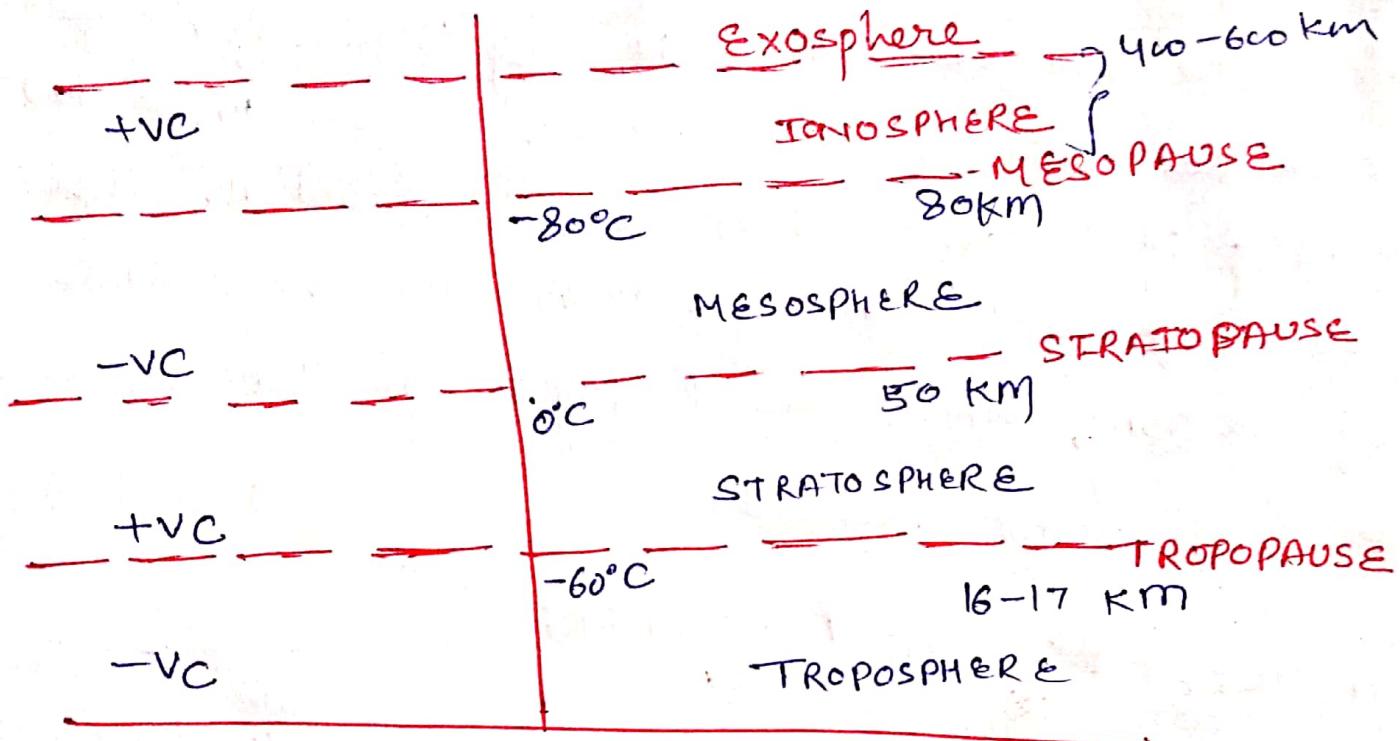


Geography

Topics - Mechanism of Monsoon



Upper Atmosphere or Heterosphere

Thermosphere is a prominent layer of upper atmosphere or Heterosphere the basic atmospheric feature of thermosphere is again increase in temp with elevation however increase in temperature in this layer mainly takes place by less density of gaseous molecules. Molecules of thermosphere are propagating with a very high velocity, requiring very less amount of unit heat to increase their unit volume temperature.

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Ionosphere remain the main concentric zone of thermosphere extended approximately upto $400 - 600\text{ km}$ from the surface characterised by ionization of molecular nitrogen and atomic oxygen under the impact of intense short wave radiation. This process of ionization completes with the release of electron, which also propagate in Ionosphere as free electric current.

PRESSURE BELTS OF ATMOSPHERE

Under climatological study and meteorological research or illustration, based on mass energy exchange mechanism between earth and Atmosphere several pressure belts could be identified from equator towards poles.

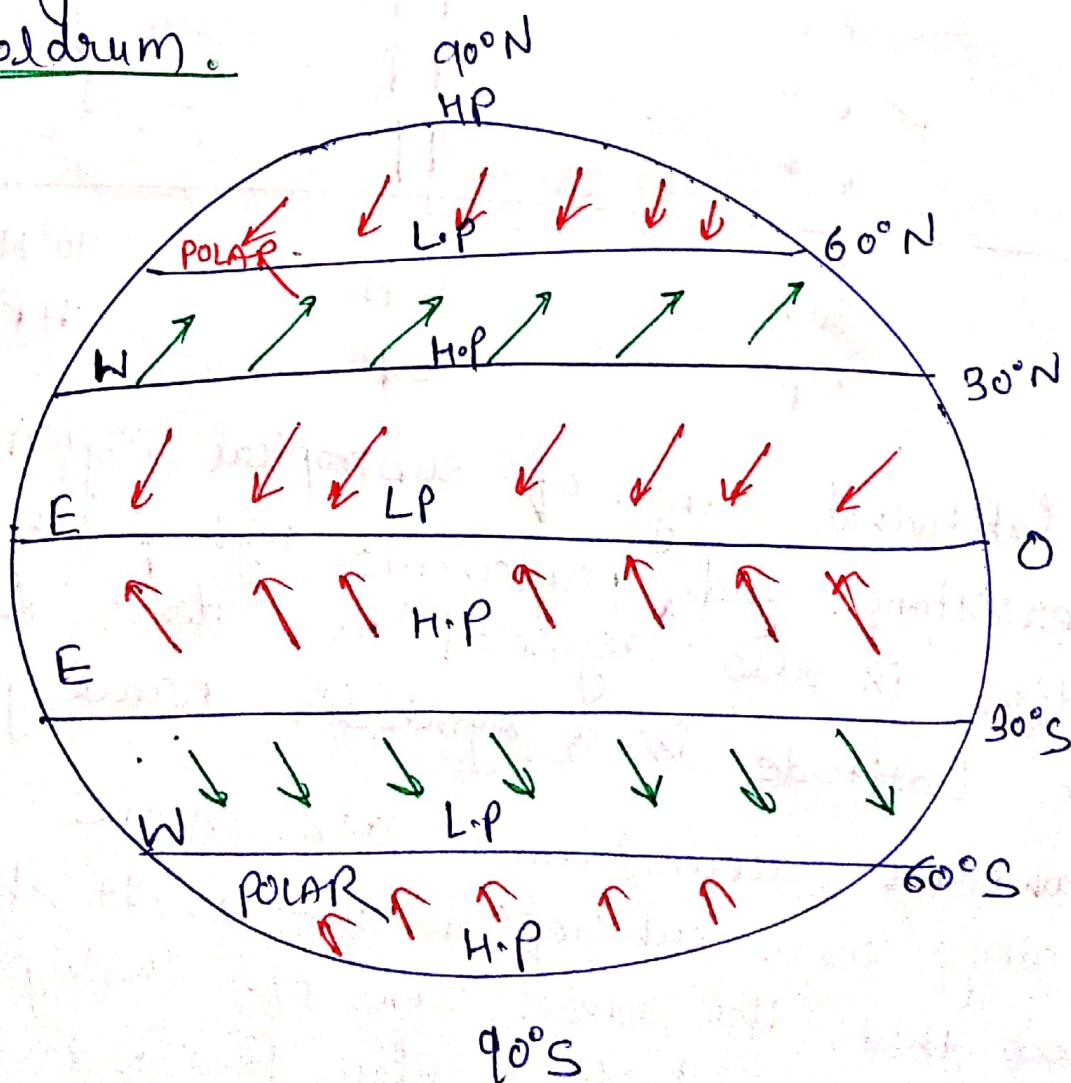
Equatorial low Pressure Belt

It normally lies between the latitudinal extent of 5°N to 5°S latitude where intense thermal condition and high angle of incidence prevails throughout the year, subsequently intense convection current originates from the surface to develop a prominent low pressure vacuum called as

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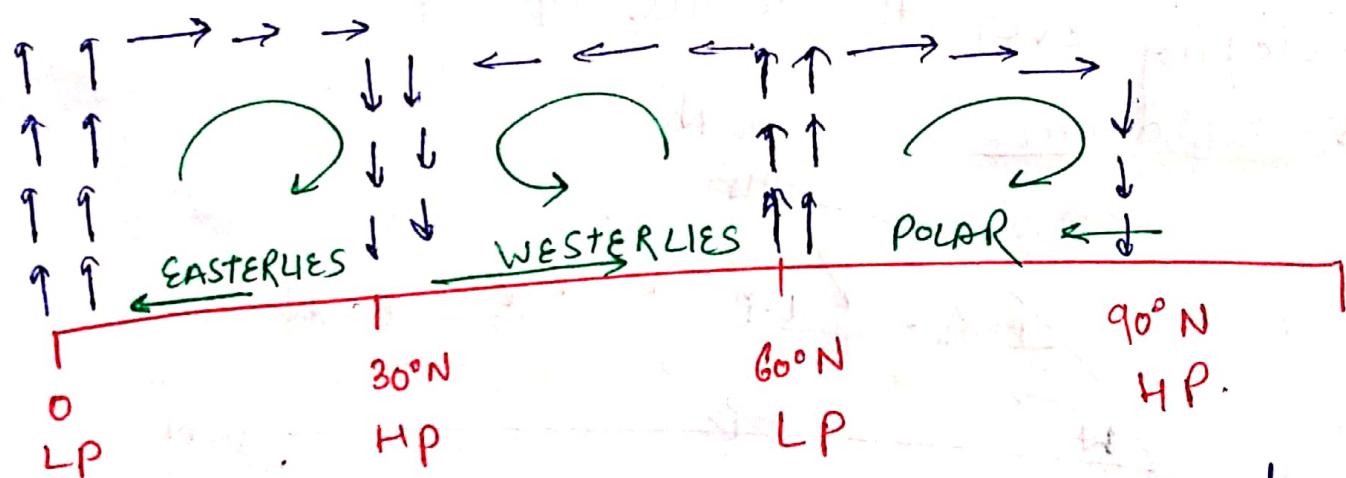
equatorial low pressure belt. It is a thermally induced pressure belt created by rapid convection and high impact of insolation heating.

Since the process of convection takes place through out the year, a vacuum type of condition atmospheric condition also prevails over the surface of equator in which the volume of air parcels remain very low and horizontal movement of air parcels is also absent. this particular atmospheric condition developing over the surface of equator is regarded as doldrum.



Subtropical High Pressure belt

It physically lies between 30° to 60° Northern and Southern hemisphere where convection current originating from the surface of equatorial latitudes get subsided. It is basically a dynamically induced pressure belt acknowledged over the surface of earth by some non-thermal factors.



The latitudinal range of subtropical region characterised by persistence and permanent High pressure condition is also regarded as Horse Latitudes. Horse Latitude is a symbolic name given to vacuous atmospheric condition prevailing over subtropical surface. It should be noted that the same zone of subtropical High pressure belt is also featured by

the presence of arid and semi-arid climate.
 all the prominent deserts of tropical arid
 Sub-tropical origin ~~are physically~~ such as
 SAHARA, ARABIA, THAR, ARIZONA (U.S.A), MOJAVE,
 ATACAMA (in Peru S.A), KALAHARI (in Africa),
 NAMIB and Western Australian Deserts are
 physically located in the same zone of
 Sub-tropical High Pressure Belt.

SUBPOLAR LOW PRESSURE BELTS

It physically lies between the latitudinal extent of
 55 to 65° Southern and Northern Hemisphere where
 a dynamic low pressure condition prevails under
 the influence of 4 atmospheric factors.

1) Subpolar Latitudes are physically located between
 two prominent High pressure system i.e;
 Polar High pressure belt and Subtropical High
 pressure belt. Subsequently a relative low
 pressure condition develop or prevail over
 subpolar latitudes.

2. Atmospheric conditions prevailing over the surface
 of subpolar Latitude always remain warmer
 as compare to polar areas. Subsequently
 or consequently ~~warm~~ relatively warmer

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Condition of sub-polar origin creates less pressure over the surface to develop a low pressure belt.

3. Winds originating from polar-High pressure belt and approaching towards subpolar low pressure belt have to cover more surface area. in the concerned latitude consequently the net pressure applied by the air mass would be low over the surface.