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6 ABSTRACT

- 7 This study presents the forecasting of time and magnitude size of the next earthquake in the
- 8 northeast India, using four probability distribution models (Gamma, Lognormal, Weibull and
- 9 Log-logistic) considering updated earthquake catalog of magnitude $Mw \ge 6.0$ that occurred
- from year 1737 to 2015 in the study area. On the basis of past seismicity of the region, two
- 11 types of conditional probabilities have been estimated using their best fit model and
- respective model parameters. The first conditional probability is the probability of seismic
- 20
- energy (e*10²⁰ ergs), which is expected to release in the future earthquake, exceeding a
- 14 certain level of seismic energy $(E*10^{20} \text{ ergs})$. And the second conditional probability is the
- probability of seismic energy (a*10²⁰ ergs/year), which is expected to release per year,
- exceeding a certain level of seismic energy per year (A*10²⁰ ergs/year). The logarithm
- 17 likelihood functions (ln L) were also estimated for all four probability distribution models. A
- higher value of ln L suggests a better model and a lower value shows a worse model. The
- 19 time of the future earthquake is forecasted by dividing the total seismic energy expected to
- 20 release in the future earthquake with the total seismic energy expected to release per year.
- 21 The epicentre of recently occurred 4 January 2016 Manipur earthquake (M 6.7), 13 April
- 22 2016 Myanmar earthquake (M 6.9) and the 24 August 2016 Myanmar earthquake (M 6.8) are
- located in zone Z.12, zone Z.16 and zone Z.15, respectively and that are the identified
- seismic source zones in the study area which show that the proposed techniques and models
- yield good forecasting accuracy.
- 26 **Keywords:** Forecasting, Seismicity, Seismic Energy, Seismic source, Conditional
- 27 Probability, Probability Distribution Models.

28 1. INTRODUCTION

- 29 The earthquake forecasting gives the probability of time, location and magnitude of
- 30 occurrence of next earthquake which is necessary to understand the seismic hazard of any
- 31 region (Parvez and Ram, 1997). An earthquake is the most precarious natural hazard that

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