

## Industrial accidents in state reduced by 20 pc

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In what comes as a ray of hope for the workers across sectors of the state, the number of accidents among the labourers in various industries in West Bengal has reduced by 20 per cent in 2020-2021.

As informed by the chief inspector of factories, directorate of factories in the state, Ashis Kumar Shit, the number of accidents among the labourers of various industrial sectors last year was 2.95 per lakh of workers.

This, according to Mr Shit is about 20 per cent lesser than the number of accidents taking place in the year 2019-2020. As underscored by Mr Shit, among various sectors, the number of accidents occurring among workers in metal industry in Bengal is more as compared to others.

"As a part of the initiatives to bring down the number of

accidents, we are conducting regular inspections and seminars with workers of various workshops. Apart from this, small programmes like toolbox training are being given by the directorate," informed the chief inspector of factories during a two-day international conference on 'Vision Zero' organised by Bharat Chamber of Commerce today.

Akshay Kala, additional commissioner and regional director of West Bengal and Sikkim of ESIC Corporation, said, "There are about 20 lakh workers in the state, who are covered under ESIC. The rest of the works fall under unorganized workers.

However, West Bengal scores higher when compared to other states as it has more hospitals than others.

The ESIC is also mulling over plans to introduce super specialty departments in some of its hospitals in the state.

## Conference on workplace safety

Ways on minimizing accidents at workplace, including fire hazards, were discussed on Friday in a conference jointly hosted by the labour ministry, German Social Accident Insurance and Bharat Chamber of Commerce. German Consul General Manfred Auster spoke about more focus on safety norms, stressing on human rights of the workers. The event was also attended by N G Khaitan, president, Bharat Chamber of Commerce, Ashis Kumar Shit, director and chief inspector of factories in Bengal, Akshay Kala, regional director of ESIC Corporation, Karl Heinz Noetel, president of International Social Security Association (ISSA), Nadja Schilling, secretary general of ISSA, and Jennifer Papantuono of BGETEM Germany.

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## बीसीसी का दो दिवसीय अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सम्मेलन



भारत चेम्बर ऑफ कॉमर्स की ओर से आयोजित 'विजन जीरो' पर अंतर्राष्ट्रीय कॉन्फ्रेंस में सेफ्टी एंड हेल्थ आर ह्यूमन राइट्स पर पुस्तिका जारी करते हुए प्रो. कार्ल-हेन्ज नोएटेल, चेम्बर अध्यक्ष एन.जी. खेतान व कोलकाता में जर्मनी के कॉन्सुलेट जनरल मैन्फ्रेड अस्टर। - विश्वमित्र

कोलकाता, 4 नवम्बर (निप्र)। भारत चेम्बर ऑफ कॉमर्स 4 से 5 नवम्बर, 2022 तक कोलकाता में विजन जीरो पर दो दिवसीय अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सम्मेलन का आयोजन कर रहा है। सम्मेलन का आयोजन संयुक्त रूप से जर्मनी के पेशेवर संघों और दुर्घटना बीमा, डीजीयूवी के लिए अम्ब्रेला संगठन द्वारा किया जा रहा है। महानिदेशालय फैक्ट्री एडवाइज सर्विस और श्रम संस्थान, श्रम और रोजगार मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार ने भी सम्मेलन के आयोजन में अपना समर्थन दिया। अपने उद्घाटन भाषण के दौरान, मुख्य अतिथि महामहिम श्री मैन्फ्रेड ऑस्टर, कोलकाता में जर्मनी के महावाणिज्य दूत ने कहा कि श्रमिकों के बीच व्यावसायिक स्वास्थ्य और सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करने के लिए दोतरफा दृष्टिकोण होना चाहिए। सबसे पहले, राज्य को उचित नियमों के परिचय के लिए जिम्मेदार होना चाहिए जिन्हें कानूनी रूप से लागू किया जा सकता है। दूसरे, कंपनियों के प्रबंधन को सर्वोत्तम प्रथाओं को लागू करके नियमों को लागू करने के लिए जिम्मेदार होना चाहिए। इससे पहले अपने स्वागत भाषण में चेम्बर के अध्यक्ष श्री एन जी खेतान ने बताया कि भारत में हर साल कार्यस्थलों पर दुर्घटनाओं और बीमारियों के कारण 4 लाख से अधिक लोग मारे जाते हैं। इस संबंध में उन्होंने इस बात पर जोर दिया कि असंगठित क्षेत्र के छोटे उद्योगों और ठेका मजदूरों को इस तरह की दुर्भाग्यपूर्ण घटनाओं पर रोक लगाने के लिए व्यावसायिक स्वास्थ्य और सुरक्षा में कठोर प्रशिक्षण से गुजरना होगा। कार्यक्रम में प्रोकार्ल हेन्ज नोएटेल, बीरेन्द्र प्रसाद सिंह, चेम्बर के वरिष्ठ उपाध्यक्ष नरेश पचीसिया, बिमल कांति साहू इत्यादि उपस्थित थे।

## प्रभात खबर

### श्रमिकों की शारीरिक सुरक्षा पर दिया जा रहा जोर : सीट

कोलकाता. कल-कारखानों में काम करनवाले श्रमिकों की शारीरिक सुरक्षा पर चर्चा के लिए भारत चेम्बर ऑफ कॉमर्स द्वारा दो दिवसीय सेमिनार का उद्घाटन शुरुवार को हुआ. इस मौके पर भारत चेम्बर ऑफ कॉमर्स के अध्यक्ष एनजी खेतान, पश्चिम बंगाल सरकार के निदेशक और मुख्य निरीक्षक (फैक्टरीज) आशीष कुमार सीट, कोलकाता में जर्मनी के महावाणिज्य दूतावास मैन्फ्रेड ऑस्टर समेत अन्य उपस्थित थे. श्री सीट ने कहा कि राज्य के कल-कारखानों में श्रमिकों की सुरक्षा पर विशेष ध्यान दिया जा रहा है.



ডেঙ্গি প্রাণ কাড়ল স্বাস্থ্যকর্তার

১ শতাধর ডেঙ্গি প্রাণ কাড়ল স্বাস্থ্যকর্তার... কলকাতা শনিবার ৫ নভেম্বর ২০২২

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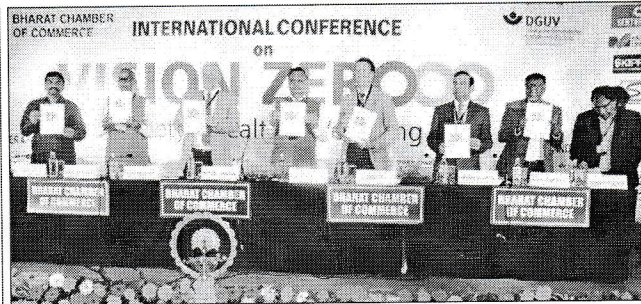
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No room for violence in politics, says US over attack on...

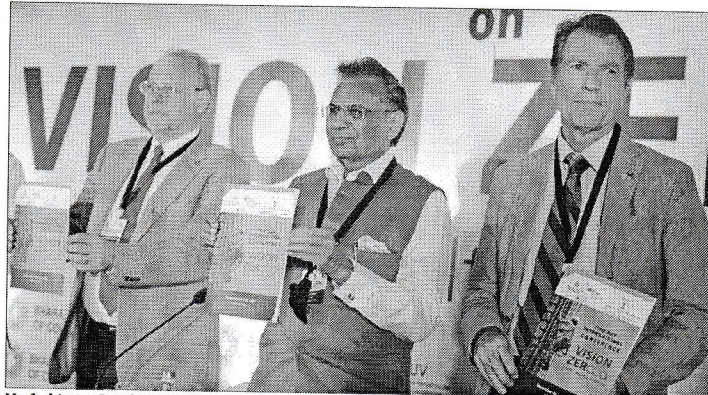
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He told media persons outside the Shaikat Khan Hospital in Lahore, the Dawn reported.  
Sultan added that Imran has been moved to the operation theatre for further evaluation and removal of bullet fragments.  
Earlier, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau also condemned the attack and wished Imran Khan a speedy recovery.  
"The attack on @ImranKhanPTI and his supporters is completely unacceptable, and I strongly condemn this violence. It has no place in politics, in any democracy, or in our society. I'm wishing a speedy recovery to Imran and all who were injured today," he said in a tweet.  
Meanwhile, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia "expresses the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's strong condemnation and denunciation of the attempted assassination of Former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan," the Foreign Affairs Ministry said in a statement.  
"The Ministry affirms the Kingdom's standing with Pakistan and its people against all threats to its security, stability, and development process, noting the Kingdom's support for all efforts aimed at eliminating violence, extremism, and terrorism in all its forms and manifestations while wishing the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and its brotherly people safety, stability and prosperity," the statement added.  
In the latest development in the case, the suspect was caught by police in Pakistan for opening fire during the PTI's long march and said that he wanted to kill Imran Khan because "he was misleading the public," media reports said. "I thought this was where Azhan was going on and on the other side, Imran Khan is taking out his container and making noise. My conscience did not approve of this. I decided this suddenly. I conspired against Imran Khan when he kicked off his long march from Lahore. I made up my mind that I will not leave him alive," the shooter said according to a video shared on social media. Responding to whether there was someone else in the conspiracy, the shooter said, "I have conspired this alone with no one else is involved in this. I came on a bike and I parked it at my uncle's shop. He has a motorcycle showroom."

# Bharat Chamber of Commerce organises Two-Day International Conference on Vision Zero

MI News Service, Kolkata: Bharat Chamber of Commerce is organising a Two-Day International Conference on Vision Zero from 4th to 5th November, 2022 at Kolkata. The Conference is being jointly organised by the umbrella organisation for Germany's professional associations and the accident insurance, DGUV. The Directorate General Factory Advice Service & Labour Institutes, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India extended their support in organising the Conference as well.

In course of his Inaugural Address, the Guest-in-Chief His Excellency Manfred Auster, Consul General of Germany in Kolkata observed that there should be a two-way approach towards ensuring occupational health and safety amongst the workers. "Firstly, the State should be responsible for enforcing proper regulations that can be enforced legally. Secondly, the management of companies should be responsible for implementing the regulations by carrying out the best practices", he stated.

His Excellency Auster informed that very recently Germany has passed a Law regarding occupational health and safety where every single entity involved in a supply chain has to take due diligence of the obligations outlined in the Law. "Indian companies doing business with German companies and being part of their supply chains should also abide by the Law



Manfred Auster, Consul General of Germany in Kolkata, N. G. Khaitan, President of the Chamber and Professor Karl-Heinz Noetel, President ISSA Construction, Senior Advisor BG BAU, Germany at International Vision ZERO Conference on 4th and 5th November, 2022, to release a souvenir at Bharat Chamber of Commerce in Kolkata on Friday.

and take care of environmental damage and human rights violations" he added. In this regard, he felt that trade unions and company management have to work in

Ashish Kumar Shit, Director/Chief Inspector of Factories, Government of West Bengal in his Address, observed that ignorance about trivial precautionary measures often lead to devastat-

ing incidents. "It is only after a critical unfortunate incident people start taking precautionary measures" he stated. He emphasised that employers should always be cautious about invest-

ing in technology that ensures occupational health and safety.

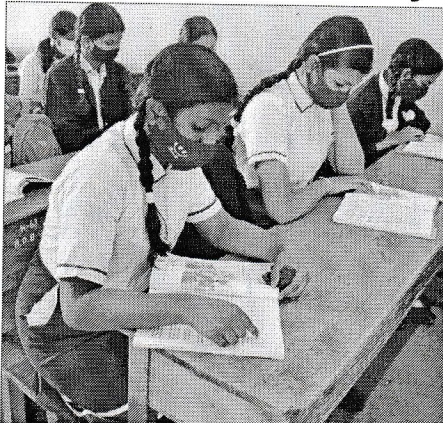
Bhrendra Prasad Singh, Vice-President, OHS & System, Rashmi Group observed that factories and shop floors often have one safety officer for 1000 workers. "It is literally impossible for that safety officer to cater to everybody's safety at the workplace", he stated. He felt that the "Total Preemptive Measure as coined in Japan has to be adopted at all workplaces and employees are required to undergo industrial skill based training to avoid accidents in workplaces.

Alshay Kala, Additional Commissioner & Regional Director, ESIC Regional Office in West Bengal and Sikkim lauded the Chamber's efforts in organising this Conference on a relevant subject.

Professor Karl-Heinz Noetel, President, ISSA Construction and Senior PG, BAU, Germany and Bimal Kanti Sahu, President, Indo-German Focal Point outlined also deliberated on the various aspects of Vision Zero.

Earlier in his Welcome Address, N. G. Khaitan, President of the Chamber informed that more than 4 lac people die every year in India due to accidents and illnesses at workplaces. In this regard, he emphasised that small industries and contract labourers in the unorganised sector need to undergo rigorous training in occupational health and safety to put a check on such unfortunate events.

## State govt mulls over including two new subjects in higher secondary syllabus



MI News Service, Kolkata: Two new subjects, namely Computer Programming & Data Sciences and Artificial Intelligence, are likely to be included in the higher secondary syllabus of West Bengal from the next academic year.

In that case students passing out the secondary examinations in 2023 and opting for the science stream

will be able to opt for either or both these subjects in their higher secondary course.

According to the president of West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education (WBCHSE), Chiranjib Bhattacharya, the proposal for inclusion of the two subjects was currently at the discussion stage and the specialists in the internal expert

committees of the council were evaluating various aspects of the proposal, including the syllabus for the two subjects.

Meanwhile, sources from the state education department said all concerned are ready keen to introduce these two subjects in the higher secondary syllabus since both the subjects are extremely relevant in the present context, specially for those students who would like to specialise in science or engineering at the graduation and post-graduation stage.

"So, it is always better that the students keen to pursue these courses in the coming days have a solid foundation in the subjects while they pursue their higher secondary schools have IT labs in place and necessary upgradation of those will be done by the school authorities concerned where these two new subjects would be taught. "As regards the private schools, those willing to teach these two subjects will do the necessary upgradation of their IT labs at their own expenses," he added.

## Bengal exports Haringhata brand meat to Qatar, other countries

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal has started exporting meat labelled with the state government-owned Haringhata brand Livestock Development Corporation to countries such as Kuwait, Hong Kong and Maldives.

State minister for Animal Resources Development Swapan Deb Nath on Thursday said that besides Qatar, the state will also be sending goat and sheep

meat from its processing centre in Haringhata owned by West Bengal Livestock Development Corporation to countries such as Kuwait, Hong Kong and Maldives.

"We will be exporting meat to multiple countries, having received an approval from the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA),"

he stated. Deb Nath said that the domestic market would urge its "agents" to push for a deal with the authorities responsible for food supply during the tournament.

"We have received a contract for exporting 1.2 metric tonnes of meat. Around seven tonnes will be sent in six batches in a month," the minister added.

## 'It's been two years, now complete the investigation', HC unhappy with the case of Abhishek's family

MI News Service, Kolkata: How long will the case against Abhishek Banerjee's wife and sister-in-law last? The question addressed to the lawyer of the central government's customs department of the Calcutta High Court Division Bench of Justices TS Shivagnam and Hiranmay Bhattacharya. Next hearing of this case next month. On March 16, 2019, Trinamool All India General Secretary and MP Abhishek Banerjee's wife Rujira Naru la and sister-in-law Menka Gambhir were returning from Bangkok. They were arrested along with 2 kg of gold from Dum Dum airport. However, both of them denied all the allegations. Later they were picked up by the police of Bidhannagar police station. That year, on March 22, the customs department filed a complaint against two people at the police station. Later, Rujira and Menka were summoned to their office at Strand Road, Kolkata. Abhishek's wife and sister-in-law approached Calcutta High Court

against the customs department. Both got relief on single bench. Challenging that judgment, the customs department approached the division bench. In 2020, a division bench of the High Court gave an interim order not to appear at the customs office.

The same case was heard on Friday in the Division Bench of Calcutta High Court Justices TS Shivagnam and Hiranmay Bhattacharya. At the beginning of the hearing, the immigration department asked for some time. A division bench of Calcutta High Court comprising Justices TS Shivagnam and Hiranmay Bhattacharya questioned the central government's customs counsel, "Investigating for two years. Now complete the investigation." The question is, why is the customs office being harassed in the case of the state? And what is the current status of the case against the State Department of Customs? The next hearing of the case will be in December.

## Record! For the first time registration of third gender cross 500 in class XI

MI News Service, Kolkata: This year's class 11 registration figures indicate that the fences of long-standing reforms, slowness, and social restriction on individual sexuality are loosening to some extent. This year, for the first time, the option of 'Third Gender' has been given in the registration form of class 11. According to the sources of the Higher Secondary Education Council, more than five hundred students have registered with self-identification by selecting that option.

This year, the registration of eleventh class students has been done completely online. This is the first time it is online. And in the gender identity column, options for female, male, and third gender are given. Arts, Commerce and Science - More than 500 students have registered in self-identification, whether male or female, in all three streams. Students regis-

tration. Both the move by the Higher Secondary Education Council and the response of the students to it are termed as "revolutionary" by a large section of the state's education circles. Applauding the educationists. In the words of "Puran" expert and educationist Narsinghampasad Bhaduri, "They are being asked to fill the form as the third gender and they are doing it. It is a place of state recognition. Before it had to be hidden or suppressed. This step created a space of liberation. I am very happy and proud that this recognition is coming from the government, especially the government of Bengal." He said, "Even though they wanted to say this for a long time, they still have the opportunity. That option came from the side of the state, it is more noble. In response to that initiative, over five hundred students came out and said, 'I'm a transgender'."

Through this, we feel very

loving place. They are able to enter the school with their own identity and reputation, that is the most important thing. After graduation, they will enter the world of work. 'Not this, not that' will prove that we don't go short. State Syllabus Committee Chairman Abhik Majumdar said, "Looking at our social history, this is a big step. Any marginalized or neglected group that finds a place of central recognition is to be congratulated. I am not aware of such an attitude anywhere else in India. Hence, it is an exemplary step. Efforts should be continued to bring more marginalized sectors and classes to the center in the coming days. So that a kind of equality is created in the field of education. Apart from merit in education, no other field will prevail. That should be the approach. I thank the Higher Secondary Education

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## STF arrests of notorious criminals with bullets and guns in city

MI News Service, Kolkata: Recovered bullets, guns and cash again in Kolkata. Notorious criminals arrested. Kolkata Special Task Force arrested the accused from APC Road area on Friday morning. According to STF sources, the arrested person's name is Joy alias Manik Chowdhury. He is a resident of Alipore. On this day Chowdhury was arrested from APC Road. A total of 4 firearms were recovered from him. Among them three semi-automatic pistols and one country pistol. Besides,

100 rounds of ammunition were also recovered from the accused. A case has been registered against multiple sections including the Arms Act. A case has been registered under sections 120B, 489B and 489C of the Indian Penal Code. Earlier last month, weapons were recovered near Sinthi intersection. The heads of a deadly arms smuggling ring from Bihar to Kolkata were caught by the detective police. The gang was smuggling deadly weapons carbines in Kolkata. At the

same time, more firearms were smuggled. Mohammad Imtiaz alias Abu and Mohammad Shahid Mallick from Sinthi in North Kolkata are arms smugglers from Munger in Bihar. Among the remaining two, Vicky Prasad hails from Bhawanipore in South Kolkata and Indrajit Sharma from Narendrapur in South 24 Parganas. There are alleged to be arms smugglers and agents of Kolkata and South 24 Parganas districts. A Munger Made automatic rifle carbine with two magazines was recover-

ed from the detainees. Ten unfinished pistols were also recovered. One hundred and five hundred taka, i.e. fake notes of taka 50 thousand were recovered from the smugglers. As soon as the incident subsided, weapons were recovered in Kolkata. Investigators are looking into whether there was a smuggling plot somewhere, according to the STF of Kolkata Police, there is a link between the accused and Bangladesh. Detectives are also thinking about that.

## Dengue claims another life in city

MI News Service, Kolkata: Belogehata ID Hospital Assistant Super Anirban Hazra died of dengue. This incident has naturally increased the fear of the people of the state several times. For the past few days, dengue has been spreading in the state. Every day many people are affected by this disease. It is known that Belogehata ID Hospital Assistant Super Anirban Hazra was ill for a few days. He is 42 years old. He was diagnosed with dengue due to multiple symptoms. The report is positive. After

Hazra's condition deteriorated on Thursday. Platelet drops to 16 thousand. But then he was not admitted. Anirban Hazra died on Friday morning. It is known that dengue was mentioned as the cause of death in his death certificate. This death has naturally increased the anxiety of the people of the state several times. According to statistics, 5396 people have been infected with corona in the state in the last one week. So far, about 50,000 residents of the state have been infected with dengue.

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