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Cyclonic storm “Ditwah” over southwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining north Sri Lanka: Cyclone Warning for north Tamil Nadu & Puducherry and adjoining south Andhra Pradesh coasts

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The **Cyclonic Storm Ditwah** [Pronunciation: **Ditwah**] over southwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining north Sri Lanka moved north-northwestwards with the speed of 8 kmph during past 6 hours and lay centered at 0830 hrs IST of today, the 29th November 2025 over the same region, near latitude 9.6°N and longitude 80.7°E, about 80 km east of Jaffna (Sri Lanka), 140 km southeast of Vedaranniyam (India), 170 km south-southeast of Karaikal (India), 280 km south-southeast of Puducherry (India) and 380 km south of Chennai (India).

It is very likely to continue to move north-northwestwards and reach over southwest Bay of Bengal near North Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and adjoining south Andhra Pradesh coasts by early morning of 30th November.

While moving north-northwestwards the cyclonic storm will be centered over southwest Bay of Bengal within a minimum distance of 60 km, 50 km and 25km from the Tamil Nadu-Puducherry coastline by midnight of today, the 29th November, early morning and evening of tomorrow, the 30th November respectively

Warnings

i) Rainfall warning

❖ **Tamil Nadu & Puducherry:** Light to moderate rainfall at most places with **heavy to very heavy at many places & extremely heavy rainfall (>20 cm) at isolated places** over coastal Tamil Nadu on 29th and over north coastal Tamil Nadu & Puducherry on 30th November, 2025. Thereafter, rainfall would gradually decrease to light to moderate at many places with **heavy rainfall** at isolated places on 1st December

❖ **Coastal Andhra Pradesh-Yanam & Rayalaseema:** Light to moderate rainfall at most places with **heavy to very rainfall** at isolated places on 29th November and **heavy to very heavy at a few places & extremely heavy rainfall (>20 cm) at isolated places on 30th November**. It would then decrease gradually becoming light to moderate rainfall at many places with **heavy rainfall** at isolated places on 1st December.

❖ **Kerala & Mahe:** Light to moderate rainfall at many places with **heavy rainfall** at isolated places is very likely on 29th November.

❖ **Telangana:** Light to moderate rainfall at a few places with **heavy rainfall** at isolated places is very likely on 30th November.

ii) Wind warning

(a) Southwest Bay of Bengal, Gulf of Mannar, Comorin area and along & off north Sri Lanka coasts

Gale wind speed reaching 70-80 gusting to 90 kmph is prevailing and likely to continue till 30th November morning. Thereafter it is likely to decrease gradually becoming squally wind speed reaching 45-55 gusting to 65 kmph by morning of 1st December.

(b) Along & off south Tamil Nadu coast

Gale wind speed reaching 70-80 gusting to 90 kmph is prevailing and likely to continue till 30th November morning. Thereafter it is likely to decrease gradually becoming squally wind speed reaching 45-55 gusting to 65 kmph by morning of 1st December.

(c) Along & off north Tamil Nadu & Puducherry Coasts

Gale wind speed reaching 70-80 gusting to 90 kmph is prevailing along & off southern parts and 60 to 70kmph gusting to 80 kmph over northern parts of Tamil Nadu-Puducherry coast. It is likely to increase becoming 70-80 gusting to 90 kmph along & off north Tamil Nadu & Puducherry Coasts from afternoon of 29 th November till 30th morning. Thereafter it is likely to decrease gradually becoming squally wind speed reaching 45-55 gusting to 65 kmph by 1 st December morning.

(d) Adjoining Westcentral Bay of Bengal and along & off south Andhra Pradesh coast:

Squally weather with wind speed reaching 50-60 kmph gusting to 70 kmph is prevailing. It is very likely to increase becoming Gale wind speed reaching 60-70 kmph gusting to 80 kmph from 29th afternoon till 30th morning. Thereafter, it is likely to decrease becoming squally wind speed reaching 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph on 01st December morning.

(e) Adjoining areas of Southeast Arabian Sea, Lakshadweep, Maldives and along & off Kerala coast:

Squally weather with wind speed reaching 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph likely to prevail on 29th November.

iii) Sea condition

(a) Southwest Bay of Bengal, Gulf of Mannar, Comorin area and along & off Sri Lanka coasts

Sea condition is very likely to be High till 30th November morning. It is very likely to improve gradually becoming very rough to rough by morning of 1st December and gradually improve thereafter.

(b) Along & off south Tamil Nadu coast

Sea condition is very likely to be High till 30th November morning. It is very likely to improve gradually becoming very rough to rough by morning of 1st December and gradually improve thereafter.

(c) Along & off north Tamil Nadu & Puducherry Coasts

Sea condition is very likely to be very rough to high. It is likely to become High from 29th afternoon till 30th morning. It is very likely to improve gradually becoming very rough to rough on 1 st and 2nd December and gradually improve thereafter.

(d) Adjoining Westcentral Bay of Bengal and along & off south Andhra Pradesh coast:

Rough to very rough sea conditions are prevailing and it is likely to become very rough to high from 29 th afternoon till 30th November morning. Thereafter, it is likely to improve gradually becoming very rough to rough on 01st and 2nd December.

(e) Adjoining areas of Southeast Arabian Sea, Lakshadweep, Maldives and along & off Kerala coast:

Rough to very rough sea conditions are likely on 29th November.

iv) Storm Surge Warning:

Storm surge of height about 1.0 to 1.5 m above the astronomical tide is likely to inundate the lowlying coastal areas of north Sri Lanka till 29 th evening. Storm surge of height about 0.5 m to 1m above the astronomical tide is likely to inundate the low-lying coastal areas of Tamil Nadu Puducherry till 30th morning.

v) Fishermen Warning

(a) Total suspension of fishing operations in coastal areas of Sri Lanka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and south Andhra Pradesh coasts till 01st December.

(b) Fishermen are advised not to venture into

- (i) Southwest Bay of Bengal, Gulf of Mannar, Comorin area and along & off Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Sri Lanka coasts till 01st December
- (ii) Adjoining areas of westcentral Bay of Bengal and along & off Andhra Pradesh coast till 2 nd December.
- (iii) Adjoining areas of Southeast Arabian Sea, Lakshadweep, Maldives and along & off Kerala coast till 30th November

(c) Those out at sea should avoid southwest Bay of Bengal, Gulf of Mannar, Comorin area and along & off Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, south Andhra Pradesh & Sri Lanka coasts; adjoining westcentral Bay of Bengal till 01st December and Southeast Arabian Sea, Lakshadweep, Maldives and along & off Kerala coast till 30th November.

Special Agromet Advisories

Tamilnadu

AMFU Aduthurai (Thanjavur, Nagapattinam, Thiruvarur, Karur, Tiruchirappalli, Ariyalur, Mayiladuthurai, Perambalur)

- Provide adequate drainage facilities in rice.
- Provide support with wooden poles to avoid lodging of banana plantations

AMFU Kanniwadi (Pudukottai, Madurai, Ramananthapuram)

- Provide adequate drainage facilities in the rice, cotton, vegetables and fruit orchards.
- Undertake propping in sugarcane.
- Provide adequate support for plants like banana, papaya and moringa, to prevent their lodging.
- For Gourds, check the structures/pandhals for damage to the strings and poles and provide adequate support.

- Postpone irrigation, intercultural operations, and application of plant protection measures to standing crops.

AMFU Chennai (Chennai, Chengalpattu, Tiruvallur, Vellore, Ranipet, Tirupattur, Tiruvannamalai, Cuddalore, Villupuram, Kallakurichi)

- Postpone sowing of groundnut.
- Provide adequate drainage in rice, already sown groundnut, vegetables and fruits orchards.
- Undertake propping in banana.

Puducherry

AMFU Karaikal (Puducherry, Karaikal)

- Postpone irrigation, intercultural operations, and the application of plant protection measures and fertilizers to standing crops like rice and vegetables.

Andhra Pradesh

South Coastal Andhra Pradesh

AMFU Lam (Guntur) (Guntur, Bapatla, Eluru, NTR, Palnadu, Krishna, West Godavari & Prakasam)

- Harvest the rice immediately with a combine harvester, if possible, and shift to safer places or postpone harvesting.
- Provide extensive drainage in unharvested *kharif* rice, *rabi* rice nurseries, transplanted rice, red gram, maize, jowar, already sown crops of ragi, chick pea, black gram, vegetables and orchards.
- Postpone transplanting operations until the weather improves.
- Harvest any open cotton bolls immediately and store kapas under cover; otherwise, avoid harvesting until the weather clears.
- Postpone sowing of ragi, chickpea & black gram.

North Coastal Andhra Pradesh

AMFU Chintapalli (East Godavari, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Konaseema)

- Ensure proper drainage to drain excess water from paddy, maize, groundnut, pulses, turmeric, and ginger fields to prevent waterlogging and root damage.
- In the paddy (tillering to panicle initiation stage), maintain a water level of only 5–7 cm and avoid inundation.
- In sloping/hilly fields, open side drains and bunds to check soil erosion.
- Provide staking/support to banana, sugarcane, pepper, and young coconut palms to prevent their lodging.
- Avoid water stagnation in cashew, mango, and vegetable orchards to avoid root rot.
- Harvest matured fruits (papaya, banana, guava) before heavy rains to reduce losses.
- Avoid spraying chemicals during rainfall spells.

Rayalaseema

AMFU Tirupati (Chittor, Nellore, Kadapah, Annamayya, Tirupati)

- Immediately harvest the kharif groundnut and shift to safer places.
- Postpone sowing of chickpea and black gram.
- Postpone sowing of direct-seeded rice and drum seeding of rice.
- Postpone transplanting of rice. Maintain optimum water level in already transplanted rice.
- Drain out excess water from rice nurseries, sugarcane, and already sown chickpea and black gram.
- Strengthen bunds and drainage channels to avoid water stagnation in transplanted rice.

AMFU Anantapur (Ananthpuram, Kurnool, Nandyal, Sathyasai district)

- Postpone the harvesting for *kharif* maize, groundnut & rice. If crop is harvested, cover the produce with tarpaulins or move produce to safe place.
- Maintain the proper drainage channels in *rabi* maize, *rabi* rice nurseries, Bengal gram Redgram, vegetables.
- Provide mechanical support to plants Banana, Chilli & Tomato.

Kerala

AMFU_Ambalavayal (Idukki, Wayanad)

- Drain out excess water from rice, cardamom, vegetables and horticultural crops.
- Keep the harvested produce of cardamom at safer places
- Provide mechanical support to banana and vegetables

AMFU_Vellayani (Pathanamthitta)

- Ensure proper drainage facilities to drain out excess water from rice and vegetables
- Provide mechanical support to banana and vegetables

AMFU_Pillicode (Malappuram)

- Ensure proper drainage to tuber crops like tapioca
- Provide mechanical support to banana and vegetables

Animal Husbandry

- Keep cattle in dry, elevated sheds with good ventilation.
- Provide clean feed and water; avoid feeding wet or mouldy fodder.

Poultry

- Maintain dry litter inside sheds using lime/bleaching powder.
- Prevent rainwater entry and ensure proper ventilation.
- Strengthen sheds against heavy winds and avoid overcrowding