



Cyclone Asna

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- Recently, the [India Meteorological Department \(IMD\)](#) reported that [Cyclone](#) Asna has formed over the [Kutch coast](#) in Gujarat and adjoining areas of Pakistan.
- Since 1891, only three cyclonic storms have occurred in the [Arabian Sea](#) in August, with the most recent **one before 2023 being in 1976.**
- A well-marked low-pressure area - a very early precursor to a cyclone - has formed in the Bay of Bengal off north Andhra Pradesh and south Odisha.
- **Cyclone Asna caused torrential rain in Gujarat**, leading to 26 deaths, the relocation of 18,000 people, and the rescue of 1,200 from floods.
- **Formation:** Cyclones form over warm ocean waters where moist air rises, creating a low-pressure system. This system intensifies due to the [Coriolis effect](#), forming a rotating storm with strong winds.
- **Cyclone Asna**, named by Pakistan, means “the one to be acknowledged or praised.”
 - **Naming of Cyclones:** Names are chosen from a list of **suggestions submitted by member countries**. The names are often easy to pronounce, culturally relevant, and avoid being offensive.

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