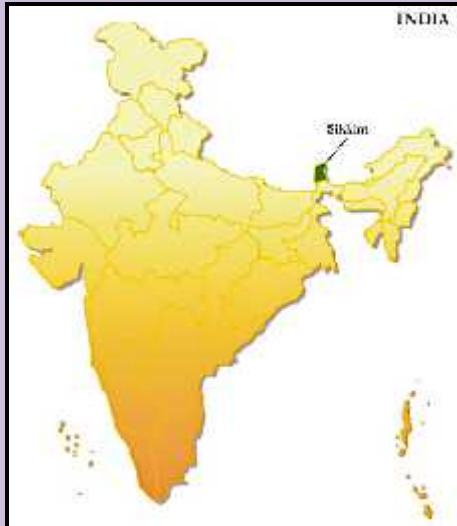




STATE COMPOSITE AGRO-MET ADVISORY BULLETIN FOR THE STATE OF SIKKIM PERIOD: 15th MAY to 19th MAY'2019



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



ISSUED ON TUESDAY 14th MAY'2019

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	15/05/2019	16/05/2019	17/05/2019	18/05/2019	19/05/2019
Rainfall (mm)	Moderate rainfall	Light rainfall	Light rainfall	Light rainfall	Light rainfall
Max Temp (°C)	23	24	25	26	27
Min Temp (°C)	16	16	17	17	18
Sky condition	Generally cloudy	Generally cloudy	Generally cloudy	Generally cloudy	Generally cloudy
Max RH (%)	93	91	92	90	90
Min RH (%)	78	75	77	75	75
Wind Speed (Kmph)	4	4	4	3	3
Wind Direction (deg)	SE	SW	S	SW	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 (°C)	Min. Temp (°C)
11/05/2019	013	20.8	08.1
12/05/2019	005	29.0	09.1
13/06/2019	005	24.2	08.2

Weather forecast valid up to 19th May 2019

- Probability of light rainfall
- Max temp may be varying from 23-27°C, whereas, Min temp may vary from 16-18°C
- Sky will remain generally cloudy
- Max RH is likely to be 91-93 %, whereas, Min RH may vary from 75-78 %
- Wind speed may likely vary from 3-4 km/hr.
- Wind direction may blow from southeasterly to southwesterly , then southerly to southwesterly and finally
- Weekly cumulative rainfall=44 mm

Value Added forecast for EAST-DISTRICT for next five days

Parameter/Date	15/05/2019	16/05/2019	17/05/2019	18/05/2019	19/05/2019
Rainfall (mm)	Light rainfall	Light rainfall	Light rainfall	Light rainfall	Light rainfall
Max Temp (°C)	21	21	22	22	23
Min Temp (°C)	15	15	16	17	17
Sky condition	Generally cloudy	Generally cloudy	Generally cloudy	Generally cloudy	Generally cloudy
Max RH (%)	92	91	90	91	90
Min RH (%)	78	78	75	75	72
Wind Speed (Kmph)	4	3	4	4	3
Wind Direction (deg)	NE	NE	NE	NE	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)
11/05/2019	023	22.2	17.2
12/05/2019	008	21.4	15.2
13/06/2019	007	22.2	14.4

Weather forecast valid up to 19th May 2019

- Probability of light rainfall
- Max temp may be varying from 21-23°C, whereas, Min temp may vary from 15-17 °C
- Sky will remain generally cloudy
- Max RH is likely to be 90-92 %, whereas, Min RH may vary from 72-78 %
- Wind speed may likely vary from 3-4 km/hr.
- Wind direction may blow from northeasterly
- Weekly cumulative rainfall= 32 mm
- **Hailstorm may prevail on Wednesday**

Value Added forecast for SOUTH-DISTRICT for next five days

Parameter/Date	15/05/2019	16/05/2019	17/05/2019	18/05/2019	19/05/2019
Rainfall (mm)	Light rainfall	Light rainfall	Very light rainfall	Very light rainfall	Very light rainfall
Max Temp (°C)	25	25	26	26	27
Min Temp (°C)	13	13	14	16	16
Sky condition	Generally cloudy	Generally cloudy	Generally cloudy	Generally cloudy	Partially clear
Max RH (%)	91	91	90	90	90
Min RH (%)	78	77	75	70	72
Wind Speed (Kmph)	4	3	4	5	4
Wind Direction (deg)	NE	N	NE	NE	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	Max. Temp	Min. Temp
	(mm)	(°C)	(°C)
11/05/2019	000	28.5	13.5
12/05/2019	000	27.5	15.0
13/06/2019	034	26.0	13.0

Weather forecast valid up to 19th May 2019

- There will be chances of very light rainfall
- Max temp may be varying from 25-27°C, whereas, Min temp may vary from 13-16°C
- Sky will remain generally cloudy
- Max RH is likely to be 90-91 %, whereas, Min RH may var from 70-78 %
- Wind speed may likely vary from 3-4 km/hr.
- Wind direction may blow from north easterly to northerly and then again northeasterly.
- Weekly cumulative rainfall= 19 mm

Value Added forecast for WEST-DISTRICT for next five days

Parameter/Date	15/05/2019	16/05/2019	17/05/2019	18/05/2019	19/05/2019
Rainfall (mm)	Light rainfall	Light rainfall	Light rainfall	Light rainfall	Light rainfall
Max Temp (°C)	23	24	24	24	25
Min Temp (°C)	15	15	16	15	16
Sky condition	Generally cloudy	Generally cloudy	Generally cloudy	Generally cloudy	Generally cloudy
Max RH (%)	92	91	90	92	90
Min RH (%)	75	75	72	74	72
Wind Speed (Kmph)	4	4	5	4	5
Wind Direction (deg)	N	NW	NW	NW	NW

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)
11/05/2019	N/A	24.8	18.2
12/05/2019	N/A	24.9	15.8
13/06/2019	003	24.7	13.1



Weather forecast valid up to 19th May 2019

- Probability of light rainfall
- Max temp may be varying from 24-25°C, whereas, Min temp may vary from 15-16°C
- Sky will remain generally cloudy
- Max RH is likely to be 90-92 %, whereas, Min RH may var from 72-75 %
- Wind speed may likely vary from 4-5 km/hr.
- Wind direction may blow from northerly to northwesterly
- Weekly cumulative rainfall= 26 mm
- **Hailstorm may prevail on Wednesday**

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 ready the field for paddy cultivation
- *Jalkund* should be dug out for rain water harvesting.
- Spraying of plant protection bio pesticides on bright sunny day for insect and disease management is recommended.
- Maintain strict hygiene and sanitation measures in poultry farm.
- Strategic supplementation of vitamins and mineral mixture should provide to livestock to improve the productive performance.
- Prove green grass to the livestock to feed as much as possible

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. ◆ Earthing up should be done. ◆ Apply bio fertilizers @25 kg/ha and vermicompost @1.5 t/ha. ◆ Foliar spray of neem based formulation @ 0.5% or 5 ml/lit. of water at weekly interval
			
Rice	Field preparation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Start initial ploughing
Ginger/ Turmeric	Sowing		<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
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

Animal Sciences and livestock management

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.
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 12 hr after observation of heat. ◆ Breeding of the sheep/goat should be done 24-30 hr after 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 and allow calf suckling immediately after parturition. 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. Afterwards complete milking in a day

Poultry		Coccidiosis, Ranikhet disease	<p>is recommended.</p> <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. ◆ 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. ◆ Ranikhet vaccination at 5-7 days and at 28-30 days 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 3 months 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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