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## **14<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**Topic:- Geography (Monsoon)**

**News:-Rains 15% below average in Punjab.**

**Data by Indian Meteorological Department:-**

- **Till August 13<sup>th</sup>, this season Punjab received a 263.3mm total precipitation as compared to long term average of 308.2mm.**
- **While a deficiency in Punjab is lesser than neighbouring states of HP and Haryana.**

<b>Districts with Surplus Rain</b>	<b>District with Deficient Rain</b>
<b>1) Kapurthala 119%</b>	<b>1) Hoshiarpur 48%</b>
<b>2) Muktsar 84%</b>	<b>2) Jalandhar 44%</b>
<b>3) Bathinda 45%</b>	<b>3) Amritsar 41%</b>

**(Source-The Tribune)**

## **Cause:-**

- *El-Nino effect shared by IMD*

## **Prediction by IMD:-**

- *IMD's Additional Director-General Mrutyunjay Mahapatra said the formation of low pressure in the Bay of Bengal will bring good rainfall to central India, including Odisha and parts of Rajasthan.*
- *Parts of north India like Delhi, Punjab and Haryana may not benefit due to this low-pressure area and it is unlikely that these states will get rainfall because of it, Mahapatra said.*
- *El Nino conditions occur as temperatures rise in the equatorial region of the Pacific Ocean, which impacts global weather. In India, it generally leads to lower rainfall.*
- *The IMD is working on the assumption of weak El Niño conditions in 2019. However, Skymet and several international forecasts predict a slow start to the monsoon because of El Niño. April and May are crucial to any change in these conditions. But in the past, El Niño conditions have had an unpredictable and uneven impact on monsoon, with even a year of weak intensity wreaking havoc.*

## **About Indian Meteorological Department(IMD):-**

- *The India Meteorological Department is an agency of the Ministry of Earth Sciences of the Government of India.*
- *It is the principal agency responsible for meteorological observations, weather forecasting and seismology.*
- *Headquarters: New Delhi.*

- **Founder: Government of India.**
- **Founded: 1875**
- **Agency executive: Dr Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Director General of Meteorology.**
- **Jurisdiction: India.**
- **Parent organization: Ministry of Earth Sciences.**

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## **QUIZ: -**

**Question1:- Headquarters of Indian Meteorological Department(IMD) :-**

1. **New Delhi**
2. **Bengaluru**
3. **Mumbai**
4. **Kolkatta**

**Question2:- Name the district with Surplus Rain in this monsoon season?**

1. **Kapurthala**
2. **Bathinda**
3. **Jalandhar**
4. **Muktsar**

## **Answers :-**

- Q1:- 1
- Q2:- 1

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