



Cars tell tales ~ 16

WEATHER
 Mist in the morning, later mainly cloudy sky
Rainfall Nil
Yesterday's readings
 Max temp up to 3:30 p.m. was 24.9 (normal)
 Min temp up to 8:30 a.m. was 15.6 (+3)
Relative humidity Max 96%; Min 56%
Relative humidity at 8:30 a.m.: 84% (+8) and at 5:30 p.m.: 75% (+15)
Hooghly river tides at Garden Reach
 Jan 5: Low water 2.45 a.m. 1.79 m 1 Jan 4: High water 6.17 p.m. 4.43 m
 Jan 5: Low water 2.31 p.m. 1.45 m 1 Jan 4: High water 6.58 p.m. 4.26 m
Moon rises today at 12:00 a.m.; sets tomorrow at 11.14 a.m.
 Last quarter Jan 5



Delay in evaluation makes SSC results uncertain

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KOLKATA, 4 JAN: The future of one lakh candidates who qualified in the TET (Teachers Eligibility Test) remains uncertain as West Bengal School Service Commission is yet to start evaluating the subject papers of the selection test.

Meanwhile, the schools of the state have started the new session far from achieving the target pupil teacher ratio of 40:1, as stipulated in Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009.

It was according to the RTE Act, that the selection test was taken up in two parts — TET and subject papers. It was decided that subject papers of only TET qualifiers will be checked.

"In a district programme, the chief minister announced that those who have not qualified in the TET will be exempted from the fee next time they sit in TET. This comment has been interpreted in various ways. A section is saying that there will be another TET," said a source of West Bengal School Service Commission.

Hence, the commission has not yet begun evaluating the subject papers of the TET qualifiers. "If another TET is conducted, we will receive another set of qualifiers.

Marks break-up for selection test

Subject	Marks
Teachers Eligibility Test (TET)	90 (54 to qualify)
Subject paper	60
Academic Qualification	30
Experience	5
Personal Interview	5

An announcement by the chief minister that those who have not qualified in TET will be exempted from the fee next time they sit in TET has created confusion. The commission has delayed starting the evaluation awaiting a clarification over the statement'

Now, if we start evaluating the subject papers of the one lakh candidates, we will face technical problems to evaluate the next lot," added the source.

The commission has already approached the education minister about the stalemate that resulted from various interpretations of chief minister's comment but the situation has not improved. And getting no confirmation from the state government, the commission has not yet selected the evaluators.

It was the first selection test after Trinamool government came to power and from the very beginning the process has been deep in trouble. Around seven lakh examinees appeared in the examination against around 50,000 vacant posts.

The examination was held in 29 July. Candidates of five examination centres did not receive questions of TET on time. A re-examination was conducted on 2 September.

The result of the TET was delayed as the scanners to scan the optical mark reader (OMR) sheets of TET became defunct. Finally the results were declared on 1 December with around one lakh successful candidates.

The commission planned to start the evaluation of the subject papers by middle of December. But meanwhile, chief minister announced exemptions of fees for those who have not qualified in TET. Awaiting clarification on the announcement, the commission did not start the evaluation process till date.

Family of molested victim who jumped from train leaves for Patna

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GHOOM, 4 JAN: The family members of the Darjeeling girl from the nearby town of Ghoom, who jumped from the Delhi-bound Brahmaputra Mail after being reportedly molested by two soldiers yesterday, left Darjeeling today to bring back their daughter who is presently recuperating in a hospital in Patna.

"Today we are going to Patna with a team of Darjeeling Police and will know what really happened yesterday. But whatever it is, stringent punishment must be meted out to these molesters as soon as possible so that such incidents are curbed," said the father of the victim.

The family has been worried and anxious from the time reports started coming that their daughter has been molested between Bihar and Ara railway stations in Bihar.

Meanwhile, the victim's mother has been inconsolable and said: "I had told her time and again not to leave home and work here itself but she was adamant since she wanted to work for her two children."

The victim's father said: "My daughter had left home on the 19 December for Delhi as she had a job there. I was informed last night by the local police that she had been molested and had jumped out of the train."

"Later we were able to talk to our daughter last night who told us that she is fine but we do not know what actually conspired."

The victim's father said that this was not the first time she was going to Delhi.

"She is a self-dependent girl and used to work wherever she wanted to for the past few years and after she left home on 19 December we did not know about her whereabouts. She has been working like this for several years to raise her two kids as she had been divorced from her husband five years ago."

Darjeeling SP Kunal Agarwal said a three member team of Darjeeling Police as well as the victim family members have left for Patna where the girl is recuperating.

Senior police officials from Bihar and Bengal are in touch with each other over the matter and soon the victim will be handed over to her family," Mr Agarwal said. He also requested all local residents to report to the police before leaving home to work outside.

As per reports, Princy (name changed) had been allegedly molested by two jawans in the Delhi-bound Brahmaputra Mail in Bihar and had jumped out of the moving train to flee from her attackers. The Government Railway Police with the help of passengers had nabbed one of the alleged molesters at the Buxar Railway Station. The second molester was arrested today.

Reports said that presently she is undergoing medical treatment at a Railway Hospital in Patna and she is out of danger.

CAS puts bar on private tuitions by varsity, college teachers

KOLKATA, 4 JAN: As the state government implements Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) for university and college teachers, private tuition will become a disqualification for teachers from now on.

Though private tuition was never sanctioned by the state government, the practice was on it was never counted as a disqualification. But as the state government finally introduces CAS as per the UGC (University Grants Commission) pattern, indulging in private tuition becomes a disqualification for promotion through CAS.

"No remunerative private tuition by a university teacher will be permitted and, apart from any other action to be taken by competent authority in this regard, this practice will be a disqualification for promotion through CAS," reads the recent order, issued for the university teachers. The same order will be issued for the college teachers too, shortly.

Under the scheme being implemented, the university must have six working days in a week and 30 working weeks in an academic year. The teachers must be available for five hours daily in the university. Since most of these are under the UGC guidelines, the teachers said that they are already accustomed to such practices but what raises their opposition is that state government had violated the UGC norm by delaying the implementation of CAS by two years. "It was supposed to be implemented from 2010. But the state government will give the benefit from November, 2012. Many teachers will lose the benefit of seniority and it will be of no use to those who have already retired within this period," said Professor Tarun Kanti Naskar, general secretary of All Bengal University Teachers' Association (ABUTA) adding, "We want this order to be either fully implemented in line with UGC guideline or withdrawn." **snb**

Beautification work on Hooghly stretch from Babu Ghat to Armenian Ghat to begin soon

KOLKATA, 4 JAN: Beautification work for the additional four-kilometre Hooghly riverside from Babu Ghat to Armenian Ghat will begin soon. The State Urban Development and Municipal Affairs minister Fird Hakin today held a meeting with senior officials of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation and RTES to discuss the progress of the beautification project. After the meeting, an official of the MWC said that chief minister Mamata Banerjee has stressed upon developing the area surrounding the Eden Gardens since it attracts tourists from across the state and abroad. Discussions were held on constructing a foot bridge and an underpass to connect Babu Ghat and Eden Gardens. State government will come up with the foot bridge while the Ministry of Railways will be approached for constructing the underpass. **snb**

7-yr-old molested

BARRACKPORE, 4 JAN: A seven-year-old girl was allegedly molested by a local person at Purba Chandanaila of Silyamnagar. Jagadidal police said that the name of the accused is Ratan Day (45). He is absconding after committing the crime. Local people said that today the girl went to a nearby field with her friends to play at around 3 p.m. At around 5 p.m. Ratan called her and took her to a deserted place and allegedly molested her. She gave out a cry which drew the attention of her friends, who ran and informed the matter to the victim's parents.

One arrested

KOLKATA, 4 JAN: A 40-year-old man, Dipak Nepal, a resident of Nepal was arrested on charges of stealing a truck from the Mayer Ghat area. He drove away a vehicle when its driver was taking food in a hotel. Police chased the vehicle and caught the accused from near Nitala Ghat Street.

Youth missing

KOLKATA, 4 JAN: A 28-year-old youth Sohail Akhtar alias Sikandar, who used to sell fruits on Bal Mukund Lane, Toranbiko, was missing on 1 Dec. His family members lodged a complaint alleging that he was kidnapped.

'Lack of infrastructure mars tourism prospects in state'

SPJS students

KOLKATA, 4 JAN: The prospect of tourism in West Bengal is enormous, unfortunately, it has not been realised, said Mr Rainer Schmiedchen, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Kolkata. In an interaction with students of The Statesman Print Journalism School yesterday at the German Consulate, he said that while a number of places within West Bengal could be obvious tourist attractions, lack of infrastructure and failure to promote these destinations are deterrents for German tourists who generally visit Rajasthan or Kerala instead.

Mr Schmiedchen said that many German tourists who had wanted to visit Shantiniketan last year, were disappointed on learning that the Tagore Museum was closed for ongoing work. Many cancelled their trips altogether. The Tagore Museum is now open to the public again, however, due to the lengthy renovation, the state lost a number of tourists. The Sundarbans and Darjeeling are also places of interest for the German tourists, he said. Mr Schmiedchen told the SPJS students on a visit to the different departments of the Consulate in Kolkata and explained their func-



Work in full swing for the Ganga Sagar Mela. mehaboob gazi

Karya immolation case: 3 cops removed from active duty

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KOLKATA, 4 JAN: The family members of Mir Aminul Islam, who immolated himself outside Kanya police station, today lodged complaint of abetment of suicide against three officers of the police station. The officers were closed — removed — from active duty.

The family members have charged that the three officers — Ranjit Khan, Vinod Kumar and Nasim Khan — had harassed and intimidated Aminul and compelled him to take the extreme step. They have also lodged complaint against a retired constable, Mr Haroon Khan, for his alleged involvement in harassing the victim.

A senior officer at Lalazar said that they have already started an investigation and soon departmental proceedings would be initiated against them.

Meanwhile, local people in Kanya organised a rally to protest the involvement of the victim who raised his voice against the rape of a minor girl. Painter, Sameer Aich took part in the rally and opined

The family members of Aminul said that Sahajad's wife had also lodged a complaint against Aminul alleging that he had raped her and stolen Rs 1 lakh from her residence. Police had initiated an inquiry into the case

that the incident is unfortunate. Local people said that they will not stop their protest until the officers are punished. The state human rights commission had also asked for a report from the commissioner of city police.

Aminul, a resident of Palm Avenue, had assisted family members of a minor girl who was raped, to lodge a complaint. The complaint was lodged against Sahajad, who is a close aide of a section of police officers.

But the family members of Aminul said that Sahajad's wife had also lodged a complaint against Aminul alleging that he had raped her and stolen Rs 1 lakh from her residence. Police had initiated an inquiry into the case. Instead of taking any action against Sahajad, police intimidated Aminul and pressurised him to withdraw

the case, alleged his family members. On the evening of 3 December Aminul got a hint that police might arrest him on the basis of Sahajad's wife's complaint and so, he came out of the police station and set himself on fire, said police. He was first admitted to Chittaranjan National Medical College and Hospital with burn injuries in his legs. Later he was shifted to a private hospital in Salt Lake where he succumbed to his injuries on Tuesday. According to the post mortem report Aminul died due to septicemia, police said. "The victim had mentioned in the suicide note, which was found from outside the police station, that he had decided to commit suicide to protest against harassment by a section of police-men," said a senior police officer.

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL NO. 1, KOLKATA

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 Versus
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 Defendant(s)

To: 1. Sri Sankar Basak
 2. Smt. Swopna Basak
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Whereas the applicant(s) above named has / have filed an application under Section 19(1) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against you/youther for recovery of Rs. 12,61,658.28 and other reliefs, you are hereby summoned to appear in person or through authorised agent before this Tribunal within 30 (thirty) days from the date of receipt/publication thereof and to show cause in writing along with copies of documents to be relied upon by you as to why the reliefs prayed for shall not be granted. Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal.

The 14th day of September, 2012.

Registrar
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