BHEEMILI IN THE EYE OF HUDHUD STORM

East Coast braces up for cyclone fury, 1 lakh evacuated

A boy plays in the water as large waves hit the beach ahead of Cyclone Hudhud in Visakhapatnam on Saturday.

Hudhud may bring rain to N. Telangana

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As Cyclone Hudhud, barrelled towards East Coast, around 3,00,000 people have been shifted to safety from low-lying areas.

Several flights from Visakhapatnam have been cancelled on Saturday and Sunday. Restrictions were imposed on vehicular movement along the key box on National Highway 16 from Mandapeta to Visakhapatnam to Pudukkotapeta in Vizianagaram district from Saturday evening.

No vessel will be allowed on NH 16, leaving emergency cyclone relief vehicles and ambulances. APRTC has cancelled as many as 45 long-distance buses.

The severe cyclone was 200 km southeast of Visakhapatnam on Saturday evening IMD officials said there has been no change in Hudhud's track and it was steadily moving towards Vizag. The cyclonic storm is expected to cross the coast near the town of Bheemili by Sunday at around noon and the storm would gain its highest speed of 135 kmph before landfall, IMD on Saturday night issued a Red Alert on the impending storm.

The US Joint Typhoon Warning Centre has already predicted wind speeds of 184 kmph gusting to 240 kmph in the next 24 hours.

The Indian Meteorological Department on Friday issued a heavy rainfall warning for Telangana valid till Sunday. The Met department has said that very heavy rainfall would occur in all districts of Telangana.

Temperatures were as low as 40 degrees Celsius and had potential for heavy rainfall. According to IMD, wind speed of Cyclone Hudhud would touch 185 kmph at the time of landfall, around afternoon near Visakhapatnam, and remain strong for six hours subsequent to that.

In its warning that was issued on Saturday, IMD said heavy rain would occur at isolated places over Telangana on Sunday while all districts of the state are expected to receive very heavy rainfall on Monday.

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AP SET FOR HUDDUD

5,14,725 PEOPLE LIKELY TO BE EVACUATED

5 districts on danger list

4 SHIPS, 6 AIRCRAFT TO ASSIST AP

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