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New Delhi, May 18 (RHC)-- In India, at least 21 people are dead and nearly 100 others missing after the most powerful tropical cyclone ever to hit western India made landfall.

The storm pummeled Gujarat state with the force of a Category 3 hurricane, compounding India's coronavirus catastrophe. Two hundred thousand people evacuated ahead of the storm — including hundreds of COVID-19 patients — and vaccination sites were forced to close.

This came as India reported more than 4,300 COVID-19 deaths Tuesday — making it the deadliest day of the pandemic for any country.

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