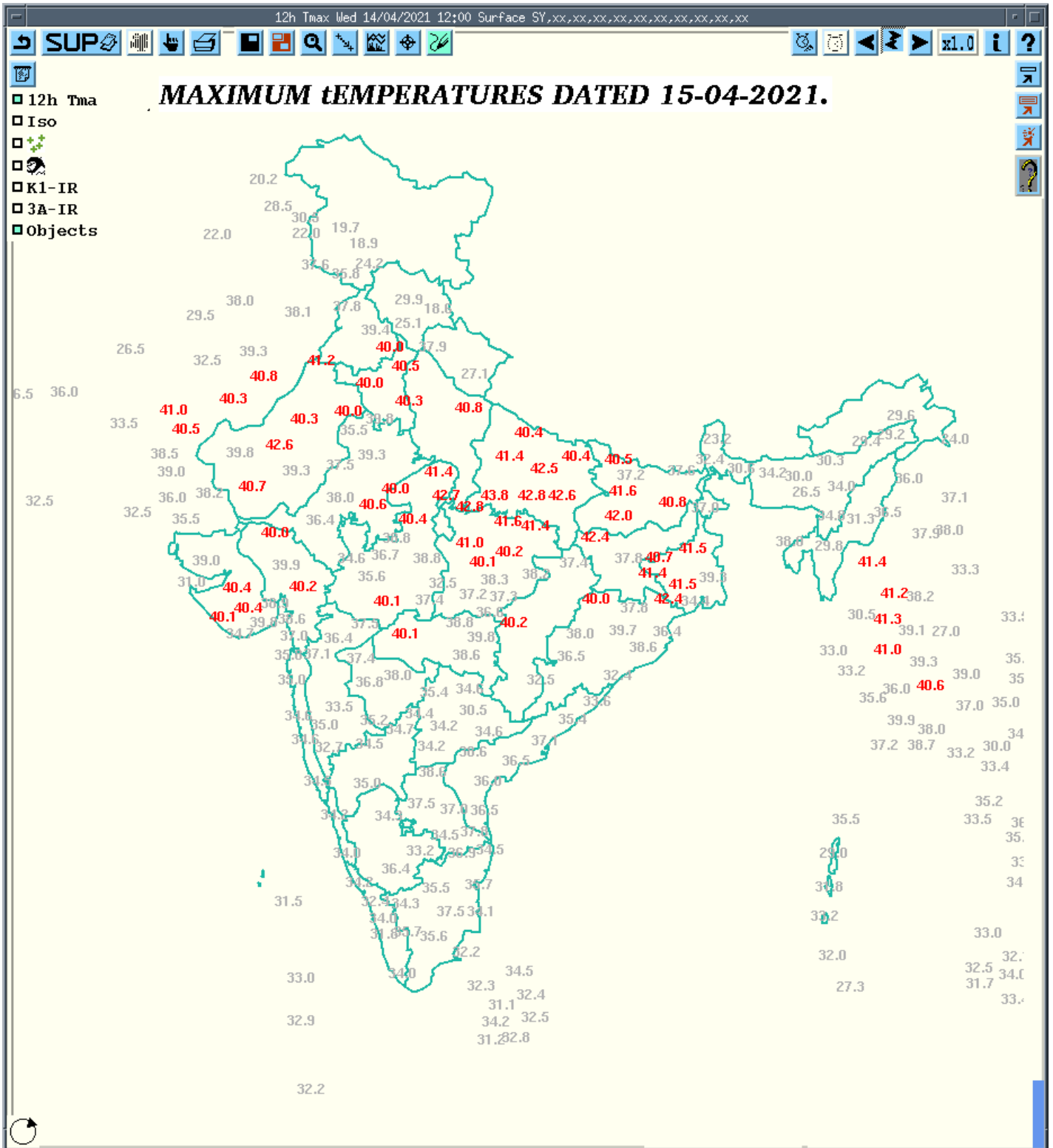
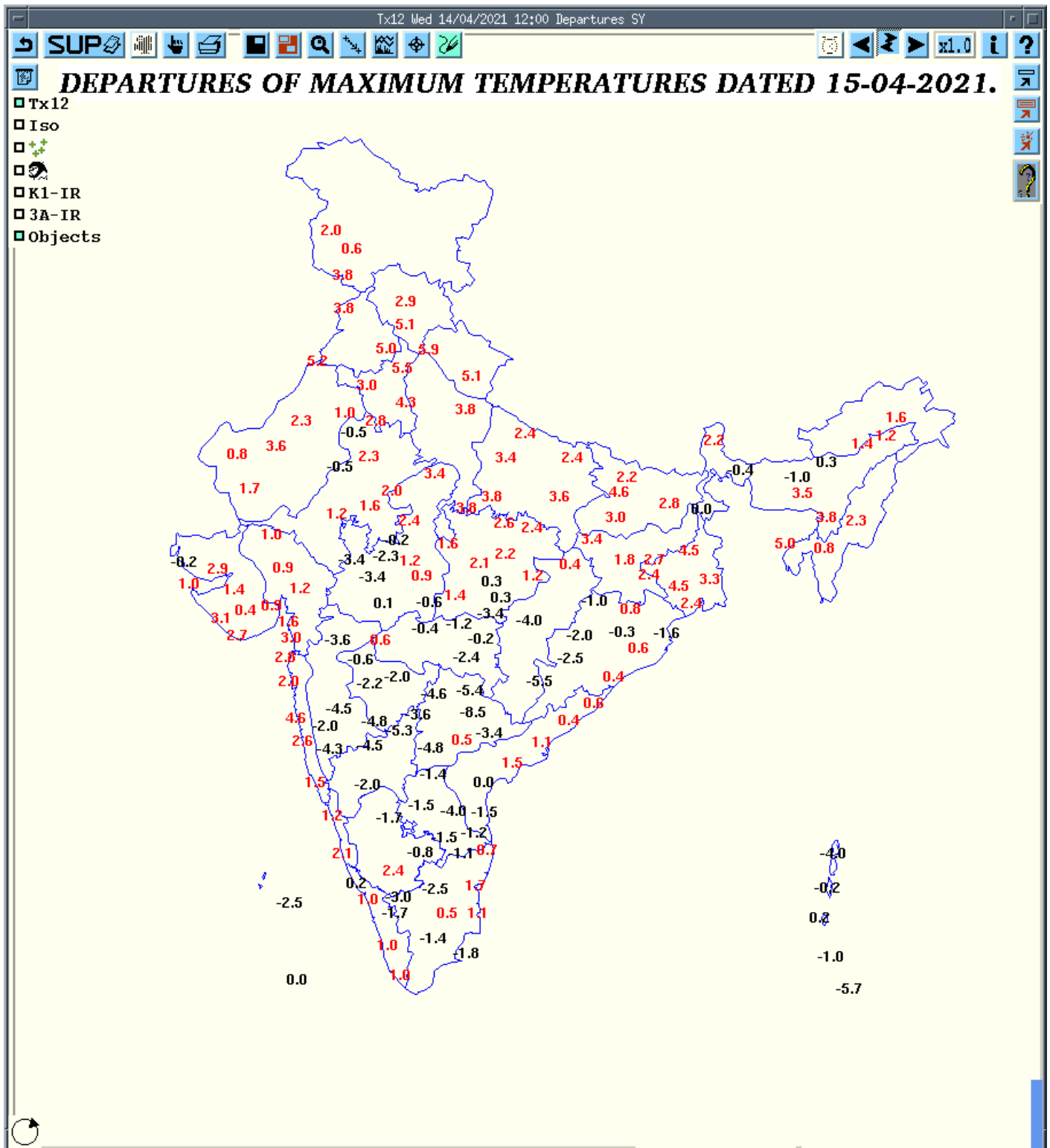


(For significance of colour code and criteria for Heat Wave, kindly refer to Annexure-3 at end of this document)

Annexure1





**Heat Wave**

Heat wave is considered if maximum temperature of a station reaches at least 40°C or more for Plains, 37°C or more for coastal stations and at least 30°C or more for Hilly regions. Following criteria are used to declare heat wave:

## a) Based on Departure from Normal

- *Heat Wave*: Departure from normal is 4.5°C to 6.4°C
- *Severe Heat Wave*: Departure from normal is >6.4°C

## b) Based on Actual Maximum Temperature (for plains only)

- *Heat Wave*: When actual maximum temperature  $\geq 45^{\circ}\text{C}$
- *Severe Heat Wave*: When actual maximum temperature  $\geq 47^{\circ}\text{C}$

To declare heat wave, the above criteria should be met at least in 2 stations in a Meteorological sub-division for at least two consecutive days and it will be declared on the second day.

**Heat Wave Warning**

Green (No action)	Normal Day	Maximum temperatures are near normal
Yellow Alert (Be updated)	Heat Alert	Heat wave conditions at district level likely to persist for 2 days
Orange Alert (Be prepared)	Severe Heat Alert for the day	(i) Severe heat wave conditions persist for 2 days. (ii) With varied severity, heat wave is likely to persists for 4 days or more
Red Alert (Take Action)	Extreme Heat Alert for the day	(i) Severe heat wave persists for more than 2 days. (ii) Total MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES number of heat/severe heat wave days likely to exceeds 6 days.