

Monday, 17th December 2018 (26th Agrahayana 1940 Saka)

The **Severe Cyclonic Storm** further moved northwards, weakened into a **Cyclonic Storm** and now lies centred at 0830 hrs IST of today, the 17th Dec., 2018 over westcentral Bay of Bengal near Lat. 15.8°N / Long. 82.2°E, 370 kms north-northeast of Chennai (Tamil Nadu), 120 kms east-southeast of Machilipatnam (Andhra Pradesh) and 130 kms south of Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh). It is very likely to move nearly northwards and cross Andhra Pradesh coast around Kakinada during afternoon of today, the 17th Dec. 2018. However, due to unfavourable environmental conditions, it is likely to slightly weaken further before landfall and cross coast as a **Cyclonic Storm** with wind speed of 70-80 kmph gusting to 90 kmph. The cyclonic circulation over west Bangladesh and neighbourhood now lies over Bangladesh and neighbourhood and extends upto 2.1 kms above m. s. l. The cyclonic circulation over central parts of Uttar Pradesh and neighbourhood now lies over east Uttar Pradesh and neighbourhood at 1.5 kms above m. s. l. A feeble western disturbance as a trough in lower tropospheric westerlies with its axis at 3.1 kms above m. s. l. runs roughly along Long. 65° E to north of Lat. 30° N. System is likely to move east - northeastwards. The cyclonic circulation over eastcentral Arabian Sea off north Maharashtra has become less marked.

The northeast Monsoon has been vigorous over coastal Andhra Pradesh. It has been subdued over Rayalaseema, Tamil Nadu, south interior Karnataka and Kerala.

Extremely heavy rain has occurred in coastal Andhra Pradesh and heavy rain has occurred at isolated places in Telangana.