Extended Range Prediction of Monsoon 2015



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Highlights:

- 1. Development of the IITM CGEPS System.
- 2. Performance of CGEPS during 2015 Summer Monsoon Season.
- 3. Hindcast skill for NEM regions.

IITM strategy for Extended Range Prediction using NCEP CFSv2

(15-20 day prediction/3-4 pentad prediction)

Time Line of development of IITM ERPS using CFSv2

2011: EPS developed, [Abhilash etal., 2014, IJOC]



2012: Bias Correction of CFS forecasted SST implemented

[Abhilash etal., 2014, ASL; Sahai etal., 2013, Cur. Sci.]



2013: High Resolution CFST382 implemented

[Sahai etal., 2014, CD;Borah etal, 2014, IJOC]



2014: CFS based Grand EPS Implemented

[Abhilash etal., 2015, JAMC; Sahai etal., 2015, Cur. Sci]



2015: Forecast for winter and other seasons started

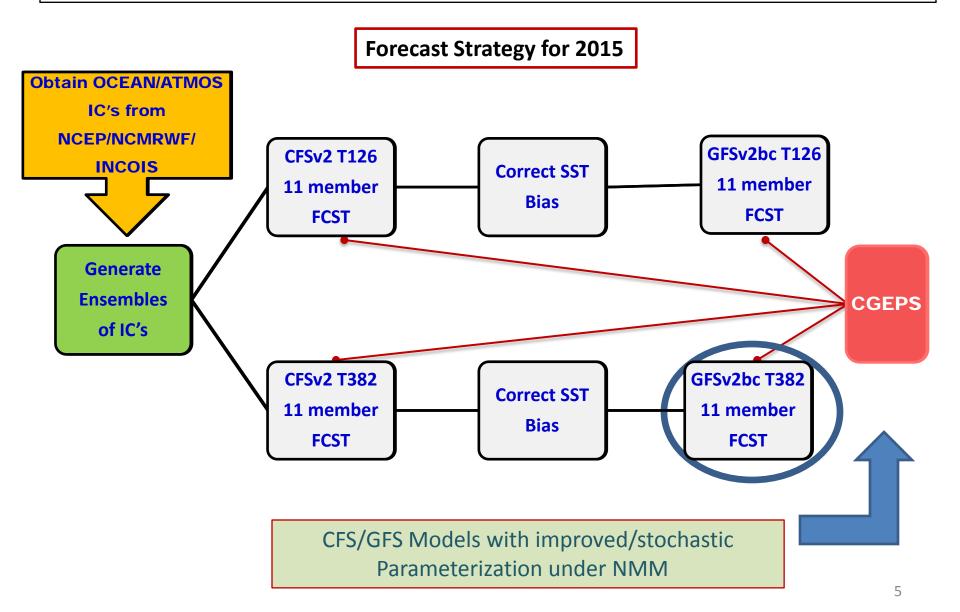


[Applications: Onset Prediction: Joseph et al, 2014, JC; Uttrakhand Heavy Rainfall:

Joseph etal, 2014, CD; Skill of CFST126: Abhilash etal., 2014, CD;

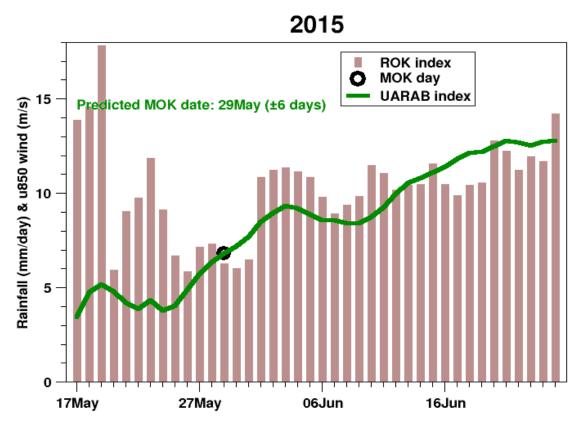
Comparison 2013 and 2014 June extremes: Joseph etal., QJRMS, 2015]

Towards the development of CFS Grand Prediction System (CGEPS) (Abhilash et al., 2015, JAMC)



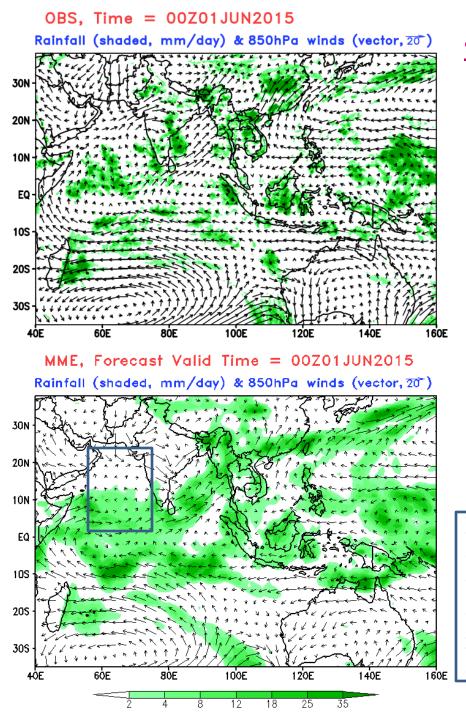


The evolution of rainfall and low level wind indices used for predicting the MOK date



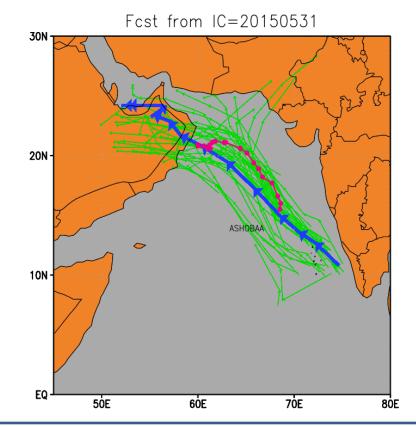
- ERPAS predicted the MOK date from 16 May initial conditions to be 29 May
- ISM made its onset over Kerala on 04 June, 4 days after its normal date

This may be attributed to the increased rainfall over Kerala due to the pre-monsoon thundershowers, which the model predicted realistically.



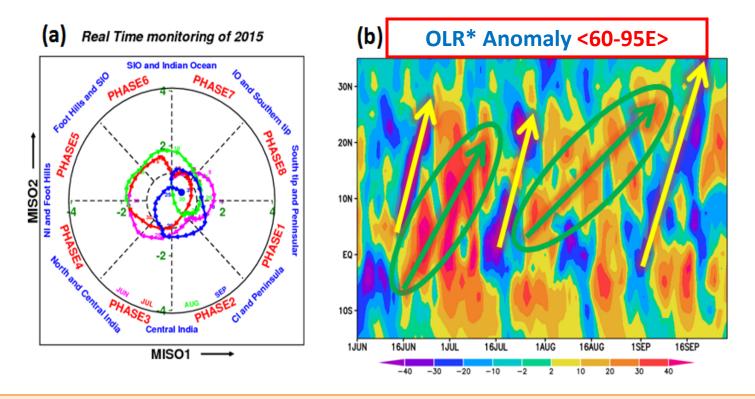
Movement of Cyclone "Ashobaa" during Onset phase





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N-S Propagation

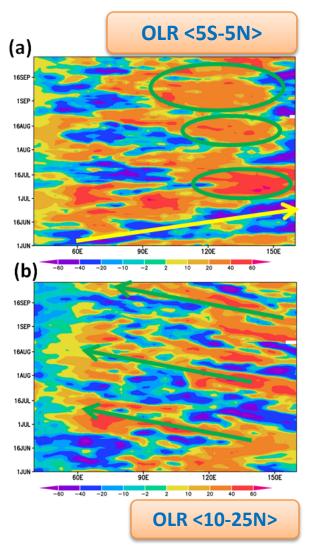


Fast Propagation of enhanced Convection anomalies of short duration during WM

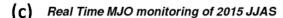
REF: Asymmetry in space-time characteristics of Indian summer monsoon intraseasonal oscillations during extreme years - Role of seasonal mean state
(Sharmila et al. 2015)

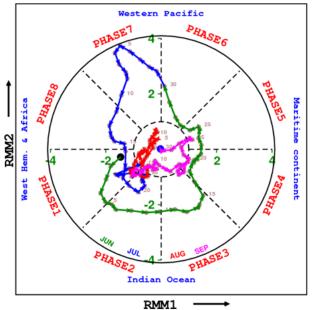
SM→ Slow (fast) propagation during active (break) phase
WM→ Fast (slow) propagation during active (break) phase

E-W Propagation and MJO



MJO Phase and Monsoon: 70% Active (Phase 3-6) 83% Break(Phase 7,8,1,2) Pai etal, 2011



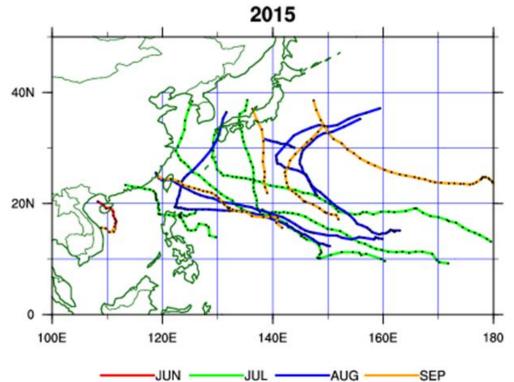


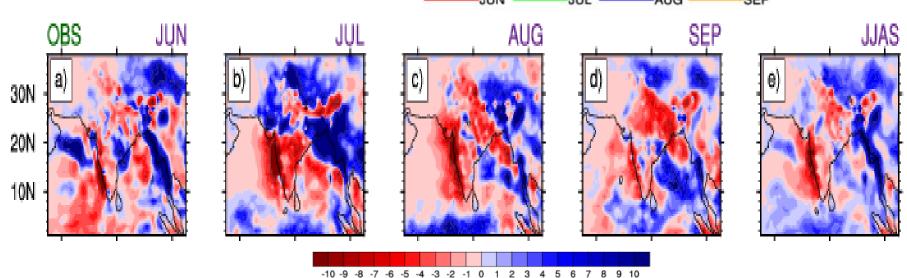
During very long breaks, eastward propagating MJO is in the equatorial strong region during VLB, similar to the one present in winter; and this eastward propagating MJO seems to generate westward moving divergent Rossby waves between 10° and 25° N, which in turn couple with the northward propagating break anomalies and in turn leads to the sustenance of breaks.

Suppressed convection phase of MJO was prevalent in the equatorial region, favouring/enhancing the break situation over Central India, as proposed by Joseph et al. (2009).

Linkage of WP storms and Indian Monsoon

Ref: Krishnamurti etal (1977) Rajeevan (1993) Vinay Kumar etal (2005) Mujumdar etal (2007) Pattnaik and Rajeevan (2007)

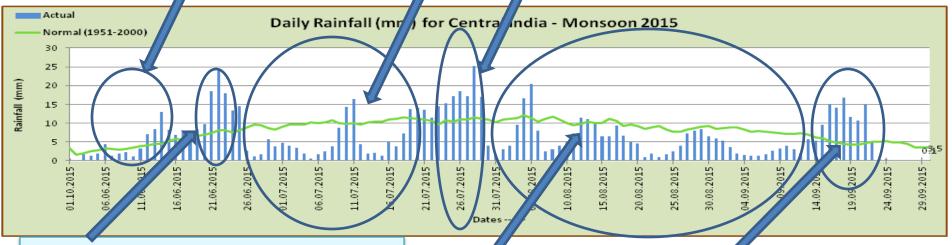




0531: Low Pressure System (LPS) over southern tip of peninsula is likely to intensify and move towards Oman coast. This system may dissipate around 11th June and till then the monsoon activity will be weaker than normal over India.

0620: There will be a large scale reduction of rainfall during 1st half of July.

0710: Large scale monsoon activity is expected to increase by the end of July resulting in revival of monsoon.

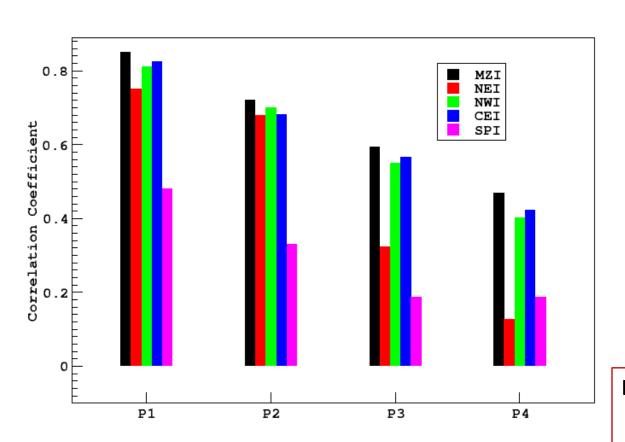


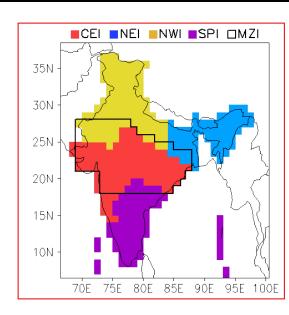
0605: It is likely that by 17th June the offshore trough along the west coast will be established and within one week after that, monsoon may reach central India as a feeble current.

0903: A fresh spell of good rainfall will propagate from Indian ocean to southern peninsula around 20th September and may reach central India around 25th September.

0725: It was forecasted that Monsoon activity will be normal and there is a possibility that it may enter in the break phase around 10th Aug.

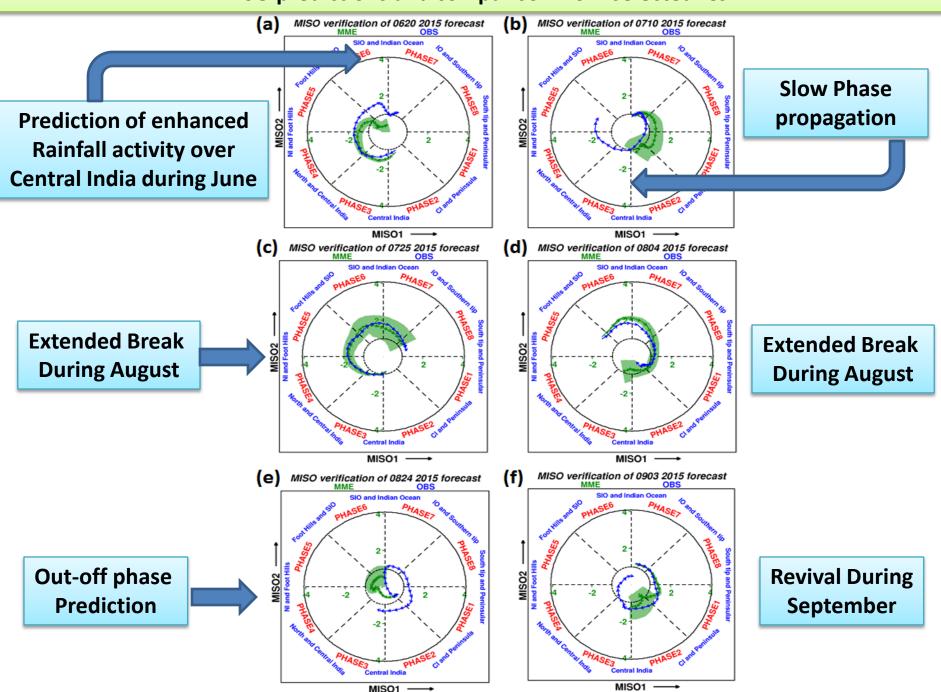
Overall Skill over 5 Homogeneous regions



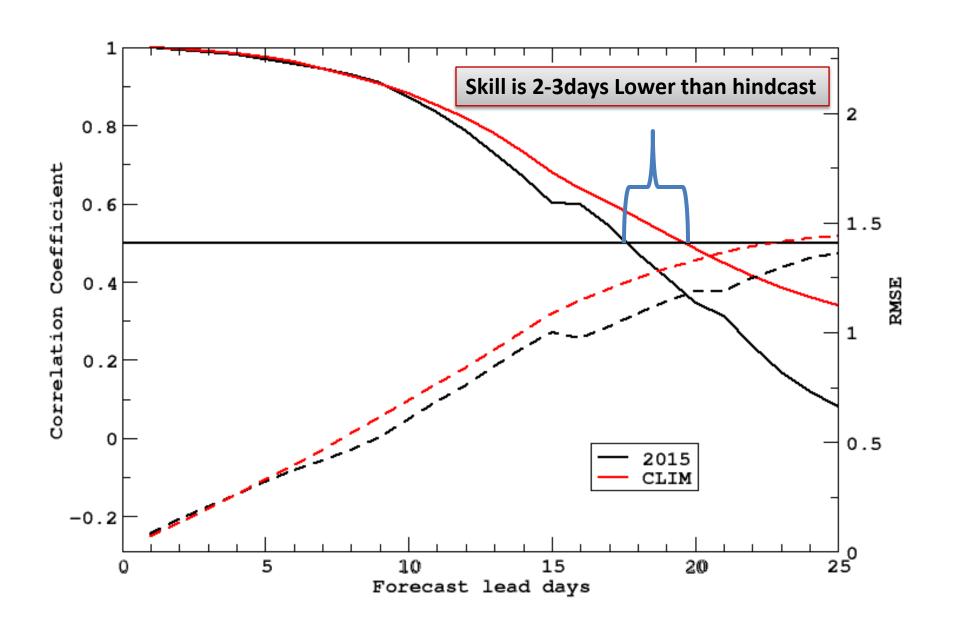


Lower skill may be associated with the absence of Strong large scale ISO signal when dominated by High frequency synoptic Activity.

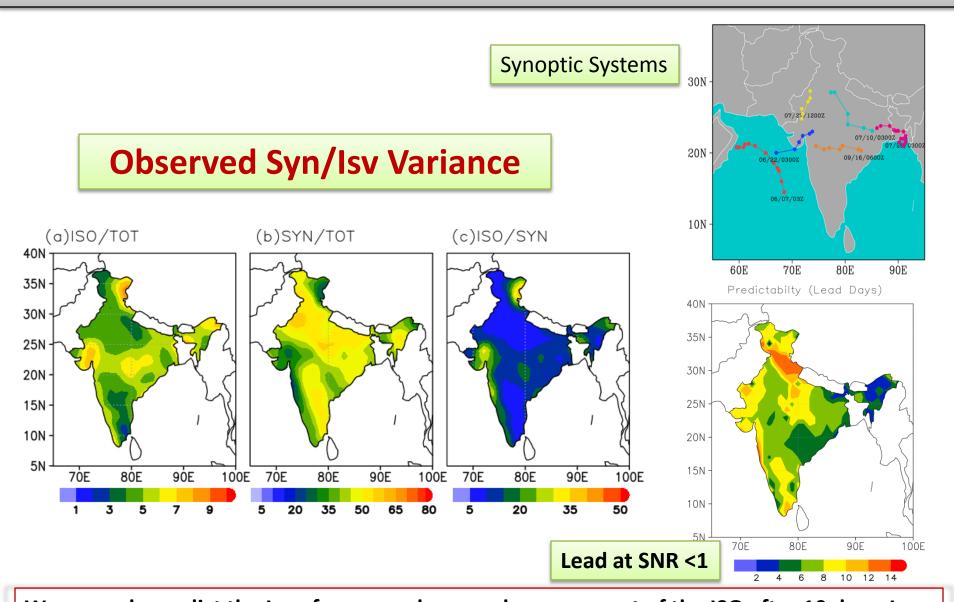
MISO predictions and comparison from selected ICs



Bivariate CC & RMSE of MISO prediction 2015



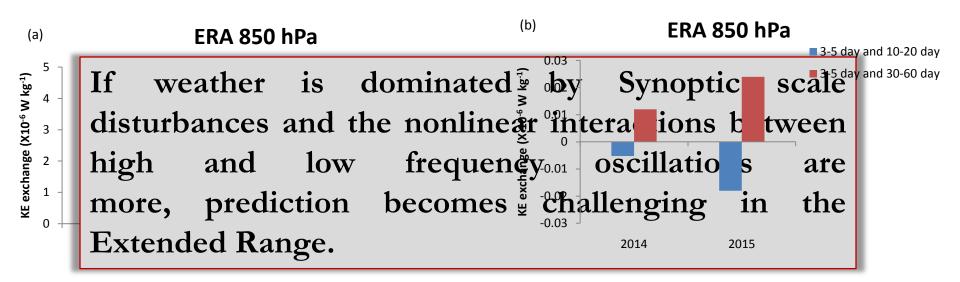
Why ERP skill was lower during 2015



We can only predict the Low frequency large scale component of the ISO after 10 days. In the absence of strong ISO signal and weather is dominated by Synoptic scale disturbances, prediction becomes challenging in the Extended Range.

Scale interaction and energy exchange

The positive (negative) value of the mean-wave interaction implies that the seasonal mean is losing (gaining) KE to (from) low and high frequency waves whereas the same of the wave-wave interaction represents the 3-5day wave losing (gaining) KE to (from) 30-60 and 10-20day modes

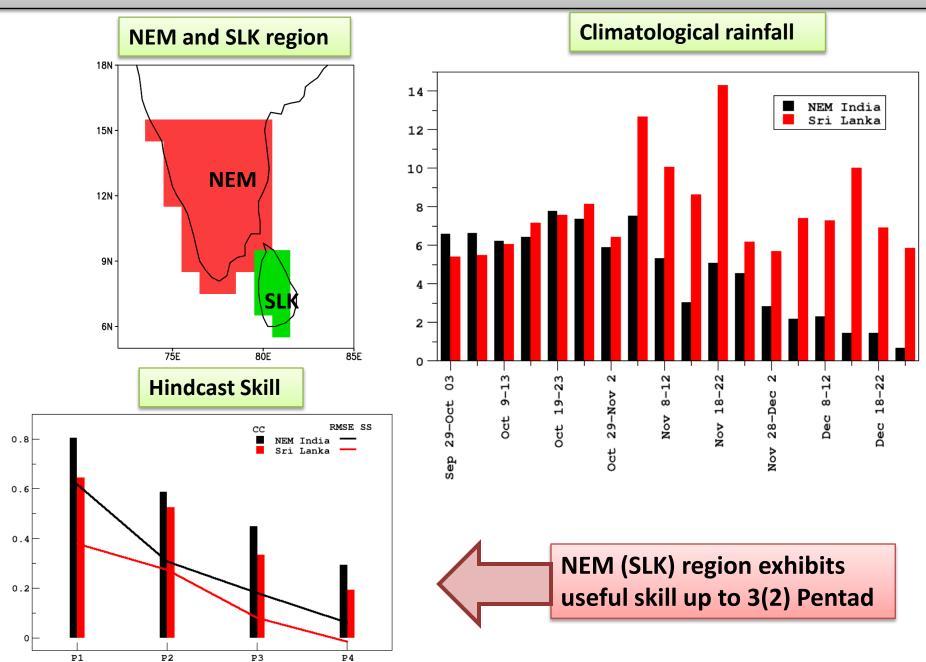


Seasonal mean has no positive contribution to the variability of synoptic scales.

KE exchanges between synoptic scale and low frequency oscillations are stronger during 2015 compared to 2014 that make the Indian monsoon transients prone to intensify more during 2015.

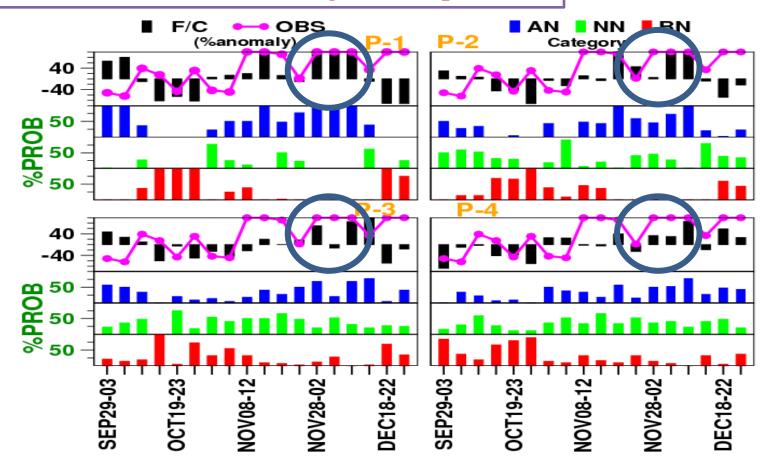
Prediction of NEM

Hindcast Skill for Post Monsoon/NEM



Area averaged rainfall over NEM region during 2015 predicted by MME

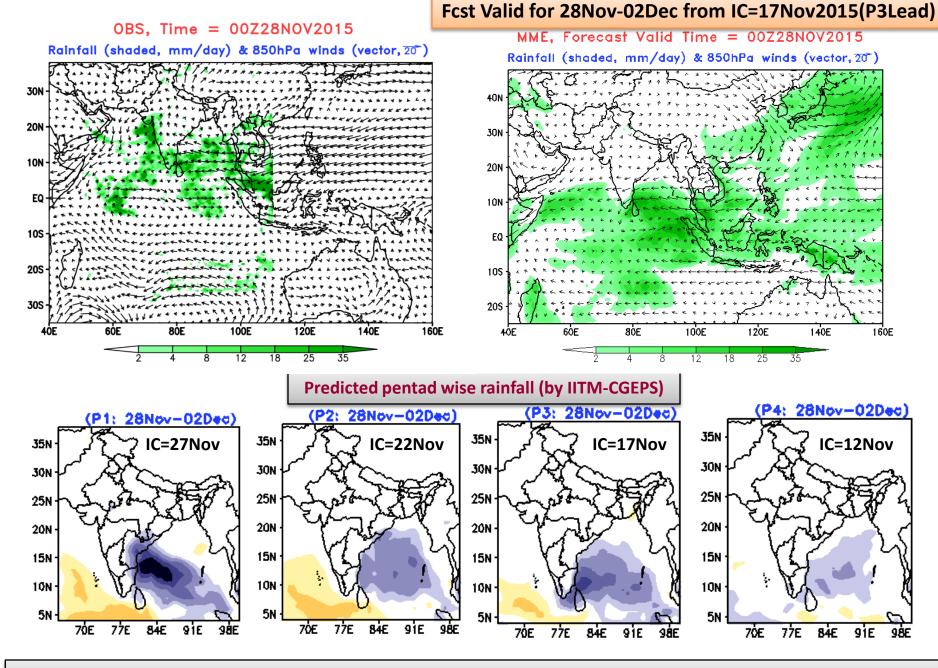
1127: especially east coast (Andhra & Tamilnadu) is likely to receive above normal rainfall during the first pentad



1202: Southeast coast is likely to receive above normal rainfall due to low pressure systems in easterlies during the first two pentads and near normal rainfall afterwards.

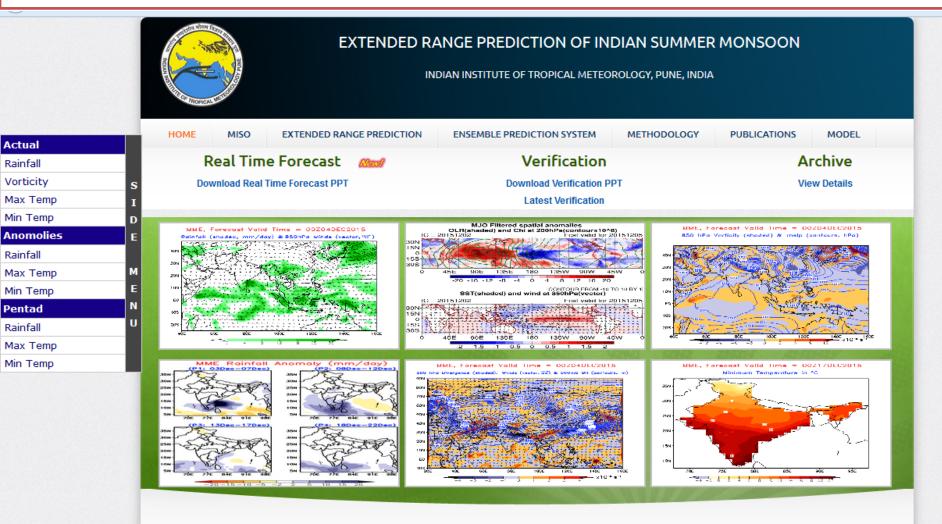
Rains create havoc in Chennai, rail, road, air traffic disrupted (29 Nov to 02 Dec 2015)





The CGMME system well predicted the above normal rainfall activity over Chennai and NEM region well in advance.

http://www.tropmet.res.in/erpas/index.php



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