

Week of
10 Dec - 17 Dec
2021

CLIMATE MONITORING AND PREDICTION FOR SRI LANKA

HIGHLIGHTS

Rainfall Prediction



- Heavy rainfall is predicted for Eastern, Northern, North Central and Southern provinces from 11th Dec - 14th Dec.

Monitored Rainfalls



- Heavy rainfall was experienced in Sabaragamuwa, Southern and Uva provinces with max of 128.5 mm in Hambantota district on 2nd Dec.

Monitored Wind



- From 29th Nov - 6th Dec, up to 40 km/h Northeasterlies were experienced across the island.

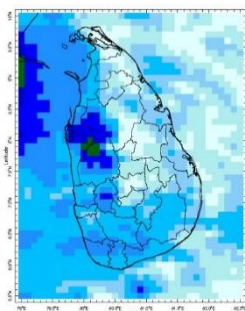
Monitored Sea Surface



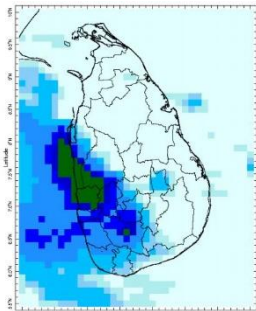
- Sea surface temperatures were above 0.5°C in the Western seas and neutral around the rest of the island.

Monitoring Rainfall

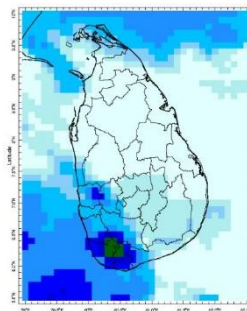
Daily Estimates for Rainfall from 29th November – 6th December



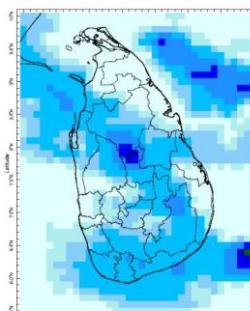
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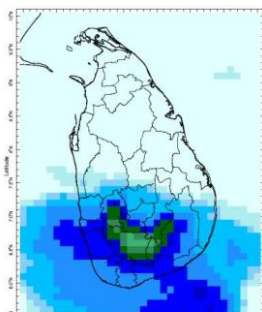
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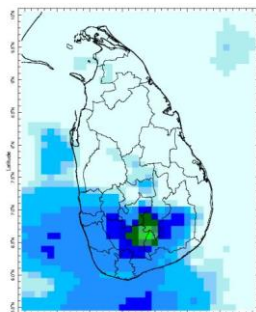
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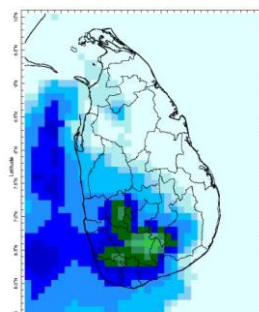
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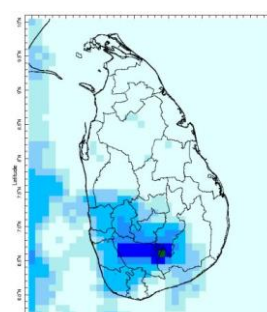
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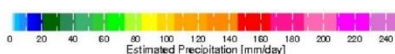
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5 December



6 December



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Ocean State (Text Courtesy IRI)

Pacific sea state: December 1, 2021

Equatorial SSTs were near-to-below average across most of the equatorial Pacific Ocean and were above average in the western Pacific Ocean in the early-December. A large majority of the model forecasts predict a transition from ENSO-neutral to La Niña is favored in the next couple of months and La Niña to continue through the Northern Hemisphere fall and winter.

Indian Ocean State

Sea surface temperatures were above 0.5°C in the Western seas and neutral around the rest of the Island.

Predictions

Rainfall

14-day prediction: NOAA NCEP models

From 8th December – 14th December:

Total rainfall by Provinces:

Rainfall	Provinces
>135 mm	Northern
125 mm	Eastern
105 mm	North Central, Southern
95 mm	North Western, Sabaragamuwa, Uva, Western
85 mm	Central

From 15th December – 21st December:

Total rainfall by Provinces:

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

MJO based OLR predictions

For the next 15 days:

MJO shall be active during 11th December – 22nd December giving severely suppressed rainfall for the entire island.

Interpretation

Monitoring

Rainfall: During the last two weeks, there had been heavy rainfall over the following provinces: Sabaragamuwa, Southern and Uva.

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 the Central, Sabaragamuwa, North Central and Uva provinces last week, driven by the warm SST's.

Predictions

Rainfall: During the next week (11th December – 14th December) heavy rainfall is predicted for Eastern, Northern, North Central and Southern provinces.

Temperatures: The temperature remains normal during 11th December – 18th December for the entire island.

Teleconnections:

La Nina -The SST forecast indicates that ENSO-neutral are present and a transition from ENSO-neutral to La Niña is favored in the next couple of months.

MJO shall be active during 11th December – 22nd December giving severely suppressed rainfall for the entire island.

Seasonal Precipitation:

The precipitation forecast for the Dec-Feb 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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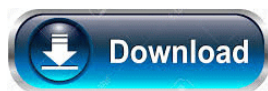
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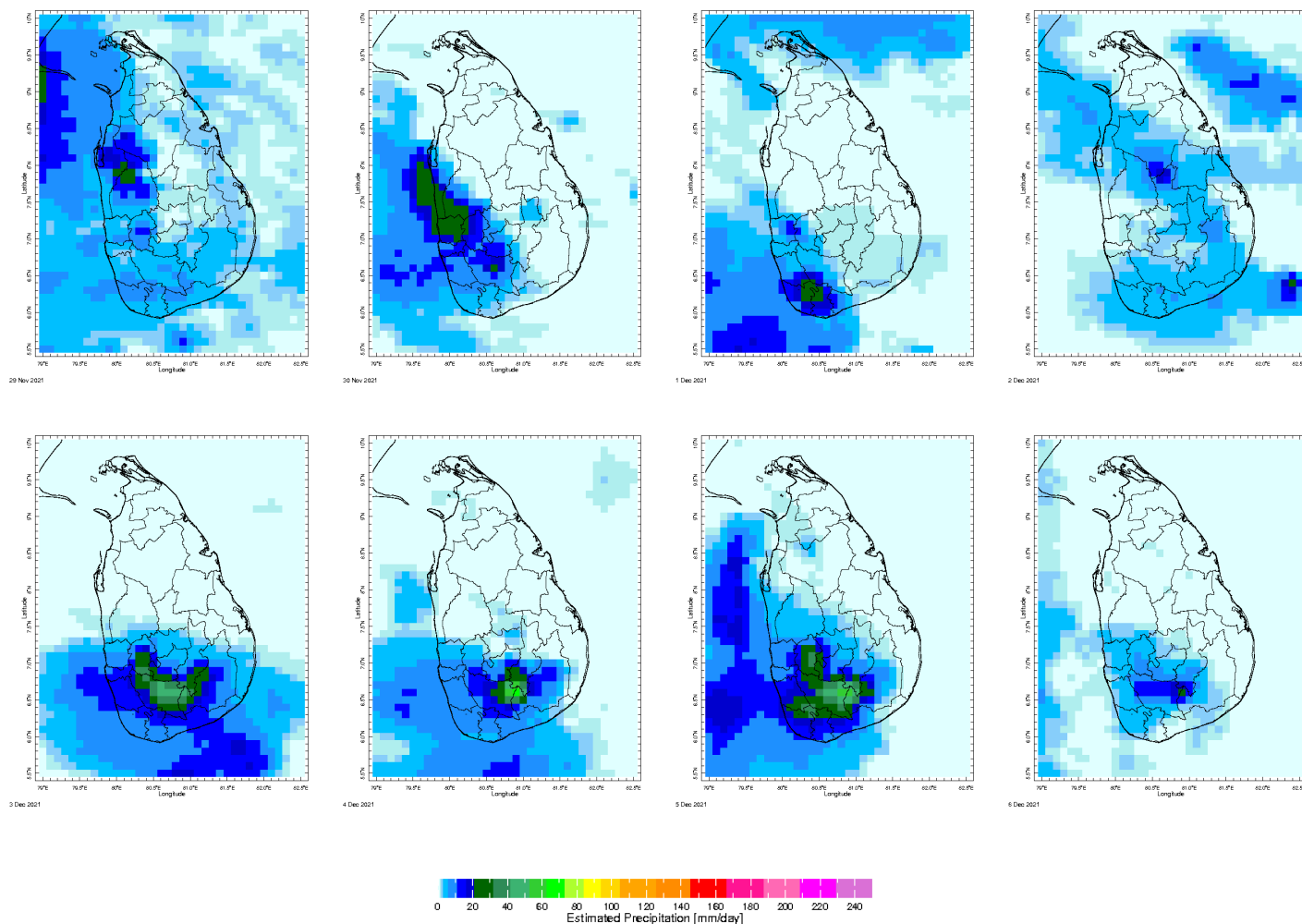
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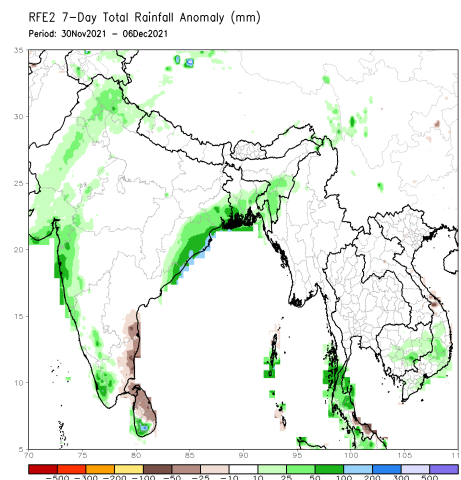
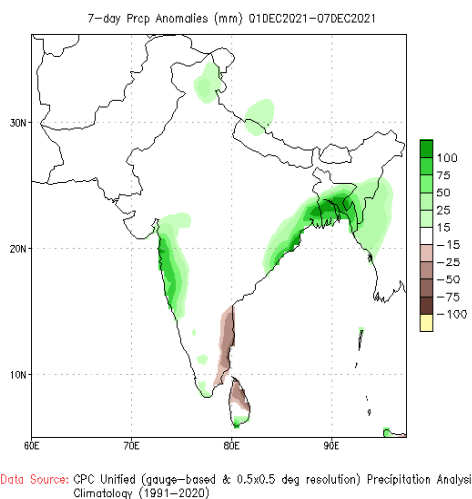
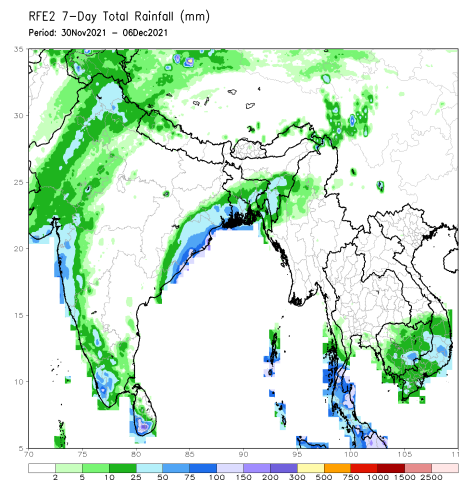
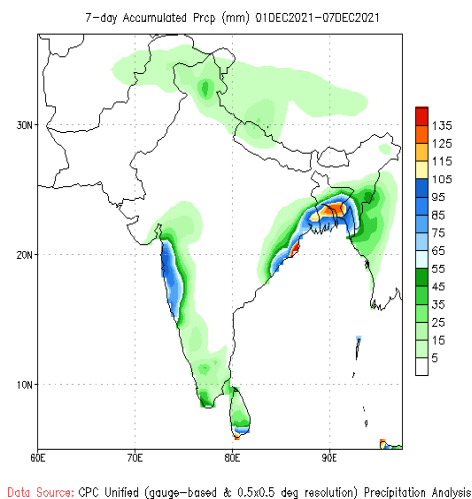
Daily Rainfall Monitoring

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



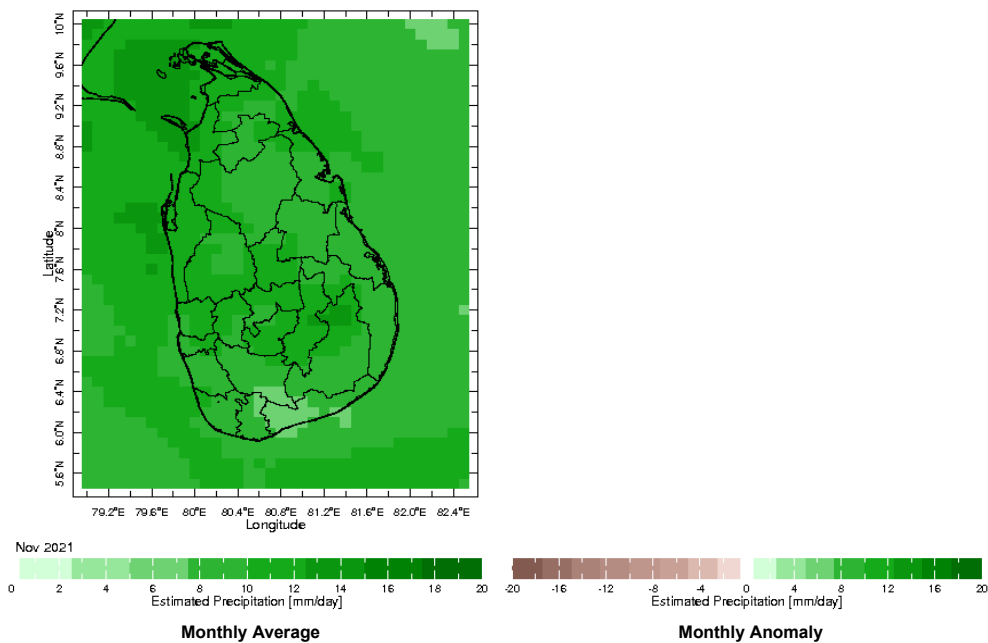
Weekly Rainfall Monitoring

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.

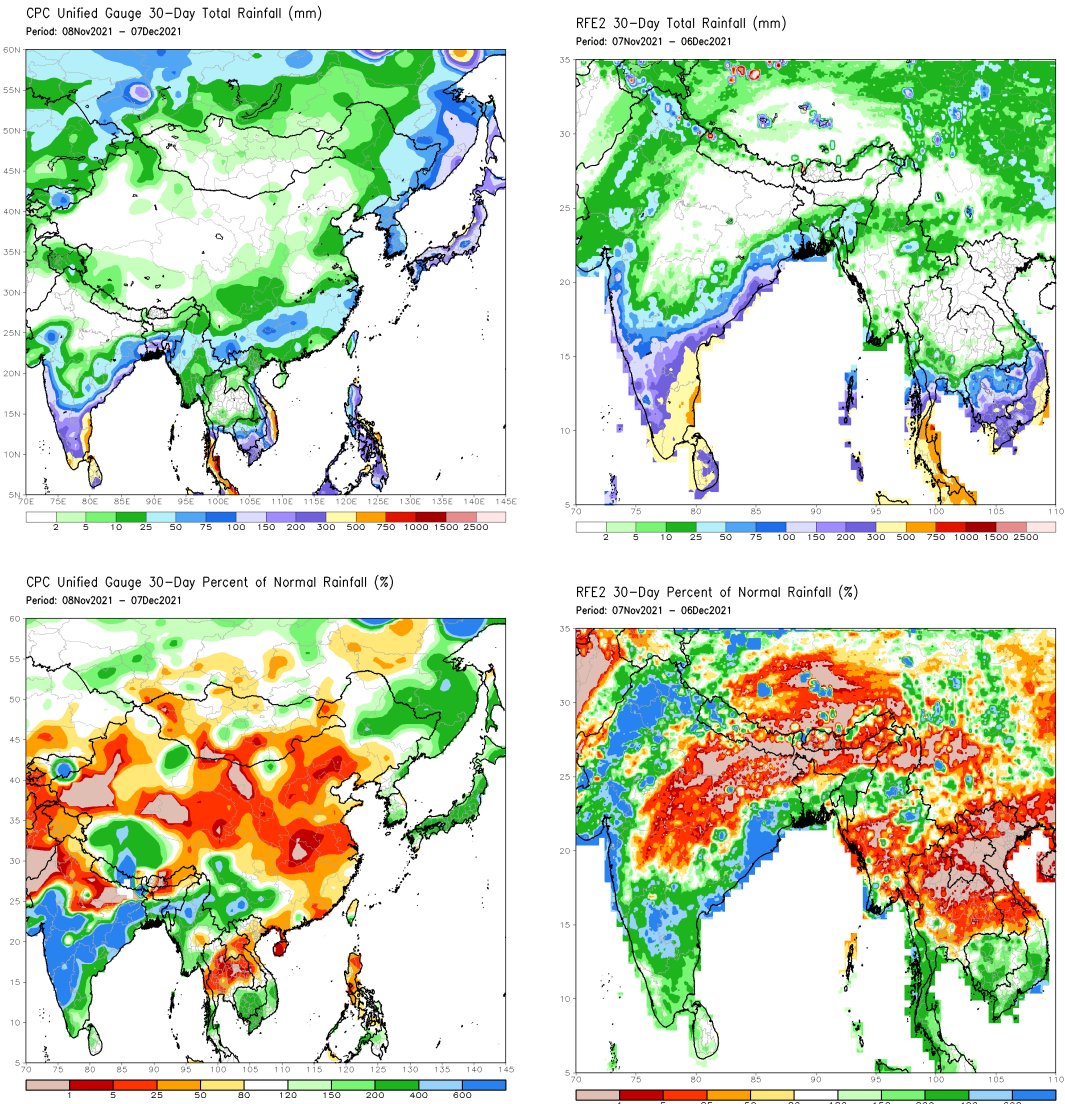


Monthly Rainfall Monitoring

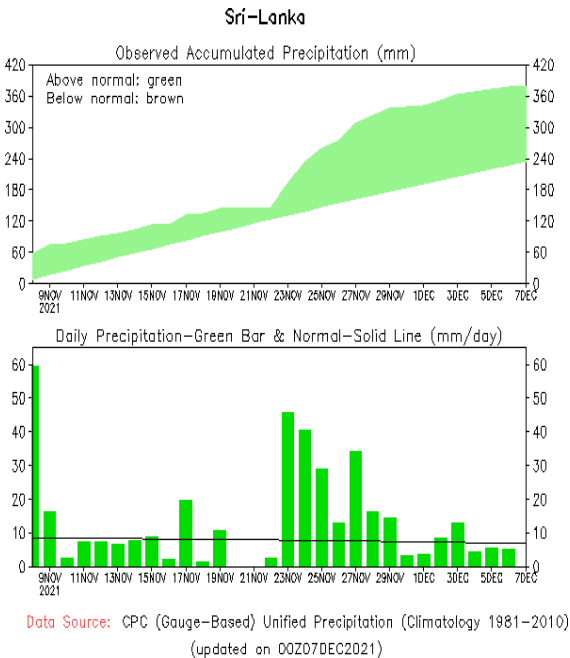
The figure in the left shows the average observed rainfall in the previous month. The rainfall anomaly in the previous month is shown in the figure to the right. The brown color in the anomaly figure shows places which received less rainfall than the historical average while the green color shows places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



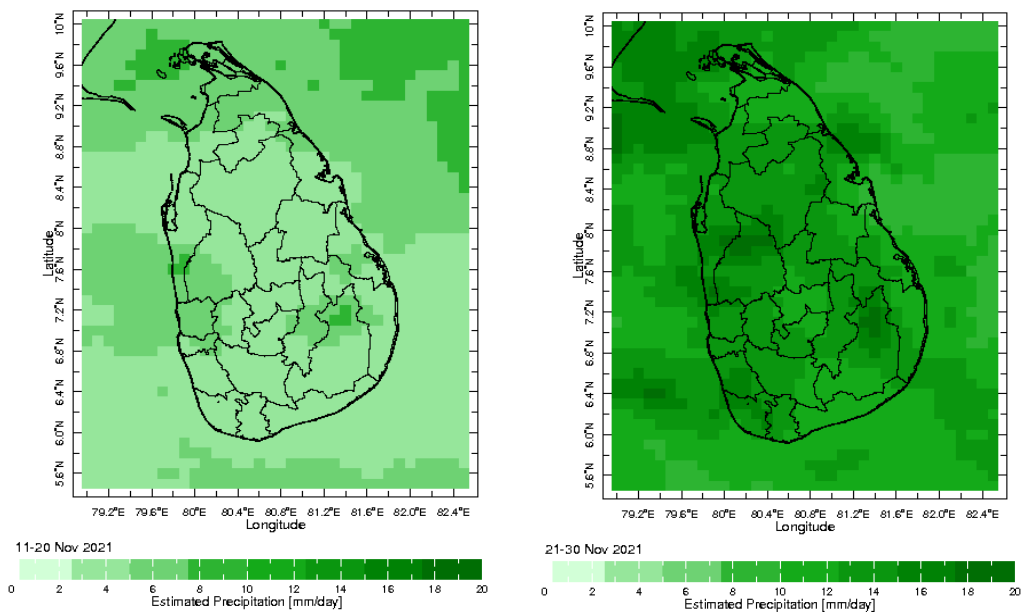
The figure in the top-left shows the total rainfall in the past 30 days from CPC Unified Precipitation Analysis while the figure in the top-right shows the total rainfall for the same period from RFE 2.0 Satellite Rainfall Estimates. The bottom two figures show the percentage of rainfall received in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



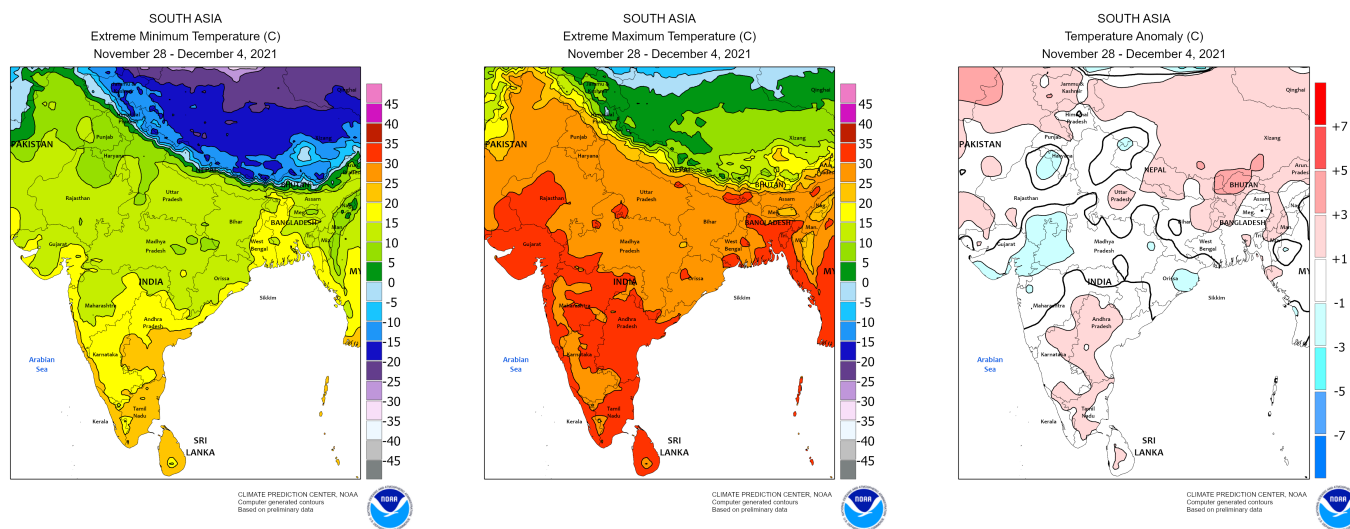
The following figure shows the observed accumulated rainfall (top) and daily observed rainfall (bottom) in Sri Lanka in the last 30 days.



Dekadal (10 Day) Satellite Derived Rainfall Estimates

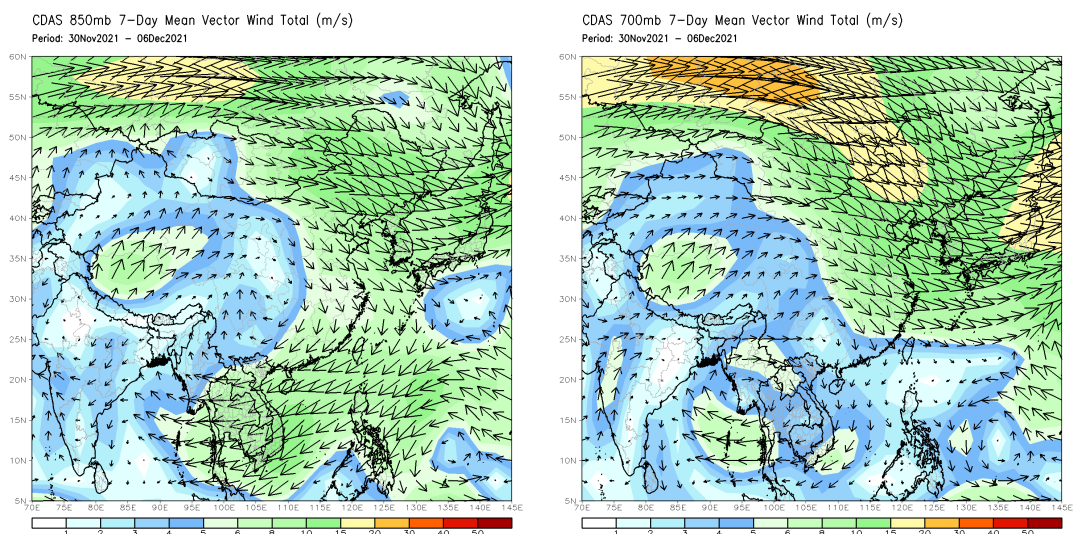


Weekly Temperature Monitoring



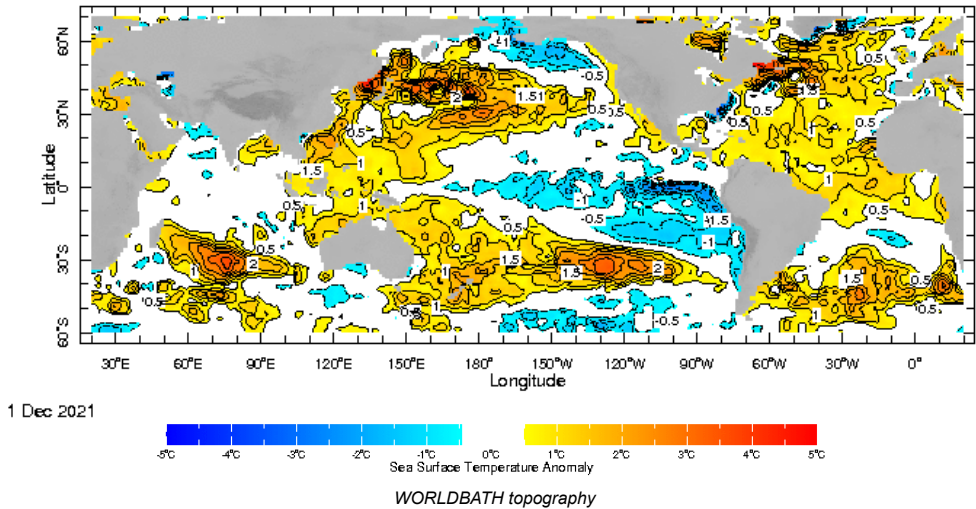
Weekly Wind Monitoring

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.

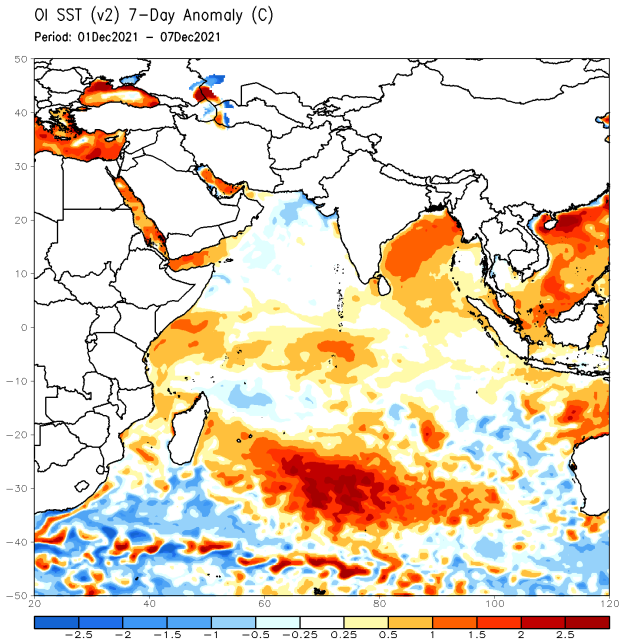


Weekly Average SST Anomalies

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

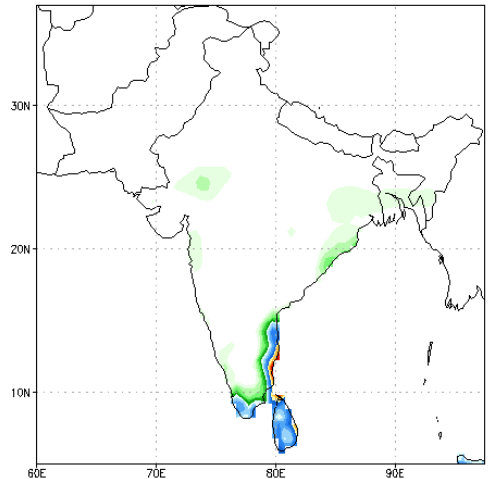


Optimum Interpolated Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly in the Indian Ocean from NOAA CPC



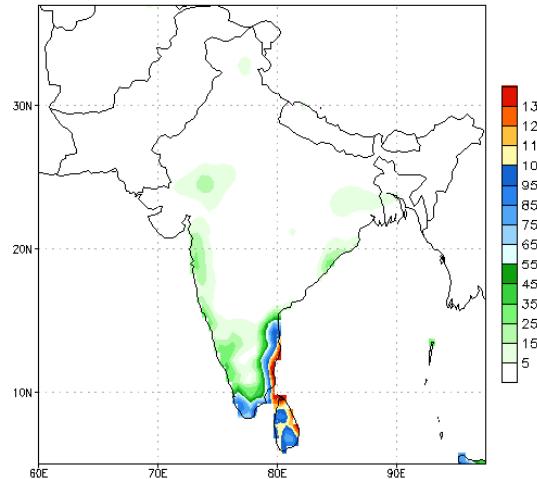
NCEP GFS 1- 14 Day prediction

NCEP GFS Ensemble Forecast 1-7 Day Precipitation (mm)
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08Dec2021-14Dec2021 Accumulation



Bias correction based on last 30-day forecast error

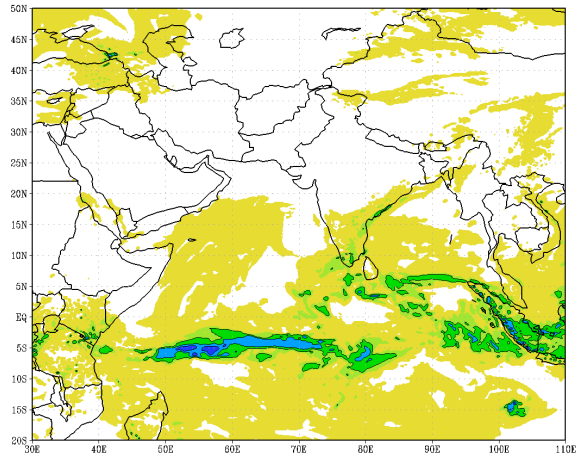
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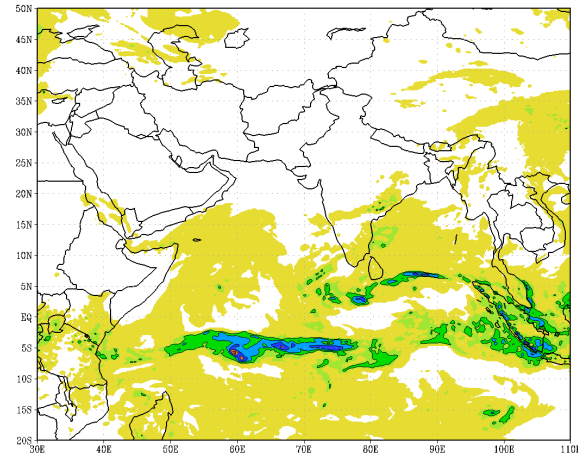
IMD GFS (T574) Model Rainfall Forecast from RMSC New Delhi, India

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based on 00 UTC of 09-12-2021 valid for 03 UTC of 10-12-2021



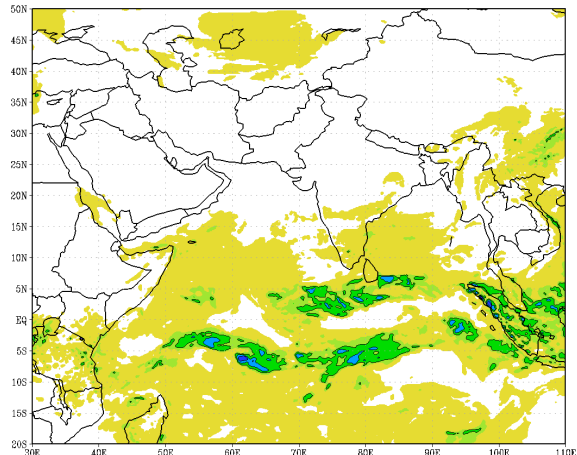
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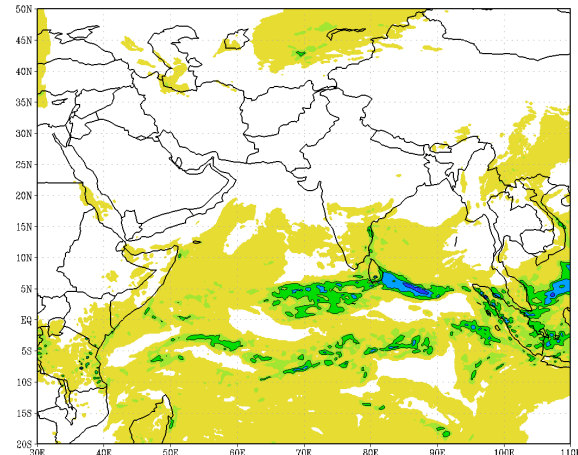
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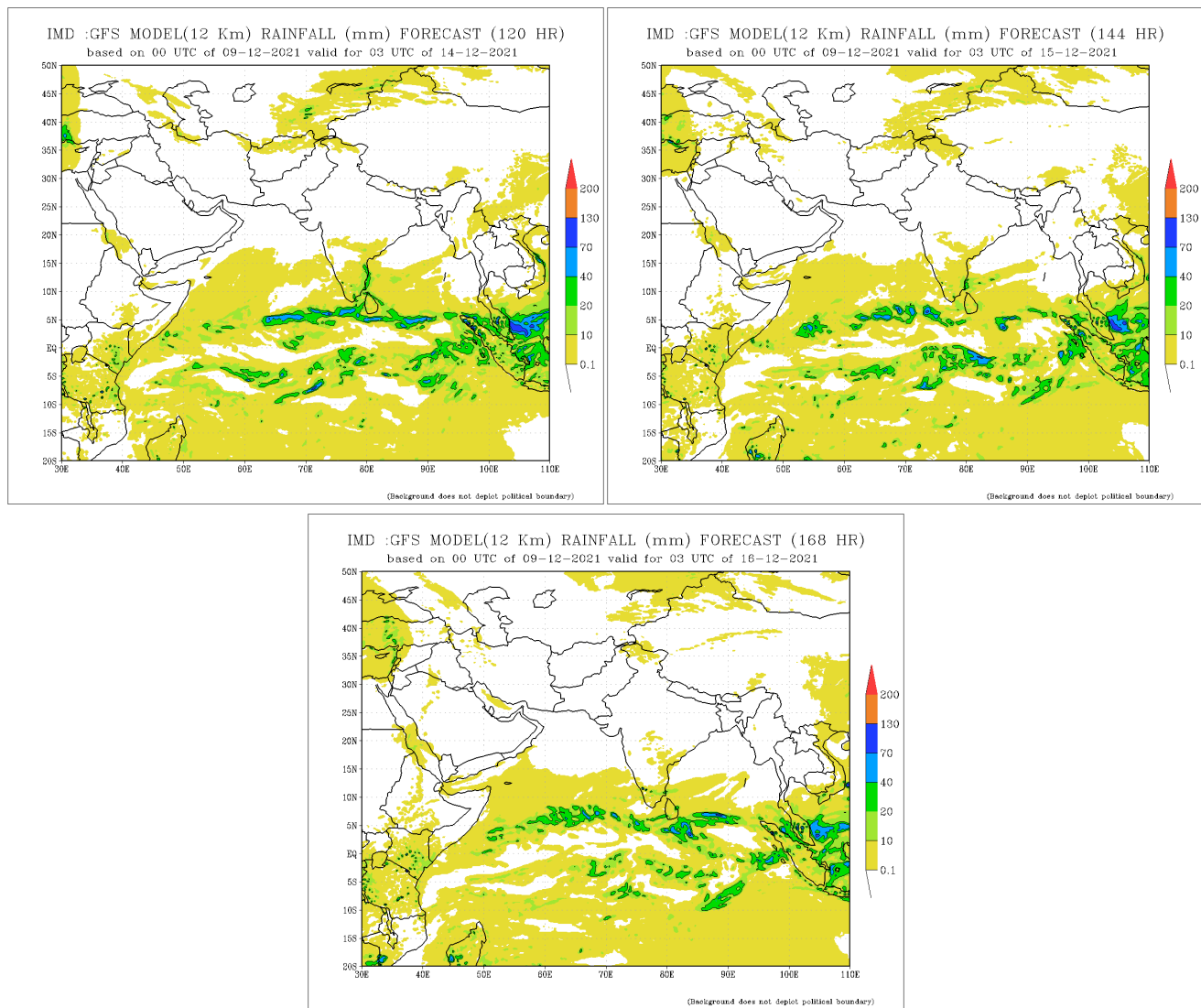


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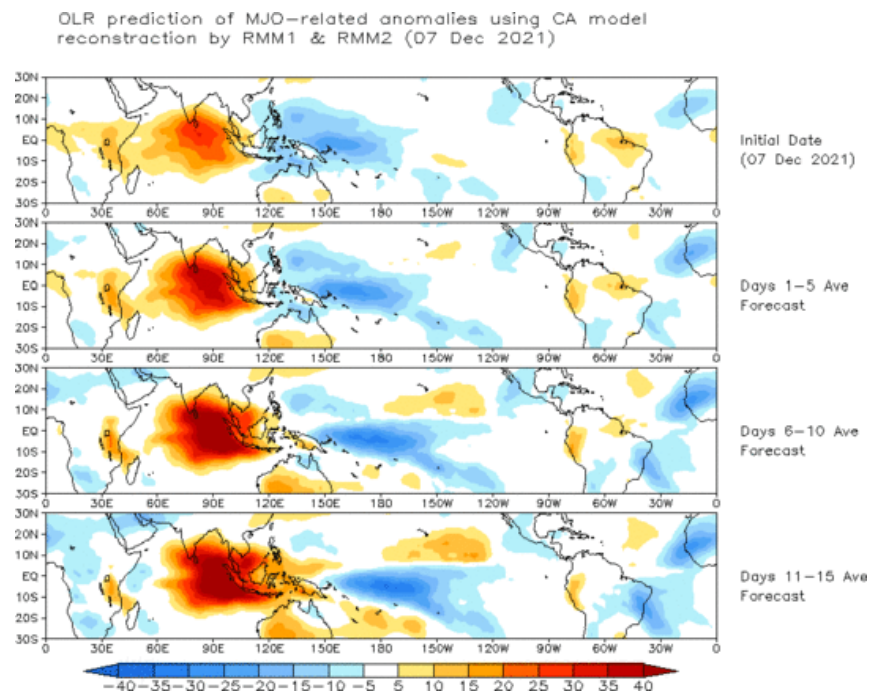


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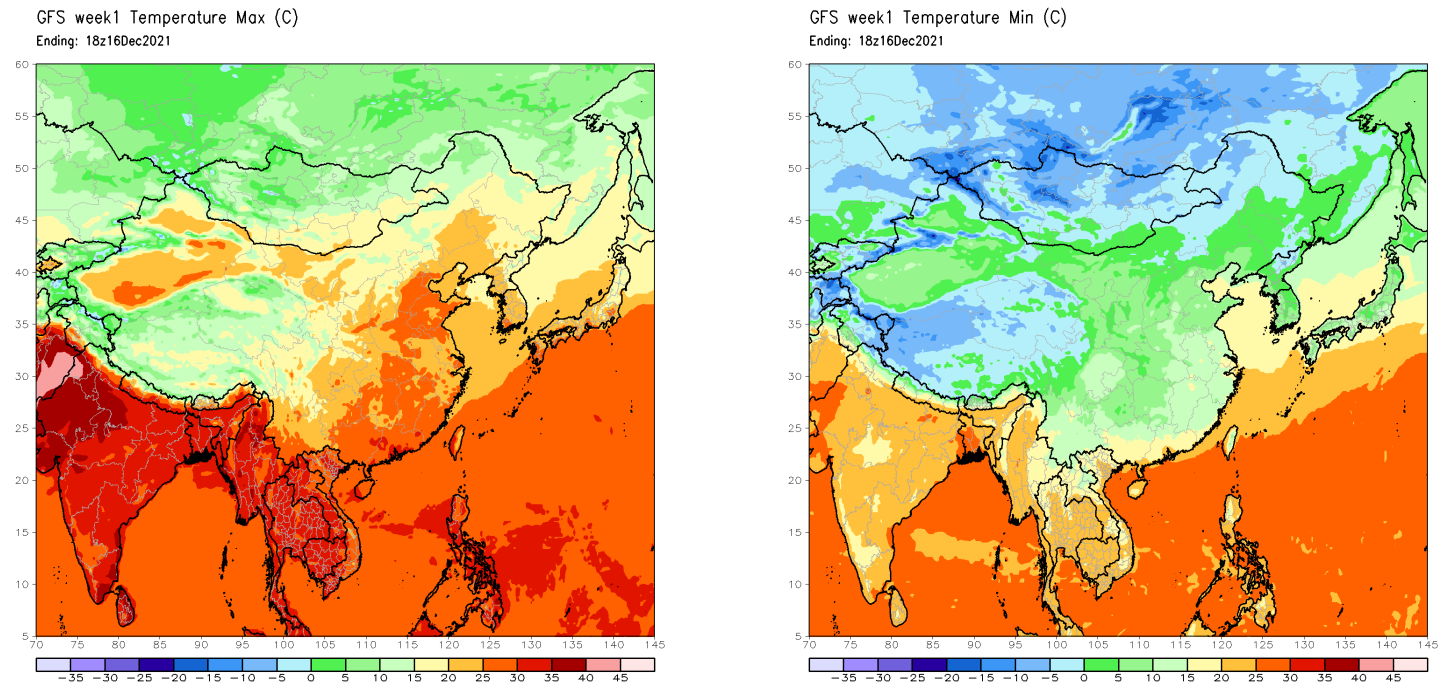
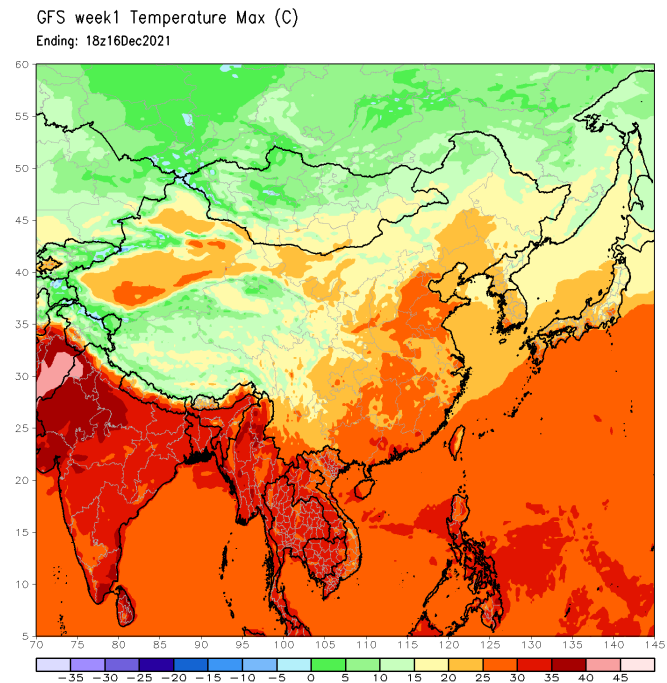
Madden Julian Oscillation (MJO) related Outgoing Longwave Radiation (OLR) Forecast

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 anomalous OLR for the next 15 days from the Constructed Analogue (CA) model forecasts.



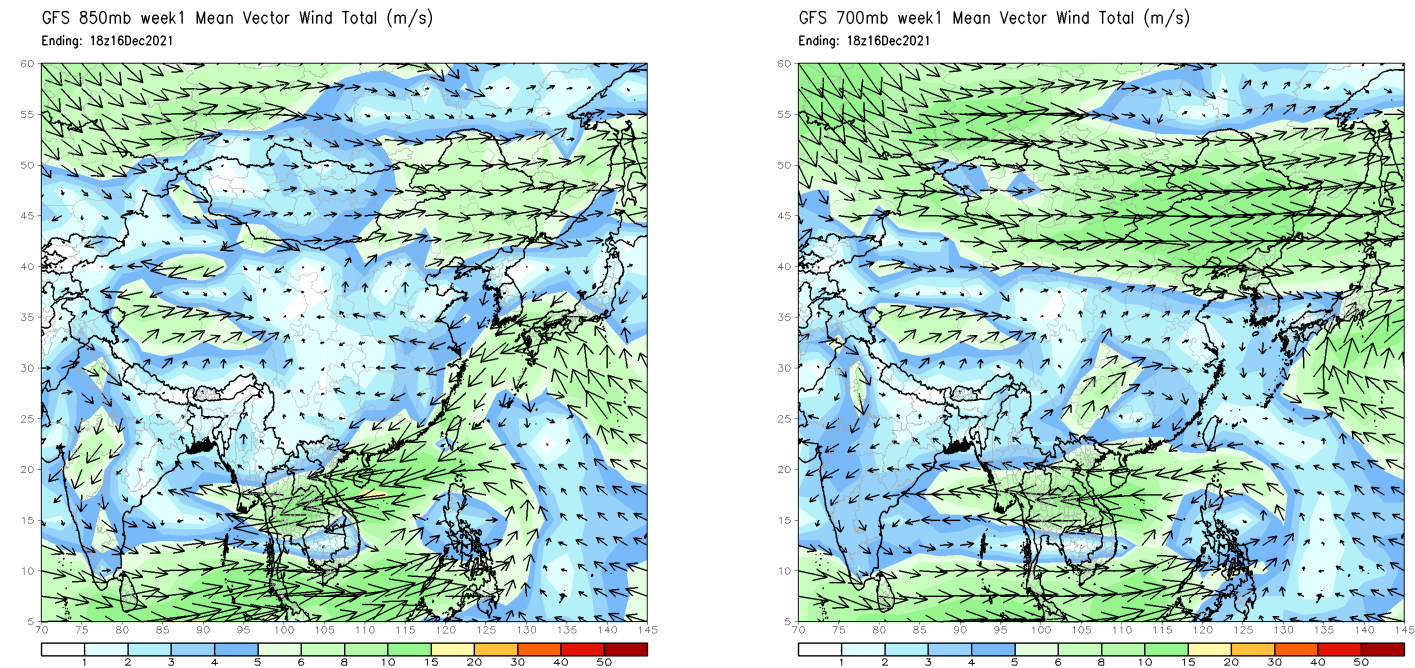
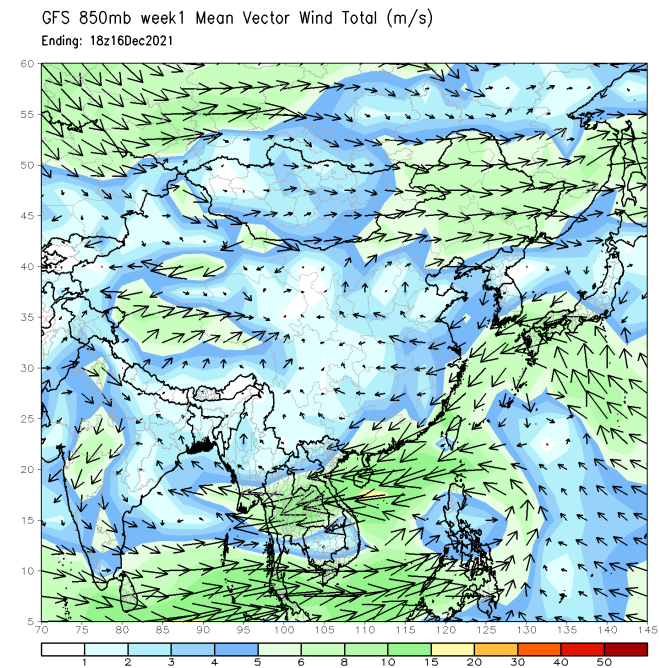
Weekly Temperature Forecast

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



Weekly Wind Forecast

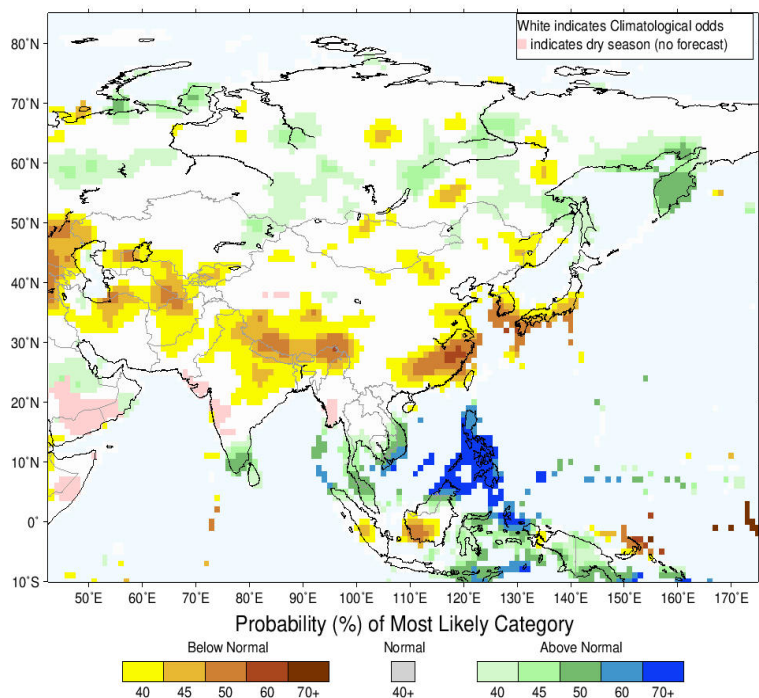
Weekly mean vector wind total prediction from the GFS model at 850 mb (left) and 700 mb (right) levels. (from NOAA CPC)



Seasonal Rainfall and Temperature Forecast

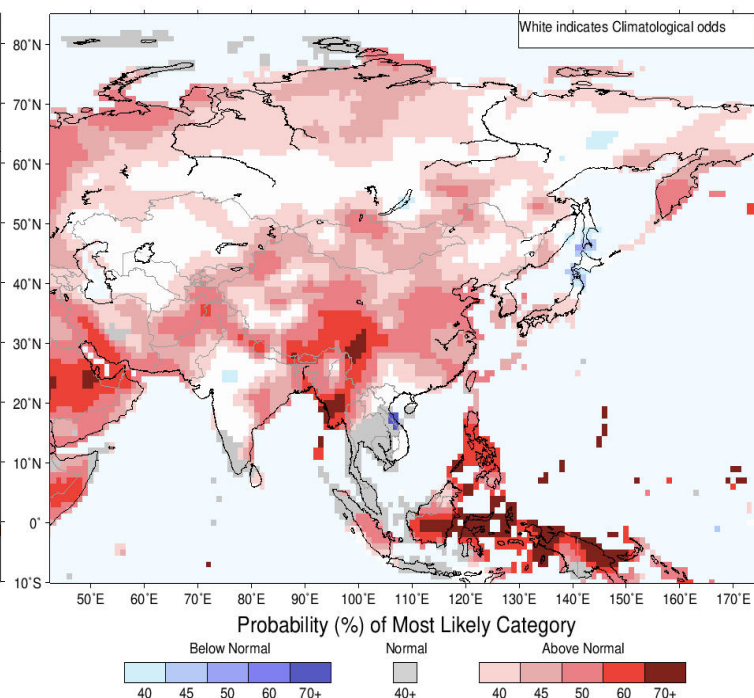
Following is the latest seasonal precipitation and temperature prediction for the next 3 months by the IRI. The color shading indicates the probability of the most dominant tercile - that is, the tercile having the highest forecast probability. The color bar alongside the map defines these dominant tercile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

IRI Multi-Model Probability Forecast for Precipitation for December-January-February 2022, Issued November 2021



Precipitation Forecast

IRI Multi-Model Probability Forecast for Temperature for December-January-February 2022, Issued November 2021



Temperature Forecast

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