



**REGIONAL SPECIALISED METEOROLOGICAL CENTRE-TROPICAL CYCLONES, NEW DELHI**

**TROPICAL CYCLONE ADVISORY BULLETIN NO. 34**

**FROM: RSMC –TROPICAL CYCLONES, NEW DELHI**

**TO: STORM WARNING CENTRE, NAYPYI TAW (MYANMAR)**  
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**STORM WARNING CENTRE, DHAKA (BANGLADESH)**  
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**TROPICAL CYCLONE ADVISORY NO. 34 FOR NORTH INDIAN OCEAN (THE BAY OF BENGAL AND ARABIAN SEA) VALID FOR NEXT 120 HOURS ISSUED AT 1700 UTC OF 20.05.2020 BASED ON 1500 UTC OF 20.05.2020.**

**SUB: SUPER CYCLONIC STORM 'AMPHAN' (PRONOUNCED AS UM-PUN) CROSSED WEST BENGAL – BANGLADESH COASTS**

THE SUPER CYCLONIC STORM 'AMPHAN' (PRONOUNCED AS **UM-PUN**) OVER WEST BENGAL COAST MOVED NORTH-NORTHEASTWARDS WITH A SPEED OF 25 KMPH DURING PAST 06 HOURS AND LAY CENTERED AT 2030 HRS IST OF TODAY, THE 20TH MAY 2020 OVER WEST BENGAL NEAR LAT. 22.7°N AND LONG. 88.6°E CLOSE TO KOLKATA AS A VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM WITH WIND SPEED OF 120-130 KMPH GUSTING TO 145 KMPH 160 KM NORTHEAST OF DIGHA (42901), 120 KM NORTH-NORTHEAST OF SAGAR ISLANDS (42903) AND 185 KM WEST-NORTHWEST OF KHEPUPARA (41984).

KOLKATA (ALIPUR & DUMDUM) BOTH REPORTED 100 KMPH WINDS AND 222 MM & 194 MM RAINFALL RESPECTIVELY AT 2030 HRS IST OF TODAY, THE 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2020.

THE SYSTEM IS NOW BEING CONTINUOUSLY TRACKED BY THE DOPPLER WEATHER RADAR (DWR) AT KOLKATA (WEST BENGAL).

FORECAST TRACK AND INTENSITY ARE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

DATE/TIME(UTC)	POSITION (LAT. °N/ LONG. °E)	MAXIMUM SUSTAINED SURFACE WIND SPEED (KMPH)	CATEGORY OF CYCLONIC DISTURBANCE
20.05.20/1500	22.7/88.6	120-130 GUSTING TO 145	VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
20.05.20/1800	23.2/88.8	100-110 GUSTING TO 125	SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
21.05.20/0000	24.6/89.3	60-70 GUSTING TO 80	CYCLONIC STORM
21.05.20/0600	26.0/90.3	30-40 GUSTING TO 50	DEPRESSION

**PROBABILITY OF CYCLOGENESIS (FORMATION OF DEPRESSION)**

**NIL: 0%, LOW: 1-25%, FAIR: 26-50%, MODERATE: 51-75% AND HIGH: 76-100%**

## REMARKS :

AS PER INSAT-3D SATELLITE IMAGERY BASED ON 1500 UTC OF 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY SHOWS THE VORTEX LIES OVER THE LAND IN AEAS OF WEST BENGAL COAST ASSOCIATED BROKEN LOW/MEDIUM CLOUDS WITH EMBEDDED INTENSE TO VERY INTENSE CONVECTION OVER BAY BETWEEN LATITUDE 19.0°N TO 27.0°N LONGITUDE 85.0°E TO 92.5°E. WALL CLOUDS MINIMUM CLOUD TOP TEMPERATURE -93 DEG C.

THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WIND SPEED IS 80 KNOTS GUSTING TO 90 KNOTS. THE SEA CONDITION IS PHENOMENAL AROUND THE SYSTEM CENTER. THE ESTIMATED CENTRAL PRESSURE IS **970** HPA.

THE CYCLONE IS BEING TRACKED BY DOPPLER WEATHER RADARS (DWR) AT KOLKATTA (43049). THE SYSTEM IS AT DISTANCE 70 KM SOUTH OF KOLKATA RADAR.

AT 1500 UTC OF 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY, DIGHA (42901), REPORTED MEAN SEA LEVEL PRESSURE OF 990.0 HPA AND WIND DIRECTION/SPEED AS 290°/11 KNOTS, KOLKATTA (43049) REPORTED MEAN SEA LEVEL PRESSURE OF 959.5 HPA AND WIND DIRECTION/SPEED AS 320°/5.1 KNOTS .

THE SYSTEM ENTERING THE COAST. CONSIDERING THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS, WITH THE POSITIVE VORTICITY MAINTAINING AT  $(250-300) \times 10^{-6} \text{ SEC}^{-1}$  AROUND THE SYSTEM CENTRE WITH VERTICAL EXTENSION UPTO 200 HPA LEVEL. THE LOWER LEVEL CONVERGENCE IS  $(30-40) \times 10^{-5} \text{ SEC}^{-1}$  AROUND THE SYSTEM CENTRE. THE UPPER LEVEL DIVERGENCE HAS ALSO REDUCED TO  $10 \times 10^{-5} \text{ SEC}^{-1}$  AROUND THE SYSTEM CENTRE. VERTICAL WIND SHEAR (VWS) IS MODERATE TO HIGH (25-30 KTS) AROUND THE SYSTEM CENTRE. IT IS INCREASING TO 30-40 KTS AT NORTH OF 23°N ALONG THE EXPECTED TRACK. THE UPPER TROPOSPHERIC RIDGE IS AT NORTH AND NOW LIES NEAR 22.0°N OVER BAY OF BENGAL. AT PRESENT THE SYSTEM IS MOVING NORTH-NORTHEASTWARD ALONG THE PERIPHERY OF THE ANTICYCLONE LIES OVER MAYNMAR.

VARIOUS NUMERICAL MODELS INCLUDING ECMWF, IMD GFS, NCEP GFS, GEFS, NEPS AND NCUM ARE INDICATING THE SYSSTEM IS LIKELY TO MOVE ACROSS NORTHWEST BAY OF BENGAL TOWARDS WEST BENGAL AND BANGLADESH COASTS AS AN EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM DURING 1000-1200 UTC OF 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2020. THE FORECAST IS BASED ON THE CONSENSUS FROM VARIOUS MODELS.

## STORM SURGE GUIDANCE

STORM SURGE OF ABOUT 4-5 METERS ABOVE ASTRONOMICAL TIDE IS LIKELY TO INUNDATE LOW LYING AREAS OF SOUTH & NORTH 24 PARGANAS AND ABOUT 3-4 METERS OVER THE LOW LYING AREAS OF EAST MEDINIPUR DISTRICT OF WEST BENGAL DURING THE TIME OF LANDFALL (FIGURE ENCLOSED).

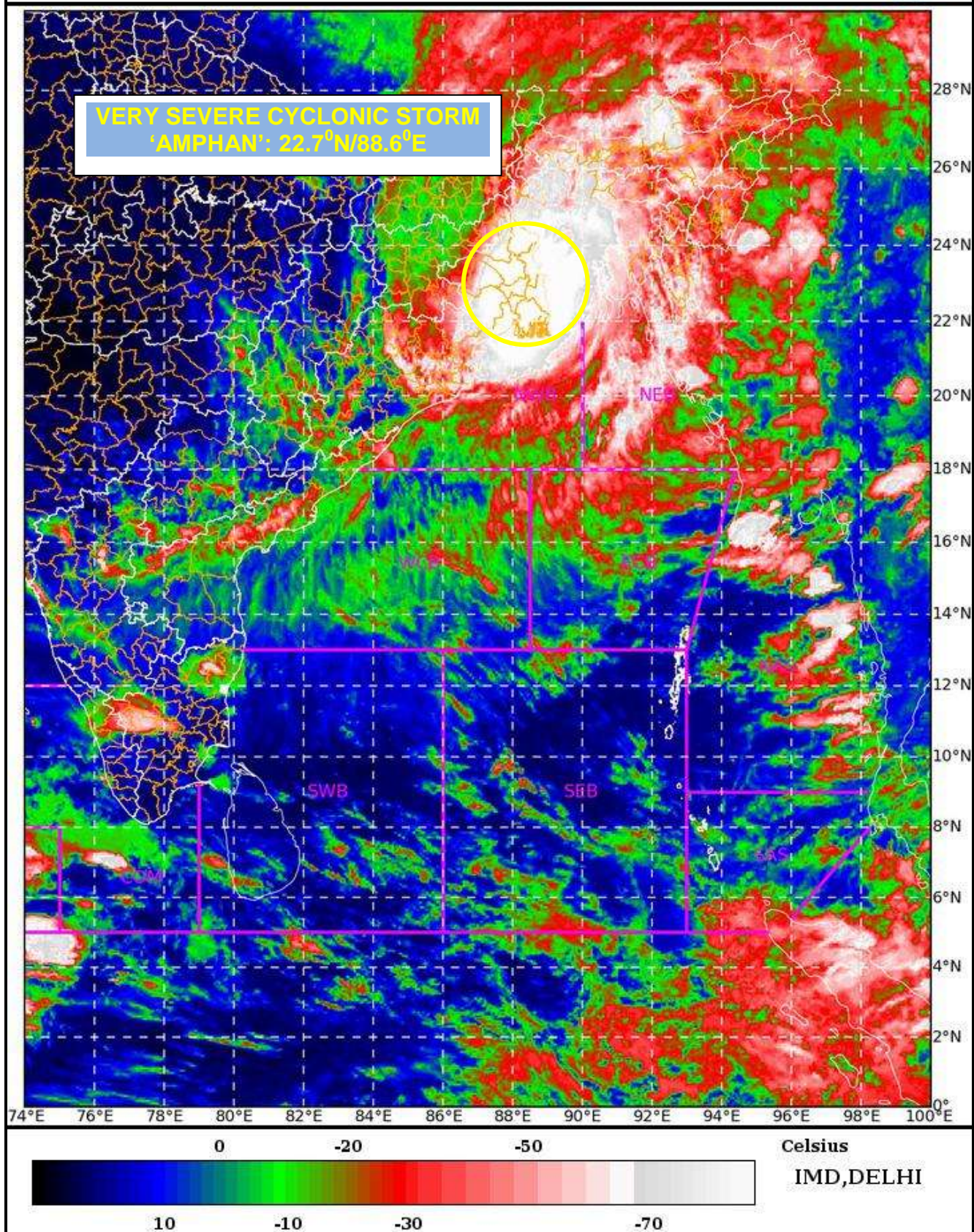
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SAT : INSAT-3D IMG 20-05-2020/(1500 to 1526) GMT

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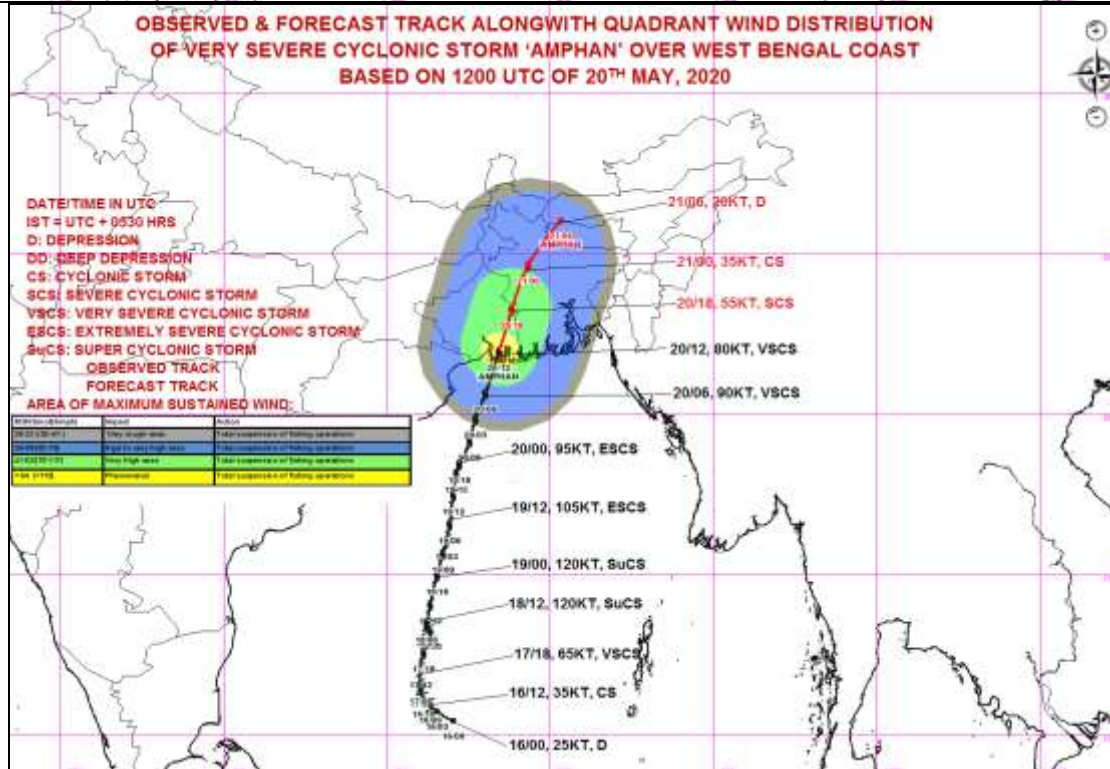
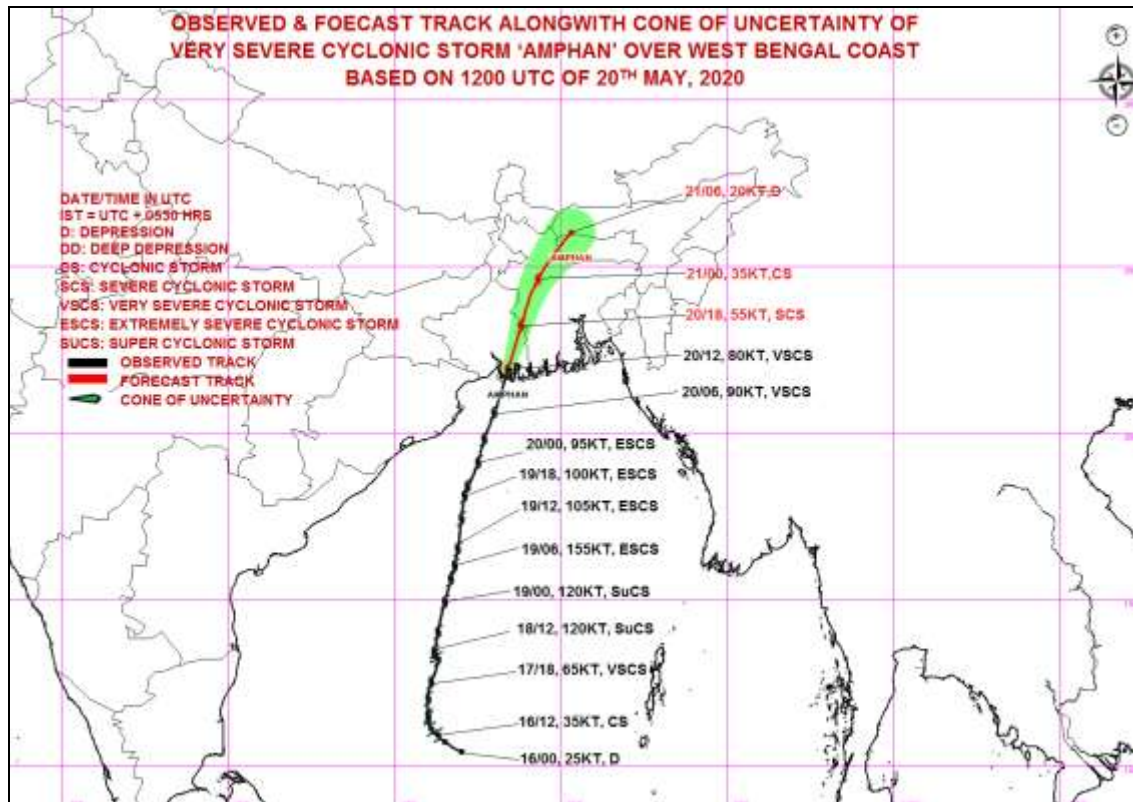


Legend: WCB – Westcentral Bay of Bengal  
NWB – Northwest Bay of Bengal

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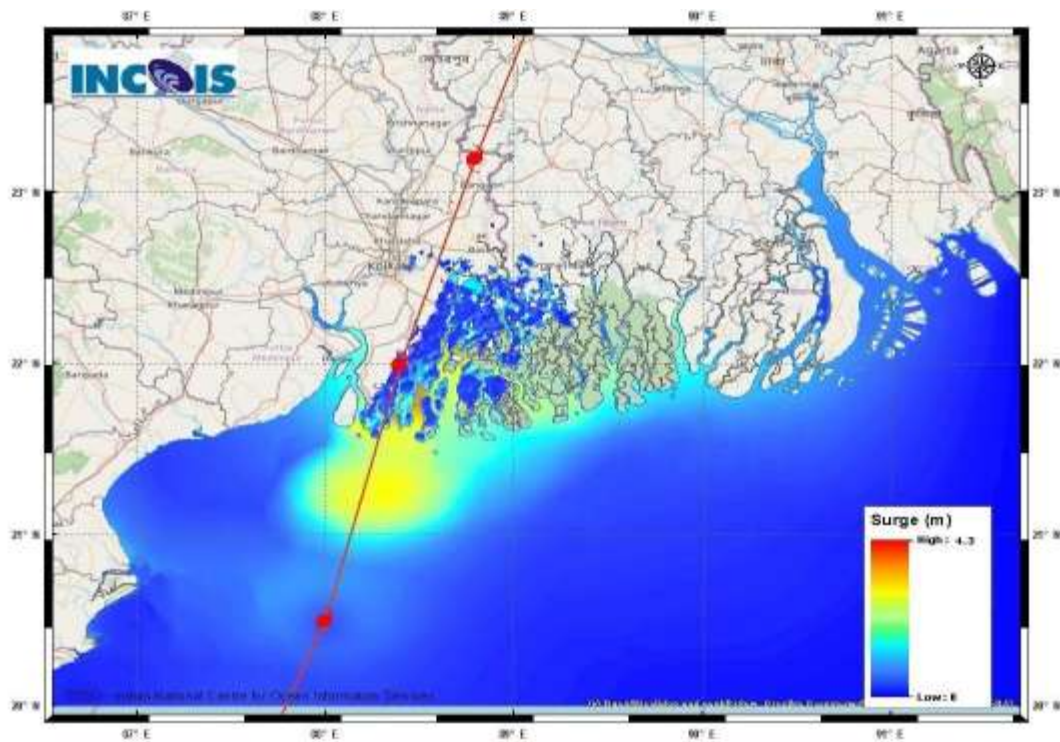




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**Figure: Storm Surge forecast from INCOIS issued at 1500 IST of 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020**



**Fig: Computed storm surge & Inundation based on the IMD track forecast**

Storm Surge of about 4-5 meters above Astronomical Tide is likely to inundate low lying areas of south & north 24 Parganas and about 3-4 meters over the low lying areas of East Medinipur District of West Bengal during the time of Landfall. Given below is the direct model output from INCIOS Strom Surge model.

**STORM SURGE HEIGHT INFORMATION:**

\* The below listed surge heights are over and above astronomical tide.

MANDAL/TALUK	DISTRICT	STATE / UNION TERRITORY	NEAREST PLACE OF HABITATION	* STORM SURGE (m)	* EXPECTED INUNDATION EXTENT (km)
Bhangar-I	South 24 Parganas	West Bengal	Bhangar-I	0.5-4.3	Around 17
Basirhat	North 24 Parganas	West Bengal	Basirhat	0.5-3.9	Around 10
Diamond Harbour	South 24 Parganas	West Bengal	Daimond Harbor	0.5-3.5	Around 17
Bagnan-II	Haora	West Bengal	Bagnan-II	0.5-1.0	Around 0.4
Mahisadal	Medhinipur	West Bengal	Tentul Berya	0.5-1.0	Around 0.4
Nandigram-I	Medhinipur	West Bengal	Nakchira Chara	0.5-0.8	Around 0.4
off Haldia	Purba Medhinipur	West Bengal	Nayachar Island	0.5-1.5	Around 0.5
Sutahata-I	Medinipur	West Bengal	Maniruddin Chara	0.5-1.6	Around 0.4
Sutahata-II	Medinipur	West Bengal	Haldia	0.5-1.5	Around 0.3
Digha	Purba Medhinipur	West Bengal	Digha	0.5-0.7	Around 0.3
Tamluk	East Midnapore	West Bengal	Tamluk	0.5-1.5	Around 0.3
Bhadrak	Bhadrak	Odisha	Mohanpur	0.5-1.1	Around 0.8
Kendrapara	Kendraparha	Odisha	Baligarh	0.5-0.8	Around 2.6
Baleshwar	Baleshwar	Odisha	Sahanur	0.5-0.7	Around 0.7

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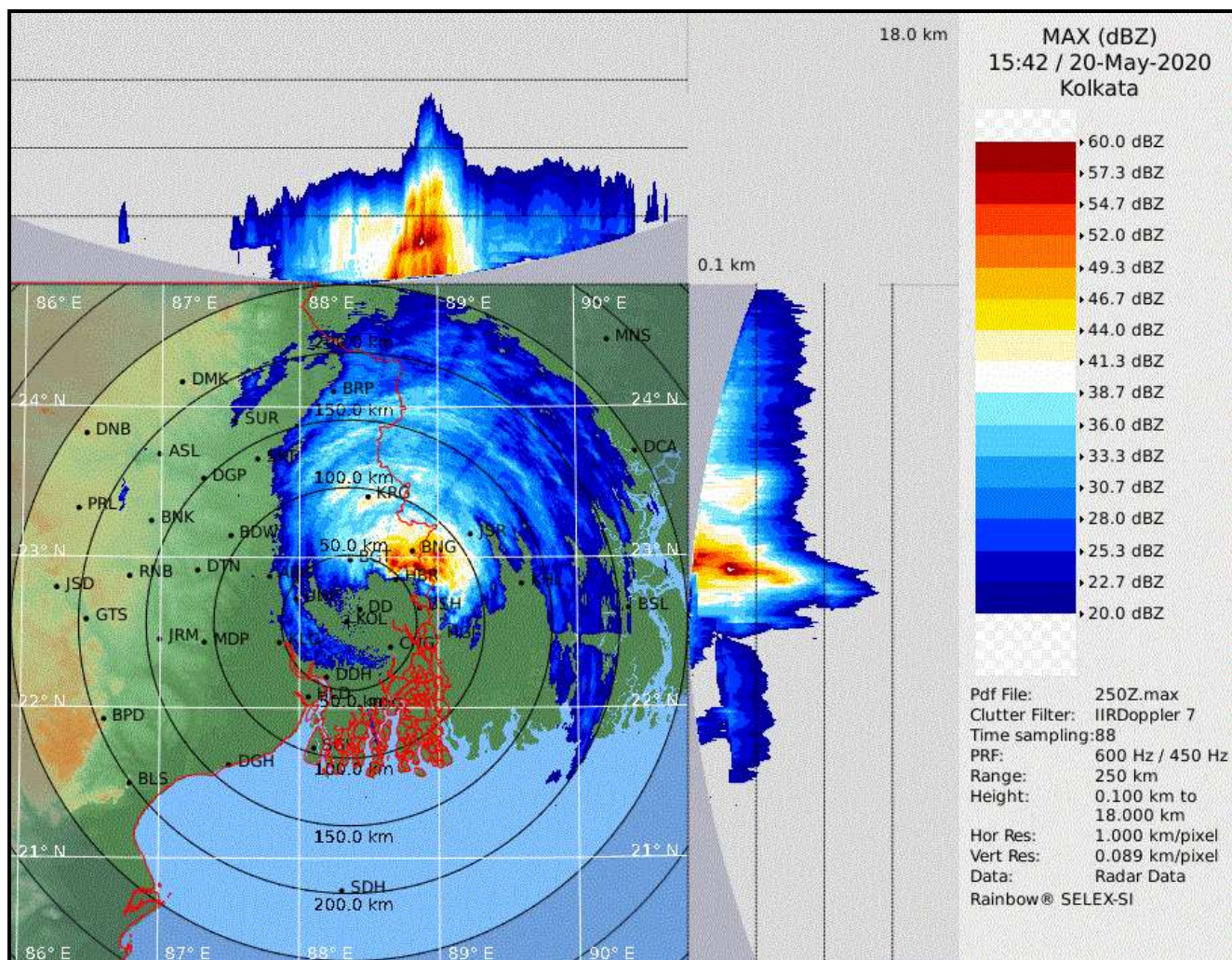


Figure: Reflectivity of Kolkata Doppler Weather Radar at 1152 UTC of 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020

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