



Intense Rain Warning by IMD

Why in News?

Recently, [the India Meteorological Department](#) has **warned of heavy to extremely heavy rainfall** in parts of **Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat, Goa and Maharashtra.**

Key Points

- They have advised fisherfolk to avoid venturing into [the Arabian Sea](#) and [Bay of Bengal](#).
 - Small ships and exploration and production operators have been asked to **monitor weather developments** and take necessary precautions.
- People are recommended to **avoid locations susceptible to [waterlogging](#)** and check for traffic alerts before commuting.
- Farmers in the impacted regions should **ensure adequate [drainage in their fields](#)** and offer support to their crops.
 - There is a **risk of [landslides](#) and damage to [horticultural crops](#)** due to inundation in the affected regions.

India Meteorological Department

- IMD 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](#).

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