

BUILDING HOUSING 19 TRIBUNALS EMPTY; CEO SAYS, 'CAN'T SAY WHEN IT WILL BEGIN'

20 days on, SIR tribunals still in limbo

SWEETY KUMARI Kolkata, April 2

THE COUNTDOWN HAVING begun for the West Bengal electoral rolls to be frozen, all roads for those "rejected" lead to the gates of a stark grey steel-and-cement building in Joka, located 16 km from the heart of Kolkata.



The Syama Prasad Mookerjee National Institute of Water and Sanitation where the tribunals were to conduct hearings

On Thursday, the day 19 tribunals were expected to begin hearings for the thousands whose names remain deleted from the electoral rolls, the gates of the building — the Syama Prasad Mookerjee National Institute of Water and Sanitation — remained firmly closed.

A steady trickle of anxious people, confused about what to do next, kept approaching — and kept being turned away, without answers. Asked about it, Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal, Manoj Agarwal said: "I cannot say when the tribunal will start functioning."

Bengal the 'most polarised' state, says Supreme Court

OBSERVING THAT WEST Bengal was the "most polarised state", the Supreme Court on Thursday delivered a stinging indictment of the state administration after seven judicial officers engaged in SIR exercise were held hostage by protesters in Malda district and directed a CBI or NIA probe into the incident.

allowed entry through a designated path if required." A PWD staff member who works in the building said the first floor is being readied to function as a dedicated courtroom space. "Allocation of support staff (peons), stenographers, and ergonomic office furniture (by the state government) is being done.

RIDING THE POLL WAVE

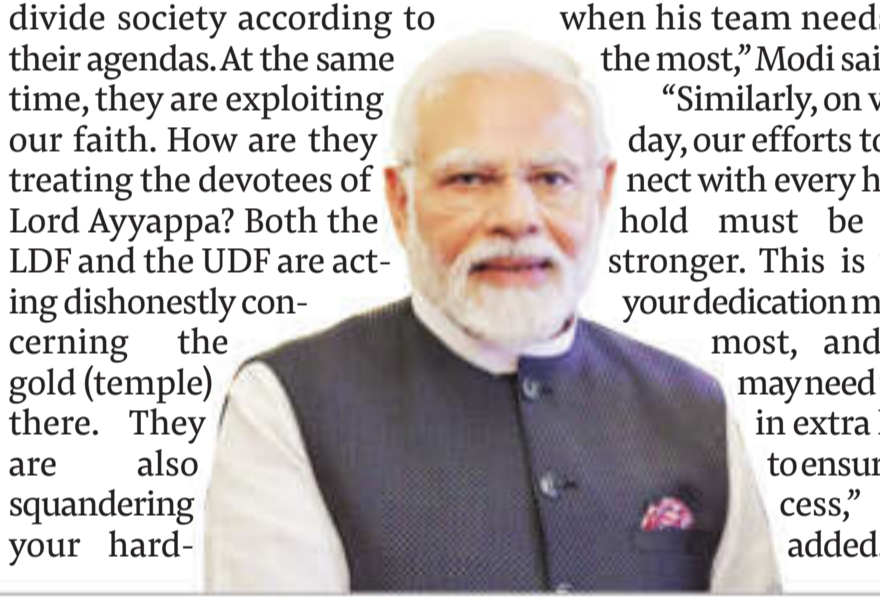


Actor and TVK chief Vijay during a roadshow ahead of filing his nomination papers for the Tiruchirappalli East Assembly constituency on Thursday.

Rise to the occasion like Sanju Samson: Modi to Kerala BJP

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PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA Modi on Thursday tore into the Congress and the Left parties, accusing them of aligning with fundamentalist forces to divide society and damage India's reputation globally.



Cong handed over Kaziranga to infiltrators, charges Shah

UNION HOME MINISTER Amit Shah on Thursday alleged the Congress did nothing for Assam's development during its 15-year rule in the state.

POLL POSITION

Himanta 'most corrupt CM' in country: Rahul

CONGRESS LEADER RAHUL Gandhi on Thursday termed Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma as the "most corrupt CM" in the country and alleged that he, along with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, had been running a "land ATM" in the state.

INDIA will defeat 'unholy AINRC-BJP' tie-up: Cong

CONGRESS LEADER MUKUL Wasnik on Thursday slammed Prime Minister Narendra Modi for not initiating any steps to make the Union territory "BEST Puducherry" as had been promised by him in the run-up to the last Assembly elections in 2021.

Mamata vows to drive BJP out of Bengal

WEST BENGAL CHIEF Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday vowed to drive the BJP out of the state first and then from Delhi, while alleging that the Election Commission is running the administration despite the state having an elected government.

Advertisement for Sodhani Capital Limited (CIN - L65991RJ2019PLC064264) with contact details and a notice regarding company matters.

Advertisement for Jet Airways (India) Limited (IN LIQUIDATION) with details of a lost/misplaced document and contact information for liquidation.

Advertisement for Kirloskar Industries Limited, a Kirloskar Group Company, with registered office details and contact information.

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