

Daily Space Weather Summary (SUPARCO)

Thursday, May 16, 2024, 12:33 PST



LOCAL CURRENT IONOSPHERIC CONDITIONS (SON)

Critical Frequency of F2 layer (foF2)	8.5 MHz							
Virtual Height of F2 layer (h`F2)	254 km							
Total Electron Content (TEC)	55 TECU							
Maximum Usable Frequency (MUF) and Optimum Traffic Frequency (FOT) for various distances								
Distance (Km)	100	200	400	600	800	1000	1500	3000
MUF (MHz)	8.7	9.1	10.6	12.7	14.9	17.1	22.1	26.0
FOT (MHz)	7.4	7.7	9.0	10.8	12.7	14.5	18.8	22.1

Local HF conditions are normal as compared to the predicted monthly median MUF.

LOCAL GEOMAGNETIC CONDITIONS

K-index	2 (Quiet)
Total Field (F) (Son/Isb)	45674/50774 nT

The local geomagnetic field is quiet at the moment.

LATEST SOLAR CONDITIONS

Sunspot Number (SN)	173
Solar radio flux (F10.7)	216 sfu
Solar wind speed	484.1 km/s (varied in the past 24 hrs between 399 & 545 km/s)
Solar x-ray flares	C2.5 (max flare in the past 24 hrs (X3, 0837 UT)
Interplanetary Magnetic Field (IMF) Total Field (Bt) Z Component of Field (Bz)	+12.4 nT (varied in the past 12 hrs between +5.0 nT & +17.1 nT) -12.3 nT (varied in the past 12 hrs between -5.8 nT & +7.9 nT)

Solar conditions are at moderate to high levels with background X-ray flux at C-class level.

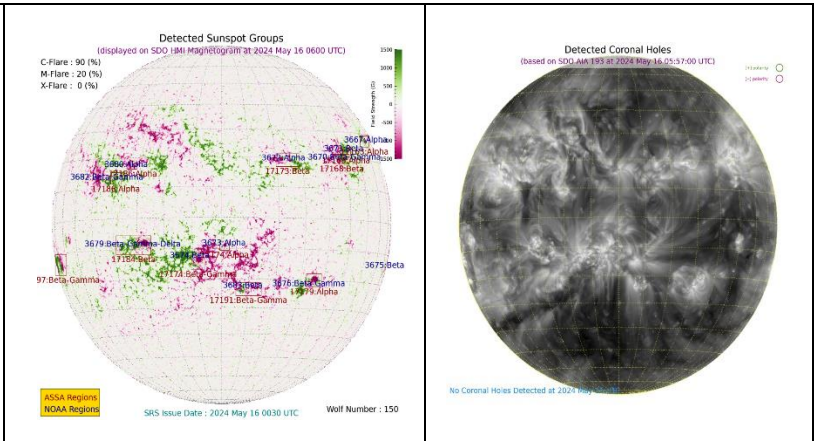
Sonmiani (SON): 25.2° N, 66.75° E, Islamabad (ISB): 33.7° N, 73.13° E

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Daily Sun: 16 May 2024

There are four active regions AR3670, AR3676, AR3679 and AR3682 present on the Sun capable of producing strong M and X-class solar flares having chances of 25% and 2% respectively.

No Coronal Hole (CH) is detected on the solar disk.



DISCUSSION:

Solar activity is expected to be at moderate to high levels. Multiple M and X-class solar flares, have already occurred from the regions mentioned causing minor to moderate radio blackouts. In case of more M/X-class solar flares, minor to moderate radio blackouts may be observed. Low to moderate solar wind speed is expected due to the effect of CME. Geomagnetic activity is expected to be quiet. HF conditions are normal.