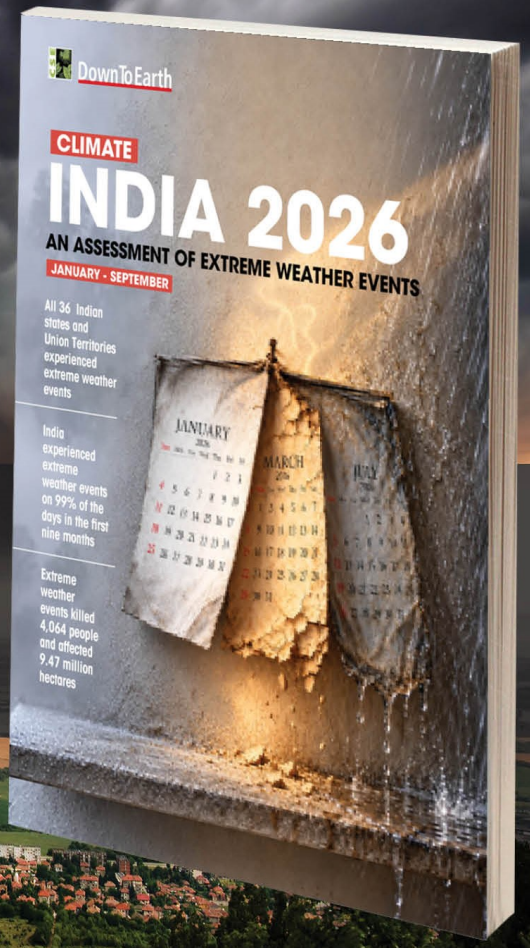
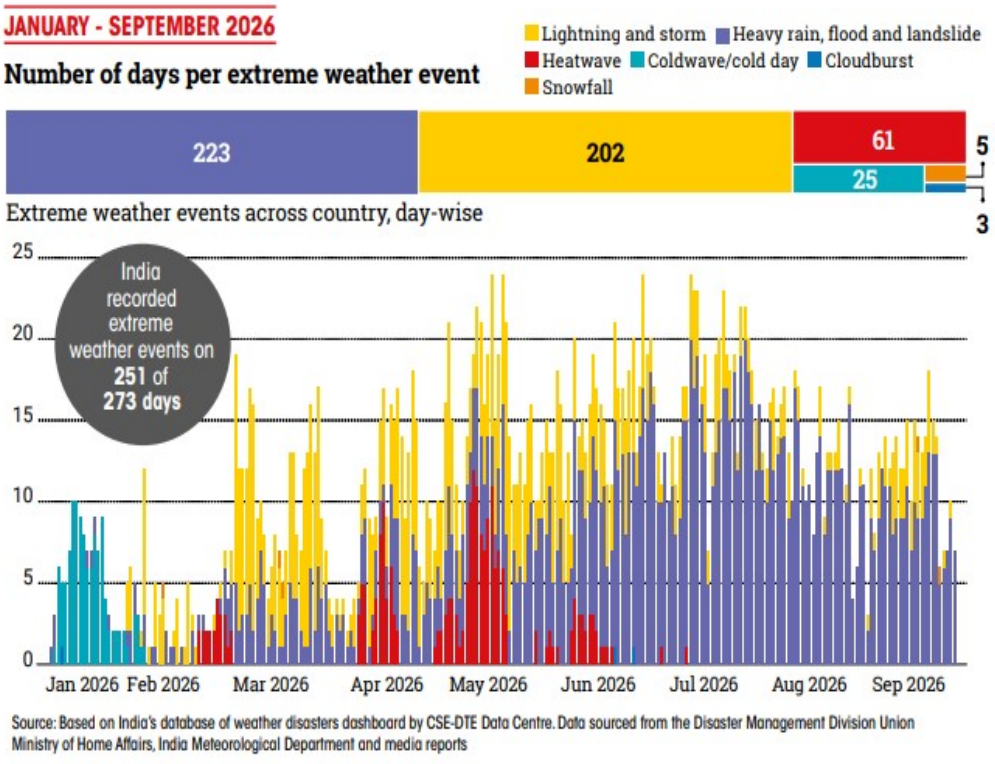
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Release of Down To Earth's Annual Climate India 2026 Extreme Weather Assessment Report



Tracking the extreme: India Climate 2026



92% (251 out of 273 days) of first 9 months extreme weather events struck India

This is the 3rd consecutive year days with extreme events crossed the 90% level

All 36 states/UTs; 2nd consecutive year when all states/UTs affected



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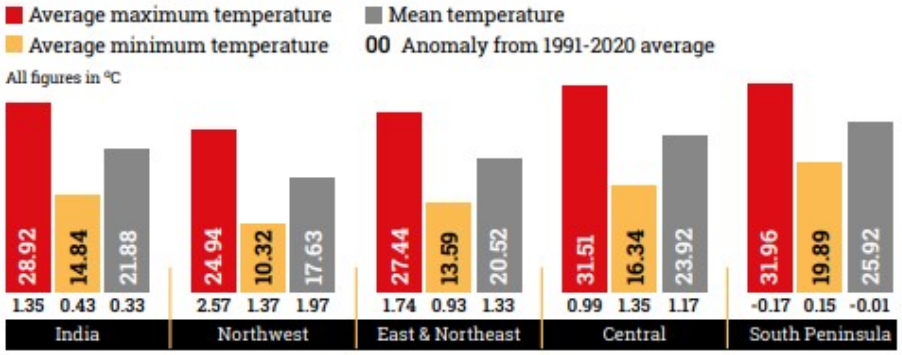
Climate India 2026

Weather records of 125 years breached in 2026

TEMPERATURE

In 2026, India recorded its fourth warmest February in 125 years, with the average temperature 1.18°C above normal. The minimum temperature was the third highest since 1901, with an anomaly of 1.02°C, while the maximum temperature ranked seventh highest on record, at 1.35°C. above the long-term average.

Northwest India, recorded its third warmest February in 125 years, with the mean temperature 1.96°C above normal



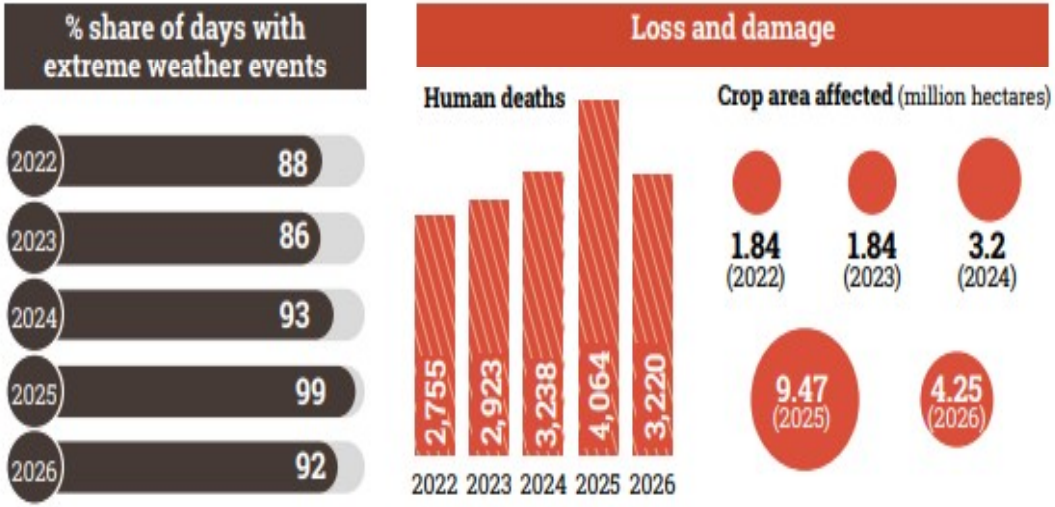
JANUARY, 10th warmest for east India
FEBRUARY, 3rd warmest for northwest India
MARCH, warmest night, minimum temperature, for India (also for northwest India; average minimum temperature 2.15°C above normal)
APRIL, 10th lowest rainfall for South India
JULY, warmest for India
AUGUST, South Peninsula warmest night
SEPTEMBER, South Peninsula's hottest month



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Climate India 2026:Unbearable cost of climate emergency!

In 2026, India recorded the second highest number of days affected by extreme weather and the related human deaths in five years. At least 4.25 million hectares of cropped area was affected, the second highest since 2022.



This year, 3,220 lives lost to extreme weather events; 3rd highest since 2022;

49% of the deaths in 4 states (UP, HP, Bihar & WB)

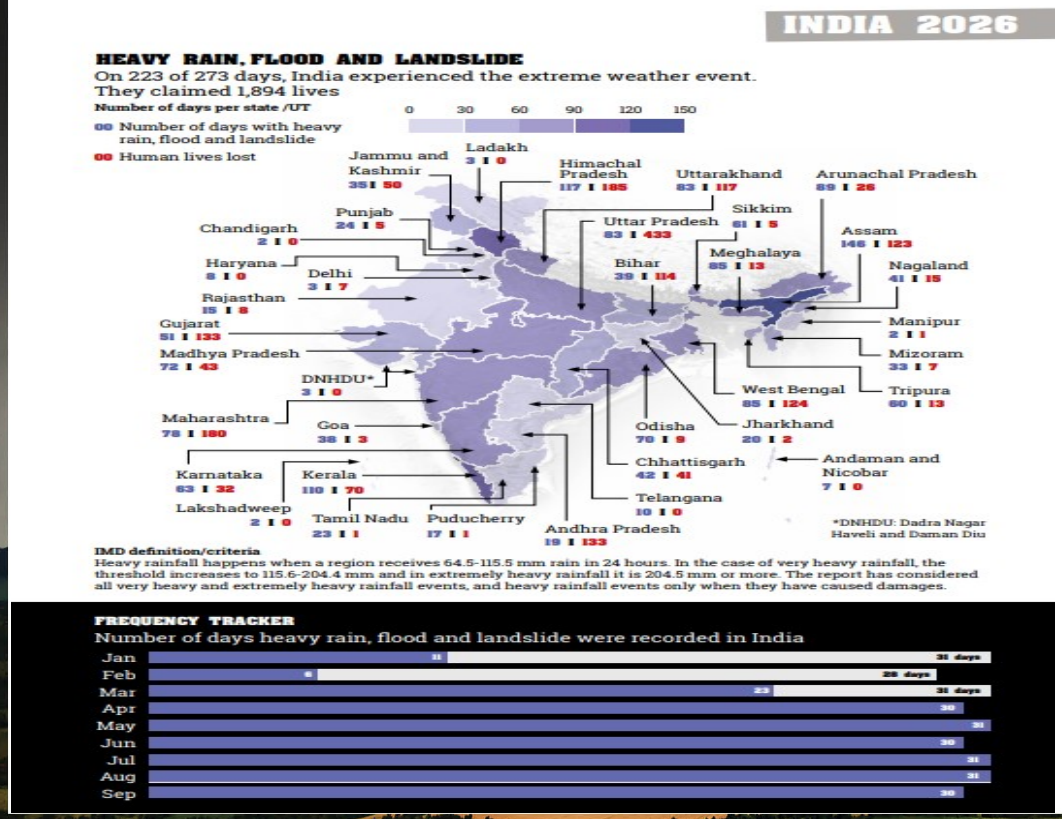
4.25 million Ha crops affected; 2nd highest

128,334 houses damaged

47,244 livestock lost



Climate India 2026: Heavy rains killed the most in India



On 223 of 273 days, India experienced heavy rainfall, floods and landslides

Regions affected

All 36 states/Uts

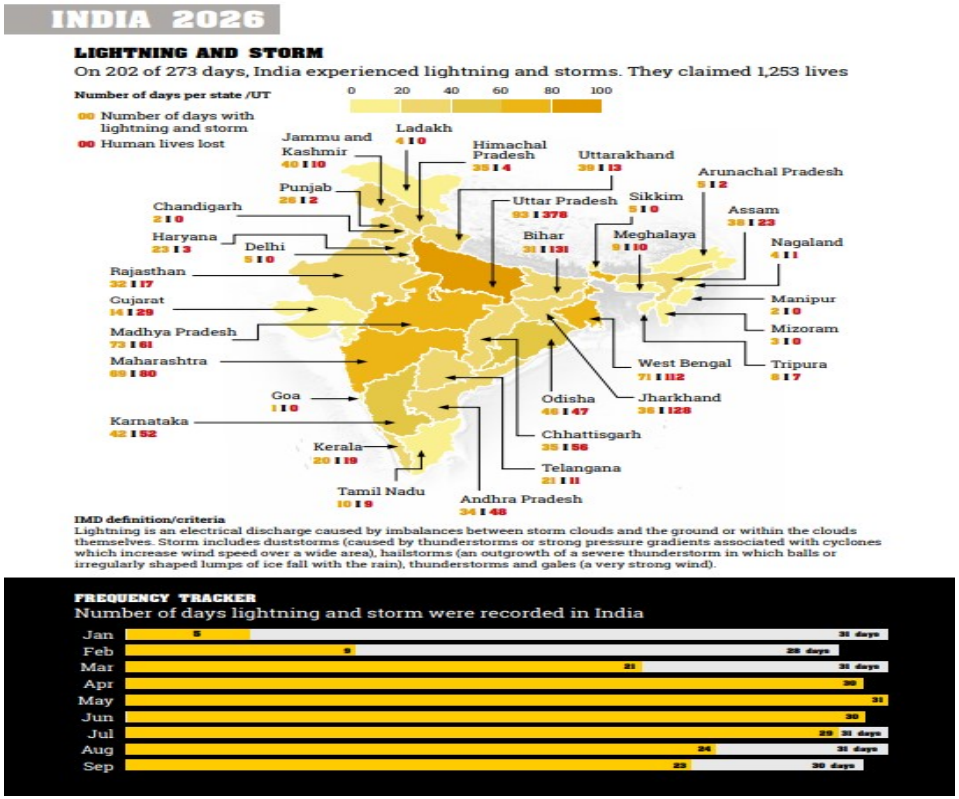
- Assam (146 days)
- Himachal (117 days)

1,894 lives lost; 59% of 3,220 deaths in the country

- UP (433 days)
- Himachal (185 days)



Lightning killed 1253 in India



On 202 of 273 days, India experienced lightning and storms

Regions affected

32 states/Uts

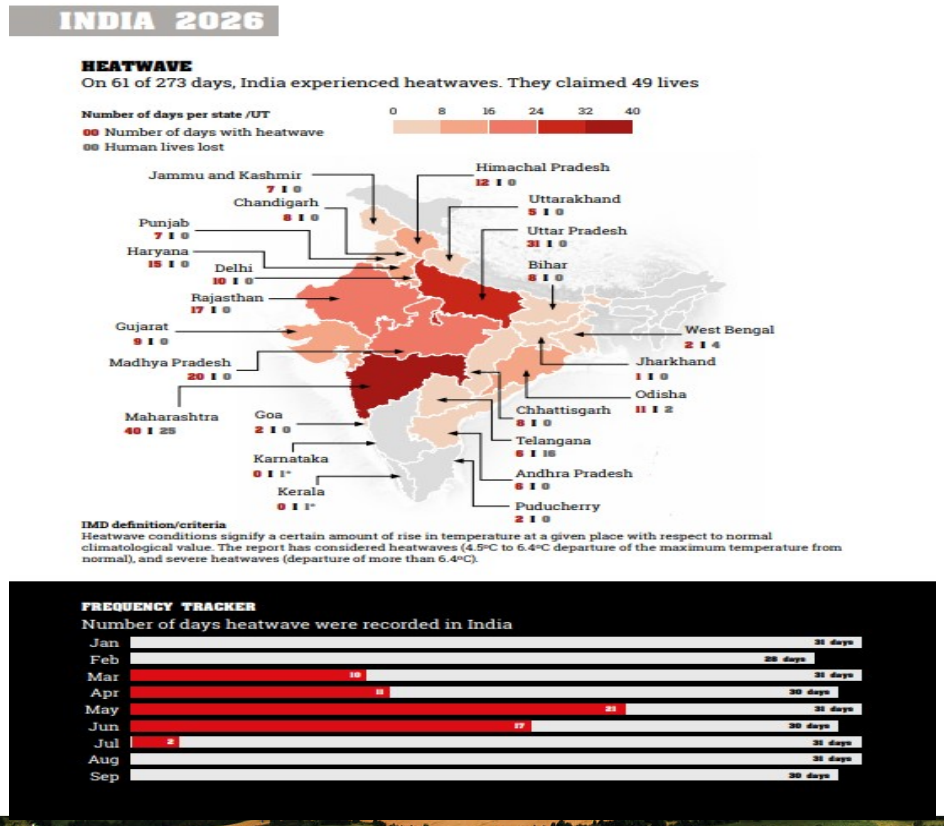
- UP (93 days)
- MP (73 days)

1,253 lives lost; 39% of 3,220 deaths in the country

- UP (433 days)
- Himachal (185 days)



Climate India 2026: India boiling



Heat wave on 61 days (out of 273 days);

4 months (March, April, May, June and July); Heatwave in July for the first time in 5 years)

Regions affected

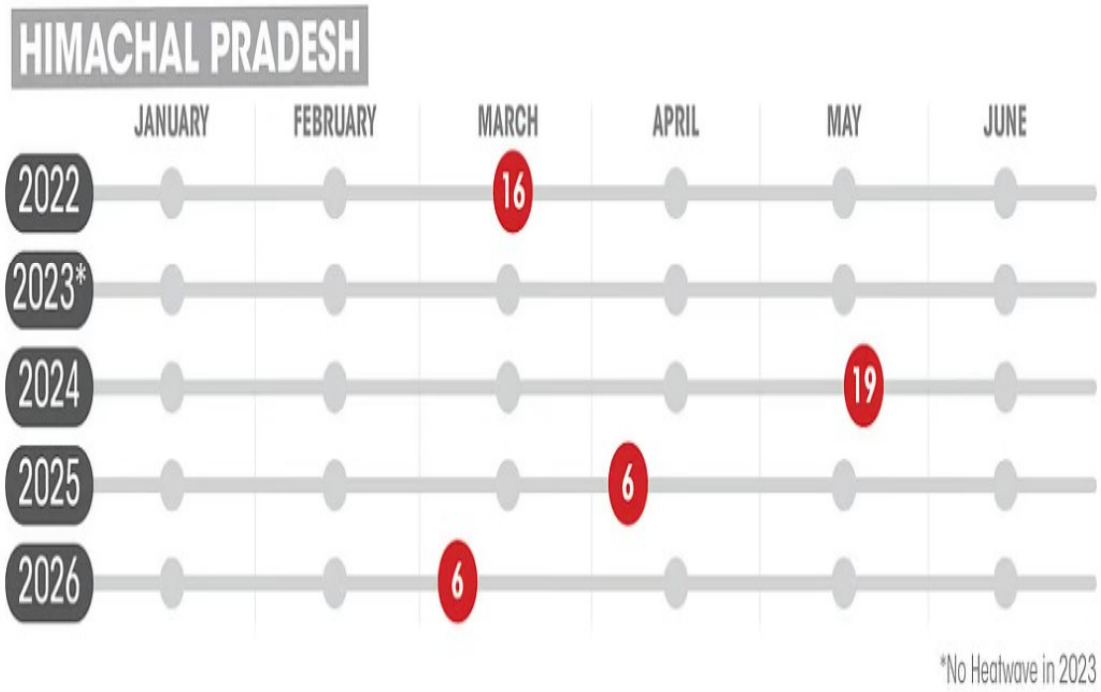
21 states/Uts

- Maharashtra (40 days)
- Uttar Pradesh (31 days)

49 deaths; of these, 25 deaths were in Maharashtra, Telangana (16)



Climate India 2026: India boiling



Himachal Pradesh, had its earliest ever heat wave in March 2026



Climate India 2026
Unprecedented loss & damage

States with most cropped area affected due to extreme weather events

1 Maharashtra 2.8 million Ha; 66% of at least 4.25 million Ha affected in India
2 Uttar Pradesh 0.7 million Ha
3 Bihar 0.23 million Ha
4 Odisha 0.23 million Ha
5 Assam 0.08 million Ha

During January-September 2026 (273 days)
(Source: India Climate 2026)



Climate India 2026: Unprecedented loss & damage

Central region

It recorded extreme weather events on **212** of the **273 days**, which claimed **711 lives**, damaged **3.06 million ha** crop area

Chhattisgarh	78	97	81	314	54
DNH&DD*	3	0	0	NA	0
Goa	40	3	0	NA	87
Gujarat	67	162	5	1,948	5,865
Madhya Pradesh	149	105	41	357	2,682
Maharashtra	149	286	2,830,777	2,459	16,384
Odisha	103	58	233,245	89	3,446



*Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu

Central India, the region with most cropped area affected (3.08 million ha), due to extreme weather events; 5 consecutive years

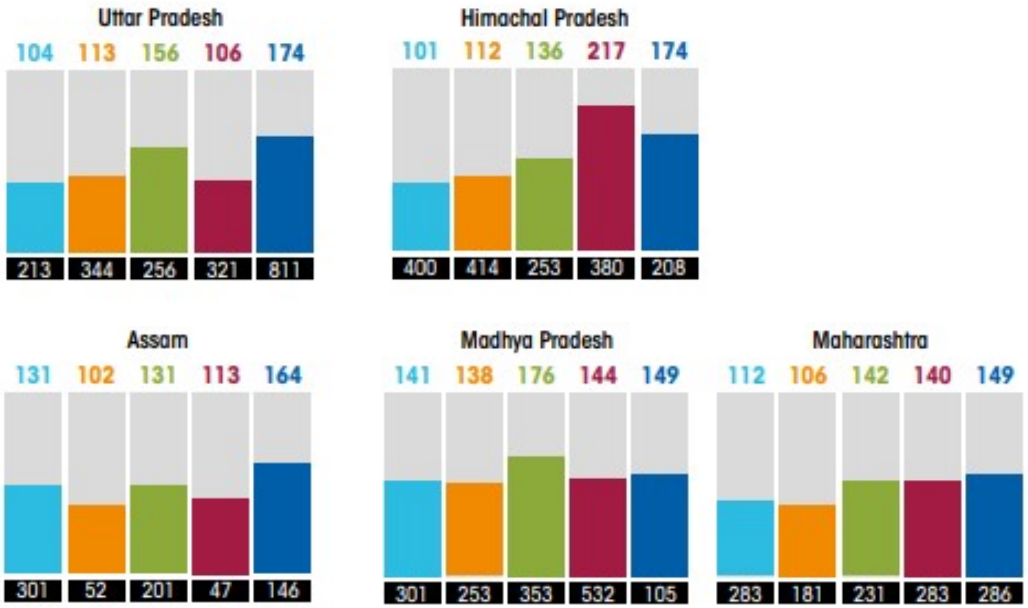
In the region, cropped area affected in 2026 was more than 22 times that recorded in 2022; also the 2nd highest since 2022

Note: share of extreme event days increased from 73% in 2022 to 78% in 2026



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Climate India 2026
Extreme State



5 states with maximum days of extreme weather events in 2026

1 **Uttar Pradesh** 174
2 **Himachal Pradesh** 174
3 **Assam** 164
4 **Madhya Pradesh** 149
5 **Maharashtra** 149

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