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## Mamata blames Centre for unrest in Darjeeling

**Jhargram (WB) Oct 11:** West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today held here this afternoon, she said the Centre responsible for the Darjeeling unrest and said the state government would not tolerate any rumour-mongering that might endanger peace.

Speaking at an administrative meeting held here this afternoon, she requested the people in the hills and the former Maoist stronghold of Jangalmahal not to pay heed to any form of instigation or rumours.

"There was peace in the (Darjeeling) hills. Due to Delhi's instigation, the peace was disturbed for a few days but peace has returned to the hills again," Banerjee alleged.

"I will request everybody not to pay heed to any form of rumours. You people have to protect the peace of Jangalmahal, I'm with you as your friend," she added. In an apparent reference to the BJP, she accused the saffron party of creating differences in the country.

"In India, a new political party with saffron flags has evolved. It is trying to create differences among people. It is fomenting trouble from one village to another...also trying to create division

among the Hindus and Muslims, Sikhs and Christians," she alleged.

Referring to amendments in laws made by the Jharkhand government for tribal lands, Banerjee alleged the "saffron party" was also trying to create differences among the tribals by taking away their land.

"It (saffron party) is creating differences among tribals. And in their regime, tribals are the most troubled.

Their land are being taken away. This has recently happened in Jharkhand," she alleged. She described West Bengal as a land where people of all religions were living happily and referred to an incident in Gujarat where a Dalit man was allegedly beaten to death by a group of men belonging to the upper caste Patel community for attending a garba event.

"A Dalit was lynched when he went to witness a Dandiya dance in Gujarat. These incidents happen in Rajasthan, in Madhya Pradesh and also in some parts of Bihar," she alleged.

"But in West Bengal, we keep Dalits close to our heart, we protect tribals, we protect the minorities...This is the culture of West Bengal," she said.



## Binay in Kalimpong, appeals for support

Nisha Chettri

**Kalimpong, Oct 11:** Binay Tamang, chairman of the newly formed Board of Administrators (BoA) to run the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) addressed the public today here at Delo in Kalimpong. Though Tamang alleged that there are at least seven people to be blamed for derailing the Gorkhaland agitation, he named only Roshan Giri the GJM general secretary in particular and chose not to name the other six. Recalling the fourth and fifth round of meetings of the Gorkhaland Movement Coordination Committee (GMCC) during the early phase of the renewed Gorkhaland agitation, Tamang said that a decision was then taken to sit on fast-unto-death for the separate statehood cause.

"However, the GJM supreme had then cancelled the indefinite hunger strike decision citing no valid reason. Had we conducted the fast-



unto-death programme, the indefinite shutdown wouldn't have prolonged for 104 days and the discussion on tripartite talk would have been initiated by now" said Tamang amid rapturous applause from his supporters. Tamang was today all praise of Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee for 'her respect shown towards the constitutional demand of Gorkhaland' during the first bipartite meeting at Nabanno in Kolkata.

"Although she does not agree to the demand she did show her respect for the

constitutional demand of Gorkhaland. All parties should have capitalized on her kind gesture, but none did" he added. Tamang today reiterated that his allegation against Bimal Gurung of hiring sharp shooters from Nepal to kill him (Tamang) was based on solid proof. "I had heard the recordings of conversation tapped by the police between Gurung and people from Indo-Nepal border wherein Gurung was asking them to look for some sharp shooters to kill me and he had offered Rs. 5 lakh for

the job. This prompted me to seek police security cover at my residence" he said.

Tamang further claimed that at least four attempts were made to assassinate him. "Gurung had once asked some of his men from Tukvar to torch my house. In another instance, he (Gurung) had also asked his men to hurl bomb at my house," Tamang alleged. "Agitation should be carried out using one's intellect, not bombs and guns," he said and appealed to the masses for support.

## TMC Kurseong office reopens

HM Correspondent

**Kurseong, Oct 11:** The Kurseong office of Trinamool Congress (TMC) party reopened today under leadership of the party's Kurseong unit chairman Pradip Pradhan who is also the former chairman of Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) sabha. The office at Dharmasala in Kurseong town reopened today after a gap of almost four months. All three TMC councilors of Kurseong municipality including party cadres and supporters and members of various development boards were seen in the party office today.

Talking to reporters, Pradhan said that no meeting was held today in the party office. "It was simply a get together program today as we could not meet for more than three months due to the indefinite shutdown and Gorkhaland stir. As of now, we have not decided on conducting any political programmes. We will move ahead with our programmes as and when decided by the party high command in coming days," said Pradhan.

## JAKS central committee dissolved

**Darjeeling, Oct 11:** The central committee of Janmukti Asthaya Karmachari Sanghatan (JAKS-the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha's frontal organization for temporary employees) was dissolved today. "The JAKS central committee hereby stands dissolved from today after a unanimous consensus was reached during a meeting and all its members decided to unilaterally resign from their respective posts. The resignations stand effective from today," said Machindra Subba, the central committee president. The temporary employees would like to wish good luck to the new committee (which is yet to be formed) in all its future endeavors and believes that the committee will work for the welfare of its members in the coming days, Subba added. The temporary employees would extend all support to the organization (JAKS) and the GTA body, he said.

## More support pours in for GJM Binoy-Anit faction

HM Correspondent

**Siliguri, Oct 10:** The Binoy Tamang-Anit Thapa faction of the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) continues to invade the hitherto bastion of party president Bimal Gurung (once considered as unbeatable) as he is now being cornered from all angles.

At a time when there seems to be no immediate hope for Gurung to reach out physically to his trusted supporters, the expelled leaders like Tamang and Thapa are working overtime to garner support of large chunk of the GJM and its frontal organizations.

The trend of extending support to the duo that

began after they were appointed as the chairman and vice chairman of the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) on September 20 has only intensified. Meanwhile very little is known about the whereabouts of Gurung and other hardliner GJM leaders as police are leaving no stone unturned to make him surrender or get arrested. In Patleybas-the home cum headquarters of the GJM president-the police using megaphone have been urging Gurung to surrender.

On Tuesday, senior leaders of the Gorkha Janmukti Yuva Morcha (GJYM-the youth front of GJM) in Darjeeling announced their support to the Binoy-Anit faction of

the party. Arun Chettri the Yuva Morcha spokesperson informed that about 80 percent of the youth front members have their support for Tamang and Thapa. Chettri also told media that Amrit Yongen the Yuva Morcha general secretary has also given his nod to support the two leaders. However Prakash Gurung the Yuva Morcha president could not be contacted, said Chettri.

The GJYM has always been considered as the core strength of GJM and particularly of the GJM supreme.

Chettri and other GJYM activists who today expressed their support to the GTA's board of administrators (BoA) informed that the Gorkhaland movement cannot be continued only with emotions and sentiments. The way the A-B (Anit-Binoy Camp) has made diplomatic strategies to spearhead the Gorkhaland movement is laudable, Chettri and others who were present during the press conference on Tuesday said.

## Mukul Roy resigns: BJP Bengal unit divided over inducting former Union minister

**Kolkata, Oct 11:** The BJP's West Bengal unit appears divided on the issue of inducting former TMC MP Mukul Roy into the party, with some lauding his organisational skills and others expressing concern over the corruption charges that he faces.

Roy on Wednesday resigned from the Rajya Sabha and quit the Trinamool Congress (TMC), which had last month suspended him for six years for "anti-party activities". State BJP president Dilip Ghosh lauded Roy as a "good organiser" and said he had made a "big contribution" to the growth of the TMC in Bengal.

"Nothing has been decided as of now as we are yet to take a call on this. But his departure from the TMC is good news for all of us who are fighting against the misrule of the TMC," he said. Ghosh said there was no denying that the TMC had expanded because of Roy's organisational skills.

There were some misgivings in the party about Roy's possible induction.

"Inducting Mukul Roy will do harm to the image of the party. He has several corruption cases against him and inducting him

would mean we are also a part of that baggage," a senior state BJP leader said on condition of anonymity.

If one had the support of the state administration, "anybody could become a good organiser", he told PTI.

Asked how the BJP could embrace Roy, against whom it had run a political campaign over the last few years, another party leader, who also did not wish to be named, said he had not been proven guilty yet.

"Only allegations have been raised," he said.

The leader said the BJP was yet to take a decision on the induction.

"The West Bengal unit of our party will first discuss and decide. After that, the central leadership will take a call. But if he (Roy) is found guilty in the Narada and Saradha cases, we will not induct him into the party," the BJP leader said.

The BJP was "like the river Ganga, where various small rivers meet", he said.

Roy, who is currently in Delhi, had earlier this week met BJP leader in charge of West Bengal, Kailash Vijayvargiya, who had said the saffron party was not in a hurry to induct him.

## Narendra Modi says India has no dearth of resources, only needs good governance for development

**New Delhi, Oct 11:** India has no dearth of resources required for development but it is wanting in good governance, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Wednesday.

"In the states where the government machinery is efficient and implements schemes in a time-bound manner, the change is visible," Modi told a gathering here to commemorate the birth centenary of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh-Jan Sangh leader Nanaji Deshmukh.

The prime minister said that in states with more poverty, work allocation under the MNRGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) was less but it was more in states with good governance and lesser poverty.

Modi said that just wishing for development is not enough. Initiatives have to be completed in a time-bound manner, he

observed. He said the original objectives and intentions of a scheme should not be diluted and that the fruits of development must reach the intended beneficiaries.

"Efforts have to be comprehensive and 'outcome-driven' not 'output-driven'. If this is done, we can achieve by 2022 what has been a dream for the last 70 years," he said.

The prime minister said a democracy cannot be limited to voting once every five years and then leaving things to whosoever comes to power.

"Democracy is successful when there is 'jan bhagidari' (public participation) in implementing developmental schemes. And for this, continuous dialogue between the government and the people is necessary," he said.

Modi said it was imperative that correct

## Scrutiny of nominations for Panchayat Election 2017 concludes

**Gangtok, Oct 11:** The scrutiny of nominations for November 3 Panchayat Elections 2017 for Zilla Territorial Constituency and Gram Panchayat wards was held at the respective district headquarters today.

### NORTH DISTRICT:

Scrutiny of nominations in North Sikkim was held in the office of the Panchayat Returning Officer North District in the presence of Election Observer Sonam Y. Lepcha.

The list of validly Nominated Candidates after scrutiny for Zilla Panchayat Elections is as follows:

### Zilla Territorial Constituency

Total candidates filed nominations-36  
Accepted-36  
Rejected-nil  
Withdrawal -Nil

The list of validly Nominated Candidates for Gram Panchayat Elections

is as follows:

### Name of Assembly Constituency-29/Kabi Lunchok

Total Number of wards-34  
Total number of Candidates filed nomination- 51  
Rejected-Nil  
Withdrawal- Nil  
Accepted -51

### Name of the Assembly Constituency-30/Dzongu

Total Number of Wards -56  
Total Number of candidates filed nominations- 71  
Rejected-1

Withdrawal- 1  
Accepted- 69

### Name of the Assembly Constituency-31/Lachen Mangan

Total Number of Wards-23  
Total Number of Candidates filed Nominations-24  
Rejected-Nil  
Withdrawal -2  
Accepted-22

**Nampatam Ward under 12 Ringim Nampatam GPU did not receive any Nominations.**

### SOUTH DISTRICT:

Likewise, scrutiny of nominations was carried out in the presence of Panchayat Returning Officer/DC (South) Raj Yadav, General Observer (South) Chewang Gyasto and various election officials in Namchi today.

List of Validly Nominated candidates after scrutiny is as follows-  
**Zilla Territorial Constituency**  
Accepted-79  
Rejected-2  
Withdrawal- 3  
Scheduled for hearing-0  
**Sumbuk BAC-**  
Accepted-40  
Rejected-3  
Withdrawal- 0  
Scheduled for hearing-2  
**Jorethang BAC-**  
Accepted-27  
Rejected-0

Withdrawal- 0  
Scheduled for hearing-0  
**Sikkip BAC-**  
Accepted-30  
Rejected-1  
Withdrawal- 4  
Scheduled for hearing-0  
**Temi BAC-**  
Accepted-76  
Rejected-6  
Withdrawal- 0  
Scheduled for hearing-1  
**Rabong BAC-**  
Accepted-81  
Rejected-7  
Withdrawal- 28

Scheduled for hearing-0  
**Yangang BAC-**  
Accepted-79  
Rejected-6  
Withdrawal- 10  
Scheduled for hearing-0  
**Namchi BAC-**  
Accepted-75  
Rejected-4  
Withdrawal- 1  
Scheduled for hearing-0  
**Namthang BAC-**  
Accepted-94  
Rejected-9  
Withdrawal- 1  
Scheduled for hearing-1

The result of other two districts was not available till the filing of the news.