

BJP, Trinamool spar over violence during Amit Shah's Kolkata roadshow

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Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress on Tuesday sought a meeting with the Election Commission a day after its party workers fought pitched battles on the streets of Kolkata with BJP supporters during a massive road show of party chief Amit Shah, who escaped unhurt but was forced to cut short the jamboree and had to be escorted to safety by the police.

Parts of the city plunged into a welter of violence as his convoy was attacked with stones by alleged TMC supporters from inside the hostel of Vidyasagar College, triggering a clash between supporters of the two parties, officials said.

"The way people had gathered for the BJP roadshow in Kolkata, almost every person in the city was present. There was no place to even stand along the eight-kilometre stretch. Frustrated goons of Mamata didi's TMC attacked the roadshow. There was a medical college 200



meters away from my rath, the attack began from there. Inflammatory substances were thrown and there were attempts to create a stampede," Amit Shah told news agency ANI. "I want to thank the BJP workers that despite all this the roadshow continued for 1.5 hours and ended at the scheduled place and time. I condemn the violence Mamata's party is doing here. I appeal to the people of West Bengal to give

answer to violence with peace," he said. The Trinamool Congress alleged that BJP president Amit Shah brought "outsiders" for his road show in Kolkata who were responsible for the violence in the city on Tuesday. TMC spokesperson Derek O'Brien wrote on Twitter, "Desperate BJP goons from outside Bengal smash statue of Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar inside the college... How little you know

about Bengal, its rich history, its culture. Bengal will never forgive for what you did today. (sic)." Trinamool Congress' Rajya Sabha MP Sukhendu Sekhar Ray tweeted, "Hired goons of BJP vandalised Calcutta University and Vidyasagar College, bikes set ablaze, bust of Vidyasagar demolished today during roadshow of BJP President in Kolkata today. What a tribute to Vidyasagar on the eve of his bicentenary (sic)."

Hemoglobin screening camp at press club

NJ Thakuria
Guwahati May 15,

City based Down Town Hospital is conducting the next media OPD clinic at Guwahati Press Club on Saturday (18 May 2019), where the participants will get the opportunity to screen their hemoglobin & sugar (random) level and also grouping of their blood. Member-journalists of the press club will also get free consultations from an experienced doctor in the camp between 3.30 and 5.30 pm. Interested scribes, precisely



the lady journalists and spouses of other members, are requested to take the advantage of the media clinic at press club premises.

'The Birds' for GPC screening Guwahati: 'The Birds', an all time great horror-thriller film directed by Alfred Hitchcock, will be screened at Guwahati Press Club (GPC) on Thursday (16 May, 3.30 pm). The 1963 American movie focuses on a series of sudden, unexplained violent bird attacks on the people of Bodega Bay, California over the course of a few days. The movie has cinematography by Robert Burks and its casts include Rod Taylor, Tippi Hedren, Jessica Tandy, Suzanne Pleshette, Veronica Cartwright etc.

Keya Acharya to interact with city scribes

From a Correspondent
Guwahati May 15,

Senior journalist and researcher on environment and development issues, Keya Acharya will interact with city scribes on Friday (17 May 2019). Presently functioning as the President of Forum of Environmental Journalists in India (FEJI), Ms Acharya will be available at 3.30 pm for member-journalists of

Guwahati Press Club through video conference from Bangalore.

Travelled extensively to countries in South America, South and Southeast Asia, South & East Africa and Europe on various assignments ranging from forestry to renewable energy to solid waste management to rural development etc. Ms Acharya is expected to share some of her ideas about the



present status of investigative and serious journalism in the country.

Assam Rifles Seizes Brown Sugar Worth Rs 1.16 Crores

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In its continued efforts on seizures and apprehensions, Tenguoual Battalion of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (S), apprehended a drug smuggler carrying Brown Sugar worth Rs 1.16 Cr at Permanent Vehicle Check Post (PVCP), Khudengthabi.

Yesterday based on specific input from a reliable source, a team from Khudengthabi post stopped a Black colour Auto Rickshaw, without registration number which



was moving from Moreh to Khudengthabi. On carrying out a thorough check of the

vehicle, 42 packets of orange coloured powder suspected to be Brown Sugar and

weighing approximately 582 gms (including packing material) was found hidden inside the body of the Auto Rickshaw. The contraband was being transported by a person named Mr Jampao Khungsai, age 40 years, S/O Late Gaukhojan Khongsai, R/O Khudengthabi village, PO - Moreh, PS - Moreh, Dist - Tenguoual, Manipur. There were no other passengers in the Auto Rickshaw. The approximate cost of Brown Sugar is Rs 1.16 Crores.

Assam Rifles is determined to prevent smuggling of narcotics and contraband items through the area of responsibility there by protecting the youth of our country from drug abuse.

Cyclone Fani caused Rs 525 crore infrastructure damage, says Odisha government

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The Housing and Urban Development department on Tuesday said that Cyclone Fani that hit the Odisha coast on May 3 damaged Rs 525 crore worth of assets. "53 urban local bodies severely affected. 291 km of drains, 750 km of roads, 267 culverts have been damaged. Other infrastructures like parks, playgrounds, community centers, town

halls and others have been badly affected," said G Mathivathanan, Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development while addressing a press conference here. "Water supply badly affected in 20 towns. The central kitchen of Ahar Yojana and 27 centers in these urban local bodies damaged. Over 21000 street lights affected. All together about Rs 525 crore is the assessed damage to these

urban local bodies," he added. The death toll in Odisha due to cyclone Fani has touched 64 with Puri recording the maximum number of casualties at 39 according to official estimates released by the Odisha government on Saturday. According to government data, livestock casualties are over 34 lakhs and over one crore sixty-five lakh people were adversely affected by 'Fani' in the state.

Assam Rifles Organises Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

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Tuliha Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) organised "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan" at Girls High School, Oinam on

14 May. With an aim to sensitise the local populace about the importance of clean and healthy environment Nambol Company Operating Base (COB) organised an awareness campaign on

"Swachh Bharat Mission" which witnessed an attendance of over 150 students and locals. As a part of the campaign, an interactive lecture on "Swachh Bharat Mission" was conducted by the COB followed by a cleanliness drive by the students in the area of Oinam village. In addition, an awareness rally was also organised by the students urging the locals to maintain clean and green environment. During the event students were also enlightened on the importance of health in modern lifestyle era alongwith discussion on obesity, diabetes and various heart related diseases including their related preventive measures. The event concluded with tea and refreshment for all the attendees. The school staff, students and locals expressed profound gratitude to Assam Rifles for sustained efforts to sensitise the masses on such an important issue of healthy and clean environment. They further requested to organise such events in future as well for the benefit of students and the society.

Serena Williams withdraws from Italian Open

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In Tennis, 23-time Grand Slam champion Serena Williams has withdrawn from the ongoing Italian Open due to a knee injury.

The 37-year old was all set to clash with her sister Venus in the second round of the tournament in Rome today. Serena is a four-time Italian Open champion and holds the record for the most number of wins by a player in the tournament. With Serena's withdrawal, Venus has progressed to the third round. Venus will now play fellow American Sloane Stephens. Italian Open is the last big event before the French Open which begins in Paris later this month.

Piyush Goyal to EC over violence at Amit Shah's roadshow

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Union minister Piyush Goyal Tuesday urged the Election Commission to take strong action against the West Bengal government for the violence during BJP president Amit Shah's roadshow in Kolkata.

After violence and arson marred BJP president Amit Shah's roadshow in Kolkata, a party delegation, including Union ministers Nirmala Sitharaman and Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, rushed to the EC, seeking its immediate intervention to ensure free and fair polls in the state.

"I request the President of India to take cognisance of the matter and ensure a message is sent to the voters that they need not to fear and they are getting full protection and should come out fearfully to vote in large numbers on May 19 elections to make the BJP win," he said. Strong action must be taken against the West Bengal government, the Union minister said.

17 developing countries call for strengthening WTO

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Seventeen developing countries have stressed on working collectively to strengthen the World Trade Organisation-WTO to promote development and inclusivity for the benefits of all members. A 13 point declaration was signed by these nations at the end of the two-day Ministerial meeting of developing countries in New Delhi yesterday. The countries include Egypt, Barbados, Jamaica, Malaysia,

India, Indonesia and South Africa. A total of 22 countries attended the meeting. According to the document, the process of WTO reform must keep development at its core, promote inclusive growth and fully take into account the interests and concerns of developing members. The member nations who signed the document also pitched for filling vacancies in WTO's appellate body saying that the current impasse could completely paralyse the dispute settlement mechanism.

It is a total break down of law and order in West Bengal, a 'goondaraj' is prevailing in the state under the Mamata Banerjee government, he alleged. Goyal claimed that stones were hurled, petrol bombs were thrown and criminals attacked people and BJP workers during the roadshow. "Very sadly, we have to say the Election Commission remains a mute spectator to the violence in West Bengal by the state government, it did not act and could not arrest even a single person," he said. Goyal said the EC should appoint a special observer and central forces must be deputed.

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I, the undersigned, have lost my Identity card issued by the DIPR, Govt. of Manipur, ATM card issued by State Bank of India (SBI), Porompat Branch bearing account No. 30591108020, ATM card issued by Vijaya Bank for my firm Imphal Times bearing Account No. 860500301000061, Adhar Card along with my purse on the way between Kwakeithel to Keishampat, Imphal on 15/05/2019.

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Sd/-
Rinku Khumukcham
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Sd/-
Ngoru Koningthung