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TROPICAL CYCLONE ADVISORY BULLETIN NO. 20

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TROPICAL CYCLONE ADVISORY NO. 20 FOR NORTH INDIAN OCEAN (THE BAY OF BENGAL AND ARABIAN SEA) VALID FOR NEXT 120 HOURS ISSUED AT 0030 UTC OF 19.05.2020 BASED ON 2100 UTC OF 18.05.2020.

SUB: SUPER CYCLONIC STORM 'AMPHAN' (PRONOUNCED AS **UM-PUN**) OVER WEST CENTRAL BAY OF BENGAL

THE **SUPER CYCLONIC STORM 'AMPHAN'** (PRONOUNCED AS **UM-PUN**) OVER WESTCENTRAL AND ADJOINING EASTCENTRAL BAY OF BENGAL MOVED NEARLY NORTH-NORTHEASTWARDS WITH A SPEED OF 14 KMPH DURING PAST 06 HOURS AND LAY CENTRED AT 2100 UTC OF THE 18TH MAY, 2020 NEAR LATITUDE 15.2°N AND LONGITUDE 86.6°E OVER **WESTCENTRAL BAY OF BENGAL** ABOUT 570 KM NEARLY SOUTH OF PARADIP (42976), 720 KM SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF DIGHA (42901) AND 840 KM SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF KHEPUPARA (41984). IT IS VERY LIKELY TO MOVE NORTH-NORTHEASTWARDS ACROSS NORTHWEST BAY OF BENGAL AND CROSS WEST BENGAL – BANGLADESH COASTS BETWEEN DIGHA (42901) AND HATIYA ISLANDS (41963) CLOSE TO SUNDARBANS DURING 0900-1200 UTC OF 20TH MAY 2020 AS AN EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM WITH MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WIND SPEED OF 165-175 KMPH GUSTING TO 195 KMPH.

THE SUPER CYCLONIC STORM 'AMPHAN' IS NOW BEING TRACKED BY THE DOPPLER WEATHER RADARS AT VISHAKHAPATNAM (43149) ALONG WITH OTHER OBSERVING PLATFORMS.

FORECAST TRACK AND INTENSITY ARE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

DATE/TIME (UTC)	POSITION (LAT. ⁰ N/ LONG. ⁰ E)	MAXIMUM SUSTAINED SURFACE WIND SPEED (KMPH)	CATEGORY OF CYCLONIC DISTURBANCE
18.05.20/2100	15.2/86.6	240-250 GUSTING TO 275	SUPER CYCLONIC STORM
19.05.20/0000	15.9/86.7	240-250 GUSTING TO 275	SUPER CYCLONIC STORM
19.05.20/0600	17.1/87.0	225-235 GUSTING TO 260	SUPER CYCLONIC STORM
19.05.20/1200	17.7/87.2	200-210 GUSTING TO 230	EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
19.05.20/1800	18.6/87.5	180-190 GUSTING TO 210	EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
20.05.20/0600	20.7/88.1	170-180 GUSTING TO 200	EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
20.05.20/1800	22.8/88.8	100-110 GUSTING TO 120	SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
21.05.20/0600	24.8/89.5	50-60 GUSTING TO 70	DEEP DEPRESSION

PROBABILITY OF CYCLOGENESIS (FORMATION OF DEPRESSION)

NIL: 0%, LOW: 1-25%, FAIR: 26-50%, MODERATE: 51-75% AND HIGH: 76-100%

REMARKS:

AS PER INSAT-3D SATELLITE IMAGERY BASED ON 2100 UTC OF 18TH MAY, THE SYSTEM CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN CURRENT INTENSITY **T6.5**. WALL CLOUD TEMPERATURE IS -93°C. ASSOCIATED BROKEN LOW/MEDIUM CLOUDS WITH EMBEDDED INTENSE TO VERY INTENSE CONVECTION PREVAILS BETWEEN LAT 10.1°N TO 21.5°N LONG 81.5°E TO 92.5°E. THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WIND SPEED IS 120 KNOTS GUSTING TO 135 KNOTS. THE SEA CONDITION IS PHENOMENAL AROUND THE SYSTEM CENTER. THE ESTIMATED CENTRAL PRESSURE IS **925** HPA.

NOW THE CYCLONE IS TRACKED BY THE DOPPLER WEATHER RADAR (DWR) AT VISHAKHAPATANAM (43149). THE SYSTEM IS AT DISTANCE OF 445 KM FROM THE RADAR AND THE EYE DIAMETER IS MEASURED AS 30 KM.

AT 2100 UTC OF 18TH MAY, THE BOUY (**23459**) LOCATED AT 14.0°N/86.9°E REPORTED MEAN SEA LEVEL PRESSURE OF 994.8 HPA AND WIND DIRECTION/SPEED AS 140°/47 KNOTS AND ANOTHER BOUY (23092) AT 17.3°N/89.1°E REPORTED WIND DIRECTION AND SPEED 130°/29 KNOTS.

THE MADDEN JULIAN OSCILLATION (MJO) INDEX IS IN PHASE 2 WITH AMPLITUDE MORE THAN 1 FOR NEXT TWO DAYS. IT WILL REMAIN IN PHASE 3 WITH AMPLITUDE MORE THAN 1 DURING SUBSEQUENT THREE DAYS. THUS MJO PHASE AND AMPLITUDE WILL SUPPORT ENHANCEMENT OF CONVECTIVE ACTIVITY OVER BAY OF BENGAL DURING NEXT 5 DAYS.

CONSIDERING THE SEA CONDITIONS, THE SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE (SST) IS 30-31°C OVER ENTIRE BAY OF BENGAL AND THE TROPICAL CYCLONE HEAT POTENTIAL IS MORE THAN 100 KJ/CM² OVER MAJOR PARTS OF SOUTH & CENTRAL BAY OF BENGAL. IT IS ABOUT 60-80 KJ/CM² OVER BOB TO THE NORTH OF 17°N AND IS DECREASING TOWARDS EXTREME NORTH BAY OF BENGAL.

CONSIDERING THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS, THE POSITIVE VORTICITY IS AROUND (250-300)X10⁻⁶ SEC⁻¹ AROUND THE SYSTEM CENTRE WITH VERTICAL EXTENSION UPTO 200 HPA LEVEL. THE LOWER LEVEL CONVERGENCE ZONE IS 60-70 X10⁻⁵ SEC⁻¹ LOCATED AROUND THE SYSTEM CENTRE. THE UPPER LEVEL DIVERGENCE IS ABOUT 10X10⁻⁵ SEC⁻¹ AROUND TO NORTH OF THE SYSTEM CENTRE. VERTICAL WIND SHEAR (VWS) IS LOW TO MODERATE (10-15 KTS) AROUND THE SYSTEM CENTRE. IT IS INCREASING TO 20-25 KTS TO THE NORTH BETWEEN 15-20°N ALONG THE EXPECTED TRACK. THE UPPER TROPOSPHERIC RIDGE LIES NEAR 17.0°N OVER BAY OF BENGAL. AT PRESENT THE SYSTEM IS MOVING NEAR NORTHWARD ALONG THE PERIPHERY OF THE ANTICYCLONE AND IT IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE IN THE SAME DIRECTION FOR SOME MORE TIMES. THEREAFTER, THE SYSTEM LIKELY TO MOVE IN THE NORTH-NORTHEASTWARD DIRECTION.

VARIOUS NUMERICAL MODELS INCLUDING ECMWF, IMD GFS, NCEP GFS, GEFS, NEPS AND NCUM ARE INDICATING THE SYSTEM IS LIKELY TO MOVE TOWARDS WEST BENGAL AND BANGLADESH COASTS AS AN EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM DURING 0900-1200 UTC OF 20TH MAY 2020. THE FORECAST IS BASED ON THE CONSENSUS FROM VARIOUS MODELS.

STORM SURGE GUIDANCE

- STORM SURGE OF ABOUT 4-6 METERS ABOVE ASTRONOMICAL TIDE IS LIKELY TO INUNDATE LOW LYING AREAS OF SOUTH & NORTH 24 PARGANAS AND ABOUT 3-4 METERS OVER THE LOW LYING AREAS OF EAST MEDINIPUR DISTRICT OF WEST BENGAL DURING THE TIME OF LANDFALL.(FIGURE ENCLOSED)

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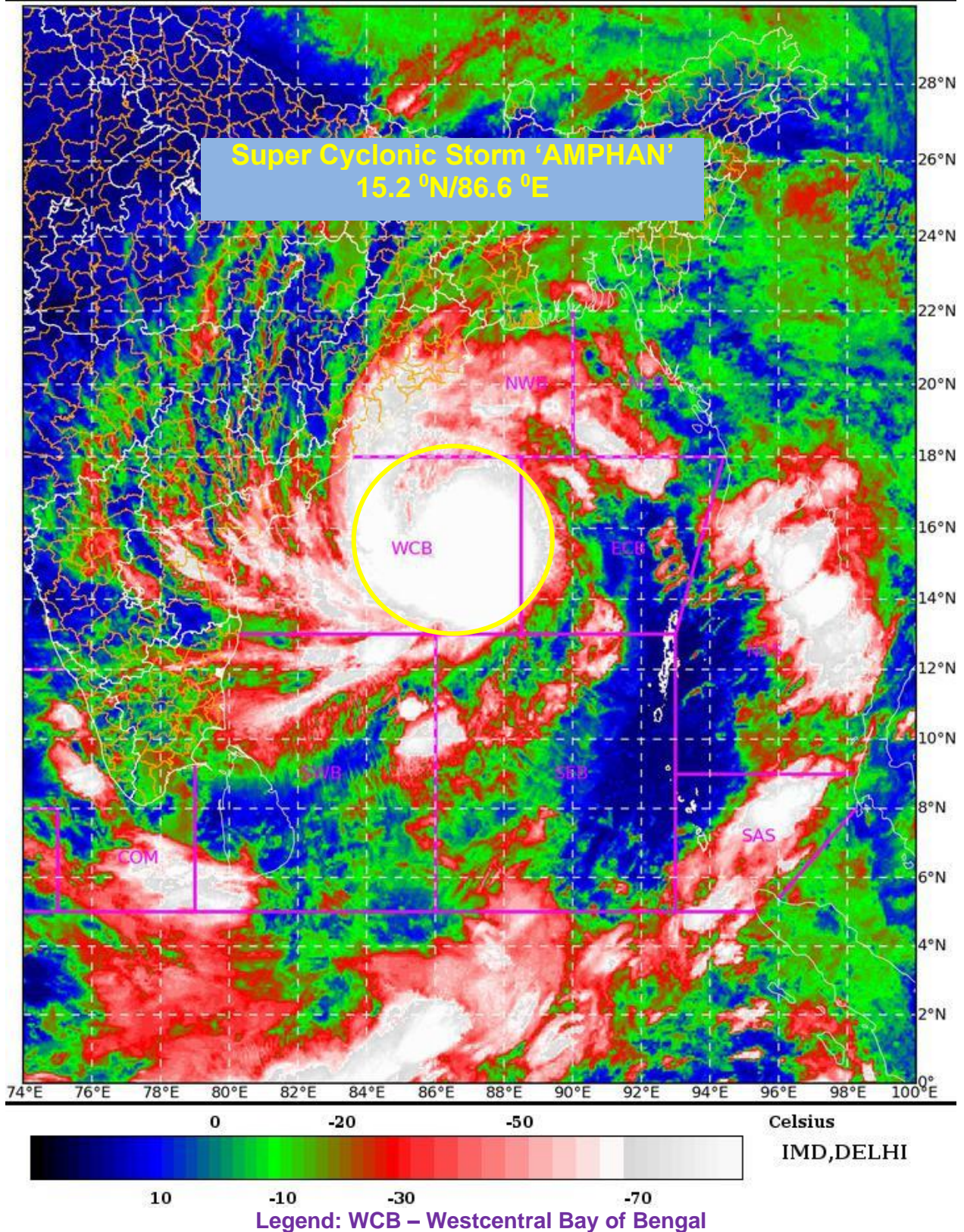
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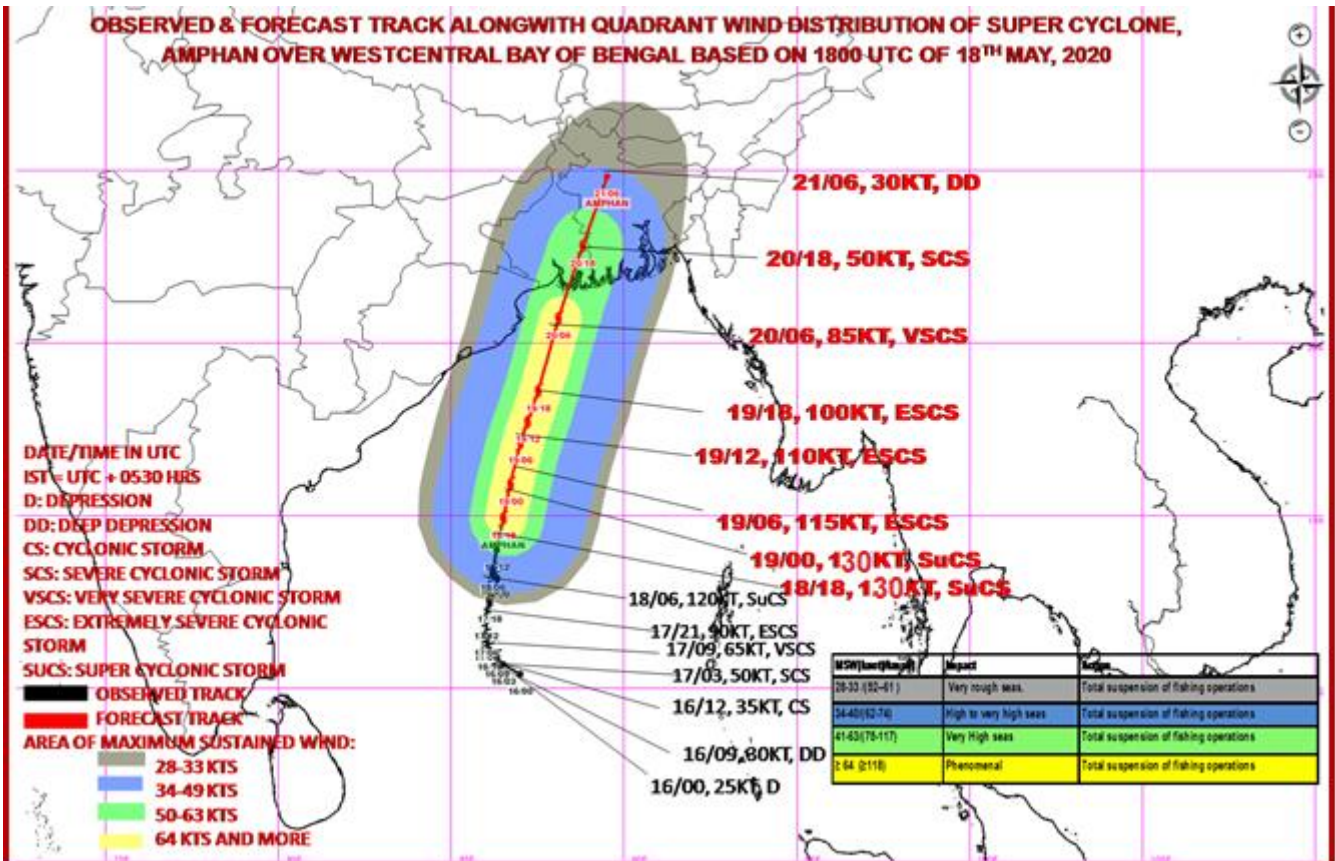
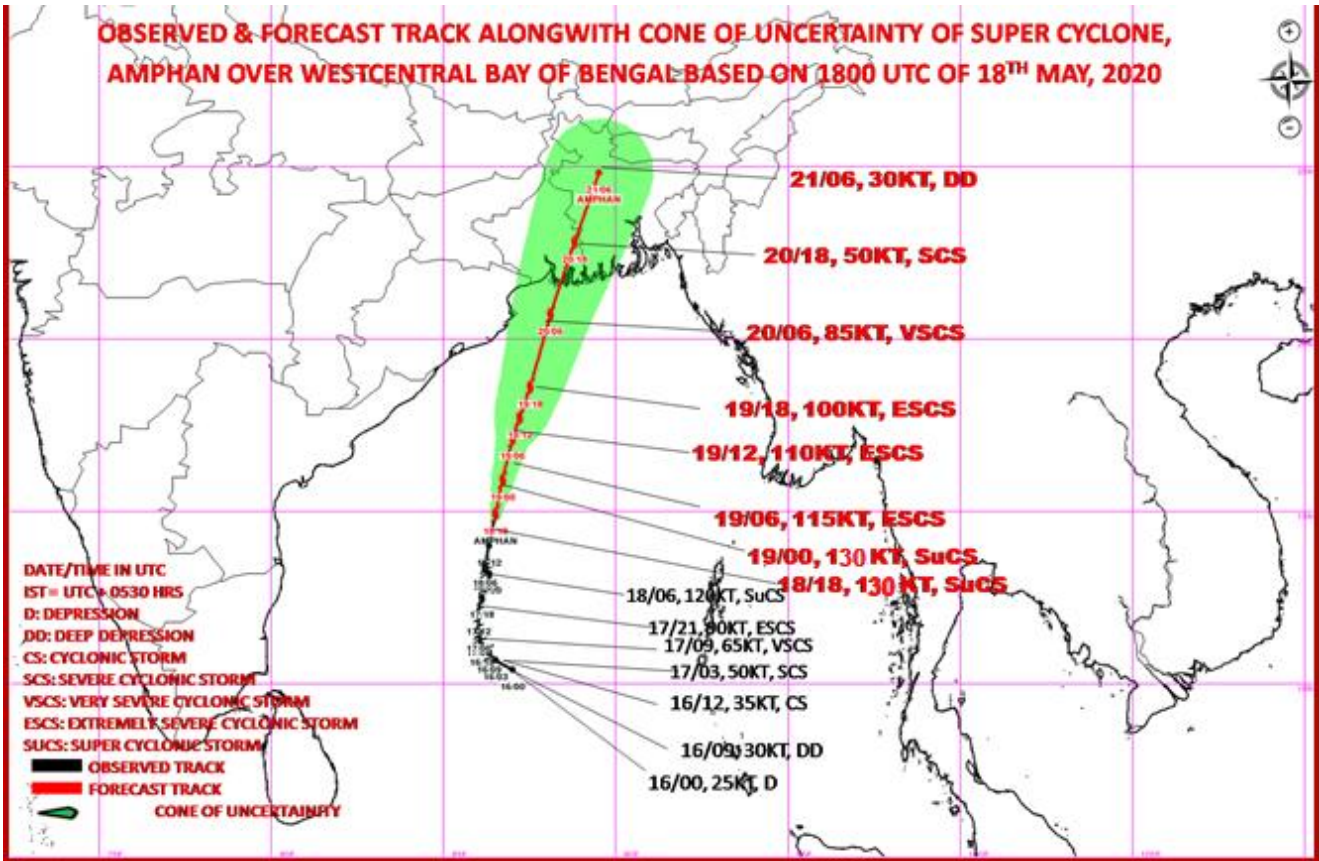
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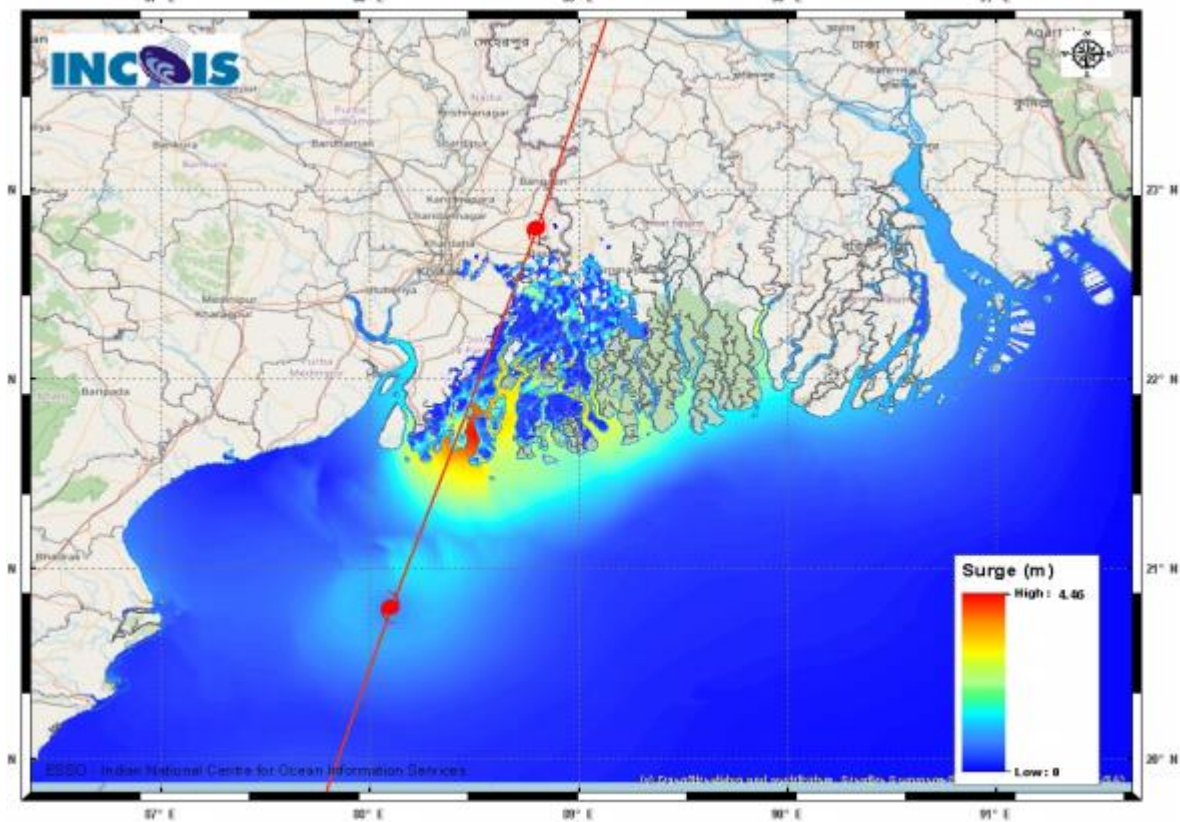
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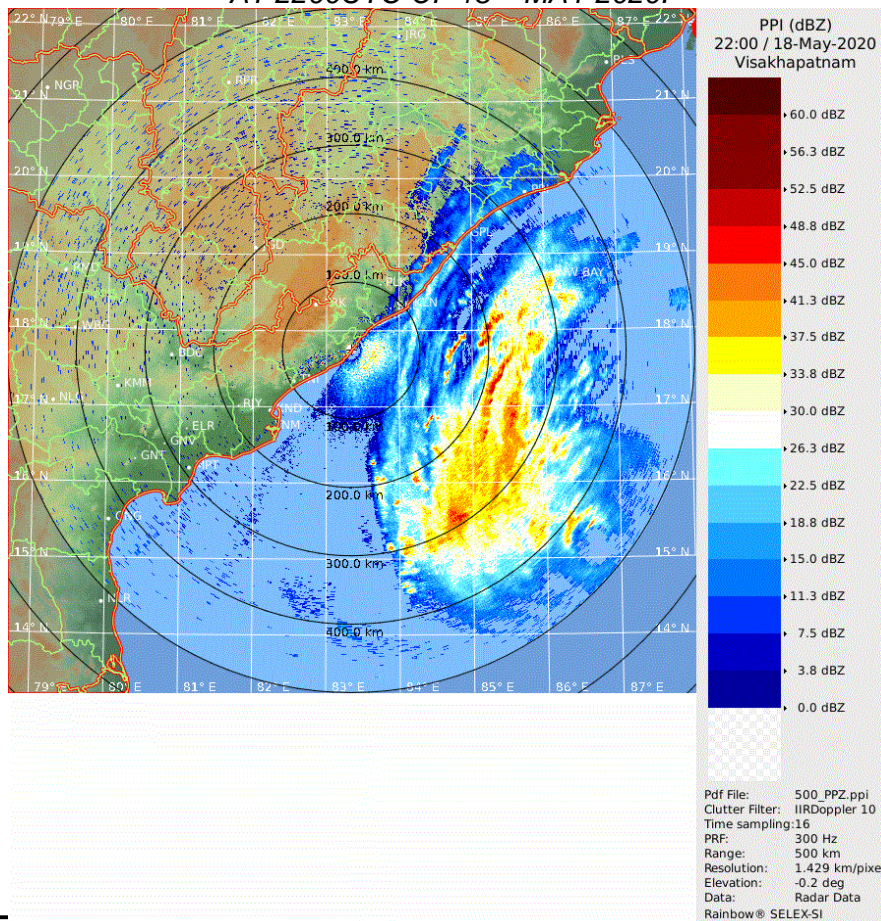
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FIGURE: STORM SURGE FORECAST FROM INCOIS ISSUED AT 1837 IST OF 18TH MAY 2020



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FIGURE: REFLECTIVITY OF VISHAKHAPATNAM DOPPLER WEATHER RADAR AT 2200UTC OF 18TH MAY 2020.



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