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# Winds riding on Fani hit Puri at 196kmph: IIT-BBS

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**Bhubaneswar:** As the state tries to recover from the devastation caused by Fani that hit the state last week, researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar have come up with details about the cyclone which prove that it hit the state at an estimated wind speed of 196 kilometers per hour on May 3.

The research scientists of the School of Earth Ocean and Climate Sciences at IIT Bhubaneswar made the observation using Hurricane Weather Research and Forecast model

## Central team to assess damage

A team from the Centre will visit Odisha from May 12 to 15 to assess the damage caused by cyclone Fani, government sources said. In a letter addressed to special relief commissioner Bishnupada Sethi, the disaster management division of the ministry of home Affairs wrote that the team will be by additional secretary Vivek Bhardwaj. TNN

(HWRF), which has been designed to predict cyclones over

the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea.

As per their observation, Fani intensified and made landfall between 8.30am and 11.30am on May 3 with its location close to Brahmagiri in Puri at 9.30 am with a maximum sustained wind speed of 196 kilometer per hour at the place of landfall.

The research team was led by professors U C Mohanty and Sandeep Pattnaik. The team has also observed that the IIT Bhubaneswar campus at Argul recorded a maximum sustained wind of 169 kilometer per hour.