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**Sub: Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm “Mocha” (pronounced as “Mokha”) over
Northeast and adjoining Eastcentral Bay of Bengal**

The **Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm “Mocha”** (pronounced as “**Mokha**”) over Eastcentral Bay of Bengal moved nearly north-northeastwards with a speed of 17 kmph during past 06 hours and lay centered at 0530 hours IST of today, the 14th May 2023 over Northeast and adjoining Eastcentral Bay of Bengal near latitude 18.7°N and longitude 91.5°E, about 790 km north-northwest of Port Blair, 300 km south-southwest of Cox's Bazar (Bangladesh) and 210 km southwest of Sittwe (Myanmar).

It is very likely to move north-northeastwards and cross southeast Bangladesh and north Myanmar coasts between Cox's Bazar (Bangladesh) and Kyaukpyu (Myanmar), close to Sittwe (Myanmar) around noon of today, the 14th May, 2023 as an Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm with maximum sustained wind speed of 180-190 kmph gusting to 210 kmph.

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
14.05.23/0530	18.7/91.5	210-220 gusting to 240	Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm
14.05.23/1130	20.0/92.4	180-190 gusting to 210	Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm
14.05.23/1730	21.3/93.4	120-130 gusting to 145	Very Severe Cyclonic Storm
14.05.23/2330	23.0./94.7	50-60 gusting to 70	Deep Depression
15.05.23/0530	24.6/96.0	40-50 gusting to 60	Depression
15.05.23/1130	26.3/97.4	25-35 gusting to 45	Low Pressure

Warnings:

(i) Rainfall (warning graphics enclosed)

- ❖ **Tripura & Mizoram:** Rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places on 14th May.
- ❖ **Nagaland, Manipur & south Assam:** Rainfall at many places with Heavy rainfall at isolated places is on 14th May.

(ii) Wind warning:

- ❖ **Tripura, Mizoram & south Manipur:**
Squally wind speed reaching 50-60 kmph gusting to 70 kmph is very likely to prevail on 14th May.
- ❖ **Eastcentral Bay of Bengal:**
Gale wind speed reaching 210-220 kmph gusting to 240 kmph is prevailing over the region. It would decrease gradually to become 150-160 kmph gusting to 175 kmph till noon of 14th May. It would decrease rapidly thereafter.
- ❖ **Adjoining areas of Westcentral Bay of Bengal:**
Gale wind speed reaching 100-110 kmph gusting to 120 kmph is prevailing over the region. It will decrease gradually thereafter becoming squally wind speed reaching 40-50 gusting to 60 kmph by 14th noon.
- ❖ **Northeast Bay of Bengal:**
Gale wind speed reaching 210-220 kmph gusting to 240 kmph is prevailing and it would continue till 14th May noon. It is likely to decrease thereafter to 180-190 kmph gusting to 210 kmph at the time of landfall. It is likely to decrease rapidly after the landfall.
- ❖ **Adjoining areas of Northwest Bay of Bengal:**
Gale wind speed reaching 60-70 kmph gusting to 80 kmph is prevailin over southeast sector of the region and 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph over the remaining areas of northwest Bay of Bengal. It is likely to decrease rapidly after the landfall..

(iii) Sea condition

- ❖ **Eastcentral Bay of Bengal:**
Phenomenal sea condition is prevailing and would continue till 14th May noon. It will improve gradually thereafter.
- ❖ **Adjoining areas of Westcentral Bay of Bengal:**
Very rough to high sea condition is prevailing and would continue till 14th May noon. It will gradually improve thereafter.
- ❖ **Northeast Bay of Bengal:**
Phenomenal sea condition is prevailing and would continue till 14th May afternoon.
- ❖ **Adjoining areas of Northwest Bay of Bengal:**
Rough to very rough sea condition is prevailing and would continue till afternoon of 14th May.

(iv) Fishermen Warning (warning graphics enclosed)

- ❖ Fishermen, ships, boats and trawlers are advised not to venture into eastcentral and adjoining westcentral Bay of Bengal and north Andaman Sea till 14th May and into northeast Bay of Bengal till 14th May.

- ❖ Those over central & northeast Bay of Bengal and north Andaman Sea are advised to return to coast.

(v) Damage expected & Action suggested: Mizoram, Tripura, and South Manipur

- ❖ Minor Damage to loose/unsecured structures
- ❖ Some breaches in kutcha road due to heavy rain with the possibility of landslide, in vulnerable areas
- ❖ Uprooting of small trees and breaking of tree branches.
- ❖ Damage to small trees like Banana, Drum stick and Papaya etc.
- ❖ Damage to standing crops

Action Suggested

- ❖ Immediately harvest mature fruits and crops.
- ❖ Provide staking and cover to vegetables nurseries, fruit orchards.
- ❖ Avoid application of fertilizers and pesticides.
- ❖ Keep livestock inside sheds

(vi) Damage expected & Action suggested: Marine community (shipping, offshore industries, Tourism etc. over Bay of Bengal, Andaman Sea & Andaman & Nicobar Islands)

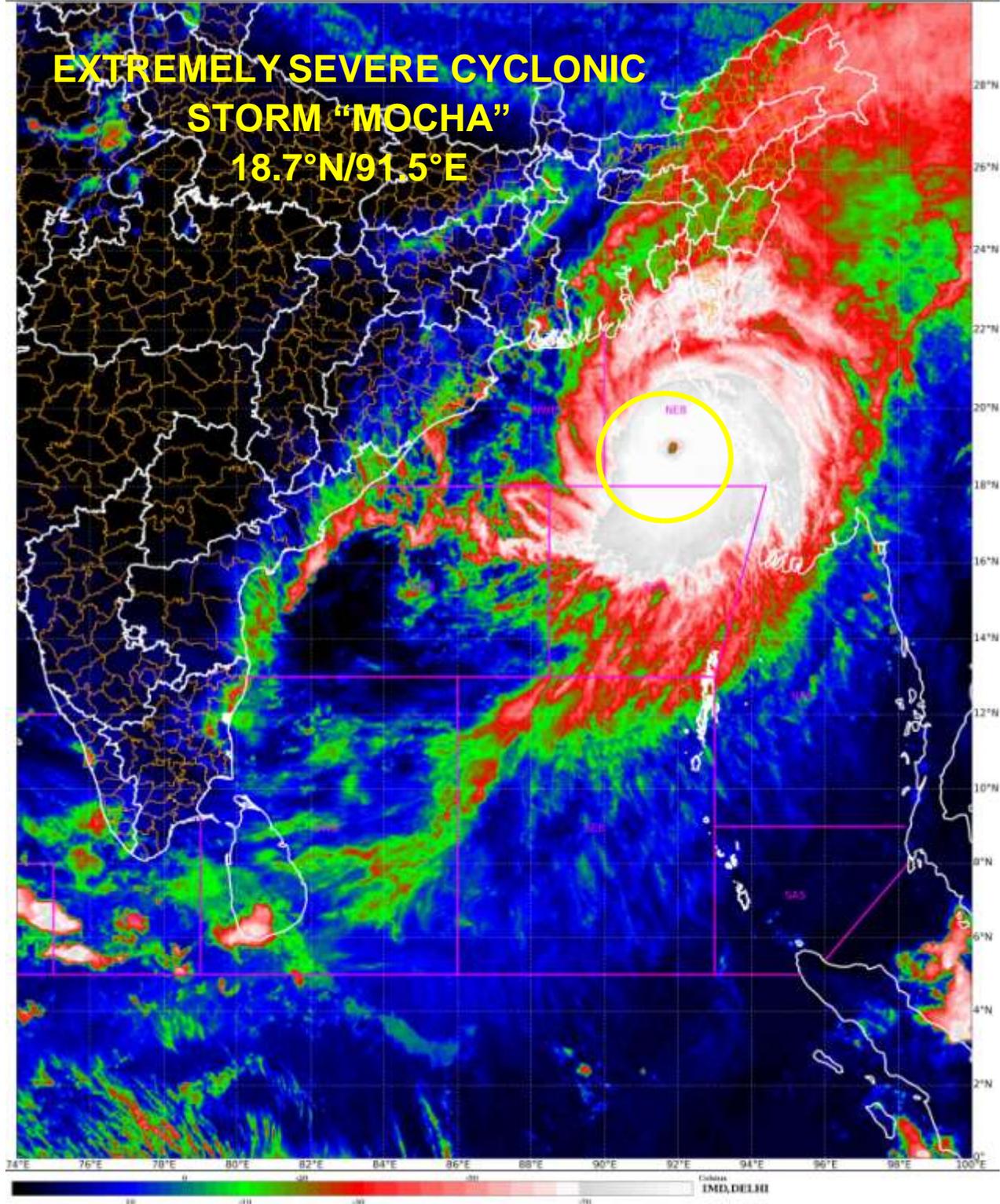
- ❖ Very rough to phenomenal sea could affect marine operation and offshore activities.
- ❖ Regulation of tourism and offshore activities and shipping near North Andaman Islands till 14th May.
- ❖ Regulation of shipping activity sea areas of northeast and adjoining eastcentral Bay of Bengal till 14th May.

The system is under continuous surveillance and the next message will be issued at 1130 hours IST of today, the 14th May 2023.

(Dr. Ananda Kumar Das)

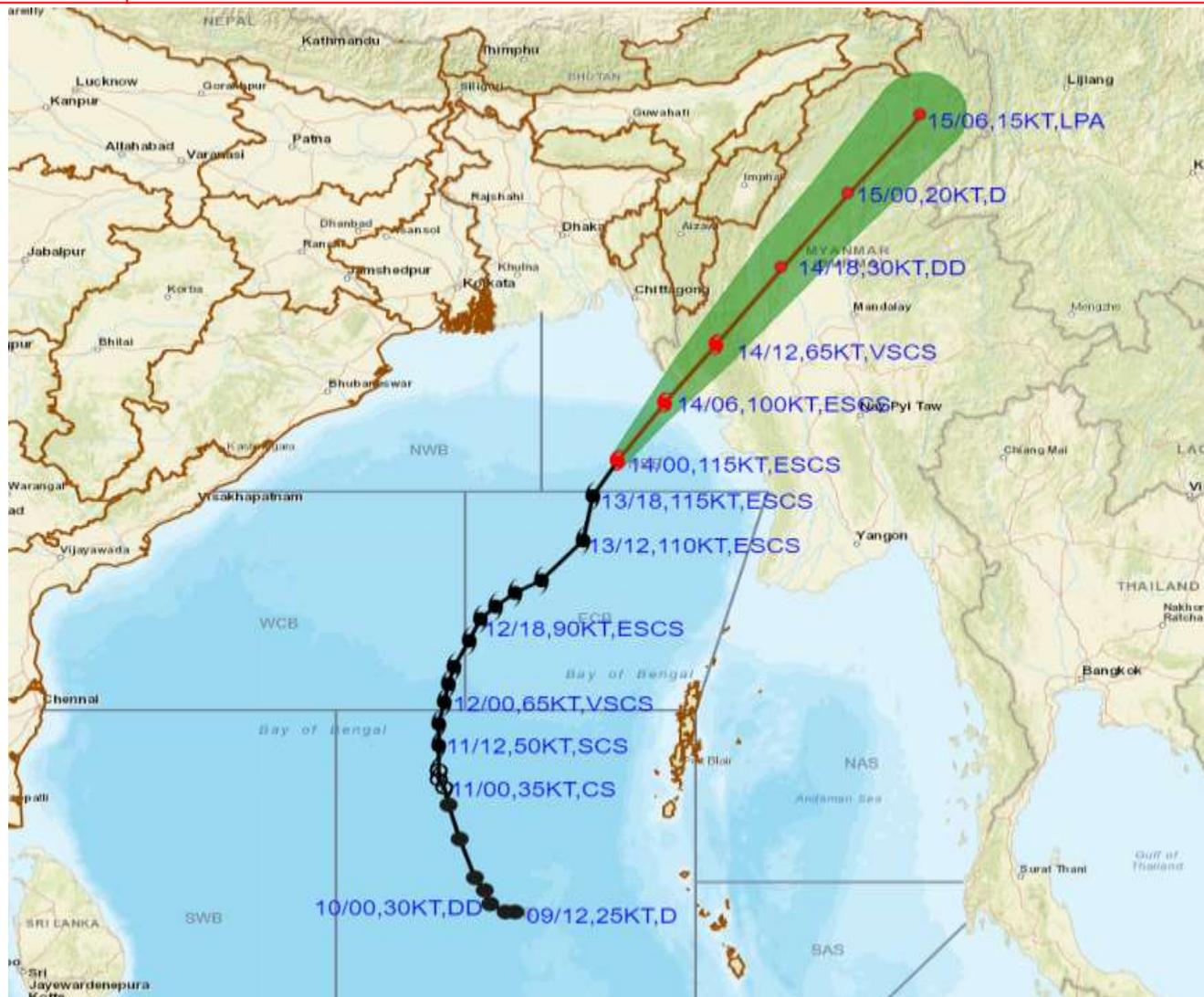
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OBSERVED AND FORECAST TRACK ALONGWITH CONE OF UNCERTAINTY OF EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM MOCHA OVER NORTHEAST AND ADJOINING EASTCENTRAL BAY OF BENGAL BASED ON 0000 UTC (0530 IST) OF 14TH MAY 2023.



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 (≥ 120 KT)

● LESS THAN 34 KT

○ 34-47 KT

○ ≥ 48 KT

— OBSERVED TRACK

— FORECAST TRACK

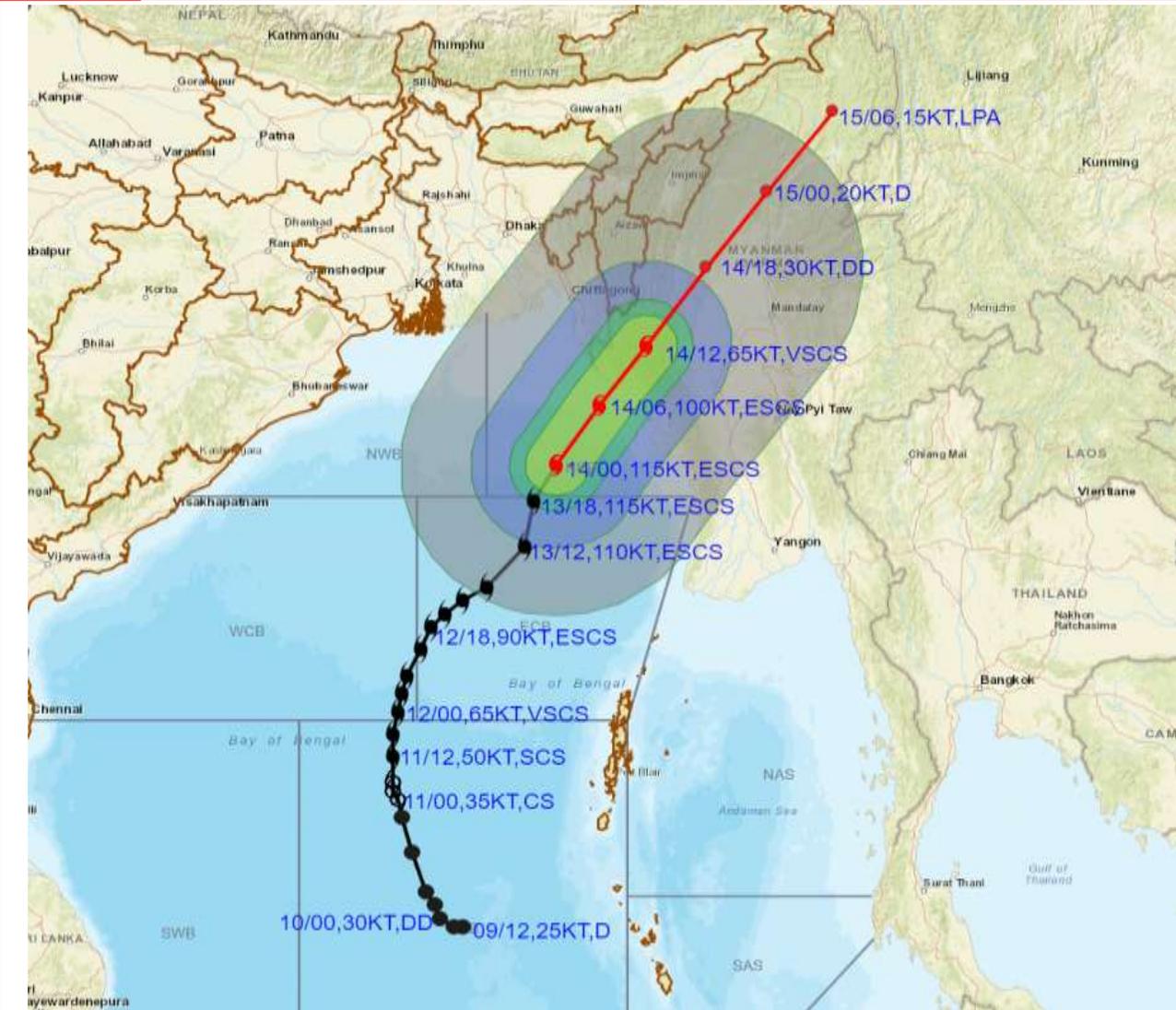
▲ CONE OF UNCERTAINTY

Forecast distance (km) and direction of the centre from nearest 5 coastal stations

Forecast Date and Time	Lead Period	Lat	Lon	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3	Station 4	Station 5
14.05.23/0000	0	18.7	91.5	SITTWE (216,SW)	KYAUKPYU (230,WSW)	MANAUNG (236,W)	TEKNAF (255,SSW)	KYAUKTAW (267,SSW)
15.05.23/0000	24	24.6	96.0	KATHA (59,NW)	PINLEBU (86,NE)	HOMALIN (113,ESE)	BHAMO (127,WNW)	HKAMTI (159,S)



OBSERVED AND FORECAST TRACK ALONGWITH QUADRANT WIND DISTRIBUTION OF EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM MOCHA OVER NORTHEAST AND ADJOINING EASTCENTRAL BAY OF BENGAL BASED ON 0000 UTC (0530 IST) OF 14TH MAY 2023.



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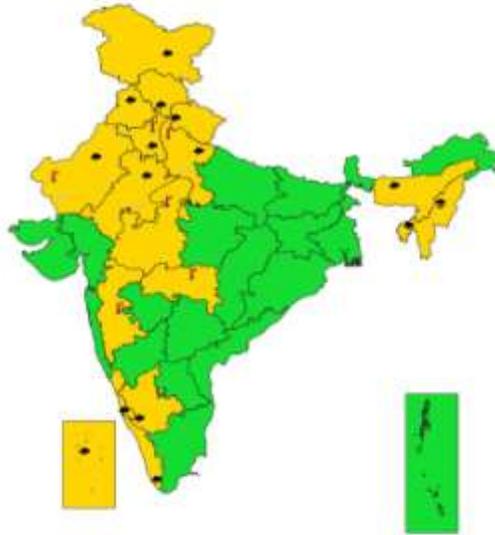
- LESS THAN 34 KT
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- ≥ 48 KT
- OBSERVED TRACK
- FORECAST TRACK
- ▲ CONE OF UNCERTAINTY
- AREA OF MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WIND SPEED:
- 28-33 KT (52-61 KMPH)
- 34-49 KT (62-91 KMPH)
- 50-63 KT (92-117 KMPH)
- ≥ 64 KT (≥ 118 KMPH)

IMPACT OVER THE SEA

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



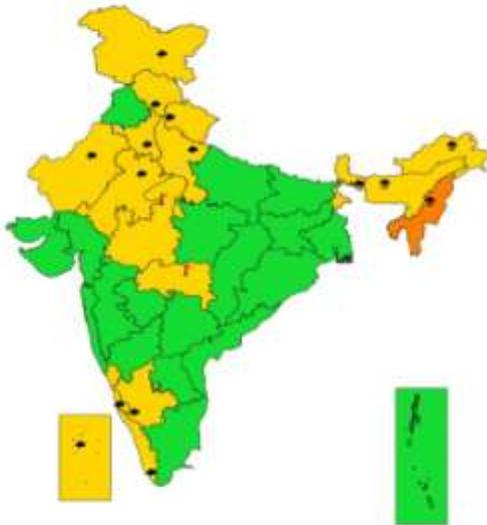
SUBDIVISIONWISE WEATHER WARNING FOR DAY 1
(13-5-2023)



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| Subdivision Warning | Dust Storm | Subdivision color |
| ● Heavy Rain | ⚡ Strong Surface Winds | 🟢 NO WARNING |
| ❄ Heavy Snow | 🔥 Heat Wave | 🟡 WATCH/BE UPDATED |
| ⚡ Thunderstorms & Lightning | ❄ Cold wave | 🟠 ALERT (BE PREPARED) |
| ☄ Hailstorm | 🌫 Fog | 🔴 WARNING (TAKE ACTION) |



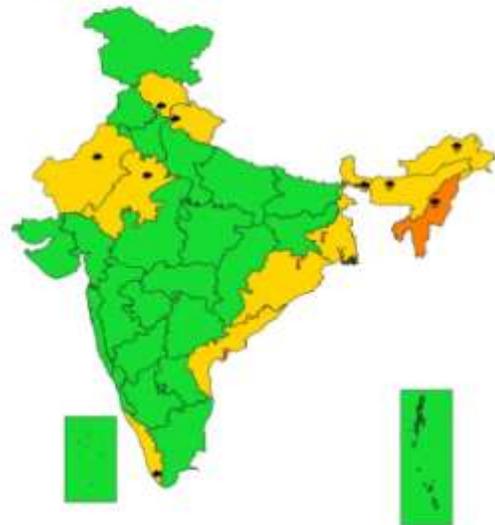
SUBDIVISIONWISE WEATHER WARNING FOR DAY 2
(14-5-2023)



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| Subdivision Warning | Dust Storm | Subdivision color |
| ● Heavy Rain | ⚡ Strong Surface Winds | 🟢 NO WARNING |
| ❄ Heavy Snow | 🔥 Heat Wave | 🟡 WATCH/BE UPDATED |
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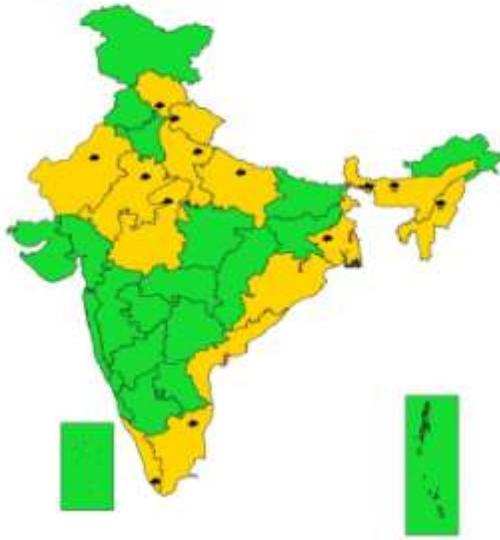
SUBDIVISIONWISE WEATHER WARNING FOR DAY 3
(15-5-2023)



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| ● Heavy Rain | ⚡ Strong Surface Winds | 🟢 NO WARNING |
| ❄ Heavy Snow | 🔥 Heat Wave | 🟡 WATCH/BE UPDATED |
| ⚡ Thunderstorms & Lightning | ❄ Cold wave | 🟠 ALERT (BE PREPARED) |
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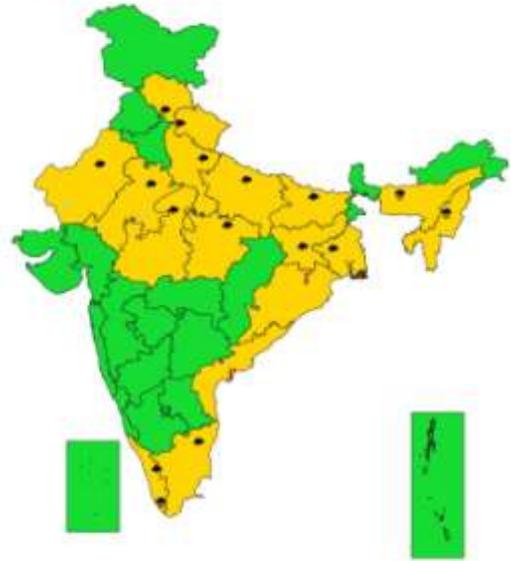
**SUBDIVISIONWISE WEATHER WARNING FOR DAY 4
(16-5-2023)**



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| Subdivision Warning | Dust Storm | Subdivision color |
| ● Heavy Rain | ☼ Strong Surface Winds | ■ NO WARNING |
| ☼ Heavy Snow | ☼ Heat Wave | ■ WATCH(BE UPDATED) |
| ● Thunderstorms & Lightning | ☼ Cold wave | ■ ALERT (BE PREPARED) |
| ☼ Hailstorm | ☼ Fog | ■ WARNING (TAKE ACTION) |



**SUBDIVISIONWISE WEATHER WARNING FOR DAY 5
(17-5-2023)**



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| Subdivision Warning | Dust Storm | Subdivision color |
| ● Heavy Rain | ☼ Strong Surface Winds | ■ NO WARNING |
| ☼ Heavy Snow | ☼ Heat Wave | ■ WATCH(BE UPDATED) |
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Fishermen warning graphics

