

Broken axle stalls procession for hours

Chariot snag delays Iskcon Rath Yatra

SUDESHNA BANERJEE

Calcutta: A snag in one of the chariots delayed the start of the 55th Kolkata Rath Yatra, organised by Iskcon, on Thursday.

The inauguration was done by chief minister Suvendu Adhikari by pulling the rope of Lord Jagannath' chariot around 1.30pm. But the chariots did not roll immediately. This was because the 36ft chariot of Lord Balaram, which traditionally leads the procession, was still being repaired.

"The problem came to light around 2am on Thursday as the chariots were being hauled by a crane from the Gurusa-day Road office to the temple on Albert Road. The rear axle snapped, possibly because the chariot was being towed at a much higher speed than when it was pulled manually. A replacement axle had to be fabricated using a cast of the broken one as a template," a source at Iskcon told Metro.

The chariots finally got rolling around 4.30pm and it was not before 9.20pm that the chariots rolled into Brigade Parade Grounds, about two-and-a-half hours behind schedule.

This is not the first time that the Rath Yatra was de-



The 55th Kolkata Rath Yatra, organised by Iskcon, on Thursday. Picture by Sanat Kr Sinha

layed because of mechanical issues. On July 7, 2024, Lord Jagannath's chariot had developed a steering-system failure on AJC Bose Road shortly after the procession began. The chariot eventually had to be towed by a recovery vehicle to Brigade. The journey was delayed by more than three hours that year.

Earlier, the chief minister performed *arati* at the temple and undertook the ritual sweeping of the street with a golden broom before Lord Jagannath's chariot.

In his speech, he mentioned that the state government had allowed Iskcon to provide mid-day meals to schoolchildren, in line with similar arrangements in several other states.

Iskcon would start providing meals to schools across Calcutta from August, he said. He also iterated how his government had removed the word "dham" from the Jagannath temple in Digha, in deference to an appeal from the Puri Jagannath dham authorities.

Suvendu said he would visit the Mayapur headquarters of Iskcon in the next few days.

The fair at the Brigade, opposite Park Street Metro station, will continue till July 23. *Khichudi bhog* will be served to devotees from 3.30pm to 8.30pm and cultural programmes will be held.

The return journey of Ulatarath would take place from noon on July 24.

Classroom carnival

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Before their exams began at 9.30am, several boarders were busy catching up on match updates from friends.

"I was supporting Brazil, and they have already been knocked out. So now I am backing Spain. I don't want Argentina to win," said Selicia Calvert, a boarder and footballer.

At Modern High School International, the football fever from the previous night's World Cup semi-final spilled onto classrooms on Thursday.

The school allowed students and teachers to turn up in their favourite teams' colours.

Math teacher Jhuma Sinha even tackled formulas with a touch of "Argentine magic", while students arrived wearing jerseys and sporting painted flags on their faces.

The school gave students a rare break from the usual rules to celebrate their passion for the game.

"I noticed that students and teachers have been discussing the World Cup match-



Sporting Argentine colours, maths teacher Jhuma Sinha teaches a class at Modern High School International on Thursday; (right) students sport Argentina jerseys on campus



es with great enthusiasm. Sports bring people together and create a sense of community — through conversations, support and even healthy rivalry," said Nandini Ghatak, principal of Modern High School International.

"At a time when the importance of sports in children's lives is declining, it is heart-

ening to see them remain so passionate about the game," she added.

Spain may be the current favourites among many students, but Anika Shah, a Class IX student of Modern High School International, reminded her classmates of Cape Verde goalkeeper Vozinha's heroic saves against

Spain in their opening match, which helped the underdogs script one of the tournament's memorable performances.

Away from the noise and celebrations, two Future Hope students, Aarti and Priya, continued to quietly back Messi, hoping he would go on to win the Golden Boot.

Political battle for pujas

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Several other protesters said they were born in New Alipore and, having spent their lives around the club, wanted to organise the Durga Puja without political intervention.

"We don't want any Sikdar here. We want to organise our puja. There won't be any political colour in this puja anymore," said another resident. Neither resident wanted to be named.

Sikdar, while attending the *khuti* puja, said: "The women and the residents of New Alipore will pay their tributes to Goddess Durga. The puja committee will support them."

Around the time Sikdar was defending his presence, about 11km north, in College Square, state BJP president Samik Bhattacharya said politics should be kept out of Durga Puja. "If a puja committee invites you to be the president or chairman without yielding to political pressure, you can, because you are an elected representative. It



Samik Bhattacharya at the College Square khuti puja on Thursday

cannot be that you will grab a Durga Puja in the name of politics just because there has been a change of guard. Puja will have to be kept out of politics," Samik said.

The BJP MP was speaking at the *khuti* puja of the College Square Durga Puja.

Bikash Chandra Majumder, chief organiser of the College Square puja, told Metro that Samik was chosen as the chairman of the puja committee. "After attending the *khuti* puja, he said he would call me over for a meeting later," Majumder said.



New Alipore's Suruchi Sangha on Thursday. Picture by Bishwarup Dutta

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Govt seeks National Mela tag for Gangasagar

KINSUK BASU

Calcutta: The state government has appealed to the Centre to confer "National Mela" status on the Gangasagar Mela and provide suitable financial and institutional assistance to showcase the cultural legacy associated with the fair.

"The Mela attracts several million pilgrims, saints and visitors from every part of the country and abroad and represents a unique confluence of India's spiritual traditions, living cultural heritage and centuries-old pilgrimage practices," the letter, addressed to the secretary, ministry of culture, ministry of culture, states.

The letter was written on July 14 by the secretary, department of information and cultural affairs of the Bengal government.

The erstwhile Trinamool Congress government had repeatedly sought "National Mela" status for the Gangasagar Mela and requested financial assistance from the Centre.

The BJP, then in the Opposition, had accused the state government of commercialising the event.

Held annually in January on Sagar Island in South 24-Parganas, at the confluence of the Hooghly and the Bay of Bengal, the Gangasagar Mela draws several lakh pilgrims who take a holy dip on Makar Sankranti and offer prayers at the Kapil Muni Ashram.

The issue had acquired political overtones in January 2025 when Puri Shankaracharya Swami Nischalananda Saraswati, during his visit to the mela, said that the Centre would grant National Mela status only after the BJP came to power in Bengal.

"The Government of West Bengal would be grateful for the ministry's active support and partnership in this nationally important initiative and looks forward to a favourable consideration of the proposal," the letter said.

Three-day travel fair kicks off today

OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Calcutta: Still undecided on the Puja trip?

One of eastern India's biggest tourism exhibitions, which begins at the Netaji Indoor Stadium on Friday, might seal the deal.

The Anandabazar Patrika Tourist Spot 2026 will be on from noon to 8pm till Sunday.

The three-day fair brings together more than 100 tour operators, several state tourism boards, airlines and hospitality players. It is billed as a one-stop solution for all travel queries to destinations in India and abroad.

What: Anandabazar Patrika Tourist Spot 2026
Where: Netaji Indoor Stadium
When: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, noon to 8pm

"The best thing is the scale. You can plan a trip to Europe or the Northeast. You will have several options to choose from. Tailored family holidays to solo adventures — there is a wide variety on the menu," said an organiser.

The 14th edition features Maharashtra as the spotlight state. "Timed just before the Durga Puja holiday planning period, the exhibition is expected to generate significant interest among travellers from eastern India," said an organiser.

Supported by the Union ministry of tourism, the previous edition attracted close to 20,000 visitors, establishing itself as a key platform for promoting travel ahead of the festive season.

Europe and Southeast Asia were among the most coveted destinations abroad, according to the previous edition.

बिहार सरकार

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