3 NOVEMBER 2023

CLIMATE MONITORING AND PREDICTION FOR SRI LANKA

HIGHLIGHTS

Rainfall Prediction

- *High probability of heavy rainfall (100 - 135 mm) for the entire country during 1 - 7 November.*
- *>100 mm of Heavy rainfall is predicted during 8 - 14 November.*

Monitored Rainfalls

- *During the last week, average daily rainfall over Sri Lanka was 10.0 mm and hydro catchment was 13.7 mm.*
- *The rainfall of last week was twice as normal.*

Monitored & Predicted

- *From 23 - 29 Oct, up to 3 m/s of north easterly winds were at 850 mb (1.5 km).*
- *During 3 - 9 Nov, up to 2 m/s of easterly winds are expected at 850 mb (1.5 km).*

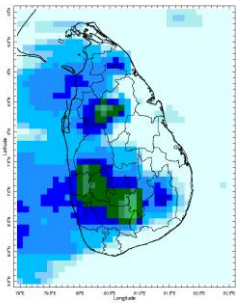
Monitored Sea & Land Temp

- *Sea surface temperature around Sri Lanka was 0.5 - 1.5°C above normal.*
- *From 25 Oct - 1 Nov, maximum daily temperature was recorded in Kurunegala (33.5°C) and Ratnapura (33.4°C).*

Monitoring

Rainfall

Daily Estimates for Rainfall from 24th October - 31st October 2023



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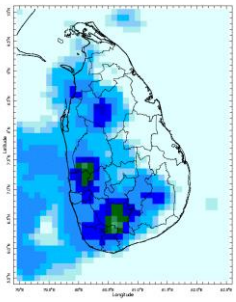

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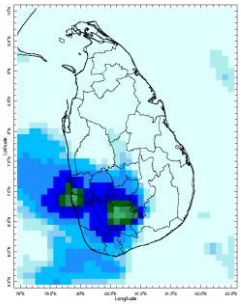

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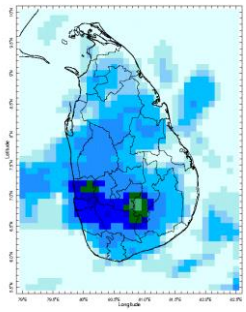

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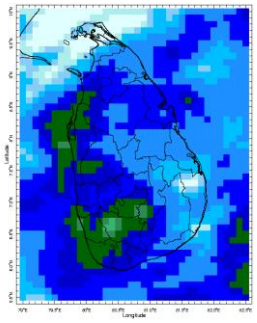

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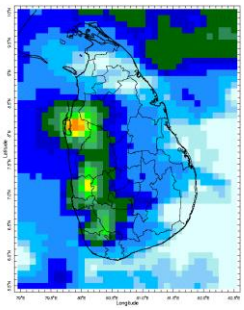

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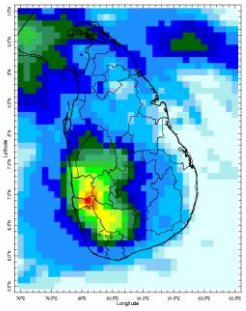

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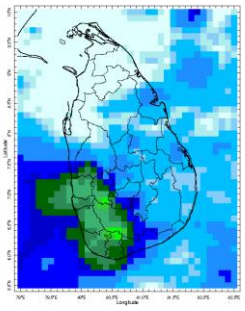

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Ocean State *(Text Courtesy IRI)*

Pacific sea state: October 30, 2023

El Nino Mode has set in according to NOAA since 8th of June. Equatorial sea surface temperatures (SSTs) are above average across the central and eastern Pacific Ocean late-October. El Niño is anticipated to continue through the Northern Hemisphere spring (with an 80% chance during March-May 2024).

Indian Ocean State

Sea surface temperature around Sri Lanka was 0.5 ℃ above normal to the Western, Southern, and Eastern half of the country in 10th - 16th October, 2023. A positive Dipole Mode has set in across the Indian Ocean since 8th of June.

Predictions

Rainfall

1 - 14 Day prediction: NOAA NCEP models

From 1st November - 7th November:

Total rainfall by Provinces:

Rainfall (mm)	Provinces
> 135	Southern, Sabaragamuwa, Western, Uva, Central
135	Eastern, North Western
125	North Central, Northern

From 8th November - 14th November:

Total rainfall by Provinces:

Rainfall (mm)	Provinces
> 135	Southern, Sabaragamuwa, Western, Uva
135	Central, Eastern
115	North Western, North Central, Northern

MJO based OLR predictions

For the next 15 days:

MJO shall slightly enhance the rainfall during 1st - 5th November and moderately enhance the rainfall during 6th - 15th November for Sri Lanka.

Interpretation

Monitoring

Rainfall: During the last two weeks, there had been very heavy rainfall over the following area: Ratnapura

Daily Average Rainfall in the Met stations for previous week of (25th October - 1st November) = 10.0 mm

Maximum Daily Rainfall: 92.1 mm & Minimum Daily Rainfall: 0.0 mm.

Region	Average rainfall for last 8 days (mm)	Average temperature for last 8 days (°C)	
		Maximum	Minimum
Northern plains	6.4	31.6	24.4
Eastern hills	7.7	26.5	17.7
Eastern plains	7.6	31.6	23.9
Western hills	16.2	28.2	18.7
Western plains	18.0	31.5	24.0
Southern plains	3.3	31.3	23.9

Region	Average rainfall for last 8 days (mm)	Daily maximum rainfall for last 8 days (mm)	Daily minimum rainfall for last 8 days (mm)
Hydro catchment	13.7	82.0	0.0

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

Temperatures: The temperature anomalies were above normal for some parts of the Sabaragamuwa and Central provinces of the country driven by the warm SST's.

Predictions

Rainfall: During the next week (1st November - 7th November), heavy rainfall (> 135 mm) is predicted for the Southern, Sabaragamuwa, Western, Uva, and Central provinces and ≥ 125 mm rainfall is predicted for the Eastern, North Western, North Central, and Northern provinces.

Temperatures: The temperature will remain seasonably near normal for the country during 3rd November - 9th November.

Teleconnections: A positive Dipole Mode has set in across the Indian Ocean since 8th of June.

MJO shall slightly enhance the rainfall during 1st - 5th November and moderately enhance the rainfall during 6th - 15th November for Sri Lanka.

Seasonal Precipitation: The precipitation forecast for the November-December-January, 2024 season shows a 40 - 45% tendency toward above normal precipitation.

Terminology for Rainfall Ranges

	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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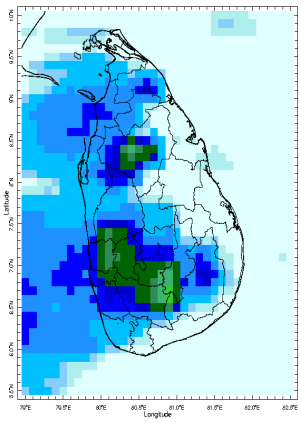
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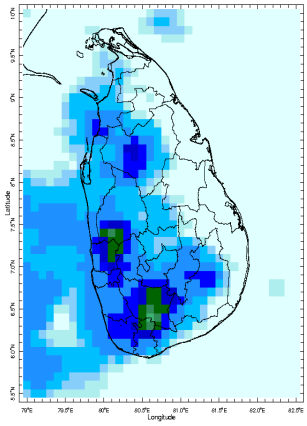
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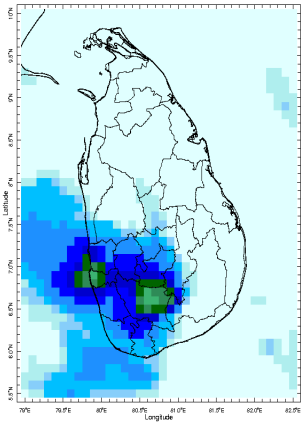
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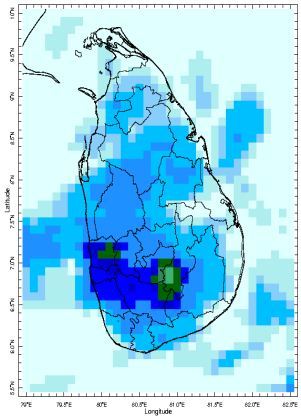
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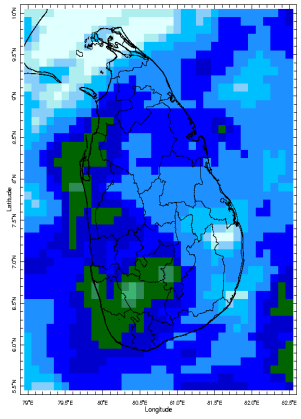
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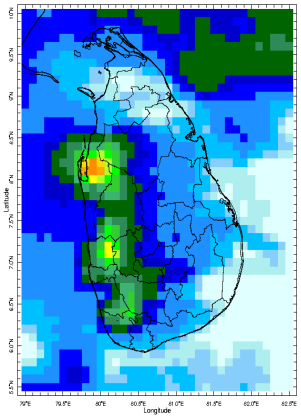
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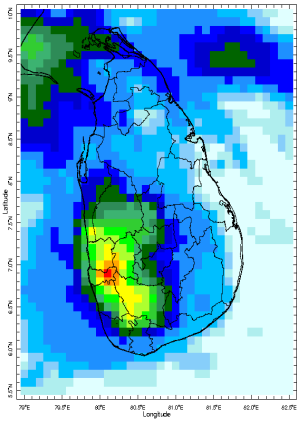
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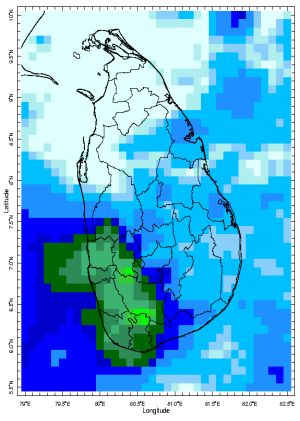
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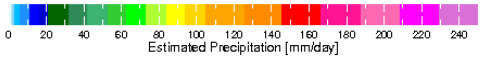
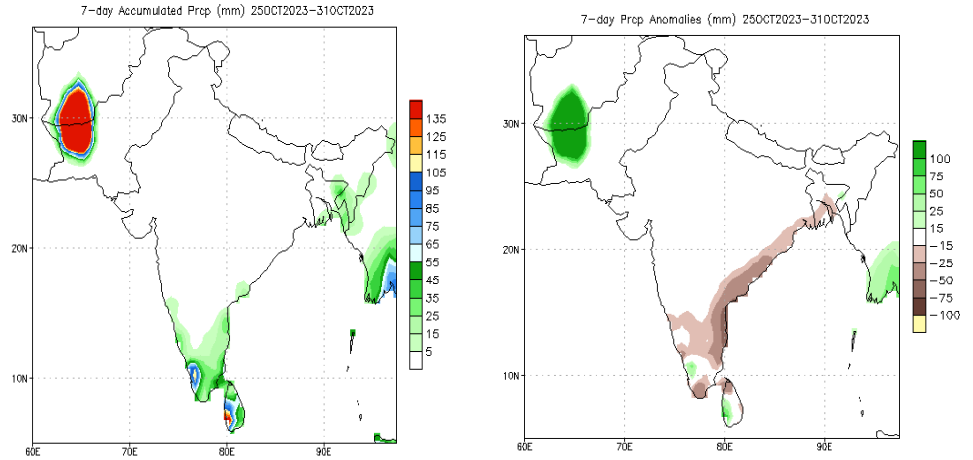


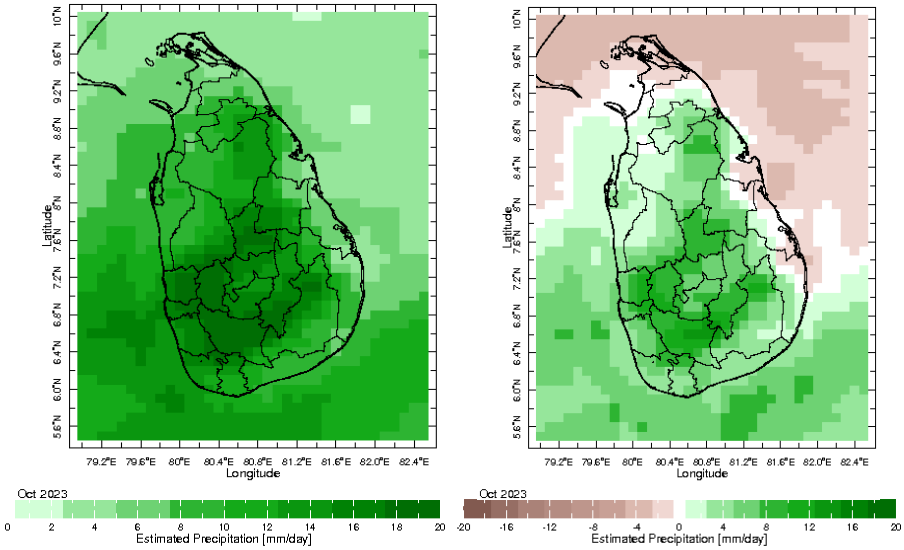
Weekly Rainfall Monitoring

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.

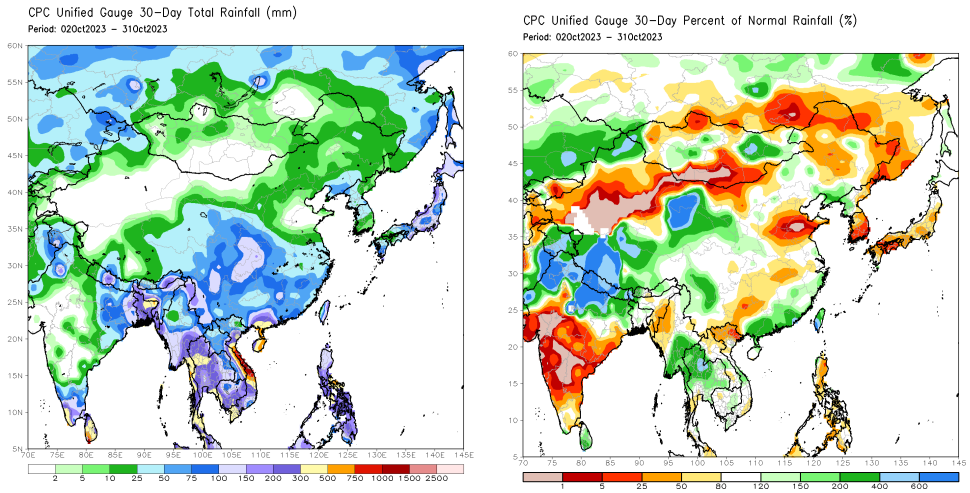


Monthly Rainfall Monitoring

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.



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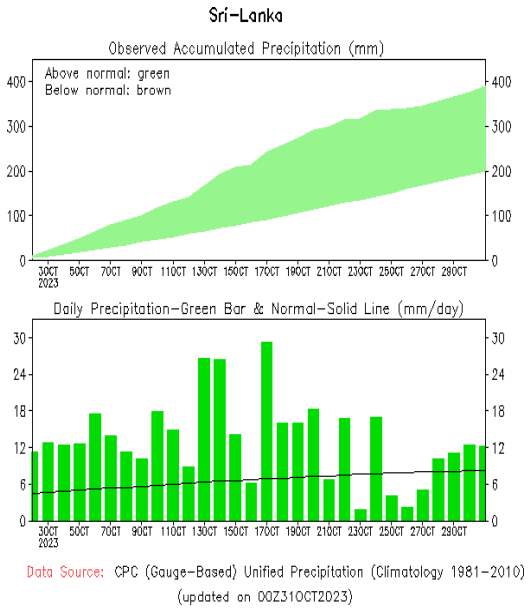

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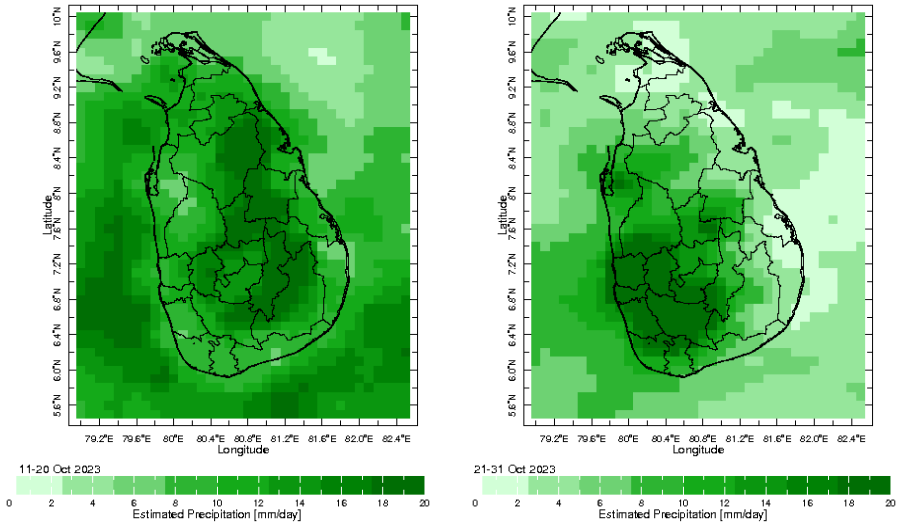

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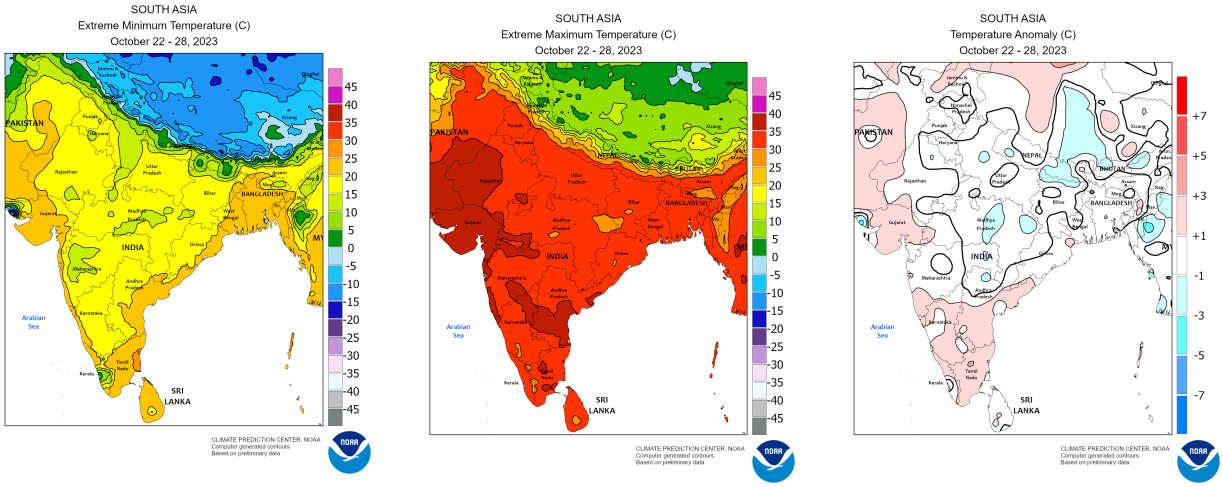

Weekly Wind Monitoring

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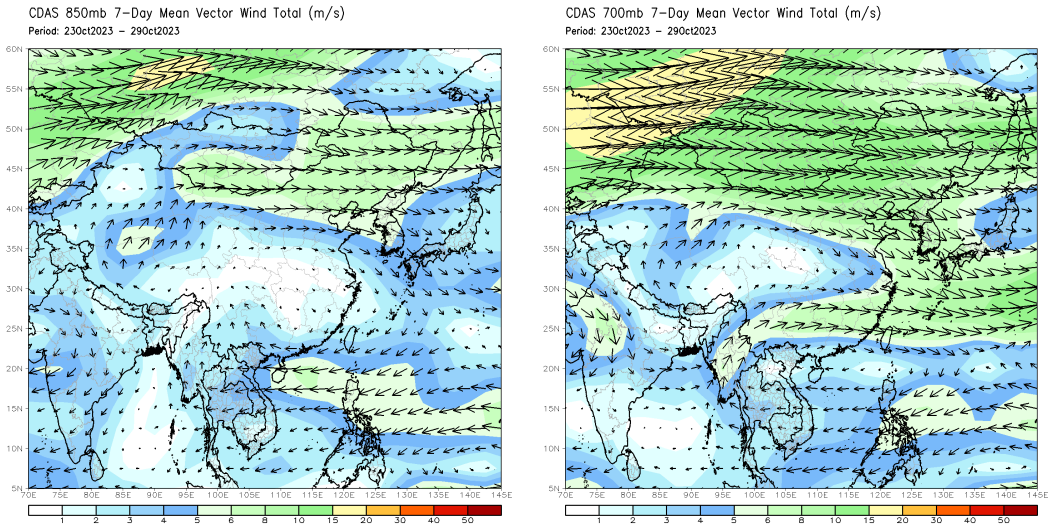
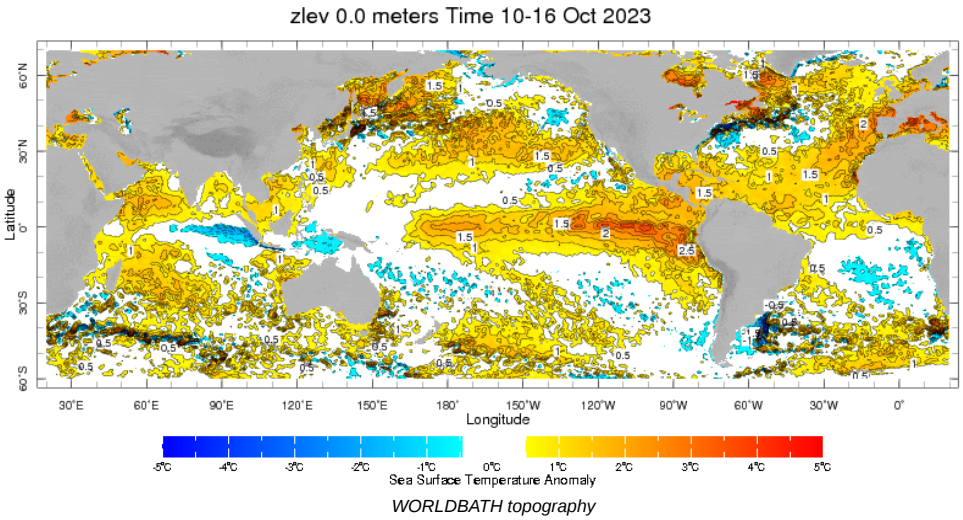


Weekly Average SST Anomalies

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



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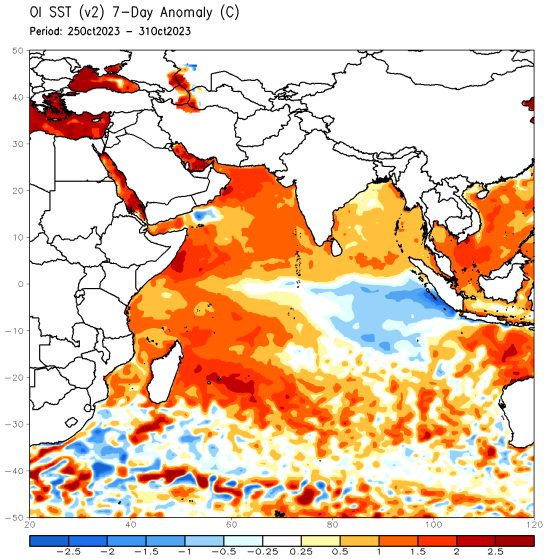

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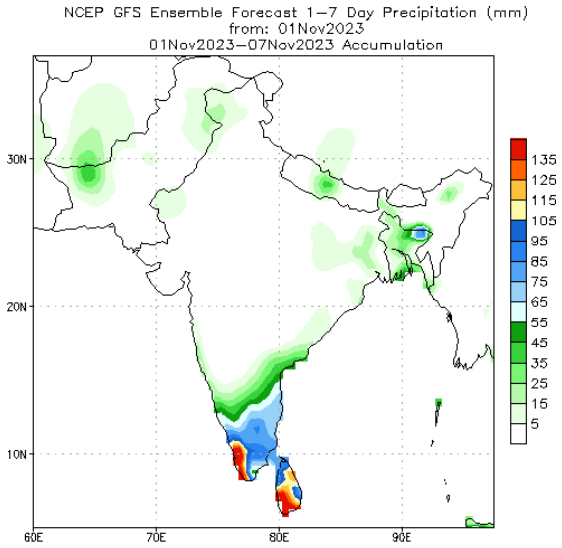

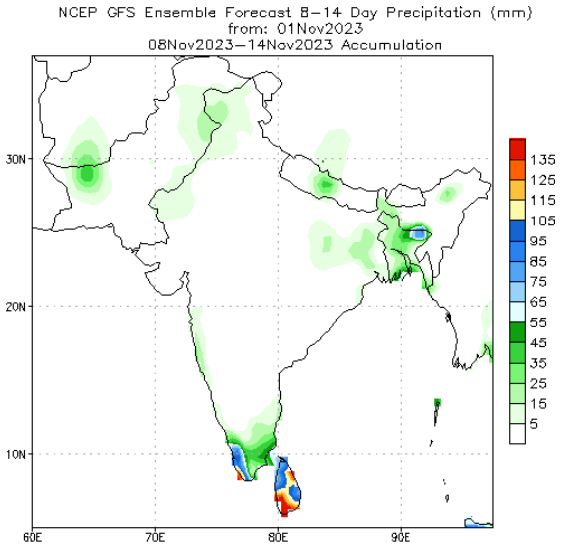

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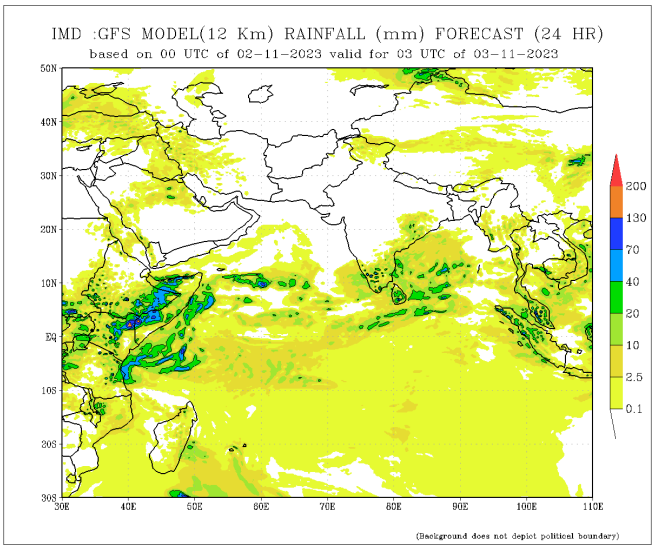
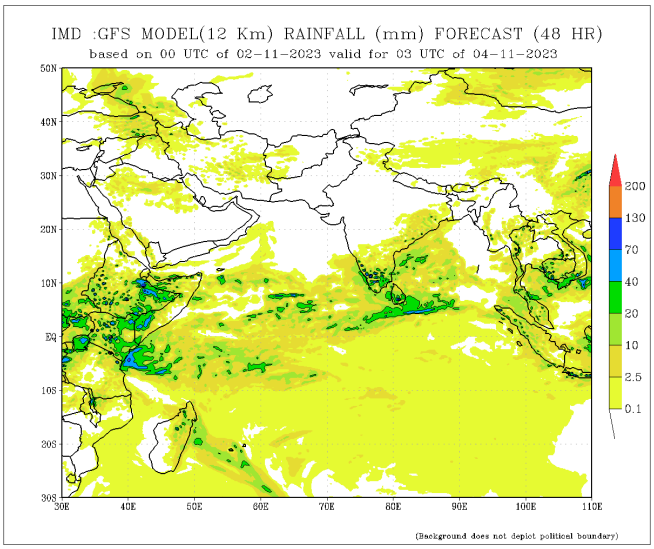
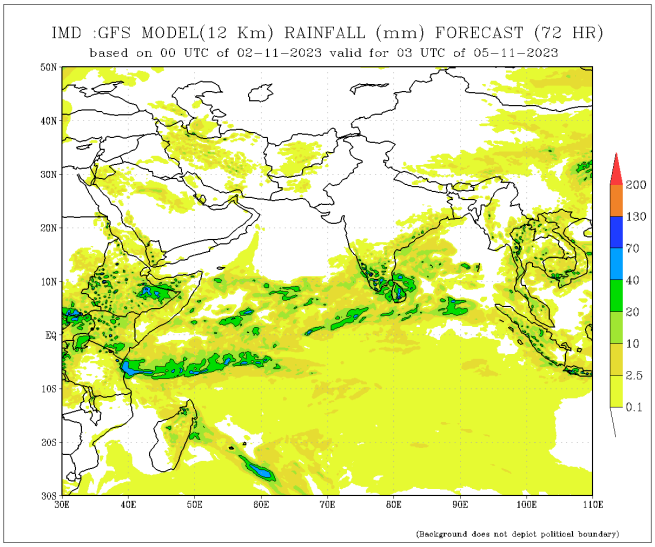
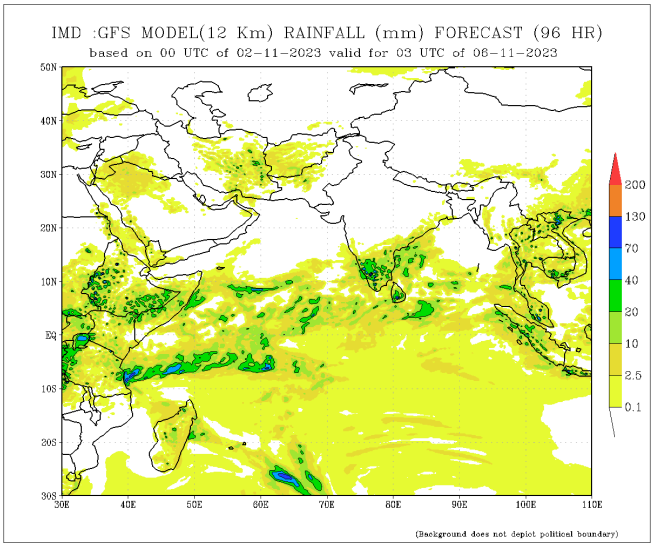
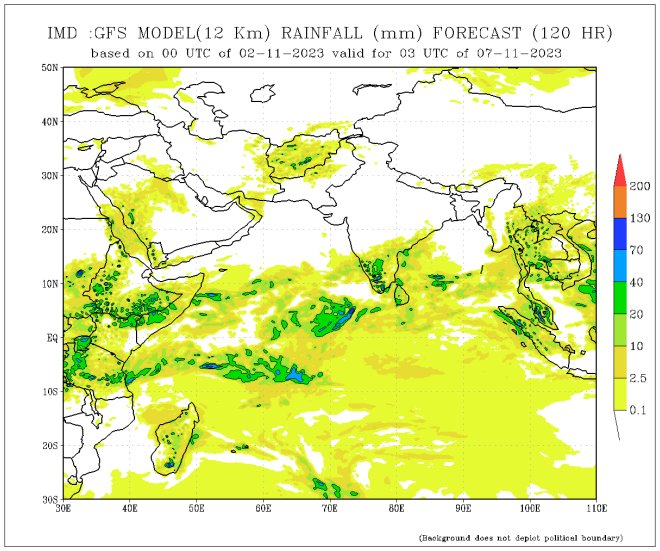
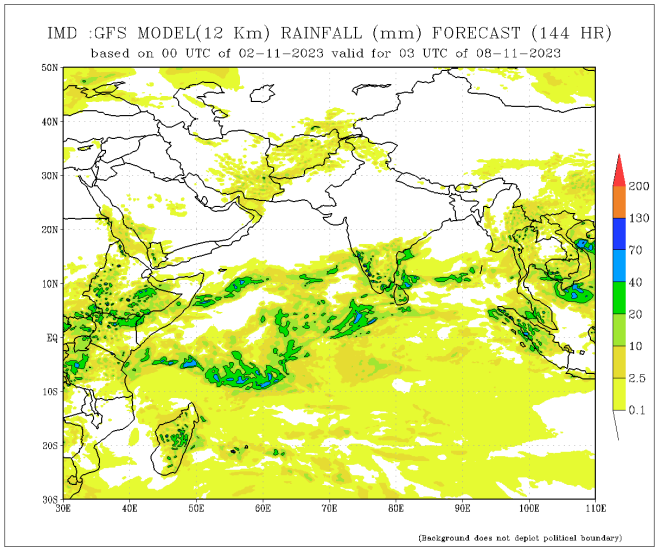


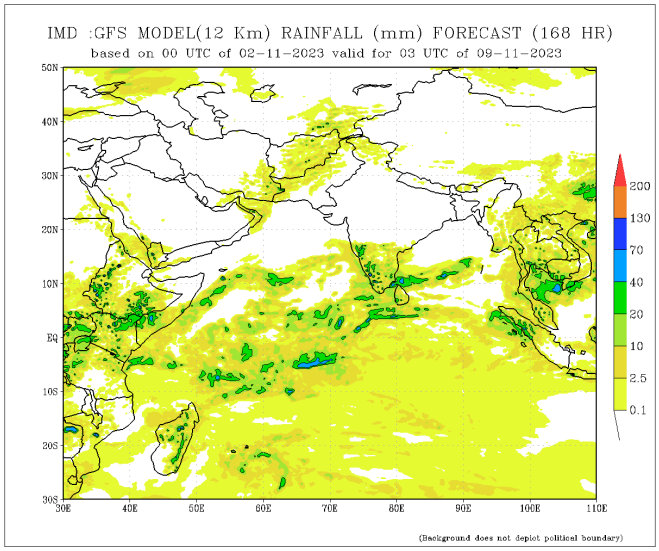






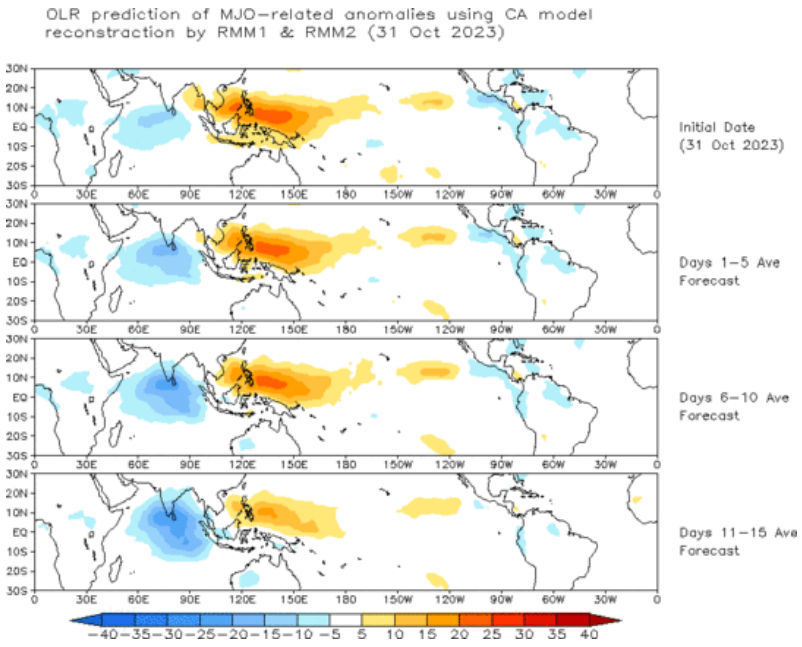






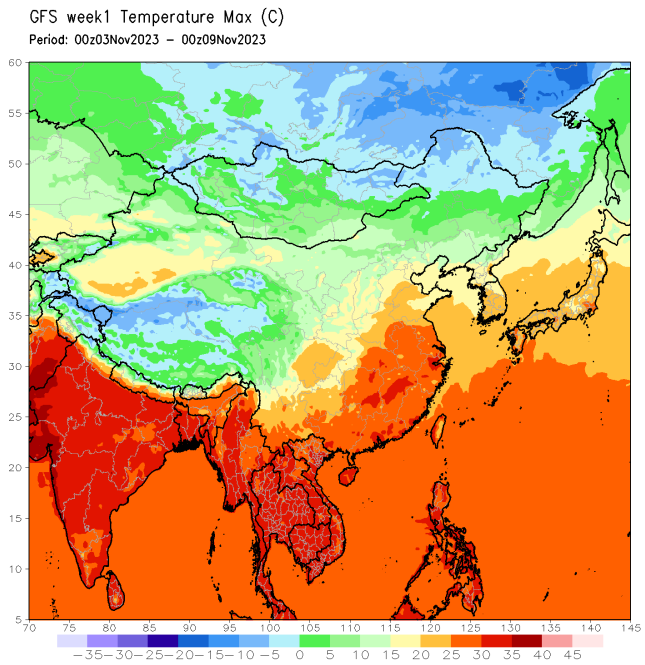
Madden Julian Oscillation (MJO) related Outgoing Longwave Radiation (OLR) Forecast

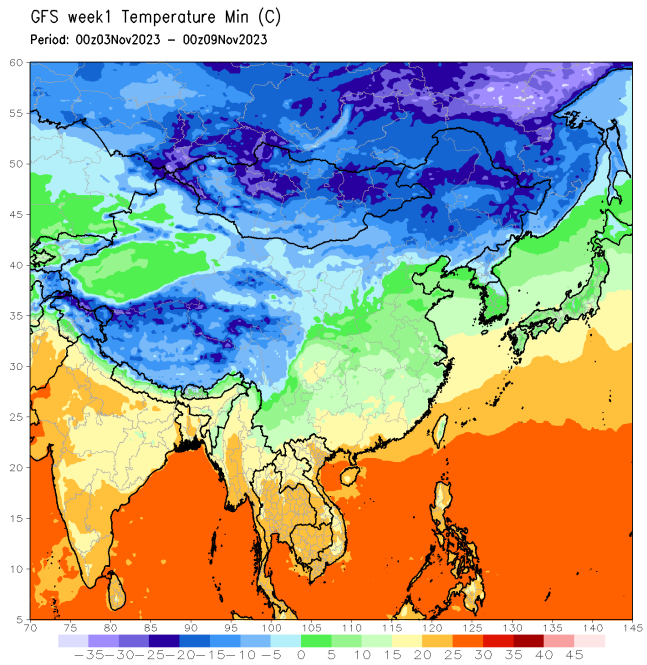
The Outgoing Longwave Radiation (OLR) is a proxy for rainfall. This can be used to identify convective rain clouds based on the MJO phase. Violet and Blue shading indicates enhanced tropical weather and Orange shading indicates suppressed conditions. The following figure shows the forecasts of MJO associated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



Weekly Temperature Forecast

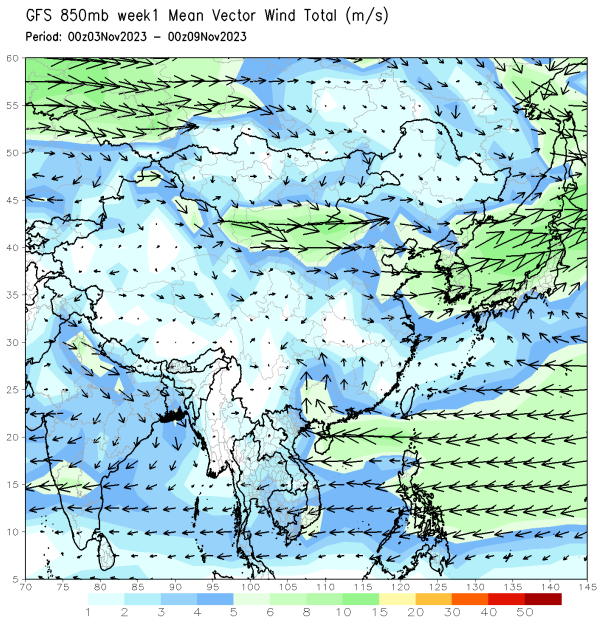
Weekly Minimum and Maximum Temperature prediction from the GFS model (from NOAA CPC)

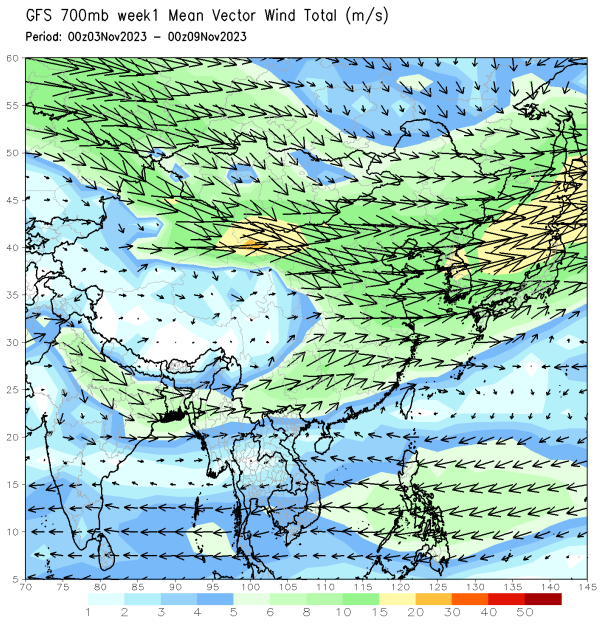




Weekly Wind Forecast

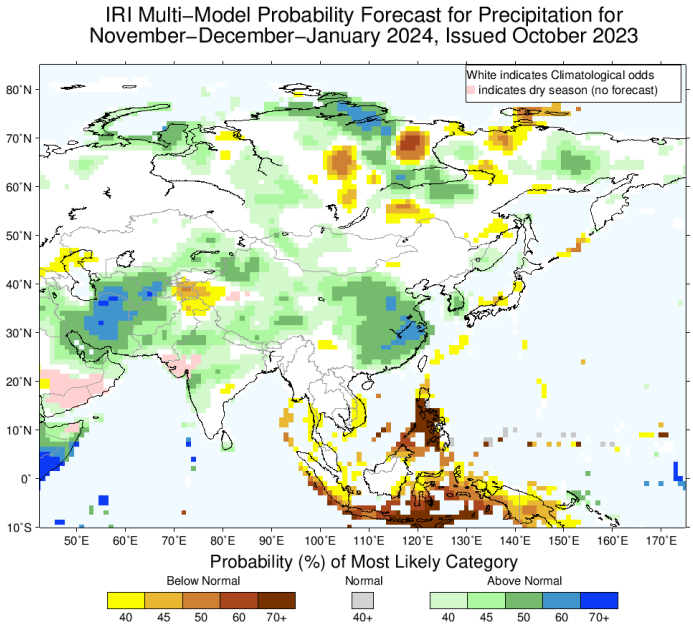
Weekly mean vector wind total prediction from the GFS model at 850 mb (left) and 700 mb (right) levels. (from NOAA CPC)



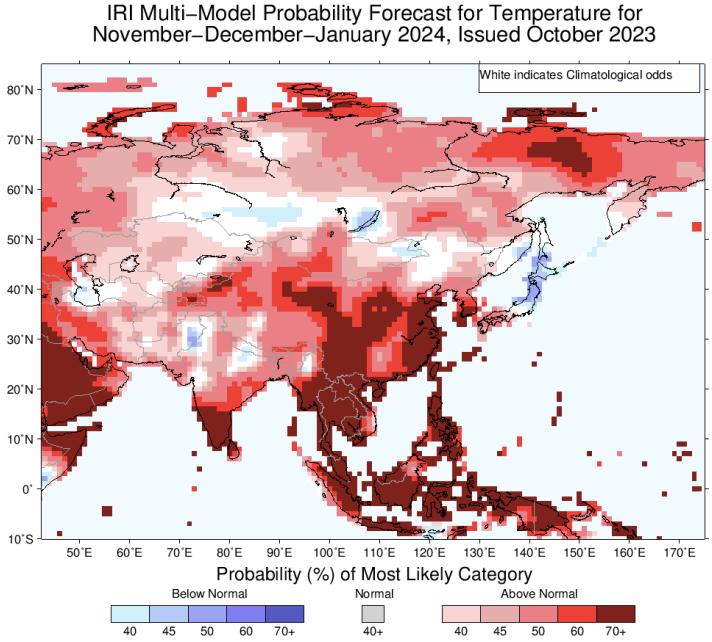


Seasonal Rainfall and Temperature Forecast

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%).



Precipitation Forecast



Temperature Forecast

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