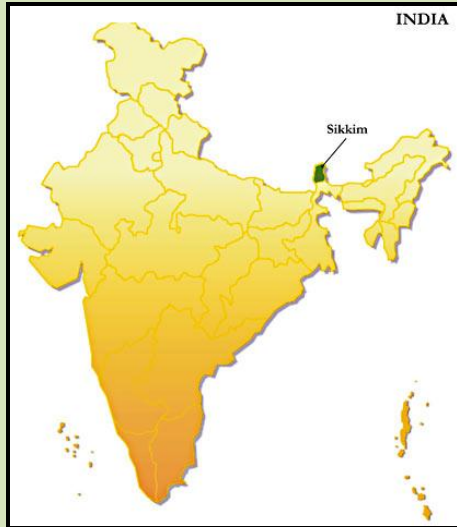




STATE COMPOSITE AGRO-MET ADVISORY BULLETIN FOR THE STATE OF SIKKIM PERIOD: 21ST APRIL TO 24TH APRIL'2017



IMD, GANGTOK IN COLLABORATION WITH ICAR, GANGTOK, FSAD AND HCCD, GANGTOK



ISSUED ON FRIDAY 21ST APRIL'2017

Meteorological Sub-division of Sikkim

As per India Meteorological Department's classification, Sikkim is a part of Met Sub-Division of Sub Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim (SHWB & SKM) and is divided into four (4) Districts:

- 1) North District with HQ at Mangan
- 2) East District with HQ at Gangtok
- 3) West District with HQ at Gyalshing
- 4) South District with HQ at Namchi

Mangan (PTO)				North Sikkim Forecast					
				Day → Parameter ↓	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Date	Rainfall (mm)	Max. Temp (°C)	Min. Temp (°C)	Sky Condition	Generally Cloudy	Generally Cloudy	Generally Cloudy	Generally Cloudy	Generally Cloudy
				Rainfall	Light	Light	Light	Light	Very Light
18-4-2017	000	25.2	15.6	Wind (Km/Hr) (Speed/ Dir)	3(E)	3(ENE)	2(W)	3(WSW)	3(SSW)
19-4-2017	000	24.6	13.4	Temperature (Min-Max)	15 - 25°C	14 - 24°C	14 - 24°C	15 - 25°C	15 - 25°C
20-4-2017	011	25.4	10.3	RH (Min- Max)	69 - 94%	70 - 95%	70 - 94%	66 - 91%	65 - 91%

Gangtok				East Sikkim Forecast					
				Day → Parameter ↓	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Date	Rainfall (mm)	Max. Temp (°C)	Min. Temp (°C)	Sky Condition	Generally Cloudy	Generally Cloudy	Generally Cloudy	Generally Cloudy	Generally Cloudy
				Rainfall	Light	Light	Light	Very Light	Very Light
18-4-2017	000	21.0	14.5	Wind (Km/Hr) (Speed/ Dir)	2(E)	2(E)	2(S)	3(E)	3(E)
19-4-2017	000	21.3	15.4	Temperature (Min-Max)	14 - 22°C	13 - 21°C	14 - 21°C	14 - 22°C	13 - 23°C
20-4-2017	021	19.3	13.4	RH (Min- Max)	68 - 92%	69 - 93%	68 - 92%	66 - 91%	65 - 91%

Namthang				South Sikkim Forecast					
				Day → Parameter ↓	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Date	Rainfall (mm)	Max. Temp (°C)	Min. Temp (°C)	Sky Condition	Generally Cloudy	Generally Cloudy	Generally Cloudy	Generally Cloudy	Generally Cloudy
				Rainfall	Very Light	Light	Light	Light	Very Light
18-4-2017	000	27.0	12.0	Wind (Km/Hr) (Speed/ Dir)	2(E)	2(E)	2(SW)	3(SE)	2(ESE)
19-4-2017	000	26.0	19.5	Temperature (Min-Max)	17 - 27°C	17 - 26°C	16 - 25°C	16 - 26°C	16 - 26°C
20-4-2017	019	27.5	16.0	RH (Min- Max)	67 - 91%	69 - 92%	68 - 91%	64 - 90%	63 - 90%


Gyalshing (AWS)				West Sikkim Forecast					
				Day → Parameter ↓	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Date	Rainfall (mm)	Max. Temp (°C)	Min. Temp (°C)	Sky Condition	Generally Cloudy	Generally Cloudy	Generally Cloudy	Generally Cloudy	Generally Cloudy
				Rainfall	Light	Light	Light	Very Light	Very Light
18-4-2017	N/A	N/A	N/A	Wind (Km/Hr) (Speed/ Dir)	3(ENE)	2(ENE)	2(NW)	3(SE)	3(ESE)
19-4-2017	N/A	N/A	N/A	Temperature (Min-Max)	15 - 23°C	14 - 22°C	15 - 22°C	15 - 23°C	14 - 24°C
20-4-2017	N/A	N/A	N/A	RH (Min- Max)	66 - 92%	69 - 93%	64 - 92%	62 - 91%	61 - 91%

Part II

AGRO-METEOROLOGICAL ADVISORIES



General Advisories for all the crops/ livestock


- ❖ Spraying of plant protection bio-pesticides on bright sunny day for insect and disease management is recommended.
- ❖ Vermicompost pits should be covered with gunny bags / paddy straw/ dry forest litter to regulate the temperature.
- ❖ Avoid feeding of damp and foul smelling feed to all livestock and poultry.
- ❖ De-worming with Fenbendazole @ 10 mg / kg body weight.
- ❖ Protect animals from rain and thunders by providing protective cover/ housing.
- ❖ Vaccination of the cattle, goat, Yak and Sheep should be done against FMD, HS and BQ.

Name of the crop/Animal	Stage	Pest/ Disease	Agro-Met Advisories
Crops			
Maize	Sowing /Germination		<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Take protection measure to save maize seedlings from birds. One hand weeding should be done after 20 days of sowing.❖ Regular monitoring for insect-pest and collection and destruction should be done.❖ Application of mixture of cow urine + water + neem oil (2 litre + 8 litre + 50 ml) @ 100 ml/plant for management

			<p>of cut worm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ For management of Army worm spray spinosad @ 0.3 ml/litre. ◆ Proper drainage should be ensured.
Okra	Sowing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Sowing of seed treated with 5-10% <i>Trichoderma viride</i> should be done for management of soil borne diseases in well prepared field at a spacing of 30 cm x 30 cm on raised beds/ridges. ◆ Well decomposed FYM @ 2 kg/m² and vermicompost @ 500 g/m² ◆ Proper drainage should be ensured.
Cucurbits	Nursery/ transplanting		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Prepare 4 inch raised bed of 1 m x 5 m size for nursery raising. ◆ Bed should be prepared to a fine tilth by mixing well decomposed FYM @ 2 kg/m² and vermicompost @ 500 g/m² incubated with 5-10 % <i>Trichoderma viride</i> for management of soil borne diseases. ◆ Seed should be sown in line 4-5 cm apart at shallow depth 1-2 cm. ◆ Light irrigation should be provided immediately after

			<p>seed sowing with rose can.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Proper moisture should be maintained in nursery beds for better germination. ◆ About 15-20 cm (25-30 days) seedlings should be transplanted in small pits at spacing of 100 cm x 100 cm.
Tomato/ Red cherry pepper	Nursery raising/ Transplanting		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Prepare 4 inch raised bed of 1 m x 5 m size for nursery raising. ◆ Bed should be prepared to a fine tilth by mixing well decomposed FYM @ 2 kg/m² and vermicompost @ 500 g/m² incubated with 5-10 % <i>Trichoderma viride</i> for management of soil borne diseases. ◆ Seed should be sown in line 4-5 cm apart at shallow depth 1-2 cm. ◆ Light irrigation should be provided immediately after seed sowing with rose can. ◆ Proper moisture should be maintained in nursery beds for better germination. ◆ About 15-20 cm (25-30 days) seedlings should be transplanted in small pits at spacing of 45 cm x 60 cm for tomato and 100 cm x 100 cm for Red cherry pepper.

Large cardamom	Flowering		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Regular watering should be done at 15 – 30 days intervals in case there is a gap in rainfall. ◆ Regular weeding should be done. ◆ Regular monitoring for pest and disease incidence. ◆ Shade management with the proper lopping of trees.
Ginger/ Turmeric	Planting		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Identify healthy plants for seed rhizomes. ◆ Selected rhizomes of 40-50 g bit having minimum two buds should be planted. ◆ Rhizome should be treated with hot water at 52 ° C for 10 min followed by <i>Trichoderma viride</i> @ 10 % (100 g /kg). ◆ Forest litter @ 1 kg/ sqm should be applied as mulch material. ◆ Apply well decomposed FYM @ 20-25 t/ha + 1.0 t/ha neem cake and mix properly with soil 7-10 days before sowing. ◆ Broadcast dolomite @ 2 t/ha before sowing and mix properly with soil.

Sikkim Mandarin	Flowering/ Fruit set		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Basin maintenance and manuring with FYM @ 30-35 kg/tree should be done. Avoid ploughing and application of FYM close to the trunk. ◆ Tree trunk should be painted with Bordeaux mixture @ 1%. ◆ Intercropping of ginger and turmeric should be avoided.
Kiwi fruit	Bud break		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Basin maintenance and manuring with FYM @ 30-35 kg/tree should be done. Avoid application of FYM close to the trunk. ◆ Mounting of hail net/ Agro shade net 50% on the trees to avoid plant damage from hails /heavy rainfall.
<i>Animal Sciences</i>			
Tibetan Sheep			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Feeding of 200 g concentrate feed along with mineral mixture and salt. ◆ Shearing of sheep should be ensured before onset of heavy rainfall.
Yak			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Concentrate feed along with mineral mixture @ 50 g/ adult; @ 10 g /calf and salt @ 1kg/100 kg feed should be given.
Cattle, Sheep			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Farmers are advised to look

and Goat			<p>for heat sign especially during early morning or late evening and ensure breeding of the dairy cattle after 12 hr of observation of heat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Breeding of the sheep/goat should be done after 24-30 hr of observation of heat. ◆ Feeding of concentrate feed along with jaggery, mineral mixture and salt. ◆ Periodic application of fly repellents and/or netting of dung pit are recommended.
Cattle			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Balanced feeding of dairy animals @ 3 kg / cattle as maintenance and @ 1 kg /2.5 liter milk production as production ration over and above the maintenance ration. ◆ Allow calf suckling immediately after parturition. ◆ Full hand milking should be practiced. ◆ Frequent incomplete milking at interval of 4hrs should be practiced after parturition for minimum 1 week. Afterwards complete milking in a day is recommended.
Poultry		Coccidiosis , Ranikhet disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 16 hrs of light (natural and electrical) should be provided to adult birds for optimum egg production.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Frequent raking and liming of deep litter materials. ◆ Inclusion of turmeric powder @ 10g/kg feed for prevention of coccidiosis. ◆ Maintenance of brooder temperature for chicks with the help of electrical bulbs for initial one month. ◆ Vaccinate the chicks against ND / RD at 5- 7 day and at 30th day of age. ◆ Calcium/shell grit and multi vitamin supplementation is strongly recommended to optimize egg production. ◆ Spraying of ectoparasiticides viz., deltamethrin/cypermethrin @ 1% v/v in water.
Pig	All stages	Swine fever	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Keep floor dry to avoid skin diseases. ◆ Weaning is recommended at the age of 8 weeks for crossbreds and 10 weeks for indigenous pigs. ◆ Swine fever vaccine at the age of 8-10 week is recommended. ◆ Critical heat detection in early morning and late evening is recommended. ◆ Feed 5-10% green fodder of their diet.

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