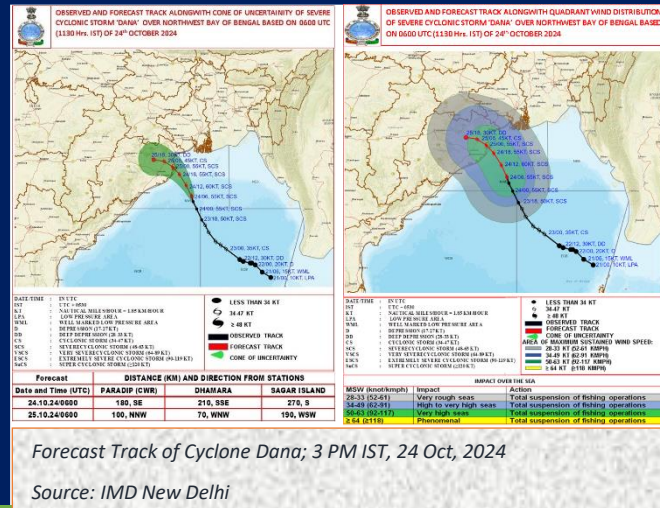


SITUATION REPORT-1

Cyclone Dana Odisha & West Bengal

Date: 24th Oct 2024 (Thu)

Time: 5:00 PM (IST)



SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

Overview:

- IMD stated that the Severe Cyclonic Storm 'Dana' will have its most significant impact on Odisha, followed by the coastal districts of West Bengal. After landfall, it is expected to move west-northwestward, and hence there could be an increase in rainfall activity over south Jharkhand.
- The forecast of landfall is between midnight of 24th Oct to morning of 25th Oct. between Puri and Sagardeep near Bhitarkarnika and Dhamra. The wind speed during the landfall is expected to be 100-120 kmph.

GOVERNMENT PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

- Teams of Army, Navy, NDRF on alert in Odisha, West Bengal. The Indian Navy has been preparing to conduct any Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations needed. Additionally, the Navy has confirmed that ships equipped with supplies and rescue teams have also been kept at standby for any relief efforts

Odisha:

- More than 5 Lakh people have been relocated to various cyclone shelters, and the operation is ongoing. So far, a total of 7,285 cyclone centers have been established, and 91 medical teams have been deployed.
- Authorities have also mobilized 19 NDRF teams, 51 ODRF teams, and fire service personnel to assist with evacuations and clear blocked roads, according to officials. The NDRF team is going door-to-door with loudspeakers making people aware of the upcoming cyclonic storm in districts of Odisha including Mahakalpada and Kendrapara.
- [Odisha Fire & Emergency Services](#) dealing with initial impact of Cyclone as of 5 PM on 24th Oct (Thu). Trees fallen from Puri, Balasore, Jagatsinghpur to Mayurbhanj areas removed by them to normalize road communication. Helpline: 112

West Bengal:

- Warnings of heavy to very heavy rainfall in isolated areas of south Bengal on Thu, and Friday, including North and South 24 Parganas, Purba & Paschim Medinipur, Jhargram, Kolkata, Howrah, and Hooghly districts.
- Kolkata Airport to halt flights from 6 PM, on 24th Oct (Thu) ahead of Cyclone landfall. Public transportation in Kolkata's suburbs may be disrupted starting this evening, as Eastern & South Eastern Railways have cancelled many trains on Thursday and Friday due to the approaching cyclone. Ferry services in the Sunderbans region, which includes the North and South 24 Parganas districts and areas across the Hooghly River in Kolkata, will also be suspended.
- the Kolkata Municipal Corporation has set up a control room at its HQ, and cancelled leave for all essential staff
- The administration has identified over 3.5 lakh people for evacuation from low-lying areas. Currently, 2,43,374 people have sought refuge in shelters. Khejuri I block, Purba Medinipur, Evacuation Plan [View>>](#)

HUMANITARIAN PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

Odisha:

- The GO-NGO team of Odisha including SDMA rep., CYSD, UNICEF, and local organizations held a series of review cum prep meetings from 21st Oct (Mon). The team is also gearing up for JRNA processes for if required.
- IAG-Odisha members met on 22nd Oct. virtually to plan for the need assessment and other coordination which might be required after the cyclone.
- Various CSOs, IAG members are actively supporting the district administration in the evacuation process. Reliance Foundation team in Balasore sharing Early Warnings, assisting district administration with evacuation drives.

West Bengal:

- IAG WB organized a review cum prep meeting on 24th Oct (Thu). It has planned for another meeting on 25th Oct (Fri). It has been monitoring situation with district IAG members.
- Team HAM Radio West Bengal Radio Club set up their control room with DDMO South 24 Parganas for Cyclone DANA. Helpline: +91-94329 19009. SEEDS India is also engaged in early warning advisories.
- Teams of 'Sabuj Sangha' are consistently communicating with the local stakeholders and overseeing the Govt. support system created. [View Sitrep>>](#)
- KJKS, SSDC, Sabuj Sangha, Caritas India, Reliance Foundation, NEWS, SPADE and Bithari Dishari shared that they have activated their volunteer networks. These dedicated volunteers are reaching out to communities in East Medinipur, South 24 Parganas, and North 24 Parganas, providing early warning advisories.



Useful Links:

- Zoom Earth: <https://zoom.earth/storms/dana-2024/>
- Windy.com: <https://www.windy.com/?rain,20.226,86.245,7,m:elkaiV1>

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