

**Ministry of Home Affairs**  
**Disaster Management Division**  
**(National Emergency Response Centre)**

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**Situation Report about Cyclonic Storm “TAUKTAE” (pronounced as Tau’Te) updated as on 20.05.2021 up to 1000 Hrs.**

**1. Background: -**

- On 11.05.21, IMD issued a press release on the likely formation of a Cyclonic Storm over east-central Arabian Sea by 16th May 2021.
- Immediately, alerts were issued from MHA Control Room to all coastal States and UTs, to make preparations and to issue warnings to fishermen to not to venture into the sea.
- A low pressure area was formed over southeast Arabian Sea & adjoining Lakshadweep area on 13th May morning (0830 hrs IST). Which subsequently intensified into Extremely Severe Cyclone on 17th May.
- The Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm’s landfall process started on 17<sup>th</sup> May evening continued till 18<sup>th</sup> May. It made a landfall on the Gujarat coast in Una Taluka east of Diu at 2030 hours as a Very Severe Cyclonic Storm with a maximum sustained wind speed of 150-175 kmph.
- It crossed Gujarat & Diu coasts in Morning, further started to weakened into well marked low pressure in evening of 19.05.2021.
- IMD issued **last bulletin** pertaining to this system on **19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 1945 hrs.**

**2. Status on SAR by NAVY and ICG on Barge/ vessel which drifted away /struck in the sea:-**

Name of the ship/barge/drilling rig		Total Number of people on board	Total number of people rescued so far	Remarks
1	Barge Para-305	261	Live -188 Dead bodies-37	Search and rescue ops for missing crew with air support from Navy/ONGC vessels going on. Two ships moved back to Mumbai to disembark the survivors and mortal remains. 12 ships (Navy-05, ICG-02, ONGC-05) continuing SAR ops. P8I Maritime reconnaissance aircraft and naval helicopters assisting in operations.
2	Barge Gal Constructor	137	137	Run aground near Colaba Point/ Mahim. All people have been evacuated.
3	Sagar Bhushan Drillship	101	-	Drillship with 65 persons (36 have been evacuated ) and being towed towards Mumbai expected time of arrival 0900 hrs today

4	Barge SS-3	202	-	The Barge being towed to Mumbai expected time of arrival today Noon.
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### 3. Visit of affected area by Hon'ble PM:-

Hon'ble Prime Minister today visited Gujarat to review the situation arising out of Cyclone Tauktae and also undertook an aerial survey of the cyclone affected areas in Gujarat and Diu. **PM announced the financial assistance of Rs. 1,000 crore for immediate relief activities in the State and Rs. 2 lakh Ex gratia for the next of kin of the dead and Rs 50,000 for the injured due to Cyclone Tauktae.**

### 4. Review of preparedness by Hon'ble PM:-

Hon'ble Prime Minister chaired a high level review meeting of preparedness on 15th May to take stock of the situation with regard to ensuring maintenance of all essential services such as Power, Telecommunications, health, drinking water and preparedness needed for COVID management in hospitals, vaccine cold chain and power back up and storage of essential medicines in vulnerable locations.

### 5. Review meeting by Hon'ble HM

Union Home Minister Chaired a meeting with Chief Ministers of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Administrators of Daman & Diu and Dadar Nagar Haveli on 16<sup>th</sup> May to assess the preparedness of States/ UT and central Ministries/ Departments.

### 6. Other measures taken by Central Government:

- Situation is being monitored 24x7 by Central Government at the highest level.
- Cabinet secretary took a meeting of **National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC)** on 16.05.2021 reviewed the preparedness measures in wake of cyclonic storm TAUKTAE.
  - He stressed on making preparatory arrangements to restore power, telecom and other important services.
  - All steps should also be taken to avoid disruption of functioning of Hospitals and COVID-19 care centres and maintenance of regular supply of oxygen to them.
- Both Control Rooms of Ministry of Home Affairs are monitoring the situation 24X7 and all possible help is being provided to the concerned States/UTs.
- Regular advisories issued to all coastal States and UTs since the onset of the low pressure, for preparedness measures and for issuing warnings to fishermen.
- Ministry of Power has activated emergency response systems and is keeping in readiness transformers, DG sets and equipments etc.
- MHA has already released first instalment of SDRF in advance to the States.
- Men and resources of NDRF, Coast Guard, Army, Air Force, Indian Navy and Coast Guard were alerted/ mobilized. Their efforts are as under: -

#### i NDRF Deployment/Response:

- 61 teams of NDRF have been deployed in different states (Gujarat – 44, Kerala – 09, Karnataka – 03, Maharashtra – 04 and Daman & Diu – 01).08 teams are kept as immediate reserve. Efforts made by NDRF: -
- **Gujarat:** Teams assisting State administration in mass evacuation of persons & evacuation of livestock. NDRF has cleared 338 Kms road, removed 472 Nos. fallen trees & 71 Nos Electric Poles and evacuated 05 livestock. NDRF also assisted State administration in distribution of food.
- **Maharashtra:** Team assisted state administration in mass evacuation of persons. And cleared 02Km road and removed 12 Nos fallen trees.
- **Kerala:** Team evacuated 83 persons and shifted to safer place and also assisted state administration in restoration work i.e. removed uprooted trees, cleared electric poles & cleared blocked road at several places so far.
- **Diu:** Team evacuated 270 persons & removed 193 Nos. uprooted trees & 43 electric poles and cleared 50 kms road. NDRF also gave pre hospital treatment 16 persons.
- **Goa:** Team assisted state administration in restoration work i.e. removed uprooted trees 08 Nos, cleared electric poles 02 Nos, road cleared 07 Kms and the transportation of oxygen tanker was made operational on (NH-17) Panvel-Kochi-Kanyakumari road so far.

## ii Indian Coast Guard (ICG) preparedness:

- 517 fishing boats have been brought to sea shore.
- ICG SAR teams rescued 27 crew members (12 in Kochi and 15 in Goa) so far.
- 40 ICG Disaster Response Teams (DRTs) with Gemini (Lifeboat) and Life Saving Equipment kept standby.
- ICG Remote Operating Stations (ROS) at Tuticorin, Kochi, New Mangalore, Mumbai, Kavaratti and Porbandar transmitting weather warnings in local languages on VHF at regular intervals for fishermen all along the coast.

## iii Indian Army.

- Two columns of Army and one Engineer Team of Army deployed in Diu to assist Civil Administration.
- Six Army rescue and relief teams have been activated for rescue and relief operations in Diu. These teams had travelled for 12 hours, braving cyclonic high speed winds and rains to reach Diu.
- Working overnight under adverse climatic conditions, the road between Gir and Diu which was blocked at many places due to fallen trees, debris and damaged electrical wires along with poles was cleared by the Army teams restoring movement of essential supplies, medical support and civil traffic to cyclone hit Diu.
- The wind speeds having considerably reduced, Army teams are now assisting the Administration to save lives and restore property by helping the locals.
- Six additional Army teams have been staged forward to Junagarh to deal with after effects of cyclone at other cyclone hit places like Botad, Amreli and Bhavnagar.

- All columns and Engineer Task Forces positioned close to impact areas and are ready for deployment.
- Assistance provided for creating Power back up and other contingencies for COVID Hospitals including Dhanvantri Hospital Ahmedabad.

**iv Indian Navy.**

- Search and rescue operation in continue going on Barge P-305, INS Beas Betwa, Kochi, Talwar and Teg are deployed for operation. Total 188 survivors rescued and 37 mortal remains recovered till today morning 0800 Hrs.
- 18 Helicopters, 16 Transport Aircraft and Medical teams are on Standby.
- Rescued four seamen stranded inboard the Tug Coromondal Supporter XI which had run aground close to the coast of New Mangalore.
- 11 Diving teams (two each at GNA, Mumbai and Karwar and one at Porbandar) kept standby and ready for deployment.
- 12 Flood Rescue Teams earmarked for immediate response.

**Summary of Deployment Manpower and Resources of Central Government**

a)	NDRF	61 Teams – Deployed, 10 teams immediate reserve ready for deployment and 22 Teams- Standby.
b)	Indian Army	01 Column (Manpower – 34), 02 ETFs, 01 Flood relief Column
c)	Indian Navy	Helicopter, Aircrafts, 06 Naval Ships, 01 MV, 11 Diving and 08 Flood relief Teams
d)	Indian Air Force	18 Helicopters and 16 Transport Aircraft
e)	Indian Coast Guard	09 ships, 02 Air crafts and 60 MV - deployed and 40 Disaster response teams

**7. Steps Taken by State/ UT Governments**

**Gujarat:**

- **2,38,548 people of 22 coastal and adjoining districts shifted to safer places/relief camp.**
- **Out of 130 Covid hospitals affected, 98 have been restored.**
- **Out of total 1768 mobile towers affected, 1177 restored.**
- **Out of 18 Oxygen plant affected, 10 have been restored.**
- **Water supply affected 1467, 1031 have been restored.**
- **Out of 2101 street light affected, 1542 have been restored.**
- **Out of 5318 Feeder affected, 2836 have been restored.**
- **143381 food packets have been distributed.**
- 10 teams of SDRF along with local police, SRP, Home guard, Aapdamitra have been deployed in effected districts.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat is monitoring the situation closely with CS & concerned secretaries

- 10445 hoardings have been removed from urban areas and 1519 hoardings have been removed from rural areas and 668 temporary structures have been removed.
- 287 restores teams of B&R Department, 276 of Forest Department and 531 restoration of Health department and 367 restoration of Revenue department have been deployed and engaged in restoration.
- 508 dewatering pump employed.
- Loss of power has been reported in coastal area in around 5364 villages, out of which power has been restored in 2092 villages and for remaining villages power restoration is under process.
- There are 1489 power backups deployed in all hospitals in affected districts. 178 ICU on wheels ambulance and 636 numbers of 108 ambulances have been deployed in affected districts.
- **All 4566 fishermen boats have returned from sea.**
- In view, ongoing COVID pandemic, arrangements made as per MHA Advisory.
- Teams along with resources kept ready for immediate restoration power supply, water supply.
- Teams of Engineers deployed for road clearance and repair.

#### **Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu**

- 1461 persons evacuated to safer places and 246 inmates are in relief camps.
- No major incident of any damage or loss to life has been reported till 0800 hours, 19/05/2021.
- Minor damage to school classroom reported (Varkund and Zari) and repairs will be initiated from today onwards.
- Emergency response teams were kept in ready position 24x7 to attend to any contingency as well as for rescue and search operations.
- 108 Ambulances were kept ready 24x7. Hospitals on alert and fully equipped for any emergency situation.
- Adequate DG set with fuel provided in all the hospitals for uninterrupted power supply.
- Adequate buffer staff of oxygen cylinders, concentrators and ventilators in COVID hospitals.
- Water motor pumps and other necessary equipment were ready for dewatering of water logged areas and rescue operations if so required.
- Restoration work is in progress.

#### **Maharashtra:-**

- **13,425 persons evacuated to safer place/relief camps.**
- All fishermen have been called back by all coastal districts.
- Critical installations near shore are on alert and ready to be put on safe mode, if needed.
- Shelters like schools etc. are ready in line with COVID protocols, if required.
- All beaches/ sea faces have been closed down to public.

- All public facilities are kept in a state of readiness with power back-up and essential medicines.
- Social Media, SMS Blaster, Local TV, Radio being used to broadcast warnings information to the last mile.

**GOA:**

- All fishermen returned to shore. All shipping vessels are secured and tugs.
- All shelters have been kept in a state of readiness in line with COVID protocols.
- Electricity, Civil Supplies, PWD, Fire Services and health authorities are kept in readiness to meet any eventuality.

**KARNATAKA:**

- Fishermen given warning not to venture into sea.
- Cyclone shelters are ready in line with COVID protocols.
- Electricity, Civil Supplies, PWD, Fire Services and health authorities are kept in readiness to meet any eventuality.

**KERALA:**

- Total ban on fishing from 13th May 2021.
- COVID-19-safe camps established.
- All other cyclone protocols are in place.

**8. Damage/ Loss report: Report attached at Annexure.**

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**Annexure**

**Damage reported**

SL No	Name of State/UTs	No of Districts affected	No of Villages Affected	Population Affected	Human Lives lost	Injured	Houses damaged	Loss of Livestock	No of Persons evacuated	Inmates in relief camps	Crop Area Affected	Infrastructure damage
01	Goa	02	44	594	<b>03</b> (Tree felling -1, Electric pole felling-1)	07	Fully-02 Partially-447	16	0	0	10 HA	Shops-04, Cars-07, Electric pole 62, Transformer 02 Restaurant-1,Garage-1, Wall-2, Temple-1,Cowshed-1
02	Karnataka	08	125	3200	<b>08</b> (House collapse-03, Lightning-01, Crushing between Boats-01, Electrocution-01, Drowning - 2)	02	Fully-57 Partially-388	01	547	0	79HA	Road-58 km, Power line-13 km, Electrical pole-1126, Transformer-187, Boats 171,
03	Kerala	14	162	4653	<b>10</b> (Dwoning-08, Electrocution 01, Tree fall-01)	04	Fully-152 Partially-2783	-	3063	5235	19232.36 HA	Road -356.8 KM School - 15 Primary Health Center - 11
04	Maharashtra	10	-	-	<b>18</b> (Tree falling-02 Electric wire-04 03 fisherman)	37	Fully-81 Partially-13021	11	13425	0	-	-
05	Gujarat	22	4619	11711000	<b>46</b> (Tree Falling-06, Wall collapse-24, Building collapse-05, Lighting-05, Ceilling Falling-04, Tower Falling-01)	18	Kuchcha - 28920 Pucca-1327	635	238548	238548	Yet to assess	Electric Pole-77707 Fallen tree- 69129 Govt Building – 368 Road Damage-1143
06	Lakshadweep	01	-	2000	-	12	Fully -18, Partially-9371	-	91	91	-	-
07	Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli	03	98	52591	-	-	Fully -06, Partially-273	06	1461	246		Solar Plate-17751, Electric Pole-355, Fallen tree- 6394, Boats-29 Govt Building-59
08	Barge P-305				<b>37</b>							
	<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>5048</b>	<b>11774038</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>56846</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>257135</b>	<b>244120</b>	<b>19321.36</b>	<b>-</b>

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