

## Education 2014



### Let there be noise; Hok Kolorob

Amra noi gerua laal, Sabuj kingba  
saada niil, Jene bujhe brishti vije,  
Ei michile hoy shamill

Students from Jadavpur University took to the streets to protest against the alleged molestation of a girl student in the university campus and also to protest against the apathy of the university officials. It all started when the university students sat in a dharna in front of the VC's office and refused to let the Vice Chancellor leave his office at midnight. The VC called the police as he found that the protest had turned ugly and it is alleged that the police lathicharged the students. Some of the protesters were arrested.

This is not an isolated case, this year similar cases have been reported from Viswabharati University. What is noteworthy is the nature of outburst that the city has not witnessed in the recent past. Claimed as apolitical movement, thousands of protestors raised slogans on the streets of Kolkata. A section of the teaching community at Jadavpur University supported the student's movement. Students from other colleges also took part in the protest.

Raising slogan against police brutalities and demanding safety of students in apolitical banner have been appreciated nationwide.



### German Vs Sanskrit

Is it Sanskrit or German for our students? Over 70,000 students from across 500 Kendriya Vidyalayas from Class 6 to Class 8 are in a fix now after a diktat from the Ministry of Human Resource Development asking the school authorities to stop

teaching German as a third language instead of Sanskrit. In 2013 a PIL was filed by the Sanskrit Sikhshan Sangh. The association argues that teaching of German and other foreign languages in KVs and other CBSE schools is unconstitutional on the basis of language formula.

German has been introduced in the course curriculum of CBSE since 2011 as a part of Memorandum of Understanding signed by the KVs and Goethe Institute – Max Muller Bhawan. The Goethe Institute has provided over 700 teachers well versed in the language to teach in KVs and these teachers have travelled to distant parts of the country to teach the language.

The three language formula introduced in 1968 and reiterated in 1986 states that KVs teach Hindi, English and a modern Indian language as the third language. However, many people have criticized the teaching of Sanskrit as they think the language has lost its relevance in the globalised world.

## Mystery 2014



### Malaysia Airlines flight MH 370 vanishes

Malaysia Airline flight MH 370 vanished on March 8, 2014 carrying 277 passengers and 12 crew members and its

whereabouts remain a mystery. The flight was on its way from Beijing to Kualampur. Over 7000 sq km seafloor have been searched till date, however no debris has been found relating to MH 370. Twenty-six countries have helped look for the plane, but nothing has ever been found. The operation to find flight MH 370 is the most complex search in history. The aircraft may never be found. What could be the possible reasons behind this disappearance? It could be the result of hijack, sabotage, personal or psychological problems of one of the members on board.

It is amazing to note that the plane had 80 computers, three radios, three radar transponders, three autopilots and three flight management computers. All these ensure a practically safe operation. Even if the flight had crashed, masses of debris would have been floating around. No such debris have been found.

## Virus 2014

Ebola virus has killed many people in West Africa. The current outbreak was first notified in March 2014 and has affected the countries of Liberia, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Nigeria and Mali. According to a report published by the BBC, 6598 people have been killed so far and more than 18,000 cases have been reported.

Ebola virus disease first appeared in the year 1976 in a village near the Ebola River in the Democratic Republic of Congo from which the disease takes its name. The virus is transmitted to people from wild animals and spreads in the human population through human-to-human transmission.



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### Wonder girl 2014

### IIT girl offered Rs. 2 crore

Astha Agarwal, 20 years old student, pursuing her computer engineering at IIT Bombay has been offered a Rs 2 crore offer by Facebook. She has completed her internship from Facebook in the month of May and June. The company highly impressed with her work has offered her a placement. Her father is an executive engineer at Rajasthan Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Limited and her elder sister is a chemical engineer.

This is not the first time Astha has won laurels. She had secured the seventh position in National Talent Search Examination and she also won the silver medal in the International Junior Science Olympiad.



## ISL 2014



### A new beginning in Indian football

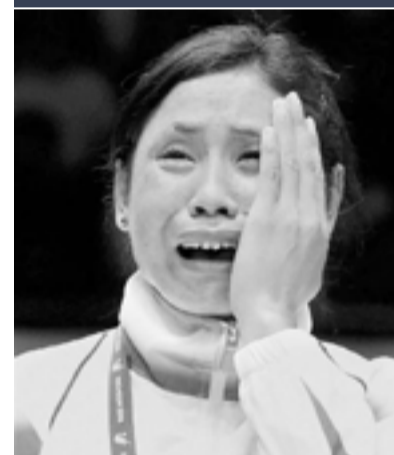
Indian Super League is a new football league which is being promoted by IMG-Reliance and AIFF. It is a fifteen years partnership which is designed to 'radically restructure, overhaul, improve, popularize and promote the game of football throughout India, from the grassroots to the professional level.' Three business houses dominant in their respective fields will run the

ISL. They are Reliance which is India's largest business enterprise, IMG which is the global sports and media company and Star India which is the subcontinent's largest TV and entertainment network. All these entities own equal stake in this venture.

The ISL has eight franchises; they are Bangalore, Delhi, Guwahati, Kochi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Goa and Pune. The Bangalore Team is owned by the Chennai based Sun Group, Delhi by DEN network which is the India's largest cable TV distribution company. Goa team is owned by a conglomerate involving Videocon Group, Dattarao Salgaocar and Dempo. Guwahati team is owned by Shillong Lajong and John Abraham. Shillong Lajong is an I-league team. Sachin Tendulkar and PVP Ventures own the Kochi team.

Kolkata team has many stakeholders. They are Sourav Ganguly, Harshvardhan Neotia, Sanjiv Goenka, Utsav Parekh and the Madrid Club Atletico Madrid. Mumbai team is owned by Ranbir Kapoor and Bimal Parekh. Pune team is owned by Salman Khan and Wadhwan Group.

## Asian Games 2014



### AIBA suspends Sarita Devi

Her emotional outbursts and refusal to accept the bronze medal at the 2014 Incheon Asian Games medal ceremony led Sarita Devi into trouble. She has been suspended provisionally by the All India Boxing Association (AIBA) for her conduct. Sarita Devi protested because she felt that she had been robbed by the judges of an opportunity to win the gold medal at the semifinals of the women's lightweight (60

kg) category by faulty decisions. She also faces the threat of a life ban by the International Boxing Association.

However, she has received overwhelming support from the citizens of the country. Cricketer Sachin Tendulkar who is also a Rajya Sabha MP has written a letter to the sports minister urging him to support Sarita Devi and ensure that her career is not terminated prematurely. Congress MP Ranjit Ranjan has also requested the government to look into the matter. Sports Ministry in the meanwhile has appealed to the AIBA to revoke the suspension imposed on Sarita Devi.

Sarita Devi has already apologized for her refusal to accept the bronze medal and putting it around her Korean opponent's neck.

## Corruption and Conviction 2014

### Corruption unlimited ...

Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu J Jayalalitha and three of her associates have been convicted in a disproportionate assets case and the leader has been sentenced to four years of imprisonment. She also cannot contest election for the next six years.

In West Bengal, Transport Minister Madan Mitra has been arrested by the CBI in the Sarada Chit Fund case. Two other members of Parliament Mr Srinjoy Basu and Mr Kunal Ghosh have also been arrested.

The relation between politics and corruption is not new. As citizens we ask, will it ever end?

