Exploratory Data Analysis of Indian Rainfall Data

India is an agricultural country and secondary agro based market will be steady with a good monsoon. Theeconomic growth of each year depends on the amountof duration of monsoon rain, bad monsoon can lead todestruction of some crops, which may result in scarcityof some agricultural products which in turn can cause food inflation, insecurity and public unrest. In our analysis we are trying to understand the behavior of rainfall in India over the years, by months and different

Describing the data:

Data-set is downloaded from "data.gov.in" website. It has data for 117 years (1901–2017) consisting of monthly and seasonal data for all 36 meteorological subdivisions of India. So in total we have 117*12*36 = 50,544 observations. Our data-set had 0.7% of missing values. For the subdivision Arunachal Pradesh we had missing values for the first 15 years i.e. 1901 to 1915, sofor all subdivisions we have considered data from 1916 to 2017when we are analyzing as whole India. For the rest of the missing values we have used sequential imputation technique.

Below table shows mean rainfall observed for each month overyears. We can see that average rainfall is high in July and Augustfollowed by June and September.

Month	% of Rainfall
JAN	1.32
FEB	1.50
MAR	1.93
APR	3.06
MAY	6.13
JUN	16.25
JUL	24.45
AUG	20.42
SEP	13.99
OCT	6.81
NOV	2.79
DEC	1.34

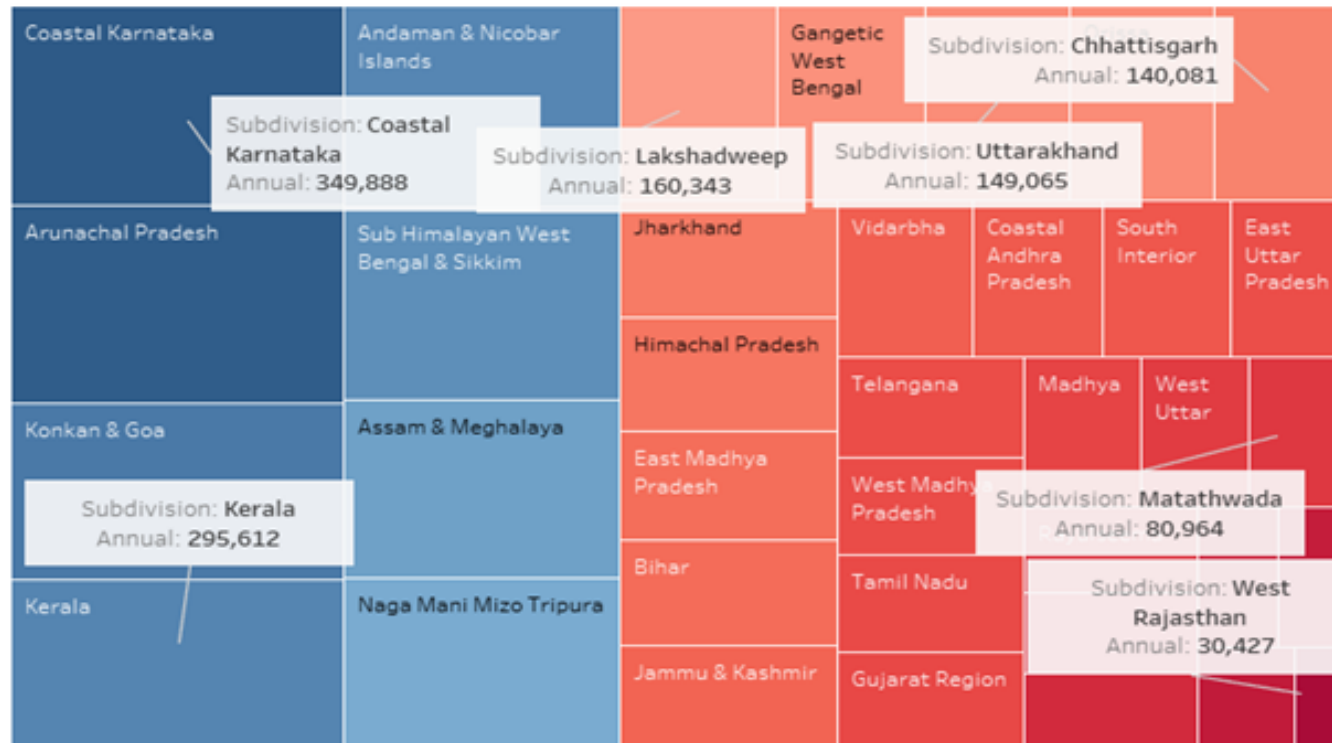Monthly mean annual rainfall

Annual rainfall by months:

The below graph shows the percentage of rainfall each month receives when we consider India as a whole. The rainfall in the months of June, July, August and September together contribute to almost 80% of the annual rainfall.
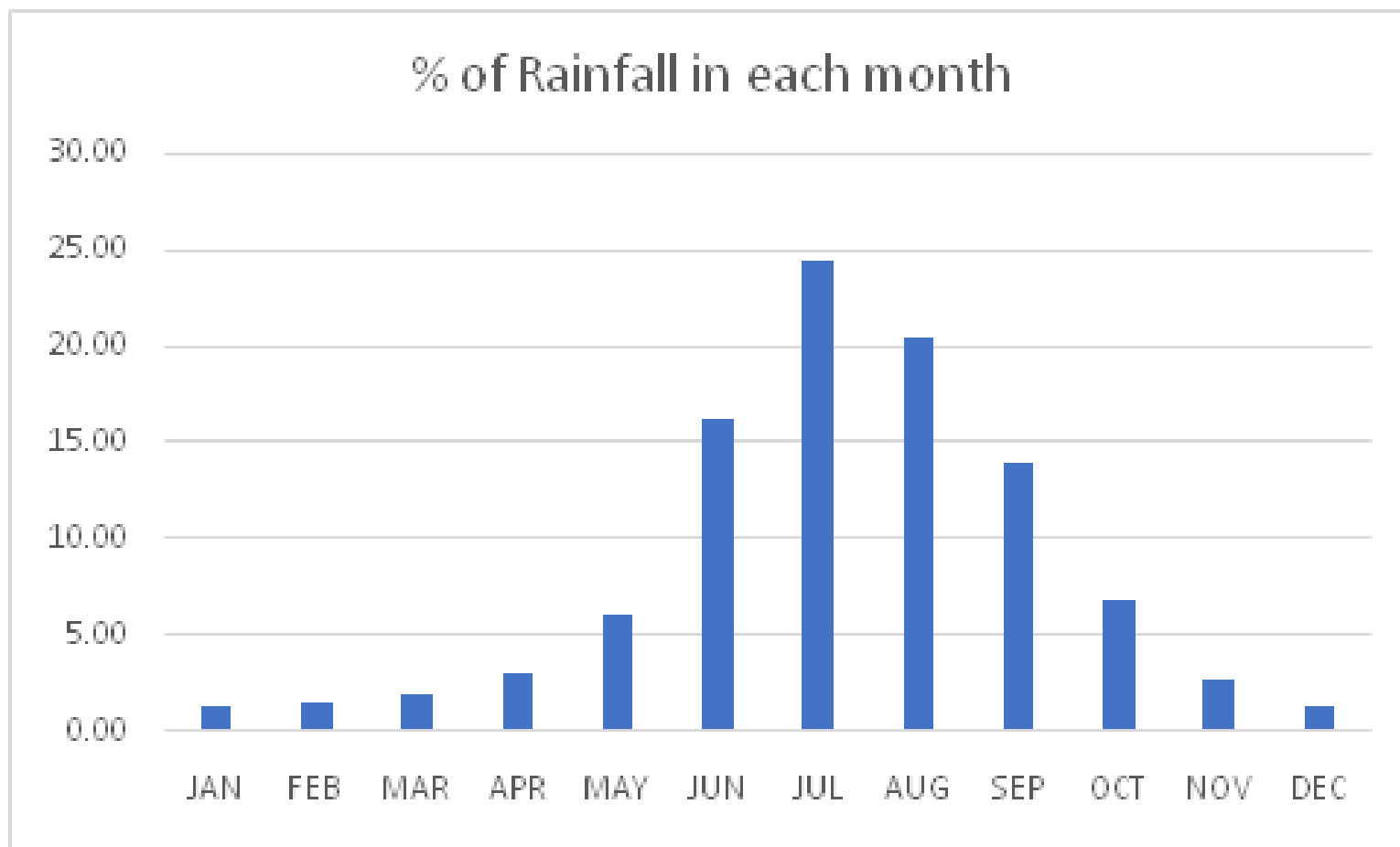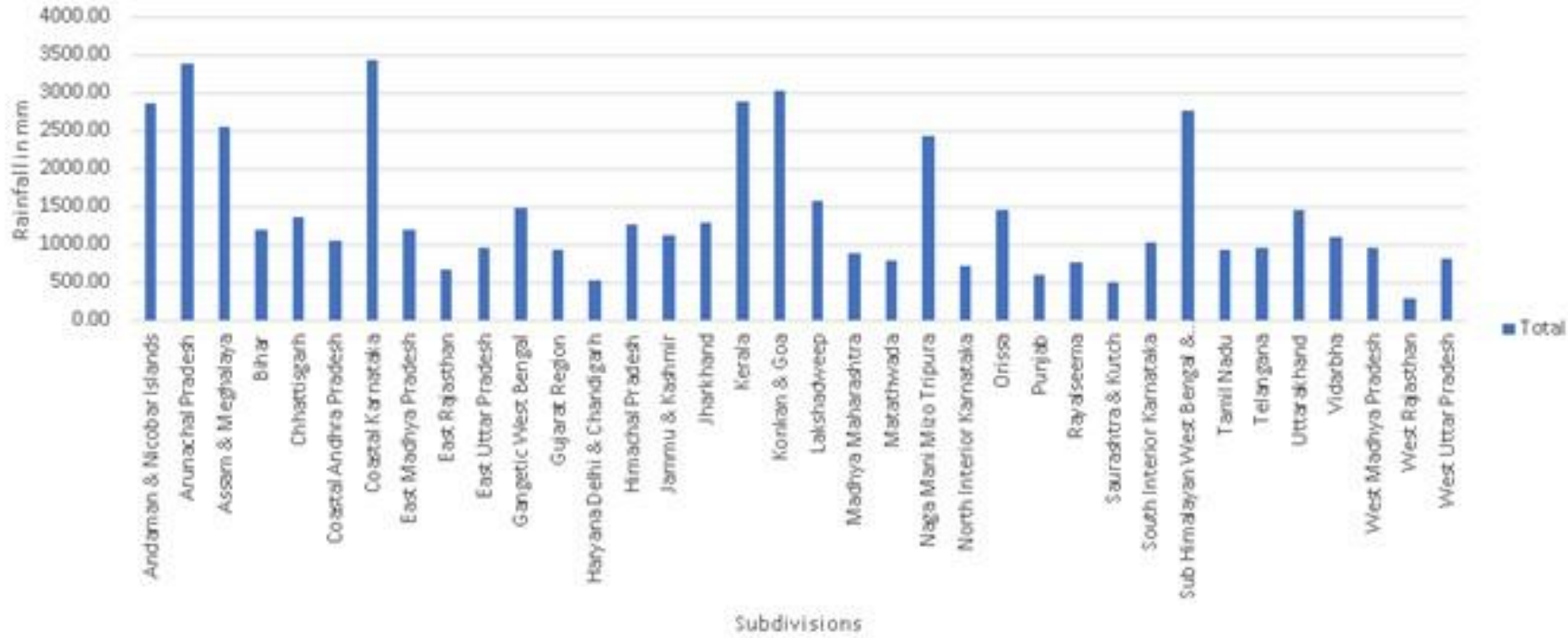
Annual rainfall by subdivision

The following is a heat map plotted based on sum ofrainfall received by each subdivision for all these years. The subdivisions with large area represents high rainfall and with small boxes represent less rainfall. We can see that the subdivision located at Southwest and Northeast part of India have receivedmore rainfall compared to central India.
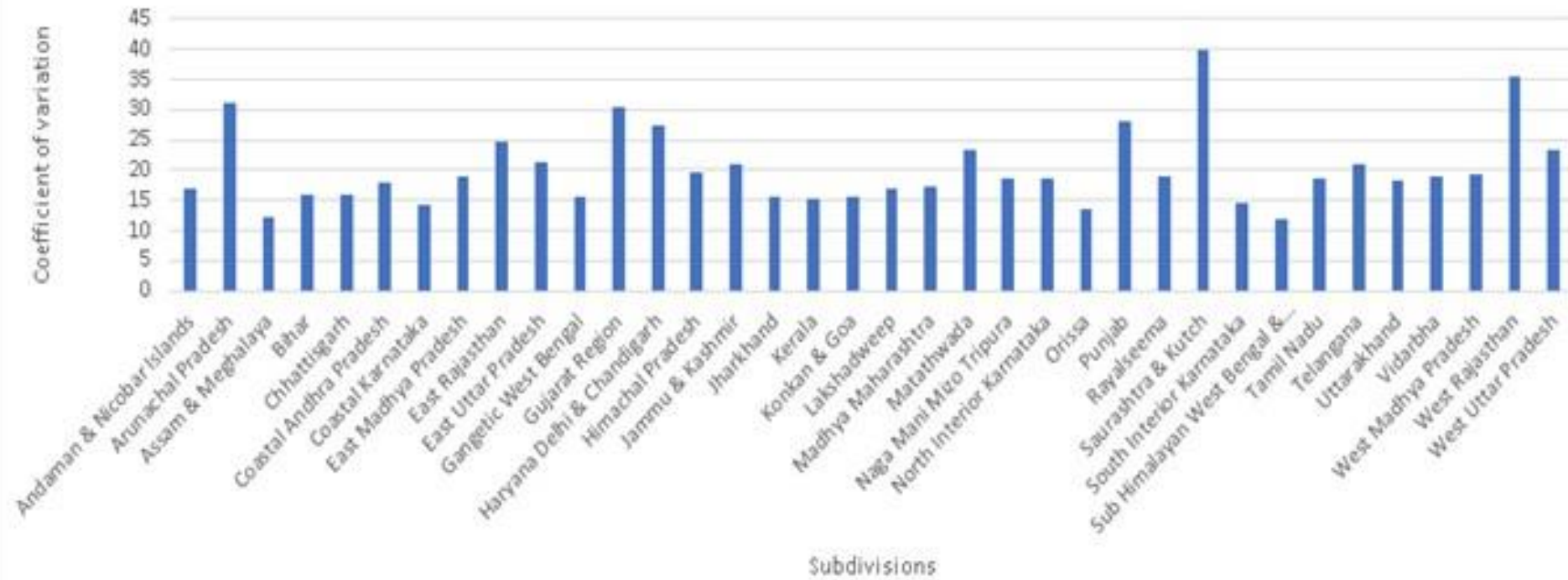
Heat Map of Rainfall in all the Subdivisions

Coefficient of Variation by Subdivision

Understanding the Monsoon in India:

We will now move to a more interesting part of the analysis.
We will see what exactly is monsoon, different types of monsoon winds in India, which subdivisions of India receives rainfall from which monsoon winds and why only particular subdivisions receive highest rainfall during this monsoon season.
Before addressing these questions, we will see the basic concept of how rainfall actually occurs. So basically, during the summers, the Indian subcontinent heats up more as compared to the Indian ocean as the sun is directly over the landmass. This creates a low pressure over the Indian subcontinent and a relatively low pressure over the Indian ocean. And as we know, the wind flows from high pressure area to the low pressure are in order to fill the void that was created thanks to the pressure system. So when the wind starts flowing from high pressure area to low pressure are i.e. from sea to land, it picks up the moisture from the sea and while entering the indian subcontinent it comes in contact with the high terrains and hence precipitation occurs.

Now that we have understood how rainfall occurs we will now see what exactly is monsoon?Monsoon is traditionally defined as a seasonal reversal of wind accompanied by corresponding changes in precipitation.

As seen in the image below, India receives rainfall from Southwest Monsoon winds (Summer Monsoon or Advancing Monsoon) and Northeast Monsoon winds (Winter Monsoon or Retreating Monsoon)

The Southwest Monsoon usually starts in the first week of June and ends by first week of September and monsoon usually starts retreating from the Indian Subcontinent by the start of September and leaves the subcontinent completely by the end of November. And as we have seen in the previous graphs that Southwest monsoon provides almost 80% of the rainfall in India. This Southwest Monsoon has two branches, namely Arabian Sea branch and

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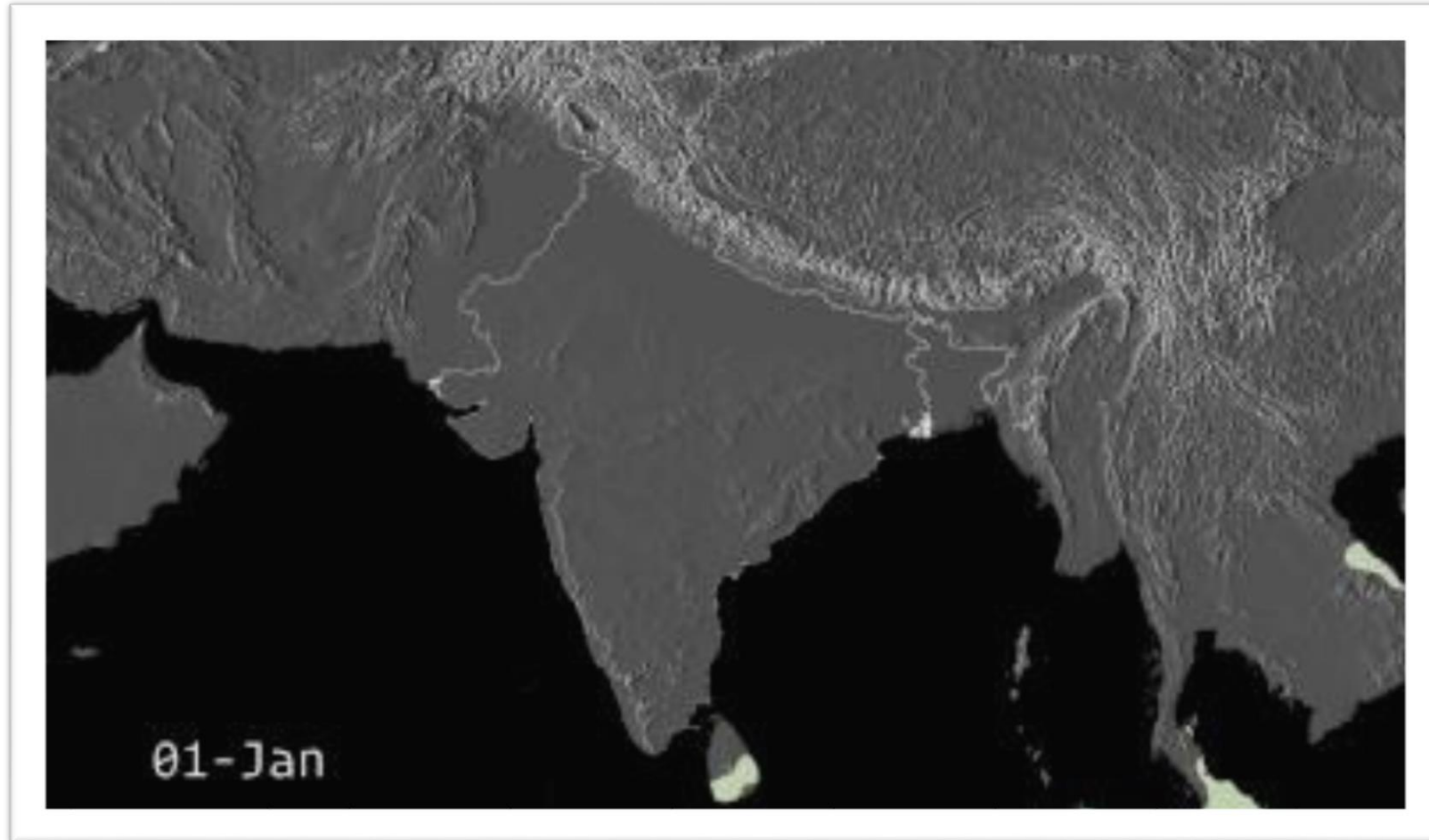
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Summer
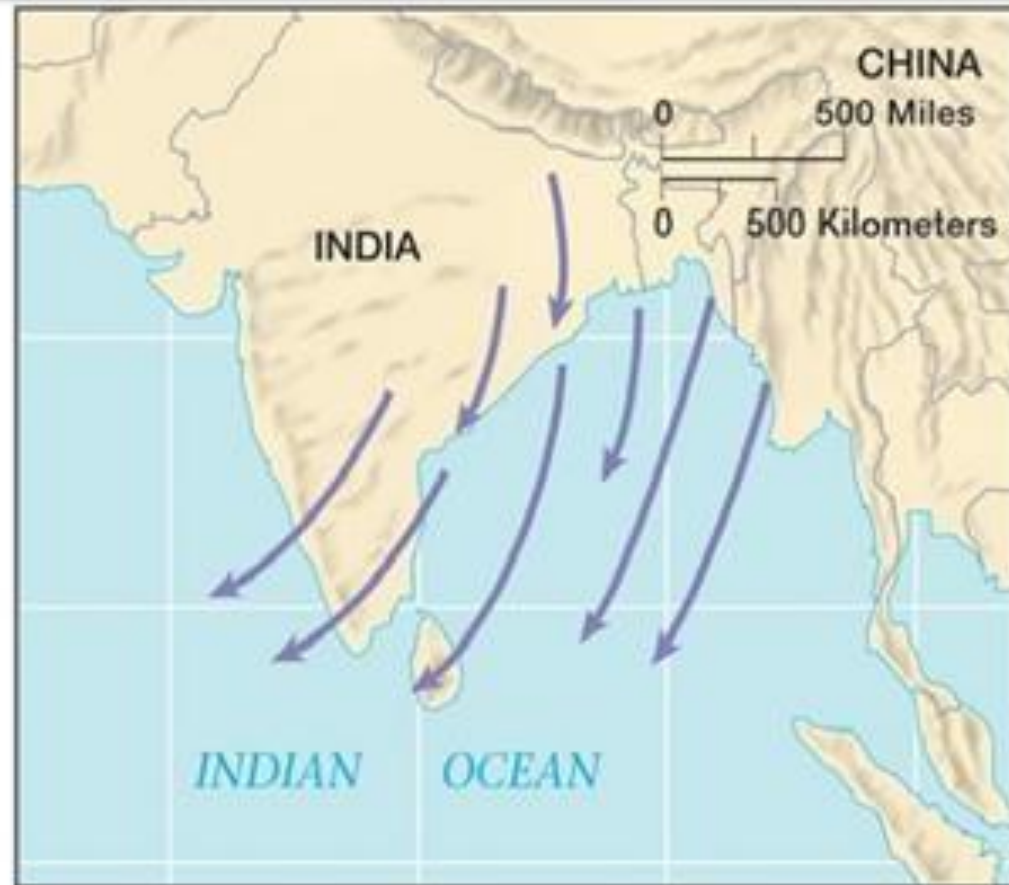
Winter

The following figure shows the cycle of monsoon in India over a year

Now, due to the presence of high rising Western Ghats which runs along the South West coast of India in the states of Kerala, Karnataka, Goa and Maharashtra, they block the Arabian Sea branch of southwest monsoon and hence these regions receive very high rainfall during monsoon season.This is shown in the graph below. (For all the graphs we have considered the last 3 decades i.e.last 30 years data (1987–2017))

Rainfall in South West Coast during JJAS

The Bay of Bengal branch of the Southwest
Monsoon provides rainfall to the eastern and northeastern regions of India. Due to the presence of theeastern ghats along Orissa and West Bengal, these regions receive high rainfall in the East and when this branch reaches the north eatsern part of India
i.e. Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam & Meghalaya,due to the presence of Khasi hills and other hilly areas, these subdivisions receive very high rainfall. Cherrapunji in Meghalaya is titled as one of the wettest places on earth.
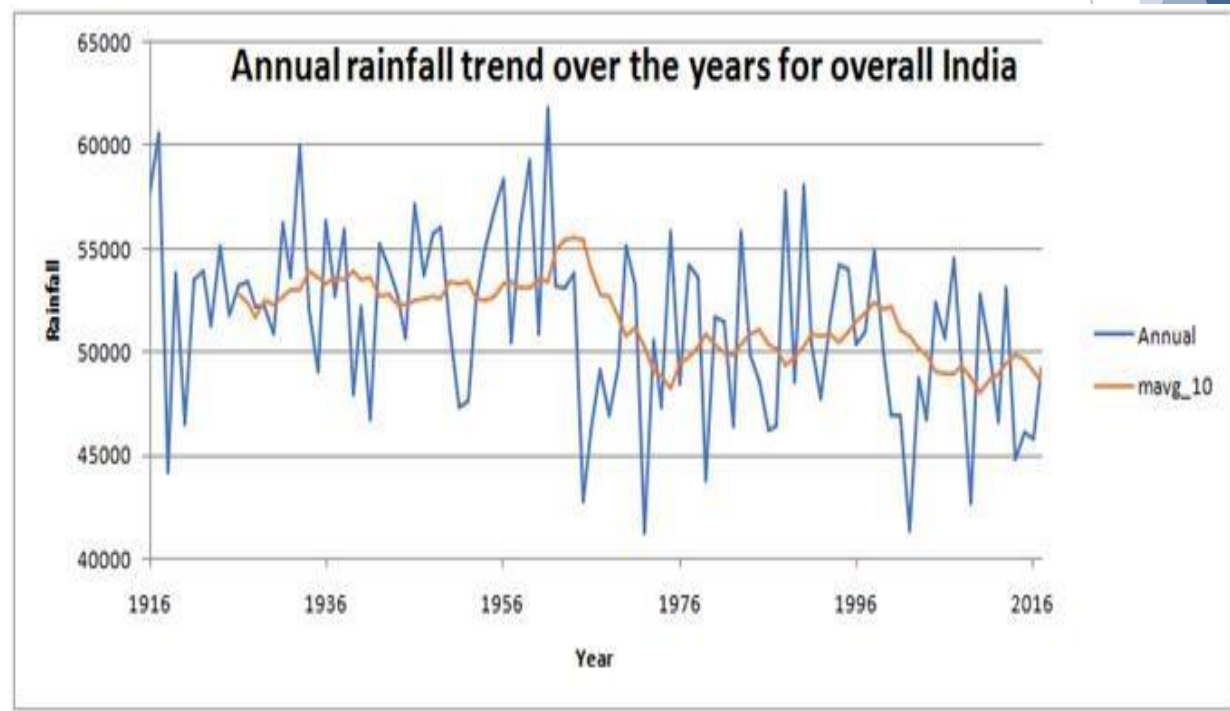
The average annual rainfall in these regions is shown in the graphs below.
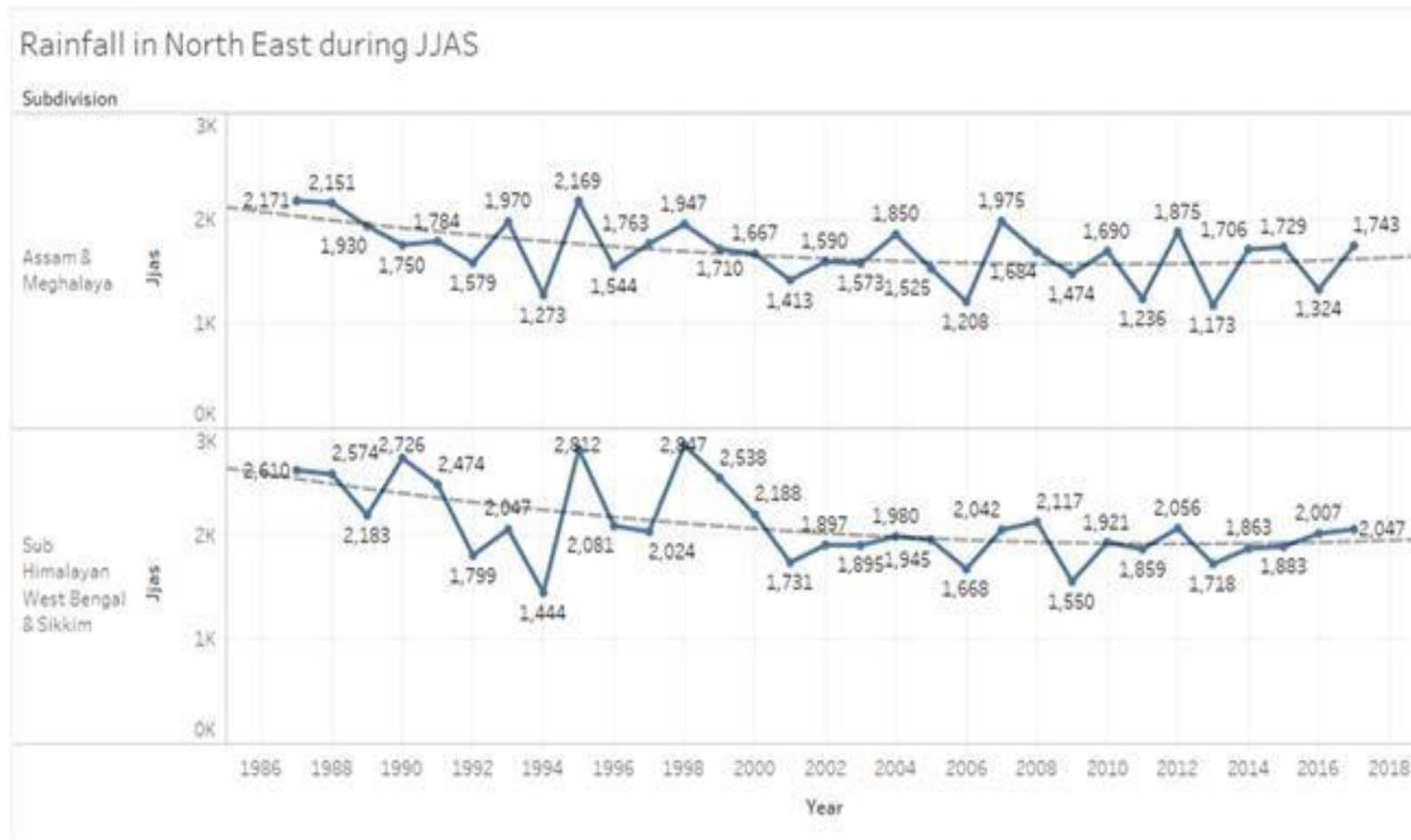
Annual Rainfall trend over the years for whole India

10 years moving average was plotted, we can see that there is a decreasing trend in rainfall in the recent years.
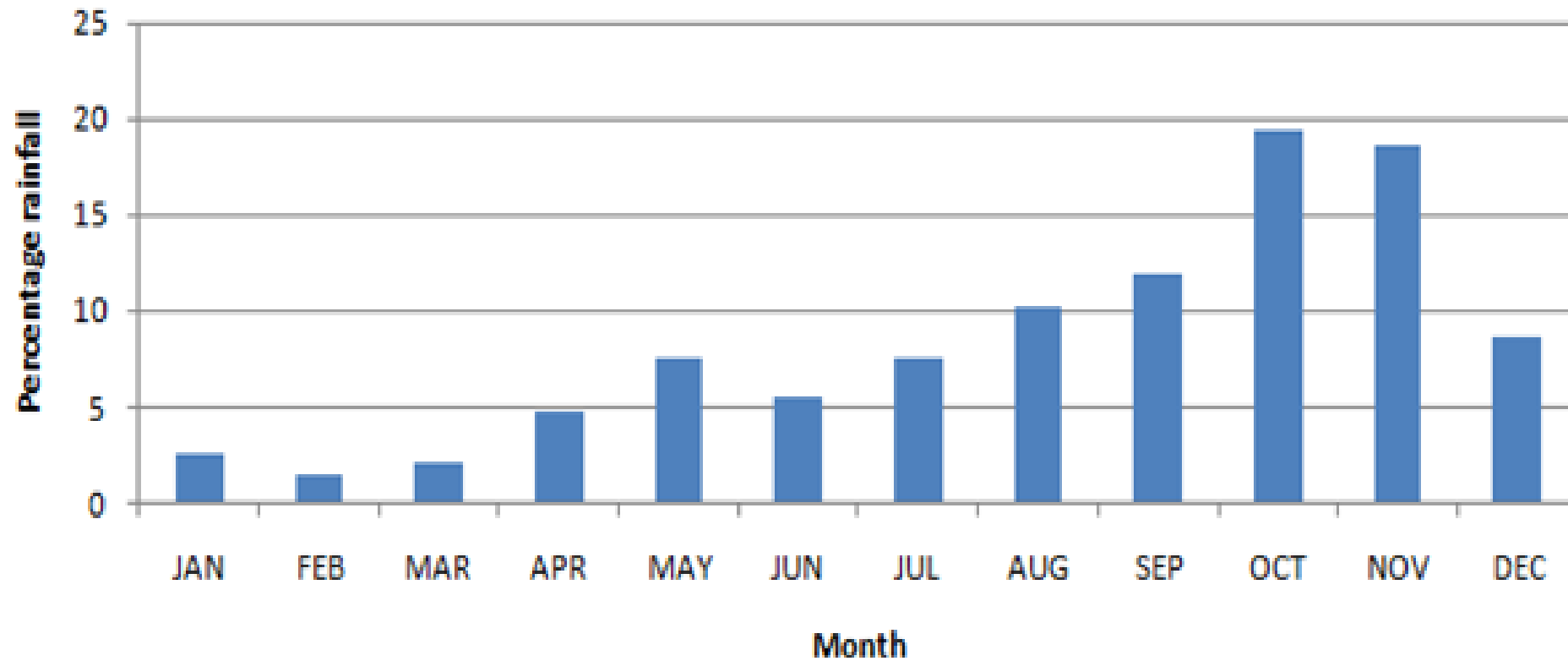

Annual rainfall trend over the years for overall India

Rainfall Data Analysis for Subdivision TamilNadu

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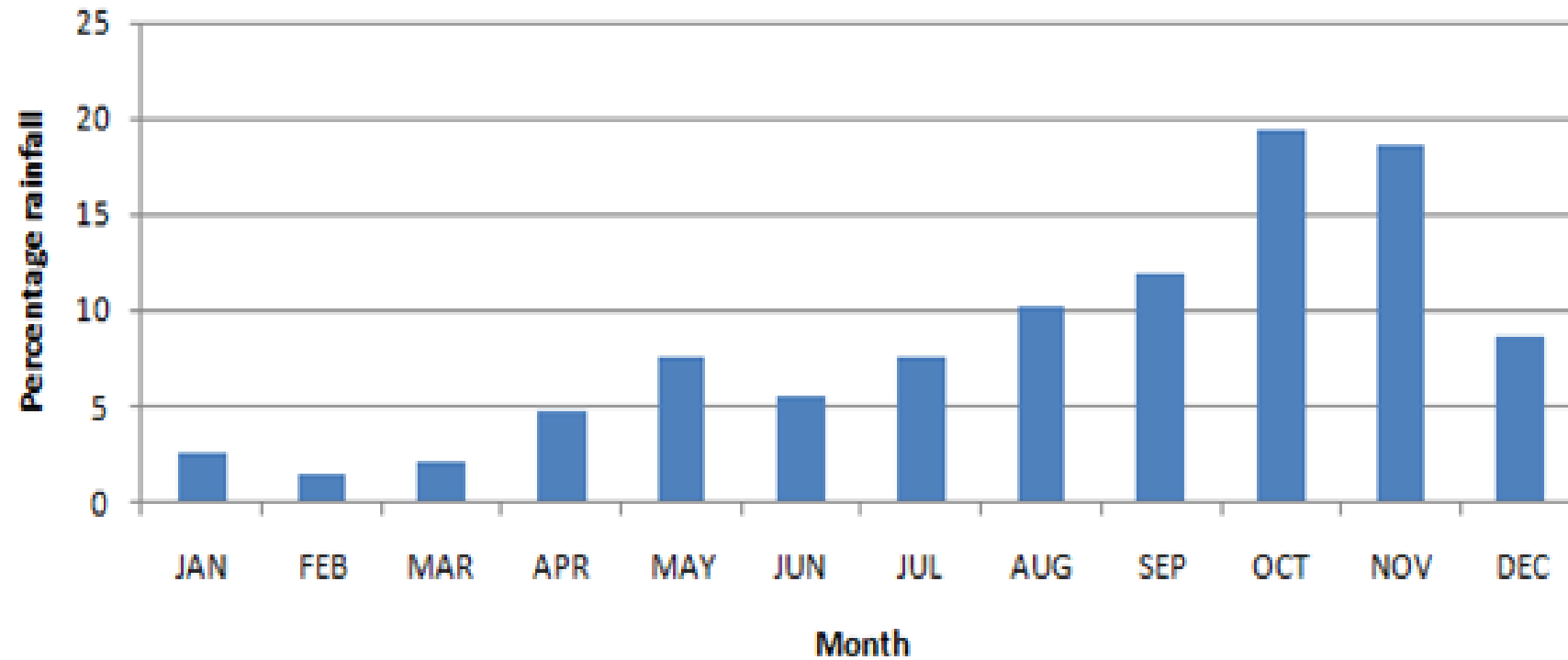
The below graph shows rainfall in Tamil Nadu in months October and November here we can see that most of the years when there is very low rainfall in October there is very high rainfall in November and vice versa. Tamil Nadu also rainfallsfrom tropical cyclones emerging in the neighborhood of Andaman islands during the retreat monsoon.

In 2015 there were south Indian floods, the flooding in Chennai was described as the worst in acentury. In winters of 2017 the worst drought in a century happened in southern India.

October, November rainfall in Tamilnadu over years
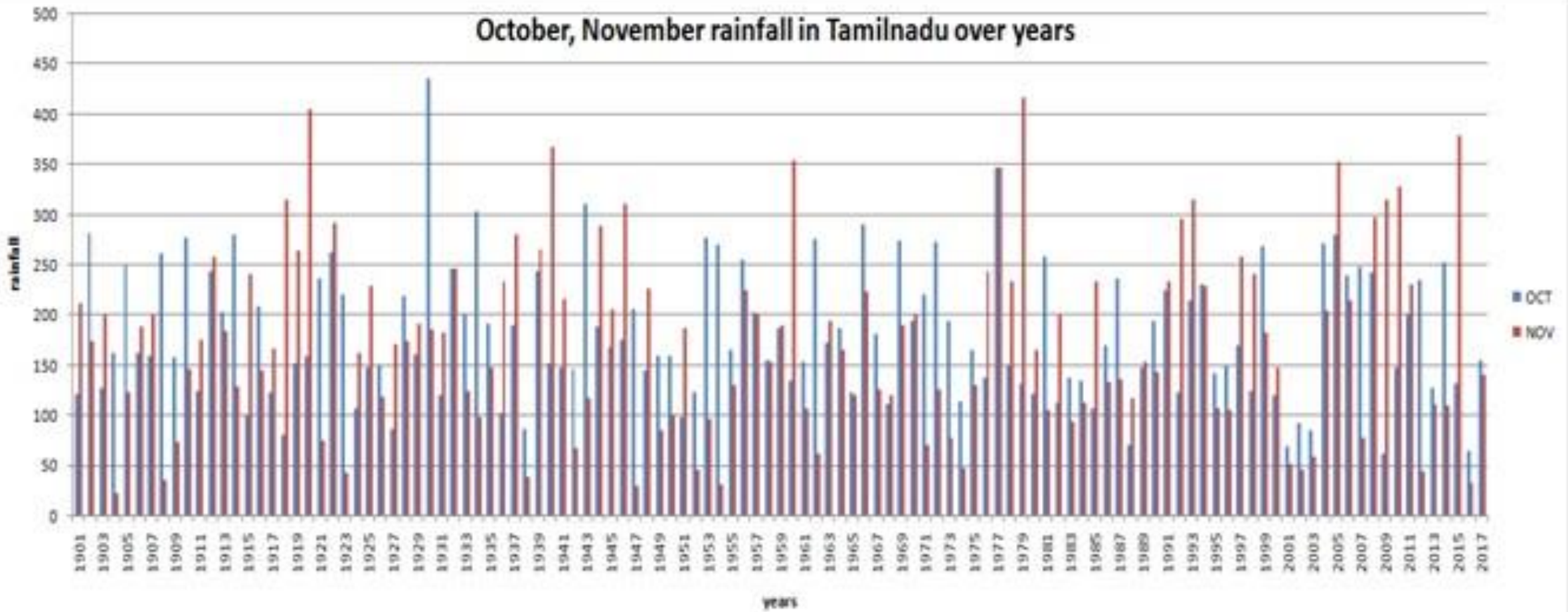
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import numpy as np # linear algebra
import pandas as pd # data processing, CSV file I/O (e.g. pd.read_csv)
import matplotlib. Pyp lot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import random
# Input data files are available in the "../input/" directory.
# For example, running this (by clicking run or pressing Shift+Enter)
will list all files under the input directory
import os
for dirname, _, filenames in os. walk('/kaggle/input'):
    for filename in filenames:
        print(os .path. join(dirname, filename))
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In [7]:
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data = pd. read csv('/content/rainfall_India_2017
(1).csv').rename(columns=str. lower)
data. head(3)
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Out[7]:

SI NO	subdivision	year	jan	feb	mar	apr	may	jun	jly	aug	sep	oct	nov	dec	annual
0	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1901	49.2	87.1	29.2	2.3	528.8	517.5	365.1	481.1	332.6	388.5	558.2	33.6	3373.2
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1902	0.0	159.8	12.2	0.0	446.1	537.1	228.9	753.7	666.2	197.2	359.0	160.5	3520.7
2	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1903	12.7	144.0	0.0	1.0	235.1	479.9	728.4	326.7	339.0	181.2	284.4	225.0	2957.4

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data.info()
RangeIndex: 4188 entries, 0 to 4187
Data columns (total 15 columns):
 #   Column       Non-Null Count   Dtype
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 0   subdivision  4188 non-null    object
 1   year         4188 non-null    int64
 2   jan          4184 non-null    float64
 3   feb          4185 non-null    float64
 4   mar          4182 non-null    float64
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 10  sep          4182 non-null    float64
 11  oct          4181 non-null    float64
 12  nov          4177 non-null    float64
 13  dec          4178 non-null    float64
 14  annual       4162 non-null    float64
dtypes: float64(13), int64(1), object(1)
memory usage: 490.9+ KB
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print('Dataset comprises of {} observations
and {}
characteristics'.format(data.shape[0],data.
shape[1]))
print('\nUnique Values: ',data.nunique())
print('\nMissing Values:
',data.isna().sum())
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Unique Values: subdivision   36
year   117
jan   808
feb   902
mar   989
apr   1247
may   1751
jun   2754
jul   3093
aug   2950
sep   2664
oct   1958
nov   1245
dec   810
annual   3770
dtype: int64

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Missing Values:   subdivision    0
year                 0
jan                  4
feb                  3
mar                  6
apr                  4
may                  3
jun                  5
jul                  7
aug                  4
sep                  6
oct                  7
nov                 11
dec                 10
annual              26
dtype: int64
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