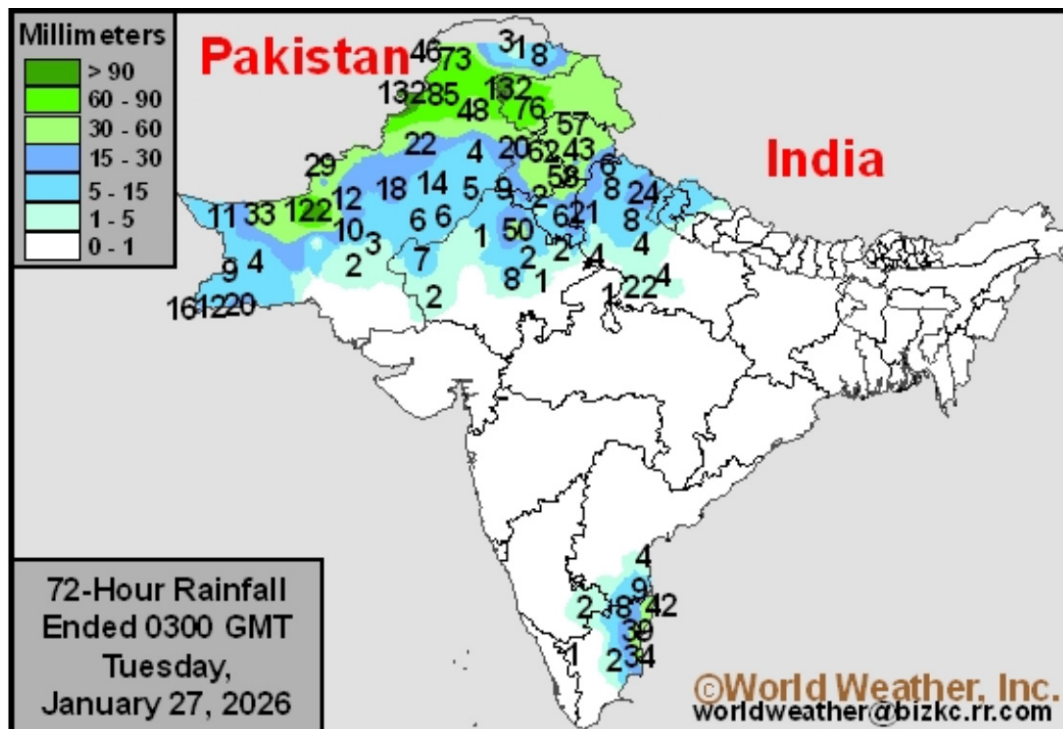


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Kansas City, January 27 (World Weather Inc.) – Western disturbances brought much-needed precipitation to northern India and Pakistan in recent days. Precipitation was limited earlier in the winter before the recent rainfall helped bolster soil moisture and water storage levels. The rain was needed as many rabi grains, oilseeds, pulses, and other crops reproduce in February. A disturbance will continue to generate additional rain in northern India and several neighboring locations today. Spotty precipitation will prevail for the remainder of the coming week as well. Overall crop conditions will improve or remain favorable in far northern India while the need for significant rain continues in most other areas in the nation.

Two western disturbances promoted varying amounts of rain in northern India and neighboring areas in recent days. Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Punjab received 0.79 to 2.99 inches of rain with local amounts up to 5.20 inches in Jammu and Kashmir for the seven-day period ending this morning. Uttarakhand, Haryana, and portions of northern Rajasthan received 0.25 to 0.95 inch of rain with a local amount of 1.97 inches in northern Rajasthan. Most other areas failed to get much precipitation.



Late-season monsoonal rain in 2025 combined with recent precipitation helped support a good outlook for this season's rabi grains, oilseeds, pulses, and other crops in northern India. The region had not seen much precipitation earlier in the winter, though conditions were relatively favorable. Irrigation and recent precipitation will help support crops as they approach and enter reproduction.

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A disturbance will generate additional rain for northern India today. Periods of light and erratic rain will prevail in the far northern production areas Wednesday through Saturday. Another disturbance could promote a little more significant rain Sunday and Monday for northern India as well. Moisture totals by next Tuesday morning will range from 0.75 to 3.00 inches and locally more in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand. Other areas in northern India into portions of Uttar Pradesh and neighboring areas will receive 0.25 to 1.00 inch of rain with drier pockets. Northern India will again have a few opportunities for spotty rain February 4-10.

Additional rain will continue to improve or maintain a good environment for the grains, oilseeds, pulses, and other crops in far northern India and neighboring areas in the coming weeks. February is when most of the rabi crops reproduce and the need for rain is generally higher than other winter months.

Central and other parts of northern India are still dry and unirrigated areas will need rain in the next few weeks to support reproduction.

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