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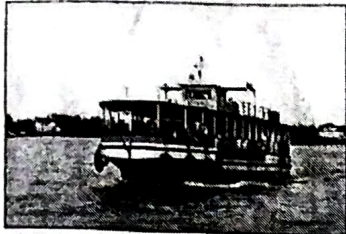ajca.college@gmail.com
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অনুব্রতর পাশ থেকে কি সরছে দল ?
শশী পাঁজার মন্তব্যে নতুন জল্পনা শুরু

রাজীব মুখোপাধ্যায়

হাওড়া: গোরুপাচার মামলায় ইতিমধ্যেই বীরভূমের জেলা সভাপতি অনুব্রত মণ্ডল জেলে। মসলন্দার সংশোধনাগারে বন্দি তিনি। বীরভূম জেলায় যেতে হয় একসময়ের দাপুটে নেতাকে। তাঁকে ১৩ দিনের জন্য বিচার বিভাগীয় হেফাজতে পাঠানোর নির্দেশ দেয় দিল্লি রউস অ্যাভিনিউ আদালত।

এরই মধ্যে মসলন্দার তৃণমূল ভবনে সাংবাদিক বৈঠক করে মন্ত্রিসভার গুরুত্বপূর্ণ মন্ত্রী শশী পাঁজা। সেই বৈঠকে তিনি বলেন,'দল কাউকে

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Prototype by Garden Reach firm

Electric ferry on Hooghly: Official

ANASUYA BASU

Calcutta: Ferry services on the Hooghly, now powered by diesel, will go electric, a senior state government official said on Tuesday.

The transport department has signed a contract with Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) to design a prototype of electric ferries, which are to be delivered soon.

The managing director of the West Bengal Transport Corporation, Rajanvir Singh Kapur, told a workshop that the corporation had placed orders for electric ferries with GRSE and they would be deployed on the Hooghly once the prototype passed an evaluation. "We are going to have electric mobility in the waterways in the next few months," Kapur said.

The zero-emission electric ferry will be powered by a 210 kWh liquid-cooled energy storage solution and have solar panels mounted on the roof. It will be 24 metres long with an aluminium catamaran hull and twin propellers. Its piercing hull design will allow an operating speed of 8 knot (around 15kmph) and a maximum of 10 knot (around 18.5kmph).

A diesel-powered ferry on the Hooghly. Such ferries will soon be replaced with electric ferries

According to a source, GRSE's in-house design team has completed work on such a vessel and it will be constructed following the rules of the classification society for each a class of passenger vessels. The keel for the electric ferry boat was laid out in January.

Kapur said: "Decarbonising the waterway transport is part of the green project for the transport sector. It will revolutionise the water transport system in this region and support the country's efforts to reduce its emission and carbon footprints, changing the lives of the people in the city."

Ferry services along the Hooghly are a lifeline for thousands of commuters and there is tremendous scope for improvement.

The vessels that operate now have diesel engines and cause severe pollution, environmentalists have said.

Once the prototype of the green ferry completes trials successfully, more vessels can be ordered to replace the entire fleet of diesel guzzlers, a senior state official said.

The workshop was conducted by the British deputy high commission along with the West Bengal Council of Technical & Vocational Education and Skill Development.

Rs 96,000 lost while booking hotel room

OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Calcutta: A woman who was planning a family vacation came across a phone number during a Google search that was shown to be the number of a hotel in Puri and was duped into clicking a link sent to her on WhatsApp.

The central Calcutta resident lost Rs 96,000, debited from her account within moments of clicking the link, police said.

"On dialling the number, thinking it was that of the hotel, she was told to make an advance payment of Rs 12,000 for booking a room. She did as asked, that then the person over the phone, who claimed to be the manager of the hotel, said the transfer was not reflecting in the hotel's account because of some technical reasons," said an officer of the cybercrime cell of the central division of the city police.

The woman had sent the money to an UPI number that was shared with her through a WhatsApp message.

"The fraudster called the woman back saying they were going to send a link to her phone through which she was asked to make the payment again. She was told the amount would be adjusted if the earlier payment went through," the officer said.

The woman apparently clicked the link and soon found Rs 84,000 had been debited from her account.

Realising the fraud, she reported the matter to Muchipara police station and the cybercrime cell of the central division. The cell started an investigation and contacted the victim's bank. The money was found to have been transferred to an account in a branch in Uttarakhand, the police said.

"Most of the money that was duped out of the woman has been recovered. The cybercrime cell has been able to recover Rs 84,000 of the Rs 96,000 that was fraudulently transferred from the victim's account," said a senior officer of Lalbazar.

SAFETY TIPS

Dos and Don'ts when booking hotels online

■ Rely only on websites of hotels for phone numbers

■ Do not call numbers found at random through a search engine

■ Do not click on links found at random through search engines

3 dead in bus-car crash in Howrah

KINSUK BASU

Calcutta: Three persons travelling in a car were killed after a government bus hit it on NH 16 at Barunda in Howrah's Bagnan on Tuesday morning.

The car was reduced to a mangled mass and police had to bring in a gas cutter to slice it up and bring out the dead.

The deceased, all in their early 30s, have been identified as Dipak Pandit of Chandrakona in West Midnapore, Pritam Chakrabarty of Kotwali in the same district and Sanjit Mahato of Lalgarh in Jhargram.

The car was headed towards Calcutta while the bus was travelling at a high speed towards Digha from Habra in North 24-Parganas, the police said.

Around 8.15 am, the driver of the Hyundai car somehow lost control and veered towards the Kolaghat-bound lane of the highway and came in front of the bus that was speeding down the highway, eyewitnesses have told police.

The bus driver couldn't move away resulting in the collision that left the car driver's body stuck in the steering. Passengers of the bus escaped with minor injuries, the police said.

"The bus carried the car a few metres before coming to a halt. Those inside the car were trapped and a few of the bystanders who rushed to the accident spot could do nothing to save them," said Manas Mondal, an eyewitness.

Since it was early in the morning the highway had fewer vehicles and those who were travelling moved at high speed.

"The impact was such that the injured passengers of the car couldn't be saved," said a senior police officer. "All of them died on the spot. We shifted the bodies and a few injured bus passengers to Bagnan Rural Hospital."

After reaching the accident site, the police spent over an hour and a half decoupling the bus from the car before towing it away and then slicing up parts of the car's front portion using a gas cutter.

Gradually, the bodies were retrieved from the car one after another with the help of a section of local residents and shop keepers before they were sent to a hospital nearby in an ambulance.

The area was cordoned off to facilitate rescue operations forcing traffic to move slowly down the spot where the collision occurred.

"We have found some documents from the car. The passengers were headed for Calcutta, it appeared," the officer said.

The car after the accident in Howrah's Bagnan on Tuesday morning

Wear helmets properly, say neurosurgeons

MONALISA CHAUDHURI

Calcutta: It is vital to wear a helmet while riding a two-wheeler and it's equally important to wear it properly, said some neurosurgeons who were on roads to create awareness about the utility of a helmet on the occasion of World Head Injury Awareness Day on Monday.

Members of the Association of Neuroscientists of Eastern India and Park Clinic, in collaboration with Calcutta traffic police, carried out the awareness drive on how to wear a helmet at some of the busy crossings in the city.

"The motto of today's event was to lay emphasis on the importance of wearing helmets properly. It is extremely important to fasten the chin strap properly so that in case of a crash, the helmet does not come off. Many riders do not understand that," said neurosurgeon Sandip Chatterjee.

According to the city police, 2,60,368 two-wheeler riders were prosecuted for riding without a helmet in 2021.

In all, 51,014 cases of rash driving were reported in Calcutta in 2021 and as many as 27,118 of them involved two-wheelers.

A senior officer of the traffic police department said two-wheeler riders without helmets are at risk of suffering serious head injuries. In 2021, 68 of the 196 road accident victims in Calcutta were riding two-wheelers, the police said.

Doctors and officers from the traffic police department held camps at the Park Circus seven-point crossing, Minto Park, and the Chowringhee-Park Street and Gariahat crossings on Monday.

A motorcyclist, who was stopped by the police at Gariahat, was wearing a helmet with a loose strap.

"I always wear a helmet, but the strap is a little loose. When I took it for repair, the mechanic said it would cost me Rs 700," the motorcyclist told a doctor.

The doctor responded: "It is for you to decide, what is more important to you — Rs 700 or your head."

Leaflets with details on the importance of wearing a helmet were distributed at these intersections.

"It is important for the people to understand that they should wear a helmet not because of the police or to avoid paying a fine. They should wear it for their own safety," neurosurgeon Chatterjee told Metro.

The penalty for riding a two-wheeler without a helmet was Rs 100. The fine amount was increased to 10 times and made Rs 1,000 in January 2022. A senior traffic cop in Lalbazar said the number of prosecutions for helmet-less riding has come down compared with previous years after the fine amount was increased.

In 2021, the city police had prosecuted 1.1 lakh two-wheeler riders for not wearing helmets. They were identified with the help of CCTV cameras.

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