

Naming of Cyclone

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Why is in news? National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC) meets to review preparedness for impending cyclone 'Michaung' in Bay of Bengal

National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC) under Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary Shri Rajiv Gauba met today to review preparedness of State governments and Central Ministries/ Departments for impending cyclone 'Michaung' in Bay of Bengal.

Worldwide there are six Regional Specialised Mteorological Centres (RSMCs) and five regional Tropical Cyclone Warning Centres (TCWCs) mandated for issuing advisories and naming of tropical cyclones.

The tropical cyclones forming over different Ocean basins are named by the concerned RSMCs & TCWCs.

India Meteorological Department is **one of the six RSMCs** to provide tropical cyclone and storm surge advisories to 13 member countries under WMO/ESCAP Panel including Bangladesh, India, Iran, Maldives, Myanmar, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

RSMC, New Delhi is also mandated to name the Tropical Cyclones developing over the north Indian Ocean (NIO) including the Bay of Bengal (BoB) and the Arabian Sea (AS).

Criteria for name selection:

The proposed name should be neutral to (a) politics and political figures (b) religious believes, (c) cultures and (d) gender Name should be chosen in such a way that it does not hurt the sentiments of any group of population over the globe

It should not be very rude and cruel in nature

It should be short, easy to pronounce and should not be offensive to any member

The maximum length of the name will be eight letters

The proposed name should be provided along with its pronunciation and voice over

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