

Red Alert in Madhya Pradesh

Why in News?

The <u>India Meteorological Department (IMD)</u> has issued a **red alert for extremely heavy rainfall** forecast in **Madhya Pradesh**. Additionally, an **orange alert warning** has been issued for **Gujarat, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Maharashtra.**

Key Points

- The IMD issues **color-coded weather warnings** to alert people about severe or hazardous weather that could cause damage, disruption, or danger to life.
 - It uses 4 color-coded warnings as: Green, Yellow, Orange/Amber and Red depending upon the severity of weather phenomena.



India Meteorological Department

- It was established in 1875. It is the National Meteorological Service of the country and the principal government agency in all matters relating to meteorology and allied subjects.
- It works as an agency of the **Ministry of Earth Sciences** of the Government of India.
- It is headquartered in **New Delhi.**
- IMD is also one of the six Regional Specialized Meteorological Centres of the World Meteorological Organization.

