Mamata wishes people on Eid-ul-Adha

KOLKATA, AUG 21/--/ Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today extended greetings to the people on the occasion of Eid ul-Adha and hoped that the festival of sacrifice would deepen the spirit of sharing and brotherhood.

"On the occasion of Id-ul-Zuha, let us commit ourselves to the spirit of sharing and brotherhood. My best wishes to all," Mamata tweeted. The festival was celebrated with religious fervour across the state with Muslims thronging idgahs and mosques for congregational prayers and to commemorate the sacrifice Prophet Ibrahim made for God which showed his faith and devotion. Eid ul-Adha marks the prophet's sacrifice of a lamb after God spared his son Prophet Ismail. The biggest congregation in the state was held at the Red Road or Indira Gandhi Sarani in the city where thousands of people gathered for Eid prayer. Nakhoda and Tipu Sultan Mosques in the city also recorded huge gatherings on the occasion. Similar gatherings were reported from districts and major towns in the state. Dressed in their best, Muslims came out early in the morning to offer special prayers at mosques. After the prayers, they hugged and greeted each other before setting off for the ceremonial sacrifice of animals.

Muslim Boys take part in Eid-al-Adha namaz at Red Road in Kolkata---Shyamal maitra

Body of migrant labourer brought from flood-hit Kerala

EOI CORRESPONDENT

COOCH BEHAR, AUG 22/--/ The body of Siraj Alam, a graduate migrant labourer who died in flood-devastated Kerala was brought to his house at Kashimerhat village of Mekhliganj police station a little before the special religious prayer on occasion of Eid-ul-Azha offered by the villagers.

A pall of gloom descended on the locality as the body arrives at the village. Alam, a popular youth died a couple of days before the religious festival. It has been learnt from family members of the deceased migrant labourer that he decided to try his luck as a migrant labourer in Kerala after he failed to find a suitable job despite being a graduate.

"He was working in Kerala for the last two years. Recently he fell seriously ill when a devastating flood hit the state. He had to battle for life helplessly alone as there was no one to provide him with treatment, medicine and diet he required. Eventually, he died," a brother of Alam said.

Partha says book depicting actor as Milkha Singh not published by govt

KOLKATA, AUG 21/--/ State Minister for Education Partha Chatterjee today said the book in which the photograph of actor Farhan Akhtar was erroneously depicted as that of legendary athlete Milkha Singh, was neither published by the state government nor was it a text book. Chatterjee, however, told reporters here after meeting department officials and the publisher, that if someone formally took up the matter with the government, "We will certainly initiate necessary action".

"It was not a text book published by the state government, and there can be such mistakes in a few books even though that is unfortunate. "The state government will not intervene on its own but initiate action if someone lodges a formal complaint," the minister said. An Education Department official said a high-level meeting, attended by Chatterjee and other senior officials, today deliberated on the issue and the publisher of the book has already been cautioned. Meanwhile, the publisher, Anup Das, admitted it was a "serious mistake" and assured of rectifying the error. The photograph of a schoolbook depicting Akhtar as Singh had gone

viral on social media, following which the actor urged the West Bengal government to correct the "glaring error". The 44-year-old, who essayed the role of Singh in the 2013 biopic 'Bhaag Milkha Bhaag', took to Twitter to point out that a still from the film had been incorrectly used in the book instead of the real athlete's photo.

"To the Minister of School Education, West Bengal. There is a glaring error with the image used in one of the school text books to depict Milkha Singh-ji. Could you please request the publisher to recall and replace this book? Sincerely," Akhtar had written on Twitter. The actor-director had also tagged Trinamool Congress Rajya Sabha MP Derek O'Brien to draw his attention to the post. Mikha Singh, also known as 'The Flying Sikh', was the first Indian to win an individual athletics gold medal at the Commonwealth Games in 1958.

News in Brief

One person killed as truck hits stationary lorry

BANKURA, AUG 21/--/ One person was killed when a truck hit a stationary lorry in Bankura district today, a senior police officer said. Superintendent of Police, Sukhendu Hira said the truck hit the stationary lorry on Durgapur-Bankura Road in which the helper of the truck was killed. Both the truck and the lorry were damaged in the accident, he added.

Arms and ammunition seized in Kalyani

KRISHNANAGAR, AUG 21/--/ Several arms and ammunition were recovered from a house during a raid at Atghara in Nadia district, the police said. Acting on an information, police raided the area under Kalyani police station and recovered two firearms and 36 cartridges of various weapons from the house of one Arun Mondal on Monday, Superintendent of Police Nadia Rupesh Kumar said. Mondal was arrested.

Girl complains to police about 'Momo Game' challenge

JALPAIGURI, AUG 21/--/ A college girl here filed a complaint with the police today about an unknown caller who allegedly tried to incite her into participating in 'Momo Game' challenge, a new virtual suicide game.

The 'Momo Game' is said to be a successor of the notorious 'Blue Whale Game' and has made headway in several countries. The first year college girl in her complaint said that she had posted in the social media after a spat with her mother during the day that she wished to take her own life. She soon received a Whatsapp message over her mobile phone from an unknown number allegedly inviting her to take the Momo Game challenge. When she sought to know the sender's identity, the person revealed it verbally, she claimed. Scared over the situation, the girl claimed she had informed her elder brother, who warned her against participating in the game. She then informed the police. An investigation has been launched, the police said.

Dr Akhansa Bhaskar, IAS, on call every weekend

The Raghunathpur SDO has decided not to let her medical education go waste and to attend patients regularly

SABYASACHI BANDOPADHYAY

KOLKATA, AUG 22/--/On the morning of August 5 young Akhansa Bhaskar, sub-divisional officer of Raghunathpur in Purulia district went out of her office to take stock of the situation at different health centres of her sub-division. And at her very first port of call at Santuri block heath centre she found to her utter chagrin that no doctor had arrived while there was a slithering queue of villagers awaiting one.

Bhaskar, doffed her identity as the SDO and donned her other identity, a registered medical practitioner and sat to attend the patients, most of whom came from the lowest strata of the society. And she had made it a week-end routine as the following week she visited Para Block health centre and attended patients. Even when I was preparing for the civil services examinations I decided that I would not let my training as a doctor go waste even if I became an administrator. And while I was taking the training for IAS at Mussouri I went around the villages near the academy and attended patients," Bhaskar, who cleared MBBS from RG Kar Medical College and

Hospital in 2014 and passed IAS the following year, told the Echo of India.

The official said after she was posted at Raghunathpur the idea struck her again. ``Last Saturday in the morning since I had not much work I decided to go out and visit the health centres, to see the infrastructure, the environment etc. And at Santuri when I saw the doctor had not arrived, I sat to attend the patients. As administrator while my duty is to see that the condition at hospitals and health centres is improved, I don't feel helpless when a doctor is absent because I myself had that training. In fact I want to see poor patients on a regular basis but it is not possible because as an administrator it is not possible to do that. But I have decided that I will.spend at least the weekends attending to the poor patients from villages. ,'' the feisty lady said. She also said most of the patients that she saw were having infections of various kinds but what moved her most was that it was women who came to her and told her about their problems without any hesitation. Bhaskar said she wanted to become an IAS officer after she became a doctor because she thought the job of an administrator could give her more opportunity to serve people. ``After I became a doctor I thought I should take the civil service examination because that way I could serve the society better. But I will remain both an administrator and a doctor all through my life," Bhaskar reiterated.

Retired bureaucrats say they can not recall any other case of a bureaucrat and a doctor who attended patients regularly. ``I heard about one or two IAS officers who were also qualified doctors but I don't know whether they saw patients regularly. What the young lady is doing is a much commendable job and everybody should appreciate it," A. B. Chakrabarty, former additional chief secretary to the state government told the Echo of India.

Rape victim minor girl meets SP seeking immediate arrest of accused

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MALDA, AUG 22/--/Family members of a minor girl from Ronthol village under Harishchandrapur police station knocked the door of superintendent of police today urging him arrest a local youth who allegedly raped the minor repeatedly confining her for three days. According to her mother, the minor girl had an affair with Kayesh Ali, a local youth with whom she had physical intimacy too. "After knowing about the affair we went to Ali's house with matrimony-proposals which he and his family members summarily turned down. We lodged a police complaint against Ali that led to his arrest," she said. However, after he was released on bail, Ali allegedly started threatening the minor girl's family with dire consequences if the complaint against him had not been withdrawn.

"We refused to withdraw the police complaint. Irked by our determination Ali kidnapped my daughter on August 13 and raped her repeatedly. Finally she was dumped near our house. We went to police again but our second complaint was not received," the alleged rape-victim's mother said. Avijit Mishra, lawyer of the minor girl said that her family was compelled to seek intervention of the SP as the local police did not take action against the culprit. If the accused is not arrested immediately, we would move to court, Mishra said. Arnab Ghosh, SP, Malda has assured to look into the issue.

Muslims living in WB since childhood need not worry about NRC: Roopa Ganguly

KOLKATA, AUG 22/--/ Muslims living in West Bengal since childhood don't need to worry about the NRC, BJP MP Roopa Ganguly today said, while urging a section of political parties not to politicise every issue "for the sake of national interest". Ganguly's statement comes against the backdrop of a war of words between the TMC and the BJP over the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam.

"Pakistan was formed after the Partition on the basis that it becomes a Muslim country. Bangladesh (then East Pakistan) was mainly for Muslims. West Bengal was made part of India as it was for Hindus, who had come from (the then) East Pakistan because they were driven out from there," Ganguly said on the sidelines of a programme here. "Those who are living in India since their childhood, including Muslims, do not need to worry about the NRC," she said.

"The Muslims who are living in Bengal since their childhood (for many decades) need not worry about the NRC. There are certain things which should not be politicised for the sake of national interest," Ganguly said. The TMC has accused the BJP of being "anti-Bengali" and said it tried to divide the people on religious lines. The BJP in its turn had accused the TMC government of turning the state into a safe haven for Bangladeshi infiltrators for the sake of vote bank politics.

Stalemate continues in Bengali serial industry

KOLKATA, AUG 21/--/The stand-off between artistes and producers of Bengali TV serials remained unresolved for the fifth day today, with no shooting taking place in any of the eight studios of the city.

The producers' association said it was ready for talks with no pre-condition, while the artistes body maintained that dialogue would start only after getting a formal letter from the other side.

Following a call by the Artists' Forum demanding regularisation of their payment, the actors were on a ceasework from August 18.

A spokesman of the Welfare Association of Television Producers (WATP) said the producers were ready for talks with the Forum but there should not be any pre-condition. Forum General Secretary Arindam Ganguly maintained that talks with the WATP can take place only after getting a formal letter from the producers inviting it for dialogue.

Ganguly said the Forum wanted that all artistes should get their dues as decided in a meeting between the Federation of Cine Technicians and Workers of East India and the producers on July 7 and they should not be forced to work for more than 14 hours.

The WATP spokesman said the 14-hour stipulation may not be feasible during outdoor shoots, as it takes time to make all arrangements before a shoot. But still they were ready for talks on every issue without any pre-conditions with the Forum which had "unilaterally called the ceasework from August 18", he said. Ganguly, on the other hand, said the actors had turned up at studios and were ready to begin shoots on August 18, but the WATP showed no urgency in addressing their wage problem.

The Forum demands that payment of salaries of every artiste be paid within the 15th of the next month and hourly basis of payment if the shooting schedule of an artiste exceeds 10 hours. It said this arrangement has been agreed upon in the July 8 meeting between the Federation of Cine Technicians and Workers of East India, the Forum and the producers.

The WATP, however, said the July 8 meeting did not pass any resolution about arrangement of payment and only recorded the minutes. Ganguly said many producers paid the wage of the artistes in the given time, but many did not and the Forum took up the agitation in the interest of every artiste.

The WATP said the producers had made arrangement for payment of artistes by August 15 but it could not succeed because of holidays. Due to the disruption of the shooting schedule, the channels were forced to go for repeat telecast of the episodes aired earlier. In another development, the Eastern India Motion Pictures' Association (EIMPA) held an emergency meeting where 100 of its members demanded that the resolutions of an earlier meeting on raising payment of technicians of film shoots be formalised before August 31.

An EIMPA spokesperson said discussions were on with the technicians' body about the demand.

Rigorous ban on plastic at forests and sanctuaries proposed by state government

EOI CORRESPONDENT

JALPAIGURI, AUG 22/--/ Hefty fine has been proposed for use of plastic bags and other plastic products carried at forests and other nature parks under the state forest department. The decision was adopted with an eye to keep the forests free from pollution, said Binay Krishna Burman, minister of the department today. The prohibitory order would be implemented at Gorumara, Jaldapara, Singalila, Sinchal, Neora Valley, Mahananda sanctuary, Buxa tiger reserve and other forests and parks under the state forest department.

"Sundarban has already been declared as biosphere reserve. Thus use of plastic bags and other articles made of plastic has been banned in Sundarban. We want implementation of similar proscription at other forests, parks, sanctuaries and reserves also. However, not only the tourists but also the officials and employees of the department would have to abide by the new order," Burman said. The minister conceded that high use of plastic bags by tourists was a serious concern. "But the more alarming fact is that the forest employees, officials and other

concerned staff randomly use toxic-plastic during tiger census. Our target is to keep forests and sanctuaries completely free of plastic elements. It has been decided that members of forest and environment protection committee members, safari drivers, tour guides, beat officers and rangers would undergo a training to know how to implement the ban without hurting the tourism industry," he added. Notably, most of the forests in Terai and Dooars regions are closed from June 15 to September 14 as the period is regarded as the breeding season for animals. However, an exception for the first time has been made by keeping a few other forests open for tourists even during the given period.

"We are keeping vigil on those forests also. Tourists would be informed of the anti-plastic regulations before they enter the forests. Even tickets issued to the tourists would not contain any plastic strip etc," minister said. Dibyendu Deb, secretary of Lataguri resort owners' welfare association has welcomed the new anti-plastic regulation made by the forest department. "We always appeal to the tourists to abstain from using plastics articles. New regulation would be conveyed to tourists after we receive it officially from the department," Deb said.

Minority women pray for Kerala flood-victims on Eid-ul-Azha

EOI PRINCIPAL CORRESPONDENT

MALDA, AUG 22/--/Grace of the Almighty was sought for safety and welfare of residents of Kerala and migrant labourers from Malda working there during the special prayer offered by women of minority community on occasion of Eid-ul-Azha today. Hyderpur Muslim Mohila Janakalyan Samity arranged a mass prayer for women of the minority community on the religious occasion. The Muslim women after the prayer said that they joined the prayer with a heavy heart as a large number of people died owing to devastating flood in Kerala recently.

"Many youths from Malda are working in Kerala as migrant labourers. They got confined by the flood and hence could not return home to participate at religious festival. We prayed for their safety and welfare," said Jahanara Bibi, one of the women, after the prayer.

The women members of the organization also contributed for the flood-victims of Kerala. The organization would hand over the fund to the district magistrate soon.

Prayer on Eid-ul-Azha by minority women at Malda : EOI Photo

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