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CISS Limited, Kolkata conducted a cyclone relief camp on 6th Jun 2021 Sunday at severe cyclone 'JAAS' affected villages in Sundarbans, West Bengal.

The very severe cyclonic storm YAAS, with wind speeds from 120 to 140 kmph, battered the country's eastern coast along West Bengal and Orissa on 26-27 May 2021, inflicting large scale damage to human habitats and farmlands, amid the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. The storm surge triggered by the cyclone, which coincided with the perigean spring tide because of 26th May full moon, caused an extraordinary rise in the water level in several rivers, affecting right till Kolkata which is 80Nm inland from Sagar Island, Sundarbans. .

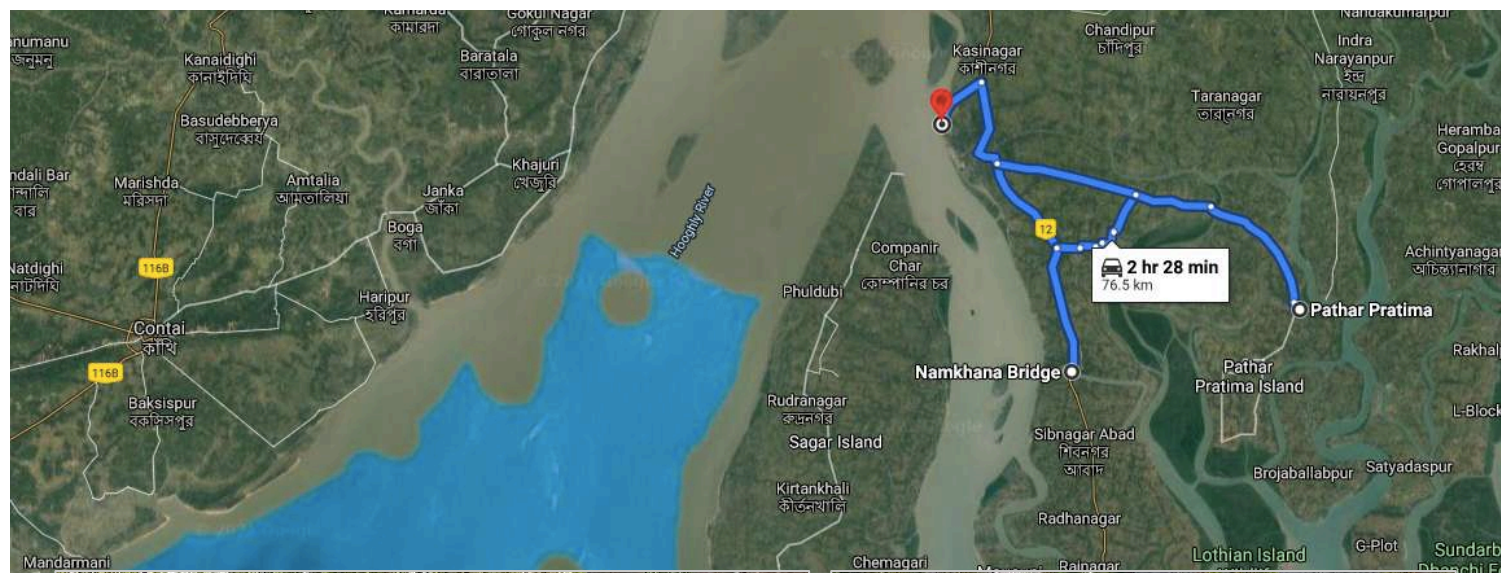
As per various survey reports, more than 4,500 villages In Sundarbans are severely damaged with widespread destruction and loss affecting mankind, agriculture, electricity, fishery, animal husbandry and horticulture as sea and river water gushed into the low-lying areas. Not only islands, but also even coastal areas like Kakdwip, Namkhana and Frasergunj have been submerged. The famous Kapil Muni temple in Sagar Island was completely submerged as tidal waves crashed over the shore. For the next three days, vast areas of Sunderbans remain inundated, forcing people to huddle in cyclone shelters or spend days on embankments. In Kolkata, areas adjoining Adi-Ganga were submerged due to the high tide. The entire south Kolkata was completely waterlogged after the high tide reached the height of 17.3ft in the Hooghly River amidst very heavy rainfall over the past 24 hours.

Cyclone-displaced people have sought refuge in overcrowded shelters, creating a high risk of vaccine preventable disease outbreaks as well as a possible spike in COVID-19 transmission in the immediate aftermath of the cyclone when evacuees return to their respective communities.

As a social responsibility and humanitarian outreach, a team of CISS Champs from Kolkata reached one of the relief camps set up at Bharat Seva Ashram at Kakdweep and extended all help and service possible. The Team helps in food distribution at the relief camp as well as sending cooked food and dry provisions including medicines, health and hygiene materials, water, clothing items etc. to two more site camps in the villages Laxmikantapur and Kadabhanga in severely affected and vast sea flood water logged areas.

CISS Limited stands by people in times of crisis, calamities and sufferings, and extends all possible humanitarian support to the affected people. CISS works with the people and for the safety and security of people.

Few images of the devastation and relief work done by CISS Limited are displayed herewith.



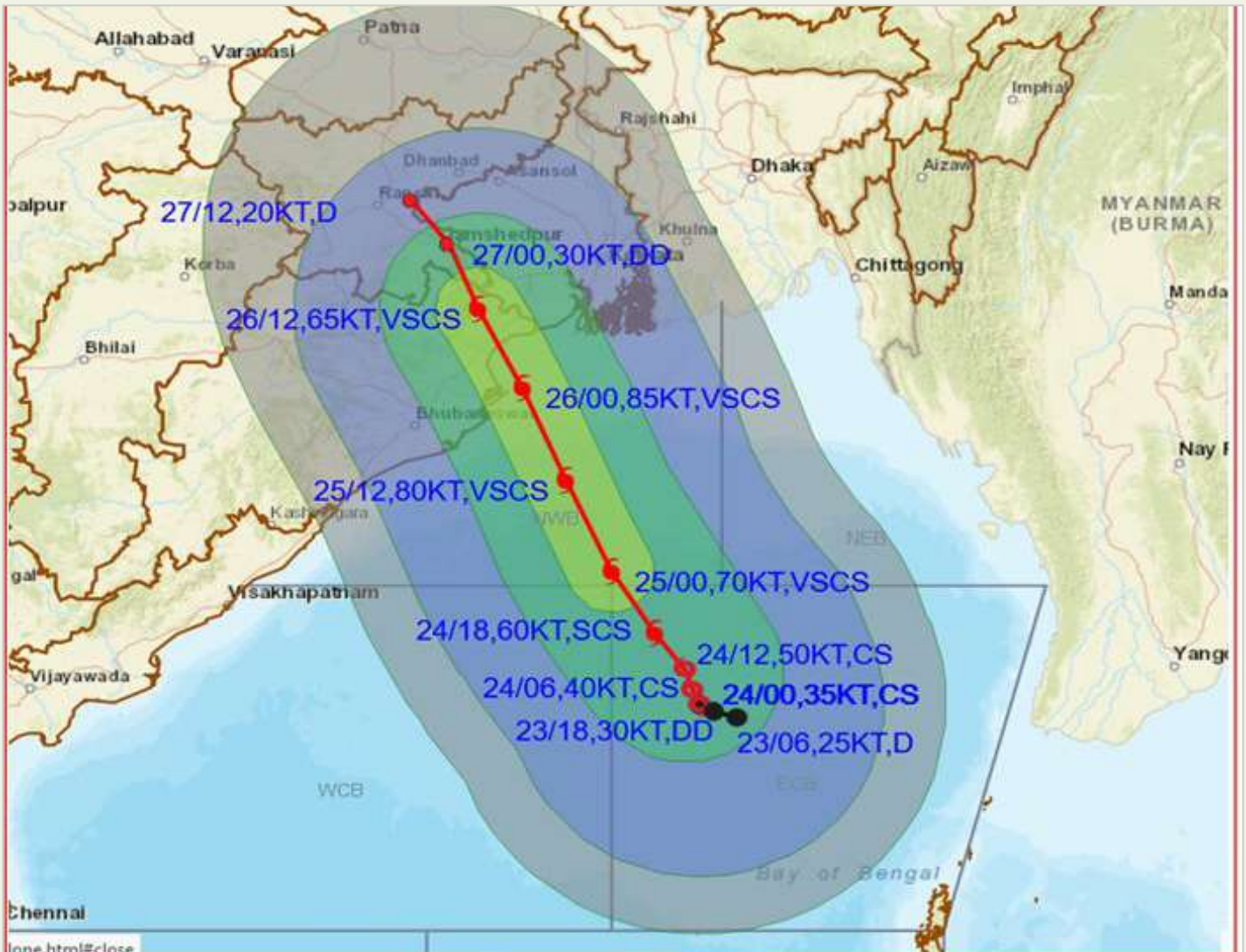


People displaced from their marooned village homes are forced to dwell in make shift tarpaulin strappings on the embankments.



In Kolkata, people waded through flooded roads in the after math of 'YAAS' and perigeon high tide.





DATE/TIME IN UTC
 IST=UTC + 0530
 L: LOW PRESSURE AREA
 WML: WELL MARKED LOW PRESSURE AREA
 D: DEPRESSION (17-27 KT)
 DD: DEEP DEPRESSION (28-33 KT)
 CS: CYCLONIC STORM (34-47 KT)
 SCS: SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM (48-63 KT)
 VSCS: VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM (64-89 KT)
 ESCS: EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM (90-119 KT)
 SuCS: SUPER CYCLONIC STORM (≥ 120 KT)

● LESS THAN 34 KT
 ○ 34-47 KT
 ● ≥ 48 KT
 — OBSERVED TRACK
 — FORECAST TRACK
 ▲ CONE OF UNCERTAINTY
 AREA OF MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WIND SPEED:
 ■ 28-33 KT (52-61 KMPH)
 ■ 34-49 KT (62-91 KMPH)
 ■ 50-63 KT (92-117 KMPH)
 ■ ≥ 64 KT (≥ 118 KMPH)