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## THUMBNAILS

**1. Reckless driving leads accident, no life loss :** On Sunday early morning an accident was reported from ISBT area, in Dharmanagar. The incident took place on national highway, where double lane was constructed to curb down accident numbers but in the middle of the double lane the truck was turned following the driver's reckless driving.

**2. CM left for Delhi to attend politburo meeting :** Chief Minister Manik Sarkar left for Delhi to attend CPI-M's politburo meeting.

**3. 5 BJP members join CPI-M :** 5 BJP supporters have joined CPI-M on Sunday in a blood donation camp held at Math Chowmuhani.

**4. South Tripura Police conduct blood donation camp :** In a special drive, South Tripura Dist police has organized a blood donation camp on Saturday, received huge response.

**5. Central Govt to introduce Plastic Engineering in Tripura :** Expressing concerns about the increasing unemployment problem of the state, Minister of Shipping, Chemical & Fertilizers for State Mansukh Mandaviya said that a special focus to be brought on Plastic Engineering to reduce the unemployment tension in the state.

**6. 50 years woman dies in accident :** A woman has died on Saturday in a collision between a car and a truck. The deceased has been identified as Reva Modok (50).

**7. Mansukh Mandaviya receives grand welcome at Border :** Union Minister of Road Transport for State Mansukh Mandaviya has received a grand welcome by BSF, BGB at Akhaura checkpoint.

**8. India, Bangladesh to establish new waterways using the Brahmaputra:** Minister: The Indian and Bangladeshi governments have undertaken an ambitious project to establish a new waterway between the two neighbours using the mighty Brahmaputra river, Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said here on Saturday.

**9. Tripura to have 10 National Highways :** Amid pathetic shape of Tripura's national highway across the state, Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways Mansukh Mandaviya said here in Agartala, "All together Tripura will have 10 National Highways and both the state and the central govt are in talk regarding this matter".

**10. Mandaviya meets injured BJP activists :** Central Minister Mansukh Mandaviya along with BJP State President Biplob Deb has met the victims who are admitted in GB Hospital, allegedly after being attacked by CPI-M cadres.

## BJP members gherao residences of Tripura CM, Ministers



Agartala (TWIN) BJP supporters on Tuesday laid siege to the official residences of the Tripura Chief Minister and four Ministers over the road and rail blockade in the state even as the tribal party behind it indicated lifting of the blockade. A state Bharatiya Janata Party delegation later met Governor Tathagata Roy,

who urged them not to lay siege to the official residences as he would take the initiative to get the road and rail blockade put up by the Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT) lifted. We withdrew the siege after 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday in front of the residences of Chief Minister Manik Sarkar and his Ministers after an

assurance from the Governor," Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Tripura unit President Biplob Kumar Deb told the media here after a party meeting. In the meantime, a 10-member IPFT delegation led by party President Narendra Chandra Debarma also met the Governor, who asked the tribal outfit to withdraw the road and rail blockade immediately and hold parleys with the government. Taking to the media on Tuesday evening, Debarma indicated the IPFT might withdraw the 9-day road and rail blockade on Tuesday night or Wednesday morning.

## Congress calls 12-hour Tripura shutdown over 'BJP conspiracy'

railway route blockade by the IPFT (Indigenous People's Front of Tripura) demanding a separate tribal state." "We have called a 12-hour strike across Tripura on July 19 against the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)'s conspiracy to disturb peace in Tripura. The BJP, as in other states, is funding the conspirators and parties involved in the political turmoil to gain political mileage," Tripura Congress President Birajit Sinha told the media. He also charged the Left government with "failure to deal with the IPFT's illegitimate demand for a separate state and blocking the vital national highway and lone railway line". "BJP-led central government remained completely inactive while a tribal party stopped plying of vehicles through a crucial national highway



and obstructed solitary railway line. Both the highway and the railway line are under the control of central government," the Congress leader pointed out. The CPI-M, however, opposed the dawn-to-dusk strike on Wednesday. The BJP, which strongly denied the Congress' allegations, also threatened to launch agitations from Tuesday against the road and railway blockade and "Left Front government's failure to handle the situation". The IPFT has

been blockading National Highway-8, the lifeline of Tripura, and the lone railway line since July 10, leading to shortage of essential commodities, fuel, food grain and other goods of basic necessity. A senior Tripura Home Department official said that on the request of Chief Minister Manik Sarkar, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh had asked his deputy Kiren Rijiju on Monday to talk to the IPFT leaders on Tuesday afternoon.

## Tripura to have 10 National Highways Union Minister of State for Road Transport

AGARTALA (TWIN): CPI-M's 34 years Tripura rule, Congress Party's 60 years Central rule failed to expedite Tripura's development which only set in motion after Narendra Modi took reigns as Prime Minister in 2014. Amid pathetic shape of Tripura's national highway across the state, Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways Mansukh Mandaviya said here in Agartala, "All together Tripura will have 10 National Highways and both the state and the central govt are in talk regarding this matter". "Earlier, Tripura had only one national highway taking 371 KM altogether but in last 3 years under the NDA Govt 5 National Highway's approval has been given that will cover around 554 KM altogether; so we will have 854 KM. We have 4 new projects in hand covering 229 km, that means total 10 national highways Tripura will get in coming days". "PM Modi says if road is there speed will be there; if speed is there development will come", added the Minister.



## Indo-Bangla trade stopped by locals, tax-loss of 3 lakhs per day

AGARTALA (TWIN): Alleging the increasing damages on the roads, Tripura Srinathpur border lined locals have stopped the business over there, blocking the vehicles causing heavy losses to the international business. Since the morning of Saturday the road has been blocked for an uncertain period of time.



## Tripura road, rail blockade called-off

Agartala (TWIN) A Tripura tribal party demanding a separate state on Thursday called-off a blockade of the state's key national highway and the lone railway line, officials said here. The blockade was called by the



Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT) on July 10 that led to serious shortage of essential items, including food grain. "The blockade was withdrawn this morning without any major trouble. Although we were fully ready to evict the IPFT people, we did not use force as they called-off the blockade on their own," West District Police Chief Abhijit Saptarshi told IANS from the Khamtingbari blockade site, 35 km north of here. Saptarshi said that they are arranging some buses to ferry the IPFT members including women to their villages in different districts. IPFT President Narendra Chandra Debarma while announcing the withdrawal,

## Congress sponsored shutdown cripples life in Tripura

Agartala (TWIN) A 12-hour shutdown called by the opposition Congress against a tribal party's indefinite road and rail blockade demanding separate state for the tribals crippled life in



Tripura on Wednesday. The Congress also accused the central government and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for "conspiring in Tripura, like in Manipur, to get political and electoral mileage before the early next year's assembly elections". The party also blamed the ruling Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M) for its "failure to govern the state properly". Police said around 300 activists of Congress were arrested for picketing in front of government offices in different parts of the state. Most of the government and semi-government as well as private offices, educational institutions,

## India, Bangladesh to establish new waterways using the Brahmaputra: Minister

Agartala (TWIN) The Indian and Bangladeshi governments have undertaken an ambitious project to establish a new waterway between the two neighbours using the mighty Brahmaputra river, Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said here on Saturday. "India and Bangladesh governments have signed an agreement to establish the news waterways between the two countries using the Brahmaputra river," Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways and Shipping Mandaviya told the media. "Indian government would dredge the Brahmaputra river on its side and the Bangladesh authority would dredge the river on their side. We expect that within the next



one year. The new waterway would be operational and it would boost the trade and people to people contact. "India is prioritising multi-modal connectivity in the northeastern region, including water connectivity, and already 16 waterway projects, mostly involving Bangladesh, have been approved. India and Bangladesh have a 2,979 km land border and 1,116 km of riverine boundary. They also share 54 common rivers, including the Brahmaputra. According to Tripura Transport Secretary Samarjit Bhowmik, the state government had submitted proposals to develop waterways between Tripura's Gomati and Howrah and Bangladeshi rivers.

## NITI Aayog accused of practising 'financial blockade' against Tripura tribal body

Agartala (TWIN) A top official of the Left-ruled Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAADC) has claimed that at the behest of the BJP-led central government the NITI Aayog has begun a "financial blockade" against the autonomous body by not releasing funds regularly. "At the behest of the BJP (Bharatiya Janata



Party)-led central government the NITI Aayog by not releasing funds on regular basis has begun a 'financial blockade' against the TTAADC," Chief Executive Member of the body, Radha Charan Debarma, said here on Saturday. "In the last financial year (2016-17), NITI Aayog released Rs 176 crore to TTAADC, but this year (2017-18) it has released only Rs 73 crore against the Rs 200 crore to be released for the council." Debarma, also a veteran Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M) tribal leader, said the BJP has been claiming that the TTAADC has not been working properly for the all-round development of the tribals. "TTAADC has been working despite financial crisis due to negative attitude of the Central government.

## Rijiju to talk to Tripura tribal party on separate state

Agartala (TWIN) Union Minister Kiren Rijiju on Monday informed Tripura Chief

Minister Manik Sarkar that he will hold talks with a tribal party on Tuesday regarding the demand for a separate tribal state, an official said. The Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT) has been blockading National Highway-8, the lifeline of Tripura, and the lone railway line since July 10, leading to shortages of essential commodities, fuel, food grain and other goods of basic necessities. "On the directions of Union Home Minister (Rajnath Singh), Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju on Monday talked to Chief Minister Manik Sarkar and told him he would talk to IPFT leaders on Tuesday afternoon," the Home Department official said. Rijiju is said to have conveyed to the Chief Minister that Rajnath Singh had authorised him to talk to IPFT leaders staying in Delhi.



## Seven Tripura legislators vote for Kovind

Agartala (TWIN) A rebel Congress legislator and six sacked Trinamool Congress (TMC) MLAs on Monday voted for NDA's presidential nominee Ram Nath Kovind. "As per our previous announcement, we the six MLAs have cast our votes in favour of Ram Nath Kovind" Sudip Roy Barman, leader of the six axed TMC legislators told the media immediately after casting the votes for the presidential poll. Congress MLA Ratan Lal Nath also according to his earlier declaration voted for Kovind. "I believe Kovind is a fit Presidential candidate. The nation would be secured if he is elected the President of India," Nath told IANS after casting his vote at the Tripura Assembly lobby.



## Why Tribal/ Bengali tension emerged before Assembly Election-2018 ?



**AGARTALA (TIWN):** With the sudden emerged tensions with Tribal/ Bengali's communal clashes one questions are raised by intellectual people : Why this tension has created just one year ahead of Assembly Election ? CPI-M has no developmental agenda, neither it could keep its departments clean from corruption, but with the message of peaceful ruler, leader of communal harmony, is CPI-M trying its best to win the assembly election, just as it won its last election in 1993 ? One thing is clear, Congress as the opposition has remained failed to become an actual threat for left front govt, but

within a year with the sudden grow of BJP's power, the party that not only achieved success to woo voters but also BJP central ministers arriving one after one that is hitting front govt badly In this condition the ever-green injury of tribal/ Bengali clashes have been chosen by CPI-M as their poll agenda that will keep the sympathy on CPI-M on hills as well as its anti-IPFT propoganda will manage its majority Bengali people's votebanks. However, CPI-M's plan failed with Governor Tathagata Roy's intervention to the blockade. Since the 2 decades, there was no Tribal/ Bengali clashes in

Tripura, whereas suddenly after the opposition's slumber era has passed, CPI-M has adapted its highest weapon of "Communal Harmony" !The Satan inside Manik Sarkar has been exposed from his 1992's anti-Bengali statement when he was the Secretary of State CPI-M which was in opposition against ruling Congress. In his own signed statement what Manik Sarkar not only called for Bengali Hindus expulsion to Bangladesh but also demanded inner permit card for Bengalees entering into ADC areas. Manik Sarkar said, "Tribals who were 70 % of the population,

## Tripura School Education Dept observes 68th State Level Van Mahotsav

**DHARMANAGAR (TIWN):** The 68th State level Van Mahotsav has been observed at Maharani Tuslibati School on Friday, organized by School Education Dept. Education Minister Tapan Chakraborty remained present on that occasion. Also AMC Mayor Dr. Prafullajit Sinha, Elementary Education Director Kuntala Das shared the dais. Van Mahotsav is an annual tree-planting movement in India, which began in 1950. The name Van Mahotsava means "the festival of trees", celebrated every year in Northeast State Tripura. Presently due to rapid urbanization and excessive rubber plantation, the eco-balance is under threat. Van Mahotsav is an annual tree-planting festival in India, celebrated in the first week of July. This movement was initiated in the year 1950 by India's Union Minister for Agriculture, Kulapati Dr.K.M Munshi. This festival has gained immense national importance and every year, millions of saplings are planted all across India in observation of the Van Mahotsav week. It is expected that every citizen of India has to plant a sapling in the Van Mahotsav week. It helps spread awareness amongst people about the harm caused by the cutting down of trees. People celebrate Van Mahotsava by planting trees or saplings in homes, offices, schools, colleges, etc. Awareness campaigns are held at various levels. Novel promotions like free circulation of trees are also taken up by various organizations and volunteers.



## Trinamool observes Sahidan Diwas in Tripura

**AGARTALA (TIWN):** Along with the whole nation, Tripura Trinamool has observed Sahidan Diwas in Tripura. The programme was conducted at Joynagar Party Office on Friday. Trinamool Version of the significance of the day : The 21 July Martyr's Day rally is a mass rally organized by the All India Trinamool Congress in remembrance of 13 people shot dead by West Bengal Police in Kolkata during a protest movement by the West Bengal Youth Congress under Ms Mamata Banerjee on 21 July 1993. Ms Banerjee, then West Bengal State President of Youth Congress, had organised Writers' Chalo Abhiyan (march towards Writers' Building) demanding that the voters' identity card be made the only valid document to verify voters in order to put a stop to rampant scientific rigging'. The party workers gathered at five different points across the city on that fateful day. They began marching towards their destination along Brabourne Road and were stopped by a large contingent of police officials near the Tea Board office, barely few minutes away from the Writers' Building. The police force started beating up the crowd mercilessly in order to drive them away from the vicinity of Writers' Building.



## Pre-Poll violence : BJP holds statewide mass agitations



**AGARTALA (TIWN):** State BJP has come on mass agitation after BJP members were beaten in Tripura. At all the subdivisions, BJP has been agitating over the issue. The mass beating of BJP had begun when IPFT blockade's withdrawal's news had leaked, source said. However BJP has come in massive protest reacting over CPI-M led pre-poll violence. One teacher Babul Majumder was killed on Wednesday's clash.

## CPI-M's target on media continues



**AGARTALA, July (TIWN):** Once again CPI-M has targeted media for publishing anti-CPI(M) news, alleging to down CPI-M's votebanks in Tripura. Addressing a press meet on Thursday, Tripura CPI-M State Secretary Bijan Dhar said, "Some media are trying to blame CPI-M, supporting BJP to help him to come in power". Immediately question raised how can CPI-M expect all newspaper will write like Deser Katha daily ? CPI-M's main concern was exposed with the recent trend of state's corruption news spreading outside Tripura via national media.

## Poonam Mahajan's Tripura visit cancelled : Assam Power Minister, West Bengal actor arrive

**AGARTALA (TIWN):** Poonam Mahajan's Tripura visit has been cancelled due to her serious illness and hospitalized condition, said BJP Yuva Morcha in the morning. However, Assam Power Minister Pallab Lochan Das and famous West Bengal actor Joy Bhattacharjee have arrived to hold the rally at Rabindra Bhawan at 1 PM and also delivered speech in a workshop at Rabindra Bhawan at 2.3-0 PM. Pallab Lochan Das is an Bharatiya Janata Party politician from Assam. He was elected in Assam Legislative Assembly election in 2011 and 2016 from Rangapara constituency. He became a minister in the Sarbananda Sonowal-led government in 2016.

## Internet service resumes in Tripura

**AGARTALA (TIWN):** The shutdown to the internet facility across Tripura was done by the Home Ministry since the morning, has been resumed. After 11 days of blockade, with the intervene of Tripura Governor and Central Govt, the Home Ministry has ordered section-144 to clean the National Highway blockade. However, police was not informed about the internet service's shutdown so far, but since the morning the internet was not working.



## Tripura BJP celebrates Kovind's victory

**AGARTALA (TIWN):** Tripura BJP on Thursday evening has celebrated BJP candidate's winning in Presidential election. Ram Nath Kovind has defeated Meira Kumar in the Presidential election, that is a huge victory of the BJP Govt, said Sunil Deodhar while distributing sweets to the people there. Sunil Deodhar, the BJP State Observer has given sweets, hugs to the rickshaw drivers, auto drivers and the common people. Leaders as Ratan Chakraborty, Arun Kanti Bhowmik, remained present on that occasion at the party office. National Democratic Alliance (NDA) candidate Ram Nath Kovind was on Thursday elected as the new President of India, securing a massive margin over his United Progressive Alliance (UPA) rival Meira Kumar in a straight fight. In an electoral college of 4,986 voters with a vote value of 10,98,903, Kovind got 2,930 votes carrying a value of 7,00,244, while the former Lok Sabha Speaker secured 1,844 votes with a value of 3,67,314. While Kovind got 65.65 per cent of the total valid vote value of 10,69,358, Meira Kumar got 34.35 per cent. Announcing the election of Kovind as the 14th President, Returning Officer and Lok Sabha Secretary General Anoop Mishra said Kovind had got the required votes under the quota allotted to him in the transferable vote system under the Presidential and Vice Presidential Elections Act. "I declare Ram Nath Kovind as duly elected to the Office of President," he said. From Tripura 7 MLAs had voted for Kovind from TMC and Congress.



## SERVICES

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## SP West urged public to keep the harmony



**AGARTALA (TIWN)** After 11 days of blockade at Baramura, when National Highway and Railway have been paralyzed, Section-144 was implemented at Baramura region with order received from Home Ministry to withdraw the blockade and the whole process went smoothly. SP also gave a message to the people to keep the communal harmony tide across the state. "Do not believe in any kind of facebook/ whatsapp fake pictures as no communal unrest was seen at Baramura today", said the SP. The blockade has done in Tripura by tribal separatist group IPFT in demand of a new state named Tipraland has been withdrawn peacefully. However, for 11 days state govt kept num over the blockade putting all blames upon the central govt. Finally on Thursday the violence policy has been cut with Governor's & Home Ministry's joint operation. The situation is now under control.

## Police urges youths not to spread violence via social media

**AGARTALA (TIWN):** Internet that had been crippled in Tripura during IPFT's blockade withdrawn, has been back on Thursday night 9 PM. However during the internet shutdown, only BSNL was functioning fully as maximum youth users in Tripura were reported under private telecommunications and BSNL is used by officials mostly. Talking to SP West Abhijit Saptarshi over phone as a message to the internet users he said, "Please do not believe on any story of communal violence as the whole process of blockade withdrawal remained peaceful so far". Saptarshi further mentioned, "The blockade withdrawal process had begun since the morning but it had taken time to complete the whole process".



## Delay by Railways in electrification projects: CAG



**New Delhi (TIWN)** The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) came down heavily on the Railways for the delay in processing, assigning and completing the projects for electrification. It also said that the railways did not adopt the e-tendering system to reduce the tender processing period. The CAG in its report, which was tabled in Parliament on Friday said it had done an audit on the 14 completed projects, 15 ongoing projects and seven new projects for detailed examination. In its report, the CAG said: "The objective of saving time for deciding whether or not to take up a section for the railway electrification is not being fulfilled due to delays in processing the proposals and preparation of abstract estimates, which was up to 59 months in 24 projects." The CAG report

## Emergency declared in New Zealand due to floods

**Wellington (TIWN)** New Zealand on Saturday declared a state of emergency in several parts of South Island that have been affected by heavy floods. Emergency has been declared in Christchurch, Dunedin, Selwyn and Otago region, which has received the highest rainfall, measuring some 200 mm in 24 hours, according to the Ministry of Civil Defence. In Timaru, a port city with nearly 29,000 inhabitants, the state of emergency was



active earlier in the day and lifted once the water level receded, reports Efe news. Authorities have evacuated the residents from areas considered dangerous, such as in the case of some 100 families from Outram, in Dunedin. Evacuations have also been carried out in Christchurch, the most populous city on South Island, where the waters of the Avon and Heathcote rivers have overflowed their banks in several sections. New Zealand Prime Minister Bill English expressed solidarity with those affected and advised them to follow authorities' instructions and help their neighbours, according to a local television channel. The country's weather service forecast said temperature would reach below zero degrees Celsius on Saturday night on South Island.

## Delhi government doubles honorarium for Anganwadi workers, helpers



**New Delhi (TIWN)** The Delhi government has decided to double the honorarium of around 22,000 Anganwadi workers and helpers here, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said on Saturday. The honorarium of Anganwadi workers has been increased from Rs 5,000 to Rs 9,678 and of Anganwadi helpers from

Rs 2,500 to Rs 4,839, Sisodia said. He said the decision was taken in a cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. The Anganwadi workers will get an additional Rs 500 for internet bills and helpers will get Rs 250. "We hope this will be good news for around 22,000 Anganwadi workers and helpers in the city and they will work harder for the future of six lakh children they look after," he said. Sisodia said a notification in this regard would be issued after approval by Lieutenant Governor Anil Bajaj. The Deputy Chief Minister said the issue of low honorarium came to their notice during Anganwadi inspections by government officials.

## White House new Communications Director expresses 'love' for Trump



**Washington, July (TIWN)** The new White House Communications Director, Anthony Scaramucci, whose hiring led to the resignation of Press Secretary Sean Spicer, has wasted absolutely no time in getting on the President's good side by expressing his "love" for Donald Trump, whom he called a "hack politician" in 2015. Hours after it was announced that he was appointed, Scaramucci stood behind the podium during Friday's White House press briefing and proclaimed his "love" for Trump and his administration. "I love the President and I'm very, very loyal to the President and I love the mission that the President has," Scaramucci, who is also called "the Mooch," said. "The President has really good karma." Scaramucci, 53, currently serves as the senior Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer at the Export-Import Bank. He will officially begin in his new role on August 15. A Wall Street personal, Scaramucci reiterated his admiration for Trump and his administration over and over again during the briefing while speaking to reporters about his excitement level in taking over the job. He referenced the word "love" so much during the briefing that CNN compiled a mashup and played it on air. Scaramucci called Trump a "hack politician" in 2015 as at that time he was supporting Republican presidential candidates Scott Walker and Jeb Bush.

## India's smart cities' plan can adversely impact environment

**London, July (TIWN)** The Indian government's vision to create 100 new smart cities to support the rapidly growing urban population could have a significant detrimental impact on the environment, a study has warned. Researchers led by Hugh Byrd, professor and a specialist in urban planning at the University of Lincoln, UK, said the detrimental environmental impact would increase at a greater rate than the population. They asked for greater emphasis to be placed on providing new supporting infrastructure and utilities, if the harmful impact was to be reduced. The study is based on an analysis of the environmental implications of the planned developments in Bhandi Bazaar — a 16.5-acre site in Mumbai — put forward as a flagship of the proposed new "smart" cities. According to the proposal, Bhandi Bazaar would see medium-rise housing (between three and five storeys) replaced with high-rise towers of 40 to 60 storeys, which the government had said is "sustainable, environmentally friendly and 'smart'". However, the research suggests that the resulting increase in population density was likely to place significant extra demands on resources.

## Kangana finds Saif's open letter on nepotism 'disturbing'



**Mumbai, July (TIWN)** Actress Kangana Ranaut, who started the nepotism debate by labelling filmmaker Karan Johar as its "flag bearer" during his chat show, says she found the open letter by her "Rangoon" co-star Saif Ali Khan on the subject "disturbing". A day after Saif shared his views on the debate, Kangana wrote an open letter, published on Saturday in the Mid-day tabloid. "While I enjoyed some of the perspectives on this subject, I did find a few disturbing ones. This morning, I woke up to one such open letter, written by Saif Ali Khan," she wrote. "The last time I was deeply pained and upset about this issue was when Karan Johar wrote a blog on it, and even once declared in an interview that there are many criteria for excelling in film business. Talent is not one of them." Kangana said: "I don't know if he was being misinformed, or simply naive, but to discredit the likes of Dilip Kumar, K. Asif, Bimal Roy, Satyajit Ray, Guru Dutt, and many more, whose talent and

exceptional abilities have formed the spine of our contemporary film business, is absolutely bizarre." Before addressing her letter to "Dear friend Saif", she wrote: "My request is that people must not misconstrue this and pit us against each other. This is just a healthy exchange of ideas, and not a clash between individuals." "In your letter you mentioned that, 'I apologised to Kangana, and I don't owe anyone any explanation, and this issue is over.' But this is not my issue alone." She said nepotism, "on many levels, fails the test of objectivity and rationale. I have acquired these values from the ones who have found great success and discovered a higher truth, much before me. These values are in the public domain, and no one has a copyright on them." "So, we owe an explanation to everyone who either owns, or wants to own these values. Like I said, we are the ones who will shape the future of the coming generations." Referring to another part of Saif's letter, she wrote: "You talked about the relationship between genetics and star kids,

## Golfers Lahiri, Shiv miss cut at British Open

**Southport (TIWN)** Indian golfers Anirban Lahiri and Shiv Kapur missed the weekend cut at the British Open after they scored three-over 73 each in the second round and finished tied 78th. Battling the cold, windy and rainy conditions on Friday, Lahiri and Kapur struggled at Royal Birkdale Golf Club. Their two-day total of six-over 146 was a single shot outside the cut declared at the tournament. Lahiri, the 2015 Asian Tour number one, made a poor club selection on the 18th hole, hitting a driver instead of a three-wood and saw his ball land in the fairway bunker which resulted in a disappointing bogey, according to an Asian Tour release. "I looked back at the two days that I played and all I see is I didn't make



a putt. I had two one putts and hit 15 or 14 greens in these conditions. I just did not get the hang of the greens. It is very disappointing because I played so well this week," he said in the release. Shiv, making his third appearance at the British Open, was disappointed to miss the weekend rounds but was pleased with his performance. "It was brutal out there. First it was the wind then the rain and the wind switched on the back nine. All in all I hung quite tough and played pretty well. I made a couple of bogeys on the back but I fought back.

## Money flow into financial savings increased post note ban: Viral Acharya

**New Delhi, July (TIWN)** Post demonetisation, there has been a visible channelising of money towards financial assets like insurance and mutual funds, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Deputy Governor Viral Acharya said on Saturday. "It will take us many years to understand the outcome of demonetisation. I sense that in financial assets, something has changed as black money transactions are now not easy," Acharya said at the Delhi Economics Conclave 2017 here organised by the Finance Ministry. "Insurance premium collection is on rise since November. If it continues, it will change the valuation of financial assets," he said. There has been a non-linear shift since November-December last year, the Deputy Governor noted. Bond holding is not attractive for tax evasion, he said. According to Acharya, people earlier a very clear intention to invest black money in real estate and gold. He said it would take many years to understand the real outcome of the November 8, 2016 demonetisation. However, former IMF chief economist Kenneth Rogoff, who is presently at the Harvard University, pointed out that demonetisation was flawed in that it phased out high denomination notes overnight. "Indian demonetisation was flawed in some respect. My book, 'The Curse of Cash', argues for taking five-seven years to phase out big bills.



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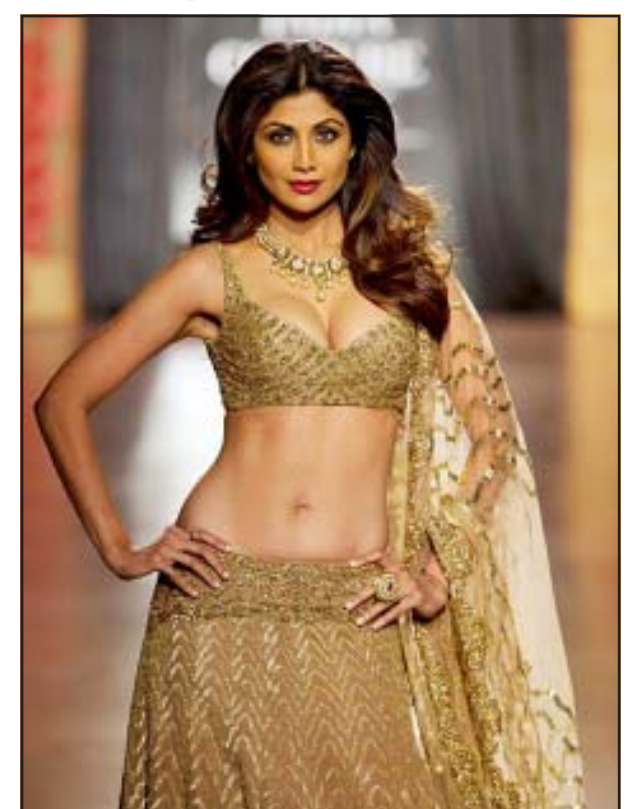
## Kashyap, Prannoy, Manu-Sumeeth in US Open semis



**Anaheim (California) (TIWN)** Indian shuttlers Parupalli Kashyap, H.S. Prannoy and the men's doubles pair of Manu Attri and B. Sumeeth Reddy entered to the semi-finals of the US Open Grand Prix here. Kashyap on Friday ended the hopes of his compatriot Sameer Verma with a 21-13, 21-16 victory in 40 minutes. Kashyap will meet South Korea's Kwang Hee Heo in the semi-final. Kwang defeated Japan's Koki Watanabe 21-16, 16-21, 21-9. "It will be world No. 59 Kashyap's first encounter against Kwang. Second seed Prannoy got the better of Japanese eighth seed Kanta Tsuneyama in a 10-21, 21-15, 21-18 triumph in an hour.

## Shilpa Shetty to walk for Monisha Jaising at ICW 2017

**New Delhi (TIWN)** Bollywood actress Shilpa Shetty, who is one of the fittest names in the industry, is going to turn showstopper for designer Monisha Jaising at the India Couture Week (ICW) 2017. Jaising is set to unfold her most colossal collection "Opera" at the fashion gala on July 28 at the Taj Palace hotel, here and the designer says that the actress is the only one who will do justice to her show. "As soon as I met Shilpa, it immediately struck me that she is the only one to do justice to the showstopper ensemble. Not only is she stunningly beautiful, but also one of the fittest actresses in the industry.



## MANDAVIYA MEETS INJURED BJP ACTIVISTS



**AGARTALA (TIWN):** Central Minister Mansukh Mandaviya along with BJP State President Biplab Deb has met the victims who are admitted in GB Hospital, allegedly after being attacked by CPI-M cadres. Addressing the media after meeting the victims, Mandaviya said, "This really unexpected in a democratic country. Every people have right to chose the political party they want". State BJP has come on mass agitation after BJP members were beaten in Tripura. At all the subdivisions, BJP has been agitating over the issue. One teacher Babul Majumder was killed on Wednesday's clash and 4 injured seriously.

## Job aspirants sit in Teachers' Test exam



**AGARTALA (TIWN):** Teachers Eligibility Test (TET) that was postponed due to IPFT's strike at Baramura has been conducting on Saturday. The exam earlier was set to be completed on July 13, but in a press note, Tripura Govt had announced on July 11, "This for information to all concerned that considering the inconvenience of candidates for appearing at the Selection Test for Graduate Teacher (STGT) 2017 and Selection for Post Graduate Teacher (STPGT) 2017 scheduled on 13.07. 2017 (Thursday) at Agartala has been deferred to 22.07.2017 (Saturday) due to ongoing Rail and Road blockade". However, at BBMC and MBB in Agartala the test for teachers are being held. Candidates from various corners of the state have been appeared in the test, those who are aspirant to be teachers.

## Trinamool observes Sahidan Diwas in Tripura



**AGARTALA (TIWN):** Along with the whole nation, Tripura Trinamool has observed Sahidan Diwas in Tripura. The programme was conducted at Joynagar Party Office on Friday. Trinamool Version of the significance of the day: The 21 July Martyr's

then West Bengal State President of Youth Congress, had organised Writers' Chalo Abhiyan (march towards Writers' Building) demanding that the voters' identity card be made the only valid document to verify voters in order to put a stop to rampant scientific rigging. The party workers gathered at five different points across the city on that fateful day. They began marching towards their destination along Brabourne Road and were stopped by a large contingent of police officials near the Tea Board office, barely few minutes away from the Writers' Building.

## Cobnel Mahim Thakur, a forgotten hero?

**AGARTALA (TIWN):** The state on Saturday celebrated the 153th birth anniversary of Colonel Mahim Thakur, a visionary with versatile talents. The highly acclaimed member of royal family first paved visit of Nobel laureate Rabindra Nath Tagore and other laurels to the erstwhile princely state. The 153rd birth anniversary of Mahim Thakur has been observed through marking several programmes. It is said besides Rabindra Nath Tagore, Mahim Thakur acted as a bridge between the royal family and scholars like Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose, Rajendra Nath, historian Jadhunath Sarkar, Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar and many other famed personalities. Mahim Thakur who was accorded 'Colonel' title had colourful and versatile personalities. He was an able administrator, a diplomat, a good photographer, writer and a historian. As a tribute to Mahim Thakur a book name 'Shaddo Satabarsho Mahim Colonel', many articles were also published.



## Reckless driving leads accident, no life loss

**DHARMANAGAR (TIWN):** On Sunday early morning an accident was reported from ISBT area, in Dharmaganagar. The accident took place due to the negligence of the driver and reckless driving, alleged the locals. The incident took place on national highway, where double lane was constructed to curb down accident numbers but in the middle of the double lane the truck was turned following the driver's reckless driving. However, nobody died in that accident.



## Governor's pressure upon State Govt to take action is Manik Sarkar's face loss: Ashok Sinha

**AGARTALA July (TIWN):** Opposition BJP has claimed that the intervene of Governor and his pushing to the state govt to take action is a shame for the left front govt. BJP spokesperson Ashok Sinha in a press release said, "The CPI-M Govt was exposed blatantly when under pressure from the Governor the state administration imposed Section-144 in the blockade area and the blockade disappeared immediately. The question in the minds of the people are many, the most important of them is what did Manik Babu try to achieve by this blockade? He probably thought that such lawlessness would encourage violence and CPI-M would try to



encourage by blaming BJP". "Manik Babu didn't realize the whole thing might boomerang on him. He tried everything, everything he knew of putting the ball in BJP's court but the central govt didn't entertain IPFT until the blockade was withdrawn", said Sinha. "By allowing the blockade to continue and then taking action under pressure from the Governor, the left front has shamed itself", Sinha added.

## Accused convicted in assaulting case

**UDAIPUR (TIWN):** Ld J.M 1st Class Court No.01, Udaipur Gomati Tripura has convicted one accused person namely Arun Chandra Ghosh (45) S/O Lt. Ramani Mohan Ghosh of Uttar Tulamura PS Kakraban. under Gomati District U/S 341/323 IPC. On 24-08-2016, Kakraban PS Case No. 2016KKB069 U/S- 325/384/34 IPC, was registered on the basis of written complaint of Sri Amulya Ghosh (37) S/O Lt. Ramani Mohan Ghosh of Uttar Tulamura PS Kakraban against the accused persons namely (1) Arun Ghosh S/O Lt. Ramani Mohan Ghosh (2) Pradip Ghosh S/O Lt. Ramani



Mohan Ghosh (3) Rahul Ghosh S/O Sri Arun Ghosh, all of Uttar Tulamura PS Kakraban. under Gomati District; for hurling attack and assault upon the complainant on 21-08-2016 at about 1900 hrs. at Tulamura Bazar. After investigation, charge sheet was filed by ASI Bijoy Chakraborty, I.O of the case on 16-09-2016, against the accused person namely Arun Chandra Ghosh (45) S/O Lt. Ramani Mohan Ghosh of Uttar Tulamura PS Kakraban. under Gomati District; vide Kakraban PS C/S No. 61/2016 U/S-341/323 IPC. The trial Court on appreciation of evidence found the accused person namely Arun Chandra Ghosh is guilty U/S 341/323 IPC and sentenced him to pay a fine of Rs- 1000/- in default to pay of fine, convict is to suffer Simple Imprisonment for 01 (One) month for the commission of punishable offence U/S 323 IPC and also pay a fine of Rs- 500/- in default to pay of fine, convict is to suffer Simple Imprisonment for 05 (five) days for the commission of punishable offence U/S 341 IPC.

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## Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya meets CM



**AGARTALA (TIWN):** Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has arrived in Tripura on Saturday. The Minister held a courtesy meeting with Chief Minister Manik Sarkar at Secretariat in the presence of other high officials. Following the meeting, the Minister will also conduct a press conference at 4.30 PM regarding transport and other issues. Mansukh Mandaviya is Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping, Chemical & Fertilizers, General Secretary of Gujarat State, Bharatiya Janata Party; Member of Rajya Sabha from Gujarat state.

## Once I became refugee, don't want to be again': Joy Banerjee



**AGARTALA (TIWN):** West Bengal BJP leader, also Tollywood actor Joy Banerjee on behalf of Bengalis who was welcomed by Govt of India in relief from Muslim tortures at East Pakistan (Presently Bangladesh) said, "I am also from East Pakistan, was made homeless and welcomed by India on that time". Joy Banerjee against the divination policy of politics via communal disharmony said at Rabindra Bhawan, "Once I was made refugee and again I am not ready to be called as refugee". This nation is my motherland and which is now ruled by a great prime minister Narendra Modi, said Banerjee. Joy Banerjee had arrived in Tripura on Friday called by Tripura BJP to address the Yuva Morcha of the state. Banerjee said, he would never come in politics unless he had come across "a great leader of BJP who became the prime minister of India in 2014".

## Assam Power Minister, West Bengal actor arrive

**AGARTALA (TIWN):** Poonam Mahajan's Tripura visit has been cancelled due to her serious illness and hospitalized condition, said BJP Yuva Morcha in the morning. However, Assam Power Minister Pallab Lochan Das and famous West Bengal actor Joy Bhattacharjee have arrived to hold the rally at Rabindra Bhawan at 1 PM and also delivered speech in a workshop at Rabindra Bhawan at 2.3-0 PM. Pallab Lochan Das is an Bharatiya

