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Synoptic features (based on 0900 UTC analysis):

- ❖ A cyclonic circulation lies over southwest Arabian Sea & neighbourhood and extends upto 3.1 km above mean sea level.
- ❖ Yesterday's cyclonic circulation over southeast Arabian Sea & adjoining Kerala coast extending upto 1.5 km above mean sea level persists.
- ❖ The trough from above cyclonic circulation over southeast Arabian Sea & adjoining Kerala coast to southwest Bay of Bengal extending upto 1.5 km above mean sea level across Kerala & Tamil Nadu persists.
- ❖ A cyclonic circulation formed over south Andaman Sea & neighbourhood at 0300 UTC of today, the 17th October and extends upto 3.1 km above mean sea level. Under its influence, a Low Pressure Area is likely to form over southeast & adjoining eastcentral Bay of Bengal around 20th October. It is likely to move west-northwestwards towards westcentral & adjoining southwest Bay of Bengal and become more marked during subsequent 48 hours.

Dynamical and thermo-dynamical features

Parameter	Bay of Bengal (BoB)	Arabian Sea (AS)		
Sea Surface Temperature (SST) °C	About 29-31°C over entire BoB and Andaman Sea except over some parts of southwest BoB and over Comorin Area.	28-30°C over extreme north AS, southeast & adjoining eastcentral AS and off Maharashtra-South Gujarat coasts. 26-28°C over eastcentral, westcentral and southwest BoB. Less than 26°C off Oman & Somalia coast.		
Tropical Cyclone Heat Potential (TCHP) kJ/cm ²	 (a) 110-120 over eastcentral BoB and Andaman Sea off Myanmar-Thailand coasts & Sumatra Islands. (b) 60-80 over western parts of BoB and parts of southeast BoB. (c) 30-40 over some parts of westcentral & southwest BoB off TamilNadu & Andhra Pradesh coasts and Comorin Area. 	& and also along & of west coast of India. (b) 30-40 over remaining AS.		

Cyclonic Relative vorticity (X10 ⁻⁶ s ⁻¹)	(a) Positive vorticity of 30-40 south Andaman Sea and adjoining southeast BoB with vertical extension upto 500 hPa level.	ea and adjoining southeast 40 over central AS				
Low Level	5-20 over south Andaman Sea and	5-20 over southeast AS.				
convergence (X10 ⁻⁵	adjoining Gulf of Thailand and off Sumatra	5-10 over southwest AS.				
s ⁻¹)	Islands.	Small zones of value 05				
	Small zone of value 05 over southwest	over central AS and				
	BoB and another zone of 05 over Comorin	westcentral AS off Oman				
	Area.	coast.				
Upper Level	Divergence has further organized during	05-10 over southeast &				
divergence (X10 ⁻⁵	past 24 hours. 05-20 over south Andaman	adjoining eastcentral AS				
s ⁻¹)	Sea and southeast BoB.	off Kerala-Karnataka				
	5-10 over south BoB.	coasts.				
	Small zones of 5 over westcentral BoB off	5-10 over northwest AS				
	Andhrapradesh coast.	off Oman coast.				
		Small zones of 5 over				
		westcentral AS.				
Vertical Wind	5-10 (favourable) over major parts of	` ,				
Shear (VWS knots)	central BoB and north BoB.	central & adjoining south				
	25-30 (unfavourable) over extreme south					
	BoB & adjoining EIO.	& adjoining southwest AS.				
		25 (unfavourable) over				
		Comorin.				
Wind Shear	Decreasing over south Andaman Sea and	Decreasing over				
Tendency (knots)	southwest BoB off TamilNadu coast.	westcentral & adjoining				
(southwest AS.				
Upper	Along 19.0°N over the BoB.	Along 19.0°N over the				
tropospheric Ridge		AS.				

Satellite observations based on INSAT imagery (0900 UTC):

(a) Over the BoB & Andaman Sea:-

At 0900 UTC, scattered low and medium clouds with embedded intense to very intense convection lay over south Bay of Bengal and Andaman sea. Scattered low and medium clouds with embedded moderate to intense convection lay over rest of Bay of Bengal.

(b) Over the Arabian Sea:-

At 0900 UTC, scattered low and medium clouds with embedded intense to very intense convection lay over westcentral & south Arabian Sea. Scattered low and medium clouds with embedded moderate to intense convection lay over eastcentral Arabian Sea and Comorin area.

M.J.O. Index:

MJO index is currently in Phase 6 with amplitude greater than 1. It will continue in same phase for next 7 days with amplitude remaining greater than 1.

Storms and Depression over South China Sea/ South Indian Ocean:

Vortex (NESAT) over South China Sea and neighbourhood moved nearly westwards & alkso intensified further in past 24 hours and lay near 19.1N / 115.9E with intensity T.No./C.I. No. 4.5/4.5 at 0600 UTC. Associated broken low and medium clouds with embedded intense to very intense convection lay over area between latitude 17.0N & 21.5N and longitude 113.0E & 118.0E.

Input for FDP Cyclone based on 0000 UTC for the next 7 days

MODEL GUIDANCE	ВоВ	AS
IMD-GFS	Model is indicating a cycir over North Andaman Sea at 0000 UTC of 17 th . It is likely to move nearly westwards and lie over eastcentral & adjoining southeast BoB as a low pressure area (LPA) on 19 th .Thereafter, moving north-northwestwards, it would lie as a depression over westcentral BoB on 22 nd , a deep depression (DD) over westcentral BoB on 23 rd , very severe cyclonic storm (VSCS) over westcentral BoB on 24 th . GFS is indicating that the system would cross North Andhra Pradesh in the early hours of 25 th to the north of Srikakulam near 18.5/84.0. Model is also indicating rapid intensification of the system during 0000 UTC of 23 rd to 0000 UTC of 24 th . A fresh cycir likely to emerge into Andaman Sea on 23 rd and would persist over the same region till 25 th .	A cycir over southeast AS and another over southwest AS on 17 th , a cycir over southwest AS on 18 th , becoming less marked thereafter.
IMD-GEFS	Extended circulation over Andaman Sea and adjoining central BoB during 17 th to 20 th . Lies as an LPA over southwest BoB on 21 st , depression over westcentral & adjoining southwest BoB on 22 nd , deep depression over the southwest & adjoining westcentral BoB on 23 rd , cyclonic storm (CS) over westcentral BoB close to machhilipatnam on 24 th with further weakening over south Odisha coast on 25 th .	A cycir over southwest AS on 18 th , becoming less marked on 19 th .
IMD-WRF	A cycir over central parts of Andaman Islands and adjoining eastcentral BoB on 17 th , LPA over eastcentral BoB on 18 th & 19 th with gradual west-northwestwards movement and LPA over westcentral BoB & adjoining southwest BoB on 20 th .	An extended circulation over south AS on 17 th , southwest AS on 18 th , becoming less marked thereafter. Fresh cyclonic circulation over eastcentral AS on 19 th , an LPA over eastentral AS on 20 th .
NCMRWF- NCUM	A cycir over North Andaman Sea on 17 ^{th.} It is likely to move west-northwestwards and lie as an LPA over eastcentral BoB on 18 th , depression over southeast & adjoining eastcentral BoB on 21 st , Cyclonic Storm over southeast & adjoining eastcentral BoB on 22 nd . Severe	A cycir lies over southwest AS on 17 th & 18 th with gradual southwestwards

	cyclonic storm (SCS) over westcentral BoB on 23 rd and thereafter system would cross North Andhra Pradesh coast near 18N/82E around 23 rd night, as an SCS over North Andhra Pradesh coast on 24 th . Thereafter indicating nearly northwards movement towards Chhattisgarh as a depression on 25 th .This model has now shifted track northwards.	marked thereafter. Fresh cycir over eastcentral AS during 19 th to 21 st , over westcentral AS on 22 nd becoming less marked thereafter.
NCMRWF- NEPS	A cycir over North Andaman Sea & adjoining eastcentral BoB on 17 th . It is likely to move west-northwestwards and lie as an LPA over southeast BoB on 18 th , WML over southeast BoB on 19 th & 20 th , depression over same region on 20 th , as a deep depression over southwest & adjoining westcentral BoB on 21 st , CS over westcentral & adjoining southwest BoB on 22 nd , SCS over westcentral BoB on 23 rd . Further it is indicating crossing North Andhra Pradesh coast as an SCS in the night of 23 rd . As a CS over north interior Andhra Pradesh on 24 th . Indicating nearly northwards movement towards Chhattisgarh as a DD on 25 th .	A cycir lies over eastcentral & adjoining southeast AS during $17^{th} - 18^{th}$ becoming less marked thereafter. Another cycir over eastcentral AS on 21^{st} , LPA over southeast AS & neighbourhood on 22^{nd} , becoming less marked on 23^{rd} .
NCMRWF- UM (Regional)	Cycir lies over North Andaman Sea on 17 th , LPA over eastcentral BoB on 18 th becoming WML on 19 th over the same region.	A cycir lies over southeast & adjoining eastcentral AS, persist over same region on 17 th , lies over central & adjoining south AS on 18 th , becoming less marked on 19 th
ECMWF	A cycir over North Andaman Sea & adjoining eastcentral BoB during 17 th -19 th , LPA over southeast & adjoining southwest BoB on 20 th , depression over southwest & adjoining westcentral BoB on 21 st , DD over westcentral BoB on 24th & cyclonic storm over northwest & adjoining westcentral BoB on 25 th . It is further indicating that the system would cross Sunderbans as CS/SCS in the midnight of 25 th near 21.8/88.8.	A extended cycir over central AS on 19th becoming less marked thereafter.
ECMWF- EPS	20-50% cyclogenesis probability over central BoB during next 5-7 days. Large variation in track with some members indicating nearly west-northwestwards movent towards westcentral & adjoining southwest BoB and some members indicating initial west-northwestwards movement, followed by nearly northwards movement towards northwest BoB.	Model is indicating 60-80% probability of cyclogenesis over central parts of south AS during next 3 days and 30-60% cyclogenesis probability over eastcentral AS during next 3-6 days.
NCEP-GFS	Model is indicating a cycir over North Andaman Sea at 0000 UTC of 17 th . It is likely to move nearly westwards and lie over eastcentral & adjoining southeast BoB as a low pressure area (LPA) on 19 th .Thereafter, moving north-northwestwards, it would lie as a depression over westcentral BoB on 22 nd , a deep depression (DD) over westcentral BoB on 23 rd , very severe cyclonic storm	A cycir over southeast AS and another over southwest AS on 17 th , a cycir over southwest AS on 18 th , becoming less marked thereafter.

	(VSCS) over westcentral BoB on 24 th . GFS is indicating that the system would cross North Andhra Pradesh in around 0600 UTC of 26 th near 18.5/84.0. Model is also indicating rapid intensification of the system during 0000 UTC of 23 rd to 0000 UTC of 24 th .	
IMD- Genesis Potential Parameter	A Potential zone over South Andaman Sea & adjoining Gulf of Thailand on 17 th & 18 th , another zone over eascentral BoB on 18 th . Two potential zones over North Andaman Sea & eastcentral BoB on 19 th , merger of two zones into a single consolidated zone over North Andaman Sea & adjoining eastcentral BoB, single consolidated circular zone over central parts of BoB on 21 st , slight weakening of potential zone over westcentral BoB on 22 nd , consolidated zone over westcentral BoB on 23 rd	Potential zone over southeast AS during $19^{th} - 20^{th}$, over eastcentral AS on 21^{st} off Karnataka coast, consolidated single zone over eastcentral AS on 22^{nd} & 23^{rd} ,

Summary and conclusion:

1. For the Bay of Bengal:

There is consensus among various models regarding formation of cyclonic circulation over Andaman Sea on 17th. Large variation among various models w.r.t. development of low pressure area and it's movement & intensification. Under the influence of this cyclonic circulation, models are indicating development of low pressure area over eastcentral and adjoining southeast BoB during 18th-20th with NCUM group indicating early organisation around 18th, GFS group of models indicating formation of LPA on 19th and ECMWF around 20th. There is a consensus that there will be intensification of this system into a cyclonic storm. However, the time of intensification varies from 22nd to 25th and also models suggest further intensification. There is still large variation wrt movement & intensification of the system. The ECMWF is indicating CS on 25th, GFS group is indicating CS on 23rd and NCUM on 22nd. The NCUM & GFS groups are indicating northwestwards movement, ECMWF is indicating initial west-northwestwards movement followed by north-northwestwards movement. NCUM & GFS groups are now indicating landfall over North Andhra Pradesh coast and ECMWF is indicating landfall over West Bengal & adjoining Bangladesh coast.

Hence, it is inferred that, a Low Pressure Area is likely to form over southeast & adjoining eastcentral Bay of Bengal around 20th October. It is likely to move west-northwestwards and concentrate into a depression by 22nd morning over westcentral Bay of Bengal. Thereafter, there is large variation wrt movement & intensification and hence it needs to be monitored continuously.

The environmental conditions like SST and ocean thermal energy are favourable over south & central BoB for formation of low/depression. The La Nina conditions supported with negative IOD conditions will support the movement of remnant circulations from South China Sea to Andaman Sea with possible further intensification. However, MJO being in phase 6 with amplitude more than 1, will not be supportive for amplification of convection and hence the system.

2. For the Arabian Sea:

The cycir over southeast AS & adjoining Kerala coast is likely to persist over same region during 17th & 18th and become less marked thereafter.

24	24-48	48-72	72-96	96-120	120-144	144-168
HOURS	HOURS	HOURS	HOURS	HOURS	HOURS	HOURS
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	LOW	MODERATE	HIGH

<u>Probability of cyclogenesis (formation of depression and above intensity systems) over the BAY OF BENGAL of Bengal and Andaman Sea during next 168 hours:</u>

<u>Probability of cyclogenesis (formation of depression and above intensity systems) over the Arabian Sea during next 168 hours:</u>

24	24-48	48-72	72-96	96-120	120-144	144-168
HOURS	HOURS	HOURS	HOURS	HOURS	HOURS	HOURS
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

Advisory:

The intensification & movement of depression likely to form over westcentral Bay of Bengal around 22nd October need to be monitored.

IOP is suggested for Andaman & Nicobar Islands on 19th.

Annexure

















