



25 May 2024

West Bengal News

Cyclone Remal



Context:

- A severe cyclonic storm, named **Cyclone Remal**, is expected to make landfall around midnight on Sunday, May 25, 2024.
- The storm will impact areas between Bengal's Sagar Island and Bangladesh's Khepupara, bringing heavy rainfall and strong winds.

Key Points:

- **Formation and Landfall:** The depression in the Bay of Bengal is developing into Cyclone Remal, with an **expected landfall between Sagar Island (Bengal) and Khepupara (Bangladesh).**
- **Preparations:**
 - High-level meetings held at Nabanna and virtually with **Bengal and Odisha governments.**
 - National Disaster Management has issued precautionary guidelines.
 - **Special control rooms established at Nabanna and district levels.**
 - Multiple departments, including Power, PWD, Public Health Engineering, Transport, and Agriculture, have been alerted.
- **Cyclone Details:**
 - **Name:** Remal, meaning "sand" in Arabic, suggested by Oman.
 - **Wind Speed:** Expected to reach 100 to 120 km/h during landfall.
 - **Rainfall:** Heavy to very heavy rain expected in coastal Bengal on May 26 and 27.
 - **Areas Affected:**
 - Gusty winds of 90 to 100 km/h in South 24-Parganas.
 - Winds of 80 to 90 km/h in Purba Medinipur.
 - Winds of 60 to 70 km/h in Kolkata, North 24-Parganas, and Howrah.
 - **Additional Impact:** Light to moderate rain and thundershowers in north and south Odisha starting May 25.

Birth Anniversary of Rebel Poet, Kazi Nazrul Islam

Context:

- The **birth anniversary of Kazi Nazrul Islam**, also known as Nazrul Jayanti, is celebrated annually on May 24.



বাংলা



Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia

- This event honors the life and contributions of the legendary **Bengali poet, musician, and philosopher, Kazi Nazrul Islam, who is widely regarded as the Rebel Poet.**
- **He is the national poet of Bangladesh.**

Key Points:

Early Life and Background

- Kazi Nazrul Islam was born on May 24, 1899, in Churulia village, Bengal Presidency (now West Bengal, India).
- He grew up in a modest Muslim family, with his father as a religious teacher and his mother influencing his artistic inclinations.
- Despite financial constraints, he completed formal education up to the eighth grade.

Literary and Musical Contributions:

- Nazrul Islam is renowned for his rebellious spirit and fervent patriotism.
- He played a significant role in the Indian independence movement through his powerful writings.
- Composed numerous poems, songs, and essays that advocated for social justice and equality, earning immense popularity.

Advocacy and Influence:

- Beyond literature and music, Nazrul Islam was an advocate for women's rights, religious harmony, and cultural diversity.
- He is honored as the National Poet of Bangladesh for his relentless pursuit of justice and freedom.

Later Years and Legacy:

- In his later years, he suffered from a debilitating illness, leading to mental and physical impairment.
- Passed away on August 29, 1976, in Dhaka, Bangladesh, leaving a lasting legacy of artistic and intellectual contributions.
- His life exemplifies the power of art and literature in driving social change.

Notable Works:

- "Bidrohi" (The Rebel)
- "Karar oi Louho Kopat" (Knocking at the Door of the Back Stone)
- "Chakrabak" (The Flamingo)
- "Dhumketu" (The Comet)
- "Proloyollash" (The Enraged)



বাংলা



Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia

Kolkata's Alipore Zoo Implements Heatwave Relief Measures for Animals



Context:

- Amidst a severe heatwave, Alipore Zoological Park in Kolkata has introduced various measures to ensure the well-being of its animals.
- Subhankar Sen Gupta, an IFS officer, outlined the zoo's strategies to combat the extreme temperatures and protect the animals.

Key Points:

- **Heatwave Measures:** The zoo has covered animal enclosures with green sheets to block direct heat. Sprinklers and fans have been installed in the shelters of reptiles, tigers, lions, and elephants. Showers have been added to the elephant enclosure.
- **Water Provisions:** Adequate water arrangements have been made to help animals stay hydrated and cool. ORS is mixed into drinking water to maintain electrolyte balance.
- **Special Provisions:** Air coolers are installed in enclosures for animals requiring cooler conditions, such as black bears, sloth bears, and kangaroos. Sprinklers have been set up for birds and smaller animals like lemurs.
- **Seasonal Adjustments:** Depending on the season, the zoo adapts its measures, providing blankets and heaters in winter. Safe drinking water is ensured throughout the year.

About Kolkata Zoo:

- Alipore Zoological Park, also known as Alipore Zoo, is the oldest zoo in India, located in Alipore, Kolkata.
- **Established in 1876, it is home to a diverse range of animals and birds, making it a popular tourist attraction.**
- The zoo is committed to the welfare of its inhabitants, especially during extreme weather conditions.

Calcutta High Court Decision on OBC Certificates

Context:

- The Calcutta High Court has declared all OBC certificates issued in West Bengal since 2010 as illegal.

About:

- This ruling comes as a result of a public interest litigation challenging the process of granting these certificates.
- The court **struck down sections of the West Bengal Backward Classes (Other than Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) (Reservation of Vacancies in Services and Posts) Act, 2012, deeming them unconstitutional.**
- Certificates issued before 2010 remain unaffected, and the order does not impact those already benefiting from reservations.



বাংলা

ADDAPEDIA

Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's Response:

- Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has strongly **opposed the court's decision**, accusing the BJP of influencing the verdict. She emphasised that OBC reservations would continue

Information on OBC Certificates:

- **OBC (Other Backward Classes) certificates are issued to individuals belonging to communities recognized as socially and educationally disadvantaged.**
- These certificates enable access to various reservations and benefits in education, employment, and other government schemes.
- The recent ruling impacts certificates issued **under the 2012 Act, calling for a revised list based on the 1993 Act.**

World Thyroid Day

Context:

- **World Thyroid Day is observed annually on May 25th**
- It raises awareness about **thyroid disorders**, which are very common endocrine diseases.

Key points:

- **Established in 2008**, the day coincides with the founding of the European Thyroid Association.

Theme:

- **The theme for World Thyroid Day 2024 is "Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)"**
- It highlights the link between thyroid problems and other chronic health conditions.

About:

- The **thyroid is a butterfly-shaped gland located at the base of your neck.**
- It plays a critical role in your **body's metabolism by producing hormones that influence nearly every organ and function.**
- These **hormones, thyroxine (T4) and triiodothyronine (T3)**, regulate how your body uses energy, impacting things like heart rate, digestion, mood, and weight.

Copyright © by Adda247

All rights are reserved. No part of this document may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording, or otherwise, without prior permission of Adda247.