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Sub: Cyclonic Storm “Midhili” (pronounced as “Midhili”) over Northwest and adjoining Northeast Bay of Bengal

Yesterday’s deep depression over Westcentral Bay of Bengal moved north-northeastwards and intensified into the **Cyclonic Storm “Midhili” (pronounced as “Midhili”)** over Northwest Bay of Bengal in the morning (0530 hours IST) of today, the 17th November, 2023. Continuing to move further north-northeastwards it lay centered at 0830 hours IST of today, the 17th November over Northwest and adjoining Northeast Bay of Bengal near latitude 20.8°N and longitude 89.0°E, about 250 km east-northeast of Paradip (Odisha), 180 km east-southeast of Digha (West Bengal) and 180 km southwest of Khepupara (Bangladesh).

It is likely to continue to move north-northeastwards and cross Bangladesh coast close to Khepupara with wind speed of 60-70 kmph gusting to 80 kmph during night of 17th November, 2023.

Forecast track and intensity are given below:

Date/Time (IST)	Position (Lat. °N/ long. °E)	Maximum sustained surface wind speed (Kmph)	Category of cyclonic disturbance
17.11.23/0830	20.8/89.0	65-75 kmph gusting to 85 kmph	Cyclonic Storm
17.11.23/1130	21.3/89.5	70-80 kmph gusting to 90 kmph	Cyclonic Storm
17.11.23/1730	22.0/90.1	60-70 kmph gusting to 80 kmph	Cyclonic Storm
17.11.23/2330	22.6/90.6	55-65 kmph gusting to 75 kmph	Deep Depression
18.11.23/0530	23.2/91.2	40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph	Depression

Warnings:

(i) Rainfall Warning (graphics enclosed):

- Light to moderate rainfall at many places with isolated heavy rainfall is likely over coastal districts of West Bengal (North 24 Parganas) till evening of 17th November.
- Light to moderate rainfall at most places with isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall is likely over Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura on 17th & 18th November with **extremely heavy fall at isolated places over Mizoram & Tripura on 17th November.**
- Light to moderate rainfall at many places with isolated heavy rainfall is likely over south Assam and east Meghalaya on 17th & 18th November.

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Spatial rainfall distribution: Isolated: <25%, A few: 26-50%, Many: 51-75%, Most: 76-100%

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(ii) Wind warning (graphics enclosed):

- **North Bay of Bengal and along & off Bangladesh coast: Gale wind** speed reaching **65-75 kmph gusting to 85 kmph** is prevailing. It would become 70-80 kmph gusting to 90 kmph till afternoon. It would decrease gradually thereafter becoming **60-70 kmph gusting to 80 kmph** from 17th evening to midnight (during landfall) and decrease thereafter becoming Squally wind speed reaching **40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph** from morning of 18th November. It would decrease further thereafter.
- **Along & off West Bengal Coast: Squally wind speed reaching 50-60 kmph gusting to 70 kmph is prevailing and would continue** till midnight of 17th and decrease thereafter.
- **Strong wind** speed reaching **30-40 kmph gusting to 50 kmph** is likely over Tripura, Mizoram, Manipur and south Assam till 18th November evening.

(iii) Sea Condition:

- **High** sea condition is prevailing over North Bay of Bengal and along & off Bangladesh coast and is likely to continue till midnight of 17th November, very rough thereafter till morning of 18th November and very rough to rough till 18th November afternoon.
- **Rough to very rough** sea condition is likely along & off West Bengal coast till 18th November morning.

(iv) Fishermen Warning:

Fishermen are advised not to venture into

- North Bay of Bengal and along & off Bangladesh coast till 18th November afternoon
- Along & off West Bengal coast till 18th November morning.

(v) Damage Expected & Action Suggested for coastal areas of West Bengal (North 24 Parganas) during next 12 hours:

- Damage to thatched huts and loose/unsecured structures..
- Minor damage to power and communication lines due to breaking of branches.
- Major damage to Kutcha and minor damage to Pucca roads.
- Some damage to paddy crops, banana, papaya & drumstick trees and orchards.
- Sea water inundation in low lying areas after erosion of Kutcha embankments.
- Partial Damage to standing crops in coastal areas of west Bengal.
- Damages to Kutcha embankments.

The system is under continuous surveillance and the next Press Release will be issued at 1430 hours IST of 18th November, 2023.

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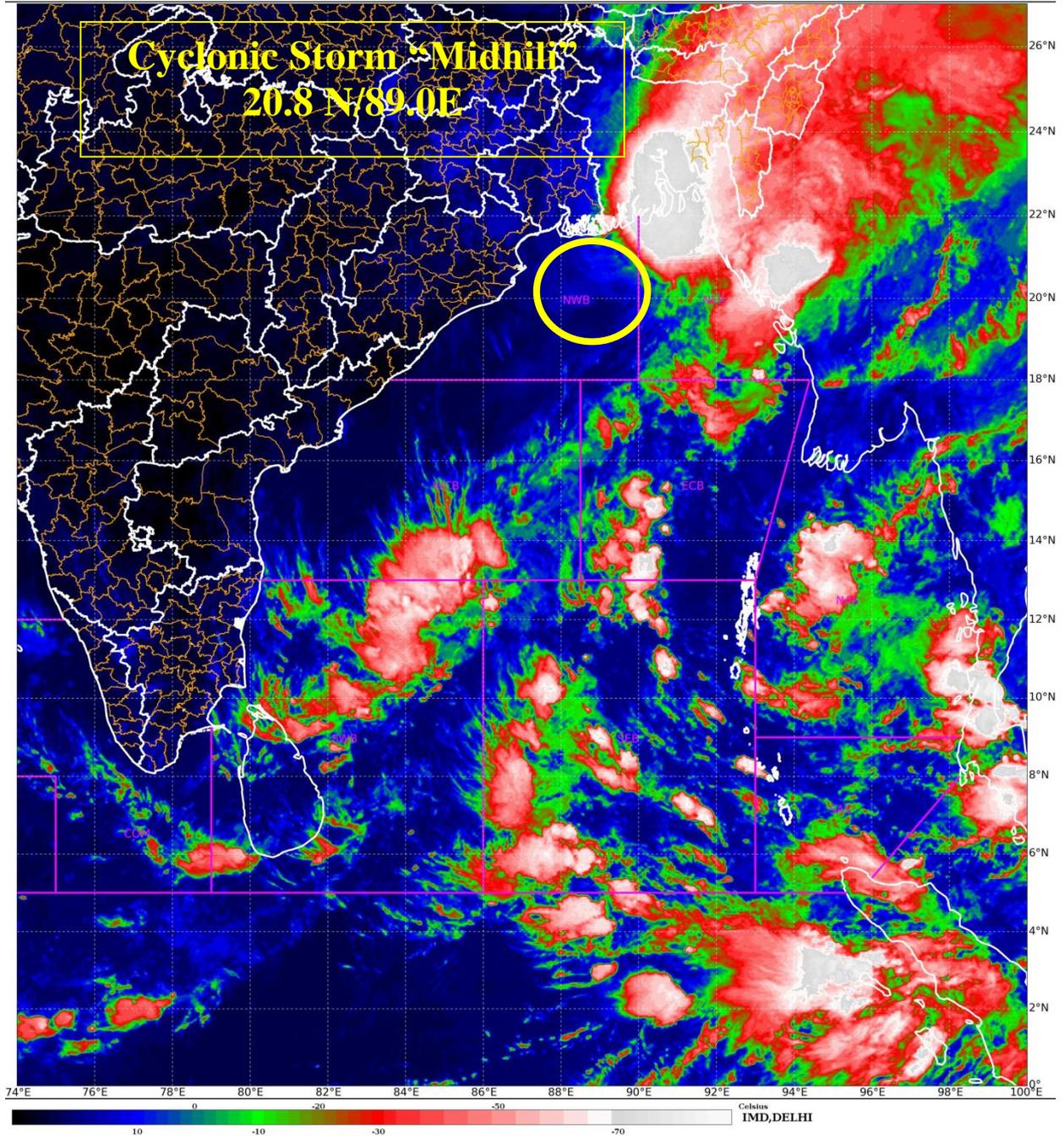
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LIC Mercator

17-11-2023/(0445 to 0512) GMT
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 ○ 34-47 KT
 ⊗ ≥ 48 KT
 — OBSERVED TRACK
 — FORECAST TRACK
 ▲ CONE OF UNCERTAINTY

Forecast	DISTANCE (KM) AND DIRECTION FROM STATIONS			
Date and Time (UTC)	PARADIP (CWR)	DIGHA	KHEPUPARA	CHITTAGONG (AMBAGAN)
17.11.23/0300	270, SSE	410, S	540, SSW	680 SW
18.11.23/0000	570, NE	420, ENE	170, NE	110, NNW

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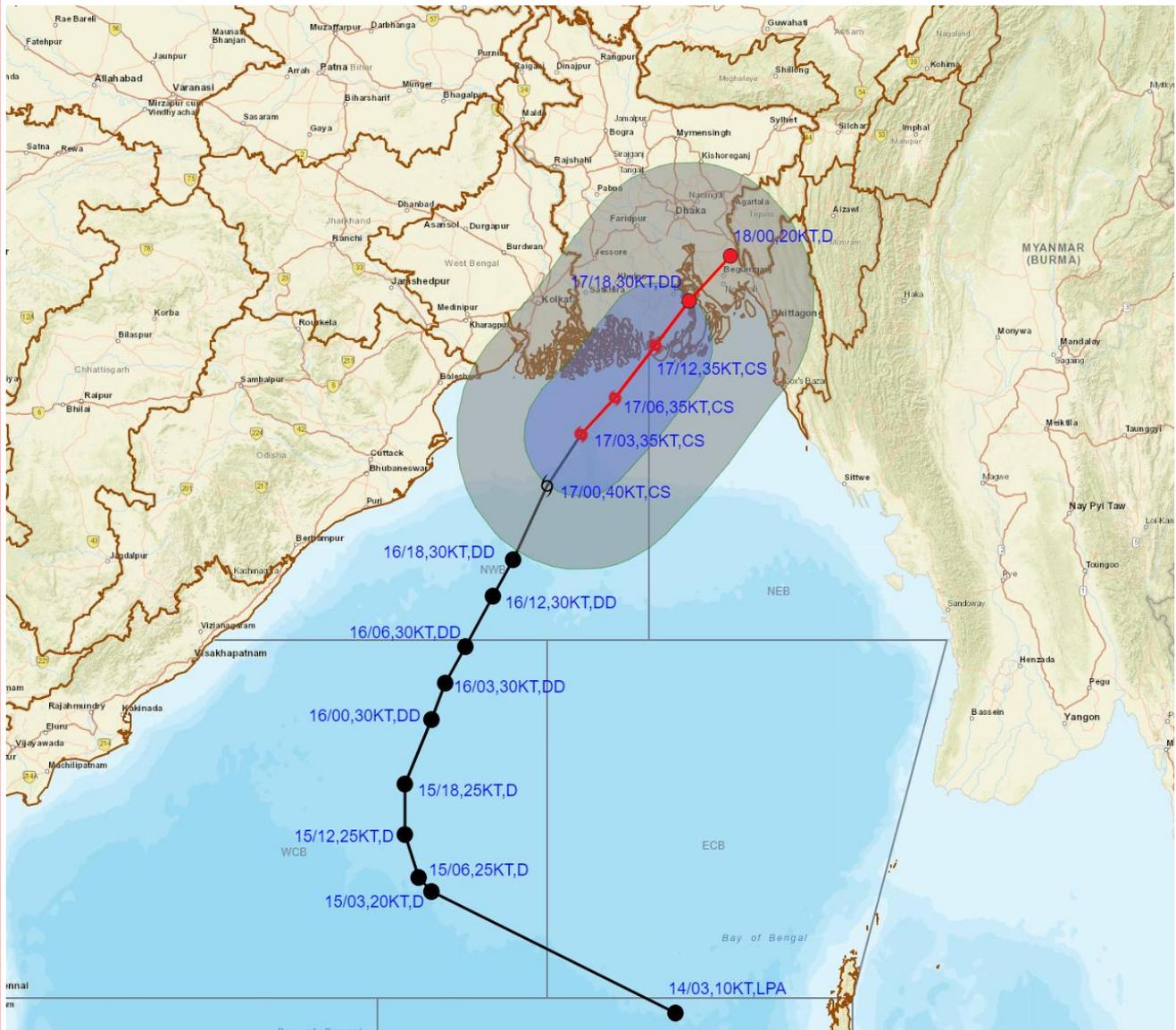
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 AREA OF MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WIND SPEED:
 ■ 28-33 KT (52-61 KMPH)
 ■ 34-49 KT (62-91 KMPH)
 ■ 50-63 KT (92-117 KMPH)
 ■ ≥ 64 KT (≥ 118 KMPH)

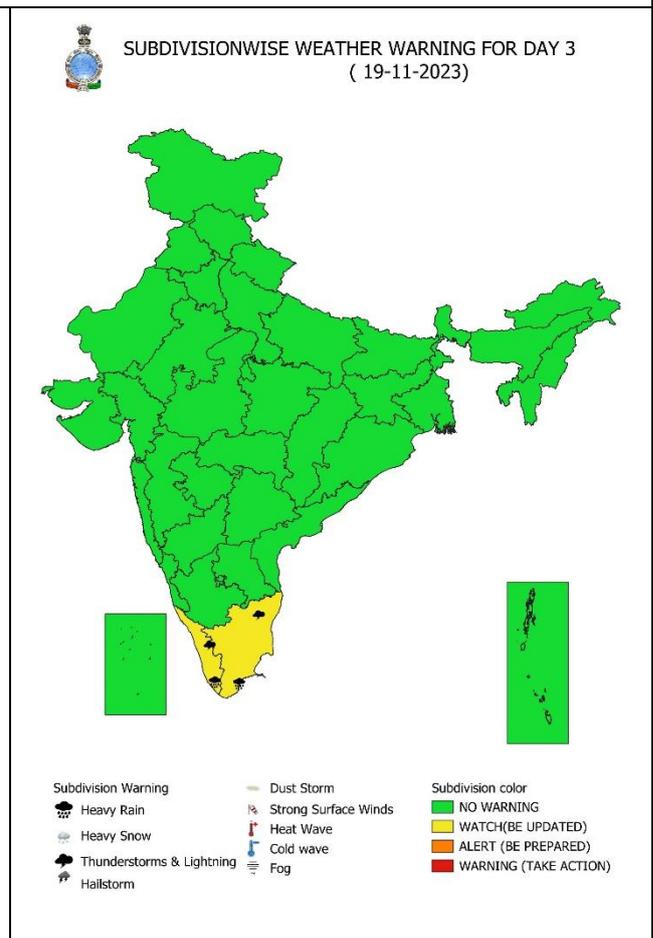
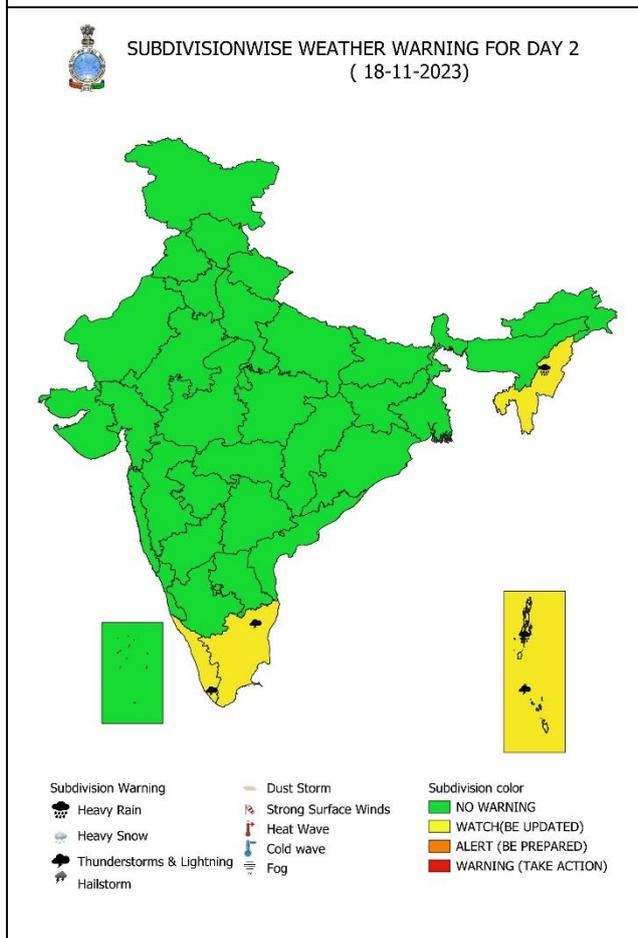
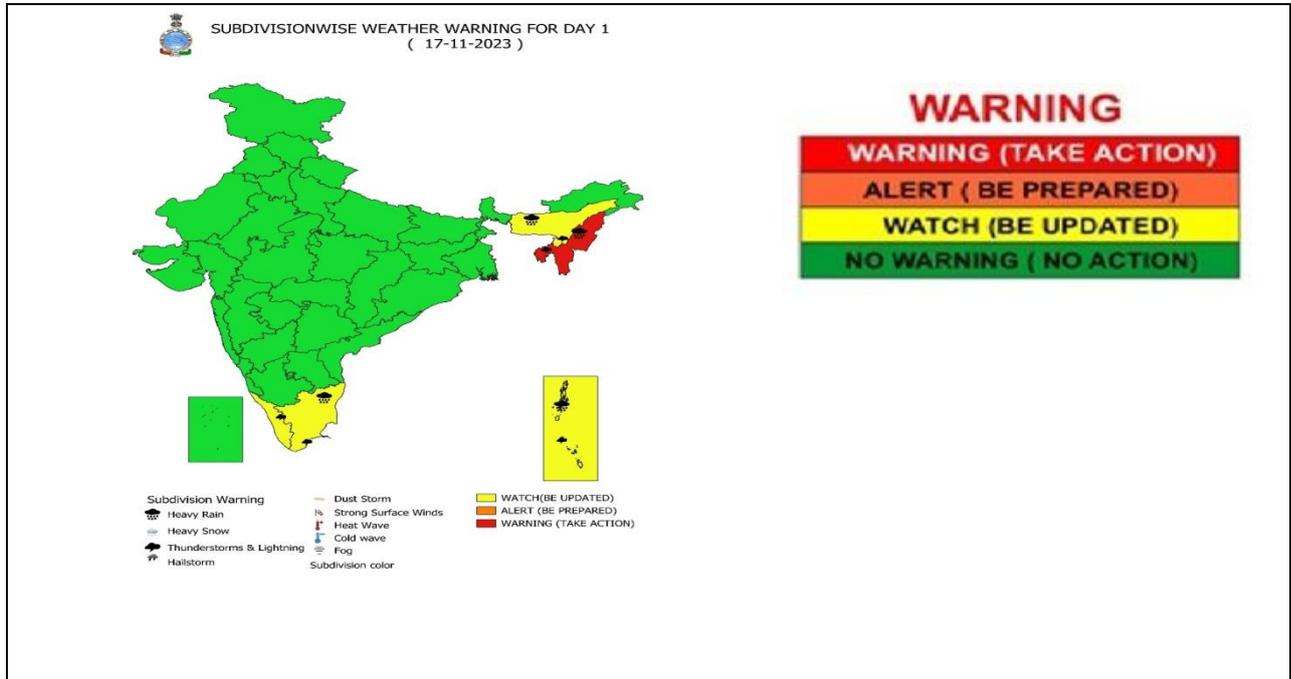
IMPACT OVER THE SEA

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

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WEATHER WARNING GRAPHICS

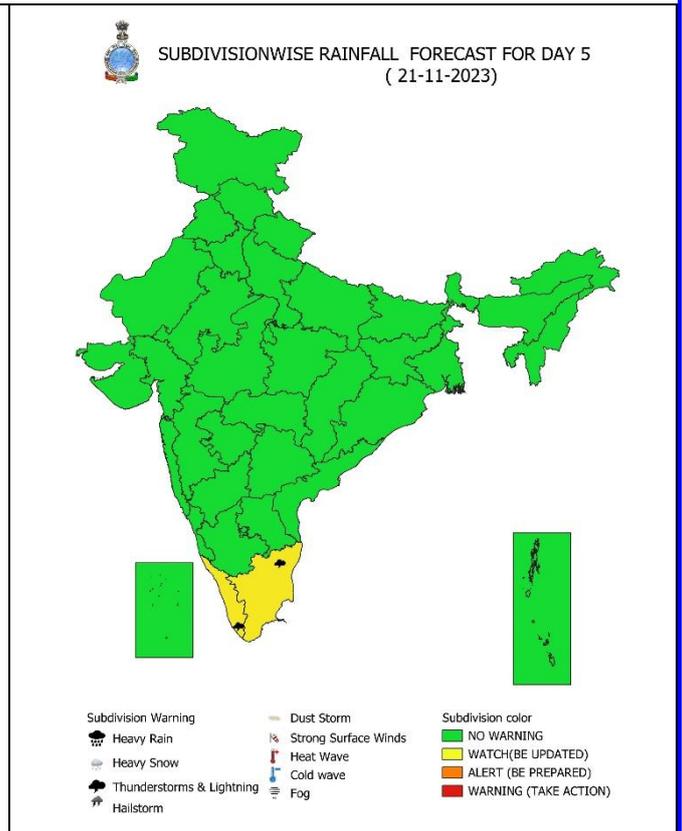
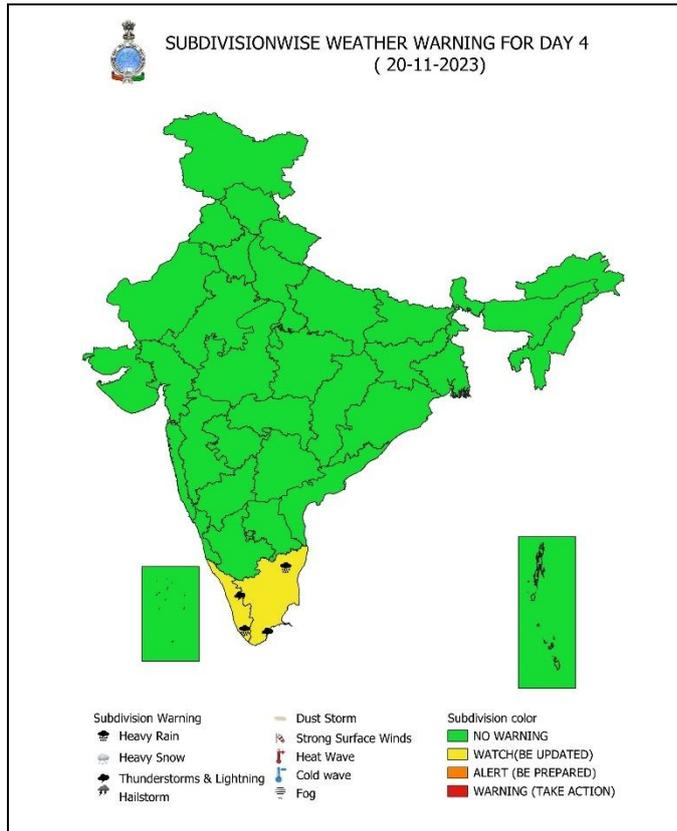


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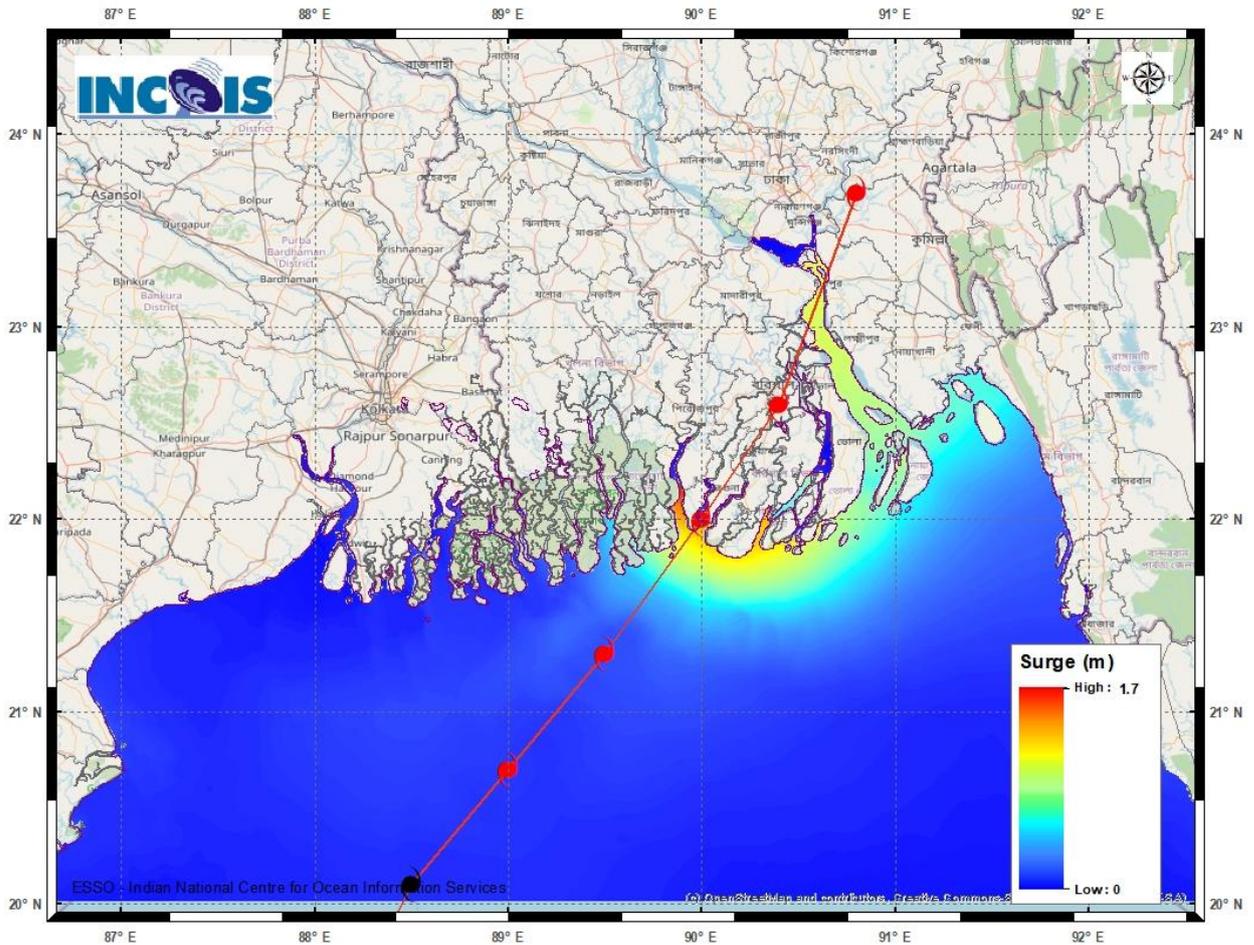
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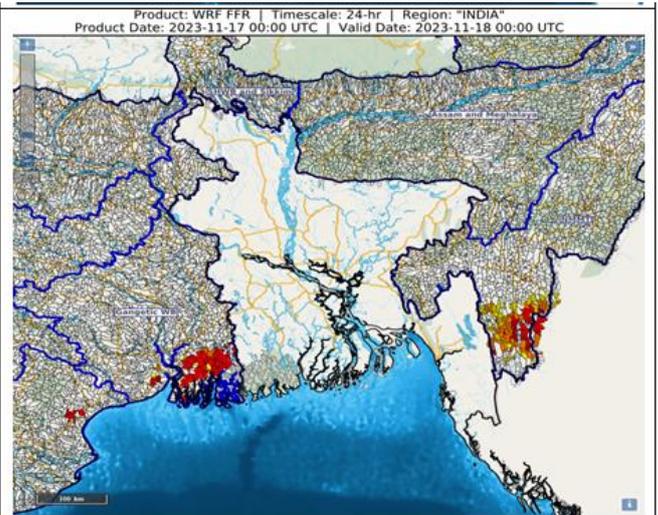
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FLASH FLOOD GUIDANCE

24 hours Outlook for the Flash Flood Risk (FFR) till 0530 IST of 18-11-2023 :

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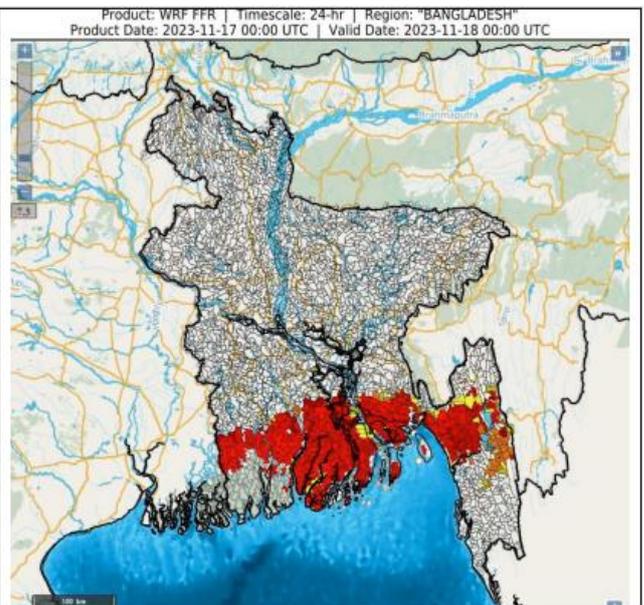
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24 hours Flash Flood Risk Outlook till 00 UTC of 18.11.2023:

Moderate flash flood risk likely over few watersheds & neighbourhoods of Southern parts of Bangladesh for next 24 hours.

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Flash Flood Risk

High Risk (Take Action)

Moderate Risk (Be Prepared)

Low Risk (Be Updated)

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