



More Cold And Snow Headed To Ontario

TORONTO: Environment Canada issued a special weather statement early Thursday for most of southern and eastern Ontario warning of another wave of bitter cold.

The agency says a northwesterly flow will develop today and bring lows in the minus 30 Celsius range to many places until Sunday.

The statements runs from the Windsor area in the east to the Parry Sound region and east into Quebec.

Environment Canada has also issued snow squall warnings for communities on the east side of Lake Huron, with up to 15 centimetres of snow likely in the warning zones.

Most areas of southern Quebec are also under winter storm warn-

ings while northern areas are being warned to brace for extreme cold which could reach minus 47 in some places. Environment Canada says the Eastern Townships south of Montreal and the Beauce region are also under a snowfall warning, with up to 20 centimetres expected by overnight.

In the Montreal area, including Laval, the Eastern Townships and the Laurentians, a smog warning is in place due to what the weather office says is the result of high concentrations of fine particulates. Montreal residents in particular are advised to stop using wood-burning stoves or fireplaces until the warning is lifted. Meanwhile, Toronto is revisiting a shelved proposal to use a federal armoury to cope with unprec-

edented demand on its homeless shelter system, the city's mayor said Wednesday.

Mayor John Tory and members of council had rejected a motion to open the Moss Park Armoury to the homeless last month, weeks before an extended cold snap gripped the city and dramatically increased demand for shelter spaces.

As temperatures dropped to around -20 C for several nights and thousands of residents signed a petition calling on Tory to revisit the armoury proposal, the mayor initially said other properties presented better options.

Our pictures show: Visitors at the brink of the Horseshoe Falls in Niagara Falls, Ont., Tuesday, January 2, 2018. The Canadian Press/Aaron Lynett

Rajinikanth Launches Website For Political Change

CHENNAI: Superstar Rajinikanth, who made waves on Sunday by plunging into electoral politics, on Monday launched a website and an app inviting people to sign up in his campaign to bring about a political change in Tamil Nadu.

Even as established political parties by and large appeared to play the wait-and-watch game, Rajinikanth uploaded a one-minute video extending New Year greetings and thanking all those who supported his entry into politics.

"I have created a web page -- www.rajinimanram.org -- where members of my registered fans associations and unregistered associations and people who want

a good change in Tamil Nadu's politics can register with their names and voter ID to coordinate ourselves.

"Let us bring a good change in Tamil Nadu. Hail Tamil people and Tamil Nadu," he said in the video, which had a logo made famous by him in his super-hit film "Baba" with words "Truth, Labour, Elevation".

Accusing political parties of "looting" the people, Rajinikanth on Sunday said he would float a new party to pursue "spiritual politics" and vowed to contest the next Tamil Nadu Assembly elections. After years of uncertainty, the 68-year-old bus conductor-turned-heartthrob of Tamil cinema told cheering supporters here



that his decision was a "compulsion of time".

Alleging that politics in the country had gone "very wrong", Rajinikanth said: "Under the guise of democracy, political parties are looting their own people."

Such a system, he added, needed to be changed.

Meanwhile, former AIADMK MP K.C. Palaniswamy claimed that his party was not perturbed by Rajini's announcement.

Ever since 1996, the AIADMK has been working on a strategy of 'anti-DMK+Congress+Rajinikant factor' and the actor's Sunday announcement that he would float a party was not worrying, he said.

"There is a widespread perception that Rajinikanth is taking a political plunge at the insistence of BJP. His announcement that he would practice 'spiritual politics' will cost his proposed party the minority votes," AIADMK spokesperson Palaniswamy said..

In 1996 Rajinikanth declared that if J. Jayalalithaa was voted back to power, even God would not be able to save Tamil Nadu. That statement was said to have played a major role in the victory of the DMK-TMC combine then.

However, in 2004, Rajinikanth said his vote was for the BJP which had aligned with AIADMK for the Lok Sabha polls. At that time, he was very upset at the PMK party that opposed him for his smoking and drinking scenes in the movie "Baba".

"The actor is facing an uphill task. Firstly, he has to build the grassroots infrastructure. His age (67) as well as the age of his fans, who are around 50, are against him," Palaniswamy added.

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Armada Community Centre
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1:30pm-4pm

Snacks and light refreshments will be served.

I hope to see you there!

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