



Cyclone Amphan

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Why in News

Recently, the **National Crisis Management Committee** reviewed the preparedness for the impending cyclone **Amphan**.

At the national level, Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) and National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC) are the key committees involved in the top-level decision-making related to Disaster Management.

Key Points

- Cyclone Amphan (**pronounced as UM-PUN**) is a **tropical cyclone** formed over Bay of Bengal that has intensified and likely to turn into a “super cyclonic storm (maximum wind speed is 120 knots)”.
- According to the **India Meteorological Department** forecast, it will make landfall as a very severe cyclone between the **Sagar islands of West Bengal** and the **Hatiya islands of Bangladesh**.
- It **has been named** by **Thailand**.
- **Affected Regions:** West Bengal, Odisha and Bangladesh.
- Amphan is the second pre-monsoon cyclone to form in the Bay of Bengal in two years. The first one was **Cyclone Fani**.

The pre-monsoon period is generally considered to be unsupportive for the formation of tropical cyclones.