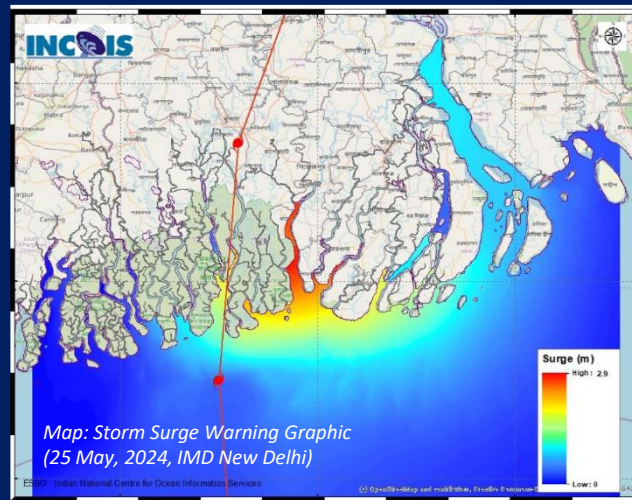


SITUATION REPORT-1

Cyclone Remal West Bengal

Date: 25th May 2024 (Sat)

Time: 11:00 AM (IST)



SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

Overview:

Cyclonic storm 'Remal', originating in the central Bay of Bengal, is expected to escalate into a severe cyclonic storm by May 25 & 26.

A joint Bulletin of INCOIS-IMD issued on 25th May 2024 at 09:45 hrs. IST reads as, "the Depression over East Central Bay of Bengal moved north-northeastwards with a speed of 15 kmph during past 06 hrs, intensified into a Deep Depression and lay centered at 0530 hrs. IST of 25th May, 2024 over East Central Bay of Bengal near latitude 17.6°N and longitude 89.7°E, about 490 km south of Khepupara (Bangladesh), about 380 km south-southeast of **Sagar Islands (West Bengal)** and 530 km south-southeast of **Canning (West Bengal)**.

It is very likely to continue to move north-northeastwards and intensify into a Cyclonic Storm over East Central Bay of Bengal during next 12 hours. Subsequently, it would move nearly northwards, intensify into a Severe Cyclonic Storm by 26th May morning. Continuing to move nearly northwards, thereafter it is very likely to cross Bangladesh and adjoining West Bengal coasts between Sagar Island and Khepupara by 26th May midnight as a Severe Cyclonic Storm (SCS) with wind speed of 110-120 gusting to 135 kmph."

Damage Expected over South & North 24 Parganas districts of west Bengal.

Actions Suggested – North & South 24 Parganas:

- Total suspension of fishing operations.
- Surface transport and shipping operations need to be regulated.
- Onshore & Offshore operation need to be regulated as per guidelines.
- Coastal hutment dwellers to be in safer places.
- People in affected areas to remain indoors.
- Avoid going to areas that face the water logging problems often.
- Avoid staying in vulnerable structure.

GOVERNMENT PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

- **NCMC Review:** The National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC) met to review preparedness for the impending cyclone in West Bengal.
- **State and District Preparedness:** State and District EOCs in West Bengal activated, with control rooms monitoring the situation. Shelters, power supply, medicine, and emergency services are ready.
- **ICG Deployment:** Indian Coast Guard has deployed nine disaster relief teams at Haldia, Paradip, Gopalpur, and Frazerganj to minimize potential loss of life and property at sea. Fishermen advised not to venture into the Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea until May 27 and to return to the coast.
- **Odisha Preparations:** Odisha authorities in Kendrapara, Bhadrak, Balasore, and Mayurbhanj directed to undertake preparatory measures and issue alerts.



HUMANITARIAN PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

- IAG-West Bengal held it's first Pre Cyclone Coordination meeting on 25th May; 10:30-11:30 AM IST. **The second coordination meeting to follow on 26th May 2024 at 10:30 AM IST.**
- The meeting was attended by representatives of UNICEF, NDRF, State and District Disaster management Cell and INCOIS (Digha unit of Vidyasagar University) along with District IAG
- Identification of JRNA volunteers/ team in the process. Registration form has been circulated.
- IAG volunteers to be linked with NDRF team at ground zero.
- Miking is going on both by Administration and CSOs. West Bengal Radio club (HAM) is ready for the response work
- No such evacuation is planned but MPCs are getting ready for the relief centers.
- Challenges: Due to election some relief shelters are used for the accommodation of CRPF and other central force



IAG – W.B 1st meeting on 25th May | Source: IAG WB



Cyclone Shelter | Source: IAG WB



Awareness through Miking | Source: IAG WB

Useful Links:

- ESSO-INCOIS:
https://incois.gov.in/WEBSITE_FILES/OSF_FILES/forecast/Bulletins/INCOIS_IMD_Joint_Bulletin.pdf
- Regional Specialized Meteorological Centre-Tropical Cyclones, New Delhi <https://rsmcnewdelhi.imd.gov.in/index.php>

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BEFORE

- In case of a storm surge/tide warning, or flooding, know your nearest safe high ground/ safe shelter and the safest access route to it.
- Listen to radio, watch TV, read newspapers for weather updates.
- Keep your mobile phones charged for emergency communication; use SMS.
- Secure your house, especially the roof; carry out repairs; don't leave sharp objects loose.
- Keep cattle/animals untied to ensure their safety.
- Prepare an emergency kit with essential items for safety and survival.

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- Ignore rumours. Stay calm. Don't panic.
- Store adequate ready-to-eat food and water to last at least a week.
- Close doors and windows securely.
- Evacuate immediately to safe places when directed by government officials and authorities.
- Trim tree tops and branches near your house with permission from the local authority
- Conduct mock drills for your family and community to ensure safe evacuation and exit plans.

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DURING IF INDOORS

- Switch off electrical mains, unplug all electrical appliances and gas connection.
- If your house is unsafe, leave early before the onset of a cyclone. Reach a safe shelter.
- Listen to radio; rely only on official warnings.
- Drink boiled/chlorinated water
- If the building starts to crumble, protect yourself with mattresses, rugs or blankets, or by getting under a strong table or bench or by holding hold onto a solid fixture, such as a water pipe.

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DURING IF OUTDOORS

- Do not enter damaged buildings.
- Seek a safe shelter as soon as possible
- Never stand under a tree/ electric pole.
- Beware the calm 'eye'. If the wind drops, don't assume the cyclone is over; violent winds may soon resume from another direction. Wait for the official 'all clear'.

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