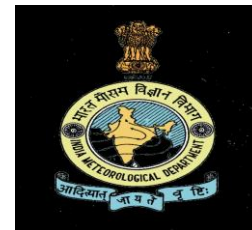


# Overview of Indian Satellite data Utilization for Preparing Extreme Precipitation Events

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**What kind of satellite information can quad provide related to extreme precipitation events?**



**How can users get information? Tools and website?**

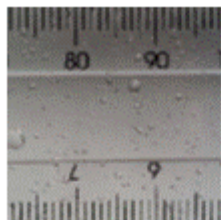


**Benefits of users in the Indo-Pacific region.**



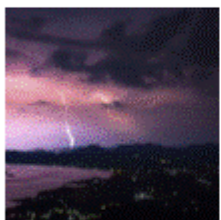
**Any opportunity for training?**

# Extreme Rainfall Events:2022



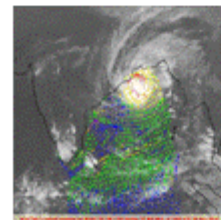
**Monsoonal rain  
(S-W & N-E)**

**Heavy rainfall  
(floods & landslides)**



**Thunderstorms  
and Lightning**

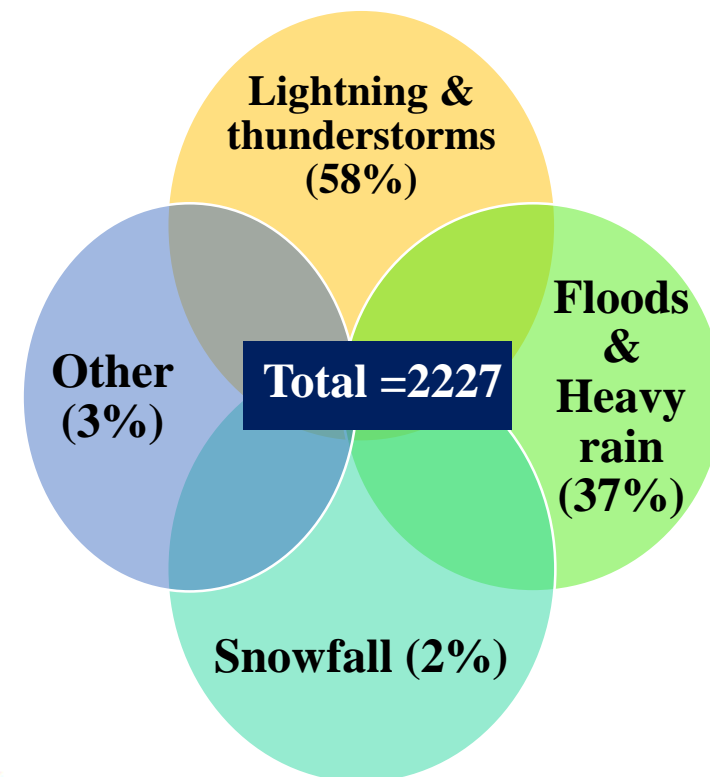
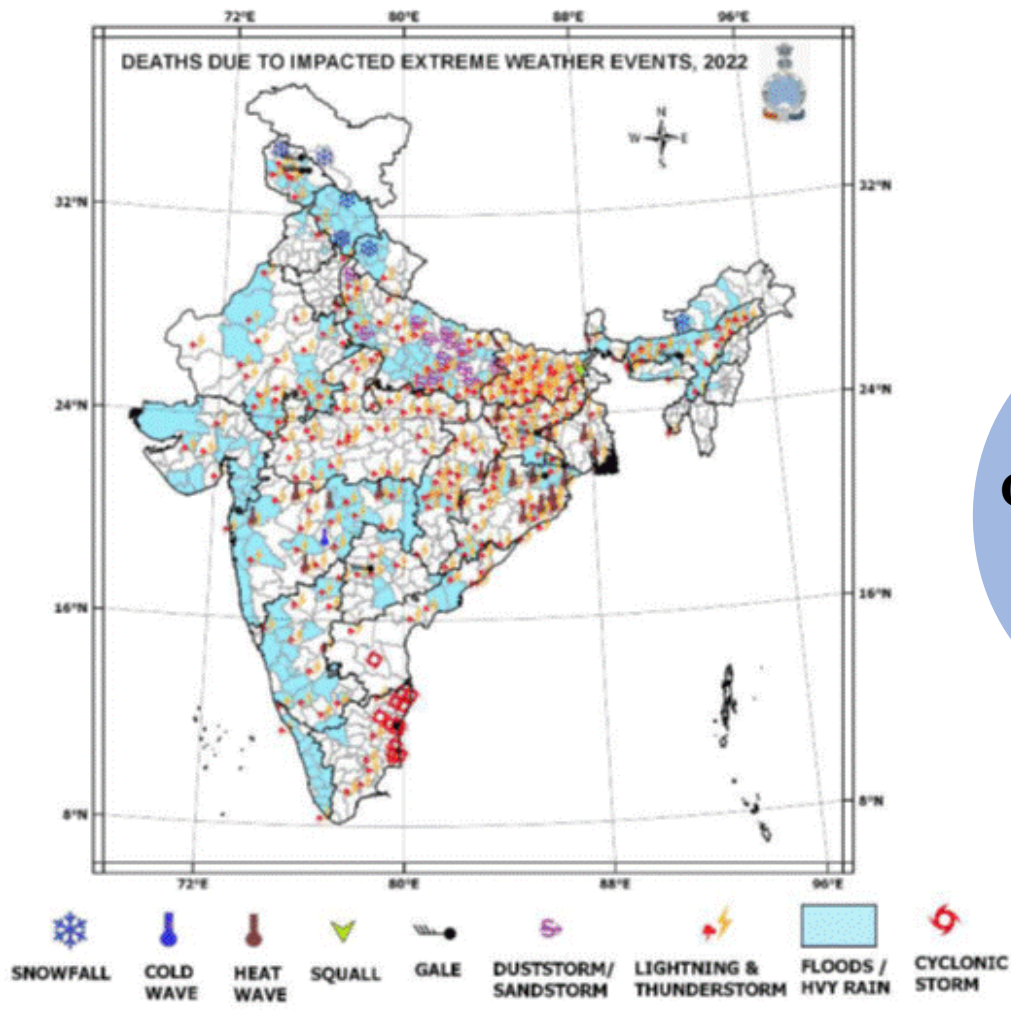
**Cloud Burst**



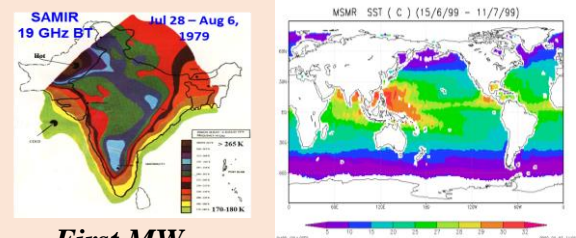
**Tropical cyclones**

*Significant Extreme Weather Events  
Occurred during 2022 (source , IMD)*

*Percentage of number of deaths during 2022  
due to Extreme Weather Events (source , IMD)*



# Satellite Information can Quad Provide Related to Extreme Precipitation Events

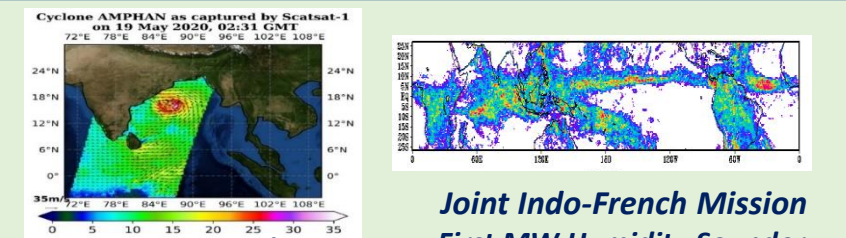


**SAMIR** 19 GHz BT, Jul 28 – Aug 6, 1979

**MSMR SST (°C)** (15/6/99 – 11/7/99)

**First MW Radiometer**  
**Bhaskara-1/2**  
 1979/1981  
 SAMIR, TV camera

**First Multi Frequency MW Radiometer (MSMR)**  
**Oceansat-1**  
 1999  
 OCM & MSMR



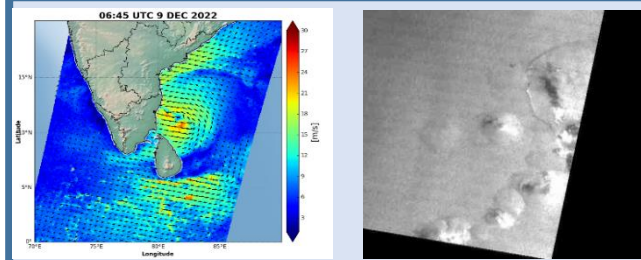
**Cyclone AMPHAN as captured by Scatsat-1 on 19 May 2020, 02:31 GMT**

**Joint Indo-French Mission**  
**First MW Humidity Sounder, Radiation Budget Sensor**

**First Ku-Band Scatterometer**  
**Oceansat-2,** 2009  
 OCM, SCAT & ROSA

**Megha-Tropiques,** 2011  
 MADRAS, SAPHIR, ScaRab, ROSA

**SARAL** 2013  
 Ka-band Altimeter



06:45 UTC 9 DEC 2022

**SCATSAT-1** 2016, SCAT

**EOS-06 (Oceansat-3)** 2022, OCM & SCAT

**EOS-04 (RISAT-1A)** 2022, SAR

**NISAR**

1980-2000

2000-2015

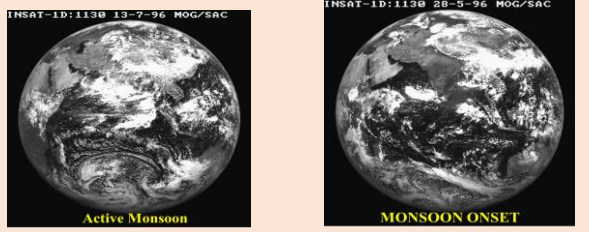
2016-2022

2023 +

**INSAT-1A/1B/1C/1D** 1982/83/88/90  
 VHRR

**INSAT-2A/2B** 1992/93  
 VHRR

*24-hr monitoring of Monsoon, Cyclone and other weather systems*



Active Monsoon      MONSOON ONSET

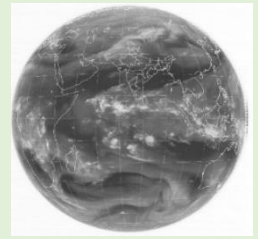
**INSAT-2E/3A** 1999/2003  
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**KALPANA-1** 2002  
 VHRR

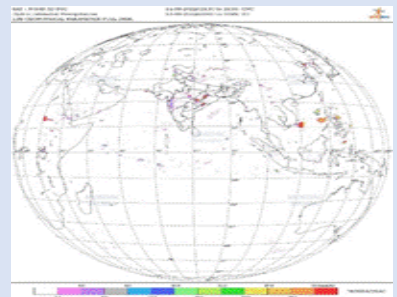
**INSAT-3D** 2013  
 Imager/ Sounder

*Kalpana-1 was first dedicated MetSat 30-min Imaging started with Kalpana-1*

*INSAT-3D: First dedicated advanced MetSat with 6 Ch Imager with Split-Window and 18-Ch IR Sounder*



**INSAT-3DR (2016)**  
 Imager/ Sounder



- INSAT-3DS
- GISAT-2
- INSAT-4<sup>th</sup> Gen (Advanced Imager, Lightning Imager and Hyperspectral sounder..)



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## INSAT-3D/3DR Operational Geophysical Products

### Imager

S. No.	Geophysical Parameter	Code
1	Clear Sky Brightness Temperature	CSBT
2	Cloud Mask	CMK
3	Hydro Estimator	HEM
4	Improved IMSRA	IMC
5	Outgoing Longwave Radiation	OLR
6	Sea Surface Temperature	SST
7	Cloud Properties	CTP/CTT
8	Upper Tropospheric Humidity	UTH
9	Land Surface Temperature	LST
10	Total Precipitable Water	TPW
11	Fog	FOG
12	MIR Reflectance	REF
13	Snow	SNW
14	Insolation	INS
15	Land Surface Albedo	LSA
16	Net Effective Radiation	NER
17	Atmospheric Correction	TOA/BOA
18	Cloud Microphysics	CMP
19	Smoke	SMK
20	Forest Fire	FIR

S. No.	Geophysical Parameter	Code
21	Atmospheric Motion Vectors	IRW, WVW, MRW, VSW
22	Wind Derived Products (WDP)	WDP
23	Merged Wind Products	IRW_MERGED WVW_MERGED
24	High Resolution Winds	VSW_HR
25	Full Disc Winds	IRW_FD, WVW_FD
26	GOES Precipitation Index	GPI
27	Aerosol Optical Depth	AOD
28	Potential EvapoTranspiration	PET_DLY
29	Short Wave Radiation Over Ocean	SWR
30	5 day composite winds	5DCW
31	Actual EvapoTranspiration	AET
32	Land Surface Albedo (Daily/15-Day Composite)	LSA

### Sounder

#### L1B Product

1. Clear Sky Brightness Temperature (CSBT)

#### Operational Geophysical Profiles

2. Temperature Profiles
3. WV Profiles
4. Surface Skin Temperature
5. Total Ozone

#### Derived products

6. Geo Potential Height (at 40 pressure levels)
7. Total Precipitable Water
8. Layer-1 (1000-900 hPa) Precipitable Water
9. Layer-2 (900-700 hPa) Precipitable Water
10. Layer-3 (700-300 hPa) Precipitable Water
11. Lifted Index
12. Wind Index
13. Dry Microburst Index
14. Maximum Vertical Theta-e

#### Cloud Properties

15. Cloud Top Temperature
16. Cloud Top Pressure
17. Cloud effective Emissivity

## Hydro-Estimator (H-E)

Fine tuned for Indian region

- TIR observations are blended with model outputs.
- Rain rate relationship with Tb is dynamic.
- Correction procedures for orography and warm clouds.
- Rain at pixel levels of INSAT-3D/3DR over land and ocean.

(Kuligowski et al. (2003),  
Varma & Gairola, 2015; Varma & Sharma , 2022)



## INSAT Multi-Spectral Rainfall Algorithm (IMSRA)

- Calibrated TIR brightness temperature with TRMM-PR surface rainfall.
- Empirical regression relationship between brightness temperature and rainfall.
- Improved & corrected IMSRA (IMC)

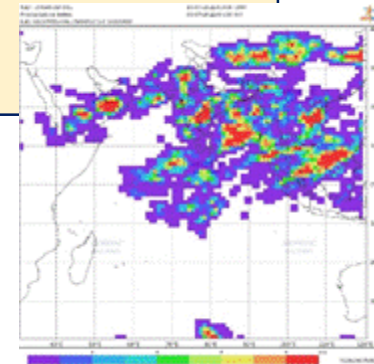
(Gairola and Varma, 2007; Gairola et al. 2016)



## Quantitative Precipitation Estimation (QPE)

- Correlation between rain rate and fraction of area covered by satellite pixels colder than 235K (Arkin 1979).
- Works well for large spatial (1°x1°) and temporal (daily) scales.

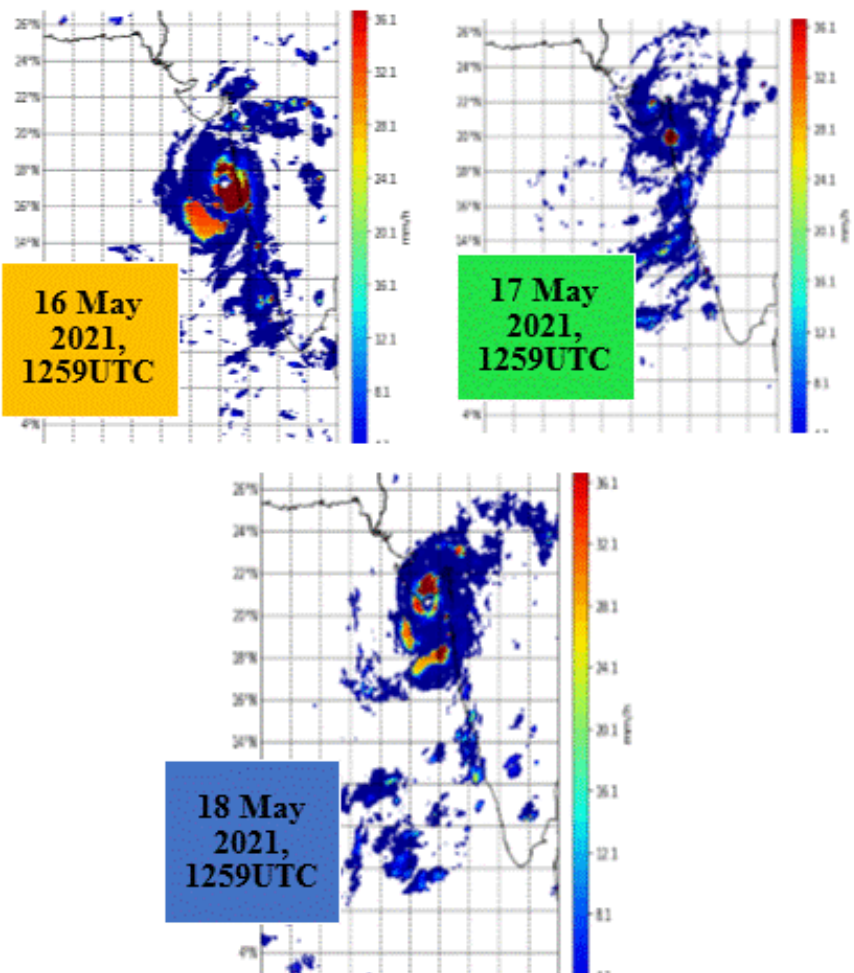
(Arkin, 1979, Gairola and Varma, 2007)



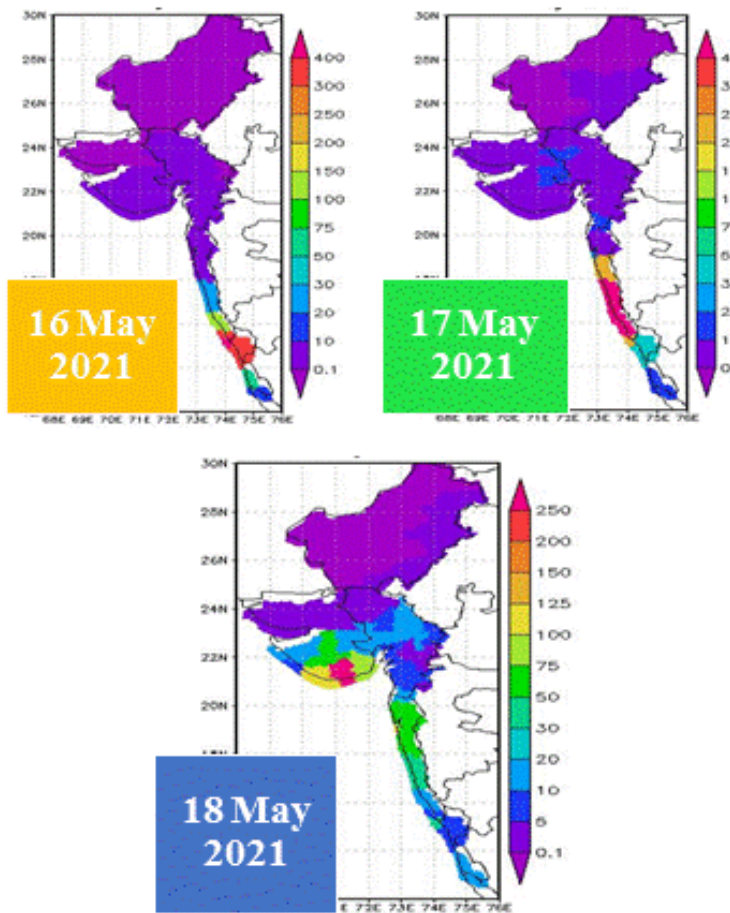
# Benefit of Users in the Indo-Pacific region

## H-E rain from INSAT-3DR (Tropical Cyclone Tauktae, May 2021)

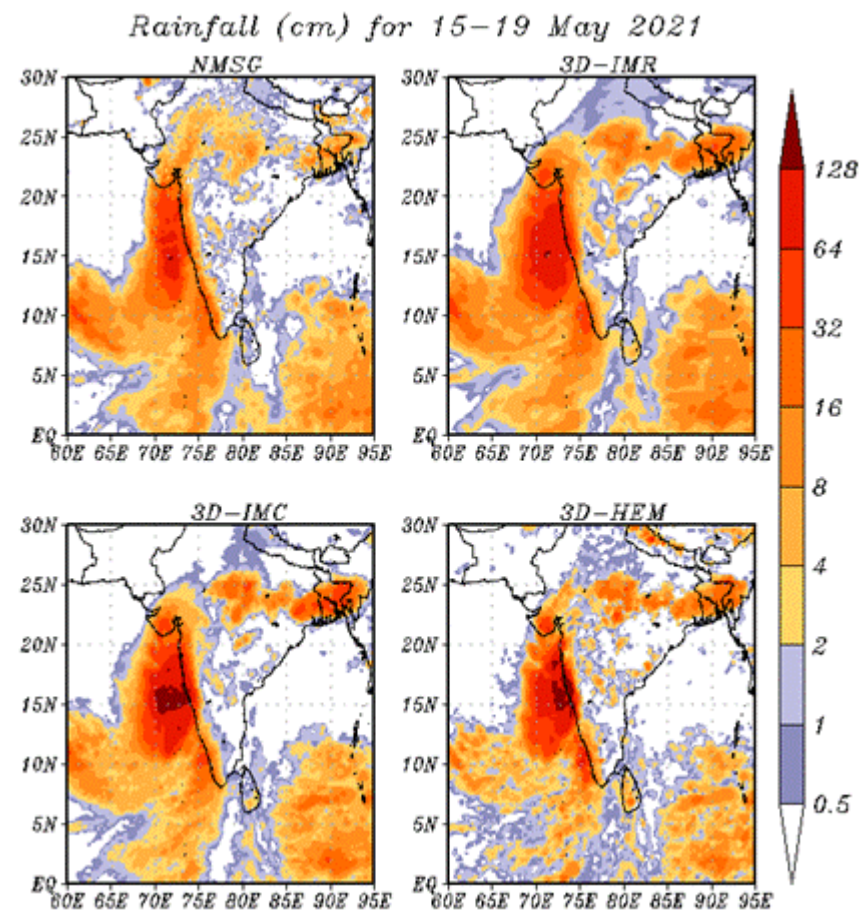
**Spatial distribution of H-E rainfall**



**District wise distribution of H-E rainfall on daily scale**



**Validation with NMSG rainfall**

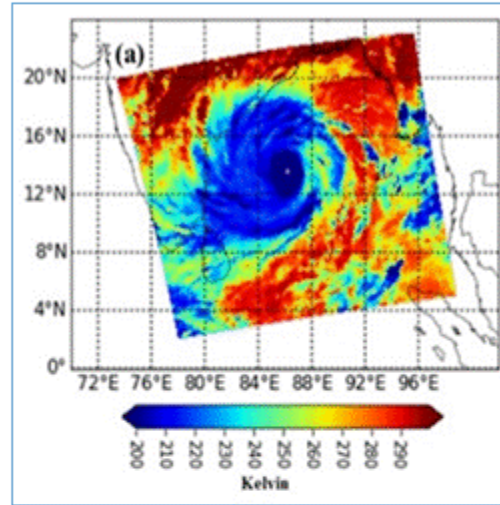




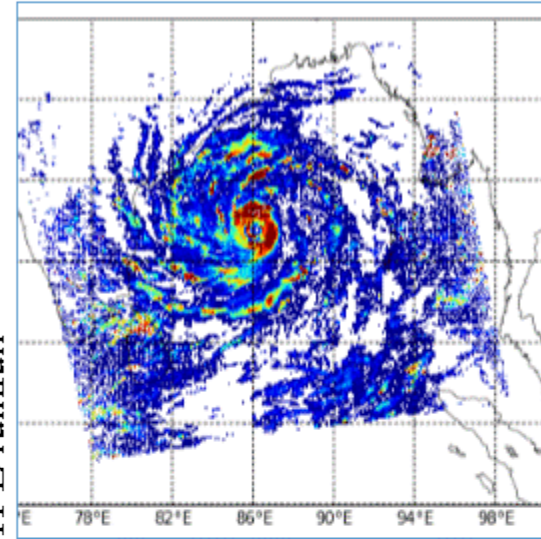
# Benefit of Users in the Indo-Pacific Region

- Rainfall structure
- Coastal regions
- Floods

MODIS-Tb

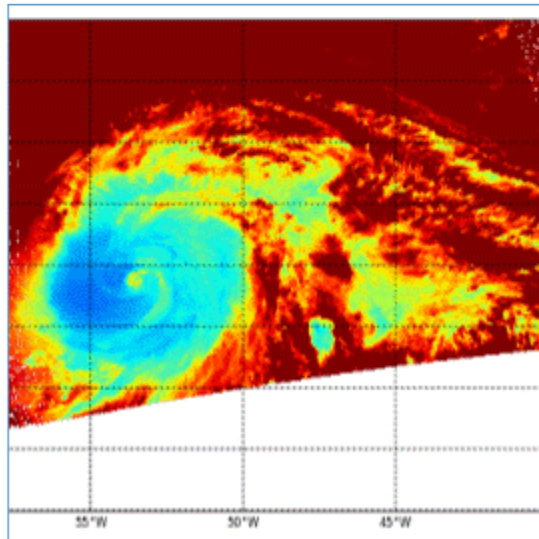


H-E rainfall

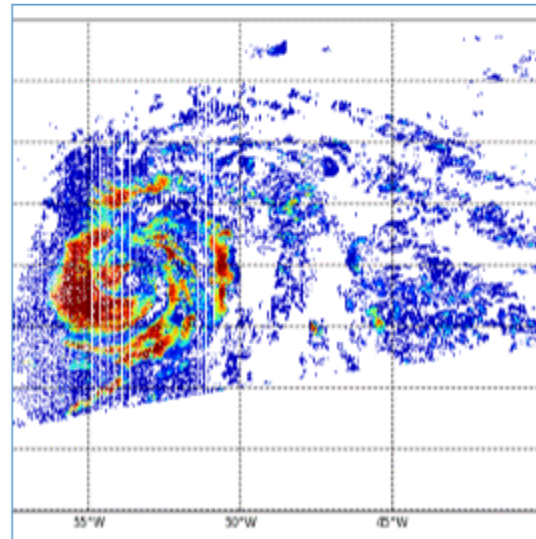


**Tropical cyclone Amphan,  
over Bay of Bengal on 18  
May 2020.**

MODIS-Tb



H-E rainfall



**Hurricane Teddy over  
Atlantic Ocean on 17  
September 2020.**



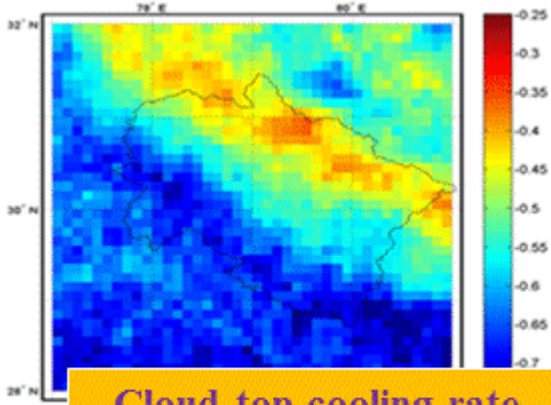
# Cloudburst Potential and Heavy Rain Alerts using INSAT-3D/3DR

Nowcasting of extreme rainfall events over Western Himalayan region using Nowcasting of ExTreme orographic RAin events (NETRA) algorithm

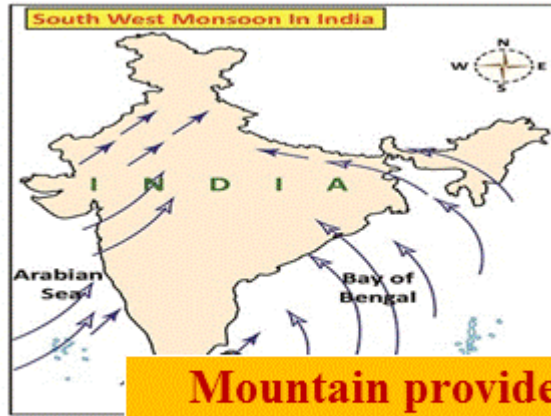
Cloudburst Potential alert is made available on real time over MOSDAC web portal using NETRA

INSAT-3D/3DR based heavy rain nowcasting

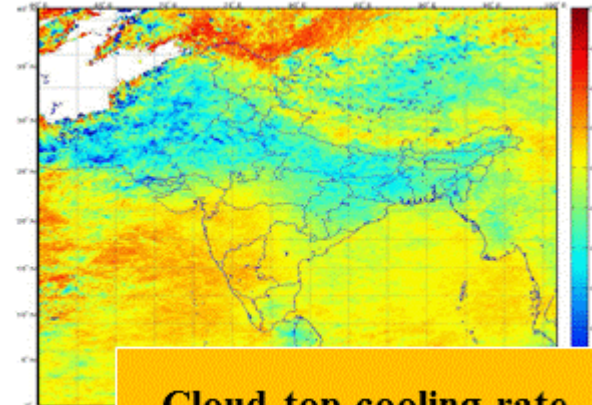
Location specific validation of Cloudburst Potential



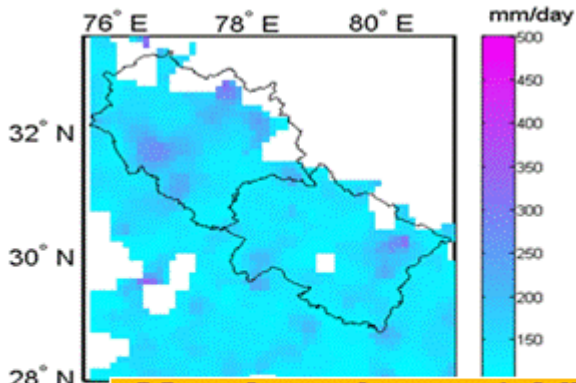
Cloud top cooling rate threshold



Mountain provide orographic lifting



Cloud top cooling rate



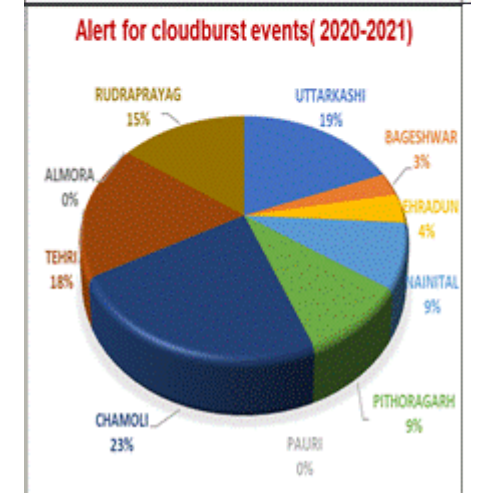
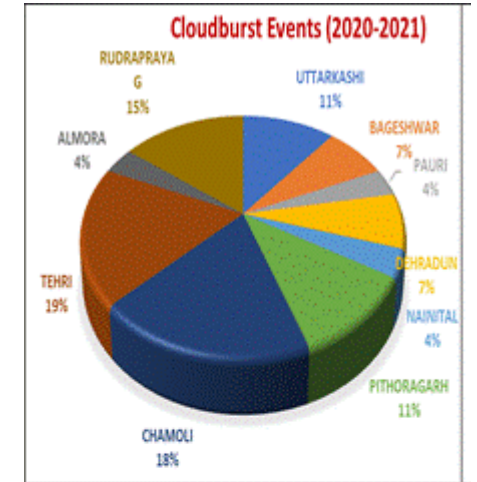
Map of mean heavy rainfall (Daily rainfall >100mm) over WH



Uttarakashi cloud burst (3rd May, 2021)



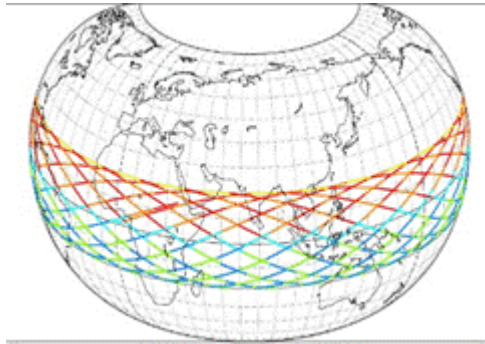
Real time alerts available over MOSDAC (ISRO)





# Rainfall Monitoring using Microwave Frequencies (Megha-Tropiques)

- **Launched: 12Oct 2011**
- **An Indo\_French joint satellite mission**



**SAPHIR:** 6 channel sounder near to 183 GHz  
sounding upto 12km height  
water vapor profiles  
Resolution: 10km  
Swath: 2200km

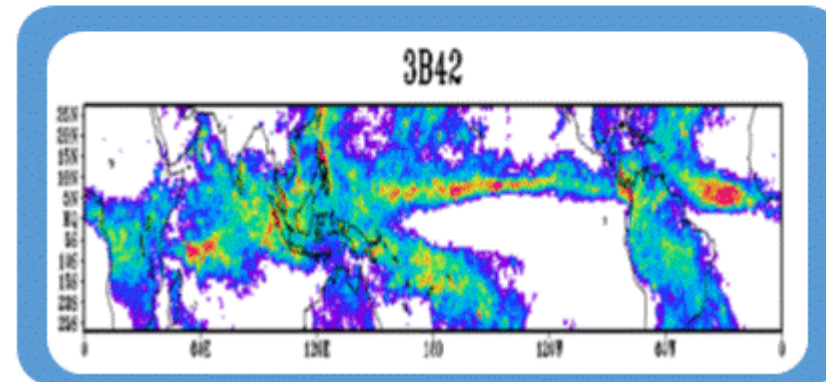
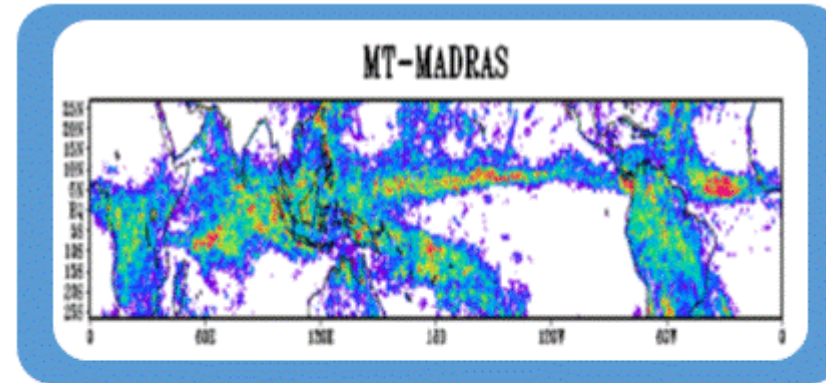
**ScaRaB:** Outgoing fluxes at TOA  
Resolution: 40km  
Swath: 2200km

**Microwave Analysis and Detection of Rain and Atmospheric Structure (MADRAS) :** Precipitation and cloud properties

89 & 157 GHz: ice particles at cloud top  
18 & 37GHz: cloud liquid water and precipitation  
23GHz: Integrated water vapour.

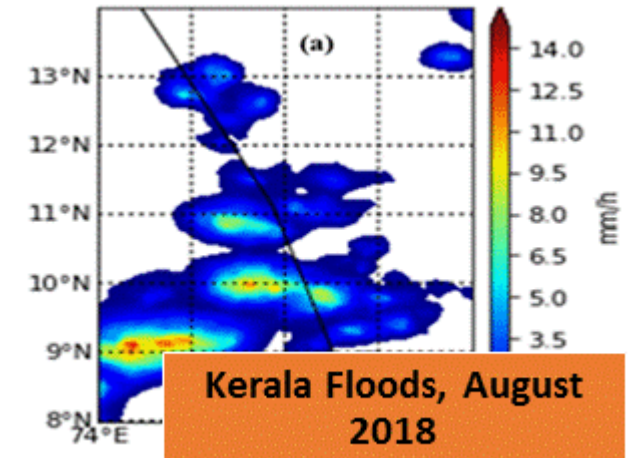
**ROSA:** Temperature and humidity profiles.

**Global monthly averaged rain rates: Nov 2011**  
(a) MADRAS and (b) TRMM3B42



Gohil, B. S, R. M. Gairola, A. K. Varma, C. Mahesh, R. K. Gangwar and P. K. Pal, *Q J R MetS*, 2013.  
Varma, A.K., D. N. Piyush, B. S. Gohil and P.K. Pal, *Advances in Space Research*, 2015.

**Rainfall Monitoring from SAPHIR**



**Kerala Floods, August 2018**



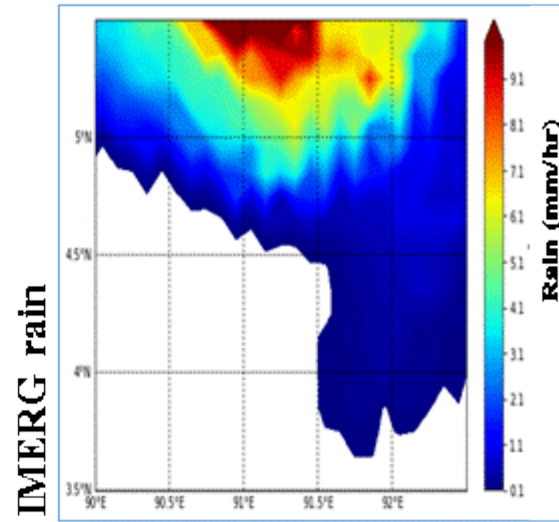
**Heavy rainfall alert on MOSDAC**

Varma, A.K., Piyush, D.N., Gohil, B.S., Pal, P.K., and Srinivasan, J., 2016.  
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# EOS-04 (RISAT-1A): Convective rain cell imprints in C-band SAR over ocean

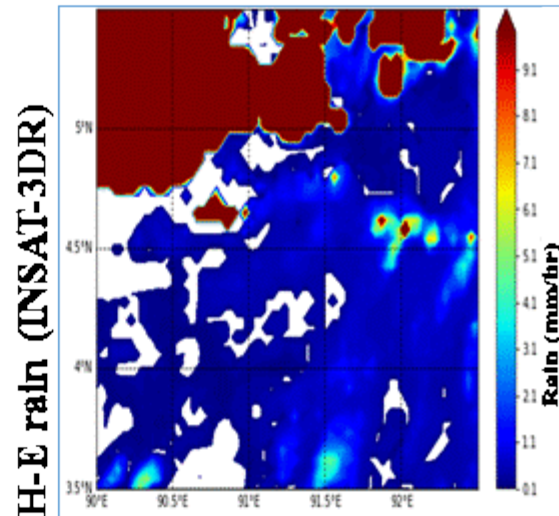
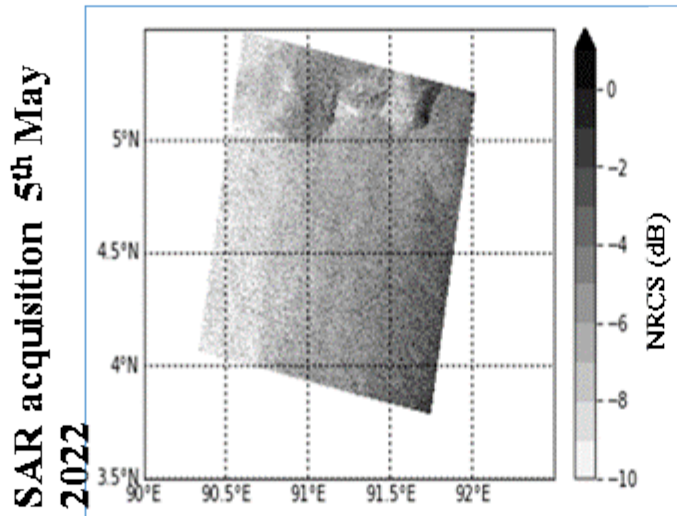
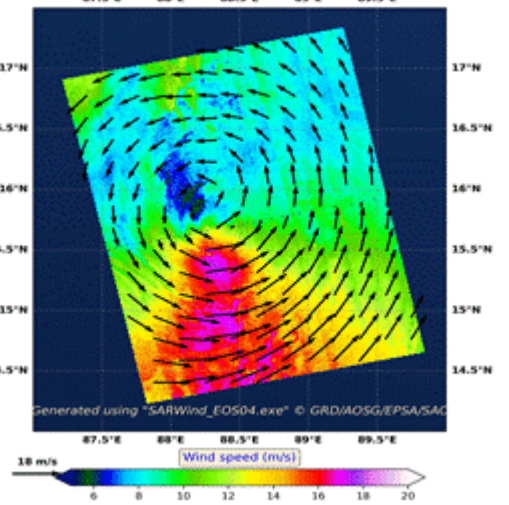
**Launched: 14Feb 2022**

Frequency	C-band (5.35 GHz)
Polarization	Single, Dual , & Circular (Hybrid)
Swath	10 km to 240 km
Incidence Angles	20° – 49°
Spatial Resolution	3 to 8, 25, 50 m
Repetivity	25 days for 240 km swath – systematic
Modes	Stripmap, CRS, MRS, Spotlight



High resolution (~ 1km) ocean surface wind speed

Ocean surface winds over cyclone "Sitrang" as captured by EOS-04  
23-Oct-2022, 11:45 UTC



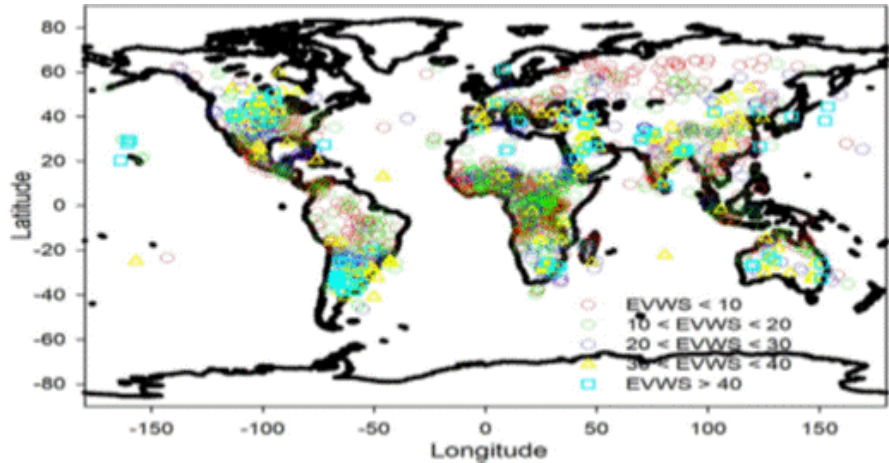
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Rain cell identification and analysis using multi-frequency (L & S) and multi-polarization imageries.

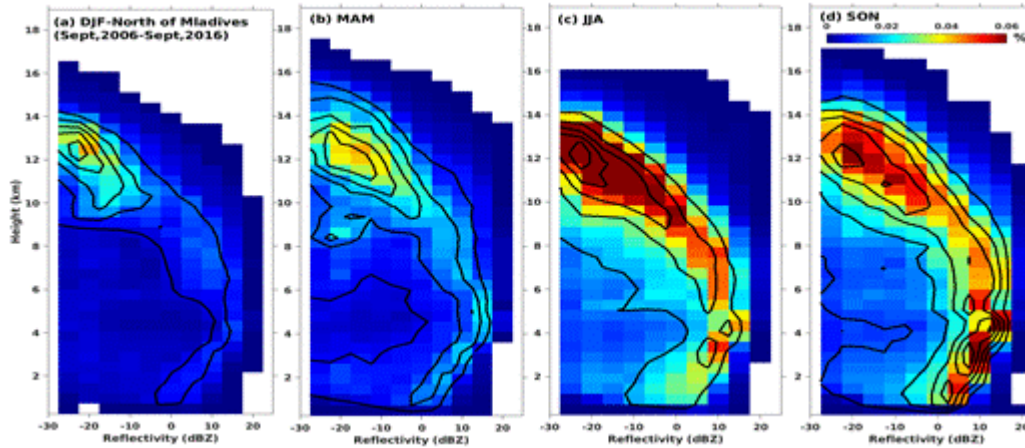


# Rainfall and Vertical Structure of Cloud

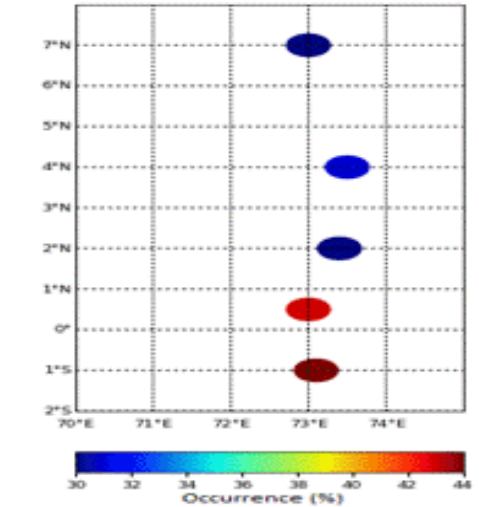
Global distribution of deep convective clouds (DPR, 2018)



Vertical structure of precipitating cloud characteristics over the Maldives using CloudSat observations (2006-2016)

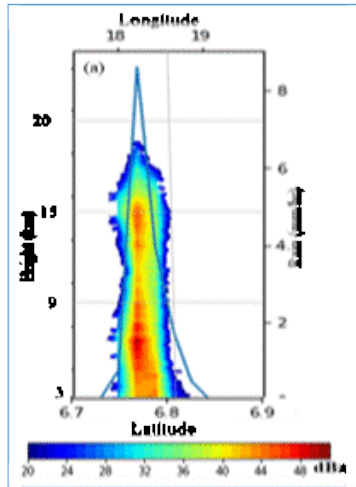


% Occurrence of stratiform rain during 2019 using GPM-DPR data

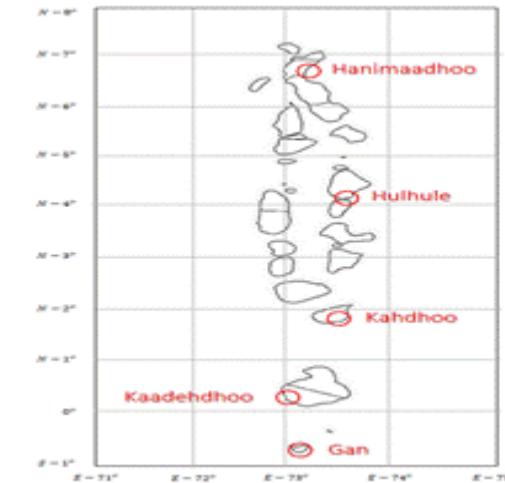
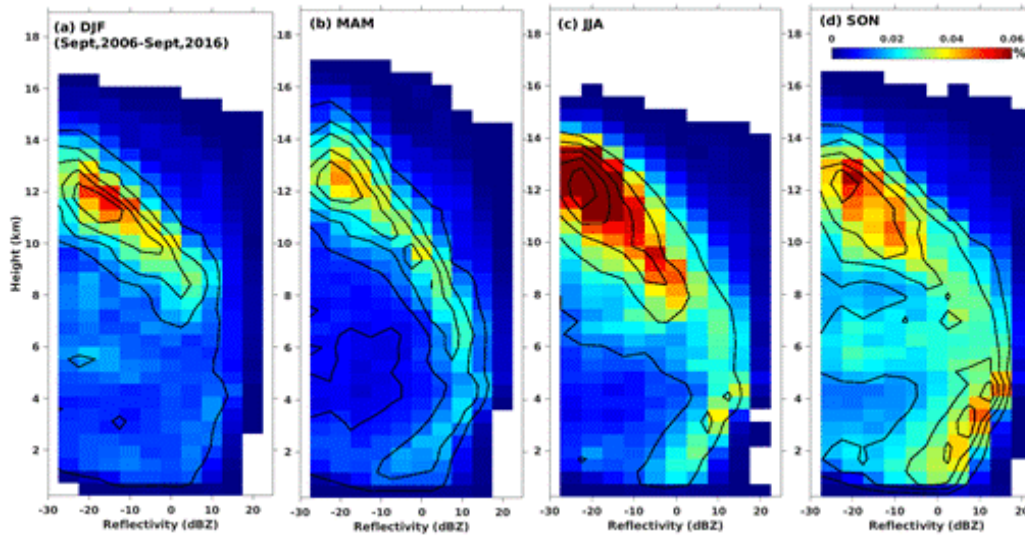
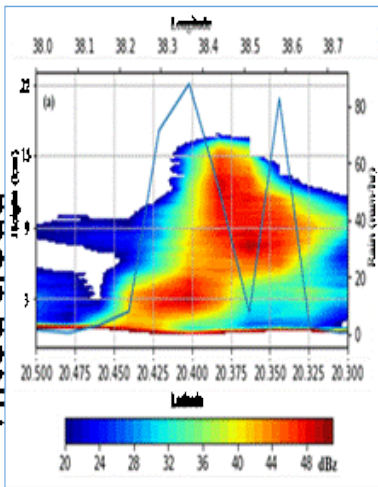


Vertical structure of clouds (DPR, 2018)

Non-tilted cloud

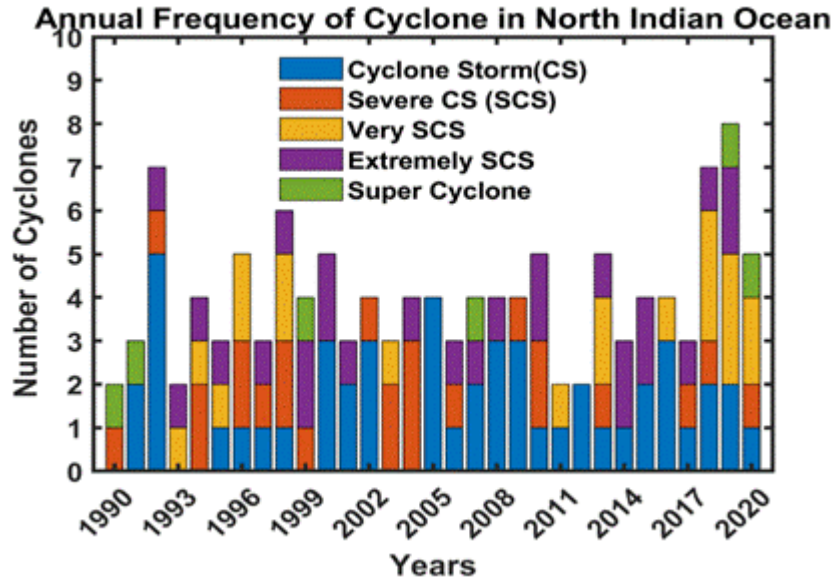


Tilted cloud

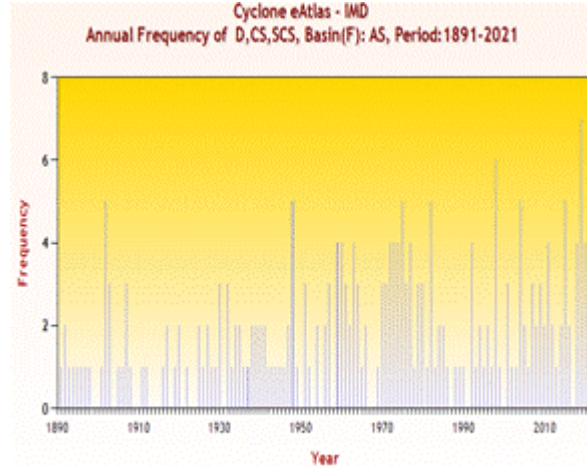


# Rainfall in Tropical Cyclones

**Statistics of TCs in the North Indian Ocean: In the last 31 years (1990-2020) based on the TC best track data created by RSMC New Delhi**



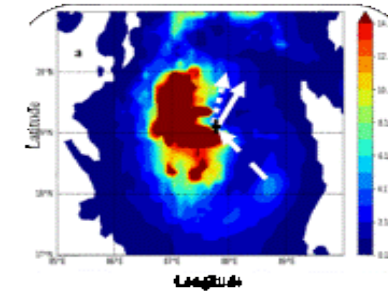
## Severe Cyclonic Storms - Maldives



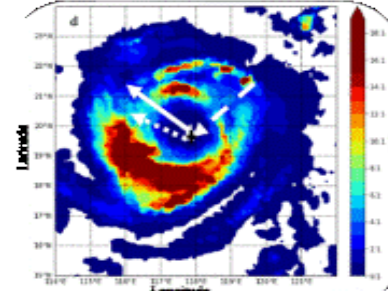
**Cyclone tracks through Maldives**



## Rainfall asymmetry in tropical cyclones



IMERG rainfall during TC- BULBUL on 8 November 2019



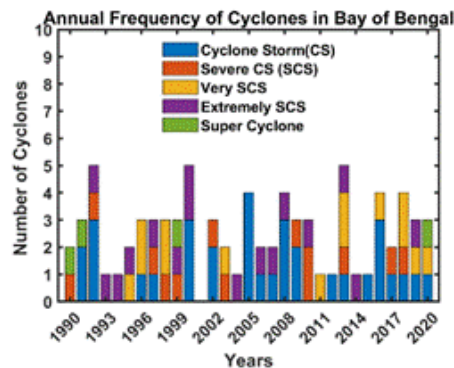
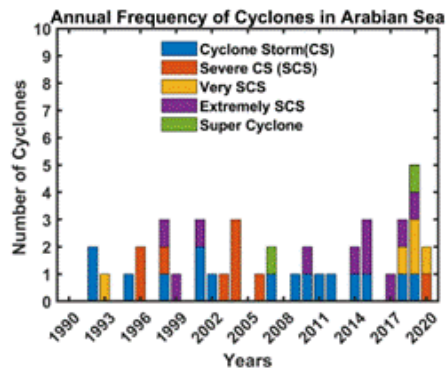
IMERG rainfall during TC HAIMA on 20th October 2016

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# Long-Term High-Resolution Gauge Adjusted Satellite Rainfall Product over India

## Background

The existing merged rainfall products over India are at coarser spatial ( $0.25^\circ \times 0.25^\circ$ ) or temporal (24-hour) resolution (e.g. IMSRA adjusted by IMD Gauges, NMSG rain, etc.)

## Methodology

The Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE) based merge-rainfall provides an Optimal Solution as compared to objective analysis method.

## Results

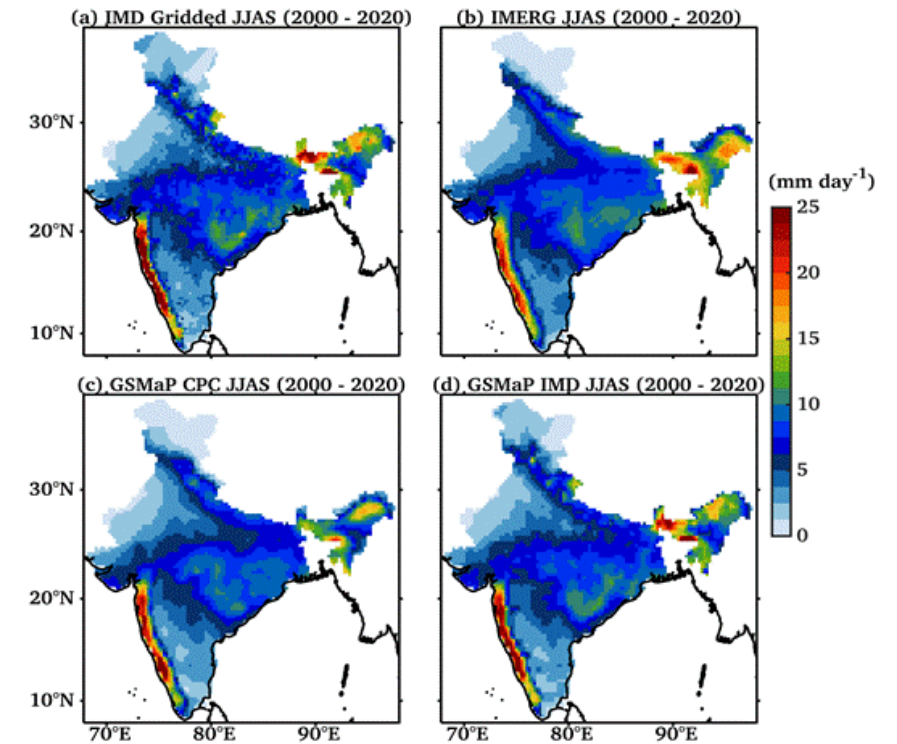
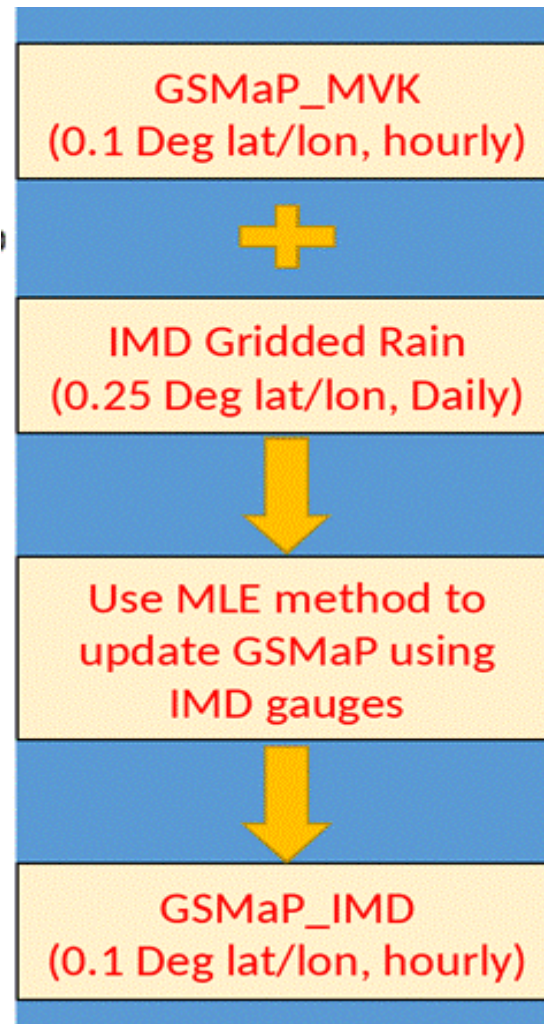
In general lesser RMSE and higher correlation as compared to standard GSMaP rainfall (GSMaP\_Gauge), IMERG Final, etc.

**These improvements are very significant over the high rainfall regions mainly Western Ghats and NE India.**

## Developed Rainfall Data

Develop GSMaP\_IMD, a long-term (22 years) high spatio-temporal resolution rainfall product adjusted by IMD Gridded rainfall.

**A targeted resolution is hourly in the temporal direction and  $0.1^\circ$  in the spatial direction.**



Spatial distribution of mean daily rainfall during summer monsoon (June to September) from (a) **IMD gridded rain**, (b) **IMERG Final-run**, (c) **GSMaP\_Gauge (here GSMaP\_CPC)**, and (d) **GSMaP\_IMD rainfall** for years 2000-2020.

*Kumar et al. 2021, AGU ESS*

*Under ISRO-JAXA collaboration*



# Tools and Websites



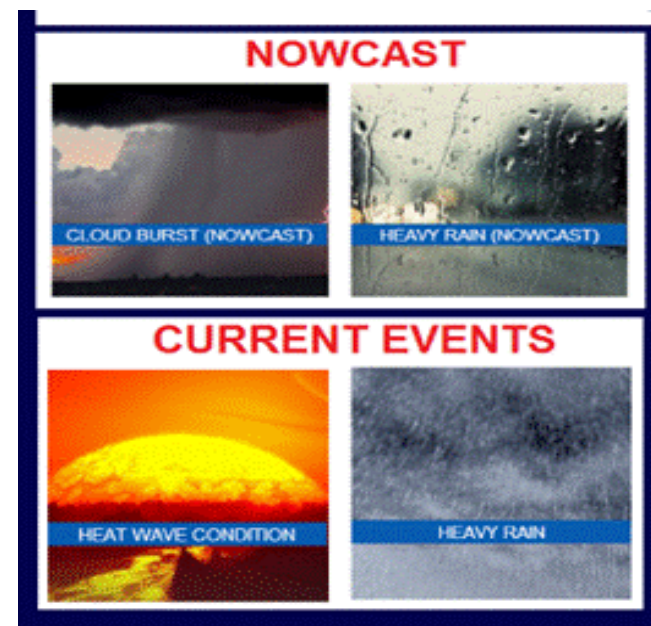
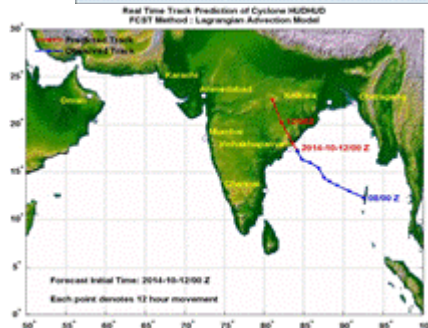
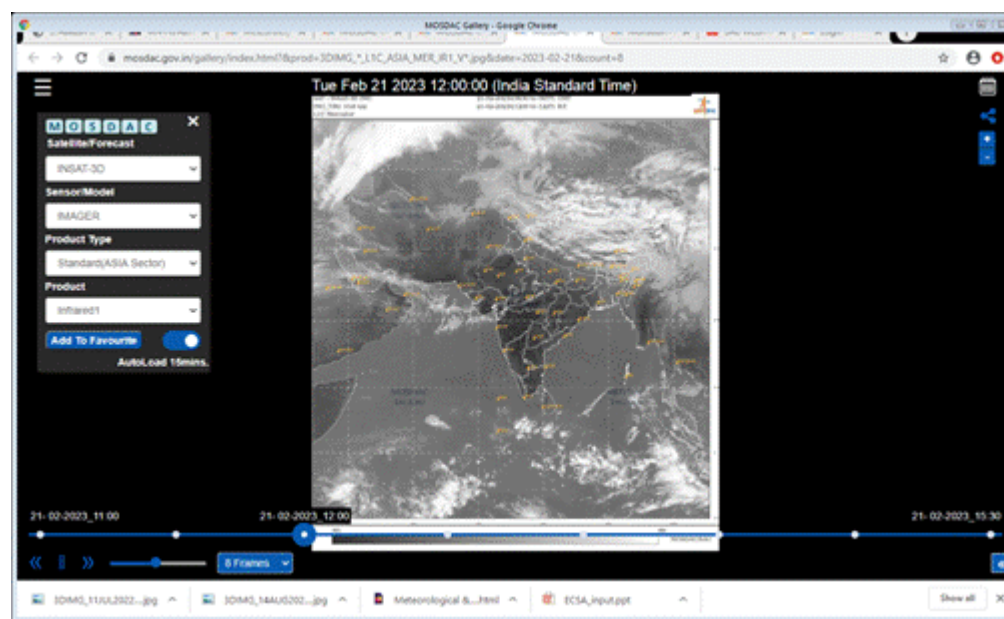
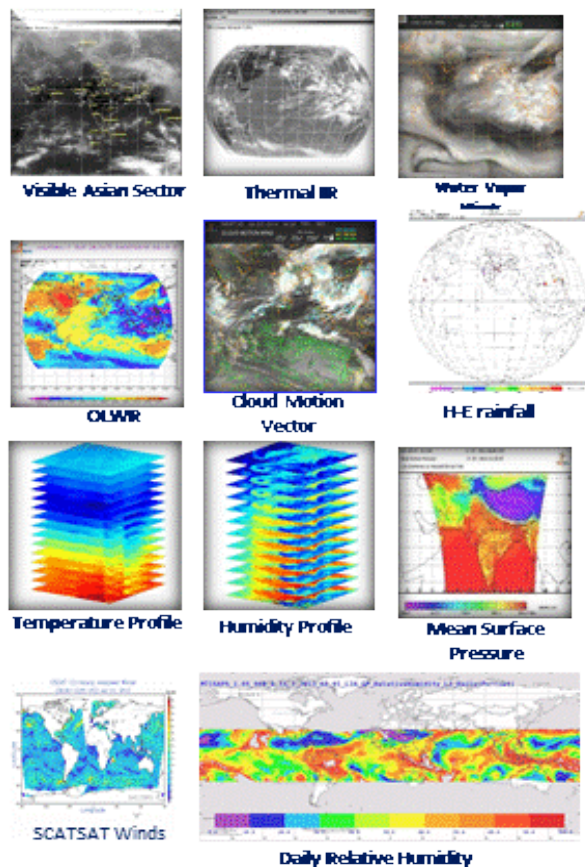
M O S D A C



Meteorological and Oceanographic Satellite Data Archival Centre

Application of Space Technology for the benefit of the common man  
Weather and Sea state forecasting, alerts, cyclone prediction and continuous weather and ocean data availability

## MET & OCEAN DATA PRODUCTS

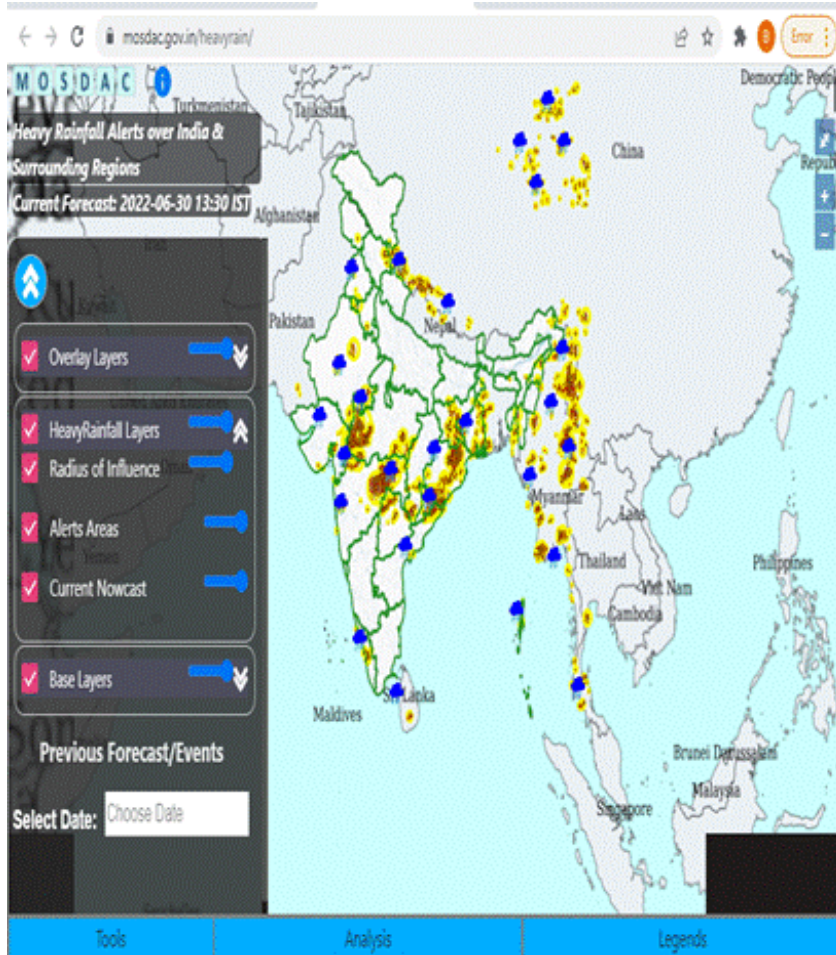


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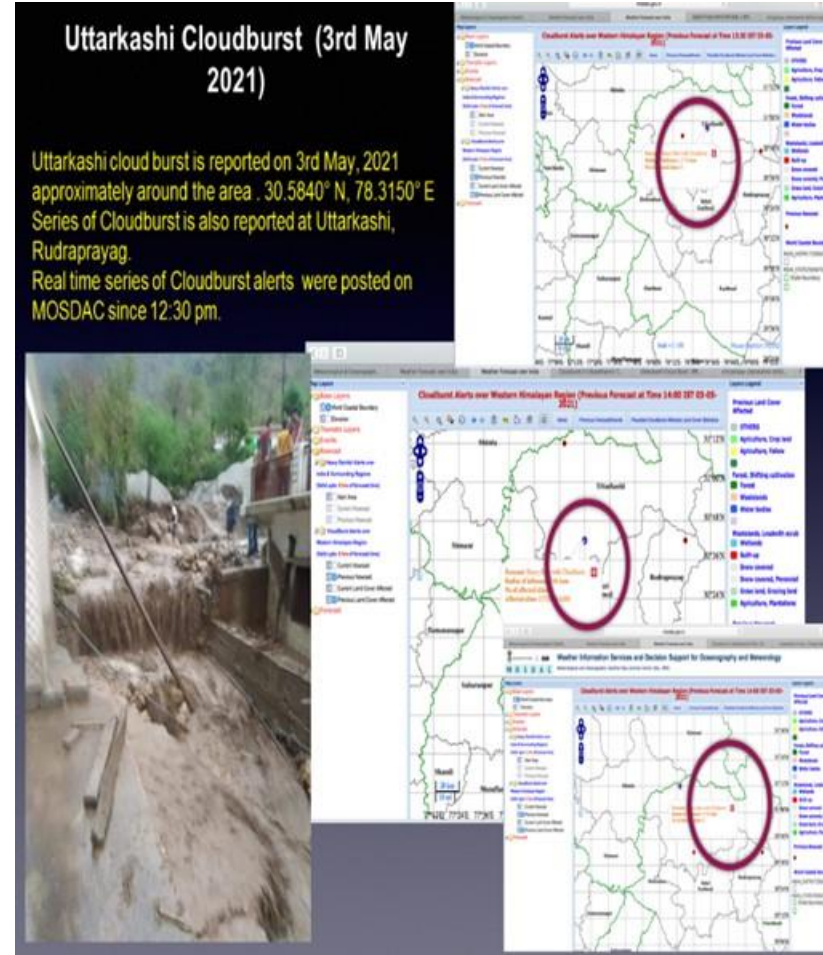
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## Heavy rainfall alerts



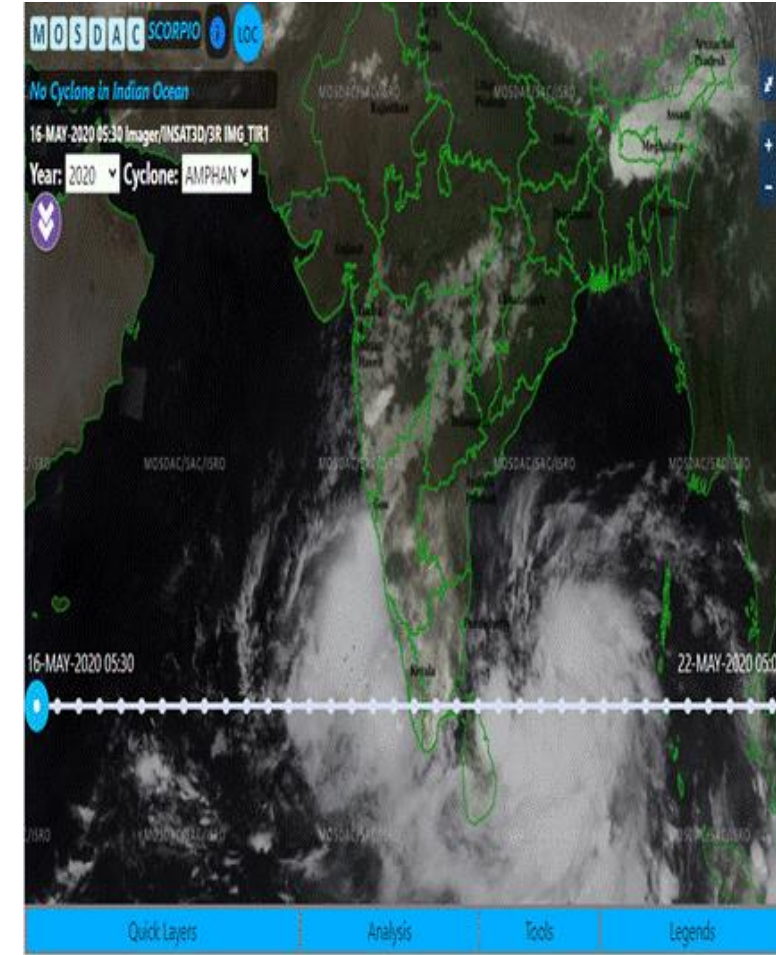
<https://mosdac.gov.in/heavyrain/>

## Cloudburst alerts



<https://mosdac.gov.in/cloudburst/>

## Satellite based Tropical Cyclone Monitoring & Prediction



<https://mosdac.gov.in/scorpio/>



# Tools and Websites

## RAPID at IMD

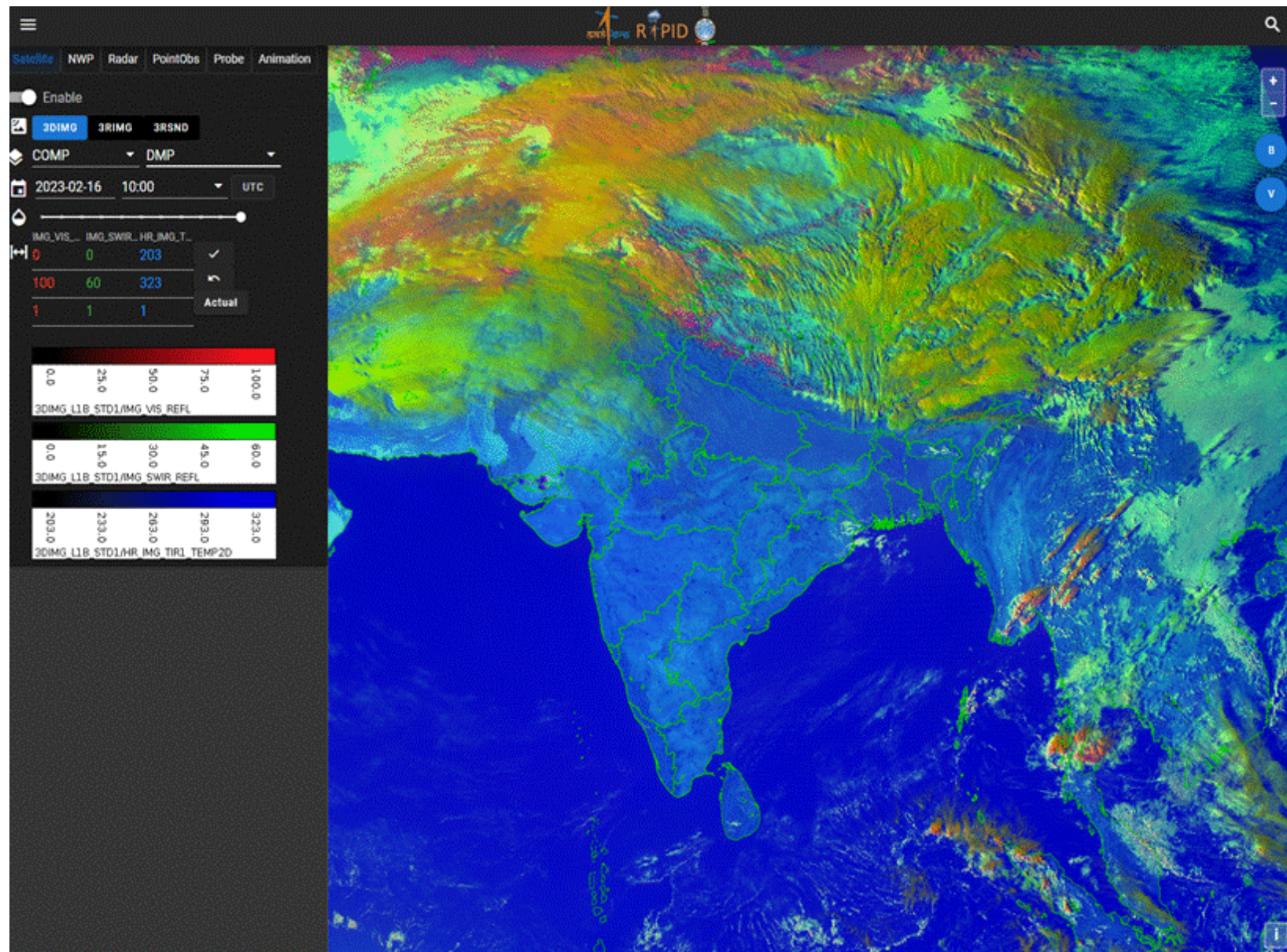
**Real-time Analysis of Products & Information Dissemination (RAPID) is an interactive web-based tool to visualize and analyze the INSAT-3D/3DR satellite data (also radar, ground observations and NWP model outputs) in real-time.**

**No specific OS / software / library / compiler required on the desktop/mobile phones. Access through browser.**

**RAPID follows Open Geospatial Consortium's (OGC) open standards.**

**Provides features of interest to scientific community.**

<https://rapid.imd.gov.in/r2v/>





# Tools and Websites

## MMDRPS at IMD

### IMAGER

S. No.	Geophysical Parameter	Code
1	Clear Sky Brightness Temperature	CSBT
2	Cloud Mask	CMK
3	Hydro Estimator	HEM
4	Improved IMSRA	IMC
5	Outgoing Longwave Radiation	OLR
6	Sea Surface Temperature	SST
7	Cloud Properties	CTP/CTT
8	Upper Tropospheric Humidity	UTH
9	Land Surface Temperature	LST
10	Total Precipitable Water	TPW
11	Fog	FOG
12	MIR Reflectance	REF
13	Snow	SNW
14	Insolation	INS
15	Land Surface Albedo	LSA
16	Net Effective Radiation	NER
17	Atmospheric Correction	TOA/BOA
18	Cloud Microphysics	CMP
19	Smoke	SMK
20	Forest Fire	FIR
21	Atmospheric Motion Vectors	IRW, WVW, MRW, VSW
22	Wind Derived Products (WDP)	WDP
23	Merged Wind Products	IRW_MERGED, WVW_MERGED
24	High Resolution Winds	VSW_HR
25	Full Disc Winds	IRW_FD, WVW_FD
26	GOES Precipitation Index	GPI

S. No.	Geophysical Parameter	Code
26	GOES Precipitation Index	GPI
27	Aerosol Optical Depth	AOD
28	Potential EvapoTranspiration	PET_DLY
29	Short Wave Radiation Over Ocean	SWR
30	5 day composite winds	SDCW
31	Actual EvapoTranspiration	AET
32	Land Surface Albedo (Daily/15-Day Composite)	LSA

### SOUNDER

#### L1B Product

1. Clear Sky Brightness Temperature (CSBT)

#### Operational Geophysical Profiles

2. Temperature Profiles
3. WV Profiles
4. Surface Skin Temperature
5. Total Ozone

#### Derived products

6. Geo Potential Height (at 40 pressure levels)
7. Total Precipitable Water
8. Layer-1 (1000-900 hPa) Precipitable Water
9. Layer-2 (900-700 hPa) Precipitable Water
10. Layer-3 (700-300 hPa) Precipitable Water
11. Lifted Index
12. Wind Index
13. Dry Microburst Index
14. Maximum Vertical Theta-e

#### Cloud Properties

15. Cloud Top Temperature
16. Cloud Top Pressure
17. Cloud effective Emissivity

The Multi-mission Meteorological Data Receiving & Processing System (MMDRPS) at IMD enables acquisition, processing, archival, and dissemination of complete meteorological data from the imager, sounder and DRT payloads of the **INSAT-3D**, **INSAT-3DR** and upcoming INSAT-3DS satellites in real-time.



MMDRPS



# Tools and Websites

## INSAT-based tool for thunderstorm monitoring at IMD

A storm index is experimentally derived using integrated observations from spaceborne radar and satellite observations from INSAT-3D/3DR for near real-time monitoring of storms over India.

It is derived at every 15 minutes at spatial resolution of 8 km by integrating Outgoing Longwave Radiation (OLR) from INSAT-3D and reflectivity from Precipitation Radar (PR) onboard TRMM.

Storm signature represented by low OLR values were compared against high reflectivity from PR for a large datasets to establish a linkage between reflectivity and OLR which was used for the derivation of storm index.

OLR threshold for shallow and convective storms were identified by reflectivity thresholds and Storm index was derived as OLR threshold divided by actual OLR values. Severity of the storms were detected by the depression below OLR threshold.

OLR vs Reflectivity values for storm events

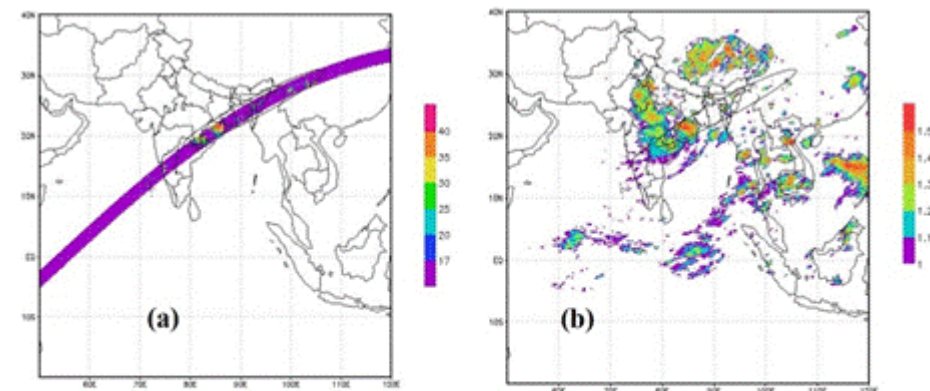
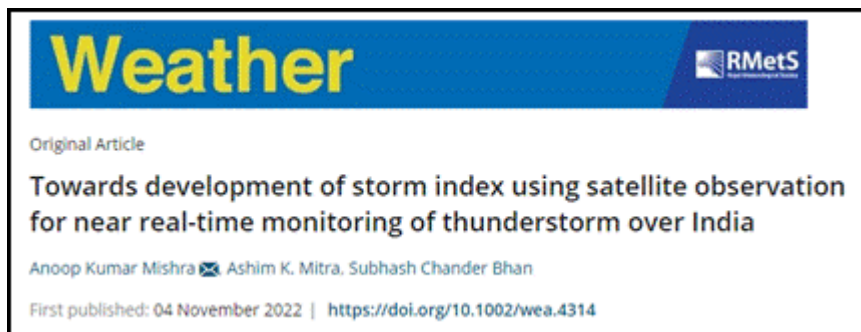
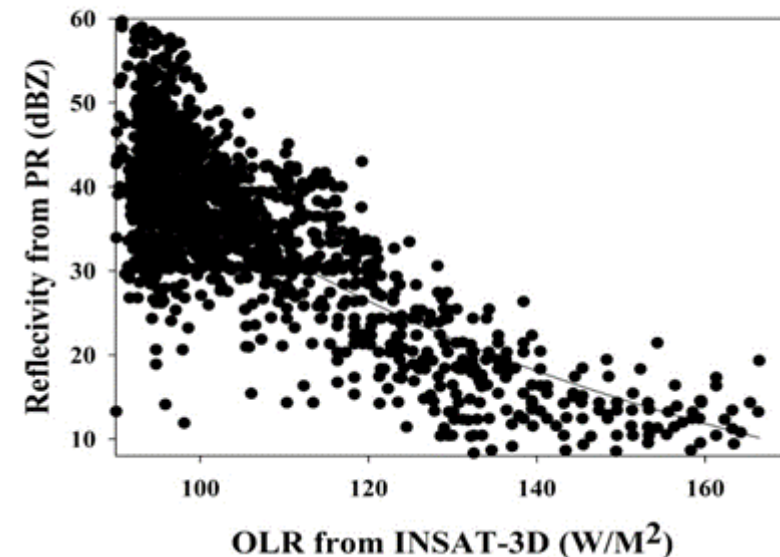
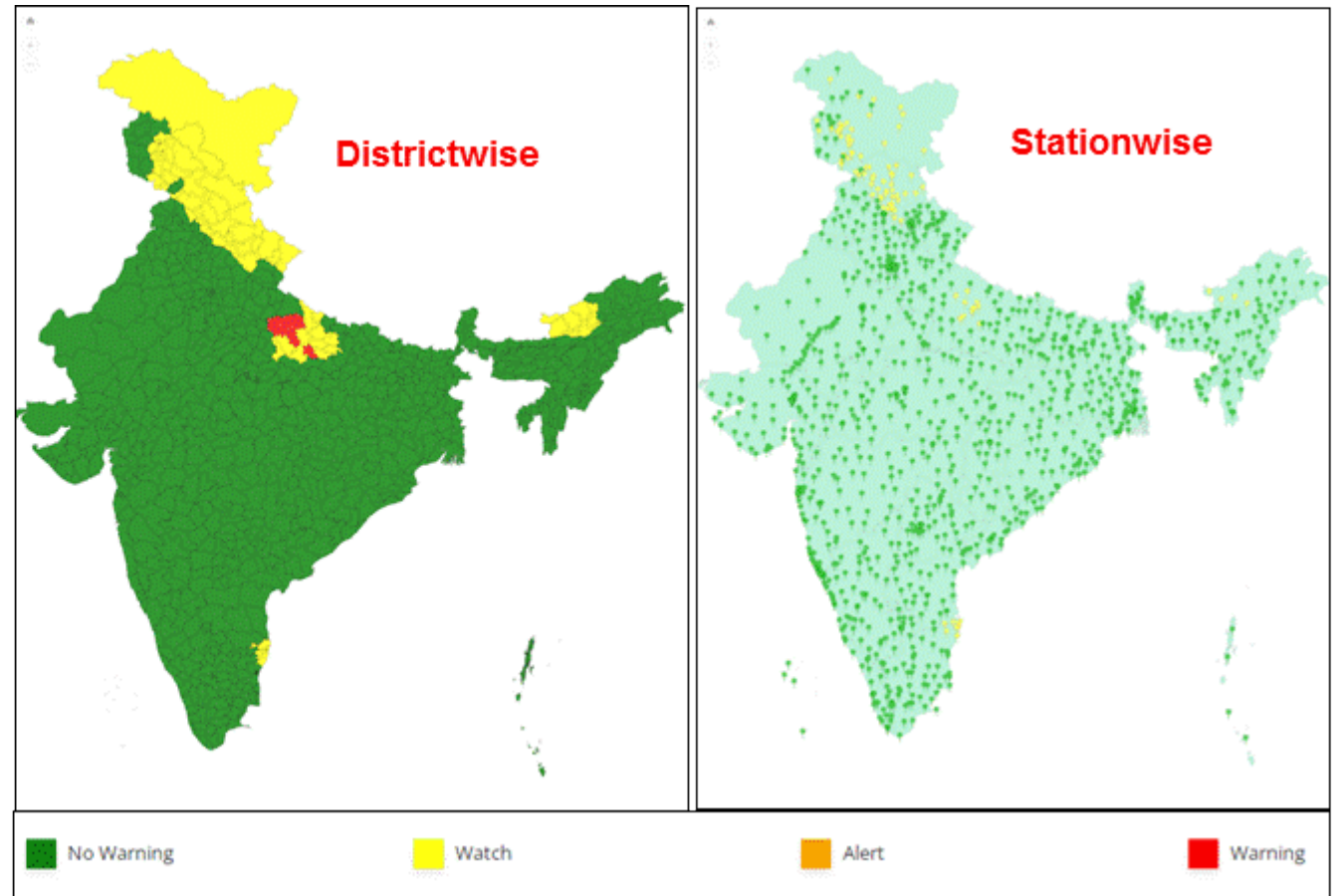
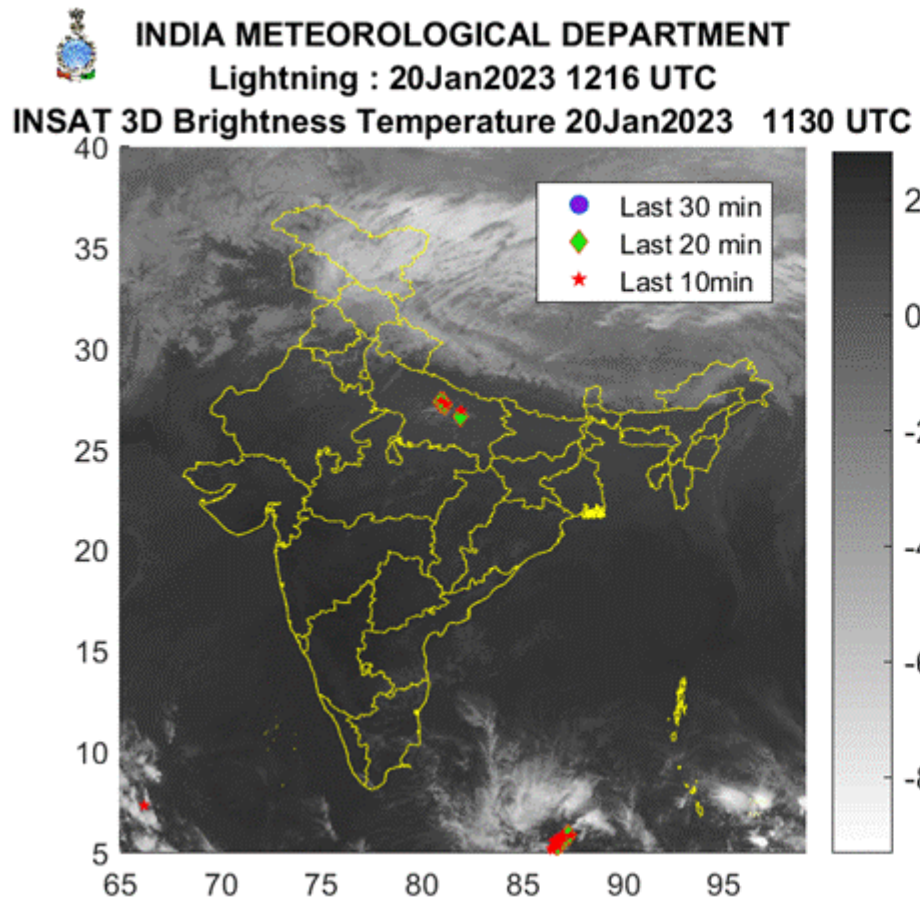


Figure : Storm clusters on August 04, 2014 at 1500 UTC indicated by (a) reflectivity from PR (b) Storm Index from INSAT 3D



# Tools and Websites

## Tools for operational Nowcasting of Lightning at IMD



Last 10-, 20- and 30-minutes lightning observations (*in-situ*) superimposed with INSAT-3D (*satellite*) images for near real-time monitoring

Regular dissemination of 3-hourly nowcast for all 732 districts of India and at station scale for 1089 stations by the IMD.

Primarily for two phenomena: (a) Thunderstorms & associated weather, (b) Intensity of rainfall occurrence



# Tools and Websites

<https://bhuvan.nrsc.gov.in> (for various applications)

The screenshot shows the Bhuvan website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Bhuvan logo and the text "National Remote Sensing Centre". Below this, there is a main banner for "Bhuvan - Covid-19 Vaccination Centers in India" with a search and visualization tool. The interface is divided into several sections: "Visualization & Free Download", "Applications Section" (with icons for E-Governance, Disaster, Urban, and Rural), "Maps & OGC Services", and "Bhuvan Central Applications". The bottom of the page features a dark footer with contact information and social media links.

<https://ndem.nrsc.gov.in/login.php> (National Database for Emergency Management)

The screenshot shows the National Database for Emergency Management (NDEM) website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the NDEM logo and the text "National Database for Emergency Management". Below this, there is a main banner for "AP Godavari Flood 13/08/2022". The interface is divided into several sections: "Product Catalogue", "About NDEM", "Current Disaster Specific News", "Alerts & Warnings", and "Disaster Dashboard". The "Disaster Dashboard" section contains a grid of 24 tiles, each representing a different disaster management tool or service, such as "Near Real Time Flood Layer", "Flood Hazard Zonation Map", "Spatial Flood Early Warning", "Runoff (PAN India)", "Landslide Early Warning", "Forest Fire Locations", "Flash Flood Vulnerability Ind", "Cyclone Track", "5-Day Flood Forecast (CWF)", "Water Level (CWC)", "Current Weather Data", "Cloud Movement", "Rainfall Forecast", "Meteorological Data", "Latest Earthquake Events", "City Weather Forecast", "Lightning Data", "Nowcast Warning", "Sea State Forecast", "Storm Surge", "Cloud Burst", "MOSDAC Services", "Lightning Data", and "FF LDFE".



# Tools and Websites

Archive of Remote Sensing data including Indian and Foreign Remote Sensing sensors acquired since 1986

The screenshot displays the Bhoonidhi website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Applications, Contact Us, and the nrsc logo. Below the navigation bar, the Bhoonidhi logo is prominently displayed, followed by a brief description of the archive. The main content area features four navigation buttons: VISTA, Bhoonidhi, Bhoonidhi RESOURCES, and UPAGRAN. Below these, the 'APPLICATIONS' section is highlighted, containing four tiles: 'Bhoonidhi Browse & Order' (Search, View and Download/Order optin-priced data of various IRS missions, Landsat-5, Sentinel 1&2 and NovaSAT), 'Bhoonidhi Vista' (Visualise the daily acquired data and temporal cycle based mosaic), 'Upagran' (Orbit Viewer - Live satellite/orbit tracking and view of all satellites at given UTC time), and a 'NEW RELEASE!' banner. The banner lists features like new resource pages, help documents, tutorial videos, workshop archives, and seminar products, and lists products such as EOS-04 (Bioraster) products, Surface reflectance product, Cartosat-1 Stereo products, Cartosat-1 CartoDEM products, and Cartosat-1, NITF-South, JRS-1 - Open data products.

Visualisation portal for full resolution multi-mission data

<https://bhoonidhi.nrsc.gov.in/vista>

For climate products

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# Training Opportunities

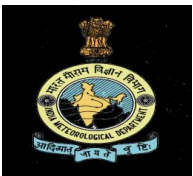


**Centre for Space Science and Technology Education in Asia and the Pacific  
(CSSTEAP)  
(Affiliated to the United Nations, OOSA)**



- **9 Months PG Diploma Course: Satellite Meteorology and Global Climate (SATMET). Every alternate year. 12 PG Diploma courses are conducted at SAC since 1998 (177).**
- **2-weeks short courses: Weather Forecasting using NWP models. 4 courses are conducted (198).**
- **During Covid time, 2 weeks short courses on “Use of Space Technology for weather and climate studies” are conducted in online mode. So far 2 such courses were conducted at SAC (115).**

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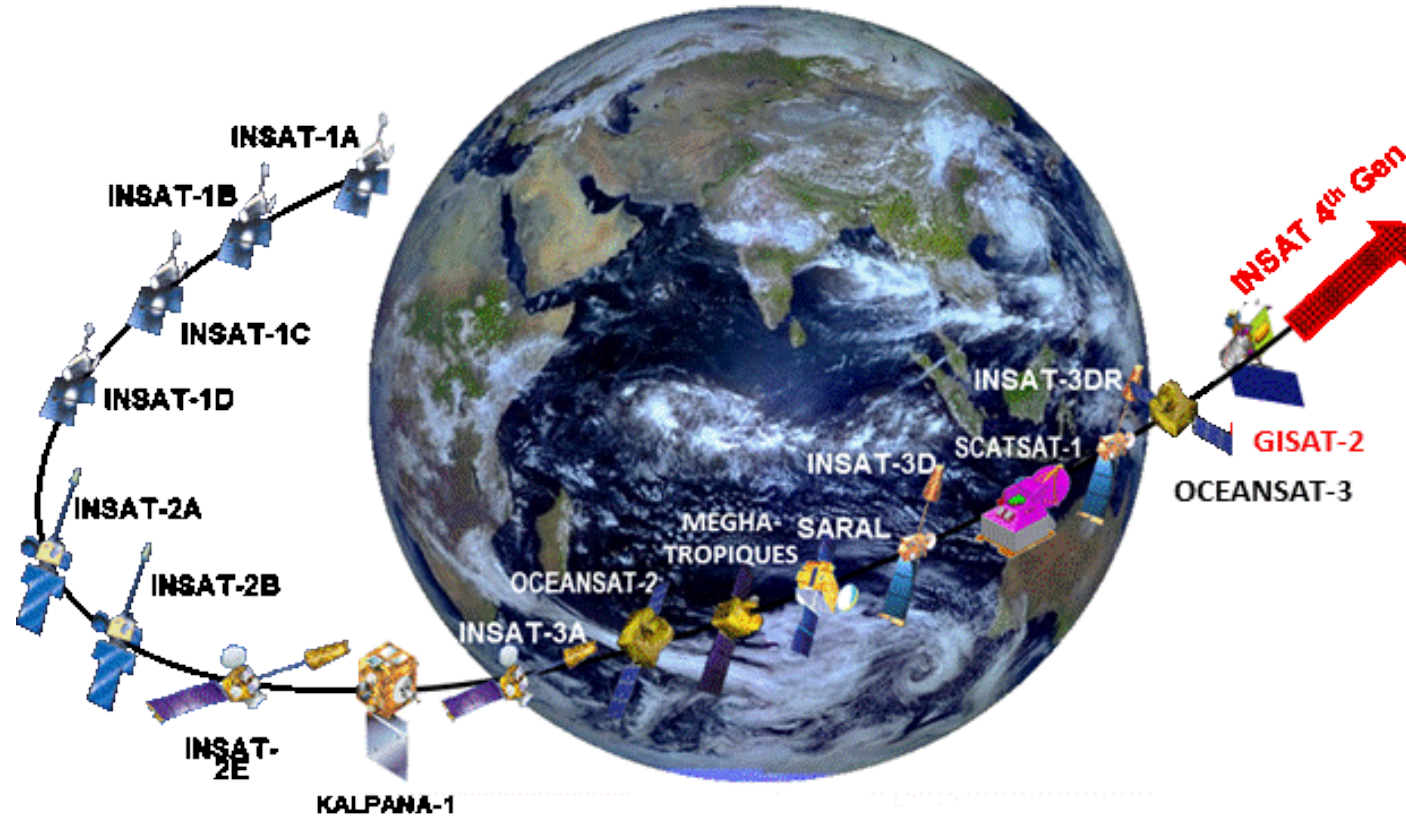


- IMD is conducting training programs since 1943.
- Training activities at MTI, Pune and ICITC, New Delhi of IMD got the WMO recognition as components of Regional Training Centres in 1986.
- Meteorological training programs, catering different categories of meteorological personnel from India and Asia-Pacific region.
- In addition, to upgrade the knowledge & skill of the meteorological personnel, a number of short-term tailor-made training courses are organized.

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