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**Sub: Heavy snowfall activity over Western Himalayan Region.**

The western disturbance over northwest India has caused widespread precipitation activity over Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh with isolated heavy to very heavy falls over Jammu & Kashmir during past 24 hours. It has also caused light rainfall over some parts of plains of northwest India. The chief amounts of rainfall ( $\geq 2$  cm) recorded at 0830 hours IST of today are : Banihal (Top)-16, Batote-9, Ragni-6, Sonamarg, Solang, Bhang and Bhuntar-5 each, Banihal and Kupwara-4 each, Pahalgam-3, Sundarnagar, Shimla, Bhadrawah and Kokarnag-2 each.

The latest meteorological analysis suggests that the western disturbances will continue to affect northwest India during next 48 hours.

Widespread rain/snowfall activity will occur over Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand during next 48 hours with heavy to very heavy falls at a few places over Jammu & Kashmir and at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

Light to moderate rain/thundershowers at many places would also occur over Punjab, Rajasthan, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh during next 48 hours.

Isolated hailstorm may occur over Jammu division of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh till tomorrow.