



Typhoon Phanfone

Why in News

The Philippines was hit by typhoon Phanfone on 25th December 2019.

- Typhoon Phanfone is known as **Ursula** in the **local language in the Philippines**.
- It is the second typhoon after [typhoon Kammuri](#) which hit the Philippines recently.
- Phanfone is following a similar path as **Super Typhoon Haiyan**, which had hit the country in **2013**.
 - Typhoon is a **region-specific** name of the **Tropical Cyclone** (swirling system of clouds and thunderstorms that originates over tropical or subtropical oceans).
- The Philippines is the **first major landmass** facing the **Pacific cyclone belt**. It is hit by about 20 storms and typhoons each year.

Tropical Cyclone



- **Cyclone** is the formation of a very low-pressure system with very high-speed winds revolving around it. Factors like wind speed, wind direction, temperature and humidity contribute to the development of cyclones.
- Cyclones are called 'Hurricanes' in the North Atlantic and Eastern Pacific, 'Typhoons' in South-East Asia and China and 'Tropical Cyclones' in the South-West Pacific and Indian Ocean Region.

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