



**REGIONAL SPECIALISED METEOROLOGICAL CENTRE-TROPICAL CYCLONES, NEW DELHI  
SPECIAL TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK**

**DEMS-RSMC TROPICAL CYCLONES NEW DELHI DATED 31.01.2023**

**SPECIAL TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR NORTH INDIAN OCEAN (THE BAY OF BENGAL AND THE ARABIAN SEA) VALID FOR NEXT 120 HOURS ISSUED AT 0900 UTC OF 31.01.2023 BASED ON 0600 UTC OF 31.01.2023.**

**SUB: DEPRESSION OVER SOUTHWEST BAY OF BENGAL**

THE DEPRESSION OVER SOUTHWEST BAY OF BENGAL MOVED NEARLY WEST-NORTHWESTWARDS WITH A SPEED OF 16 KMPH DURING PAST 6 HOURS AND LAY CENTERED AT 0600 UTC OF TODAY, THE 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY, 2023 OVER THE SAME REGION NEAR LATITUDE 8.6°N AND LONGITUDE 83.9°E, ABOUT 290 KM EAST OF TRINCOMALEE (SRI LANKA, 43418) AND 510 KM EAST-SOUTHEAST OF KARAIKAL (INDIA, 43346).

IT IS VERY LIKELY TO MOVE WEST-NORTHWESTWARDS TILL 1200 UTC OF TODAY, THE 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY. THEREAFTER, IT IS LIKELY TO RECURVE GRADUALLY WEST-SOUTHWESTWARDS AND CROSS SRI LANKA COAST BETWEEN LATITUDE 7°N TO 8°N AROUND 0600 UTC OF 01<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2023.

**Forecast track and intensity are given below:**

Date/Time(UTC)	Position (Lat. °N/ long. °E)	Maximum sustained surface wind speed (Kmph)	Category of cyclonic disturbance
31.01.23/0600	8.6/83.9	45-55 gusting to 65	Depression
31.01.23/1800	8.5/82.9	45-55 gusting to 65	Depression
01.02.23/0600	7.6/81.8	45-55 gusting to 65	Depression
01.02.23/1800	6.8/80.8	40-50 gusting to 60	Depression

INTENSITY OF THE SYSTEM IS CHARACTERIZED AS T 1.5. ASSOCIATED SCATTERED TO BROKEN LOW AND MEDIUM CLOUDS WITH EMBEDDED INTENSE TO VERY INTENSE CONVECTION LAY OVER SOUTH & ADJOINING CENTRAL BAY OF BENGAL BETWEEN LATITUDE 6.4°N TO 15.0°N LONG 80.5°E TO 86.0°E. MINIMUM CLOUD TOP TEMPERATURE IS MINUS 93°C. AS PER MULTISATELLITE BASED WINDS, STRONGER WINDS ARE SEEN IN THE NORTHERN SECTOR. THE INTENSE CLOUD MASS IS ALSO SEEN IN NORTHERN SECTOR.

ASSOCIATED MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WIND SPEED IS 25 KNOTS GUSTING TO 35 KNOTS. THE ESTIMATED CENTRAL PRESSURE IS 1004 HPA. SEA CONDITION IS ROUGH TO VERY ROUGH OVER SOUTHWEST BOB.

**REMARKS:**

THE MADDEN JULIAN OSCILLATION (MJO) INDEX CURRENTLY LIES IN PHASE 3 WITH AMPLITUDE AROUND 2. IT WILL CONTINUE IN SAME PHASE WITH SIMILAR INCREASED AMPLITUDE DURING NEXT 7 DAYS. MJO INDEX IS THUS CONDUCIVE FOR ENHANCEMENT OF CONVECTIVE ACTIVITY OVER BAY OF BENGAL (BOB) AND MAINTENANCE OF INTENSITY OF THE SYSTEM. THE CFS BASED FORECAST FOR EQUATORIAL WAVES INDICATE STRONG

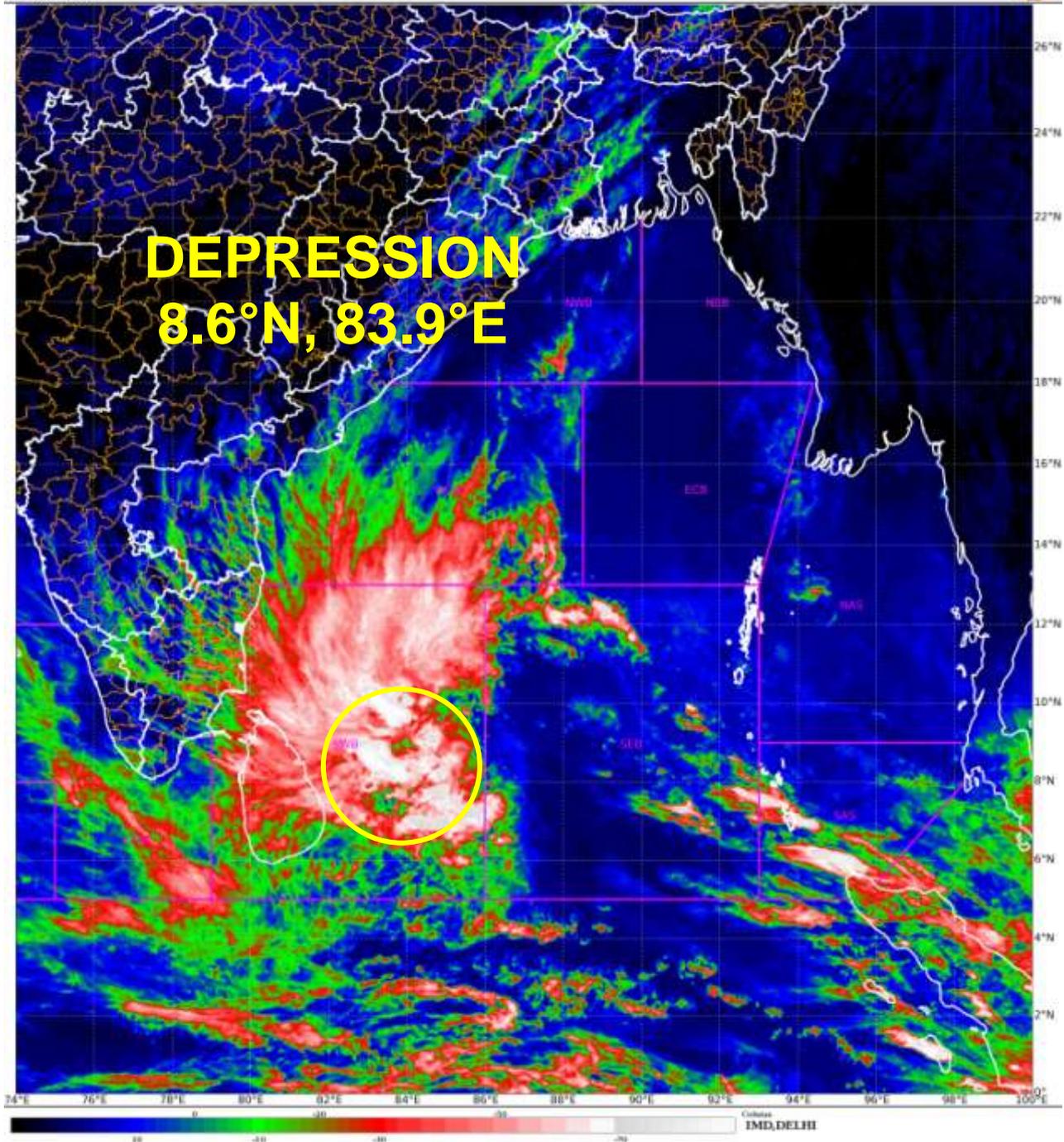
EASTERLY WINDS (5-7 MPS) OVER SOUTH BOB, STRONG WESTERLY WINDS (5-7 MPS) OVER EQUATORIAL INDIAN OCEAN (EIO) AND ADJOINING SOUTH BOB ALONGWITH KELVIN WAVES, MJO AND EQUATORIAL ROSSBY WAVES OVER EIO AND ADJOINING SOUTH BOB ON 31<sup>ST</sup> JANURAY. ALL THESE EQUATORIAL WAVES ARE CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS MAINTENANCE OF INTENSITY OF THE SYSTEM.

SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE (SST) IS AROUND 27-28°C OVER SOUTH BOB AND ADJOINING EQUATORIAL INDIAN OCEAN (EIO). TOTAL PRECIPITABLE WATER IMAGERY INDICATES WARM MOIST AIR INCURSION INTO THE CORE OF THE SYSTEM. LOW LEVEL VORTICITY OF  $100 \times 10^{-6} \text{ S}^{-1}$  TO THE SOUTH OF SYSTEM CENTER. LOW LEVEL CONVERGENCE HAS INCREASED AND IS AROUND  $20 \times 10^{-5} \text{ S}^{-1}$  TO THE SOUTHWEST OF THE SYSTEM CENTER. UPPER LEVEL DIVERGENCE HAS ALSO INCREASED AND IS AROUND  $30 \times 10^{-5} \text{ S}^{-1}$  TO THE SOUTHWEST OF THE SYSTEM CENTER. WIND SHEAR IS MODERATE (15-20 KNOTS) AROUND SYSTEM CENTRE OVER SOUTHWEST BAY OF BENGAL. THE UPPER TROPOSPHERIC RIDGE IS SEEN ALONG 15.0°N OVER THE BOB. THE SYSTEM IS LIKELY TO BE STEERED WEST-NORTHWESTWARDS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF EAST-SOUTHEASTERLY WINDS ALONG THE PERIPHERY OF RIDGE TILL 1200 UTC OF 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY. AS THE SYSTEM WOULD REACH NEAR COAST, DRY COLD AIR WOULD INTRUDE INTO THE SYSTEM AREA FROM SOUTH AND EASTERLY WIND SHEAR WOULD LEAD TO WEAKENING OF THE SYSTEM. THEREAFTER, THE STEERING LEVEL WOULD CHANGE AND THE SYSTEM WILL BE STEERED SOUTHWESTWARDS.

MOST OF THE MODELS INCLUDING IMD GFS, NCUM AND ECMWF ARE INDICATING INITIAL WEST-NORTHWESTWARDS MOVEMENT OF THE SYSTEM FOLLOWED BY SOUTH-SOUTHWESTWARDS RECURVATURE TOWARDS SRI LANKA COAST AND CROSSING BETWEEN 0000 TO 0600 UTC OF 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY AND BETWEEN 7.5°N -8.5°N. IMD MME IS INDICATING CROSSING OVER SRI LANKA AROUND 0600 UTC OF 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY NEAR 8.2°N .

IN VIEW OF ALL THE ABOVE, THE DEPRESSION OVER SOUTHWEST BOB IS VERY LIKELY TO MOVE WEST-NORTHWESTWARDS TILL 1200 UTC OF TODAY, THE 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY. THEREAFTER, IT IS LIKELY TO RECURVE GRADUALLY SOUTHWESTWARDS AND CROSS SRI LANKA COAST BETWEEN LATITUDE 7°N TO 8°N AROUND 0600 UTC OF 01<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2023.

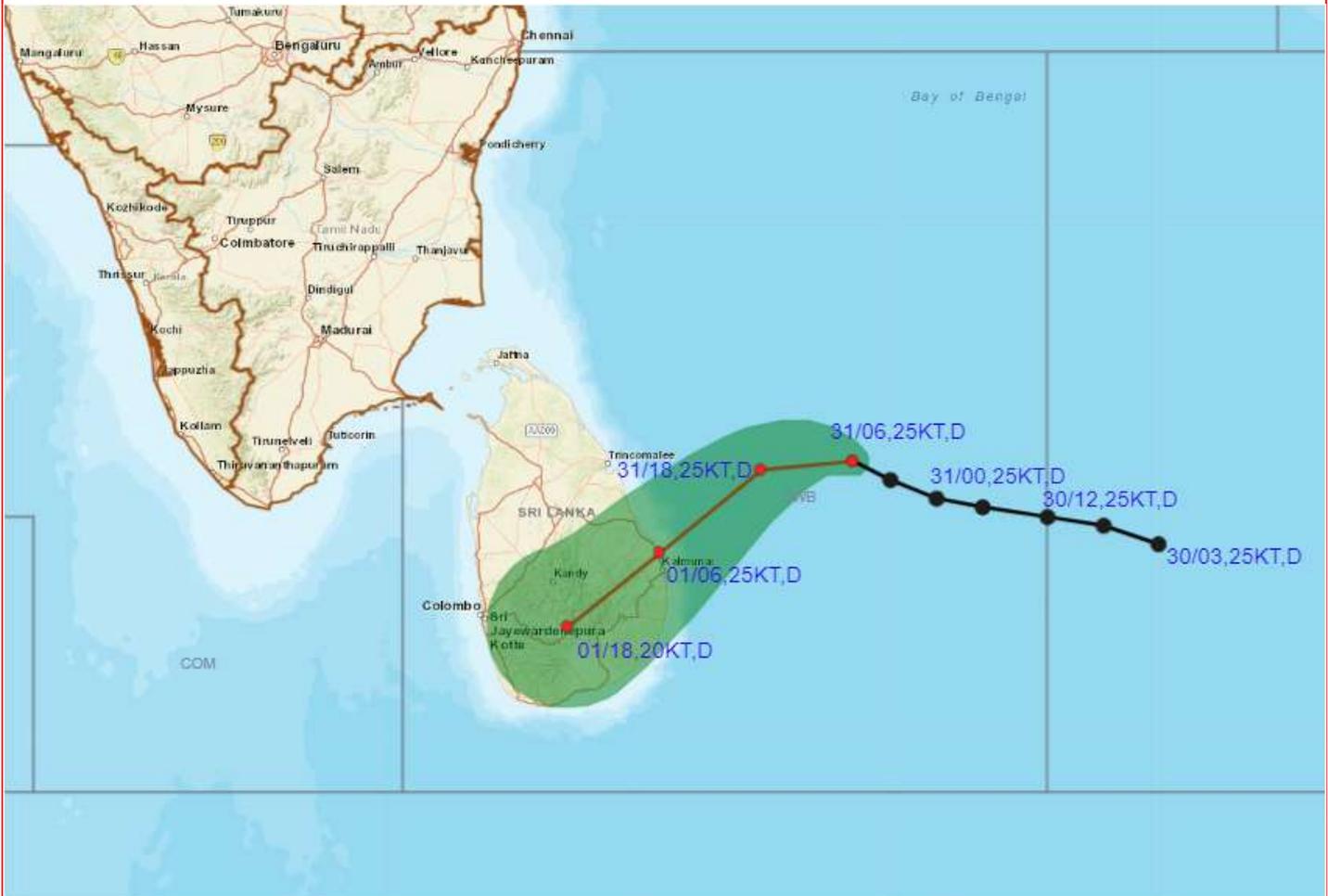
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PROBABILITY OF CYCLOGENESIS (FORMATION OF DEPRESSION): NIL: 0%, LOW: 1-33%, , MODERATE: 34-66% AND HIGH: 67-100%  
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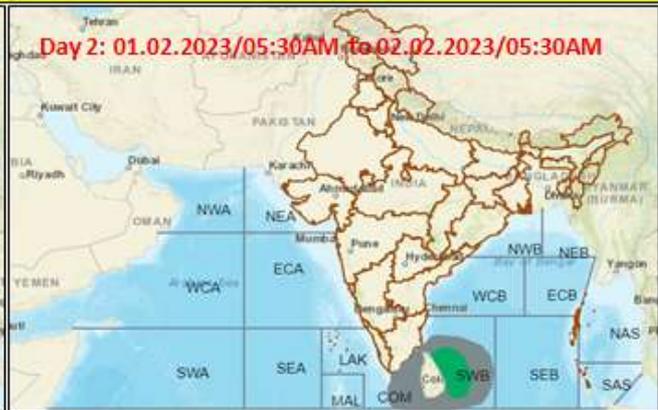
# OBSERVED AND FORECAST TRACK OF DEPRESSION OVER SOUTHWEST BAY OF BENGAL BASED ON 0600 UTC OF 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY, 2023.



DATE/TIME IN UTC  
 IST=UTC + 0530  
 L: LOW PRESSURE AREA  
 WML: WELL MARKED LOW PRESSURE AREA  
 D: DEPRESSION (17-27 KT)  
 DD: DEEP DEPRESSION (28-33 KT)  
 CS: CYCLONIC STORM (34-47 KT)  
 SCS: SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM (48-63KT)  
 VSXS: VERY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM (64-89 KT)  
 ESCS: EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM (90-119 KT)  
 SuCS: SUPER CYCLONIC STORM ( $\geq$  120 KT)

- LESS THAN 34 KT
- 34-47 KT
- $\geq$  48 KT
- OBSERVED TRACK
- FORECAST TRACK
- CONE OF UNCERTAINTY

## Fishermen warning graphics



Squally WX with wind speed 40-45 kmph gusting to 55 kmph
Squally wind speed 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph

Fishermen are advised not to venture into the marked areas.

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