

Leopard killed in roads-accident at Madarihat



BABUL SARKAR

ALIPURDUAR, JAN 12—An adult leopard was run over by a speeding lorry on NH-31 near a jungle under Neelganga range of Cooch Behar forest division last night. The spot of the accident is between Bipara-Madarihat under Madarihat police station. It is anticipated that poor visibility owing to dense fog resulted in the accident claiming the leopard's life. Soon after the matter came to fore, a team of police from Madarihat police station rushed to spot to recover the dead leopard's body. However, the lorry that ran over the leopard could not be traced so far.

Biman Biswas, divisional forest officer of Cooch Behar said, "The autopsy of the dead leopard was done today. A written complaint was lodged with Madarihat police station. A probe has been initiated by the forest department also."

Wildlife activists, however, have raised voices after the leopard's death was reported. "It's not a rare incident. Many animals fell victim of road accidents before also. We want that the forest officials and police should act together to limit the speed of vehicles plying along NH-31 that runs through the forests," an activist said.

Intensive probe underway to solve mystery over adult bison's death at Buxa tiger reserve



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ALIPURDUAR, JAN 12—Prominent action of forest employees prevented the attempt of smuggling flesh of a bison killed at Adma second compartment of Pania range located at western part of Buxa tiger reserve on Wednesday. The quick action of the forest employees has been lauded by state forest minister Binay Krishna Burman and head of state wildlife department Rabikant Sinha. It has been learnt from sources that the dead bison was found at Buxa tiger reserve during inspection of forest employees on Wednesday. No bullet mark was found in the body and hence autopsy was done on Thursday to know the exact cause of the animal's death. It is being anticipated that the bison was killed by poachers to sell its meat at clandestine markets where it is sold for Rs 250 per kilo. The dead bison weighed approximately 700 kgs as learnt from forest department sources. Notably, killing of bison is forbidden according to Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and may result in rigorous imprisonment up to seven years. Sniffer dog was engaged at the spot to get clues about how the bison was killed. A written complaint was lodged with Kachhini police station by the forest officials. However, the employees of Buxa tiger reserve remained tightlipped in this regard. Burman, state forest minister said, "The forest employees' effort prevented the attempt of smuggling. It shows that our departmental staffs are always on alert." Sinha said, "We are happy with the vigilance of our employees. We anticipate that the matured bison was killed out of the greed to sell its flesh. A thorough probe is underway. We hope that the culprits would be identified and arrested soon."

Crocodile population in Bhitarakanika rises to 1698

KENDRAPARA (ODISHA), JAN 12—The population of estuarine or saltwater crocodiles in Bhitarakanika National Park in Kendrapara district has increased to 1698 from 1682, a forest department official said. Of these estuarine crocodiles sighted during the census this year at the national park, 12 were albino species. "At least 1698 crocodiles including albino species were counted this year along the water bodies of Mahanadi delta region. The census figure was 1682 last year," said Divisional Forest Officer, Rajnagar Mangrove (wildlife) Forest Division, Bimal Prasanna Acharya. In 2016, altogether 1671 crocodiles had been sighted. Thus, Bhitarakanika National Park has established itself as an ideal habitat for estuarine crocodiles with their population maintaining a rising graph. Acharya said, Three giant male crocodiles measuring more than 20 feet long were sighted by enumerators. This included a 21-foot long reptile which fitted the pride of place in the Guinness Book of World Records as the longest living crocodile, he said. This app, as many as 40 large-size crocodiles measuring 14 to 19 feet were sighted during the annual head count operation conducted between January 5 and 10. The census figure of the animals was released by the forest department early this week. The enumerators found 610 hatchlings, 338 yearlings, 267 juveniles, 172 sub-adults and 31 adult crocodiles in the region crisis crossed by innumerable water inlets, creeks and nullahs forming the Bhitarakanika river system. (PTT)

Stones hurled at Nitish Kumar's cavalcade *CM unharmed despite intense stone-pelting

BUXAR (BIHAR), JAN 12—Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's cavalcade was today pelted with stones while he was on his way to a village as part of the state-wide 'Vikas Samiksha Yatra'. The chief minister was unharmed. An unfazed Kumar, who went on to address a public meeting in Dumraon block, said, "Some people feel disturbed over my commitment to progress of the state. They try to mislead and provoke others but people should not get perturbed over such minor happenings". An official accompanying the chief minister told PTT over phone that some people had hurled stones at the cavalcade but it did not hamper the movement of the cavalcade. He said the cavalcade moved ahead for the village where the chief minister launched 168 schemes worth Rs 272 crore before

addressing public meeting. It was not immediately known who were the persons who indulged in stone-pelting and what was their grouse. The chief minister said, "My purpose is not to run government from the state capital but to assess ground realities and progress of development schemes so that basic amenities like roads, clean water and power reach every village, in every locality, in the state. If anybody is trying to mislead people about his mission, the reality will speak for itself and the mission would never get derailed".

He also spoke at length about his mission of ban on sale and consumption of alcohol and the drive against dowry and child marriage as also measures being taken by the government for all-round development of the youths so that they got better job opportunities. The CM told security personnel deployed at the venue of the public meeting "do not worry about any protests. If some people want to raise slogans and show black flags."

Kumar has been crisscrossing the state as part of "Vikas Samiksha Yatra" to take stock of implementation of developmental programmes at the grassroot. (PTT)

BSF seizes couple of lizards of endangered species from Malda, one held

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MALDA, JAN 12—BSF (Border security force) personnel of 24th battalion apprehended one youth and confiscated from him two living lizards of endangered species from near PTS (Pubarun Township) turning of NTPC on Thursday evening. The price of those two lizards of endangered species would exceed a crore in clandestine market as learnt from the experts. The youth identified as Nasiruddin Sheikh of Mastara area under Baishnabnagar police station along with the couple of living lizards was handed over to divisional forest officer by the BSF officials today.

According to the press release issued by RFS Jaiswal, DIG and public relation officer of South Bengal frontier of BSF special surveillance was under way for last few days at Indo-Bangla border areas following sections from PSR Anjaneyulu, IG. Acting on a tip off that animals of endangered species may be smuggled to Bangladesh, BSF laid trap at two points in Baishnabnagar yesterday. "Around 18:00 hours an ambush party which was positioned at PTS More, observed two suspected persons coming by motorcycle from Kutcha road towards PTS More. Immediately, Am-

bush party challenged them to stop but they tried to run away from the spot. However, party managed to detain one of them. The detained person was searched thoroughly on the spot and two endangered species of lizards Tokay gekko which were kept in a black bag were recovered," the press release informed.

According to experts, such lizards are "highly endemic to the region imposed to III schedule of wildlife Protection Act, 1972. It is believed that body parts of these animals are used for producing medicines for incurable diseases in some Asian countries. Those have high demand in those countries and hence have a hefty price in clandestine market. "The price may exceed even a crore," an expert said. He anticipated that those lizards were on way to be trafficked to those countries through Bangladesh.

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Smuggling rare lizards: One held

MALDA, JAN 12—The BSF has apprehended a man at Paradua PTS More in Malda district, near India-Bangladesh border, and seized two Tokay Gekko, an endangered nocturnal lizard species, from his possession. The Border Security Force (BSF) officials had specific information about the illegal transportation of the endangered lizard species to Bangladesh, a release issued by the paramilitary force said. Two teams of BSF officials were stationed at PTS More and 18 Mile, College More, yesterday to check for suspicious activities. The team near PTS More saw two persons approaching them on a bike and intercepted them. The duo immediately tried to flee the spot but the team managed to detain one of them, the release said.

After preliminary questioning, the man identified himself as Md Nasiruddin Sheikh, a resident of Kaliachak town in Malda. The two Tokay Gekko, seized from his possession, were found to be 1.6 feet and 1.3 feet in size. The inspector general of BSF South Bengal Frontier, PSR Anjaneyulu, has asked the field commanders to strengthen vigil along India-Bangladesh border in the wake of the increased smuggling activities and infiltration bids, the release added. (PTT)

Khandu urges Centre to prioritise rail connectivity to Arunachal

ITANAGAR, JAN 12—Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu today urged Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley and Railway Minister Piyush Goyal to prioritise rail connectivity to the state in this year's Union Budget.

In separate letters to the two Union ministers today, Khandu expressed gratitude to the Centre for giving special impetus to rail and road connectivity to the frontier state, an official communication said. The chief minister said that the Naharlung Railway Station is currently having all the required amenities to start operations of new train services including Rajdhani Express.

"Considering the ever increasing number of passengers availing the train services and to cater the needs of passengers from different parts of the state, it is felt imperative that introduction of Rajdhani Express service from Naharlung to New Delhi and vice versa, he urged. The chief minister also asked for "increasing the frequency of Shatabdi Express between Naharlung-Guwahati from alternate days to daily service, increasing the frequency of Naharlung-New Delhi Super Fast Express from weekly to daily basis and it may be rechristened as Arunachal Express," it said.

He also urged for introduction of new express trains to and from Naharlung to Chennai, Bengaluru and Kolkata and introduction of goods train from Naharlung to Guwahati to boost trading of indigenous products and agricultural produce may be included in the Budget. (PTT)

Naveen writes to PM for immediate establishment of NINEI

BHUBANESWAR, JAN 12—Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today sought Prime Minister Narendra Modi's intervention for immediate establishment of the National Institute of New Energy and Innovation (NINEI) in the state. Patnaik's letter to the prime minister comes after the ministry, on November 10, 2017, issued an order to close down the regional office at Bhubaneswar with immediate effect. "I request you kindly intervene in the matter and issue instructions to commence construction of the National Institute of New Energy and Innovation at the earliest. May I also request you to kindly direct the ministry of New & Renewable Energy to reopen the regional office at Bhubaneswar," Patnaik wrote to the prime minister.

"Closure of the regional office may hamper the progress of establishment of the National Institute of New Energy and Innovation at Bhubaneswar," Patnaik said in the letter. Referring to his earlier letters to the prime minister regarding establishment of the Institute on February 5, 2016, on August 23, 2016 and on May 16, 2017, Patnaik said the state government has already allocated 73.88 acres land for the institute near IT, Bhubaneswar. In addition, one acre land has been identified in Bhubaneswar for the institute's city office. Patnaik pointed out, "I would like to bring to your kind notice that the construction of the institute near IT, Bhubaneswar has not yet been taken up despite grant of advance possession of the required land." Patnaik wrote. (PTT)

Odisha seeks GI tag for Kandhamal turmeric

BHUBANESWAR, JAN 12—The Odisha government has applied for a GI tag for Kandhamal Haladi (turmeric variety). The golden yellow spice, named after the district where it is produced, has been cultivated since time immemorial and is known for its medicinal value.

The Central Tool Room & Training Centre (CTTC) under MSME ministry, filed the application yesterday with supporting documents and test reports to justify its claim. It was accepted after due scrutiny by the GI Registrar authorities in Chennai, Sachi Kanta Kar, the head of IPFC-CTTC, said.

A GI is a sign used on products to have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin. A team of experts, scientists and members of Kandhamal Apex Spices Association for Marketing (KASAM) have conducted research work for over two years on the origin and properties of the turmeric variety with technical guidance from the CTTC and the district administration. "The application, with supporting documents and test reports, has been filed at GI Registrar, Chennai," Kar said. During field visits and interaction with the farmers, the researchers have collected data that could establish the uniqueness of Kandhamal Haladi. Its historical importance and social

Govt announces Rs 5 lakh for families of 2 men killed in Dhula

TEZPUR, JAN 12—The Assam government announced Rs 5 lakh as compensation to the families of two men who died allegedly in police custody and firing at Dhula in Darrang district, even as the curfew imposed yesterday was relaxed for four hours.

Darrang Deputy Commissioner Ashok Barman said the curfew was imposed from 3 pm to 7 pm in the Dhula area and the situation was under control.

Prohibitory orders under Section 144 of the CrP were promulgated in the area after a mob, which geroared the police station over alleged death of a person in police custody, turned violent. One person was killed when a mob opened fire to control the situation. If the situation remains normal, the curfew will be lifted tomorrow, he said. The district administration has ordered a probe into the incident by Additional Deputy Commissioner N N Nath who will submit a report within 15 days, the DC said.

Senior Cabinet ministers Parimal Sukla Baidya and Rihon Daimary today attended the last rites of Hasan Ali and Muzib Islam at Atakata, about 15 km from district headquarters Mangaldoi, and announced the compensation on behalf of Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal. Baidya said Rs 5 lakh each would be given to the families and that the inquiry ordered by Sonowal yesterday into the incident would start immediately.

Ali (37), survived by his wife and five children, allegedly died in custody at the police station on January 9 night after he was picked up from his home for allegedly possessing illegal arms.

Mizoram: 65 people died of drug abuse in 2017
AIZAWL, JAN 12—At least 65 people, including 12 women, died from substance abuse in Mizoram last year, according to the records of the state Excise and Narcotics department. Of the 65 drug-related deaths last year, 28 people died from heroin overdose while the rest died due to substance abuse. The records show, an official of the Excise and Narcotics department said around 6.035 kilogramme of heroin, 33,400 Methamphetamine tablets and 1,59,417 tablets of Pseudo-ephedrine were seized during raids in 2017. The department also seized 392 kilogramme of ganja (cannabis) and destroyed 4.127 ganja plants.

This year, one person has died due to drug abuse in the first week of January, the official said. (PTT)

Change of Name

CHHARHAR, NARAYAN THAKUR S/O LATE SASHIDHAR THAKUR R/O 1/1, ABDUL HASUL AVENUE, P.O. KALIGHAT, TOLLYGUNGE, KOLKATA-700026, SHALL HENCE FORTH BE KNOWN AS DHARM NARAYAN THAKUR. AN AFFIDAVIT SWORN BEFORE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 12.01.18

NOTICE
IN THE COURT OF THE J.D. DIST. SILEIGURI
DIWATI SILIGURI REF.-MISC. NO. 44/2017 SRI DINESH GHOSH & OTHERS PETITIONERS

It is notified that a petition for granting succession certificate has been filed by Sri Dinesh Ghosh S/O Late Tagaradasi Ghosh & Tagar Dasi Ghosh, D/O of Tagaradasi Ghosh, D/O of Tagaradasi Ghosh, D/O of Tagaradasi Ghosh, D/O of Tagaradasi Ghosh, Kamat, Dist Koch Bihar & Smt. Swapna Ghosh & Monisha Ghosh and Smt. Ganga Ghosh & Tagar Dasi Ghosh of Jyoti Nagar, P.O. Denow, Dist Sivapagar, Assam under Hindu Succession Act, 1956 for getting debts left by deceased Tagaradasi Ghosh & Tagaradasi Ghosh (I/C/W Case No. Misc. Jd/ (Succession Case No. 34/16. Any Person having interest therein may appear in the Ld. Court District Delegate, Siliguri on 22.02.2018 failing which matter will be decided as per the order under my hand and seal of the Court this 11th Day of January 2018

By Order
Shreya R. Sherrestadar
Civil Judge (Jr./Sr.) Division Siliguri

Bhagalpur - Anand Vihar Express

KOLKATA, JAN 12—The remaining conventional rake of 12367/12368 Bhagalpur - Anand Vihar Vikramshila Express will also run with LHB rake w.e.f. 13.01.2018 from Bhagalpur and w.e.f. 14.01.2018 from Anand Vihar. (EOIC)

Change of Name
PAWANI KUMAR KANCOJA S/O BHAGWATI PRASAD KANCOJA, R/O FLAT NO 403, 1, WOOD STREET F-2, ANAND VIKAR PAREE SARANI, KOLKATA-700016 SHALL HENCE FORTH BE KNOWN AS PAWAN KANCOJA AND AN AFFIDAVIT SWORN BEFORE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 12.1.2018

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Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter ending 31st Dec. 2017	Year to date ending 31st Dec. 2017	Previous Year ending 31st Dec. 2016	Corresponding quarter ended 3 months ended 31st Dec. 2016
1	Total Income from Operations	41.38	138.77	23.14	
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	35.07	83.73	9.24	
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	35.07	52.68	9.24	
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	30.37	44.27	5.59	
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)				
6	Equity Share Capital	114.66	114.66	114.66	
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	1,557.37	1,527.00	1,488.40	
8	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 1/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) - Basic: Diluted:	0.26	0.39	0.05	

Notes:-
a) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Bombay Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Annual Financial Results are available on our website www.salemeroinvestments.com and on the websites of the Stock Exchange (www.bseindia.com) and the listed entity.
b) The impact on net profit / loss, total comprehensive income or any other relevant financial item(s) due to change(s) in accounting policies shall be disclosed by means of a footnote.
c) * Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items adjusted in the Statement of Profit and Loss in accordance with Ind-AS Rules, whichever is applicable.
For Salem Erode Investments Ltd.
Ashok Kumar Hamirbasia
Managing Director

Place : Kolkata
Dated : 12th January, 2018