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**Trainservices resumed on Sealdah-Budge Budge section**

**KOLKATA, SEPT 30 /-/-** The traffic and power block between Ballygunge & Budge Budge, for the construction of new Level Crossing Gate between New Alipore and Majerhat, which was started since 10:10 pm of September 29 has been cancelled at 3:25 pm on Sunday. Normal train services in the Sealdah-Budge Budge section resumed at 4:03 pm on Sunday (EOIC)

**Finance Commission team in Bihar on 3-day visit**

**PATNA, SEPT 30 /-/-** A team of the 15th Finance Commission, led by its chief N K Singh, has arrived here on a three-day visit to Bihar, beginning Monday. The finance panel will take part in a national seminar on "Addressing the problems of inter-state and inter-district disparity of India" on Monday, according to a press release. The seminar, which is being organised by Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI), will be addressed by N K Singh while Bihar's Deputy Speaker Vijay Kumar Choudhary will preside over the function. Jharkhand Minister for Finance, Food and Supply Minister Saryu Rai will deliver the special address at the seminar. During the tour, the team would gather feedback from the state for making recommendations to the Centre on allocation of funds. The other members of the team are Shaktikanta Das, Anoop Singh, Ashok Lahiri and Ramesh Chand.

The members of the panel will have meetings with the state ministers, political parties, panchayati raj organisations, urban local bodies and representatives of trade and industry. The commission is a statutory body constituted under the five years to devise a formula for allocation of net central tax proceeds between the Centre and states. It will give its recommendations for devolution of taxes and other fiscal matters for five years commencing on 1 April 2020. (PTI)

**MUTA sets pre-conditions for talks on Manipur University**

**IMPHAL, SEPT 30 /-/-** The Manipur University Teachers Association (MUTA) has said that they will sit for talks to end a month-long agitation only after their demands, including "unconditional release" of 15 teachers and students, are met. The students and teachers of the Manipur University were arrested on September 21. A team of officers had raided the university hostel and the residential quarters and took the students and the teachers into custody based on a complaint filed by newly appointed acting vice-chancellor K Yugindra Singh. MUTA also demanded withdrawal of the FIR lodged by Yugindra Singh and removal of all security forces from the university campus as a pre-condition for talks. It said in a statement Saturday night. The teachers' body strongly condemned the

action of security forces on September 21, but welcomed any move by an individual or organisation keen on bringing an end to the crisis which began from May 30 after Manipur University Students Union (MUSU) launched agitation for removal of now suspended Vice-chancellor Prof A P Pandey.

The MUTA statement followed the Friday letter of chief minister N Biren Singh to the university community asking them to sit for talks to bring about an amicable solution. Police on Saturday arrested one person, believed to be a cadre of a political party, for his alleged involvement in throwing eggs on the pictures of the PM, CM and Prof Pandey pasted on a wall of a building in Imphal, a purported video of which has been circulating on social media. (PTI)

**All aid to Bru refugees to stop from Monday: Centre**

**AGARTALA, SEPT 30 /-/-** The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) would discontinue all kinds of substance allowances, including ration supplies and cash dole, to the Bru refugees from Monday, an official notification said. The notification was issued by the sub-divisional magistrate of Panisagar in North Tripura district. Lalnememi Darlong, the president of Mizoram Bru Displaced Peoples Committee (MBDPCC), Laldinliana, said he was aware of the government's decision. "We are aware of this,

in Tripura. The MHA instruction came on September 25. MHA Special Secretary (Internal Security) Rina Mitra, Joint Secretary Satyendra Garg and others had said in August that all refugee camps in Tripura would be shut down if the Bru failed to return to Mizoram within September. Reacting to the notification, the president of Mizoram Bru Displaced Peoples Committee (MBDPCC), Laldinliana, said he was aware of the government's decision. "We are aware of this,

We shall convene a meeting tomorrow with all refugees who are still here in Tripura and decide about our next course of action," he said. Laldinliana also said the refugee body is contemplating writing to President Ram Nath Kovind, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and other authorities, seeking relief. So far, 40 families have returned to Mizoram from six relief camps in Kanchanpur sub-

divisions in North Tripura district. However, over 32,000 refugees are still sheltered in relief camps in the state. The repatriation process had started on August 25 and concluded on September 25 this year. Thousands of Brus had been lodged in the Tripura relief camps since late 1997 in the wake of a communal tension triggered by the brutal killing of Lalzawmliana, a forest guard, inside the Dampa Tiger Reserve on October 21, 1997, by Bru National Liberation Front (BNLF) militants. (PTI)

**ER's Asansol Station to become world-class**



Asansol station with its new look - EOI Photo

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**KOLKATA, SEPT 30 /-/-** Indian Railways has embarked on a mega transformation journey to create world class railway stations through station redevelopment programme. This programme is stated to be the largest and most development programme involving a cost at tune of Rs.10,00,000 crores in which the stations will be redeveloped and made world class infrastructure and amenities for the betterment of esteemed passengers. This may provide opportunities for

generating significant non-traffic revenue also. The programme, as such, is a major initiative which is gathering momentum throughout the country. Eastern Railway has already completed significant part of the redevelopment programme for Asansol station. The completed works include: 1. Circulating area extension and beautification. Area increased from 40 thousand square feet to 56 thousand square feet. Four land scrapped gardens and lawns developed. 2. Stream lining of traffic,

signages, drop zones and extended parking slots for various vehicles. 3. Illumination of station building with diffused lighting to accentuate its heritage and elegance. 4. Construction of paid premium air conditioned lounge with plush sofa and recliners. 5. Granite tiling of entrance and central location in platforms. 6. Improvement of platform surface by replacing broken kota stones and fitment of tactile. 7. Construction of toilets for Divyangs and thorough renovation of all existing platform toilets. 8.

Construction of two toilet complex in approach road to circulating area. 9. Construction of washable aprons at line no 3 and 5. 10. Provision of escalators in platforms. 11. Construction of heritage art gallery at platform no.2 and art works and wall paintings in various platforms and circulating area approach road. Various other works for redevelopment including Renovation of Bus stand, Construction of Yatri Niwas, Granite flooring, Additional toilet complex, Renovation of all toilets, Retiring room complex of

**Royal Bengal Tigers spotted in three new locations in Odisha: Minister**

**BHUBANESWAR, SEPT 30 /-/-** The Odisha government has said that Royal Bengal Tigers (RBTs) have been spotted in three new locations in the state. Forest and Environment Minister, Bijayesh Rautray said on Saturday that RBTs "presence have been reported" from Hemagiri forest in Sundargarh, Debrigarh Wildlife Centre in Hiraikud and Munigada in Rayagada district. The minister said the presence of the RBTs has been confirmed from pictures captured in cameras installed in the forests. "There should be around 60 RBTs in Odisha. However, they were not earlier sighted at these three places. Tiger being found in Munigada of Rayagada district is definitely a good news," said Rautray. The official count as per the 2014 census is 40 tigers in Odisha, said Sandip Tripathy, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wild Life) adding that the current census by NTCA, Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and Odisha Forest Department is underway. "The result of the current tiger census will be available early next year," Tripathy said. Meanwhile, the minister said the Forest department has been instructed to take steps to ensure safety of the tigers and maintain their habitat. "Our forests have huge potential and the population of Royal Bengal Tigers will definitely increase in future," the minister said. The Centre and the state government had earlier a dispute over the tiger population in Odisha. Citing a 2016 report, the Centre had said that the state had 28 Royal Bengal Tigers, while the Odisha government claimed to be home to 40 RBTs and 318 leopards. The tiger census report of the state government was also rejected by the NTCA, which had put the number of big cats at 28. (PTI)

**Boy kidnapped, murdered by friends**

**PATNA, SEPT 30 /-/-** A 15-year-old boy was kidnapped and stabbed to death here allegedly by three of his friends reportedly for harassing the girlfriend of one of them. The police on Saturday arrested the three youths in connection with the incidents of kidnaping and murder. City Superintendent of Police (West) Ravindra Kumar said Satyam, a student of class 10, was kidnapped three days ago while returning home from a coaching institute. He was stabbed to death the same evening. One of the accused told media persons that they killed Satyam as he used to tease and harass his girlfriend and other girls of the area. Satyam's body was found in a bush behind the boundary wall of RPS College under Rupaspur police station area of the capital city, Kumar said. Son of a homeopathy doctor of Aparna Bank Colony, Danapur, Satyam had gone for coaching classes on September 27 but did not return home and a police complaint was lodged. His parents received a phone call the following day from the kidnapers who demanded Rs 50 lakh as ransom, the SP said adding that the boy was already killed by then. Police launched raids in the area after tracing the phone calls and arrested three youths from a village Rupaspur police station area. (PTI)

**Organ donated at Medica Superspecialty Hospital**

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**KOLKATA, SEPT 30 /-/-** Champa Naskar, (a 47-year old lady), a hypertensive and chronic kidney disease patient on maintenance haemodialysis was admitted to Medica. She was complaining of drowsiness and convulsion. She was diagnosed with massive Intracerebral hemorrhage (ICH) with its Intraventricular hemorrhage (IVH). In such a situation, considering her massive bleeding and poor Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS), operative intervention was ruled out. She continued to remain on conservative management. On detailed diagnosis, she was found to have no brain stem reflexes, confirmed by the brain death committee of Medica. Medica declared the brain death of the patient after second apnea test. Following this the patient's relatives were counselled for organ donation. The woman's husband, Swapan Kumar Naskar, agreed to donate her heart and liver. Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (ROTO) authorities were duly informed regarding the same. Immediately, as a result, the apex organisation that carries out organ and tissue transplant in the

region, informed us back saying that the Heart and Liver of the patient had been successfully allocated to one of the Private Hospitals on E.M Bypass. Only the liver was retrieved. The heart was not fit for harvesting. "Medica will always extend its sincere support to organ transplantation initiative. We are glad that hospitals in Kolkata have performed as a cohesive unit with excellent clinical outcome. Our own transplant program is expected to start in the near future. Our respect and gratitude to the family for their act of their ultimate humanitarian gesture. May our faith in Kolkata and its people be blessed," said Dr. Kunal Sarkar, Senior Vice Chairman & Cardiac Surgeon, Medica Superspecialty Hospital. "No doubt, this is indeed a great example in the City of joy where such a noble initiative can help in creating mass awareness in organ donation. Medica has always been path breaking in its consistent effort in health care domain and this example will indeed be encouraging in the days to come. In various health care centres, there isn't sufficient infrastructure to support such demands. Medica Group of Hospitals truly caters to such



demands. We are grateful to the state government for supporting all the stakeholders," said Dr. Alok Roy, Chairman, Medica Superspecialty Hospital. "We were in constant touch with the ROTO authorities and the Recipient Hospital. We did the Organ Retrieval today early morning at Medica Superspecialty Hospital, after completing all the formalities as per the NOTTO (National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation) guidelines," said the MEDICA team of doctors.

**Kolkata Metro opens new toilets at two stations**

**KOLKATA, SEPT 30 /-/-** On Saturday, the 29th September, 2018, in two separate significant programmes, senior commuters inaugurated toilets (one for Ladies and one for Gents) at Shahid Khudiram and Noopara Metro Stations as part of the observation of "Swachh Prasadhan Day". This will be of great help to passengers in general and the aged commuters in particular. Commuters have expressed their satisfaction for providing this amenity at Metro Stations. Toilets at other two stations viz. Belgachia, Sovabazar-Sutanuti are almost ready and will be opened for the commuters very soon. (EOIC)

