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TOP STORY • INDIA

Cyclone Murasu Heads for India's Andhra Coast

A severe storm was forecast to cross the coast late on Monday night, 2 November.

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A cyclone is a huge spinning storm that forms over warm sea and brings strong wind and rain when it reaches land. One such storm, named Murasu, was heading for the east coast of India on Monday 2 November. Forecasters call it a severe cyclonic storm.

The storm was expected to cross the coast of Andhra Pradesh, a state in southern India. The crossing point was forecast between the towns of Nellore and Narsapur, close to the town of Ongole. That crossing was expected between 11:30 PM on 2 November and 4 AM on 3 November.

Winds were expected to blow at 100 to 110 kilometres an hour, with gusts up to 120 kilometres an hour. Further south, schools in the big city of Chennai were closed on Monday. Far away in the north, the capital region around Delhi was reported to be spared.



The storm was forecast to cross India's east coast in Andhra Pradesh.

WHY IT MATTERS

A coast that is warned ahead of time has a better chance to get ready, and schools can close before the wind arrives.

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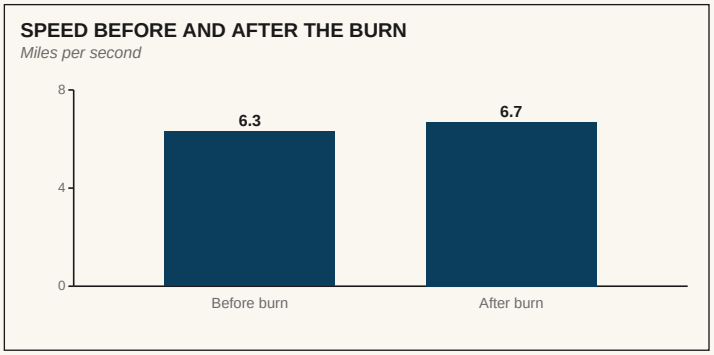
Two NASA Spacecraft Will Swing Past Earth on the Way to Mars

Flybys are set for 7 and 9 November.

NASA's two ESCAPADE spacecraft, each about the size of a standard refrigerator, launched in November 2025, when Earth and Mars were on opposite sides of the Sun. They waited for the planets to line up.

Now they use Earth's gravity and an engine burn of about nine minutes. The first spacecraft passes closest around 5 a.m. US Eastern time on Saturday 7 November. The second follows on Monday 9 November.

The burn adds more than 1,000 miles an hour, taking each from about 6.3 to 6.7 miles per second. They reach Mars on 7 and 9 September 2027.



Each burn raises speed from about 6.3 to 6.7 miles per second.

WHY IT MATTERS

Earth's gravity plus a short burn gives the push needed to reach Mars.

ONE-LINE BRIEFS

• India: GST tax collections rose nearly 23% in October, to over Rs 2.31 lakh crore.

• India: Narendra Modi opened a renewable energy summit in New Delhi.

TOMORROW'S WATCHLIST

• Where Cyclone Murasu crosses the coast.

• The first ESCAPADE flyby on 7 November.

Keep exploring. See you tomorrow.