

# Outpost under Mal Bazaar PS ransacked by mob

## Demand for handover of suspected kidnappers

EOI CORRESPONDENT

**JALPAIGURI, JUNE 26** /- Police adopted stern measures after an irate mob ransacked police outpost at Kranti under Mal Bazaar police station with the demand of handing over five suspected abductors. 26 persons were arrested in connection with Monday's violence that left seven persons including five police personnel and a scribe injured. Five police vehicles were damaged to by the infuriated mob. It may be mentioned that two persons allegedly picked up one Dilip Roy of Kranti area in a car

seeking road-direction to Baryaria village on Monday. Roy alleged that those two unidentified persons sprayed some chemicals on his face to make him unconscious before kidnapping him. Roy's scream for help gathered locals who chased those two alleged abductors and started thrashing him. Three vendors unfamiliar at the locality too earned wrath of the locals and they were also beaten. After police from Kranti outpost reached the spot and took five injured persons into custody, the mob chased the police also. They demanded that police should hand

over those five suspected kidnappers. After their demand was denied, the mob started pelting stones at the police outpost. Five police vehicles were ransacked. Police outpost was largely damaged. Five police personnel namely Swapan Bhowmik, Balmiki Lohar, Ramkrishna Das, Madan Bha and Mohammed Jamal were injured. Ajit Banik, a reporter of a Bengali daily was wounded too. Amitabha Maity SP, Jalpaiguri had to rush to the spot. A large contingent of police was brought from Mal Bazaar police station also to dis-

perse them. Taking a serious note of the mob violence, police led by Debashish Chakraborty, SDPO, Mal Bazaar started comb hunting at the locality. 28 persons along with five suspected abductors were nabbed. Cases were filed under section 323, 333 and 333 of IPC against 28 persons. They were sent to prison for seven days when produced in court on Tuesday. Five suspected abductors were charged of abduction and snatching. A spray machine was seized too. Their vehicle was seized from them. They were produced in court on July 3 again.

# Alipurduar's 4th birthday celebrated with fervour



BABUL SARKAR

**ALIPURDUAR, JUNE 26** /- The 4th birthday of the Alipurduar district was celebrated with grandeur in presence of dignitaries and with participation of people from all walks of the society on Monday. Prolonged demand of the residents of Alipurduar which was sub-division under Jalpaiguri district, to declare the region as a new district was fulfilled by chief minister Mamata Banerjee on June 25, 2014. Alipurduar emerged as the 7th district of North Bengal with the announcement of chief minister Mamata Banerjee from parade ground on this day four years back. North Bengal development minister Rabinranath Ghosh, local MLA and chairman of Siliguri Jalpaiguri Development Authority (SJDA) Saurav Chakraborty,

Kalchini MLA Wilson Champramary, Falakata MLA Anil Adhikari, outgoing sabbahdhipati of zilla parishad Mohan Sharma alongwith DM Nikhil Nirmal and SP Sunil Yadav were present in the colourful programme held at indoor-stadium. Scholars, who made the district proud, were felicitated in the programme. State Madhyamik topper Sanjibani Deb Nath, who studies at Sunit Academy in Coochbehar was offered a cheque of Rs 1000 by Chakraborty. "Sunjibani is a native of Alipurduar. No admiration is enough for her success," SJDA chairman said. North Bengal Department minister Ghosh thanked the state government for exceptional developmental works taken up by the state government for the benefit of the citizens of the 4-year old district.

The district administration launched a special programme for the tea garden workers today to commemorate the occasion. "State government has numerous benevolent schemes for the tea garden workers. We would extend all those facilities to the beneficiaries without a hassle. Free consultations on availing those benefits would be offered to them," Nirmal said. "I joined as the SDO when Alipurduar emerged as a district. I have so many fond memories about the district. But the district has developed exceptionally in these four years," DM said. Alipurduar residents demanded development of infrastructures and a full-fledged district court and a district library on the district's 4th birthday. They believe that such wings would complete Alipurduar as a district.

# Ceremonial start for Mango-festival at Malda



SOUMYA DE SARKAR

**MALDA, JUNE 26** /- Mango-festival with nearly 200 species of the fruit was inaugurated by sabbahdhipati of Malda Zilla Parishad, Sarala Murmu in front of town hall on Tues-

Rahul Chakraborty and other dignitaries were also present during the inauguration. Different varieties of mango which are not largely available in market were displayed and kept for sale in the festival. "Kohitor, Begam Pasand, Mishrikant, Golapkhans and other species of mango would be available at the stalls," Chakraborty said. Mangogrowers, exporters and admirers of the fruit attended the festival. Cultural programmes would be staged in evening. The festival would be concluded on June 29.

# SDO heckled during drive against unsafe driving

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**MALDA, JUNE 26** /- Two-wheeler drivers and a section of battery-driven rickshaw drivers gheraoed Sub Divisional Officer (SDO) of Chanchal, Debashish Chatterjee for five hours when he got on the roads to warn against unsafe biking and unauthorized battery-run rickshaws on Monday. Chatterjee got off his car while returning to office after a meeting and stopped the bike-riders without helmet. He asked them to wear helmet while driving to avert major accidents. Toto-rickshaw pullers were asked to run the vehicle with proper authorization from the competent authority. Suddenly a bike-rider without a helmet got into an altercation with the SDO. He was instantly joined by other two-wheeler riders without the protection. A section of toto-rickshaw drivers too joined the agitation immediately. Soon the SDO got stuck in a pandemonium. Chatterjee was detained by the mob from 5 to 10 pm. Later, a large contingent of police led by Sub Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) Sajalkanti Biswas was rushed to the spot with a contingent of police and rescued the SDO. Chatterjee told the media that it was a drive against unsafe and unauthorized driving. "Action was being taken against the offenders. But two-wheeler riders and toto-drivers tempted to humiliate me. I have lodged a written complaint with police in this regard," he said.

# BJYM leader held for alleged instigating post on social-media

EOI CORRESPONDENT

**JALPAIGURI, JUNE 26** /- District president of Bharatiya Janata Party, Morcha (BJYM), the youth wing of BJP, Sumit Charabarty was arrested for allegedly posting provocative content on one of the popular social media. Cases under section 153A and 255 of the Indian penal code have been registered against the youth BJP leader.

It has been learnt from sources in the police department that a temple near traffic turning in Dhupguri had to be removed in the interest of construction of a national highway between India-Bhutan border in Jaigon to India-Bangladesh border in Chhangrabandha. Sensation was caused locally after the national highway authority of India removed the temple.

The youth BJP leader instead of explaining the situation allegedly posted a provocative content which, the police believe might have aggravated the sensation. Chakraborty, however, reportedly claimed that he had no malafide intention behind the post. He demanded that he only raised a question which should not be treated as an offence. Shyam Prasad, vice-president of district BJYM said that Chakraborty was the district convener of the organization's social-media cell too.

"He was arrested so that he could not join the meeting of BJP's national president Amit Shah along with other 200 BJYM workers," Prasad alleged.

# North Bengal observes day against drug abuse, trafficking

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**MALDA, JUNE 26** /- International day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was observed by the Border Security Force (BSF), police, state excise department and other agencies across North Bengal through different programmes on Tuesday. BSF personnel of 40th battalion posted at Narayanpur in Old Malda organized a bicycle rally that traversed along different localities of the area. BSF jawans gave slogans against drug abuse and illicit trafficking and used meaningful placards during the rally. Mandarban, Josty, commander of the battalion, Dabir Singh, second-in-command and other officials flagged off the rally. "Our basic objective is to aware the citizens, villagers, women, kids and youths in particular about the deadly consequence of drug abuse and illicit trafficking. BSF is determined to fight against such evils," Josty said. Police and state excise department in Malda took out rallies to convey anti-drugs slogans. Debatosh Mandal, additional district magistrate (land reforms), Malay Mukherjee, ADM (zilla parishad), police officials of rank and file participated in the rally. Repeated public announcements were made from the rally to aware people against drug abuse and trafficking. Bihannagar police station of Darjeeling observed the day also. Prabir Mandal, Kalyan Gaha, circle inspector, Kajal Ghosh, Opposition leader of Siliguri mahakuma parishad led the rally participated by hundreds of students and youths.

# In brief

## Civic volunteer beaten up

**MALDA, JUNE 26** /- A civic volunteer Ujjwal Mandal was injured in an attack allegedly by two of his neighbours identified as Jitu Mandal and Fanibhusan Mandal at Adina village under Gazole police station on Monday. Injured civic volunteer was hospitalized. He alleged that the neighbours beat him up when he protested against breaking fencing on his agriculture-land. Police have started a probe after receiving written complaint. (EOIPC)

## Woman burtin family feud

**MALDA, JUNE 26** /- A housewife was injured allegedly by her daughter-in-law and three others during a family tiff at Hakhola village under English Bazaar police station on Monday. Injured woman identified as Archana Chowdhury, 55 was hospitalized. She alleged that her daughter-in-law Lakshmi Chowdhury and three of her companions hit her with a brick during a family-feud. She lodged a written complaint against four persons. Police have started a probe. (EOIPC)

## TMC rally at Fulbari

**SILIGURI, JUNE 26** /- Trinamool Congress activists organized a rally to protest against hike in price of petroleum products at Fulbari gram panchayat in Dabgram-Fulbari Assembly constituency on Monday. Yanur Hoque Munshi, local Trinamool leader led the rally. Hundreds of Trinamool supporter joined the rally and raised slogans against NDA ministry in the centre. (EOIC)

## Minister inaugurates sub-divisional library

**SILIGURI, JUNE 26** /- Bangiya sahitya parishad sub-divisional library was inaugurated by library and mass education extension minister Siddikkulath Chowdhury in Siliguri on Monday. Tourism minister Gautam Deb was also present in the programme. Deb sanctioned Rs 1.38 crore for the construction of the library. He alleged that the area he was the North Bengal development minister. Chowdhury met the readers of the library and promised various facilities for a suitable environment in libraries in state. (EOIC)

## Shop gutted

**MALDA, JUNE 26** /- A big grocery shop at Chanchal market was completely gutted on Tuesday morning. Three engines of fire-brigade extinguished the fire with an effort of three hours. Fire-brigade officials anticipated that the accident was caused from short-circuits. Other shop-keepers said that goods to the tune of five lakh rupees were kept in the shop. (EOIPC)

# Visually-challenged kids to play chess against competitors with normal visions



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**SILIGURI, JUNE 26** /- Proving that blindness is not a deterrent, 18 kids with visual-impairment would play chess against competitors with normal vision. The interesting tournament would be held in the city on June 29. A charitable organization in Bihannagar, Bihbhar Shehasram and Samrat chess academy would

jointly organize the tournament. "It is a unique chess competition to show that disability is never a constraint. Determination and confidence can help any person with disability doing any task as easily as physically-fit people," said a member of the organizing team. 18 visually-challenged kids, who are feeling thrilled to participate in such a competition, were trained by Rajkumar Naskar, a trainer under micro vision project run by Sarva Siksha Mission. Naskar is visually-challenged too. "Chess is played with intelligence. Visual impairment is not a constraint for playing chess. But the board and chess-pieces are specially designed for them so that they can decide moves by touch. They may only take a little more time than the normal players before the making move of their chess-pieces," Naskar said.

# Coast Guard observes International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

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**KOLKATA, JUNE 26** /- Indian coast guard observed International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in the city today. The day was established by the UN General Assembly in 1987 and served as a reminder of goals agreed by the member states for creating an international society free of drug abuse. A route march was organised by the Indian Coast Guard with hoardings/banners/placards which commenced from Coast Guard Land, New town, Rajarhat and culminated at Synthesis Business Park, wherein the message was widely spread towards awareness of drug abuse among the youngsters and to help building the youth of the nation into strong citizens of country. The march was witnessed by 3000-5000 visitors/residents of Kolkata. In addition, lectures on ill effects of drug abuse and a lecture by the representative of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on illicit trafficking of drugs were also organised. Coast Guard Regional Headquarters Kolkata for the Coast Guard personnel. An essay competition was also held on this occasion.



Waterlogged Silpara area at Behala, Kolkata on Tuesday--Arijit Ganguly

# Cheetah-safari at Siliguri to be opened on July 1

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**SILIGURI, JUNE 26** /- The much awaited cheetah safari at Bengal safari park near Siliguri will be formally inaugurated on July 1. Informing this, state tourism minister Gautam Deb said that cheetah-safari would add an additional dimension to the park. However, the visitors will have to wait little more to enjoy the cheetah safaris as has been learnt from sources. Notably a pair of male cheetahs christened as Sachin & Saurav were brought to Bengalsafari from Dakshin Khayerbari tiger-rehabilitation centre last week. Kajal & Shital, two female cheetahs were also brought to the park from Rasikbil in Coochbehar. The cheetah-safari would commence primarily with these four cheetahs. However, the visitors to the park may not enjoy cheetah-safari on the inaugural day. According to sources, all four cheetahs are still kept in enclosures. They are yet to be familiar with the fenced open area chosen for safari. Those animals would be gradually introduced to the safari-spot. Staff of the park would have trial-run by safari vehicles and examine whether the cheetahs are in attacking mood. Only then the cheetah-safari will have a full-fledged start.

# Irrigation minister to visit North Bengal to review heavy rainfall aftermath

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**ALIPURDUAR, JUNE 26** /- State irrigation minister Soumen Mahapatra would be inspecting the flood-like situation in three districts of North Bengal on June 27. The minister would be holding a high-level meeting with the senior officials of the department to discuss the flood-preventive measures at Hridoy Mahal of Gaidobandha in Jalpaiguri. Chairman of Siliguri Jalpaiguri Development Authority (SJDA) Saurav Chakraborty said, "The irrigation minister would review the situation caused by severe shower in three districts of North Bengal on Wednesday."

It may be mentioned that monsoon between Falakata and Alipurduar was largely affected after a diversion on Torsa River got displaced. However, it was repaired soon. Heavy rainfall in Alipurduar district swelled the water-levels in different rivers like Kaljani, Dima, Sankosh and Raidak. Few pools got collapsed and in some areas water flew over the road. "All such issues would be discussed during the irrigation minister's visit," SJDA chairman said.

# TMC preparing to hit LFRun SMC with graft allegations

EOI CORRESPONDENT

**SILIGURI, JUNE 26** /- Trinamool Congress (TMC) gearing up to pierce Left Front board of Siliguri Municipal Corporation (SMC) in the board-meeting to be held on June 29. Trinamool councillors led by SMC Opposition leader Ranjan Sarkar formulated policies to harass the SMC authority during the upcoming board-meeting. Sarkar said, "LF board in SMC has indulged in several corruptions neglecting the development of the city. We would raise issues like corruption in installation of LEDs, misappropriation of funds, findings in the internal audit in the meeting. "People expect service and transparency from SMC. Mayor and his board paid no heed to civic-services in last three years," Sarkar said. The meeting may see heated-exchange between Trinamool and LF councillors as the councillors of the ruling board said they would not retreat in face of the attack by opposition councillors. Asok Bhattacharya, SMC mayor said that only motto of the Trinamool councillors had been to accuse the LF board. "We always invite constructive criticism. But the Opposition councillors are referring to business issue," he said.

# Issueless couple commits suicide

**JALPAIGURI, JUNE 26** /- Sensation was caused with the suicide of a couple at Magurmati gram panchayat under Dhupguri police station on Tuesday. Primary enquiry of police revealed that Tapas Roy, 28 and his wife Anindita, 24 killed themselves out of frustration of not having a baby five years after their marriage. Bodies of the couple hanging from ceiling were first found by parents of the deceased youth. Roy worked as a night-guard at a saw-mill. His father is a farmer and mother, an anganwadi worker. Neighbours informed police that there was no apparent rift in the family. But the couple used to convey their depression about not having a baby so many years after marriage to the neighbours and friends as learnt by police. The police couple blamed none for their decision in the suicide-note. Police said that the bodies were sent for post-mortem. (EOIC)

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