

05 July 2020: PIB Summary & Analysis

1. Severe Cyclonic Storm Nisarga

Context:

IMD issues Preliminary Report on Severe Cyclonic Storm 'NISARGA'.

Details:

- The [India Meteorology Department](#) has issued the preliminary report on Severe Cyclonic Storm "Nisarga" over the Arabian Sea from 1st - 4th June 2020.
- Nisarga originated from a low-pressure area that formed over southeast & adjoining east-central Arabian Sea and Lakshadweep area in the early morning of 31st May 2020.
- It intensified into a deep depression over the east-central Arabian Sea in the early morning and into the cyclonic storm "NISARGA" in the noon of 2nd June.
- Continuing to move north-eastwards, it crossed the Maharashtra coast close to the south of Alibag as a Severe Cyclonic Storm (SCS) with a maximum sustained wind speed of 110-120 kmph gusting to 130 kmph during 1230 - 1430 hrs IST of 3rd June.
- Continuing to move north-eastwards after landfall, it weakened into a cyclonic storm in the evening over north-central Maharashtra and into a deep depression in the midnight of 2nd June 2020 over the same region.
- It lay as a low-pressure area over southeast Uttar Pradesh and adjoining Bihar in the afternoon of 5th June.
- The last cyclone, which crossed the Maharashtra coast, was the cyclonic storm, Phyan in 2009.
- The previous Severe Cyclonic Storm that crossed the Maharashtra coast was in 1961.

Also read: [Cyclone Nisarga](#)

2. Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRA)

Context:

The GKRA was launched to start extensive public works to provide livelihood opportunities and create local employment to returnee migrants and similarly affected rural citizens.

Details:

- As part of this Abhiyan, [Jal Jeevan Mission](#) aims at providing household tap connections to every rural household and offers a huge opportunity to engage skilled, semi-skilled and migrant returnees in drinking water supply related works.
- States have been requested to start works in villages of these districts so that it will not only help to ensure an adequate quantity of water at the household level but will also help in providing employment to migrant returnees.
- States have been advised to prioritize taking up works of 'low hanging fruits' i.e. by augmenting or retrofitting existing piped water supply schemes so that these villages become 'Har Ghar Jal Gaon' i.e. 100% Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) villages.

To know more about the Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan, check [CNA dated June 19, 2020](#).

