

Centre should administer N Bengal: Shantanu

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Jalpaiguri: North Bengal should be administered by Centre because of its proximity to China, junior Union minister for ports, shipping and waterways Shantanu Thakur said on Sunday.

At a programme organised by All India Maru Mahasabha in Jalpaiguri, Thakur said: "This region is of utmost importance as this is the only route to connect to northern India. The Chiken's Neck being only 22km wide with Nepal on one side and Bangladesh on the other. It demands a high level of vigil and protection."

'CHINA PROXIMITY'

tion. Hence, I would like Centre to administer the region, while keeping it an integral part of Bengal."

"I don't know how this will be done, but it is the need of the hour. North Bengal needs special attention and everybody should support my view," he added.

Dukim Valley, which witnessed a major standoff between the Indian Army and PLA, is very close to the Siliguri corridor.

Recently junior Union minister Sukanta Mukundar had urged govt to make arrangements so that north Bengal could be included in the ministry of development of north eastern region.

2 bros swept away in Yamuna, search ops on

Agra: Two brothers, aged 6 and 8, were swept away in the Yamuna river at Ramnagar Chhat on Saturday, reports Mohammad Dilshad.

Ramzan Ahmed and Ehsan Ahmed, had gone to the river to bathe. When Ramzan began to drown, Ehsan jumped in to save him, but both were swept away by currents, said a family member. Police initiated a search operation. Despite helicopter efforts, the children have not yet been found.

Dhanbad-bound train splits into 2 in Bijnor**8 Coaches Left Behind, None Injured**

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Railway officials blamed a 'technical glitch' for the splitting of the Kharai Express coaches

Bijnor: In a bizarre incident, a Dhanbad-bound express train split into two, leaving its last eight coaches stranded as it approached Chakraborty village just before Seohara railway station in Bijnor area on Sunday. The stranded coaches eventually came to a stop near Rajpur village, leaving passengers confused and anxious as to what had happened.

The Kharai Express was en route from Patna to Dhanbad (Bihar) with passengers including around 100 candidates appearing for the UP Police Constable Recruitment Exam in Moradabad. Railway officials blamed a "technical glitch" for the decoupling of the coaches.

The eight coaches separated from the train were left stranded between Chakraborty and Rajpur village in Seohara area, unaware of what had happened, passengers

initially feared the worst as they found themselves suddenly isolated from the rest of the train. In particular, there was panic amongst the large number of exam candidates on board, many of whom feared they would miss it.

Aditya Sharma, a 24-year-old travelling to Moradabad for the exam, said, "We suddenly felt jolt and soon realised that our coach had been left behind by the train. There was chaos, especially since many of us were worried about reaching our exam centres on time. However, help arrived within an hour and govt buses were arranged to take us to our destinations."

Sachin Kumar, a resident of Saharanpur who was also

aboard the train, added, "The detached coaches rolled about for nearly 2km before coming to a halt. Thankfully, no one was hurt, but it was a terrifying experience."

The express train (13288) had departed from Patna at 11pm on Saturday and was scheduled to reach Bijnor's Dhanpur station at 2.22am on Sunday.

However, due to unforeseen delays, the train reached Dhanpur at 3.35am and was expected to arrive at Seohara station at 3.50am. Because of the incident, the engine and the 14 coaches attached to it reached Seohara only around 5.30am. By 7.30am, the train had been reconnected and resumed its journey.

K'taka trader gets life term for killing sister's rapist

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Bengaluru: A Karnataka trader convicted of stabbing to death one of five suspects in the 2013 gang rape of his 14-year-old sister was jailed for life for the crime, nine years after the alleged rape. The crime was a market place in Bengaluru.

The 40-year-old man had been arrested within a few days of the Aug 2, 2015, murder of Syed Abdullah, a native of Tamil Nadu's Hosur, standing trial in the gang-rape case.

Abdullah had spent the night at his brother's residence after a court hearing the previous day and was to board a bus back to Hosur when the rape survivor's sibling charged at him with a knife and stabbed him multiple times. Justice Somashankar A, who presides over the 5th city criminal sessions court, convicted the trader of murder on Aug 13 and pronounced the sentence last Friday. Besides handing out a life term, the court fined him Rs 50,000.

Kalyan: Police on Saturday arrested a man for allegedly sexually abusing his 10-year-old friend, reports Pradeep Gupta.

Police said after playing with friends near his Kalyan residence, the 10-year-old girl accompanied the friend to his house where the boy's father took her into another room and sexually abused her. The girl returned home and informed her parents, who went to the police.

An FIR was registered under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) Act and the accused was arrested at his residence.

On Sunday, he was produced before the Kalyan sessions court, which remanded him in police custody for seven days.

Woman found dead in Bankura jungle

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Bankura: A 46-year-old woman was found dead in a jungle near the village of Bankura on Sunday morning.

CPM and BJP नेताs raised concerns about the possibility of her being raped and murdered. Cops have registered a case of murder under BNS sections 302 and 304.

On Sunday, MLA Amarnath Shaha, who is also BJP's Bankura district president, took to social media to share information on the death, alleging that the victim had been raped.

Police said the woman, who resided in Chanchar village, went missing from her home on Saturday.

After a futile search, her husband found her dead in a jungle near the village of Bankura on Sunday morning.

CPM Bankura district secretary Ajit Paul said they were waiting to learn what exactly had happened.

Cops should be charged with murder: MLA

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After a heated confrontation with the village panchayat, police managed to take the body into custody and sent it for autopsy.

"We are examining the allegations and facts mentioned in the complaint and will register a case if it is registered in the matter," the CPIO said.

MLA Vinod Kumar Jaiswal, who had come to Madhupur to visit his sister, was on his way back home that night when police picked him up, tortured him and threw him into the pond. A case of murder should be filed against cops responsible for this, Jaiswal said.

Derek writes to FM for rollback of 18% GST on life, health cover

Times News Network

Kolkata: Trinamool's Rajya Sabha MP Derek O'Brien wrote to Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Sunday, urging her to revoke 18% GST on health and life insurance premiums.

The taxation on health and life insurance premiums is a burden on 45 crore Indians comprising the middle class. These insurance schemes provide financial security during times of distress, may it be an illness, accident or untimely death. Levying a high GST rate on health and life insurance premiums may lead to many citizens not opting for insurance schemes or even existing policyholders not renewing their policies. The public at large and especially the middle class has been severely impacted by this, he wrote.

Stressing that Trinamool had first brought up this issue in Parliament on July 29, following which it was raised in both Houses by 20 opposition parties, O'Brien said chief minister Mamata Banerjee had also written to the finance minister on Aug 2 requesting a rollback.

At least 330 MPs from 20 parties protested in Parliament on Aug 6, emphasising how reduction in GST rates was endorsed by the Standing Committee on Finance in its

20th report, submitted in Feb 2024.

"The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India has set the target of 'insurance for all' by 2047. The only way to achieve this is by reducing the exorbitant 18% GST on health and life insurance premiums.

The Union govt has one-third weightage of votes in the GST Council. To pass any resolution, three-fourth, ie 75% of votes, are needed. Moreover, the NDA is in govt in 22 states. So practically if the Union rejects any proposal, it is essentially dead. What is holding the ruling dispensation back from implementing this through the GST Council?" The Trinamool MP wrote in the letter.

Man sexually abuses son's 10-yr-old friend

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