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Past Weather: During last week weather remained variable. Heavy to Moderate rainfall of 66.8 mm was received from 2nd to 5th May, 2025 in the district. Maximum and minimum temperatures ranged between 29.0-31.4°C and 14.4-18.0°C and wind speed ranged from 3.6-4.2 kmph.

Weather Forecast for next 5 days (0830 hrs 17th to 21st May, 2025)

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Date	Rainfall	Tmax	Tmin	RH morning	RH evening	1	Wind Direction	
	(mm)	(°C)	(°C)	(%)	(%)	(kmph)	(°)	(Okta)
17-05-25	1	33	16	60	40	10.4	76	5
18-05-25	0	34	18	58	38	9.3	77	1
19-05-25	0	34	18	57	37	8.8	81	1
20-05-25	5	30	17	64	44	6.9	81	7
21-05-25	0	30	17	57	37	8.6	360	1

In the next five days, the weather will remain variable. Light to moderate rainfall is expected on 16th and 19th May, 2025 in the district. Maximum & minimum temperatures will range between 30.0-34.0°C and 16.0-18.0°C, respectively. Wind speed will range between 6.9-10.4 kmph in the north-east direction. Relative humidity will fluctuate between 37-64 percent.

	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th		
District and							
Blocks							
Shimla	Light rainfall at isolated	Clear and dry weather	Clear and dry weather	Light to moderate rainfall at	Clear and dry weather		
	places	-	•	many places			
Solan	Light rainfall at isolated	Clear and dry weather	Clear and dry weather	Light to moderate rainfall at	Clear and dry weather		
	places	-		many places	•		
Bilaspur	Light rainfall at isolated	Clear and dry weather	Clear and dry weather	Light to moderate rainfall at	Clear and dry weather		
	places	-	•	many places			
Sirmour	Light rainfall at isolated	Clear and dry weather	Clear and dry weather	Light to moderate rainfall at	Clear and dry weather		
	places			many places			
Weather Warning							
				Thunderstorm accompanied			
	NIL	NIL	NIL	with lightning, hail and	NIL		
				gusty winds likely at isolated			

Weather Warnings (Valid Till 08:30 IST of the next day):-

❖ Thunderstorm accompanied with lightening, hail and gusty winds on 19th May at isolated places in the Solan district.

Likely impacts of weather warnings on Agriculture and associated Agromet advisories:-

- ❖ Hail and gusty winds may results in small fruit shredding and breaking of twigs in fruit trees. So therefore farmers are advised to cover their orchards with anti-hail nets.
- ❖ Hail may damage nursery plants of vegetable crops; hence, farmers are advised to protect them by installing nets at a height of 1−2 feet above the field.

General Advisory:-

- ❖ Take precautions against thundering and lightning farmers are advised to avoid the visit in open fields. Stay away from tall trees or other objects.
- Farmers are advised to withhold the application of irrigation and fertilizers in all the crops.
- * Transplanting and direct sowing of summer vegetables should be delayed till weather clears up.
- ❖ Make proper arrangement to collect, store the rain water.
- ❖ Make proper drainage channels in their fields to avoid water stagnation
- ❖ Do not tie the animals outdoor during thunderstorm and lightening.

SMS Advisory:-

Farmers are advised to adopt pre and post-hailstorm management strategies to minimize crop damage and follow weather advisory also at **Meghdoot app**.

Main Crops	Crop Stage	Crop Advisory
Vegetables/fruits		
Stone fruits (Plum, Apricot)	Fruit maturity/Harvesting	There is hailstorm and gusty winds forecast for 19 th may 2025, if fruits are near to full maturity farmers are advised to prepone harvest to minimize losses.
Apple	Fruit formation stage	 Farmers who have not yet installed anti-hail nets in apple orchards are advised to do so at the earliest to protect the crop from potential hail damage. Spray 100 gm Carbendazim or 600 gm Mancozeb in 200lt of water immediately after hail. Spray 200 gm Boric acid + 500 gm Zinc sulphate + 250 gm quick lime in 200 L of water within 3-4 days of hailstorm.
Okra, Cucumber, Pumpkin, French beans	Sowing/Vegetative	 Vegetable nursery plants should be covered with nets in their fields at 1-2 feet height to protect them from hailstorms. Farmers are advised to make proper drainage channels in the field.
Tomato, Capsicum & Brinjal	Vegetative	 Farmers are advised to provide timely support to tomato plants through staking or other suitable methods during the early growth stage to prevent lodging, enhance air circulation, and improve both fruit yield and quality. To avoid water stagnation, farmers are advised to prepare proper drainage channels in the field. In light of potential hailstorms, farmers are advised to protect their crops by covering them with nets installed at a height of 1–2 feet above the crop. For crops at 30–40 days after sowing, farmers are advised to remove lower leaves up to 10–15 cm from ground level to reduce the risk of soil-borne diseases.
Natural farming	-	❖ Farmers doing natural farming can control insect-pest attack by spraying Agniastra, Brahmastra and Neemastra and dashparni ark at weekly interval @3.0 per cent and Jeevaamrit @ 10.0 percent at regular interval during the clear weather condition.
Livestock		 Prepare balanced concentrate ration by using 40% cereal, 30% oil cake, 27% wheat bran, 2% mineral mixture and 1% salt. Do not tie the animals outdoor during thunderstorm and lightening.

Phenological Stages of crop

	Crops						
Districts	Stone fruits (Apricot, plum)	Apple	Okra, Pumpkin, French beans	Tomato Capsicum Brinjal	Onion/Garlic		
Shimla	FM/H	FD	S/V	V	Н		
Sirmour	FM/H	FD	S/V	V	Н		
Bilaspur	-	-	V	F	Н		
Solan	FM/H	FD	S/V	V	Н		

S: Sowing, V: Vegetative, FF: Fruit formation FD: Fruit Development, BM: Bulb maturity