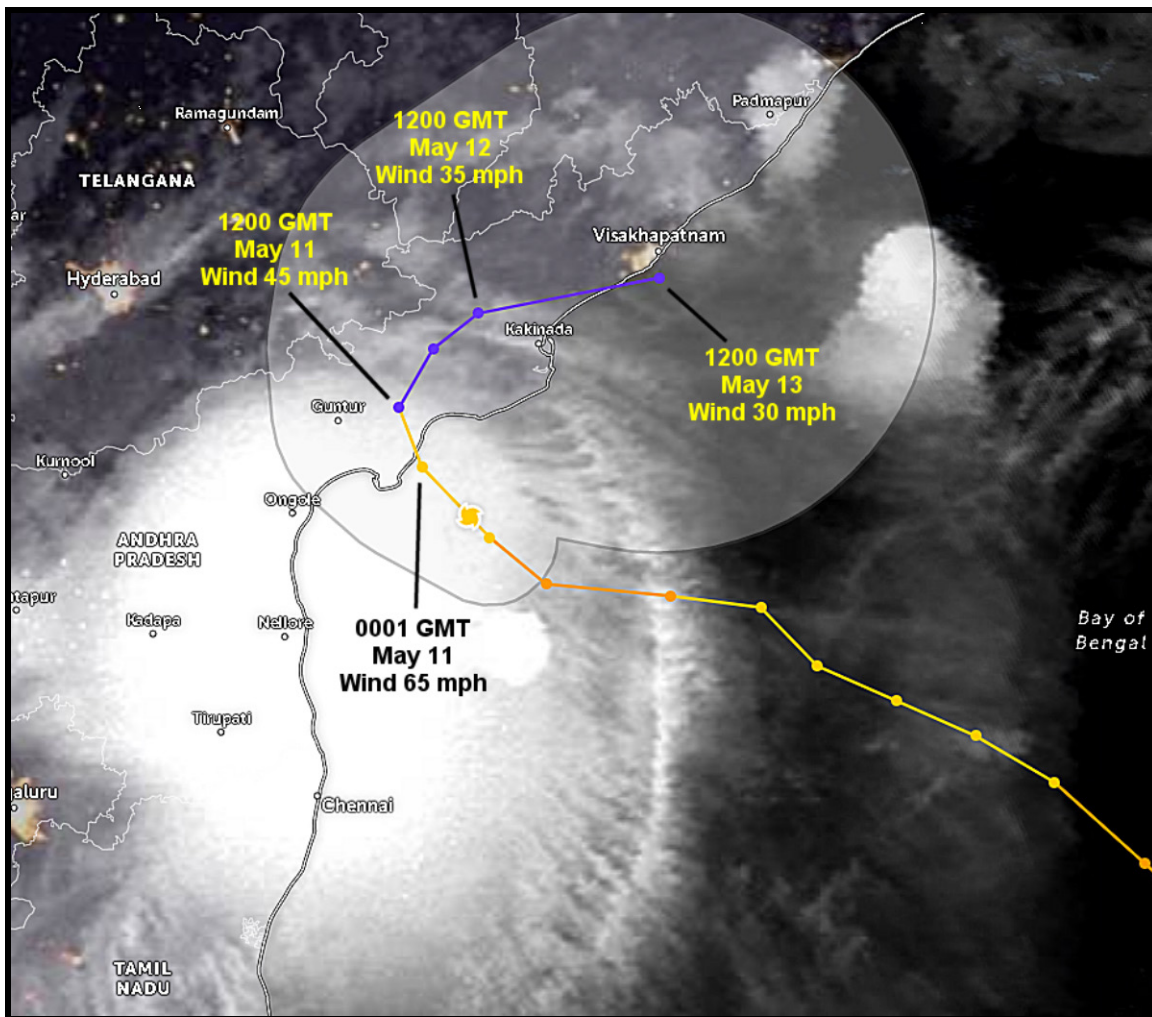


# Tropical Cyclone Asani Impacting East-Central India

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Kansas City, May 10 (World Weather Inc.) – Tropical Cyclone Asani was being sheared as it approached the upper Andhra Pradesh, India coast today. Most of the storm's convection has already reached the central and lower parts of the Andhra Pradesh coast with rain extending deeply into the state. The storm center, however, remained over open water approximately 46 miles southeast from the coast south of Machilipatnam. Once the storm center reaches the coast tonight and Wednesday it is not likely to move very much which may prolong some of the heavy rainfall expected.

At 1500 GMT today, the center of the storm was located near 15.4 northy, 81.6 east moving northwesterly at 7 mph and producing maximum sustained wind speeds of 70 mph. Tropical storm force wind (39-70mph) were occurring out 125 miles from the center of the storm.



Tropical Cyclone Asani will move inland with peak wind speeds reaching 65 mph. Some damage to agriculture and person property is possible, although it should not be very

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great. The greatest rainfall is expected in central through southeastern Andhra Pradesh today and Wednesday while the center of the storm shears away to the northeast. The storm center will push through northeastern Andhra Pradesh Wednesday through Friday while slowly diminishing. Most of the storm's convection has already split off to the west of the circulation center and that is where most of the greatest rainfall is expected through Thursday.

*The storm's impact on agriculture will be mostly to rice and sugarcane, but some other winter crops are produced in those areas of Andhra Pradesh and could be briefly impacted in a negative manner. Most of the excessive rain should be confined to a relatively small region in the state which will help to minimize damage potentials.* Most of the storm's strong wind speeds will be kept contained close to the circulation center and speeds will be no more than 65 mph just prior to landfall. After landfall, the wind speeds will quickly abate to the range of 35 to 60 mph.

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