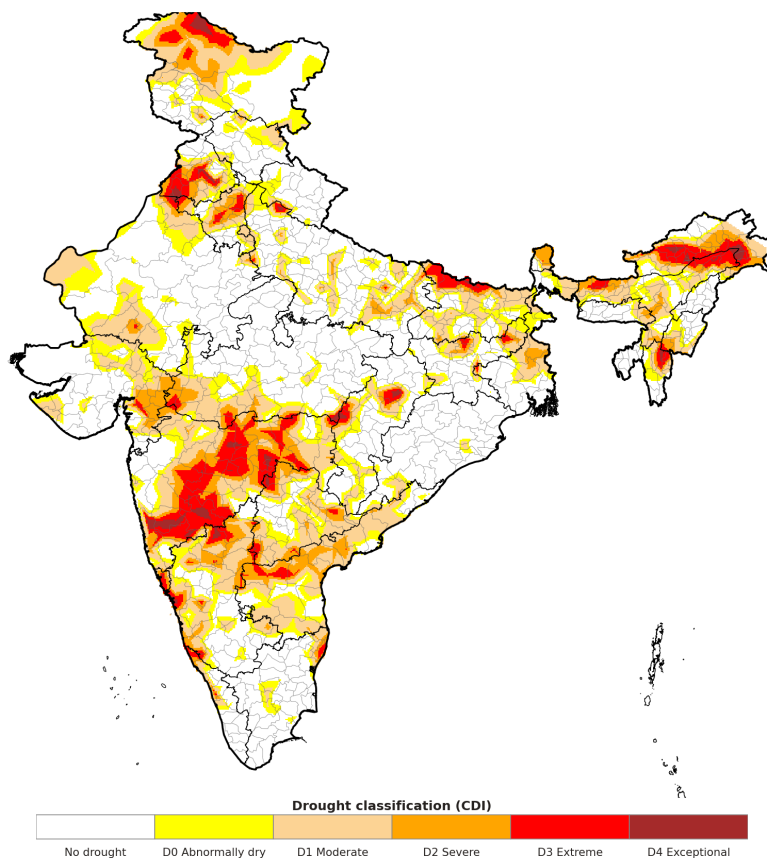




Combined Drought Index (CDI) for the week ending September 23, 2026.

## Summary

The national drought situation this week shows a significant distribution across the drought classes. The cumulative area in the Normal class was 48.8%, while the area experiencing D0 or worse conditions was 51.2%. The total drought area, measured by D0 or worse, was 51.2% this week, which represents a contraction of 1.4 percentage points compared to the previous week's 52.5%. Looking at the most affected states, Goa reported 100.0% of its area in drought, and the NCT of Delhi reported 95.7% in drought. Maharashtra was affected in 84.1% of its area, and Sikkim in 81.8% of its area. Conversely, the least affected states included Nagaland at 5.6%, Odisha at 10.0%, Tripura at 14.9%, and Tamil Nadu at 23.8%.

## Regional Outlook

**North** Widespread drought. About 46% of the area is in drought (D0–D4). A notable share is in severe-or-worse categories (D2–D4).

**Northwest** Widespread drought. About 42% of the area is in drought (D0–D4). Pockets of severe-or-worse conditions are present.

**Northeast** Widespread drought. About 64% of the area is in drought (D0–D4). A notable share is in severe-or-worse categories (D2–D4).

**East** Widespread drought. About 40% of the area is in drought (D0–D4). A notable share is in severe-or-worse categories (D2–D4).

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**Central** Widespread drought. About 40% of the area is in drought (D0–D4). Pockets of severe-or-worse conditions are present.

**West** Extensive drought. About 82% of the area is in drought (D0–D4). A notable share is in severe-or-worse categories (D2–D4).

**South** Widespread drought. About 56% of the area is in drought (D0–D4). A notable share is in severe-or-worse categories (D2–D4).