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Subject: Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm "Tauktae" (pronounced as Tau'Te) over Eastcentral & adjoining northeast Arabian Sea: Cyclone Warning for Gujarat & Diu coasts & post landfall outlook for Gujarat & Rajasthan (Red message)

The **Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm "Tauktae" (pronounced as Tau'Te)** over eastcentral Arabian Sea continued to move north-northwestwards with a speed of about 15 kmph during past 06 hours, and lay centred at 1430 hours IST of today, the 17th May, 2021 over eastcentral & adjoining northeast Arabian Sea near latitude 19.6°N and longitude 71.4°E, about 165 km west-northwest of Mumbai, 165 km south-southeast of Diu, 180 km southeast of Veraval (Gujarat), and 350 km east-southeast of Karachi (Pakistan).

It is very likely to move north-northwestwards and cross Gujarat coast between Porbandar & Mahuva (Bhavnagar district) to the east of Diu during the night (2000 – 2300 hrs IST) of 17th May with a maximum sustained wind speed 155-165 kmph gusting to 185 kmph.

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
17.05.21/1430	19.6/71.4	175-185 gusting to 205	Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm
17.05.21/1730	20.0/71.3	170-180 gusting to 200	Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm
17.05.21/2330	20.8/71.1	150-160 gusting to 175	Very Severe Cyclonic Storm
18.05.21/0530	21.6/71.1	110-120 gusting to 130	Severe Cyclonic Storm
18.05.21/1130	22.5/71.4	70-80 gusting to 90	Cyclonic Storm
18.05.21/2330	24.0/72.2	50-60 gusting to 70	Deep Depression
19.05.21/1130	25.7/73.0	35-45 gusting to 55	Depression

Warnings:

(i) Rainfall:

- **Konkan & adjoining Madhya Maharashtra:** Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy falls and extremely heavy falls at isolated places on 17th May and isolated heavy rainfall over north Konkan on 18th May.
- **Gujarat:** Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy falls at a few places and extremely heavy falls at isolated places very likely over Saurashtra, Diu and adjoining Gujarat region on 17th & heavy to very heavy falls at a few places over Gujarat region and heavy to very heavy falls at isolated places over Saurashtra on 18th May. Isolated heavy rainfall also likely over Kutch during the same period.
- **Rajasthan:** Light to moderate rainfall at many places with heavy to very heavy falls & extremely heavy falls at isolated places very likely over south Rajasthan on 18th & heavy to very heavy falls at isolated places over Rajasthan on 19th May.

(ii) Wind warning

- Gale wind speed reaching 175–185 kmph gusting to 205 kmph is likely to prevail over northern parts of eastcentral Arabian Sea during next six hours.
- Gale winds speed reaching 90-100 kmph gusting to 100 kmph is likely to prevail along & off Maharashtra coast on 17th and gradually decrease thereafter.
- Gale wind speed reaching 170–180 kmph gusting to 200 kmph is likely to prevail over northeast Arabian Sea for next 12 hrs and decrease thereafter
- Gale wind speed reaching 70-80 kmph gusting to 90 kmph is prevailing along and off south Gujarat & Daman and Diu coasts. It is likely to increase becoming Gale winds speed reaching 155-165 kmph gusting to 185 kmph along & off Gujarat coast (Amreli, Bhavnagar) Junagarh, Gir Somnath and 120 -140 kmph gusting to 165 kmph over Bharuch, Anand, south Ahmedabad, Botad, 90 -100 kmph gusting to 120 kmph over Devbhoomi Dwarka, Jamnagar, Porbandar, Rajkot, Morbi, Kheda districts of Gujarat from today evening till 18th early morning. Gale winds speed reaching 80-90 kmph gusting to 100 kmph likely to prevail along & off Dadra, Nagar Haveli, Daman, Valsad, Navsari, Surat, Surendranagar, districts from 17th evening till 18th morning.
- **Squally wind speed reaching 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph is likely to prevail over south Rajasthan from the forenoon of 18th till 19th morning.**

(iii) Sea condition

- Sea conditions will be Phenomenal over eastcentral and adjoining northeast Arabian Sea till 18th morning and improve gradually thereafter.
- Sea conditions will be High to very High along & off Maharashtra coast during next 12 hours and improve thereafter.
- It is very likely to be High along & off south Gujarat, Daman, Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli coasts during next 6 hours becoming Phenomenal till 18th morning. It will improve gradually thereafter.

(iv) Storm surge warning

- Tidal wave above astronomical tide is likely to inundate coastal areas as per details below: about 3 -4 meter (m) over Anand & Amreli, Gir Somnath, Diu, Bhavnagar, 2-3 m over Bharuch, southern parts of Ahmedabad, 1-2 m over Surat, Navsari, Valsad, and 0.5 – 1m over the remaining coastal districts of Gujarat during the time of landfall.(Details given in Annexure-I).

(v) Fishermen Warning

- Total suspension of fishing operations over eastcentral Arabian Sea, northeast Arabian Sea and along & off Gujarat, Daman, Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli coasts till the Noon of 18th May.
- The fishermen are advised not to venture into eastcentral Arabian Sea along & off Maharashtra - Goa coasts and into northeast Arabian Sea along & off Gujarat, Daman, Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli coast till the noon of 18th May.
- Those who are out at Sea over north Arabian Sea are advised to return to the coast.

(vi) (A) Damage Expected over Diu, Amreli Junagarh, Gir Somnath Botad & Bhavnagar and coastal areas of Ahmedabad:

- 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.

(B) Damage Expected over Devbhoomi Dwarka, Porbandar, Kutch, Jamnagar, Rajkot & Morbi, Valsad, Surat, Vadodara, Bharuch, Navsari, Anand, Kheda and interior parts of Ahmedabad districts of Gujarat, Daman, Dadra & Nagar Haveli:

- 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:

- Mobilise evacuation in vulnerable areas.
- 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.

(viii) Post Landfall Outlook for interior districts of Gujarat (Districts apart from those mentioned under warning above) and over the southern districts of Rajasthan:

After the landfall the system is very likely to re-curve north-northeastwards, across Gujarat and weaken gradually. It is likely to maintain the intensity of Cyclonic Storm till the evening of 18th May and thereafter it will weaken gradually into a Depression over south Rajasthan.

Under its influence, light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places very likely over interior districts of Gujarat on 17th and continue till 18th afternoon and over south Rajasthan on 18th May. Squally winds are likely to prevail over south Rajasthan in association with the presence of the remnant system as a Depression over the region.

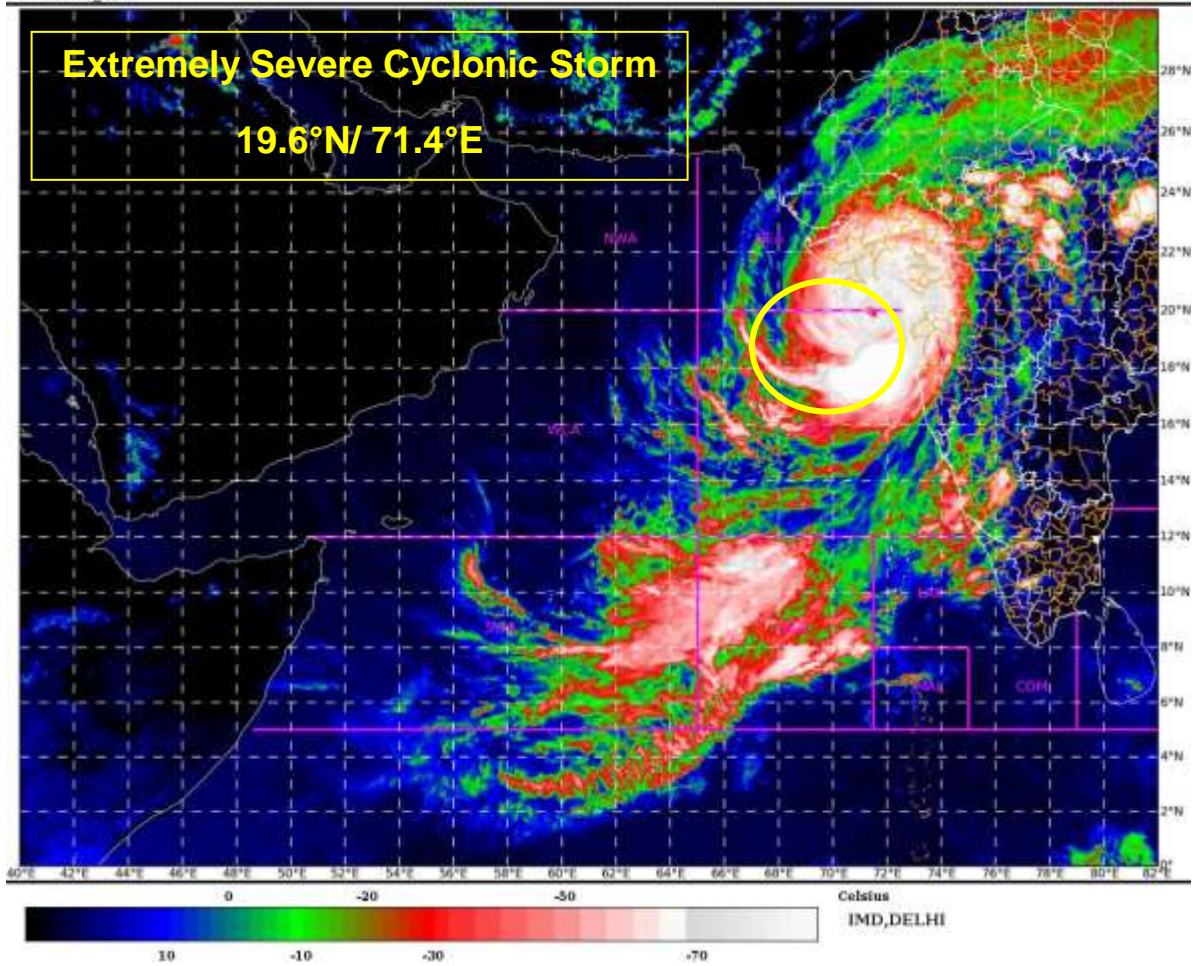
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The next bulletin will be issued at 2030 hrs IST of 17th May, 2021.

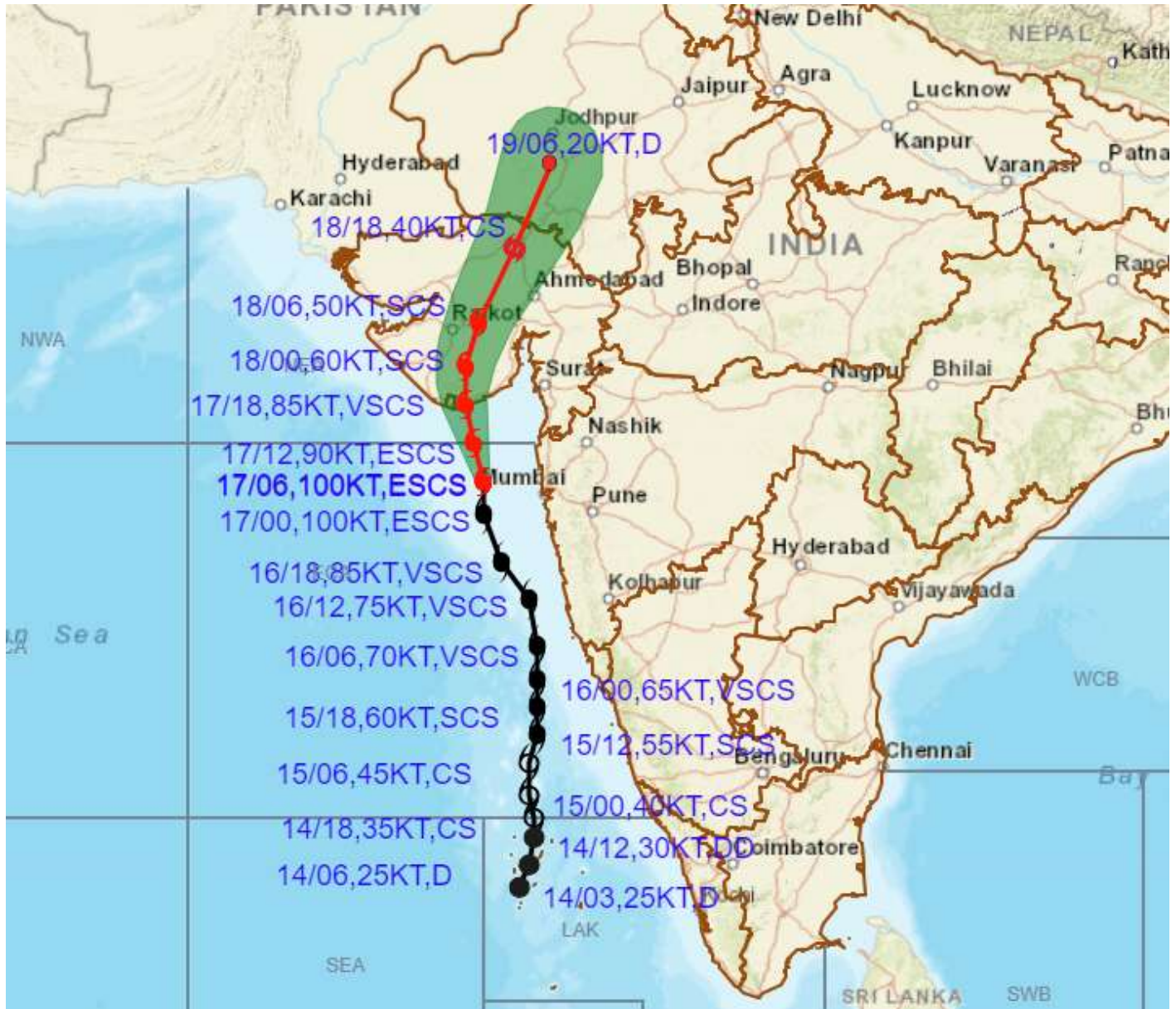
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OBSERVED AND FORECAST TRACK ALONGWITH CONE OF UNCERTAINTY OF EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM "TAUKTAE" OVER EASTCENTRAL ARABIAN SEA BASED ON 0600 UTC OF 17TH MAY, 2021

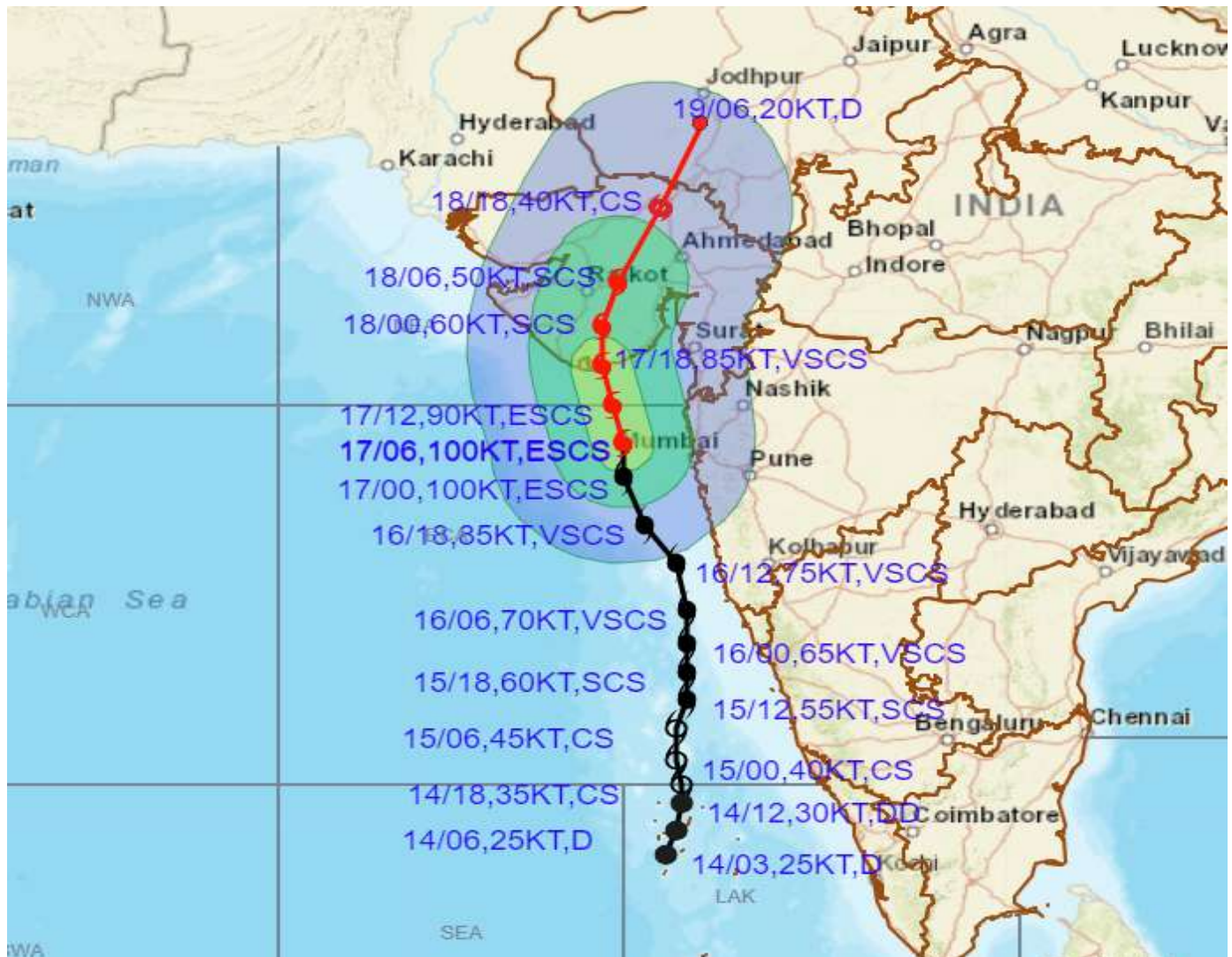


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AREA OF MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WIND SPEED:

— 28-33 KT (52-61 KMPH)

— 34-49 KT (62-91 KMPH)

— 50-63 KT (92-117 KMPH)

— \geq 64 KT (\geq 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
\geq 64 (\geq 118)	Phenomenal	Total suspension of fishing operations

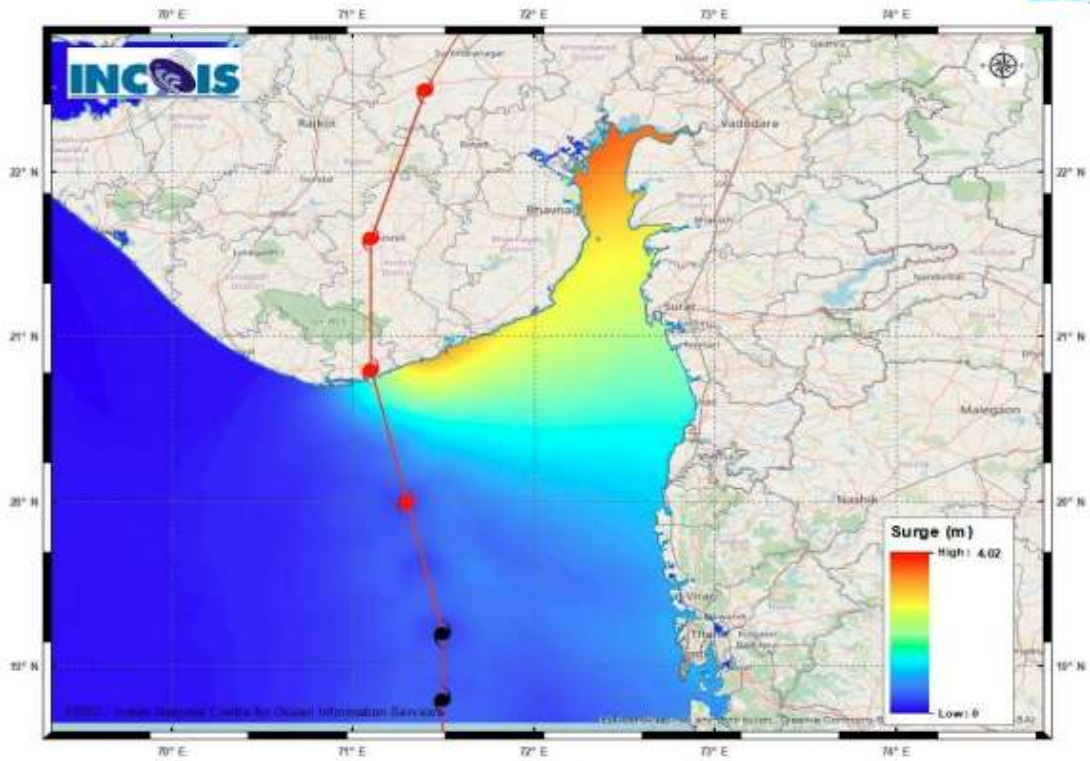


Figure:Storm Surge Map

MANDAL/TALUK	DISTRICT	STATE / UNION TERRITORY	NEAREST PLACE OF HABITATION	STORM SURGE (m) *	EXPECTED INUNDATION EXTENT (km)
Dhandhuka	Ahmadabad	Gujarat	Mitli	1.3-4.0	Upto 5.57
Bhavnagar	Bhavnagar	Gujarat	Narbad	1.2-3.6	Upto 2.67
Jambusar	Bharuch	Gujarat	Tithor	1.2-3.6	Upto 2.61
Rajula	Amreli	Gujarat	Patva	1.8-3.6	Upto 0.88
Jafarabad	Amreli	Gujarat	Rohisa	1.9-3.5	Upto 0.23
Mahuva	Bhavnagar	Gujarat	Gadhada	1.8-3.1	Upto 0.27
Mundra	Bhavnagar	Gujarat	Vadgam	3.1-3.1	Upto 1.28
Vagra	Bharuch	Gujarat	Harinagar	1.5-3.0	Upto 0.84
Talaja	Bhavnagar	Gujarat	Talaja	1.3-2.9	Upto 0.39
Bharuch	Bharuch	Gujarat	Kasva	1.7-2.8	Upto 0.19
Hansot Mahal	Bharuch	Gujarat	Kantiyajal	1.6-2.8	Upto 3.74
Olpad	Surat	Gujarat	Vansva	1.9-2.5	Upto 0.79
Una	Junagadh	Gujarat	Una	0.8-2.4	Upto 0.56
Hazira	Surat	Gujarat	Hajira Ina (ina)	1.5-2.3	Upto 1.03
Chorasi	Surat	Gujarat	Bhimpor	0.5-2.1	Upto 1.85
Navsari	Navsari	Gujarat	Borsi	1.2-2.1	Upto 0.54
Gandevi	Navsari	Gujarat	Mendhar	1.4-1.8	Upto 1.26
Valsad	Valsad	Gujarat	Malvan	1.3-1.7	Upto 0.32
Daman	Daman	Daman and Diu	Daman	1.1-1.4	Upto 0.12
Umargam	Valsad	Gujarat	Umargam	1.3-1.4	Upto 0.20
Dahanu	Palghar	Maharashtra	Narpad	0.5-1.2	Upto 1.05
Greater Bombay	Mumbai Suburban	Maharashtra	Greater Bombay	0.5-1.1	Upto 1.69
Alibag	Raigarh	Maharashtra	Ranjankhar Davali	0.5-1.0	Upto 1.90
Diu	Diu	Daman and Diu	Diu	0.7-1.0	Upto 0.33
Palghar	Palghar	Maharashtra	Akkarpatti	0.4-1.0	Upto 0.54
Vasai	Palghar	Maharashtra	Jalsar	0.8-1.0	Upto 1.11
Panvel	Raigarh	Maharashtra	Gavhan	0.8-0.9	Upto 0.72
Uran	Raigarh	Maharashtra	Jasai	0.8-0.9	Upto 2.40
Wada	Thane	Maharashtra	Juchandra	0.5-0.9	Upto 0.21

The above listed storm surge heights are above astronomical tide.