

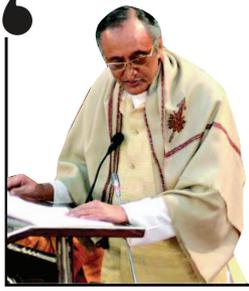
WB cabinet rejig: Mitra to head IT dept, Basu gets biotechnology

KOLKATA, OCT 5/-/ In a minor cabinet reshuffle, West Bengal Finance Minister Amit Mitra was given the additional charge of the information technology and electronics department, a government notification has said. Bratya Basu, who held the IT portfolio before Mitra took over, will now look after the biotechnology department, the notification released Thursday night stated. The state finance minister had been looking after three departments - commerce and industries, finance, and micro small and medium enterprises and textiles. With the latest reshuffle, the IT department has been added to his folio. Minister of state (MoS) for planning, statistics and programme monitoring, and backward classes welfare Asima Patra has been given additional charges, too. She has been made the MoS of two more departments - agriculture and fisheries, the notification said. Ashish Banerjee and Chandranath Sinha had earlier held the folios of agriculture and fisheries, respectively.

Centre should've built oil reserve for crisis scenarios: Mitra

KOLKATA, OCT 5/-/ Hitting out at the Centre over spiralling fuel prices, West Bengal Finance Minister Amit Mitra said Friday that the NDA government should have built an "oil reserve" to tide over such crisis situations. The BJP-led ruling dispensation at the Centre lacks the ability to make strategic decisions, he alleged. "Any mature democracy would have created a reserve for use as buffer during times of crisis. When the question of NDA government acting mature with a strategic vision arises, the answer will always be a 'no'," Mitra said at India Today regional conclave here. According to the Trinamool Congress minister, an oil reserve is built when rates are low so that it could be used later to rein in rising prices. "Had the Centre built a reserve, the common man would not

have faced the music. The TMC would have done so, if it was in power," he asserted. When asked if the TMC government in Bengal intended to reduce fuel prices by rationalising state taxes, Mitra, however, did not give a clear reply. The TMC government had last month announced a cut in state tax, bringing down the prices of petrol and diesel in Bengal by Re 1 per litre. "The cut on fuel prices by Re 1 per litre was a gesture on the part of the state government. It was not meant to provide respite to the people. Also, there was no increase in taxes by the West Bengal government, it had nothing to do with the rise in prices of petro products," he stated. The finance minister also accused the Narendra Modi-led government of introducing Goods and Services Tax (GST) in the country without adequate infrastructure. "The tardy implementation of GST has



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caused lot of pain to small and medium enterprises. Add to that, hawala transactions have been on rise in the country due to the shortcomings of the GST network software," he claimed. The combined revenue shortfall of all states was estimated to be to the tune of Rs 55,400 crore due to unplanned GST rollout, the minister said. To a question whether he was looking forward to a seat in Delhi alongside Mamata Banerjee, Mitra said, "All parties have a wish." The minister also clarified that West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee always works for a cause, "not for the lust of power." "When 57,000 companies left West Bengal under Left Front she fought for the sake of the people. Now, when India is going through financial turmoil, she is trying her best to save the situation. She always works for a cause," Mitra added.

Respect for the Legend



A councillor of English Bazaar municipality and former student of Malda College paying homage to legendary academican and former principal of Malda College Professor Durgakinkar Bhattacharya on his 105th birth anniversary on Friday. Prof Bhattacharya, whose priceless contribution played the key role in development of Malda College was fondly remembered by the alumni association of the college today ceremoniously at the college auditorium

Bubai Das

No genuine Indian citizen will be victimised in NRC exercise

KOLKATA, OCT 5/-/ Observing that no country tolerates illegal immigrants, BJP general secretary Ram Madhav defended the NRC exercise on Friday and said no genuine Indian citizen would be victimised. There is no controversy in Assam over the National Register of Citizens (NRC) and the state is going through the process peacefully, he said. "The process is on. Nothing will be done against the law of the land. We are following the constitutional process. There are several bridges to cross," Madhav, who is also the BJP's in-charge of the North-east, said. "The process is being monitored on a daily basis by the Supreme Court", he added. Asked whether the exercise will take place in West Bengal, as has been hinted by some BJP leaders, he said, "The NRC, as on date, is limited to Assam. Let us complete the process." Speaking at India Today Conclave East 2018 here, the BJP leader said West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, a former MP, had raised the issue of infiltration in Parliament and stated that the erstwhile Left Front government was using the infiltrators as vote bank. Asked about deporting Rohingya Muslims, he said, "We don't see religion in everything. There are Hindu Rohingyas as well. We will deport the Rohingyas".

Controversial evaluation to alleged attempt of defaming institution Probe taken up against teacher of Gour Banga varsity

EOI PRINCIPAL CORRESPONDENT

MALDA, OCT 5/-/ A probe has been underway against an associate professor of the University of Gour Banga (UGB) after serious allegations including discrepancies in according marks to examinees and defaming the varsity have been levelled at him by a certain section of the university. Although the authorities preferred to remain reticent, when asked in this regard, it has been learnt from the sources in the varsity that the concerned teacher might face stern disciplinary action if the enquiry-committee found the allegations against him to be substantive. According to sources in UGB, service of Subinamay Choudhury, who was appointed an associate professor provisionally in the department of Chemistry, in December, 2016 was not confirmed after his completion of one year of service. "Choudhury got involved in one controversy after another since his joining," a source in the UGB said. It has been learnt from sources that some post-graduate students of the department of Chemistry alleged that some of them were deprived of deserving score while few others

were over marked. Taking their grievances into consideration UGB authorities ordered a second evaluation by a veteran professor of Burdwan University, who reported just what the students' opinion. UGB authorities then called for



the third evaluation by Prof R. N. Prasad, former secretary of Indian Chemical Society, who not only stood by the second evaluation but expressed resentment against the first evaluation reportedly done by Choudhury. According to UGB sources, an enquiry committee was con-

stituted comprising the professors of the UGB to look into a complaint by Choudhury as he alleged humiliation by a non-teaching staff of the varsity in April. The committee not only reportedly rubbished the allegation but many of the members of the committee considered the allegation as an attempt to defame the varsity. It has been learnt that in 2017 a bunch of keys of the department of Chemistry was lost and subsequently large quantity of valuable Chemicals were found missing. A committee comprising two professors of the University of North Bengal was formed to look into the matter. The committee suggested initiation of police probe as the matter appeared to be very serious. As one after another allegations started cropping up, UGB authorities ordered a probe into those matters. Choudhury refused to comment when asked about those issues over telephone. Prof Sadhan Saha, registrar of UGB on additional charge was also brief in his comment. A probe has been ordered against a teacher of the department of Chemistry. Suitable action would be taken if the enquiry committee suggests so. But nothing else can be said in the interest of the probe," Saha said.

Two hostel blocks to be ready by Nov 15, Presidency tells agitating students

KOLKATA, OCT 5/-/ The indefinite fast by a section of students of Presidency University here demanding immediate accommodation in the under renovation Hindu hostel entered the fourth day on Friday, as the authorities said two blocks of the hostel would be fit for use by November 15. After talking to state PWD officials who visited the campus during the day, the university authorities said the PWD promised that renovation work of the two blocks would be completed by mid-November and the blocks would be declared fit for use by November 15, a university official said. The authorities also urged the students to call off the indefinite fast. Subho Biswas, one of the agitating students said three of the 11 fasting students had to be hospitalised on Thursday due to exhaustion and fall in blood pressure. While two of them have returned to campus and rejoined the fast, another was still hospital, he said. "Our demand remains the same. However, since the PWD has promised to

declare the two wards fit for use by November 15, we will discuss the development at a general body meeting to decide on future move. As of now, the fast will continue," Biswas, one of the agitating boarders, said. The indefinite fast began at the campus portico from 9 pm on Monday. Meanwhile, 50 students continued the sit-in demonstration at the university campus which began on August 3 on the first floor corridor before the chamber of Vice Chancellor Amrutha Lohia. The Hindu Hostel, adjoining the College Street institution, had been shut down for repairs on July 29, 2015 and 150 boarders were shifted to a rented accommodation at New Town. The authorities had last year assured the students that all the six blocks of the hostel would be opened for the boarders after completion of renovation work by the first week of August this year. The Convocation of the Presidency University on September 11 was shifted outside the campus in the wake of the agitation.

Dist+police admin organize Surakshashree awards

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MALDA, OCT 5/-/ District and police administration met the organizers of Durga puja committees at Malda College auditorium on Friday to discuss the measures ensuring security and law & order situation during the upcoming festive days. Veteran drivers were felicitated by officials of district police administration for commendable driving in adherence to the safety rules perfectly. Kaushik Bhattacharya, DM, Arnab Ghosh, SP, Swami Tyagarupananda, secretary of Ramakrishna Mission, Malda officials of district and police administrations were present at the programme. The officials discussed the measures for safety and security with the puja organizers. "The route and the regulations of immersion have been discussed also. It is sometimes found that at night the holy idols are left alone. Puja organizers have been requested to maintain round the clock vigil at pandals to avoid any untoward incident," Ghosh said. Bhattacharya also emphasized maintenance of peace during the festive days in his speech. Swami Tyagarupananda appreciated the measures taken by district civil and police administrations for offering the district safe and peaceful festive days. Ten drivers of bus, lorry and minibus were felicitated at the programme for driving maintaining the road-safety rules.

Shovon removed from party post

KOLKATA, OCT 5/-/ In a bid to clip the wings of Kolkata Mayor and minister for fire services Shovon Chatterjee who reportedly disrespected chief minister Mamata Banerjee for his alleged dismal performance, Mamata today removed him as president of Trinamool Congress South 24 Panchayat district committee. He had been replaced by senior leader Subhasis Chakravarty.

Veteran journalist dead

KOLKATA, OCT 5/-/ Veteran journalist and former news editor of the Press Trust of India (PTI) Pradip Chowdhury died in a private hospital of the city, family sources said on Friday. Chowdhury was 64. He is survived by his two daughters. His wife predeceased him. He was admitted to the hospital on September 17 in an unconscious state and he never regained consciousness. He breathed his last

around midnight in the intervening night of October 3 and 4. His mortal remains were consigned to flames at the Keoratala crematorium on Friday. Popularly known as 'PC' among his colleagues, Chowdhury joined PTI in 1979 and retired as its news editor in the East India desk here in August 2014 after a career spanning 35 years. Chowdhury was known for his editing skills and ability to work for very long hours at a stretch. He was posted as the Islamabad correspondent of the news agency for sometime. He had also headed the agency's Gangtok bureau. The alumnus of Calcutta Boys School and Presidency College (presently Presidency University) was a voracious reader and a connoisseur of Western music, art and photography. A self-taught expert of digital photo editing, he maintained a blog on that subject and had a large following across boundaries.

Locket Chatterjee takes a dig at state government



BJP leader Locket Chatterjee (M) during a demonstration in Raiganj on Friday

ANUP JAYSWAL
NORTH DINAJPUR, OCT 5/-/ State president of BJP's women wing - Mohila Morcha, Locket Chatterjee today severely criticized the state government for the deaths of two students at Daribith village under Khatmur police station and recent explosion in Kolkata that claimed life of a eight-year old baby. Chatterjee joined the relay-fast organized by members of the morcha in the district to protest against death of two students during a student and police clash at Daribith village on September 19. "Police, miscreants and Trinamool Congress are now synonymous. The horrible incident at Contai court campus proved that anarchy is prevailing in the state. The explosion in Kolkata showed that even the kids are not safe in Kolkata, the state capital," the actress turned political leader said. Slamming the state government for the death of two students during a student and police recruitment of teachers at Daribith high school, Chatterjee said that failure of police and state government was responsible for death of innocent students. "Nothing except a CBI probe can bring the truth behind the students' death at Daribith village. Our only demand is a CBI probe so that the families of dead students get the justice," she said. Meanwhile, Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), students' wing of BJP staged a demonstration in Siliguri on the same issue today. Interestingly, Jharna Sarkar, mother of one of the deceased students Rajesh Sarkar joined the demonstration and demanded CBI probe into death of her son and Tapas Barman.

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AFFIDAVIT
As per the affidavit before the Notary at Kailomping 1 Kishor Balmiki resident of Primitam Road, Middle Bong Busty, Kailomping do hereby solemnly declare that my sister Master Anishk Balmiki who born on 12.8.2003 in Kailomping and as per the 1972 Birth and death act I intend to have my son's birth certificate.