

HELPLINE

HOSPITALS/NURSING HOMES
Amri (Dhakuria) 24612526/2626, Amri (Salt Lake) 23357710/23320/8595/8596, Amri Clinic (Southern Avenue) 2464594, 785/4948

OXYGEN

BOC 98312777 Sarin Brothers, 80 Market, Salt Lake 23373091; Dhanwantry 24493734

BLOOD

Central Blood Bank 2351 0619; Lifecare 2244 4940; Haemophilia Society 2416 3739; Bhorkuta Blood Bank 2244 9619/8092

AMBULANCE

Amra Kajan Club 25811997; AMRT 65500000, 23202142/23202122; Apojan Hindmotor 26943400; Apollo Gleneagles Hospital 1066; Arambag General Hospital 953211-255095; Asia Rescue Medical Services 9831008900-9833652/6 / 393; Aswini Nagar Ch. & Welfare Society 24122323/23657009; Automobile Asson of E. Rgn 24755131-33; Bandhab Sangha 26624682; Barasat Citizen Forum 25525595; Basudevpur Five Star Club 26797315; Bharat Relief Society 22342670-22359592; Blue Bells Nurses Bureau 24754670/24756791; BM Birla Heart Research Centre 24567777; Calcutta Medical Research Institute Critical Care Ambulance 9834690447; Care & Cure Nursing Home 95343-2568374; Carewell Mobile Clinic 2492202/0749; Dakshin Behala Auto Sangha Sammilani 24939990; Dhakuria Club Samanway Samiti 24154934; Dhanwantry 24495594/5542; East Calcutta Clinic 23507479; Fast Aid 24740869; Happy Calcuttans 24400160; Hazra Medical Stores 24495794; Healthcare 24130609; Howrah General Hospital 26603211/3212; Howrah Municipal Corporation 26603211/3212; J.N. Roy Sishu Seva Bhawan 28850120/23500069; Jadavpur Byrabsaj Samiti 9831105681; Jadavpur Mercantile Association 24125079-8165/983040199; Jain Kalyan Sangha 22740690/8620; Calcutta National Hospital 22414901-02; Calcutta National Medical Corporation 22192702; Life Aid 2422 5807; Life To You Medical Centre 24588033; Lansdowne Nursing Home 24749175; Lifecare Medical Services 2475 4628; Meera Seva Kendra 24110968/8316; NRS Hospital 22443213-3217; Swasti Clinical Laboratory 24755076-2575; Sakin Nursing Centre 24638830; 9831021017; New Life 24718606/24114755; Nightigale Ambulance Service 24745169; Peerless Hospital 24622394/2462; Peoples Co-Op. Bank 953222-25172; Phooabagan Sporting Club 2475 5807; Rajabandha Auto Sangha Samanway Cont. 24421902; Rajib Gandhi Memorial 24854040/5050; Ramrajia Nabin Sangha 26772255/28497604; Rani Rashmoni Mission 26674531/9830126087; Relief Medical Services 2475 4169; Ruby General Hospital 244246091; Shahid Shibanakar Seva Samiti 95342-2557505/255251; Santosh Mitra Su, Durgotab Samiti 22173758; Shibaji Sporting Club 26630516; Southend Polyclinic 2466 2433; SSKM 22236242/9672; Sonex 9532222323; South Calcutta Nurses Bureau 24160978/24844322; Ward Sports Association 24730676

PATHOLOGY LABS

Ideal Clinic 22412231; MP Birla Eye Clinic 23317780; Medicine 24661780/0708/3651; Nightigale 22827255/7969/7263; Royal Laboratory 22268789/6643; Tropical Laboratory 26675580; Wockhardt Medical Centre 24754320/4096

LATENIGHT CHEMISTS

Dhanwantry (Opp BM Birla) 24495594/3734; Chemist Corner (Behala) 24780334; Jibandep (Hazra) 24550926; Nandan Medical Hall (Salt Lake) 23581732/9617

EYE BANK

International Eye Bank 23585758 Howrah Lions Eye Bank 26602015 Susrut Eye Hospital 23580201 Anandakol Netralaya 23594931 Dha (Prava) Eye Bank 2593377 Medical Clinic 241313853

HELPLINE

NURSING BUREAU
Swast 24748881, 24759158; Sanjivani 23607881, 8785; Saha Nursing Centre 24838830/9831021017
IN DISTRESS
Alcoholics Anonymous 22277386 (2-4.30pm, Sunday closed) Cancer Foundation of India 24053131/6161 (Monday to Friday 10am-6pm); HelpAge India 1800-345-1253
MOBILE CARDING UNIT
Dreamland Nursing Home - 25553216 Divine Nursing Home 23502761; Rameswara Nursing Home 23324247; Marwari Relief Society 22293655-69; QATAR Airways 2228833/8370, 22208371; Qantas 22470718, 22400930, 22807777; Royal Jordanian 2474509-94; Royal Nepal 22888534/8549; Singapore Airlines 22809698; Thai Airways 22801630-35
DOMESTIC
Indian Airlines Helpline (Call Centre) 1407 Tollfree helpline (on landlines) 1600-180-1407 Enquiry (Manual-airport) 25119637; Enquiry (Manual-Airline House) 22114433
Telex check-in (airport) 25119633/25118564; Air Deccan 9830900888 (tollfree), 983167008; Jet Airways 2292227/2237/2214/2813 Air Sahara 22822786/8969/9075

AIRLINES

CM FOR LIST OF MINISTERS' ASSETS
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At a meeting with investors in October 2011, Mamata Banerjee had asked the audience not to pay bribes for setting up business units in the state. "Please don't give bribes. Please do inform us if there's any demand for bribes. Your identity will be kept secret and the police will take appropriate action," the chief minister had said while launching the website of the West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation.
Interestingly, it was in June last year that Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had asked for details of assets of Union ministers.

'Paranormal' activity on Nagerbazar flyover alarms locals

Ratnalekha Mazumdar & Joydeep Thakur
Bengali literature and films are full of ghosts - those that live in marshlands, on tall trees, in old houses, in crematoriums, those that eat fish, eat human flesh, cruel ones and innocent ones, humorous ones and serious ones.
Now comes a flyover ghost, a totally novel apparition, the fear of which has been stalking numerous residents of Nagerbazar, one of the most crowded areas of Kolkata, after a young biker was killed on a flyover in an accident that took place in May within a month of chief minister Mamata Banerjee inaugurating the structure.
Rumours of a ghost - actually a male figure stopping cars and bikes on the flyover at late hours of the night - have spread like wild fire over the past few days in the area with people even shutting window panes in the neighbourhood despite the sultry weather to keep the spirit away.
Sreetama Bose a government employee who stays near Mrinalini Cinema Hall at one end of the flyover said: "I have heard about the strange things happening on the flyover from my relatives and friends. I am really scared. I have started avoiding the bridge even during day time."
"I don't believe in ghosts and would request everyone not to believe in such rumours. I, too, have heard about the rumour but right now I'm at Nagerbazar and absolutely no one is scared or concerned about it," Sujit Bose, vice-chairman of Bidhan Nagar municipality, said.
Prabir Chatterjee, inspector-in-charge of Dum Dum police station, rubbished the story. "It's nothing but a rumour being spread and the media should not encourage it," he said.

in which the sender claimed that a woman who saw the accident in which a biker died is witnessing strange things. She had given drinking water and bandages to the locals so that they could give to the victim when he was writhing in pain. Now she often sees shadows moving in that particular zone," Kotal added.
Reports have also poured in from other local residents about the shadows. They also claimed that some strangers try to stop their vehicles asking for lifts. But after a few seconds none can be seen.
"Recently we received a mail to investigate with infrared thermometers, motion detectors and special sound recorders. But we need permission from the police, or the local councillor, as these experiments need to be conducted between midnight and 3 am when paranormal activities are believed to heighten," said Shantanu Sen, another PRSI member.
"Not all such strange incidents are paranormal. Often criminals try to scare local residents so that they avoid a particular area, thereby helping criminal activity," Kotal also warned.

GHOST AHoy

- Rumours of a ghost stopping cars and bikes on the flyover have spread like wild fire
People are so frightened that they are keeping windows shut despite the sultry weather
Locals have complained of water and stones being thrown at their homes from the flyover
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Cost cutting



Chief secretary Samar Ghosh, PWD secretary Aji Ranjan Bardhan, and home secretary Basudeb Banerjee on board an air-conditioned Volvo at Milan Mela on Wednesday. Principal secretaries of 18 departments will tour 5 districts in a bus rather than hired cars and follow chief minister Mamata Banerjee's convoy. The bureaucrats will return to the city on Friday.

Mamata favours holding rural polls early next year

Arindam Sarkar
KOLKATA: Chief minister Mamata Banerjee is thinking of holding three-tier panchayat polls in Bengal in early 2013. She believes holding the rural polls in December 2012 will not give the Trinamool Congress any political advantage.
The term of the three-tier bodies would expire in May 2013. And even if rural polls are held early, the panchayat bodies elected in 2008 would continue to function till the termination of their full term.
The government file asking the state Election Commission to prepare for the panchayat elections in the state is still lying in the CM secretariat and is waiting for Banerjee's signature.
"Mamata Banerjee knows holding the panchayat polls in December 2012 would not give us any political advantage," said state panchayat minister Subrata Mukherjee.
Confident of a comfortable victory in the rural polls, Banerjee said corruption in the panchayats, non-performance of the rural bodies in the last 34 years, misuse of central funds for rural development and the promise that homestead and farmlands would not be acquired forcibly from the farmers for setting up of industries and Special Economic Zones (SEZ) would be Trinamool electoral issues.
Banerjee alleged that under the Left Front government there has been huge embezzlement of development and misuse of rural funds.
She said state finance minister Amit Mitra has done 24 special audits and has discovered the financial discrepancies.
"Land predators, the CPI(M) and the Congress, cannot claim to be the champions of farmers. Where were they, when I was on a 26-day hunger strike for the Singur farmers in 2006," asked an agitated Banerjee.
For Banerjee, the ensuing panchayat polls are crucial. Though the Left Front has been routed in 2011 Assembly polls, the CPI(M)-led Front controls 14 out of 18 zilla parishads in the state, the Congress and the Trinamool hold two each.
"Central funds for rural development come directly to panchayats. So unless one controls the rural bodies, one cannot pursue one's own model of development in the villages," said Mukherjee.
After a rout in the 2006 Assembly polls, it was Banerjee's pro-farmer movement in Singur and Nandigram and political agitations against forcible acquisition of more than 80,000 acres of farmlands in the state by the Left Front government to set up industries and SEZ catapulted her to the limelight.
"Our government will only acquire land for government projects such as constructing roads, laying railway lines and water pipes and building hospitals," said Banerjee.
Trinamool's land policy in the state will be conveyed to the UPA-II government at the Centre.
Banerjee, who appointed railways minister Mukul Roy as Leader of the Trinamool Congress Parliamentary Party, will oppose the UPA's Land Acquisition Bill both inside Parliament and in Cabinet meetings.

NEW PUJAS MUST SEEK HIGH COURT NOD

HT Correspondent
KOLKATA: Any new Puja in Kolkata would require a high court order to get adequate permission to hold one from different government agencies.
"As per Calcutta high court order we cannot allow any new pujas in the city. Anybody seeking one would require to move court," Jawed Shamim, joint commissioner of police (headquarters), told reporters after a meeting at the civic headquarters on puja arrangements.
Echoing Shamim, mayor Sovan Chatterjee too asserted that it would not be possible to allow fresh pujas in Kolkata. However, Chatterjee wants to ensure that all existing puja committees are enlisted with the government agencies. "At present we have 2,060 pujas enlisted with us, but I want all pujas to get enlisted. City should not hold any puja without government permission," the city mayor said.
According to senior civic officials, KMC already handed over 3,000 blank forms to the Kolkata Police, which would reach city's all police stations.
Different puja committees have to collect the form from local police stations and seek permission from fire services.
Only after finding out that the land for puja is of KMC, civic authorities would issue the required permission or else refer to the other government agencies like KMDA.
Chatterjee had also drawn a deadline for repairing roads prior to Puja. "I have asked the PWD secretary and my roads and engineering department to complete the road repairing work by September 30. I have also asked solid waste management department to work harder to keep the city clean specially on the festive days," mayor told reporters.
Even the Railway Vikas Nigam Limited, construction agency for Joka-BBD Bag metro rail, had been asked to cooperate during the festive days to keep the traffic moving in Behala.

Rival Trinamool student unions clash at city college

HT Correspondent
KOLKATA: A day after state education minister Bratya Basu asked members of Trinamool Congress Chhatra Parishad to stop violence on college campuses, a clash broke out between two groups of TMCP on Wednesday at North City College, forcing the authorities to shut down the institute for three days.

According to TMCP members in the college, the groups clashed over control of a student union.
Police said some students gathered near the college in the afternoon and started an argument over 'hijacking' students from their groups. The brawl followed the heated argument, and police had to intervene to disperse the students. However, no injuries and arrests were reported.
"What we suspect is that both the groups have hired outsiders to take part in the clash. It was pre planned, it seems," a police officer said.

Following the clash state education minister has called up police commissioner Pachandya urging him to take stern steps against the accused.
This is not the first time that such a clash has broken out in the college. Recently the college witnessed at least three such clashes in the past five months over the same issue.
"Education minister Bratya Basu is a former lecturer of our college. We have requested him to intervene in the matter," said a professor on condition of anonymity.

WEATHER FORECAST
Kolkata... And the rest of India
India later in the week
Today: A mainly cloudy sky with possibility of thundery activity...
Tomorrow: A warm and humid day. Mainly dry weather...
Saturday: Sultriness is likely to continue during the day. Mainly dry weather expected over the metropolis.

HC raps judge for acquitting husband in dowry death

DEEPAK PRAHLADKA
JUSTICES GC GUPTA & INDIRA BANERJEE HELD THE HUSBAND AND HIS PARENTS GUILTY OF MURDERING SANTRA FOR MORE DOWRY
The trial began at 3rd fast track, Sealdah, which had on February 28, 2006, acquitted Shaws by holding that Santra had committed suicide. The trial judge accepted the medical documents to prove that Santra was a mental patient and prone to commit suicide. Challenging this, the state appealed to high court.
Attacking the acquittal, the additional PP Siladitya Sanyal had said: "The trial judge ignored the relevant evidence; disbelieved the witnesses on trivial or no ground and demonstrated utter lack of judicial scrutiny into the evidence."
HC STAYS NETAI KILLING TRIAL
The high court stayed the trial of Netai killings case before the CBI court at Bihar Bhawan. Justice Dipankar Datta passed the interim stay on trial till September 7 on a petition filed by an accused Abani Bhusan Singha, challenging the validity of the state notification dated August 17, 2011 ordering transfer of all the cases of CBI started in Nadia, East Mednapore and West Mednapore to CBI court.
It was alleged that the state had ordered only transfer of the cases started under the Prevention of Corruption Act and not under the Indian Penal Code. Countering this, the CBI advocate said that the Netai case was transferred to Kolkata under the order of the high court.
him that no one purchases medicines without a cash memo or that hospitalisation of a patient is always backed by documentary evidence," the judges said.
Rejecting the medical documents, the judges said: "The prescriptions did not depict the mental or physical condition of the victim. These prescriptions had been fabricated in the year 2005, which is why the registration number is KOL230602/05 whereas the victim died in 2004." Rapping the trial judge for ignoring autopsy report, the judges said: "The autopsy surgeon did not depose that it was a case of suicide. He deposed that the death was caused due to asphyxia, which could very well have been homicidal."
The case dates back to February 27, 2004, when Santra's body was recovered from a pond near her matrimonial home. The police started a case on the complaint of Santra's father, alleging continuous torture on his daughter by Binod and her parents due to failure his part to give them a jeep promised at the time of her marriage in 2000.

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