

## **Monsoon anticipation**

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## Context

• The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has given a reassuring signal that from June to September, India is likely to receive 'above normal' monsoon rainfall, or 5% more than the historical average of 87 cm. Were this to pan out as projected, it would be a second consecutive year of 'above normal' rains.

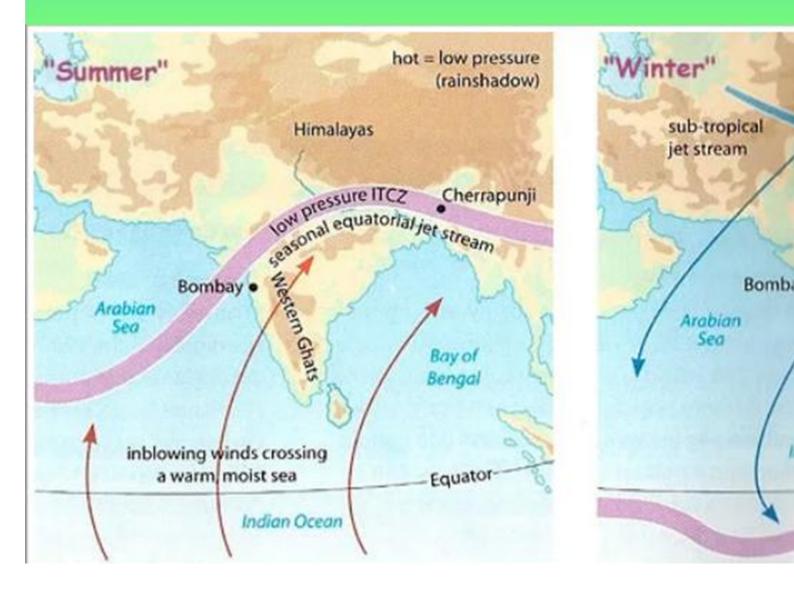
• Last year, India received 8% more monsoon rain than what is typical from June to September.

• This is good news for kharif sowing, which will help improve stocks of grain and shore up reserves for exports.

• This year the **government has also committed to procure**, at the minimum support prices, **pulses in an attempt to reduce the import bill.** 

• As pulses are a more land-intensive crop than cereal, good rains are essential for an adequate harvest.

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