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**Sub: Cyclonic Storm "Tauktae" (pronounced as Tau'Te) over eastcentral Arabian Sea: Cyclone Alert for Gujarat & Diu coasts (Yellow message)**

The **Cyclonic Storm "Tauktae" (pronounced as Tau'Te)** over eastcentral and adjoining southeast Arabian Sea moved nearly northwards with a speed of about 13 kmph during past 06 hours and lay centred at 1130 hours IST of today, the 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 over eastcentral Arabian Sea near latitude 13.2°N and longitude 72.5°E, about 290 km southwest of Panjim-Goa, 650 km south-southwest of Mumbai, 880 km south-southeast of Veraval (Gujarat) and 980 km south-southeast of Karachi (Pakistan).

It is very likely to intensify further into a Severe Cyclonic Storm during next 3 hours and into a Very Severe Cyclonic Storm during the subsequent 12 hours. It is very likely to move north-northwestwards and reach Gujarat coast in the morning of 18<sup>th</sup> & cross Gujarat coast between Porbandar & Naliya around 18<sup>th</sup> May Afternoon / evening.

Forecast track and intensity are given in the following table:

| Date/Time(IST) | Position<br>(Lat. °N/ long.<br>°E) | Maximum sustained surface wind<br>speed (Kmph) | Category of cyclonic<br>disturbance |
|----------------|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| 15.05.21/1130  | 13.2/72.5                          | 80-90 gusting to 100                           | Cyclonic Storm                      |
| 15.05.21/1730  | 13.8/72.4                          | 95-105 gusting to 115                          | Severe Cyclonic Storm               |
| 15.05.21/2330  | 14.5/72.3                          | 110-120 gusting to 135                         | Severe Cyclonic Storm               |
| 16.05.21/0530  | 15.3/72.0                          | 115-125 gusting to 140                         | Very Severe Cyclonic Storm          |
| 16.05.21/1130  | 15.7/71.7                          | 125-135 gusting to 150                         | Very Severe Cyclonic Storm          |
| 16.05.21/2330  | 17.2/71.1                          | 135-145 gusting to 160                         | Very Severe Cyclonic Storm          |
| 17.05.21/1130  | 18.7/70.3                          | 145-155 gusting to 170                         | Very Severe Cyclonic Storm          |
| 17.05.21/2330  | 20.1/69.7                          | 150-160 gusting to 175                         | Very Severe Cyclonic Storm          |
| 18.05.21/1130  | 21.4/69.2                          | 150-160 gusting to 175                         | Very Severe Cyclonic Storm          |
| 18.05.21/2330  | 23.2/69.5                          | 125-135 gusting to 150                         | Very Severe Cyclonic Storm          |
| 19.05.21/1130  | 25.0/70.0                          | 60-70 gusting to 80                            | Cyclonic Storm                      |

**Spatial rainfall distribution: Isolated: <25%, A few: 26-50%, Many: 51-75%, Most: 76-100%**

**Rainfall amount (mm): Heavy rain: 64.5 – 115.5, Very heavy rain: 115.6 – 204.4, Extremely heavy rain: 204.5 or more.**

## Warnings:

### (i) Rainfall:

- **Lakshadweep Islands:** Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy falls at isolated places over northern Islands on 15<sup>th</sup> May and heavy falls at isolated places on 16<sup>th</sup> May.
- **Kerala:** Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy falls at a few places and extremely heavy falls at isolated places on 15<sup>th</sup>, heavy to very heavy falls at isolated places on 16<sup>th</sup> and heavy falls at isolated places on 17<sup>th</sup> May.
- **Tamil Nadu (Ghat districts):** Light to moderate rainfall at many places with heavy to very heavy falls at isolated places on 15<sup>th</sup> May.
- **Karnataka (coastal & adjoining Ghat districts):** Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy falls at a few places and extremely heavy falls at isolated places on 15<sup>th</sup> and heavy to very heavy falls at isolated places on 16<sup>th</sup>.
- **Konkan & Goa:** Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy falls at a few places over south Konkan & Goa and heavy to very heavy falls at isolated places over north Konkan on 15<sup>th</sup> and heavy to very heavy falls at a few places over Konkan & Goa & adjoining Ghat areas on 16<sup>th</sup> and heavy falls at isolated places on 17<sup>th</sup> May over north Konkan.
- **Gujarat:** Light to moderate rainfall at many places very likely to commence over coastal districts of Saurashtra from 16<sup>th</sup> May afternoon, at many places with heavy to very heavy falls at isolated places over Saurashtra & Kutch and Diu and extremely heavy falls at isolated places in Junagarh & Gir Somnath Districts on 17<sup>th</sup> and with heavy to very heavy falls at a few places over Saurashtra & Kutch and Diu with extremely heavy falls ( $\geq 20$  cm) at isolated places of Porbandar, Devbhoomi Dwarka, Jamnagar & Kutch districts on 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **West Rajasthan:** Light to moderate rainfall at many places with heavy to very heavy falls at isolated places very likely on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May.

### (ii) Wind warning

- Squally weather with wind speed reaching 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph is very likely over Maldives area and equatorial Indian Ocean during next 06 hours.
- Gale wind speed reaching 80 –90 kmph gusting to 100 kmph is prevailing over east-central Arabian Sea and adjoining southeast Arabian Sea and Lakshadweep area. It is likely to increase over eastcentral Arabian Sea becoming 120-130 kmph gusting to 145 kmph from 16<sup>th</sup> May morning.
- Squally wind speed reaching 50-60 kmph gusting to 70 kmph along & off Kerala coast on 15<sup>th</sup> May.
- Squally wind speed reaching 50-60 kmph gusting to 70 kmph likely along & off Karnataka south Maharashtra & Goa coasts on 15<sup>th</sup> and Gale winds speed reaching 60-70 kmph gusting to 80 kmph along & off Maharashtra –Goa coasts on 16<sup>th</sup> May.
- Squally wind speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph likely over northeast Arabian Sea and along & off south Gujarat & Daman and Diu coasts on 17<sup>th</sup> morning and gradually increase becoming Gale winds speed reaching 150-160 kmph gusting to 175 kmph over northeast Arabian Sea from 18<sup>th</sup> morning and along & off Saurashtra & Kutch coasts (Devbhoomi Dwarka & Porbandar) and 120 -150 kmph gusting to 165 kmph over Kutch, Porbandar, Junagarh, Jamnagar districts of Gujarat from 18<sup>th</sup> May afternoon / evening for subsequent 06 hours.

### (iii) Sea condition

- Sea conditions will be very rough over southeast Arabian Sea and adjoining Lakshadweep - Maldives area & equatorial Indian Ocean during next 06 hours.

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- Sea condition over eastcentral Arabian Sea will be high to very high on 15<sup>th</sup> & very high to Phenomenal on 16<sup>th</sup> May and over northeast Arabian Sea on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May.
- Sea conditions will be rough to very rough over Comorin area and along & off Kerala coast on 15<sup>th</sup>, very rough to High over east central Arabian Sea along & off Karnataka coast on 15<sup>th</sup> May and Maharashtra – Goa coasts on 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> May. It is very likely to be very rough to High over northeast Arabian Sea along & off south Gujarat coast from 17<sup>th</sup> May morning and very high to Phenomenal from 18<sup>th</sup> morning.

**(iv) Storm surge warning**

Tidal wave of about 2- 3 m above astronomical tide is likely to inundate coastal areas of Morbi, Kutch, Devbhoomi Dwarka & Jamnagar districts and 1-2 meters along Porbandar, Junagarh, Diu, Gir Somnath, Amreli, Bhavnagar and 0.5 to 1m over the remaining coastal districts of Gujarat during the time of landfall..

**(v) Fishermen Warning**

- Total suspension of fishing operations over eastcentral and adjoining southeast Arabian Sea and along & off Kerala – Karnataka – Goa – Maharashtra coasts.
- Total suspension of fishing operations over northeast Arabian Sea and along & off Gujarat coast from 17<sup>th</sup> May.
- The fishermen are advised not to venture into southeast Arabian Sea, Lakshadweep – Maldives areas, east central Arabian Sea along & off Karnataka coast, eastcentral Arabian Sea and along & off Maharashtra – Goa coasts and into eastcentral& adjoining northeast Arabian Sea along & off Gujarat coast till 18<sup>th</sup> May.
- Those who are out at Sea over north Arabian Sea are advised to return to the coast.

**(vi) (A) Damage Expected over Devbhoomi Dwarka, Kutch, Porbandar, Junagarh, Gir Somnath & Jamnagar districts of Gujarat:**

- Total destruction of thatched houses/ extensive damage to kutcha houses. Some damage to pucca houses. Potential threat from flying objects.
- Bending/ uprooting of power and communication poles.
- Major damage to Kutcha and Pucca roads. Flooding of escape routes. Minor disruption of railways, overhead power lines and signaling systems.
- Widespread damage to salt pans & standing crops,. Blowing down of bushy trees.
- Small boats, country crafts may get detached from moorings.
- Visibility severely affected.

**(vi) (B) Damage Expected over Amreli, Rajkot & Morbi districts of Gujarat:**

- Major damage to thatched houses/ huts. Roof tops may blow off. Unattached metal sheets may fly.
- Minor damage to power and communication lines.
- Major damage to Kutcha and some damage to Pucca roads. Flooding of escape routes.
- Breaking of tree branches, uprooting of large avenue trees. Moderate damage to banana and papaya trees. Large dead limbs blown from trees.
- Major damage to coastal crops.
- Damage to embankments/ salt pans.

**(vii) Action Suggested:**

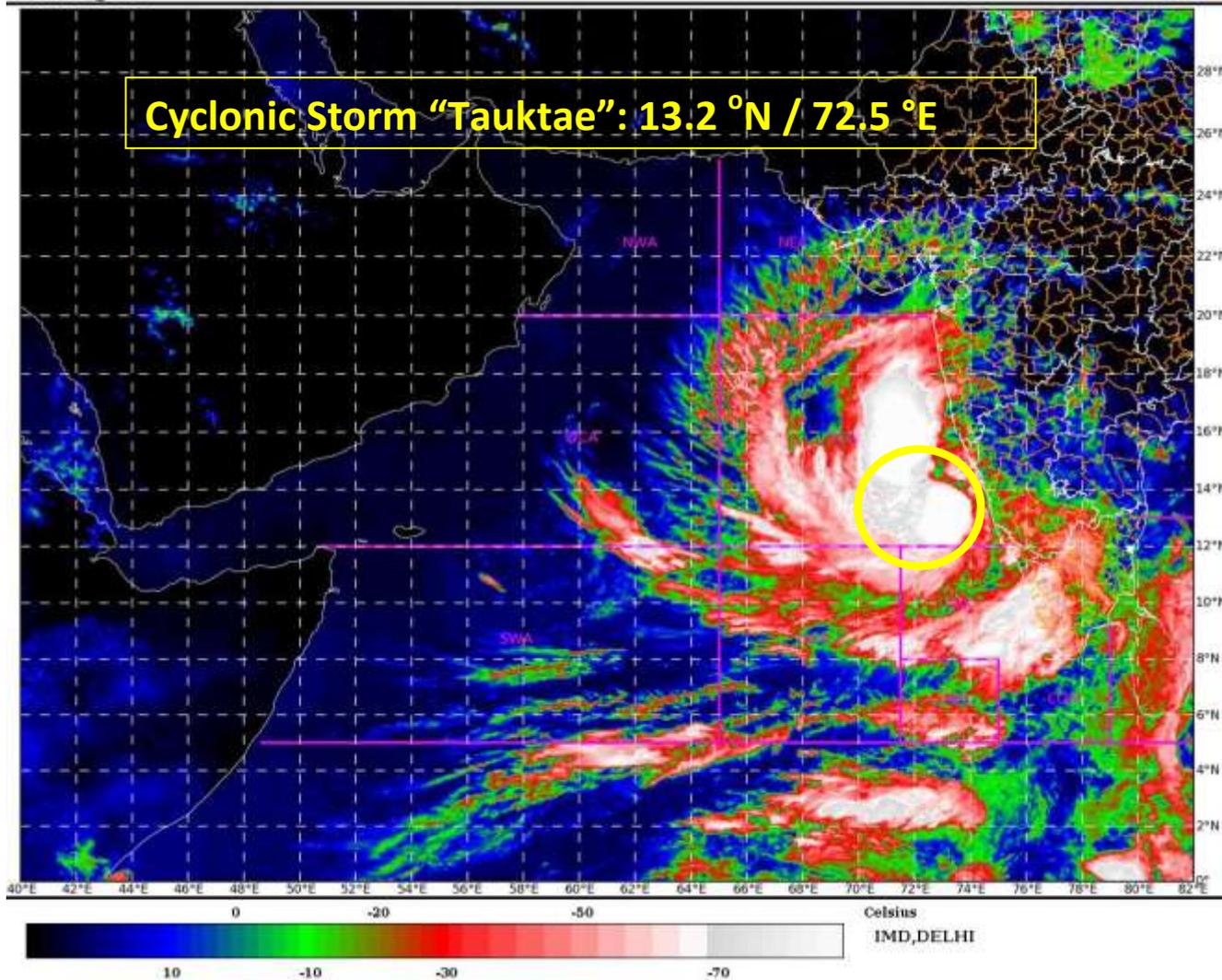
- Total suspension of fishing operations.
- Judicious regulation of rail and road traffic.
- People in affected areas to remain indoors.
- Movement in motor boats and small ships unsafe.

*The next bulletin will be issued at 1730 hrs IST of 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.*

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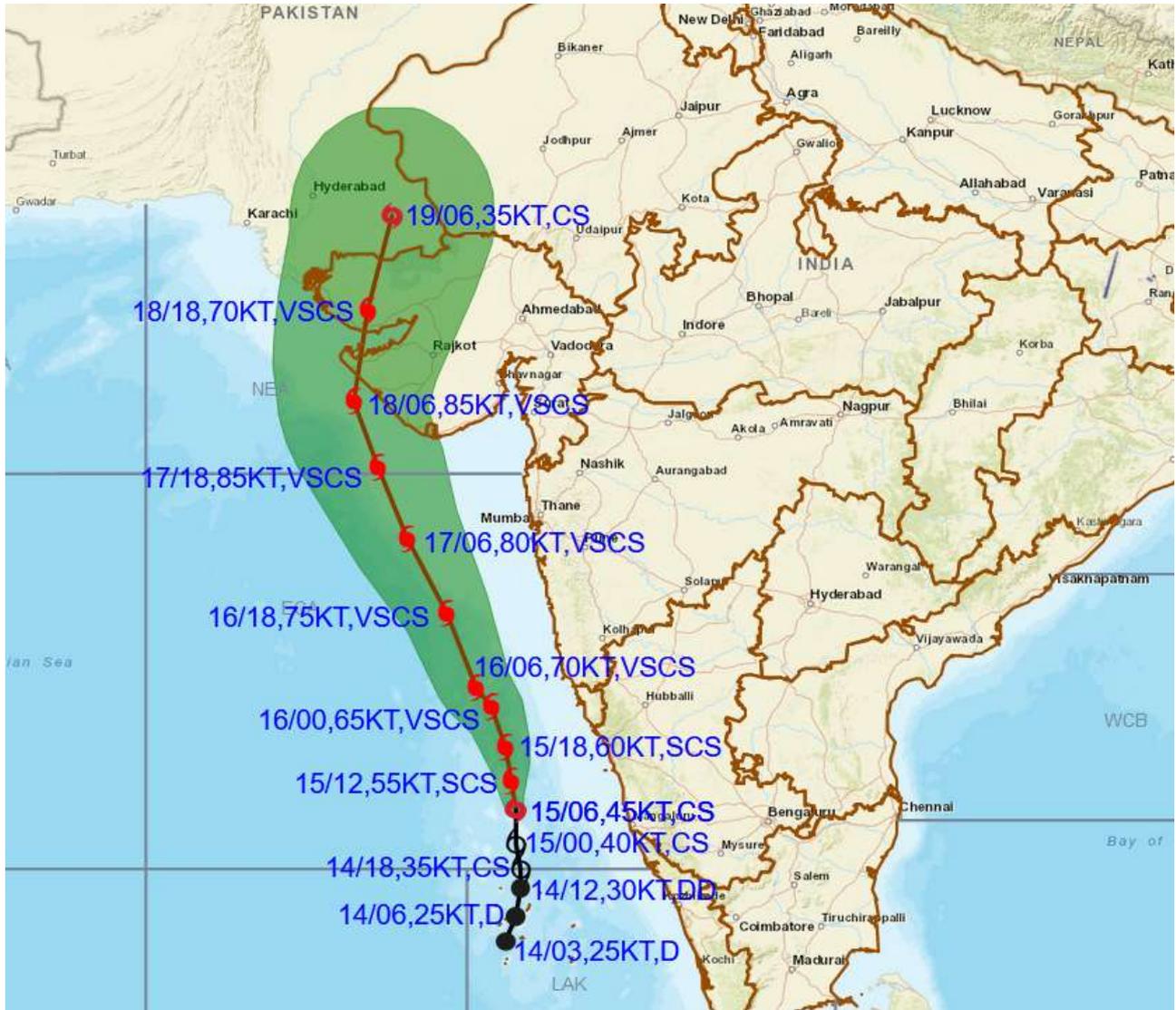
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## OBSERVED AND FORECAST TRACK ALONGWITH CONE OF UNCERTAINTY OF CYCLONIC STORM "TAUKTAE" OVER EASTCENTRAL ARABIAN SEA BASED ON 0600 UTC OF 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2021



**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

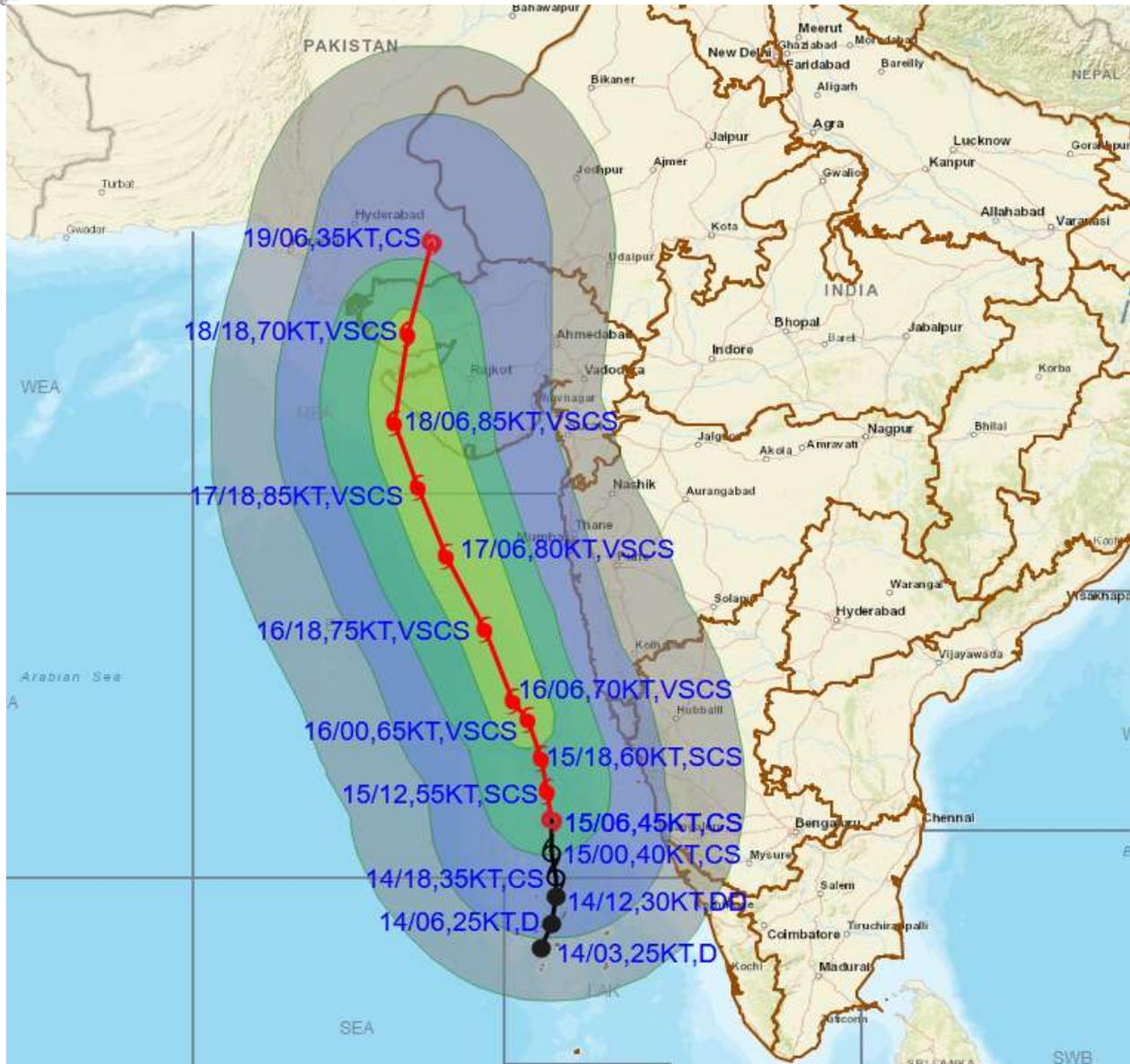
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## OBSERVED AND FORECAST TRACK ALONGWITH QUADRANT WIND DISTRIBUTION OF CYCLONIC STORM "TAUKTAE" OVER EASTCENTRAL ARABIAN SEA BASED ON 0600 UTC OF 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2021



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**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  
**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 |

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