

CM can get DLitt from CU, for now

OUR LEGAL REPORTER

Calcutta: Calcutta University can give the chief minister a DLitt on Thursday but if the high court upholds a petition claiming she is undeserving of the degree, the university will have to cancel it.

The court on Wednesday heard a PIL challenging the university's decision. The hearing will continue on Thursday.

Since the court did not issue any order, the university can give the degree to the chief minister during its convocation on Thursday.

Former North Bengal University VC Ranju Gopal Mukhopadhyay had moved a public interest litigation on Monday challenging the university's decision to give a DLitt to Mamata Banerjee.

Mukhopadhyay had sought an order restraining CU from giving her the degree.

Apart from the university, she had named the Bengal government and education minister Partha Chatterjee respondents in his PIL.

The division bench, headed by acting Chief Justice Jy-

otirmoy Bhattacharya, had fixed Wednesday for hearing of the PIL.

Moving the PIL, advocate Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharya had said all universities had to follow certain guidelines while awarding a Doctor of Letters but Calcutta University had failed to do so. "The university has selected a person of much controversy for awarding this year's DLitt. A controversial person cannot be honoured with this prestigious award. The issue has already created much confusion among the minds of general people."

The petition also spoke of the controversy over a doctorate degree the chief minister had claimed to have obtained from a US university many years ago.

"Mamata Banerjee had criticised the judiciary and made derogatory remarks against Calcutta High Court judges in 2014. The matter is still pending before this court. Before its disposal, the university cannot give her a DLitt," the petition said.

Mamata has a pending contempt of court case against her for apparently saying in Au-

gust 2014 that "justice can be purchased with money".

On Wednesday, before Bhattacharya could make his submission, state advocate-general Kishore Dutta and Calcutta University lawyer Shaktinath Mukherjee challenged the maintainability of the petition.

Dutta said: "The university's senate and syndicate have the powers to select a person for DLitt. The court should not interfere in their decision. So, the court should not hear the petition."

Mukherjee said all 59 members of the senate had unanimously taken the decision and "it will not be justified for the court to accept the petition".

Since the court hour ended before Bhattacharya's argument got over, the hearing was adjourned till Thursday.

Bhattacharya said outside the court: "The university should postpone the programme since the matter is pending before the court."

Legal experts said if the court passed an order in favour of the petitioner, the university would have to take back the DLitt from Mamata.

Grandson begged for father's life: slain promoter's mom

Killer showed no mercy

OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Karaya: The 12-year-old son of Fazlur Rehman fell at the feet of Sheikh Idres alias Bhola, begging for his father's life, Rehman's mother Israt said on Wednesday.

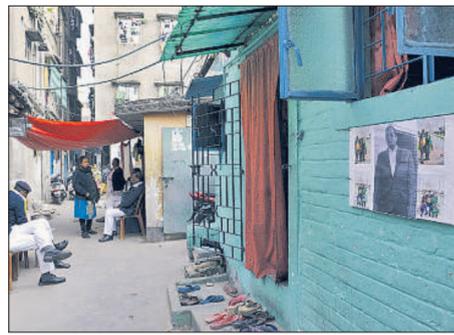
"My grandson fell at his feet, saying uncle don't kill my father. But he kicked him away and fired at my son."

Israt spoke to Metro at her Bright Street home in Karaya where Rehman, 40, was felled by a bullet from a single-shot on Tuesday.

The murder was the fallout over a 30sq ft space on the second-floor of a five-storey building that Rehman was apparently building illegally when another promoter, Mohammad Asgar.

Idres, who spent eight years in jail and has an attempt to murder and at least two criminal cases pending against him, apparently forced Rehman to give him an apartment on the second-floor of the building.

Around 8.45am on Tuesday when Rehman stepped out of the Bright Street home with his son, Idres stopped him. Rehman's sister Nusrat came out of the house hearing the two arguing. "She request-



Policemen on guard near slain promoter Fazlur Rehman's Bright Street house on Wednesday; (right) Rehman's mother. Pictures by Sanat Kr Sinha



ed Idres to settle the matter through discussion. But he shoved her away. My son was shot dead in front of my daughter and grandson," Israt said.

Investigations showed there were three more people present on the spot when Rehman was fired upon.

"Rehman's business partner Asgar and his two neighbours Aslam and Sajid were present when Idres opened fire. It is still a mystery how Idres fled when they were present there," an investigating officer said. "Nusrat and

Rehman's son told us none of them tried to catch or chase Idres."

Cops questioned the three at Lalbazar on Wednesday and recorded their statements separately to find out discrepancies, if any.

"Uncle Bhola kicked me away. He left as my father slumped to the ground," the boy said.

Witnesses told cops that Idres hopped on a bike's pillion and fled.

"Two bikers were waiting a few metres from the building and Idres fled in one. It ap-

pears the murder was a deliberate act. We suspect Idres had an intention to kill Rehman," the investigating officer said.

"His accomplices, who are outsiders, were waiting outside on bikes."

On Wednesday, Alipore court sent Idres to police custody till January 20.

Cops are still to seize the gun that was used to shoot Rehman.

People of the Bright Street area staged a demonstration on the court premises on Wednesday, demanding the death penalty for Idres.

IN BRIEF

Trial run for Metro rakes



One of the new rakes being loaded with sandbags at Noapara

■ **NOAPARA:** The two new rakes that had joined the Calcutta Metro fleet in July 2017 underwent a trial run between Noapara and Esplanade stations on Tuesday night after the end of daily service. The rakes, designed for a smoother ride and better cooling, had been waiting at the Noapara yard because their basic functioning — controlled by a software — is not yet compatible with the existing system. On Tuesday night, 15-16 tonnes of sandbags were loaded in each coach to replicate the actual passenger load.

Man found hanging

■ **TOLLYGUNGE:** A 44-year-old man from Tollygunge who had had gone to Jhargram in West Midnapore for a picnic with was found dead on Tuesday. Kalu Halder had gone to Jhargram on Saturday, according to the complaint lodged by his family members. Kalu's friends returned without him on Sunday and failed to provide satisfactory answers about his whereabouts. After Kalu's family members contacted the Jhargram police, they were told about a body found hanging in a forest. A family member identified the body on Wednesday.

CANDY MAN



A man sells cotton candy near the race course. (Pradip Sanyal)

Reward for kids

■ **HOWRAH:** Three children were handed cash rewards of Rs 3,000 each by the Eastern Railway's Howrah division for helping avert a major accident. Rupa Baidya, Anil Singh and Suvo Mondal, all teenagers, had spotted a fracture in the tracks between Simlagarh and Pandua in the Bandel-Burdwan section on January 6. They stopped the approaching Burdwan-Bandel local waving a red cloth.

Trains delayed

■ **CALCUTTA:** Fog in north India continued to disrupt long-distance trains to and from Calcutta on Wednesday. The Howrah-New Delhi Kalka Mail and the Howrah-Dehradun Doon Express were delayed by more than four hours. The Sealdah-Ajmer Express was delayed by three-and-a-half hours, a railway official said.

Project discussed

■ **PARK STREET:** The general manager of Metro Railway, Ajay Vijayvargiya, met Dinesh Trivedi, Barrackpore MP and former railway minister, at Metro Bhavan on Wednesday. The two discussed the stumbling blocks in the Baranagar-Barrackpore Metro project.

Medical negligence cry in consumer court

OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

New Delhi: A national consumer court on Wednesday admitted a petition filed by a Calcutta woman whose husband died of lung cancer in April 2017, allegedly after a doctor did not alert them about an abnormal chest X-ray report a year earlier.

Sarhani Das has filed a complaint with the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum claiming "gross medical negligence" and alleging that doctors at Sri Aurobindo Seva Kendra in Calcutta had not "given attention" to her husband's chest X-ray report in April 2016.

The petition against the hospital and doctor Tapan Kumar Das claims a compensation of Rs 2.3 crore. The complainant has argued that had attention been given to the X-

ray report, the cancer could have been diagnosed earlier. "Solely because of the negligence... the lifespan of the patient was cut short," the petition said.

Samiran Das had been admitted to the hospital on April 14, 2016, with complaints of fever, nausea and weakness. A chest X-ray was done the same day and the report mentioned "a fairly large opacity in the right upper zone".

But, the petition claims, the family was not alerted about the findings and the discharge summary dated April 20 only mentioned "reactive arthritis following acute gastroenteritis, vestibular lesion (an ear-and-balance abnormality), and lichen simplex (a skin condition)".

The patient was found to be suffering from stage IV-B lung cancer in January, 2017, during a routine medical checkup.

He died on April 11, 2017.

"This case involves not only gross medical negligence, but also fraud as the doctor attempted to fabricate the bed-head ticket after he realised the mistake," said Kunal Saha, a US-based doctor who is also with the non-government People for Better Treatment, who argued the case on behalf of the petitioner.

The bed-head ticket — medical sheets hospitals maintain in their records — of the patient claims that the doctor had "discussed" the chest condition with the patient's wife.

"He was admitted here with another set of complaints for which he was treated. There was a small shadow in the lung and I discussed the condition with his wife," Tapan Kumar Das, the treating doctor, told Metro. The observation was "missed" in the discharge summary, he said.

HISTORY OF CHINESE IN CITY

How a trader became a deity

DEBRAJ MITRA

A small locality near present-day Budge Budge was the first Chinese settlement in Calcutta, much before Bowbazar and Tangra. The place is Achipur, named after Chinese trader Yang Dazhao (nicknamed Atchew) who arrived on the banks of the Hooghly in 1778 and has a temple worshipping him.

Park Street: A lecture on a Chinese migrant community on Wednesday took the audience at Indian Museum a couple of hundred years back.

Tansen Sen, the director of the Center for Global Asia in New York University, Shanghai, traced the history of Chinese migration in India. In a pictorial presentation, he showed how the migrant community carried its faith to the places it went to and localised it according to the existing culture.

Atchew arrived during the time of Warren Hastings. The trader had brought a huge quantity of tea and the governor general, a tea lover, offered him a piece of land to settle in, Sen said.

The Chinese trader set up a sugar mill on the banks of the Hooghly, south of Budge Budge. The tiny settlement around the



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mill — it drew several workers from mainland China — soon became a Chinese colony. The settlement was christened Achipur after the trader. The community grew and spread to Bowbazar and, much later, to Tangra.

Unrest in south China forced many to seek livelihood in foreign lands. Cantonese migrants started coming in the mid-18th Century and those from the Sihui County near Guangzhou (Canton) migrated to Malaya and British India in the mid-19th century. Migrants from Siyi and Hakka also came to Calcutta in large numbers.

Sen's presentation showed how temples from Sihui County travelled thousands of miles to Calcutta. Ruan Ziyu and Liang Cineng — followers of the

sixth Chan/Zen patriarch Huineng (638-713) — have separate temples in Sihui County but are found together in a temple off Blackburn Lane near Toretta Bazaar. The Ruan-Liang temple, built in 1908, has two other deities — Lu Ban, the Chinese god of carpentry, and Atchew.

"The temples were not just places of worship, they played an important role in preserving the sub-dialect community's identity and in the mingling of Chinese and local ideas," Sen said.

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