Changing political equations may impact Salt Lake vote

Young Faces In Focus As Bidhannagar Goes To Election

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Kolkata: For decades, Salt Lake-Rajarhat's landscape was dominated by a triumvirate — Sujit Bose, Sabyasachi Dutta and Krishna Chakraborty — with a special mention of veteran CPMturned-TMC leader Tapas Chatterjee. But now, several new entrants have made inroads into the fray eyeing the top leadership as Bidhannagar goes to polls this Saturday.

While Sujit Bose has been a Bidhannagar MLA for four terms since 2009 bypolls, Sabyasachi Dutta was the first mayor of Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation since its formation in 2015. Outgoing mayor Krishna Chakraborty has also remained a prominent face in Bidhannagar for years before she stepped into the big boots following Dutta's exit from the party and is known to be the closest to party supremo Mamata Banerjee among the three. Outgoing deputy mayor and former CPM-turned-TMC leader from Rajarhat, Tapas Chatterjee (now an MLA), has also $dominated\,the\,race\,for\,several$ years but is not even contesting the election this year.

According to party source es, this time the party is relying on a young face — Ward 6 candidate and husband of Rajarhat-Gopalpur MLA Aditi Munshi, Debraj Chakraborty, as the one of their prime candidates for the top position in the corporation if the party wins again.

"I am focusing on whatever charge the party would provide me. I am an honest work er of the party and have always tried to deliver whatever work they have bestowed up**EYES ON FEBRUARY 12**



A Trinamool poll campaign in Bidhannagar There has been a gradual deterioration of political scenario at Bidhannagar which is a reflection of the changing political scenario and I apprehend that the ruling party will reflect the picture of the recently concluded KMC elections here Devasish Jana | BJP CANDIDATE

AND FORMER BMC MMIC

Ward 7 and the current youth president of Dum Dum-Barrackpore zone in the party.

From being denied to get a ticket to contest as a councillor in the Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation (BMC) polls in 2015 to becoming a key player in the Trinamool's Rajarhat Gopalpur political circle, outgoing BMC MMIC Chakraborty has been most influential in changing the political scenario of Bidhanna-

Chakraborty, who runs an ITes firm and is an MBA student, had started as a confidential assistant of former agriculture department mine's CA, Chakraborty got the opportunity to work closely with the people of Rajarhat-

Gopalpur of which Bose was

the local MLA. Weeks prior to the 2015 election, he had defected to Congress after being denied a TMC ticket and he won the election even after being brutally attacked on poll day and later getting arrested. But, after a few months Chakraborty returned to Trinamool.

He married singer Aditi Munshi in 2018. The next big step came in 2019 when he was sworn in as a BMC MMIC, getting the portfolio of sports and youth services after former stepped down following Dutta's resignation as BMC may-

We work together as a

team and it is the party

I am just a dedicated

party worker. I will

wholeheartedly welcome any

decision the party takes. I am

It is the party which is the final

word in deciding everything.

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I will continue to follow whatever

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Krishna Chakraborty

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There has been also induction of some more fresh faces in the party, majority of whom owe their allegiance to Chakraborty. Although the seniors have been able to maintain their own seats, there has been a stark reduction in number of their aides contesting the poll this year.

'I am thankful to the party for finding me able enough to handle multiple responsibilities," said Chakraborty. Party seniors though say they are united as a party and will ac-

After 2 decades, syndicate no more an election issue in Bidhannagar

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Kolkata: Syndicate—one of the primary factors that have dominated polls in Rajarhat-New Town-Salt Lake neighbourhood in past two decades — is surprisingly not an election issue this year.

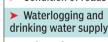
The reason is a variety of factors right from the strong stance by the ruling party to come out of the shadow of syndicates to increase in fuel prices and cap on illegal mining along with a break in construction activities owing to the lockdown, all have somehow made the syndicate operators go soft.

In fact, the man who was the face of syndicate raj in the state, Sabyasachi Dutta, who once used to openly admit the presence of syndicate gang and his relationship with them, now says "syndicates no longer exist in Bengal", following his return to TMC after a 2 year-stint with BJP.

Syndicates were always used by the rulingparty. I have myself faced problems earlier in doing housing projects in Rajarhat-New Town. But post Covid, the situation has somewhat changed, possibly because like all of us even they have taken the financial hit and the construction materials suppliers who earlier used to thre-

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Safety of women

Post Covid, the situation has changed, possibly because like all of us even they have taken a financial hit and the construction material suppliers, who earlier used to threaten us to buy their products at a premium rate, are now selling at proper price A consultant architect in Salt Lake

at enus to buy their products at a premiumare now selling at proper price. Further, top political leaders' distancing themselves from the syndicates may have also resulted in the change in attitude," said a re-

putable consultant architect in Salt Lake. Syndicates first came into existence under the Left government early 2000 in the Salt Lake and Rajarhat-New Town areas where the IT and other service indu-

stries had just started setting up operations leading to heavy construction activities. Then over the years came larger construction activities, including real estate and infrastructure projects, and the baton was passed on from the Left to TMC as the syndicate cartel shifted allegiance. What had started as a mode of local employment and livelihood for local businessmen soon became a politically controlled

Syndicate men were directly blamed for the violence during the 2015 civic polls and even during the 2019 Lok Sabha elec-

"Over the years, the situation of BidhannagarinthisTMCregimehasdeterio rated so much that other issues like safety of women, security of residents, water logging and roads have taken precedence over other issues like syndicate," said Devasis Jana, BJP leader in Bidhannagar contesting from Ward 33.

Sujit Bose, fire minister and Bidhannagar MLA, who was once blamed by the opposition for managing the cartel in Salt Lake and Lake Town while Dutta was running the show in New Town, also denied the existence of syndicate any longer. Outgoing Mayor Krishna Chakraborty said: "There is no syndicate anywhere."

'Kids getting Covid pneumonia but with high recovery rate'

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Kolkata: A newborn who developed severe Covid pneumonia hours after birth and battled the infection for 23 days has now been reunited with his parents post

Doctors said that even as they came across higher number of severe Covid cases this time, it was not very usual for a neonate to develop that kind of pneumonia. This newborn had to be under ventilation for 14 days and had to be treated with steroid.

Prabhas Prasun Giri, associate pro essor of paediatrics at Institute of Child Health, said despite few children getting severe disease the recovery has been remarkable. "Recovery rate among kids has been excellent in our hospital which has been above 99%," said Giri.

"Few neonates might develop severe Covid pneumonia but only after a week or later after birth but it's not very common to get it right after birth," said Dinesh Munian, in-charge of the NICU at Medical College Hospital Kolkata

Paediatrics professor at MCHK Mihir Sarkar said among infected children, infants below one year of age are at higher risk of ICU admission. Sarkar cited congenital issues like heart disease, neurological and metabolic disorders make infants all the more vulnerable.

Susmita Ghosh and Sourav Dhar were over the moon on becoming parents on January 12. But their bundle of joy developed breathing distress about seven hours after birth at Sagore Dutta Hospital. Dhar signed the risk bond to shift the baby to RG Kar where doctors suspected he

"On hearing about the probable heart problems we shifted the baby to Nara-



A newborn was discharged from NSH Howrah on Saturday

The recovery rate among children has been excellent in our hospital which has been above 99% — Prabhas Prasun Giri ASSOCIATE PROF OF PAEDIATRICS AT ICH

yana Superspecialty Hospital (NSH) in Howrah at my mother's insistence," said

At the Howrah hospital doctors for und the newborn had dangerously low oxygen saturation. He was put on ventilator under the care of paediatric intensivist Subhadeep Das. The Echo showed no heart problem. But chest X ray detected severe pneumonia. Even as doctors initially suspected congenital pneumonia, the neonate tested positive to RT-

The boy was discharged on Saturday. But the recovery was stormy as the baby had to put back on ventilation on three occasions when Das's team tried to put him off the ventilation.

"We had a child with sudden hearing loss and another with nephrotic syndrome. But all kids recovered," said Sumita Saha, paediatrician at Fortis Hospital.

'Omicron affected a huge number in a short span of time'

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xperts said the third wave had seen a fast spike in fresh infections, but it also ✓ crested and fell fast thereon. "Due to its virulence, this Omicron-triggered wave affected a huge number within a very short span of time," said Diptendra Sarkar, professor, Institute of Post-Graduate Medical Education & Research (IPGMER). "But the recovery was quick, too, since infections were mild. So, the wave has now come to a virtual end, but some cases will linger due to various reasons. The principal reason is that most of those who are still positive, or are contracting the virus now, have multiple co-morbidities, which make them prone to severe infection," he explained.

The slide in cases would continue, as expected, said pulmonologist Raja Dhar. "The third wave was a shorter one with a steep peak and a steeper drop. We will now have a

'CASE SLIDE TO CONTINUE'

thin tail, with three-digit cases lingering in both Kolkata and Bengal. In Bengal, the cases could remain between 500 and 700 for the next few weeks." Dhar said

The number of daily deaths, however, has remained above 30 on an average in Bengal for more than a fortnight. On Tuesday, it was 32, while it had been marginally lower — 29 the previous day. A reason behind the number refusing to climb down significantly could be "long Covid", said Peerless Hospital microbiologist Bhaskar Narayan Chowdhury. "There are many who have been hospitalized for three-four weeks and have been dying over the last few weeks. Apart from those with co-morbidities, there are those who have had post-Covid complications and had to be re-hospitalized," said Chowdhury.

Unlocking-induced spurts could see mild infection rise but they would not be threatening, said Subhrojyoti Bhowmick, Peerless Hospital clinical research director. "Since vast majority of population in Kolkata and neighbourhood has been jabbed, we can fight minor transmissions," he said.

Met predicts light rain tomorrow

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Kolkata: The minimum temperature started moving up in terly-induced chill waned on Tuesday. While the minimum crawled up by a degree to 14.9°C, the maximum was 26.4°C, both a couple of notches below normal.

With moisture flowing in from the sea, conditions were turning favourable for light rain on Thursday, said the Met office. Minimum temperature could rise to 16°C on Wednesday. "A low-pressure trough is set to form across Uttar Pradesh and Bihar which will lead to clouding and rain in Kolkata and south Bengal. But the rain will be light in the city sincetheatmosphereremains cool. The western districts of the state could receive heavy rain, though," said Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC) director GK Das.

Temperature could slide by 2-3° after the spell of light rain. "But it will not fall sharply and could settle at 14-15°C. Since the northwesterly has lost its sting and we have reached the end of winter, temperature will not drop significantly now," said Das.

Light rain could continue to occur if moisture incursion continues and temperature rises, said Das. "If the land gets heated, we could receive premonsoon showers," he said.

KMDA starts survey to assess Sarobar health



Survey being conducted at Rabindra Sarobar on Tuesday

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Kolkata: The Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority (KMDA), with the help of an agency, started surveying the Rabindra Sarobar from Tuesday to measure the exact depth of the Lake and assess present condition of the water bed. The survey is also required to carry out the plan of injecting liquid oxygen in the waterbody to increase its dissolved oxygen level.

A boat was used by agency officials to go to the different corners of the waterbody, covering near gate No. 3 of Rabindra Sarobar from where the survey started. "The survey would take about a week

or so to be completed, covering about 73 acres ," said an Experts said the depth and

condition of the water bed would be measured using ultrasound tracker technology. "The device sends sound waves to the bottom of the waterbody. It is then measured how long it takes for the sound to return with an echo. The speed and time of the echo is mea-

sured to find out the depth,"

KMDA officials added that apparently the Lake waterbody has a depth of about 20 feet in the middle but no survey has been carried out till date to know its exact depth and condition of the water bed. "The entire water level would

explained an official.

be studied. Various sporting activities like rowing takes place and it has to be seen that injecting liquid oxygen can be done without disturbing the sporting events. Also, some amount of water vaporizes during summer. So, it is necessary to understand exactly what is below for the agency to take up the proposed plan to lay pipes to inject liquid oxygen," said an official. KMDA have bought two

dissolved oxygen (DO) metres to read the dissolved oxygen level. "The dissolved oxygen level in the water body usually gets reduced when there is fog and cloudy conditions. Regular reading will help to keep check on the dissolved oxygen level," said an official.

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Date: February 09, 2022 Place: Kolkata

Gaudiya Mission to celebrate founder's birth anniversary

Kolkata: Gaudiya Mission will commence a three-year long celebration in presence of President of India Ram Nath Kovind on the occasion of the 150th advent of founder Bhakti-Siddhanta Saraswati Goswami Prabhupad in Puri on February 20. Besides being founder of Gaudiya Mission, Prabhupad was instrumental in Krishna Consciousness movement in Europe.

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"In 1933, Prabhupad had sent a group of young saints to Europe to initiate the movement. After so many decades, when Krishna Consciousness is spreading like wildfire in several continents, credit goes to the founder of Gaudiya Mission," said president Bhakti Sundar Sanyasi Goswami Maharaj.

Seminars, will be organised across India and in major cities such as Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and

'KMC hot-mix plant failed to meet emission standards' Krishnendu.Bandyopadhyay

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Kolkata: One of the two hotmix plants of KMC continues to pollute the city's ambient air even after claims were made that technology had been used to curb pollution. The National Green Tribunal bench of Justice B Amit Stha-

Times View

What the proceedings say are an iteration and a reminder of what we face. A few policy decisions have been taken and there has been some action on the ground. But more needs to be done - and at a faster pace going forward.

lekar (judicial member) and Saibal Gupta (expert member) had earlier ordered KMC to clean up the environment by ensuring compliance of the hot-mix plants.

KMC had thereafter cited a report by the state pollution control board to inform the tribunal that both plants were complying to the emission

NGT'S GREEN CONCERN

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Hot Mix DM45	15.5	108.6	73.4					
Batch Mix	125.3	246.4	88.6					
PALMER BAZAR								
Hot Mix DM50	160.6	157.5	95.7					
Hot Mix DM45	34.9	108.6	69.4					
* Units are in mg/Nm3 (normal cubic meter)								
* Standard: PM -150 mg/Nm3, SO ₂ - 250 mg/Nm3, NOX - 100 mg/Nm3								
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But, petitioner Subhas Datta had challenged the claim and said the PCB report was incomplete as SO2 and NOX values had not been measured. NGT had then asked PCB to carry out a fresh assessment and submit a report. This report found one of the two plants, the one at Palmer Bazar has marginally failed to comply with the parti-

The emission standard of PM is 150 mg/Nm3, while the

culate matter standard.

DM50 plant's PM count was 160.62 mg/Nm3. The values of SO₂, NOX of all these plants are, however, below the permissible limit.

Palmer

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"The report showed that KMC's claim for compliance was not true," said Datta.

In a separate affidavit, Datta said that mobile hotmix machines are rampantly being used in the city to repair roads and relay asphalt, causing serious environmen-

Lights, barriers on Basanti Highway likely Dwaipayan.Ghosh

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Kolkata: A day after the death of Tiljala traffic guard sergeant Sashi Bhusan Minj (32) in a fatal accident on the Basanti Highway, the top brass said it would probe the causes of accidents again and take remedial measures.

Speaking on the sidelines of the guard of honour accorded to the cop, who is survived by his wife and a one-and-halfvear-old child, commissioner Vineet Goyal said that they would focus on three areas -

SERGEANT DEATH identifying the dark spots and

sufficiently lighting them up, setting up crash barriers at the accident-prone spots and identifying stretches that need immediate repairs. "We have proposed setting

up a crash barrier at the roadside and taking up the project of illuminating dark stretches. We will do everything to ensure such accidents are not repeated," said Goyal. The post mortem report

has confirmed that Minj's death was due to internal hae-