

CP to high high 'Siliguri's deprivation' in state assembly in upcoming session

EOI CORRESPONDENT

SILIGURI, JULY 6: The CPIM is going to raise the issue of the alleged deprivation of the Left Front (LF) run Siliguri Municipal Corporation (SMC) by the state government in the state assembly in the coming session. The party leadership is also planning to move court to get its dues from the state government. This was revealed yesterday by Siliguri Mayor and M.L.A. Asok Bhattacharya at his office at SMC. "We will expose the state government during the upcoming session of the state assembly which will start from July 20. If necessary we can knock the door of the court

also," the Mayor said. Bhattacharya also alleged that the state government had adopted a double standard so far as SMC was concerned. "The Chief Minister on the one hand stood by Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal's movement against non-cooperation of the Lieutenant Governor, but on the other hand she deprived the SMC of its dues. The state government has waged a war against the citizens of Siliguri. While other Trinamool run civic bodies received their dues, Rs 1200 crore that was due to SMC under different projects has not been released to the civic body. The ruling party and the state government are now

trying to deprive SMC of its earnings through collection of local taxes. SMC is not being included in different projects. State government is also dillydallying on the issue of releasing the pending instalments to SMC." The Mayor has also protested against the decision of Siliguri Jalpaiguri Development Authority (SJDA) to take up projects for the city's development. "The constitution says that work of a local body cannot be done by another body. It is the state government's vindictive stance to allocate fund to SJDA for city's development depriving SMC," he said. Without naming Tourism Minister Gautam Deb

Bhattacharya fired salvos against him saying, "We have crisis of drinking water in SMC areas. But a member of state cabinet from Siliguri has not come forward to resolve the issue." The Trinamool Congress, however, paid no heed to CM's criticism. "It is a fact that LF is keener to keep SMC under grip than to render services to people. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has emphasised on Siliguri's all-round development. We have sought a list of pending work from the SMC councilors. Once we get it, SJDA and North Bengal development department will take up the tasks," Minister for tourism Gautam Deb said.



Preparations for the Ratha Yatra are underway at ISKON temple near Siliguri (EOI PHOTO)

Academic chaos at Manikchak College at Malda

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MALDA, JULY 6: Alleging irregularity in studies and absence of teacher aggrieved students of Manikchak College resorted to agitations locking the gate of the institution on Friday. The movement affected the on-going admission procedure in the college for a long time. Police had to intervene to resolve the matter and restore normalcy.

Soon after the college started at 10 am, some youths claiming themselves students of the college locked the gate and started sloganeering against the authorities. Students, who were getting into the college for admission, were confused with the movement.

The agitators alleged that since the college was founded, academic business had seriously been hampered as the teachers often remained absent in the college. "The management and the teacher in charge (TIC) were changed but there was no improvement on the academic side of the college. The studies are being affected and the students are facing the troubles," an agitator said.

The teachers and the other employees of the college had to wait outside the campus as they were deterred from attending classes and offices.

Somnath Das, TIC of the college informed police. The college gate was opened after police reached the spot and spoke to the agitators.

However, questions are being raised whether the agitators had any valid cause to hold the demonstration. The college earlier witnessed trouble when former local M.L.A. Sahitri Mitra and her followers were accused of interfering into college affairs. Veteran academical Prof Pradyot Ghosh, who was the first principal of the college tendered his resignation after the incident.

Block administration officials said that it would look into whether the agitation was organized to thwart the admission process after Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee gave directions to ensure merit-based admission only.

Das, TIC of the college was surprised with the sudden movement too. "No student alleged against the teacher to be more now. Before now, when the allegation has come, I will look into the matter," he said.

Godman and followers arrested for attempted rape of housewife

EOI PRINCIPAL CORRESPONDENT

MALDA, JULY 6: Police arrested a monk and his two companions for allegedly outraging the modesty of a housewife several times keeping her confined to their religious establishment. The incident at Kandaran area under Samsi police outpost of Ratua police station sparked tension at the locality.

Sub divisional police officer (SDPO), Chanchal Sajalkanti Biswas said

that the monk identified as Bachhu Maharaj and his two followers Dhana Roy and Shankar Bhagat were arrested as they attempted to rape the housewife a few times after confining her for last five days. According to police sources, the housewife from Nadia was introduced to Dhana and Shankar in Assam during a religious festival. The housewife was told by the Godman that she was under an ominous spell and she should perform some religious rites to get rid of

menace. Shankar and Dhana allegedly promised the woman a complete cure by their mentor Bachhu Maharaj. Believing the duo, the woman came to the hut of Bachhu, where she was told to stay for a few days as, they said, the process of eradicating the inauspicious influence upon her would take some time.

Keeping her confined to the premises of his religious establishment the monk allegedly tried to rape the woman. He was

assisted by his two followers. On Thursday the woman managed to escape from there and went to Samsi police outpost where she narrated her plight to police. Acting upon her account, a team of police rushed to Kandaran and arrested the monk and his followers. "The woman was sent for medical test. Police have been trying to contact the family of the woman too. A probe has been initiated," the SDPO said.

Fresh feud over authority of Siliguri's Rabinra Mancha between SJDA and SMC

EOI CORRESPONDENT

SILIGURI, JULY 6: Another spat between Siliguri Jalpaiguri Development Authority (SJDA) and Siliguri Municipal Corporation (SMC) seems to be imminent as the North Bengal Development department (NBDD) transferred the management of Rabinra Mancha from SMC to SJDA. While the chairman of SJDA Sourav Chakraborty took stock of the unused auditorium on Thursday, mayor of SMC Asok Bhattacharya sounded firm to retain authority of the auditorium.

Rabinra Mancha has been closed since its inauguration a year ago. NBDD constructed the auditorium at ward no. 31 of SMC spending Rs 10 crore approximately and handed it over to Siliguri Municipal Corporation (SMC).

However, not a single cultural programme was staged at Rabinra Mancha since inauguration owing to tug of war between SMC and NBDD on various grounds. Later NBDD took back the authority of management of the auditorium from SMC. However, Rabinra Mancha remained as it was and no cultural programme was held there.

Now, NBDD has rendered the authority of running the auditorium to SJDA in black and white. Chairman of SJDA Sourav Chakraborty with his officials inspected Rabinra Mancha on Thursday.

"Rabinra Mancha will be a venue for staging various cultural activities. NBDD has handed over the management of the auditorium to us. We will put the best effort so that Rabinra Mancha turns into a preferred destination of the city's culture-lovers and artists. We believe that some earnings can also be

made from the auditorium," Chakraborty said. He found that the electricity connection of the auditorium had been snapped. "We have to see as to why the electricity services are not available here," he said.

Mayor of SMC Asok Bhattacharya, however, sounded determined about the right of management. "The auditorium was handed over to us by NBDD. The relevant papers of transfer are still lying with us. Rabinra Mancha would be run by SMC. We want that the auditorium is properly utilized," the Mayor said.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee who would take an administrative review meeting on July 10. From there she is expected to go spend the night at Mal Bazar. She is likely to attend a meeting to discuss the tea-garden issues on July 11 at Mal Bazar.

Chairman of Siliguri Jalpaiguri development authority (SJDA) Sourav Chakraborty along with officials of the district administrations inspected the venue of the CM's administrative meeting in Jalpaiguri on Thursday.

It may be mentioned that the stage of Sarojendra Dev Raikar art centre in Jalpaiguri partially collapsed during a cultural programme a few months ago. Some of the artists on the stage were injured too.

The art centre will have a complete makeover before the arrival of the Chief Minister, Chakraborty said.

Preparations for CM's programme in Jalpaiguri on war-footing

EOI CORRESPONDENT

JALPAIGURI, JULY 6: Preparations are underway for the ensuing visit of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee who would take an administrative review meeting on July 10. The CM is also likely to discuss the problems prevalent in tea-gardens of the region.

According to sources in the district administration, the Chief Minister would be reaching Jalpaiguri on around 5 pm on July 9. She would be presiding over the administrative review meetings with the officials of Jalpaiguri and Alipurdia district administrations at Sarojendra Dev Raikar art centre in the evening on the same day.

The CM is going to attend the administrative review

Housewife dies of burns, husband and in laws arrested.

ANUP JAYSWAL

RAIGANJ, JULY 6: Police with the help of a voluntary organization successfully cancelled the marriage of the minor girl at Kasba Maheshwala area under Raiganj police station on Friday.

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Two tuskers killed by running train near Debpara tea-garden

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JALPAIGURI, JULY 6: The death of tuskers on railway tracks continued unabated as an adult female tusker and its calf were mowed down by a speeding train near pillar no. 875 of Debpara tea-garden under Nagrakata police station early this morning.

According to locals a herd of six jumbos were moving around places between Redbank tea-garden and Debpara tea-garden this morning. While the Alipurdia bound DMU intercity express that left Siliguri at 6.10 am today was crossing the area, the calf got mowed down first.

Death of the calf enraged the mother tusker that reportedly chased the train and accidentally was mowed down too. Four other tuskers were, however, safe. There were demands from locals and animal activists to the government and railway authorities for taking measures to stop such unfortunate deaths of elephants which had been a recurrent feature at this part of north Bengal. Often poor visibility during night was often blamed for the accidents. But the locals alleged that poor visibility could not be cited as an excuse in this case as the train was moving in daytime. Railway authorities, however, reportedly refrained from commenting on the death. Members of the wild life squad from Binmaguri reached the spot after the incident.

Three killed in road-accident

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COOCHBEHAR, JULY 6: Three persons including an infant and a woman were killed and four others injured in a road accident at Panditbari area in the district early this morning. The accident occurred when a speeding car hit the railing of a bridge on the river Torsa.

According to police officials, the deceased woman was identified as Aparna Saha. Her one-year old baby and the driver of the car too died on the spot. According to eyewitness account, Aparna Saha went to attend the marriage-reception of her brother at Kamakhya in Alipurdia along with her family members on Thursday. While returning to Sitali More area under Mathabhanja police station, the car she was travelling in went out of control and struck the railing of the bridge. The injured were admitted to Coochbehar MJH hospital. Police have started a probe into the accident.

Teenager dead after being thrashed by friend and his mother

ANUP JAYSWAL

RAIGANJ, JULY 6: A 14-year old boy identified as Gopal Das died after his friend Binod Halder and his mother allegedly beat him up mercilessly. The incident took place at Subhasganj Daspara area under Raiganj police station on Thursday.

According to Shefali Das, mother of the teenager, Gopal was struck by Binod while the duo were playing near a pond yesterday afternoon. To get himself saved of humiliation Gopal jumped into a pond. As Binod allegedly kept pelting stones at him, Gopal could not get off the pond.

In the evening Gopal reportedly went to describe his humiliation to Binod's house where he was allegedly thrashed by his friend and his mother.

"When Gopal returned home, he was suffering from high fever. He was unable to have his dinner too. We were worried and admitted him to Raiganj super-speciality hospital where he died today morning," Shefali Das said.

She lodged a written complaint against Binod Halder and his mother with Raiganj police station. "We are probing into the matter," said Sumantra Biswas, inspector-in-charge of Raiganj police station.

Public Notice

This is to notify all concerned that, on behalf of my client, Aachar Housing Finance Ltd., R. Nath, Branch office at 301, 3rd Floor, Krishna Enclave, 2/1, Bhajralal Lohia Lane, Howrah - 711 011, I hereby give Notice that one customer, Sri Goutam Basak, residing at ... has applied for taking loan for Rs. at the property being ALL THAT land measuring about 2 Cottahs, 13 Chittaks together with disappiated brick built shed structure measuring about 900 sq. ft., super built up area comprised in Mouza, Kathahara, J.L. No. 4, Touz No. 2, R.S. Khanan No. 477, L.R. Khanan No. 4925 appertaining to R.S. Dag No. 203, L.R. Dag No. 555, being premises no. 23/1, Cannanigham Road, P.S. Naahat, under Ward No. 3, within the local limits of Naahat Municipality, District 24 Parganas (North) which is bounded and bounded as on the North: 3 feet Wide Road on the South: House of Lakshmi Rani Pal; on the East: Cannanigham Road, on the West: House of Late Sailerinda Nath Biswas.

WHEREAS By and through a Deed of Gift dated 30-07-1996 one Sri Sanat Kumar Kundu gifted, transferred, conveyed, assigned and assured ALL THAT land measuring about 2 Cottahs 13 Chittak together with disappiated brick built shed structure measuring about 900 sq. ft., super built up area comprised in Mouza - Kathahara, J.L. No. 4, Re. Sa. No. 19, Touz No. 2, appertaining to C.S. & R.S. Khanan No. 477, L.R. Khanan No. 3562, under C.S. & R.S. Dag No. 203, L.R. Dag No. 555, being Holding No. 23/1, Cannanigham Road, P.S. Naahat, under Ward No. 3, within the local limits of Naahat Municipality, District 24 Parganas (North) (hereinafter referred to as the said property) unto and in favour of Smt. Sutapa Biswas. The said Deed was duly registered in the office of A.D.S.R. Naahat and recorded in Book No. 1, Volume No. 82, Pages 97 to 102, being No. 4239 for the year 1996.

AND WHEREAS Said Smt. Sutapa Biswas well seized, possessed and otherwise well and sufficiently entitled to the said property as sole and absolute owner duly mutated the said property in the name of B.L. & L.R.O. in respect of L.R. Khanan No. 4925 under L.R. Dag No. 555 and paid Khazna upto the Bengali year 1406.

AND WHEREAS By and through a Registered Agreement for Sale dated 12-12-2003 Said Smt. Sutapa Biswas transferred the said property unto and in favour of Smt. Suparna Basak. The said Deed was duly registered in the office of A.D.S.R. Naahat and recorded in Book No. 1, being no. 1005 for the year 2004.

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Police of Nagrakata police station thwarted a robbery attempt by arresting eight dacoits on Friday morning. Saikat Bhadra, officer-in-charge of Nagrakata police station said that the youths, Ekramul Hoque, Monirul Islam, Ainul Hoque, Hamidul Rahman, Saiful Rahman, Moinuddin Hoque, Asrafal Alam and Sahauran Alam, were arrested from before the office of tea-research association