



The fire broke out at 1.45 pm on Monday. EXPRESS

Two dead in Tiljala factory fire, CM seeks report by 11 am today

Ravik Bhattacharya
Kolkata, May 12

TWO PERSONS died and five others were injured in a fire at a factory in Tiljala, Kolkata on Monday afternoon, police said and four fire engines were pressed into service to douse the blaze. The blaze erupted around 1.45 pm at the building on GJ Khan Road, they added. Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari has directed Kolkata Police to lodge an FIR and asked officials to submit an enquiry report by 11 am on Wednesday. "As directed by Hon'ble Chief Minister, West Bengal, in reference to the fire incident at Tiljala in which 2 persons lost their

lives and 5 persons sustained serious burn injuries, and considering the substantial loss of life and property caused by the incident, Kolkata Police is hereby directed to lodge a specific FIR in the matter immediately," the order stated.

Additionally, a departmental committee comprising the Additional Chief Secretary, MSME Department; ACS, Fire & Emergency Services Department; Commissioner of Police, Kolkata Police; and Municipal Commissioner, Kolkata Municipal Corporation, has been constituted to conduct a detailed survey of the site and examine all relevant documents.

"The Committee shall conduct a detailed inquiry/survey and submit a report to the undersigned positively by 11:00 A.M. on 13.05.2026," the order added.

According to police sources the incident took place when most of the workers were outside for lunch. But some workers were inside. The two exits of the factory were allegedly locked. Seven workers were later rescued from the washroom of the factory, they added. They were all taken to Chittaranjan National Medical College hospital where two workers Rajesh Ali Mondol and Md Zaman were declared brought dead, the police sources said.

Govt relieves 243 officials across boards, PSUs

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THE GOVERNMENT on Tuesday released a list of 243 officials and nominated individuals who have now been relieved of their responsibilities, marking a sweeping administrative move to end post-retirement continuance in various government bodies, boards and organisations, a senior official said.

The development comes a day after the new BJP government on Monday directed all de-

partments to immediately terminate the tenures of nominated members, directors and chairpersons of various non-statutory bodies, boards, organisations and public sector undertakings under their control.

In an official order, the state government also instructed departments to end their re-employment and extension of service of officers and officials who have continued in service beyond the normal age of superannuation of 60 years. Following these directives, the Personnel and Ad-

ministrative Reforms Department at Nabanna on Tuesday published the list of 243 individuals who have been relieved of duties with immediate effect.

Officials said the list includes persons associated with several key departments such as North Bengal Development, Finance, Home, Hill Affairs, Land and Land Reforms, Transport, Urban Development, and Public Health Engineering.

Sources said the decision follows a review of post-retirement appointments and extensions.

Stricter attendance rules: Govt asks employees to maintain office timings

Press Trust of India
Kolkata, May 12

THE NEWLY-formed BJP government in West Bengal on Tuesday introduced stricter attendance rules for all its employees, making it mandatory for staff to report to the office by 10:15 am and remain at their desks till 5:15 pm.

According to a notification, the decision was aimed at ensuring the "smooth functioning" of government departments at a time when several offices are facing heavy workloads.

The order said that all government employees across departments must mark attendance by 10.15 am, while no employee will be allowed to leave the office before 5.15 pm.

The staff have also been instructed not to leave their offices during working hours except for official reasons.

Officials said departments had been asked to implement the directive immediately.

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Soon after assuming office, Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari moved to tighten administrative discipline and restore what the government described as a stronger work culture in offices. During the Left Front era, state government offices were often criticised for the slow movement of files.

After coming to power, the TMC government under Mamata Banerjee had pushed for quicker disposal of public work and faster administrative processes. However, her government had also faced criticism from sections of the opposition over frequent holidays for government employees.

Jharkhand Maoist leader held; aide surrenders

Sweetie Kumari
Kolkata, May 12

KOLKATA POLICE on Tuesday arrested Shradha Biswas, alias Bela, a veteran Maoist leader from Jharkhand, from the North Kasipur area. A resident of Chakdaha in Nadia, Bela was a member of the Maoists' Jharkhand Regional Committee and had been active in that state for long.

In a separate development, Madhai Patra, a Maoist from Hooghly who was also active in Jharkhand, surrendered to police on Tuesday.

Addressing a press conference at Alipore Bodyguard Lines on Tuesday afternoon, Kolkata Police Commissioner Ajay Nand said Bela was apprehended acting on a tip-off. She



Madhai Patra, a Maoist from Hooghly, in police custody. EXPRESS

had recently come to Kolkata for unknown reasons. Investigations are on to ascertain when she arrived in the city and the purpose of her visit. Her

physical health is currently poor, the Commissioner said.

Bela had been active in Jharkhand since 2005 and she primarily operated in Ghatshila

Cash transfer scheme, free bus travel for women to be rolled out from June

Avantika Basu
Kolkata, May 12

IN A bid to reshape the state's social support structure, the newly elected government is preparing to implement a series of major welfare schemes, from rolling out the proposed direct cash transfer scheme for women, free bus travel for female passengers, to integrating the Central schemes that had previously been stalled.

According to sources, the welfare implementation begins with Annapurna Bhandar, the government's proposed direct-benefit transfer (DBT) scheme for women, which is to be implemented from June 1. Under this scheme, eligible women are expected to receive Rs 3,000 per month directly into their bank accounts through DBT. The scheme is being viewed as the BJP government's counterpart to the previous TMC government's Lakshmi Bhandar scheme, which had become one of Bengal's most politically influential welfare programmes.

Government sources said that Lakshmi Bhandar beneficiaries are likely to be brought under the Annapurna Bhandar before the discontinuation of the

older scheme takes place. Officials have repeatedly stated that existing beneficiaries will not lose support during or before the convergence period.

The government has also announced that women will be able to travel free in state-run buses from June 1. Reports suggest that the transport department is considering a "pink ticket" or zero-fare ticketing model for its implementation.

The proposal places the BJP government within a political model that was first popularised nationally by the Arvind Kejriwal government in Delhi. In 2019, the Arvind Kejriwal led Delhi government introduced the Pink ticket scheme allowing women to travel free in DTC and cluster buses across the national capital. But the BJP leaders at the national level often criticised such welfare programmes as "freebie politics" or "revdi culture," particularly during debates around opposition-run state schemes.

Under the TMC government, West Bengal operated its own state health insurance scheme "Swasthya Sathi," after opting out of the Centre's Ayushman Bharat programme. Under Swasthya Sathi, families re-

ceived cashless medical treatment coverage of up to Rs 5 lakh annually at empanelled hospitals. Now, the BJP government has announced the implementation of Ayushman Bharat in Bengal.

Ayushman Bharat is the Centre's flagship health insurance programme and provides up to Rs 5 lakh annual coverage per family. Unlike Swasthya Sathi, Ayushman Bharat offers broader national portability, allowing beneficiaries to access treatment in empanelled hospitals across India. According to sources, Swasthya Sathi beneficiaries will likely be brought under the Ayushman framework using Aadhaar-linked data and existing databases, before any full transition. For now, officials have maintained that Swasthya Sathi benefits will continue during the convergence phase.

In the first Cabinet meeting of the BJP government on Monday, CM Suwendu Adhikari said that schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, PM Jan Arogya Yojana, and PM Krishak Bima Yojana will also be fully implemented.

(AVANTIKA BASU WORKS AS AN INTERVIEWER WITH THE INDIAN EXPRESS, KOLKATA)

and Purba and Paschim Singhbhum. There are over 20 cases registered against her in Jharkhand, with the Commissioner citing the figure as 23.

The Jharkhand government had announced a Rs 15-lakh reward for her arrest/capture.

In 2004-05, her name had surfaced in a case in Belpahari, Paschim Medinipur and she was arrested then but did not return to West Bengal after securing bail.

"If required, the Jharkhand Police will come and interrogate her," Nand told media persons, adding that further information might be obtained by interrogating the arrested leader, he added.

Meanwhile, Patra, a resident of Jangipara in Hooghly,

who had been involved in Maoist activities for years, surrendered on Tuesday. He was first arrested in 2007. After being released on bail, he moved to Jharkhand to continue his activities.

Commissioner Nand said that after years of involvement, Patra now wishes to lead a normal life and return to the mainstream.

He will be assisted under the government's existing surrender and rehabilitation package.

"When I first joined the party, its principles were good. But later, those principles changed, and society changed as well. Considering all this, I decided to return to the mainstream," Madhai Patra said during the press conference.

SC collegium recommends 9 lawyers as Cal HC judges

Press Trust of India
New Delhi, May 12

THE SUPREME COURT collegium headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant on Tuesday recommended to the Centre the names of nine advocates for appointment as judges of the Calcutta High Court.

According to a statement issued after meetings of the collegium held on May 11 and 12, names of Indranil Roy, Aryak Dutt, Atarup Banerjee, Sandip Kumar De, Partha Pratim Roy, Sudip Deb, Anuj Singh, Arjun

Apart from CJI Surya Kant, SC collegium comprises Justices Vikram Nath, J K Maheshwari

Ray Mukherjee and Rishad Me-dora have been recommended to the Centre for the judgeship.

Apart from the CJI, the three-member Supreme Court collegium currently comprises Justices Vikram Nath and J K Maheshwari.

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF PUNJAB
RECRUITMENT NOTICE
(Advt. No. CUPR/26-27/006 Dated 12.05.2026)
 Online applications are invited from prospective & eligible candidates for following Teaching & other Academic Posts on Regular basis:
 ➤ **Professor** ➤ **Librarian**
 ➤ **Associate Professor** ➤ **Deputy Librarian**
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Last Date to apply online: 02.06.2026 (upto 05 PM)
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ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, BHOPAL
(An Autonomous Institute under MoH&FW, Government of India)
 Saket Nagar, Bhopal (M.P.)-462020, www.aiimsbhopal.edu.in
Advt. No: Adm-2(3)/Rectt.Cell/Contract/2026/3270 **Date: 11/05/2026**
WALK-IN-INTERVIEW FOR ENGAGEMENT OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS
AT AIIMS BHOPAL PURELY ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS
 All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bhopal will hold a walk-in-Interview for engagement of 02 (01-SC, 01-OBG) **CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS** on purely contractual basis on **19/05/2026 at 12 PM**.
 For details of essential eligibility criteria, terms and conditions of engagement and reporting time for walk-in-interview etc. AIIMS Bhopal website www.aiimsbhopal.edu.in may be visited. The interested candidates fulfilling the eligibility criteria may come for document verification along with the duly filled application form in the prescribed format and with all documents in support of their eligibility (in original) and one set of self-attested photocopies, application fee etc. on **18/05/2026 at 11 AM** positively.

Sd/-
Deputy Director (Admin.)
AIIMS Bhopal

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person, namely, **Rakesh Das, S/o Manoranjan Das, R/o Purva Krishan, Gopal Pur, Kak Dweep South, 24, Pargana, West Bengal-743347**, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **FIR No. 46/2020, U/s: 279/338 IPC**, registered at **P.S.: IGI Airport, New Delhi**, and the warrant has been returned writing upon that the said accused person, **Rakesh Das**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person, **Rakesh Das**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said, accused person, **Rakesh Das, FIR No. 46/2020, U/s: 279/338 IPC**, registered at **P.S.: IGI Airport, New Delhi**, is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **21.08.2026**

By Order
Sh. Pranav Joshi
Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate-01
02, Ground Floor, Main Building
Patiala House Courts, New Delhi

DP/6159/GIA/2026
(Court Matter)

Indian Bank
 Appendix IV, (Rule 8 (1))
POSSESSION NOTICE
 (for immovable property)

इलाहाबाद **ALLAHABAD**
 Zonal Office, Kolkata North; 377 & 378 G.D. Block, 2nd Floor, Salt Lake, Sector-11, Kolkata - 700106
Botanical Garden Branch

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank), Zonal Office Kolkata North under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 17.01.2026 Calling upon Borrower-Mortgagor; Sri. **Nemai Bairagya, S/o Bhutnath Bairagya, 45/51/1, Botanical Garden Road, Howrah-711103** with our Botanical Garden Branch to repay the amount mentioned in the notice of **Rs.6,02,555.00 (Rupees Six Lakhs Two Thousand Five hundred and Fifty five only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on this **11th day of May of the year 2026**. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank Botanical Garden Branch for an amount of **Rs.6,02,555.00 (Rupees Six Lakhs Two Thousand Five hundred and Fifty five only)** as on 17.01.2026 and interest thereon w.e.f. 18.01.2026. The borrower's attention is invited to the provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immoveable property:
All that piece and parcel of one Residential Flat Being Flat no G-1 at Ground Floor of the G+ 2 story building, measuring about 528 sq. ft. with Super Built up Area (with Marble Floor) consisting of 2 Bed Rooms, 1 Living cum Dining Room, 1 Bath Room with Privy, 1 Kitchen together with undivided proportionate area of passage, staircase etc. Within Holding No. 45/51, Botanical Garden Road, P.O.- Botanical Garden, P.S. Shibpur, now A J C Bose Road, B. Garden, District- Howrah-711103, Under H M C Ward No.39, within the jurisdiction of the District Registration Office and Sub Registration Office, Howrah.
Deed No-I-050204149/2015
Boundary of the Building: North: Property of Krishna Kumar Dey, **South:** 6 feet wide common passage, **East:** Property of Nemai Adhikary, **West :** Property of Kalidas Baidya
Date: 11.05.2026 **Authorised Officer**
Place: Kolkata **Indian Bank**

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HDFC Bank Ltd. Regd Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai – 400 013; Branch Office: GILLANDERS HOUSE, Block-A, 1st Floor, 8, N.S.Road, Kolkata – 700 001

NOTICE
 NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE CHAPTER III OF THE SECURITISATION & RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002
 We the HDFC Bank Limited, Kolkata had issued Demand Notice U/S 13(2) of chapter III of the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial assets & enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 through our Kolkata branches/me the Authorized Officer. The contents of the same are the defaults committed by you in the payment of Installments of principal, Interest etc. The outstanding is as mentioned below:-

Sl No	Date of Notice sent	Name of the Borrower / Co Borrower & Address	Loan A/c no	Total Outstanding (in Rs)	Mortgage property address
1	06.05.2026	Souvick Bhattacharjee (Borrower) Jirat CT, NR Ashutosh Sriti Mandir Girls School, Balagarh, Hooghly, GT Road, West Bengal – 712501 Swapan Kumar Bhattacharjee (Co-Borrower & Mortgagor) Jirat CT, NR Ashutosh Sriti Mandir Girls School, Balagarh, Hooghly, GT Road, West Bengal – 712501 Champa Bhattacharjee (Co-Borrower & Mortgagor) Jirat CT, NR Ashutosh Sriti Mandir Girls School, Balagarh, Hooghly, GT Road, West Bengal – 71250	89271553	Rs.24,21,198.33	All That Land measuring about 7 Decimal forming part of Sabek Dag no. 743 & 744 corresponding to Hal Dag Nos. 1857 & 1858 at present 1057 & 1058 under R.S. Khatian No. 1050 corresponding to Hal Krishi Khatian No. 101, present L.R. Khatian Nos. 1520 & 1521 (as per Porcha) J.L. no. 103, in Mouza Jirat under P.S Balagarh in the District Hooghly. Boundaries : As per deed 1782 of 1993. On the North:-Smt. Champa Bhattacharjee; On the South:- Road; On the East :- Giridhar Mukherjee; On the West:- Road. As per deed 1783 of 1993. On the North:- Sri Gopal Chandra Ghosh; On the South :- Sri Swapan Kumar Bhattacharjee; On the East:- Giridhar Mukherjee; On the West:- Road. (PROPERTY OWNED BY MR. SOUVIK BHATTACHARJEE)

Further with reasons, we believe that you are evading the service of Demand Notice. Hence this Publication of Demand notice, which is also, required u/s 13(2) of said Act. You are hereby called upon to pay HDFC Bank Limited within a period of 60 days date of publication of this Demand Notice the aforesaid amount along with further interest, cost, incidental expenses, charges failing which HDFC Bank Limited will take necessary action under all or any of the provision of Sec 13(4) of the said Act against or any one or more of the secured assets including taking possession of this assets of the borrower and guarantors. Further you are prohibited u/s 13(13) of the said Act from transferring either by way of sale/lease or in any way the aforesaid secured assets. Please note that no further demand notice will be issued.

Date: 13/05/2026, Place: Kolkata **Authorised Officer,**
For HDFC Bank Ltd.

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 (A Govt. of India Undertaking)

E-AUCTION
SALE NOTICE

ZONAL OFFICE, SILIGURI
 Hill Cart Road, Siliguri - 734001

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
DATE OF E-AUCTION: 30.05.2026
E-AUCTION will take place through portal named <https://www.baanknet.com> on 30.05.2026 between 01:00 PM to 05:00 PM with unlimited extension period of 10 minutes for each BID.
LAST DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION OF EMD AND DOCUMENTS ON BEFORE 30.05.2026 UPTO 04:00 PM

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
 (A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
 CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

E-Tender No. KPCL/2025-26/SE0302/CALL-3 **Date: 12.05.2026**

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION

(QCBS TWO COVER SYSTEM) (Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (KPPP) Only)
 Tenders are invited from experienced and reputed consulting engineering firms with relevant technical experience and managerial for the work of "Appointment of Independent Engineer for Integrated Baranji Open Cast Mines at Chandraipur District, Maharashtra State, for a period of three years". The last date for receipt of the completed bids is up to 17.00 hrs on 12.05.2026. The brief bid notification containing Pre-qualification criteria and other details can be accessed from KPPP portal, Karnataka Government. The tender document can be downloaded from the website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/> Further details can be had from The Chief Engineer (Mines), KPCL, # 82, Shakthi Bhavan, 3rd Floor, Race Course Road, Bengaluru-560001. E-mail: seminespcl@gmail.com; Telefax: 080-22203894; Mobile: 94495 98901; Website: www.kpcl.karnataka.gov.in; KPP portal helpdesk: +91-8046010000 ; +91-8068948777.

Government of India
MINISTRY OF POWER

Vacancy for the Post of Whole-Time Members, namely Member (Irrigation) and Member (Power) in Bhakra Beas Management Board
 It is proposed to fill up the posts of Whole-Time Members, namely Member (Irrigation) and Member (Power), Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB), a statutory organization under provision contained in Section 79 of Punjab Reorganization Act, 1966.

2. The detailed Vacancy Circular may be seen at the website of Ministry of Power i.e. www.powermin.nic.in.

3. Applications of suitable candidates having qualification and experience for the aforementioned posts may be forwarded so as to reach the Ministry of Power latest by 03rd June, 2026, addressed to the Section Officer (BBMB), Ministry of Power, Room No. 26, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi – 110001. Applications received after the last date are liable to be rejected.

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