

AT A GLANCE

TMC MP presses for state's name change

NEW DELHI: A TMC MP today demanded change of name of West Bengal to 'Bangla' saying the existing name was pushing the state 'backwards'.

Prez opens 'Namami Brahmaputra' fest

GUWAHATI: President Pranab Mukherjee today inaugurated 'Namami Brahmaputra' festival at Guwahati today.

Violent protests in Valley against Budgam deaths

SRINAGAR: Violent protests took place at some places in Kashmir today against the deaths of three youths in firing by security forces near an encounter site even as several separatist leaders were placed under house arrest.



Mayor Soan Chatterjee (right), TMC MLA Nayna Bandopadhyay and state power minister Sobhanadab Chattopadhyay walking in the TMC rally in protest against alleged vendetta politics by BJP-Arijit Ganguly

TMC takes out 2nd rally against BJP's vendetta politics

KOLKATA, MARCH 31 /-/ Trinamool Congress today took out its second rally here in two days against what it called BJP's 'vendetta politics' and accused it of trying to malign its leaders in false cases.

Mamata's land rights promise political gimmick: GJM

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DARJEELING, MARCH 31 /-/ The Gorkha Janmukti Morcha today termed chief minister Mamata Banerjee's promise to provide land rights to Mirik residents a political gimmick with an eye on the municipality polls slated sometime in May.

The chief minister, while declaring Mirik as a new sub-division on Thursday, said a committee would be formed to survey the area after which land rights would be made available to residents.

Arguing their point further, GJM general secretary Roshan Giri today said, "In 2011 a survey was conducted in all the nine wards under Mirik municipality by the Left Front government. The assessment and survey details along with the proposed map have already been submitted. So where is the need for the present state government to conduct a fresh survey and that too just ahead of the municipality polls?"

tea gardens of the hills, the Cinchona plantation and forest villages," Giri said. D.K. Pradhan, the GJM Darjeeling sub-divisional president and former municipality chairman, highlighted the nitty-gritty of acquiring land from tea gardens and why doing so could be an uphill task for the state government.

Meanwhile, N.B. Khawas, the hill TMC working president, said the chief minister's decision to start a survey for land rights was commendable as it has been a long pending demand of the people living in tea garden areas.

SC refuses urgent hearing on Ayodhya land dispute case

NEW DELHI, MARCH 31 /-/

The Supreme Court today refused to accord an early hearing on a batch of civil appeals pertaining to the Ayodhya Ram Temple-Babri Masjid case.

China warns India again on Dalai visit

BEIJING, MARCH 31 /-/

China today warned India of "serious damage" to bilateral ties if it allows Tibet's exiled spiritual leader the Dalai Lama to visit Arunachal Pradesh next week and asked New Delhi to clarify its position.

Actor Ranodeep Bose injured in road mishap

KOLKATA, MARCH 31 /-/ Bengal actor and grandson of thespian Soumitra Chatterjee, Ranodeep Bose was seriously injured in a road mishap in the city early today.



driver's seat, was also injured and suffered serious fractures, police said. Ranodeep is under treatment at a private hospital in Park Circus area, a film director, who worked with him.

CBFC cites 'confusion' on category and not content for halting release of 'Shunyota'

DEBANJAN MUKHERJEE KOLKATA, MARCH 31 /-/ It was content so far, which quite a few films faced hurdles at the Censor Board. But what flummoxed Sundevnti Ghosh, director of 'Shunyota' (emptiness), a Bengali film with three plots showing the perils of note ban, was that the regional office of the CBFC stood in the way for the release of the film, saying they were in a fix about what category they would put the film under and for that they sent it to the CBFC's main office at Mumbai where the chairman would take a call on this issue.

Asked what could be the possible next step from his side if the CBFC bans 'Shunyota', the film's director gave a clear indication that they were contemplating a legal action. "We have invested our money in the project and that's not for keeping the movie confined within the can. I am confident that today or tomorrow the film will definitely be released," Ghosh said.



Director Sundevnti Ghosh (Left). A still from 'Shunyota'.

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