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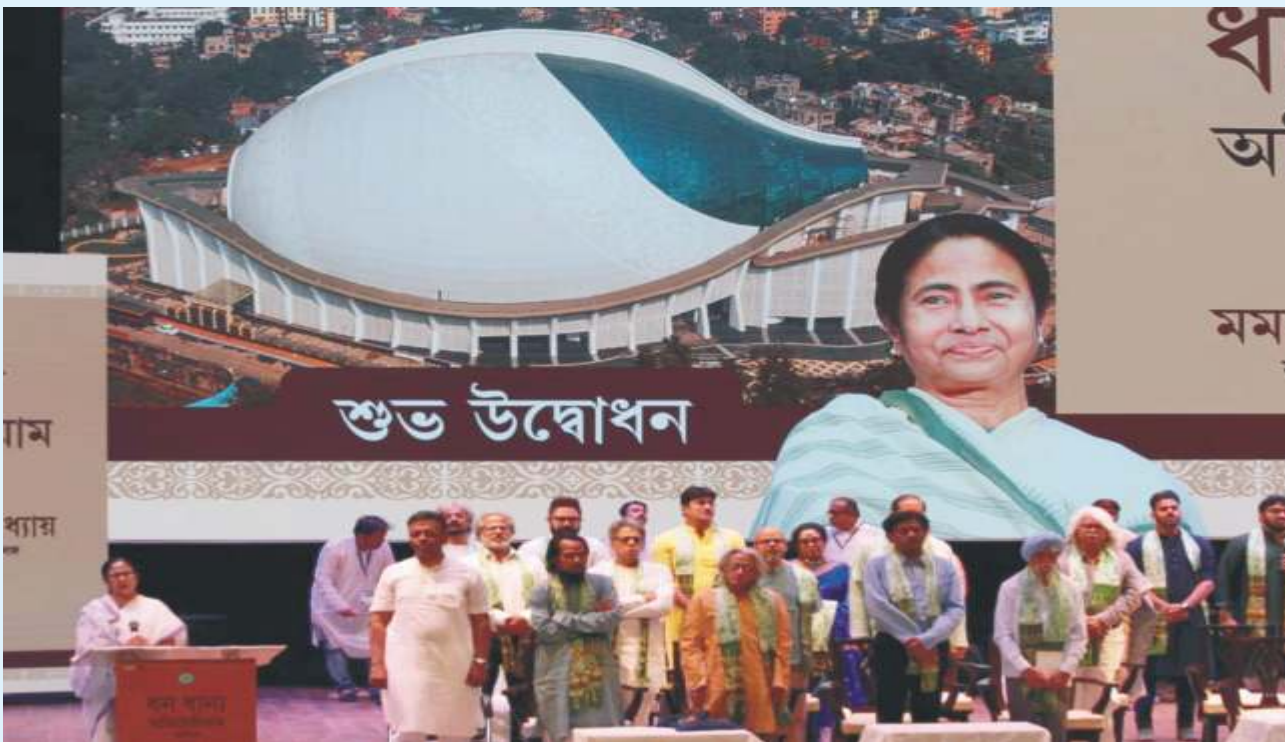
Flying High



President Droupadi Murmu took a historic sortie in a Sukhoi 30 MKI fighter aircraft at the Tezpur Air Force Station in Assam. President Murmu is the third President and second woman President to undertake such a sortie. The President was also briefed on the operational capabilities of the aircraft and the Indian

Air Force (IAF). She expressed satisfaction on the operational preparedness of the IAF. The President flew for about 30 mins covering Brahmaputra and Tezpur valley. The aircraft was flown by Gp Capt Naveen Kumar, CO of 106 Squadron. The aircraft flew at a height of about two kms above sea level and

at a speed of about 800 kms per hour. "It was an exhilarating experience for me to fly in the mighty Sukhoi-30 MKI fighter aircraft of the Indian Air Force. It is a matter of pride that India's defence capabilities have expanded immensely to cover all the frontiers of land, air and sea." the President wrote.



PRIDE of ALIPORE : Dhanadhanyo Auditorium, an indoor facility in Kolkata's Alipore, was inaugurated on Thursday by West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee unveil the state-of-the-art Dhana Dhanye auditorium in Alipore. It will be a gift for the city ahead of Poila Baisakh (Bengali New Year's Day) on April 15. The state-of-the-art auditorium shaped like a conch is 510 feet in length and 210 feet in width. In this auditorium has two meeting halls with a capacity of 2,000 and 540 seats respectively. There is also a street theater facility. There will be a banquet, food court and car parking arrangements on the ground floor. (Pics. Kajal Das)