

THE WEEKLY RURAL NEWSLETTER



ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

Greetings Readers!

An overwhelming population in India continues to live in what is defined as 'non-urban' or rural. As per the last Census (2011), of the total 1210.2 million population 833.1 million or 69 per cent lived in rural areas in around 6.4 lakh villages. The rural life, while popularly portrayed as simple, slow, and serene, is much more complex, unsettling, diverse and going through rapid changes. In a world dominated by the hustle and bustle of urban life, the heartbeat of rural India often goes unnoticed. **Welcome to the Weekly Rural Newsletter**, where we aim to bridge this gap by shedding light on the stories, struggles, and triumphs of the large majority of India's population.



Presented by the diligent students of Rural Sociology, this Newsletter is a humble effort to amplify the rural voices that deserve to be heard. By closely following the national and regional media platforms students cover different states as 'state correspondents' and document the developments unfolding in the socio-economic, political and cultural spheres of the countryside. A team of two students compiles these news reports in the form of a newsletter on a weekly basis and brings the newsletter to you. We believe that incorporating exercises that focus on rural affairs into educational settings can have far-reaching effects in terms of students' awareness about the challenges and opportunities in rural areas, holistic education, empathy, community engagement, and policy advocacy. We hope this exercise also creates a ripple effect among the larger audience.

Stay tuned for more stories from the heartlands of our nation!

With rustic regards,
The Rural Sociology Students' Team

ANDHRA PRADESH

AP IST IN COUNTRY TO COMPLETE LAND SURVEY IN 4,000 VILLAGES

Andhra Pradesh has become the first Indian state to complete land reservation operations in 4,000 villages through the 'YSR Jaganna Saswata Bhu Hakku, Bhu Raksha Scheme'. The initiative provides digital land records with precise latitude and longitude coordinates, ensuring accuracy down to 10 centimeters. The government offers survey stones at no cost to mark agricultural land boundaries, ensuring tamper-proof documents.

Land records are safeguarded from unauthorized changes, preventing double registrations. The scheme includes regular updates, mutation services, and subdivision processes before registration. 95% of the state's 17,595 villages have been covered, with the remaining 624 villages set to be completed by October 15.

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ASSAM

ASSAM INTRODUCES DELIMITATION OF PANCHAYAT CANDIDACY

The delimitation of panchayat elections has been started by the Assam government. The Assam Panchayat Bill, 2023, which aims to delimit the assemblies of the Gaon Panchayat, Anchalik Panchayat, and Zilla Parishad, was introduced by Panchayat and Rural Development Minister Ranjeet Kumar Dass on 11th September. The Bill stipulates that the president and vice-president of the Gaon Panchayat would not be elected directly. The Ward Sabhas, which each consist of a Gaon Panchayat, would nominate members who would be viable for these positions.

Candidates running in the Gaon Panchayat election will not display any party symbols, and Mr. Dass declared that half of the seats in the Gaon Panchayats, Anchalik Panchayats, and Zilla Parishads will be designated for women. The Bill also declares people who violated the minimum legal age of marriage ineligible. The minimum qualification for Ward Sabha members now is 10th pass for general quota and 12th pass for Anchalik Panchayat and Zilla Parishad members.

LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEP I2, 2023)
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BIHAR

BHAGALPUR CRIME NEWS: STUDENT KIDNAPPED ON CHARGES OF MOTORCYCLE THEFT, POLICE RECOVERED, TWO ARRESTED

Rupam Devi, a resident of Sultanganj's Udhadih village in the Bhirarkhud Panchayat, applied at the Sultanganj police station, claiming that her son Sumit Kumar is a student at the intermediate level. Muralidhar studies while he is a guest at the inn. On the 16th, the call was received, informing that her son Sumit Kumar was arrested for stealing a motorbike. He will be released if she sends them 50,000 rupees. The mother of the boy notified Sultanganj police station right away.

Sumit Kumar, the kidnapped youth, was found in the Shambhuganj market by the police, who also detained two suspects. The two people arrested by the police include Satyam Kumar of Virnodha Shambhuganj and Lakhi Kumar of Masota Shambhuganj.

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GUJARAT

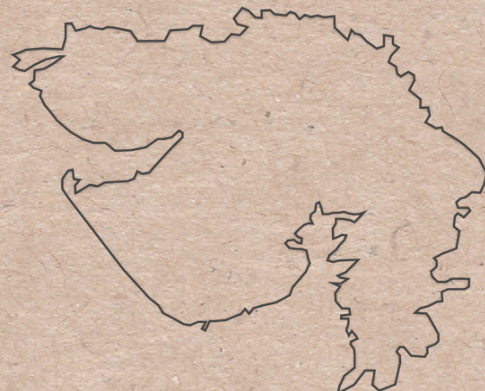
NTPC STARTS PREPARATION: TENDER FOR SOLAR MODULES AT KHAWDA PARK

The work of the hybrid renewable energy park near the India-Pakistan border near Khawda is currently underway. Various government and private companies have been commissioned in the world's largest hybrid renewable energy park. In this National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is also setting up a solar power project here. The company is an Indian central public sector undertaking owned by the Ministry of Power and the Government of India.

NTPC recently floated tenders for solar modules for 1,255 MW projects here. The Kutch Hybrid Renewable Energy Park is expected to generate 30 GW of electricity from both solar panels and wind turbines over an area of 72,600 hectares.

LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEP 11, 2023)
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HARYANA

MICRO-MONITORING IN KARNAL RURAL AREAS

The administration has begun preparing for village-level micro-monitoring in an effort to decrease the number of stubble burning incidents in the district. A team at the village level, consisting of the village secretary, patwari, and agriculture officer, will educate farmers about the drawbacks of burning stubble by holding meetings. Anish Yadav, Deputy Commissioner, made this statement to representatives of the various departments on Friday during a workshop on managing stubble at the Dr Mangal Sen Auditorium in the city.

He referred to the state government's initiatives to entice farmers not to toss out the grain, such as a reward of Rs. 1,000 per acre for refraining from doing so. The district has previously provided farmers Rs. 11.53 crore under this programme. The DC stated, "We will give straw to the IOCL Panipat ethanol plant."



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[HTTPS://WWW.TRIBUNEINDIA.COM/NEWS/HARYANA/MICRO-MONITORING-IN-KARNAL-RURAL-AREAS-545338](https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/haryana/micro-monitoring-in-karnal-rural-areas-545338)

JAMMU & KASHMIR

RESIDENTS OF HAJIN TOWN HOLD PROTEST FOR BETTER ROAD IN MARKET

Traders and villagers in Hajin, Bandipora district, north Kashmir, held a silent sit-in protest on Wednesday with the aim of obtaining better road conditions in the market area. Protesters claimed that despite promises of action, the government had ignored the road. "We are losing business and health as a result of this neglected road. The government has broken its promises and has abandoned us," Mushtaq Ahmad, president of the Traders Federation Hajin, told Greater Kashmir.

He claimed that the Roads and Buildings Department (R&B) and the Urban Local Bodies Department had deceived the public by leaving the main market road abandoned for more than two years. He stated that the terrible state of the roads was impacting their livelihood and well-being. "We are facing losses and health problems because of this dusty road. It is dangerous for both pedestrians and drivers," Waseem Ahmad said.



LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEP 14, 2023)
[HTTPS://WWW.GREATERKASHMIR.COM/KASHMIR/RESIDENTS-OF-HAJIN-TOWN-HOLD-PROTEST-FOR-BETTER-ROAD-IN-MARKET](https://www.greeterkashmir.com/kashmir/residents-of-hajin-town-hold-protest-for-better-road-in-market)

KARNATAKA

DROUGHT: IN BELGAUM-BAGALAKOT DISTRICTS, THERE IS NO HELL SIGHT, AGRICULTURAL LANDS ARE PARCHED, HERE IS THE COMPLETE REPORT

The districts of Belgaum and Bagalkot of north Karnataka are facing the delayed brunt of the missing monsoon showers. Over 2 lakh hectares of agricultural land have seen deficient levels of rainfall, insufficient for crop growth. Crops such as cotton and onion, which must have completed budding, haven't even reached that stage yet. Other crops such as ragi and paddy show stunted or inefficient growth, making the crop of no financial viability during the harvest stage. Barren lands of sown fields paint a depressing image of the farmer's life.

Thus, it is no surprise when they are pleading to the authorities to declare a drought in the region and compensate for this season's crop loss.

LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEP 13, 2023)

[HTTPS://TV9KANNADA.COM/KARNATAKA/BAGALKOT/BELGAUM-BAGALKOT-DISTRICTS-ARE-HELL-LIKE-AGRICULTURAL-LANDS-GO-WITHOUT-RAIN-WATER-A-COMPLETE-DROUGHT-REPORT-SAS-668848.HTML](https://tv9kannada.com/karnataka/bagalkot/belgaum-bagalkot-districts-are-hell-like-agricultural-lands-go-without-rain-water-a-complete-drought-report-sas-668848.html)

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KERALA

PROGRESS OF JAL JEEVAN MISSION GOING AT SNAIL'S PACE AS KERALA GOVT DEFAULTS ON PAYMENT

The central government's 'Jal Jeevan mission' which aims at providing adequate and safe drinking water to rural households through individual tap connections, has been progressing slower than expected in Kerala. Launched in 2020, its target to reach 69.92 lakh households by 2024 is seeming difficult to achieve as a mere total of 35.53 lakh households have been covered so far. The reasons for delay are mentioned as delayed permission to lay pipes in the National Highways and Forest region.

Additionally, the state government defaulted in payment to the central government because of financial constraints, which in turn delayed the central government in submitting its share. The project contractors have not been receiving their payments due to the delay in the government's disbursement of funds. Kerala water resource department promised the distribution by September 17.

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MADHYA PRADESH

INDORE- FARMERS PROTEST WITH TRACTORS IN MP AGAINST THE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR THE INDORE-PITHAMPUR ECONOMIC CORRIDOR PROJECT.

On September 14th, farmers from over 16 villages in Indore, protested using tractors in response to the opposition Congress's call for an end to the state government's proposed Indore-Pithampur Economic Corridor project's acquisition of what they allege is fertile agricultural land. Many demonstrators vowed not to sell their productive properties, claiming that the government's reimbursement for land was less than the going rate. The tractor march was stopped by officials due to traffic congestion.

According to project organizers, a 19.60-kilometer road between Indore and Pithampur would be constructed, with 300 meters of private property and fields on either side as an industrial investment zone. It was mentioned by authorities that the project will bring in investments worth Rs. 15,000 crore and create more than a lakh direct and indirect jobs.



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MAHARASHTRA

MAHA GOVT ANNOUNCES RS 59,000 CRORE PACKAGE FOR MARATHWADA DEVELOPMENT

Maharashtra's Eknath Shinde-led government announced a Rs 59,000 crore special package for the backward Marathwada region. The decision was made during a cabinet meeting in Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, commemorating Marathwada Mukti Din's 75th anniversary. The package includes 14,000 crore for irrigation projects in drought-prone central Maharashtra. Eight districts, including Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, will benefit from this initiative, irrigating eight lakh hectares of agricultural land.

Various development projects were unveiled during a press conference by Chief Minister Shinde, Deputy Chief Ministers Fadnavis and Pawar. The focus is on the region's overall progress, addressing past neglect and promoting tourism and temple development.



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MAHARASHTRA

SOCIAL MEDIA POST TRIGGERS VIOLENCE AT VILLAGE IN MAHARASHTRA'S SATARA

A social media post which allegedly contained offensive remarks about divine figures sparked violence between two communities at Pusesavali village in Satara. Houses were set on fire. Shops and places of religious worship were attacked. A civil engineer belonging to the village lost his life in the attack, and several other people were injured as well. The village is located about 25km from Karad, an urban centre in Satara. After the incident, the movement of vehicles was restricted to and from the village, as the police officers took stock of the situation.

The villagers were asked to maintain peace and let the police officers deal with all those affected by the violence.



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MANIPUR

MANIPUR: VILLAGE IN IMPHAL WEST ATTACKED BY GUNMEN, BOMBS HURLED, NO ONE INJURED

Manipur faced a new incident of violence when unidentified gunmen suspected to be from terror groups attacked people and hurled at least ten bombs in the Koutruk village in a district in Imphal West. Fortunately, no one was injured. This violence comes after unidentified armed men, also suspected to be members of terror groups, killed three persons from the tribal community on Tuesday morning near Kharam Vaiphei village in Kangpokpi, a district near Imphal.

More than 180 people have been killed and several hundred injured since ethnic violence broke out in Manipur in May, when a 'Tribal Solidarity March' was assembled in hill districts to protest against the majority Meitei community's demand for Scheduled Tribe status.



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ODISHA

ODISHA: GOVT SOUNDS ALERT AFTER SCRUB TYPHUS CLAIMS 5 LIVES IN BARGARH

A recent breakout of Scrub Typhus has put lives of 12 people in danger and taken lives of 5 children in the Bargarh district of Odisha. The 12 patients are being treated at the VSS Medical Institute (VIMSAR) in Sambalpur. There are two cases reported in most districts per day, and VIMSAR is itself doing atleast a 100 tests per day with a 5% positivity rate. Fortunately, the mortality rate is quite low at 6%, hence only the most critical patients are being admitted to the hospital.

The Symptoms for Scrub Typhus present in the form of a high fever, vomiting, body aches, and muscle ache, and it is spread by the bite of infected larval mites. The director of Public health, Niranjan Mishra, has asked the districts to intensify the preventive procedures and report daily on positive cases and their statuses.



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PUNJAB

WITH NO HELP, DHAKKA BASTI VILLAGERS IN JALANDHAR FORCED TO RECOVER BRICKS FROM RIVERBED

In Dhakka Basti, a village in Punjab that the July flooding has devastated, villagers are heading back to the flooded site to retrieve bricks and household belongings from their homes. While they live in makeshift houses in Null Village, their impoverishment has left them with nothing to survive on. Empty promises of compensation and relief have led villagers to take matters into their own hands, leading to the death of one villager who drowned while trying to recover bricks. The family of the villager has been compensated 4.5 lakhs by the government, but other villagers continue to recover bricks in flooded regions.

Villagers are also being asked to vacate their temporary residence by the government given that the harvest season is nearing. Their continued grievance for years to the government to permanently relocate the village out of the Dhakka Basti flooding region has heard no responses.



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RAJASTHAN

I2 KILLED AS TRUCK RAMS INTO BUS IN RAJASTHAN; ONE ARRESTED

A moving truck collided with a private bus parked on the Jaipur-Agra national highway-21 near Bharatpur district of Rajasthan. The incident took place around 5 a.m. on 13th September, 2023. Twelve people passed away in this accident and fifteen people sustained injuries. Later that day, the accused truck driver was apprehended by the police. The twelve fatalities included five men and seven women. The people on board the bus were devotees, who had come on a religious pilgrimage from Gujarat in Bharatpur.

This incident elicited a response from politicians across India including the Prime Minister, President and the Chief Minister of Rajasthan. They expressed their condolence over the accident. The Prime Minister approved an ex-gratia of ₹2 lakh to the next of kin of the dead and ₹50,000 to the injured.



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RAJASTHAN

RAIN WITH STRONG WIND IN JHUNJHUNU: HEAVY RAIN AFTER ABOUT ONE AND A HALF MONTH, FARMERS' CONCERN INCREASED

The article reports heavy rain accompanied by strong winds in Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan. The weather event has brought relief to the region, as it was experiencing a prolonged dry spell. The rain is expected to benefit local agriculture and replenish water resources. However, the strong winds have also caused some damage, including uprooted trees and power outages. Overall, the rainfall is a welcome change in Jhunjhunu, providing respite from the dry conditions, although it has also brought some challenges in the form of wind-related disruptions and may affect agriculture and farmers.



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TAMIL NADU

TN CM'S BREAKFAST SCHEME: STUDENTS AT A VILLAGE SCHOOL REFUSE MEAL PREPARED BY SC COOK

In a recent incident in Tamil Nadu's Usilampatti village, nine out of eleven students at a panchayat union school have been refusing to eat breakfast provided under the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme because it is prepared by a Scheduled Caste (SC) woman, Muniya Selvi, from the village. The remaining two students belong to a backward-class community. Despite efforts by local officials and ministers, the students continued to boycott the meals.

Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Minister Geetha Jeevan suggested that personal differences might be contributing to the issue and expressed confidence in resolving it soon

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TAMIL NADU

I,180 GANESHA IDOLS CONSECRATED IN TRICHY FOR VINAYAGAR CHATURTHI

During the Vinayagar Chaturthi festival in Trichy, 1,180 Ganesha idols were consecrated, with 230 in the city and 950 in the suburbs. Security measures were enforced, with police ensuring the safety of these locations. Preparations were made for a procession on the 20th, where many idols would be dissolved in the Cauvery river, including barricades erected at the Trichy Cauvery Bridge. The Trichy Gandhi market witnessed large crowds buying puja items.

To ensure a peaceful celebration, city and district police collaborated with Hindu organizations, deploying around 2,000 policemen for security under the leadership of Police Commissioner Kamini and District Superintendent of Police Varunkumar.



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TAMIL NADU

MACHINES WORTH RS.1.5 CRORES GUTTED

Machines worth 1.5 crores were gutted after a fire broke out in a weaving unit of a textile mill at Vettaikaran Kuttai near Kaniyur. The mill, owned by K Periyasamy aged 64, went up in flames due to a short circuit within the unit while 30 employees were inside the mill. All of them managed to escape and alerted the nearby authorities, who doused the fire in a matter of two hours. The mill had 48 weaving machines, each cost Rs.50 lakhs. 1.5 Crore worth of machines were lost in the fire and the total loss stands at Rs.3 Crores as informed by Mr. Periyasamy.



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TELANGANA

TELANGANA MAN SEEKS HELP FROM AUTHORITIES TO RECLAIM PROPERTY DIVIDED AMONG SONS

Nomula Rajaiah, an elderly man from Thimmapur village in Telangana's Karimnagar district, seeks help from authorities to reclaim property divided among his sons. He approached them on Monday, distressed by his sons' neglect. Rajaiah alleged that his younger son and daughter-in-law, who were providing meals, stopped due to warnings from the elder son's family. Visibly emotional, he submitted a petition during the weekly 'Praja Vani' program on September 11. A total of 268 petitions were received that day, according to District Collector B Gopi, who assured thorough investigation and action on each. Officials pledged to examine Rajaiah's case carefully and take necessary steps.



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TRIPURA

20% 'DIDIS' FROM SELF-HELP GROUPS ACHIEVE MILLIONAIRE STATUS

Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha shared major news on Independence Day, announcing that 20% of the 'Didis' from the state's Self Help Group have become millionaires. Currently, Tripura has over 46 thousand self help groups that encompass more than 4.13 lakh women. A further 80 thousand women are slated to join these groups in the coming year. The World Bank invested 1,400 crore rupees to the Tripura Rural Economy Growth and Sustainable Service Delivery project that is aimed at catalyzing development in the lives of tribal communities.



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UTTAR PRADESH

ALL SCHOOLS TILL CLASS 12 TO REMAIN SHUT IN BARABANKI DUE TO HEAVY RAIN

Uttar Pradesh has experienced severe and continuous heavy rainfall in recent days, resulting in loss of life and widespread damage. District and city administrations across the state have responded to the adverse weather conditions by temporarily closing schools. On September 13, 2023, the District Magistrate of Barabanki, Uttar Pradesh, issued an order to close all schools in rural areas, due to heavy rain, lightning, and waterlogging. This closure encompasses government, non-government-aided, and private schools catering to students from pre-primary to class 12.

The decision prioritizes the safety of students, teaching and non-teaching staff, and other personnel, reflecting similar actions taken by other districts, such as Lakhimpur Kheri.



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[HTTPS://WWW.INDIA.COM/EDUCATION/SCHOOLS-CLOSED-DUE-TO-HEAVY-RAIN-IN-UTTAR-PRADESH-BARABANKI-MET-DEPT-ISSUES-RED-ALERT-63I7497/](https://www.india.com/education/schools-closed-due-to-heavy-rain-in-uttar-pradesh-barabanki-met-dept-issues-red-alert-63i7497/)

WEST BENGAL

BALRAMPUR HOSPITAL: THE FLASH OF THE MOBILE IS BURNING MATERNITY TREATMENT! BJP MLAS ARE ALL OVER THE SITUATION IN BALRAMPUR HOSPITAL.

The local BJP MLA Baneswar Mahato expressed concern about the deplorable condition of Balrampur Block Hospital in Purulia district. He complained that the electricity service is often shut down in the hospital. The generator does not work because the contractor is not paid. Allegedly, pregnant women have to be treated by turning on the torch of mobile phones, they are also giving birth this way. There is a shortage of water, the toilets are unclean, and the hospital premises are full of poisonous weeds. District Chief Health Officer Dr Jumal Kanti Dubey promised to look into the matter.



LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEPT 11, 2023)

[HTTPS://TV9BANGLA.COM/WEST-BENGAL/PURULIA/BJP-MLA-BANESHWAR-MAHATO-RAISED-THE-CONDITION-OF-BALRAMPUR-BLOCK-HOSPITAL-90I487.HTML](https://tv9bangla.com/west-bengal/purulia/bjp-mla-baneshwar-mahato-raised-the-condition-of-balrampur-block-hospital-90i487.html)

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WEST BENGAL

SCHOOL DRESS: "ALLEGATIONS OF AN 8-BILLION CORRUPTION SCANDAL IN SCHOOL UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION LEAD TO A PUBLIC INTEREST CASE IN GOALPOKHAR, WITH A HIGH COURT INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY."

There have been allegations of fraud of over 8 crores that have come out regarding the distribution of free government school uniforms for students between the first and seventh grades. The complainant, Jainul Haque, stated that the group responsible for the job, the Milonmela Mahasangha self-help group, mishandled the funds. The assistant Vice Chairman of the District Council, Golam Rasul has been implicated.

Jainul Haque called this a protest against corruption and claimed that the funds went into the Trinamool's pockets. Minister Golam Rabbani insists that they are innocent and is willing to allow the district administration to conduct a thorough investigation into the matter.

LINK TO THE ARTICLE: (SEPT 18, 2023)
[HTTPS://TV9BANGLA.COM/WEST-BENGAL/UTTAR-DINAJPUR/ALLEGATION-SCAM-ON-SCHOOL-UNIFORM-DISTRIBUTION-AT-GOALPOKHOR-907I50.HTML](https://tv9bangla.com/west-bengal/uttar-dinajpur/allegation-scam-on-school-uniform-distribution-at-goalpokhor-907i50.html)

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