



A boy portraying Jesus Christ is tied to a cross while performing a re-enactment to mark Good Friday in Guwahati — Reuters

Paper leak: CBSE shares exam centre details with police

- Class 12 economics re-exam on April 25
- Students, Cong hold protests across Delhi

NEW DELHI, MARCH 30 /- The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has submitted to the police details of the examination centres sought by its Crime Branch, which is investigating the leaks of Class 10 Mathematics and Class 12 Economics papers. The police had sought details of the examination centres, their superintendents and the contacts of banks where the papers were kept for safekeeping. Police said to both Delhi and Haryana to them. On Thursday, the police also "interacted" with the CBSE controller of examinations for over two hours to learn about the entire process. An official privy to the probe said things like where the paper is set, details of where the



Students protest against the announcement of re-examination of the leaked CBSE papers, near Jantar Mantar in New Delhi

charges of criminal breach of trust, cheating and criminal conspiracy. A Special Investigation Team (SIT) comprising two deputy commissioners of police, four assistant commissioners and five inspectors has been set up to investigate the matter. The team is being supervised by the joint commissioner of police (crime). Meanwhile, education secretary Anil Swarup said that re-examination of CBSE's Class 12 economics paper will be held on April 25, while the re-test for Class 10 mathematics is likely to be conducted in July. Swarup said a preliminary enquiry has revealed that the leak for Class 10 mathematics paper is restricted to Delhi and Haryana. There has been no leak outside India, hence no re-examination will be held outside the country, he said. The question papers are different for students appearing for the CBSE examinations outside India. Students and Congress youth leaders today held protests in several parts of the national capital against CBSE board papers being leaked, accusing the board of negligence and demanding immediate action against the guilty. While some students gathered at Parliament Street in the heart of the city, members of the Congress National Students Union of India (NSUI) began marching towards Union HRD minister Prakash Javadekar's residence but were stopped. Student groups and the Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee (DPC) also demonstrated outside the CBSE headquarters in east Delhi's Preet Vihar, raising various demands, including an independent investigation. "The leaks have exposed the capture of the highest academic institutions by the exam mafia under the watch of the Modi government as well as the abdication of authority by the HRD minister and the CBSE chairperson," NSUI leader Neeraj Mishra said.

Rare surgery by Malda docs ensures 'new life' for mentally challenged patient

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MALDA, MARCH 30 /- A team of five doctors of Malda medical college & hospital (MMCH) earned applause from all corners after ensuring survival of a patient through a rarest successful surgery, second of its kind in the state today.

The team of surgeons led by Dr Arjit Mukherjee did not delay in operating upon Tarun Rabidas, 21, a patient with mental retardation after some odd items made of steel were found in his abdomen. Rabidas, an inhabitant of Mangalpur village in South Dinajpur district came to Malda few days back to stay with his sis-

ter living at Agra Harishchandrapur in Habibpur block. "Tarun is mentally retarded. On last Wednesday he suddenly fell severely ill and vomited blood. We were worried and decided to get him checked at MMCH," said Goutam Rabidas, brother-in-law of the patient. Dr Atish Haldar examined Tarun's abdomen at OPD and found odd items like a steel spoon, a broken spoon, an iron rod and a needle in his stomach. The doctors took up the case seriously and decided to operate upon Rabidas. A medical board was constituted under Dr Arjit Mukherjee. The other members of the team were Dr Atish Haldar, Dr Sandipan Das, Dr

Shah sets up 4-member panel to look into Ram Navami violence

Life limping back to normal in parts of Asansol, prohibitory orders in force

NEW DELHI, MARCH 30 /- In the wake of violence over Ram Navami processions in West Bengal, BJP chief Amit Shah today constituted a four-member committee comprising senior party leaders, who would visit the state and submit a report to him in this regard. Shah condemned the violence in Asansol in West Bengal and said "such incidents are unfortunate and painful". The saffron party said in a statement. The four-member committee the BJP chief formed comprises the party's national vice-president Om Mathur, spokesperson Shah Nawaz Hussain and two MPs - Roopa Ganguly and V D Ram. The committee members will visit the state and submit a report to Shah, the statement said. Earlier, the BJP had hit out at West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee over the incidents of violence in the state and accused the Trinamool Congress (TMC) supremo of doing politics while the state was burning. A clash had broken out between two groups over a Ram Navami procession at Raniganj, near Asansol, on Monday. One person was allegedly hacked to death while a deputy commissioner of police had lost a hand after being hit by a bomb. Prohibitory orders remained in force and internet services suspended here today even as life was limping back to normal in the southern parts of the town, official sources said. Shops and markets were open and vehicles started plying in the southern parts of Asansol, sub-divisional officer (SDO) P Roychowdhury said, adding that tension still prevailed in the northern parts of the town. There was no fresh incident of violence, but the prohibitory orders were in force in Asansol, he said. Internet services would remain suspended till April 4, the SDO added. The police staged a route march in the town to instill a sense of security among the people, he said. Chief

minister Mamata Banerjee had held a high-level meeting at the secretariat in Kolkata on Thursday, after returning from New Delhi, to review the situation in the Asansol-Raniganj area. The chief secretary, the home secretary, the director general of police (DGP) and the ADGP (law and order) were present at the meeting. One person was killed and two police officers were injured in the violence that had erupted in the area on Sunday and Monday. Union minister Babul Supriyo had on Thursday night said two FIRs were lodged against him by the police, following which he also filed a complaint against the



police. Supriyo and state BJP Mahila Morcha president Locket Chatterjee were stopped by the police from entering the Asansol-Raniganj area. A scuffle had ensued between BJP supporters and the police when the Union minister tried to enter Asansol, his Lok Sabha constituency. State parliamentary affairs minister Partha Chatterjee had accused the BJP of trying to destroy the peace and communal harmony in the state. "When police is patrolling the area, why do they want to visit Raniganj? Are they not satisfied after unleashing violence for the last two days," he had said.

Post-Ram Navami violence, state police intensify vigil for Hanuman Jayanti

BJP, VHP to keep event a low key affair

KOLKATA, MARCH 30 /- Following violence over Ram Navami celebrations in West Bengal, the police are putting in place elaborate arrangements to avoid any untoward incident during Hanuman Jayanti celebrations in the state on Saturday. Apart from a ban on armed rallies, additional forces will be deployed in each district and police personnel will be posted outside every religious place. "Elaborate arrangements have been made. Police will be deployed in every corner of the state, we will keep a tab on any suspicious movement. No one will be allowed to take out armed rallies," a senior police officer said here. Besides the deployment of additional forces, mobile police teams would patrol the sensitive areas round the clock and special monitoring would be done at the Bangladesh border and the inter-state

borders, another police official said. "We have reports that those involved in Sunday's violence (in the Asansol and Raniganj areas of West Burdwan district) were outsiders," the official said. Meanwhile, the BJP and the VHP have given indications that they will not take out any big rally in West Bengal on the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti, following incidents of violence over Ram Navami celebrations in the state. Both the state unit of the BJP and the state leadership of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) have decided to restrict their programmes to temples and local clubs during Hanuman Jayanti. State president Sachindranath Singha said it might create problems if major rallies were taken out. "Only last week, we had such huge Ram Navami celebrations, which at some places led

to violence. Now taking out rallies on Hanuman Jayanti will send a wrong message," he said, adding that the programmes would be restricted to temples and mutts and that they would be low-key affairs. State BJP general secretary Sayantan Basu said the saffron party would not take out any rally on Hanuman Jayanti, but would take part in some programmes organised by the local clubs. "Hanuman Jayanti is not as popular as Ram Navami in Bengal and we won't organise any rally. There are so many festivals. It is not possible to celebrate it on a huge scale," he added. The ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) on the other hand will be celebrating Hanuman Jayanti in various parts of the state. "We will organise small programmes to celebrate the festival," a senior TMC leader said.

Sushmameets Japanese PM, conveys Modi's greetings

TOKYO, MAR 30 /- External affairs minister Sushma Swaraj today met Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and the two leaders discussed ways to strengthen the bilateral ties. Swaraj, who was here on a three-day visit, also conveyed the greetings of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Abe. "EAM @SushmaSwaraj called on Japanese Prime Minister @AbeShinzo today morning in Tokyo. EAM conveyed the greetings of PM @narendramodi to PM Abe," ministry of external affairs spokesperson Ravesh Kumar said in a tweet. During the meeting, Abe told Swaraj that the traditional friendship between the India and Japan was characterised by "heart-to-heart" bonds and blessed with a huge potential for growth. "PM Abe said that India-Japan traditional friendship is characterised by heart-to-heart bonds and blessed with a huge potential for growth." The spokesperson tweeted.

Anti-BJP front will succeed under Rahul's leadership: Adhir

KOLKATA, MARCH 30 /- West Bengal Congress president Adhir Chowdhury today said the anti-BJP front in the country "can succeed only under party president Rahul Gandhi's leadership". Chowdhury took a dig at chief minister Mamata Banerjee's proposal of putting up a "one-to-one" fight against the BJP and said the Congress does not need advice from her. Banerjee is trying to project herself as a pan-India leader, Chowdhury said. "She is advising Congress on what to do and what not to do. Who has appointed her as an adviser to the Congress? If you are serious about fighting communal forces, you have to fight under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi," he asserted. Mamata, during her recent visit to New Delhi, had talked about a "one-to-one" fight between the BJP and the opposition party in every state. The state Congress president also alleged that the chief minister and the TMC government have failed to control violence in the state during the Ram Navami celebrations. "The state government was unable to tackle the clashes in the state as the TMC and the BJP are both sides of a same coin," he said. Congress does not need suggestions from the TMC on how to deal with communal forces, Chowdhury quipped. "We are not opposed to any particular individual, the party stands against the communal ideology of the BJP as a whole," he said.



of organisation, training NEW DELHI: Cong president Rahul Gandhi today appointed Ashok Gehlot as AICC general secretary in charge of organisation and training, replacing Janardan Dwivedi who will be stepping down. Gehlot was earlier general secretary in charge of party affairs in Gujarat and has been replaced by Rajeev Satav. "Cong President Rahul Gandhi has designated Ashok Gehlot as general secretary in charge of organisation and training, in place of Janardan Dwivedi, general secretary AICC," Dwivedi said in a statement.

India seeks details from China after citizen goes missing

BEIJING, MARCH 30 /- Fearing abduction of an Indian national in central China's Zhejiang province, Indian authorities in Shanghai have sought details of his whereabouts from the Chinese government, diplomatic sources said today. The Indian Consulate in

Shanghai filed a "note verbale", a diplomatic communication, with the local office of the Chinese foreign ministry on Tuesday seeking details of Tabrez Akbarali Bana, a resident of Mumbai, the sources said. Bana has been reported missing from the Chinese commodity mar-

ket Yiwu for the past a few days, amid concerns that he may have been abducted by local businessmen over a trade dispute. He visited the police station in Yiwu a few days ago to complain about threats by the businessmen and has been reported missing since. (PTI)

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operation would restore the confidence of common people in doctors working here and their relentless effort to work for the patients' cure," said Dr Amit Dav, medical superintendent and vice principal of MMCH. Relatives of the Tarun Rabidas were seemingly overwhelmed after he received "virtually a second life" at the hands of MMCH doctors. "Any word would fall short to appreciate them. They have emerged as god for us," said Goutam Rabidas and his spouse.

Dr Arjit Mukherjee examining the patient after surgery



Dr Arjit Mukherjee examining the patient after surgery — EOI Photo