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mitted at Udaipur. Watch towers have been built on the Bengal side to keep a hawk's eye on anyone flouting CRZ norms. "We ensure CRZ norms are observed at New Digha and keep a close watch on our side of the border. We do not permit bike and car rides on the New Digha beach or any water sports," said East Midnapore SP Alok Rajoria.

At the Bengal government's insistence, DMs of East Midnapore and Odisha's Balasore districts met and decided that both states would prohibit construction activities on either side of the road connecting New Digha with Udaipur. Currently, no checkpoint demarcating the inter-state border exists along this road. The ban will continue till the border is properly demarcated.

Assaulted girl's family seeks CM's help

Sukumar Mahato

Behrampore: With a youth repeatedly threatening an 11-year-old girl at Charmahula village in Behrampore, and allegedly even trying to rape her, the victim's family has resorted to writing to the chief minister, seeking help. The family claimed they were compelled to take the step as neither the police nor the child protection unit from Behrampore did much to help them out.

The accused was arrested after a complaint was lodged but he has managed to get bail.

The Class-V girl was first assaulted two weeks ago when the accused, Naresh Sarkar, reportedly in a drunken state, dragged her to a jute field and allegedly attempted to rape her. But the girl managed to give him a slip and fled, her clothes torn and earrings snatched away. Her mother said, "On reaching the village, my daughter told everyone about the attack after which Sarkar was caught and a kangaroo court was called. We repeatedly called the police, but they came only around 9pm. An FIR was registered only about 11 hours later. We found no representatives to take up the child's case at Shishu Bandhab Centre at the Behrampore police station. On the contrary, some touts kept asking if an 11-year-girl was ready to give her statement to the magistrate."

She alleged the police left after taking their signatures on a white paper on Wednesday, after they went to the

police station to give their statements.

Even secretary of NGO Karna Subarna Welfare Society Matiu Raha-man pointed out he was not sure about the child protection unit's initiative to help. "I intimidated the DCPO around 8pm on August 6, but he sent a counsellor to talk to the girl only on August 16. This means, they took 11 days to reach the girl's home 14 km away." But denying the allegation, DCPO Arjun Dutta said, "I received the information on Saturday night and the very next afterno-

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on, I learnt the youth was arrested."

The girl's father said they were especially scared now because the youth was out on bail and his influential family could do anything to harm them. "With no help from anywhere, we were compelled to write to the chief minister as the district child protection unit took 11 days to visit us from Behrampore," he said.

A senior police officer said they were questioning the role of the officer on duty on August 6 and steps would be taken against him if he was found guilty.

Left, Congress U-turn on 'Paschim Banga'

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The final shape of the resolution will be known when the house business advisory (BA) committee fine tunes the schedule on August 26. Chatterjee on Thursday accommodated a key opposition demand to bring dengue on the discussion table to give himself a little more leg room to manoeuvre in the coming week.

"How can there be unanimity? We are opposed to it. If they at all want to change the name let it be Paschim Banga (or Bengal). How can you ha-

sition Abdul Manan continues to maintain a nuanced stand on the issue. "They can't shove their views on us. This issue has split opinions and emotions. Just because the chief minister gets to speak last in inter-state conferences is too weak a logic. We want a commission to be set up to speak to all stakeholders in the society. Let the commission's report be tabled in the assembly. It is imperative that all stakeholders are taken into confidence," he said. CPM leader Sujan Chakraborty also kept up the posturing. "We want a wider consensus on

No rules for ICU in Bengal?

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Asit Baran Mondal's counsel Robin Majumder told the Supreme Court there was no standard protocol of treatment in ICU/CCUs of private hospitals, as neither the Centre nor state governments have laid down any guidelines.

Sunanda was under the treatment of a gynaecologist at Kalyani since May, 2013 after she conceived for the second time. Complications in her pregnan-

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cy started from August. On December 14, her condition dete-

Kunal Saha of People for Better Treatment, who helped Mondal challenge the NGDRC order in SC, said: "There is no minimal standard for treatment in ICU/CCU in India, although some clinical establishment acts mention it. Many nursing homes and hospitals continue to admit critical patients leading to disastrous."

Dr Partha Sarathi Goswami a critical care expert and a member of Indian Society for Critical Care Medicine (ISCCM) admitted there is no guideline for ICU/CCU care in Bengal. "Neither Centre nor states have laid down any norms. ISCCM is going to set up an SOP. The norms can-