

Panel on Tropical Cyclones Attachment Training Course at the RSMC New Delhi – India Meteorological Department

The WMO's Tropical Cyclones Forecasters Training 2018 was conducted by Regional Specialised Meteorological Centre (RSMC), New Delhi during 02-13 July 2018 at India Meteorological Department (IMD), New Delhi. The training aimed at capacity building of the tropical cyclones (TCs) forecasters in the region by understanding the latest developments in observations, monitoring, modeling, prediction and warning services of TCs over the region and carrying out the case studies with practical examples in these aspects. The training also included a few lectures on synergised standard operation procedure (SSOP) by the experts from United Nations-Economic & Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP) and RSMC, New Delhi. There were 22 participants including 2 from WMO/ESCAP Panel member countries viz. Bangladesh and Thailand, 5 from Typhoon Committee member countries including Cambodia, Lao PDR, Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam, 9 from Area Cyclone Warning Centres (ACWCs), Cyclone Warning Centres (CWCs) & coastal Meteorological Centres (MCs) of IMD and 6 from RSMC New Delhi.

The training programme was inaugurated by Dr. M. Mohapatra, Scientist-G (Services) and Head RSMC New Delhi on 2nd July, 2018. The resource persons for this training programme included experts from IMD, National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi, Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) and UN-ESCAP. The programme also included field visit of half day to NCMRWF on numerical weather prediction modelling and workstations of IMD including Information System & Services Division (ISSD), Radar, Satellite and National Weather Forecasting Centre. The Valedictory Function of the training was held on 13th July under the chairmanship of Director General of Meteorology (DGM), IMD. During the Valedictory Ceremony, Dr. Rupa, Director UN-ESCAP and Dr. Sanjay Srivastava, Chief of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), UN-ESCAP, Bangkok highlighted the role of capacity building and development of Synergised Standard Operation Procedure (SSOP) in the region. Certificates were distributed to the participants on successful completion of the training during the Valedictory Function.