

THUMBNAILS



Men Injured: A 42-year-old man Sujay Chowdhury, was injured when the scooter he was riding on was hit by an onrushing truck on RB corridor at Siemens crossing leaving him severely injured. He was rushed to Ruby State General Hospital.

TET application: Application for Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) 2017 has again been opened by the Primary Education Board. Candidates will be able to apply for TET from 15 November. The application process will continue till 30 November, the primary board has said.

Cow for poor: State government has decided to distribute cows to poor people as a means to improve their livelihood as well as a steady source of nutrition for the rural populace. The move that comes ahead of the panchayat polls is at a time when cow is being used as an effective weapon by the BJP. State animal resources development minister Swanub Deb Nath said cow will provide milk that can be sold and consumed. CM Mamata Banerjee has taken an initiative to distribute oxen, ducks, goats and hens in a bid to empower the rural population. Birbhum TMC leader Anubrata Mondal has sought 2000 cows of which 1000 will be handed over initially. The other leaders of the districts have been asked to come forward in this regard.

War ends, Bengal bags GI tag for Rosogolla

West Bengal quoted 19-century history to claim rosogolla was invented by Nabin Chandra Das in 1868, CM tweets it's 'sweet news for us all'

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Ending a two-and-a-half-year long battle with Odisha over the origin of Rosogolla, Bengal has finally bagged the Geographical Indications (GI) tag whereby the sweet has been made synonymous with the state's identity.

Chief minister Mamata Banerjee, who is at present in London, tweeted: "Sweet news for us all. We are very happy and proud that Bengal has been granted GI status for Rosogolla."

A senior official of the science and technology department said that the Geographical Indications Registry of India in Chennai has granted the GI tag to Bengal after a thorough study and it was revealed that the sweet indeed originated from Bengal and not Odisha as claimed by the latter.

processing minister Abdul Rezaq Mollah said that Rosogolla is Bengal's indigenous sweet and ruel that despite being his favourite sweet, he is unable to eat Rosogolla due to high sugar level. He thanked the GI Registry authorities for bestowing the status to Bengal. "This is an occasion of pride and joy for the people of the state," he said.

The managing director of West Bengal Food Processing and Horticulture Development Corporation will collect the certified copy of the GI patent from Chennai.

The governments of Bengal and Odisha go into a battle over the origin of Rosogolla since 2015. The battle turned bitter after Odisha's science and technology department set up a committee to find the origin of the sweet and the latter revealed that there was enough evidence to prove that Rosogolla existed in the state for the past 600 years.

Odisha claimed Rosogolla originated in Puri and it was initially known as *Kheer Motona* and this later on came to be known as *Pakhala Rosogolla*. In fact, the Odisha government even went ahead to declare 30 July as *Rosogolla Dibasa*.

Odisha government's claim was challenged by its Bengal counterpart, who submitted that the history of the sweet dated back to 19th century when it was invented by Nabin Chandra Das, a famous sweet-maker. Bengal government stated that Das invented Rosogolla in 1868.

Mr Dhiman Das, director of KC Das Sweets Ltd and great grandson of Nabin Chandra Das thanked the chief minister for her effort in bagging the GI status. "Miss Banerjee asked us to submit all documents to justify that Nabin Chandra Das was the inventor of the sweet and we are in the business for several



- » In 2014-15, the tag was bagged by Joynagar moa.
- » In 2011-12, baluchari and Dhaniakhal sarees were included in the GI list, while in 2009-10 Santipur saree got it.
- » In 2008-09 three varieties of mangoes namely fazli, himsagar and lakshman bhog and Santiniketan leather goods got the GI tag.
- » In 2007-08 nakshikata got the GI tag, while in 2004-05, the status was bagged by Darjeeling Tea.

decades. We provided all the necessary papers. Today we are grateful to Miss Banerjee for taking up such an initiative," said Mr Das.

Gangaram's owner Ram Ji said that Rosogollas is not a sweet but a part of our cul-

ture and tradition. "We are happy that justice has been done to Bengal," he said.

The confectionaries in the state are hopeful that the GI tag may bring in more business for them. Most of the renowned sweet shops witnessed an increase in the sale of Rosogollas following the news today.

West Bengal government quoted 19-century history to claim the rosogolla was invented by Nabin Chandra Das, a famous sweetmeat maker, in 1868. It is historic win for Bengal as everyone knows the state is the creator of the Rosogolla," said Amitabh Das, an executive in a confectionery member of sweetshop owners' Paschim Banga Mistanna Byabassayee Samity. His sweet-cream 'Felsidoda', which usually sells seven or eight types of Rosogollas, is likely to see a rise in its sales today, he said.

Ms Pampa Mallick, one of the owners of the 'Balaram

Mallick Radharaman Mallick' sweetshop, said the GI status was a happy news. "Everybody knows rosogollas originated in Bengal and now with the GI tag it has been ratified formally," she said.

Having bagged the GI tag for Rosogolla, some of the sweets from the districts namely *Monoham* from Jonia and *Jollam Sandoles* from Chandernagore in Hooghly are set to follow the path.

Meanwhile, state science and technology minister Partha Chatterjee on the sidelines of a Children's Day programme said: "This tag of war between Bengal and Odisha was unnecessary especially since Rosogolla has always belonged to Bengal."

Agriculture minister and former union minister and technology minister Ashish Banerjee said that all the relevant documents were collected, documented and submitted for the GI status. He said that the victory is for all the people of Bengal.

Repair work on Tallah tank begins, new technique to be used to stop leakages

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The repair work for the 108-year-old Tallah tank has begun while the KMC mayor said that a new technique involving use of Helium gas will be applied to track leakages to out water waste.

The mayor, Sovan Chatterjee, today confirmed that a major portion of the Tallah tank repair work has already been undertaken. Mr Chatterjee said, "The repair work for the 108-year-old Tallah tank has already begun. The distribution system from this tank will provide 24-hour water supply to one lakh six hundred of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC). Work has been taken up in one-fourth part of the tank which stores about nine million gallons of water, which has been emptied now. The pillars which support the structure are also being strengthened. The wooden lid on the upper portion will be replaced with

amild steel one and so will be the lower base of the tank so that it can last another 150 years."

Mr Chatterjee further added: "The century-old pipes which comprise the main distribution system have several leakages. There is one 10-inch pipe that extends about two-and-a-half kilometre where using a new technology, we are going to pump helium gas inside it. "When the gas reaches the household which are at two and a half kilometres distance, we will know the gas has managed to reach there and we will then start our analysis by making a 10 mm hole after every three metres and test the earth to find out the amount of helium present. We will then measure it with the amount of helium present in the atmosphere and the difference will point out if there is any leakage."

He added that water loss due to underground leakages which used to happen till five kilomet-

res, have always been an issue and now we are hoping to solve it through this new technology and provide around 40 million gallons of water to the citizens.

"The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has allotted funds for the repair work so that we can supply 24-hour water to wards one to six. Apart from this, we are planning to supply 24 hours water in all parts of Kolkata soon. The Jalindh plant will soon supply water for 24 hours to areas extending till Garis whereas the Joka plant for which 800 crore has been spent will supply 25 million gallons from the Garden Reach plant soon. For the rest of Kolkata, we are working on a project to supply water for at least 12 hours for 9 April, 2018.

Exams in computer science, modern computer application, environmental studies, health and physical education, music and visual arts will now be conducted on 10 April next year

Dates of Higher Secondary examination rescheduled

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The West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Examination (WBCHSE) has changed the schedule of Higher Secondary examination, 2018 as the dates were overlapping with Joint Entrance Examination (JEE Mains), both of which are scheduled to be conducted in April, 2018.

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has declared that it will conduct the JEE (Main) examination in pen and paper (offline) mode on 8 April 2018. The council has notified that the examination of mathematics, history, psychology, anthropology and agronomy will be conducted on 2 April, 2018 instead of 9 April, 2018.

Previously, the state government teachers' association had appealed to the council to change the dates of Higher Secondary practical examinations of 2018. Saugata Basu, general secretary of the association, said, "No change has been made in the routine of practical exams."

HC asks state counsel to give update on dengue deaths

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The Division Bench of acting Chief Justice, Justice Pratap Chatterjee and Justice Arjit Banerjee of Calcutta High Court directed the state counsel including advocate general Kiser Dutta today to bring an update on the dengue deaths. "If some deaths have occurred after the filing of affidavit, let it also be placed," the Bench directed during the hearing of a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) on the steps to tackle dengue.

"The state government has not annexed any document in support of its affidavit on the measures to combat dengue fever," the court observed while hearing the submission of different counsel on the PIL. The hearing of the PIL will continue tomorrow. The affidavit of the director of state health service is full of contradictions, Bikas Ranjan Bhattacharya submitted. While on the one hand it is claimed that the state government is conducting a strong campaign, it is contended on the other hand that some doctors are misleading the people, it was submitted.

So many measures to combat dengue are started, but no mention is made of the follow-up actions, it was submitted. Instead of suspending doctors, let the state mobilise them to fight dengue, it was submitted.

Let the court set up a high-power committee to recommend steps to combat dengue which can be adopted by the government, Asis Sanyal submitted.

If the next of kin of those who died after consumption of spurious liquor can get government compensation, the near and dear ones of those succumbing to dengue should also be compensated, it was submitted.

The state government is suffering from megaloma-

nia and is trying to hide facts, it was further submitted and that the outbreak of dengue has created a dismal scenario in the state, he said.

Let the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) state how much funds it has allocated to fight dengue, Subrata Mukhopadhyay submitted. Let a senior official of National Vector Control Programme on the prevailing situation in the state, was submitted.

The court should call for the records of those who have died of high fever. Loknath Chatterjee submitted. Had the state government's measures been effective, then dengue would not have played a role in the state where the anti-dote of malaria and kalaazar were discovered, it was submitted.

Meanwhile, doctors associated with government and private sector health care services demanded withdrawal of suspension of Dr Arunachal Dutta Bhattacharya, a 62-year-old medical officer of a state-run hospital in Barasat, one of the epicentres of dengue outbreak that is ravaging West Bengal since August.

The state health department led by the chief minister Mamata Banerjee had suspended Dr Dutta Choudhury because he had posted on his Facebook page his on-the-spot experience of the dengue outbreak. The health facilities in the hospital that is being flooded with hundreds of dengue-affected patients.

On Tuesday, around 400 doctors backed by the Association of Health Service Doctors (AHS) in Bengal Doctors' Forum, State Doctors' Forum and several others associations brought out a procession from the Central Park in Salt Lake around 2 p.m. to protest against the suspension. They also staged an agitation in front of Swasthya Bhavan demanding the government withdraw the punishment.

Remodelling work at Kharagpur station to disrupt train service

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Train services at Kharagpur station will remain disrupted for 12 hours on 19 November due to massive remodelling work at the station yard to commission the new electronic interlocking system.

The South Eastern Railway (SER) officials said at a Press conference today that the major remodelling work that started in Kharagpur from 4 November and will continue till 19 November will cause some disruption of train services, mainly during the last three days of commissioning on 17, 18 and 19 November. On 19 November, the train services will be disrupted from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and 43 mail trains, 13 passenger trains, 13 MEMU, one special and 40 EMU services will remain cancelled. Several other mail trains, special trains passenger trains, MEMU and EMUs will be cancelled, short terminated and short originated on 17 and 18 November. Many express trains will be diverted via Hiji station through Kharagpur Yard on the mentioned days.

Suchita Kumar Das, principal chief operations manager of SER, said: "Passengers who have reserved their tickets already have been informed about the cancellations and change in train timings and they can collect their refund money from the ticket counters."

According to the officials, the new electronic interlocking system will help to avoid collision between trains where the train routes will be set by information technology enabled softwares.

LIFE AS STATUE



A man dressed as sub-inspector Amitabh Malik who was recently killed in Darjeeling, at the Nandan complex during the Kolkata International Film Festival on Tuesday. » DEBIPRIYOTA

Dialysis on pet dog: MCI asks WBMC to complete inquiry within 3 months

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The Medical Council of India (MCI) has directed its counterpart—the West Bengal Medical Council (WBMC)—to complete within three months an inquiry into a complaint that the WBMC's president and Trinamool Congress MLA Dr Nirmal Majhi had planned to get a dialysis done on a pet dog at SSKM Hospital.

The MCI took the step after the US-based NRI Dr Kunal Saha lodged a complaint with it alleging that the WBMC was reluctant to conduct the probe against Dr Majhi, Dr Pradyip Kumar Mitra, former director of the state-run Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education & Research (IPGME&R) and Dr RN Pandey, head of nephrology of SSKM Hospi-

ethics, it was pointed out. Dr Saha on behalf of his organisation—'People for Better Treatment (PBT)' had lodged a complaint with the WBMC seeking an urgent inquiry and exemplary punishment against the three doctors. He had also demanded cancellations of their medical registrations following the inquiry.

"But after waiting for two years, WBMC headed by Dr Majhi was still sitting on the matter. We then decided to move the MCI which directed the WBMC to dispose of the inquiry in three months," Dr Saha said.

"We hope the state would conduct this investigation by a team of external doctors or non-doctor experts," he said.

Dr Majhi said he had no comment to make as inquiry was going on.

Samuel has to state willingness to undergo narco test, says HC

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Mathew Samuel who had contended the Narada sting operation will have to state his willingness to undergo a narco analysis to test before a judicial magistrate, Justice Debanshu Basak of the Calcutta High Court directed today.

Samuel who had moved the court alleging police harassment had expressed his willingness to go through a narco test in his writ petition.

Samuel had also sought a change of investigation agency in his case which the state court contended is not maintainable. The matter will come up for hearing six weeks hence.

"As a counsel, I have to point out that though my client has no objection to



narco analysis, evidence of an individual during this test is not to be considered as he/she is a hypnotic state," Samuel's counsel Bikas Ranjan Bhattacharya submitted.

Narco test is an intrusion of the mental privacy of a person, it was submitted.

If the petitioner has to undergo narco analysis, he has to be given some safeguards like the presence of a psychiatrist, his counsel and the test has to be conducted in a hospital, Bhattacharya submitted.

Day to remember for Nabadisha kids

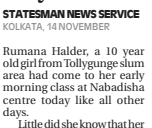
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Rumana Halder, a 10 year old girl from Tollygunge slum area had come to her early morning class at Nabadisha centre today like all other days.

Little did she know that her simple classroom has been transformed into a "smart classroom" furnished with several technological facilities.

Several children of the Nabadisha centre who had come for their classes today were left equally elated with their new upgraded classroom, especially if being Children's Day.

State education minister Partha Chatterjee presided the event said: "The state government is providing several smart classes to schools across two centres of Nabadisha, Tollygunge centre and Ekbalpore centre.



The Chinese Consulate commends this endeavour by the Kolkata Police to set up such centres to help children of six to fifteen years. We are happy to contribute to their good work to ensure a happy childhood for these children.

MA ZHANWU
CONSUL GENERAL OF CHINA IN KOLKATA

There are about 34 such centres, set up by Kolkata Police to give coaching classes to underprivileged children who have dropped out of school or are in the streets for one reason or another.

State education minister Partha Chatterjee presided the event said: "The state government is providing several smart classes to schools across two centres of Nabadisha, Tollygunge centre and Ekbalpore centre.

"We welcome this gesture by the Chinese consul general to provide this infrastructure to these two centres. We are thankful to them for their contribution," the minister further added.

The smart class infrastructure for the two centres include TV monitors, Bengal smart desk tables, soft boards, black boards, stationary, painting materials, water and ink monitors, Bengal's indoor educational games, reading library among other things.

On the occasion, Mr Ma Zhanwu, Consul General of China in Kolkata, said: "The Chinese Consulate commends this endeavour by the Kolkata Police to set up such centres to help children of six to fifteen years."

"We are happy to contribute to their good work to ensure a happy childhood for these children."