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PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that a author should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<p>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>This manuscript is highly valuable to the scientific community as it provides a detailed and methodologically sound analysis of agro-meteorological forecasted rainfall in a region that is critical for agricultural production. By employing both quantitative and qualitative validation techniques, it offers a comprehensive evaluation of the forecasting models used by the IMD, which is essential for improving forecast accuracy and agricultural planning in regions like Guntur. The use of both district-level and block-level analyses provides valuable granular insights that could be applied to other regions with similar monsoonal patterns, contributing to more localized and precise weather prediction models. Overall, this study's integration of established meteorological validation methods with real-world agricultural data makes it a relevant and insightful contribution to both climate science and agricultural meteorology. I find this manuscript to be scientifically engaging and technically sound, offering practical implications for improving rainfall prediction models and their applications in agricultural management.</p>	
<p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p>	<p>"Analysis of Forecasted Rainfall across Blocks in Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh"</p>	

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<p>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</p>	<p>The abstract is well-written, concise, and effectively summarizes the key components of the study, including the purpose, methods, and main findings.</p> <p>Here are some suggestions to enhance clarity and completeness:</p> <p>Suggestions for Improvement</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Add Context on the Study's Importance: Briefly mention why analyzing forecast accuracy at the block and district levels is valuable for agricultural planning in Guntur district. This context can help highlight the study's relevance. Clarify Data Source and Study Area: While you mention that the data came from IMD Amaravathi, it might be useful to specify that Guntur district includes multiple blocks, helping readers unfamiliar with the area understand the multi-level analysis. Expand on the Qualitative Analysis Results: Consider mentioning the specific success rates observed in the qualitative analysis. Stating that the northeast monsoon had the "highest success rates, reaching [insert range or value]" would quantify this part of the findings, providing a stronger sense of the data. Consider Rephrasing for Clarity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For example, in the quantitative analysis, "The Hansen and Kuipers (HK) score test showed strong agreement during the northeast monsoon (0.5 to 0.8)..." could be rephrased to emphasize that higher scores indicate better forecast agreement. In the qualitative analysis, the phrase "success rates for forecasted rainfall" might be clarified as "success rates for forecasted rainfall accuracy." Possible Addition on Implications: If space allows, mention potential applications of this analysis for farmers, policy-makers, or agro-meteorological planning, highlighting the practical significance of accurate forecasts in agricultural productivity. 	
<p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<p>The structure and subsections of your manuscript seem well-organized, with clear divisions between different types of analyses (quantitative and qualitative) and a logical flow from data source to findings. However, to ensure clarity and ease of understanding for readers, here are some recommendations for refining the structure:</p> <p>Suggested Structure and Subsections</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefly introduce the significance of accurate rainfall forecasting for agriculture in Andhra Pradesh, especially in Guntur district. Explain the context for using both quantitative and qualitative analyses to validate forecasted rainfall. Study Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe Guntur district, focusing on its climate, cropping patterns, and the need for accurate rainfall forecasts. Include relevant details like the agro-climatic zone, primary crops, and the district's reliance on monsoon rainfall. 	

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	<p>3. Data Source and Methodology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Data Collection: Describe how forecasted and observed rainfall data were obtained, specifying sources like the IMD in Amaravathi and the forecast intervals. ○ Quantitative Analysis Methods: Outline each quantitative metric (e.g., Ratio Score, HK Score, PoD) with brief explanations of their significance in evaluating forecast accuracy. ○ Qualitative Analysis Methods: Detail the qualitative success rate criteria and any thresholds used to categorize forecast accuracy (e.g., "Correct", "Usable"). <p>4. Results and Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quantitative Analysis Results: Present the findings from ratio scores, HK scores, and PoD values for each block and the overall district. Consider dividing this section by monsoon seasons (southwest, northeast, and overall) for clarity. ○ Qualitative Analysis Results: Summarize success rates and accuracy variations observed across blocks and monsoon periods, and discuss potential factors affecting the success rates, such as spatial variability. <p>5. Conclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summarize key insights from both quantitative and qualitative analyses, emphasizing implications for agricultural planning. ○ Suggest future research directions, like refining forecast models or incorporating additional meteorological data. 	
<p>Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>This manuscript appears scientifically robust and technically sound due to its clear and systematic methodology for validating forecasted rainfall data. The use of both quantitative (ratio scores, Hansen and Kuipers score, Probability of Detection) and qualitative (success rates) analyses provides a comprehensive assessment of forecast accuracy, which strengthens the reliability of the findings. The quantitative metrics chosen are well-established in meteorological studies, ensuring that the results are comparable to standard industry practices. Additionally, the manuscript accounts for the spatio-temporal variations in rainfall, which is critical for evaluating forecast performance in a region with diverse weather patterns like Guntur district. The thoroughness in data validation enhances the scientific rigor of the study.</p>	
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</p> <p>-</p>	<p>References are not sufficient and recent one also need to add still more and recent one like 2023 to 2024 year published one.</p>	

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<p><u>Minor/REVISION</u> comments</p> <p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>Language and English quality of the article is generally suitable for scholarly communication; however, there are a few areas where slight improvements could enhance clarity and readability. The manuscript demonstrates a strong command of technical terminology and the use of formal, academic language, which is appropriate for the intended audience. Some sentences could be streamlined or rephrased for better flow and precision, especially when presenting complex analytical results. Additionally, attention to sentence structure, punctuation, and consistency in terminology would further elevate the manuscript's readability and ensure a smooth communication of ideas.</p> <p>Overall, while the language is generally suitable for scholarly purposes, small revisions for clarity, coherence, and style would make it even more polished for publication.</p>	
<p><u>Optional/General</u> comments</p>	<p>Overall, this manuscript offers a comprehensive analysis of agro-meteorological forecasted rainfall, providing valuable insights into forecast accuracy and its implications for agricultural planning in Guntur district, Andhra Pradesh. The combination of both qualitative and quantitative validation methods enhances the reliability and depth of the study.</p> <p>Here are a few optional/general comments for improvement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Clarity and Flow: Some sections may benefit from more concise writing. For example, simplifying complex sentences or breaking them into smaller parts could improve readability. Clear transitions between sections (e.g., from the methods to the results) would also help the reader follow the argument more smoothly. Figures and Tables: Ensure that all figures and tables are appropriately referenced within the text. It might be helpful to include a brief description or summary of the key findings from each table or figure within the manuscript itself to guide the reader. Contextualization of Results: It would be valuable to provide more context regarding how the forecast accuracy observed in Guntur compares with other similar regions or studies. This would offer a better understanding of the broader implications of the study. Discussion and Future Work: The discussion section could benefit from more in-depth interpretation of the results, particularly in terms of their practical application. Additionally, mentioning future research directions or potential improvements in forecasting methods could provide a forward-looking perspective for the manuscript. Spelling/Grammar Check: Ensure a thorough review for minor spelling and grammar inconsistencies (e.g., "south east monsoon" should be "southwest monsoon"). Even though these do not significantly impact the scientific content, polishing the language would improve the manuscript's overall quality. <p>Based on the provided information, there do not appear to be any ethical issues in this manuscript. The study seems to rely on publicly available forecasted rainfall data provided by the IMD (Indian Meteorological Department), and the analysis methods (both qualitative and quantitative) are standard scientific practices for validating forecast data. The use of this data is properly cited, and there is no indication of data manipulation or unethical research practices.</p>	

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	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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