

### NOTES ATM looted in Bihar

**ARA, AUG 10 /-/-** An Automated Teller Machine (ATM) of the State Bank of India carrying Rs 39,000 was stolen by unidentified persons from Navodaya Chowk in Bhogpur district in the early hours today, police said. Sub-divisional police officer, Jagdishpur, Manjit said the theft occurred at around 3 am when a police team was patrolling the area. The police personnel noticed the machine being lifted into a car and despite a hot chase, the miscreants managed to escape, he said. "We are proceeding on the basis of CCTV footage but the picture is not clear because of darkness," the SDO said. Quoting SBI officials, who have lodged a case with the Bihari police, Superintendent of Police Avkash Kumar said the ATM was out of order for the last two months. Raids were being conducted to nab the culprits. (PTI)

### Man gets 20 yrs in jail for raping mentally challenged woman

**AIZAWL, AUG 10 /-/-** A POCO court in Mizoram's Chhampai district has sentenced a man to rigorous imprisonment of 20 years for raping a mentally challenged woman. POCO court special judge R Vanlalvena also slapped a fine of Rs 5,000 on Hrangthanhuma, 30, on Thursday. He had committed the crime against the woman on September 25, in last year. A criminal case under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO Act) was registered against Hrangthanhuma after relatives of the victim had filed a complaint with the police. (PTI)

### Infiltrator caught in Meghalaya

**SHILLONG, AUG 10 /-/-** A Bangladeshi was caught when he illegally entered the country crossing over the unfenced border in South Garo Hills district in Meghalaya, a BSF spokesperson said today. Md Jahurul Islam, who is an active member of the Jamat-e-Islami Foundation in Bangladesh, was caught on August eight, he told PTI. Islam entered India with a motive to visit the north eastern states, he said. Garo Hills district SP A T Sangma said Islam was produced in a local court at Baghmara and he was remanded to police custody for 14 days. (PTI)

### Robbers kill guard, loot cash van

**MUZAFFARPUR, AUG 10 /-/-** Armed robbers attacked a cash van near a private ATM here and decamped with Rs 18 lakh after killing a security guard here in the district, police said. Two robbers fired at Sunil Thakur guard of the van, killing him on the spot, Superintendent of Police Harpreet Kaur said. Thakur came along with personnel of a cash logistic company for loading cash into an ATM in Keshabpur Chowk under Sahabganj police station area of the city. After the killing, the robbers fled with the cash, said to be about Rs 18 lakh, Kaur said. Search was on to nab the culprits. (PTI)

### Explosives recovered in Bihar village

**BANKA, AUG 10 /-/-** Police on Thursday recovered 17,000 kilograms of explosive material suspected to be delivered to Maoists, from a village in the district. Altogether 340 sacks - each containing 50 kg of ammonium nitrate - were seized from a house at Bhanuri village under Belhar police station area, superintendent of police Chandan Kushwah said. The owner of the house was suspected to be a supplier of explosives to Maoists but he was not found during the time of the raid. One of his associate was arrested, Kushwah said. (PTI)

# Cal HC directs state to release 10% MBBS docs for PG courses

**KOLKATA, AUG 10 /-/-** The Calcutta High Court upholding a State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) order today directed the West Bengal government to release 10 per cent in-service MBBS doctors for post graduate courses. Dismissing an appeal by the state government challenging the SAT order, a division bench of justices Debasis Kar Gupta and Sampa Sarkar, directed the state to comply with the order within two weeks. The SAT had on June 11 directed that the state government to release 10 per cent in-service MBBS doctors in state-run hospitals, which would

roughly translate to a total of over 300 MBBS degree holders getting a chance to pursue MD/MS courses, as against 196 candidates allowed by the state, counsel for the petitioner doctors said. During the hearing, state counsel Amitesh Banerjee had told the court that rural healthcare services in the state would be in jeopardy if 10 per cent of the available MBBS doctors were allowed to go for higher studies as 37 rural health centres had only one doctor each, while 23 others had two each. He had also said that 180 seats were available for post-graduate

courses in the medical colleges of the state for 2018 and the names of 196 candidates were released as per the merit list, with a waiting list of 16 candidates. Challenging the list, 105 in-service doctors whose names appeared in the merit list after the said 196 names had moved the SAT.

Opposing the state's plea, the doctors' counsel submitted that there was a huge dearth of specialist doctors at the state-run facilities in West Bengal and that it was for the benefit of the patients that more doctors were allowed to study MD/MS courses.

The doctors' counsel, Pratik Dhar claimed before the bench that the state-run hospitals in West Bengal had only 117 MD/MS doctors against a requirement of 1,700 post-graduate doctors. He submitted that there were 349 community health centres in the state and as per stipulation each should have at least five specialist doctors. With the SAT ordering the 10 per cent of the available MBBS doctors working at the state-run healthcare facilities be allowed to pursue higher studies, the government had moved the appeal before the high court. (PTI)

## BJP yet to receive permission for deploying drone at Shah's Kolkata rally

**KOLKATA, AUG 10 /-/-** BJP is yet to receive permission from Kolkata Police to deploy a drone to monitor the security arrangements at Amit Shah's rally in the city tomorrow, the party's leadership said today. The saffron party, wary after a tent collapsed at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Midnapore rally in July, have also urged to the police to allow the use of walkie-talkies by party workers during Saturday's rally at Mayo Road in the heart of the city, he said. As a safety measure the state BJP leadership has appointed a decorator from Jharkhand to prepare the venue for Amit Shah's Saturday rally. According to state BJP sources unlike the Midnapore rally, the party this time is not building any make shift tent for its supporters who will participate in the rally.

"We are yet to receive any communication or permission from the police allowing the deployment of drone at the rally venue," BJP state general secretary Sayantan Basu said. The decorators have been appointed to prepare the stage and the venue for the programme, he said adding two of the three are from Kolkata and one from Jharkhand. "They are looking into the aspect of preparing the stage and venue," Basu said. No comment has been made by Kolkata Police on deployment of drone so far. A senior state BJP leader said the Jharkhand-based decorator has a long experience in organising structures for mega rallies and functions including government programmes. Well trained party ministers will also be deployed at the venue to control the crowd, he said. "A team of leaders and office bearers from Delhi are in the city to look after the arrangements so that everything is in order," he said.

The state unit of the BJP had on Wednesday asked the city police to grant permission to fly a drone for mass surveillance during Shah's Saturday rally. The drone is essential as lakhs of people are expected to gather at the rally site. So from the security point of view a drone is a necessity. BJP national general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya said on Thursday. A BJP delegation led by Vijayvargiya and P Murlidhar Rao and other state-level leaders visited the rally venue on Thursday and took stock of the preparations. Over 90 people were injured on July 16 after a section of a tent caved in during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speech at a public rally in West Bengal's Midnapore district. (PTI)

## Ashaworkers to get Rs 10k to buy umbrella, shoe, cycle: Naveen



**BHUBANESWAR, AUG 10 /-/-** Odisha chief minister Naveen Patnaik today announced that accredited social health activists (Asha) workers will get Rs 10,000 to buy umbrella, shoe, cycle, almirah and torch light. This will benefit about 47,000 Asha workers in both rural and urban areas of the state. Patnaik also announced an increase in the one-time honorarium for Asha workers to Rs 20,000 from Rs 10,000 under ASHA Aayathat Yojana. The Asha workers get a monthly remuneration of Rs 2000 per month. The Asha workers will receive the honorarium amount under Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) after completing at least 10 years of service or on retirement at the age of 62. The announcement was made as Odisha has registered a sharp decline in Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) and Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) in the past decade.

The chief minister lauded the contribution of the Asha workers and said "I am delighted that Odisha registered sharp decline in IMR and MMR and improvement in other health related issues". The chief minister said the state government had addressed some of the grievances of the Asha workers and hoped that they will work with more dedication. The Asha workers are demanding a monthly remuneration of Rs 18,000, regularisation of their service, pension, provident fund and gratuity. (PTI)

## CM vows to eradicate poverty from Jharkhand by 2022

**RANCHI, AUG 10 /-/-** Jharkhand chief minister Raghubar Das vowed to eradicate poverty and unemployment from the state by 2022 in an official release said here on Thursday. The vow came in commemoration of Mahatma Gandhi's 'do or die' slogan which was given on August 9, 1942, he said. "By 2022 we will make Jharkhand a place where there won't be any person without housing, without medicine and without employment," the release said quoting Das. Tribals have become aware and they want participation in development, he said adding that his government has set up the foundation for change of tribals and working for their empowerment. He was addressing a programme organised by the social welfare department under Jharkhand tribal empowerment and livelihood project, the release said. In the programme, the chief minister gave Rs 45 lakh seed capital to 218 youth groups and cheques of Rs 1.66 crore to 40 Gram Sabha project implementation committees, it said. (PTI)

## Four policemen suspended for death of undertrial

**GUWAHATI, AUG 10 /-/-** Four policemen were suspended and six home guards discharged from service in connection with the death of an undertrial who had allegedly escaped from police custody and was found hanging from a tree near Panikhati outpost, the police said today. The action against the policemen and home guards of Panikhati outpost in Kamrup metropolitan district in Assam was taken yesterday with immediate effect, they said. Guwahati City Commissioner of Police Hiren Nath suspended the four policemen of Panikhati outpost where the incident had occurred in the night of August seven, a police spokesman said. Kamrup metropolitan district magistrate has already ordered an enquiry on August eight and directed the Circle Officer, Chandrapur Revenue Circle, Pallab Jyoti Nath to find out the circumstances leading to the death of the 23-year-old prisoner. Nath has been directed to submit his report within 15 days for submission to the National Human Rights Commission and Assam Human Rights Commission, mandatory for the death of any undertrial prisoner.

Chandan Bharali was arrested on August seven for allegedly harassing a girl on social media and was taken to Panikhati outpost after being remanded to police custody for three days by the chief judicial magistrate. The accused was found missing the same night and the police officer that he had escaped with his handcuffs on. A search was launched and he was found hanging from a tree in a jungle, about 150 metres away from the Panikhati outpost, the police said. (PTI)

## Odisha may witness heavy rainfall in next 48 hrs

**BHUBANESWAR, AUG 10 /-/-** Heavy rainfall is likely to lash several parts of Odisha in the next two days owing to formation of cyclonic circulation in the region, the Met office today said. While a cyclonic circulation lies over north Odisha, the cyclonic circulation over west central Bay of Bengal and adjoining south coastal Andhra Pradesh persists, the Meteorological Centre here said. Under its impact, rain and thundershowers are likely to occur at many places in Odisha.

There could be heavy rainfall in districts like Kalahandi, Koraput, Malkangiri, Nabarangpur and Kandhamal from

tomorrow, it said. Similarly, heavy rainfall is likely to occur at some places in Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Balasore, Bhadrak and Sundargarh districts on Sunday, it said.

In addition, a fresh low pressure area is likely to form over northwest Bay of Bengal and its neighbourhood around August 13. It may trigger heavy rainfall in coastal districts of Kendrapara, Cuttack, Puri and Jagatsinghpur, it said. Meanwhile, average rainfall recorded in the last 24 hours has been 2.5 mm in the state. As many as 25 districts have received sporadic rainfall, whereas five districts - Balasore,

Boudh, Deogarh, Jajpur and Jharsuguda - have not received any rainfall in the past 24 hours, the Special Relief Commissioner's (SRC) office said. It has recorded rainfall of more than 50 mm. The highest of 84.5 mm has been in Samakhunta block of Mayurbhanj district followed by 81.0 mm in Pattamundai block of Kendrapara district, 78.0 mm in Delang block and 52.0 mm in Pipili Block of Puri district, it said.

With this, the cumulative average rainfall of the state from June 1 till date comes to a surplus of 6.1 per cent over the long term average rainfall. (PTI)

## Hopeful of early solution in Presidency varsity impasse: Guv



**KOLKATA, AUG 10 /-/-** West Bengal Governor N Tripathi today said he was hopeful of an "early solution" to the Presidency University impasse over hostel allotment as the state education department and the chairman Amarendra Lohia are "looking into the matter". Over 30 students of the university launched an indefinite-sit last Friday to protest against the delay in completion of renovation work at Eden Hindu hostel, adjacent to the institute campus. The agitators have demanded that they be allotted rooms in two blocks of the heritage hostel, where the repair work was

nearing completion. The authorities, however, said it will take another four to five months to make the hostel "habitable and safe for the students". The issue is being looked into by the Higher Education department and the VC. He hope they will be able to solve the matter soon. Tripathi told reporters on sidelines of a programme in the city VC Lohia had met the protesting students on two occasions in the past one week, requesting them to withdraw the sit-in. She also said that the agitation was affecting the normal functioning of the university. A spokesperson of the agitators, when informed about the governor's comments, asserted that the protest would continue till their demands were met. The VC had promised to complete the renovation work and throw open the hostel for the outstation students by August, but that did not happen. The students can't be wasting more money and time to commute to the university in the central part of the city from a rented accommodation at New Town which is around 16km away," he added. (PTI)

# ESIC Medical College, Joka observes World Breastfeeding Week

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**KOLKATA, AUG 10 /-/-** The Department of Community Medicine, ESICPGIMS and ESIC Medical College, Joka in collaboration with Indian Public Health Association (IPHA) observed World Breastfeeding Week (WBBW) 2018 from August 1 to August 7. The theme of the event was "BREASTFEEDING Foundation of Life". The theme focussed on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for maternal and child health, non-communicable diseases nutrition, education to promote inclusive economic growth and reducing inequalities by 2030 through the three pillars to increase breastfeeding. The three pillars are protection, promotion and support of breastfeeding. This year's objectives of World Breastfeeding Week were to educate the common people about the links between good nutrition, food security, poverty and breast feeding. To observe the World Breastfeeding Week's theme, logo and emphasized that a newborn should be given only mother's milk from first hour of birth till six months. It was followed by address of dean of the

and poverty reduction. Number activities were organised for the medical students, interns, nurses antenatal and postnatal mothers, their family members and students in hospital, rural health and training centre as well as urban health and training centre. The activities were planned based on the theme, objectives and the objectives to mobilize action for protection, promotion, and support to breastfeeding and appropriate infant and child feeding practices. The programme started with poster presentation competition on the theme by the interns posted in the Department of Community Medicine which was judged by officials from IPHA. It was followed by programme conducted at seminar room on 2nd August from 11.00am to 1 pm.

Professor Rekha Dutta HOD Department of Community Medicine explained in detail about this year's World Breastfeeding Week's theme, logo and emphasized that a newborn should be given only mother's milk from first hour of birth till six months. It was followed by address of dean of the



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institution director professor Dr. Rajesh Roychowdhury, medical superintendent Dr. S.K. Choudhury to the audience who emphasised the need of initiation of breastfeeding within one hour of cesarian section. This was followed by a talk and video demonstration regarding breast crawl, poisoning the baby during breastfeeding and techniques of breastfeeding by interns Souvik sarkar and Arindam Choudhury under the guidance of Department of Community Medicine. Dr Mohua Lahiri from Department of Pediatrics explained about hazards of bottle

feeding and expression of breast milk. Session on management of breast conditions was conducted by Dr. Amrita Gupta from Department of Gynecology. Furthermore a session on frequently asked questions by lactating mothers was addressed by Dr. Monalisa sahu from Department of Community Medicine. Dr Sunil nag, IPHA coordinator informed the harmful effects of prelacteal and top feed. The programme was summed up by Dr Sanghmitra Ghosh, secretary general IPH. After that the prize distribution ceremony took place and the programme was concluded with a vote of thanks.

## NRC revision not a major issue: Assam Minister

**AGARTALA, AUG 10 /-/-** Assam finance minister Himanta Biswa Sarma today said the revision of the draft National Register of Citizens (NRC) in the state is not a major issue as it is not the final one. Sarma and a senior BJP leader from the north-east, said it would be premature to conclude anything on the NRC at this stage since only 40 per cent of the work had been done. Tripura chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb, who was present during the interaction with newsmen, said he was unaware of any such demand of NRC in the state. Sarma said the number of people excluded from the draft citizen's register in Assam will change "drastically" after the claims and objections were taken into consideration. "There is no issue with NRC (in Assam) yet. It is still in the draft stage. Claims and objections will soon start," Sarma, who is the convener of the NEBA, a political coalition formed by the BJP along with regional political parties, said. The NRC revision has rocked Assam since the publication of its final draft on July 30. Names of over 40 lakh people have been excluded from the draft NRC, which is touted to be a proof of Assamese identity. "But it is not proper to come to a conclusion regarding the NRC in Assam. It is just in a draft position. In our NRC, names of many people are not there. So going by the number, a lot of attention has been created. This number will drastically change after claims and objections," he added. Sarma suggested that other states could also try to replicate the Assam model of NRC after the process was complete. "Let Assam produce a correct and perfect NRC. Then people should try to replicate it." Ideally, the entire country should have a register of citizenship, he said. On NDA ally and opposition Peoples Front of Tripura's demand of NRC revision in Tripura he said there was no "huge requirement" for such a decision. "Going by the demography of Tripura, I don't think there is a huge requirement. Assam's demography has changed. NRC revision was done in Assam as per the Assam Accord. (PTI)