

SITUATION REPORT

Severe Cyclonic Storm Arnab

Post-landfall update: Andhra Pradesh & Odisha

28 October 2026
As of 04:00 PM IST

Landfall complete

South of Yanam, Andhra Pradesh
02:00 and 08:00 IST on 28 October



around 180 houses
damaged in Andhra Pradesh



5 Deaths
reported in Andhra Pradesh

CURRENT SITUATION

- Severe Cyclonic Storm Arnab completed landfall southwest of Yanam, Andhra Pradesh, on the morning of 28 October. The system has weakened to a severe cyclonic storm and is forecast to further weaken into a depression by 29 October as it moves inland over southern Odisha and Chhattisgarh.[3](#)
- Five deaths have been reported in Andhra Pradesh in cyclone-related incidents.
- Government Preliminary assessments indicated that around 180 houses had been damaged, while more than 220 trees had fallen across roads, disrupting transport and movement in several areas. [20](#)
- LOCAL member reports indicate waterlogging, fallen trees and disrupted sanitation in Gopalpur and Rangeilunda blocks, with approximately 10–15 houses reportedly damaged.
- In Baxipalli ODRP, 42 households were reportedly affected by flooding, six roofs were lost and 12 people were rescued.
- Flooding has also been reported in ODRP Colony, Podampeta.
- In Andhra Pradesh, approximately 89,000 people were being evacuated to 101 relief camps as of 27 October. [4](#) Kakinada district reported more than 10,000 people accommodated in around 495 shelters;[5](#) while 10,176 households across 37 villages in Visakhapatnam district were identified as being at risk;[6,7](#)
- In Odisha, 47,830 people were reported evacuated across eight districts;[8](#) The largest planned evacuation numbers were in Nabarangpur (11,200), Gajapati (11,000) and Malkangiri (9,850).[9](#)
- Red warnings for extremely heavy rainfall were issued for Gajapati and Ganjam districts in Odisha.[12](#)
- The IMD bulletin also indicated flash-flood risk across 35 districts—15 in Andhra Pradesh, 11 in Odisha and nine in Chhattisgarh.[13](#)
- Fisherfolk were advised to remain ashore until 29 October [3](#)
- Fallen trees have reportedly blocked roads in Anakapalli, Visakhapatnam, Kakinada and Konaseema districts.[14,15](#) The Uppada coastal road has also reportedly been washed away.[1](#)

CURRENT RESPONSE

Community-level

- Volunteers and youth groups identified vulnerable households, supported evacuation, and checked shelters, food and water.[15](#)
- SHGs, FPOs, fisher unions, WhatsApp groups and community radio are spreading early warnings.[15](#)

LOCAL-level

- YSD, Ganjam:** Monitoring 28 coastal villages across 5 blocks and supporting evacuation, health and shelter checks. Silk City Radio 88.4 FM is broadcasting updates every 15 minutes.
- DSS, Odisha:** In direct contact with district emergency authorities:
 - Nuapada: 5 staff and about 50 youth volunteers
 - Puri and Nuapada: monitoring with the district administration
 - Gajapati: direct line to the district emergency officer; 2 partner NGOs on standby
 - Malkangiri: 2 local network members coordinating with the district emergency department
 - Koraput and Rayagada: Establishing links with district administration
- Nature's Club, AP:** Working with volunteers, cyclone shelter management committees, local administration and the health department
- Anveshna, AP:** Coordinating with 13 shelters and local volunteers through WhatsApp groups.
- HAI-LOCAL:** Exploring mobilisation of a 40+ volunteer roster.



Source: LOCAL member YSD

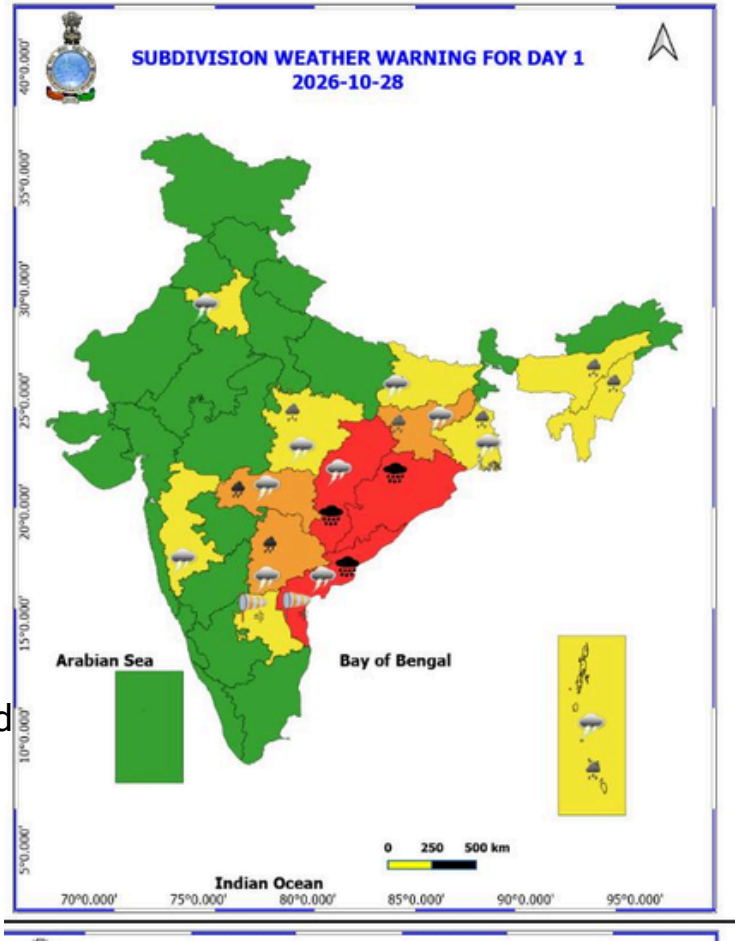
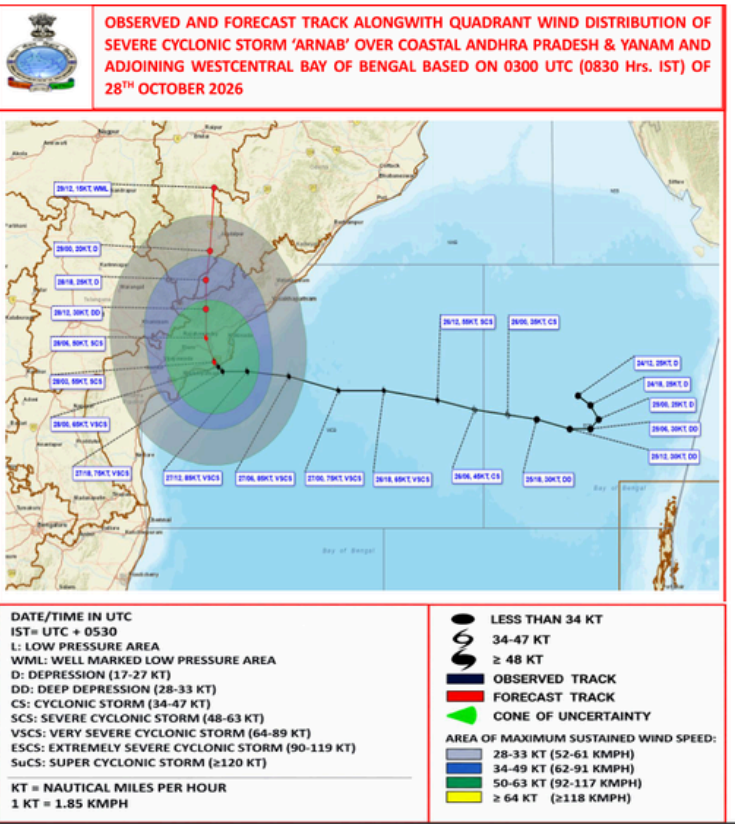
State-level response

Andhra Pradesh

- Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu reviewed operations by teleconference with 32,000 personnel, including district collectors, and directed that roads blocked by fallen trees be cleared within two hours.¹⁷
- Officials were directed to ensure food, drinking water and medical facilities at cyclone shelters, keep water out of agricultural fields, protect horticultural crops and prevent breaches in tanks and canals.⁵
- At least 609 schools across the state have been converted into relief centres.¹⁴ South Coast Railway cancelled 12 trains on 27–28 October.¹⁸

Odisha

- 2,037 cyclone shelters ready; schools and anganwadis closed in 16 of 30 districts.⁴ Rs 5 crore released to Ganjam and Rs 2 crore each to seven other southern districts.⁸
- Gajapati:
 - 518 shelters (capacity 34,814)
 - 8 NDRF/ODRAF teams and 12 fire teams
 - 66,597 quintals of rice stocked
 - Road-clearing machinery in place
 - 208 of 240 expectant mothers moved to safety



Source: LOCAL member YSD

ANTICIPATED LOSSES

Area	Expected for Cyclone Arnab
Crops	Standing kharif crops at harvest
Fruit Trees	Coconut, banana, papaya, mango uprooted
Soil and water	1–1.5 m surge on low-lying AP coast
Fishing boats & Nets	Livelihood losses
Housing	Thatched and kutcha homes at risk
Fishing and wages	Fishing suspended until 29 Oct
Health and hazards	Water, sanitation and disease risks

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