



Typhoon Shanshan

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Recently, **Typhoon (Cyclone) Shanshan** has hit Japan bringing heavy rains and strong winds, prompting airlines and railways to cancel multiple services.

▪ Typhoons:

- Typhoons are a type of **tropical cyclone**, which may also be referred to as **hurricanes or cyclones** depending on their location.
- Cyclones are **rapid inward air circulation** around a low-pressure area.
 - The air circulates in an **anticlockwise direction in the Northern hemisphere** and **clockwise in the Southern hemisphere**.
- They are usually accompanied by violent storms and bad weather.

▪ Naming of Cyclones:

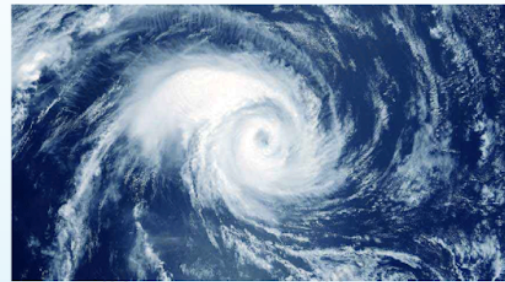
- The **World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)** has developed procedures to determine tropical cyclone names, which vary by region.
- Names are selected **alphabetically, alternating between men's and women's names** or following the **alphabetical order of countries**.
- The naming process is conducted by **regional tropical cyclone bodies**, which establish **pre-designated lists of names** proposed by **WMO Members' National Meteorological and Hydrological Services**.

Cyclones Type	Location
Typhoon	China Sea and Pacific Ocean
Hurricane	West Indian islands, Caribbean Sea, Atlantic Ocean
Tornado	Guinea lands of West Africa, southern USA
Willy-willies	North-western Australia
Tropical Cyclone	Indian Ocean Region

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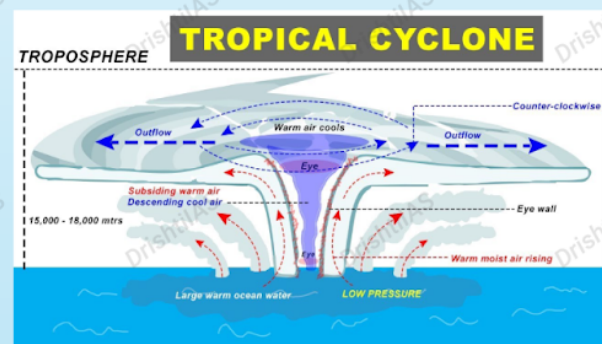


Cyclone v/s Anticyclone

Pressure System	Pressure Condition at the Center	Pattern of Wind Direction	
		Northern Hemisphere	Southern Hemisphere
Cyclone	Low	Anticlockwise	Clockwise
Anticyclone	High	Clockwise	Anticlockwise

Classification

- **Tropical Cyclones;** originate between the **Tropics of Capricorn and Cancer**
- **Extra Tropical/ Temperate Cyclones;** originate in the **Polar Regions**



Conditions for Formation

- Large sea surface with temperature $>27^{\circ}\text{C}$.
- Presence of the **Coriolis force**
- Small **variations in the vertical wind speed**
- **A pre-existing weak low- pressure area**
- **Upper divergence** above the sea level system

Different Names for Tropical Cyclones

- **Typhoons** - Southeast Asia and China
- **Hurricanes** - North Atlantic and eastern Pacific
- **Tornados** - West Africa and southern USA
- **Willy-willies** - Northwest Australia
- **Tropical Cyclones** - Southwest Pacific and Indian Ocean

Nomenclature

- Nodal Authority - **World Meteorological Organization (WMO)**
- Indian Ocean Region - **Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Myanmar, Oman, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Thailand** contribute to naming cyclones that occur in this region.

Cyclones in India

- **Bi-annual Cyclone Season** - March to May and October to December
- Recent Cyclones - **Tauktae, Vayu, Nisarga and Mekanu** (in Arabian Sea) and **Asani, Amphan, Fani, Nivar, Bulbul, Titli, Yaas and Sitrang** (in Bay of Bengal)

Read more: [Cyclone, New List of Names of Tropical Cyclones](#)

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