

Only if one takes a car across, a permission from the Nepal police becomes mandatory and, that too, can be managed without any hassle. Hundreds make journey of some 30km, crossing over the porous border, to reach the town to

buy groceries ranging from rice and lentils to whiskey and soft drinks. "Every day, hundreds from Darjeeling come to buy goods such as rice, lentils, vegetables, meat and even liquor bottles and crates of soft drinks,"

nated at the border. Usually, there is a bar on the amount of goods one can carry past the border, but given the prevalent crisis in Darjeeling, the cops are being lenient, he said. Kalyan Lepcha (name

beer. "This is the only place where I can get my daily essentials. Before the strike, we used to visit Pashupatinagar only on weekends for recreation or to buy cheap jackets and shoes," he

am trying to stock enough for the next few weeks, as we have no clue when the strike would finally end. It is impossible to move around the town during the strike without a bike" said a Darjeeling resident.

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Transgenders get a chance to pursue their dreams

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Behrampur: Indira Gandhi National Open University (Ignou) has notified that transgenders would be able to avail study free of costs from any of its study centres from the next session.

The Raghunathganj region office of the open university has planned to organise an awareness camp at Behrampur

on Friday with NGO 'Madhya Banglar Sangram' that fights for the problems of transgender.

"I am lucky that I could complete my Masters fighting against all odds, specially taunts from classmates. I simply avoided them who used to laugh at or criticise me for my feminine nature. Recently, we have installed one tollfree helpline

(18003453332) to guide and counsel if anybody face any problem," said Arunavo Nath alias Manasi, secretary of Madhya Benglar Sangram.

Shantanu Mukherjee, regional director of Raghunathganj Ignou, said "There was exemption for SCs, STs, weavers and inmates of jail. But now we have extended the facility to transgenders

to that they can live with their head held high."

Matiur Rahaman, a member of the Murshidabad Transgender Development Committee, added: "The initiative is praiseworthy as transgenders who dropped out earlier can easily register their names and continue with their studies."

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The summons to Chatterjee was delivered at his Beha-



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