

# Monsoon set to revive in key kharif growing States; oilseeds, pulses, cotton may benefit

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After getting activated this month since undergoing a long "break" in August, the south-west monsoon will begin covering some of the States that are key to kharif production later this week.

An India Meteorological Department (IMD) update on Monday said active monsoon conditions are likely to continue over peninsular India, Odisha and Chhattisgarh over the next 5 days.

Rainfall activity is likely to increase with isolated heavy rainfall over Madhya Pradesh from Tuesday to Friday and over Gujarat from Thursday to



Friday. Rains are also expected in Maharashtra - particularly Vidarbha, Karnataka, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

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The development should come as a relief for parched kharif crops such as oilseeds, pulses, rice and cotton. These crops are threatened by water

shortage. Experts in the crop protection sector said use of biostimulants could help the crops recover any yield that could be lost due to the long dry period.

The IMD said Sunday's cyclonic circulation over north-east Bay of Bengal and its neighbourhood was now over north-west Bay of Bengal and its neighbourhood.

"Under its influence, a low pressure area is likely to form over northwest and adjoining west-central Bay of Bengal during next 24 hours," the national weather agency said.

IMD said light to moderate fairly widespread to isolated rainfall is likely

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north interior Karnataka will get rains until Thursday. South interior Karnataka will receive precipitation till Thursday.

Among other regions, Vidharbha will experience light to widespread rainfall until Friday. East and west Madhya Pradesh will receive rainfall till Friday, Marathwada - a key kharif growing region, till Thursday and Madhya Maharashtra between Wednesday and Friday. Gujarat, another rain deficient State, will experience rainfall during the same time.

East Uttar Pradesh will receive rains Wednesday-Thursday, while Uttarakhand and western Uttar Pradesh will get precipitation on Friday, the IMD said.