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

The Severe Cyclonic Storm '**AMPHAN**' (pronounced as **UM-PUN**) over Southeast Bay of Bengal and neighbourhood moved slowly northwestwards with a speed of 03 kmph during past 06 hours and lay centred over **central parts of South Bay of Bengal and neighbourhood** at 1130 hrs IST of today, the 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 near latitude 11.5°N and longitude 86.0°E, about 980 km south of Paradip (Odisha), 1130 km south-southwest of Digha (West Bengal) and 1250 km south-southwest of Khepupara (Bangladesh). It is very likely to intensify further into a Very Severe Cyclonic Storm during next 12 hours. It is very likely to move nearly northwards slowly during next 24 hours and then re-curve 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 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020 as a Very Severe Cyclonic Storm.

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
17.05.20/1130	11.5/86.0	95-105 gusting to 115	Severe Cyclonic Storm
17.05.20/1730	12.2/86.0	105-115 gusting to 125	Severe Cyclonic Storm
17.05.20/2330	12.9/86.0	115-125 gusting to 140	Very Severe Cyclonic Storm
18.05.20/0530	13.5/86.0	125-135 gusting to 150	Very Severe Cyclonic Storm
18.05.20/1130	14.0/86.1	135-145 gusting to 160	Very Severe Cyclonic Storm
18.05.20/2330	15.2/86.3	155-165 gusting to 180	Very Severe Cyclonic Storm
19.05.20/1130	16.6/86.7	170-180 gusting to 200	Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm
19.05.20/2330	18.4/87.2	170-180 gusting to 200	Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm
20.05.20/1130	20.4/87.7	160-170 gusting to 190	Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm
20.05.20/2330	22.4/88.2	125-135 gusting to 150	Very Severe Cyclonic Storm
21.05.20/1130	24.2/88.7	70-80 gusting to 90	Cyclonic Storm
21.05.20/2330	26.0/89.2	40-50 gusting to 60	Depression

**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.**

## Warnings:

### (i) Rainfall (over Andaman & Nicobar Islands):

- Light to moderate rainfall at most places is very likely over Andaman & Nicobar Islands during next 24 hours.
- **Rainfall (over Odisha & Gangetic West Bengal)**

Coastal Odisha is likely to experience light to moderate rainfall at many places with heavy falls at isolated places from 18<sup>th</sup> May evening. Rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places on 19<sup>th</sup> May and isolated heavy rainfall over north coastal Odisha on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Coastal districts of Gangetic West Bengal are likely to experience light to moderate rainfall at many places with heavy falls at isolated places on 19<sup>th</sup> May. Rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy falls at a few places & extremely heavy falls at isolated places over Gangetic West Bengal on 20<sup>th</sup> May.

### (ii) Wind warning

- Squally wind speed reaching 45 to 55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph is likely to commence along and off south Odisha coast from 18<sup>th</sup> evening, extend to along & off north Odisha coast from 19<sup>th</sup> morning and along and off West Bengal coast from 19<sup>th</sup> afternoon. The wind speed will gradually increase becoming gale wind speed reaching 75 to 85 kmph gusting to 95 kmph from 20<sup>th</sup> morning along and off north Odisha and West Bengal coasts. It will gradually increase thereafter becoming 110 to 120 kmph gusting to 135 kmph along & off North Odisha coast and 120 to 140 kmph gusting to 155 kmph along & off West Bengal coast from the afternoon of 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020.
- Gale wind speed reaching 95-105 gusting to 115 kmph is prevailing over southeast and adjoining southwest Bay of Bengal. It is likely to increase becoming 125-135 gusting to 150 kmph over southern parts of central Bay of Bengal by 18<sup>th</sup> morning, 160-170 gusting to 190 kmph over northern parts of central Bay of Bengal and adjoining North Bay of Bengal on 19<sup>th</sup>, and 155-165 gusting to 180 kmph over north Bay of Bengal during 20<sup>th</sup> May.
- Squally wind speed reaching 45 to 55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph is likely over Andaman Sea during next 24 hours.

### (iii) Sea condition

Sea condition will very high 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 19<sup>th</sup> May and over north Bay of Bengal on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

### (iv) Fishermen Warning

- The fishermen are advised not to venture into south Bay of Bengal during next 24 hours, to central Bay of Bengal during 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> May and into North Bay of Bengal during 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020.
- Also, fishermen are advised not to venture into north Bay of Bengal along and off North Odisha, West Bengal and adjoining Bangladesh coasts during 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

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**Next Bulletin will be issued at 1730 hours IST of 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2020.**

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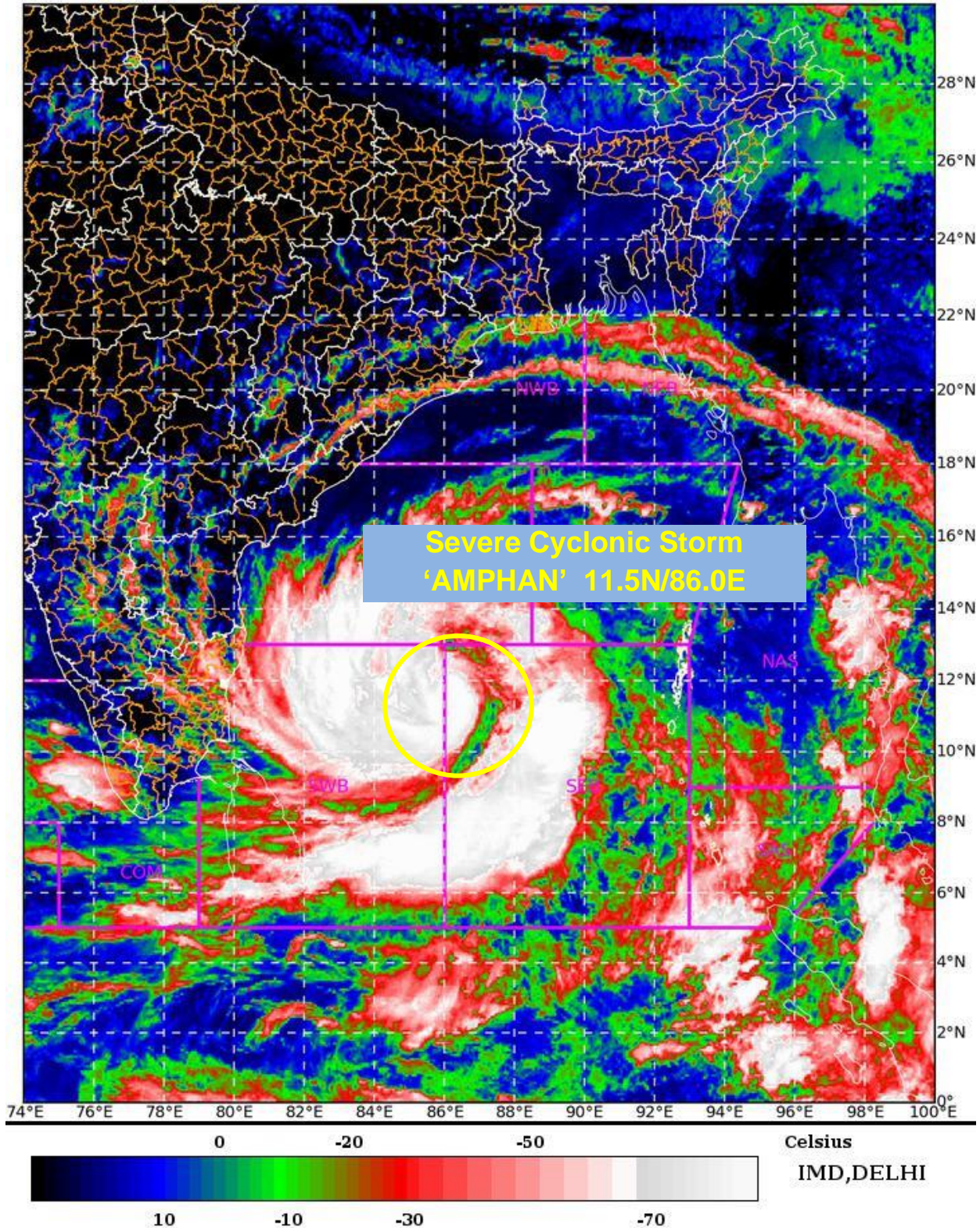
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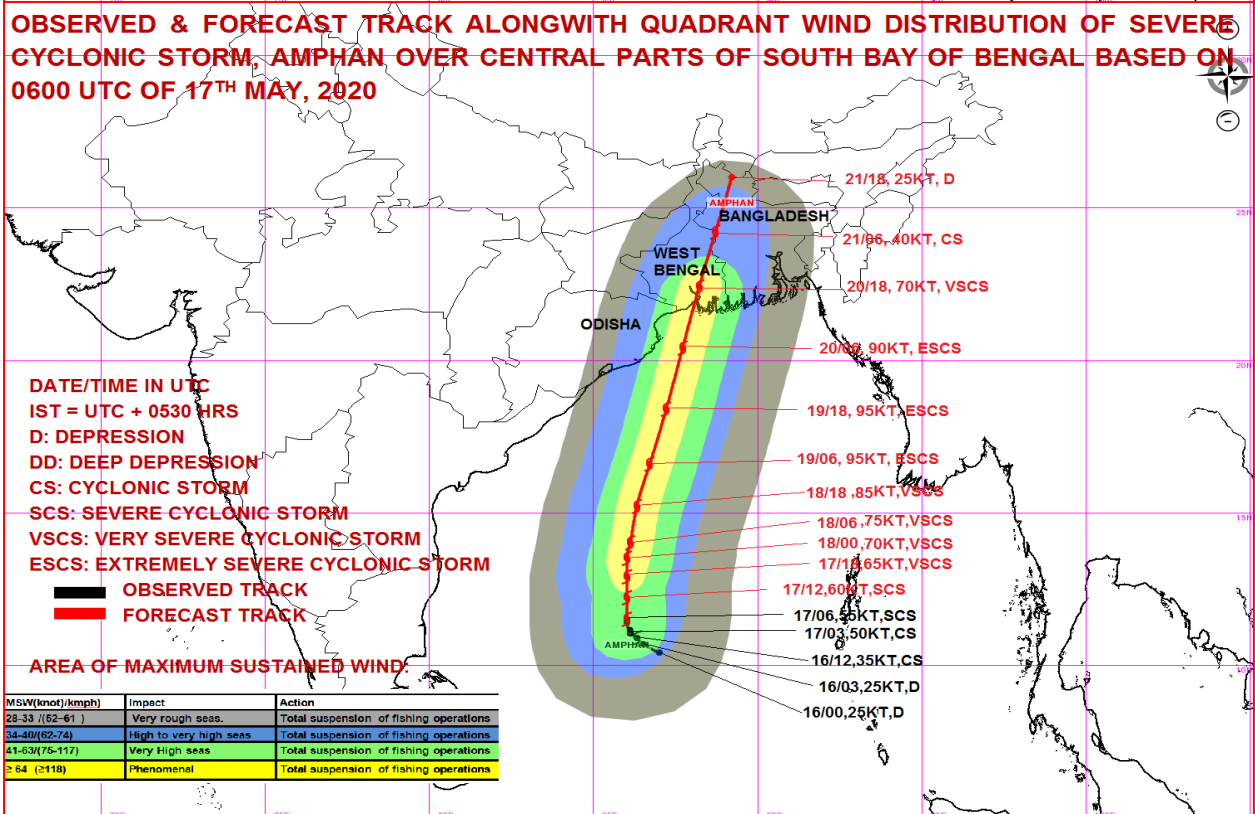
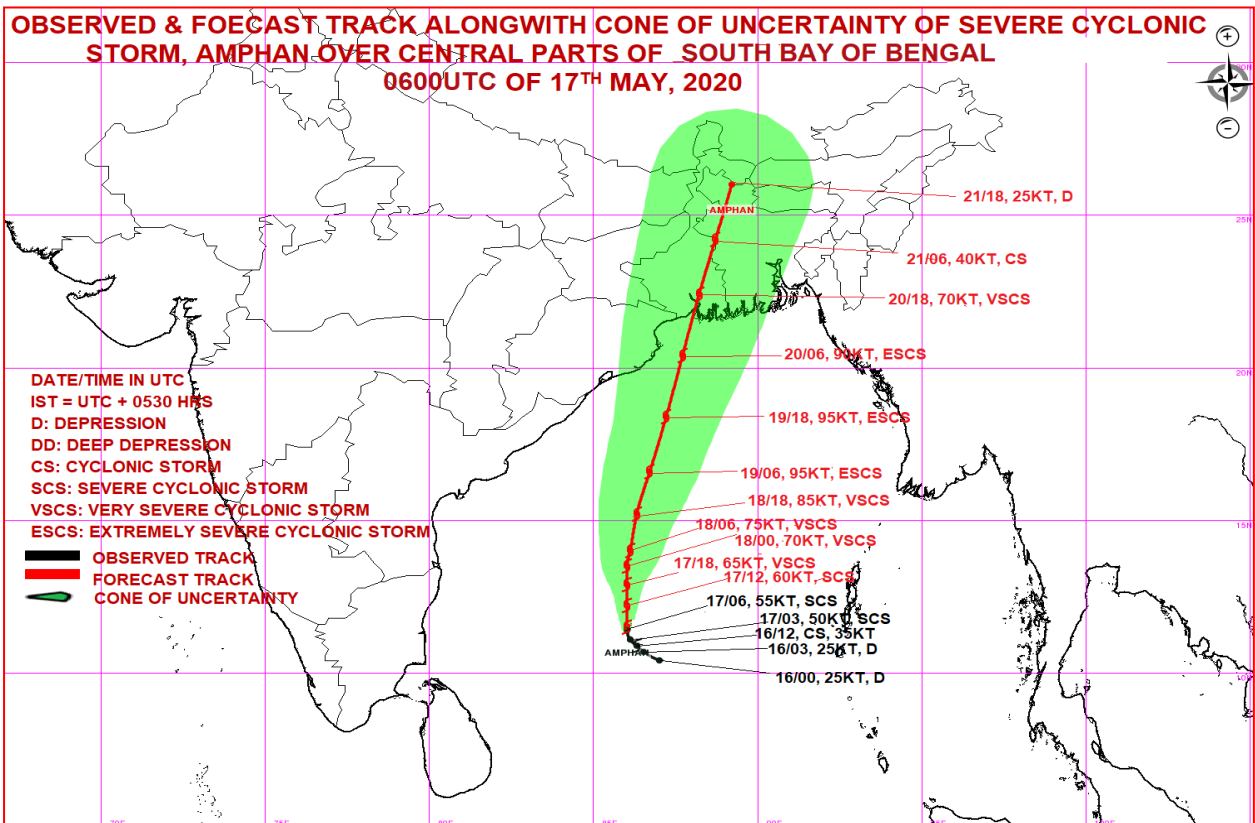


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MSW(knot)/kmph	Impact	Action
28-33 / (52-61)	Very rough seas.	Total suspension of fishing operations
34-40/(62-74)	High to very high seas	Total suspension of fishing operations
41-63/(75-117)	Very High seas	Total suspension of fishing operations
≥ 64 (≥118)	Phenomenal	Total suspension of fishing operations

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