

Noise bar of 90 decibel to continue in Bengal

KOLKATA, OCT 12/-/The West Bengal Pollution Control Board (WPCB) will enforce the existing ban on sale and use of firecrackers that generate sound over 90 decibel and not opt for a blanket ban as is the case in Delhi.

WPCB chairman Kalyan Rudra said the board was working in tandem with law enforcing agencies in the state to prevent illegal firecrackers from entering the market.

"Without any new court direction on the issue, the WPCB will have to go by the existing order of checking the sale and bursting of crackers that produce sound over 90 decibel. Our teams are on the vigil," Rudra told PTL.

The WPCB ban on bursting of firecrackers across all silence zones and during day time-10am to 6pm-would also continue to

be in force across the state, Rudra said. "We cannot go on our own. Our action is always backed by directions from the judiciary," he said.

Rudra's statement comes in the wake of a recent Supreme Court order banning the sale of firecrackers in Delhi-NCR region till November 1 this year.

In May, the WPCB had fixed the maximum permissible noise level of firecrackers at 90 db after the

National Green Tribunal gave liberty to the WPCB to "take appropriate decision in the matter."

Environmentalist Somendranath Ghosh said, "In West Bengal there is already a ban on the sale and bursting of fireworks that generate over 90 decibel sound. But what we have seen in the recent years is that illegal firecracker companies, bearing fake tags and logos of Sivakasi manu-

facturers, flood the market just before Diwali. Kali paira of Chhatra suggested increased vigilance and monitoring by the explosives department, police and the WPCB to stop illegal fireworks from entering the market. "There are over 200 illegal firework companies in the state. We will take up the matter with WPCB and police when we meet them for testing crackers at Maidan," he added. (PTI)

Patnaik launches Rs 600 cr Universal Eye Care prog

BHUBANESWAR, OCT 12/-/Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today launched a free Universal Eye Care programme with an expenditure of Rs 600 crore which aims to minimise the number of people with curable vision impairment in the state.

While launching the programme, Patnaik said the initiative would go a long way in controlling curable blindness and added that an institutional mechanism was in place for screening and providing free treatment to all people with curable eye problems. "Odisha is the first state in the country to have launched such a programme with an expenditure of Rs 600 crore which will be borne by the state government in the next five years," he said. "Vision centres equipped with appropriate eye care facilities would be established initially at all the community health centres (CHCs) and later on at public health centres (PHCs) or even at the sub-centre level to cover the entire population in the state. Requisite trained manpower would be made available to make this programme a success, Patnaik said. All

cataract cases would get free operation facility and appropriate glasses. Patnaik said, adding that maximum number of people suffering from cataract blindness would regain vision through corneal transplant surgeries free of cost. A massive screening programme would be undertaken to detect diabetic retinopathy and other serious eye problems, while patients would be provided free treatment at government hospitals. School students would be screened for refractive errors and other eye problems and they would be given spectacles free of cost in the school itself.

Health Minister P K Jena said those who have lost vision due to cataract and diabetic retinopathy would be given free treatment and students would be accorded priority under his service reform programme. Patnaik also launched a health web portal where people with eye problems can register. Earlier, the state government had constituted a high-level committee headed by noted eye surgeon D P Das. Besides, some national and international NGOs would supervise the programme. (PTI)



Harindra Rao, General Manager, Eastern Railway interacting with the field staff on safety and punctuality of train movement during his inspection over Jasidih-Dumka section-EOI Piki

CRPF constable commits suicide

TURA (MEGHALAYA), OCT 12/-/A CRPF constable allegedly committed suicide by shooting himself with his service revolver in West Garo Hills district, police said today.

The Superintendent of Police, West Goro Hills, MGR Kumar, said the constable had been returning to his quarters at Dakpogre locality of the town when he allegedly shot himself last night. "He was alive when he was found but he died on the way to the hospital. Prima facie it seems to be a case of suicide though we are looking at all angles to the case," Kumar said. The reason for the extreme step taken by the constable is yet to be ascertained, he said. The deceased constable was identified as 30-year-old T Chinzha Kam, resident of Lianzrang village in Charuchandrapur district of Manipur. He was constable of the 120 battalion of the CRPF (PTI)

YMA distributes cash among Mizoram flood victims

AIZAWL, OCT 12/-/The central committee of Young Mizos Association (YMA) has begun distributing relief in cash to the victims of heavy rain this year. Over Rs 1.47 crore was raised from different branches of the YMA, individuals, and organisations, including Mizos ethnic groups, for the cause, the president of the association, Labiakzuala, said. The relief would be distributed among 507 families in different districts. Heavy rain triggered flash flood and landslides in the state in August and September, leaving behind a trail of destruction. The families of the eight people who lost their lives in flash flood, mudslides and landslides in southern Langlei district would receive Rs 1.30 lakh each, while three injured in landslides would get Rs 50,000 each. Labiakzuala said. The relief would also go to those who ended up with broken or partially damaged houses after the rain, the amount of which would be fixed keeping in view the extent of damages, he said. The assessments were made in accordance with the reports received from the YMA branches across the state, he added. (PTI)

NPP chief lashes out at Cong

TURA (MEGHALAYA), OCT 12/-/The National People's Party (NPP) chief Conrad K Sangma has hit out at the Congress for its alleged 'misrule' in Meghalaya. "The people are committed to uphold the Congress and its corrupt leaders. Sangma said that the mood and wind across the state and the Goro hills in particular was against the Congress party. "We are committed to work for the tribals, minorities and marginalised sections of the society. We'll not allow anybody to divide us in the name of caste, creed or religion. We'll not tolerate if anybody wants to force any ideology or practice upon us," he said. (PTI)

Nitish pays tributes to Lohia

PATNA, OCT 12/-/Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar today paid tributes to veteran socialist leader Ram Manohar Lohia on the occasion of his 50th death anniversary. Kumar garlanded a statue of Lohia and artists sang bhajans at a function in Kankarbagh area of the state capital. The chief minister had said on many occasions in the past that he followed Lohia's ideals. He had also quoted Lohia during his campaigns for social causes. Road Construction Department Minister Nand Kishore Yadav, Education Minister Krishnanand Varma, MLAs Shivam Ram and Arun Sinha were also present there on the occasion. (PTI)



Members of Contractual Auxiliary Nurse Midwifery (ANM) raising slogans during a demonstration in support of their various long pending demands, in Patna.

Rift deepens in Bihar Congress

PATNA, OCT 12/-/The rift in the faction-ridden Bihar Congress deepened today with its working president Kaukab Quadri and his predecessor, Ashok Chaudhary trading charges. The members of the rival camps in the party had come to blows at a Bihar Pradesh Congress Committee (BPC) meeting here on Monday.

The BPC may recommend action against Chaudhary and his supporters for their anti-party behaviour at the meeting on Monday. We are awaiting the report of a five-member inquiry committee, which has been set up to look into the

unruly behaviour that was witnessed at the Congress state headquarters," Quadri told reporters here. "We have taken cognizance of Chaudhary's attempts to weaken the party organisation and misled the workers as well as the media," he added.

Chaudhary's allegation that he had been hectoring with parties like the NCP and Hindustani Awam Morcha (HAM), after being denied ticket in the 2015 Bihar Assembly polls, was an example of his "sick mentality," Quadri alleged.

Speaking at the press conference, AICC member

Premanand Mishra said Chaudhary and his supporters were guilty of "gross indiscipline and misconduct" at a meeting, where a resolution was being passed for making Rahul Gandhi the party president. Meanwhile, talking to PTL, Chaudhary hit back at Quadri saying, "I do not care about the report of an inquiry committee which is not unbiased and transparent or its recommendation for any action."

"They are accusing me of being anti-party though I strove to expand our organisational base for as long as I was the BPC president. He (Quadri) should explain to the workers where he had been and what had he been doing since the 2015 Assembly polls," Chaudhary, who was a minister in the erstwhile Grand Alliance government in the state, said.

The Bihar Congress appears to have been split into two after the collapse of the Grand Alliance, following the exit of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, who returned

to the BJP. The faction led by Chaudhary is considered close to Kumar, while the one represented by Quadri and backed by senior leaders like Congress national general secretary C P Joshi and former Union minister Akhilesh Prasad Singh is said to be more comfortable with Lalu Prasad's RJD.

Chaudhary was removed from the post of BPC chief amid fears of a split in the Bihar Congress. In the 243-member Bihar Assembly, Congress has 27 MLAs. (PTI)

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Policeman injured in stonethrowing during RJD march

PATNA, OCT 12/-/A policeman was injured in stone throwing during a march by RJD's youth wing members today to the Rajbhawan here to hand over a memorandum to the governor seeking his intervention into the Srijan scam probe. The party had organised the march to hand over a memorandum to Governor Satya Pal Malik also demanding the resignations of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and his deputy Sushil Kumar Modi for allegedly protecting the culprits of the Srijan scam.

The scam is related to the fraudulent transfer of government money running into hundreds of crores of rupees into the account of Srijan, a Bhalgalpur-based NGO.

The stone throwing took place when the RJD youth wing members were stopped by the police from marching to the Rajbhawan.

The RJD youth wing claimed that five of its youth workers were injured when police lathi-charged and used water canons to disperse them. City superintendent of police (central) D Amarkshah denying the RJD's charge said, "The police neither resorted to lathi charge nor used any water

canon against RJD workers. Instead, they (RJD) resorted to stone pelting in which one of our constables received head injury". No RJD worker was neither detained nor arrested in this connection, he told PTL adding that protesters dispersed after negotiation. RJD Bihar youth wing president Kari Sohaib said that the organisation's workers had gathered at the designated protest zone before marching to Rajbhawan but the police stopped them. When they protested, the police lathi-charged them and used water canons. "We are demanding the resignations of Nitish Kumar and his deputy Sushil Kumar Modi as they are shielding the culprits of the scam. A fair CBI probe is not possible while they are in office. We also demand a Supreme Court-monitored CBI probe into the scam," he said adding that the delegation could not to receive it at the Rajbhawan.

RJD President Lalu Prasad had alleged that Kumar and Sushil Modi were involved in the scam and demanded that the CBI probe into it be monitored by the apex court. (PTI)

Wild boars give sleepless nights to farmers in Ganjam dist

BERHAMPUR (ODISHA), OCT 12/-/Wild boars are giving sleepless nights to farmers in parts of Ganjam district by destroying standing crops.

Invasion of wild boars has become a common problem for farmers in several areas of Rangelunda and Chikitri blocks, said former zilla parishad member N Damburu Reddy. "We had raised the issue in zilla parishad meetings several times, but the problem persists. Not only do the animals destroy several acres of paddy crop, they also trample upon kewra

flower plants in Markandi, Ekasingi, Indrakhi, Kutuharsing areas," he said. The Kalinga Krushak Samaj, an organisation fighting for a solution to the problem, has also urged the government to look into the problem. "The wild boars roam freely in herds. Hundreds of farmers in Digpur, Bospalli, Narayanpur, Alipur, Bikrampur, Biswanathpur, Kamalapur, Golabandh, hatipada, Kirtipur and Laudiga in the reports received from the YMA branches across the state, he added. (PTI)

In 2015-16, 455 farmers in Gopalpur area had received Rs 9.43 lakh in compensation for destruction of their crops by wild animals, particularly wild boars, said an official. (PTI)



Makeshiji stalls in the process of being constructed to enable the "Baji Bazaar" in the city head of Kali Puja - Arjiji Ganuly

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