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Discussion Notes

Realized Weather (07-13 April 2022)	 Two shallow WDs passed over north of Afghanistan and Pakistan. Continental dry air prevailing over the regions adjoining Afghanistan and Pakistan. Isolated and scattered rain/thundershowers observed over northern areas of Afghanistan and Pakistan with rest of the areas mainly experiencing dry weather conditions. Heatwave conditions are observed over Afghanistan and Pakistan with few isolated places experiencing severe heat. Highest maximum temperature of 46.5°C recorded at Shaheed Benazirabad, Sibbi and Jacobabad areas in Pakistan. Light to moderate rain/thundershowers observed over Nepal and Bhutan with northern parts of Bhutan observing above normal rainfall. Westerly trough persisting over Bangladesh with isolated rain/thundershowers over some places. Rest of the country experienced mostly dry weather conditions. Cyclonic circulation over north Sri Lanka and adjoining areas extending up to mid tropospheric level was observed until 11 April 2022. Isolated and scattered rain/thundershowers over Solerved over Myanmar and widespread in few places over north of the country with recorded rainfall of 108 mm. Widespread rain/thundershowers over Sri Lanka with some areas experiencing heavy rainfall. Isolated and scattered rain/thundershowers observed over Maldives with central and northern areas recorded heavy rainfall up to 50mm and 97 mm respectively on 13 April 2022.
Salient synoptic features in the coming week	 WD expected over Afghanistan and adjoining areas of Pakistan during 16 April 2022. Westerly trough prevailing over Bangladesh. Also, a strong south westerly wind from Bay of Bengal to north eastern region at lower tropospheric level is expected. Persistence of a feeble trough over northern Myanmar extending to south at lower levels. A cyclonic circulation over southeast Arabian sea and adjoining Lakshadweep extending up to mid tropospheric level.

Rainfall outlook	 Isolated rain/thundershowers expected from 18 April 2022 mostly over northern parts of Afghanistan and Pakistan with dry weather conditions likely over rest of the areas. Isolated and scattered rain/thundershowers likely over Bhutan and Nepal with widespread activities over some places. Isolated and scattered rain/thundershowers likely over Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. Isolated and scattered rain/thundershowers likely over Myanmar with widespread rain/thundershowers likely over Myanmar with widespread rain/thundershowers in some areas. Scattered rain/thundershowers in some areas. Scattered rain/thundershowers in some areas. 	 Extended Range Outlook (until 27 April 2022) Probability of rainfall (>25mm) during the week of 21-27 April 2022 likely over Bhutan, Nepal and isolated areas of northern Pakistan and Afghanistan.
Temperature outlook	 Heatwave conditions are likely to prevail over Afghanistan and Pakistan until 18 April 2022. 	
Extreme weather situations	 Heatwave conditions likely to prevail over the north western areas of the region. 	
Additional products	 Seasonal rainfall forecast during May-July 2022 was discussed. Above normal rainfall is expected over much of south Asia during May to July. 	