

# Stop tormenting people with price hikes, Didi tells Centre

## CM Tweets About Back-To-Back Rises In MRP Of Fuel, Other Essentials

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kolkata: Chief minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday lashed out at the Narendra Modi government, telling it to "immediately stop tormenting" people with hikes in the prices of fuel and essential commodities.

Banerjee tweeted: "The Union government must immediately stop tormenting the people of India. By repeatedly increasing #fuel prices, #LPG prices & prices of #essential-commodities, @BJPIndia is actually conducting #GreatIndianLoot. People are being fooled."

Banerjee tweeted: "The Union government must immediately stop tormenting the people of India. By repeatedly increasing #fuel prices, #LPG prices & prices of #essential-commodities, @BJPIndia is actually conducting #GreatIndianLoot. People are being fooled. Sad to see the media silent and blind."

Trinamool Congress MP and spokesperson Sukhendri Sekhar Ray said: "Retail and wholesale price inflation have touched new highs. And in this backdrop, they are also increasing prices which directly impact common people. The so-called economic reforms now need to be reformed. The price rise needs to be rolled back."

"Domestic LPG price has



**“The Union government must immediately stop tormenting the people of India. By repeatedly increasing #fuel prices, #LPG prices & prices of #essential-commodities, @BJPIndia is actually conducting #GreatIndianLoot. People are being fooled**

**MAMATA BANERJEE**  
Bengal chief minister

crossed Rs 1,000. If a family needs two LPG cylinders, the annual expenses will shoot up to Rs 24,000. They have increased LPG prices twice in the past month-and-a-half by Rs 50," he said. "Even commercial LPG prices have been spiked. It has increased to Rs 2,351.50 for a 19-kg cylinder. These are used by industries and restaurants and will have a cascading effect on everyone's lives," Ray added.

"Last May, petrol price in Kolkata was Rs 91.41/l, today it is Rs 115.12. The diesel price last May was Rs 65.62, today it

is Rs 99.83. Since May, the prices of essential drugs have also been increased. I will just cite the example of one drug — paracetamol — which is used by everyone. It used to cost Rs 18 in 2019 March, now you will have to buy it for Rs 35.5," the TMC MP said.

Ray added: "When CM Banerjee flagged the fuel price rise issue as anti-people and demanded its rollback, we heard the PM blame opposition-governed states, including Bengal, for not scaling down taxes. For petrol, the central tax component is 25% more

than what is taxed by the state, for diesel the central component is 54% more. The Centre owes Bengal Rs 97,800 crore. This is a legal demand. The CM has said Bengal will slash tax on fuel if we get back even half of what the Centre owes us."

Amid all these inflationary trends, the RBI hiking the repo rate was an unprecedented move, Ray said. "This couldn't have come at a worse time. People having home loans, car loans and personal loans will now need to shell out more in EMIs. The household budget has gone haywire. Retail inflation is at a 17-month high of 7.4% in April and wholesale inflation has touched 14.5%. This is more severe than the economic depression."

There is also a great disparity in wealth, the MP added. "The 10% super-rich people in India have wealth more than 65% of the population. This is Modi's economic principle. This is a *munafakhor sarkar* (a profiteering government)," Ray said.

# LPG subsidy was scrapped in May 2020

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: In the absence of subsidy, households will have to bear the entire burden as LPG price was raised by Rs 50 on Saturday. The government had scrapped subsidy since May 2020, taking advantage of a fall in global energy prices due to the pandemic.

Domestic LPG rates were last revised on March 22 this year by Rs 50, breaking the price freeze since October 6, 2021, when prices were raised by Rs 15 per cylinder. Household LPG price stood at Rs 714 on January 1, 2020 in Delhi. It went up to Rs 858 in February that year but subsequently



A TMC Mohila Morcha protest on Saturday against the LPG price hike

came down twice but remained north bound till the freeze in October 2021.

The government controls the consumer prices of LPG but commercial refills of 19

kg are sold at market-determined rates. Domestic LPG prices are benchmarked to Saudi Aramco's FOB (free on board) price for the fuel. Ocean freight, insurance, port

**The government controls consumer prices of LPG, but commercial 19-kg refills are sold at market-determined rates. LPG prices are benchmarked to Saudi Aramco's FOB (free on board) price for the fuel**

charges and customs are added to the Saudi benchmark. The final cost is arrived at after loading bottling charges, inland transportation, dealer margins and state taxes.

# Modi removing all safety nets for common man: Rahul

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The fresh hike in prices of domestic LPG cylinders had the opposition parties on the boil on Saturday with Congress, Trinamool Congress, CPM and CPI each slamming the government over the "anti-people move".

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi accused the Modi government of removing all "safety nets" that his party had put in place to protect the common man. Congress would have never allowed such a thing, he said.

"During the Congress-led UPA govt, the price of a LPG cylinder was Rs 414. A subsidy of Rs 827 was being given on every cylinder. Today, the cost of a cylinder is Rs 999. The amount of subsidy given is 'zero'... Millions of Indian households are waging a difficult battle against extreme inflation, unemployment, and poor governance," Rahul said on Facebook.

Congress communications chief Randeep Surjewala and spokesperson Pawan Khera also demanded a rollback of the Rs 50 hike. Khera garlanded two gas cylinders and lit incense sticks in front of vegetables at the Congress headquarters, calling the party press conference a "condolence meeting for the gas cylinder".

CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury said the hike was a part of the "relentless assaults" launched by the Modi government on people's livelihoods. He also said the Modi government is the "most inhuman and callous government" in 75 years of Independent India. CPI chief D Raja said the repo rate hike by RBI will lead companies to charge more for products on the back of costlier inputs.

"The government remains insensitive to people's suffering but is continuously helping corporate houses to fill their kitties," Raja said, urging opposition forces to protest the anti-people move.

# Sourav's praise for 'kachher manush' CM

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kolkata: Former Team India cricket captain and BCCI president Sourav Ganguly referred to chief minister Mamata Banerjee as 'kachher manush' (close to people's hearts) at a public function on Saturday morning, a day after he hosted Union home minister Amit Shah at his residence.

Sourav and his wife Dona were invitees at the inauguration of a healthcare facility, as was mayor Firhad Hakim. "I had approached her (chief minister Mamata Banerjee) to help set up this institute," Sourav said.

Calling Hakim a family friend, Sourav said he was close to him as well. "He (Hakim) has been seeing me since I was in Class I. He has been our family friend. Anyone who approaches him receives help. I, too, have called him several times," Sourav



Sourav Ganguly with wife Dona and mayor Firhad Hakim at the inauguration of a healthcare facility in Kolkata on Saturday

said.

Shah's visit to the Ganguly residence on Friday had fuelled speculation of him joining politics soon. When asked about it, Sourav said he was aware of the speculations but reminded everyone that Shah's son Jay was his colleague in BCCI (Jay Shah is the BCCI secretary) and that he had known Shah since 2008 when he was still playing cricket.

Dona said there was no discussion on politics during Shah's visit to their home on Friday evening. On the possibility of Sourav entering politics, Dona said she wasn't aware of his plans to do so.

"I don't know whether Sourav will enter politics or not. But he will do well if he joins politics. I believe he will do good work for the people," she said.

# Gyanvapi mosque survey stalled as team denied entry

BINAY SINGH | TNN

Varanasi: The survey and videography of the Gyanvapi mosque premises, which began on Friday amid tight security, was stalled on Saturday as the advocate commissioner and a team of lawyers were not allowed to enter and protests continued the second day.

The lawyer for respondent Anjum Intezamia Masjid Committee (AIMC), meanwhile, requested a local court to change the advocate commissioner for the survey and videography. The court of civil judge (senior division) Ravi Kumar Diwakar directed the plaintiffs and advocate commissioner to present their side in this regard in court and fixed May 9 as the next hearing date.

The committee claimed the current advocate commissioner is biased and working under pressure from the plaintiffs.

The advocate commissioner and lawyers arrived at the Gyanvapi premises in the afternoon to survey the Shringar Gauri temple in the complex, but a crowd of namazis gathered outside the pre-



People gather at the site during the survey of the Gyanvapi Masjid complex and Shringar Gauri Temple, in Varanasi on Saturday

mises. The petitioners' advocate Vishnu Jain said, "The court had given a clear order, but it was not followed. People from the Muslim community came and stood at the door. Thus survey has been stopped." He added: "We will put our stand before the court on May 9."

**1 held for slogans:** One person was arrested late on Saturday for provocative sloganeering near Gyanvapi Masjid entry point. The arrested accused has been identified as one Mohd Abdul Salam. His accomplices managed to escape taking advantage of the crowd, said police.

# 'For sedition law relook, it must be referred to a larger bench'

AMIT ANAND CHOUDHARY | timesgroup.com

New Delhi: Batting for retention of the sedition law (Section 124A of IPC) in a written submission in Supreme Court, the Centre said the 1962 SC judgment in the Kedar Nath Singh case had considered its constitutional validity from all possible angles.

Solicitor general Tushar Mehta said should the court decide to re-examine the provision, it must be done by a larger bench and not a three-judge bench.

Countering the allegation that the provision was brought in by the colonial masters and has lost its relevance in an independent country, Mehta said Kedar Nath Singh case was decided post-Independence and the case was decided with a clear backdrop and experience of how Section 124A used to

operate prior to Independence and the apex court had consciously read down the provision.

Mehta said that misuse of the provision, as alleged by the petitioners, could never be a ground to strike it down and the remedy would lie in preventing its abuse. "The said judgment in Kedar Nath Singh case is a good law and needs no reconsideration. It must be treated as binding precedent requiring no reference. A holistic reading of the judgment clearly reveals that the Constitution Bench considered the constitutional validity of Section 124A from the perspective of all constitutional principles, including the test of Articles 14, 19, 21. Merely because Article 14 and 21 are not mentioned, and not undermine its final judicial conclusion. The five-judge bench read down Section 124A only to bring it in conformity with

Article 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution. No reference, therefore, would be necessary nor can the three-judge bench once again examine the constitutional validity of the very same provision," the SG said in his submission.

Though the written submission has been filed on the issue of reference and the Centre is yet to file an affidavit which it will have to do on Monday as directed by the SC, the submission makes the Centre's stand clear that it is against scrapping of the sedition law, a stand similar to what attorney general KK Venugopal took days before in court and batted for retention of the controversial provision in the law book.

"Instances of the abuse of provision would never be a justification to reconsider a binding judgment of the Constitution bench..." Mehta said.

# Delhi 'dharma sansad' hate speech: After SC rap, police lodge FIR

DHANANJAY MAHAPATRA | timesgroup.com

New Delhi: Under pressure from the Supreme Court for closing investigation into alleged hate speeches made at a 'dharma sansad' in Delhi in December last year, the Delhi Police did an about-turn and informed the court on Saturday that it has registered a fresh FIR for the alleged offence of inciting communal passions and hurting religious sentiments.

On April 22, an SC bench headed by Justice AM Khanwilkar had taken strong exception to a Delhi Police affidavit, filed by Southeast Delhi deputy commissioner of police Esha Pandey that said police have closed investigations into complaints alleging hate speech at the event organised by Hindu Yuva Va-

hini at Banarasidas Chandiwala Auditorium, near Govindpuri Metro Station, on December 19.

In a fresh affidavit, DCP Pandey stated that "after further minute verification of the material, a fresh FIR has been registered on May 4 at Okhla Industrial Area police station for offences under Section 153A (promoting enmity between different groups), 295A (deliberate acts to outrage religious sentiments), 298 (hurting religious sentiments through spoken words) and 34 (common intention to commit the offence) of the IPC".

On April 22, the bench headed had asked additional solicitor general KM Natraj, "Does the DCP understand the nuances and other aspects of the issue involved?"

# Three more nabbed for violence in Jahangirpuri

New Delhi: Delhi Police has apprehended three more people in the Jahangirpuri violence case. So far, 36 accused, including three juveniles, have been apprehended.

The accused were identified as Zaheer (48), Enabul (34) and Tabrez (48). All of them were nabbed from the Jahangirpuri area. "We caught Zaheer and Enabul on Friday whereas Alam was

nabbed on Saturday," a police source said.

"Inquiry revealed that Zaheer was seen brandishing a pistol in a video. We are probing whether he had fired any shot. Enabul has a criminal history. All the three accused are residents of Jahangirpuri," the source said. Sources said Tabrez was arrested based on digital evidence. TNN

# Sept 1 rally for Durga Puja Unesco tag

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kolkata: 'Forum for Durgotsav', a platform of nearly 500 major Durga pujas held in Kolkata and its suburbs, will organise a rally on September 1 to thank Unesco for the inscription of Durga Puja on its list of intangible cultural heritage last December. Chief minister Mamata Banerjee will lead the thanks-giving rally.

Expressing gratitude to the CM for her efforts in promoting Durga Puja by offering grants of Rs 50,000 to each puja committee, discounts on pandal electricity charges and introducing a carnival as a grand finale to



CM Mamata Banerjee at the inauguration of a Durga Puja pandal last year. Banerjee will lead the thanks-giving rally on September 1

conclude the festival, forum president Kajal Sarkar said Banerjee had written to the culture ministry sometime

in the middle of 2021 to push for its global recognition. "The recognition accorded by Unesco is a result of

the efforts that the CM had made with support from Durga Puja organisers, who have over the years continued to improve on the quality of art and craft on display at the event," Sarkar explained.

Forum general secretary Saswat Basu said it was unfortunate that when the culture ministry decided to celebrate the honour bestowed on Durga Puja at a function in Victoria Memorial Hall on Friday, the CM, other ministers involved in Durga Puja organisation as well as the forum's members had been completely disregarded. Home minister Amit Shah and governor Jagdeep Dhankhar were invitees at the event.

# Azam faces a fresh case

Bareilly: Rampur police filed a supplementary chargesheet in an ongoing school affiliation case on Friday and named senior Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan as a "co-accused", reports Kanwardeep Singh. This is the second chargesheet in this case which was originally registered against Azam's wife, Tanzeen Fatimah and Taufeq Ahmad, a government clerk.

The move came just hours after the Supreme Court expressed displeasure over delay in hearing Azam's bail application in an enemy property land grabbing case.

**ICICI Bank** Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, 228A, A.J.C. Bose Road, Landmark Building, 4th Floor, Kolkata-700020.

**PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET**

(See provision to rule 8(6))  
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immoveable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Md Hasan Khan (Borrower) Mrs. Noorani Begum (Co-Borrower) LBCAL00002100567.	Premises No. 42B, 1st Floor, Braunfeld Lane, Mominpore, P.S. Ekbalpore, Ward No 78, District - 24 Parganas (South), Kolkata, West Bengal-700027. Admeasuring area 1044.60 Sq.Ft.	Rs. 1,13,53,341.02/- (As on April 26, 2022).	Rs. 48,00,000/- to Rs. 4,80,000/-	04. 2022 From 02:00 P.M. to 04:00 P.M.	16. 2022 From 11:00 A.M. onwards.

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link-<https://disposalhub.com>) of our auction agency M/s. NexXen Solutions Private Limited. The Mortgagors/ Notices are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **June 15, 2022 before 05:00 P.M.** else this secured asset will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Limited, 228 A, A.J.C. Bose Road, Landmark Building, 4th Floor, Kolkata-700020 and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **June 15, 2022 before 03:00 P.M.** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Limited, 228 A, A.J.C. Bose Road, Landmark Building, 4th Floor, Kolkata-700020 on or before **June 15, 2022 before 05:00 P.M.** Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Kolkata.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Bank Limited on 9163343439 or M/s. NexXen Solutions Private Limited on 8697008233/9810029926/09310029933/01244233933.

Please note that Marketing Agency 1. M/s. NexXen Solutions Private Limited, 2. Auguo Asset Management Pvt.Ltd. have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit [www.icicibank.com/n4ps](http://www.icicibank.com/n4ps).

Date: May 07, 2022  
Place: Kolkata

Authorized Officer  
ICICI Bank Limited

**Capital Region Urban Transport**  
Plot No. 548/1452, Kalarahanga, Patia, Bhubaneswar - 751024, Odisha  
Phone No. 0674-3501580, E-Mail Id: [crutbsr@gmail.com](mailto:crutbsr@gmail.com)

Ref. No. 846/CRUT Date. 06/05/2022

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

**BID IDENTIFICATION No. 846/CRUT/2022-23**

General Manager (Engg.), CRUT, Bhubaneswar on behalf of Managing Director, CRUT invites Percentage Rate bids in double cover system for the construction of works as detailed in the table, from the class of eligible contractors as mentioned in column-5 (five) registered with the State Governments and Contractors of equivalent Grades / Class Registered with Central Government / MES / Railways for execution of Civil Works. The proof of registration from the appropriate authority shall be enclosed along with the Bid. If successful, the bidder who has not registered under state government has to register under the State Government of Odisha in appropriate class of eligibility before signing of the agreement.

The bidders may submit bids for the following work through 'e'-Tendering only.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Approximate value of work (₹ in Crore)	Validity of Tender	Class of Contractor	Bid Security	Cost of document (In ₹)	Last date of online receipt of bids
1	Development of Bus Depot including construction of boundary wall and provision of 30 Mo Bus parking in front of helipad near Naraj, Cuttack, Odisha.	5.02	12 (Twelve) Calendar Months	'A' & 'Special Class'	Bid Security declaration to be furnished as per Finance Deptt. Order No. 8484 Dt.05.04.22	₹ 10,000/- + GST @ 12% ₹ 1,200	24/05/2022 up to 5.30 P.M.
2	Development and construction of Bus Depot at Pokhariput, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.	3.40	12 (Twelve) Calendar Months	'A' & 'Special Class'	- do -	₹ 10,000/- + GST @ 12% ₹ 1,200	24/05/2022 up to 5.30 P.M.

1. The Bid documents will be available in the website <http://tendersodisha.gov.in> from 10/05/2022 to 5.30 P.M. of 24/05/2022.

2. All Corrigendum and Addendum will be published in the Website only.

3. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.

GM, Engineering on behalf of Managing Director,  
Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT)