Smoke billows from a building in Kolkata that caught fire on Tuesday. *Express*

Fire at Kolkata highrise, no casualties

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, JUNE 8

A MAJOR fire broke out in a multi-storeyed building in Kolkata's Park Street area on Tuesday. According to sources, no injuries were reported in the incident, which occurred around 2:30 pm. Four-five engines were pressed into service to douse the blaze. According to the police, most of the people in the building were evacuated in a timely manner. T

The fire broke out on the fifth floor of Apeejay House building, police said. The cause of fire and extent of damage due to it is yet to be ascertained.

"A fire broke out in G+8 storied building at 15, Park Street. No one was injured," said an officer.

According to the police, there are multiple offices in the building. In addition to banks and shops, it houses other offices as well. Several people were present in the building when the fire broke out. However, they were brought out safely. Firefighters smashed windows of the building and tried to bring the fire under control.

Meanwhile, a minor fire was reported at TMC MLA Madan Mitra's residence in Bhabanipur in South Kolkata. According to the police, no injuries were reported in the incident and it took three fire tenders to douse the fire. Fire broke out on the ground floor of the house. As the family members noticed smoke, they all rushed out of the house. Prima facie, a short circuit caused the fire, police said, adding that a probe was on.

LIGHTNING DEATH TOLL RISES TO 27

Weather experts say rapid temperature fluctuations causing frequent lightning

SWEETY KUMARI
KOLKATA, JUNE 8

A DAY after lightning strikes during a thunderstorm in south Bengal were reported to have killed at least 20 people, the toll climbed to 27, officials said.

Eleven deaths were recorded in Hooghly, nine in Murshidabad, four in the two Medinipur districts, two in Bankura and one in Nadia. Most of those who died were labourers working out in the open on fields. The victims were between 17 and 67 years old. In addition, three passengers aboard a Mumbai-Kolkata flight were critically injured after their plane hit turbulence near Kolkata.

Weather experts admitted that the frequency of such lightning strikes had increased over time and added that they were studying the reasons. Quick fluctuations in temperature might be a reason, according to an official.

"Yes, the frequency of lightning has increased but earlier there was no detector to check the lightning frequency. So, there is no record of how frequently it occurred earlier. In fact, fatalities due to lightning have also increased but the reason could also be that more deaths are being reported due to better communication channels these days," Regional Meteorological Centre's (RMC) director GK Das told *The Indian Express*.

Weather officials said more lightning may occur this month because of humid weather and a low-pressure system that has developed over the Bay of Bengal.

According to experts, due to a rapid change in temperature, the air maintains an up and down movement that creates more friction and results in lightning.

Dark clouds hover over Howrah, Monday. *PTI*

"Suddenly high temperature and then again low temperature also causes lightning in the sky," said an official.

An official from the disaster management department said, "To prevent deaths due to lightning, it is important to ensure people remain indoors when such weather is predicted, especially in rural areas. People need to stay indoors and avoid open areas when frequent lightning is occurring."

A weather expert said sometimes such warnings do not reach all regions in time, resulting in a high fatality count.

According to the weather department, similar thunderstorms accompanied by lightning will continue in the region at the moment.

Kolkata will continue to receive moderate rainfall, along with strong wind, like it did on Monday. The maximum and minimum temperatures are most likely to be around 36°C and 27°C respectively. The city recorded 001.4 mm rainfall in 24 hours.

Districts such as Malda, Murshidabad, Paschim Bardhaman, and Nadia were also predicted to receive rainfall. "Thunderstorm and lightning and gusty wind 30-40 kmph and light to moderate rainfall likely to affect over some parts of Malda, Murshidabad, West Burdwan and Nadia districts of West Bengal during next 2-3 hours from 15:30 hrs IST of today the 8th June 2021," said weather department.

Meanwhile, Trinamool Congress (TMC) general secretary Abhishek Banerjee announced he would visit families affected by the lightning strikes on Wednesday. Banerjee will meet the families of the deceased in Murshidabad on Wednesday, and those in Hooghly the following day.

On Wednesday, he will visit the kin of the deceased in Behrampur and a camp in Raghunathganj Block 1. The following day, he is likely to visit a camp in Haripal, Khanakul, and Polba Dadpur.

NARADA CASE

HC refuses to get into 'sanction of arrests' issue, says it's pending in trial court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, JUNE 8

A FIVE-JUDGe Calcutta High Court bench hearing the CBI's petition to transfer the Narada case from the trial court on Tuesday refused to comment on the issue of sanction of arrests of four political leaders last month in connection with the probe.

The Trinamool Congress (TMC) has challenged the sanctions the governor granted to the agency to arrest three leaders of the ruling party and a former Kolkata mayor in the case of alleged bribery. The CBI has urged the High Court to hear the case, and declare that the trial court hearing on May 17 in which the four leaders were granted bail was vitiated because of pressure from a mob.

On Tuesday, the accused's lawyer Abhishek Manu Singhvi argued that their arrest was void in the absence of a "proper sanction" from a competent authority. He pointed out that the Assembly Speaker's permission was required to prosecute MLAs, and the prosecution of ministers had to be signed off by the council of ministers. Of the four arrested, Subrata Mukherjee and Firhad Hakim are sitting ministers while Madan Mitra is the MLA from Kamarhati. Former Kolkata Mayor Sovan Chatterjee was a minister at the time of the alleged bribery. He left the TMC in 2019 to join the BJP and quit the Opposition party too before the recent Assembly polls.

The five-judge Bench of acting Chief Justice Rajesh Bindal and Justices Indra Prasanna Mukherjee, Harish Tandon, Soumen Sen and Arijit Banerjee on Tuesday refused to get drawn into the sanction issue. They pointed out that [illegible] CBI court hearing the matter had yet to conclude proceedings.

"We are today concerned with whether court proceedings were vitiated. Sanction issue is pending before the special court," Justice Sen told Singhvi.

Justice Tandon said the Bench should be extremely cautious while making prima facie remarks on the matter to avoid affecting the main trial. "Suppose we comment on the jurisdiction, then that has a serious effect during maintainability arguments," he added.

Singhvi then left the matter to the court's discretion.

When Justice Mukherjee asked the lawyer during his submission if he objected to the transfer of the case, he avoided answering it.

"If for the ends of the justice, this case is transferred to a relatively safer place where there is minimal chance of reaction by leaders and people, do you have objection and why not?" the judge asked, to which Singhvi replied, "I will answer."

The Bench will continue hearing the counsel's arguments on the issue of transfer on Wednesday.

STAR STRUCK

Health workers pose for a photo with actor and TMC MP Dev during a special vaccination drive for actors and artistes from different branches of the film industry. A total of 450 film artistes and technicians in Kolkata were vaccinated on Tuesday as part of the free inoculation drive organised by the Federation of Cine Technicians and Workers of Eastern India. FCTWEI President Swaroop Biswas said the vaccination camp at the 'Chalachchitra Sataharsha Bhaban' in south Kolkata evoked a "huge response". "We aim to vaccinate 6,000 people in the industry in the coming days," Biswas said. *Express*

SERVICE CHARGE

Rs 150-cap may be too low: Private hospitals

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, JUNE 8

PRIVATE HOSPITALS in the state capital on Tuesday welcomed the Centre's new vaccine policy, even as authorities at some of the hospitals added that the Rs 150 cap on service charges for administering the vaccine "may not be enough".

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday announced a centralised Covid-19 vaccine policy and a cap of Rs 150 on service charge imposed by private hospitals for administering Covid vaccines.

Rupak Barua, Group CEO, AMRI Hospitals and President, Association of Hospitals of Eastern India, said on Tuesday, "It (new vaccine policy) is a welcome move and people will benefit. Private hospitals were charging a bit more to provide quality service. This (Rs 150 cap) could have an effect in this regard. But private hospitals will not face any difficulties in vaccination drive. However, it would have been ideal if the vaccine procurement charge remained the same for government and private hospitals. This would have ensured vaccination at a lower price despite the Rs 150 service charge cap."

Annular solar eclipse on June 10

Kolkata: An annular solar eclipse is going to occur on Thursday but it will not be visible in India except in some parts of Arunachal Pradesh and Ladakh for a few minutes before the sunset, a prominent astrophysicist said.

The annular solar eclipse occurs when the sun, moon and the earth come in a straight line and almost on the same plane. It is a partial eclipse when a ring of fire appears in the sky.

The path of the eclipse will not touch almost any part of India, barring the North-Eastern extremes of the country in Arunachal Pradesh and Ladakh, Director of M P Birla Planetarium, Debiprasad Duari, said in Kolkata on Tuesday.

"In Arunachal Pradesh, people can see, just before the sunset, a minuscule fraction of the sun covered by the moon, that is also very low in the horizon, lasting at the most 3-4 minutes depending upon the position," Duari said. **PTI**

YAAS AFTERMATH

Central team visits Purba Medinipur

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KOLKATA, JUNE 8

THE SEVEN-MEMBER central team, which arrived in West Bengal to assess the impact of cyclone 'Yaas', visited East Midnapore district on the second day. Vast swathes of East Midnapore, especially Digha which is a popular getaway haunt for many in the state and beyond, suffered extensive devastation in the cyclone.

On Tuesday morning, the team reached Digha and headed to the office of Digha Shankarpur Development Administration (DSDA) for a meeting. After the meeting, the members visited Digha, Shankarpur, Mandarmoni and Tajpur.

They even interacted with locals, the majority of whom urged them to come up with a permanent fix for embankments. The residents narrated how storms, every year, cause extensive flooding in these areas. The team noted their demands, saying they will submit a report after returning to Delhi.

KMC shuts 18 Covid vaccination centres as stocks run out; deaths drop below 100

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, JUNE 8

KOLKATA MUNICIPAL Corporation (KMC) has decided to close all its 18 vaccination centres in the city due to non-availability of vaccines.

"All 18 vaccine centres of KMC will be closed as we have run out of vaccines. Since the central government on Monday said that states don't need to buy vaccines anymore, we haven't procured fresh consignments. Therefore, we won't be able to provide vaccines to eligible age groups," said Atin Ghosh, a member of the KMC's board of administrators (BoA).

During his televised address to the nation on Monday evening, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a new vaccine policy by virtue of which everyone below 18 years of age would receive vaccines for free from June 21. He said that the Centre was also reverting to the old system of procuring shots for states and Union Territories (UTs), while 25% of domestic production will remain available to private hospitals with a service charge cap of Rs 150 per jab.

Meanwhile, for the first time since May, the state, on Tuesday, recorded less than 100 Covid-19 deaths in 24 hours. According to the latest bulletin issued by the health department, West Bengal recorded 5,427 new cases and 98 deaths on Tuesday.

On May 1, the state had recorded 103 deaths, while in the middle of the month the toll surged to 150. The state's overall death count due to Covid on Tuesday rose to 16,460 with the fresh fatalities.

The total number of active cases in the state is now at 19,925. In the last 24 hours, 60,176 samples were tested, taking the total to 1,29,79,963. Nearly 22 percent of hospital beds are currently occupied in the state, while 98,462 patients are currently in home quarantine.

In the last 24 hours, North 24-Parganas recorded 27 deaths, followed by Kolkata at 21 deaths. The former also led in the number of cases, logging 1,109 cases over the last 24 hours, followed by Kolkata at 528.

A total of 12,290 patients were discharged over the last 24 hours, taking the recovery rate to 97.47 percent.

The state's overall caseload is currently at 14,37,446.

COVID SHADOW OVER STATE JEE EXAM

Kolkata: Following the cancellation of the state board exams, there is uncertainty over holding West Bengal Joint Entrance Examination (WBJEE) scheduled on July 11. Sources in the WBJEE board said a decision on whether to hold the exam or postpone it would be "made public" later this week after consulting with the state government. Around one lakh students are scheduled to appear in WBJEE out of which nearly 40 per cent are from other states. **ENS**

Mithun moves HC, seeks quashing of case linking him with post-poll violence

Kolkata: Actor and BJP leader Mithun Chakraborty has filed a petition before the Calcutta High Court seeking quashing of a case registered against him for alleged incitement to post-poll violence through his speeches, in which he had uttered popular dialogues from his films.

Hearing of the matter is likely to be taken up before the appropriate bench of the court later this week, his lawyer said on Tuesday.

Chakraborty claimed that the utterances of such film dialogues were only recreational and that he is innocent and in no way connected with any offence as alleged by the complainant.

The complainant claimed in his FIR at the Maniktala police station in Kolkata that the actor had used dialogues like "*marbo ekhane lash porbe shoshane* (I will hit you here and the body will fall in the crematorium)" and "ek chobole chabi (just one snakebite and you will become a photograph) during a BJP campaign rally at the Brigade Parade Ground in Kolkata for the West Bengal assembly elections.

It was alleged that these dialogues were a cause for post-poll violence in the state.

Chakraborty has sought before the high court quashing of proceedings against him pending before the additional chief judicial magistrate at Sealdah court. He has been accused of promoting enmity between different groups, intentional insult to provoke breach of peace and making statements conducing to public mischief. **PTI**

Mithun Chakraborty

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SUMMONS / NOTICE
T.O.A. NO. 818/2017
(Arising out of O.A. NO. 847/2011)
STATE BANK OF INDIA
..... APPLICANT
VERSUS
SMT. RITA SADHU & ORS
..... DEFENDANTS

To,
1. **Smt. Rita Sadhu**, wife of Sri Ananda Sadhu, resident of Basirhat Baro Kali Bari Para, under P.O. & P.S. Basirhat, District: North 24 Parganas, Kolkata, PIN- 743411, State of West Bengal.
2. **Sri Ananda Sadhu**, Son of Late Nagendra Sadhu, resident of Basirhat Baro Kali Bari Para, under P.O. & P.S. Basirhat, District : North 24 Parganas, Kolkata, PIN-743411, West Bengal.
3. **Sri Ashis Chakraborty**, Son of Sri Monilal Chakraborty, resident of North Breshpaly, under P.O. Madhyamgram, P.S. Barasat, Kolkata, PIN- 700129, West Bengal.

WHEREAS, the instant application bearing O.A. No. 847 of 2011 between the parties above named was registered under Debts Recovery Tribunal-II at Kolkata under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 (now known as Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, as amended.)

AND WHEREAS, the said O.A. No. 847 of 2011 has been transferred and renumbered in this Tribunal as T.O.A. No. 818 of 2017 due to change in jurisdiction from DRT- II, Kolkata to DRT, Siliguri.

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TAKE NOTICE that in default of your appearance on that date aforementioned, the application will be heard and decided in your absence. Given under my hand and seal of Tribunal. The 15th day of March of 2021.

Registrar
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Date : 08/06/2021 Registrar

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