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Sub: Depression over Southwest Bay of Bengal

The Depression over Southwest Bay of Bengal moved slowly westwards with a speed of 3 kmph during past 6 hours and lay centered at 1730 hours IST of today, the 1st February, 2023 over the same region near latitude 8.2°N and longitude 82.3°E, about 80 km northeast of Batticaloa (Sri Lanka), 120 km east-southeast of Trincomalee (Sri Lanka) and 400 km southeast of Karaikal (India).

It is very likely to move nearly westwards and cross Sri Lanka coast between Batticaloa and Trincomalee around early morning of tomorrow, the 02nd February 2023.

Forecast track and intensity are given below:

Date/Time(IST)	Position (Lat. °N/ long. °E)	Maximum sustained surface wind speed (Kmph)	Category of cyclonic disturbance
01.02.23/1730	8.2/82.3	45-55 gusting to 65	Depression
02.02.23/0530	8.0/81.5	45-55 gusting to 65	Depression
02.02.23/1730	7.7/80.7	40-50 gusting to 60	Depression
03.02.23/0530	7.2/79.9	40-50 gusting to 60	Depression

Warnings:

(i) Rainfall (warning graphics enclosed)

- ❖ Light/moderate rainfall is very likely at many places over coastal Tamil Nadu & Puducherry on 1st and 2nd February. Isolated heavy rainfall is very likely over south Tamil Nadu on 1st and 2nd February.

(ii) Wind warning:

❖ **Southwest Bay of Bengal:**

- Squally wind with speed reaching 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph on 1st February.
- Squally wind with speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph on 2nd February.

❖ **Along & off Sri Lanka coast:**

- Squally wind with speed reaching 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph on 1st February.
- Squally wind with speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph on 2nd February.

❖ **Gulf of Mannar and Comorin area and along & off south Tamil Nadu & Karaikal coasts:**

- Squally wind speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph during 1st to 2nd February.

❖ **Along & off north Tamil Nadu & Puducherry coasts:**

- Strong wind speed reaching 30-40 kmph gusting to 50 kmph during 1st to 2nd February.

(iii) Sea condition

❖ **Sea condition is likely to be rough to very rough**

- Southwest Bay of Bengal and along & off Sri Lanka coast during 1st to 2nd February.
- Gulf of Mannar and adjoining Comorin area and along & off south Tamil Nadu coast during 1st to 2nd February

❖ **Sea condition is likely to be moderate to rough**

- Along and off north Tamil Nadu & Puducherry coasts during 1st to 2nd February.

(iv) Fishermen Warning (warning graphics enclosed)

Fishermen are advised not to venture into:

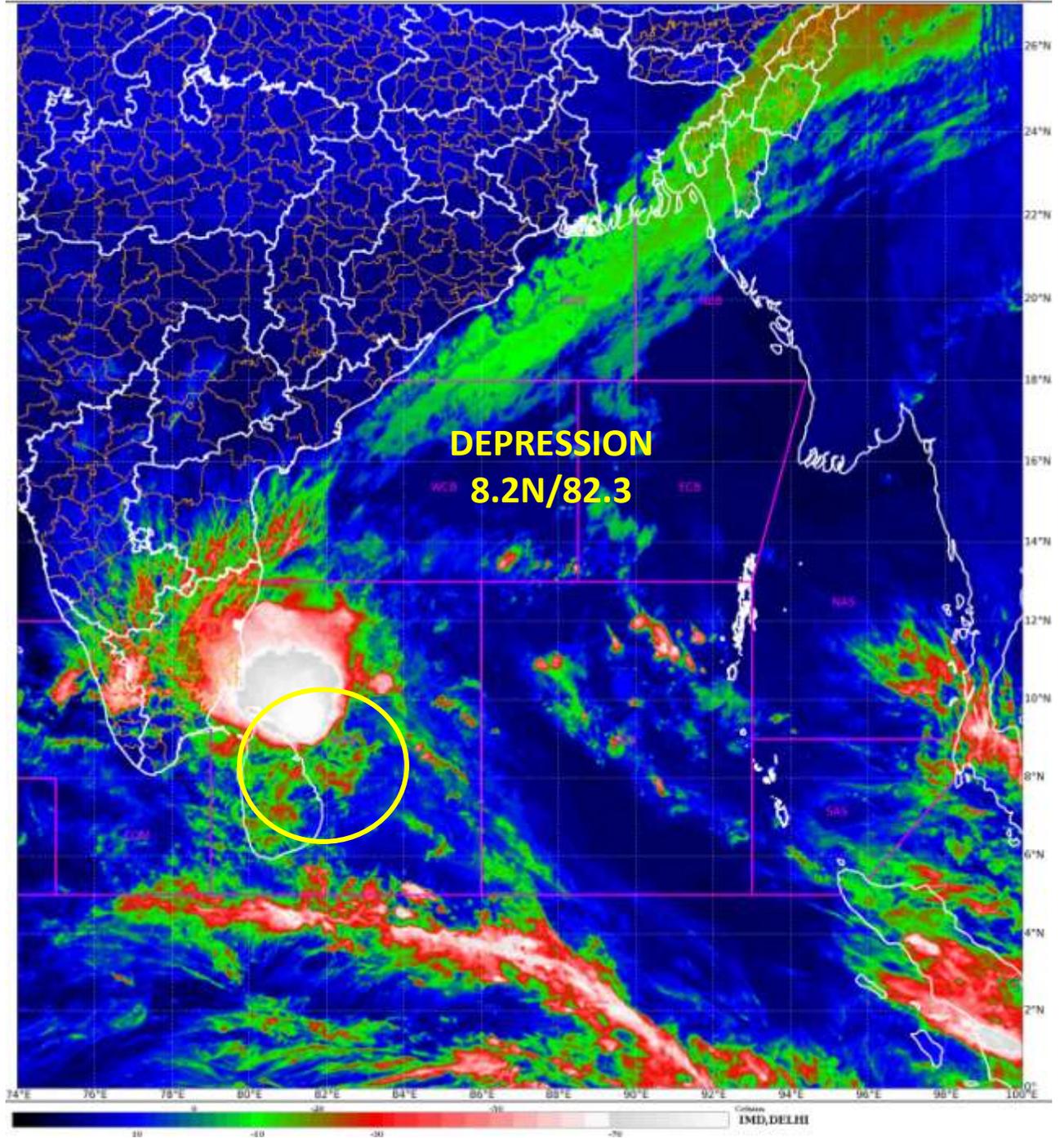
- ❖ Southwest Bay of Bengal, Gulf of Mannar, Comorin Area and along & off Sri Lanka and south Tamil Nadu & Karaikal coasts till 2nd February.

The system is under continuous surveillance and the next message will be issued at 0230 hours IST of tomorrow, the 2nd February, 2023.

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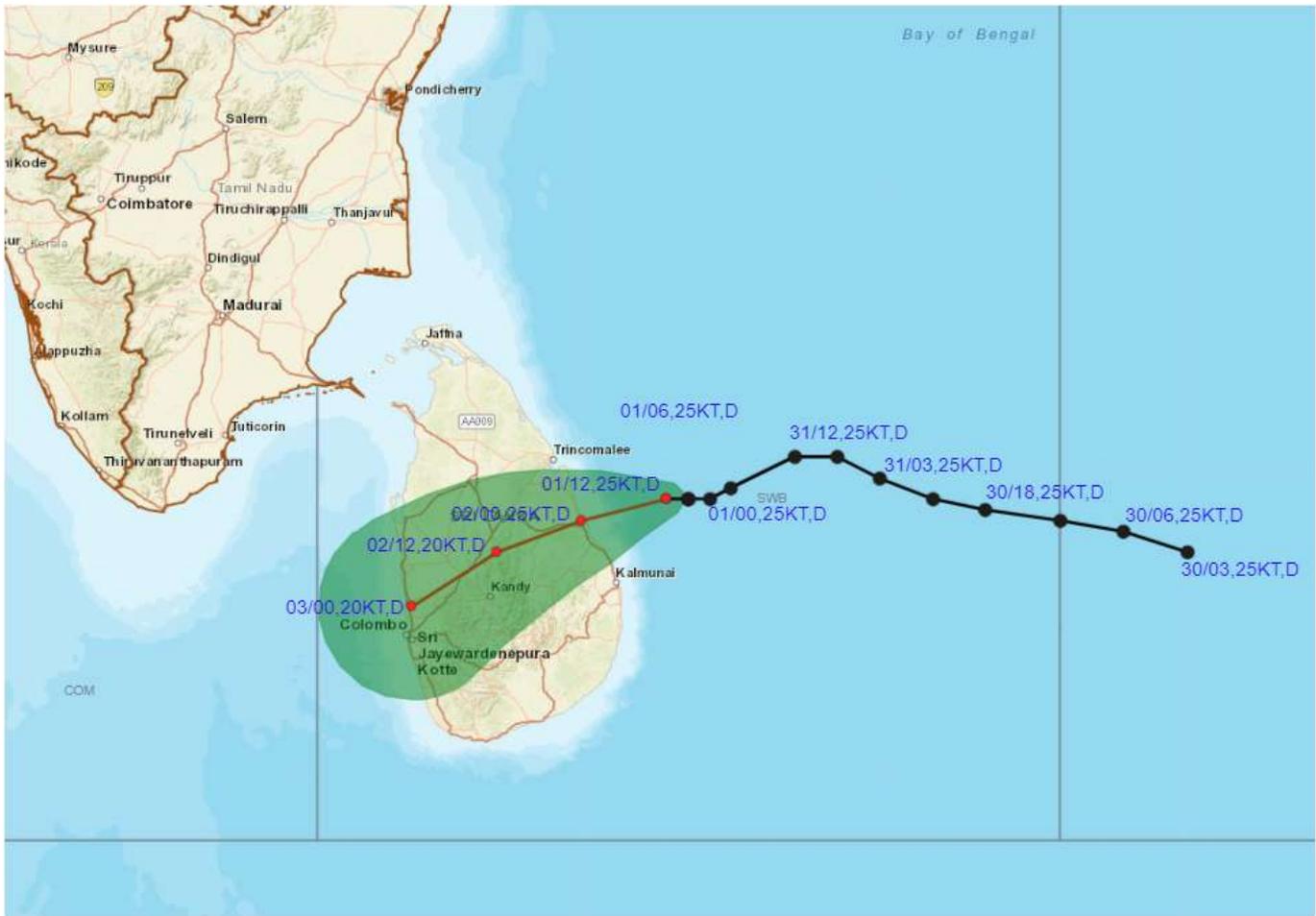
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LEGEND: Heavy Rainfall: 64.5 to 115.5mm, **Very Heavy Rainfall:** 115.6 to 204.4mm **Most Places:** more than 76% of total stations, **Isolated Places:** Less than 25% of total





OBSERVED AND FORECAST TRACK OF DEPRESSION OVER SOUTHWEST BAY OF BENGAL BASED ON 1200 UTC OF 01st FEBRUARY, 2023.



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 (\geq 120 KT)

- LESS THAN 34 KT
- 34-47 KT
- \geq 48 KT
- OBSERVED TRACK
- FORECAST TRACK
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Multi hazard Warning Graphics



Fishermen warning graphics



Squally WX with wind speed 40-45 kmph gusting to 55 kmph

Squally wind speed 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph

Fishermen are advised not to venture into the marked areas.