

ADVISORY FOR TOURISTS AND TOURISM SERVICE PROVIDERS IN VIEW OF CYCLONE “MONTHA”

In view of the cyclonic storm “**Montha**” developing over the southeast Bay of Bengal and expected to intensify further in the ensuing days, the Department of Tourism, Government of Odisha advises all tourists, visitors, and travel operators to exercise utmost caution while planning or undertaking travel to coastal and adjoining districts of Odisha during the forthcoming week.

As per the latest bulletin issued by the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the system is likely to move in a northwest direction and cross the Andhra Pradesh coast between Machilipatnam and Kalingapatnam around Kakinada on 28th October 2025 as a severe cyclonic storm with maximum sustained wind speeds of 90–100 kmph gusting to 110 kmph.

Under its influence, heavy rainfall, strong surface winds, and rough sea conditions are likely to prevail along parts of the south and coastal Odisha districts, particularly Malkangiri, Koraput, Nawarangpur, Kalahandi, Rayagarh, Gajapati, Ganjam, Kandhamal, Balangir, Boudh, Nayagarh, Khordha, Puri, Cuttack, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur and other surrounding regions between 28th and 31st October 2025.

Advisory for Tourists and General Public:

- Tourists are advised to postpone travel plans to coastal districts and cyclone-prone areas of Odisha until the situation normalises.
- Refrain from visiting beaches, riverbanks, and other water-based tourist locations such as Puri Beach, Chandrabhaga Beach, Gopalpur-on-Sea, Chilika Lake, and Silver City Boat Club, Cuttack, until the situation normalises.
- Please stay in contact with hotel management and follow their safety instructions.
- Public transport services like Bus, train and flights may be suspended, please check official updates before planning any movement.
- Adventure and marine activities, including boating, sailing, and kayaking, are to remain suspended until the situation normalise.
- Tourists currently staying in coastal areas are advised to remain indoors during high wind and rainfall conditions and follow local authority instructions.
- Keep mobile phones fully charged and store important helpline numbers such as police, District Administration, etc.
- Visitors are requested to stay updated with official weather bulletins issued by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and advisories issued by Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA) and District Administrations.

- Do not believe in rumours or circulate unverified information on social media.
- If advised by authorities, move to designated safe shelters immediately.

Advisory for Tour Operators and Hospitality Units

- Ensure all guests are adequately informed of the weather situation and safety protocols.
- Maintain close coordination with the District Control Rooms for real-time updates.
- Keep backup arrangements ready for power, water, and communication services.
- Encourage guests to reschedule travel plans or extend stays where necessary for safety reasons.
- Display emergency contact numbers prominently within premises.

Important Note

The Department of Tourism, Government of Odisha, places the safety and well-being of all tourists and residents as the foremost priority. Tourists are urged to cooperate with the district administration, adhere to safety advisories, and avoid unnecessary movement in vulnerable areas during this period.
