NCERT Class 9 Geography Chapter 4: Climate

Terminology

- Climate Sum total of weather for 30 years or more
- Weather Atmosphere at a given point of time
- Includes temp., ppt., pr., wind, humidity
- Monsoon from Arab "mausim" seasonal reversal in wind direction
- India Monsoon land
- Temp. from Rajasthan (50°C) to J&K (-45°C)
- ullet Rainfall $-400~{
 m cm}$ in Meghalaya to 10 cm in Ladakh & Raj.
- Tamil Nadu winter rains
- Rain decrease from east to west in north plains
- Coastal area has less extreme in temperature

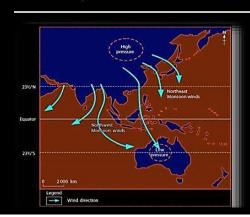
Controls of Climate

- Latitude Temp. ↓ from equator to poles
- Altitude Temp. ↓ with ht. (higher areas less dense air) hills are cooler
- Pressure & Wind depend on latitude & altitude, influence temp & rain
- Distance from Sea Distance increase extreme weather continentality
- Ocean Currents Warm & cold current
- Relief Features Mts. act as barrier
- Deserts on western margins of continents in subtropics: Prevailing winds are tropical easterly winds & go dry on reaching western margins.

India – Climatic Controls

- Latitude Tropic of Cancer divides in tropics & subtropics
- Altitude Himalayas prevent cold wind from C. Asia mild winters
- Pressure and surface winds NE Winds
- In South deflect right Coriolis force
- Ferrel Law right in NH & left in SH
- Summer LP in interior of India
- SW Monsoon from HP to LP

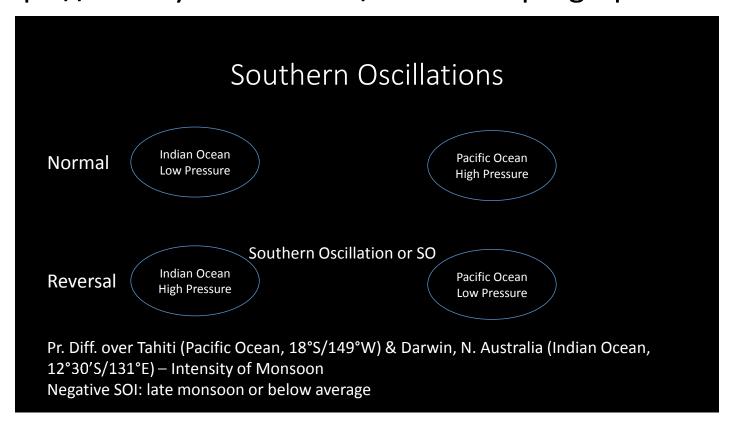
NE, NW Monsoon winds



- Upper air circulation Jet Streams Westerly Flow at 27°-30° north & so called Subtropical westerly - In India – South of Himalayas (except summer) – Year Round and cause western disturbances
- In summer move north of Himalayas
- Tropical easterly jet stream: Over peninsular India at 14°N in summers
- Western cyclonic disturbances Occur in Winters
- Tropical Cyclones Occur in Monsoons & in Oct-Nov as easterly flow

Monsoons

- In 20⁰ N & S tropics
- Differential heating of water and land
- Shifting of ITCZ (NE & SE winds converge) In summer at Ganga plain
- High Pr. East of Madagascar 20°S
- Heating of Tibetan Plateau
- Movement of westerly jet in Himalayas & easterly in Peninsula



El- Nino

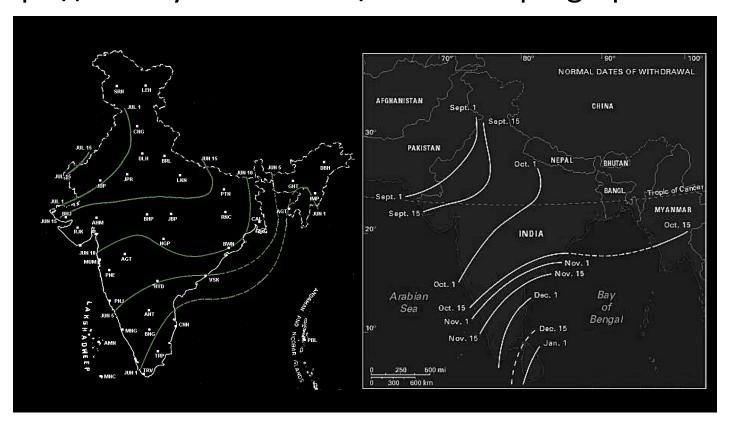
- 'El Nino' Spanish implies 'child or baby Christ': Starts flowing during Christmas
- Warm Peruvian Coast, instead of cold Peruvian current, every 2 to 5 years
- Changes in pressure conditions are connected to El Nino
- Called as ENSO (El Nino Southern Oscillations)
- 1 in sea-surface temp. & weakening trade winds
- Cause poor monsoon in India

Monsoon Mechanism

- Pulsating
- 100-120 days June to Sept
- Initially Burst of Monsoon (after pre-monsoon showers)
- At southern tip in June
- 2 branches Bay of Bengal (Assam in 1st week of June- deflect to west by Himalayas) & Arabian Sea (reach Mumbai by 10th June)
- Both branch merge at Ganga Plains by June end
- Retreat or withdrawal is gradual starts in Sept in NW India
- Islands Monsoon appear in April to May & retreat Dec to Jan

Seasons

- Cold Weather Winter Nov to Feb frost & snow in North NE winds (dry) Winter rain in Tamil Nadu, cyclonic disturbances form N & NW "Mahawat winter rain" if small good for Rabi crop
- Hot Weather March to May, heat belt shift north, high temp, LP, loo hot, dry gusty winds, localized storms Kal Baisakhi in Bengal
- Pre-Monsoon Showers: Kerala & Karnataka Mango ripening Mango showers
- Advancing Monsoon SW monsoon windward side of Western Ghats receive rain, maximum in NE India – Mawsynram (stalagmite & stalactite caves) – has breaks – wet & dry spells - uncertainities
- Retreating Monsoon Transition Clear Sky & temp. rise October Heat (high temp & humidity in day) – Cyclonic depression in Andaman sea- affect east coast of India.



Unifying Bond

- Himalayas Protect north winds
- Peninsula Moderating influence
- Rhythmic cycle of seasons
- Water to rivers
- Agriculture

