

COLOUR-CODED WEATHER WARNING



- Amid heavy rainfall in Delhi-NCR on Saturday, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued an orange alert for three hours in the region.
- Colour codes are used in weather warnings for bringing out the severity of the weather phenomena expected as per the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD).
- The main purpose is to forewarn disaster management authority and people to keep themselves ready for necessary action related to disaster risk reduction.
- These alerts are universal in nature and are also issued during floods, depending on the amount of water rising above land/in a river as a result of torrential rainfall.

The IMD uses 4 colour codes

- Green (All is well): No advisory is issued.
- Yellow (Be Aware): Yellow indicates severely bad weather spanning across several days. It also suggests that the weather could change for the worse, causing disruption in day-to-day activities.
- Orange/Amber (Be prepared): The orange alert is issued as a warning of extremely bad weather with the potential of disruption in commute with road and rail closures, and interruption of power supply.
- Red (Take Action): When the extremely bad weather conditions are certainly going to disrupt travel and power and have significant risk to life, the red alert is issued.



Nukhai



- Nuakhai or Navakhai or is an agricultural festival mainly observed by people of Western Odisha and Southern Chhattisgarh in India.
- Nuakhai is observed to welcome the new rice of the season.
 According to the calendar it is observed on panchami tithi
 (the fifth day) of the lunar fortnight of the month of Bhadrapada or Bhadraba (August-September), the day after the Ganesh Chaturthi festival.
- This is the most important social festival of Western Odisha and adjoining areas of Simdega in Jharkhand, where the culture of Western Odisha is much predominant.

- Nuakhai is also called Nuakhai Parab or Nuakhai Bhetghat.
- It is also known as Navakhai parv in Chhattisgarh.
- The word nua means new and khai means food, so the name means the farmers are in possession of the newly harvested rice.
- The festival is seen as a new ray of hope, held the day after the Ganesha Chaturthi festival.
- It has a big significance for farmers and the agricultural community.
- The festival celebrated at a particular time of day which is called lagan.
- Aersaa Pithaa is prepared to celebrate this festival.
- When the lagan comes, the people first remember their village god or goddess and then have their nua
- Nuakhai is the agricultural festival of people of Western odisha.
- The festival is observed throughout Odisha, but it is particularly important in the life and culture of Western Odisha.

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- It is a festival for the worship of food grain. It has its best celebration in the Kalahandi, Sambalpur, Balangir, Bargarh, Sundargarh, Jharsuguda, Sonepur, Boudh and Nuapada districts of Odisha.

Qeqertaq Avannarleq:



- It is a tiny, uninhabited and previously unknown island discovered recently off the coast of Greenland.
- Measuring 60×30 metres and with a peak of three metres above sea level, it has now become the new northernmost piece of land on Earth.
- Before this, Oodaaq was marked as the Earth's northernmost terrain.
- The discovery comes as a battle is looming among Arctic nations, the US, Russia, Canada, Denmark and Norway for the control of the North Pole and of the surrounding seabed, fishing rights and shipping routes exposed by melting ice due to climate change.

Who is Gujarat's new Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel?



- Bhupendra Patel, who is a first-time MLA from Ghatlodia constituency in Gujarat's Ahmedabad, was named Gujarat CM by BJP on Sunday.
- The 59-year-old is said to be an aide of former Gujarat CM Anandiben Patel and holds a civil engineering diploma.
- The Patel or Patidar community leader has been the Chairman of the Ahmedabad Urban Development Authority (AUDA).