

India - Threat of Cyclone 'Amphan' in West Bengal and Odisha Amid COVID-19 Crisis

- India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued warning for cyclone 'Amphan' in parts of West Bengal and Odisha amid ongoing COVID-19 pandemic
- 'Amphan' is expected to make landfall on West Bengal coast on May 20 at a speed up to 195 kmph
- Most affected areas in West Bengal are Kolkata, East Medinipur, South and North 24 Parganas, Howrah, and Hooghly
- Regions in Odisha to get impacted are Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapada, Bhadrak, and Balasore
- Approximately 40,000 evacuated, and over a million people expected to be evacuated
- Disruption to railway and roadway services is anticipated
- Large-scale damage to communication and electricity lines, crops and houses is expected
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments

Source(s)

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Targets Affected:

India

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- Firms with operations in the region should review their measures to mitigate the risk posed by such natural calamities
- It is advised to determine if alternate power supplies and network connections are available to deal with large-scale power outages and network failures, if any
- SW Subscribers should ensure appropriate Business Continuity Plans and Programs are activated
- Determine if current Business Continuity Plans of third parties/captive units account for sudden shortage or unavailability of resources in the event of several team members being unable to commute to the workplace due to adverse weather conditions
- It is important for SW Subscribers to determine if procedures for evacuating employees to safe locations are in place, if required
- Determine if all staff and travelers in affected areas are monitoring local weather, government warnings, and updates

Impact level Definitions

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Immediate	Certain - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
High	Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. Examples of High level alert events may include withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
Medium	Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	Possible in the long-term (after 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
Informational	The event is pertinent information but does not have a risk element associated with it. Examples of Info level alert events may include launch of new solutions, partnerships signed, industry outlook, positive changes in government policies, announcements regarding launch of software parks/ free trade zones/special economic zones etc.