

## **REGIONAL ENGLISH NEWS BULLETIN**

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Indian Coast Guard ship Samudra Paheredar, a specialized Pollution Control Vessel has reached Manila Bay, Philippines as part of overseas deployment to ASEAN countries. The visit of the Vessel is part of a broader initiative aimed at demonstration of Indian Coast Guard Marine Pollution Response capabilities and shared concern and resolve towards Marine Pollution in the ASEAN region. Defence Ministry said, the ship is equipped with specialized marine pollution control equipment and a Chetak Helicopter in Pollution Response configuration, designed to contain and recover spilled oil and augment the operation.

The Election Commission has issued advisory to Chief Electoral officers of all the states and Union Territories in view of heat wave. It said, India Meteorological Department has indicated the probability of above normal temperatures during forthcoming summer season, which may translate into stronger and longer spells of heat wave especially during March to June this year. The Commission has shared a copy of Do's and Don'ts issued by National Disaster Management Authority regarding minimization of heat wave impact.

India Meteorological Department IMD has said that heavy rainfall is expected in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Meghalaya today. It said, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Gangetic West Bengal is expected to experience light to moderate rainfall today. Arunachal Pradesh witnessed 54.1mm rainfall till 8:30 am this morning as per Meteorological Centre Itanagar.

Union Minister and Lok Sabha MP from Arunachal West, Kiren Rijiju said that his rival and Congress candidate for the upcoming Parliamentary elections, former Chief Minister Nabam Tuki is getting old and has done enough as a politician. Addressing a press conference in Itanagar, Rijiju said now Tuki should give his blessings to him as he is the person who can do better for the Arunachal West parliamentary constituency.

He also spoke on the Chakma-Hajong issue and said that they will not get citizenship from Arunachal Pradesh. Rijiju said that under the provisions of CAA all persecuted religious minorities of Bangladesh and Pakistan who arrived in India before 2014 are eligible to get Indian citizenship. However, Chakma-Hajongs are not entitled to get citizenship of India as a resident of Arunachal Pradesh as this state is a tribal state. He also said deporting the Chakma-Hajong from the state will take place as and when a suitable place to relocate them is finalised.

MLA-Seppa (East) Tapuk Taku resigned from NPP and joined BJP, in a ceremony attended by Chief Minister Pema Khandu, Union Minister Rijiju, Ministers Bamang Felix & Tage Taki, MLA Bameng Goruk Pordung, and others in a city hotel in Itanagar. In a social media post, Mr. Khandu welcomed Tapuk Taku to the BJP Party.

Union Minister and BJP candidate for Arunachal West Parliamentary seat, Kiren Rijiju filed his nomination papers at Aalo today. His rival and Congress candidate, former Chief Minister Nabam Tuki also filed his nomination at Aalo today. Three MLA candidates from BJP, Nyamar Karbak, Kento Jini and Topin Ete also filed their papers for Liromoba, Aalo East and Aalo West assembly constituency respectively at Aalo.

The Indian Coast Guard has rescued five fishermen from a sinking Indian fishing boat at mid-sea, approximately 50 km from Porbandar. The ICG's action came in response to an SOS call. ICG Ship C-16 quickly arrived in the vicinity of the fishing boat in a short time and launched the rescue and support mission. As the fishing boat was already 75 per cent flooded, it sank 12 km off Porbandar. The ICG ship rescued all five crew members and medical support was provided to them.

In IPL Cricket, Chennai Super kings will lock horns with Gujarat Titans at M A Chidambaram stadium at Chennai today. The match will start at 7.30 pm. Royal Challengers Bengaluru defeated Punjab Kings by four wickets at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru last night.

## **And Now, the Weather Forecast...**

According to the Met Centre, there will be general cloudy sky with a few spells of rain or thundershowers in and around Itanagar and surrounding areas during the next 24 hours. The maximum temperature recorded today was 22.3 degree Celsius and a minimum of 18.2 degree Celsius with the rainfall of 1.5mm.

**That's all in this news bulletin, Namaskar**