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SPECIAL BULLETIN NO.-15

DATE: 18.05.2020 TIME: 0800 HRS IST

Sub: Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm 'AMPHAN' (pronounced as UM-PUN) over central parts of South Bay of Bengal and adjoining central Bay of Bengal: Cyclone Alert for north Odisha coast: Yellow Message.

The Very Severe Cyclonic Storm 'AMPHAN' (pronounced as UM-PUN) over central parts of South Bay of Bengal moved north-northeastwards with a speed of 13 kmph during past 06 hours, intensified into an Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm and lay centred at 0230 hrs IST of today, the 18th May, 2020 over central parts of South Bay of Bengal and adjoining central Bay of Bengal near latitude 12.9°N and longitude 86.4°E, about 820 km nearly south of Paradip (Odisha), 980 km south-southwest of Digha (West Bengal) and 1090 km south-southwest of Khepupara (Bangladesh). It is very likely to intensify further during next 06 hours. It is very likely to move north-northeastwards and move fast across northwest Bay of Bengal and cross West Bengal – Bangladesh coasts between Digha (West Bengal) and Hatiya Islands (Bangladesh) during the Afternoon / Evening of 20th May 2020 as a Very Severe Cyclonic Storm.

Forecast track and intensity are given in the following table:

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	Date/Time(IST)	Position	Maximum sustained surface	Category of cyclonic		
		(Lat. ⁰ N/ long. ⁰ E)	wind speed (Kmph)	disturbance		
	18.05.20/0230	12.9/86.4	160-170 gusting to 190	EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC		
				STORM		
	18.05.20/0530	13.5/86.5	170-180 gusting to 200	EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC		
				STORM		
	18.05.20/1130	14.0/86.6	180-190 gusting to 210	EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC		
				STORM		
	18.05.20/1730	14.6/86.7	190-200 gusting to 220	EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC		
				STORM		
	18.05.20/2330	15.2/86.8	200-210 gusting to 230	EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC		
				STORM		
	19.05.20/1130	16.7/87.2	200-210 gusting to 230	EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC		
				STORM		
	19.05.20/2330	18.5/87.7	200-210 gusting to 230	EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC		
				STORM		
	20.05.20/1130	21.7/88.3	170-180 gusting to 200	EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC		
				STORM		
	20.05.20/2330	22.6/88.7	135-145 gusting to 160	VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM		
	21.05.20/1130	23.8/88.9	85-95 gusting to 105	SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM		
	21.05.20/2330	26.0/89.3	50-60 gusting to 70	DEEP DEPRESSION		

WEATHER FORECAST AND WARNING FOR NEXT FIVE DAYS

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 and Koraput, Rayagada, 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	Light to moderate rain or thundershower very	ORANGE WARNING (BE PREPARED):
(Valid from 0830 hrs	likely to occur at most places over the districts	Heavy to very heavy rainfall very likely to
IST of 19.05.2020	of coastal Odisha, at a few places over districts	occur at a few places over the districts of
up to 0830 HRS IST	of rest Odisha.	Balasore, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Jagatsinghpur
of 20.05.2020)		Kendrapara and MayurBhanj and isolated
		heavy rainfall likely over Cuttack, Khurda
		and Puri of Odisha.
Day 3	Light to moderate rain or thundershower very	YELLOW WARNING (BE UPDATED):
(Valid from 0830 hrs	likely to occur at most places over the district	Heavy rainfall very likely to occur at
IST of 20.05.2020	of North Coastal Odisha, Mayurbhanj and at a	isolated places over the district of
up to 0830 HRS IST	few places over the rest districts of Odisha.	Balasore, Bhadrak,,Jajpur, Kendrapara,
of 21.05.2020)		Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj.
Day 4	Light to moderate rain or thundershower very	
(Valid from 0830 hrs	likely to occur at one or two places over the	
IST of 21.05.2020	district of North Odisha and dry weather likely	NIL
up to 0830 HRS IST	to prevail over the district of south Odisha	
of 22.05.2020)		

WIND WARNING:

Odisha Coast:

Yellow Warning (Be Updated): -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 it will extends extend to along & off north Odisha coast from 19th morning.

Orange Warning (Be Prepared):

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 districts) .It will gradually increase thereafter becoming 110 to 120 kmph gusting to 135 kmph along & off the above mentioned districts of North Odisha from the afternoon of 20th May 2020. 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 125-135 gusting to 150 kmph is prevailing over southeast and adjoining southwest Bay of Bengal. It is likely to increase becoming 140-150 gusting to 165 kmph over southern parts of central Bay of Bengal by 18th morning, 170-180 gusting to 200 kmph over northern parts of central Bay of Bengal and adjoining North Bay of Bengal on 19th, and 155-165 gusting to 180 kmph over north Bay of Bengal during 20th May.

Sea condition

Sea condition will be Phenomenal over central parts of south Bay of Bengal and adjoining central Bay of Bengal during next 24 hours. It will become Phenomenal over southern parts of central Bay of Bengal from tonight, 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 south Bay of Bengal during next 24 hours, to central Bay of Bengal during 17th to 18th May and into North Bay of Bengal during 18th 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:

Replace Distance warning Signal No. 2 (DW-2) by Local Cautionary Signal No.3 (LC-3) at Gopalpur and Puri Ports and replace Distance warning Signal No. 2 (DW-2) by by Local warning signal No-4 (LW-4) at Paradip, Chandbali(Dhamra) ports of Odisha.

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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.

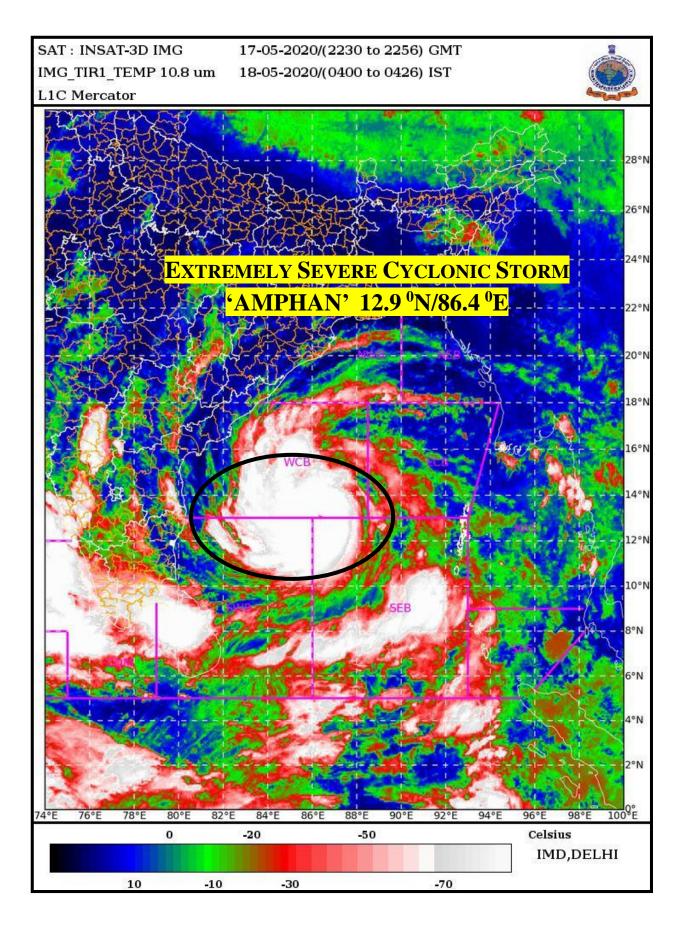
Fishermen warning & action suggested:

- Total suspension of fishing operations along & off odisha coast during 18th to 20th May 2020.
- Judicious regulation of rail and road traffic.
- People in affected areas to remain indoors.
- Movement in motor boats and small ships unsafe.
- Small fishing boats may get detached and damaged from their moorings.

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.

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