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Subject: Depression over coastal West Bengal and adjoining areas of Bangladesh & northwest Bay of Bengal

Depression over northwest Bay of Bengal & adjoining West Bengal-north Odisha coasts persisted over the same region and lay centred at 0830 hrs IST of today, the 17th August, 2026, near latitude 22.5°N and longitude 88.3°E close to Kolkata about 80 km west-southwest of Satkhira (Bangladesh), 160km southeast of Bankura (West Bengal), and 180 km northeast of Baleshwar (Odisha).

It is very likely to move initially north-northwestwards and then northwestwards across Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand and Bihar during next 24 hours.

Warnings:

(i) Rainfall Warning:

Gangetic West Bengal: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places with isolated extremely heavy falls (≥ 21 cm) is very likely on 17th August; Heavy rainfall at isolated places on 18th August.

Odisha: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places with isolated extremely heavy falls (≥ 21 cm) is very likely over north Odisha on 17th August; heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places on 18th August.

Jharkhand: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places is very likely on 17th; heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places & extremely heavy rainfall at isolated places on 18th August; heavy rainfall at isolated places on 19th August.

Chhattisgarh: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places and extremely heavy rainfall (≥ 21 cm) at isolated places is very likely on 17th August; heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places on 18th August and heavy rainfall at isolated places on 19th August.

Bihar: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy rainfall at isolated places is likely on 17th August; heavy to very heavy on 18th August.

East Uttar Pradesh: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places is likely on 17th August; heavy during 18th -19th August.

East Madhya Pradesh: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places is likely during 17th -19th August.

(ii) Wind Warning:

❖ Squally winds with speed reaching 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph are likely to prevail over North Bay of Bengal & along and off West Bengal-Bangladesh; Odisha & north Andhra Pradesh coasts till 18th August. It would decrease gradually thereafter.

(iii) Squally winds with speed reaching 35-45 kmph gusting to 55 kmph are likely over Gangetic West Bengal & north coastal Odisha till mid-night of 18th morning August and over south Jharkhand, & adjoining north interior Odisha & north Chhattisgarh from 18th morning for subsequent 12 hours.

(iv) Sea Condition:

❖ **Sea condition is very likely to be rough to very rough** over North Bay of Bengal & along and off West Bengal-Bangladesh; Odisha & north Andhra Pradesh coasts till 18th August and improve gradually thereafter.

(iv) Fishermen Warning (Graphics Attached):

❖ Fishermen are advised not to venture into North Bay of Bengal & along and off West Bengal-Bangladesh; Odisha & north Andhra Pradesh coasts till 18th August.

(v) Impact Expected and Action Suggested due to heavy rainfall and squally winds

Impact expected:

- ❖ Breaking of tree branches, Horticulture crops like banana, papaya, drum sticks may be affected. Strong wind and rain may damage plantation, horticulture and standing crops.
- ❖ Partial damage to vulnerable structures due to strong winds and rain.
- ❖ Minor damage to kutchha houses/walls, huts and roads due to heavy rain.
- ❖ Loose objects may fly.
- ❖ Small ships, trawlers and boats may be affected.
- ❖ Road and rail traffic may be affected due to heavy rain and squally winds.
- ❖ Localised landslides, mudslides, landslips, water logging, inundation over low lying areas.
- ❖ Occasional reduction in visibility due to heavy rainfall.
- ❖ Helicopter services may get affected.

Action suggested:

- ❖ People are advised to keep a watch on the weather for worsening conditions and be ready to move to safer places accordingly.
- ❖ Take safe shelters; do not take shelter under trees, as there could be lightning.
- ❖ In case of expected lightning, unplug electrical/ electronic appliances, immediately, get out of water bodies and keep away from all the objects that conduct electricity.
- ❖ Tourism and recreational activities to be regulated.
- ❖ Onshore and offshore activities to be judiciously regulated.
- ❖ Helicopter services to be regulated.

Next bulletin will be issued at 1430 hours IST of today, the 17th August, 2026.

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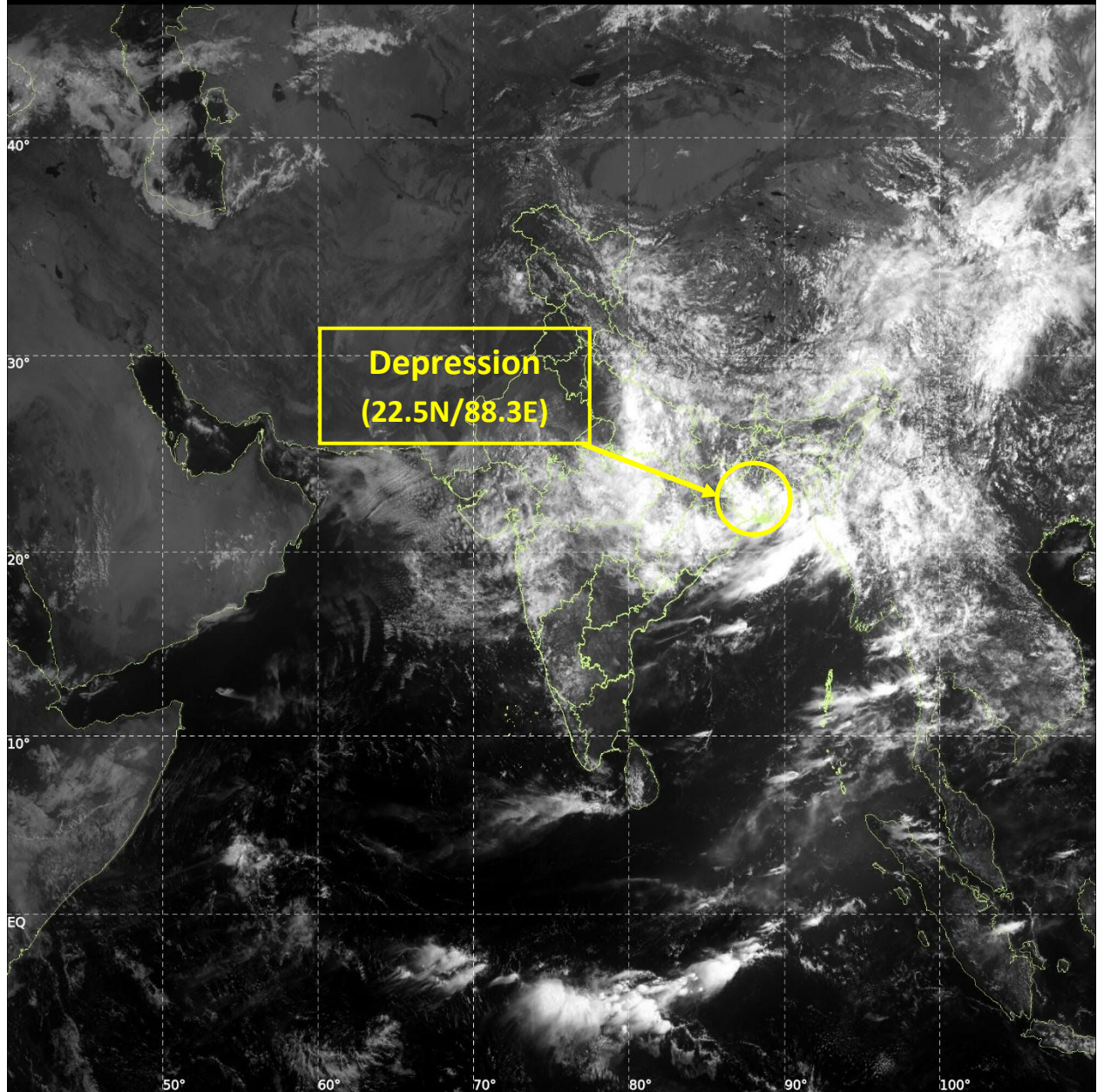
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INSAT-3DS IMG, Visible Count @ 0.65 μm
GMT:17-08-2026/(0500-0527) IST:17-08-2026/(1030-1057)
L1C MERCATOR (LINEAR STRETCH: 0.5%)

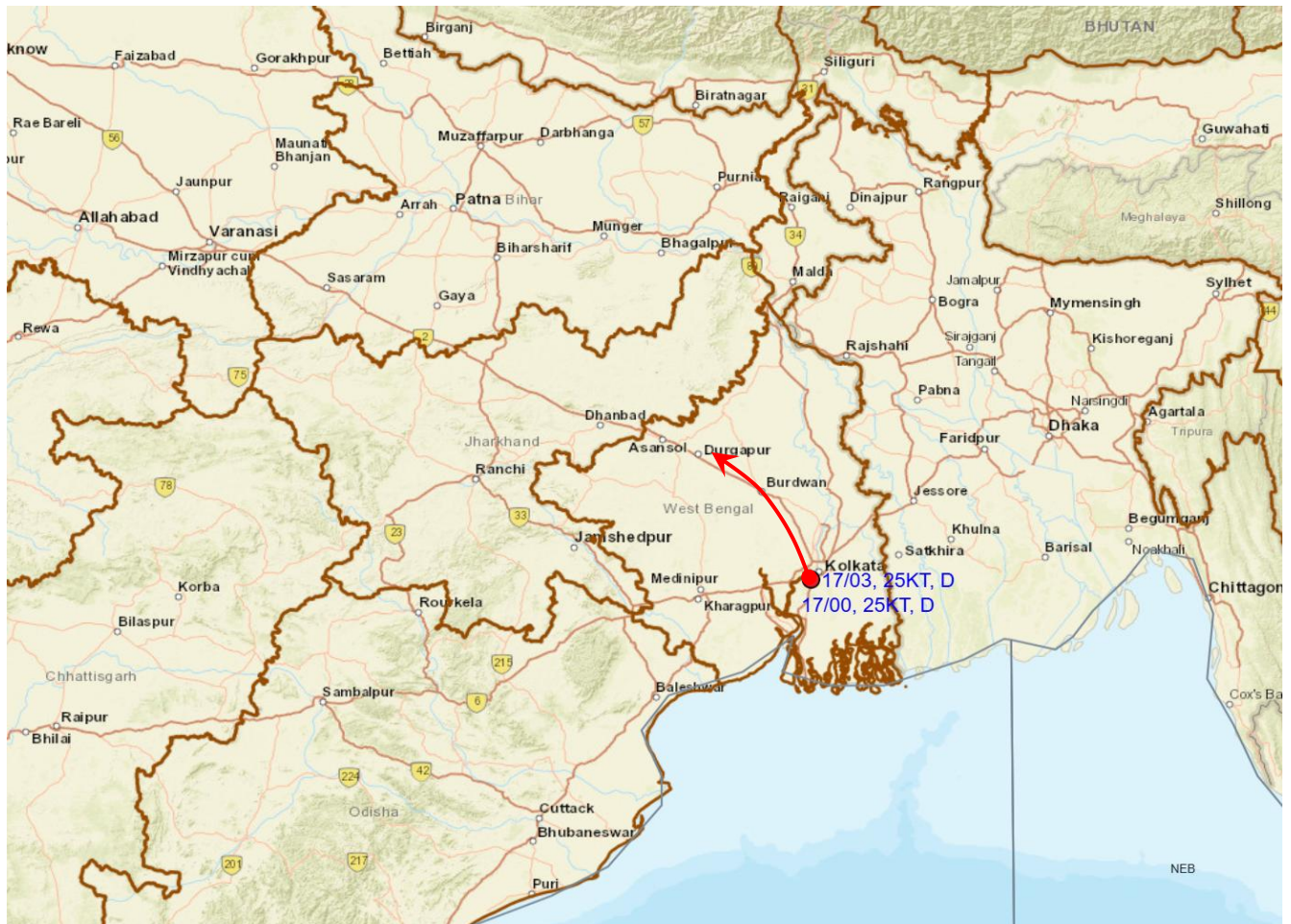
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OBSERVED AND FORECAST TRACK OF DEPRESSION OVER COASTAL WEST BENGAL AND ADJOINING AREAS OF BANGLADESH & NORTHWEST BAY OF BENGAL BASED ON 0300 UTC (0830 Hrs. IST) OF 17TH AUGUST 2026



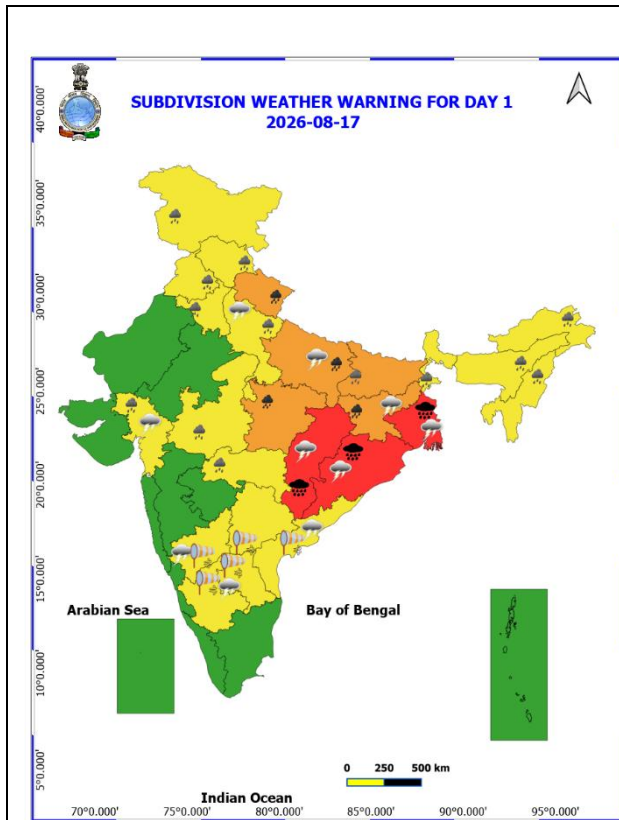
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IST=UTC + 0530
L: LOW PRESSURE AREA
WML: WELL MARKED LOW PRESSURE AREA
D: DEPRESSION (17-27 KT)
DD: DEEP DEPRESSION (28-33 KT)
CS: CYCLONIC STORM (34-47 KT)
SCS: SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM (48-63KT)
VSCS: VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM (64-89 KT)
ESCS: EXTREMELY 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 3 coastal stations

Forecast Date and Time	Lead Period (hrs)	Lat	Lon	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3
17.08.26/0000	0	22.5	88.3	SATKHIRA (80, WSW)	BANKURA (160, SE)	BALESHWAR (180, NE)

Weather Warning Graphics



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| Fog | Heavy Snow | Cold Wave |
| Heavy Rain | Dust Storm | Cold Day |
| Very Heavy Rain | Heat Wave | Ground Frost |
| Extremely Heavy Rain | Warm Night | |
| Thunder & Lightning | Hot Day | |
| Hailstorm | Hot & Humid | |
| Dust Raising Winds | Strong Surface Winds | |

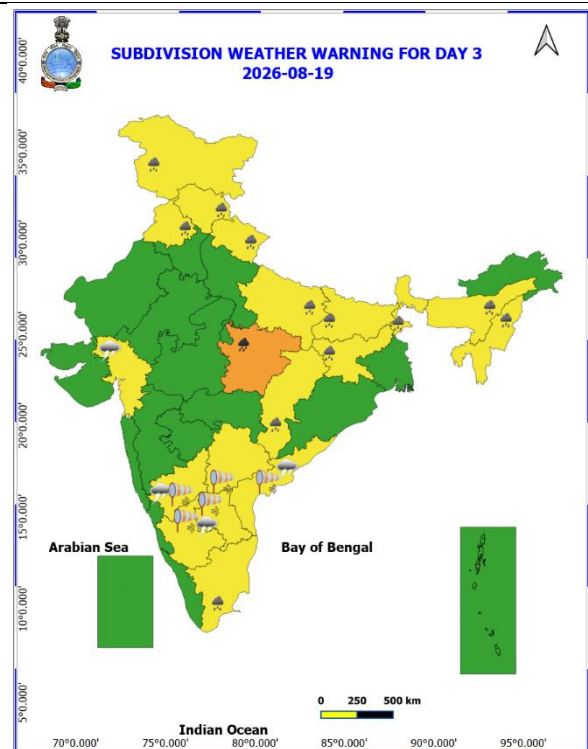
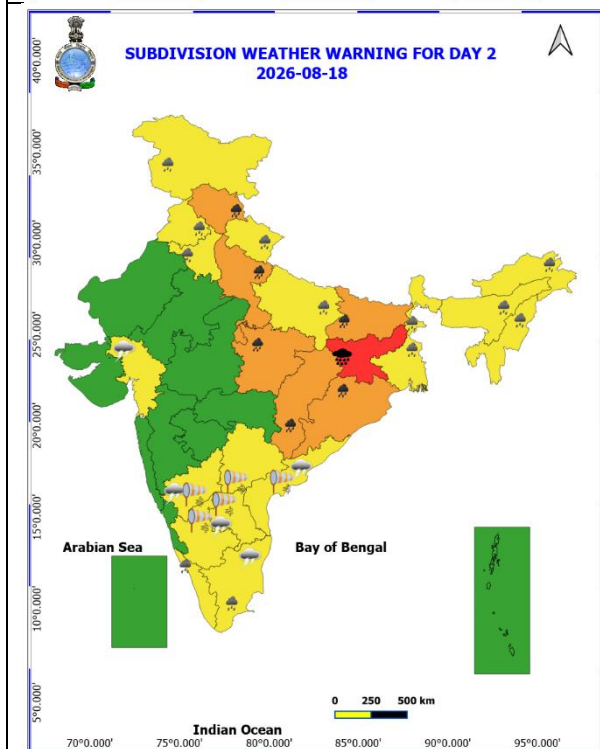
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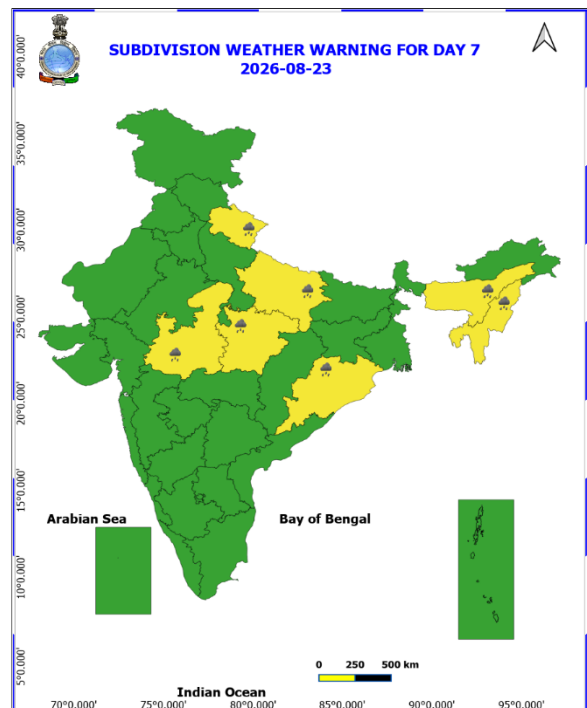
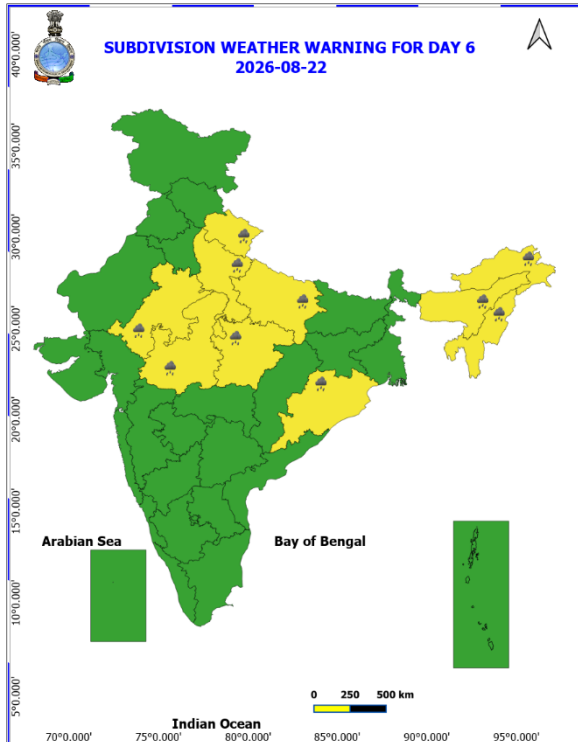
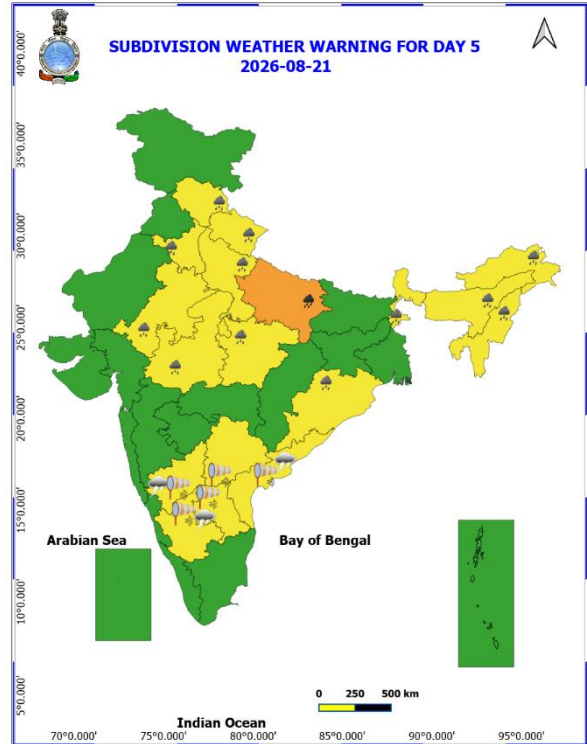
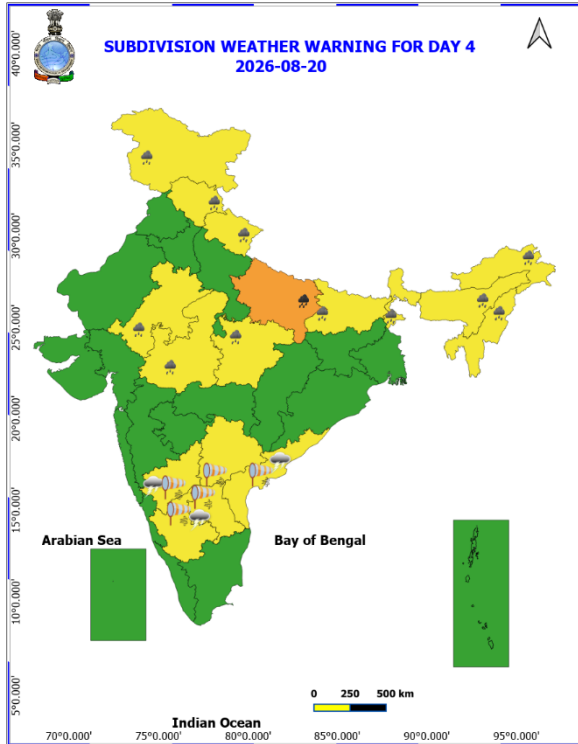
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Watch (Be Aware)

Alert (Be Prepared To Take Action)

Warning (Take Action)





24 hours Outlook for the Flash Flood Risk (FFR) till 0530 IST of 18-08-2026 :

Low to Moderate flash flood risk likely over few watersheds & neighbourhoods of following Met Sub-divisions during next 24 hours.

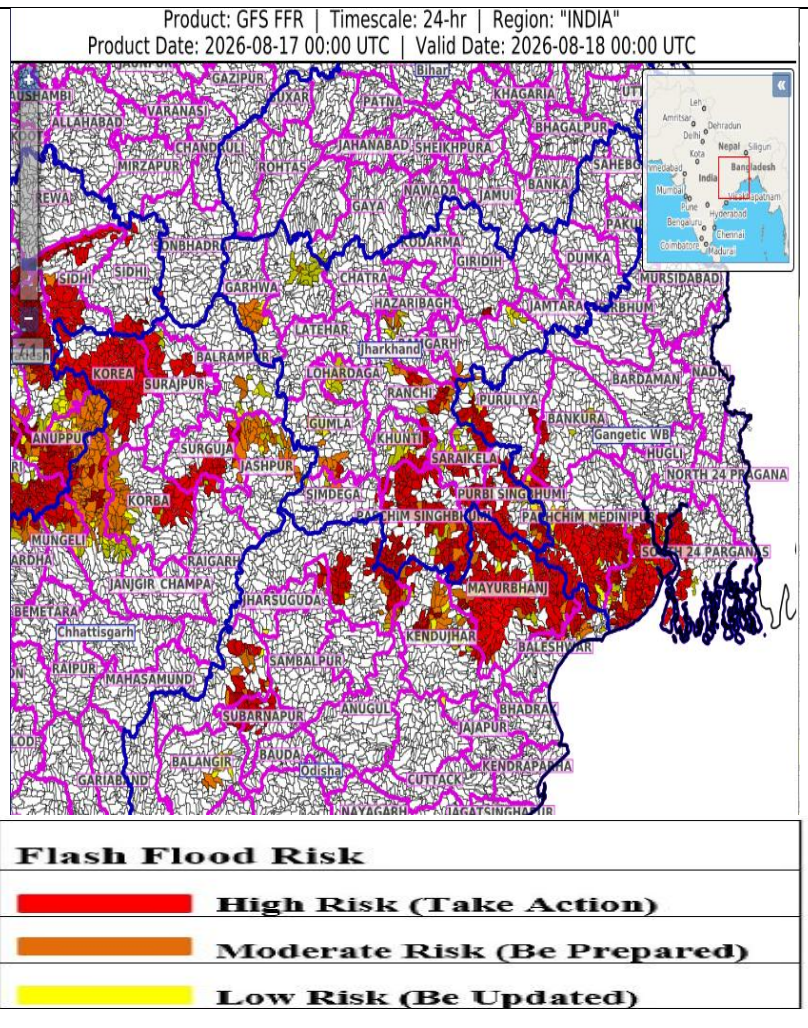
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Odisha - Balangir, Balasore, Bargarh, Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj and Sundargarh districts.

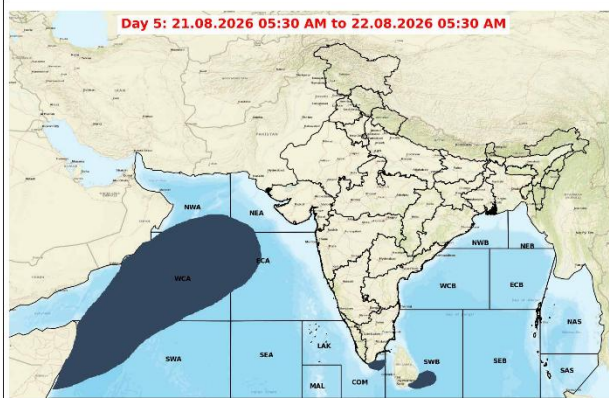
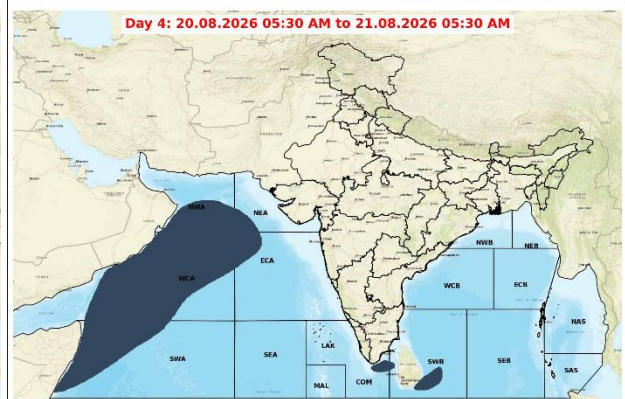
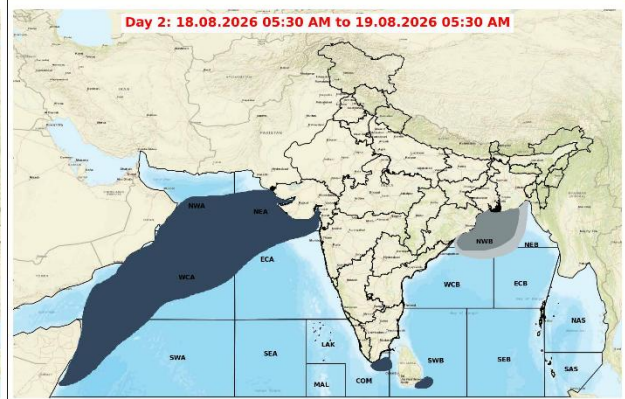
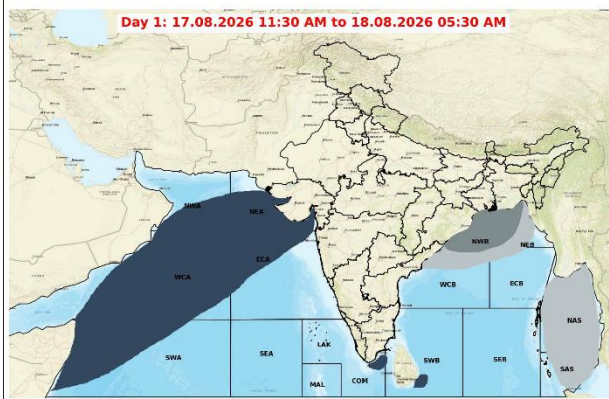
Gangetic West Bengal - Bankura, East Midnapore, Howrah, Jhargram, Purulia, South 24 Parganas and West Midnapore districts.

Jharkhand - Bokaro, East Singhbhum, Garhwa, Giridih, Gumla, Khunti, Lohardaga, Palamu, Ranchi, Seraikela-Kharsawan, Simdega and West Singhbhum districts.

Surface runoff/ Inundation may occur at some fully saturated soils & low-lying areas over Area of Concern (AoC) as shown in map due to expected rainfall occurrence in next 24 hours.



Fishermen Warning Graphics



Legend

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| Squally Weather with wind speed 35-45 kmph gusting to 55 kmph | Squally wind with speed 55-65 kmph gusting to 75 kmph |
| Squally Weather with wind speed 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph | CS with Gale winds with speed 60-80 kmph gusting to 90 kmph |
| Squally Weather with wind speed 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph | SCS with Gale wind speed 90-110 kmph gusting to 120 kmph |
| Squally wind with speed 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph | VSCS with Gale wind speed 120-165 kmph gusting to 185 kmph |
| Squally wind with speed 50-60 kmph gusting to 70 kmph | ESCS with Gale wind speed 165-220 kmph gusting to 245 kmph |

Fishermen are advised not to venture into the marked areas.