





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

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SPECIAL TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR THE NORTH INDIAN OCEAN (THE BAY OF BENGAL AND THE ARABIAN SEA) VALID FOR THE NEXT 120 HOURS ISSUED AT 0300 UTC OF 26.11.2024 BASED ON 0000 UTC OF 26.11.2024.

Sub: Depression over Southwest Bay of Bengal

The Depression over Southwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining East Equatorial Indian Ocean moved north-northwestwards with a speed of 10 kmph during past 6 hours and lay centred at 0000 UTC of today, the 26th November 2024 over the Southwest Bay of Bengal near latitude 6.0°N and longitude 82.9°E, about 340 km south-southeast of Trincomalee (43418), 630 km south-southeast of Nagapattinam (43347), 750 km south-southeast of Puducherry (43331) and 830 km south-southeast of Chennai (43279).

It is likely to move nearly north-northwestwards and intensify into a deep depression during next 12 hours. Thereafter, it is likely to continue to move north-northwestwards towards Sri Lanka - Tamil Nadu coasts during subsequent 2 days.

Estimated Central Pressure in association with the system is 1003 hPa and associated maximum sustained wind speed is 25-30 kts gusting to 35 kts. Sea condition is likely to be rough to very rough over southwest Bay of Bengal & along and off Sri Lanka, Tamil Nadu-Puducherry coasts and southeast Bay of Bengal till 29th November and along & off Andhra Pradesh coast during 27th to 29th November.

As per latest satellite imagery, intensity of the system is characterized as T1.5. It shows shear pattern. The convective cloud mass is sheared to the northwest of system area. Associated scattered to broken low and medium clouds with embedded intense to very intense convection lay over south Bay of Bengal and adjoining EIO between latitude 4.0N to 13.0N and longitude 80.0E to 92.0E. Minimum cloud top temperature is minus 93°C. The multi-satellite based winds indicate stronger winds in the northern sector.

Date/ Time (UTC)	Position (Lat. ⁰N/ long. ⁰E)	Maximum sustained surface wind speed (Kmph)	Category of cyclonic disturbance
26.11.24/0000	6.0/82.9	45-55 gusting to 65	Depression
26.11.24/1200	7.1/82.2	50-60 gusting to 70	Deep Depression
27.11.24/0000	8.2/81.8	50-60 gusting to 70	Deep Depression
27.11.24/1200	9.3/81.4	55-65 gusting to 75	Deep Depression
28.11.24/0000	10.2/81.0	55-65 gusting to 75	Deep Depression
28.11.24/1200	11.0/80.7	55-65 gusting to 75	Deep Depression
29.11.24/0000	11.8/80.5	55-65 gusting to 75	Deep Depression

Forecast track and intensity are given in the following table:

Environmental features:

Sea surface temperature is more than 28-30[°]C over south Bay of Bengal (BoB) with an intense patch of higher SST about 30°C (6-10°N and 84-88°E). It is indicating the system to show marginal intensification for a short period over southwest BoB. However, SST is relatively lesser along the coast and may thus lead to slight weakening of the system before landfall. Tropical cyclone heat potential is more than 100 KJ/cm² over south BoB & adjoining EIO. It is less 40-60 KJ/cm² over southwest & adjoining eastcentral BoB and along & off Sri Lanka/Tamil Nadu/ Andhra Pradesh coasts. The barrier layer depth over the southwest BoB has increased upto 50 m which is unfavourable for intensification. Total precipitable water imagery indicate warm moist air incursion into the core. Near to coast it is indicating cold dry air incursion. Madden Julian Oscillation (MJO) is in phase 3 with amplitude more than 1 and would move across phases 3 & 4 during next 7 days with amplitude remaining more than 1. CFS-NCICS model forecast indicates presence of Equatorial Rossby Waves over South Andaman Sea and south BoB during 26th-30th. Strong westerly wind anomaly over south BoB and easterly wind anomaly to its north over South & adjoining central BoB is indicated during 26th - 30th November. During this period other waves including MJO, low frequency background waves, ERW are also likely over south BoB.

Low level winds indicate broad scale circulation over south and adjoining EIO Low level positive cyclonic vorticity at 850 hpa level is around $100-120 \times 10^{-5}$ s⁻¹ over southwest BoB & adjoining East Equatorial Indian Ocean. The zone of the maximum vorticity has become more organized and is extending upto 500 hPa level. The low level convergence is around 30×10^{-5} s⁻¹ over southwest BoB and adjoining East EIO to the west of system centre. Upper level divergence is around 20×10^{-5} s⁻¹ over the same region. The vertical wind shear is low to moderate (10-15 knots) over south BoB & adjoining EIO. Upper tropospheric ridge is near 10° N to the north of system. The southeasterly winds prevailing over the system area are likely to steer the system northwesterly.

Various environmental features (higher SST, warm moist air incursion into the core, high ocean thermal energy) are indicating favourable environment for further intensification of system till 26th/1200 UTC.

Hence it is inferred that the depression over Southwest Bay of Bengal is likely to move nearly north-northwestwards and intensify into a deep depression during next 12 hours. Thereafter, it is likely to continue to move north-northwestwards towards Sri Lanka - Tamil Nadu coasts during subsequent 2 days.

A continuous watch is being maintained for further intensification and movement of system towards Tamil Nadu - Sri Lanka coasts.

Next bulletin will be issued at 0600 UTC of today, the 26th November, 2024.

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Total suspension of fishing operations Total suspension of fishing operations

50-63 (92-117)

≥ 64 (≥118)

Very high seas

Phenomenal







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