

Colour coded warnings of IMD for Cyclones

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What are colour-coded warnings of IMD for cyclones?

These warnings are mainly meant for administrators to keep ready and position their resources to handle situations arising out of weather related disastrous events.

Colour coded warnings

- The IMD has four colour-coded warnings as per the intensity of any weather system – green, yellow, orange and the last one being red.
- The following colour codes are used by IMD to provide inputs to disaster management authorities for management of severe weather events:

No warning
Be updated
Be prepared
Take action

Description of the warnings

- **Green:** No severe weather expected and no advisories issued
- **Yellow(Be updated):** It indicates severely bad weather spanning across several days
- **Orange/Amber(Be prepared):** It is issued as a warning of extremely bad weather with the potential of disruption in commute with road and rail closures, and interruption of power supply etc
- **Red(take action):** Remain extra vigilant and be prepared for extraordinary measures and follow orders

given by the authorities

Application of the warnings: As per IMD, In the National level weather warnings in map form, red colour over a state does not mean the entire state is under threat (unless otherwise explicitly mentioned)