



Activities of RSMC, New Delhi

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Presentation layout

- ❖ Introduction
- ❖ Role of Regional Cooperation
- ❖ Early Warning System for TC over north Indian Ocean
 - ❖ Observational network
 - ❖ Data availability
 - ❖ TC analysis and forecasting tools and techniques
 - ❖ Decision making Procedure
 - ❖ Bulletins and products
 - ❖ Gaps and Future Prospects



Impact of Cyclones

TYPES OF POTENTIAL DAMAGES ACCOMPANYING TROPICAL CYCLONES



CYCLONE

LOCAL TIDES

LOCAL COASTAL CONFIGURATION

STORM SURGE

WIND

RAIN

FLOODING OF COASTAL AREAS

EROSION OF BEACHES

LOSS OF SOIL FERTILITY FROM SALINE INTRUSIONS

DAMAGE TO STRUCTURES

LOSS OF POWER/COMMUNICATION

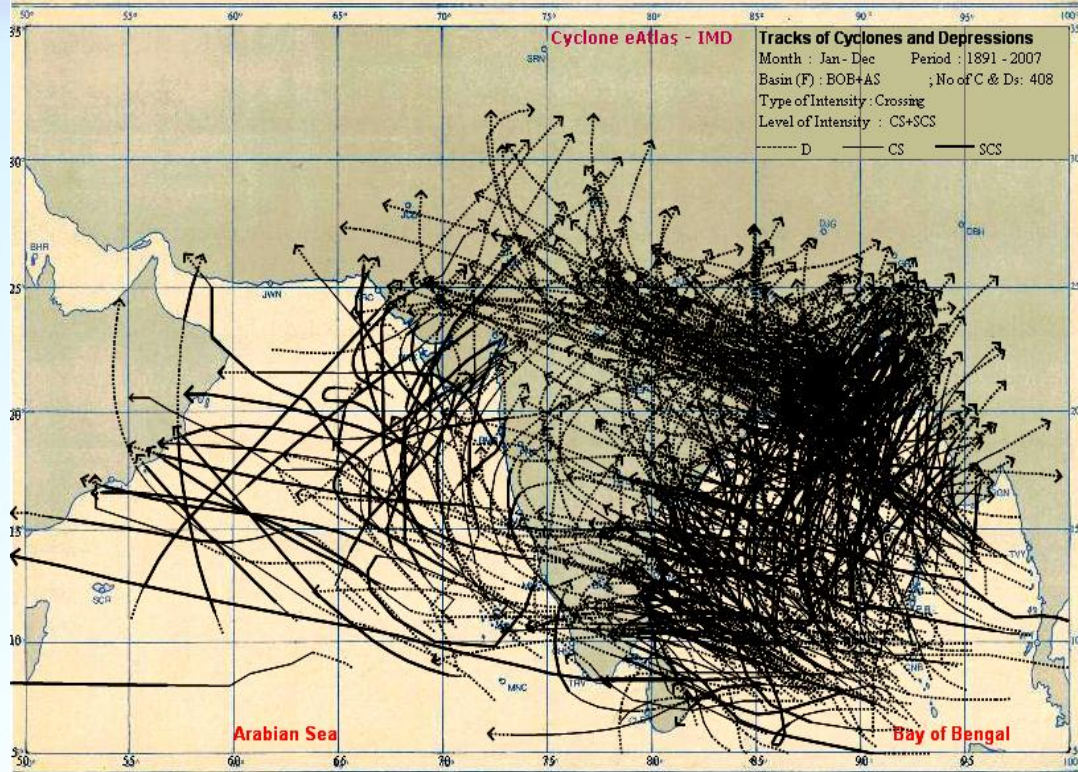
INJURIES & LOSS OF LIFE

DESTRUCTION OF CROPS, VEGETATION, LIVE-STOCK

CONTAMINATION OF WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

LAND SUBSIDENCE

FLOODING OF INLAND AREA

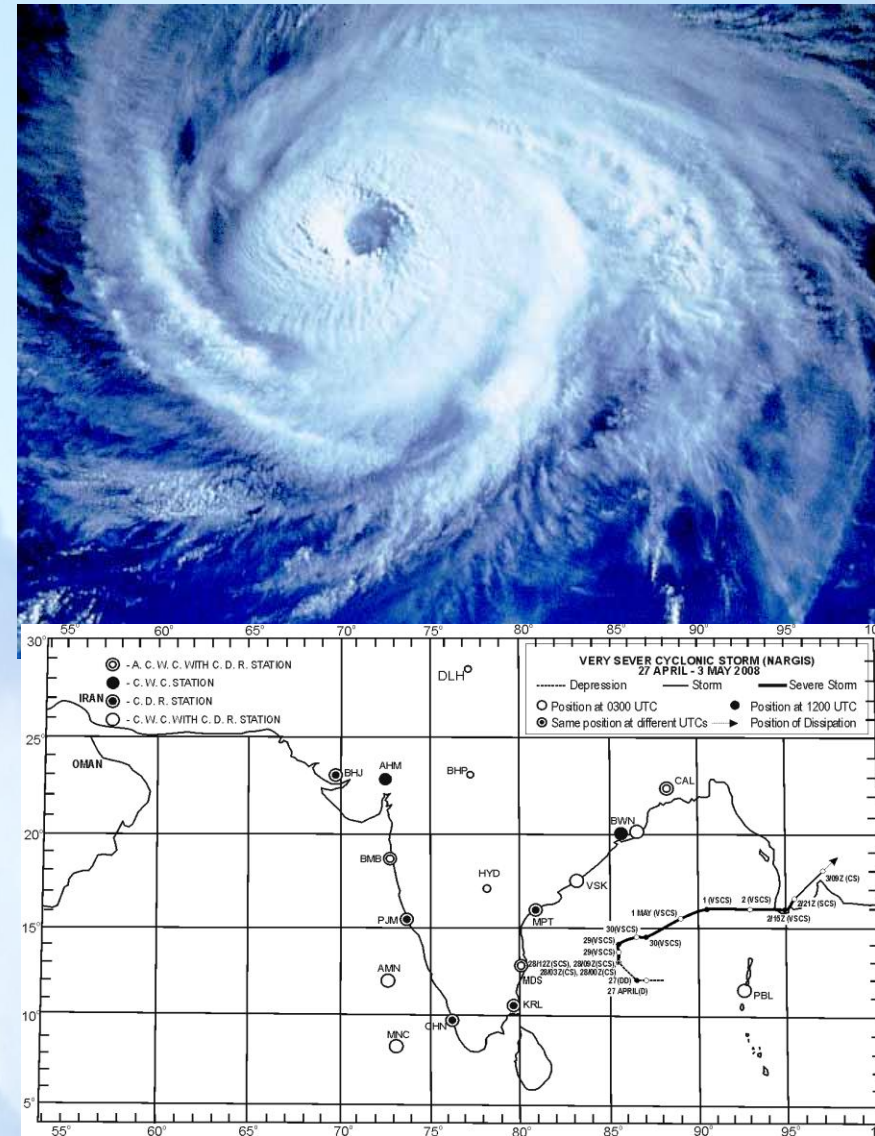


- ❖ Out of 80 forming over the globe, five form over north Indian Ocean
- ❖ Ratio of TCs between Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea – 4:1
- ❖ Year to year variation - Quite large. Minimum No. of cyclones in a year - One (1949), Maximum No. of cyclones in a year – Ten (1893, 1926, 1930, 1976)
- ❖ Bay of Bengal is a vast warm pool adjoining the warm pool of the western North Pacific.
- ❖ The ocean currents are quite complex.
- ❖ The bathymetry of the coast is also very complex due to a number of rivers, deltaic regions and orography



DEATHS IN TROPICAL CYCLONES

YEAR	COUNTRIES	DEATHS
1970	Bangladesh	500,000
1737	India	300,000
1886	China	300,000
1923	Japan	250,000
1876	Bangladesh	200,000
1897	Bangladesh	175,000
1991	Bangladesh	140,000
2008	Myanmar	138,000
1833	India	50,000
1864	India	50,000
1822	Bangladesh	40,000
1780	Antilles(West Indies)	22,000
1965	Bangladesh	19,279
1999	India	10,000
1963	Bangladesh	11,520
1961	Bangladesh	11,466
1985	Bangladesh	11,069
1971	India	10,000
1977	India	10,000
1966	Cuba	7,196
1900	USA	6,000
1960	Bangladesh	5,149
1960	Japan	5,000
1972	India	5,000



NARGIS :
An Example of recent
devastating cyclone



WMO/ESCAP Panel on Tropical Cyclones

- Established in 1973

- Members

- Bangladesh

- India

- (RSMC, New-Delhi)*

- Maldives

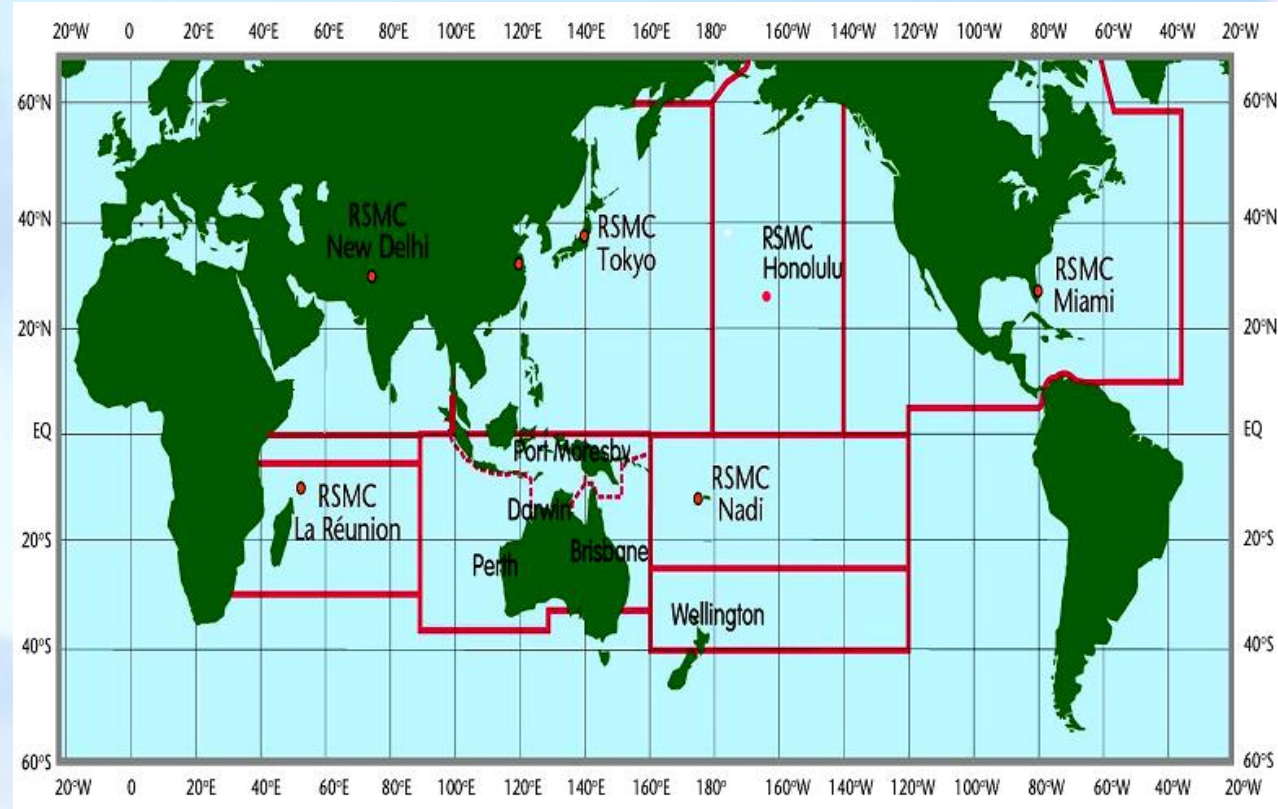
- Myanmar

- Oman

- Pakistan

- Sri Lanka

- Thailand



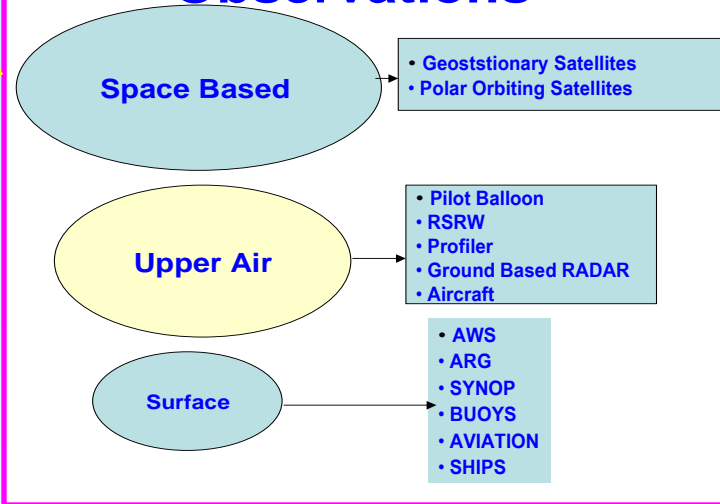
Functions of RSMC - New Delhi

- ◆ **Monitoring Cyclonic Disturbances over the North Indian Ocean (Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea)**
- ◆ **Running Numerical Models for Cyclone Track prediction (QLM) and Storm Surge prediction models (IIT Delhi)**
- ◆ **Issue of Tropical weather outlook/ Cyclone Advisories to the Panel Countries**
- ◆ **Issue of Tropical Cyclone Advisories for Aviation as per the guidelines of ICAO**
- ◆ **Collection, Processing & archival of data pertaining to tropical cyclones over the NIO and their exchange with member countries of the Panel**
- ◆ **Implementation of Regional Cyclone Operation Plan of WMO/ESCAP Panel**
- ◆ **Preparation of Annual Review, RSMC reports and updating of Cyclone operational cyclone operational plan**
- ◆ **Research on Storm Surge, Track & Intensity Prediction Techniques**



Monitoring and Forecast Process

Broad Classification of Observations



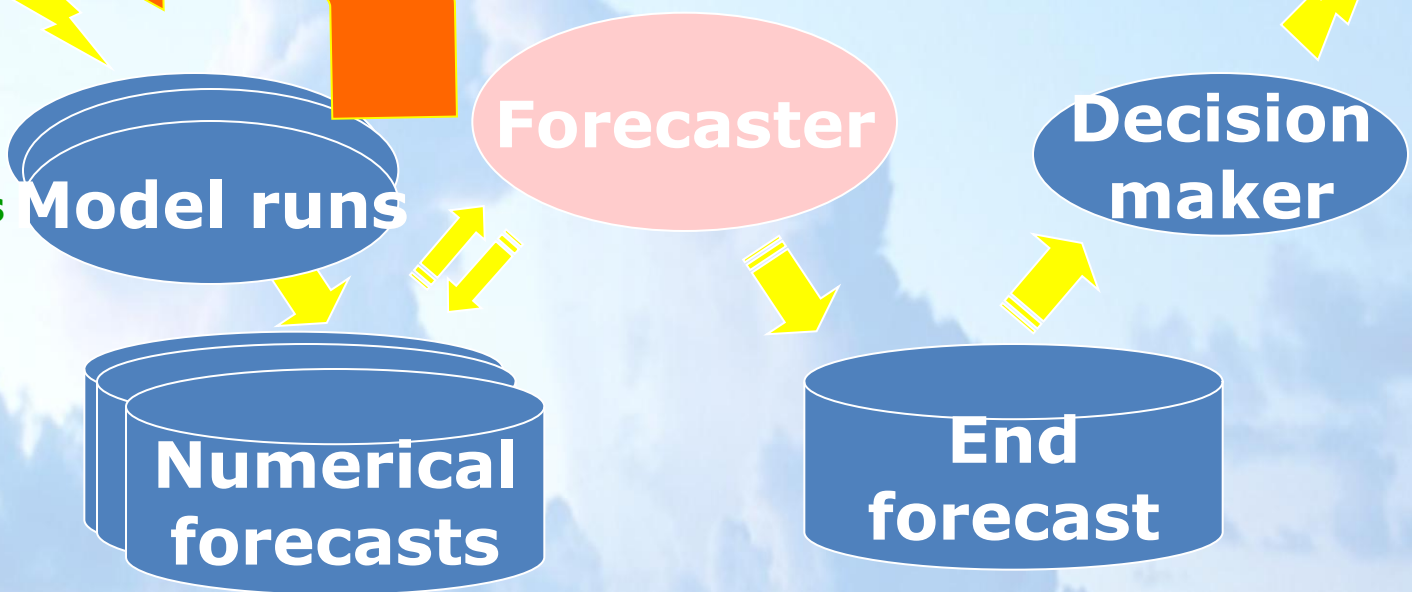
Initial conditions
(Observations)

Action

Runs of different Models,

Consecutive runs from the same model,

Ensemble runs ("choosing the best member")



Monitoring and Forecast Process of Tropical Cyclone



Evolution of Cyclonic disturbances Over the Indian Seas

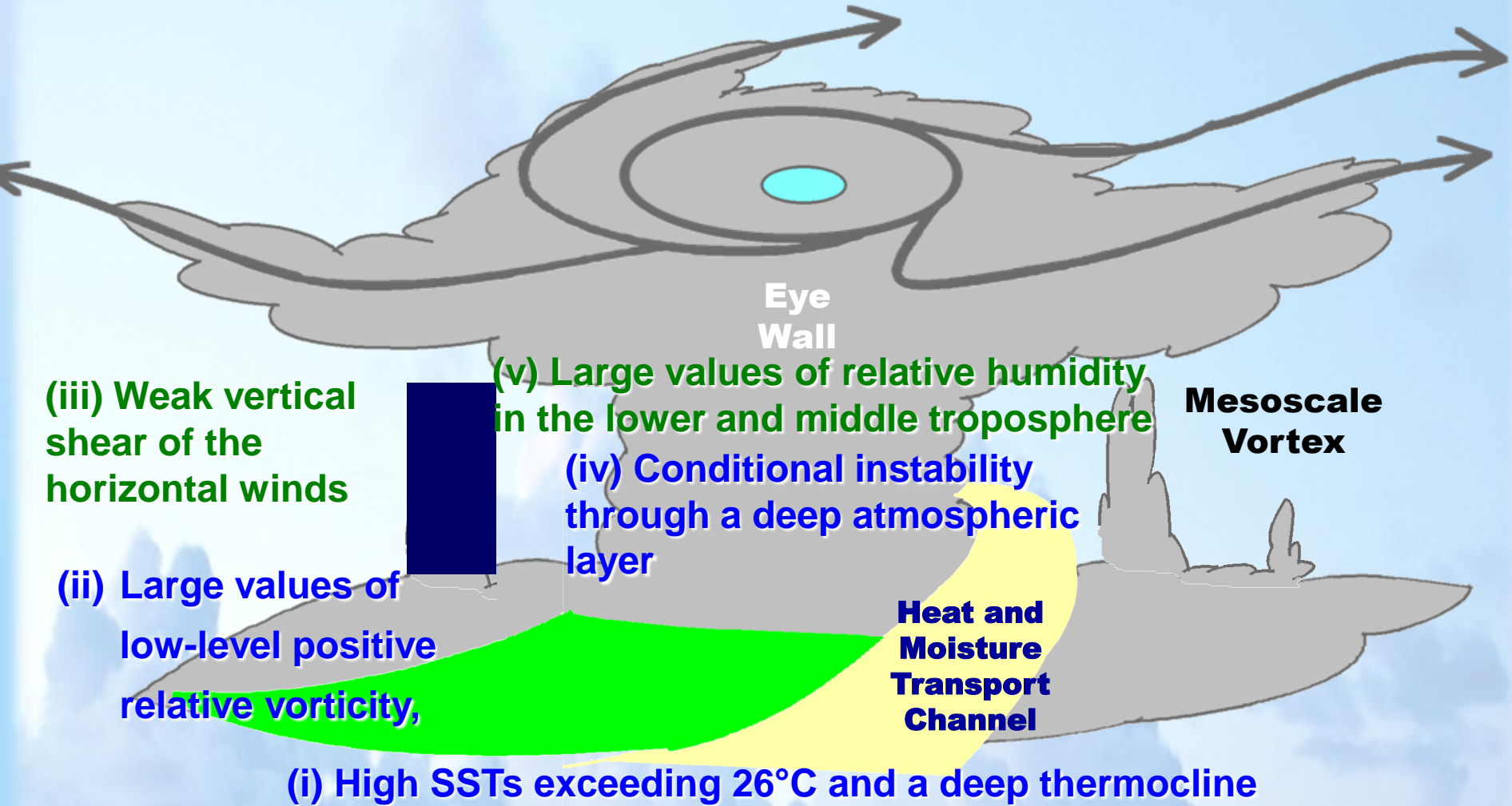
Low pressure system	Maximum sustained winds	
Low	< 17 knots	< 31 kmph
Depression	17 – 27 kts	31 – 51 kmph
Deep Depression	28 – 33 kts	52 – 62 kmph
Cyclone	34 – 47 kts	63 – 87 kmph
Severe Cyclone	48 – 63 kts	88 – 117 kmph
Very Severe Cyclone	64 – 119 kts	118 – 221 kmph
Super Cyclone	120 kts & above	222 kmph & above

System	No. of closed isobars at interval of 2 hPa
Low	1
Depression	2
Deep Depression	3
Cyclone	4 -7
Severe Cyclone	8-10
Very Severe Cyclone	11-39
Super Cyclone	40 or more



Factors Affecting Genesis and intensification of Cyclone

Out flow channel



(Heavily dependent on Ocean observations)



Observational Organisation

Cyclone Track and Intensity Data Sources

For monitoring and prediction purpose, the following data sources are used in general

Global Data Networks

- Surface observations
- Ocean Observations
- Upper Air Observations
- Satellite Data

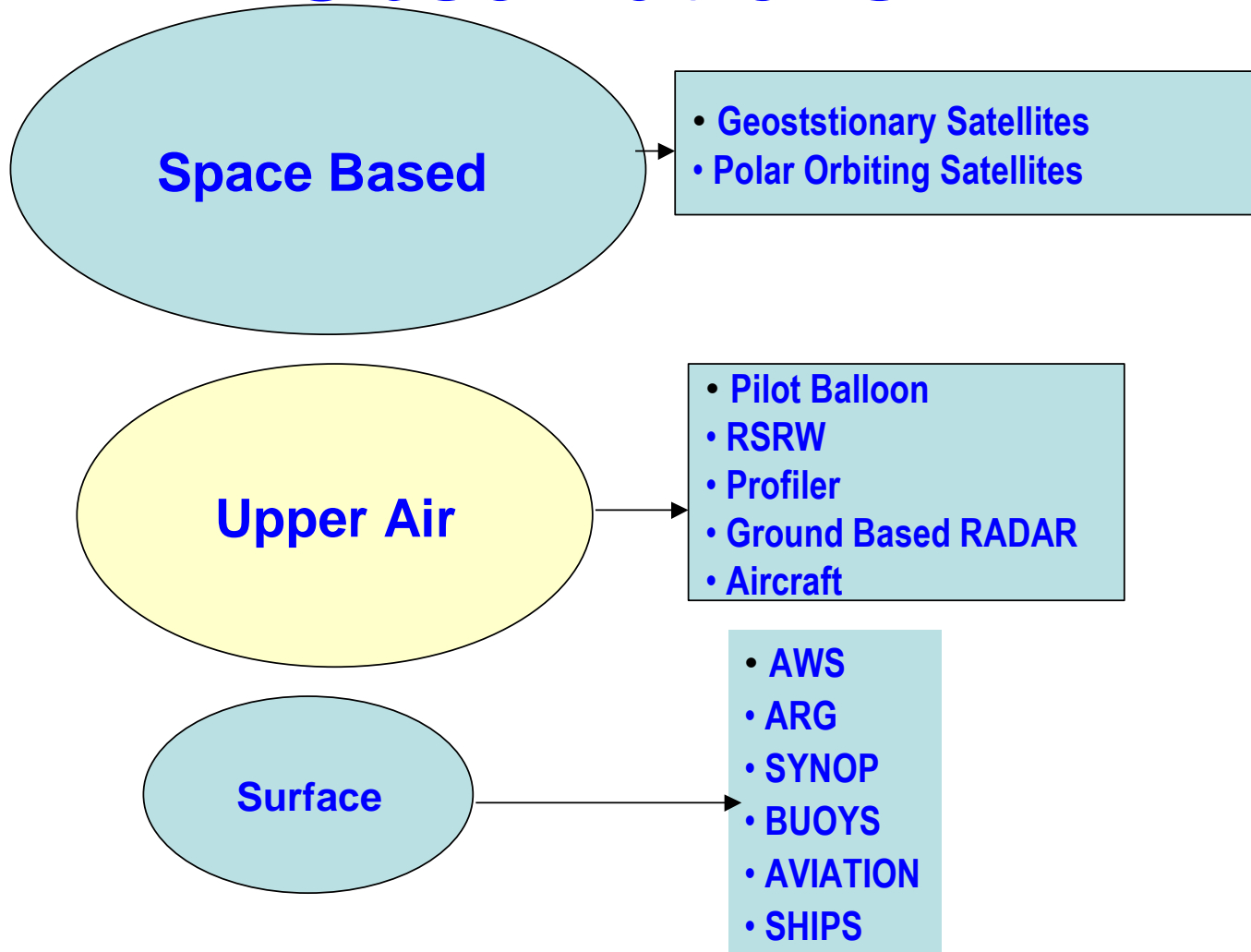
Critical Cyclone Data Platforms

- Doppler Weather Radar Data
- Aircraft (reconnaissance and surveillance)



Cyclone Monitoring

Broad Classification of Observations



Surface Stations (manned) –

Departmental (203)



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Stations
(manned)**

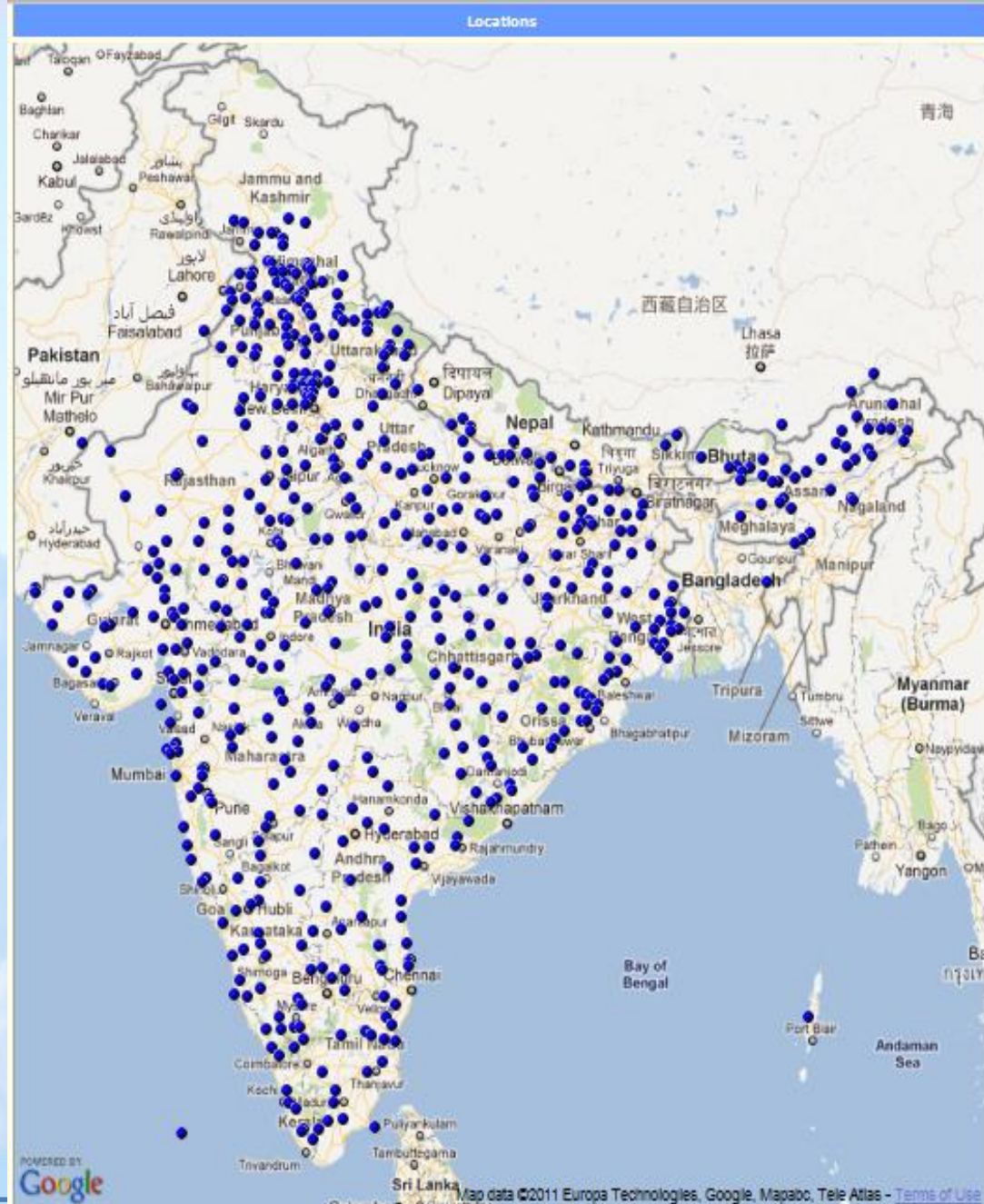
**Non-
Departmental
(247)**



675 Automatic
Weather Stations

127 Agro-
AWS

548 AWS

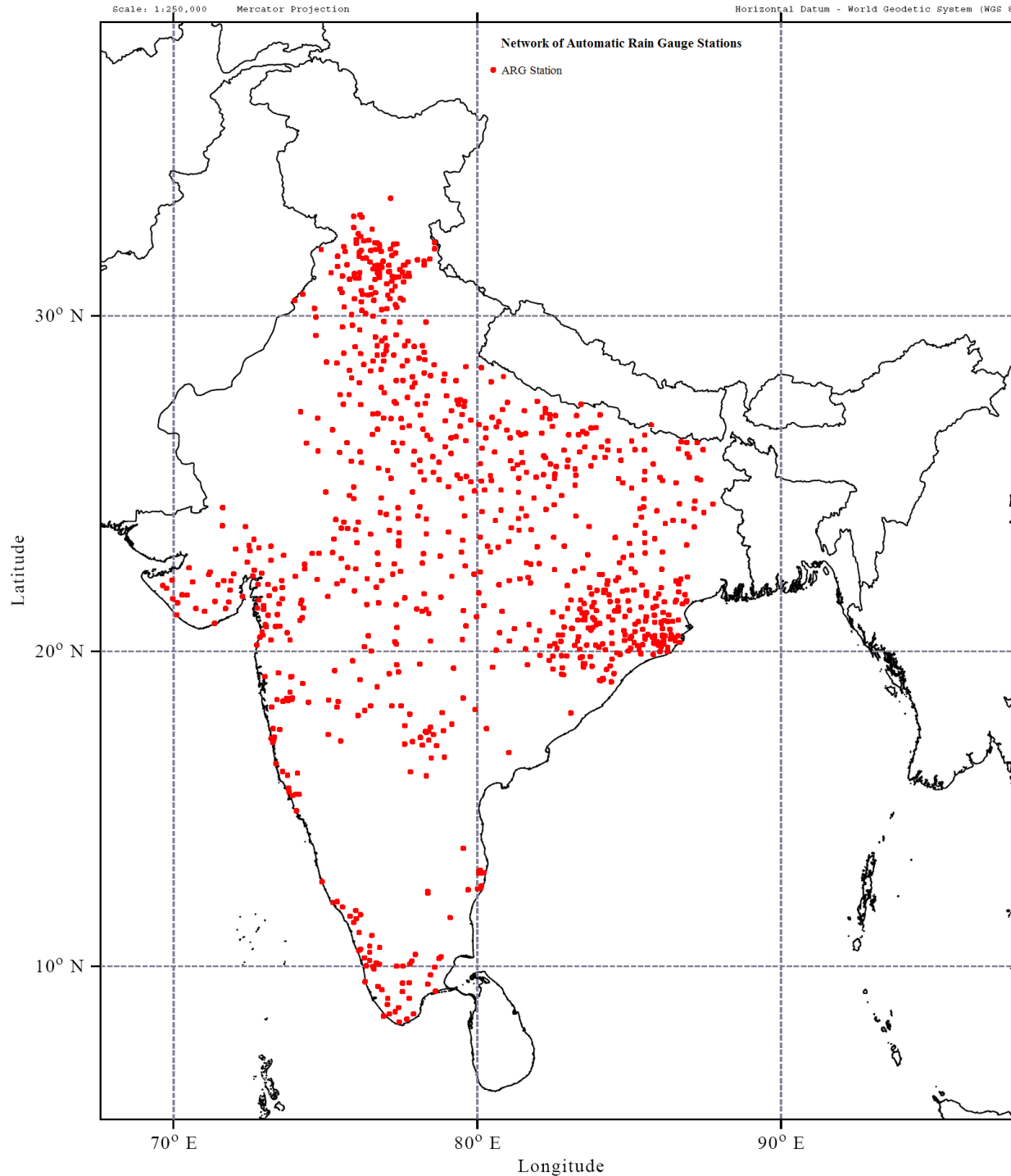


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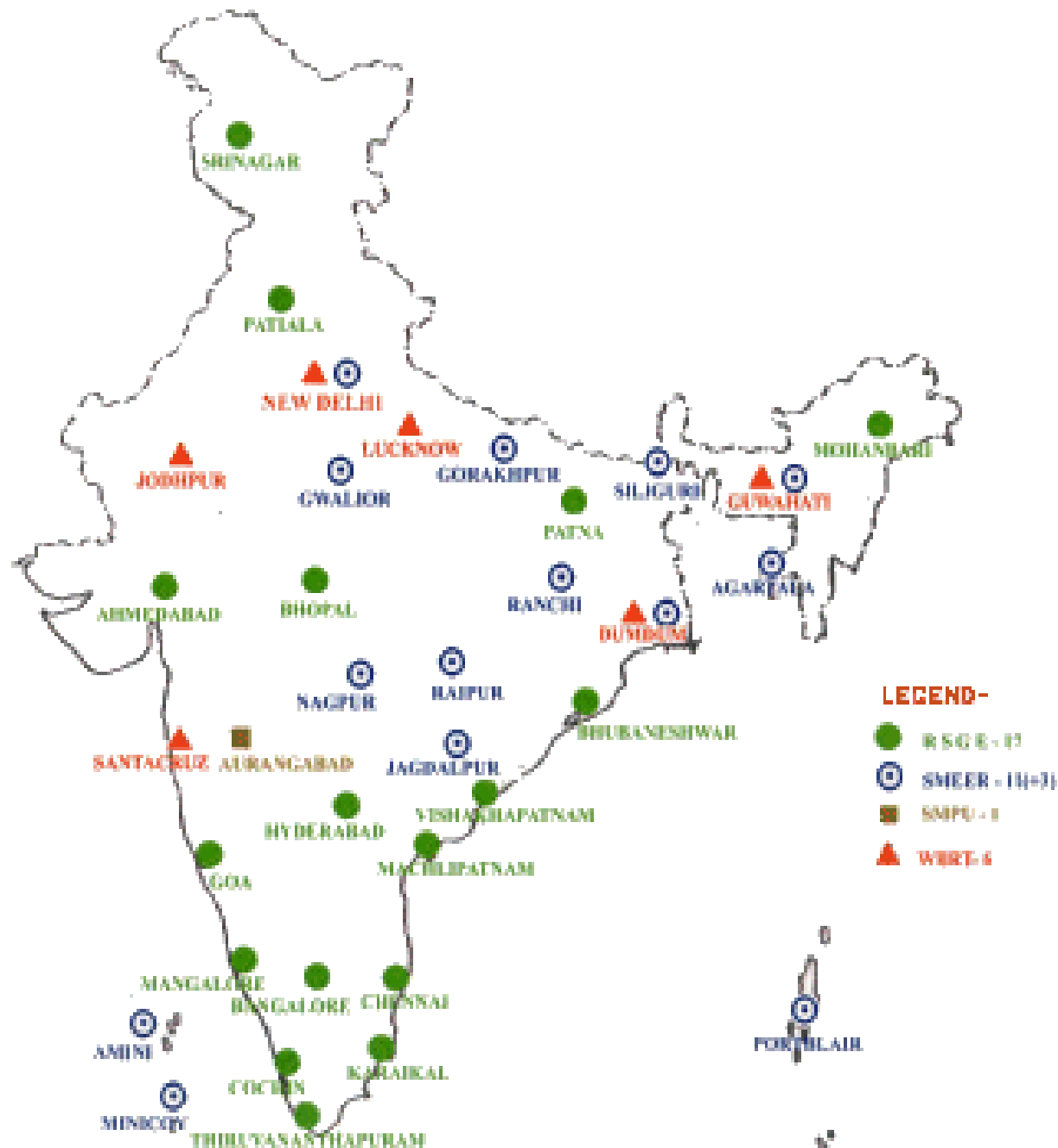


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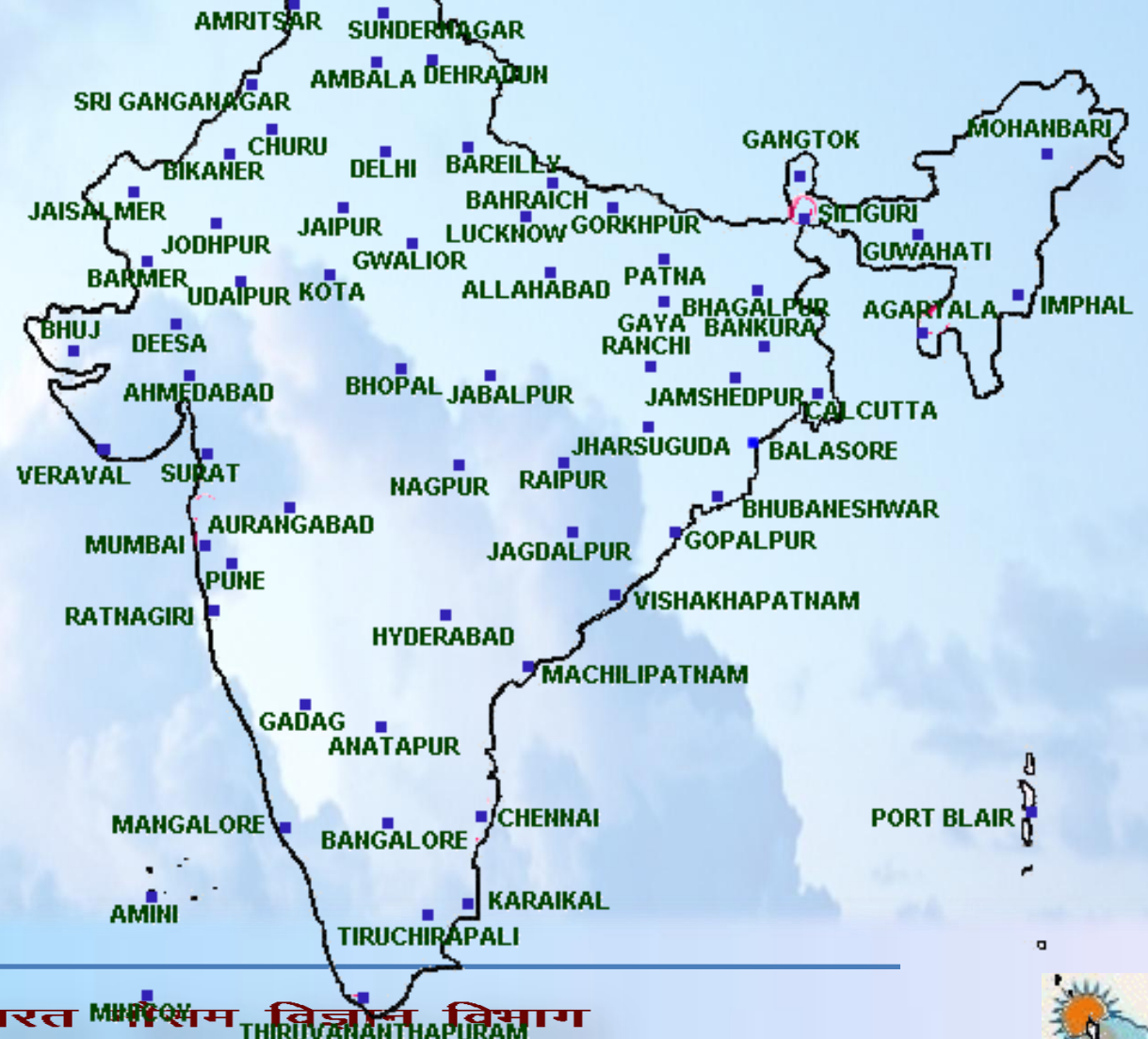
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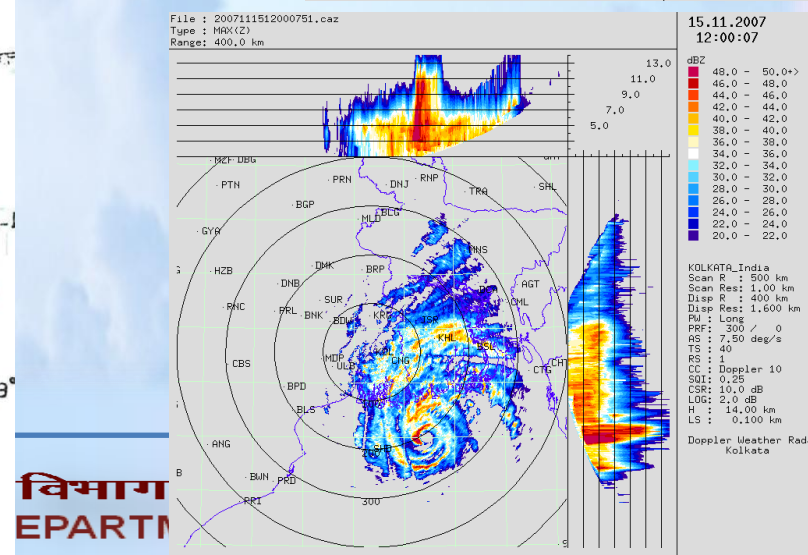
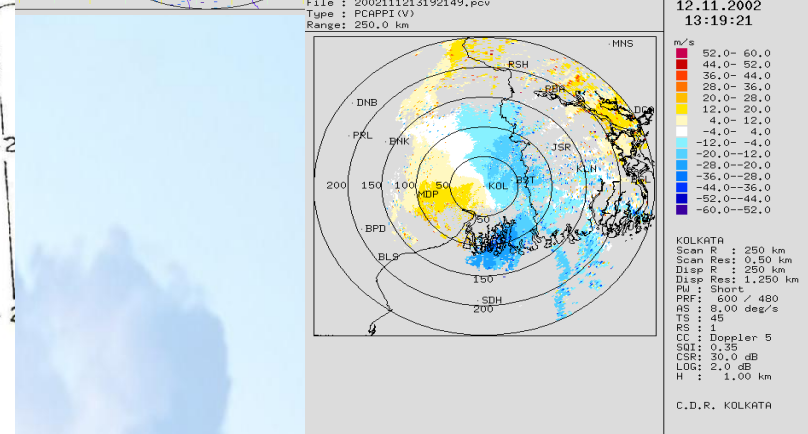
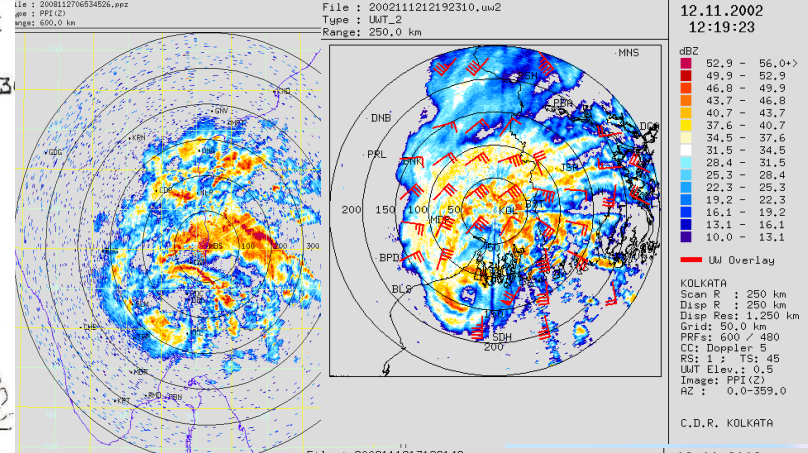
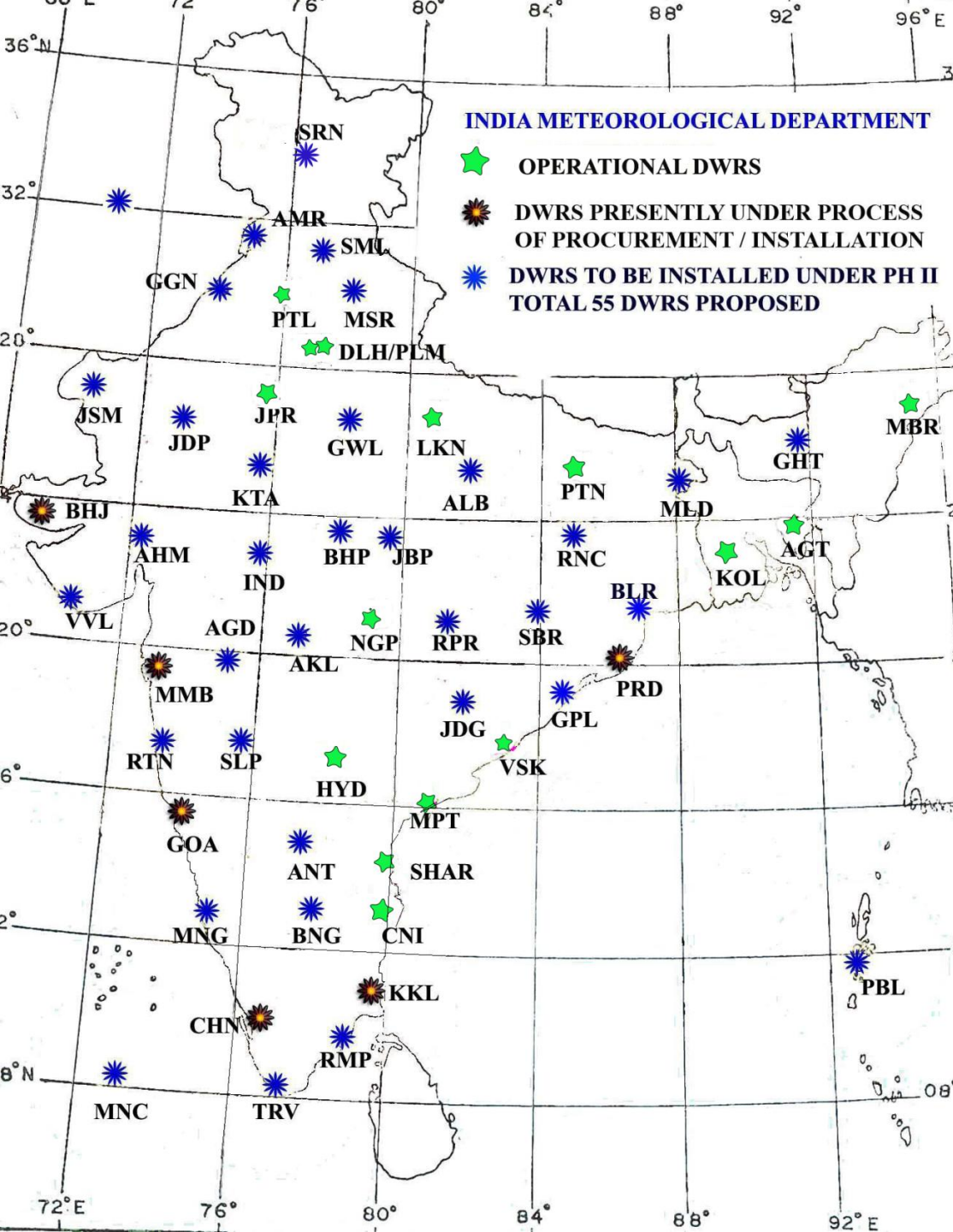


RS/RW Network Including 10 GPS based stations



PILOT BALLOON STATIONS (62)





**विभाग
EPARTI**

(High Wind Speed Recorder)

Seven HWSRs along the coast of India in the operational conditions

Digha Bengal : West

❖ Visakhapatnam Andhra Pradesh :

❖ Machilipatnam Andhra Pradesh :

❖ Nellore Andhra Pradesh :

❖ Chennai Nadu : Tamil

❖ Karaikal Puducherry :

❖ Mumbai. Maharashtra :

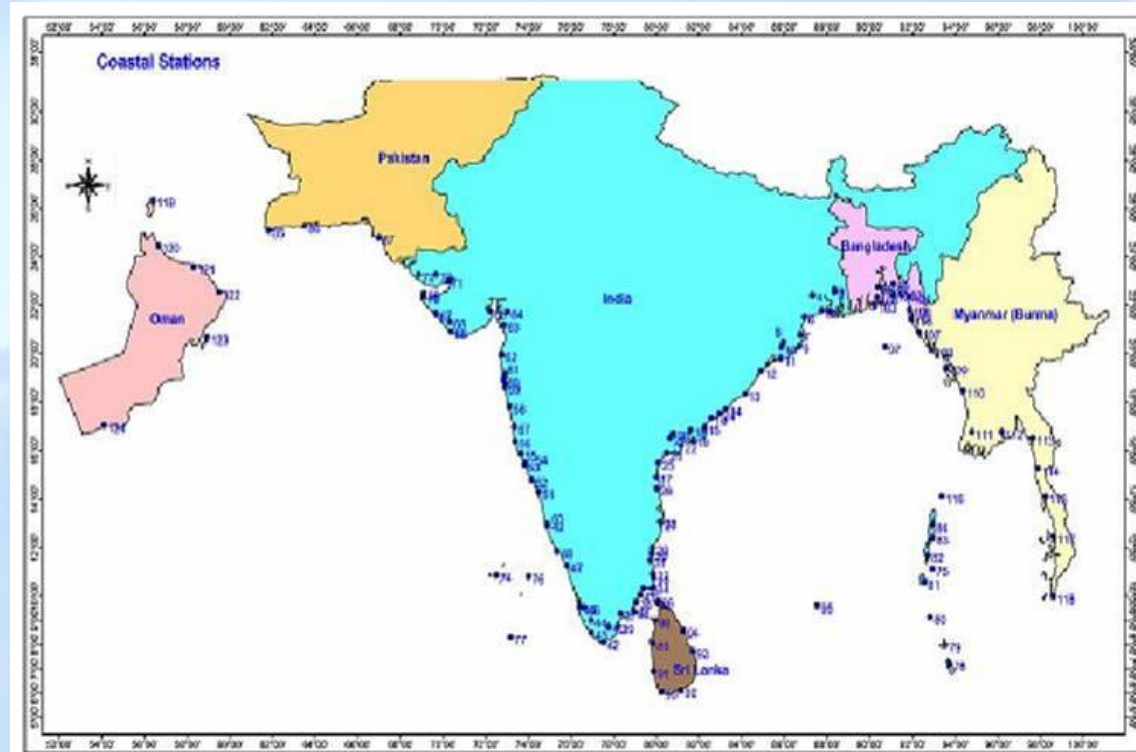
Four stations are likely to be operational during next 2-3 months

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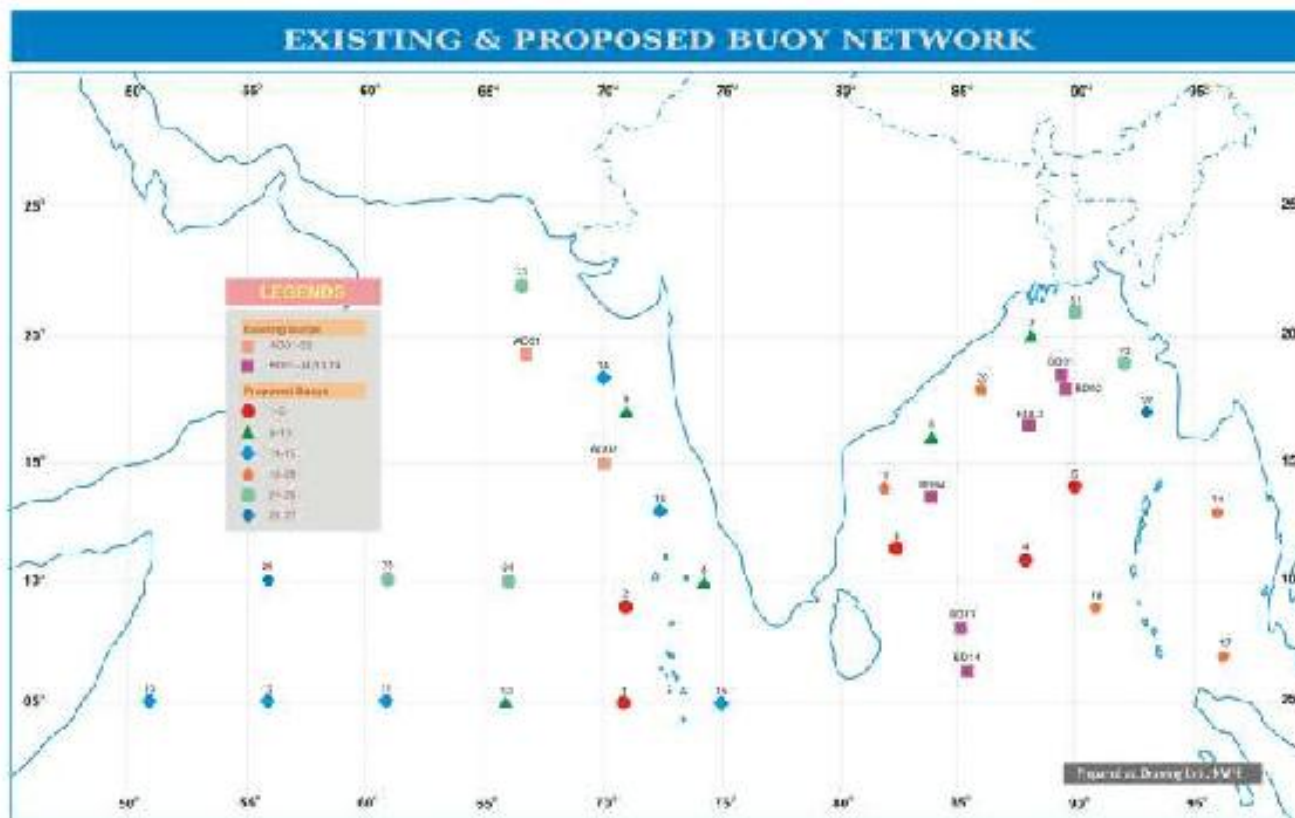
❖ Paradip Orissa :

❖ Gopalpur Orissa :

❖ Veraval Gujarat :



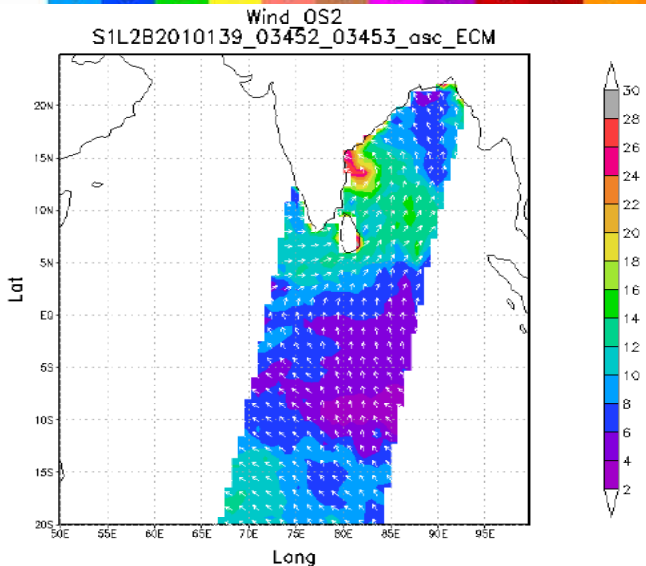
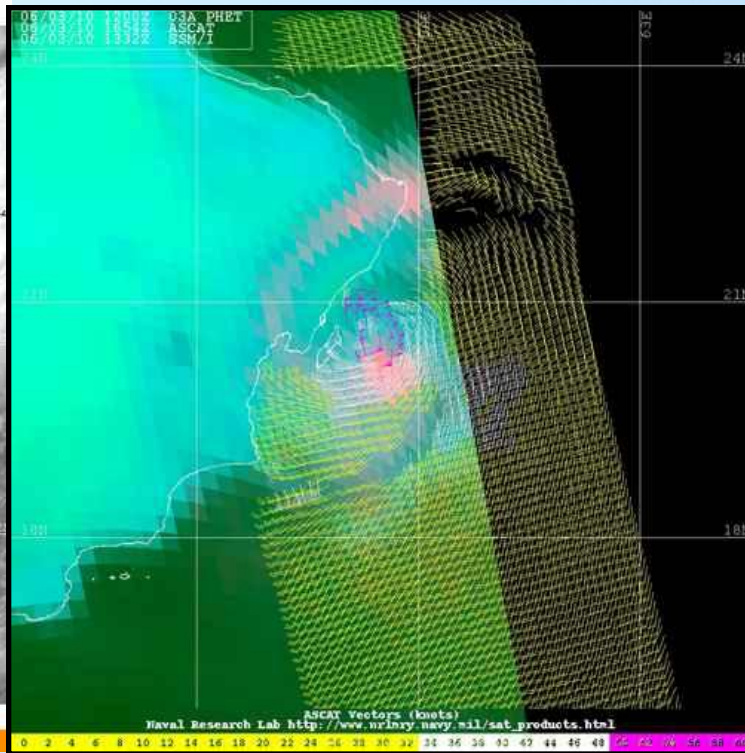
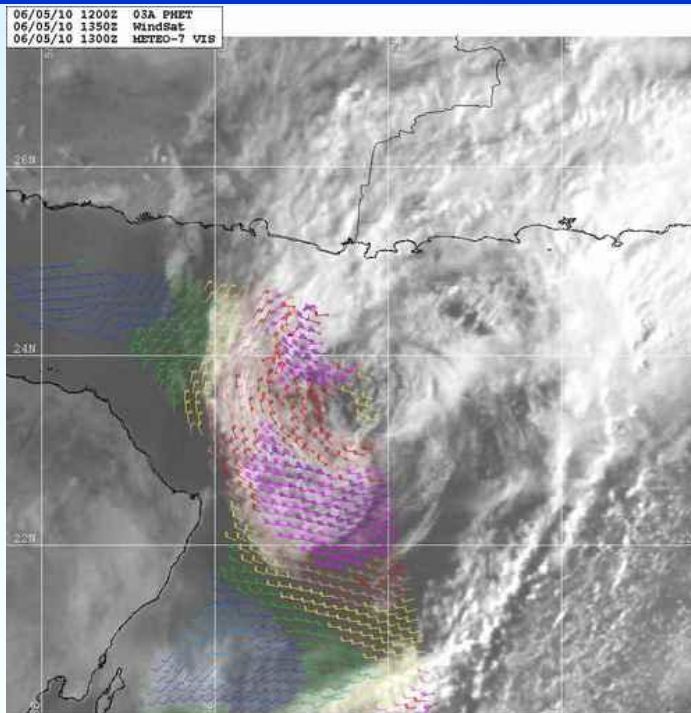
Buoys Network



Government of India has established a National Data Buoy Programme (NDBP) at National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai. Under this programme, twelve moored data buoys have been deployed from August '97 to February '98 at a sea depth of 20m to 4500m and spread over Bay of Bengal and Arabian sea. Since 2002, the number has increased to 25



Example of TC wind monitoring products



Scatterometry products



Basic Geostationary Imagery for Cyclone Monitoring

❖ Visible

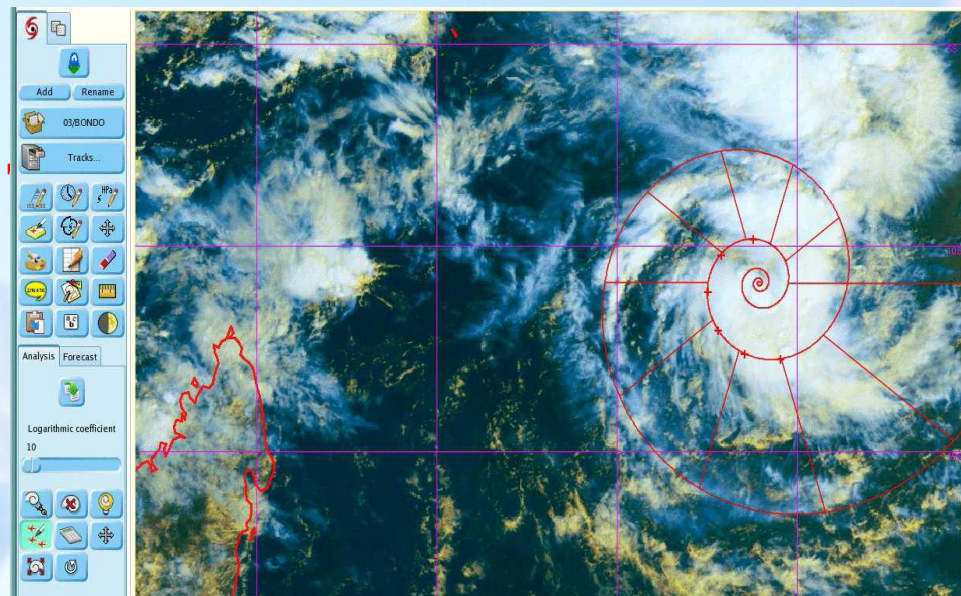
- Tracking (locating the centre)
- For intensity analysis by Dvorak

❖ Infra-Red

- Tracking (locating the centre)
- For structure analysis
- For intensity analysis

❖ Water Vapour

- For synoptic assessment of the storm environment

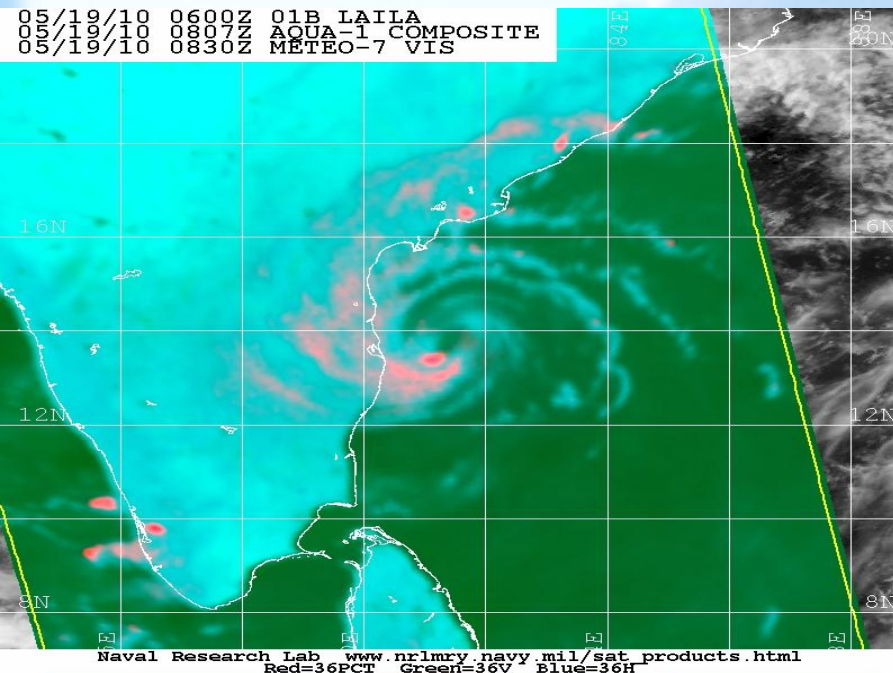


Satellite observations

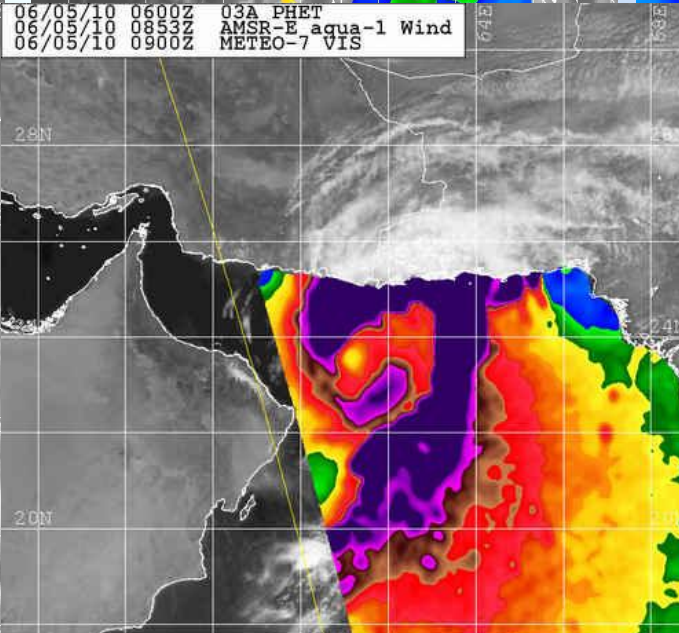
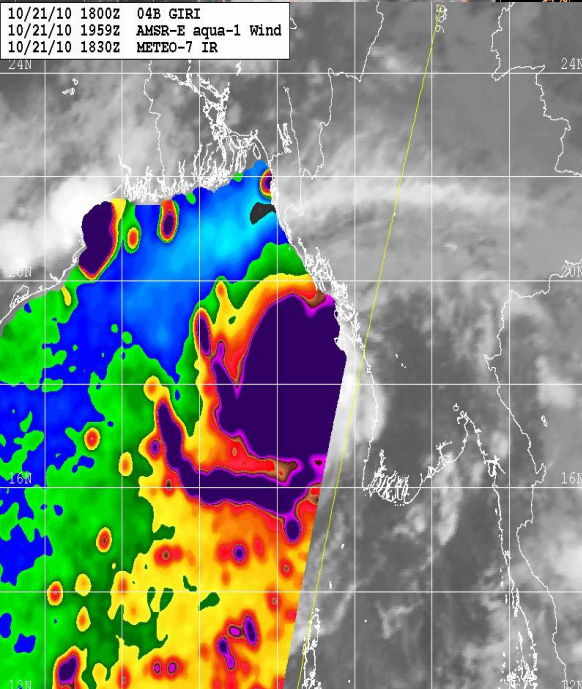
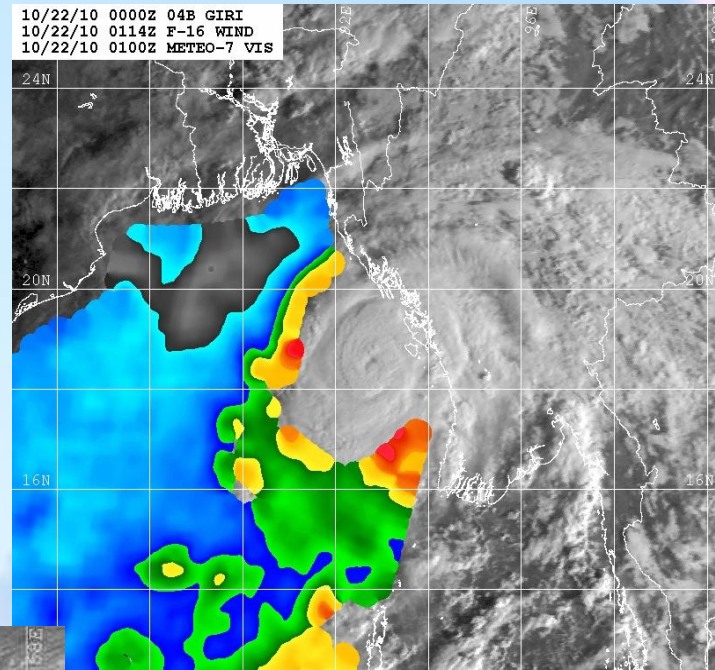
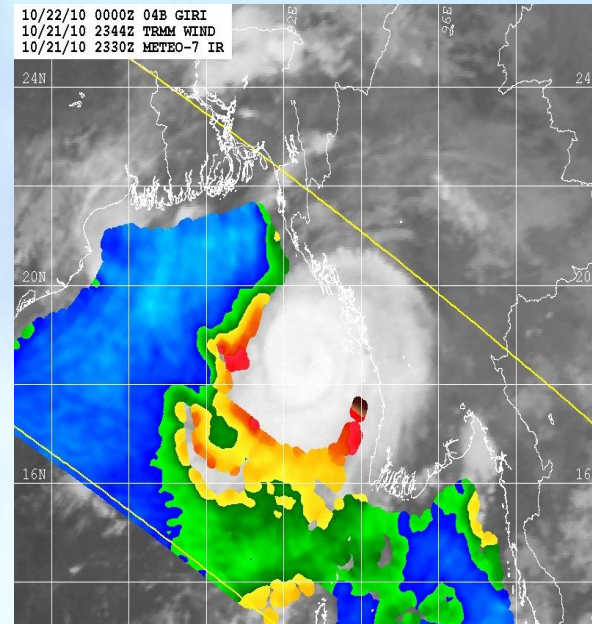
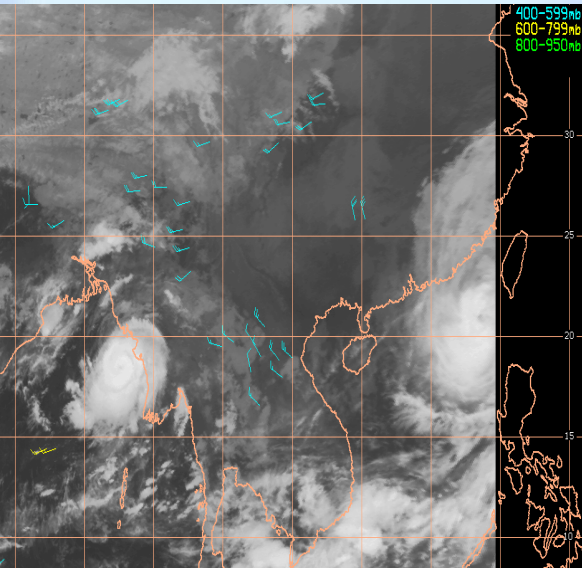
(Microwave) : -

- ❖ Passive Microwave Imagers (PMW) for structure (eye wall and rain band)
- ❖ Microwave Sounders (MSU) (Intensity)
AMSU-A oxygen band channels 5-8 (warm core temperature)
- ❖ Rain rate
 - TMI rain data
 - TRMM (Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission) rain data

- ❖ Microwave imageries being used
- ❖ Tropical cyclone module
- ❖ Has been installed and will be utilised along with **Navy NRL website** to analyse microwave imageries.
- ❖ Available satellite derived products (high resolution AMVs; rapid scan winds; OLR; Oceansat and WINDSAT winds; local HRPT Temperature and moisture profiles from INCOIS; MODIS moisture data; TMI; SSMI and AMSU data sets etc.) for its utilization by the global and regional data assimilation-forecast systems of IMD and NCMRWF



Example of TC wind monitoring products



Remotely sensed products



Unprecedented Real-Time Satellite Capabilities: Data Fusion

2008 Storms
 All **Active** Year

Environment: Total_Precip._Water_Vapor(TPW) | TPW&NOGAPS_TPW | TPW&NOGAPS_850_Winds | Wind_Shear

Sensor	% Cov	VIS	IR	IR-BD	Multi Sens.	85GHz H	85GHz weak	85GHz PCT	Color	Rain	Wind	37GHz Color	37GHz V	37GHz H	SSM/I Vapor	GAC: VIS IR Vapor		
SSMI	60%	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
SSMIS	76%	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
TMI	60%	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
AMSRE	89%	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
WINDSAT	90%	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
AMSUB	81%	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	

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2009 Storms
 All **Active** Year

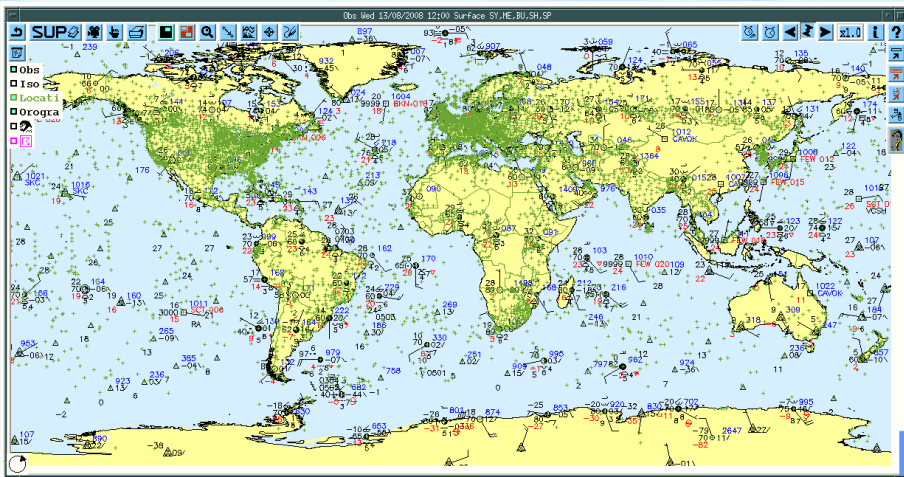
Environment: Total_Precip._Water_Vapor(TPW) | TPW&NOGAPS_TPW | TPW&NOGAPS_850_Winds | Wind_Shear

Sensor	% Cov	VIS	IR	IR-BD	Multi Sens.	85GHz H	85GHz weak	85GHz PCT	Color	Rain	Wind	37GHz Color	37GHz V	37GHz H	SSM/I Vapor	MODIS: VIS IR Vapor		
SSMI	39%	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
SSMIS	66%	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
TMI	47%	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
AMSRE	87%	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
WINDSAT	35%	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
AMSUB	87%	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	

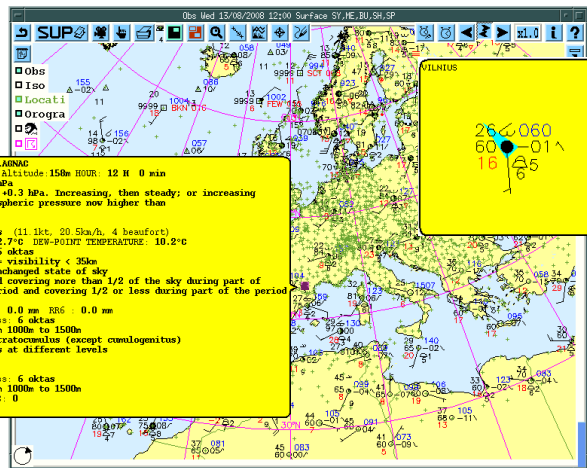
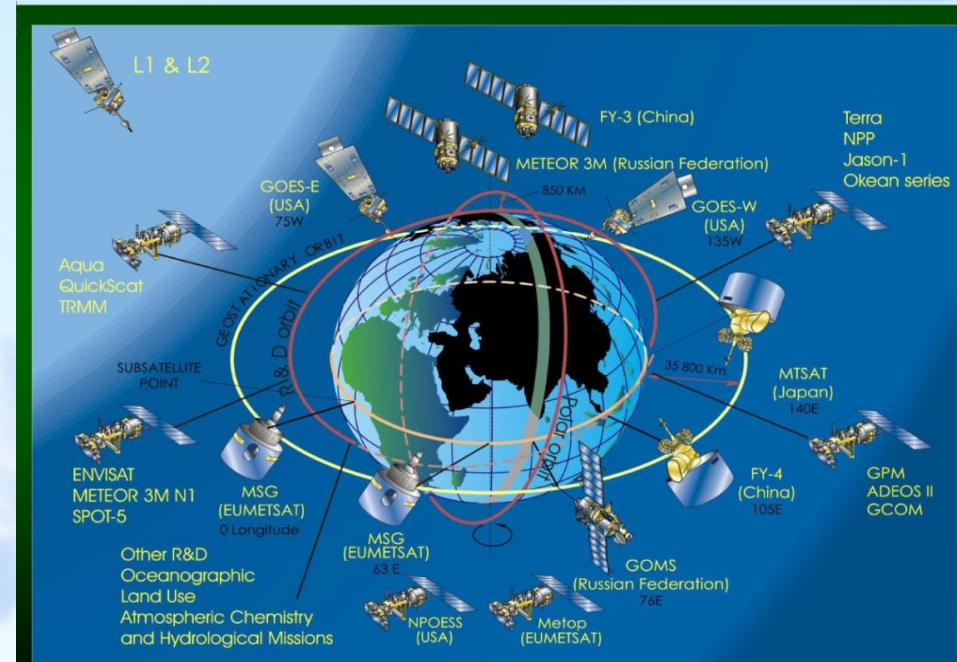
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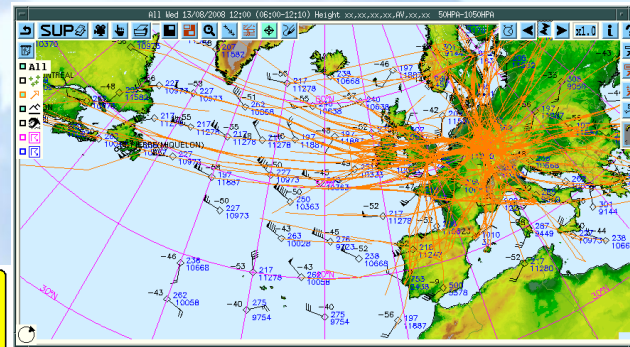
A typical daily synoptic products in Forecasting System of IMD



Global plotting



Gauges



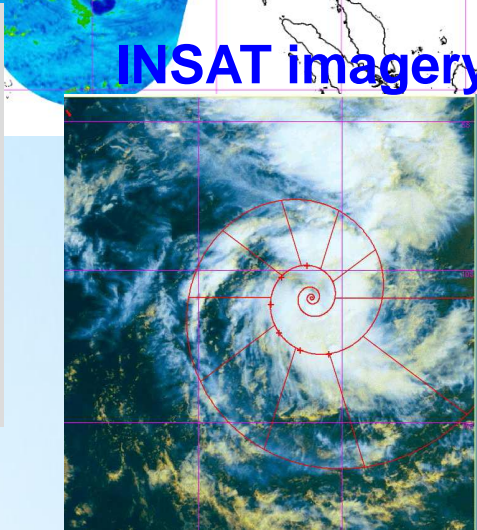
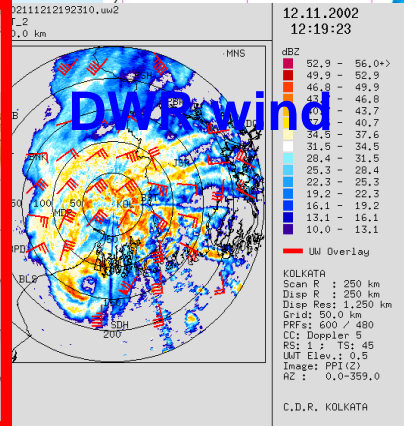
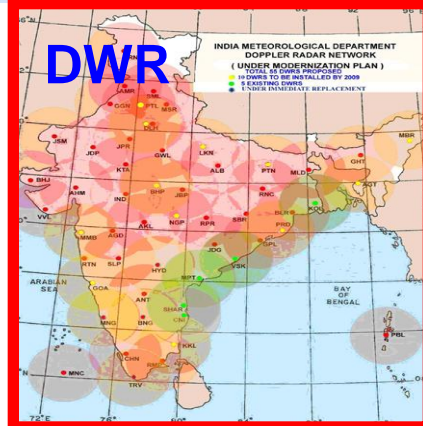
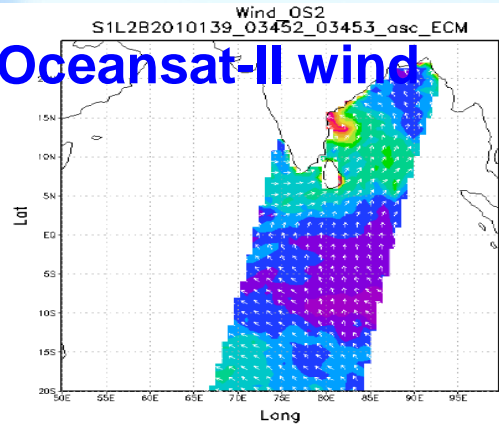
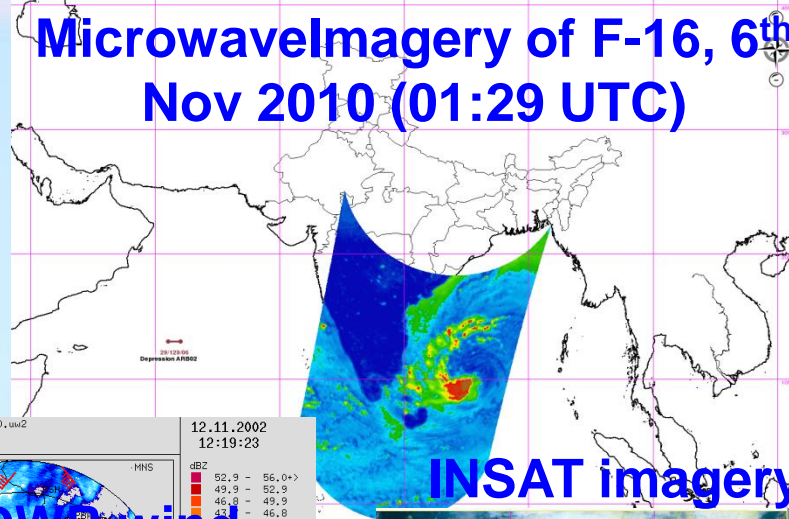
Plane trajectories



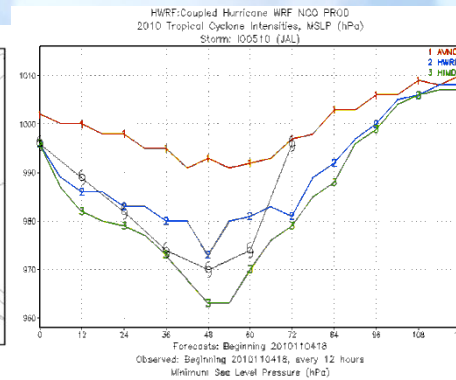
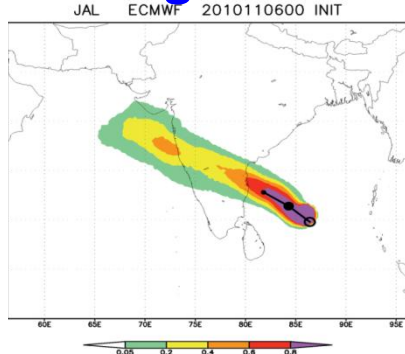
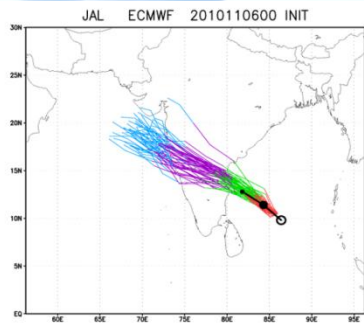
Tropical Cyclone Module

- ❖ It Has been installed and being utilised to various observation, satellite, radar and NWP modeling products
- ❖ To general warning bulletins and products

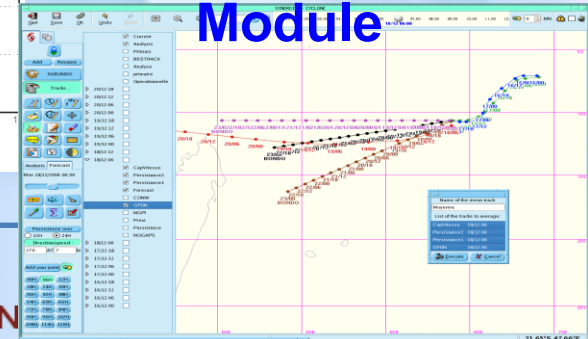
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NWP model guidance



Decision making through Cyclone Module



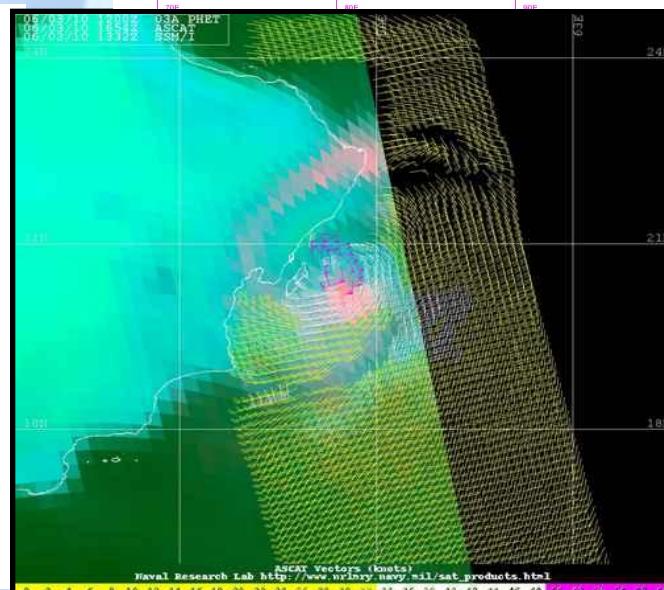
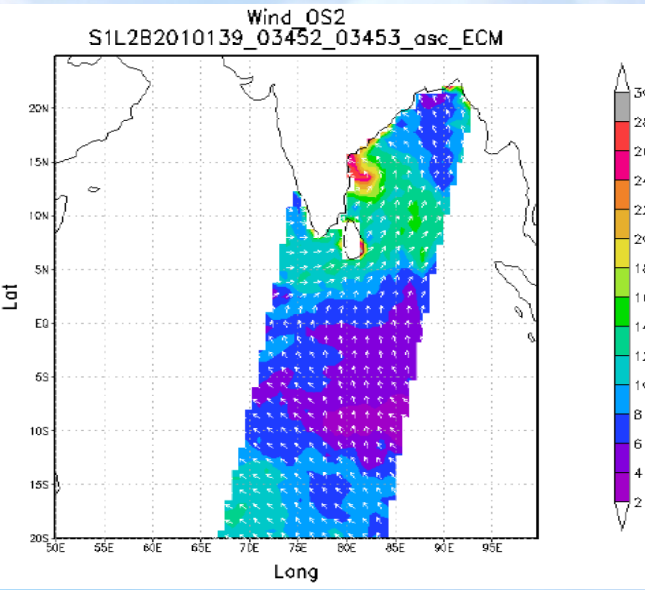
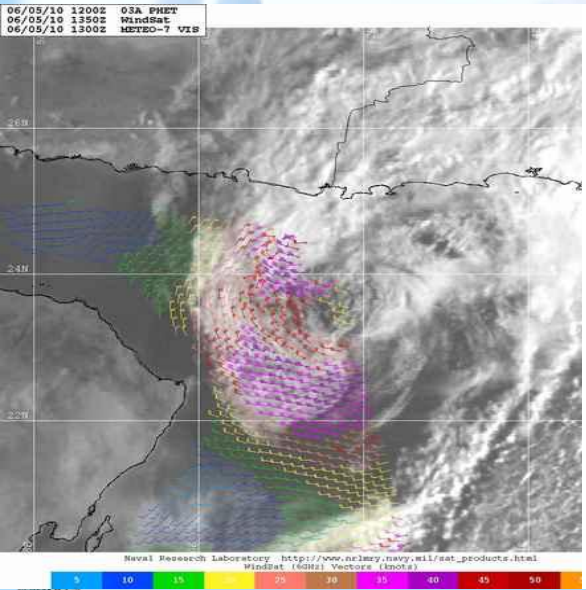
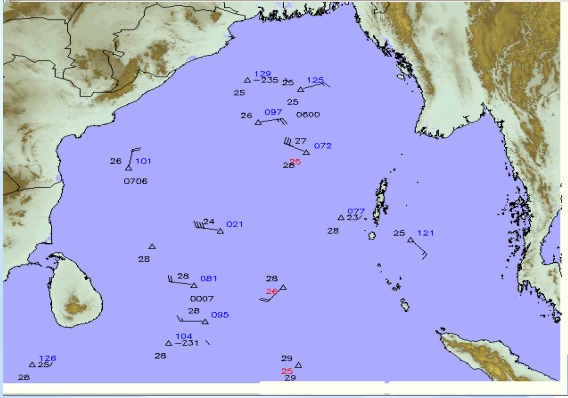
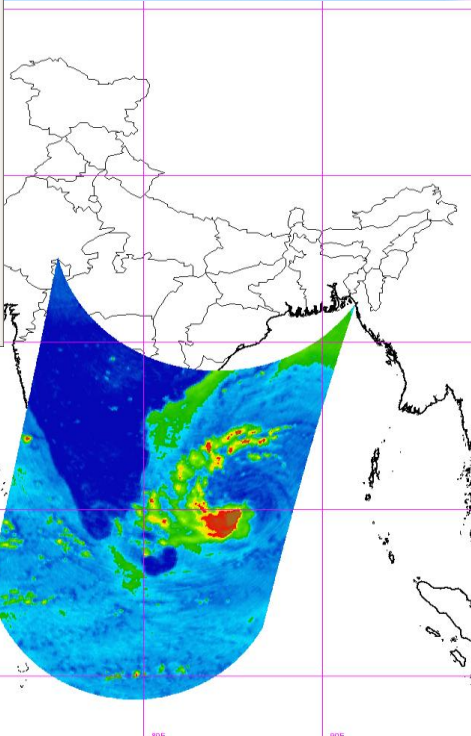
Cyclone genesis monitoring and forecasting

- i) Dynamical Statistical Techniques
 - i) Genesis potential parameter
 - ii) MJO
- ii) Synoptic Techniques – Empirical Techniques
- iii) Satellite Techniques
- iv) Radar Techniques
- v) NWP Models
 - Individual models (Global and regional)
 - IMDGFS (382, 574), ARPEGE (MeteoFrance, ECMWF, JMA, UKMO, NCEP, WRF (IMD, IITD, IAF), HWRF (IMD), QLM
 - MME (IMD) and MME based on Tropical Cyclone Module (TCM)
 - EPS (Mean Track, Strike probability, Location specific probability)



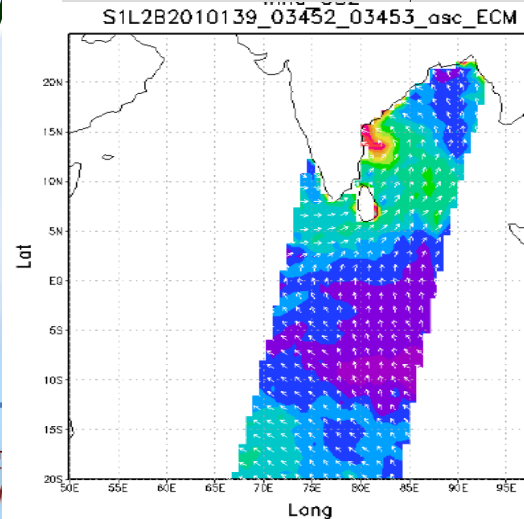
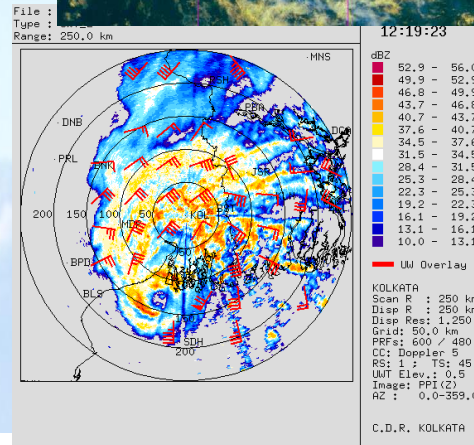
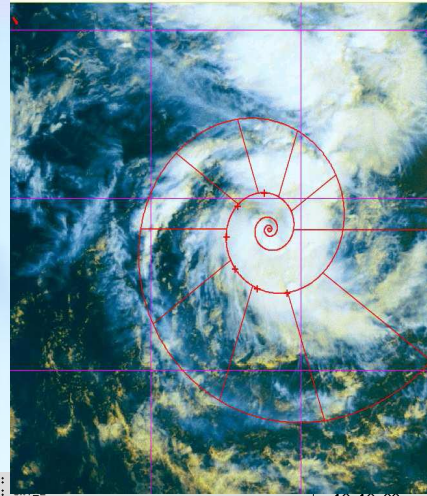
Location of Centre

- (a) Synoptic position
- (b) Satellite: INSAT/METSAT position
- (c) Radar position :
- (d) Centre determined by other warning centres
- (e) Finally agreed official Position and Confidence



Intensity estimation:

- (a) Satellite:
- (b) INSAT/METSAT
- (b) Radar
- (c) Synoptic analysis
(wind observed by Buoys, Ships, Scatterometers)
- (d) Model analysis
- (e) Intensity determined by other warning centres
- (e) Finally agreed official intensity



<i>C.I. Number</i>	<i>Max. Wind Speed (knots)</i>	<i>Pressure depth (in mb)</i>
1	25	3.1
1.5	25	3.1
2	30	4.5
2.5	35	6.1
3	45	10.0
3.5	55	15.0
4	65	20.9
4.5	77	29.4
5	90	40.2
5.5	102	51.6
6	115	65.6
6.5	127	80.0
7	140	97.2
7.5	155	119.1
8	170	143.3



TC track forecasting methods

i) Statistical Techniques

Analogue, Persistence, Climatology, CLIPER,

i) Synoptic Techniques – Empirical Techniques

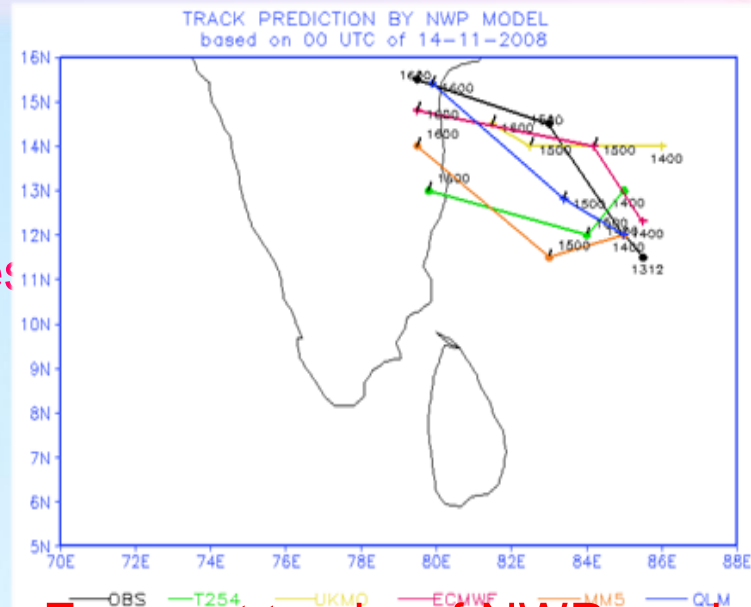
ii) Satellite Techniques Techniques

iii) Radar Techniques

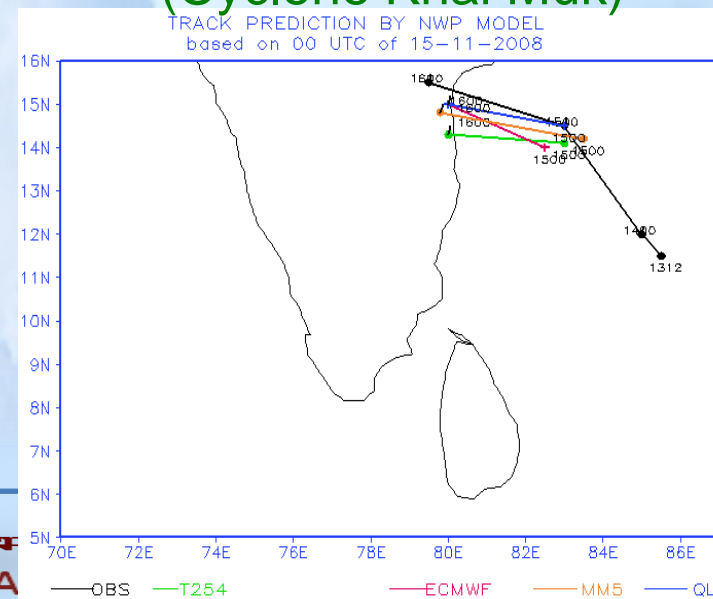
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- EPS (Strike probability, Location specific probability)

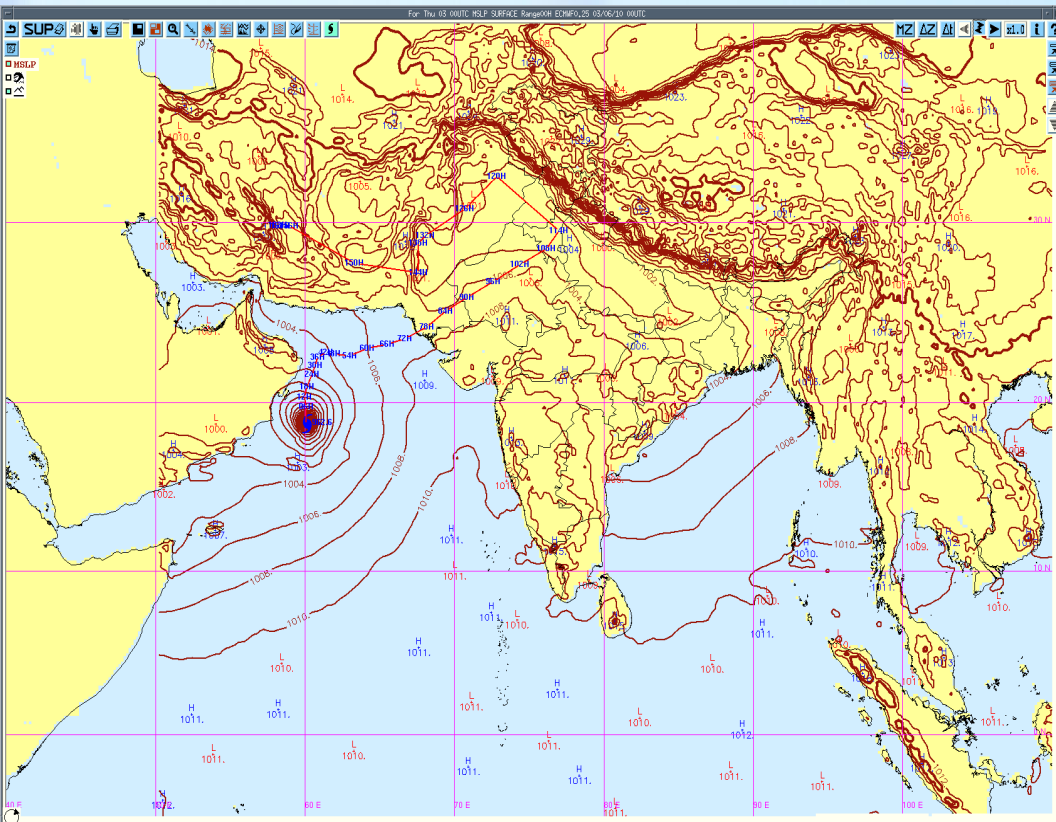
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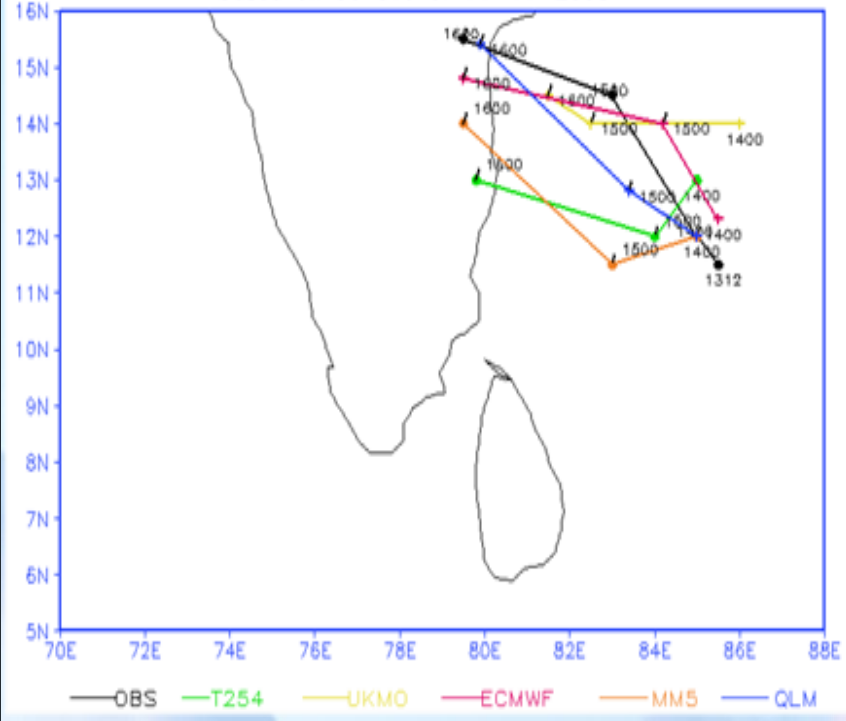
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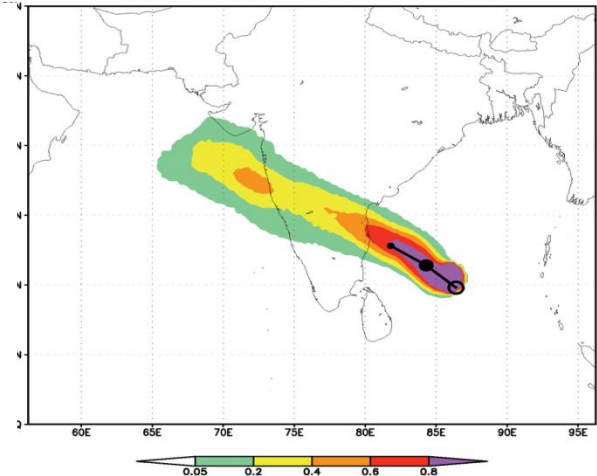
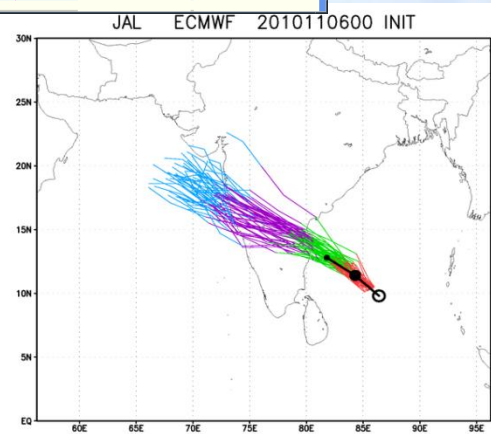
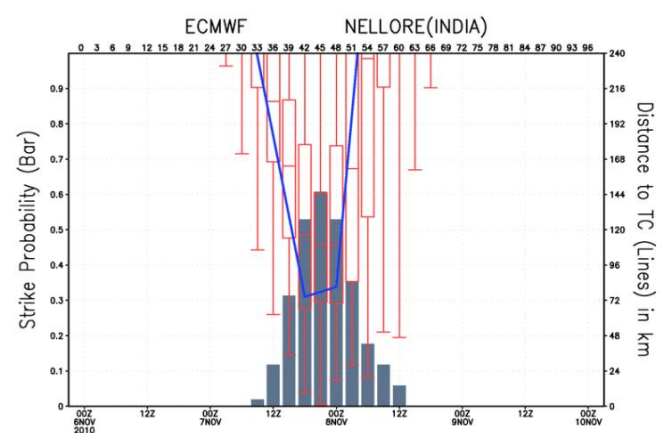
TC track forecasting methods



TRACK PREDICTION BY NWP MODEL
based on 00 UTC of 14-11-2008



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TC intensity forecasting methods

i) Statistical Techniques

Analogue, Persistence, Climatology

i) Synoptic Techniques

ii) Satellite Techniques

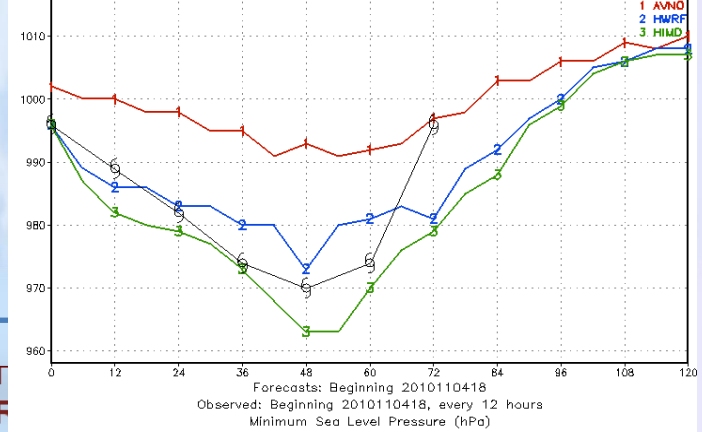
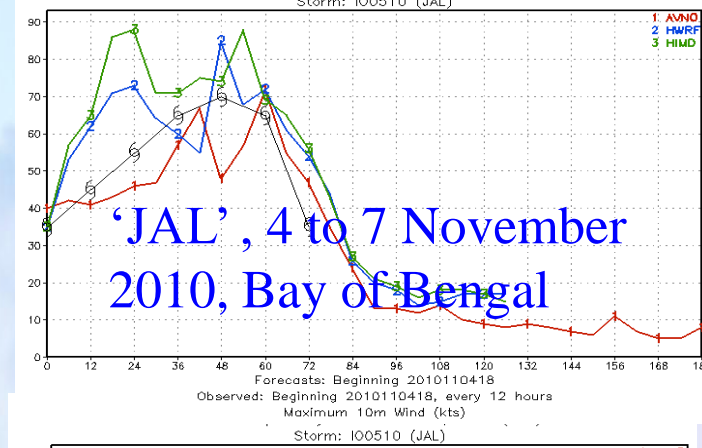
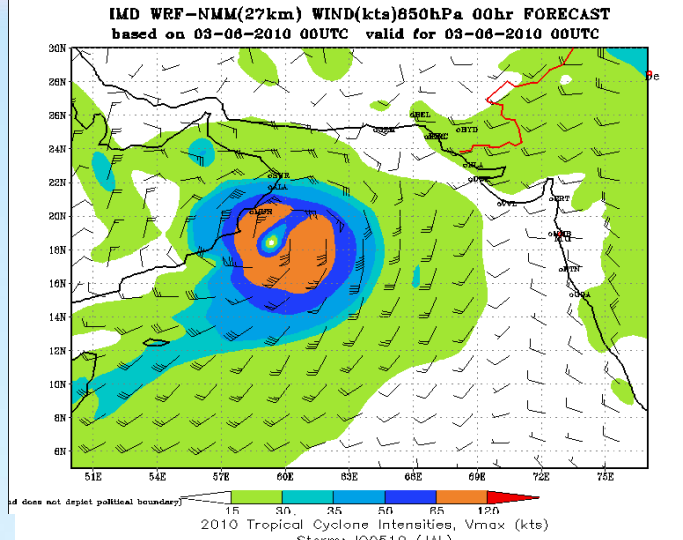
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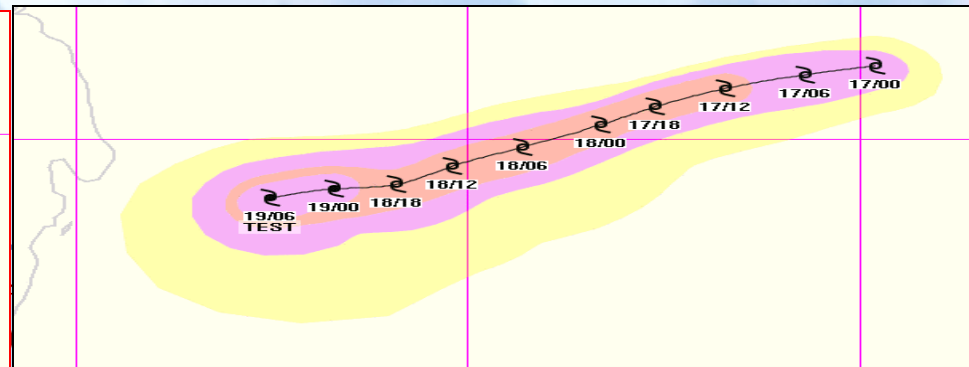
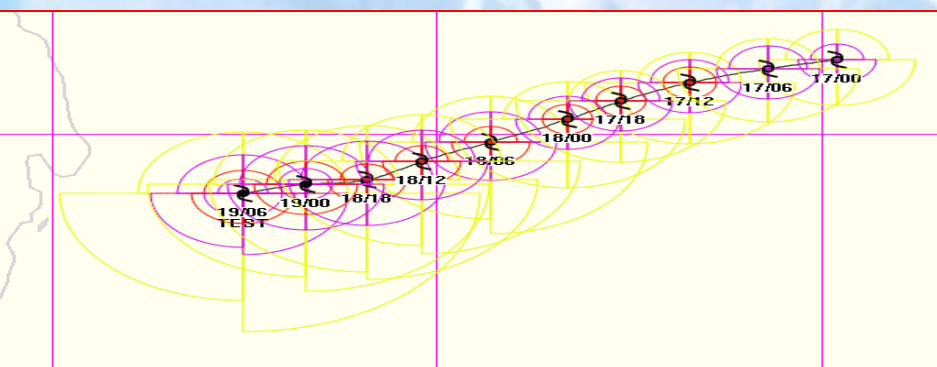
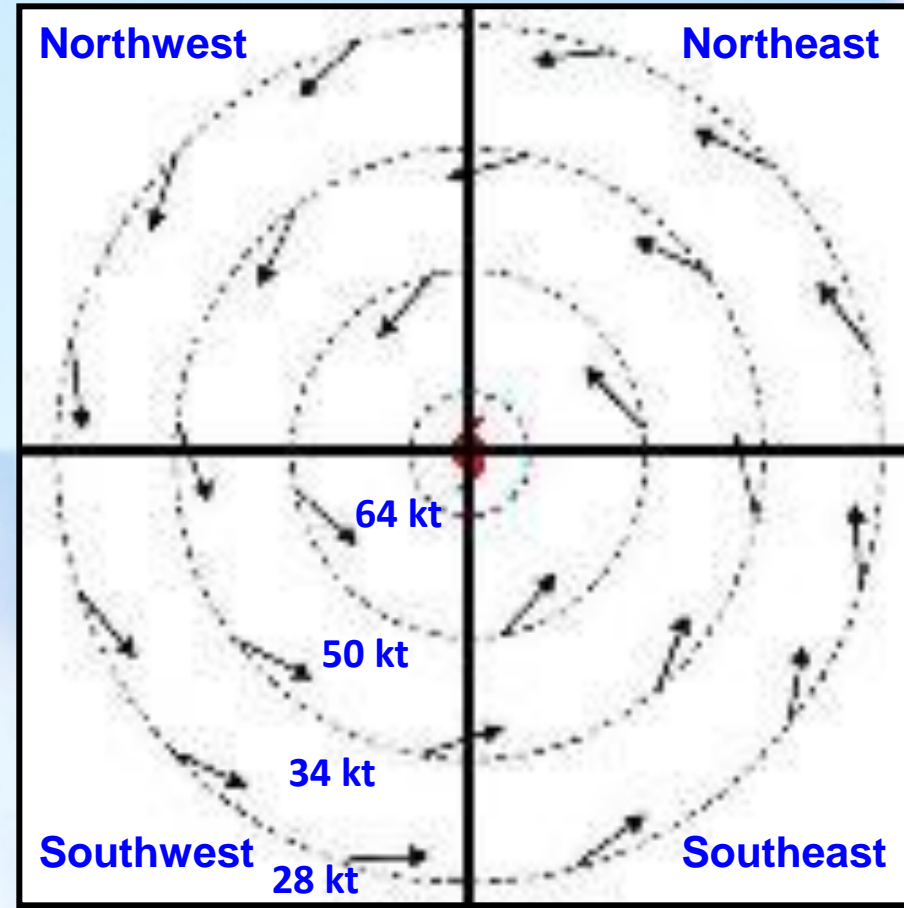
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Operational (Consensus) forecast



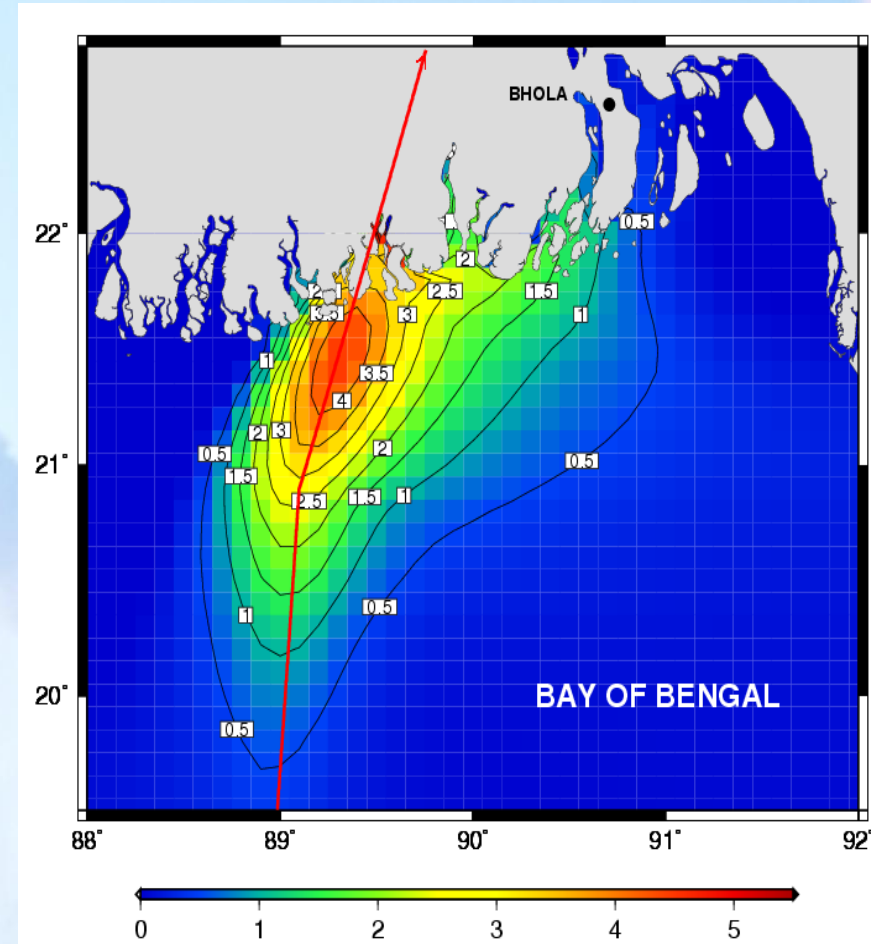
Quadrant wind radii monitoring and forecast

- Wind radii represents the maximum radial extent of winds reaching a threshold value in each quadrant.
- The wind radii forecasts are issued over the sea area only as per the requirement of the users.
- The TC wind radii forecasts are generated in terms of the radii of winds reaching 34kts, 50kts and 64kts value in four geographical quadrants around the tropical cyclone. In addition, radii of 28 kts is also added.



Disastrous weather forecasting

- ❖ Storm Surge prediction -
 - Nomograms
 - IITD model
- ❖ Strong wind
 - Satellite Method (Dvorak Technique)
 - DWR
 - Climatology (based on damage potential)
 - NWP
- ❖ Heavy rainfall
 - Synoptic method
 - Climatological method
 - Satellite
 - Radar
 - NWP Method



FROM : RSMC-TROPICAL CYCLONES, NEW DELHI
TO : STORM WARNING CENTRES DHAKA, BANGKOK,
COLOMBO, KARANCHI, MALE, MUSCAT, YANGOON

TROPICAL CYCLONE ADVISORY RSMC-TROPICAL CYCLONES, NEW DELHI TROPICAL STORM 'X' ADVISORY NO.---- ISSUED AT ----UTC OF ----2006 BASED ON -----UTC CHARTS.

CYCLONIC STORM 'X' OVER ----- MOVED WESTWARDS AND FURTHER INTENSIFIED INTO A SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM WHICH LAY CENTRED AT -----UTC NEAR LAT--/LONG--ABOUT -----KM (DIRECTION) OF 'P'.

SATELLITE IMAGERY (DESCRIPTION OF CLOUD). CUURENT INTENSITY IS TN.N. ESTMATED CENTRAL PRESSURE ----- hPa. MAXIMUM SURFACE SUSTAINED WINDS ----- KTS GUSTING TO ---- ---KT AROUND THE SYSTEM CENTRE.

FORECAST INTENSITY, TRACK WITH CONE OF UNCERTAINTY AND QUADRANT WIND

PHYSICAL REASONING:



TCAC Bulletin

DTG : 20080428/0000Z
TCAC: NEW DELHI
TC: NARGIS
NR: 01
PSN: N1300 E08530
MOV: NW05KT
C: 994HPA
Max Wind: 40KT GUSTING TO 50KT
FCST PSN +12Hrs: 281200 N 1330
E08500
Max Wind + 12hrs: 50KT
FCST PSN +18Hrs: 281800 N 1330 E
08500
Max Wind + 18hrs: 55KT
FCST PSN +24Hrs: 290000 N 1400 E
08500
Max Wind + 24hrs: 60KT
NEXT MSG: 20080428/0600Z

FROM: TCAC, NEW DELHI

TO: STORM WARNING CENTRE,
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STORM WARNING CENTRE,
YANGAON (MYANMAR)
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BANGKOK (THAILAND)
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KARACHI (PAKISTAN)
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MALE (MALDIVES)
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DHAKA/ MALE/
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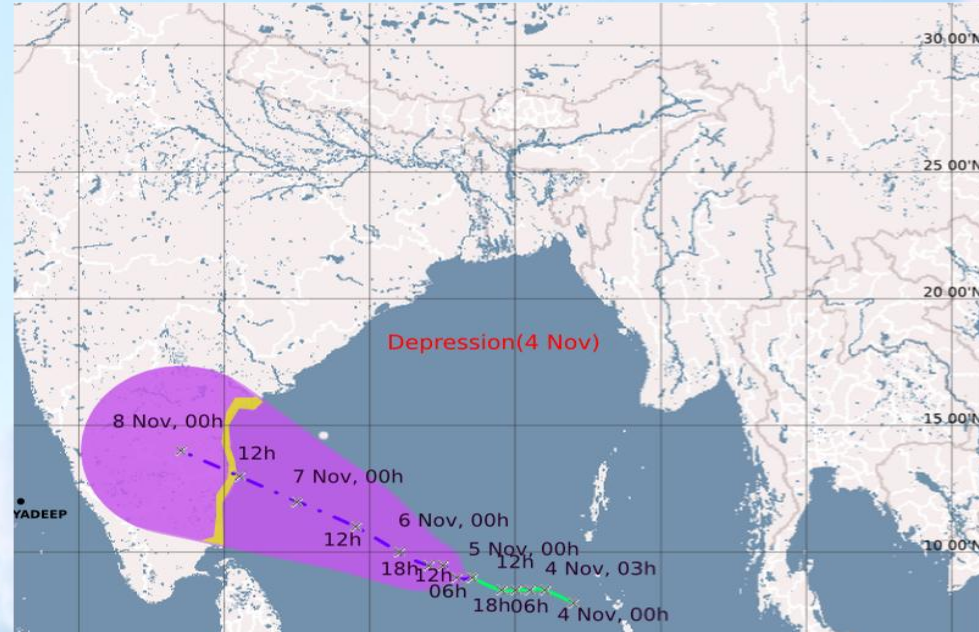
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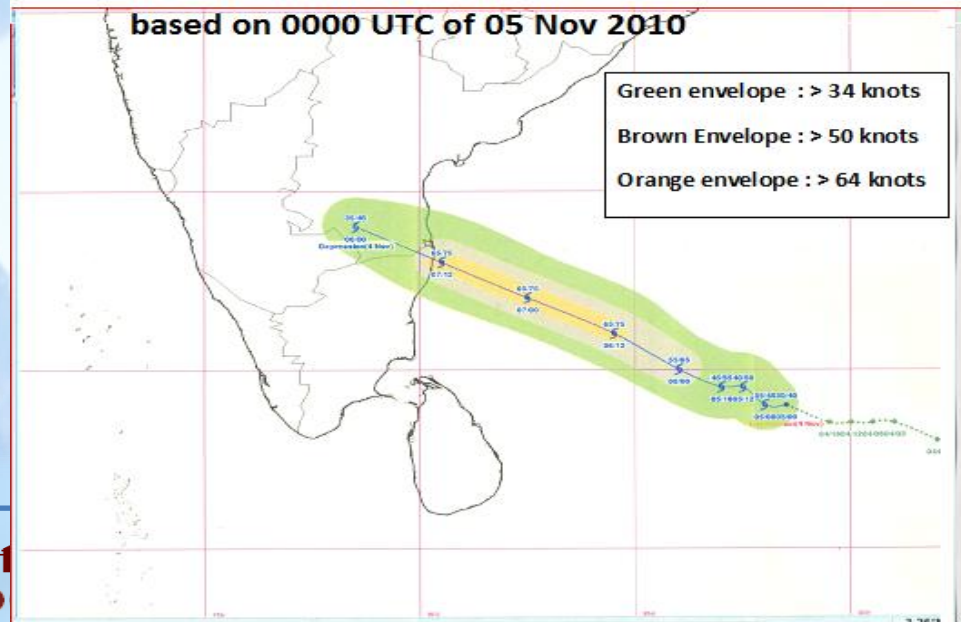


Products

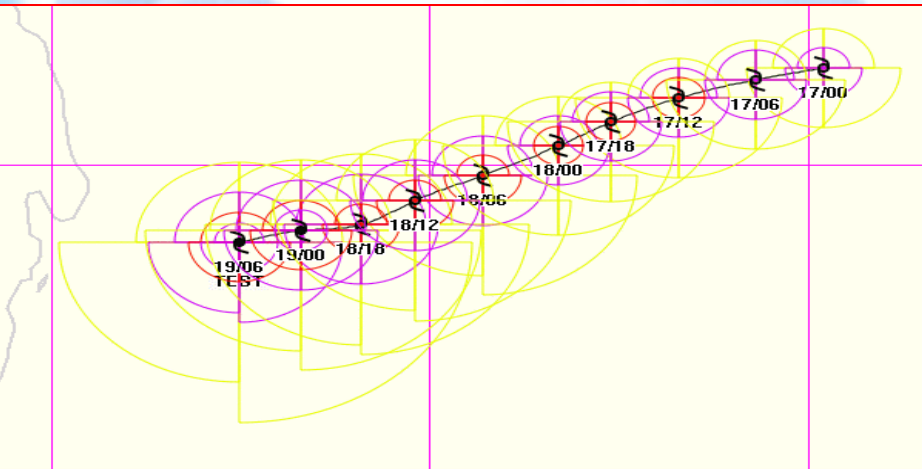
Observed and Forecast Track



Wind forecast for the deep depression over the Bay of Bengal



- ❖ Improvement in lead period of forecast and warning
- ❖ The cyclone track, landfall, intensity and wind forecasts are now issued upto 72 hrs which was earlier issued for 24 hrs only.
- ❖ Value added services
- ❖ The cone of uncertainty in cyclone track forecast
- ❖ Cyclone wind forecast in different quadrant,
- ❖ Forecast map, Multi-hazard warning map of India



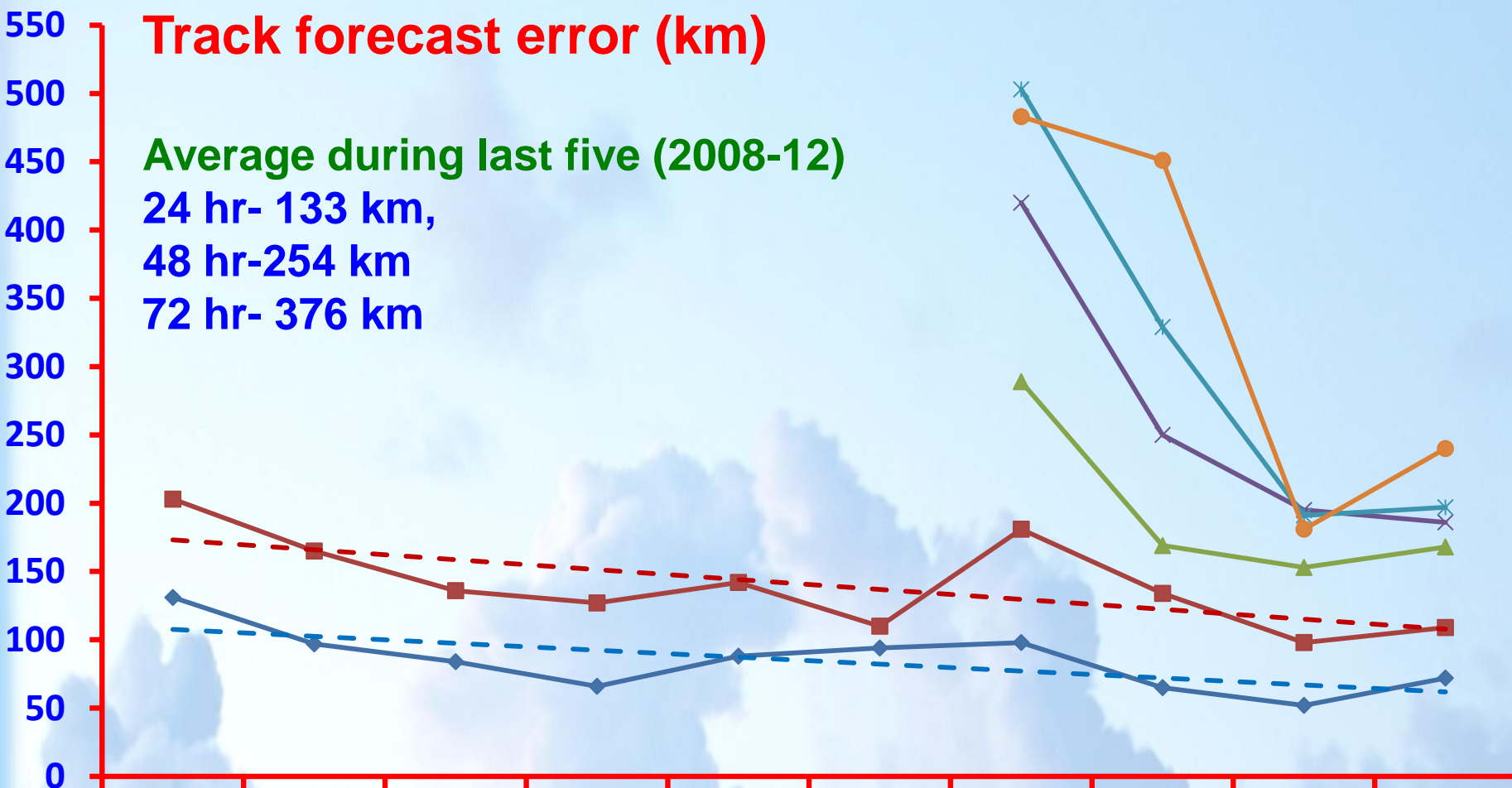
Track forecast error (km)

Average during last five (2008-12)

24 hr- 133 km,

48 hr-254 km

72 hr- 376 km



- ◆ 12 hr forecast error(km)
- ▲ 36 hr forecast error (km)
- ✱ 60 hr forecast error (km)
- - Linear (12 hr forecast error(km))
- 24 hr forecast error (km)
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- 72 hr forecast error (km)
- - Linear (24 hr forecast error (km))



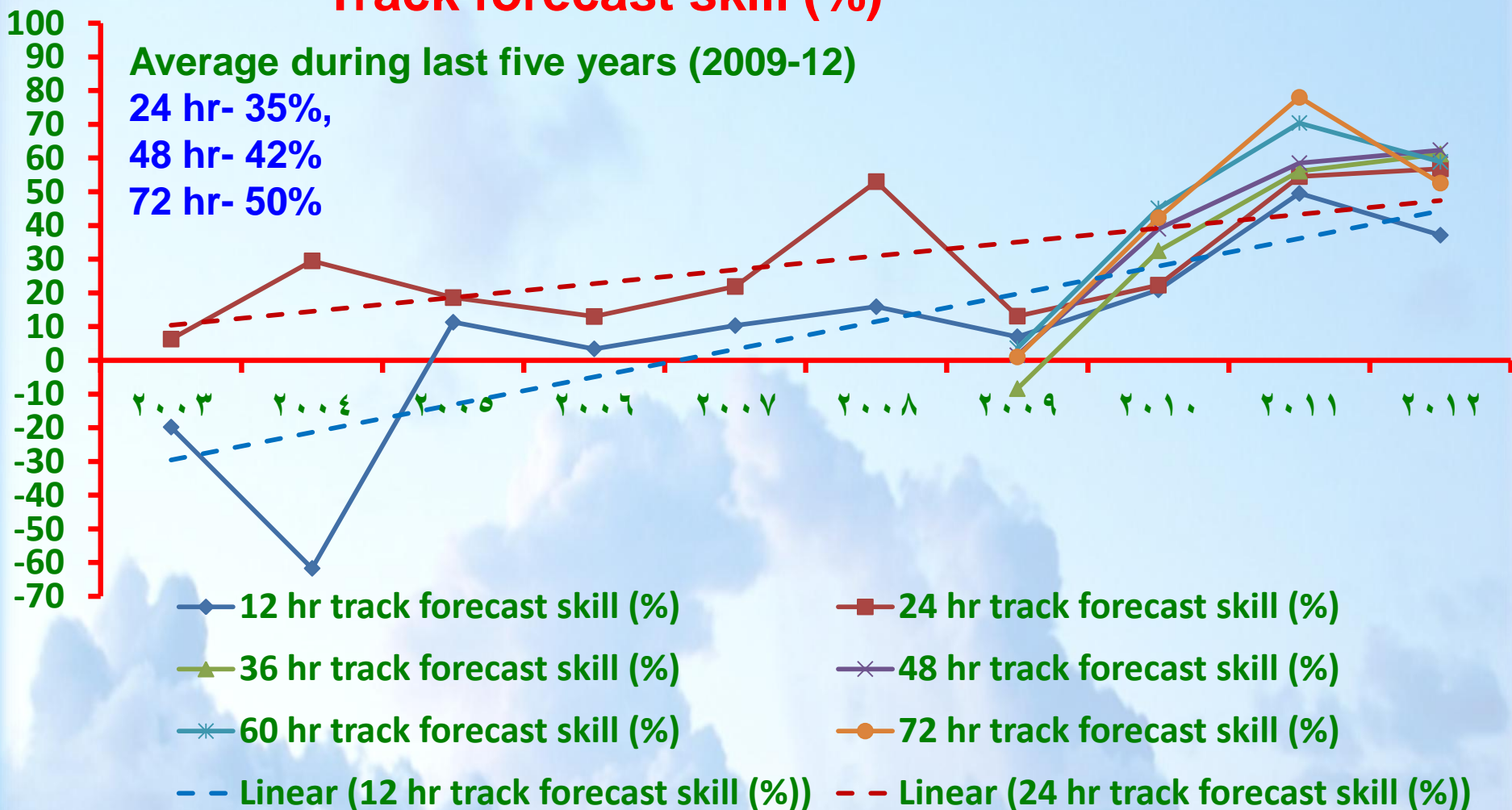
Track forecast skill (%)

Average during last five years (2009-12)

24 hr- 35%,

48 hr- 42%

72 hr- 50%



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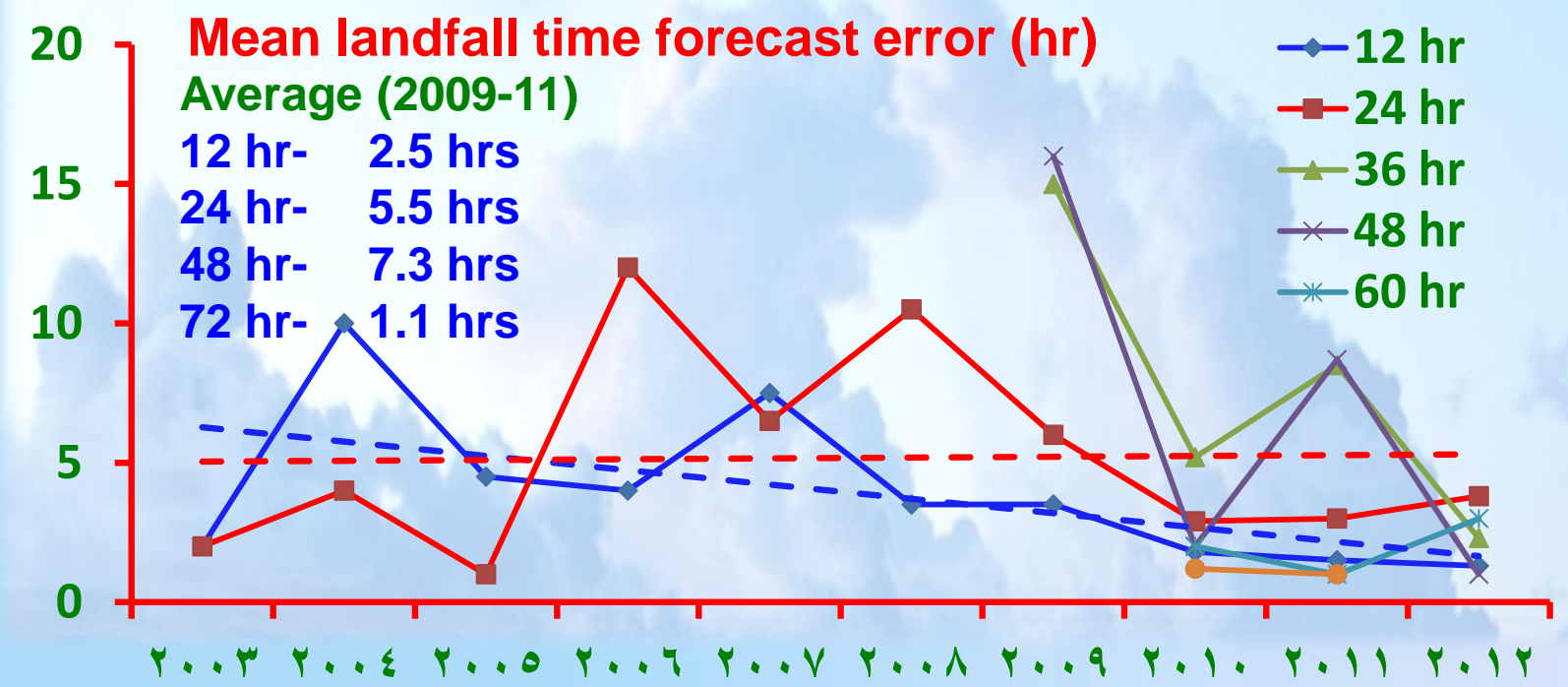
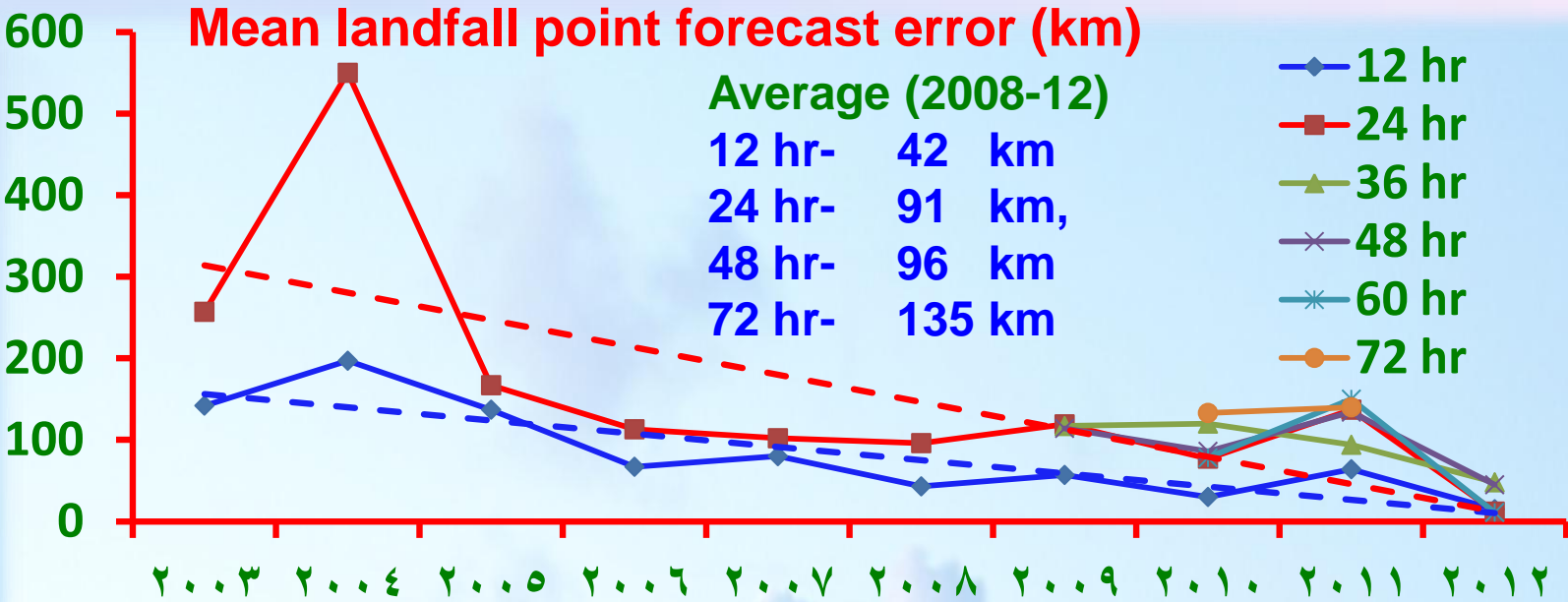
* 60 hr track forecast skill (%)

● 72 hr track forecast skill (%)

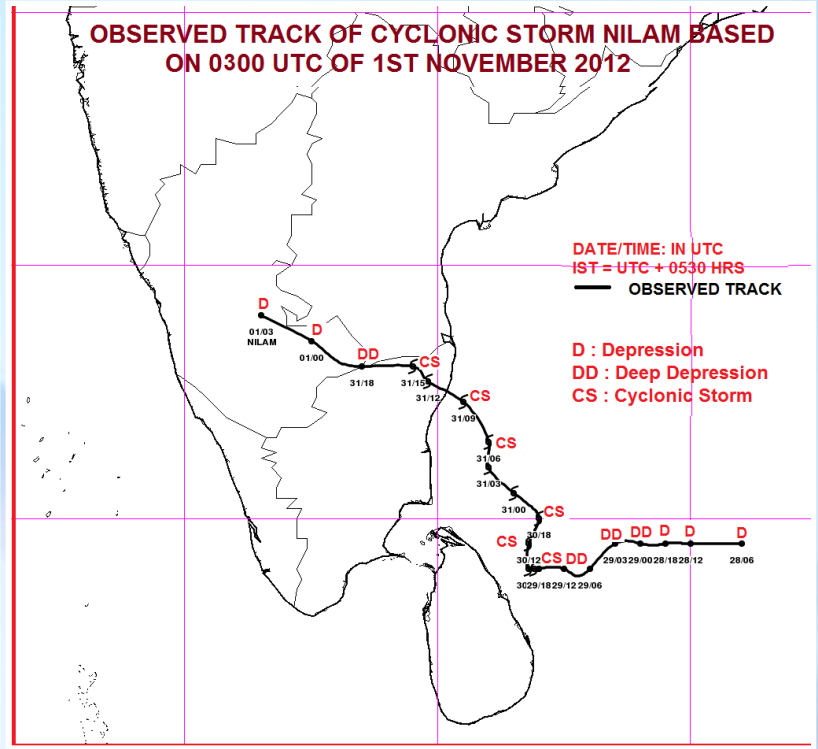
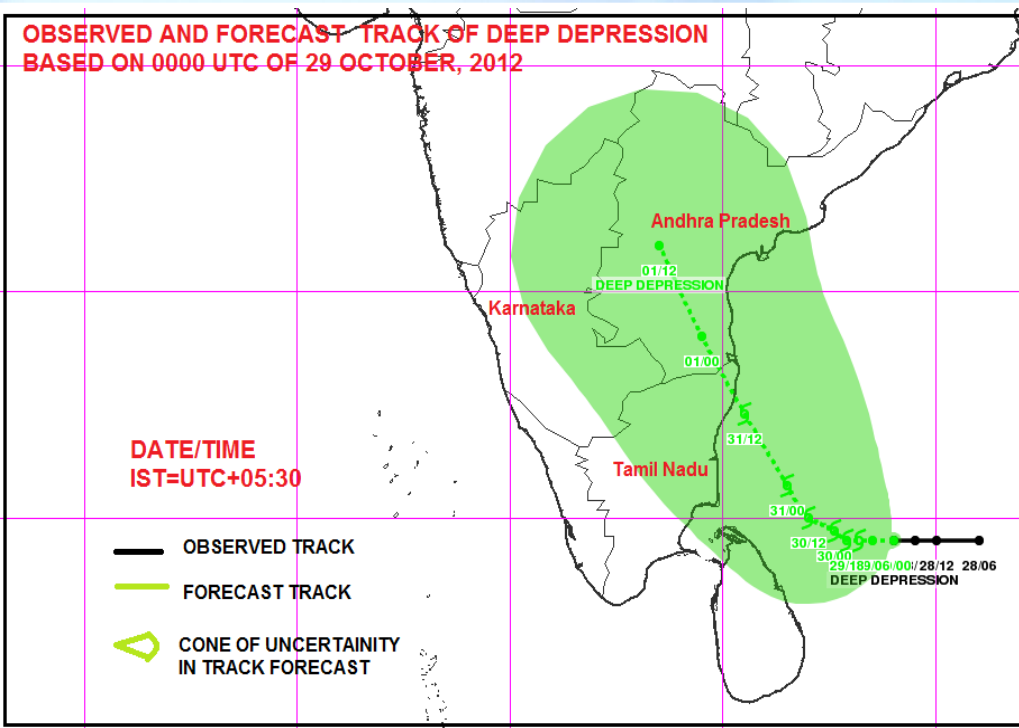
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Track Forecast verification of Cyclonic Storm, NILAM (60 hrs in advance of landfall)

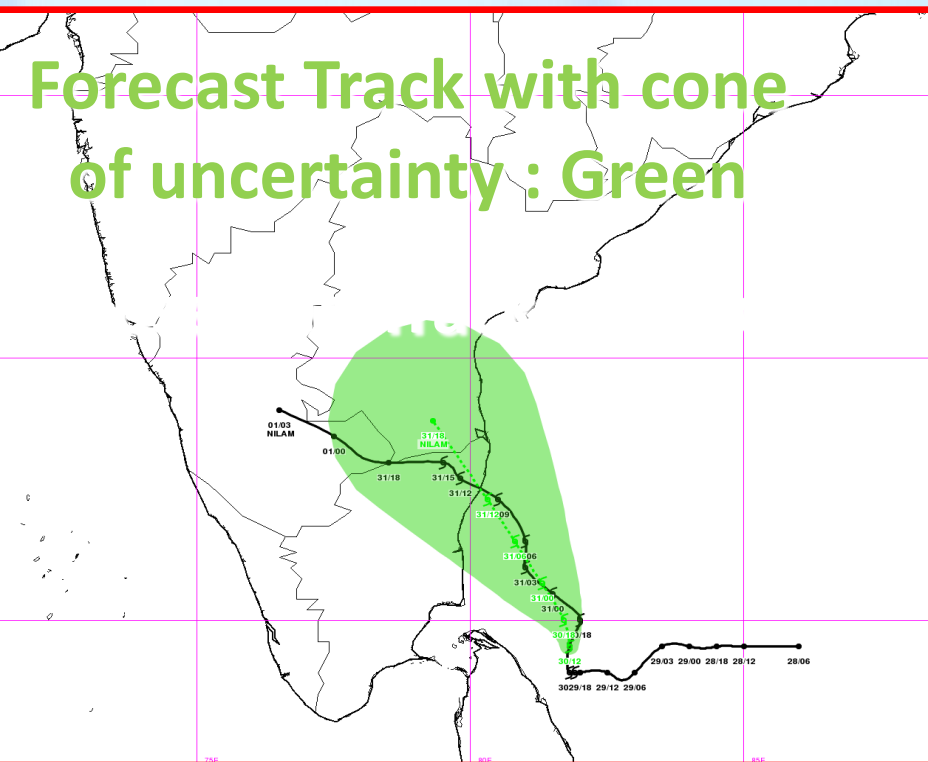


Actual place and time of landfall could be predicted 60 hours before the landfall near Chennai



Track Forecast verification of Cyclonic Storm, NILAM (24 hr in advance of landfall)

Forecast Track with cone of uncertainty : Green



Avera Landfall orecast Error (km)

Lead Period (hrs) of forecast from the time of landfall	Landfall Point Forecast Error (km)	Landfall Time Forecast Error (hr)
12	16	1.5
24	11	2.0
36	74	3.0
48	45	1.0
60	11	3.0
72	Cyclone would move towards north Srilanka and Tamil Nadu Coast.	

Avera Track Forecast Error (km)

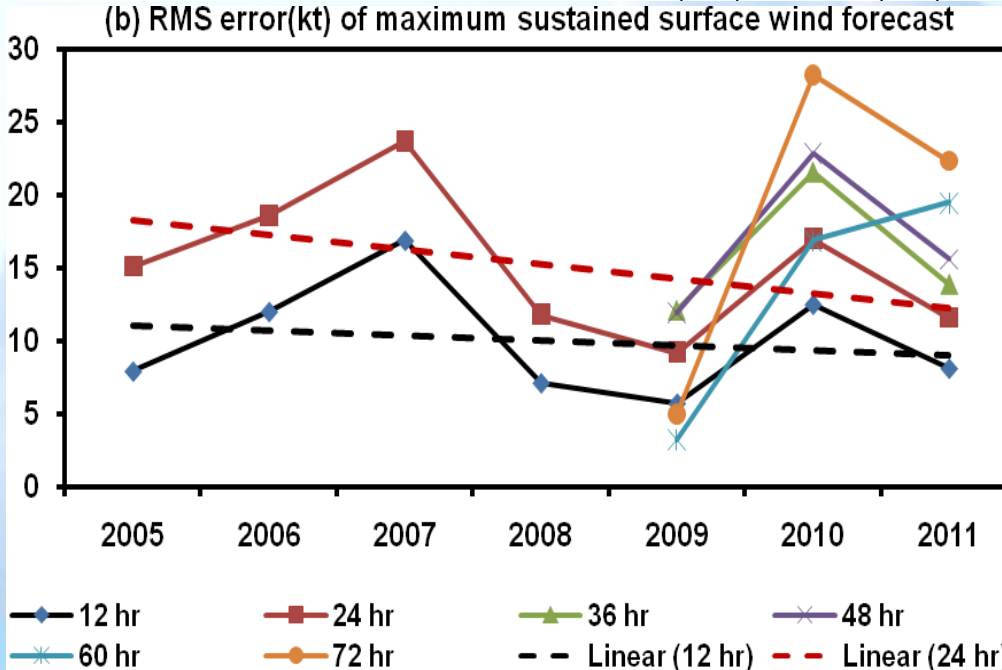
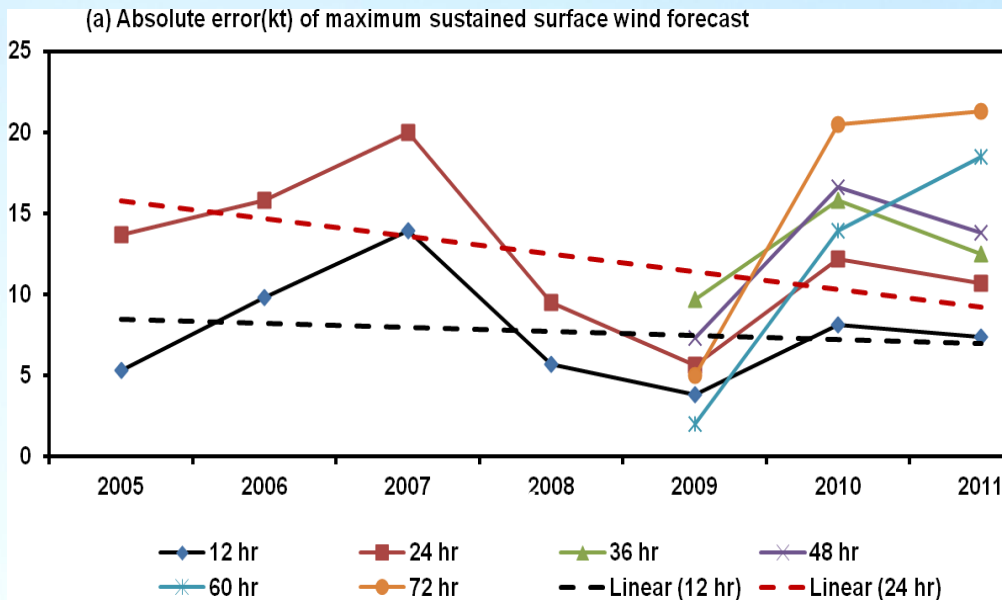
Name of cyclone	Lead period in hours		
	24	48	72
Nilam	114	186	240
Average (2003-11)	148	262	365



Annual Average Track Forecast Error in 2012

Cyclone	Lead Period	Error in Km	No. of forecast
NILAM	12	70	11
	24	114	10
	36	145	7
	48	176	6
	60	172	4
	72	236	2
	MURJAN	12	76
24		92	3
36		112	1
48		-	-
60		-	-
72		-	-
AVERAGE		12	71.875
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Average (2009-11)

	AE	RMSE
24 hr-	11 knot	14knot
48 hr-	14 knot	19knot
72 hr-	20 knot	26knot

Skill compared to persistence method

	AE	RMSE
24 hr-	44%,	48%
48 hr-	60%,	58%
72 hr-	60%,	65%

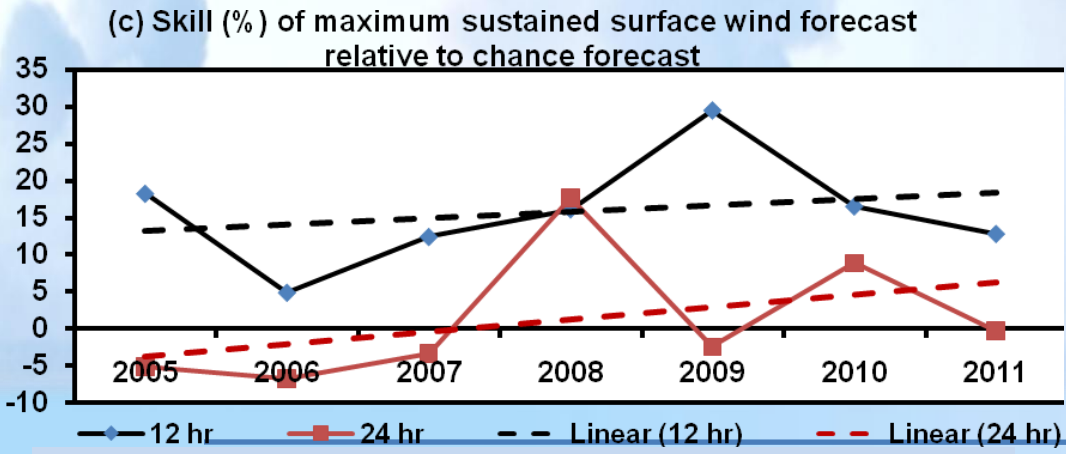
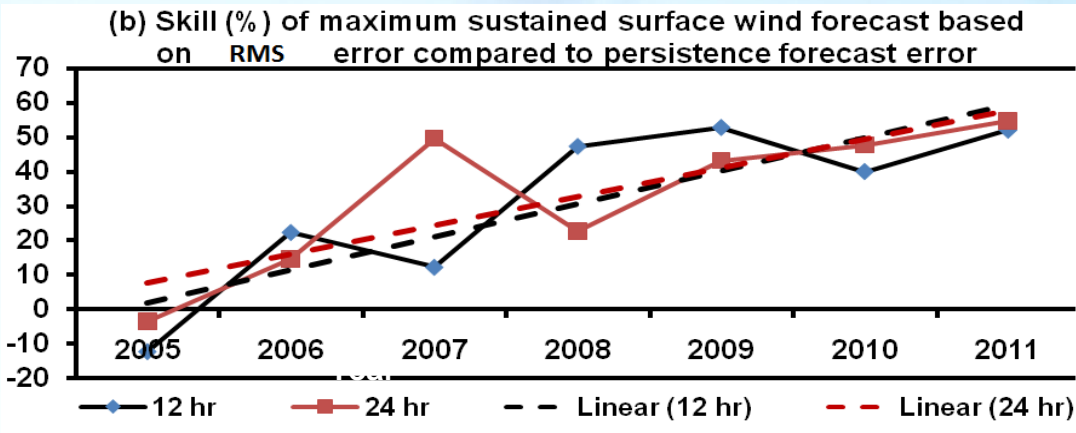
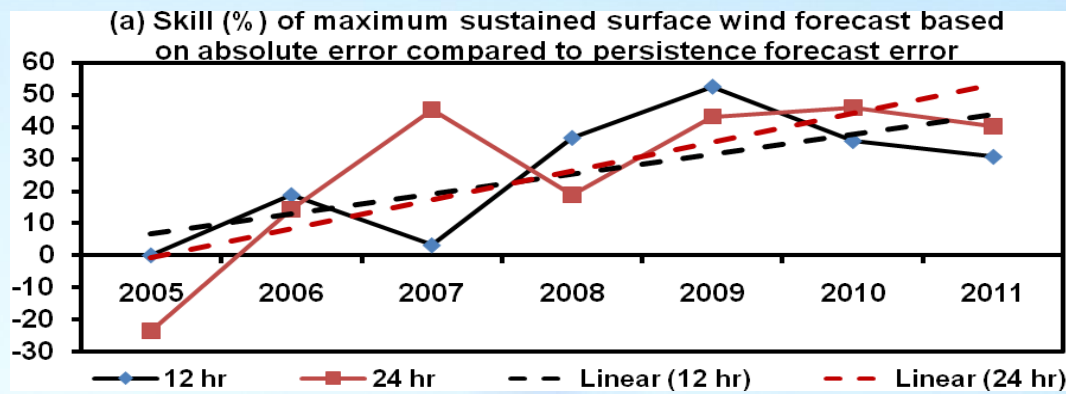
Trend in improvement in skill

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24 hr-	09%,	08%

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Annual Average Intensity Forecast Error in 2012

	Abs Error	RMS Error	No. of obsn	
Murjan	12	6.9	7.8	5
	24	6	6.4	3
	36	7.4	7.4	1
Nilam	12	5.7	6.9	11
	24	7.8	9.2	10
	36	6.8	8.4	9
	48	8.6	11.7	7
	60	7.9	8.5	5
	72	6.7	7.8	3
Annual	12	6.1	7.2	16
	24	7.4	8.7	13
	36	6.8	8.3	10
	48	8.6	11.7	7
	60	7.9	8.5	5
	72	6.7	7.8	3



Regional Cooperation :

Real time Data and products

1. All the real time data and products are available in IMD website with open access (www.imd.gov.in)
2. It includes surface, upper air, satellite and radar data and products
3. All NWP models analyses and forecasts are also available. It includes TC specific products also



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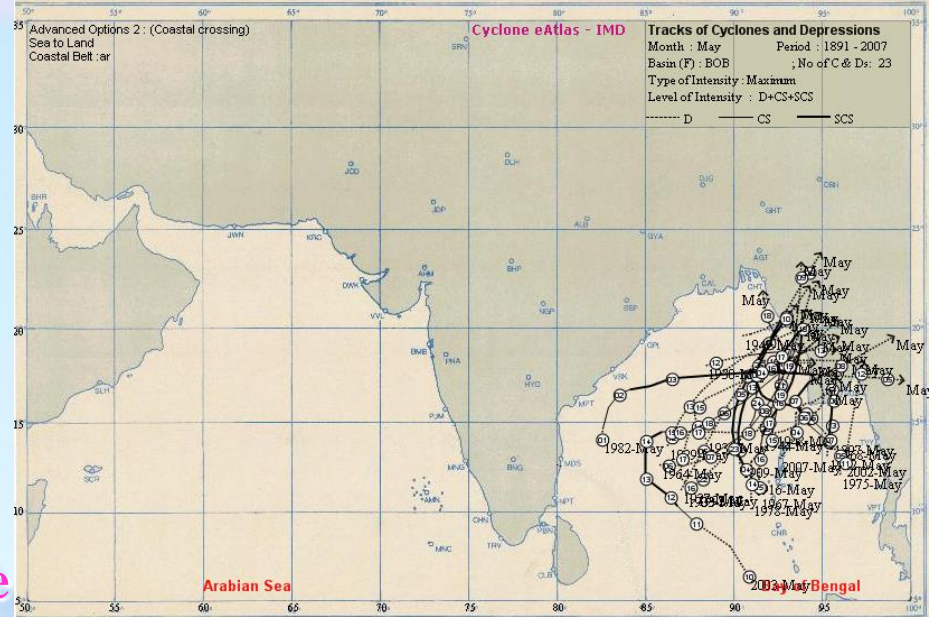
Data Archival and R&D

1. Six hourly best track data of cyclones over north Indian Ocean since 1990 in digital form

2. 12 hourly data in cyclone Atlas during 1891-2009

Data from 1877-1890 are also available in hard copies in 1979 edition of cyclone Atlas

3. Adverse weather and damage reports



1891-2007

Electronic version

June - 2008

Cyclone eAtlas – IMD



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Regional Cooperation : Publications and Plans

- Reports
 - Annual RSMC Report on Cyclonic Disturbances
 - Annual Cyclone Review Report of WMO/ESCAP Panel countries
 - Annual Tropical Cyclone Operation Plan (TCP-21)
 - WMO/ESCAP Panel News
 - Preliminary reports of cyclonic disturbances
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- ❖ Met. Monograph
 - ❖ SOPs
 - ❖ Benchmarking
 - ❖ Vision document

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TROPICAL CYCLONE
PROGRAMME

Report No. TCP-21

TROPICAL CYCLONE
OPERATIONAL PLAN
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2008 Edition



Regional Cooperation : Training

- RSMC, New Delhi is imparting training on cyclone warning to the WMO sponsored forecasters of various countries since 2005.

Year	Name of Training	Period	Countries	No.of Trainees
2007	WMO cyclone forecasters training	12-23 Feb.	Bangladesh, Myanmar and Sri Lanka	03
2008	WMO cyclone forecasters training	14-25 Feb	Srilanka, Thailand	02
2009	WMO cyclone forecasters training	09-20 Feb.	Bangladesh, Maldives	02
2010	WMO cyclone forecasters training	1-12 feb.	Myanmar, Srilanka	02
2011	WMO cyclone forecasters training	28Feb.-11 March	Bangladesh, Oman, Myanmar	04
2012	WMO cyclone forecasters training	20 Feb-02 March	Thailand, Srilanka, Maldives	03



Regional Cooperation :RSMC Website

- ❖ IMD is developing a website exclusively for RSMC, New Delhi. It will be ready by March, 2013
- ❖ The data, forecast and products will be available to all the countries of the region through this website.
- ❖ There will be a discussion forum for exchange of real time views during TC period

Static information

RSMC

About RSMC

Publications

TROPICAL CYCLONE PROGRAMME Report
No. TCP21(2008)

Report on Cyclonic Disturbances over
North Indian Ocean during 2008

Cyclone Warning Division

About Cyclone Warning Division

Bulletins

Cyclone Warning Organisation

Tropical Cyclone Awareness

Frequently Asked Questions

Damage Potential of Tropical Cyclone

Port Warnings

Names Of Tropical Cyclones Over North
Indian Ocean

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Archives

Best Tracks Data (1990-2010)

Cyclone E-Atlas IMD

Preliminary Reports



Vision (cyclone and storm surge)-2020

■ Monitoring

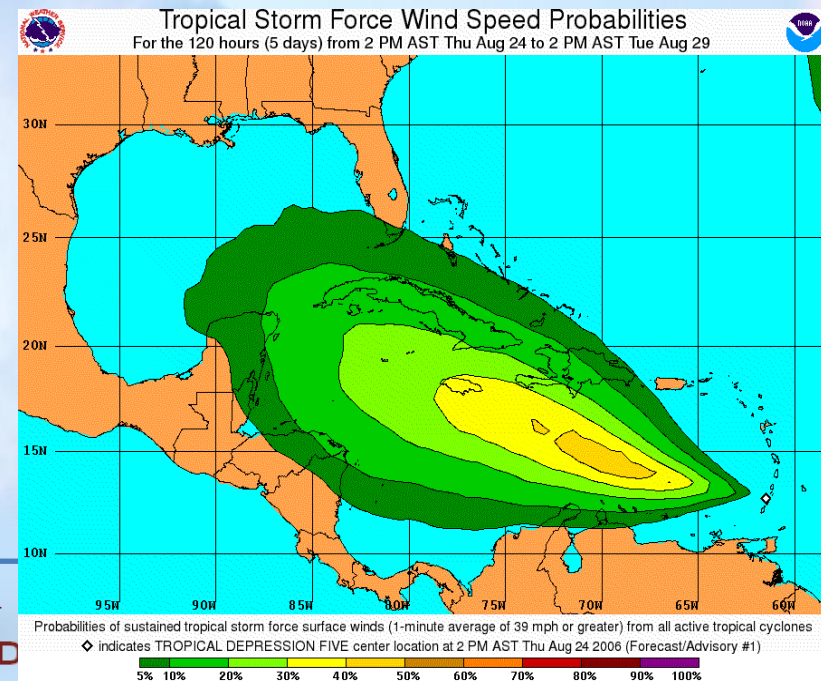
❖ Observational system should be upgraded so as to minimize the existing location error of 50 km to 40 km by 2015 and 30 km by 2020.

■ Prediction

❖ More stress would be given to improve accuracy of forecast for smaller domain and longer lead times. Reduction of tropical cyclone track and intensity forecast errors at 12, 24, 36, 48, 72,.....,120 hours upto 20% by 2015 and 40% by 2020.

■ Warning

❖ Generate probabilistic wind forecasts, local threat graphics



Vision (cyclone and storm surge)-Contd

- ❖ Generate probabilistic wind forecasts, local threat graphics and graphical display of official track /intensity.
- ❖ Nowcasting would be started for issuing high impact weather warnings. Real time data from the networking of Doppler Radars, satellites and Automatic Weather Stations would be used for analysis and NWP models.
- ❖ Warning should be generated for high impact weather events like heavy rainfall, gale wind and storm surge for smaller regions like blocks in a district and specific location at least 24 hrs in advance with reasonable accuracy.



Gap areas over the NIO Region

- ❖ Inadequate observational network:
 - Surface
 - Upper air
 - Radar
 - Nearly absent direct observations from TC field due to no aircraft reconnaissance
 - Inadequate buoy network
 - Ship data are gradually decreasing due to awareness of TC
- ❖ Unavailability of intense observation during TC period from the existing network
- ❖ Unavailability of real time data:
- ❖ Non-uniform TC analysis tools and techniques (varies from manual to digital forecasting work station)



Gap areas and strategy

- ❖ Scientific understanding:
- ❖ Improvements in forecasting require a better understanding of
 - Detailed structure and dynamics of tropical cyclones.
 - Interaction between cyclone and the ocean, the surrounding environment, high wind speed and
 - Internal physical and dynamical process in clouds.
- ❖ Forecast techniques:
 - Improvement of numerical modeling systems including improved numerical methods, ways of handling physical and sub-grid-scale processes, and increasingly sophisticated data assimilation methods with the use of targeted observations, especially from core of the cyclone with aircraft reconnaissance.



Future Plan : FDP on landfalling cyclone



❖ Objective :

collect observations in the TC core environment using research aircraft and unmanned aerial vehicle (uav).

Demonstrate the use of the drop soundings and uav data in providing improved numerical guidance for genesis, track and intensity prediction of the bay of bengal tropical cyclone

❖ Project schedule :

Pre-pilot phase : 15 oct - 30 nov 2008-09

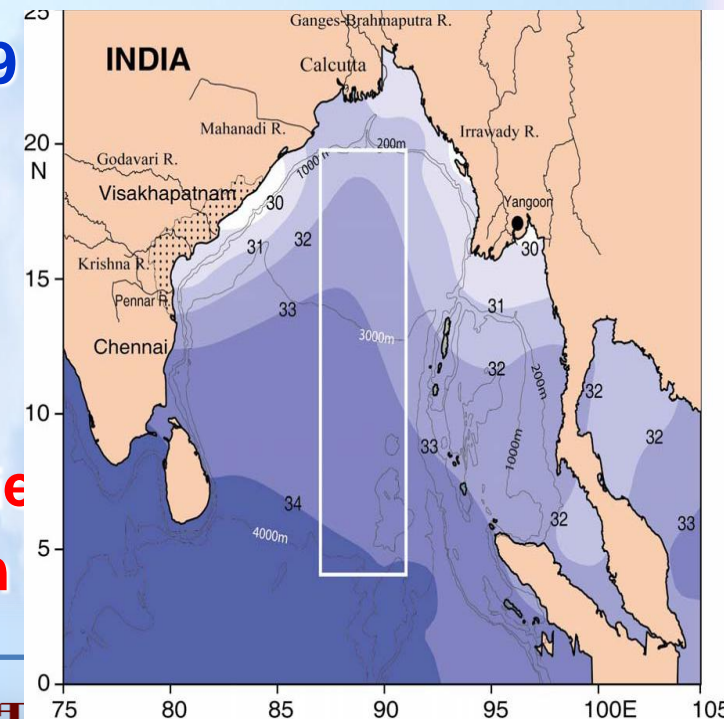
Pilot phase : 15 oct - 30 nov 2010-12

Final Phase: 15 OCT - 30 NOV 2013-14

Region of study : Bay of Bengal

❖ During FDP period, daily bulletins are prepared and shared with Panel countries

❖ All bulletins and reports are available in [IMD website](http://www.imd.gov.in)



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