

# இந்தியஅரசு

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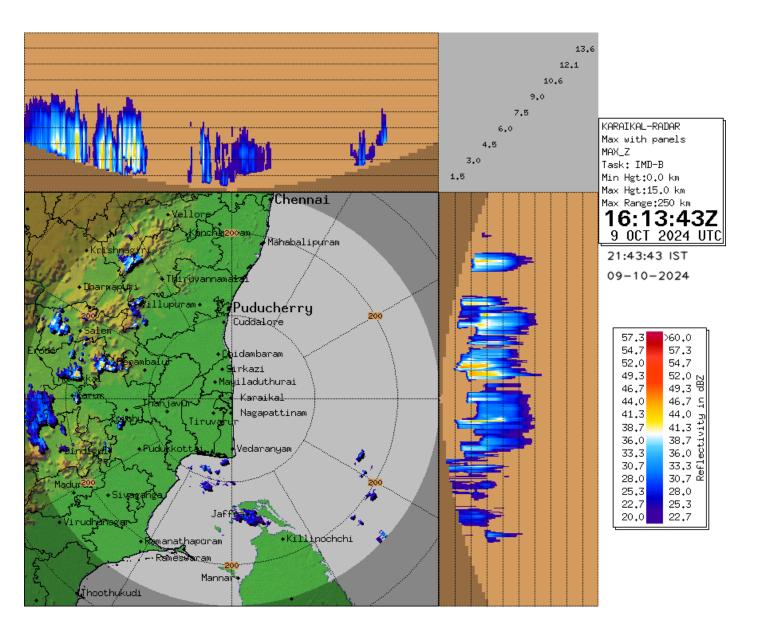
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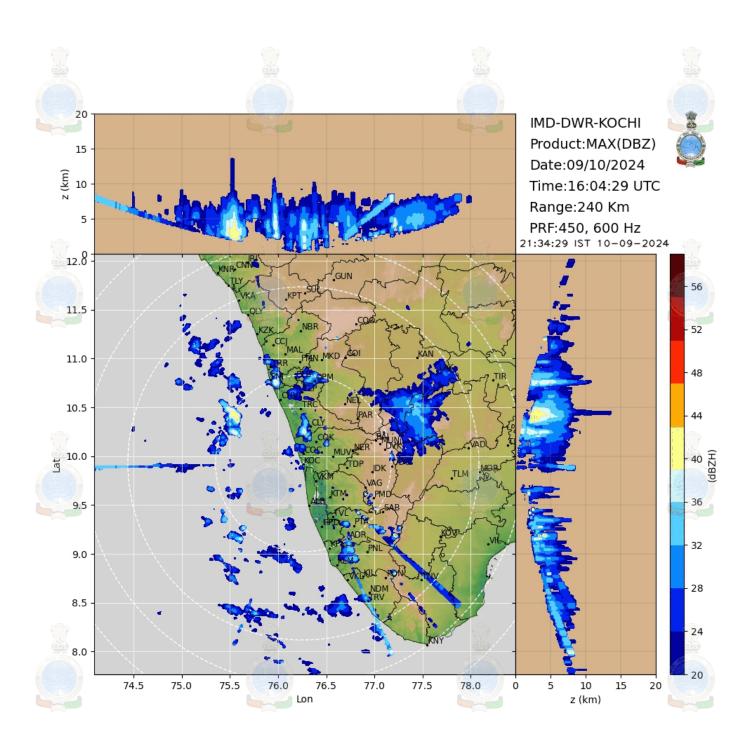
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## Sub: Rain/Thunderstorm warning/Lightning warning

| VALIDITY  | WEATHER<br>PHENOMENA<br>(LIKELY/VERY<br>LIKELY/MOST<br>LIKELY)                              | DISTRICT AFFECTED<br>(ISOLATED/A FEW/MANY/MOST<br>PLACES)  | IMPACT   |
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| 3 Hrs.<br>(upto 01:00<br>hrs. IST of<br>10-10-2024) | Moderate<br>Thunderstorm<br>and Lightning<br>with Moderate<br>rain is very likely.          | At isolated places over <b>Coimbatore</b> district of Tamilnadu.   | Water logging in<br>some areas.<br>Slippery roads in<br>some areas.<br>Traffic may be<br>affected in some<br>areas.<br>Minor damage due<br>to loose/unsecured<br>structures. |
|   | Light<br>Thunderstorm<br>and Lightning<br>with Light to<br>Moderate rain is<br>very likely. | At isolated places over <b>Dharmapuri</b> ,<br><b>Krishnagiri</b> , <b>Tiruvannamalai</b> , <b>Ariyalur</b> ,<br><b>Perambalur</b> , <b>Erode</b> , <b>Salem</b> , <b>Karur</b> ,<br><b>Tiruchirapalli</b> , <b>Pudukottai</b> , <b>Tiruppur</b> ,<br><b>Nilgiris</b> , <b>Theni and Dindigul</b> districts of<br>Tamilnadu. |  |

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#### Thunderstorm & Lightning: Do's and Don'ts

## (i) If at home or work –

#### Preparation:

- $\checkmark$  Look for darkening skies and increased wind.
- $\checkmark$  If you hear thunder, you are close enough to be struck by lightning.
- $\checkmark$  Keep monitoring local media for updates and warning instructions.
- ✓ Stay indoors and avoid travel if possible.

- ✓ Close windows and doors, and secure objects outside your home (e.g. furniture, bins, etc.).
- ✓ Ensure that children and animals are inside.
- ✓ Unplug unnecessary electrical appliances (to isolate them from the main power supply which may conduct a power surge during a lightning storm).
- ✓ Remove tree timber or any other debris that may cause a flying accident.

#### Response:

- $\checkmark$  Avoid taking a bath or a shower, and stay away from running water. This is because lightning can
- ✓ travel along metal pipes. Keep away from doors, windows, fireplaces, stoves, bathtubs, or any other electrical conductors.
- ✓ Avoid using corded phones and other electrical equipment that can conduct lightning.

## (ii) If Outdoor -

## Response:

- $\checkmark$  Go to safe shelter immediately avoid metal structures and constructions with metal sheeting.
- ✓ Ideally, find shelter in a low-lying area and make sure that the spot chosen is not likely to flood.
- ✓ Crouch down with feet together and head down to make yourself a smaller target.
- ✓ Hair standing up on the back of your neck could indicate that lightning is imminent.
- $\checkmark$  Do not lie flat on the ground; this will make a bigger target.
- ✓ Keep away from all utility lines (phone, power, etc.), metal fences, trees, and hilltops.
- $\checkmark$  Do not take shelter under trees as these conduct electricity.
- $\checkmark$  Rubber-soled shoes and car tyres do not offer protection from lightning.

#### (iii) If travelling -

Response:

- ✓ Get off bicycles, motorcycles or farm vehicles that may attract lightning.
- ✓ Get to a safe shelter.
- ✓ If boating or swimming, get to land as quickly as possible and take shelter.
- ✓ During a storm, remain in your vehicle until help arrives or the storm has passed (the metal roof will provide protection if you are not touching metal inside); windows should be up; park away from trees and power lines.

## (iv) If struck by lightning -

Treatment:

- $\checkmark$  Take the person who is struck by lightning to a hospital.
- ✓ If possible, give basic First Aid.
- ✓ People struck by lightning carry no electrical charge and can be handled safely.
- ✓ Check for broken bones, loss of hearing and eyesight.
- ✓ A victim of a lightning strike can suffer varying degrees of burn. Check the impact point and where the electricity left the body for injury marks.

(pl visit https://ndma.gov.in/Resources/awareness/lightning/visuals