

## Political news

### 1. **Rahul Gandhi urges Congress workers to help rain-hit people in Kerala**



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday asked Congress workers to help the people affected by heavy rains in Kerala. Gandhi, who is Lok Sabha MP from Wayanad in Kerala, also asked those affected to follow safety guidelines.

"Our brothers and sisters in Kerala are braving heavy rains. I appeal to Congress workers to help in every way possible. Please take care and follow all safety guidelines," he said on Twitter.

Heavy rains continue to lash parts of Kerala on Monday affecting Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam and Kottayam districts the most, resulting in the death of three people and widespread damage to property. The India Meteorological Department has issued an alert for the districts of Ernakulam, Idukki, Thrissur, Kozhikode, Kannur and Kasarago.

## **2.Ex-Goa CM Faleiro is AITC candidate for Rajya Sabha seat bypoll in Bengal**



The Trinamool Congress will field Luizinho Faleiro, the former Goa chief minister who joined the party a month and half ago, as its candidate for the upcoming Rajya Sabha bypoll in Bengal.

Faleiro will also be Trinamool's face in the Goa assembly elections next year, party leaders said.

Bengal's ruling party is trying to get a foothold in the coastal state. Trinamool supremo Mamata Banerjee has appointed MP Mahua Moitra as the party's state in charge of Goa.

Faleiro, a former Congress leader, is likely to file his nomination for the Rajya Sabha poll at the Bengal state assembly by Tuesday, the last date for filing nomination. Voting is scheduled for November 29.

Faleiro joined the Trinamool Congress on September 29, along with nine other leaders in Kolkata, and was appointed the party's national vice-president on October 22.