

**WEATHER WATCH**

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

**Forecast for Monday:** Heavy Rainfall very likely at isolated places over coastal Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal.

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	...	28.4	16.7	Kozhikode	10.8	34.7	24.6
Ahmedabad	...	19.1	...	Kurnool	...	...	20.2
Aizawl	...	...	...	Lucknow	...	...	15.4
Allahabad	...	14.9	...	Madurai	0.5	...	24.0
Bengaluru	29.2	18.2	...	Mangaluru	...	...	22.8
Bhopal	...	17.2	...	Mumbai	34.1	...	22.4
Bhubaneswar	...	18.5	...	Mysuru	...	...	19.3
Chandigarh	...	13.1	...	New Delhi	26.8	...	15.3
Chennai	4.5	22.8	...	Patna	...	...	15.4
Coimbatore	...	21.8	...	Port Blair	31.3	...	25.3
Dehradun	26.3	12.0	...	Puducherry	...	...	21.2
Gangtok	14.8	11.7	...	Pune	29.5	...	15.0
Goa	34.4	22.5	...	Raipur	30.5	...	18.3
Guwahati	...	28.8	16.4	Ranchi	...	...	12.6
Hubballi	...	28.0	18.0	Shillong	...	...	8.5
Hyderabad	...	16.9	...	Shimla	0.3	16.4	6.5
Imphal	...	25.3	8.6	Srinagar	...	...	...
Jaipur	...	16.7	...	Thiruvananthapuram	...	...	33.5
Kochi	32.4	25.4	...	Tiruchirappalli	...	...	24.0
Kohima	...	24.2	9.8	Vijayawada	...	...	21.6
Kolkata	...	28.6	18.6	Visakhapatnam	...	...	22.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

**Pollutants in the air you are breathing**

CITIES	SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>	CO	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	PM <sub>10</sub>	CODE	Yesterday
Ahmedabad	120	117	14	109	96	...	...
Bengaluru	04	48	40	88	94	...	...
Chennai	14	177	30	177	...	...	...
Delhi	18	51	42	324	...	...	...
Hyderabad	19	68	40	228	...	...	...
Kolkata	29	111	24	328	322	...	...
Lucknow	08	29	18	278	...	...	...
Mumbai	17	86	38	218	157	...	...
Pune	82	13	64	189	132	...	...
Visakhapatnam	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Air Quality Code: ■ Poor ■ Moderate ■ Good (Readings indicate average AQI)  
**SO<sub>2</sub>:** Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.  
**NO<sub>2</sub>:** Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.  
**CO:** Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.  
**PM<sub>2.5</sub> & PM<sub>10</sub>:** Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

# Centre nudging M.P., U.P. on Ken-Betwa

The ₹18,000-crore river interlinking project has been mired in controversy

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
NEW DELHI

The government has said it is pushing Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh to make progress on the Ken-Betwa river interlinking project, according to a response to a question in the Rajya Sabha last week.

The project involves transferring surplus water from Ken river in Madhya Pradesh to the Betwa in Uttar Pradesh and irrigate 3.64 lakh hectares in the Bundelkhand region of both States. The ₹18,000 crore project has been mired in several controversies. The most recent

one is a disagreement between the States on the share of water.

**‘Consultative manner’**

“The government is pursuing the interlinking programme in a consultative manner. Vigorous efforts have been made by the Central government for generating consensus between the concerned States,” Minister of State, Jal Shakti, Rattan Lal Kataria, said in a written response to a query in the Rajya Sabha.

A senior official in the Jal Shakti Ministry told *The Hindu*, on condition of anonymity,



**Troubled waters:** A view of the Betwa river in Bundelkhand region near Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh. •R.V. MOORTHY

that the project was “still on” but posed environmental challenges. “Other than differences between the States, there are outstanding environmental obstructions too. It is not an easy road ahead.”

The project involves building a 77 metre tall and a 2 km wide Dhaudhan dam and a 230 km canal. Originally, this phase envisaged irrigating 6,35,661 hectares annually (3,69,881 ha in M.P. and 2,65,780 ha in U.P.). In

addition, the project was to provide 49 million cubic metres for drinking water supply en route.

**‘No longer valid’**

While there is a 2005 agreement between the two States on how water would be shared, Madhya Pradesh says these assumptions are no longer valid and the only way to meet the increased water requirements would be to include local management projects – the Kotha barrage, Lower Orr and Bina complex that were envisaged in the second phase of the project – in the first phase.

# Detained Bangladeshi immigrants brought to Kolkata

Police in quandary over largest such group in recent years to be brought from southern India

**SUVJOIT BAGCHI**  
KOLKATA

A few hours after Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina returned to her country, another Hasina, in her middle years, arrived with 58 others. They are all “stateless” and “*persona non grata*”, two phrases used by the police to describe them.

They are all “Bangladeshi citizens”, said the officials escorting the group from Bengaluru to Howrah Railway Station, a journey of about 36 hours.

Ms. Hasina did not deny



**Nowhere to go:** The Bangladeshi immigrants at Howrah station in Kolkata, on Saturday night. •SUVJOIT BAGCHI

that she was from the neighbouring country, and had been living for many years in Bengaluru, working as a rag-

picker. “I am from Bagherhat in Khulna,” said Ms. Hasina. “We were working in Bengaluru for four years and used

to earn about ₹4,000 to ₹5,000 a month,” she said. Another woman, in her twenties, said: “[We] even have Aadhar cards.”

The Karnataka police was in a quandary with the group, which is the largest in recent years to be brought to West Bengal from southern India.

**‘Awaiting orders’**

“We do not know what to do with them. We are awaiting orders,” said Guruprasad, the sub-inspector leading a team of 28 Karnataka police

personnel late on Saturday. Later, the children and women were shifted to a hotel in Howrah district.

The group, whose citizenship is yet to be ascertained, said the Karnataka police had treated them “very well”.

The Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Kolkata has not been intimidated by the State or Central governments.

Activists, however, claimed that the “process of pushback had already begun” on Sunday.

**IN BRIEF**



**No leadership vacuum in T.N.: AIADMK**

**CHENNAI**  
AIADMK co-ordinator O. Panneerselvam and co-ordinator Edappadi K. Palaniswami on Sunday rejected the critics’ charge that there was a leadership vacuum in Tamil Nadu politics.

**Case filed against man for uttering triple talaq**

**TIRUCHI**  
The police have registered a case against a 31-year-old man for pronouncing talaq thrice to divorce his wife. The woman’s in-laws and sister-in-law have also been arraigned in the case for harassing her.

**At RGGGH, a new regimen for Parkinson’s**

**CHENNAI**  
Starting January, a treatment protocol for Parkinson’s disease will be launched at the Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital (RGGGH). Doctors from the King’s College Hospital, London, will train the neurologists.

**Odisha schools to have three water breaks**

**BERHAMPUR**  
“Water bells” will ring thrice during class hours in all schools of Odisha’s Ganjam district to ensure that students drink water. The Ganjam district administration will introduce the special initiative from November 25.

# Former Madhya Pradesh CM Kailash Joshi dead

He served as the first Janata Party CM

**STAFF REPORTER**  
BHOPAL

Bharatiya Janata Party leader and former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kailash Joshi died at a private hospital here on Sunday after prolonged illness. He was 90.

Survived by three sons and three daughters, he had been suffering from heart problems and diabetes, said the hospital’s officials. The last rites will be performed at his native Hatpipliya in Dewas district on Monday. Born on July 14, 1929, Mr.



Kailash Joshi

Joshi served as the first Janata Party Chief Minister of the State from 1977 to 1978. He represented the Bhopal Lok Sabha constituency from 2004 to 2014.

# 85 stolen idols to be brought back to India next March

No clarity about temples from where idols were stolen: expert

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
CHENNAI

Close to 85 idols of the 2,622 idols, seized from art smuggler Subhash Kapoor, with a combined value of USD 107 million during the 2012 raid will be brought back to India in March 2020 in the first phase, said S. Vijay Kumar, art enthusiast and founder of India Pride that tracks Indian antiques.

However, he wondered who would claim ownership of the idols, as there was no clarity about the temples from where the idols were stolen.

The investigating agencies are yet to get the details from Subhash Kapoor, Sanjeevi Kapoor and others, reportedly involved in the theft of idols.

Mr. Kumar was speaking to the media after delivering a lecture on bringing stolen heritage back to India at an event called “South India Heritage Programme” held at TAG Centre on Sunday.

The event also saw certificate distribution for Tag raga identification competition for Rasikas.

“Of the 85 idols, 68 – 32 made of bronze and 36 of stone – are from Tamil Nadu, and the remaining are from other States including Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Rajasthan. However, even if we bring them, it is not clear which temple will claim ownership as the theft has not been reported in most cases. The officers in-charge of the temples should be prompt in filing the FIRs

if an idol is stolen,” he also said.

Speaking about the importance of documenting the idols, he said that it was high time technology was adopted for documentation.

“Once documented it is impossible to sell the idol. We can use the facial recognition system and the services of the IT sector can also be used for the same,” he said.

Mr. Kumar also said that once documented, the idols should be brought out in the open instead of locking them up in icon centres, as it affected regular worship. “To protect them, the temples can have a strongroom on their premises and a temple protection force can be formed,” he suggested.

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