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Sikkim rocked

The 6.9-magnitude earthquake, which claimed more than 100 lives, was different from most tremors that have rocked the Himalayan region. It occurred between two transverse faults represented by Teesta and Gangtok lineaments.



When hospital killed

A devastating fire tore through the seven-storey AMRI hospital in south Kolkata before dawn, killing 91. Most of those killed were patients who were asleep when the blaze started. The fire brought to the fore utter neglect of safety norms on part of the hospital authorities and their lack of preparedness to deal with a disaster. Seven directors of the hospital were arrested.

Shadow on Karmapa



The Uda Police filed a chargesheet against the 17th Karmapa, Gendun Chopel Dorje under Section 120-B of the IPC. He is considered the third most important Tibetan religious head after the Dalai Lama and the Panchen Lama. The Karmapa has been named as the conspirator in the case. Legally, he would have to face charges under all sections of the IPC imposed against other accused. Since almost all sections are non-bailable offences under the IPC, Karmapa would have to seek bail in the case. On January 26 this year, the police recovered currencies of 26 countries, including 120,197 Chinese yuan and around Rs 5.3 million in Indian currency, from the Karmapa's Gyuto Tantric University and Monastery on the outskirts of Dharamasala.

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