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An Agenda for Climate-risked Times

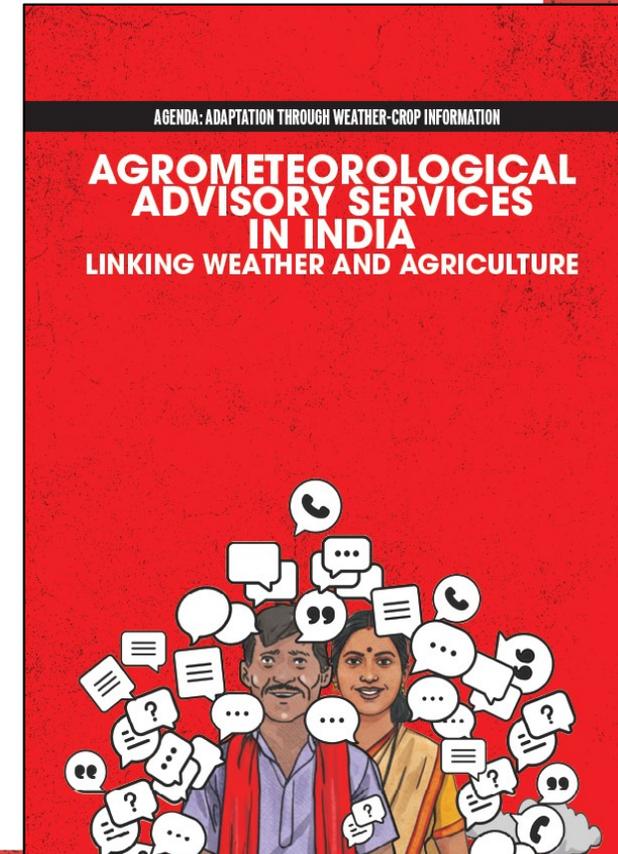
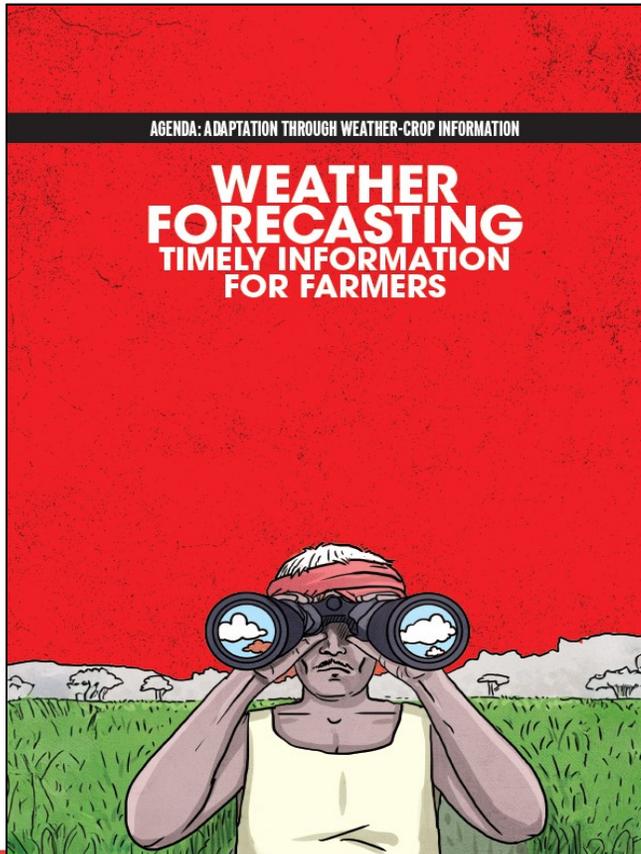
**Agro-met advisories: Challenges
and Initiatives**

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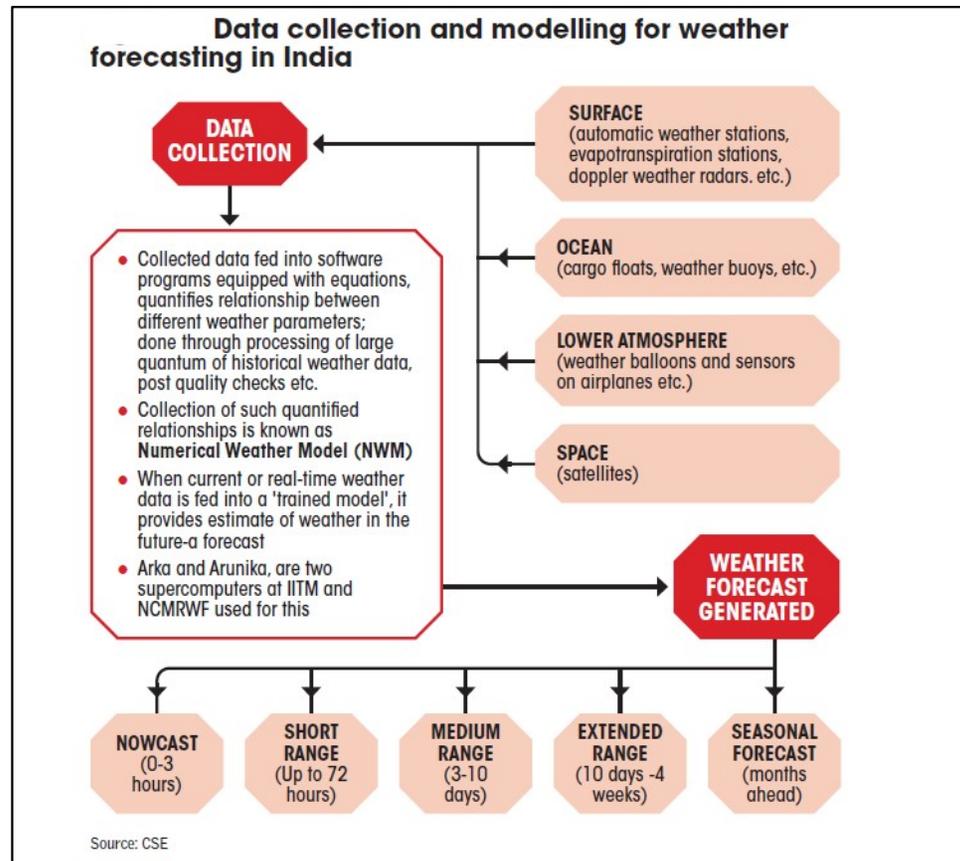


Presentation Overview

- Weather forecasting
- Agrometeorological advisory creation
- Gaps and challenges
- Opportunities and possibilities for improvement
- Examples of state initiatives



Weather forecasting and advisory creation: Indian government



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Agrometeorologists logs-into Agromet DSS portal wherein district level weather updated Tuesdays & Fridays

Based on a consultation with 'panel' of expert scientists---fills crop-wise data in drop-down options.; Additional box for impact-based forecast also filled

Advisory in PDF generated, uploaded on the DSS portal in English & regional language

Advisory displayed on IMD's Agrimet website & shared with farmers via WhatsApp groups, etc

Nowcast details with erratic/extreme events communicated immediately on digital channels

Custom Advisory At District Level of Uttarakhand:29-07-2025

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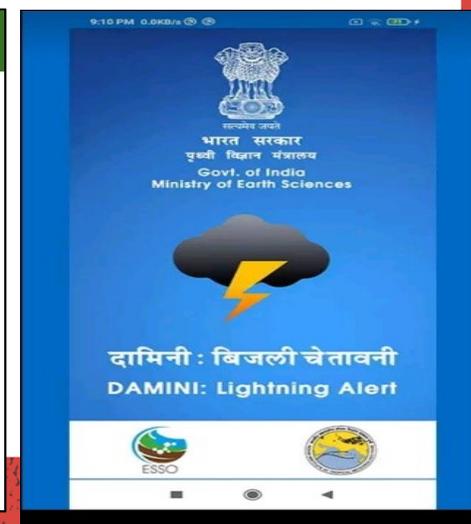
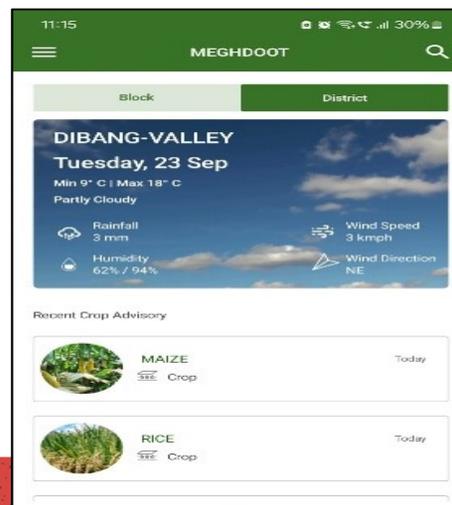
Weather Forecast of HARDWAR District in Uttarakhand - Issued On:2025-07-30 (Valid Till 08:30 IST of the next 5 days)

Date (yyyy-mm-dd)	Rainfall (mm)	Temp Max (°C)	Temp Min (°C)	Humidity (%)	Humidity II (%)	Wind Speed (kmph)	Wind Direction (Degree)	Cloud Cover (Octa)	Warnings
2025-07-30	12.5	29.4	25.8	90	65	6	130	7	Thunderstorm & Lightning, Squall etc.
2025-07-31	6.7	33.0	26.0	89	50	4	140	6	Thunderstorm & Lightning, Squall etc.
2025-08-01	6.7	33.0	26.0	89	50	6	140	5	Thunderstorm & Lightning, Squall etc.
2025-08-02	10.4	33.0	26.2	85	55	5	130	5	Thunderstorm & Lightning, Squall etc.
2025-08-03	24.5	32.8	26.1	85	60	3	130	7	Thunderstorm & Lightning, Squall etc.

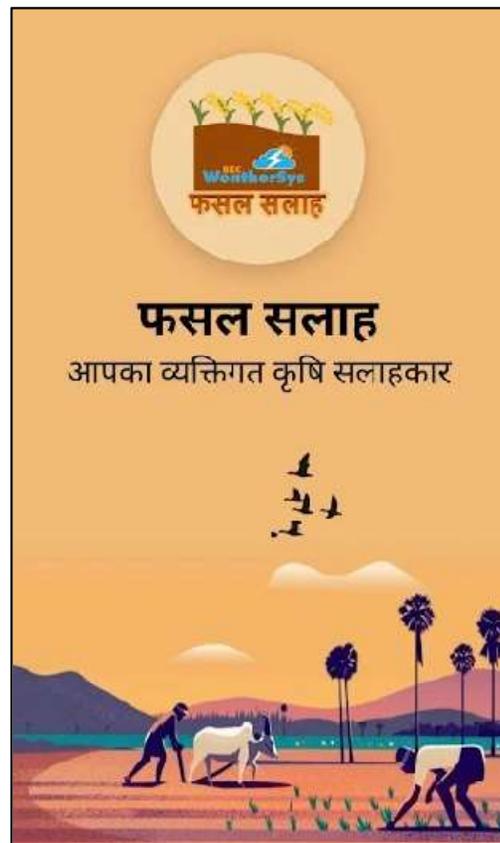
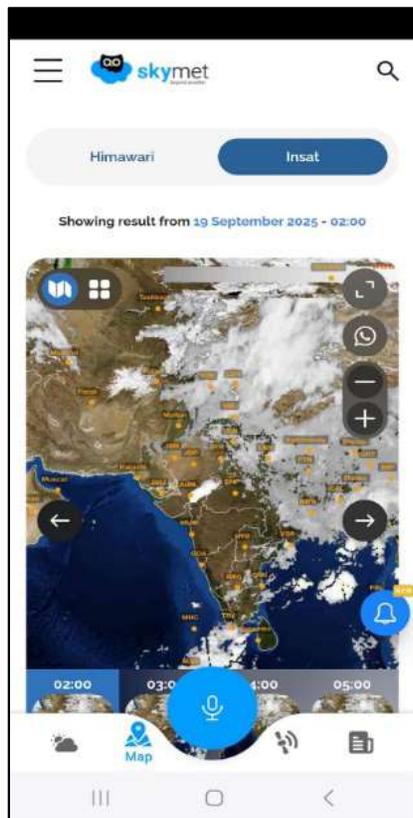
Forecast Summary of HARDWAR District

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Weather forecasting and advisory creation: Private players



Challenges

Weather forecasting & agrometeorological advisories



Limited infrastructure, capacity and maintenance deficiencies

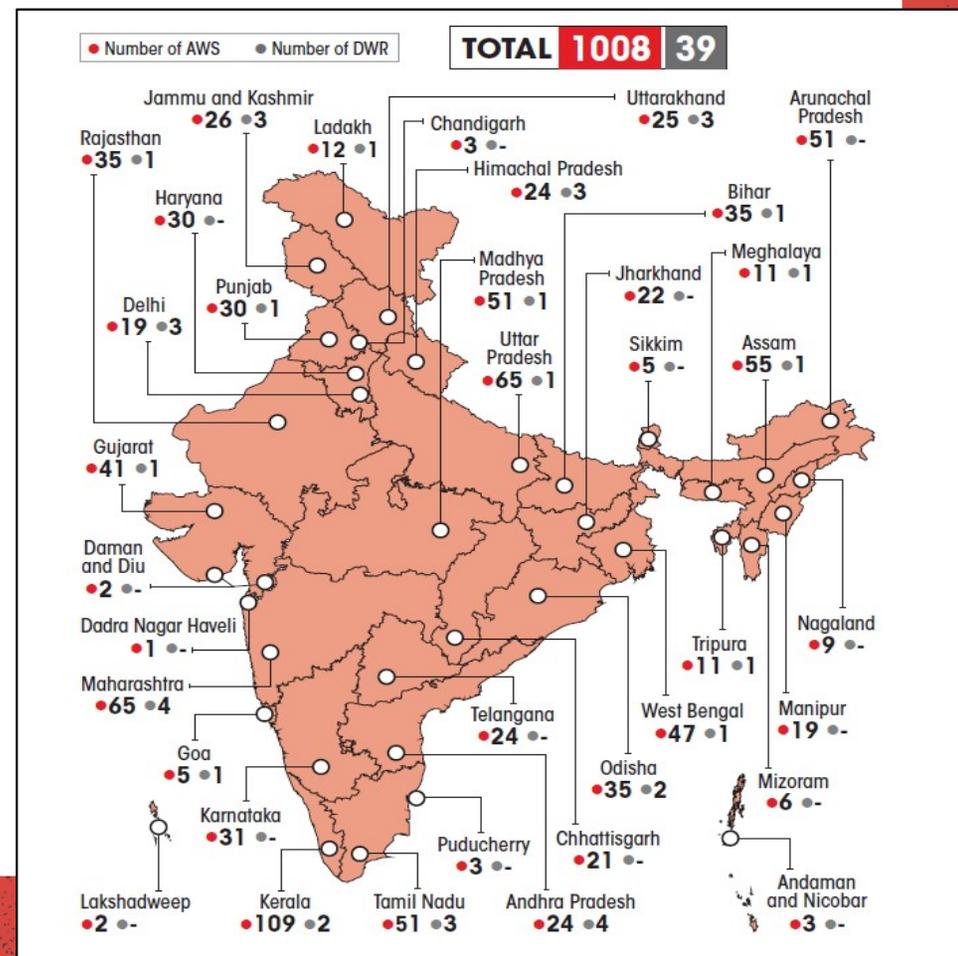
B. Sporadic placement

Concerns among stakeholders about **sporadic placement** of the infrastructure

C. Maintenance issues

Lack of appropriate maintenance & upkeep of observational machines

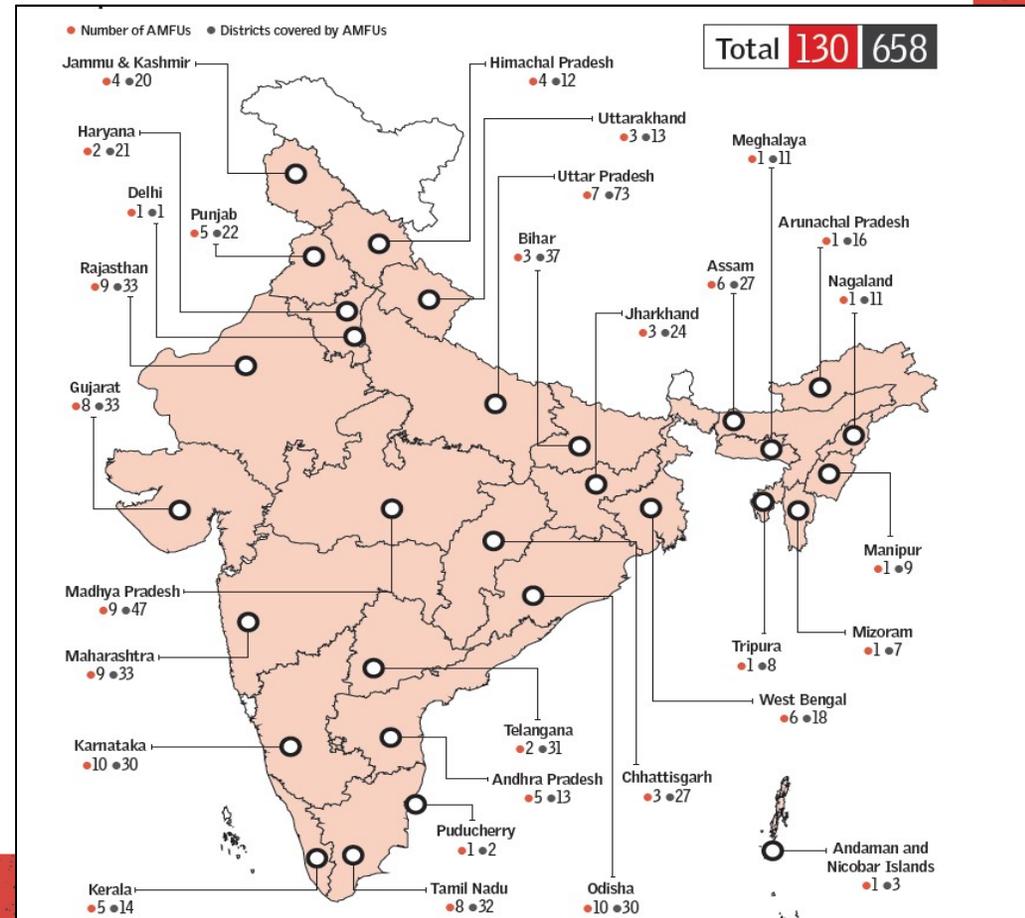
KVK scientists **cannot access** real-time data from AWS machines installed in own facilities; difficult to monitor irregularities & plan necessary replacements



Limited infrastructure, capacity and maintenance deficiencies

D. High workload on AMFU personnel

- Typically, 1 agro-meteorologist makes bi-weekly advisories for an average of **4-5 districts**
- This can be far higher in some regions, such as in the case of Haryana or Bihar's Sabour AMFU



Limited infrastructure, capacity and maintenance deficiencies

D. High workload on AMFU personnel

- Capacity challenge **significantly worsened** by the discontinuation of District Agro-met Unit (DAMU) services in early 2024
- If existing AMFUs forced to cover all blocks,
1 agro-meteorologist linked to four-five districts (each with six to eight blocks); required to generate 24 to 40 bi-weekly advisories, a task that is quite challenging
- **Outdated zoning.** Network of AMFUs based on agro-climatic zones classified in 1971; classification has not been updated



Accuracy and modelling limitations

A. Low block-level accuracy

Accuracy of block-level forecasts is particularly low, **ranging 40-50 per cent**

B. Monsoon variability

Accuracy **much lower in monsoons**, which negatively impacts kharif crops; However, the accuracy increases significantly in winter season

C. Tropical modelling difficulty

India's tropical nature and varied topography presents challenges; necessitates parameterisations, adding to the **uncertainty of forecasts**



Dissemination and accessibility failures

A. Lack of hyperlocal dissemination

Gram panchayat-level (hyperlocal) forecasts deemed significant ;farmers primarily receive district-level forecast; especially after **the closure of DAMUs**; has also led to loss of established, trusted farmer networks built through these WhatsApp groups

B. Coordination issues

Limited coordination between officials of two core ministries—the **Union Ministry of Earth Sciences** and the **Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare**

140 million farming households
In all likelihood, large section of this population not receiving the agrometeorological advisory service



Dissemination and accessibility failures

C. Digital divide

- **Over reliance on ICT methods---** applications (Meghdoot, Damini) & portals
- Timely access challenging due to **limited internet connectivity**; difficulties faced by **technology-challenged farmers**; obtaining information from websites harder than receiving it through WhatsApp or SMS
- Effective practice of “**warm-blooded dissemination**” no longer widely available
- ‘Gram Panchayat Level Weather Forecasting’ initiative, launched in October 2024, criticised because outputs are primarily accessible **only on digital platforms** like E-Gramswaraj & Mausamgram

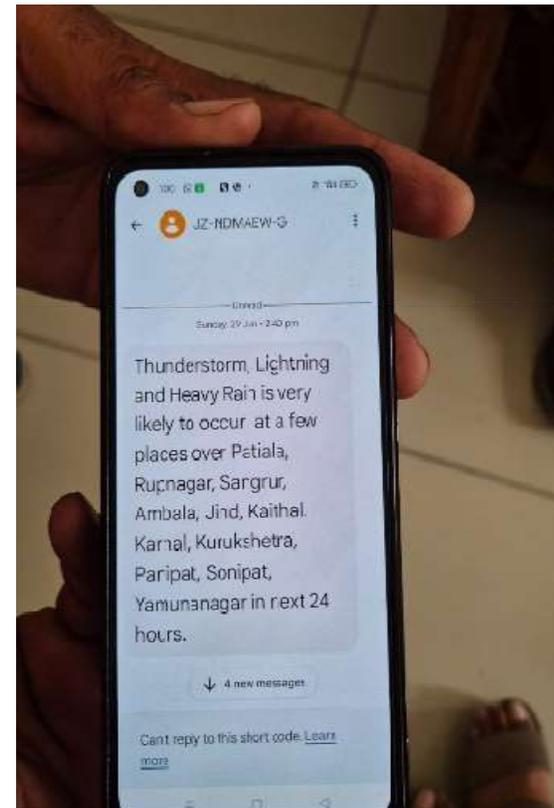


Dissemination and accessibility failures

D. SMS issues

Farmers reportedly not been receiving alerts through the 'M-kisan' SMS service since 2021

SMS alerts sent by state disaster management departments often **not area-specific**, and their timing **varies greatly** (from half an hour to one day before the event)



Content limitations in advisories

A. Lack of local expertise

Preparing meaningful advisory requires **skilled, trained agro-meteorologists** who possess-- deep local knowledge regarding region, different stages of local crops & specific issues faced by farmers; This level of specialised local experience is **sometimes lacking in AMFUs**

B. Non-differentiation

Advisories generally **fail to differentiate** between small-, medium- and large-scale farmers; Weather needs are similar, crucial aspects like financial capacity to purchase agricultural inputs & chemicals vary significantly

C. Technicality and length

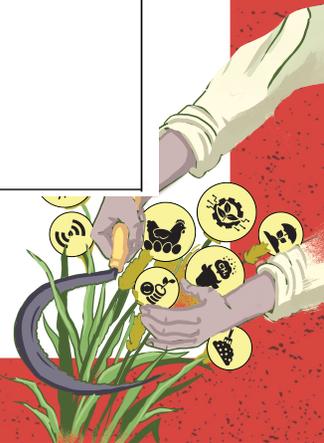
Can be **too technical for small farmers**; Lengthy, contain generic information



Content limitations in advisories

Animals

- For milch animals regularly follow schedule of 1 kg feed + 50 g mineral mixture per 2 litres of milk yield.
- Feed animals with a mixture of green grass + hay + minerals + dry feed like a khichri.
- Proper ventilation should be maintained for free circulation of air in the sheds.
- Maintain optimum moisture of 60 to 70 per cent in vermin compost pits and drain out the excess water from the vermipits.
- Livestock owners are advised to vaccinate the animals against the foot & mouth disease.
- Apply 4-6 inch thick hay thatch as a roofing material. Water can be used for spraying the floor and roof of shelter periodically during peak hot hours which lowers the temperature and consequently reduces the heat load on animals.
- It is advised to provide deworming medicine by consulting nearest veterinary hospital.
- Provide pure drinking water regularly.
- keep the animals under shade during 12 to 3 pm, as day temperature is increasing.
- Use clean water for washing the animals as pond water may be contaminated.



Targeted infrastructure scaling

Instead of general expansion, a targeted approach is recommended for increasing infrastructural capacity

A. Focus on high-risk areas

Investments can target **identified high-risk districts** (based on assessments like (NICRA's) "very highly vulnerable" & "highly vulnerable" classifications

B. Prioritize complex regions

States with higher topographical and micro-climatic variations, such as Himalayan states & mountainous regions– focused for infrastructure build-up

C. Targeted schemes

The Mission Mausam scheme, launched in 2025

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Utilising indigenous technology

Prioritising and scaling up investment in Indian-made observation systems is recommended

A. Addressing maintenance issues

Intended to overcome difficulties related to the **replacement and maintenance** of imported equipment, as highlighted by KVK scientists

B. Cost-effective solutions

Companies in India developing and manufacturing their own AWS, which are claimed to be **cost-effective** compared to imported counterparts & tailor-made for India's climatic conditions



Collaboration and synergy

Exploring collaborative projects is seen as crucial to leveraging the strengths of various sectors for better and timely forecasts

A. Multi-stakeholder partnerships

- Collaboration explored between---government & private players, civil societies, and academic institutions
- Collaborating with NDMA to make existing SMS **alerts area-specific** for erratic events; including State Agricultural Officers in panel of experts

B. Quality monitoring

Such collaborations could also establish mechanisms for **monitoring quality of forecast & advisory information** shared by private players with farmers, which is currently lacking



HIMACHAL PRADESH

Initiatives and Impacts

- 2018-2024, AMFU Solan had been issuing **block-level advisories**
Now exploring option of mentioning block-level forecasts in district-level advisories
- **'Press notes'** issued regularly; students of IGNOU roped in to disseminate advisories
- AMFU Palampur- blocks that had similar topography & **clubbed together**---limited block-level advisories issued
- Services of **'Pashu Sakhi'** and **'Krishi Sakhi'** used to increase reach
- Chamba KVK--adopted **18 villages** (under NICRA)

AMFUs in Himachal Pradesh

AMFU	Districts under the AMFU	State agricultural universities with the AMFU
Kukumsheri	Kinnaur, Lahaul and Spiti	Ch Sarwan Kumar Himachal Pradesh Krishi Viswavidyalaya
Palampur	Una, Hamirpur, Kangra, Chamba	
Seobagh	Kullu, Mandi	Dr Yaswant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Solan
Naini (Solan)	Solan, Shimla, Bilaspur, Sirmaur	



MAHARASHTRA



Kailas Dakhore, Agrometeorologist of AMFU Parbhani creating awareness

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Jalna District Level AAB No. : 20/2025-25						Day & Date : Friday 06.06.2025					
Observed weather during last week (Dated 31 st May to 06 th June 2025)						Weather Forecast (Valid for 07 th to 11 th June 2025)					
Date	07/06	08/06	09/06	10/06	11/06	Date	07/06	08/06	09/06	10/06	11/06
						Rainfall (mm)	2.0	15.0	7.0	3.0	1.0
						T _{max} (°C)	36.0	35.0	35.0	34.0	34.0
						T _{min} (°C)	24.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
						AM Cloud cover	Clear	Cloudy	Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Clear
						PM Cloud cover					
						RH-I (%)	73	78	77	70	69
						RH-II (%)	56	54	58	58	52
						Wind Speed (km/hr)	13	14	18	19	22
						AM Wind direction	NW	NW	NW	WNW	WNW
						PM Wind direction					

Weather Summary / शिष्ट:
As per forecast of RMC, Mumbai, Thunderstorm accompanied with, Lightning, Light to moderate rainfall and gusty wind (30-40 Km/hr) may occur at isolated places in Jalna District on dated 07th June. Thunderstorm accompanied with, Lightning, Light to moderate rainfall and gusty wind (40-50 Km/hr) may occur at isolated places in Jalna District on dated 08th June. Light to moderate rainfall may occur at isolated places on dated 09th, 09th & 10th June and scattered places on dated 07th & 08th June in Jalna District. No large change in Maximum temperature during next 24 hours and gradual rise by 2 to 3 °C thereafter. No large change in Minimum temperature during next five days in Jalna District.

General Advertis:
As per ERF3 predicts Rainfall may be above normal, maximum temperature may be below normal & Minimum Temperature may be below normal during 06th to 12th June. Rainfall may be above normal, maximum temperature may be normal & Minimum Temperature may be normal during 13th to 19th June 2025 in Maharashtra region.

The Bacterial wilt & Black wilt (Potential Evapotranspiration) products given by SAC, ISRO, Ahmedabad shows decrease in PET in Maharashtra region.

SMS Advertis: Farmers are advised not to rush into crop sowing. Preparatory tillage operations should be carried out during weather condition.

Name of Crop	Stage	Advisory
Soybean	Intercropping	For rainfed cultivation use intercropping of soybean + <u>एकपत्रा</u> 2:1 or 4:2 and for irrigated condition use Soybean + cotton 1:1 or 2:1 intercropping should be use in soybean crop. Preparatory tillage operations should be done as early as possible for sowing of soybean crop.
Kharif sorghum	Intercropping	Kharif sorghum + Soybean 2:4 or 3:4 intercropping system should be use in Kharif sorghum <u>एकपत्रा</u> 4:2 or 6:2 distance between two rows. Kharif sorghum + <u>एकपत्रा</u> 2:3 or 4:2 intercropping is beneficial. If soybean, green gram, black gram such types of short duration crops are selected for intercropping, use 2:4 intercropping system. Preparatory tillage operations should be done as early as possible for sowing of Kharif Sorghum.
Pearl millet	Intercropping	Intercropping of pearl millet + <u>एकपत्रा</u> 2:1, 3:3 or 4:2 should be used in pearl millet crop. Preparatory tillage operations should be done as early as possible for sowing of Pearl millet.
Sugarcane	Vegetative Growth	If whitefly infestation is observed on the sugarcane crop, remove and destroy the infested leaves, use yellow sticky traps in the crop and take a spray of <u>एकपत्रा</u> 20% @ 30 ml or <u>एकपत्रा</u> 17.5% @ 2 ml or <u>एकपत्रा</u> 75% @ 20 g per 10 l of water during clear weather condition. For management of stem borer in Sugarcane crop take a spray of Chlorpyrifos 20% @ 25 ml or chlorantraniliprole 18.5 % @ 4 ml per 10 l of water during clear weather condition.

Crop	Advisory	Remarks
Turmeric	Intercropping	As per availability of water sowing of turmeric crop should be done. While selecting inter crop in turmeric, precaution should be taken that the crop must be short duration and will be harvested within three to three and half months, e.g. leafy vegetables.
Mandarin Sweet Orange	Selection of varieties/ Growth	For new plantation of citrus orchard prepare the pits of size 1 x 1 x 1 m and fill the pits with mixture of half kg Super phosphate + FYM + soil. For plantation of Mandarin select varieties like Nagpur Orange, <u>एकपत्रा</u> and for sweet orange <u>एकपत्रा</u> seller, <u>एकपत्रा</u> , Phule Sweet Orange etc. For plantation of orchard plants should be purchase only from government registered nurseries. Take a spray fungicide in citrus orchard during clear weather condition.
Pomegranate	Selection of varieties/ Growth	For new plantation of pomegranate orchard fill the pits with the help of well fertile soil + well decomposed FYM + 1 to 1.5 kg SSP + Compost. For plantation of Pomegranate select varieties like <u>एकपत्रा</u> , Phule <u>एकपत्रा</u> Super, Ganesh, Phule <u>एकपत्रा</u> etc. For plantation of orchard plants should be purchase only from government registered nurseries.
Sapota	Selection of varieties/ Growth	For new plantation of sapota orchard prepare the pits of size 1 x 1 x 1 m and fill the pits with mixture of half kg Super phosphate + 1:3 FYM + soil. For plantation of Sapota select varieties like <u>एकपत्रा</u> , Cricket Ball etc. For plantation of orchard plants should be purchase only from government registered nurseries.
Vegetable	Seedling preparation / Sowing	As per availability of water sowing of seeds (Brinjal, Tomato, Chilli etc.) on raised bed should be done for preparation of seedlings of vegetable crops. Harvesting of mature vegetable crops should be done.
Floriculture	Seedling preparation / Sowing	As per availability of water sowing of seeds on raised bed should be done for preparation of seedlings of floriculture crops. Harvesting of mature flowers should be done.
Mulberry sericulture	-	For <u>एकपत्रा</u> mulberry plantation requires 2 R area nursery and 3 beds of 50X3X1.5 feet size are required. 6 to 8 months old mulberry pencil size <u>एकपत्रा</u> with 3 to 4 active eye buds are required for cutting preparation. Make slanting cut above eye and flat cut below the bud <u>एकपत्रा</u> the sharp <u>एकपत्रा</u> layers that rim should not break. Avoid diseased plant for preparation of cuttings. For paired rows system of planting at 5X3X2 or 6X3X2 feet required be prepare 6000 cuttings per acre. Plant cutting at 15 cm row to row and 10 cm plant to plant distance on raised bed. Prepare beds by mixing two parts FYM and one part soil.
Animal husbandry	-	With the onset of monsoon many diseases occur in livestock. Unity of which in livestock, <u>एकपत्रा</u> farm has to be implemented. 1) Physical facilities like good shed which will protect from rains & insect bites. 2) Biological facilities like vaccination and deworming. 3) Chemical facilities involving immediate treatment of any disease, infection occur. Immediate deworming with onset of monsoon in sheep and goat and on seventh day age in cow and buffalo calves are of immense importance.

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UTTARAKHAND

Initiatives and Impacts

- The AMFU in IIT Roorkee--has **KVK officials in advisory board**
- AMFUs share district-level advisories at block level as well through WhatsApp groups
- Farmers can access block-level forecasts through **‘green alerts’**, an initiative of the IMD; link shared on WhatsApp groups
- Gives title of **‘Mausam Mitra’** to vigilant villager--help disseminate advisories; Has 30 Mausam Mitras so far, (reach to 30,000 farmers)
- Scientists required to do at least 5 awareness and training programmes in villages and blocks

AMFUs in Uttarakhand

AMFU	Districts under the AMFU	State agricultural universities with the AMFUs
Pantnagar	Udham Singh Nagar, Nainital	G B Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar
Ranichauri	Uttarkashi, Chamoli, Rudraprayag, Pithoragarh, Bageshwar, Champawat, Almora, Tehri-Garhwal	VCSG Uttarakhand University of Horticulture and Forestry, Bharsar
Roorkee	Dehradun, Pauri, Haridwar	IIT Roorkee



HARYANA

Initiatives and Impacts

- Out 13 established DAMUs--**11 still functional**. As a result; Districts which have DAMUs get block-level advisories
- In some cases, DAMUs making **district-level advisories for neighboring districts** as well
- AMFU Hissar--developed '**E-Mausam**' application (to send SMS to farmers); Website portal has high social media presence (Facebook and YouTube); also broadcasts on local news channels & newspapers
- Farmers say that the advisories are helpful



PUNJAB

Initiatives and Impacts

- AMFU Ludhiana--**sharing block-level forecasts** on existing WhatsApp groups (as many as 400 WhatsApp groups reaching about 10 lakh farmers); University website, portal, PAU Kisan app, e-mails etc some other options
- KVK Jalandhar---**started own SMS service** to farmers
- Since 2017--university newsletter called '**Kheti Sandesh**' helped gain the farmers' trust; Published in Punjabi language, shared weekly as a PDF on WhatsApp groups; made available on the university website

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ਐਮ ਐਲ 818 (2003)	75 ਸੈਂਟੀਮੀਟਰ	10-11	4.2	72	

ਬਿਜਾਈ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਂ: ਮੂੰਗੀ ਦੀ ਬਿਜਾਈ ਜੁਲਾਈ ਦੇ ਦੂਜੇ ਪੰਦਰਵਾੜੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਰੋ। ਇਕ ਏਕੜ ਲਈ 8 ਕਿੱਲੋ ਬੀਜ ਵਰਤੋ ਅਤੇ ਜੀਵਾਣੂ ਖਾਦ (ਰਾਈਜ਼ੋਬੀਅਮ ਕਲਚਰ) ਦੇ ਟੀਕੇ ਨਾਲ ਸੋਧ ਕੇ ਬਿਜਾਈ ਕਰੋ। ਇਸ ਟੀਕੇ ਦੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਕਰਨ ਨਾਲ 12-16 ਪ੍ਰਤੀਸ਼ਤ ਝਾੜ ਵਿੱਚ ਵਾਧਾ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਹੈ।

- ਬਿਜਾਈ ਲਈ ਕਤਾਰ ਤੋਂ ਕਤਾਰ ਦਾ ਫਾਸਲਾ 30 ਸੈਂਟੀਮੀਟਰ ਅਤੇ ਬੂਟੇ ਤੋਂ ਬੂਟੇ ਦਾ ਫਾਸਲਾ 10 ਸੈਂਟੀਮੀਟਰ ਰੱਖ ਕੇ ਡਰਿਲ ਕਰੋ। ਵਧੇਰੇ ਝਾੜ ਲੈਣ ਲਈ ਮੂੰਗੀ ਦੀ ਦੋ ਤਰਫਾ ਬਿਜਾਈ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ। ਮੂੰਗੀ ਦੀ ਬਿਜਾਈ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਖੇਤ ਵਾਹੇ ਜ਼ੀਰੋ ਟਿਲ ਡਰਿੱਲ ਨਾਲ ਵੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ। ਦਰਮਿਆਨੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਭਾਰੀਆਂ ਜ਼ਮੀਨਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਮੂੰਗੀ ਦੀ ਬਿਜਾਈ ਕਣਕ ਲਈ ਵਰਤੇ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਬੈਂਡ ਪਲਾਂਟਰ ਨਾਲ 67.5 ਸੈਂਟੀਮੀਟਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਤਿਆਰ ਕੀਤੇ ਬੈਂਡਾਂ (37.5 ਸੈਂਟੀਮੀਟਰ ਬੈਂਡ ਅਤੇ 30 ਸੈਂਟੀਮੀਟਰ ਖਾਲੀ) ਉੱਤੇ ਕਰਨੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ। ਮੂੰਗੀ ਦੀਆਂ ਕਤਾਰਾਂ ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਬੈਂਡ 20 ਸੈਂਟੀਮੀਟਰ ਫਾਸਲੇ ਤੇ ਬੀਜੋ। ਬੈਂਡਾਂ ਉੱਤੇ ਬਿਜਾਈ ਕਰਨ ਨਾਲ ਪਾਣੀ ਦੀ ਬੱਚਤ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਫ਼ਸਲ ਭਾਰੀ ਮੀਂਹ ਤੋਂ ਹੋਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਨੁਕਸਾਨ ਤੋਂ ਵੀ ਬਚਦੀ ਹੈ।

ਨਦੀਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਰੋਕਥਾਮ: ਮੂੰਗੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਨਦੀਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਰੋਕਥਾਮ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਦੋ ਗੋਡੀਆਂ ਕਰੋ, ਪਹਿਲੀ ਗੋਡੀ ਬਿਜਾਈ ਤੋਂ 4 ਹਫ਼ਤੇ ਪਿੱਛੋਂ ਅਤੇ ਦੂਜੀ ਉਸ ਤੋਂ ਦੋ ਹਫ਼ਤਿਆਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਕਰਨੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ।

ਖਾਦਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੰਚਾਈ: ਮੂੰਗੀ ਦੀ ਫ਼ਸਲ ਨੂੰ ਖਾਦਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਪਾਣੀ ਦੀ ਬਹੁਤ ਘੱਟ ਲੋੜ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਹੈ। ਬਿਜਾਈ ਸਮੇਂ 11 ਕਿੱਲੋ ਯੂਰੀਆ ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਏਕੜ ਅਤੇ 100 ਕਿੱਲੋ ਸਿੰਗਲ ਸੁਪਰਫਾਸਫੇਟ ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਏਕੜ ਡਰਿੱਲ ਕਰੋ। ਮੂੰਗੀ ਦੀ ਫ਼ਸਲ ਨੂੰ ਜੇਕਰ ਔੜ ਲਗਦੀ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਸਿੰਚਾਈ ਕਰਨੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ। ਸਾਉਣੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਫੁੱਲ ਅਤੇ ਫਲੀਆਂ ਬਣਨ ਸਮੇਂ ਫ਼ਸਲ ਨੂੰ ਸੋਕਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਲੱਗਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ। ਜੇਕਰ ਮੀਂਹ ਨਾ ਪਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਫਲ ਪੈਣ ਸਮੇਂ ਮੂੰਗੀ ਦੀ ਸਿੰਚਾਈ ਕਰਨੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ।

ਵਾਚੀ ਅਤੇ ਗਹਾਈ: ਜਦੋਂ ਮੂੰਗੀ ਦੀ ਫ਼ਸਲ ਦੀਆਂ ਤਕਰੀਬਨ 30 ਪ੍ਰਤੀਸ਼ਤ ਫਲੀਆਂ ਪੱਕ ਜਾਂਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ ਤਾਂ ਮੂੰਗੀ ਦੀ ਵਾਢੀ ਕਰ ਲੈਣੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਕਣਕ ਵਾਲਾ ਥਰੈਸਰ ਕੁਝ ਤਬਦੀਲੀਆਂ ਕਰਕੇ ਗਹਾਈ ਲਈ ਵਰਤਿਆ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ।

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Initiatives and Impacts

- AMFU Bengaluru---give advisories **at watershed level instead of as per area**; being conducted in collaboration with KSNDMC, Watershed Institute, and the State Agricultural Department
- Prioritizes **warm-blooded channels** like print media for regular and impact-based forecasts; involves gram panchayats to fax advisories to local people who print and disseminate the advisory in common places like dairies, schools etc.
- Uses **call centre services** (running 24x7) as part of its ongoing collaboration



