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3 · The paper
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A1 · ANDHRA PRADESH · DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Cyclone Arnab: graded, named and handled

> **Why read this:** Cyclone Arnab began to cross the coast near Kakinada at 1:20 AM on 28 Oct 2026, IMD said (as reported by All India Radio). APPSC has asked which way cyclone winds turn and which body runs disaster mock exercises.

What a cyclone is

A **tropical cyclone** is a spinning low-pressure system over a warm tropical sea. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) calls it a cyclonic storm when its sustained wind (a 3-minute average near the surface) reaches 62 kmph. Air flows in to fill the low pressure at the centre. The Earth's rotation pulls that air to the right north of the equator, so it turns anticlockwise. North of the equator, cyclone winds turn anticlockwise. South of the equator, they turn clockwise.

The ladder: wind speed sets the grade



Depression	Deep depression	Cyclonic storm	Severe cyclonic storm	Very severe cyclonic storm	Extremely severe cyclonic storm	Super cyclonic storm
31 to 49	50 to 61	62 to 88	89 to 117	118 to 166	167 to 221	222 and above

Over the sea, the grade comes from the sustained wind speed (kmph). Over land, IMD grades by pressure. The two pale steps are not cyclones yet. A storm gets a name only from 62 kmph.

IMD's bulletin at 1:30 AM on 28 Oct expected Arnab to cross at 125 to 135 kmph, gusting to 150 kmph: the very severe band. Over land, Arnab came down the ladder one step at a time. By 5:30 AM on 29 Oct it was only a depression, over south Chhattisgarh.

Landfall is a process, not a single moment

Landfall is when the centre of a cyclone moves across the coast.

1

Over the warm sea
Heat and moisture feed it

→

2

Landfall
The centre crosses the coast

→

3

Storm surge
Sea water floods low land; IMD calls it the main killer

→

4

Inland
No sea heat, so it weakens

Heavy rain begins about 9 to 12 hours before landfall, and gale winds about 6 to 9 hours before. Move people off the coast before the rain begins.

Who names a cyclone, and how

The **Regional Specialised Meteorological Centre (RSMC), New Delhi**, run by IMD, names cyclones over the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea. It takes the names from a list adopted in April 2020 by the WMO/ESCAP Panel on Tropical Cyclones, a group of 13 member countries.

A name is given only at 62 kmph. Names are used in turn, column by column, and a used name is never used again. Arnab is Bangladesh's name in column 3 of the list, said "Ornab". India's name in the same column is Murasu.

> **The name tells you who proposed it, not where the storm will hit or how strong it is. Bangladesh proposed Arnab, and the storm hit India.**

Who does what when a cyclone comes

Warn → Plan → Rescue → Pay



IMD
Tracks the storm and warns



NDMA, SDMA
Authorities plan and direct



NDRF, SDRF
Forces work on the ground



Relief
The State pays first from its State Disaster Response Fund

The **Disaster Management Act, 2005** sets up this chain. In its original text, the Prime Minister chairs the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA, section 3). The Chief Minister chairs the State Authority (SDMA, section 14), and the Collector chairs the District Authority (section 25). Section 44 creates the National Disaster Response Force, and section 45 puts it under NDMA's control.

The State pays relief first from its State Disaster Response Fund. For a disaster of severe nature, the Centre adds money from the National Disaster Response Fund after an Inter-Ministerial Central Team visits. This week, Andhra Pradesh let the Collectors of 20 districts draw ₹27 crore for relief, under Treasury Rule 27.

Do not confuse. NDRF is two things. The Force (section 44) does rescue. The Fund (section 46) pays. SDRF has the same two meanings at the State level.

Try it

1. At what speed does a storm get a name?
2. Who chairs the SDMA?
3. Which country proposed Arnab?

FROM THE PAPER · APPSC GROUP 2 MAINS 2017, PAPER 1, Q58

In a cyclone in northern hemisphere, air circulates swiftly inward in?

1. ✖ Random direction
2. ✖ Clockwise direction
3. ✔ Anti clockwise direction
4. ✖ Air remains still

Answer: (3). Option (2) is the answer for south of the equator.

FROM THE PAPER · APPSC GROUP 2 MAINS 2017, PAPER 1, Q54

Which organization regularly conducts mock exercises of disaster management in various parts of the Country?

1. ✖ NDRF
2. ✖ Disaster Training Centre
3. ✖ District Administrations
4. ✔ NDMA

Answer: (4), as in the official final key. Option (1) is one step short: the NDRF is the force, and NDMA is the authority that directs it.

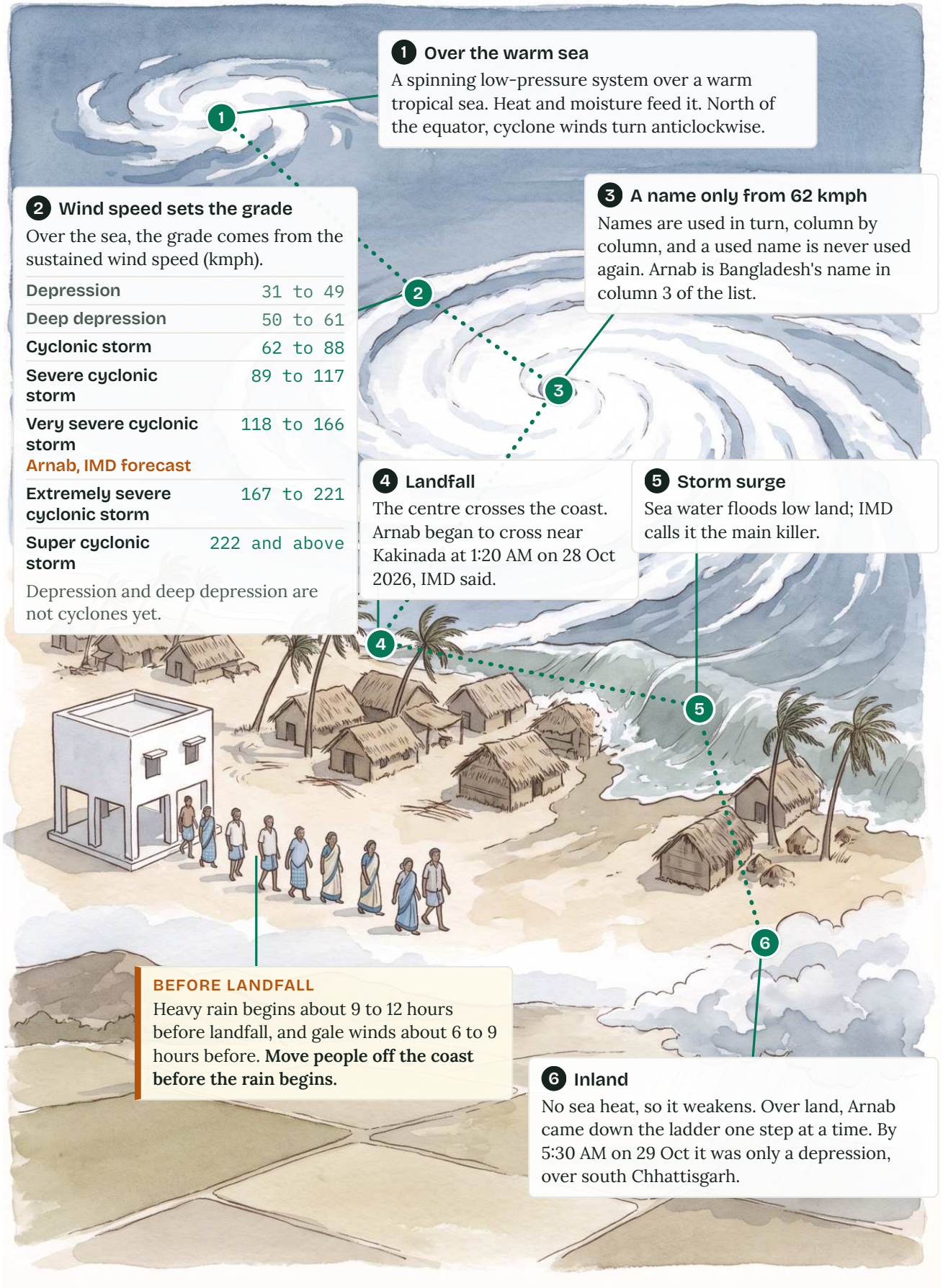
Try it answers: 1. 62 kmph. 2. The Chief Minister. 3. Bangladesh.

Sources: All India Radio, 28 Oct 2026, citing IMD · IMD Bulletin 22, Press Release-7 and FAQ on Tropical Cyclones · PIB, 28 Apr 2020, 18 Mar 2025 · WMO cyclone names · Disaster Management Act, 2005 · AP G.O.Rt.No.116 · APPSC Group 2 Mains 2017, Paper 1, and final key (tick = key answer).

A1.1 · THE WHOLE STORY ON ONE PAGE

Cyclone Arnab: from the warm sea to the fields inland

How does a cyclone grow, get a name, cross the coast and weaken?



1 Over the warm sea

A spinning low-pressure system over a warm tropical sea. Heat and moisture feed it. North of the equator, cyclone winds turn anticlockwise.

2 Wind speed sets the grade

Over the sea, the grade comes from the sustained wind speed (kmph).

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Cyclonic storm	62 to 88
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Very severe cyclonic storm Arnab, IMD forecast	118 to 166
Extremely severe cyclonic storm	167 to 221
Super cyclonic storm	222 and above

Depression and deep depression are not cyclones yet.

3 A name only from 62 kmph

Names are used in turn, column by column, and a used name is never used again. Arnab is Bangladesh's name in column 3 of the list.

4 Landfall

The centre crosses the coast. Arnab began to cross near Kakinada at 1:20 AM on 28 Oct 2026, IMD said.

5 Storm surge

Sea water floods low land; IMD calls it the main killer.

BEFORE LANDFALL

Heavy rain begins about 9 to 12 hours before landfall, and gale winds about 6 to 9 hours before. **Move people off the coast before the rain begins.**

6 Inland

No sea heat, so it weakens. Over land, Arnab came down the ladder one step at a time. By 5:30 AM on 29 Oct it was only a depression, over south Chhattisgarh.

TEST YOURSELF

One question from each story

Answer all nine before you turn the page. The number beside each question is its story, so a miss tells you which pages to read again.

A1 The name of Cyclone Arnab, which crossed the Andhra Pradesh coast in October 2026, was proposed by
(1) India (2) Bangladesh (3) Myanmar (4) Sri Lanka

A2 Under the Andhra Pradesh Public Employment Order, 2025, the State Government must organise the local cadres within
(1) 12 months (2) 27 months (3) 24 months (4) 36 months

A3 As of October 2026, firm green hydrogen offtake commitments by Indian companies were about what share of the National Green Hydrogen Mission's target?
(1) About 11 per cent (2) About 50 per cent (3) About 70 per cent (4) About 5 per cent

A4 The Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme, approved by the Union Cabinet in October 2026, is run by which ministry?
(1) Ministry of Commerce and Industry (2) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (3) Ministry of Heavy Industries (4) Ministry of Railways

B1 The Sixteenth Finance Commission recommended about how much in grants for Rural Local Bodies for 2026-27 to 2030-31?
(1) ₹4.35 lakh crore (2) ₹7,395.55 crore (3) ₹4,869.48 crore (4) ₹2.55 lakh crore

C1 In the Index of Industrial Production on its new base year, 2022-23, which sector carries about three-quarters of the weight?
(1) Mining and quarrying (2) Manufacturing (3) Electricity (4) Water supply, sewerage and waste management

D1 The Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing entered into force on
(1) 29 October 2010 (2) 12 October 2014 (3) 2 February 1971 (4) 1 February 1982

D2 According to a written reply in the Lok Sabha in July 2026, how many NavIC satellites were then giving navigation services?
(1) Four (2) Three (3) Seven (4) Five

E1 Which of the following parliaments are named among the BRICS member parliaments in the Joint Declaration of the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum?
1. Indonesia
2. Ethiopia
3. Saudi Arabia
Select the correct answer using the code given below.
(1) 1 and 2 only (2) 1 only (3) 2 and 3 only (4) 1, 2 and 3

ANSWERS

Check your answers

A1 **(2) Bangladesh.** Bangladesh proposed Arnab. The list gives its pronunciation as Ornab. page 4

A2 **(2) 27 months.** The 2025 Order gives twenty-seven months from its start. page 7

A3 **(1) About 11 per cent.** 5,55,610 tonnes a year is about 11 per cent of the target of at least 5 million tonnes a year. page 9

A4 **(2) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.** The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways runs it. Its Secretary chairs the steering committee that approves help. page 11

B1 **(1) ₹4.35 lakh crore.** The Commission recommended about ₹4.35 lakh crore. PM VGSY helps panchayats use it well. page 13

C1 **(2) Manufacturing.** Manufacturing weighs 76.06 out of 100, more than the other three sectors together. page 15

D1 **(2) 12 October 2014.** It entered into force on 12 October 2014. page 17

D2 **(2) Three.** Three: IRNSS-1B, IRNSS-1I and NVS-01. So NavIC could not give positioning on its own. page 19

E1 **(1) 1 and 2 only.** Indonesia and Ethiopia are named. Saudi Arabia is not in the list of member parliaments. page 22

REVISION

This week in 9 lines

> Read these again tomorrow, in a week and in a month. If a line is unclear, go back to its page.

A1 **Cyclone Arnab**. A storm gets a name only from 62 kmph. Over the sea the grade comes from the sustained wind speed; over land, IMD grades by pressure. page 4

A2 **Local cadres and Article 371D**. The test for a local cadre is the level of the post, measured by its pay scale. page 7

A3 **Green hydrogen**. Well-to-gate: the green hydrogen standard adds up the emissions of all four steps, as a 12-month average. page 9

A4 **Ports and containers**. A port becomes major only by or under a law of Parliament or an existing law, so a State Government's order cannot make one. page 11

B1 **PM Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana**. PM VGSY strengthens the panchayat as an institution; it is not a works scheme. page 13

C1 **Index of Industrial Production**. IIP weights follow each sector's share of gross value added in 2022-23. Manufacturing carries about three-quarters. page 15

D1 **Biodiversity and the Nagoya Protocol**. The CBD has three objectives; the third is sharing the benefits fairly. The Nagoya Protocol turns it into rules. page 17

D2 **NavIC and the GSLV**. NavIC needs at least four working satellites to give positioning. In July 2026 it had three. page 19

E1 **BRICS Parliamentary Forum**. Leaders make a summit; parliaments make the forum. Each keeps its own count. page 22