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Synoptic features (based on 0900 UTC analysis):

Well Marked Low Pressure Area over eastcentral Bay of Bengal: Pre-Cyclone Watch for Odisha and West Bengal coasts

❖ Yesterday's upper air cyclonic circulation over central Andaman Sea lay over North Andaman Sea and adjoining eastcentral & southeast Bay of Bengal in the same evening (1730 hours IST of 20th October). Under its influence a *Low Pressure Area* formed over the Eastcentral Bay of Bengal and adjoining north Andaman Sea in the early morning (0530 hours IST) of today, the 21st October 2024. It moved west-nortwestwards and lay as a well marked low pressure area over eastcentral Bay of Bengal at 1130 hours IST of today, the 21st October 2024.

It is very likely to move west-northwestwards and intensify into a depression by 22nd October morning and into a cyclonic storm by 23rd October, 2024 over eastcentral Bay of Bengal. Thereafter, it is very likely to move northwestwards and reach northwest Bay of Bengal off Odisha-West Bengal coasts by 24th October morning. Continuing to move northwestwards, it is very likely to cross north Odisha and West Bengal coasts between Puri and Sagar Island during night of 24th and early morning 25th October, 2024 as a severe Cyclonic Storm with a wind speed of 100-110 kmph gusting 120 kmph.

- Yesterday's low pressure area over westcentral Arabian Sea persists with the associated cyclonic circulation extending upto 3.1 km above mean sea level over the same region. It is likely to move west-northwestwards away from Indian coast and weaken further during next 12 hours
- ❖ Yesterday's upper air cyclonic circulation over southwest & adjoining westcentral Bay of Bengal off north Tamil Nadu & south Andhra Pradesh lay over Tamil Nadu & neighbourhood extending upto 5.8 km above mean sea level at 0830 hours IST of today, the 21st October, 2024
- ❖ An upper air cyclonic circulation lay over eastcentral Arabian Sea off north Karnataka coast at 1.5 km above mean sea level at 0830 hours IST of today, the 21st October, 2024

Parameter	Bay of Bengal (BoB)	Arabian Sea (AS)			
Sea Surface	29-32°C over entire BoB	➤ 28-30°C over eastern parts			
Temperature (SST) °C		of AS.			
		> 27°C over the westcentral			
		and southwest parts of AS			
Tropical Cyclone Heat	>120 over northeast BoB,	➤ 80-90 over central parts of			
Potential (TCHP)	westcentral BoB and south	south AS and adjoining			
kJ/cm ²	Andaman Sea.	EIO.			
	> <80 over northwest & adjoining	➤ 60-70 over eastcentral AS			
	westcentral Bob	< 50 over westcentral AS &			
	➤ 80-100 over remaining BoB	off Oman and Somalia			
		coasts			

Cyclonic Relative	100 over north Andaman Sea &	30-40 over westcentral AS			
vorticity (X10 ⁻⁶ s ⁻¹)	adjoining eastcentral BoB with				
	vertical extension upto 500 hpa	500 hpa level			
Low Level	5-10 over north Andaman Sea off	5 over westcentral AS and			
convergence (X10 ⁻⁵ s ⁻¹)	Thailand coast and Andaman &	another 5 over Somalia coast			
	Nicobar islands				
	5-10 over westcentral BoB off Andhra				
	Pradesh coast				
Upper Level	20-30 over north Andaman Sea,	5 over westcentral AS off			
divergence (X10 ⁻⁵ s ⁻¹)	westcentral BoB and Andaman &	Oman-Yemen coast and			
	Nicobar islands off Thailand coast.	another 5 over eastcentral &			
	5-10 over south BoB.	Lakshadweep islands area off			
		Karnataka coast.			
Vertical Wind Shear	Low-moderate over central Bob and	Low-moderate over central AS			
(VWS knots)	high over north & south BoB and and high over north & s				
Low: 05-10 knots	adjoining EIO	AS and adjoining EIO			
Moderate: 10-20 knots					
High: >20 knots					
Wind Shear Tendency	Increasing tendency over Andaman	Increasing tendency over			
(knots)	Sea off Thailand coast & adjoining	westcentral AS and adjoining			
	and Andaman & Nicobar islands.	north AS off Oman coast.			
	Decreasing tendency over southwest	Decreasing tendency over			
	BoB and adjoining EIO.	Rest of AS.			
	40.000	40.000			
Upper tropospheric	Along 18 .0°N over BoB.	Along 16.0°N over AS.			
Ridge					

Satellite observations based on INSAT imagery (0600 UTC):

(a) Over the BoB & Andaman Sea:-

Scattered low and medium clouds with embedded intense to very intense convection lay over northeast & eastcentral Bay of Bengal and south Bay of Bengal, Andaman sea, Tenasserim coast and gulf of Martaban (minimum Cloud Top Temperature is minus 80° - 85° C). Scattered low and medium clouds with embedded moderate to intense convection lay over northwest & westcentral Bay of Bengal & Arakan Coast and South Andaman Sea

(b) Over the Arabian Sea:-

Scattered low and medium clouds with embedded intense to very intense convection lay over eastcentral & adjoining southeast Arabian Sea off south Konkan-Karnataka-Goa coasts and westcentral Arabian Sea (minimum Cloud Top Temperature is minus 80° - 85°C). Scattered low and medium clouds with embedded moderate to intense convection lay over Gulf of Cambay, rest of southeast Arabian Sea, Lakshadweep islands area and Comorin area.

(c) Convection outside India:

Scattered low and medium clouds with embedded moderate to intense convection lay over Sri Lanka, Palk Str, gulf of Mannar, Nepal, Tibet, China, Yellow Sea, East China Sea, Myanmar, Thailand, Gulf of Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Gulf of Tonkin, Sumatra, Strait of Malacca, Malaysia, Borneo, South China Sea, Java Islands & Sea, Celebes Islands & Sea, Philippines, Sulu Sea, Madagascar, and over Indian Ocean between equator to 5.0°N and longitude 70.0° E to 100.0° E and between equator to 18.0° S and longitude 55.0° E to 90.0° E.

M.J.O. Index:

Madden Julian Oscillation (MJO) index is currently in Phase 5 with amplitude greater than 1. It is likely to move to phase 6 during end of week 1 with amplitude remaining more than 1.

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

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

MODEL	Bay of Bengal (BoB)	Arabian Sea (AS)		
GUIDANCE				
IMD-GFS	IMD GFS is indicating low-pressure	WML over Westcentral Arabian Sea on		
	area over Eastcentral BoB and	21/00 UTC, becoming less marked on		
	adjoining north Andaman sea (14.7/93)	23/00 UTC.		
	on 21/00 UTC, Depression over			
	Eastcentral BoB (17/92.9) on 21/12			
	UTC, Cyclonic storm (cs) over east			
	central parts of BoB (16.8/92.2) at			
	22/00 UTC, indicating higher			
	intensification upto SCS stage (60 kt)			
	between 23/00 UTC & 24/00 UTC and			
	crossing over Bangladesh coast as			
	SCS (22/89.9) on 24/03 UTC.			
IMD-GEFS	IMD GEFS indicating Depression over	No Significant System during next 8		
	eastcentral BoB (17/92) on 22/00 UTC,	days		
	Severe Cyclonic Storm (CS) over			
	central BoB (18.5/89.8) on 23/00 UTC,			
	Severe Cyclonic Storm (CS) over			
	northwest BoB (19/89) crossing over			
	Bangladesh-West Bengal border as			
	CS (22/89) on 25/00 UTC.			
IMD-WRF	WRF is indicating Depression over			
	Eastcentral BoB (15/93) on 21/00 UTC,	days		
	Deep Depression over Central BoB			
	(17.5/90) on 23/00 UTC, Severe			
	Cyclonic Storm and above over North			
	BoB (20.1/89.8) near Bangladesh-			
	West Bengal coasts on 24/00 UTC.			
NCMRWF-	NCUM(G) is indicating a low-pressure	Low pressure area over westcentral AS		
NCUM(G)	area over Eastcentral BoB 7 adjoining	on 21/00 UTC with westwards		
	North Andaman (15/93) on 21/00 UTC,	movement towards Gulf of Aden till		
	Depression over Eastcentral BoB	23/00 UTC and becoming less marked		
	(15.3/91.8) on 22/00 UTC, CS over	thereafter.		
	Eastcentral bob (16.8/89.9) on 23/00			
	UTC, and crossing Odisha coast			
	(20.5/86.8) on 24/21 UTC. Peak			
	intensity of SCS (60 kt) between 24/00			
	UTC & 25/00 UTC is indicated.			

NCMRWF- NCUM(R)	NCUM(R) is indicating a Well marked Low pressure area over Eastcentral BoB (15/93.5) on 21/00 UTC, Depression over Eastcentral BoB (15/92) on 22/00 UTC, further intensification into SCS and above over Westcentral BoB (15.5/87.5) on 23/00 UTC, VSCS over westcentral BoB (17.5/85.2) near Andhra Pradesh coast on 24/00 UTC.	No Significant System during next 3 days
NCMRWF- NEPS	Well Low Pressure Area over EastCentral BOB (15/94) on 21/00 UTC, Deep Depression over eastcentral BoB (15.2/91) on 22/00 UTC, Cyclonic Storm over central BoB (15.2/89.8) on 23/00 UTC, SCS and above over central BoB (17.5/89) on 24/00 UTC, Crossing Odisha coast (20/86.8) (near Bhubaneshwar) on 25/00 UTC.	Low pressure area over westcentral AS on 21/00 UTC with westwards movement towards Gulf of Aden till 23/00 UTC and becoming less marked thereafter.
ECMWF	ECMWF is indicating well marked low over Eastcentral BoB (15.0/92.3) on 21/00 UTC, Depression over Eastcentral BoB (15.6/91.7) on 22/00 UTC, Cyclonic Storm (CS) over Westcentral BoB (17.4/87.8) on 24/00 UTC and crossing over Odisha coast (20.2/86.4) on 25/00 UTC. Peak intensity of 45 kt is indicated by the model.	Low pressure area over westcentral AS on 21/00 UTC becoming less marked on 21/12 UTC.
NCEP-GFS	NCEP GFS is indicating well marked low over eastcentral & adjoining north andaman sea (15.6/92.6) on 21/00 UTC, depression over eastcentral bob (15.7/91.9) on 22/00 UTC, cs over eastcentral bob (16.4/91.6) on 22/12 UTC and crossing over west bengal-bangladesh coasts (21.6/87.8) 24/06 UTC as a scs category systems.	WML over Westcentral Arabian Sea on 21/00 UTC, becoming less marked on 23/00 UTC.
IMD MME	IMD MME is indicating Depression over Eastcentral BoB & adjoining North Andaman sea on 21st oct, CS on 22/12 UTC over Eastcentral BoB with Northwestwards movement towards Odisha-WestBengal and crossing around 25/05 UTC near 22.13/88.2 as a Deep Depression.	-

Summary:

(a) Bay of Bengal:

There is large variation among various models wrt movement of the system after becoming cyclonic storm over eastcentral BoB. Landfall point is varying from Gopalpur (Odisha) to Khepupara (south Bangladesh). Similarly, the landfall time is varying between 24/03 UTC to 25/06 UTC. And intensity at the time of landfall is varying from deep depression category (30 kt) to severe cyclonic storm (60 kt).

Considering all the above, the well marked low pressure area over eastcentral Bay of Bengal is very likely to move west-northwestwards and intensify into a depression by 22nd October morning and into a cyclonic storm by 23rd October, 2024 over eastcentral Bay of Bengal. Thereafter, it is very likely to move northwestwards, intensify into a severe cyclonic storm and cross north Odisha and West Bengal coasts between Puri and Sagar Island during 1800 UTC of 24th and 0000 UTC of 25th October, 2024 as a severe cyclonic storm with a wind speed of 100-110 kmph gusting 120 kmph.

(b) Arabian Sea

Most of the numerical models are indicating nearly westwards movement of the system and it's weakening by 22/00 UTC.

Considering various environmental conditions and model guidance, it is inferred that:

- ❖ The well marked low pressure area over eastcentral Bay of Bengal is very likely to move west-northwestwards and intensify into a depression by 22nd October morning and into a cyclonic storm by 23rd October, 2024 over eastcentral Bay of Bengal. Thereafter, it is very likely to move northwestwards, intensify into a severe cyclonic storm and cross north Odisha and West Bengal coasts between Puri and Sagar Island during 1800 UTC of 24th and 0000 UTC of 25th October, 2024 as a severe cyclonic storm with a wind speed of 100-110 kmph gusting 120 kmph.
- ❖ The existing low pressure area over westcentral Arabian Sea is likely to move westwards and become less marked by 22/00 UTC.

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

<u>24</u>	24-48	48-72 HOURS	<u>72-96</u>	96-120	<u>120-144</u>	<u>144-168</u>
HOURS	HOURS		HOURS	HOURS	HOURS	HOURS
HIGH	HIGH	-	-	-	NIL	NIL

<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

[&]quot;-" indicate genesis has already occurred.

Probability is indicated as NIL for 0%, LOW for 1-33%, MOD for 34-67% and High for 68-100%.

Advisory:

Impact Expected over Sea Area of Central & North Bay of Bengal and districts of Odisha (Baleswar, Bhadrak, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Puri, Khorda, Mayurbhanj,

Kendujhar, Jajpur, Cuttack, Dhenkanal) and West Bengal (South & North 24 Parganas, East & West Medinipur, Howrah, Hooghly, Kolkata, & Bankura)

- Major damage to thatched houses/ huts. Roof tops may blow off. Unattached metal sheets may fly.
- Minor damage to power and communication lines.
- > Damage to Kutcha & some damage to Pucca roads. Flooding of escape routes.
- Possibilities of damage to vulnerable structure. Breaking of tree branches and uprooting of trees.
- Moderate damage to banana and papaya trees. Large dead limbs blown from trees.
- Damage to horticulture and standing crops in some areas due to inundation and wind.
- Damage to embankments/ salt pans.
- Localized Flooding of roads, water logging in low lying areas and closure of underpasses mainly in urban areas of the above region.
- Occasional reduction in visibility due to heavy rainfall.
- Disruption of traffic in major cities and roadways due to water logging in roads and poor visibility due to heavy rain leading to increased travel time and incidents
- Localized Landslides/Mudslides/landslips/mud slips/land sinks/mud sinks.
- Likely disruption of marine and inland water transportation like small boats and trawlers.
- It may lead to riverine flooding in some river catchments (for riverine flooding please visit Webpage of Central Water Commission)

Action Suggested over Sea Area of Central & North Bay of Bengal and Baleswar, Bhadrak, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Puri, Khorda, Mayurbhanj, Kendujhar, Jajpur, Cuttack, Dhenkanal) and West Bengal (South & North 24 Parganas, East & West Medinipur, Howrah, Hooghly, Kolkata & Bankura)

- Fishermen are advised not to venture into
 - ✓ Andaman Sea till 21st October.
 - ✓ Eastcentral Bay of Bengal during 21st-24th October.
 - ✓ Adjoining areas of Westcentral Bay of Bengal on 23rd and 24th Oct.
 - ✓ North Bay of Bengal and along & off Odisha-West Bengal coasts during 23rd to 25th October morning.
- Fishermen out at sea are advised to return to coasts by 21st October.
- ➤ Total suspension of fishing operations during 22nd to 25th Oct over Central and North Bay of Bengal.
- Movement in motor boats unsafe
- Coastal hutment dwellers to be moved to safer places.
- People in affected areas to remain indoors.
- Judicious regulation of onshore/offshore, Port and maritime activities including shipping.
- Judicious regulation of tourism activities in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- Judicious regulation of surface transports including railways and roadways.
- Check for traffic congestion on your route before leaving for your destination.
- Follow any traffic advisories that are issued in this regard.
- Avoid going to areas that face the water logging problems often.
- Avoid staying in vulnerable structure.

Intense Observation Period (IOP) is suggested for:

Andaman Sea during 21st and Odisha, West Bengal, Bangladesh and Myanmar coasts during 22nd – 25th October.

Annexure

















