Cyclonic Storm 'OCKHI' over Comorin area & Cyclone Warning for South Kerala, adjoining districts of south Tamil Nadu and Lakshadweep Islands- ORANGE message

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Latest observations and satellite imageries indicate that the deep depression over Comorin area moved west-northwestwards with a speed of 38 kmph during past 06 hours and intensified into a cyclonic storm **'OCKHI'** and lay centred at 0830 hrs IST of today, the 30th November, 2017 over Comorin area and neighbourhood near Latitude 7.5° N and Longitude 77.5° E, about 340 km west-northwest of Galle (Sri Lanka), 60 km south of Kanyakumari, 120 km southeast of Thiruvananthapuram and 480 km east-southeast of Minicoy. The system is very likely to move west-northwestwards towards Lakshadweep Islands and intensify further into a severe cyclonic storm during next 24 hours.

Date/Time(IST)	Position	Maximum sustained surface	Category of cyclonic disturbance
	(Lat. ⁰ N/ long. ⁰ E)	wind speed (kmph)	
30/0830	7.5/77.5	60-70 GUSTING TO 80	CYCLONIC STORM
30/1130	7.8/77.0	60-70 GUSTING TO 80	CYCLONIC STROM
30/1730	8.5/75.8	70-75 GUSTING TO 85	CYCLONIC STORM
30/2330	9.0/75.0	80-90 GUSTING TO 100	CYCLONIC STORM
01/0830	9.5/74.2	90-100 GUSTING TO 110	SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
01/1730	10.4/72.7	95-105 GUSTING TO 115	SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
02/0830	11.4/71.2	100-110 GUSTING TO 120	SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
02/1730	12.4/69.7	110-120 GUSTING TO 130	SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM

Warning:

(i) Heavy Rainfall warning:

- · Rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places very likely over south Tamil Nadu & south Kerala during next 24 hours and isolated heavy falls over interior Tamil Nadu and Kerala during subsequent 24 hours.
- Rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places and isolated extremely heavy falls very likely over Lakshadweep area during next 48 hours.

(ii) Wind warning:

- Gale wind speed reaching 65-75 kmph gusting to 85 kmph very likely along & off South Kerala during next 48 hours and along & off south Tamilnadu during next 24 hours.
- Squally winds speed reaching 55-65 kmph gusting to 75 kmph very likely along & around Lakshadweep Islands during next 12 hours and increase thereafter with wind speeds becoming 80-90 kmph gusting to 100 kmph from tonight, the 30th November 2017.

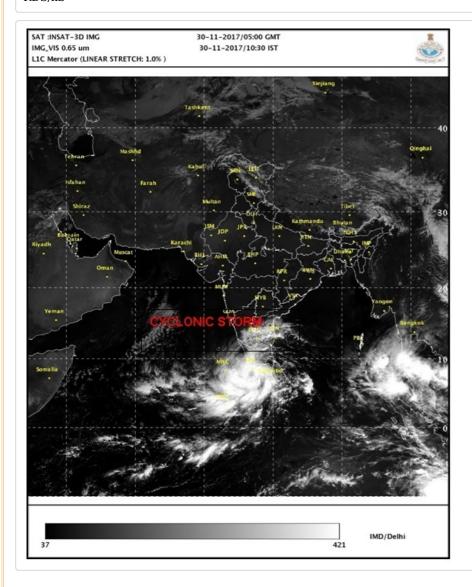
(ii) Sea condition:

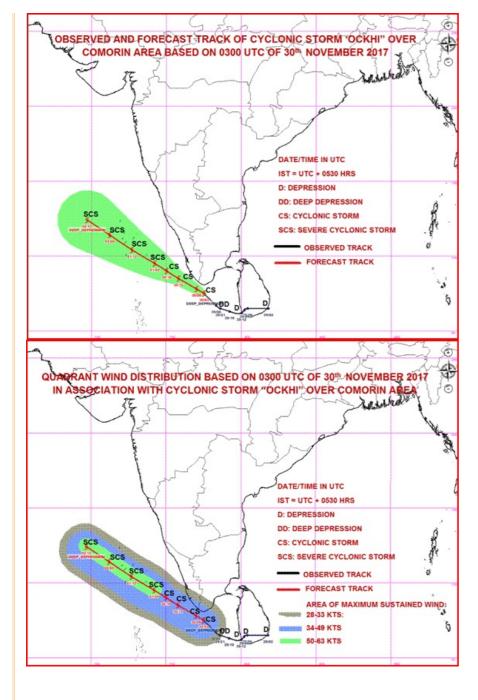
- \cdot Sea conditions would be high along & off South Kerala coast during next 48 hours and along & off south Tamilnadu coast during next 24 hours.
- \cdot Sea conditions would be very rough to high over and around Lakshadweep Islands during next 12 hours and high to very high during subsequent 48 hours.
- (iii) Damage Expected over south Kerala (Alappuzha, Kottayam, Idukki, Kollam, Pathanathitta, Thiruvananthapuram districts), adjoining districts of south Tamil Nadu (Kanyakumari, Tutukudi and Tirunelveli districts) and Lakshadweep Islands: Damage to power and communication lines due to breaking of tree branches and uprooting of trees. Damage to thatched houses: Major damage to kutcha houses and minor damage to pucca roads. Damage to paddy crops, banana, Papaya trees and orchards.

(iv) Action suggested

- · Lakshadweep Islands: Fishermen along & off Lakshadweep Islands are advised not to venture into the sea during next 48 hours.
- South Tamil Nadu and South Kerala: Fishermen are advised not to venture into the sea along & off South Tamil Nadu coast during next 24 hrs and along and off South Kerala coasts during next 48 hours

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