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AGRO-ADVISORY BULLETIN FOR KODAGU DISTRICT

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Past Weather Data

Parameter	17.03.2026	18.03.2026	19.03.2026	20.03.2026
Rainfall (mm)	-	-	-	-
Max. Temp. (°C)	-	-	-	-
Min. Temp. (°C)	-	-	-	-
Sky condition (Octas)	-	-	-	-
Relative humidity (%) 0830 hours	-	-	-	-
Relative humidity (%) 1730 hours	-	-	-	-
Wind Speed (km/h)	-	-	-	-
Wind Direction	-	-	-	-

Weather forecast for the next five days (From 21-03-2026 to 25-03-2026)

Parameter	21.03.2026	22.03.2026	23.03.2026	24.03.2026	25.03.2026
Rainfall (mm)	0.4	0.4	2.4	2.1	1.1
Max. Temp. (°C)	31.1	32.2	31.4	31.2	32.4
Min. Temp. (°C)	17.8	18.4	18.9	19	19.1
Sky condition (Octas)	2	2	2	2	1
Relative humidity (%) 0830 hours	94	93	95	94	95
Relative humidity (%) 1730 hours	35	34	41	41	37
Wind Speed (kmph)	3.9	1	1	1.3	1.3
Wind Direction	68	135	45	56	56

Forecast Summary

As forecast received from IMD, moderate rainfall may be expected from 21.03.2026 to 25.03.2026 in Kodagu district. The day temperature is expected to be 31.1-32.4°C & night temperature is expected 17.8-19.1°C. The relative humidity in the morning hours is expected to be 93-95% & afternoon relative humidity is expected to be in the range of 34-41%. Wind speed expected to be 1-3.9 km/ hr.

SMS Advisory

Moderate rainfall likely in coming days. Ensure proper drainage in coffee, pepper and plantation crops to avoid water stagnation. Avoid spraying during rainy periods. Provide staking/support to banana and vegetable crops. Harvest matured crops and store safely to prevent moisture damage. Keep livestock in dry shelters and maintain hygiene to prevent diseases.

General Advisory

📌 Agriculture & Crop Management

- As no rainfall is expected, **protective irrigation** should be provided to standing crops, vegetables, orchards, and nurseries to avoid moisture stress.
- Weather conditions are **favourable for field operations** such as harvesting, threshing, drying, weeding, hoeing, and fertilizer application.
- Apply mulching in horticultural crops to **conserve soil moisture**.

📌 Plant Protection

- Dry weather and lower humidity may encourage **sucking pests and mites**. Regular crop monitoring is advised and need-based control measures may be adopted.
- Carry out plant protection spraying during **morning or evening hours**.

📌 Livestock & Poultry

- Ensure **adequate drinking water** for livestock and poultry.
- Maintain proper ventilation in animal sheds during daytime and provide protection during cool mornings and nights.
- Dry conditions are suitable for **shed cleaning and sanitation**.

📌 General Precautions

- Cool mornings may cause mild discomfort; take precautions during early morning farm activities.
- Dry weather is suitable for **storage of harvested produce**, but ensure proper aeration to avoid quality loss.

Crops and Suitable Varieties for Sowing in March

Shaktiman Sorghum: CSH-5, CSH-9, CSV-4

Cowpea: C-152, TVX-944-02-E, KBC-1, KBC-2

Field Bean: HA-3, HA-4, HA-5

Soybean (Irrigated): MAUS-2 (Pooja), Karune (Vegetable Soybean), KBS-23

Horticultural Crops: Banana, Okra, Month Bean

Fodder Crops: Sorghum: JS-3

Cowpea: MFC-09-01, MFC-08-14, MFC-09-03

Bajra–Napier Grass: PBN-342

Weather-Based Crop Stage Advisory (Kodagu Region)

Crop	Stage	Weather-Based Advisory	Severe Pests / Diseases Likely	Recommended Management
Finger Millet	Grain filling / Harvest	Warm days may hasten maturity	Neck blast (if RH rises), Ear head bug	Harvest at physiological maturity; avoid field drying delays
Black Pepper	Spike development	Dry air may reduce berry setting	Pollu beetle, Quick wilt (low risk now)	Light irrigation; ensure drainage; need-based prophylactic spray
Coffee (Arabica/Robusta)	Blossom bud stage	High temp + dry weather favors blossom irrigation	Berry borer (early activity)	Provide blossom irrigation; monitor borer traps
Cardamom	Vegetative / Capsule formation	Dry wind → moisture stress	Thrips	Maintain soil moisture; mulching; shade regulation

Banana	Bunch development	Increased transpiration	Sigatoka (low), Mites	Basin irrigation; remove dried leaves; spray need-based fungicide if RH rises
Ginger / Turmeric	Vegetative	Soil moisture depletion	Rhizome rot (low in dry weather)	Irrigate at 5–7 day interval; avoid water stagnation
Cabbage / Vegetables	Head / Fruit stage	Flower drop possible in tomato	Thrips, Mites, Early blight	Drip irrigation; yellow sticky traps; neem-based spray

Livestock Advisory

Component	Advisory	Recommended Management
Dairy	Warm afternoons	Provide shade, cool water, mineral mixture
Poultry	Low evening RH (dry air)	Ensure ventilation; maintain hygiene
Goats	Dry grazing fields	Provide supplementary gre

Crop	Present Crop Stage	Advisory
Coffee (Arabica & Robusta)	Post-harvest with new shoot emergence (Chiguru stage)	Maintain optimum soil moisture to support chiguru growth. Ensure proper drainage during intermittent rains. Regulate shade and avoid chemical sprays during cloudy or rainy weather.
Paddy	Harvested stage	Store harvested grains in dry, clean, and well-ventilated conditions. Avoid moisture contact to prevent storage losses.
Black Pepper	Berry development to maturity stage	Ensure good drainage and apply mulching to conserve soil moisture. Avoid water stagnation around vines.
Cardamom	Late harvesting stage	Continue harvesting mature capsules. Dry produce properly and maintain field sanitation.
Arecanut	Nut development to harvesting stage	Harvest mature nuts and provide basin irrigation if dry conditions prevail. Apply mulching to conserve soil moisture.
Coconut	Nut development stage	Regular basin irrigation and mulching are advised to reduce moisture stress.
Ginger	Harvesting stage	Harvest during dry spells. Avoid water stagnation and store rhizomes in dry, well-ventilated conditions.
Turmeric	Harvesting stage	Continue harvesting. Follow proper curing and drying practices to maintain quality.
Vegetables	Vegetative to harvesting stage	Provide light and frequent irrigation. Ensure proper drainage and monitor crops regularly.

Block level weather forecast

Madikeri

Parameter	21.03.2026	22.03.2026	23.03.2026	24.03.2026	25.03.2026
Rainfall (mm)	1	0.9	1.7	2.7	1.3
Max. temp (°C)	30.1	31.2	30.8	30.2	31.2
Min.Temp (°C)	17.2	17.7	18.2	18.4	18.4
Sky condition (Octas)	2	3	2	2	2
Relative humidity (%) 0830 hours	96.5	94.9	97	96	96.8
Relative humidity (%) 1730 hours	39.4	36.9	41.2	43.6	40.8
Wind Speed (kmph)	3.8	1.6	2.3	2.3	1.4
Wind Direction	73.3	116.6	108.4	108.4	90

Somvarpet

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Rainfall (mm)	0.5	0.2	1	0.4	0.5
Max. temp (°C)	29.2	31.9	30.1	30.9	31.7
Min.Temp (°C)	17.1	17.7	17.9	18.1	18.2
Sky condition (Octas)	2	3	2	2	1
Relative humidity (%) 0830 hours	93.7	89.4	94.4	92.4	94.4
Relative humidity (%) 1730 hours	34.8	27	37.2	33.3	31.8
Wind Speed (kmph)	4	1.3	1.8	3.8	3.2
Wind Direction	79.7	146.3	78.7	106.7	116.6

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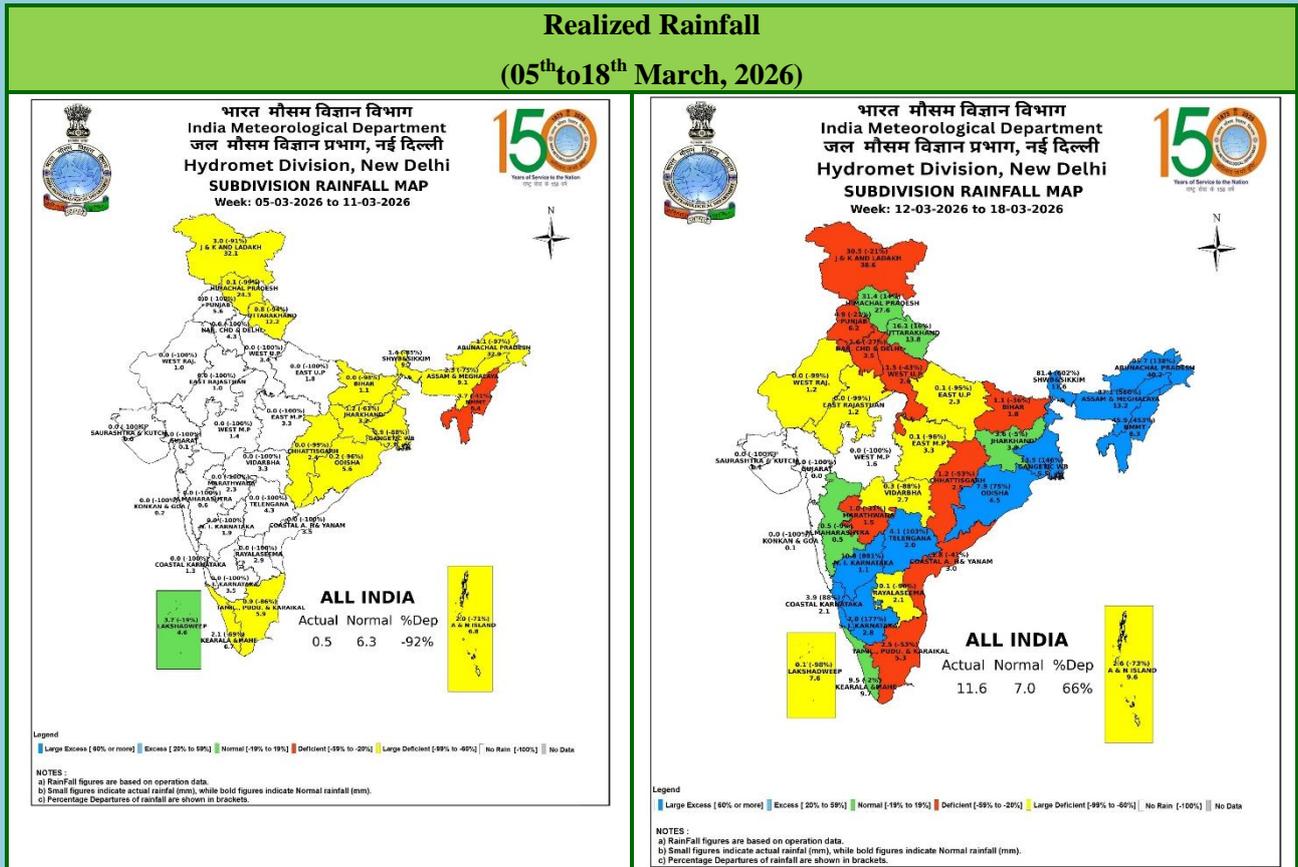
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Min.Temp (°C)	17.5	18	18.8	18.9	18.9
Sky condition (Octas)	2	2	2	2	2
Relative humidity (%) 0830 hours	94.8	95.5	95.9	94.5	95.4
Relative humidity (%) 1730 hours	36.7	37.6	44.6	43.7	43.3
Wind Speed (kmph)	4.6	1.9	2.6	3.3	3.2
Wind Direction	51.3	68.2	33.7	40.6	26.6

- Download “**DAMINI**” app to get early warning on lightening and take precautions based on the alert given by the application.
- Kindly download “**MAUSAM**” APP for location specific forecast & warning & “**MEGHDOOT**” APP for Agromet advisory
- This information is available in the website: mausam.imd.gov.in

For any information farmers can contact **Dr.Umashankar Kumar, N.,** Senior Farm Superintendent/**Dr. SumanthKumar.G.V,** Technical officer over phone No. 0821-259126/ 9535345814

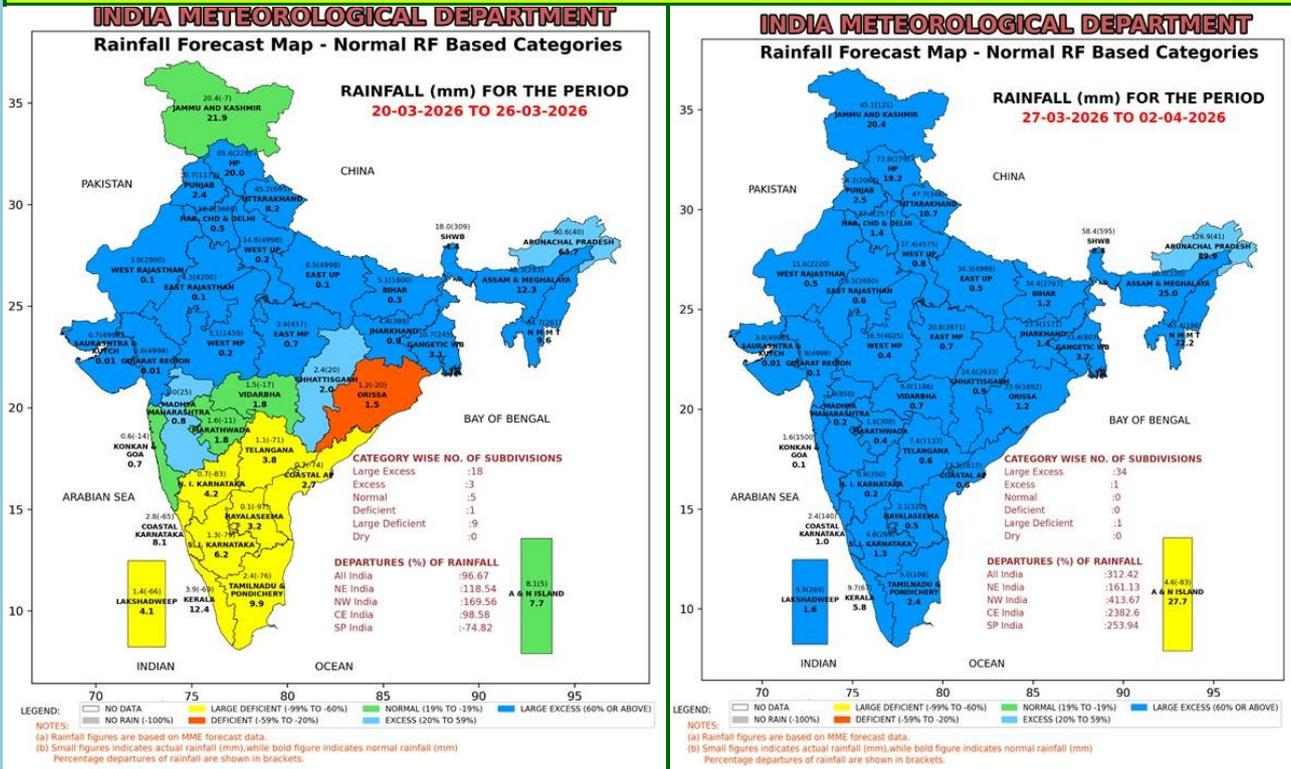
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Extended Range Forecast System

**Rainfall forecast maps for the next 2 weeks (IC- 18th March, 2026)
(20th March to 02nd April, 2026)**



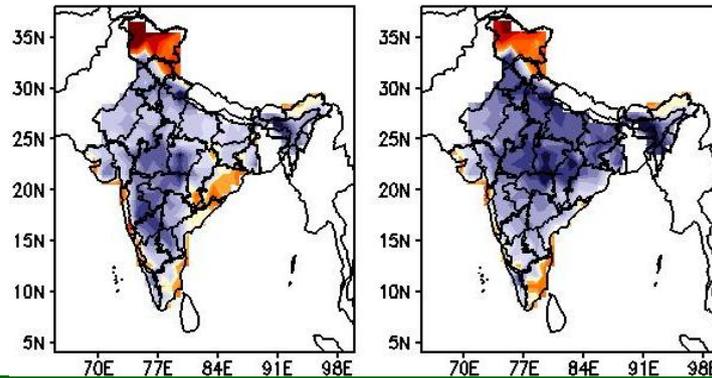
- **Week 1 (20.03.2025 to 26.03.2026):** Rainfall activity is likely to be above normal over North East India, Gangetic West Bengal, many parts of North West India and isolated areas of West Madhya Pradesh.
- **Week 2 (27.03.2025 to 02.04.2026):** Rainfall activity is likely to be above normal over East India, North East India, North West India and many parts of Central India, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Telangana & Kerala.

**Maximum and Minimum temperature anomaly (°C) forecast
for the next 2 weeks (IC- 18th March, 2026)
(20th March to 02nd April, 2026)**

MME forecast Tmax anomaly (Deg C)

(Week1: 20Mar–26Mar)

(Week2: 27Mar–02Apr)



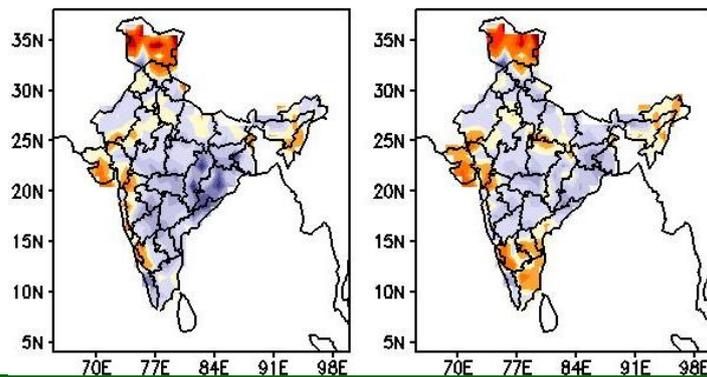
Maximum Temperature (Tmax)

- **Week 1 (20.03.2025 to 26.03.2026):** Maximum Temperature is likely to be above normal over Jammu & Kashmir, some parts of Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, coastal regions of Tamil Nadu, northern part of Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Coastal Karnataka, Konkan & Goa and isolated areas of Saurashtra & Kutch.
- **Week 2 (27.03.2025 to 02.04.2026):** Maximum temperature is likely to be above normal over Jammu & Kashmir, some parts of Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and isolated areas of Konkan-Goa & Saurashtra-Kutch.

MME forecast Tmin anomaly (Deg C)

(Week1: 20Mar–26Mar)

(Week2: 27Mar–02Apr)



Minimum Temperature (Tmin)

- **Week 1 (20.03.2025 to 26.03.2026):** Minimum Temperature is likely to be above normal over Jammu & Kashmir & Himachal Pradesh, many parts of Gujarat state and some parts of North East India, Rajasthan, Madhya Maharashtra, Konkan - Goa, coastal Karnataka and adjoining regions of South Karnataka.
- **Week 2 (27.03.2025 to 02.04.2026):** Minimum temperature is likely to be above normal over Jammu & Kashmir, many parts of North East India, South India & Gujarat state, some parts of Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan & Madhya Maharashtra and isolated areas of East Madhya Pradesh.