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Woman recovers after removal of 3.5kg adrenal gland tumour

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SHE IS ALSO HEPATITIS B-POSITIVE

Kolkata: Doctors at Medical College and Hospital (MCH) Kolkata removed a rare, “giant” tumour, measuring 25 cm x 20 cm x 10 cm and weighing 3.5 kg, from the adrenal gland of a 42-year-old woman, who is also hepatitis B-positive.

Parbati Dhara from Rishra was detected with pheochromocytoma, a rare tumour of the adrenal gland.

The two adrenal glands—right and left—are located right above the right and left kidneys. The incidence of this tumour is estimated at two to eight persons per one million population. Experts pointed out giant pheochromocytomas, as pheochromocytomas larger than 7 cm are called, are rare and challenging to operate on. This tumour is also called a “biological time bomb” for its propensity to cause sudden death. The initial symptoms may be headache, palpitation, sweating and fluctuating blood pressure.

Given the risks, doctors Animesh Maity, Rana Bhattacharya, Partha Pratim Chak-

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Dhritiman Maitra | IN CHARGE,
BREAST & ENDOCRINE SURGERY
SERVICES AND CLINIC, MCH

raborty and Neeti Agarwal and a team from the endocrinology department prepared the patient well in advance with medications for the surgery. “With the help of my team, including doctors Uttam Mondal, Anwesh Biswas, Adrija Basak and Pradip Mondal, we could remove the giant tumour. We have come across reports of only 36 cases of giant pheochromocytomas from across the globe,” said Dhritiman Maitra, associate professor, who is in charge of Breast and Endocrine Surgery Services and Clinic at MCH.

Doctors said anaesthetic management before, during and after the risky surgery

was critical as the blood pressure could swing between dangerously high during the procure and abysmally low after. The anaesthesia team, led by doctors Harshaprava Dutta and Gargi Bhadra Das-Gupta, managed the tricky phase.

The patient recovered well after the removal of the tumour and left adrenal gland. “One in 100 with high BP may have an underlying pheochromocytoma. They secrete extreme high levels of nor-adrenaline or adrenaline that can cause high BP and various other problems, including sudden cardiac arrest or brain stroke,” said Maitra.

Kid's party hopes Didi No. 1 crowd will convert into votes

Adulation Showered On Actor-Neta Rachna

Pousohi Roy Banerjee & Rajni Banerjee | TNN



(Left) Trinamooli Hooply candidate Rachna Banerjee greets people during a campaign in Chandernagore; (right) she takes a 'fruitful' break

Chandernagore/Singur: From television screen to voters' doorsteps, Rachna Banerjee has transitioned from an actor to a politician. "I am confident. People's response has bolstered this confidence," said Didi No. 1 as she greets people lining the streets of Chandernagore to catch a glimpse of her. This year, 32 km away from her rented place in Chundernagore, she has started a campaign. After doing the rounds of two Chandernagore civic wards, she headed to Bagahat, nearly 40 km away. Banerjee's routine here ever since CM Mamata Banerjee announced her as Didi No. 1. She has been visiting a place near Mayapuranki Ghat in Chinsurah to manage her campaign and meetings with party workers.

CO-STARS AND OPPONENTS

The support is the result of 28 years of my hard work (as an actor). I have full faith in the people who vote for Didi (CM Banerjee) in the polls.

—Rachna Banerjee | TMC CANDIDATE

This (politics) won't affect our relationship (with Didi). I am confident.

—Lock Chatterjee | BJP CANDIDATE

"Didi is always striving for development. Didi is keen on industrialisation and industrialists are keen to invest here. So, industrial development will be a reality," Rachna said. While Rachna spoke about industry, BJP candidate Lock Chatterjee focused on the rural sector. "I know every corner of this constituency. People know me very well and I know they will vote against corruption and for a confident protection. I am confident."

Chatterjee, who has been running around from one part to another in the Hooply constituency. With a microphone in her hand, Chatterjee chanted "Jai Shree Ram" as he travelled through muddy village tracks, a musical box playing in the background. She stopped several times to greet voters and ask for their support. Chatterjee told TOI she left the glamour world for politics and that she was now focused on improving the lives of the people of Bengal.

Rachna and Chatterjee were co-stars, sharing screen space in several Bengali films. Rachna said, "Lock and I are old personal relationships will not change." Chatterjee said, "We have known each other since long and this will not affect our relationship."

152 kids, highest in recent years, join rowing camp

Times News Network

Kolkata: Around 152 boys and girls from 30 city schools have enrolled for a summer rowing camp that started off at Rabindra Sarobar on Wednesday.



The students from 30 schools will be trained in strength development, endurance and rowing skills at the 30-day camp

Organised by Calcutta Rowing Club, one of the oldest rowing clubs in India that was founded in 1858, the oldest rowing camp will include strength development, endurance and rowing skills. The club organises these rowing camps annually. The turnout this year is the largest in recent years. The number was achieved largely on account of active help from the district administration. "We are delighted with the turnout of a high number of children to enrol in this year's camp. We hope to encourage some of the participants to take up the sport in earnest and emerge as competitive rowers in future," said CRC general secretary Coach Vipin Yadav. He would work on their technique, endurance, agility, flexibility and discipline over the next 30 days.

Rowing coaches say the number of children that are entering the sport has declined, both due to pressure to perform well in studies and also online distractions. "A decade ago, a lot more children came to row. While pre-occupation of children has increased in other activities, it has also become tough to maintain discipline beyond the camp. "Rowing is the best sport for endurance and strength-development. It teaches children to row, the person can carry on rowing for life, even the age of 80," he added.

Women voters outnumber men in five Phase IV seats

Debasish Konar | Timesgroup.com

Kolkata: Bengal again recorded a high turnout of women voters in the fourth phase of the Lok Sabha elections on Monday, keeping with the trend in the past three rounds.

Women voters outnumbered their male counterparts in the Lok Sabha seats of Behrampore, Krishnanagar, Ranaghat, Burdwan East and Birbhum. The average turnout of women voters in those five Lok Sabha constituencies on Monday was recorded as 62.4%, a higher figure than that of men (78%). The total turnout at all the eight seats, which went to polls on Monday, was 80.2%.

According to EC, out of 7.14 lakh women voters in the fourth phase, 58.2 lakh cast their votes. In contrast, 58.3 lakh out of 73.8 lakh male voters cast their votes on Monday.

WOMAN POWER



"More women reaching the booths means they want to exercise their rights. They are now much more conscious. They are no longer willing to be dictated by males about whom to vote. They are the decision-makers. Again, many migrant workers failed to return to vote, so the turnout was lower than that of males."

More naka teams, senior officers to keep vigil at night

Dwipayan Ghosh | Timesgroup.com

Kolkata: The number of state surveillance teams (SST) in Kolkata Police that carry out naka operations during elections is being increased and also inspectors and sub-inspectors are staying back at police stations at night in a bid to quell any possible clashes.

"We don't want to take any chances in the election season. Every incident can have a political connotation," said a senior police officer at Lalbazar. The additional SST teams will start working within a few days. According to initial plans, four SSTs in each of the 19 assembly constituencies in the KP areas started working on May 7. After the Election Commission gave the nod for more personnel, the number of SSTs in the KP area will go up to 15. Each SST will include an officer from the local police station, along with three-four cops. There will be a magistrate and a photographer. Apart from surveillance, the team's job will also include vehicle searches.

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City directors recall Cannes memories

Priyanka Dasgupta | Timesgroup.com

Kolkata: As the curtains rose for the 77th edition of Cannes Film Festival, four directors from Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute (SRTTI) - Tridip Poddar, Anirban Datta, Rakta Dutta and Saurav Ray - recalled their own tryst with the prestigious event when their diploma films were part of the festival's Cinéfondation. Now all of them are rooting for Paryl Kapadia All We Imagine As Light that has been nominated at the Palme d'Or — the first Indian film in over 30 years to be selected in the main competition section of the festival.



(Clockwise from top left) Tridip Poddar, Anirban Datta, Rakta Dutta, Saurav Ray

"In 2002, 'Tridip didn't even have a passport when he received news from director Biplob Roychowdhury by agency about the Cinéfondation selection of his diploma film 'Khol'." It was about a man's search for his friend who disappeared 10 years earlier. "I was a boy from Birbhum who grew up in Barasat and then joined a film school. It was a big thing to be told that my diploma film was the first from an Indian film school to be selected for Cinéfondation," said Tridip, who now teaches at SRTTI's direction and screenplay writing department.

"During my year, the short film jury head was Martin Scorsese. My big upward was being hugged by Abbas Khattami at Cannes who watched and appreciated 'Khol'," Tridip said.

"Saurav opened up a new world for me when he took me to Cannes about his childhood memories — was selected in 2016. "The exposure and films, including the film-making, I met my mentors and brothers. I realised how serious cinema can get and it inspired me to

make meaningful cinema," he said. For Anirban, who is head of SRTTI's direction and screenplay writing department, the memory goes back to 2006 when his diploma film 'Tetris' — a road movie on film-making — had premiered at Festival de Cannes. He was selected in 2007 as the lone official selection from India that year. "The tall wind will affect a film-maker and help him fly only if one is prepared with other projects which were at Cannes. My feature documentary film 'In motion' was already at the pitching stage. It got picked up by major international broadcasters as the news of the selection came in," Anirban said.

"At Cannes, I realised it can be quite lonely at the top," said Rakta, whose Chinese Whispers is a film on urban alienation that was selected in 2007. She subsequently got a little help from her friends with the process of financing. "That is in contrast to the intimate process of film-making I believe in," Rakta said.

"I am a Indian, I am hoping Paryl gets the award," Saurav added.

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