

# இந்தியஅரசு

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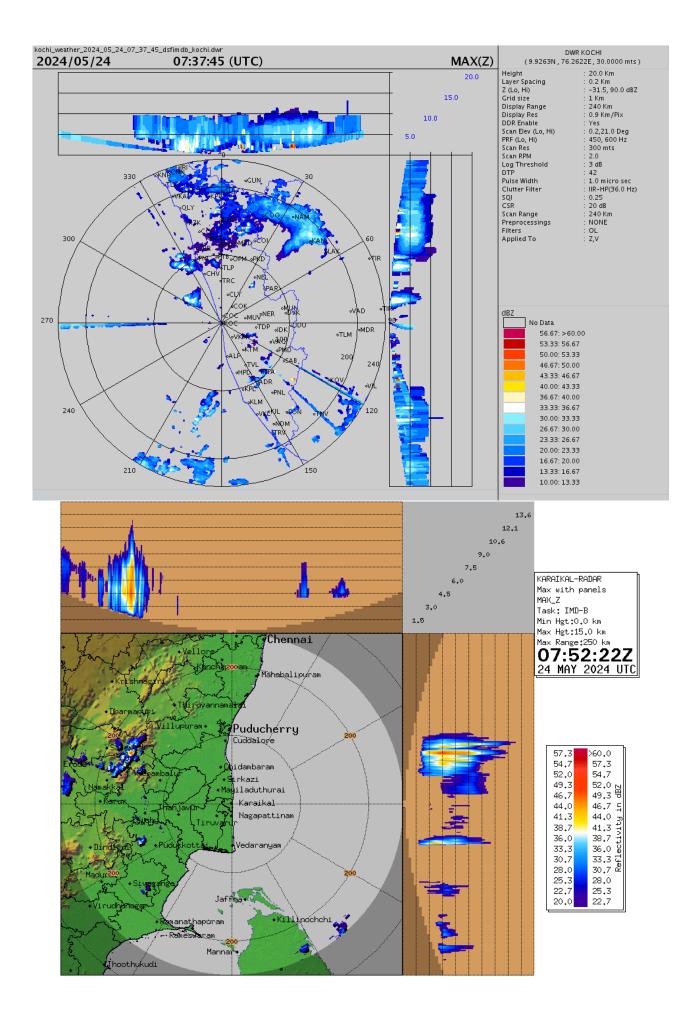
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VALIDITY	WEATHER PHENOMENA (LIKELY/VERY LIKELY/MOST LIKELY)	DISTRICT AFFECTED (ISOLATED/A FEW/MANY/MOST PLACES)	IMPACT
Upto 16:00 hrs. IST of 24.05.2024	Moderate Thunderstorm & lightning with <b>Moderate Rain</b> is very likely	Isolated places over <b>Salem</b> , <b>Dharmapuri</b> , <b>Villupuram and Pudukkottai</b> districts of Tamilnadu	Water logging in some areas. Slippery roads in some areas. Traffic may be affected in some areas. Minor damage due to loose/unsecured structures.
	Light Thunderstorm & lightning with <b>Light Rain</b> is very likely	Isolated places over <b>Nilgiris</b> , <b>Coimbatore</b> , <b>Tirupur</b> , <b>Erode</b> , <b>Kanyakumari</b> , <b>Tirunelveli</b> , <b>Thoothukudi</b> , <b>Sivaganga and</b> <b>Namakkal</b> districts of Tamilnadu	Nil

#### Sub: Rain/Thunderstorm warning/Lightning warning

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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.
- ✓ 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.).
- $\checkmark$  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.
- $\checkmark$  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.
- $\checkmark$  Ideally, find shelter in a low-lying area and make sure that the spot chosen is not likely to flood.
- $\checkmark$  Crouch down with feet together and head down to make yourself a smaller target.
- $\checkmark$  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.
- ✓ 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.
- $\checkmark$  Get to a safe shelter.
- $\checkmark$  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.