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TROPICAL CYCLONE ADVISORY NO. 03 FOR NORTH INDIAN OCEAN (THE BAY OF BENGAL AND ARABIAN SEA) VALID FOR NEXT 120 HOURS ISSUED AT 0330 UTC OF 15.05.2021 BASED ON 0000 UTC OF 15.05.2021.

SUB: CYCLONIC STORM "TAUKTAE" (PRONOUNCED AS TAU'TE) OVER EASTCENTRAL AND ADJOINING SOUTHEAST ARABIAN SEA.

THE CYCLONIC STORM "TAUKTAE" (PRONOUNCED AS TAU'TE) OVER EASTCENTRAL AND ADJOINING SOUTHEAST ARABIAN SEA & LAKSHADWEEP AREA MOVED NEARLY NORTH-NORTHWESTWARDS WITH A SPEED OF ABOUT 09 KMPH DURING PAST 06 HOURS AND LAY CENTRED AT 0000 UTC OF 15TH MAY, 2021 OVER EASTCENTRAL AND ADJOINING SOUTHEAST ARABIAN SEA NEAR LATITUDE 12.5°N AND LONGITUDE 72.5°E, ABOUT 160 KM NORTH-NORTHWEST OF AMINI DIVI (43311), 350 KM SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF PANJIM-GOA (43192), 960 KM SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF VERAVAL (42909) AND 1050 KM SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF KARACHI (41780).

IT IS VERY LIKELY TO INTENSIFY FURTHER INTO A SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM DURING NEXT 12 HOURS AND INTO A VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM DURING THE SUBSEQUENT 12 HOURS. IT IS VERY LIKELY TO MOVE NORTH-NORTHWESTWARDS AND CROSS GUJARAT COAST BETWEEN PORBANDER (42830) AND NALIYA (42631) DURING 0900-1500 UTC OF 18TH MAY.

FORECAST TRACK AND INTENSITY ARE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

DATE/TIME(UTC)	POSITION (LAT. ºN/ LONG. ºE)	MAXIMUM SUSTAINED SURFACE WIND SPEED (KMPH)	CATEGORY OF CYCLONIC DISTURBANCE
15.05.21/0000	12.5/72.5	75-85 GUSTING TO 95	CYCLONIC STORM
15.05.21/0600	13.2/72.5	85-95 GUSTING TO 105	SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
15.05.21/1200	13.8/72.4	95-105 GUSTING TO 115	SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
15.05.21/1800	14.5/72.3	110-120 GUSTING TO 135	SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
16.05.21/0000	15.3/72.0	120-130 GUSTING TO 145	VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
16.05.21/1200	16.5/71.5	130-140 GUSTING TO 155	VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
17.05.21/0000	18.0/70.7	145-155 GUSTING TO 165	VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
17.05.21/1200	19.5/70.0	150-160 GUSTING TO 175	VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
18.05.21/0000	20.7/69.4	150-160 GUSTING TO 175	VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
18.05.21/1200	22.0/69.1	145-155 GUSTING TO 165	VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
19.05.21/0000	24.5/70.0	70-80 GUSTING TO 90	CYCLONIC STORM

PROBABILITY OF CYCLOGENESIS (FORMATION OF DEPRESSION)

NIL: 0%, LOW: 1-25%, FAIR: 26-50%, MODERATE: 51-75% AND HIGH: 76-100%

REMARKS:

CONVECTION OVER LAKSHADWEEP AND ADJOINING SOUTHEAST & EASTCENTRAL ARABIAN SEA HAS FURTHER ORGANISED. ASSOCIATED MINIMUM CLOUD TOP TEMPERATURE IS -93°C. INTENSITY OF THE SYSTEM IS CATEGORISED AS T 3.0 WITH CDO PATTERN. BROKEN LOW AND MEDIUM CLOUDS WITH EMBEDDED INTENSE TO VERY INTENSE CONVECTION LAY OVER ARABIAN SEA (AS) BETWEEN LATITUDE 10.5°N & 17.0°N AND LONG 67.0°E & 75.0°E AND LAKSHADWEEP AREA.

THE ASSOCIATED MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WIND SPEED IS 45 KNOTS GUSTING TO 55 KNOTS. THE ESTIMATED CENTRAL PRESSURE IS 990 HPA. SEA CONDITION IS HIGH.

THE MADDEN JULIAN INDEX (MJO) CURRENTLY LIES IN PHASE 2 WITH AMPLITUDE MORE THAN 1. IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN SAME PHASE & SAME AMPLITUDE TILL 17TH. THEREAFTER, IT WILL MOVE TO PHASE 3 WITH AMPLITUDE NEAR 1. THUS, MJO IS CONDUCIVE FOR ENHANCED CONVECTION OVER THE ARABIAN SEA (AS) DURING NEXT 3 DAYS. THE TROPICAL CYCLONE HEAT POTENTIAL (TCHP) IS MORE THAN 140 KJ/CM² OVER SOUTHEAST AS AND IS DECREASING OVER CENTRAL PARTS OF CENTRAL AS & NORTH AS. SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE (SST) IS AROUND 30°C OVER ENTIRE AS & 30-31°C OVER SOUTHEAST AS. THE CROSS EQUATORIAL FLOW IN THE NEAR EQUATORIAL BELT IS ENHANCED DUE TO WESTERLY WIND BURST.

THE LOW LEVEL CYCLONIC VORTICITY HAS INCREASED AND IS ABOUT 200 X10⁻⁶ S⁻¹ AROUND SYSTEM CENTRE. LOW LEVEL CONVERGENCE IS (50 X10⁻⁵ S⁻¹) TO THE SOUTHWEST OF SYSTEM CENTRE. POSITIVE UPPER LEVEL DIVERGENCE HAS INCREASED AND IS ABOUT (40 X 10⁻⁵ S⁻¹) TO THE SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF THE SYSTEM CENTRE. UPPER TROPOSPHERIC RIDGE RUNS ALONG 12.5⁰N. THE SYSTEM IS IN A REGION OF MODERATE TO HIGH VERTICAL WIND SHEAR (VWS) (25-30 KTS).

MOST OF THE NUMERICAL MODELS ARE INDICATING RAPID INTENSIFICATION OF THE SYSTEM. THE CYCLONIC STORM OVER EASTCENTRAL AND ADJOINING SOUTHEAST ARABIAN SEA WOULD INTENSIFY INTO A SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM DURING NEXT 12 HOURS. IT WOULD MOVE NORTH-NORTHWESTWARDS AND CROSS GUJARAT COAST BETWEEN PORBANDAR (42830) AND NALIYA (42631) DURING 0900-1500 UTC OF 18TH MAY.

THUS UNDER FAVOURABLE ENVIRONMENT LIKE MJO, HIGH SST, HIGH TCHP, GOOD POLEWARD OUTFLOW, MODERATE VWS AND WESTERLY WIND BURST, THE CYCLONIC STORM OVER EASTCENTRAL AND ADJOINING SOUTHEAST ARABIAN SEA WOULD INTENSIFY INTO A SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM DURING NEXT 12 HOURS. IT IS VERY LIKELY TO INTENSIFY FURTHER INTO VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM DURING SUBSEQUENT 12 HOURS. IT IS VERY LIKELY TO MOVE NORTH-NORTHWESTWARDS AND CROSS GUJARAT COAST BETWEEN PORBANDAR (42830) AND NALIYA (42631) DURING 0900-1500 UTC OF 18TH MAY.

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