

Week of  
28 Jan - 4 Feb  
2022

## CLIMATE MONITORING AND PREDICTION FOR SRI LANKA

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Rainfall Prediction



Fairly heavy rainfall is predicted for Eastern and Northern provinces from 29<sup>th</sup> Jan – 1<sup>st</sup> Feb and dry elsewhere. Greater likelihood of wet tendency is predicted for Sri Lanka from Feb - Apr.

#### Monitored Rainfalls



Fairly heavy rainfall was experienced in the Western province with max of 58.6 mm in Colombo district on 24<sup>th</sup> Jan but it was dry on other days and other places.

#### Monitored Wind



From 18<sup>th</sup> Jan - 25<sup>th</sup> Jan, up to 35 km/h Northeasterlies were experienced across the island.

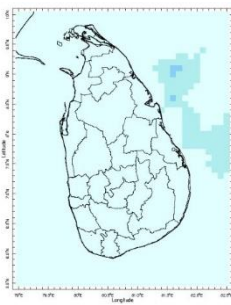
#### Monitored Sea Surface



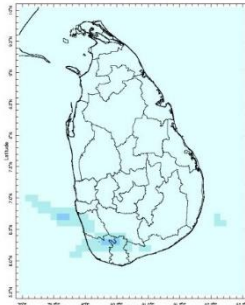
Sea surface temperatures were 0.5°C above normal in the Eastern and North Western seas and neutral around the rest of the island.

### Monitoring Rainfall

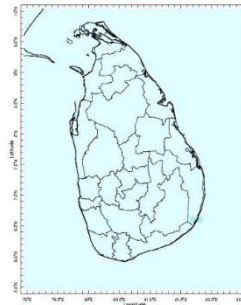
#### Daily Estimates for Rainfall from 18<sup>th</sup> January – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022



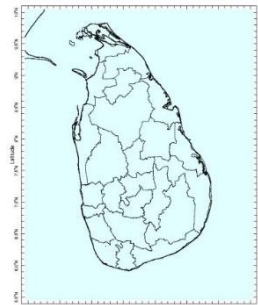
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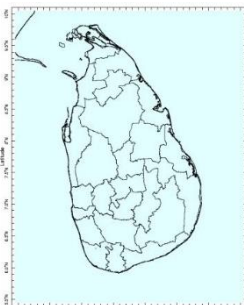
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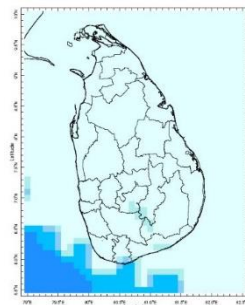
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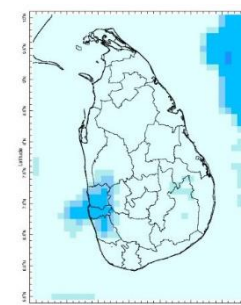
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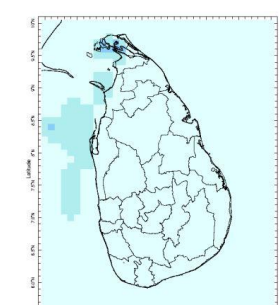
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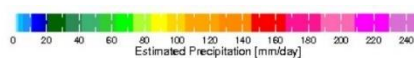
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## Ocean State *(Text Courtesy IRI)*

### ***Pacific sea state: January 19, 2022***

Equatorial sea surface temperatures (SSTs) are below average across the tropical Pacific Ocean in mid-January. A large majority of the model forecasts indicates a continuation of La Niña until Northern Hemisphere spring and then transitioning to ENSO-neutral.

### ***Indian Ocean State***

Sea surface temperatures were 0.5°C above normal in the Eastern and North Western seas and neutral around the rest of the island.

## Predictions

### Rainfall

#### ***14-day prediction: NOAA NCEP models***

**From 26<sup>th</sup> January – 1<sup>st</sup> February:**

Total rainfall by Provinces:

Rainfall	Provinces
85 mm	Eastern
55 mm	Northern
45 mm	North Central, Uva
25 mm	Central
15 mm	North Western
5 mm	Sabaragamuwa, Southern, Western

**From 2<sup>nd</sup> February – 8<sup>th</sup> February:**

Total rainfall by Provinces:

Rainfall	Provinces
75 mm	Eastern
45 mm	Northern
35 mm	North Central, Uva
15 mm	Central
5 mm	North Western, Sabaragamuwa, Southern, Western

### MJO based OLR predictions

#### ***For the next 15 days:***

MJO shall be neutral during 29<sup>th</sup> January – 30<sup>th</sup> January. MJO shall be active during 31<sup>st</sup> January – 9<sup>th</sup> February giving significantly enhanced rainfall to the entire island.

# Interpretation

## Monitoring

**Rainfall:** During the last two weeks, there had been fairly heavy rainfall over the following provinces: Western.

**Wind:** Northeasterly winds prevailed in the sea area and around the island last week.

**Temperatures:** The temperature anomalies were 1°C – 3°C above neutral in some parts of the Southern and Western provinces and neutral for the entire island last week, driven by the warm SST's.

## Predictions

**Rainfall:** During the next week (29<sup>th</sup> January – 1<sup>st</sup> February) fairly heavy rainfall is predicted for Eastern and Northern provinces.

**Temperatures:** The temperature remains slightly above normal in the North Western, Sabaragamuwa, Southern, Uva and Western provinces during 29<sup>th</sup> January – 4<sup>th</sup> February.

### Teleconnections:

La Nina - The SST forecast indicates that La Niña is favored to continue through the Northern Hemisphere spring.

MJO shall be neutral during 29<sup>th</sup> January – 30<sup>th</sup> January. MJO shall be active during 31<sup>st</sup> January – 9<sup>th</sup> February giving significantly enhanced rainfall to the entire island.

### Seasonal Precipitation:

The precipitation forecast for the Feb-Apr season show enhanced probabilities of above-normal precipitation over Sri Lanka.

## Understanding the Forecast

	Rainfall (During 24 hours of period)
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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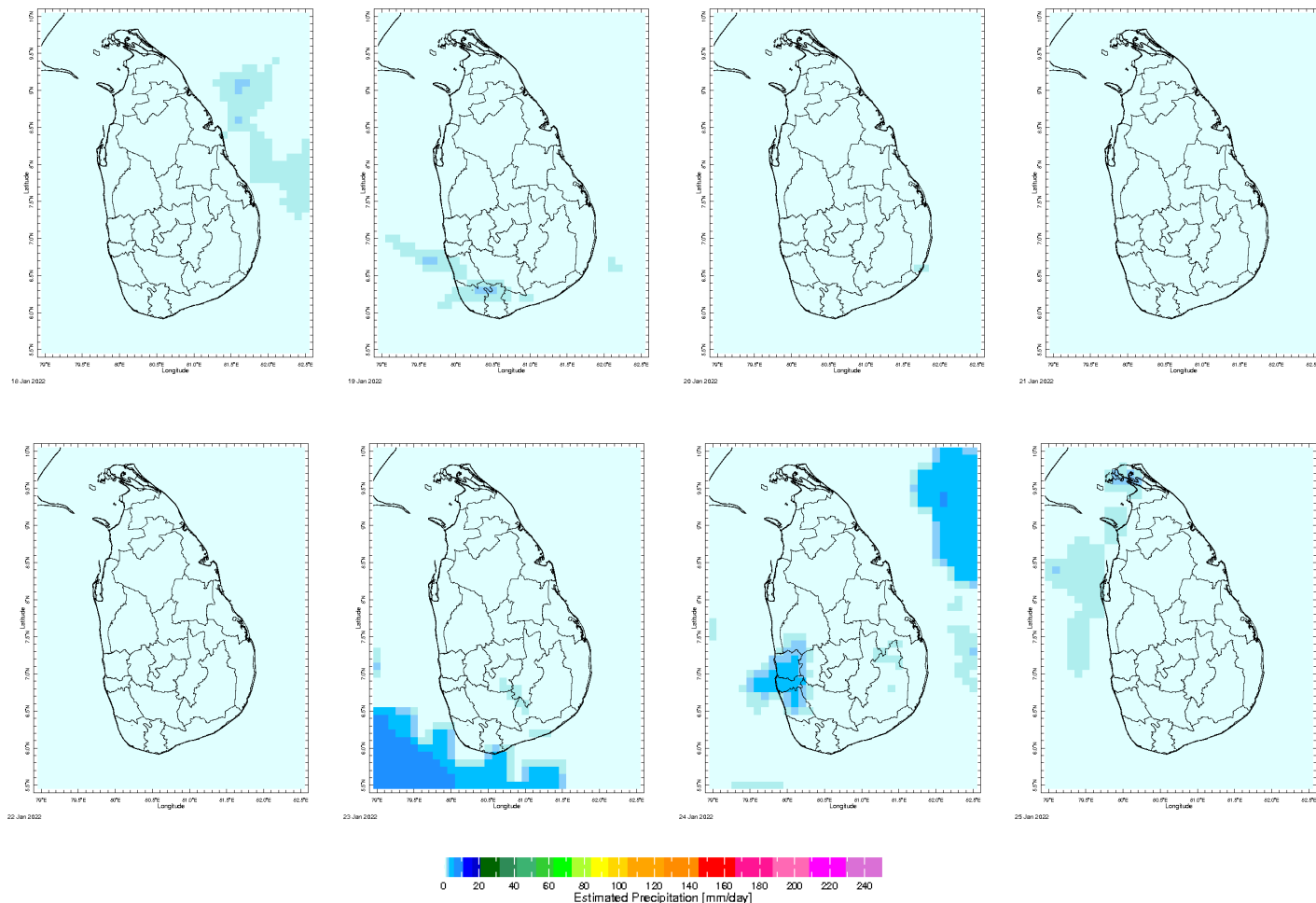
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### MONITORING

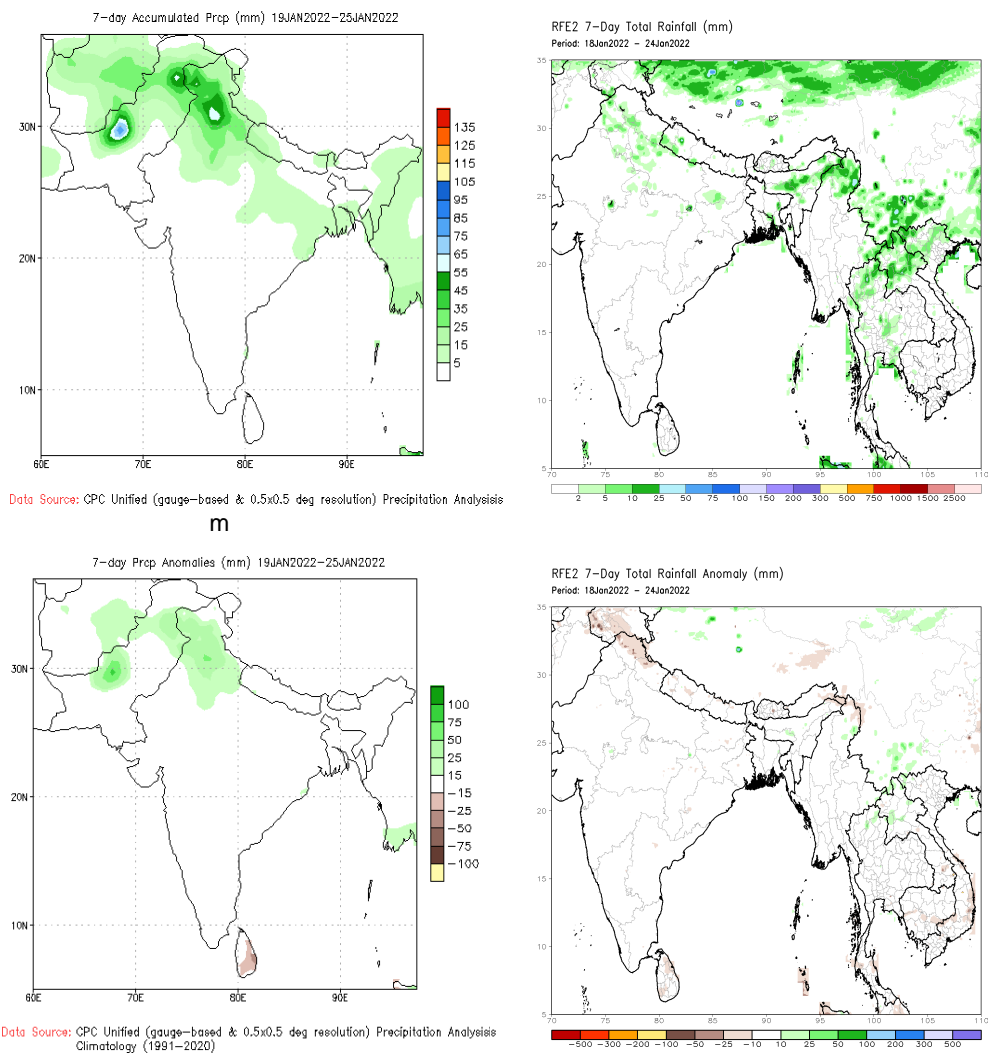
#### Daily Rainfall Monitoring

The following figures show the satellite observed rainfall in the last 7 days in Sri Lanka.



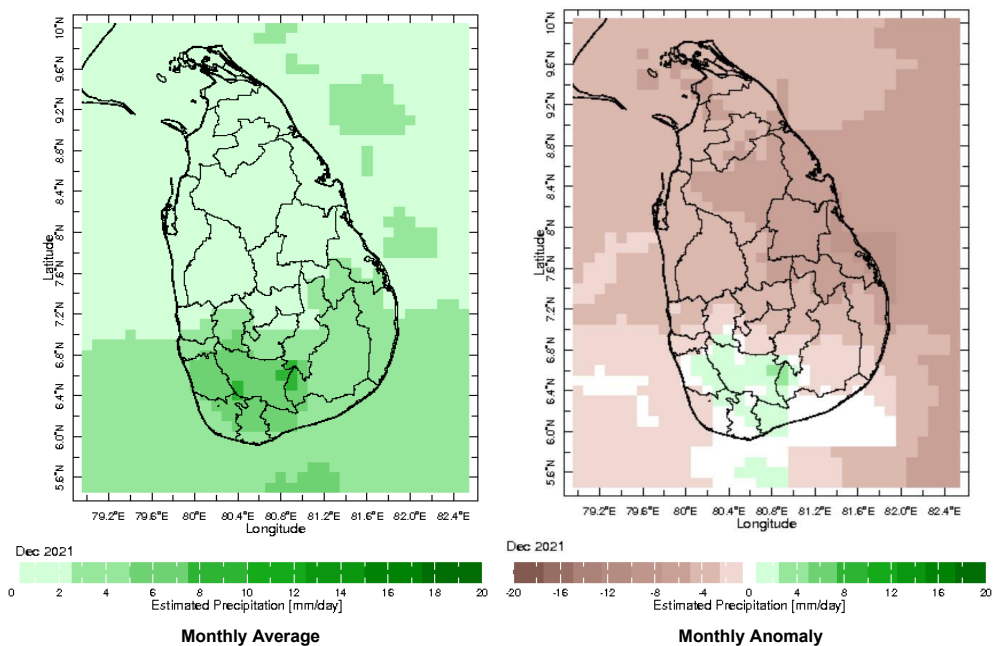
## Weekly Rainfall Monitoring

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.



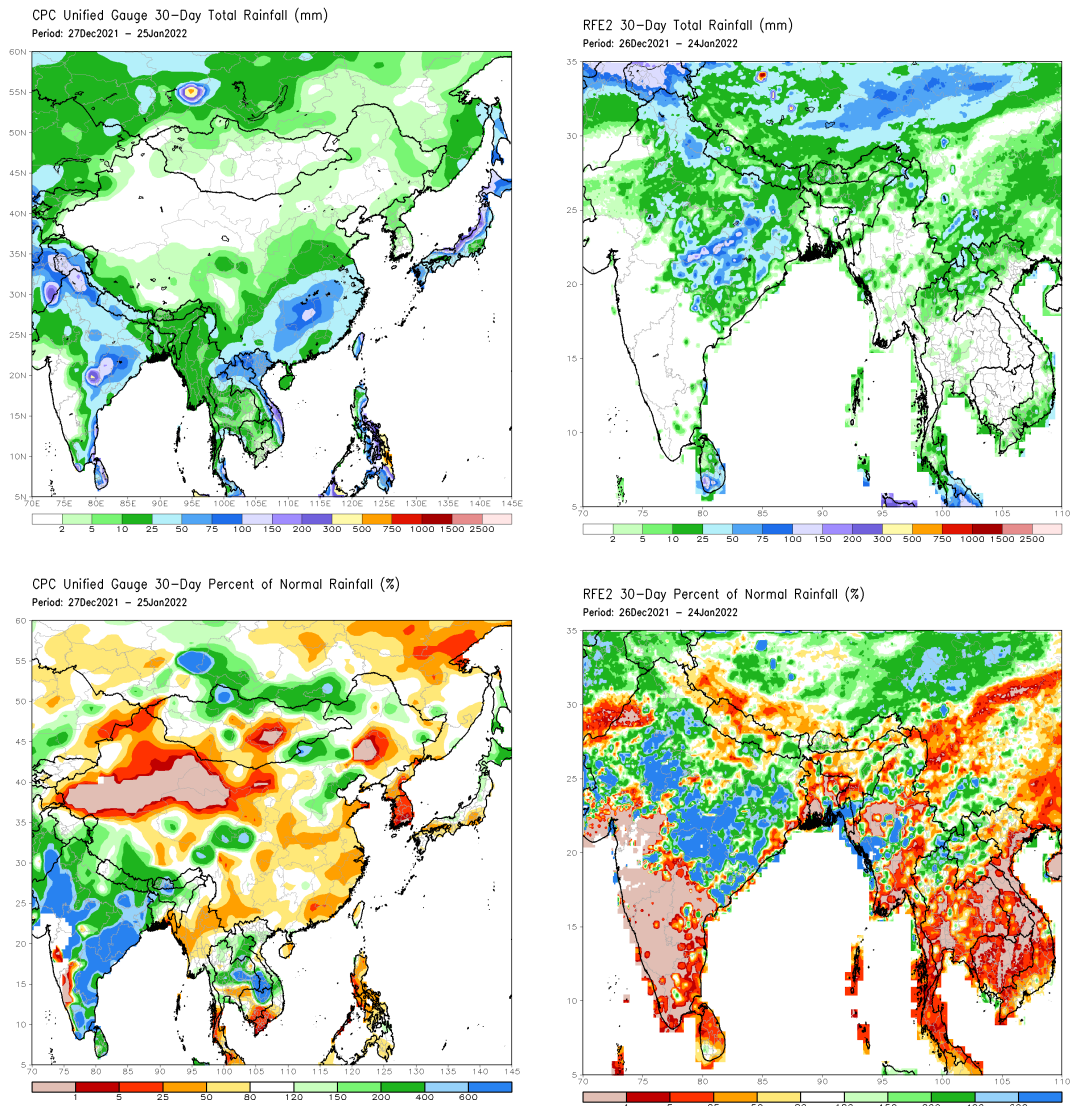
## Monthly Rainfall Monitoring

The figure in the left shows the average 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

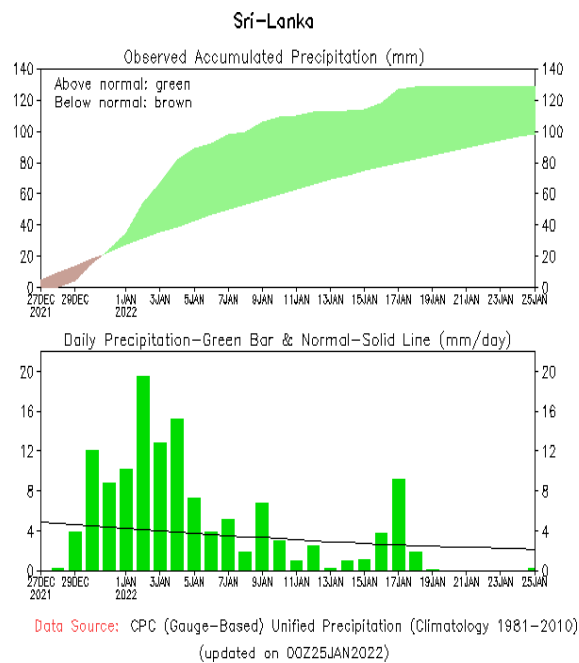




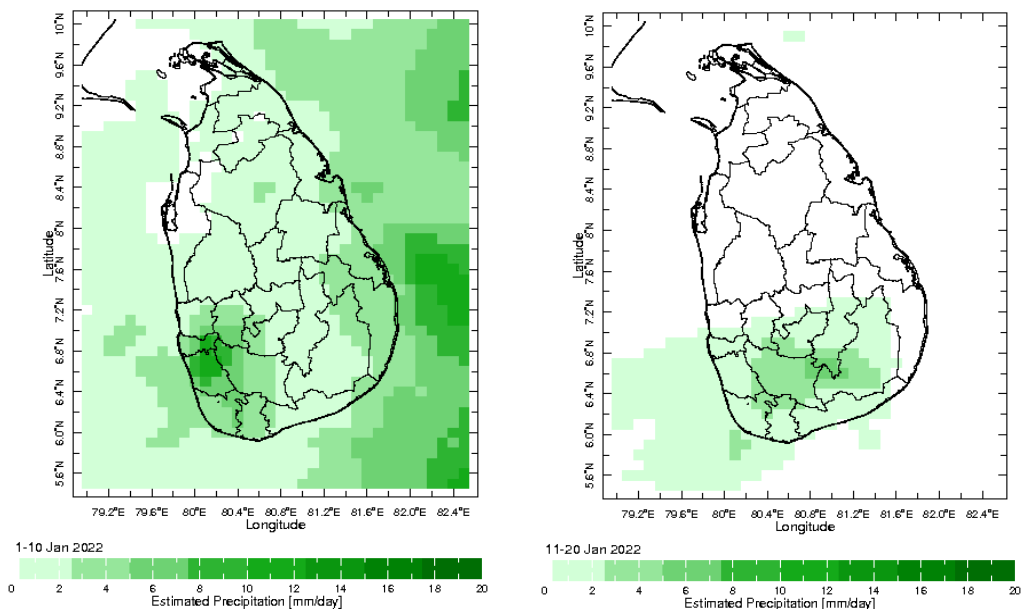
The figure in the top-left shows the total rainfall in the past 30 days from CPC Unified Precipitation Analysis while the figure in the top-right shows the total rainfall for the same period from RFE 2.0 Satellite Rainfall Estimates. The bottom two figures show the percentage of rainfall received in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



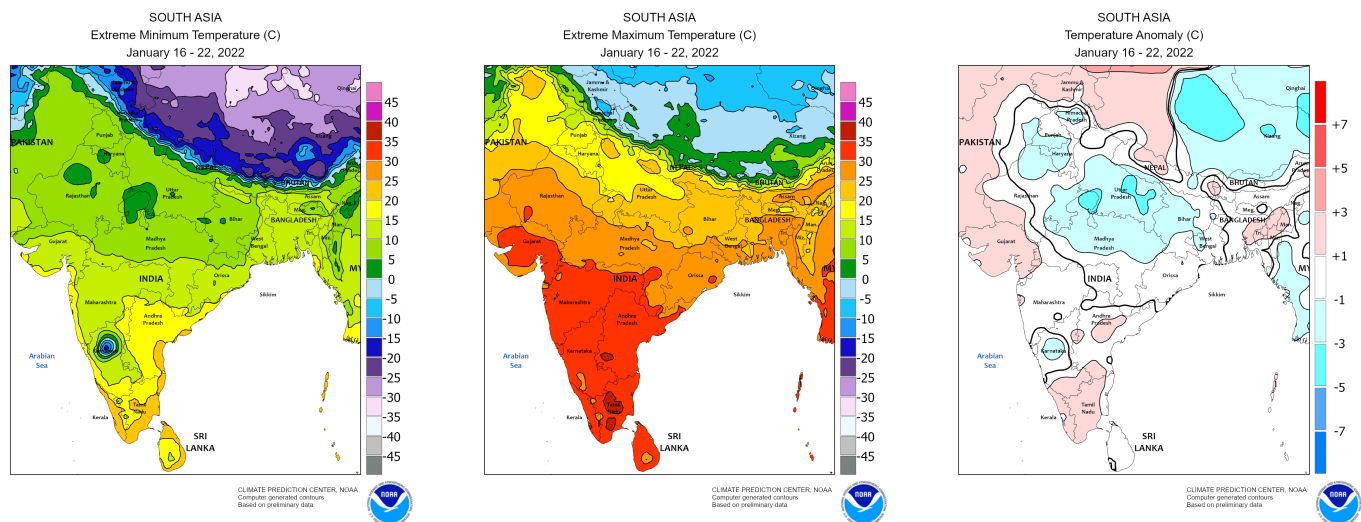
The following figure shows the observed accumulated rainfall (top) and daily observed rainfall (bottom) in Sri Lanka in the last 30 days.



## Dekadal (10 Day) Satellite Derived Rainfall Estimates

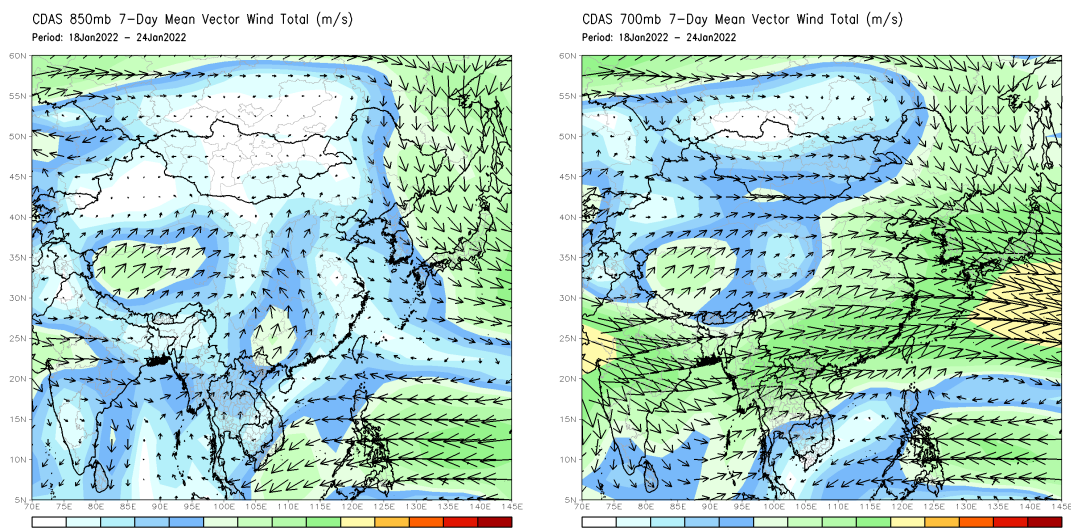


## Weekly Temperature Monitoring



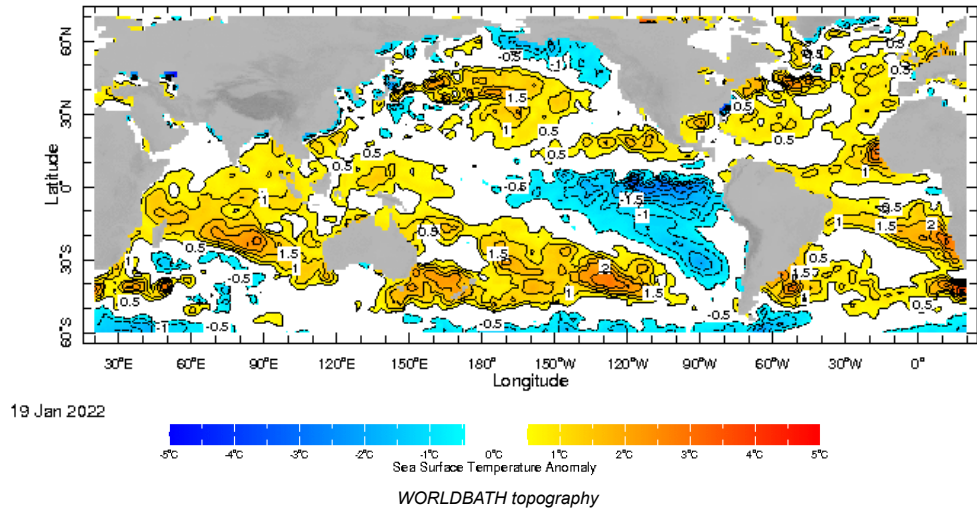
## Weekly Wind Monitoring

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.

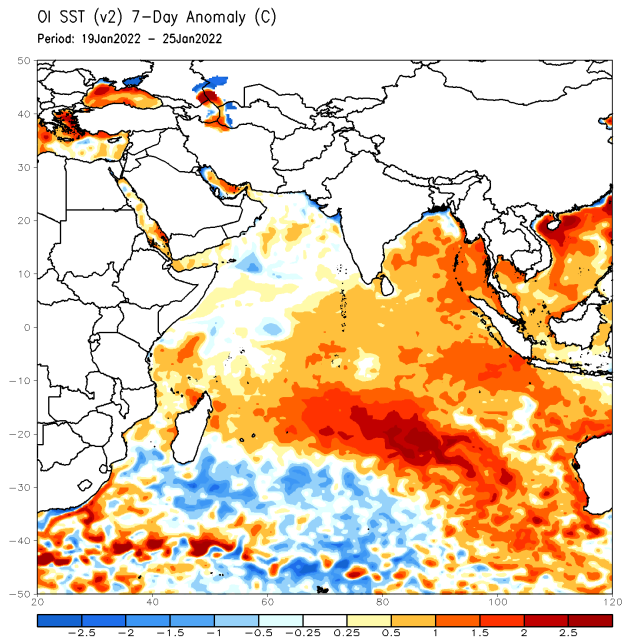


**Weekly Average SST Anomalies**

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

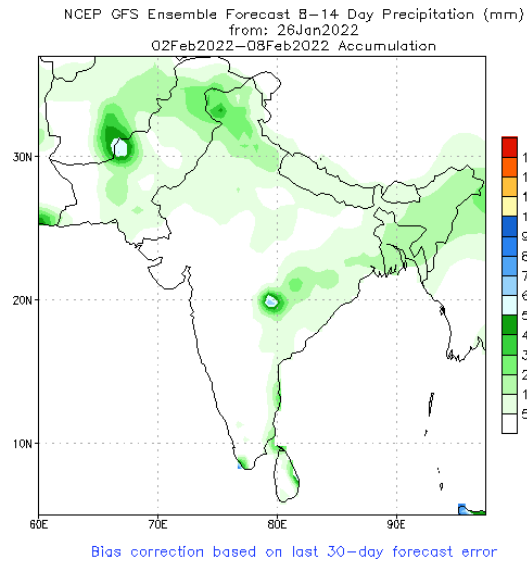
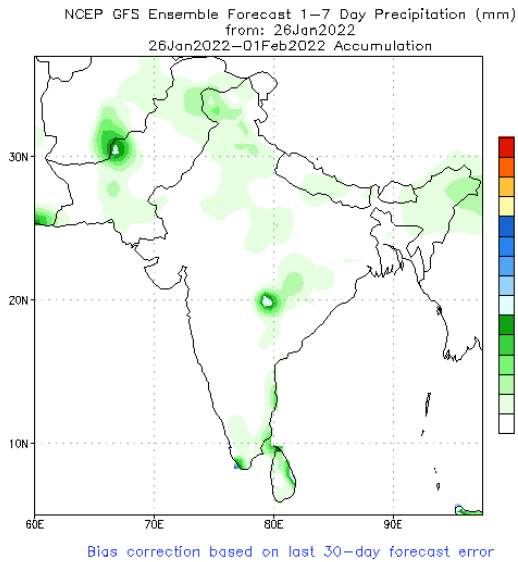


Optimum Interpolated Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly in the Indian Ocean from NOAA CPC

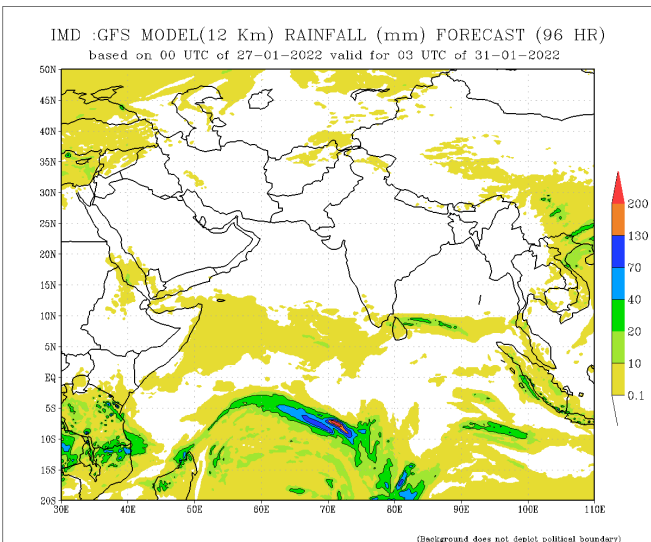
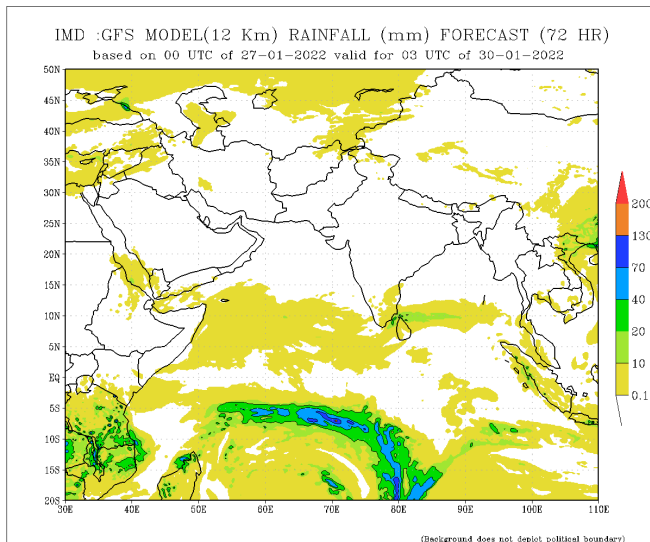
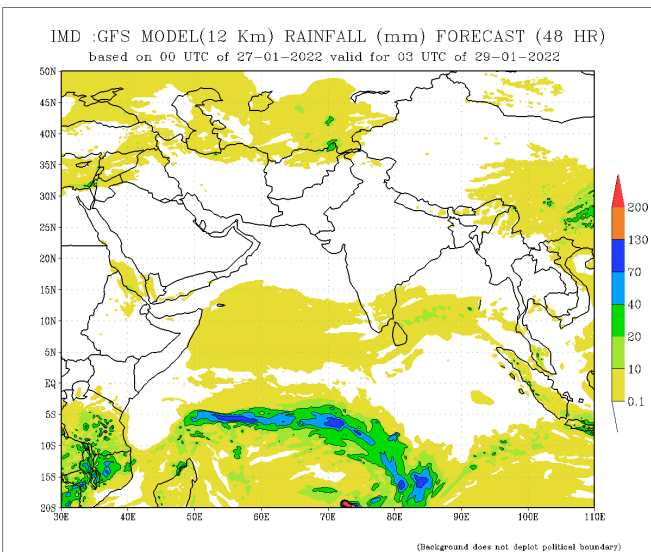
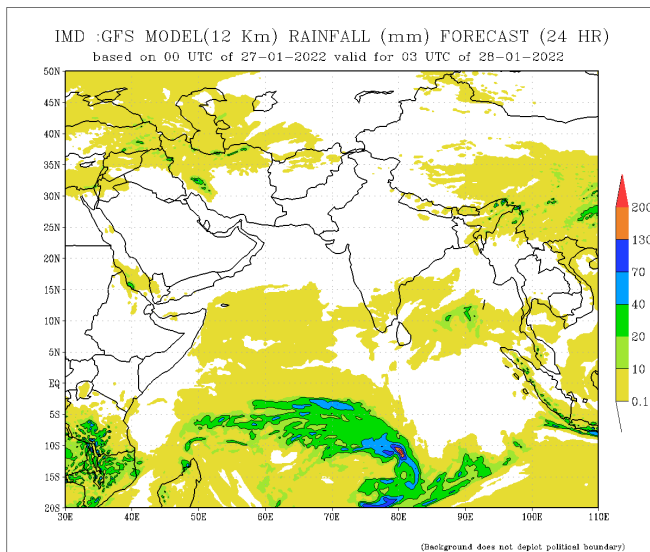


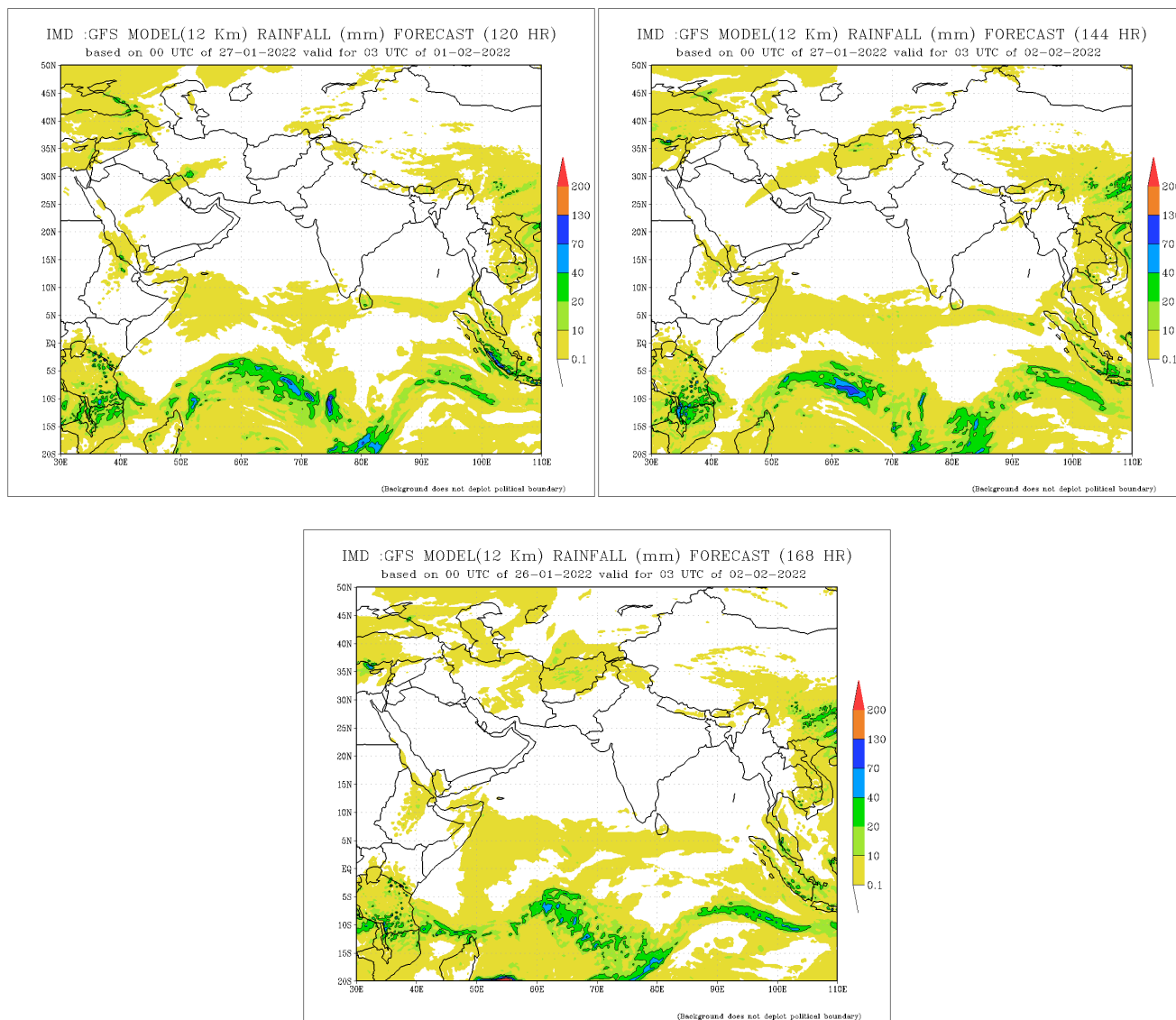


## NCEP GFS 1- 14 Day prediction



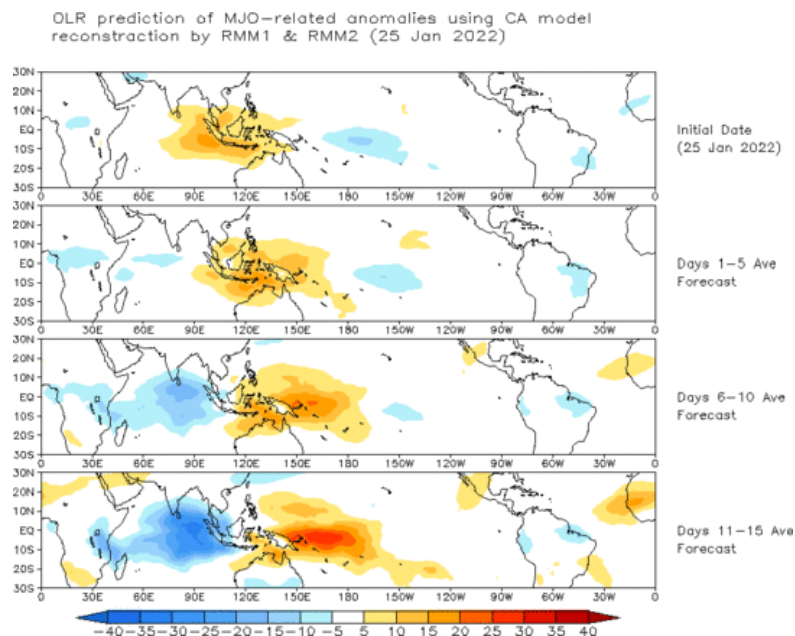
## IMD GFS (T574) Model Rainfall Forecast from RMSC New Delhi, India





## 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.

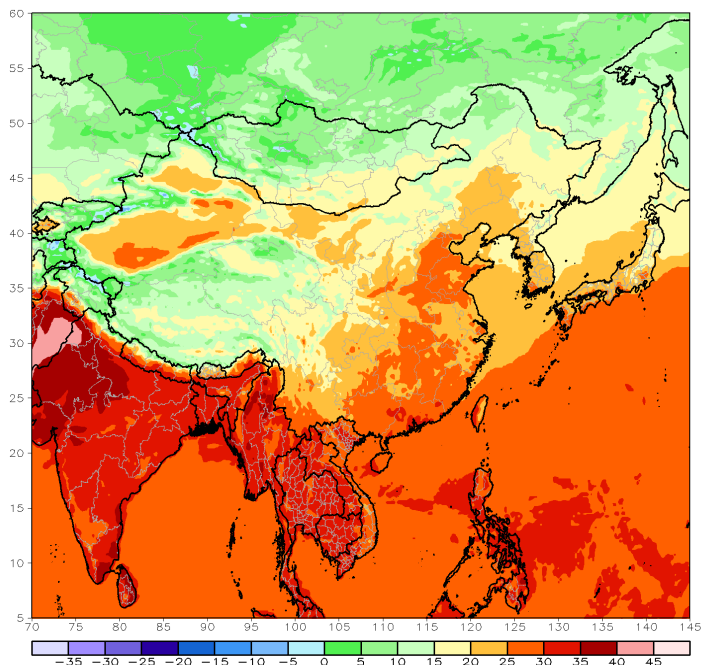


## Weekly Temperature Forecast

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

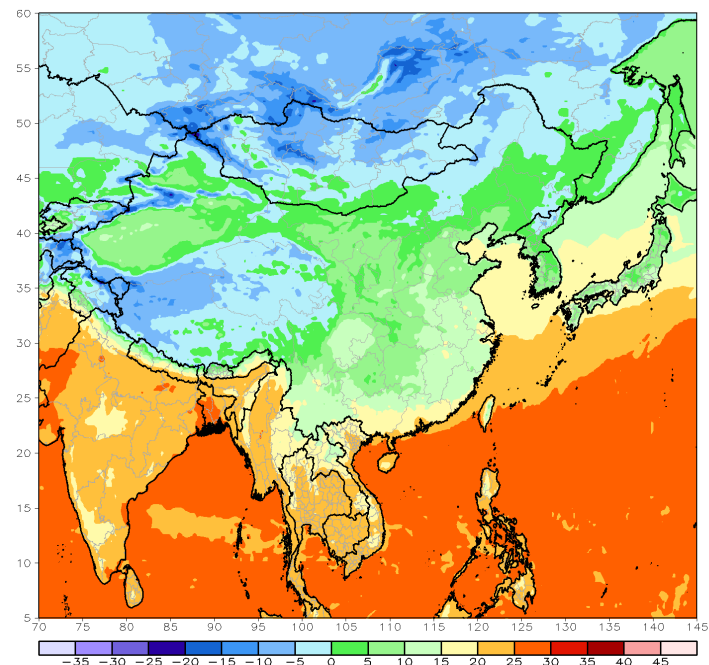
GFS week1 Temperature Max (C)

Ending: 18z03Feb2022



GFS week1 Temperature Min (C)

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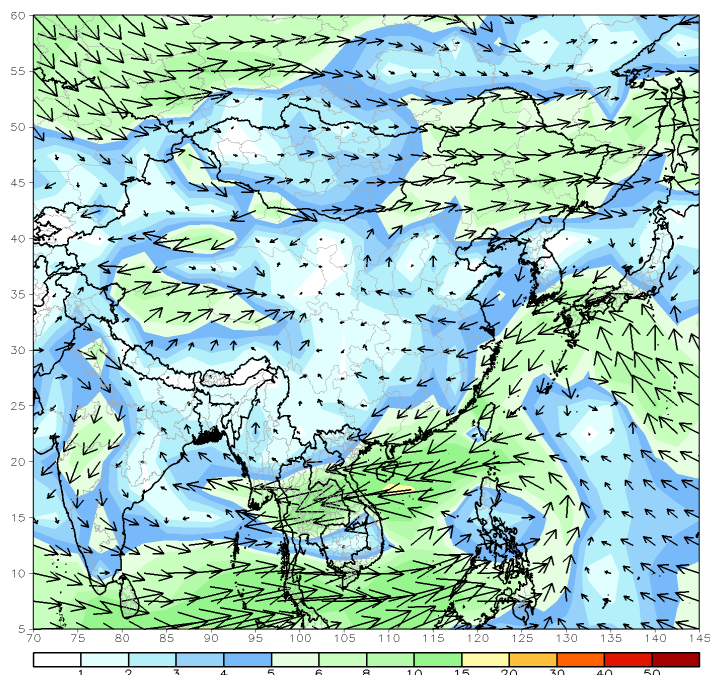


## Weekly Wind Forecast

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

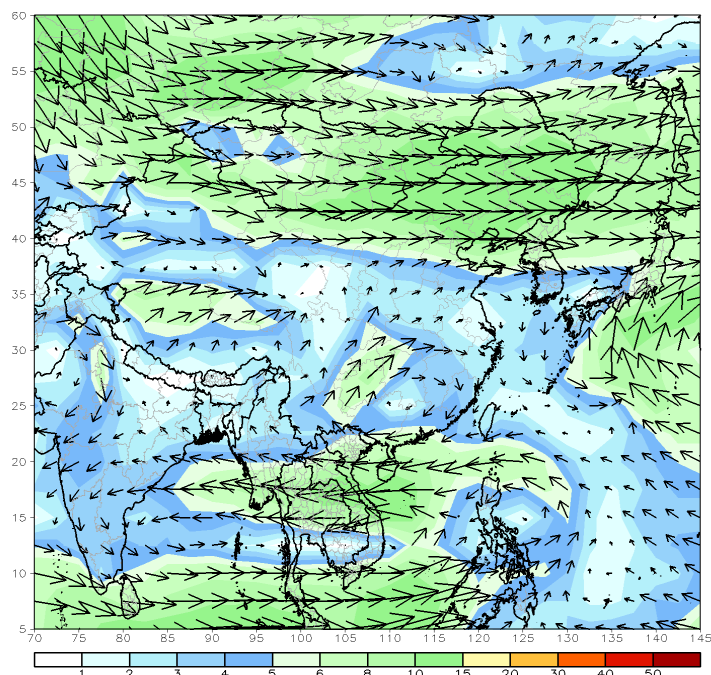
GFS 850mb week1 Mean Vector Wind Total (m/s)

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GFS 700mb week1 Mean Vector Wind Total (m/s)

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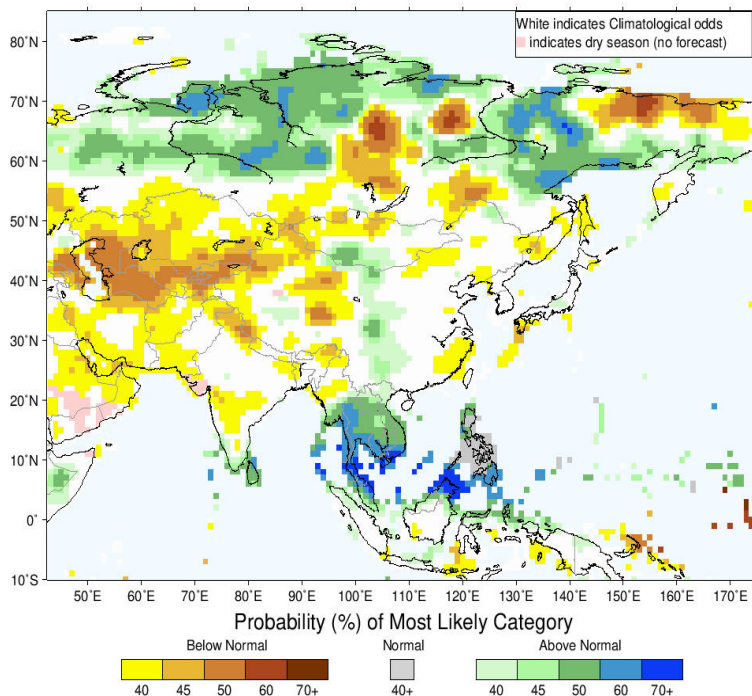




## Seasonal Rainfall and Temperature Forecast

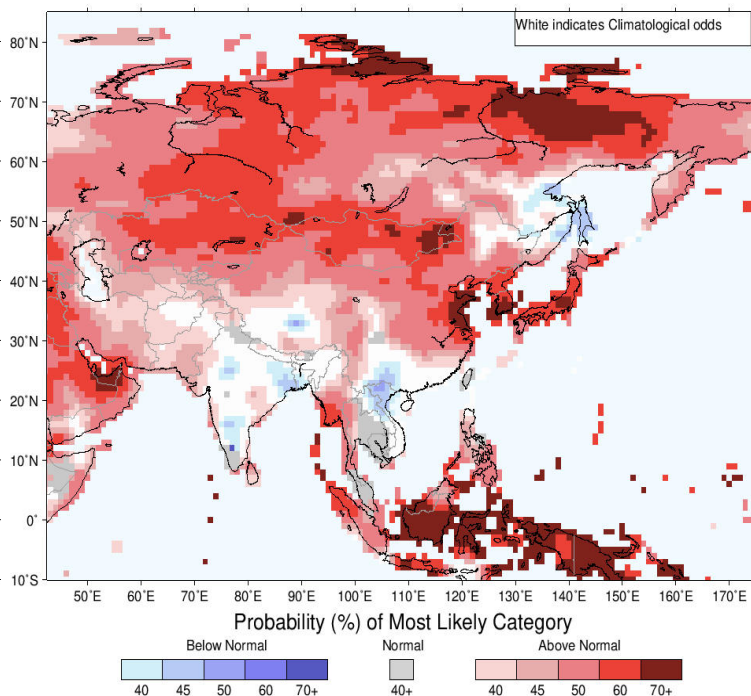
Following is the latest seasonal precipitation and temperature prediction for the next 3 months by the IRI. The color shading indicates the probability of the most dominant tercile - that is, the tercile having the highest forecast probability. The color bar alongside the map defines these dominant tercile 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 February–March–April 2022, Issued January 2022



Precipitation Forecast

IRI Multi-Model Probability Forecast for Temperature for February–March–April 2022, Issued January 2022



Temperature Forecast

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