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EXPERIMENTAL CLIMATE MONITORING AND PREDICTION

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HIGHLIGHTS

Rainfall Forecast



- The NOAA weekly rainfall forecast predicts up to 25 mm of total rainfall in most parts of the island during 4 - 9 Mar.

Monitored Rainfalls



- Between 25 Feb - 3 Mar: dry weather conditions were observed throughout the island.

Monitored Wind



- From 25 Feb - 2 Mar: up to 18 km/h, easterly winds were experienced by the entire island.

Monitored Sea Surface



- 0.5 °C above average sea surface temperature was observed in the seas around Sri Lanka.

Monitoring

Rainfall

Weekly Monitoring

Date	Rainfall
26 th February	No Rainfall.
27 th February	No Rainfall.
28 th February	Up to 5 mm Galle and Matara districtst.
29 th February	No Rainfall.
1 st March	No Rainfall.
2 nd March	Up to 5 mm in Monaragala district.
3 rd March	Up to 5 mm in Monaragala and Badulla districts.



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Total Rainfall for the Past Week

The RFE 2.0 tool shows total up to 5-10 mm in Mullaitivu districts. Below average rainfall up to 10-25 mm for Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Matale, Kandy, Kegalle, Kurunegala, Puttalam, Gampaha, Colombo, Kalutara, Galle, Matara, Badulla, Monaragala, Ampara, Nuwara Eliya, Ratnapura and Batticaloa districts.

Monthly Monitoring

During February – Above average rainfall conditions up to 150 mm were experienced by several regions of Mannar district. Below average rainfall conditions up to 240 mm were experienced by Polonnaruwa, Batticaloa, Ampara, Monaragala, Nuwara Eliya, Kegalle, Ratnapura, Gampaha, Colombo, Kalutara and Galle districts; and up to 150 mm in rest of the island. The CPC Unified Precipitation Analysis tool shows up to 75 mm were experienced by Mannar, Anuradhapura, Batticaloa and Ampara districts; and up to 50 mm in Polonnaruwa, Monaragala, Hambantota, Galle and Kalutara districts.

Ocean State (Text Courtesy IRI)

Pacific sea state: February 18, 2020

SSTs in the east-central Pacific were neutral, but above average during mid-February. Patterns in atmospheric variables are split between neutral and weak El Niño conditions. Most model forecasts favor warm-neutral SST conditions during spring, cooling to average by early summer. The official CPC/IRI outlook is consistent with these model forecasts, calling for continuation of ENSO-neutral.

Indian Ocean State

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Predictions

Rainfall

14-day prediction: NOAA NCEP models

From 4th – 10th Mar: No Rainfall.

From 11th – 17th Mar: No Rainfall.

NOAA Model Forecast:

From 4th – 9th Mar: Total rainfall up to 25 mm is expected in most parts of the island.

MJO based OLR predictions

For the next 15 days:

MJO shall enhance the rainfall in Sri Lanka in the next 5 days and shall not have an impact in the following 10 days.

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Official hydro-meteorological statements are provided by the Sri Lanka Department of Meteorology and Department of Irrigation.



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Weekly Hydro- Meteorological Report for Sri Lanka

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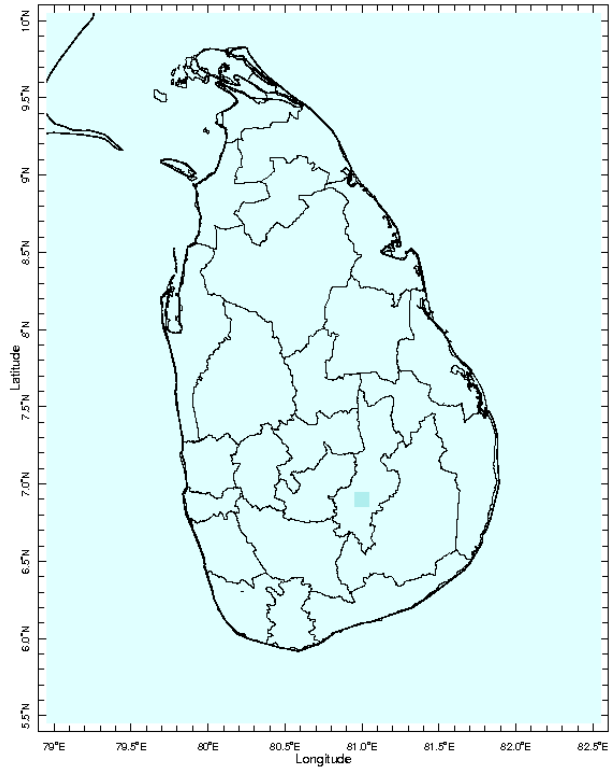
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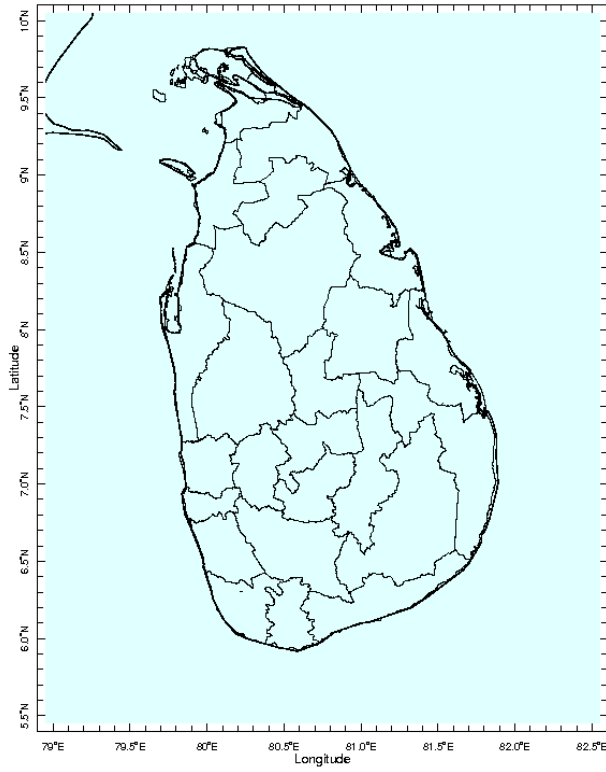
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Daily Rainfall Monitoring

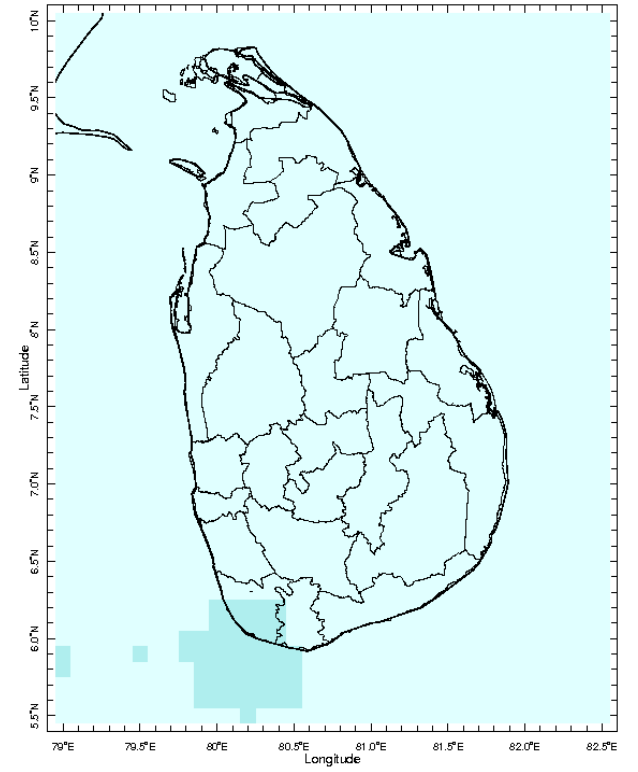
The following figures show the satellite observed rainfall in the last 7 days in Sri Lanka.



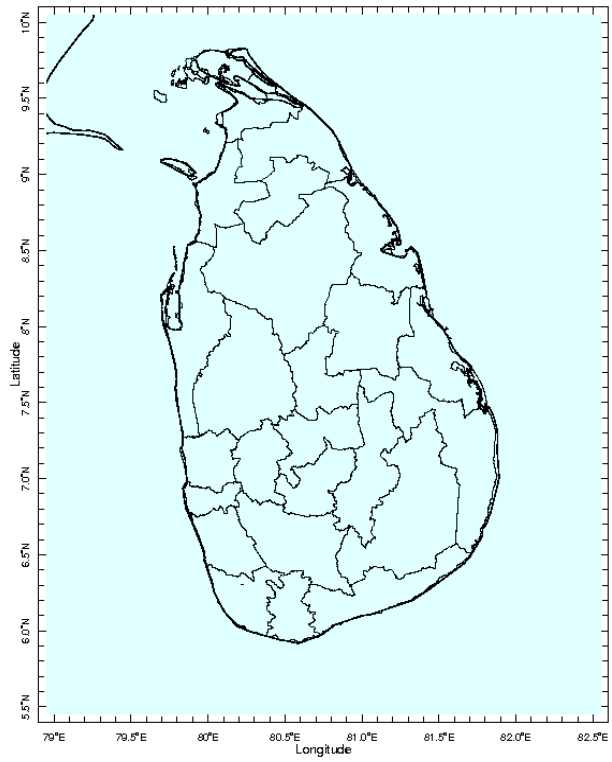
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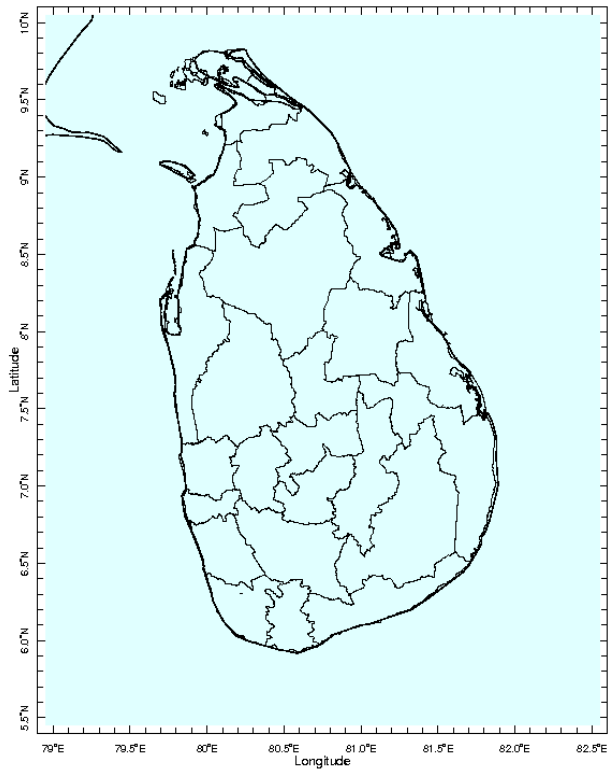
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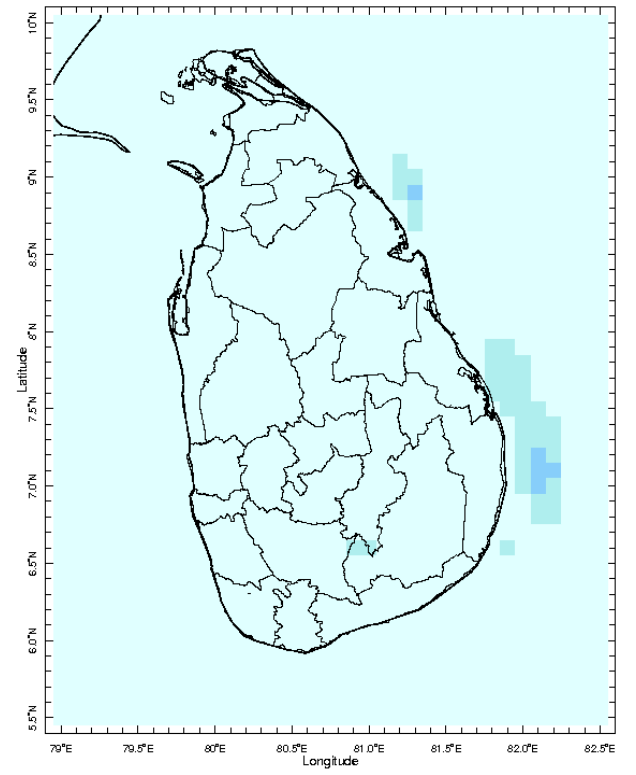
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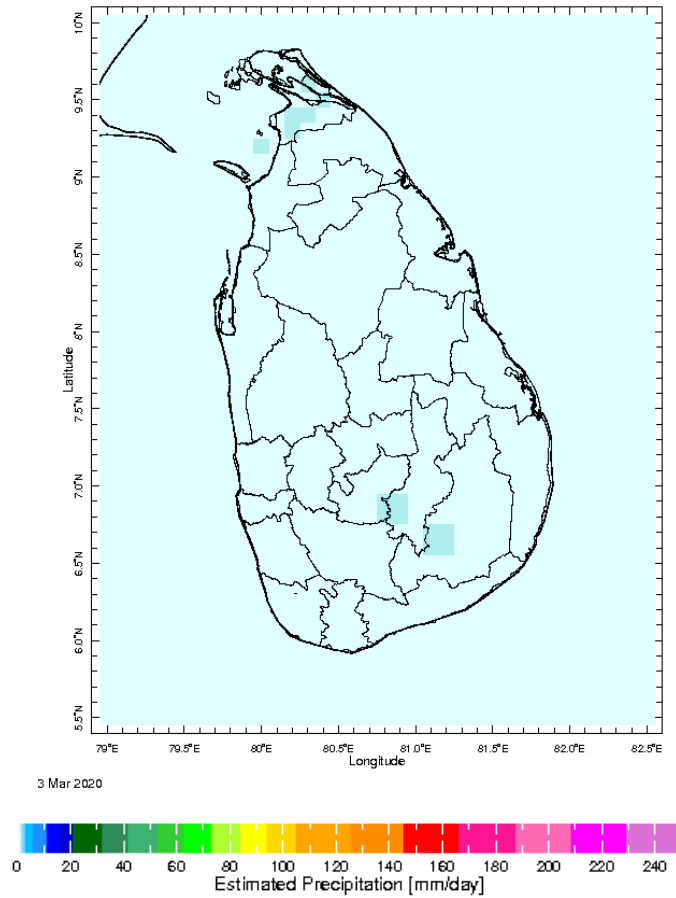
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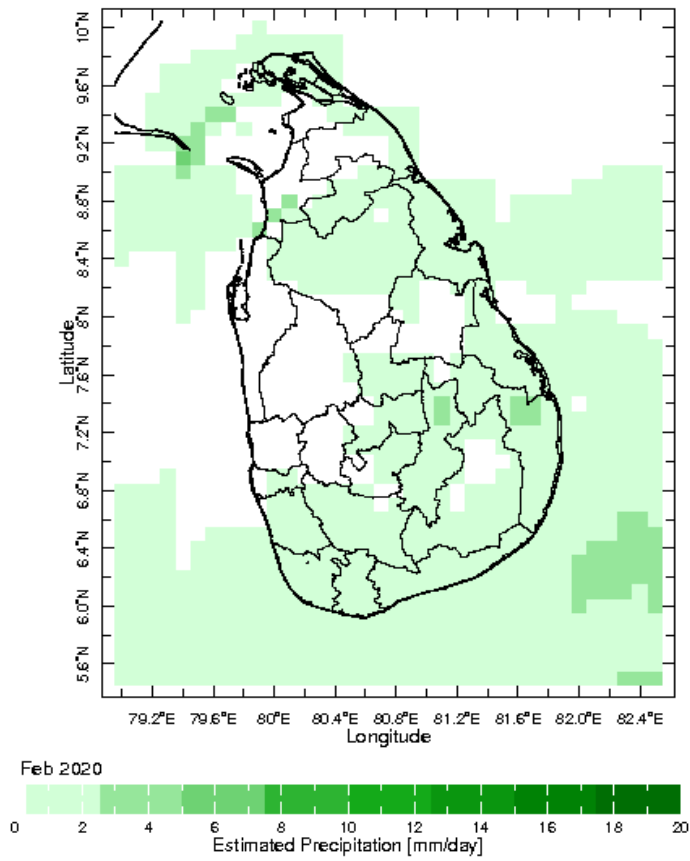


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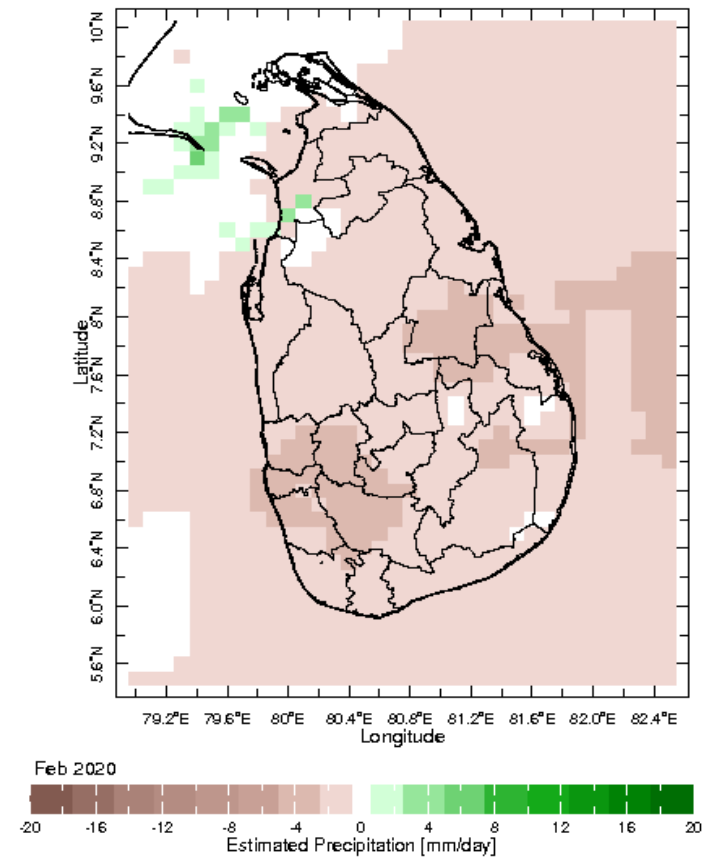


Monthly Rainfall Monitoring

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

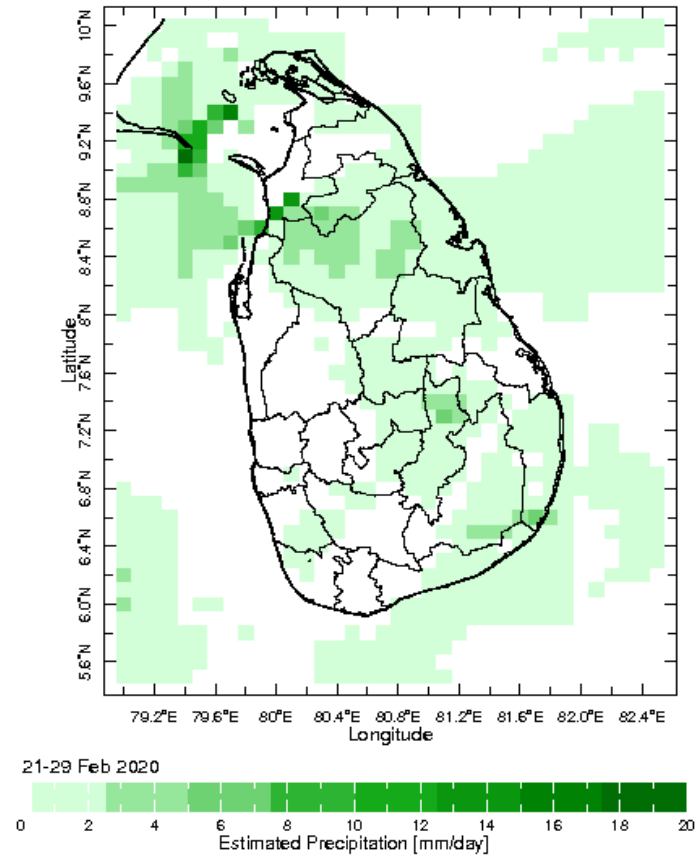
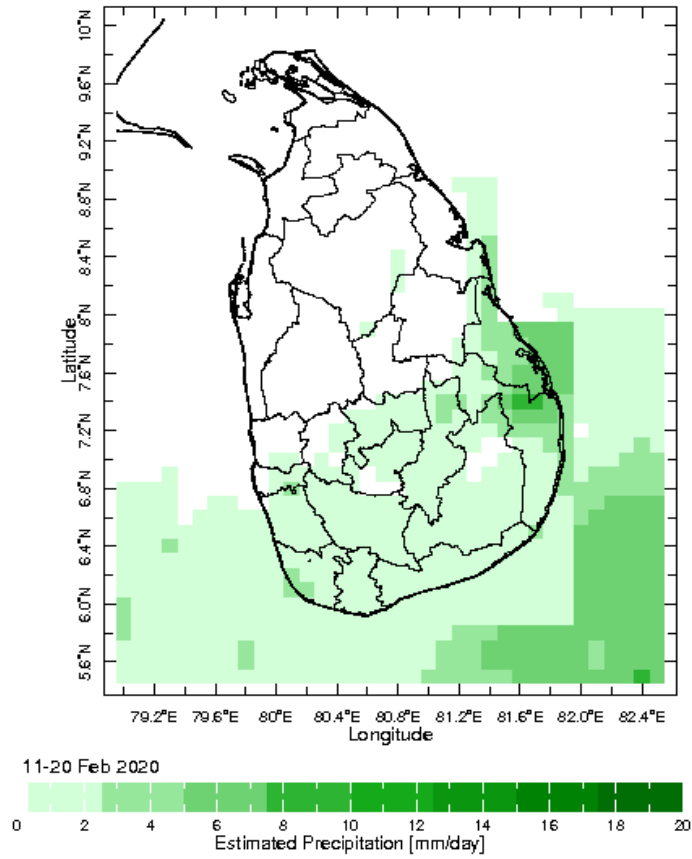


Monthly Average



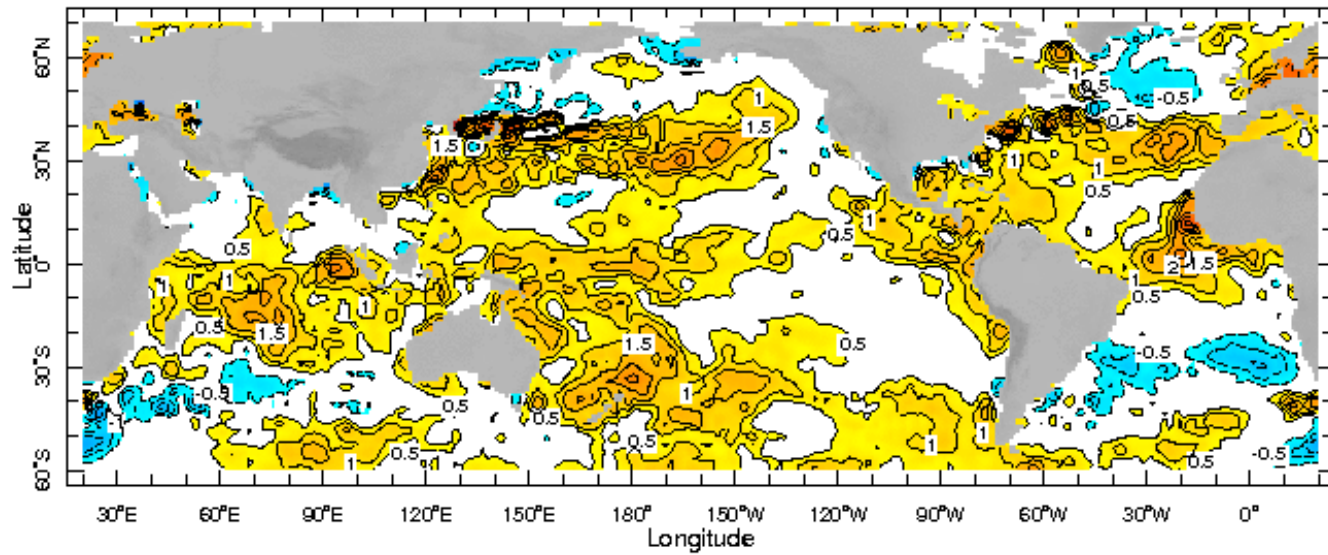
Monthly Anomaly

Dekadal (10 Day) Satellite Derived Rainfall Estimates

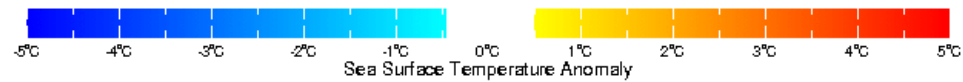


Weekly Average SST Anomalies

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



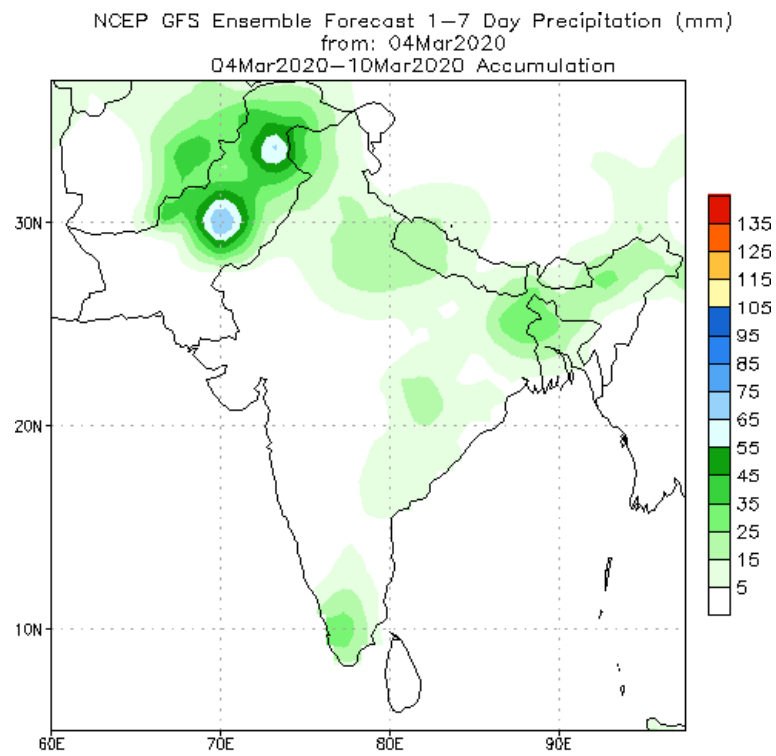
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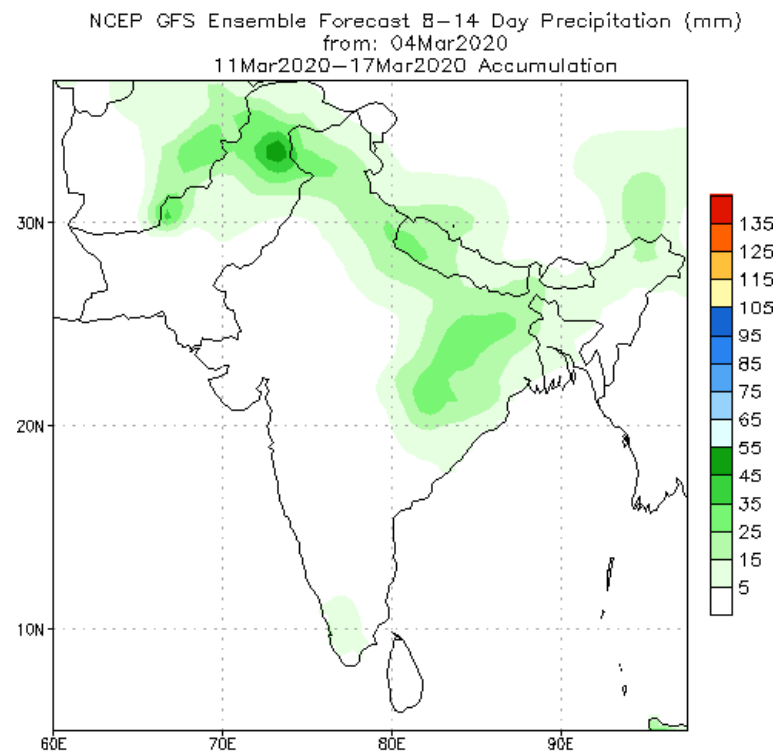
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PREDICTIONS

NCEP GFS 1- 14 Day prediction



Bias correction based on last 30-day forecast error



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WRF Model Forecast (from IMD Chennai)

Total rainfall forecast from the IRI for next six days is provided in figures below. The figure to the left shows the expectancy of heavy rainfall events during these six days while the figure to the right is the prediction of total rainfall amount during this period.

