



SPECIAL BULLETIN NO.-26

DATE: 19.05.2020
TIME: 1230 HRS IST

Sub: Super Cyclonic Storm 'AMPHAN' (pronounced as UM-PUN) over Westcentral Bay of Bengal: Cyclone Warning for West Bengal and north Odisha coasts: Orange Message.

The **Super Cyclonic Storm 'AMPHAN'** (pronounced as **UM-PUN**) over Westcentral Bay of Bengal moved north-northeastwards with a speed of 15 kmph during past 06 hours and lay centred at 0830 hrs IST of 19th May, 2020 near latitude 16.0°N and longitude 86.8°E over **Westcentral Bay of Bengal** about 480 km nearly south of Paradip (Odisha), 630 km south-southwest of Digha (West Bengal) and 750 km south-southwest of Khepupara (Bangladesh).

It is very likely to move 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 with maximum sustained wind speed of 155-165 kmph gusting to 185 kmph.

The super cyclone 'AMPHAN' is now being continuously tracked by the Doppler Weather Radar (DWR) at Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh).

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
19.05.20/0830	16.0/86.8	215-225 gusting to 245	SUPER CYCLONIC STORM
19.05.20/1130	16.8/87.0	200-210 gusting to 230	EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
19.05.20/1730	17.4/87.1	190-200 gusting to 220	EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
19.05.20/2330	18.3/87.4	180-190 gusting to 210	EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
20.05.20/0530	19.6/87.8	170-180 gusting to 200	EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
20.05.20/1730	21.7/88.4	145-155 gusting to 170	VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM
21.05.20/0530	23.8/89.1	75-85 gusting to 95	CYCLONE
21.05.20/1730	25.9/89.9	40-50 gusting to 60	DEPRESSION

WEATHER FORECAST AND WARNINGS:

RAINFALL:

Rainfall has commenced over coastal Odisha since early hours of today. Rainfall intensity is likely to increase gradually and become maximum during 19th night to 20th afternoon. The details as follows:

DAYS	FORECAST	HEAVY RAINFALL WARNING
Day 1 (Valid upto 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.	<u>ORANGE WARNING (BE PREPARED):</u> Heavy to very heavy rainfall very likely to occur at isolated places over the districts of Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara and Bhadrak.

		<u>YELLOW WARNING (BE UPDATED):</u> Heavy rainfall very likely to occur at isolated over the districts of Balasore, Mayurbhanj, Khurda, Cuttack, Puri and Jajpur.
Day 2 (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.	<u>ORANGE WARNING (BE PREPARED):</u> 1. Heavy to very heavy rainfall very likely to occur at isolated places over the districts of Balasore and Mayurbhanj. 2. Heavy rainfall very likely to occur at isolated places over the districts of Jajpur, Bhadrak and Keonjhar.

WIND WARNING:

Odisha Coast:

Orange Warning (Be prepared): - Squally wind speed reaching 45 to 55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph is prevailing along & off south Odisha coast. It is very likely to increase and extend northwards becoming 55 to 65 kmph gusting to 75 kmph northwards to north Odisha coast by today afternoon.

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 districts). **It will gradually increase thereafter becoming 100 to 110 kmph gusting to 125 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 225-235 gusting to 255 kmph is prevailing over westcentral Bay of Bengal. It is likely to prevail over northern parts of central Bay of Bengal and adjoining North Bay of Bengal during 19th May.

Gale wind speed reaching 180-190 gusting 210 kmph over north Bay of Bengal from 19th afternoon. It will gradually decrease becoming 165-175 kmph gusting to 195 kmph by 20th afternoon.

Sea condition

Sea condition is Phenomenal and is likely to continue for next 12 hours over southern parts of Westcentral Bay of Bengal. 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, into central Bay of Bengal and North Bay of Bengal till 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.

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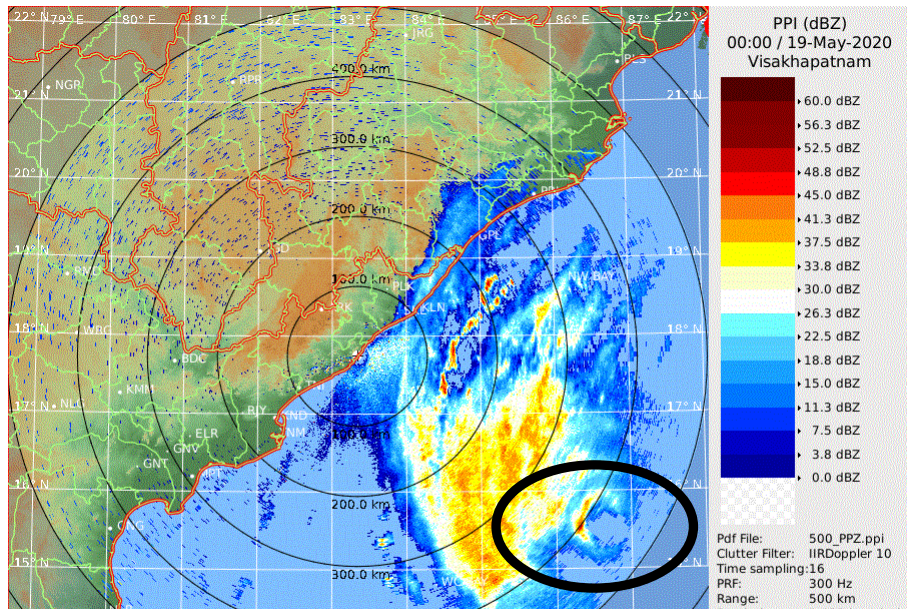
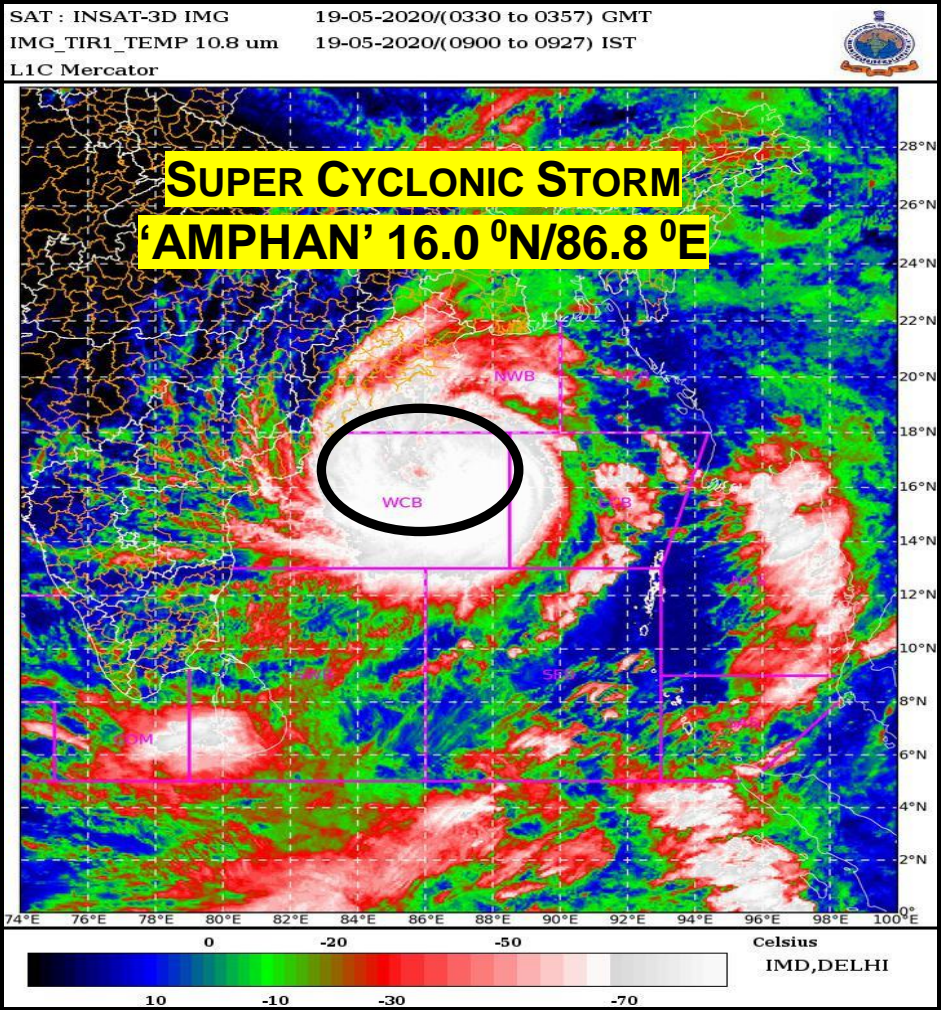


FIGURE: REFLECTIVITY OF VISHAKHAPATNAM DOPPLER WEATHER RADAR AT 05:30 IST OF 19TH MAY 2020

