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Subject: Depression over Westcentral and adjoining Eastcentral & Northwest Bay of Bengal

The well marked low pressure area over Westcentral and adjoining Eastcentral Bay of Bengal, moved west-northwestwards, intensified into a Depression and lay centred at 1730 hrs IST of today, the 21st September, 2026, over Westcentral & adjoining Northwest Bay of Bengal near latitude 17.7°N and longitude 87.8°E, about 310 km southeast of Puri (Odisha), 310 km east-southeast of Gopalpur (Odisha), 390 km east-southeast of Kalingapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) and 470 km east of Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh).

It is very likely to move west-northwestwards & intensify into a deep depression over Westcentral & adjoining Northwest Bay of Bengal during next 24 hours. Continuing to move west-northwestwards it is very likely to cross north Andhra Pradesh - South Odisha coasts between Visakhapatnam & Gopalpur as a Deep Depression during night of 23rd to early hours of 24th September 2026.

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
21.09.26/1730	17.7/87.8	45-55 gusting 65	Depression
22.09.26/0530	17.8/86.9	45-55 gusting 65	Depression
22.09.26/1730	17.9/85.7	50-60 gusting 70	Deep Depression
23.09.26/0530	18.0/84.9	55-65 gusting 75	Deep Depression
23.09.26/1730	18.2/84.3	55-65 gusting 75	Deep Depression
24.09.26/0530	18.4/83.7	50-60 gusting 70	Deep Depression
24.09.26/1730	18.6/83.2	45-55 gusting 65	Depression

Warnings:

(i) Rainfall Warning:

Odisha: Light to moderate rainfall at many places with heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places on 21st and 22nd September. Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places and extremely heavy rainfall at isolated places over south Odisha on 23rd & 24th September. Heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places on 25th and heavy rainfall at isolated places over Odisha is likely on 26th September.

Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places over Andhra Pradesh & Yanam on 22nd; heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places over Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam and extremely heavy rainfall over north Andhra Pradesh & Yanam on 23rd & 24th and heavy rainfall at isolated places over Coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam is very likely on 25th September.

Chhattisgarh: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy rainfall at isolated places on 21st & 22nd; heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places on 23rd; heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places with extremely heavy rainfall at isolated places on 24th and heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places is very likely on 25th & 26th September.

Telangana: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy rainfall at isolated places on 21st; heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places on 22nd and at a few places on 23rd & 24th September and heavy rainfall at isolated places is very likely on 25th September.

Jharkhand: Light to moderate rainfall at many places with heavy rainfall at isolated places during 21st to 26th and heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places is very likely on 24th September.

Gangetic West Bengal: Light to moderate rainfall at many places with heavy rainfall at isolated places on 21st to 25th and heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places is very likely on 24th September.

East Madhya Pradesh: Light to moderate rainfall at many places with heavy rainfall at isolated places on 23rd & 24th and heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places is very likely on 25th & 26th September.

Vidarbha: Light to moderate rainfall at many places with heavy rainfall at isolated places during 23rd to 26th September.

(ii) Wind warning:

- ❖ Squally weather with wind speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph is prevailing over Central Bay of Bengal and adjoining Northwest Bay of Bengal.
- ❖ It is very likely to increase reaching 50-60 kmph gusting to 70 kmph over West Central Bay of Bengal & adjoining Northwest Bay of Bengal from 22nd September morning.
- ❖ Increasing further is likely to become 55-65 kmph gusting to 75 kmph over Westcentral and adjoining Northwest Bay of Bengal from 23rd September to 24th September evening.
- ❖ Squally wind speed reaching 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph adjoining areas of North and South Bay of Bengal on 22nd September and becoming 50-60 kmph gusting to 70 kmph on 23rd September.
- ❖ Squally weather with wind speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph which likely to commence from 22nd morning along and off south Odisha-north Andhra Pradesh & Yanam coasts. It is likely to increase gradually becoming squally wind with speed reaching 55-65 kmph gusting to 65 kmph along and off south Odisha-north Andhra Pradesh & Yanam coasts from early morning of 23rd till evening of 24th September. It is likely to decrease gradually thereafter.
- ❖ Squally wind with speed reaching 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph is likely along & off West Bengal and south Andhra Pradesh & Yanam coasts from 23rd to 24th September.

(iii) Sea condition:

- ❖ Rough sea condition is prevailing over north Andaman Sea.

- ❖ Rough to very rough sea condition likely over Eastcentral Bay of Bengal till 22nd, over westcentral Bay of Bengal from 21st to 24th September.
- ❖ Rough to very rough sea condition is likely over Northwest Bay of Bengal from 22nd to 24th September.
- ❖ Rough to very rough sea condition is likely over adjoining areas of southwest Bay of Bengal on 23rd and 24th September.
- ❖ Rough to very rough sea condition is likely along & off north Andhra Pradesh-Odisha-West Bengal coasts from evening of 22nd till evening 24th September.

(iv) Fishermen warnings:

Fishermen are advised not to venture into

- ❖ Andaman Sea on 21st September.
- ❖ Eastcentral and adjoining northeast Bay of Bengal from today, the 21st September till 22nd September.
- ❖ Westcentral & adjoining northwest & southwest Bay of Bengal and along & off Andhra Pradesh-Odisha-West Bengal coasts from 22nd till 24th September.

(v) Impact Expected and Action Suggested over Northeastern states, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim due to heavy rainfall and squally winds

Impact expected (Coastal districts of north Andhra Pradesh & Yanam and south Odisha for squally wind & heavy rainfall; interior districts of Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Telangana, Chhattisgarh for heavy rainfall):

- ❖ Breaking of tree branches, uprooting of small trees like banana, papaya, drum sticks.
- ❖ 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 kutcha houses/walls, huts and roads due to heavy rain.
- ❖ Loose objects may fly.
- ❖ Onshore and offshore operations may get affected.
- ❖ Small ships, trawlers and boats may be affected.
- ❖ Road and rail traffic may be affected due to heavy rain and squally winds.
- ❖ There could be localised landslides, mudslides, landslips in hilly areas and water logging, inundation and flooding 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. People may stay in safe places especially on 23rd & 24th September.
- ❖ Surface transport may be regulated.
- ❖ Fishing operation may be suspended till 24th September.
- ❖ Tourism and recreational activities to be regulated.
- ❖ Onshore and offshore activities to be judiciously regulated.
- ❖ Helicopter services to be regulated.
- ❖ 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.

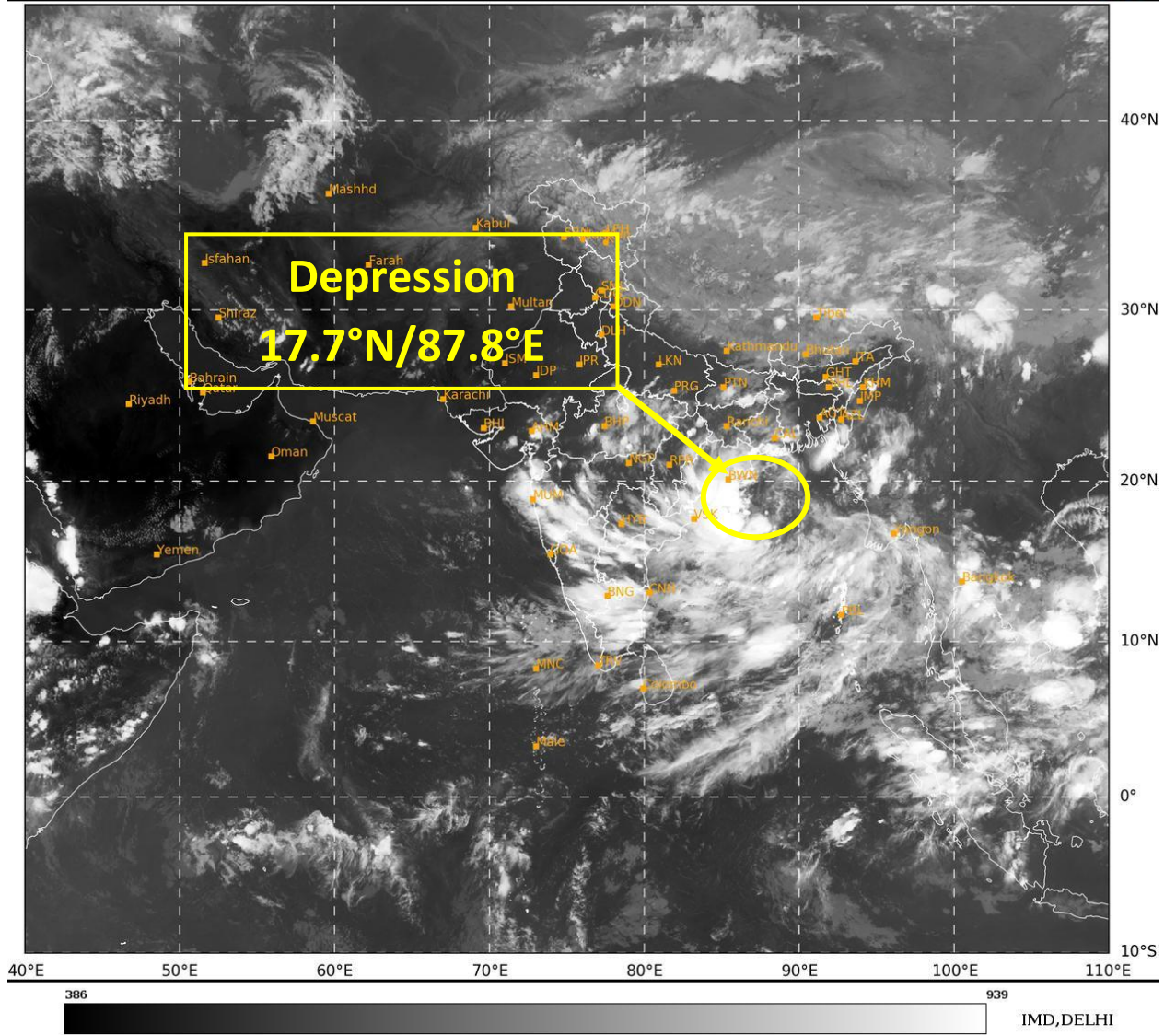
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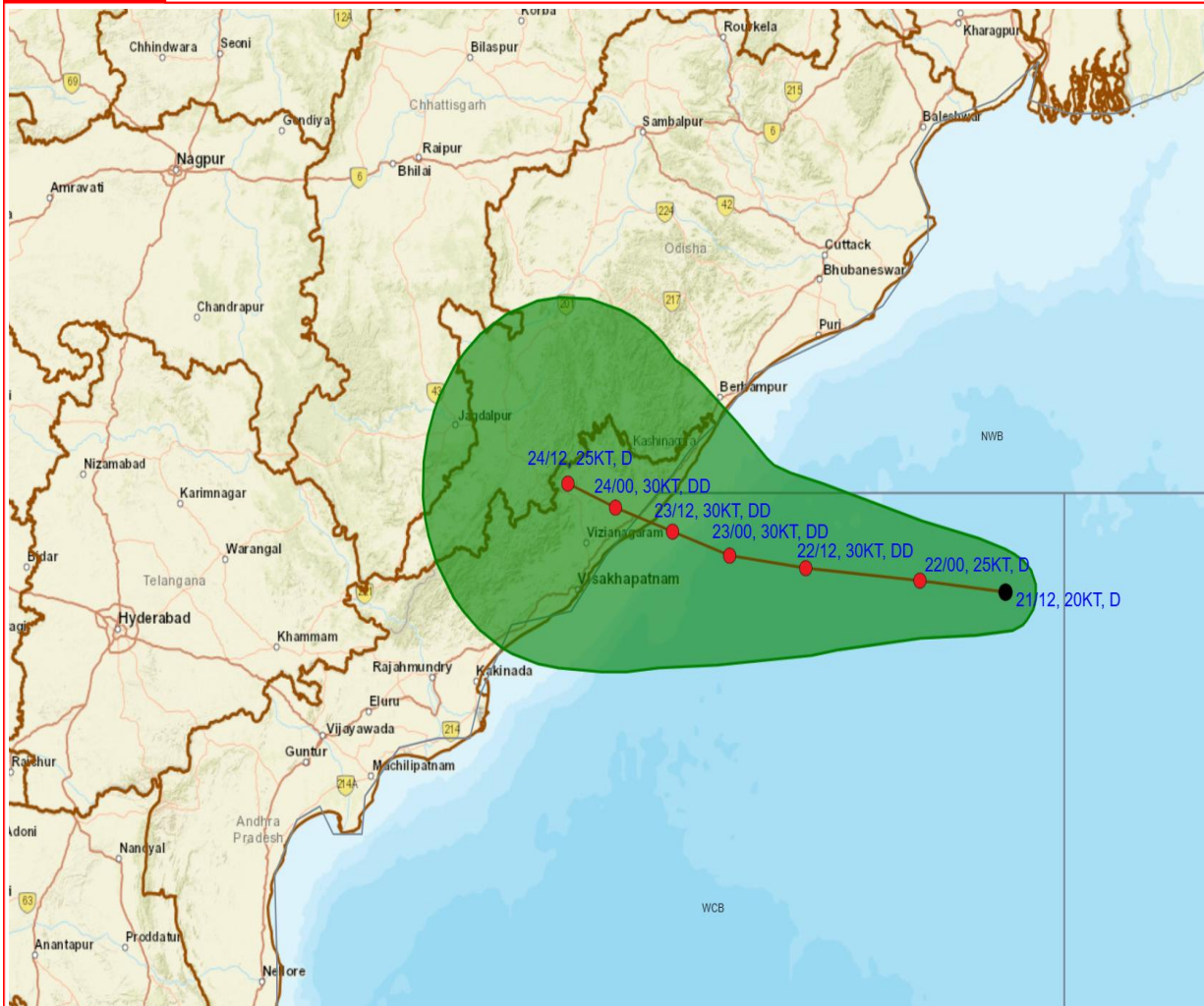
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OBSERVED AND FORECAST TRACK ALONGWITH CONE OF UNCERTAINTY OF DEPRESSION OVER WESTCENTRAL AND ADJOINING NORTHWEST BAY OF BENGAL BASED ON 1200 UTC (1730 Hrs. IST) OF 21st SEPTEMBER 2026



DATE/TIME IN UTC

IST = UTC + 0530

L: LOW PRESSURE AREA

D: DEPRESSION (17-27 KT)

DD: DEEP DEPRESSION (28-33 KT)

CS: CYCLONIC STORM (34-47 KT)

SCS: SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM (48-63 KT)

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

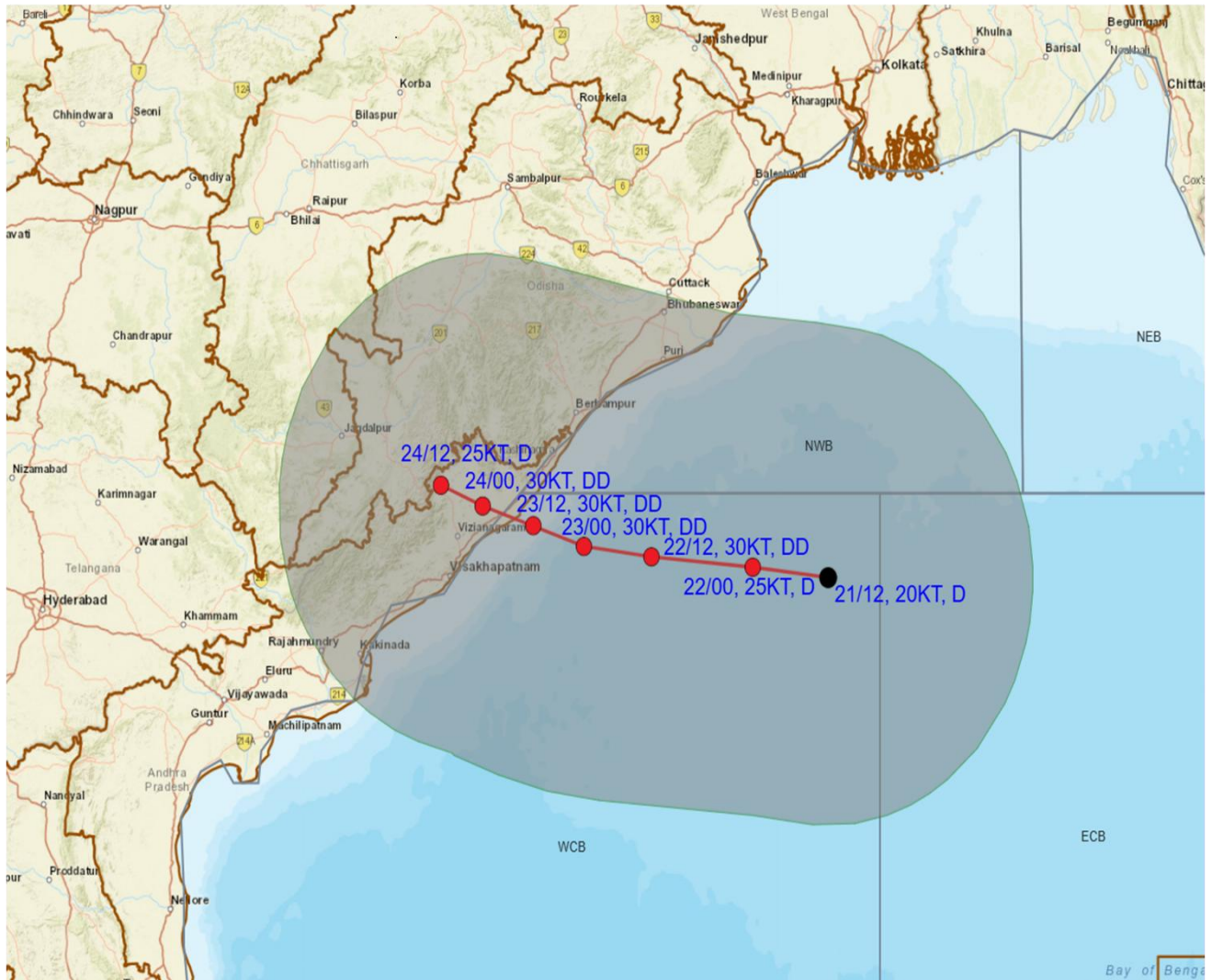
▲ CONE OF UNCERTAINTY

Forecast distance (km) and direction of the centre from nearest 4 coastal stations

Forecast Date and Time	Lead Period (hrs)	Lat	Lon	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3	Station 4
21.09.26/1200	0	17.7	87.8	PURI (310,SE)	GOPALPUR (310,ESE)	KALINGAPATAM (390,ESE)	VISHAKHAPATNAM (470, E)



OBSERVED AND FORECAST TRACK ALONGWITH QUADRANT WIND DISTRIBUTION OF DEPRESSION OVER WESTCENTRAL AND ADJOINING NORTHWEST BAY OF BENGAL BASED ON 1200 UTC (1730 Hrs. IST) OF 21st SEPTEMBER 2026.



DATE/TIME IN UTC

IST=UTC + 0530

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WML: WELL MARKED LOW PRESSURE AREA

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○ 34-47 KT

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— 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)

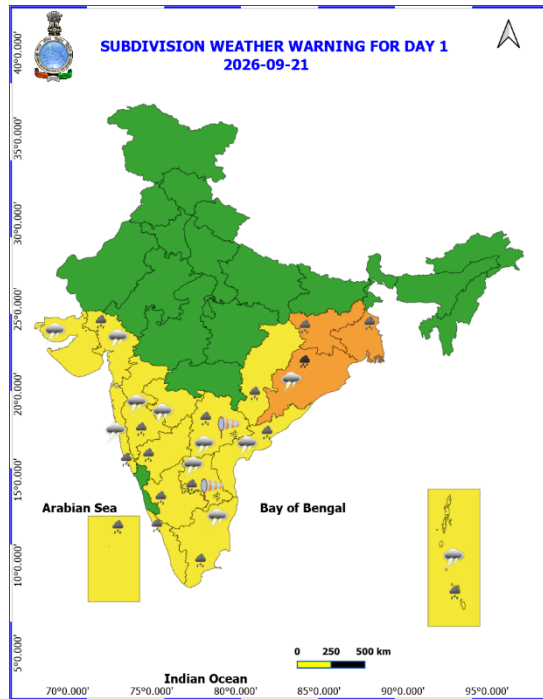
■ 50-63 KT (92-117 KMPH)

■ ≥ 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

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 | |

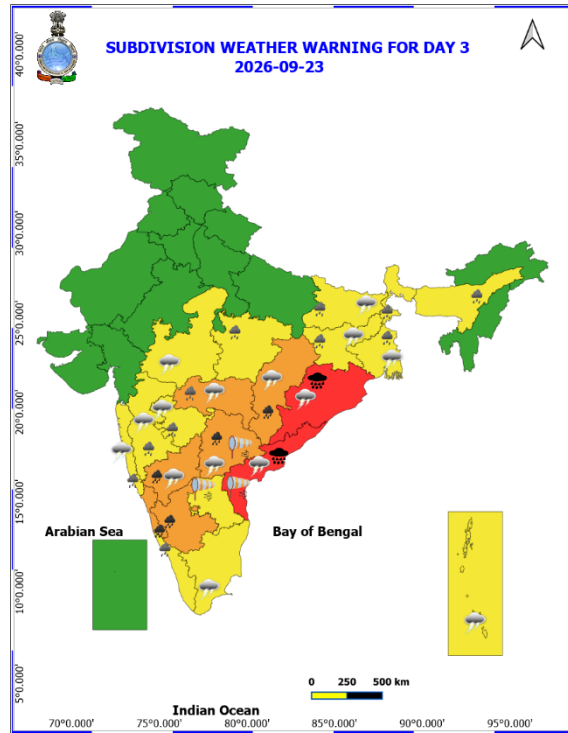
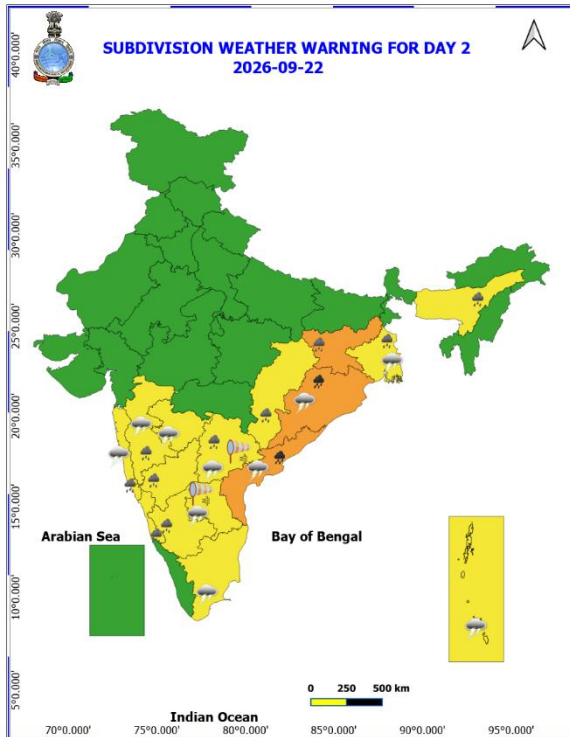
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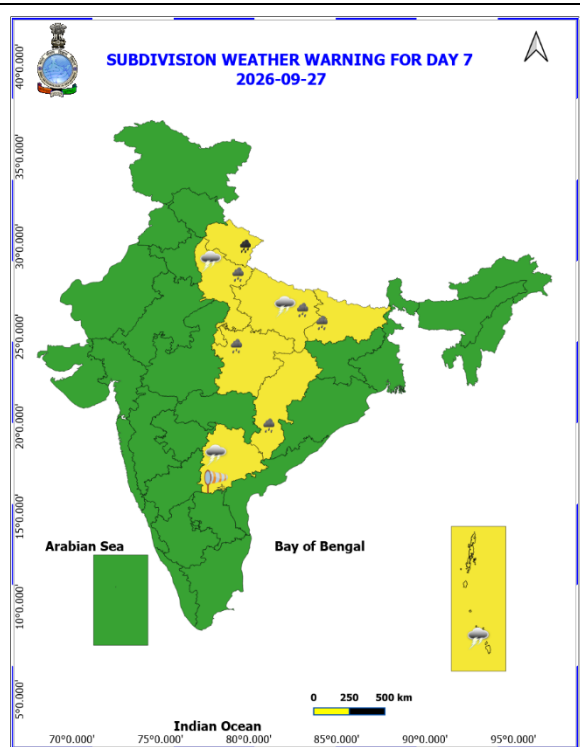
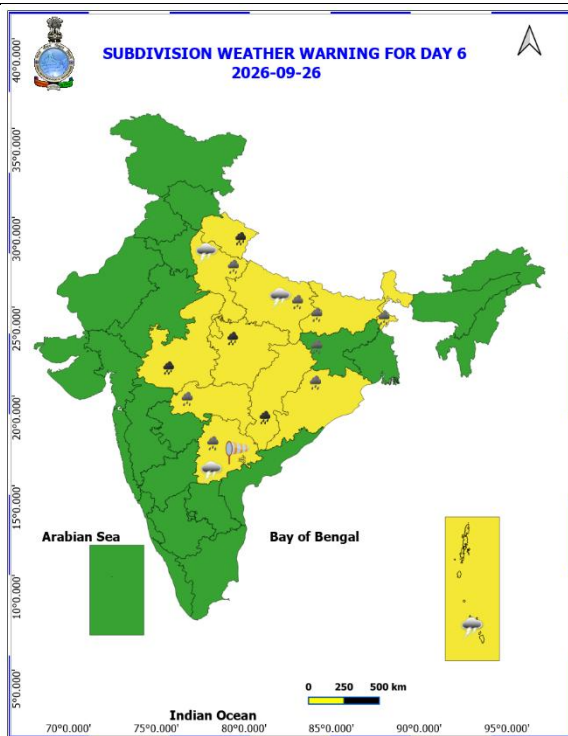
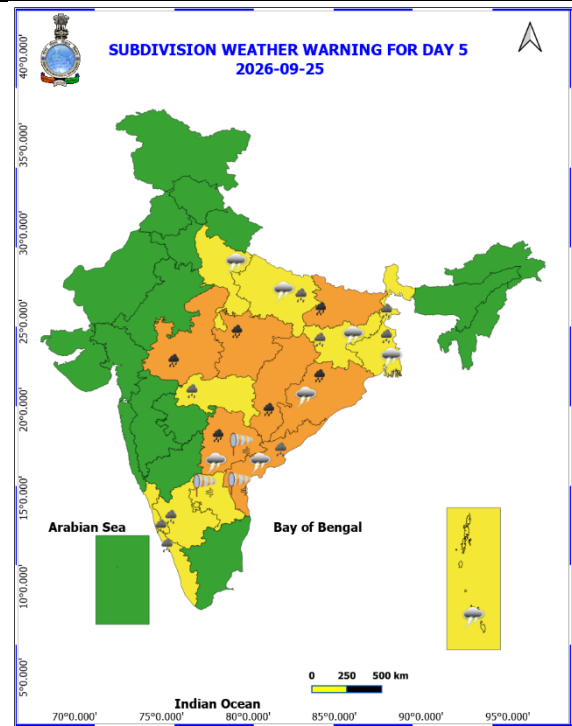
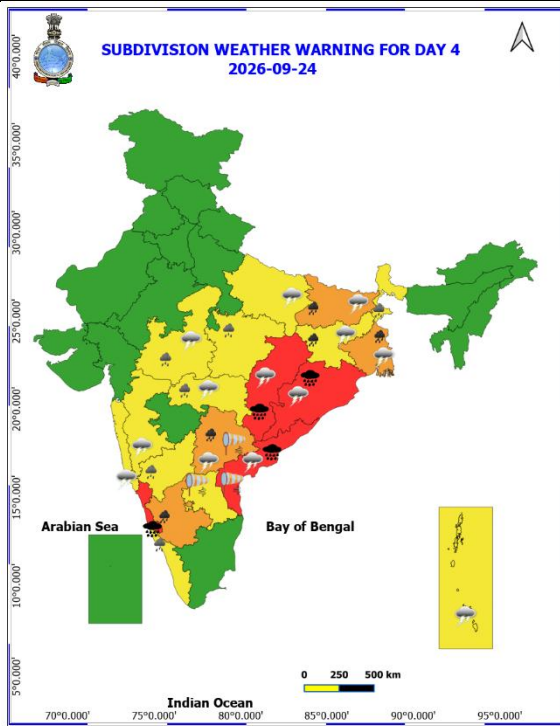
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Watch (Be Aware)

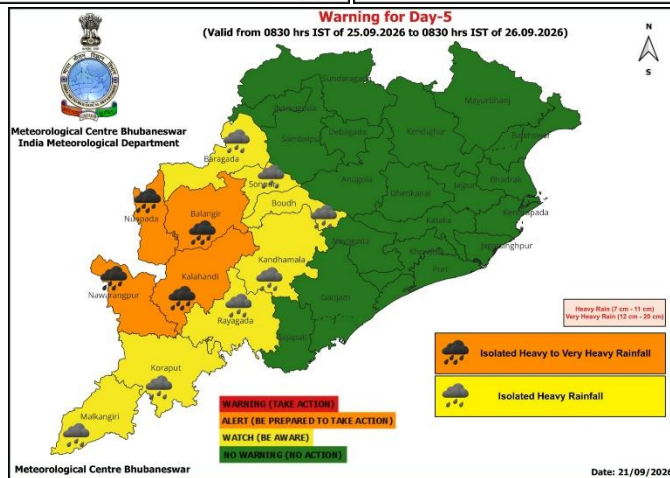
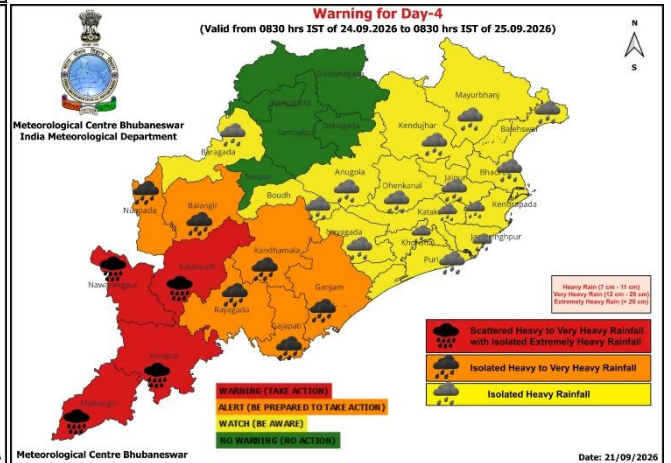
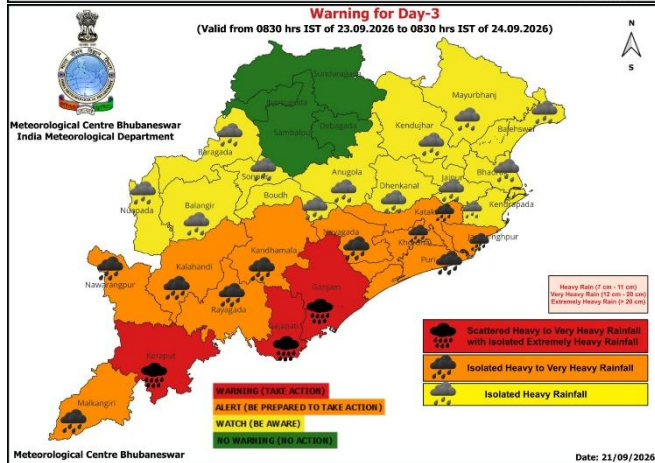
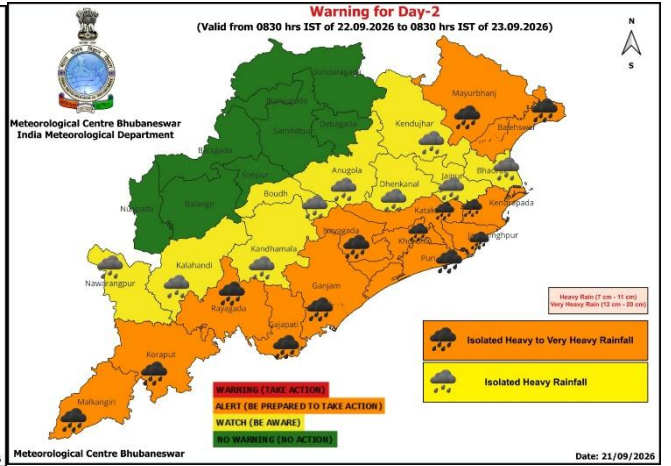
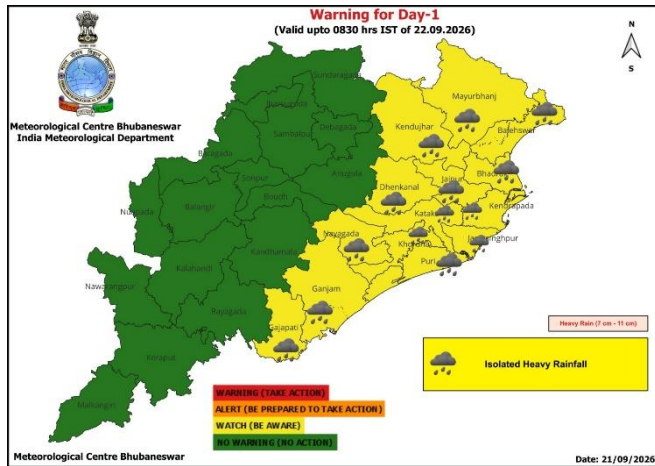
Alert (Be Prepared To Take Action)

Warning (Take Action)

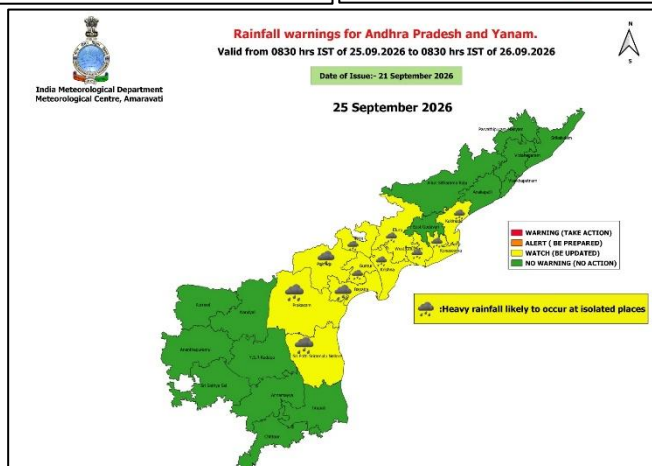
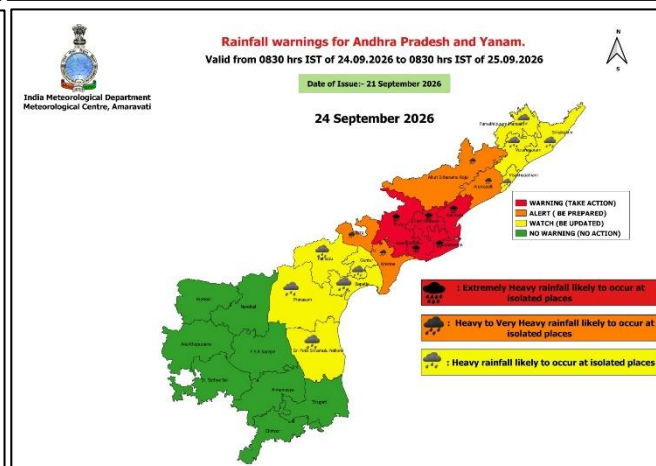
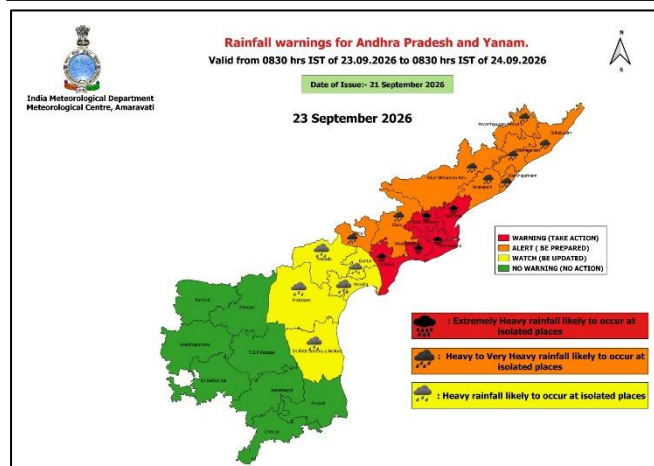
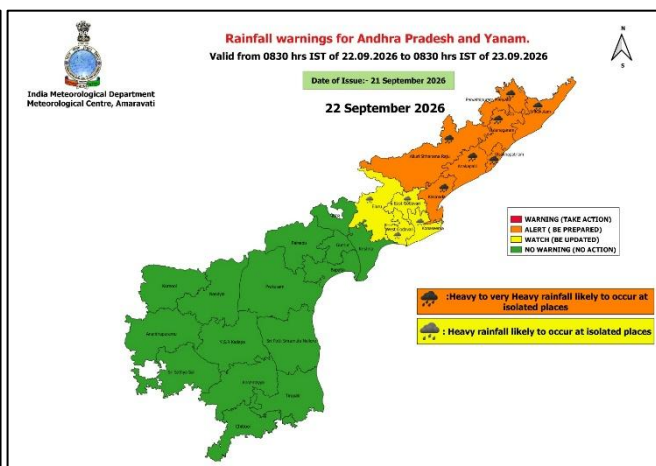
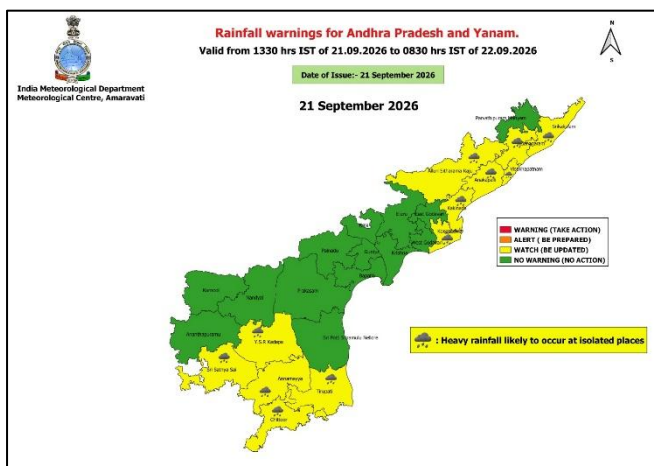




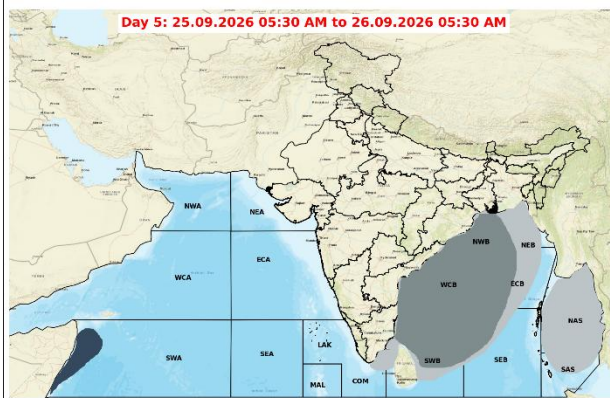
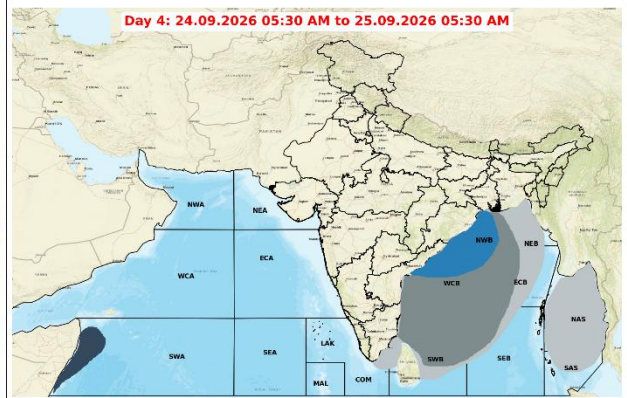
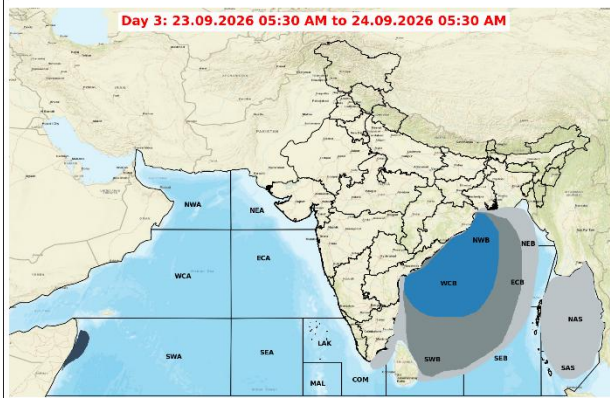
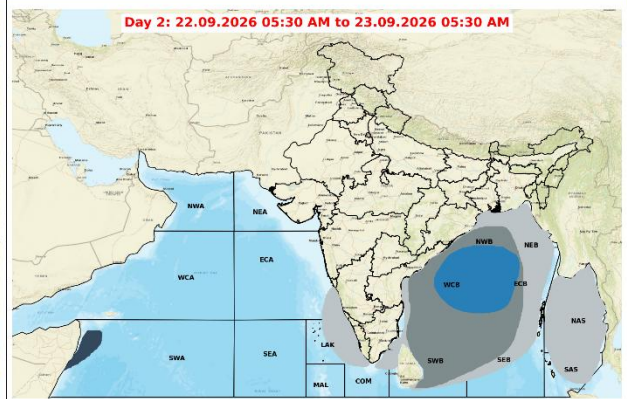
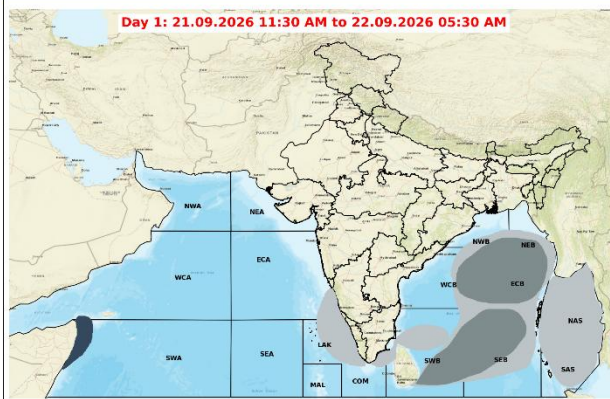
District-wise Rainfall Warning for the State of Odisha



District-wise Rainfall Warning for the State of Andhra Pradesh



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.