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Sub: Severe Cyclonic Storm "Remal" (pronounced as "Re-Mal") over North Bay of Bengal (Cyclone Warning for West Bengal Coast: Red Message)

The Severe Cyclonic Storm "Remal" (pronounced as "Re-Mal") over North Bay of Bengal moved nearly northwards, with a speed of 07 kmph during past 06 hours and lay centered at 0830 hrs IST of today, the 26th May, 2024 over North Bay of Bengal near latitude 19.8°N and longitude 89.3°E about 260 km south-southwest of Khepupara (Bangladesh), 310 km south of Mongla (Bangladesh), 240 km south-southeast of Sagar Islands (West Bengal) and 280 km south-southeast of Canning (West Bengal). Currently maximum sustained wind speed of 90-100 kmph gusting to 110 kmph prevails around the cyclone centre.

It is very likely to continue to move nearly northwards, intensify further and cross Bangladesh and adjoining West Bengal coasts between Sagar Island and Khepupara, close to southwest of Mongla (Bangladesh) by midnight of today, the 26th May 2024 as a Severe Cyclonic Storm with maximum sustained wind speed of 110-120 kmph gusting to 135 kmph.

Forecast track and intensity are given in the following table:

Date/Time	Position	Maximum sustained surface	Category of cyclonic
(IST)	(Lat. ⁰ N/ long. ⁰ E)	wind speed (Kmph)	disturbance
26.05.24/0830	19.8/89.3	90-100 gusting to 110	Severe Cyclonic Storm
26.05.24/1130	20.2/89.2	100-110 gusting to 120	Severe Cyclonic Storm
26.05.24/1730	21.0/89.2	110-120 gusting to 135	Severe Cyclonic Storm
26.05.24/2330	21.8/89.2	110-120 gusting to 135	Severe Cyclonic Storm
27.05.24/0530	22.7/89.5	70-80 gusting to 90	Cyclonic Storm
27.05.24/1730	24.2/90.1	50-60 gusting to 70	Deep Depression
28.05.24/0530	25.5/90.9	30-40 gusting to 50	Depression

Warnings (Graphics Attached):

Heavy Rainfall Warning:

- (a) **West Bengal**: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with **heavy to very heavy** rainfall at a few places is likely over coastal districts of West Bengal and eastern districts of Gangetic West Bengal adjacent to Bangladesh on 26th & 27th with isolated **extremely heavy rainfall** (≥ 20 cm) over these districts on 26th May. The peak rainfall activity is likely during noon of 26th to noon of 27th May.
 - Light to moderate rainfall at most places with **heavy to very heavy rainfall** at isolated places likely over eastern districts of Sub-Himalayan West Bengal on 27th and 28th May.
- (b) **Odisha**: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with isolated **heavy rainfall** likely over North Coastal Odisha on 26th May.
- (c) **Northeastern States**: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with **heavy to very heavy rainfall** at isolated places is likely over Mizoram, Tripura and South Manipur on 26th and over Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Mizoram, Manipur & Tripura on 27th & 28th May. Isolated **extremely heavy rainfall** (≥ 20 cm) is also likely over Assam, Meghalaya on 27th & 28th May, Arunachal Pradesh on 28th May and Mizoram & Tripura on 27th May.

Wind Warning:

(a) Bay of Bengal:

- ❖ Gale wind speed reaching 80-90 kmph gusting to 100 kmph is likely to prevail over central Bay of Bengal till noon and decrease becoming Squally wind speed reaching 50-60 kmph gusting to 70 kmph till morning of 27th May.
- ❖ Gale wind speed reaching 90-100 kmph gusting to 110 kmph prevailing over North Bay of Bengal is likely to increase becoming 100-120 kmph gusting to 135 kmph from noon till midnight of 26th May. It is likely decrease thereafter becoming 70-80 kmph gusting to 90 kmph by morning on 27th May and squally wind speed reaching 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph by evening of 27th May.

(b) Along & off Bangladesh and West Bengal coasts:

- ❖ Squally wind speed reaching 50-60 kmph gusting to 70 kmph is prevailing along & off Bangladesh and West Bengal & adjoining North Odisha coasts. It is likely to increase becoming gale wind speed reaching 70-80 kmph gusting to 90 kmph from afternoon of 26th May and 100-120 kmph gusting to 135 kmph along & off Bangladesh and adjoining West Bengal coasts from evening of 26th May till early morning of 27th May. It is likely decrease thereafter to become 60-70 kmph gusting to 80 kmph by afternoon and squally wind 50-60 kmph gusting to 70 kmph by night of 27th May.
 - ❖ Squally wind speed reaching 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph is likely to commence over Howrah, Hoogly, Kolkata and East Medinipur districts from evening of 26th May. It will increase gradually becoming **Gale wind speed reaching 70-80 kmph gusting to 90 kmph** over these districts during night of 26th May except East Medinipur where the wind speed may reach up to 60-70 kmph gusting to 80 kmph during the same period.

(c) Along & off North Odisha coasts:

Squally wind speed reaching 50-60 kmph gusting to 70 kmph is likely to prevail till 27th May morning.

(d) Northeastern States:

Squally wind speed reaching 50-60 kmph gusting to 70 kmph is likely over Mizoram Tripura & south Manipur on 26th & 27th May and **40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph** is likely over South Assam and Meghalaya on 27th May.

Storm surge warning:

Storm surge of about 1 meter height above astronomical tide is likely to inundate low lying areas of coastal West Bengal and 3-4 m above astronomical tide likely to inundate low lying areas of coastal Bangladesh around the time of landfall.

Sea condition warning:

(a) Central and North Bay of Bengal:

Very rough to high sea condition is likely to prevail over central Bay of Bengal on 26th May and High to Very High over North Bay of Bengal till 27th May morning.

(b) Along & off Bangladesh and West Bengal coasts

Very rough sea condition is prevailing along & off Bangladesh and West Bengal coasts. It would become high to very high along & off Bangladesh and West Bengal coasts from 26th morning onwards till 27th May morning.

(c) Along &off North Odisha coast:

Very rough sea condition is likely along & off North Odisha coast till 27th May morning.

Damage Expected over South & North 24 Parganas, Howrah, Hoogly, Kolkata & adjoining East Medinipur districts of west Bengal:

- ➤ Major damage to thatched houses/ huts. Possibilities of damage to vulnerable structure.
- Unattached metal sheets may fly.
- ➤ Breaking of tree branches, uprooting of trees. Major damage to banana and papaya trees. Dead limbs may blow off from trees.
- ➤ Damage to power and communication lines due to breaking of branches and uprooting of trees.
- ➤ Damage to Kutcha and minor damage to Pucca roads due to heavy rain.
- Damage to paddy crops, horticultural crops and orchards.
- > Inundation of low-lying areas and localized flooding
- ➤ Occasional reduction in visibility due to heavy rainfall.
- > Disruption of traffic due to water logging and squally winds

Action Suggested for South & North 24 Parganas, Howrah, Hoogly, Kolkata & adjoining East Medinipur districts of West Bengal:

- > Total suspension of fishing operations.
- > Surface transport and shipping operations need to be regulated
- ➤ Onshore & Offshore operation need to be regulated as per guidelines
- ➤ Coastal hutment dwellers to move to safer places.
- ➤ People in affected areas to remain indoors.
- Avoid going to areas that face the water logging problems often.
- ➤ Avoid staying in vulnerable structure.

Fishermen Warning (graphics attached):

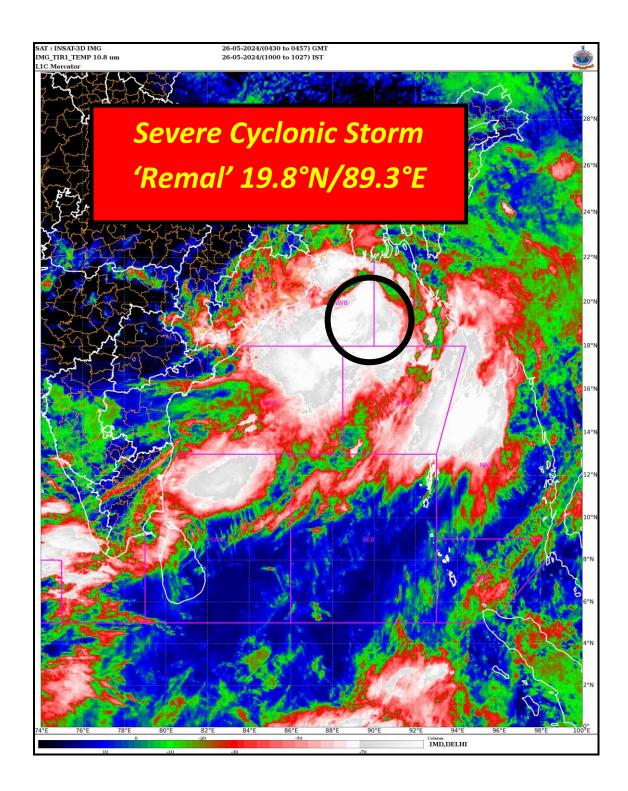
Fishermen are advised not to venture into central Bay of Bengal till 26th May and North Bay of Bengal till 27th May. Fishermen out at sea are advised to return to the coast.

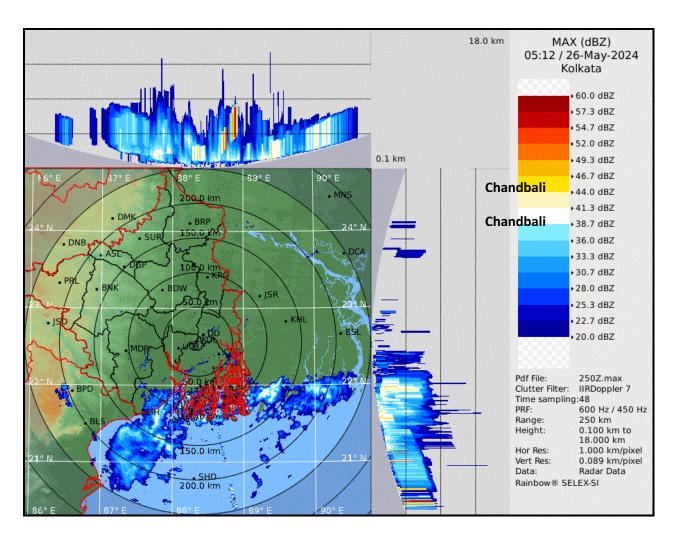
The system is under continuous surveillance and the next message will be issued at 1430 hours IST of today, the 26th May, 2024.

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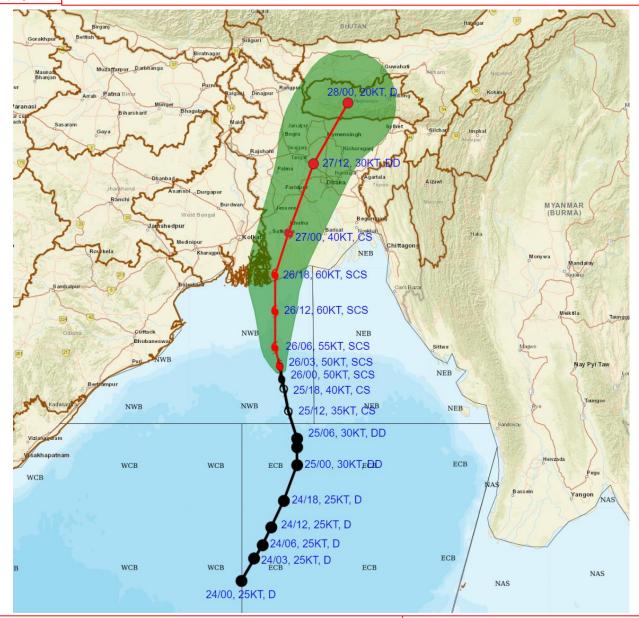




Kolkata Radar



FORECAST TRACK ALONGWITH CONE OF UNCERTAINITY IN ASSOCIATION WITH SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM 'REMAL' OVER NORTH BAY OF BENGAL BASED ON 0300 UTC (0830 IST) OF 26TH MAY 2024.



DATE/TIME IN UTC IST=UTC + 0530

L: LOW PRESSURE AREA

WML: WELL MARKED LOW PRESSURE AREA

D: DEPRESSION (17-27 KT)

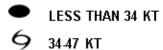
DD: DEEP DEPRESSION (28-33 KT) CS: CYCLONIC STORM (34-47 KT)

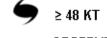
SCS: SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM (48-63KT)

VSCS: VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM (64-89 KT)

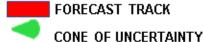
ESCS: EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM (90-119 KT)

Sucs: Super cyclonic Storm € 120 KT)





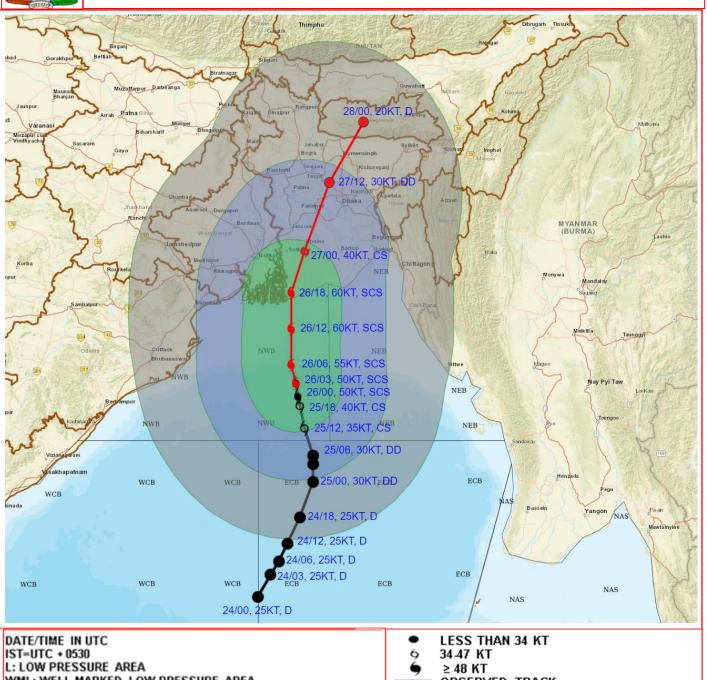




Forecast	DISTANCE (KM) AND DIRECTION FROM STATIONS				
Date and Time (UTC)	Canning	Khepupara	SAGAR ISLAND	MONGLA	
26.05.24/0300	280, SSE	260, SSW	240, SSE	310, S	
26.05.24/0600	240, SSE	220, SSW	200, SE	270, SSW	
26.05.24/1200	150, SSE	150, SW	140, ESE	180, SSW	
26.05.24/1800	70, SE	100, WSW	110, E	90, SSW	



FORECAST TRACK ALONGWITH QUADRANT WIND DISTRIBUTION IN ASSOCIATION WITH SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM 'REMAL' OVER NORTH BAY OF BENGAL BASED ON 0300 UTC (0830 IST) OF 26TH MAY 2024.



WML: WELL MARKED LOW PRESSURE AREA

D: DEPRESSION (17-27 KT) DD: DEEP DEPRESSION (28-33 KT) CS: CYCLONIC STORM (34.47 KT) SCS: SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM (48.63KT)

VSCS: VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM (64-89 KT) ESCS: EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM (90-119 KT)

SuCS: SUPER CYCLONIC STORM (≥ 120 KT)

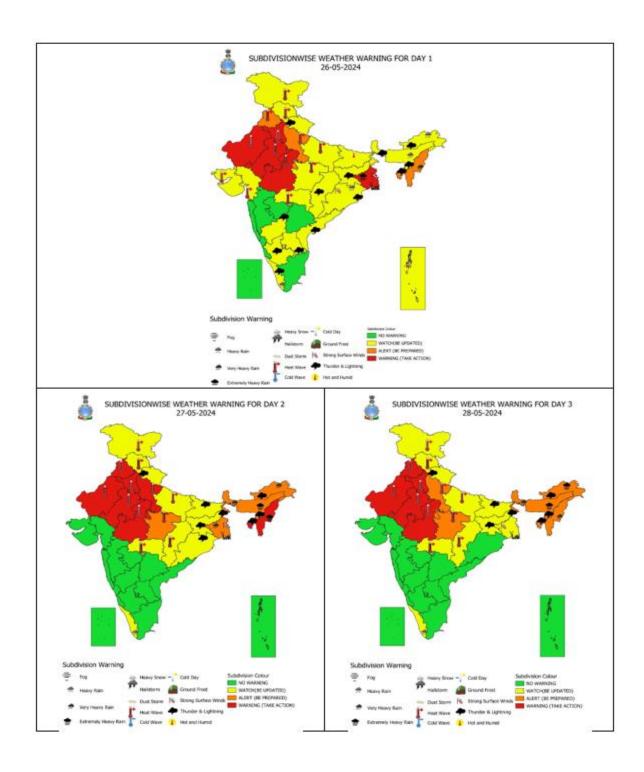
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CONE OF UNCERTAINTY AREA OF MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WIND SPEED:

28-33 KT (52-61 KMPH) 34-49 KT (62-91 KMPH) 50-63 KT (92-117 KMPH) ≥ 64 KT (≥118 KMPH)

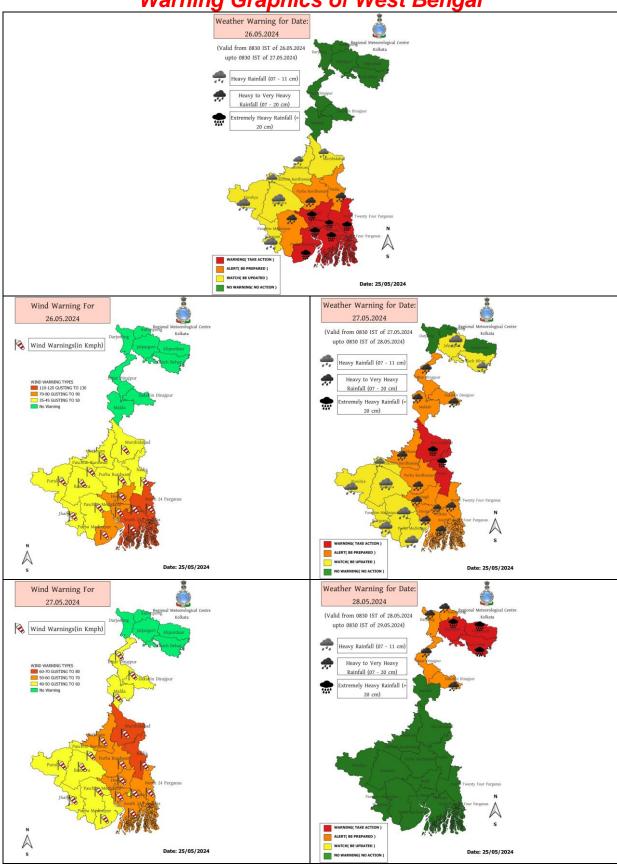
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MSW (knot/kmph)	Impact	Action
28-33 (52-61)	Very rough seas	Total suspension of fishing operations
34-49 (62-91)	High to very high seas	Total suspension of fishing operations
50-63 (92-117)	Very high seas	Total suspension of fishing operations
≥ 64 (≥118)	Phenomenal	Total suspension of fishing operations

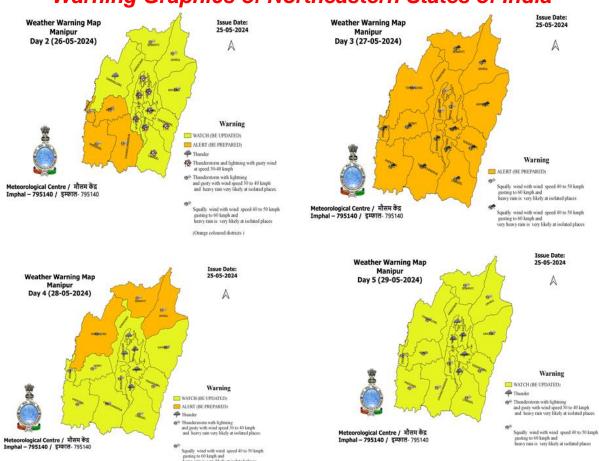


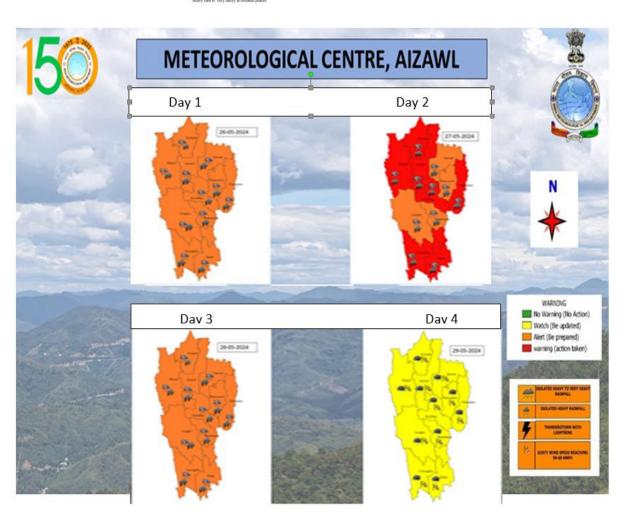
All India Warning Graphics

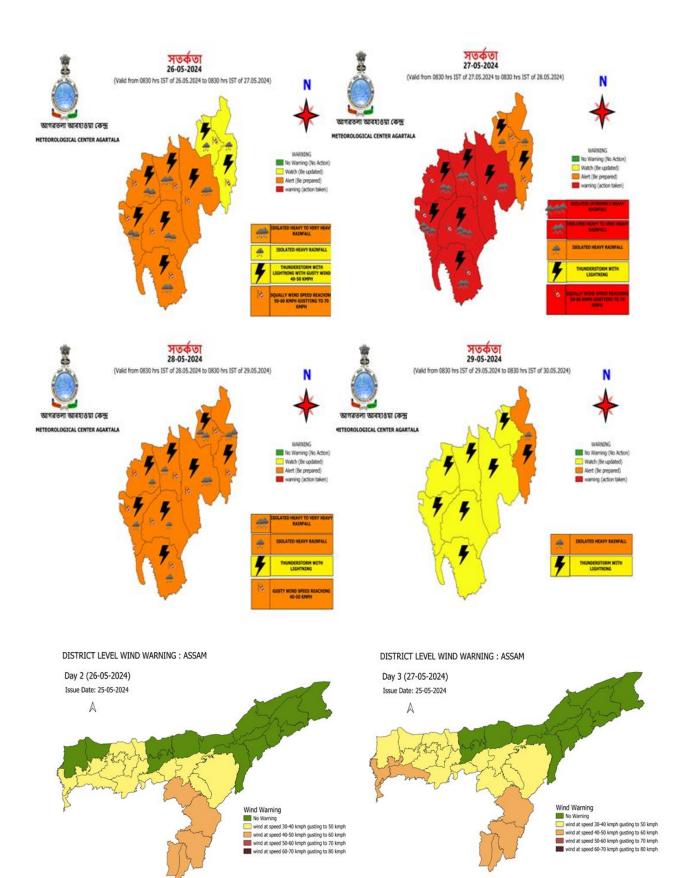
Warning Graphics of West Bengal



Warning Graphics of Northeastern States of India

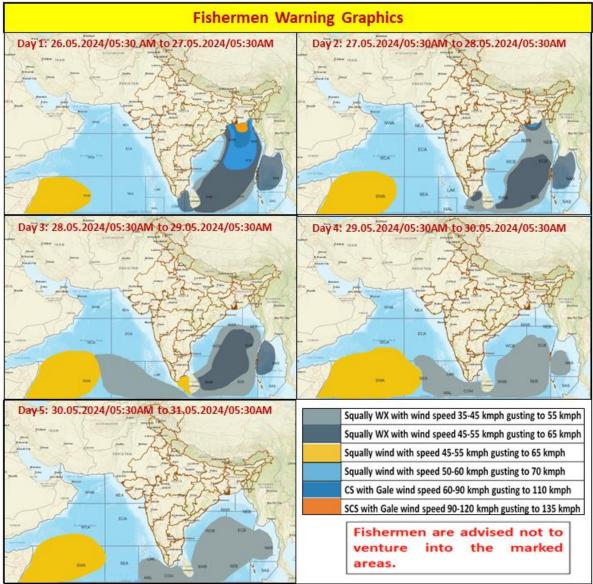




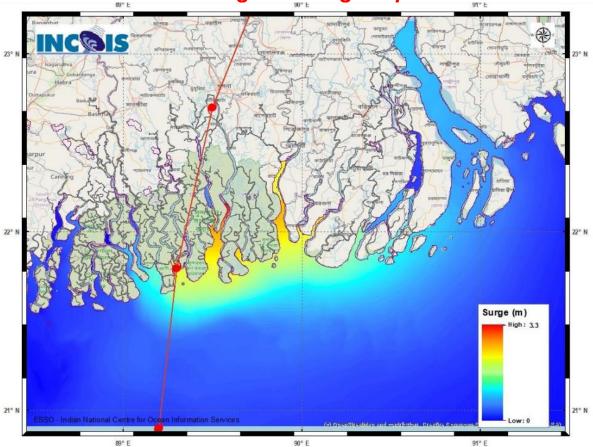








Storm Surge Warning Graphics

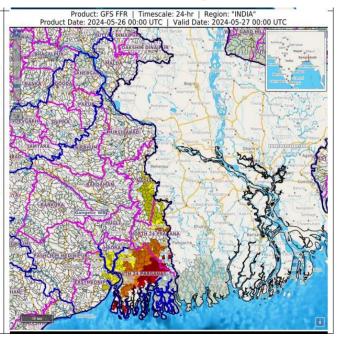


Flash Flood Guidance for West Bengal

24 hours Outlook for the Flash Flood Risk (FFR) till 0530 IST of 27-05-2024:

Moderate flash flood risk likely over few watersheds & neighbourhoods of southern districts of Gangetic West Bengal Met Sub-divisions (as indicated in adjacent map) during next 24 hours.

Surface runoff/ Inundation may occur at some fully saturated soils & low-lying areas over AoC as shown in map due to expected cyclonic system Remal in next 24 hours.



Flash Flood Threat	Flash Flood Risk	
High Threat (Take Action)	High Risk (Take Action)	
Moderate threat (Be Prepared)	Moderate Risk (Be Prepared)	
Low Threat (Be Updated)	Low Risk (Be Updated)	

Wind & Flood Hazard Maps of West Bengal

