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Sub: Well Marked Low Pressure Area concentrated into a Depression over southeast Bay of Bengal and adjoining south Andaman Sea: Pre cyclone watch for Andaman Islands and adjoining sea areas (Yellow Message)

The well-marked low pressure area over southeast Bay of Bengal and adjoining south Andaman Sea concentrated into a Depression and lay centered at 0530 hours IST of today, the 20th March, over southeast Bay of Bengal and adjoining south Andaman Sea, near latitude 9.8°N and longitude 92.5°E, about 80 km north-northwest of Car Nicobar (Nicobar Islands), 210 km south-southwest of Port Blair (Andaman Islands) and 870 km south-southwest of Yangon (Myanmar). It is likely to move nearly northwards along & off Andaman & Nicobar Islands, intensify into a deep depression during next 24 hours and into a cyclonic storm during subsequent 12 hours.

Forecast track and intensity are given in the following table:

Date/Time(IST)	Position (Lat. °N/ long. °E)	Maximum sustained surface wind speed (Kmph)	Category of cyclonic disturbance
20.03.22/0530	9.8/92.5	40-50 gusting to 60	Depression
20.03.22/1730	11.1/92.8	45-55 gusting to 65	Depression
21.03.22/0530	12.4/93.1	55-65 gusting to 75	Deep Depression
21.03.22/1730	13.8/93.4	65-75 gusting to 85	Cyclonic Storm
22.03.22/0530	15.4/93.6	60-70 gusting to 80	Cyclonic Storm
22.03.22/1730	17.0/93.8	55-65 gusting to 75	Deep Depression

Warnings:

(i) Rainfall (warning graphics enclosed)

20th March: Light to moderate rainfall/thundershower at most places with **heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places and isolated extremely heavy rainfall** are very likely over Andaman Islands and **isolated heavy rainfall** over Nicobar Islands.

21st March: Light to moderate rainfall/thundershower at most places with **heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places and isolated extremely heavy rainfall** are very likely over Andaman Islands. Light to moderate rainfall at a few places is likely over Nicobar Islands.

(ii) Wind warning

➤ **20th March:** Squally winds speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph are very likely to prevail over Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Andaman Sea and adjoining southeast Bay of Bengal which would gradually increase to 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph from afternoon of 20th March.

➤ **21st March:** Squally winds speed reaching 55-65 kmph gusting to 75 kmph are very likely to prevail over Andaman and Nicobar Islands, eastcentral Bay of Bengal and adjoining southeast Bay of Bengal from 21st early morning. It would gradually increase becoming Gale winds speed reaching 65-75 kmph gusting to 85 kmph over the region from evening of 21st March.

➤ **22nd March:** Gale winds speed reaching 60-70 kmph gusting to 80 kmph very likely to prevail over eastcentral Bay of Bengal and along & off Myanmar coast and gradually reduce and becoming squally winds speed reaching 55-65 kmph gusting to 75 kmph over the same region from 22nd evening. Squally wind speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph is likely to prevail over north Andaman Islands, north Andaman Sea and adjoining southeast Bay of Bengal, northeast Bay of Bengal and along & off southeast Bangladesh coast.

(iii) Sea condition

• Sea condition very likely to be rough to very rough over Andaman Sea and adjoining southeast Bay of Bengal on 20th March.

• Sea condition is very likely to become very rough to high over Andaman Sea, southeast and adjoining eastcentral Bay of Bengal on 21st, over eastcentral and adjoining southeast & northeast Bay of Bengal and north Andaman Sea and along & off Myanmar coast on 22nd March. It would be rough to very rough over northeast Bay of Bengal and along & off southeast Bangladesh coast during the same period.

(iv) Fishermen Warning (Graphics enclosed)

Fishermen are advised not to venture

• Into southeast Bay of Bengal during 20th – 21st March.

• Into Andaman Sea and along & off Andaman and Nicobar Islands during 20th to 22nd March.

• Into eastcentral Bay of Bengal during 21st to 22nd March and into northeast Bay of Bengal on 22nd March.

(v) EXPECTED IMPACT & ACTION SUGGESTED for Andaman and Nicobar Islands

A. Impact Expected

- Breaking of tree branches and uprooting of small trees.
- Partial disruption of power and communication lines.
- Localized Flooding of roads, inundation and water logging in low lying areas.
- Occasional reduction in visibility due to heavy rainfall.
- Disruption of traffic due to water logging in roads leading to increased travel time.
- Adverse impact on marine and tourist activities along the coasts.
- Damage to kutcha roads.
- Possibilities of damage to vulnerable structure.
- Localized Landslides/Mudslides
- Damage to horticulture and standing crops in some areas due to squally wind and inundation.

B. Action Suggested

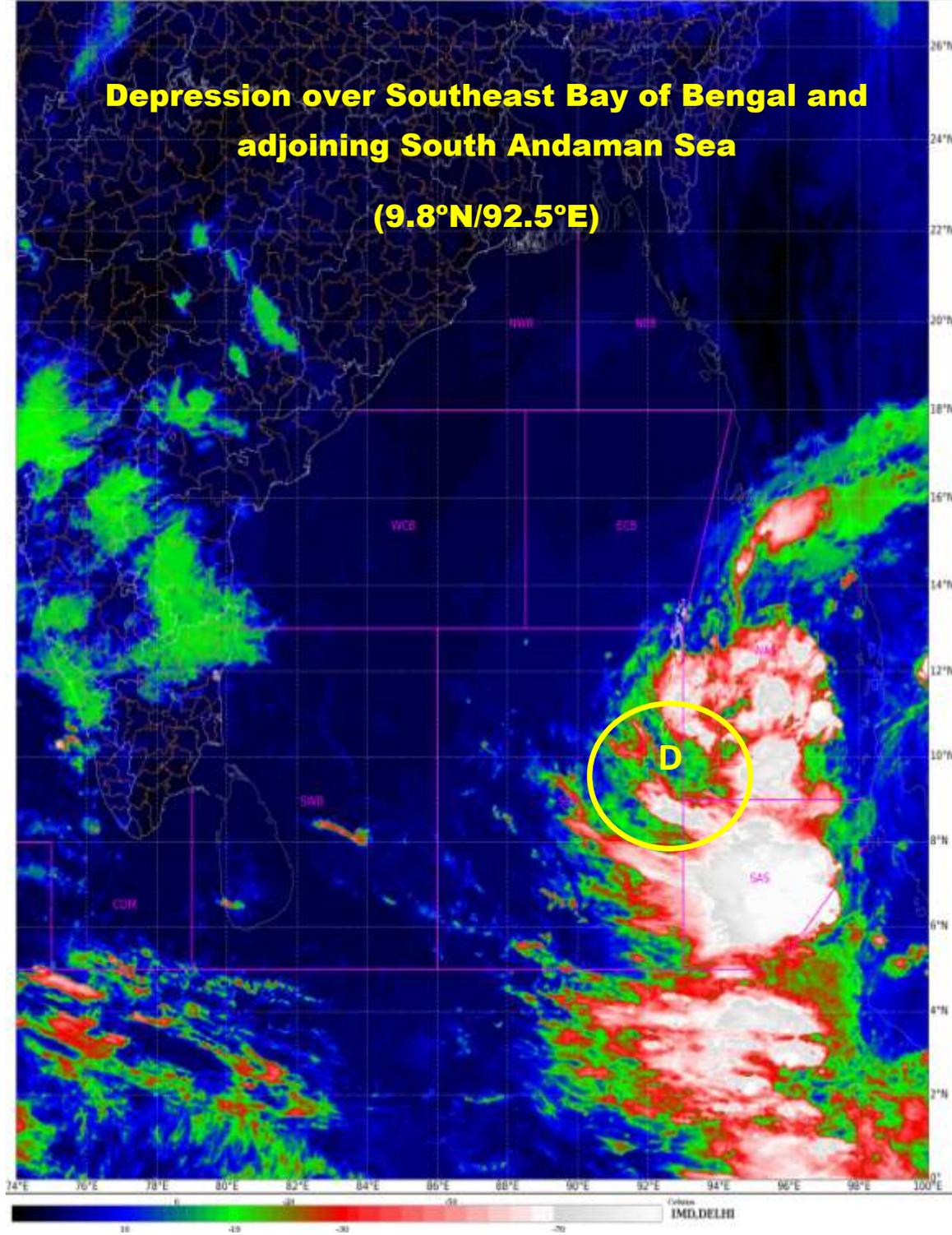
- Total suspension of fishing and tourism activities during 20th to 22nd March.
- Avoid going to areas that face the water logging problems often.
- People are advised to be in safe areas and avoid staying in vulnerable structure.
- Regulate off-shore activities from 19th and suspension of off-shore activities during 20th to 22nd March.
- Regulate air-traffic on 20th and 21st March, 2022.
- Check for traffic congestion on your route before leaving for your destination.
- Follow any traffic advisories that are issued in this regard.

Next message will be issued at 1130 hours IST of today, the 20th March, 2022.

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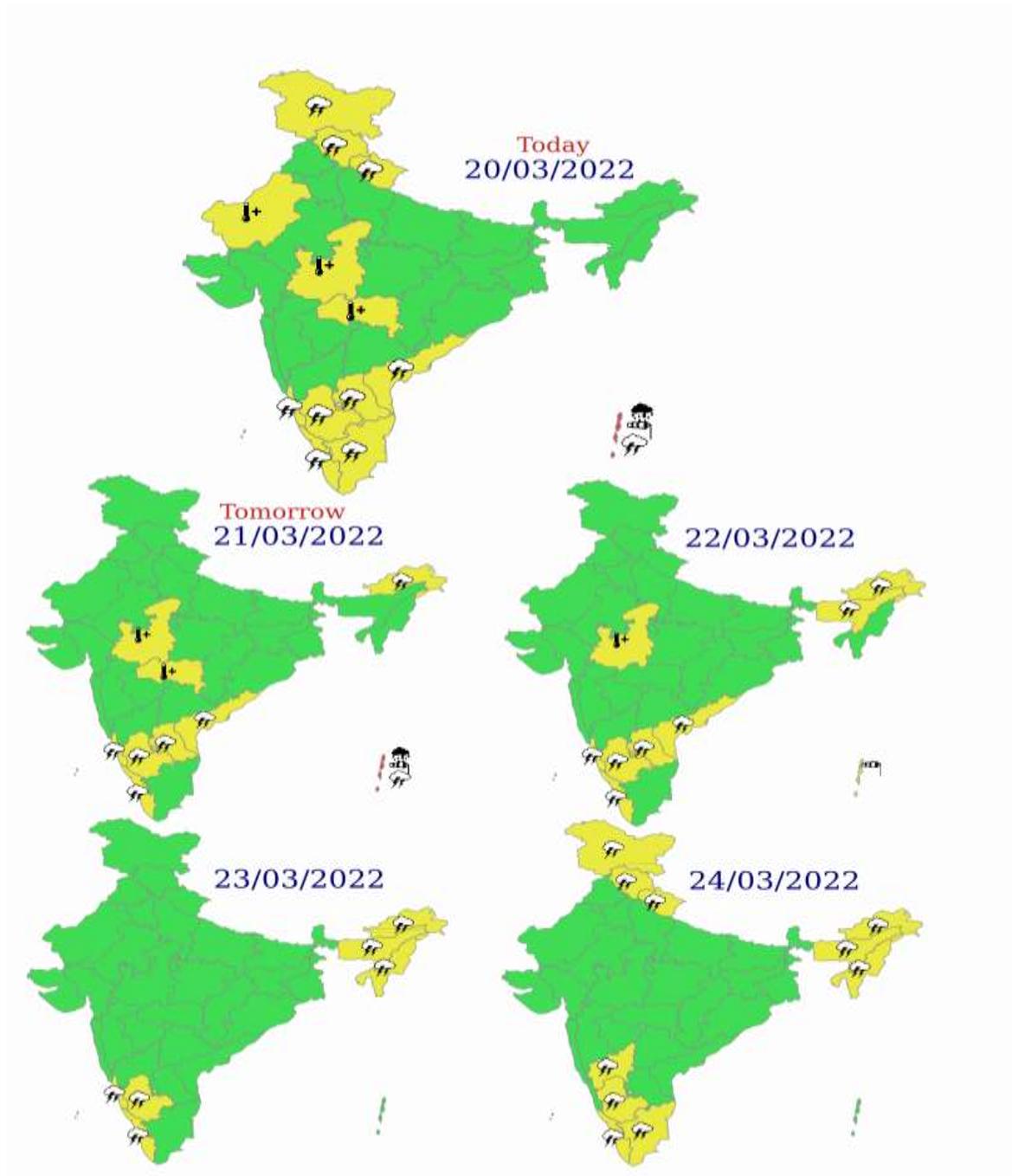
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LEGEND: Heavy Rainfall: 64.5 to 115.5mm, **Very Heavy Rainfall:** 115.6 to 204.4mm **Most Places:** more than 76% of total stations, **Isolated Places:** Less than 25% of total



D: Depression

Rainfall Warning Graphics



WARNING

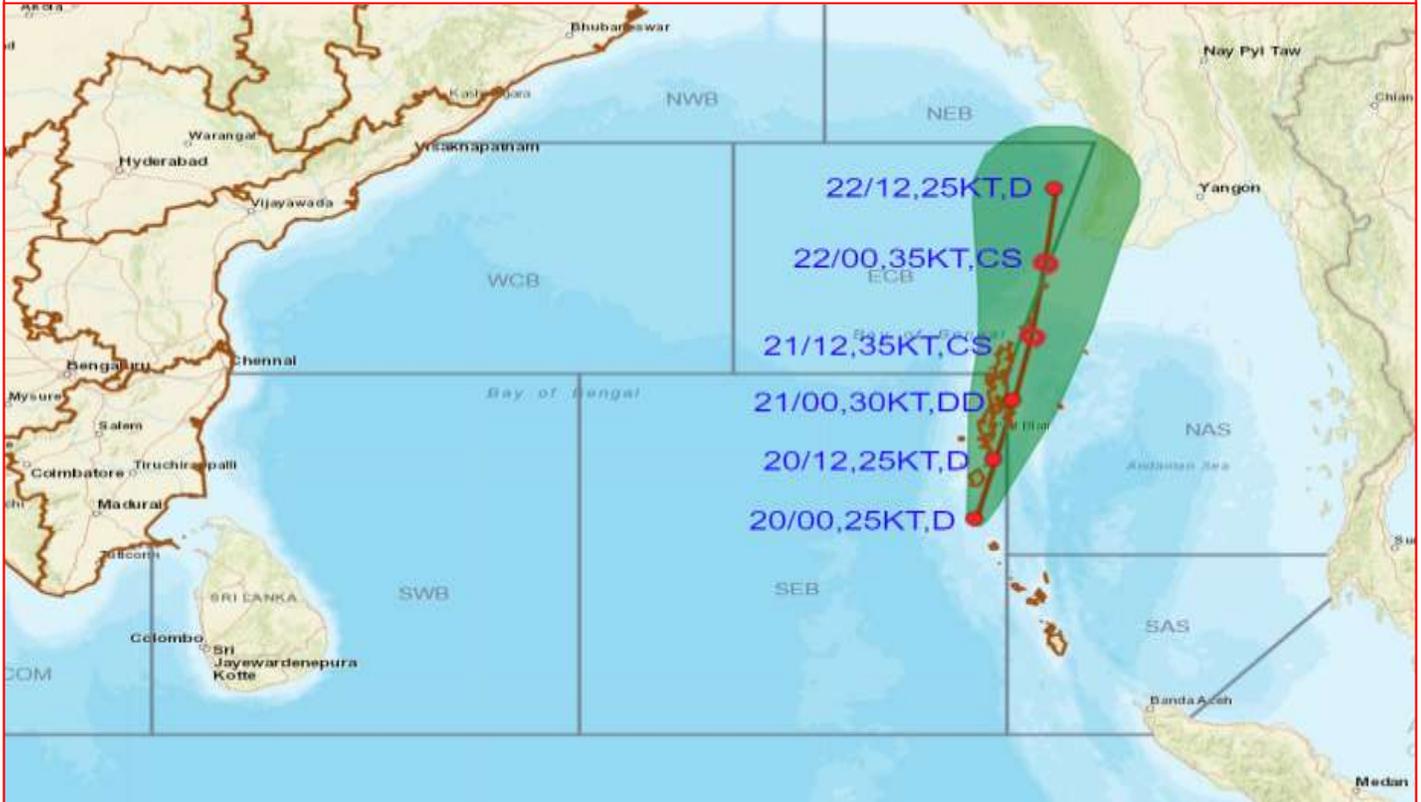
WARNING (TAKE ACTION)
ALERT (BE PREPARED)
WATCH (BE UPDATED)
NO WARNING (NO ACTION)

 Heavy Rain

 Strong Winds



OBSERVED AND FORECAST TRACK ALONGWITH CONE OF UNCERTAINTY OF DEPRESSION OVER SOUTHEAST BAY OF BENGAL AND ADJOINING SOUTH ANDAMAN SEA ON 0000 UTC OF 20TH MARCH 2022



DATE/TIME IN UTC
 IST=UTC + 0530
 L: LOW PRESSURE AREA
 WML: WELL MARKED LOW PRESSURE AREA
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 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)

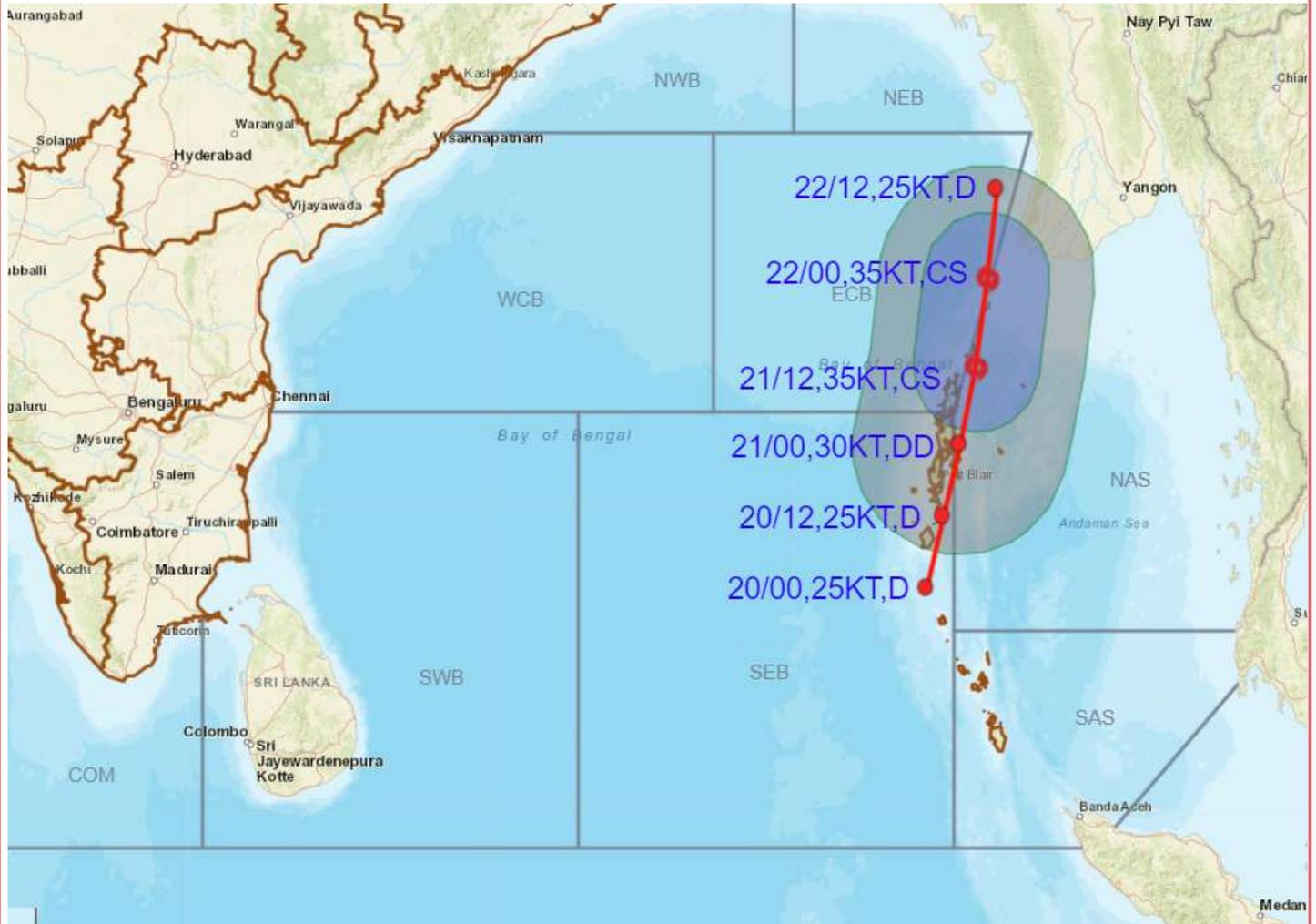
- LESS THAN 34 KT
- 34-47 KT
- ≥ 48 KT
- OBSERVED TRACK
- FORECAST TRACK
- CONE OF UNCERTAINTY

STATIONS	DISTANCE(KM) AND DIRECTION FROM STATIONS		
	20.03.22/0000	21.03.22/0000	22.03.22/0000
Yangon	870,SSW	590,SW	310,WSW
Carnicobar	80,NNW	360,N	700,N
Hut bay	90,S	210,NNE	550,NNE
Portblair	210,SSW	90,NNE	430,NNE
Maya bundar	350,S	60,SSE	290,NNE

N:NORTH, NNE:NORTH-NORTHEAST, NE:NORTHEAST, ENE:EAST-NORTHEAST, E:EAST, SE:SOUTHEAST, SSE:SOUTH-SOUTHEAST, S:SOUTH, SSW:SOUTH-SOUTHWEST, SW:SOUTHWEST, WSW:WEST-SOUTHWEST, W:WEST, WNW:WEST-NORTHWEST, NW:NORTHWEST, NNW:NORTH-NORTHWEST



OBSERVED AND FORECAST TRACK ALONGWITH QUADRANT WIND DISTRIBUTION OF DEPRESSION OVER SOUTHEAST BAY OF BENGAL AND ADJOINING SOUTH ANDAMAN SEA ON 0000 UTC OF 20TH MARCH 2022



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— OBSERVED TRACK

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▲ 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)

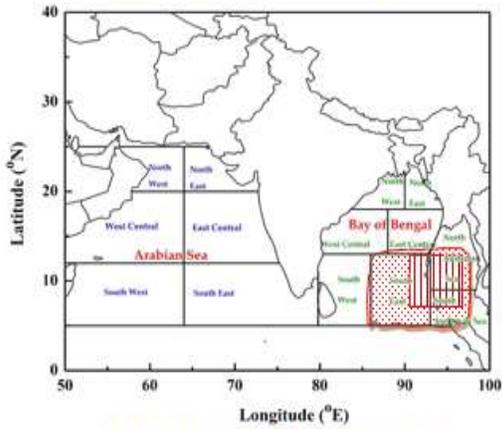
IMPACT OVER THE SEA

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

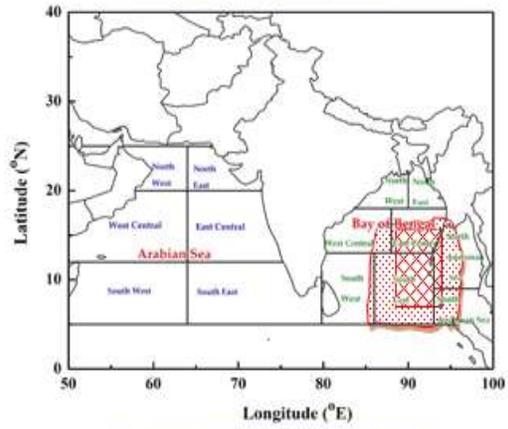
Fishermen warning Graphics

INDIA METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT FISHERMAN WARNING FOR BAY OF BENGAL AND ARABIAN SEA

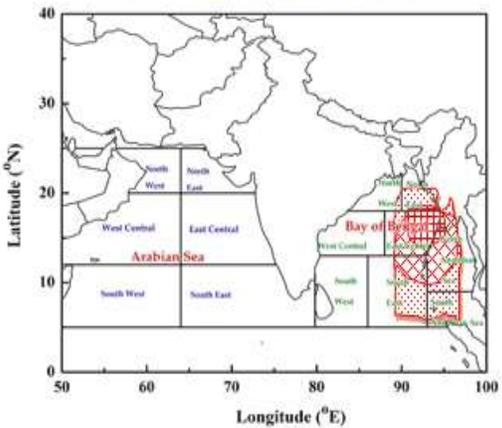
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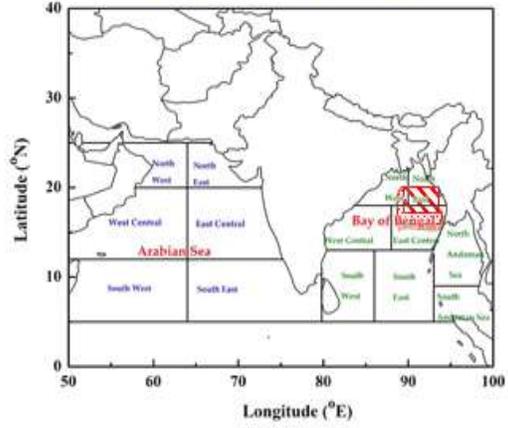
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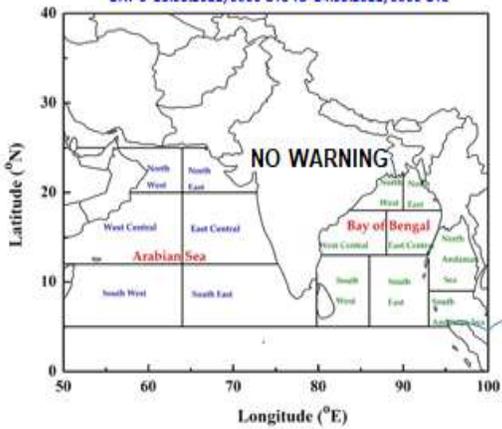
DAY-3: 21.03.2022/0600 UTC TO 22.03.2022/0600 UTC



DAY-4: 22.03.2022/0600 UTC TO 23.03.2022/0600 UTC



DAY-5: 23.03.2022/0600 UTC TO 24.03.2022/0600 UTC



AREA UNDER FISHERMEN WARNING

-  40-50 KMPH GUSTING TO 55 KMPH (SQUALLY WEATHER)
-  45-55 KMPH GUSTING TO 65 KMPH
-  50-60 KMPH GUSTING TO 70 KMPH
-  60-70 KMPH GUSTING TO 80 KMPH
-  70-80 KMPH GUSTING TO 90 KMPH