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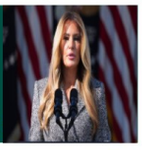


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IMD Issues Heavy Rain Alerts as Bay of Bengal System Strengthens



The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued warnings for heavy to very heavy rainfall across parts of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Lakshadweep, as multiple weather systems increase the likelihood of intense rain and thunderstorms across southern India. The forecast for October 24 warns of potentially hazardous conditions, including lightning, gusty winds, waterlogging and localised flooding. Authorities have urged residents to follow official weather bulletins and take precautions in areas vulnerable to flooding. The weather alert comes as a low-pressure system over the southeast and adjoining east-central Bay of Bengal is expected to intensify over the coming days. The developing system is forecast to move west-northwestwards and could strengthen into a depression before potentially developing further. Meteorologists are monitoring its movement and intensity, as changes in its track could affect rainfall patterns across southern and eastern coastal regions.

UP MLC Elections End With 55.24% Turnout Across 11 Seats



Polling for 11 Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council seats concluded on Friday, October 23, with a voter turnout of 55.24 per cent recorded by 4 p.m., according to official figures reported by the media. The elections covered five graduate and six teachers' constituencies, with voting conducted under tight security arrangements across 72 districts. The contest is being closely watched as a political battle between the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the opposition Samajwadi Party (SP), alongside several independent candidates. A total of 152 candidates contested the 11 seats, with approximately 14.81 lakh registered voters eligible to participate. Election authorities established 2,697 polling stations to facilitate voting across the constituencies. Polling began at 8 a.m. and continued until 4 p.m., with ballot papers used instead of electronic voting machines. The election process followed the proportional representation system, requiring voters to mark their preferences numerically on the ballot paper.

Delhi Police Detain Protesters Marching Towards ECI Headquarters 100 Protesters Detained



NEW DELHI: Delhi Police detained more than 100 protesters on Friday as a demonstration against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls moved towards the Election Commission of India (ECI) headquarters. The march brought students, farmers, activists and civil society representatives together to demand a halt to the voter-list revision exercise and the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. The detentions came amid heightened security and restrictions on public gatherings in central Delhi.

The demonstration was organised by the Delhi Coordination Committee of People Against SIR, a collective opposing the electoral roll revision process. Participants assembled near Gole Dak Khana, at the intersection of Kalibari Marg and Bhai Vir Singh Marg, before proceeding towards the ECI headquarters. Protesters carried the national flag and banners while raising concerns about the alleged deletion of eligible voters from electoral rolls. During the march, demonstrators raised slogans including "Gyanesh Kumar, resign", "Halt SIR" and "Won't tolerate vote theft".

The protesters alleged that the revision exercise could undermine citizens' voting rights if eligible voters were removed from electoral lists without adequate safeguards. They called on the Election Commission to address their concerns and provide greater transparency regarding the process. Delhi Police stopped the procession as it moved through central Delhi, citing restrictions on mass gatherings. Authorities had imposed prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita. After being stopped by police, protesters organised what they described as a "People's Parliament" to continue voicing their objections.

India Flags China's LAC Patrolling, ITBP Expands Drone Units



NEW DELHI: India has raised concerns over Chinese troops deviating from established patrolling patterns along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), as reports of continuing face-offs in Arunachal Pradesh have brought renewed attention to border security. The Ministry of External Affairs said on Friday that the situation along the India-China border becomes disturbed when Chinese forces move away from established patrolling practices. The remarks came after the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) confirmed confrontations with Chinese troops at multiple locations in Arunachal Pradesh.

MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal addressed the issue during the ministry's regular media briefing on October 23. He said both countries continued to use existing diplomatic and military mechanisms to resolve outstanding issues and prevent misunderstandings or miscalculations along the disputed boundary. Jaiswal also stressed that maintaining peace and tranquillity in border areas remained essential for the overall development of bilateral relations between New Delhi and Beijing. The government's statement followed remarks by ITBP Director General Shatrujeet Singh Kapur, who said face-offs with Chinese troops had occurred at several locations along the Arunachal Pradesh border in recent days and were continuing. Kapur made the comments while addressing personnel at an ITBP base in Alwar, Rajasthan, ahead of the force's 65th Raising Day on October 24. His statement brought renewed attention to the security situation along India's northeastern frontier. According to reports, tensions have persisted around parts of the Taksing area in Arunachal Pradesh's Upper Subansiri district, where concerns have previously been raised about access to established patrolling points. The two countries maintain differing perceptions of sections of the LAC, making patrol movements and territorial claims recurring sources of friction. India Raises LAC Concerns.

President Murmu Highlights Tribal Communities' Deep Bond With Nature at Bastar Dussehra

President Murmu Highlights Tribal Reverence for Nature at Bastar Dussehra



NEW DELHI: President Droupadi Murmu highlighted the deep respect and connection tribal communities share with nature during the Bastar Dussehra celebrations in Chhattisgarh. Her remarks underscored the importance of indigenous traditions, environmental awareness and the cultural heritage of tribal communities that have preserved their customs and beliefs across generations.

Bastar Dussehra is one of India's most distinctive cultural festivals, celebrated in the Bastar region of Chhattisgarh. Unlike the traditional Dussehra festivities associated with the victory of Lord Rama over Ravana, the festival centres on the worship of Goddess Danteshwari, the revered deity of the Bastar region. The festival is known for its elaborate rituals, traditional ceremonies and widespread participation by local tribal communities. Its celebrations extend over several weeks, reflecting the region's unique customs and the historical importance of collective religious and cultural practices. During her address, President Murmu drew attention to the close relationship tribal communities maintain with the natural environment. For many indigenous communities, nature is closely connected with their spiritual beliefs, cultural identity and everyday livelihoods, with forests, rivers and other natural features holding particular significance.

Tribal traditions in Bastar have long reflected an understanding of the relationship between human communities and their surroundings. Traditional knowledge concerning forests, plants, water resources and local ecosystems forms an important part of community life and is passed down through generations. The President's remarks also highlighted the importance of safeguarding indigenous cultural heritage. Bastar Dussehra provides a platform for communities to celebrate their history and express their shared cultural identity.

Bay of Bengal Weather Alert: Heavy Rain Forecast in Coastal West Bengal



New Delhi: A developing low-pressure system over the Bay of Bengal has raised weather concerns, with heavy rainfall expected in coastal parts of West Bengal from October 28, according to the reported forecast. The developing system is being closely monitored as meteorological conditions over the Bay could influence rainfall patterns across the state's coastal districts.

The weather development has drawn attention to the possibility of unsettled conditions along the West Bengal coastline. Residents, fishermen, farmers and local authorities may need to monitor official weather bulletins as the system develops and its likely movement becomes clearer. Low-pressure systems over the Bay of Bengal can bring moisture-laden winds, increased cloud cover and periods of widespread rainfall. Depending on their intensity, movement and interaction with surrounding atmospheric conditions, such systems can also produce thunderstorms and strong winds in affected areas. Coastal districts could experience spells of heavy rain if the system strengthens and moves towards the region. Rainfall intensity and duration, however, may vary from district to district, making updated forecasts important for understanding local conditions. The reported October 28 rainfall outlook could have implications for daily travel, road conditions and outdoor activities in vulnerable areas.

RBI Reaffirms Listing Rules, Putting Tata Sons Under Pressure



NEW DELHI: Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Sanjay Malhotra has reiterated that non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) classified in the upper layer of the central bank's regulatory framework must list on stock exchanges, intensifying scrutiny of Tata Sons' long-running listing dispute. Speaking at the NDTV World Summit in New Delhi on October 23, Malhotra explained that companies meeting the RBI's definition of an NBFC and classified in the upper layer are required to comply with the stock-market listing rules. His remarks have renewed attention on the future of Tata Group's privately held holding company.

Malhotra clarified that the regulatory requirement depends on the company's classification and its access to public funds, directly or indirectly. He said core investment companies (CICs), which hold investments in group businesses, must register with the RBI when they meet the applicable criteria.

Delhi High Court Rejects Neha Bora's Plea Over Peace Bond



NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court has rejected a petition filed by All India Students' Association (AISA) president Neha Bora challenging a police notice requiring her to furnish a personal peace bond following her participation in recent protests in the national capital. The ruling, delivered on Friday by Justice Subramonium Prasad, marks a setback for the student leader, who had argued that the preventive action against her was legally unjustified and threatened her fundamental rights.

The case stems from Bora's detention on October 16, when she was stopped by Delhi Police while heading towards Mandi House in connection with the "Lehra Do Tiranga" protest. The demonstration formed part of a wider campaign against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. Protesters have questioned the revision process, alleging that it could affect eligible voters' rights, while the Election Commission has maintained that its procedures are intended to ensure accurate electoral rolls.