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**Sub: Super Cyclonic Storm 'AMPHAN' (pronounced as UM-PUN) over Westcentral Bay of Bengal: Cyclone Warning for West Bengal and north Odisha coasts: Orange Message.**

The Super Cyclonic Storm 'AMPHAN' (pronounced as **UM-PUN**) over Westcentral Bay of Bengal moved north-northeastwards with a speed of 17 kmph during past 06 hours and lay centred at 1130 hrs IST of 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 as an Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm near latitude 16.5°N and longitude 86.9°E over **Westcentral Bay of Bengal** about 420 km nearly south of Paradip (Odisha), 570 km south-southwest of Digha (West Bengal) and 700 km south-southwest of Khepupara (Bangladesh).

It is very likely to move north-northeastwards across northwest Bay of Bengal and cross West Bengal – Bangladesh coasts between Digha (West Bengal) and Hatiya Islands (Bangladesh) close to Sundarbans during Afternoon to Evening hours of 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020 with maximum sustained wind speed of 155-165 kmph gusting to 185 kmph.

The system is now being continuously tracked by the Doppler Weather Radar (DWR) at Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh).

Forecast track and intensity are given in the following table:

Date/Time(IST)	Position (Lat. °N/ long. °E)	Maximum sustained surface wind speed (Kmph)	Category of cyclonic disturbance
19.05.20/1130	16.5/86.9	210-220 gusting to 240	Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm
19.05.20/1730	17.1/87.1	200-210 gusting to 230	Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm
19.05.20/2330	18.0/87.3	190-200 gusting to 220	Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm
20.05.20/0530	19.3/87.7	180-190 gusting to 210	Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm
20.05.20/1130	20.9/88.2	160-170 gusting to 190	Very Severe Cyclonic Storm
20.05.20/2330	22.7/88.7	95-105 gusting to 115	Cyclonic Storm
21.05.20/1130	24.3/89.3	50-60 gusting to 70	Depression
21.05.20/2330	25.6/90.2	20-30 gusting to 40	Low Pressure Area

Spatial rainfall distribution: Isolated: <25%, A few: 26-50%, Many: 51-75%, Most: 76-100%

Rainfall amount (mm): Heavy rain: 64.5 – 115.5, Very heavy rain: 115.6 – 204.4, Extremely heavy rain: 204.5 or more.

## (1) Heavy rainfall Warning:

### Odisha

Light to moderate rainfall is very likely at most places of coastal Odisha with heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara and Bhadrak Districts and isolated heavy falls over Jajpur, Balasore, Cuttack, Mayurbhanj, Khordha & Puri districts on 19<sup>th</sup> May and isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places over north coastal Odisha (Balasore, Bhadrak, Mayurbhanj, Jajpur, Kendrapara and Keonjhar Districts) on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

### West Bengal

Coastal districts of Gangetic West Bengal (East Medinipur, South & North 24 Parganas) are likely to experience light to moderate rainfall at many places commencing from today, the 19<sup>th</sup> May evening. **Rainfall intensity is likely to increase gradually and become maximum on 20<sup>th</sup> May.** Rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy falls at a few places & extremely heavy falls at isolated places likely over Gangetic West Bengal (east & west Medinipur, south & north 24 Parganas, Howrah, Hoogli, Kolkata and adjoining districts) on 20<sup>th</sup> May and isolated heavy rain over interior districts on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2020.

### Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim

Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy falls at a few places over Malda & Dinajpur districts on 20<sup>th</sup> May and over most of the districts of Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2020.

### Assam & Meghalaya

Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy falls at a few places over the western districts of Assam & Meghalaya on 21<sup>st</sup> May.

## (2) Wind warning

### West Bengal & Odisha

- Squally wind, speed reaching 55 to 65 kmph gusting to 75 kmph is prevailing along & off south Odisha coast and 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph along & off north Odisha coast. It is very likely to increase becoming 55 to 65 kmph gusting to 75 kmph along & off north Odisha coast by today evening and along & off West Bengal coast by tonight.
- The wind speed will gradually increase becoming gale wind speed reaching 75 to 85 kmph gusting to 95 kmph from 20<sup>th</sup> morning along and off north Odisha coast (Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara, Bhadrak, Balasore and Mayurbhanj districts) and West Bengal coast (east & west Medinipur, south & north 24 Parganas, Howrah, Hoogli, Kolkata Districts). **It will gradually increase thereafter becoming 100 to 110 kmph gusting to 125 kmph along & off the above mentioned districts of North Odisha.**
- **Gale wind speed reaching 155 to 165 kmph gusting to 185 kmph very likely along & off east Medinipur and north & south 24 Parganas districts and 110-120 kmph gusting to 130 kmph over Kolkata, Hoogli, Howrah and West Medinipur Districts of West Bengal during the time of landfall (20<sup>th</sup> afternoon to night).**
- Squally wind speed reaching 55-65 kmph gusting to 75 kmph likely to prevail over Puri, Khordha, Cuttack, Jajpur districts of Odisha during 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

### Deep Sea area

- Gale wind speed reaching 210-220 gusting to 240 kmph is prevailing over westcentral Bay of Bengal. Gale wind speed reaching 200-210 gusting to 230 kmph is likely to prevail over northern parts of central Bay of Bengal and adjoining North Bay of Bengal from the evening of today, the 19<sup>th</sup> May. It will gradually decrease becoming 165-175 kmph gusting to 195 kmph by 20<sup>th</sup> afternoon.

## (3) Sea condition:

- Sea condition is Phenomenal and is likely to continue for next 06 hours over southern parts of Westcentral Bay of Bengal. It will become Phenomenal over northern parts of central Bay of Bengal and adjoining north Bay of Bengal by today evening and over north Bay of Bengal on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

## (4) Fishermen Warning

**Spatial rainfall distribution: Isolated: <25%, A few: 26-50%, Many: 51-75%, Most: 76-100%**

**Rainfall amount (mm): Heavy rain: 64.5 – 115.5, Very heavy rain: 115.6 – 204.4, Extremely heavy rain: 204.5 or more.**

- The fishermen are advised not to venture into west-central and adjoining central parts of south Bay of Bengal during next 24 hours, into central Bay of Bengal and North Bay of Bengal during 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020.
- Also, fishermen are advised not to venture into North Bay of Bengal along and off North Odisha, West Bengal and adjoining Bangladesh coasts till 20th May 2020.

**(5) Storm Surge expected**

- Storm Surge of about 4-5 meters above Astronomical Tide is likely to inundate low lying areas of south & north 24 Parganas and about 3-4 meters over the low lying areas of East Medinipur District of West Bengal during the time of Landfall. (Figure enclosed)

**(6) Damage Expected and Action suggested**

**(a) West Bengal (east Medinipur, south & north 24 Parganas, Howrah, Hoogli, Kolkata districts)**

**Damage Expected:**

- Extensive damage to all types of kutcha houses, some damage to old badly managed Pucca structures. Potential threat from flying objects.
- Extensive uprooting of communication and power poles.
- Disruption of rail/road link at several places.
- Extensive damage to standing crops, plantations, orchards.
- Blowing down of Palm and coconut trees.
- Uprooting of large bushy trees.
- Large boats and ships may get torn from their moorings.

**Fishermen Warning & Action Suggested:**

- Total suspension of fishing operations till 20th May 2020.
- Diversion or suspension of rail and road traffic.
- People in affected areas to remain indoors. Mobilise evacuation from Low lying areas.
- Movement in motor boats and small ships not advisable.

**(b) Odisha (Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara, Bhadrak, Balasore, Jajpur & Mayurbhanj)**

**Damage Expected:**

- Total destruction of thatched houses/ extensive damage to kutcha houses. Potential threat from flying objects.
- Bending/ uprooting of power and communication poles.
- Major damage to Kutcha and Pucca roads. Minor disruption of railways, overhead power lines and signalling systems.
- Widespread damage to standing crops, plantations, orchards, falling of green coconuts and tearing of palm fronds. Blowing down of bushy trees like mango.
- Small boats, country crafts may get detached from moorings.

**Fishermen Warning & Action Suggested:**

- Total suspension of fishing operations till 20th May 2020.
- Diversion or suspension of rail and road traffic.
- People in affected areas to remain indoors.
- Movement in motor boats and small ships not advisable.

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**Next Bulletin will be issued at 1730 hours IST of 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2020.**

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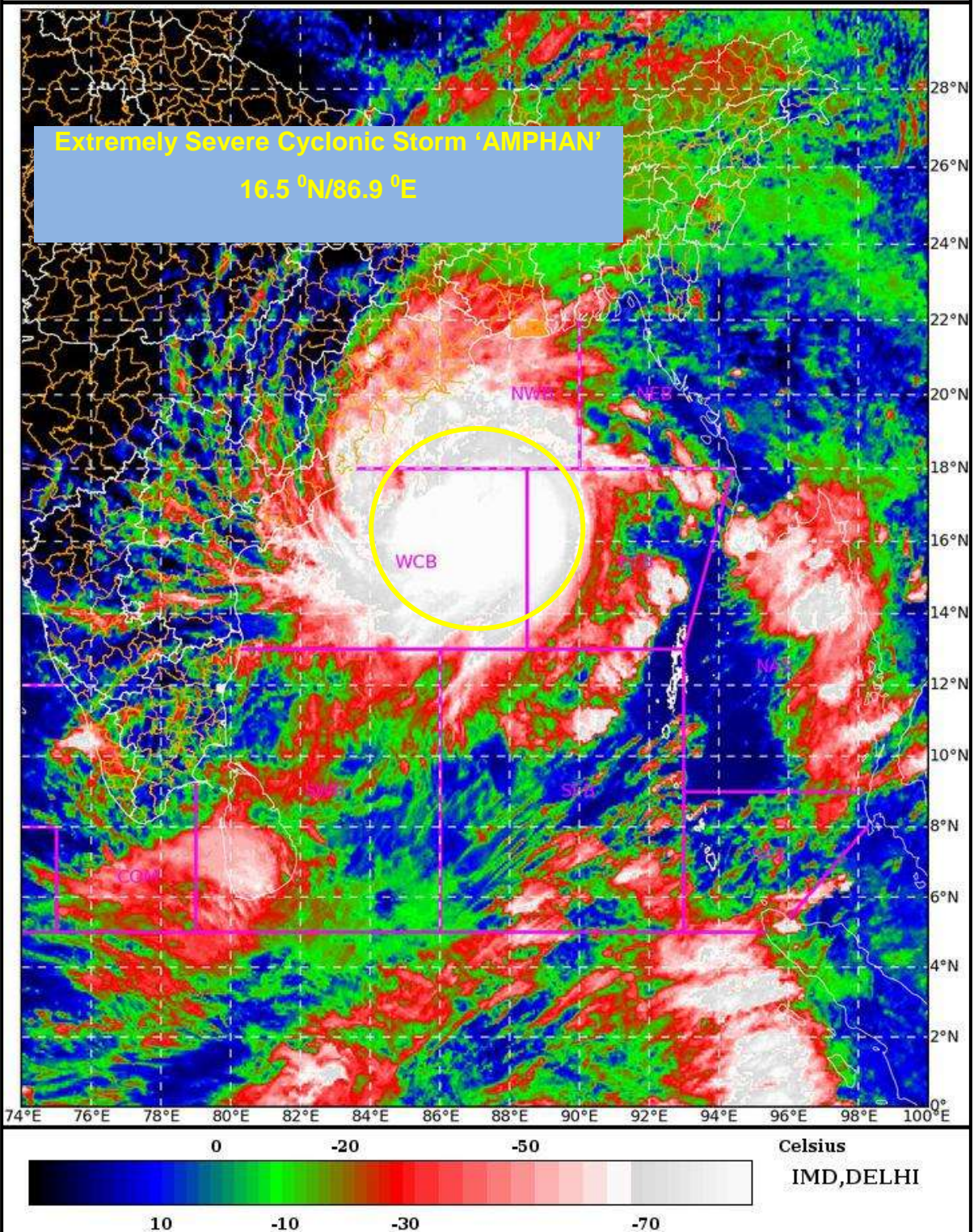
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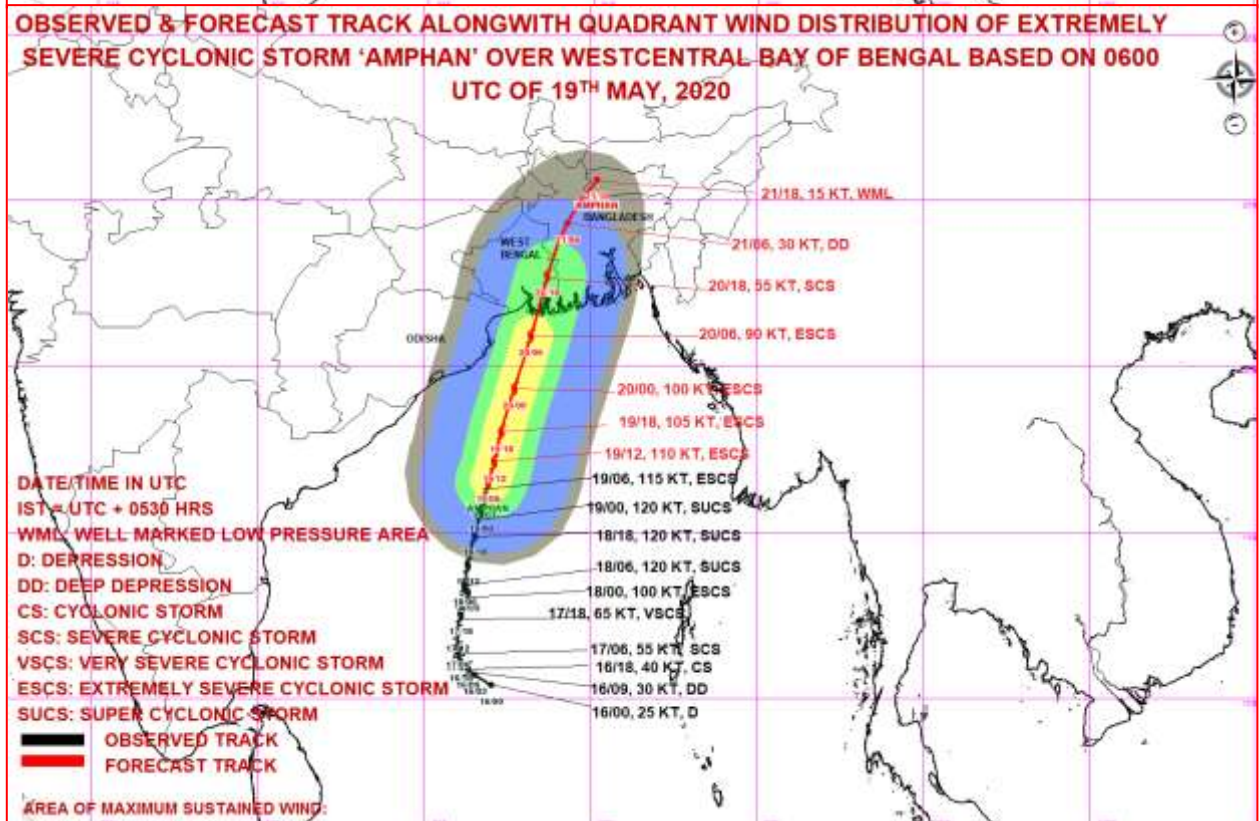
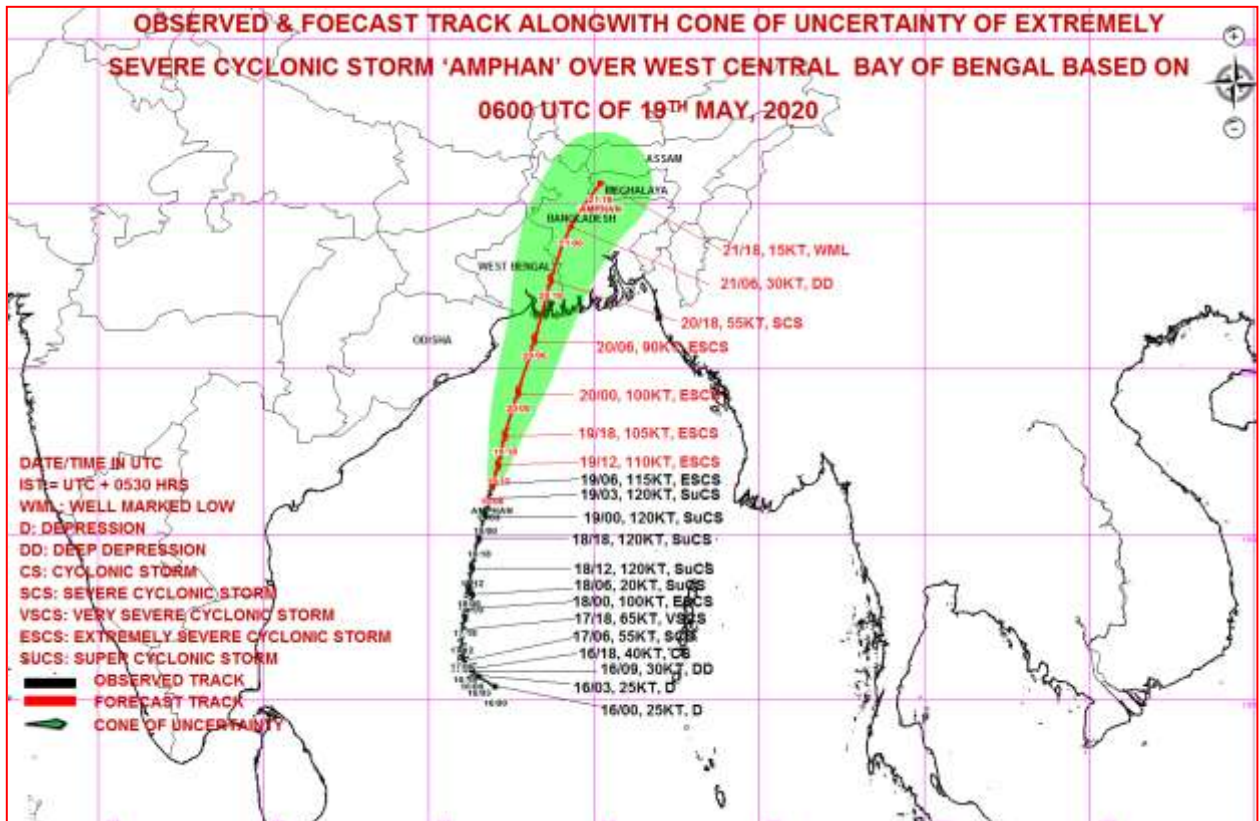
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Legend: WCB – Westcentral Bay of Bengal

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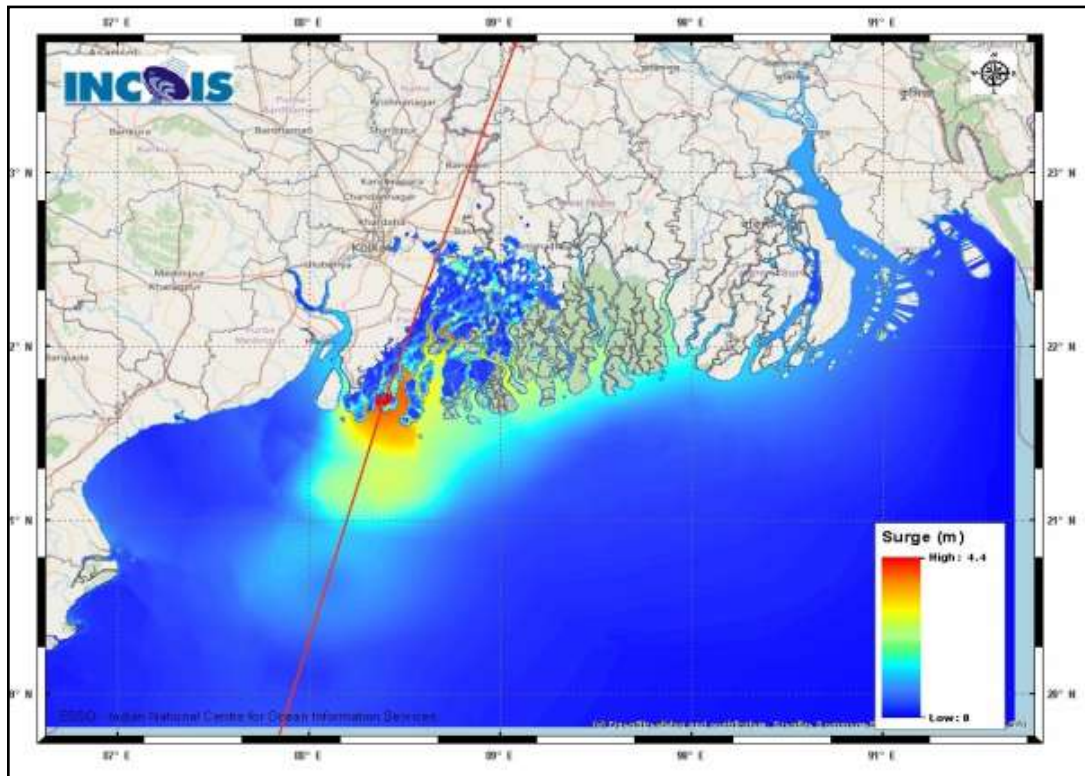


MSW(knot)/kmph)	Impact	Action
28-33 ((52-61 )	Very rough seas.	Total suspension of fishing operations
34-40/(62-74)	High to very high seas	Total suspension of fishing operations
41-63/(75-117)	Very High seas	Total suspension of fishing operations
≥ 64 (≥118)	Phenomenal	Total suspension of fishing operations

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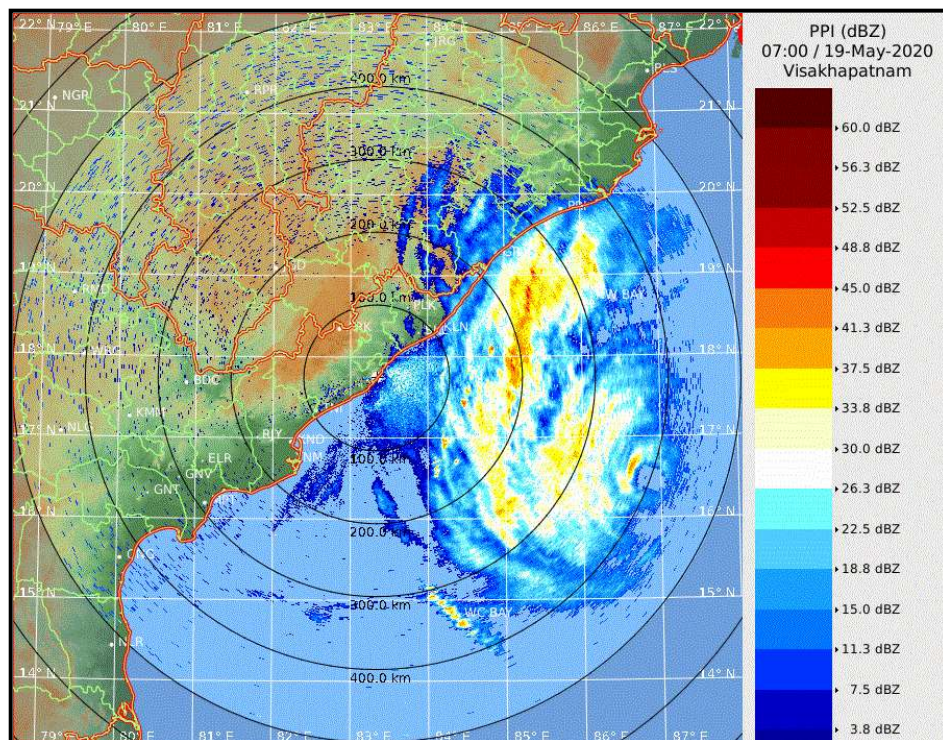


Figure: Storm Surge forecast from INCOIS issued at 1245 IST of 19<sup>th</sup> May 2020



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Figure: Reflectivity of Vishakhapatnam Doppler Weather Radar at 1230 hrs IST of 19<sup>th</sup> May 2020



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