



In Bangla, State Nutrition Mission as a multi-sectoral strategy to reduce under-nutrition and anaemia amongst women and children..., has started functioning from July 2017

WEST BENGAL CHIEF MINISTER MAMATA BANERJEE
SPEAKING ON STEPS TAKEN BY HER GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE UNDERNUTRITION IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN BY 2020

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Married women from all walks of life at Mrs India Universe 2018 pageant in Kolkata on Saturday. BY SHIBWATI GHOSHAL.

Panjo over Momo, one health: Police arrested one Ananda Das, an employee of the block development office at Barakka in Murshidabad, on Saturday. He was arrested on charge of spreading panic among youths and school students by sending the link of killer game Momo to the users' smartphones, police said. SNS

Member of Bimal Gurung camp held: Darjeeling police arrested 33-year-old Genus Rai of Mount Hermon area below Singtam from an area in Singtam area on Friday evening with a firearm and some ammunition. Darjeeling Sadar police station registered a case against Rai identifying him as a notorious squad member of the camp of fugitive CMM leader Bimal Gurung. He has been sent to police custody for three days. SNS

Election mascot: In view of the 2019 Lok Sabha election, the district election office in Murshidabad launched its election mascot called Gudi-Pishi on Saturday. Mr P. Ulaganathan, the CEO and district magistrate of Murshidabad, said that Gudi-Pishi will spread awareness among voters. SNS

Doctor, nursing home to pay ₹20 lakh for patient's death

Accused performed gall bladder surgery without family's consent; lack of care caused sepsis

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The West Bengal State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (WBSCDRC) has directed a general surgeon and a West Midnapore-based nursing home with which he was associated to pay Rs 20 lakh compensation to the family of a deceased patient whose death is blamed on negligence in treatment.

WBSCDRC has issued a directive on 30 August asking Dr TK Biswas to pay Rs 15 lakh and authorities of Roy Nurs-

ing Home Rs 5 lakh, to the complainant, Mr Prasenjit Samanta, son of Banamali Samanta, the deceased.

Dr Biswas performed a simple gall bladder surgery (laparoscopic cholecystectomy) on 62-year-old Banamali at the nursing home in West Midnapore, allegedly without taking proper consent from the patient's family and grossly neglected his further treatment, that led to sepsis, causing his death in a private hospital in Kolkata where he was shifted from Midnapore in 2014 in a dying condition. "The commission has

directed the doctor and the nursing home to pay the money as compensation because my father died because of their negligence in treatment. It's the People for Better Treatment (PBT) led by US-based doctor Kunal Saha who helped and guided us in getting justice," said Mr Samanta.

"This is a case of a poor and very ordinary man in a remote village in Midnapore who died solely due to reckless treatment followed by complete lack of post-surgical care by an influential local surgeon who rushed to perform the gall

bladder surgery instead of referring the hapless patient to a better health care centre, solely for the greed of money," Dr Saha said.

"PBT helped this poor family from the very beginning after Mr Prasenjit Samanta came to us seeking justice for the wrongful death of his departed father."

"We guided the victim's family for proper legal recourse starting with obtaining the medical records from the unwilling doctor and nursing home in Midnapore. We analysed the relevant medical documents to prepare and file

the complaint back in 2014 and I personally appeared and participated in the final argument before the Consumer Court on behalf of the victim during my trip to Kolkata in August," he added.

"Finally, I would like to inform that we have been helping this victim to find justice absolutely selflessly without any fees whatsoever. Several similar 'medical negligence' cases from West Bengal and the rest of India are currently pending before the State Commission and National Commission (NCDRC)," he said.

Road repair work at Dalhousie hits traffic during peak hours

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The road repair work at Dalhousie Square, beginning from today, led to traffic disruptions at one of Kolkata's busiest junctions.

The repair work has been taken up after Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) commissioner Khalil Ahmed instructed the road department last week to complete all repair works immediately. It was after his directions that the department engineers swung into action for reconstruction of the battered roads in all 144 wards in the city.

"In order to maintain a control over the traffic in the area, the route from Writer's Buildings going towards Coun-

cil House Street have been closed for the time being," informed an official from the traffic control room, adding: "The vehicles are being diverted towards the left side of Writer's Buildings."

However, the repair work added to traffic snarls on one of the oldest roads of the city. The diversions caused difficulties to vehicle users and commuters alike during the peak hours.

According to one of the officials of the civil engineering department of KMC, there is no deadline for completion of the repair work as yet.

It may be mentioned that the KMC officials had formed a road repair gang in each borough for carrying out the massive road reconstruction drive.

FESTIVE COLOURS



Idols of Radha-Krishna on sale on the eve of Jannamashtami in Kolkata on Saturday. BY DEB DUTTA

Tea garden owners told to pay ₹176 a day to workers from 1 Oct

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The labour department of West Bengal yesterday notified that owners of tea gardens should pay daily-rated workers Rs 176 a day with effect from 1 October, 2018.

In a memorandum issued on 31 August, state labour commissioner Jawaid Akhtar stated that the matter of determination of minimum wages of the tea garden employees is under active consideration of the labour department of West Bengal.

"After careful consideration of the matter, the owners of tea garden should raise the wages of a daily rated worker to Rs 169 with effect from 1 September 2018 from Rs 159 which is being paid currently, by enhancing an amount of Rs 10 as an interim measure pending finalisation of the revision of minimum wages in the

employment of Tea Plantation in West Bengal," the memorandum said.

"The labour department also notifies that owners of the tea gardens should further raise the wages of a daily rated worker to Rs 176 a day with effect from 1 October 2018 from Rs 169 by enhancing an amount of Rs 7 as an interim measure pending finalisation of the revision of minimum wages in the employment of tea plantations in Bengal," the memorandum added.

Bank employee: Howrah cops arrest one

KOLKATA, 1 SEPTEMBER

Howrah police arrested a man and recovered over Rs 3 lakh from him in connection with the murder of bank employee Partha Chakraborty, whose body was found in a gunny bag on the roadside at Madhabpur near Domjur, Howrah, on Wednesday.

According to Howrah city police commissioner, the person arrested has been identified as Samsuddin, who was among the beneficiaries who had taken loan from Partha's bank through a self-help group. He admitted his crime and revealed that he had single-handedly killed Partha.

An officer at the Howrah city police said that they recovered the missing head and other pieces of the body of the deceased with the help of the accused. Over Rs 3 lakh in cash, which Partha had with him at the time he was killed, was also found. SNS

Rare artefacts of Indian Museum now a click away

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The Indian Museum has become more accessible to researchers, historians, visitors and children as it has started an online exhibition of rare and antique artefacts, which were till now hidden inside the vaults of the museum.

In another two months, the museum is coming up with a theme-based story-telling exhibition in collaboration with Afghanistan art galleries.

"We are trying to expand the accessibility of the museum and we have planned a calendar for the whole year with different types of exhibitions. Earlier, researchers, historians and art enthusiasts had to submit applications to see the rare and precious exhibit items. Now they can access those items through the website," said Mr Rajesh Purohit, director of the Indian Museum.

The exhibition was formally inaugurated yesterday at 12 noon on the website of the Indian Museum. A click on www.indianmuseum.org can open a new door to history.

The museum has a large



collection of antique, precious and rare items but not every item can be displayed all the time because of the paucity of space and proper security. So the museum has decided to come up with an online exhibition featuring 10 per cent of around 1.8 lakh objects under the "Rare and Precious Antiques from Indian Museum, Kolkata, Collection", where the attraction will be the rich, antique jewellery from Nepal, Myanmar, and Chittagong along with the treasures of the Tagore family.

A ruby studded golden goblet, a bow ring belonging

Sampriti flyover to be thrown open before Puja

KOLKATA, 1 SEPTEMBER

The Sampriti Flyover connecting Inlira Bazar to Bataagar will be opened before Durga Puja, said urban development and municipal affairs minister Firdaus Hakim after inspecting the construction site today.

"I am hopeful that the construction work of the flyover will be completed within a month. We will have the necessary safety certificates in place to make the bridge operational," Mr Hakim said.

He inspected the work progress of the elevated corridor with engineers of Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority (KMDA), which is the implementing agency for the flyover. Senior officials of Larsen & Toubro (L&T), the executing agency, were also present.

Mr Hakim said he will seek time from chief minister Mamata Banerjee for inaugurating the flyover before the Puja. The road under the flyover that has been damaged due to construction work will also be repaired on a war footing, he added.

"As soon as the flyover is ready for vehicular movement, we will close the road underneath for repair work. It will be repaired by 1 December," he said.

The 6.8 km flyover is expected to reduce the travel time from Bataagar to Garia to 10 minutes from the half an hour it currently takes.

The flyover will be the first in the city to be built on a PPP model. The Centre is bearing 35 per cent of the cost since this is a JNNURM project. The Centre has sanctioned Rs 89.8 crore. The rest has been borne by the consortium of River Bank Holdings and its joint venture partner L&T Dabirwala. The total cost is approximately Rs 355 crore.

Sources in the urban development department said there are plans of extending one flank of the flyover to Joka and another flank to connect Shyambagan Phari, Anwar Shah Road and Jadavpur, right up to Garia. SNS

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