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Discussion Notes

Realized Weather-Country Reports (21st – 27th Nov 2025)

- Bhutan experienced mostly cloudy to cloudy weather with light to moderate rainfall at a few locations during the week. The highest rainfall recorded was 7.4 mm at Tashiyangtse in the eastern region. Temperatures remained largely steady, with the highest maximum of 21°C at Phuentsholing and the lowest minimum of 5°C reported at Ha and Laya. Light snowfall was observed over some high passes during the latter part of the week.
- Bangladesh remained dry throughout the week, with clear to partly cloudy skies prevailing over the country. Day and night temperatures continued to decrease gradually, with the highest maximum of 31.5°C recorded at Feni and Ambagan, and the lowest minimum of 12.5°C recorded at Tetulia. No rainfall occurred during the period, and light fog was observed over river basin regions during early morning hours.
- Nepal observed predominantly dry weather, with only isolated light rain or snowfall over a few high-elevation areas in the central and western regions. Maximum temperatures remained slightly above normal at many stations, while nighttime temperatures continued to fall, reaching as low as -6.5°C in Humde.
- Myanmar experienced isolated to scattered rainfall over the northern, eastern, and southern parts of the country, while central regions remained mostly dry. Night temperatures decreased slightly over the central, eastern and northwestern regions. Hakha station in Chin State reported minimum temperatures around 4°C during the week.
- Maldives recorded clear to partly cloudy conditions over the northern and central atolls, while southern atolls experienced scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Sea conditions remained moderate, with periods of stronger winds and rougher seas over the southern maritime zones linked to the developing system over the Bay of Bengal.
- Sri Lanka experienced widespread heavy rainfall throughout the week due to the deep depression that later intensified into Cyclonic Storm Ditwa. Extremely heavy rainfall exceeding 200 mm occurred in several districts, with some locations in the eastern and central highlands recording more than 300 mm within 48 hours. Thunderstorms, strong winds, floods, landslides, overflowing reservoirs, and severe transport disruptions were reported. Rainfall continued through the end of the week as the system lingered near the island.

Significant Weather Features in the region for the coming week (28th Nov – 4th Dec 2025)

- A deep depression along the Sri Lanka coast intensified into Cyclonic Storm Ditwa, bringing widespread heavy rainfall and strong winds over Sri Lanka and adjoining sea areas. The system is expected to move north-northwestward toward the Tamil Nadu–South Andhra Pradesh coast, gradually weakening as it interacts with increasing wind shear and an approaching mid-latitude westerly trough. Its trailing convective bands will continue to generate significant rainfall over northern Sri Lanka, the central and northern atolls of Maldives, and parts of coastal Tamil Nadu during the early part of the week.
- Winter monsoon northeasterlies will persist over most parts of South Asia, maintaining dry conditions over Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Pakistan, and northern India, accompanied by a gradual decline in night temperatures typical of

	<p>the seasonal transition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Weak westerly disturbances passing north of the region will contribute to isolated light precipitation, including snowfall over higher elevations of Nepal, Bhutan, and the western Himalayan sector of Pakistan and northern India. ▪ MJO remains active over the Indian Ocean, while IOD conditions continue to remain neutral.
<p>Weather Outlook (28th Nov – 4th Dec 2025)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bhutan is expected to experience mainly fair weather with partly to mostly cloudy skies. Light rain or snowfall may occur at isolated high passes in the northern and western regions. Night temperatures are expected to continue a gradual decreasing trend. ▪ Bangladesh will remain mostly dry with clear to partly cloudy skies. Light fog may form over river basins and adjoining areas during early morning and late night hours. Minimum temperatures are expected to fall by 1–2°C across many parts of the country. ▪ Nepal will experience mainly fair weather across most regions. Isolated light rain or snowfall may occur over some high-elevation areas associated with passing westerly disturbances. Daytime temperatures will remain near normal, while nighttime temperatures continue to decline gradually. ▪ Myanmar will likely experience isolated to scattered rainfall over southern and southeastern parts during the early half of the week, while the remainder of the country stays mostly dry. Night temperatures will decline slightly over the central, northern and eastern regions. ▪ Maldives is expected to see clear to partly cloudy skies over the northern and central atolls initially, with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms developing over southern atolls. Toward the later part of the period, showers may extend to more central and northern regions as convective activity increases. ▪ Sri Lanka will continue to experience widespread rainfall and thunderstorms, particularly over northern, eastern, north-central and central provinces due to the influence of Cyclonic Storm Ditwa and its remnant circulation. Localized heavy to very heavy rainfall is possible during the early part of the week. Other areas may see partly cloudy conditions with a few showers. ▪ Pakistan is expected to remain largely dry over most regions. A weak westerly disturbance may bring isolated light rain or snowfall to northern mountainous areas, accompanied by an additional fall in night temperatures.

<p>Extended Range Outlook (28th Nov – 25th Dec 2025)</p>	<p>Extended Temperature outlook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Temperatures are expected to remain near normal to slightly above normal across much of South Asia, including Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Maldives, southern India, Myanmar, and the plains of Nepal and Bhutan. ▪ Cooler-than-normal episodes are likely over northern Pakistan, northern India, and adjoining Himalayan regions during the passage of westerly disturbances in late November and early December. ▪ Overall, minimum temperatures will continue to decline seasonally, while maximum temperatures remain near or slightly above normal in many lowland areas. 	<p>Extended Rainfall Outlook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ During Week 1 (28 Nov – 4 Dec), above-normal rainfall is likely over parts of the southwest and central Bay of Bengal, Sri Lanka and adjoining south peninsular India due to the cyclonic system and residual easterly waves. Northern and interior regions including Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Pakistan will remain mostly dry. ▪ During Week 2 (5 – 11 Dec), rainfall activity will decrease substantially over the Bay of Bengal and adjoining coasts, with below-normal rainfall across most of South Asia. Only isolated light precipitation is expected over the western Himalayan region driven by weak westerly disturbances. ▪ During Weeks 3 and 4 (12 – 25 Dec),
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		<p>below-normal rainfall is expected across the entire region. Occasional light snowfall or rainfall may continue over higher elevations of Pakistan, northern India, Nepal and Bhutan. Northeast monsoon rainfall over Sri Lanka and south peninsular India is likely to remain subdued, with Bangladesh and Myanmar staying predominantly dry.</p>
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<p>Ocean Watch</p>	<p>Observed Ocean Surface Conditions (21st Nov – 27th Nov 2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Observed swell heights ranged from 0.5 to 2.8 meters in the Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea. Wave heights varied between 0.7 and 3.5 meters across both basins. Strong swell activity and rough seas were observed near Sri Lanka and the south-central Bay of Bengal due to the influence of the deep depression and subsequent cyclonic development. Sea Surface Temperatures (SSTs) remained warm, ranging from 25.5°C to 31.7°C across the equatorial Indian Ocean, Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea. <p>Forecast for the coming week (28th Nov – 4th Dec 2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Swell heights are expected to reach 1.6–2.0 meters in the Arabian Sea and 1.4–2.3 meters in the Bay of Bengal as the cyclonic system moves north-northwestward. Wave heights are likely to range between 1.0–2.8 meters in the Arabian Sea and 1.2–3.2 meters in the Bay of Bengal, particularly near Sri Lanka and along the Tamil Nadu and Andhra coastlines. Sea Surface Temperatures are expected to remain warm, around 30.1–32.0°C in the Arabian Sea and 30.4–32.2°C in the Bay of Bengal.
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