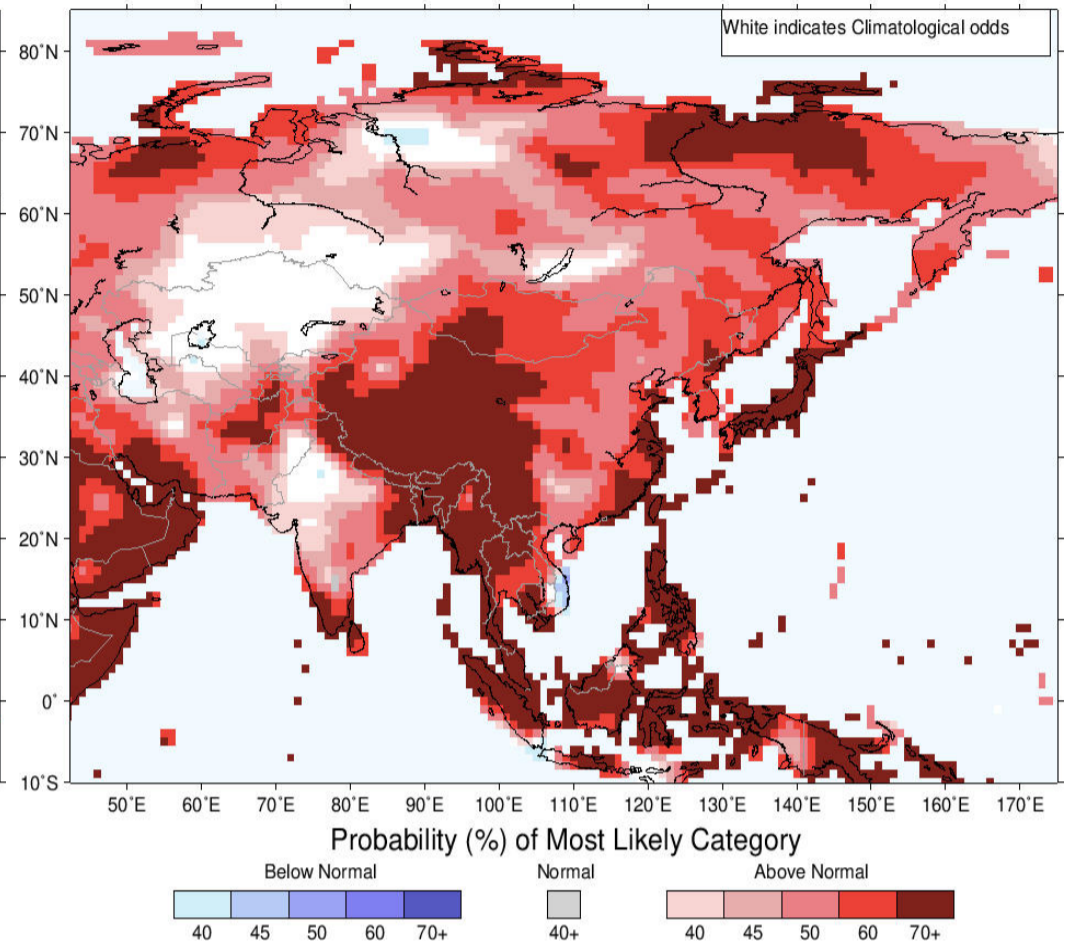
Following is the latest seasonal precipitation and temperature prediction for the next 3 months by the IRI. The color shading indicates the probability of the most dominant tercile -- that is, the tercile having the highest forecast probability. The color bar alongside the map defines these dominant tercile probability levels. The upper side of the color bar shows the colors used for increasingly strong probabilities when the dominant tercile is the above-normal tercile, while the lower side shows likewise for the below-normal tercile. The gray color indicates an enhanced probability for the near-normal tercile (nearly always limited to 40%).

IRI Multi-Model Probability Forecast for Precipitation for September–October–November 2024, Issued August 2024



Precipitation Forecast

IRI Multi-Model Probability Forecast for Temperature for September–October–November 2024, Issued August 2024



Temperature Forecast

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