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**Report Highlights:**

The southwest monsoon is progressing normally. As of June 10, the monsoon had covered the entire southern peninsula and appeared likely to cover central and eastern states by June 15. Based on the actual and the expected rainfall, *kharif* (fall and early harvested) crop planting operations should begin soon. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) will issue its second stage monsoon forecast in late June.

## **General Information:**

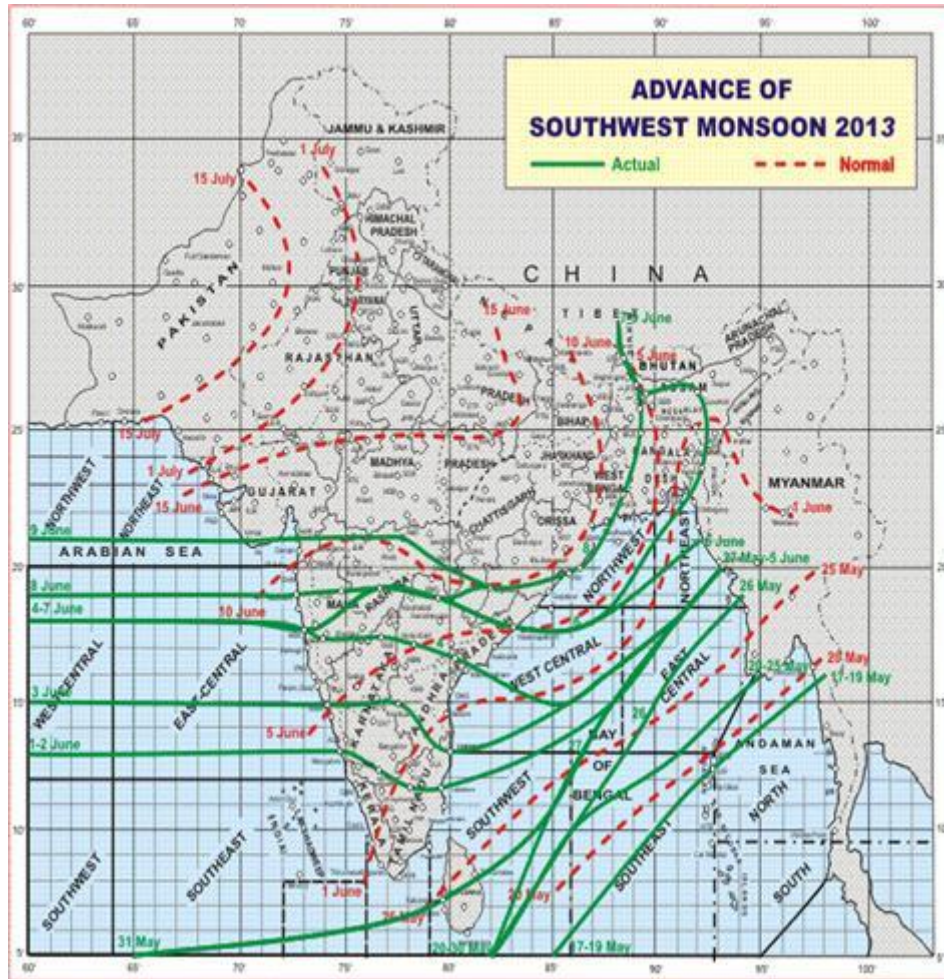
### **Progress of monsoon**

The southwest monsoon is progressing normally. In the last 10 days, starting June 1, the monsoon covered remaining parts of the central Arabian Sea, southern parts of Saurashtra, Vidarbha, most parts of central Maharashtra, and some of southern Chhattisgarh (Figure 1). According to the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), the cumulative rainfall from June 1 through 6 was 1 percent below the long period average of 89 cm. The eastern and northeastern states [remained dry](#) while the southern peninsula received above normal rains. The following week, the monsoon is likely to advance into central India, Gujarat, Odisha, West Bengal, Jharkhand and Bihar and is expected to cover the rest of India by end of June. By or before the end of this month, IMD will issue its second stage monsoon forecast. It will also issue separate forecasts for the expected monthly (July and August) rainfall and seasonal (June through September) rainfall over the four geographical regions of India.

### **Kharif crop planting**

Based on the actual and expected rainfall by June 15, *kharif* (fall and early harvested) crop planting operations should begin soon. Though rice production in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu is mostly irrigated, producers will still depend on monsoon rains to replenish water reserves for irrigation. Coarse grains such as corn, sorghum and pearl millet are largely non-irrigated crops grown in central and north India. Insufficient rain in these regions could delay planting. Other crops such as peanut, soybean and pulses are all monsoon-dependent. Normal rains in these regions should ensure their timely planting.

Figure 1: Progress of Monsoon 2013



Source: Indian Meteorological Department