



PRESS RELEASE.-06

DATE: 18.05.2020

TIME: 1630 HRS IST

SUB: Super Cyclonic Storm 'AMPHAN' (pronounced as UM-PUN) over west-central and adjoining central parts of South Bay of Bengal: Cyclone Warning for north Odisha coasts: Orange Message.

Yesterday's severe cyclonic storm over central parts of south Bay of Bengal (BoB) intensified into a very severe cyclonic storm in the same evening (1430 hrs IST of 17th May) over the same area. It further intensified into an extremely severe cyclonic storm over westcentral BoB in the early hours (0230 hrs IST), **into a super cyclonic storm in the afternoon (1130 hrs IST)** of today the 18th May, 2020 over the same region and lay centered near latitude 13.4°N and longitude 86.2 °E, about 770 km nearly south of Paradip (Odisha), 920 km south-southwest of Digha (West Bengal) and 1040 km south-southwest of Khepupara (Bangladesh).

It is very likely to move nearly northwards for some more time and then north-northeastwards across northwest Bay of Bengal and **cross** West Bengal – Bangladesh coasts between Digha (West Bengal) and Hatiya Islands (Bangladesh) **close to Sundarbans** during the **Afternoon / Evening of 20th May 2020** as an Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm with maximum sustained wind speed of **165-175 kmph gusting to 185 kmph**.

Forecast track and intensity are given in the following table:

Date/Time(IST)	Position (Lat. °N/ long. °E)	Maximum sustained surface wind speed (Kmph)	Category of cyclonic disturbance
18.05.20/1130	13.4/86.2	220-230 gusting to 255	SUPER CYCLONIC STORM
18.05.20/1730	14.6/86.4	230-240 gusting to 265	SUPER CYCLONIC STORM
18.05.20/2330	15.2/86.5	230-240 gusting to 265	SUPER CYCLONIC STORM
19.05.20/0530	15.9/86.7	230-240 gusting to 265	SUPER CYCLONIC STORM
19.05.20/1130	17.1/87.0	220-230 gusting to 255	SUPER CYCLONIC STORM
19.05.20/2330	18.3/87.3	200-210 gusting to 230	EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
20.05.20/1130	20.8/88.1	180-190 gusting to 210	EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
20.05.20/2330	22.8/88.8	145-155 gusting to 170	VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
21.05.20/1130	24.8/89.4	80-90 gusting to 100	CYCLONIC STORM
21.05.20/1730	25.9/89.8	40-50 gusting to 60	DEPRESSION

WEATHER FORECAST AND WARNINGS:

RAINFALL:

DAYS	FORECAST	HEAVY RAINFALL WARNING
Day 1 (Valid upto 0830 HRS IST of 19.05.2020)	Light to moderate rain or thundershower very likely to occur at many places over the districts of coastal Odisha, at a few places over districts of south interior odisha and at one or two places over rest district of Odisha.	YELLOW WARNING (BE UPDATED): Heavy rainfall very likely to occur at isolated places over the district of Gajapati, Ganjam, Puri, Jagatsinghpur and Kendrapara. Rainfall will commence from 18th May evening.

Day 2 (Valid from 0830 hrs IST of 19.05.2020 up to 0830 HRS IST of 20.05.2020)	Light to moderate rain or thundershower very likely to occur at most places over the districts of coastal Odisha, at a few places over districts of rest Odisha.	ORANGE WARNING (BE PREPARED): Heavy to very heavy rainfall very likely to occur at a few places over the districts of Balasore, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Jagatsinghpur Kendrapara and Mayurbhanj and isolated heavy rainfall likely over Cuttack, Khurda and Puri of Odisha.
Day 3 (Valid from 0830 hrs IST of 20.05.2020 up to 0830 HRS IST of 21.05.2020)	Light to moderate rain or thundershower very likely to occur at most places over the district of North Coastal Odisha, Mayurbhanj and at a few places over the rest districts of Odisha.	YELLOW WARNING (BE UPDATED): Heavy rainfall very likely to occur at isolated places over the district of Balasore, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Kendrapara, Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj .

WIND WARNING:

Odisha Coast:

Orange Warning (Be prepared): -Squally wind speed reaching 45 to 55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph is likely to commence along and off south Odisha coast from 18th evening and increase becoming 55 to 65 kmph gusting to 75 kmph and extend to along & off north Odisha coast from 19th morning.

Red Warning (Take action):

The wind speed will gradually increase becoming gale wind speed reaching 75 to 85 kmph gusting to 95 kmph from 20th morning along and off north Odisha coast (Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara, Bhadrak, Balasore) and Mayurbhanj. It will gradually increase thereafter becoming 110 to 120 kmph gusting to 135 kmph along & off the above mentioned districts of North Odisha.

Squally wind speed reaching 55-65 kmph gusting to 75 kmph likely to prevail over Puri, Khordha, Cuttack, Jajpur districts of Odisha during 20th May 2020.

Deep Sea area

Gale wind speed reaching 220-230 gusting to 255 kmph is prevailing over west-central and adjoining central parts of south Bay of Bengal. It is likely to increase becoming 220-230 gusting to 255 kmph over northern parts of central Bay of Bengal and adjoining North Bay of Bengal from tonight to 19th May morning, likely to increase further becoming 230-240 gusting to 265 kmph by tonight.

Gale wind speed reaching 220-230 gusting to 255 kmph over north Bay of Bengal from 19th morning and gradually decrease becoming 155- 165 kmph gusting to 180 kmph by 20th evening.

Sea condition

Sea condition will be Phenomenal over west-central and adjoining central parts of south Bay of Bengal during next 24 hours. It will become Phenomenal over northern parts of central Bay of Bengal and adjoining north Bay of Bengal on 19th May and over north Bay of Bengal on 20th May 2020.

Fishermen Warning

Fishermen warning for deep sea area:

The fishermen are advised not to venture into west-central and adjoining central parts of south Bay of Bengal during next 24 hours, to central Bay of Bengal on 19th May and into North Bay of Bengal during 19th to 20th May 2020.

Fishermen warning for Odisha Coast: (Red Warning(Take Action))

Fishermen are advised not to venture into the sea along and off Odisha coast till 21st May,2020.



Port Warning:

Keep Hoisted Local Cautionary Signal No.3 (LC-3) at Gopalpur and Puri Ports and Local warning signal No-4 (LW-4) at Paradip, Chandbali/Dhamara ports of Odisha.

DAMAGE EXPECTED AND ACTION SUGGESTED

Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara, Bhadrak, Balasore, Jajpur & Mayurbhanj districts of Odisha

Damage expected:

- Total destruction of thatched houses/ extensive damage to kutcha houses. Some damage to pucca houses. Potential threat from flying objects.
- Bending/ uprooting of power and communication poles.
- Major damage to kutcha and pucca roads. Minor disruption of railways, overhead power lines and signalling systems.
- Widespread damage to standing crops, plantations, orchards, falling of green coconuts and tearing of palm fronds. Blowing down of bushy trees like mango.
- Small boats, country crafts may get detached from moorings.

Fishermen warning & action suggested:

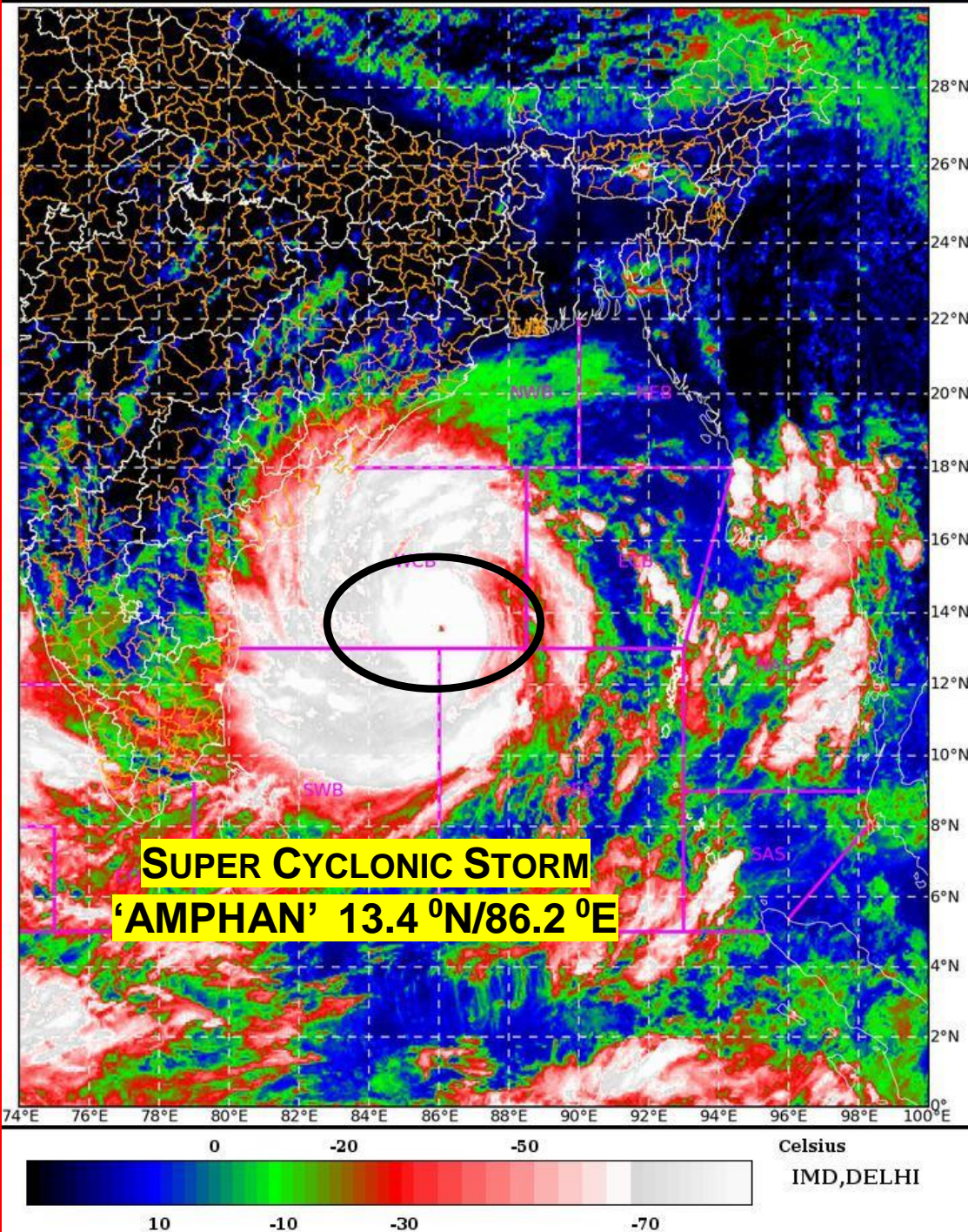
- Total suspension of fishing operations along & off odisha coast during till 20th May 2020.
- Judicious regulation of rail and road traffic.
- People in affected areas to remain indoors.
- Movement in motor boats and small ships not advisable.

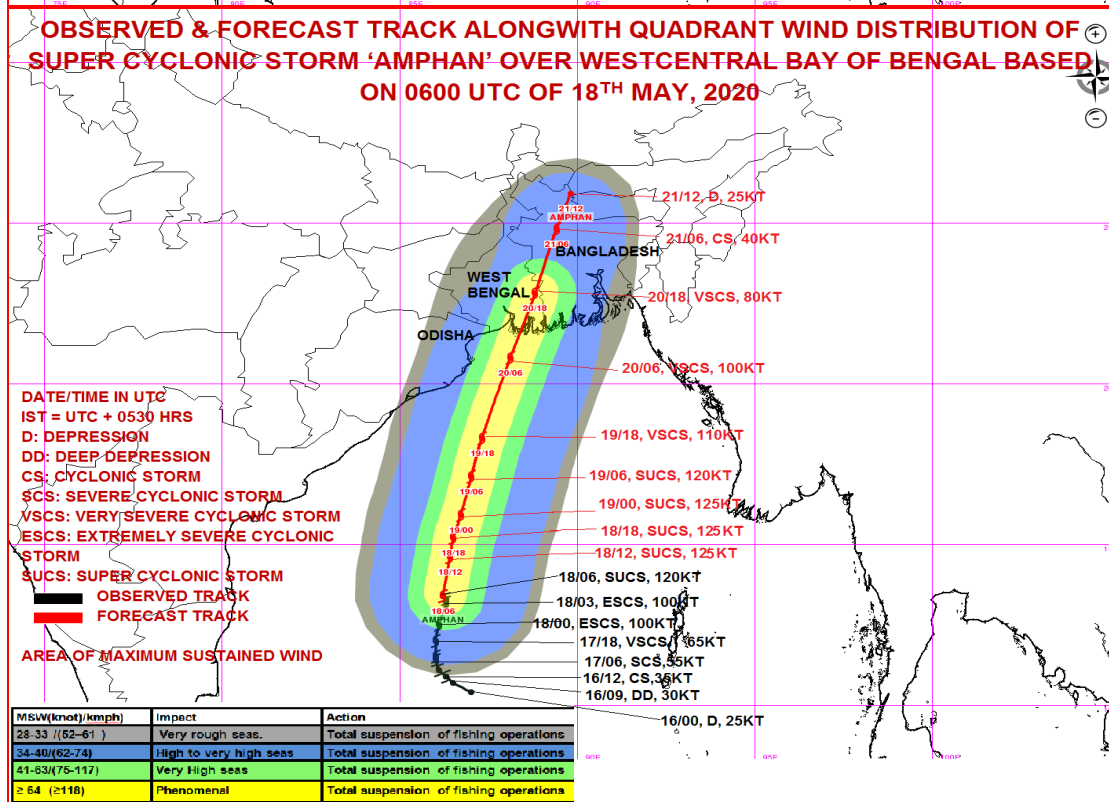
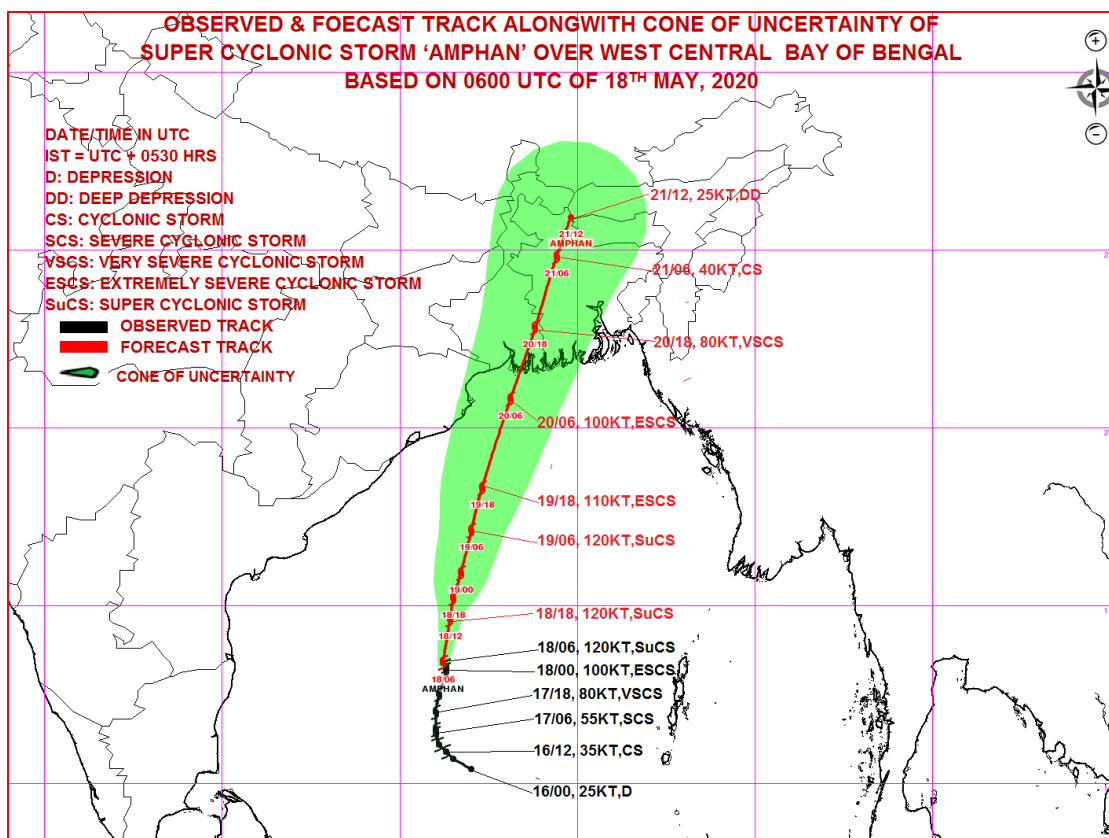
N.B: SPATIAL RAINFALL DISTRIBUTION: ISOLATED: <25%, A FEW: 26-50%, MANY: 51-75%, MOST: 76-100%
RAINFALL AMOUNT (MM): HEAVY RAIN: 64.5 – 115.5, VERY HEAVY RAIN: 115.6 – 204.4, EXTREMELY HEAVY RAIN: 204.5 OR MORE.

SAT : INSAT-3D IMG 18-05-2020/(0700 to 0727) GMT

IMG_TIR1_TEMP 10.8 um 18-05-2020/(1230 to 1257) IST

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MSW(knot)/kmph	Impact	Action
28-33 (62-61)	Very rough seas.	Total suspension of fishing operations
34-40 (62-74)	High to very high seas	Total suspension of fishing operations
41-63 (75-117)	Very high seas	Total suspension of fishing operations
≥ 64 (≥118)	Phenomenal	Total suspension of fishing operations