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Extended Range Prediction for Bhutan

Background

Extended Range Prediction (ERP) for Bhutan is prepared with the support from the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), Government of India. The model used for the system is CFSv2 coupled model (Atmospheric and Ocean model) which runs once every week (Wednesday), with the 16 Ensemble Members at the horizontal resolution of around 25 km, and the products are made available the next day (Thursday). Therefore, the ERP products for Bhutan will be generated every Friday. ERP for Bhutan is carried out for two climate variables, rainfall and temperature.

Generally, the forecast output is produced on a weekly basis for a period of a month for both the variables. The current products available from NCHM are on pilot basis which needs further studies and validation with the ground observations until the product is fully operationalized.



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Observed weather over last week

Most of the stations across the country showed an increasing maximum temperature and varied (increase in the middle of the week) minimum temperature throughout the week. Light rain was observed throughout the country. The table below displays observed real time rain and temperature data from regional meteorological stations over the last week.

Station		04 Apr	18 Apr	19 Apr	20 Apr	21 Apr	22 Apr	23 Apr	24 Apr
Babesa	Tmax (°C)		19.5	23	22.5	21.5	24	23	24
	Tmin (°C)		9.5	8	9.5	11	12	11	8
	Rain (mm)		7.6	2.3	0	0	2.7	0	0
Dagana	Tmax (°C)		21.5	28.5	28	22.5	27	22.5	25.5
	Tmin (°C)		14.5	13.5	15.5	16.5	15.5	15.5	15.5
	Rain (mm)		0.4	0.4	0.2	0	4.8	0	0
Chamkhar	Tmax (°C)		20.5	22	21.5	22	24.5	22.5	21.5
	Tmin (°C)		9.9	7.5	9.5	9.5	11.5	11	11.5
	Rain (mm)		3.1	0.9	0	0	5.3	0	0
Deothang	Tmax (°C)		25.5	28	28	28.5	28	26	28.5
	Tmin (°C)		18	19	20	20	19	20.5	21
	Rain (mm)		0	0	37	0	46	22	0
Gasa	Tmax (°C)		16	21	17	20	21	18	19
	Tmin (°C)		7	5	7	7	7	7	9
	Rain (mm)		0	2.6	0	6.8	2.8	0	5



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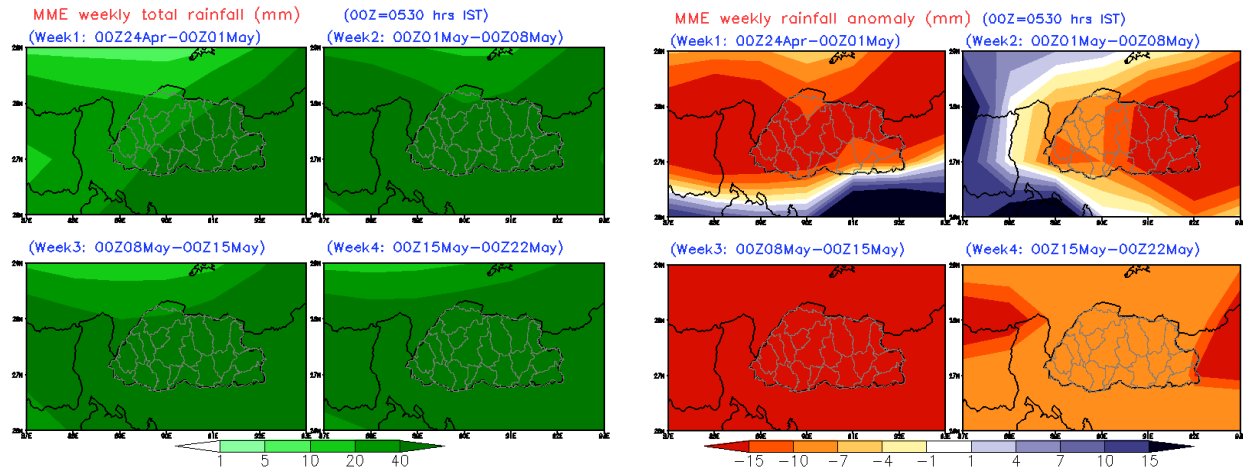
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Weekly forecast for Bhutan

1. Rainfall Prediction



Week 1 (24 April - 01 May) , Week 2 (01 May - 08 May), Week 3 (08 May - 15 May) and Week 4 (15 May - 22 May)

Below normal rainfall throughout the country.



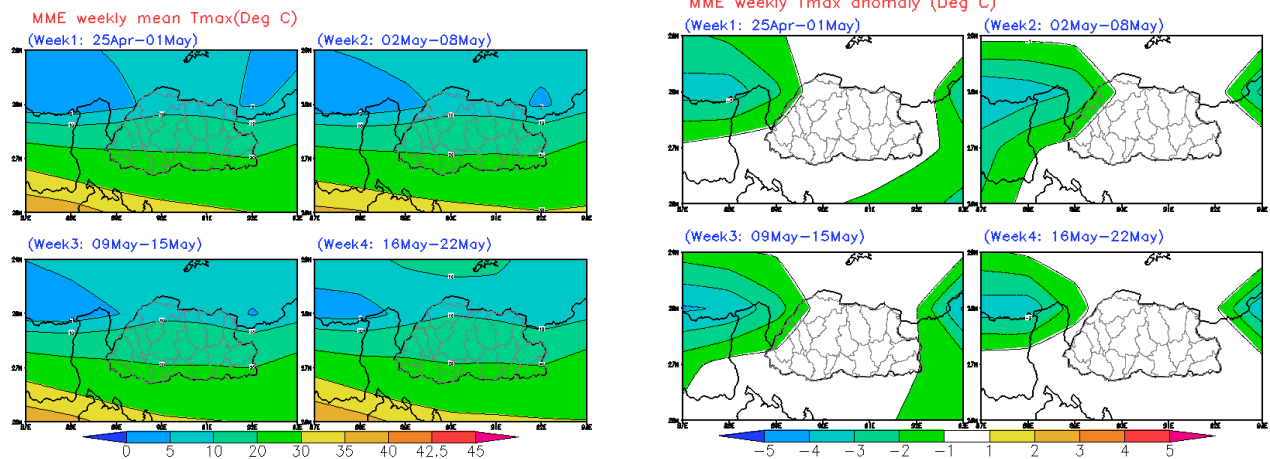
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2. Maximum Temperature Prediction



Week 1 (25 April - 01 May), Week 2 (02 May - 08 May), Week 3 (09 May - 15 May), and Week 4 (16 May - 22 May)

Normal maximum temperature throughout the region.



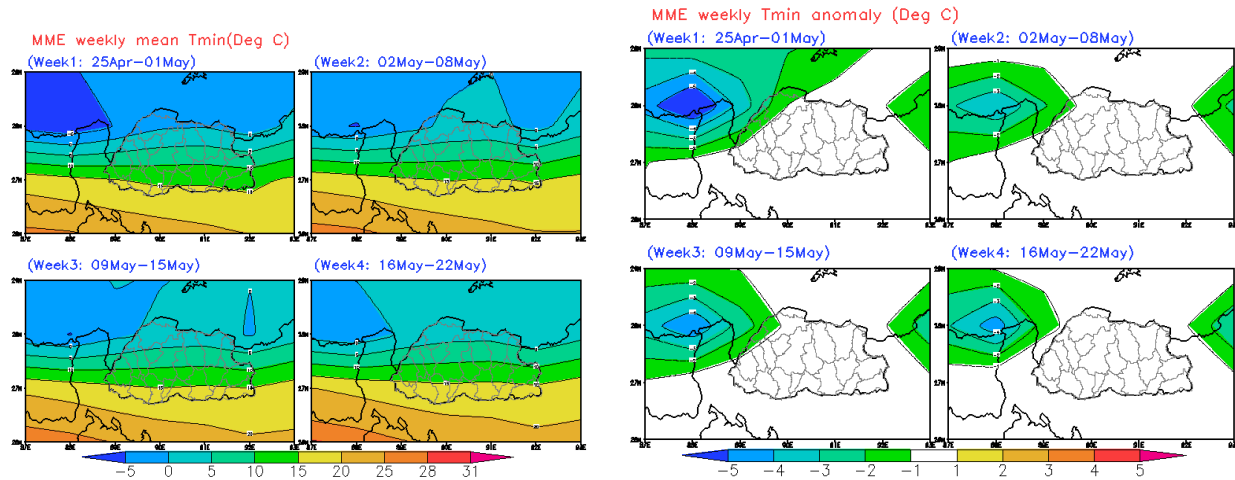
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3. Minimum Temperature Prediction



Week 1 (11 April - 17 April) , Week 2 (18 April - 24 April) , Week 3 (25 April - 01 May) and Week 4 (02 May - 08 May)

Normal minimum temperature throughout the region.



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Summary

- The rainfall is likely to be below normal for the rest of the month.
- The maximum temperature is likely to be normal for the rest of the month.
- The minimum temperature is likely to be normal for the rest of the month.

Classification of rainfall for 24 Hours

No rainfall	0.0 mm
Very light rainfall	0.1 to 0.9 mm
Light rainfall	1.0 to 10.0 mm
Moderate rainfall	11.0 to 30.0 mm
Heavy rainfall	31.0 to 70.0 mm
Very heavy rainfall	71.0 to 150.0 mm
Extremely heavy rainfall	Equal or more than 151.0 mm