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### 'State govt failed to tackle Covid pandemic'



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BJP state president Dilip Ghosh today said that Mamata government miserably failed to control the spread of the pandemic which has put millions of lives in Bengal at risk.

The state government's alleged inept handling of the crisis is the sole reason behind the recent surge in Covid-19 cases," he said in a statement.

In light of this, state BJP marked the week of 25 August to 31 August as "aar noi corona abyabastha" (no more corona pandemic mismanagement).

Mr Ghosh said that West Bengal was not able to ramp up the testing rate until now and the current testing numbers stand at 16,476 per million which is way behind the national average of 26,648 per million.

"The state observed a spike in the number of cases reported with 3000 positive cases every day since the last week. The daily positive rate of Bengal jumped to an all time high of 8.9 percent in August, up from 3.85 percent as at the beginning of July" he said.

## MCH: Father finds daughter's body lying in trolley van

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In an inhuman incident a father found his daughter's dead body lying in a running-trolley van that was carrying bodies of Covid-19-affected patients.

People mainly patients, their relatives and employees were shocked after witnessing the father running behind the trolley van in desperate search of his daughter.

This bizarre incident happened today at the state-run Medical College Hospital (MCH), a premier teaching hospital in the country.

The 36-year-old daughter, a resident of Sukhchar in Sodepur area, was admitted to the MCH on 21 August after she contracted novel coronavirus infections.

But the father after getting no information about his daughter's health status despite making frantic calls to the MCH's helpline number since Monday reached the hospital today to know her condition.

He was seen sitting in front of the Green Building where Covid patients are treated to get news about her. But no one could give any information about her to the 60-year-old father.

Without getting any report on her he smelt something ominous and desperately tried to search trolley vans carrying packed bodies of Covid

patients. Finally, he found out her dead body carrying her name tag in a trolley.

The hospital authorities allegedly did not inform her family after she died today.

Back in July, family members of a 65 year-old cancer patient Ajoy Manna of Salap in Howrah had also brought serious allegations against the MCH.

Manna who was a Covid-19 suspect was brought to the MCH from another government M R Bangur Hospital on 9 July.

He died at the MCH same day after his admission in the corona ward but the 'helpline number' of the hospital was found keeping his relatives informed saying 'patient is okay and eating meals' for the past five days.

According to the Covid-19 treatment guidelines, no one except doctors and other medical staff is allowed to visit the coronavirus-affected patients in any hospital.

Manna's family members were not also allowed to see him since he was admitted to the MCH.

"We used to call the hospital's helpline seeking to know about his health condition as are not allowed to enter the Covid ward.

They had alleged that every day the helpline would pacify them by saying "the patient is okay, sleeping well and taking diets".



es. "Senior citizens are vulnerable to co-morbs. We are also putting sters in boroughs which provide important con- numbers that will come in health emergency sit- s" he said. It was point- that patients who are Covid positive in rapid tests are being referred PCR tests in 48 hours firmation.

## Sealdah: Passenger trains may run from 1 Sept with Covid-19 protocols in place

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The resumption of passenger train services is expected to

elling ticket examiners along with additional number of railway protection forces.

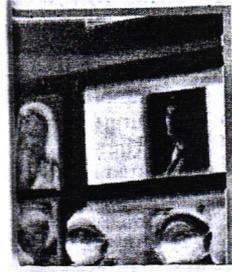
Automatic thermal scanners will be installed while

## WB Assembly session to begin on 9 September

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A session of the West Bengal Assembly will begin on 9 September, Speaker Biman Banerjee said on Wednesday.

There will be a two-day Assembly session on 9 and



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Enclosed is the news clipping of the 'Statesman', an English daily dated 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2020, the news item is captioned " **MCH: Father finds daughter's body lying in trolley van**".

Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, Govt of West Bengal is directed to look into the matter and to furnish a report to the Commission within 4 weeks from the date of communication of the direction.



(Justice Girish Chandra Gupta)  
Chairperson



(Naparajit Mukherjee)  
Member

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Ld. Registrar to keep NHRC posted about cognizance taken on the subject by WBHRC and upload in the website.

Asstt. Secy. (L & R Wing) / S.O.  
is to take immediate action

  
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