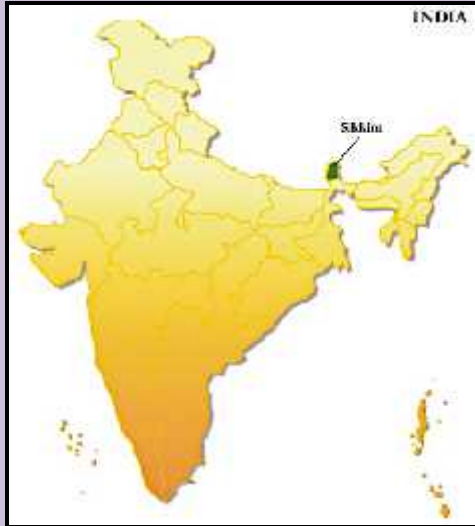




**STATE COMPOSITE AGRO-MET ADVISORY
BULLETIN FOR THE STATE OF SIKKIM
PERIOD: 3rd JULY to 7th JULY 2019**



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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 Gyalsing
- 4) South District with HQ at Namchi

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Value Added forecast for NORTH-DISTRICT for next five days

Parameter/Date	03/07/2019	04/07/2019	05/07/2019	06/07/2019	07/07/2019
Rainfall (mm)	Light rainfall	Light rainfall	Moderate rainfall	Moderate rainfall	Light rainfall
Max Temp (⁰ C)	28	29	27	25	26
Min Temp (⁰ C)	20	21	20	20	21
Sky condition	Generally Cloudy	Generally Cloudy	Generally Cloudy	Cloudy	Generally Cloudy
Max RH (%)	94	90	92	94	90
Min RH (%)	84	80	82	85	81
Wind Speed (Kmph)	2	4	3	4	3
Wind Direction (deg)	S	SE	SE	S	S

Northerly- **N**, North-Easterly- **N-E**, Easterly- **E**, South-Easterly- **S-E**, Southerly- **S**, South-Westerly- **S-W**, Westerly-**W**, North-westerly- **N-W**.

Weather for preceding week

Date	Rainfall (mm)	Max. Temp (⁰ C)	Min. Temp (⁰ C)
29/6/2019	000	29.8	19.5
30/6/2019	000	31.3	19.9
01/07/2019	N/A	N/A	20.8

Weather forecast valid up to 7th July 2019

- Probability of light rainfall
- Max temp may be varying from 26-28°C, whereas, Min temp may vary from 20-21°C
- Sky will remain generally cloudy
- Max RH is likely to be 90-94 %, whereas, Min RH may vary from 80-85 %
- Wind speed may likely vary from 2-4 km/hr.
- Wind direction may blow from southerly to southeasterly and again southerly
- Weekly cumulative rainfall=98 mm
- **Heavy rain may occur on Friday and Saturday**

Value Added forecast for EAST-DISTRICT for next five days

Parameter/Date	03/07/2019	04/07/2019	05/07/2019	06/07/2019	07/07/2019
Rainfall (mm)	Light rainfall	Light rainfall	Moderate rainfall	Moderate rainfall	Light rainfall
Max Temp (°C)	22	23	23	21	22
Min Temp (°C)	18	19	19	18	18
Sky condition	Cloudy	Generally Cloudy	Generally Cloudy	Cloudy	Generally Cloudy
Max RH (%)	95	92	94	95	92
Min RH (%)	88	82	85	89	84
Wind Speed (Kmph)	2	3	2	2	4
Wind Direction (deg)	NE	NE	SW	E	NE

Northerly- **N**, North-Easterly- **N-E**, Easterly- **E**, South-Easterly- **S-E**, Southerly- **S**, South-Westerly- **S-W**, Westerly-**W**, North-westerly- **N-W**.

Weather for preceding week			
Date	Rainfall (mm)	Max. Temp (°C)	Min. Temp (°C)
29/6/2019	011	24.7	17.2
30/6/2019	002	24.7	17.8
01/07/2019	000	26.0	19.0

Weather forecast valid up to 7th July 2019

- Probability of Light rainfall
- Max temp may be varying from 21-23°C, whereas, Min temp may vary from 18-19°C
- Sky will remain generally cloudy
- Max RH is likely to be 92-95 %, whereas, Min RH may vary from 82-89 %
- Wind speed may likely vary from 2-4km/hr.
- Wind direction may blow from northeasterly to southwesterly and finally easterly to northeasterly
- Weekly cumulative rainfall= 84 mm
- **Heavy rain may occur on Friday and Saturday**

Value Added forecast for SOUTH-DISTRICT for next five days

Parameter/Date	03/07/2019	04/07/2019	05/07/2019	06/07/2019	07/07/2019
Rainfall (mm)	Light rainfall	Light rainfall	Light rainfall	Light rainfall	Light rainfall
Max Temp (°C)	28	29	28	27	28
Min Temp (°C)	18	19	18	17	18
Sky condition	Generally Cloudy	Generally Cloudy	Generally Cloudy	Generally Cloudy	Generally Cloudy
Max RH (%)	92	90	91	93	90
Min RH (%)	82	80	82	85	82
Wind Speed (Kmph)	2	3	3	4	4
Wind Direction (deg)	NE	NE	S	E	NE

Northerly- **N**, North-Easterly- **N-E**, Easterly- **E**, South-Easterly- **S-E**, Southerly- **S**, South-Westerly- **S-W**, Westerly-**W**, North-westerly- **N-W**.

Weather for preceding week			
Date	Rainfall (mm)	Max. Temp (°C)	Min. Temp (°C)
29/6/2019	002	30.5	16.0
30/6/2019	000	N/A	16.5
01/07/2019	N/A	N/A	N/A

Weather forecast valid up to 7th July 2019

- There will be chances of light rainfall
- Max temp may be varying from 27-28°C, whereas, Min temp may vary from 17-19°C
- Sky will remain generally cloudy
- Max RH is likely to be 90-92 %, whereas, Min RH may var from 80-85 %
- Wind speed may likely vary from 2-4 km/hr.
- Wind direction may blow from north easterly to southerly and then easterly to northeasterly
- Weekly cumulative rainfall= 46 mm

Value Added forecast for WEST-DISTRICT for next five days

Parameter/Date	03/07/2019	04/07/2019	05/07/2019	06/07/2019	07/07/2019
Rainfall (mm)	Light rainfall	Light rainfall	Light rainfall	Light rainfall	Light rainfall
Max Temp (°C)	24	25	24	22	23
Min Temp (°C)	18	19	18	17	18
Sky condition	Cloudy	Generally Cloudy	Generally Cloudy	Generally Cloudy	Generally Cloudy
Max RH (%)	92	90	92	93	90
Min RH (%)	82	80	82	85	80
Wind Speed (Kmph)	3	3	4	4	4
Wind Direction (deg)	S	S	N	N	S

Northerly- **N**, North-Easterly- **N-E**, Easterly- **E**, South-Easterly- **S-E**, Southerly- **S**, South-Westerly- **S-W**, Westerly-**W**, North-westerly- **N-W**.

Weather for preceding week			
Date	Rainfall	Max. Temp	Min. Temp
	(mm)	(°C)	(°C)
29/6/2019	005	26.6	17.5
30/6/2019	006	27.6	16.9
01/07/2019	N/A	N/A	18.6

Weather forecast valid up to 7th July 2019


- Probability of light rainfall
- Max temp may be varying from 22-25°C, whereas, Min temp may vary from 17-19°C
- Sky will remain generally cloudy
- Max RH is likely to be 90-93%, whereas, Min RH may var from 80-85 %
- Wind speed may likely vary from 3-4 km/hr.
- Wind direction may blow from southerly to northerly and finally southerly
- Weekly cumulative rainfall= 40 mm


AGRO-METEOROLOGICAL ADVISORIES

General Advisories for all the crops/ livestock

- ➡ **Bunding at terrace should be done to reduce nutrient losses due to heavy rainfall**
- ➡ **Keep the field ready for paddy transplanting**
- ➡ **Jalkund should be dug out for rain water harvesting.**
- ➡ **Spraying of bio pesticides (neem based formulation 1500 ppm @5ml/lit. and copper oxy chloride 50%WP @ 2.5g/lit.) at weekly interval for insect pest and diseases.**
- ➡ **Regular supplementation of vitamins and mineral mixture to the livestock to improve the productive and reproductive performance of animals.**
- ➡ **Milching animals should be feed 70-80 ml Calcium daily for better milk yield and good health**

Name of the crop/Animal	Stage	Cultural practices/ Pest/ Diseases	Agro-Met Advisories
<i>Agricultural and Horticultural crops:</i>			
Maize	Knee height stage	Army worm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Field should be weed free without damaging the main crop while uprooting the weeds. ◆ Two foliar spray of neem based formulation (1500ppm) @ 0.5% or 5 ml/lit. of water at weekly interval ◆ Avoid weeding during tasseling stage ◆ Keep drainage facilities in field ◆ Regular inspection of field for insect pest infestation ◆ The harvested cobs should be well dry at moisture content at 10-12 % ◆ Use bird scarer for the control of birds
Rice	Main field preparation and transplanting		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Start field preparation for paddy transplantation through repairing old bunds by maintaining 20-30 cm height in lowland situation ◆ As sufficient moisture is available due to moderate/heavy rain in the previous days, farmers should start ploughing of their main field.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Uprooting of 25-30 days old rice seedlings may be done depending on availability of water for transplantation ◆ Seedling of Main season rice can be raised up to first week of July and can be transplanted within 3rd week of July (for late transplanting). ◆ Application of FYM 10-15 t/ha or vermicompost @ 3-6 t/ha either alone or in combination should be applied at 10 days before transplanting ◆ Green manuring with <i>dhaincha</i> (<i>susbania aculeata</i>) can be incorporated
Ginger/ Turmeric	Mulching		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Apply bio mulch @10 t/ha to cover the ridges and furrows of the field
Large cardamom	Planting		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ A 2 years old nursery suckers should be planted in the main field ◆ A spacing of 1.8×1.8 m² should be maintained. ◆ Young white coloured roots should not be destroy while planting, while old roots should trimmed out.
Early kharif vegetables	Vegetative growth		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Weeding and intercultural operation should be done
Tomato/Red cherry pepper/Brinjal	Vegetative	Blight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Plants should be keep weed free and avoid water stagnation ◆ Spraying of COC @ 2-3 ml/lit. at weekly interval ◆ Five spray of neem based formulation 1500 ppm @ 5 ml/1 lit. of weekly interval for controlling of <i>Aphids</i>
Sikkim Mandarin	Planting/fruiting		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Keep the orchard weed free ◆ Digging the pit of 3 cubic feet for transplanting new saplings ◆ Top soil of the pit should be mixed with FYM @20 kg/pit
<i>Animal Sciences and livestock management</i>			
Tibetan Sheep			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Feeding of concentrate feed along with mineral mixture and salt. ◆ Hay feeding is recommended.

Yak			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Feeding of concentrate feed along with mineral mixture and salt. ◆ Hay feeding is recommended. ◆ Trimming of hair is recommended during summer season
Sheep and Goat			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Farmers are advised to look for heat sign especially during early morning or late evening and ensure breeding of the dairy cattle within 12-18 hours after onset of heat symptoms ◆ Breeding of the sheep/goat should be done 24-30 hr. after onset of heat. ◆ Feeding of concentrate feed along with jaggery, mineral mixture and salt is recommended. ◆ Periodic application of fly repellents and/or netting of dung pit is recommended.
Cattle			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Balanced feeding of dairy animals and allow calf suckling immediately after parturition is recommended. Colostrum (first three days milk) feeding to new born calf for first three days of life should be ensured. ◆ Full hand milking should be practiced. ◆ Frequent incomplete milking at interval of 4hrs should be practiced after parturition for minimum 1 week. Later on, complete milking in subsequent 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. ◆ Frequent raking and liming of deep litter materials is recommended. ◆ Inclusion of turmeric powder @ 10g/kg in poultry feed for prevention of coccidiosis. ◆ Maintenance of brooder temperature for chicks with the help of electrical bulbs for initial one month. ◆ Ranikhet vaccination at 5-7 days and at 28-30 days of age is highly recommended. ◆ Calcium/shell grit and multi vitamin

			<p>supplementation is strongly recommended to optimize egg production.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occasional spraying of ectoparasiticides viz., deltamethrin/cypermethrin @ 1% v/v in water is recommended.
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 3 months is recommended. Critical heat detection in early morning and late evening is recommended. Farmers can incorporate low cost locally available feed resources (60% for feeding Pigs to reduce the cost of feed.

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