

# Situation Report- 02

## Cyclone Biparjoy

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**Time:** 03:00 PM



Source: Media

### Background:

Cyclone Biparjoy, which had been intensifying over the Arabian Sea for several days, made landfall in Gujarat's coastal area on Thursday as a very severe cyclonic storm, with wind speeds ranging from 115 to 125 km/h and gusts reaching up to 140 km/h. The government and other stakeholders' preparedness activities played a crucial role in minimizing casualties and mitigating other negative impacts. Currently, the cyclone has weakened and is moving towards south Rajasthan, as reported by weather officials.

## SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

- 'Very severe cyclonic storm Biparjoy' has made landfall in Gujarat's coastal areas, resulting in the loss of 2 lives, causing injuries to 23 individuals, and about 500 houses were damaged
- The cyclone's impact in Gujarat has led to the unfortunate demise of 24 animals and the uprooting of 800 trees. Additionally, the strong winds have caused damage to over 3500 electricity poles, resulting in power outages in 940 villages. The Paschim Gujarat Vij Company Ltd. (PGVCL) is actively working to restore power to the remaining rural areas.
- Specifically, in Maliya tehsil, gusty winds broke electric wires and poles, resulting in a power outage in 45 villages. However, power has been restored in 11 villages so far
- The mobile network has experienced disruptions and outages as a result of the Cyclone
- The Kachchh district is one of the most affected areas by Cyclone Biparjoy
- The Western Railway has announced the cancellation or short-termination of 99 trains running through, originating from, or terminating in the affected areas of Gujarat.
- As a precautionary measure, nearly one lakh people have been relocated to shelter homes

### SITUATION UPDATES



No. of persons evacuated – 01 Lakh



Human Lives Lost - 02



Injured People - 23



No. of Partially damaged houses - 500



Electricity Shortage – 940 Villages



Animals affected - 24

## HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

### Government Preparedness and Response

#### Preparedness:

- The Gujarat administration has shifted about 1 lakh people, including 1,000+ pregnant women and 9,000+ children living near the coast, as a precautionary measure.
- More than 20,000 animals have been taken to safer places.
- As per the government, 18 teams of NDRF (National Disaster Response Force), 12 teams of SDRF (State Disaster Response Force), 115 teams of the state road and building department, and 397 teams of the state electricity department have been deployed in different coastal districts.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chaired a meeting of managing directors of public sector banks and insurance companies to review their preparedness in view of Cyclone Biparjoy.
- Tourism activities have been temporarily suspended as a safety measure.
- Rajasthan government has deployed eight companies of the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) in Jaipur, Kota, Bharatpur, Udaipur, Ajmer, Jodhpur, Bikaner, and one company of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) in Kishangarh in Ajmer district as precautionary measures as cyclone Biparjoy moves toward the southern part of the state.
- Kachchh district on Monday imposed section 144 in coastal villages.
- Fishing activities along Gujarat's south and north coasts have been suspended.
- Eight stations of the Indian Coast Guard in the North West region are prepared to assist civil authorities in response to Cyclone Biparjoy. They have deployed 23 Disaster Response Teams equipped with 29 Gemini Boats, 50 boat Outboard Motors (OBMs), 1000 life jackets, 200 lifebuoys, and relief materials. These resources are on standby, ready to be utilized as needed

#### Response

- Prime Minister had a phone conversation with Gujarat Chief Minister to assess the situation.
- The Home Minister personally assessed the affected regions and closely monitored power restoration efforts.
- Volunteers and SDRF teams are working to restore traffic and communication on roads affected by Cyclone Biparjoy.



Coast guard team  
Source: Media



Completely Wrecked electric posts  
Source: Media



NDRF Team on road restoring work  
Source: Media

## Stakeholder's Preparedness and Response

- IAG Gujarat has already convened two meetings on June 12<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup> with respect to the cyclone, wherein Sphere India also took part to assess the current situation and plan the way forward.
- IAG Gujarat is actively involved in the preparedness work and continuously monitoring the situation. Their initial SitRep can be accessed through here <https://drive.google.com/file/d/159bcNxmEO5LyFk6sFqCmzCYmYRVlaqf/view?usp=sharing>
- Sphere India is continuously monitoring the situation and releasing updates through alerts and sitreps



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### Source of Information

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