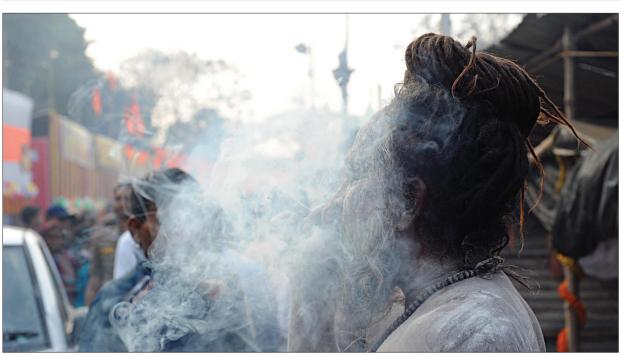
16th Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival opens with Usha Uthup, Milind Soman, and Ankita Konwar

The 16th Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival (AKLF) opened with a captivating performance by legendary singer Usha Uthup at Allen Park, Kolkata. Reflecting on her 55-year musical journey, Uthup shared her thoughts on living in the moment and the timeless joy of reading books, urging younger generations to reconnect with literature. Her performance of "Ganesh Vandana" and "Skyfall" blended tradition with modernity, setting the tone for the three-day literary celebration. Directors Anjum Katyal and Maina Bhagat welcomed attendees to the event. A tribute was paid to the late filmmaker... PG 3



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Sadhu with chillum in hand, watches as the smoke merges with foggy winter, waiting at Babughat transit camp, for sacred dip in the holy water during the Ganga Sagar Mela, in Kolkata on Friday.

Pic: Prabir Bhattacharya

No drop out of student in primary to upper primary schools in Bengal

In what could be seen as a laudable achievement, no primary or upper primary level student in any government and governmentaided school in West Bengal dropped out during the past one year
This has been revealed

in a recent report of the Union Education Ministry stating that no student from class one to class six quit studies and left the school midway in any government and government aided school in the state in the 2023-24 academic year. As a result, the school dropout rate in the state is zero, the report

Apart from West Bengal, the same statistic is available for primary level schools in Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Chandigarh, Odisha, Telangana, Maharashtra, Kerala and Tamil Nadu . Moreover, in

 \boldsymbol{MI} News Service, Kolkata: case of upper primary , the school dropout rate is zero also in Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Kerala for the same academic year.

According to the report published by the Center, the number of school dropouts at the primary level in the 2023-24 academic year is highest in Bihar (8.9 percent), followed by Rajasthan (7.6 percent), Meghalaya (7.5 percent), Assam (6.2 percent) and Arunachal Pradesh (5.4).

In addition, 12.4 percent students in Meghalaya from class 5 to 8 dropped out of school in last academic year, while Madhya Pradesh (6.7 per cent), Rajasthan (6.8 per cent), Jharkhand (9 per cent), Assam (8.2 per cent), Arunachal Pradesh (6.8 per cent), Nagaland (5.8 per cent) and Mizoram (5.9 per cent) have higher dropout rates.

Expressing happiness and hailing the performgovernment schools in West Bengal for achieving the mark of zero drop outs in primary schools, the leading edu-cationists described it as a stupendous achievement of the state government. However, they feel that this figure should be maintained in the coming academic periods too.

Saudipta Das, editor of the Collegium of Assistant Headmasters and Assistant Headmistresses, said, "The dropout rate from primary to upper primary is zero. This is very good news, it is important to maintain it." Echoing his voice Sanjay Barua, Principal of Bangur School, said, 'This is the result of government development projects. This report shows that mid-day meal programme for students has become very successful in West Bengal. But we have to maintain it with utmost importance.

But according to the same report, there is some evidence of a few school dropout in the secondary level schools in West Bengal too and described it as a cause for concern because of the sheer number of school dropouts in class nine and ten in the 2023-24 academic year. At this level, 17.85 per cent students dropped out of school last year.

However, the number of school dropouts at the secondary level is also highest in Bihar (25.63), followed by Assam (25.07), Karnataka (22.09), Meghalaya (22), Gujarat (21.02), Ladakh (19.84), Arunachal Pradesh (19.29), Sikkim (19.05), Madhya Pradesh (17.69), Chhattisgarh (16.29), Manipur (15.30) and Jharkhand (15.16), the report stated.

"Will never do anything with bad intention," says PM Modi about his life mantra

MI News Service, New Delhi: The prime mantra being followed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in life is never do anything "wrong" with bad intentions.

Speaking in a podcast on Friday PM Modi said that human beings, including him, are prone to make mistakes, but it shouldn't be at the cost of doing things with bad inten-

"When I became the Chief Minister (of Gujarat), I said a speech that 'I will not shy away from hard work' and will not do anything for myself'. 'I am a human being who can make mistakes, but I will never do anything wrong with bad intentions.' This is my life's Mantra. Everyone makes mistakes, including me. After all, I am a human being, not some God," PM Modi said in the podcast hosted by Nikhil Kamath.

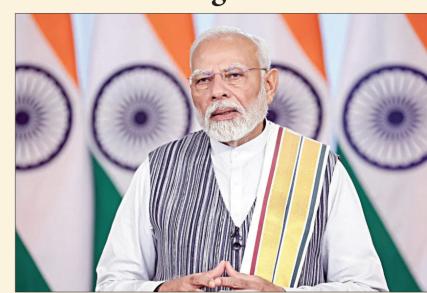
He emphasised the importance of idealism over ideology, saying that even though politics can't happen without ideology, idealism was very much required. The Prime Minister said that Gandhi and Savarkar had different paths, but their ideology was "freedom". "Idealism is far more important than ideology. Without ideology, politics can't happen. However, idealism is very much required. Before Independence, the ideology (of freedom fighters) was freedom. Gandhi had a different path, but his ideology was also get freedom. Savarkar took his own path as another person, but his ideology was freedom too," PM Modi said. Speaking on his own ideology,

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MI News Service, Imphal:

tensions

PM Modi underlines his vision of maximum governance, minimum government



MI News Service, New Delhi: Underscoring the urgent need for making efforts to increase the speed of work in all government departments, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has regretted that most of the people do not understand the real concept of , "minimum government and maximum governance

Speaking in a podcast with Zerodha Co-founder Nikhil Kamath here on Friday, PM Modi said in order to increase the speed of work in all government departments, as many as 40,000 compliances were made to improve the situation in different departments.

'We often misunderstand the concept of minimum government and maximum governance. Some believe that minimum government means fewer ministers and fewer employees. However, this is not my understanding. I made different ministries for skill, cooperatives, and fisheries. When I say minimum government...my point is that we took away 40,000 compliances to increase the speed of work. Otherwise, the different departments will demand the same things. If one department has it, use it for all," PM Modi said.

"I have abolished 1,500 old laws and I have changed laws that criminalised certain things. This is my vision of minimum government and maximum governance. I am witnessing it all happen," he added.

Speaking on India's technological standing across the world, PM Modi said that India has managed to democratise technology and taught the world how it

"In just thirty seconds, I can transfer money into the accounts of 100 million farmers. I can do the same for cylinder subsidy for 13 crore people in 30 seconds...India has taught the world how to democratise technology. All you need is a mobile. This is a tech-driven century.

We have made an innovation commission and innovation fund," PM Modi said.

Speaking on how India's perception has changed around the world over the past few years, PM Modi recalled that the day would come when the world would stand in line for an Indian Visa.

"As the head of a state (Gujarat), America had refused me a visa. I held a press conference that day where I had said, "One day the world would stand in line for an Indian visa". I gave this statement in 2005. Now, it is 2025. I can see that this is now is the time for India... used to say publicly that you NRIs will regret if you don't come back to India, the world is changing," PM Modi said. "I recently visited Kuwait. I went to

a labour colony...one labourer asked me when will there be an international airport in my district in India...it is this aspiration that will make India Vikist in 2047," he added.

Emphasising his stand on the issue of war and the recent conflicts around the world, PM Modi said that his stand is not being "neutral" but he was in favour of peace. He said that the advice he has given to countries that are in conflict currently has enhanced the country's

"During the Ukraine crisis, we were not neutral. We are in favour of peace. I said that to Russia, Ukraine, Iran, Palestine and Israel. They trust us. This is the reason that India's credibility has increased...the world has faith in what we say. During corona, our young people were at the centre of the pandemic. I re quest the Air Force to help with the evacuation. All of them agreed and brought our youth and even of our neighbours. If my fellow countryman is in trouble--who will take care of him...if you help out your countrymen anywhere in the world, it also inspires them to do something good," PM Modi said.

Trinamool Congress suspend former Rajya Sabha MP Shantanu Sen and former MLA Arabul Islam for anti party activities

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a major disciplinary action to improve the party's image, the Trinamool Congress suspended the party's former Rajya Sabha MP Shantanu Sen and former MLA from Bhangarh Arabul Islam on Friday.Announcing the strong action for anti party activities against the two leaders by the Disciplinary Committee of the TMC, Trinamool congress Vice-president Jayaprakash Majumdar said the party has taken action against Shantanu Sen and Arabul Islam following detailed discussions in the Disciplinary Committee meeting.

Incidentally, after the rape and murder of a lady Doctor in RG Kar hospital in August last year, Shantanu distanced himself from the party and allegedly made some derogatory comments. On the other hand, Arabul was cornered within his own constituency at Bhangarh



in South 24 Parganas, even after getting bail in a crim-

On January 1 this year, while hoisting the party flag on Trinamool' Congress' Foundation day, Arabul got into a scuffle with another group of the party. On that day,a section of TMC workers also pelted stones at Arabul's car, who was earlier accused of throwing a water pot at a teacher. In that Jaunaury 1 incident, Bhangarh Trinamool Congress observer and Canning East MLA Shawkat Molla blamed Arabul for creating trouble in the area. He said that he

would complain to party leader Mamata Banerjee and Trinamool Congress All India General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee about this. This decision was known only after that. After being suspended,

Arabul was contacted by

phone, but he said he did not want to say anything about his suspension and hung up the phone, while Shantanu said he failed to understand why any of his actions was described as anti-party activity. "I cannot understand what I have done against the party! I have thought about the party from morning till night. Outside of my professional work, I have only work for my party, that in TMC. Even then, I do not understand why this action

Asked whether the party took action against him in the wake of his speech and criticism after the RG Kar incident, Shantanu said he does not think

so. Because, he had spoken out only against the former chairman of RG Kar hospital a long time ago.

In the words of the for-Trinamool Rajya Sabha MP, "I have also spoken before about the mismanagement of RG Kar hospital by its Super Sandeep Ghosh. I did not support the RG Kar movement. No person can oppose such a spontaneous movement. But the right words may not have reached the right place. I did not say anything against Trinamool Congress during the move-Shantanu said ment." adding "My name was not involved in any corruption. ED-CBI did not even 'raid' my house. I do not understand which of my actions was considered anti-party activity. However, the party leadership has taken a decision. They have the right to take a decision. But I am still in the Trinamool Con-

among different communities in the state, the central

Amid rising

security forces along with Manipur police have recovered a huge cache of arms and ammunition from different areas of strife torn Manipur during the past 24 hours.

Informing this official sources said here on Friday that during the regular search operations and area domination in vulnerable areas of hills and valley districts of Manipur, the security forces recovered various kinds of arms and ammunition from different areas like Sekmaijin, Hangool, Mayal, and Leikai under Hiyanglam Police Station in Kakching district. The recovered weapons include a number of SLR rifles, single barrel breech loading (SBBL) guns, country-



made 9mm pistols, .32 country-made revolvers, 36 hand grenades, several arming rings with detonators, some tube launchers. and hundreds of rounds of live ammunition of various types and empty cases of AK-47 rifles

In addition bulletproof vests, helmets, and boots were also recovered and seized along with a Kenwood wireless

set and other equipment

for fighting gun battles. Meanwhile, in order to prevent any further violence and carrying of illegal arms, round the clock naka checking are being conducted at various places throughout this North Eastern state by the security forces to ensure safe movement of trucks and other vehicles carrying essential goods along the national highways Strict security measures are also implemented at vulnerable locations, and security convoys were deon sensitive stretches to smooth movement of people and traffic as well.

"A total of 107 checkpoints have been set up in different districts of Manipur, both in the hill and the valley and several people were detained by the Police in connection with violation of law and order in different districts of the state," the sources said.

The authorities have appealed to the public to remain vigilant and avoid falling prey to rumours and false information. The authorities have also urged the people to return looted arms, ammunition, and explosives to the police or nearest security forces immediately.

South Asia will remain the fastest-growing region in 2025, though Global growth to remain subdued, claims United Nations report

demonstrated resilience, withstand-

MI News Service, New York: The United Nations has warned that global economic growth is expected to remain subdued in 2025 due to ongoing uncertainty in various

But South Asia is expected to remain the fastest-growing region, with GDP growth projected at 5.7 per cent in 2025, led by India's robust 6.6 per cent expansion

Outlining this message in its report published on Thursday in World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2025, the UN said while the global economy has

ing a series of mutually reinforcing shocks, the overall growth remains below the pre-pandemic average of 3.2 per cent, constrained by weak investment, sluggish productivity growth, and high debt levels.

As per the UN report, global economic growth is projected to remain at 2.8 per cent in 2025, same as it was in 2024, and noted that lower inflation and ongoing monetary easing in many economies, however, could provide a modest boost to global economic activity in 2025.

But uncertainty will still loom

large, with risks stemming from geopolitical conflicts, rising trade tensions and elevated borrowing costs in many parts of the world.

gress, he said.

These challenges are particularly acute for low-income and vulnerable countries, where sub-par and fragile growth threatens to further undermine progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). "Countries cannot ignore these perils. In our interconnected economy, shocks on one side of the world push up prices on the other. Every

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Kolkata and Bihar Police conduct joint raids to unearth illegal arms manufacturing units

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a major success through a joint operation, the Special Task Force of Kolkata and the Bihar police forces, unearthed two illegal firearms manufacturing units in Madubani district in Bihar of Friday and arrested four people in connection with the raids. A cache of fully and partially manufactured firearms including revolvers and pipeguns were recovered from these factories. Informing this official sources said an early morning raid was conducted by

the joint forces at a shop under Khutauna police station area late on Thursday night and after busting the operations of illegal arms manufacturing processes, arrested four persons, including Istheyaque Alam (38), Iftekar Alam (35) and Rajkumar Chowdhury (30) from the spot. According to the sources, the Kolkata Police STF and other investigating agencies of Jharkhand

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Poverty not met by allowance, stomach filled by polishing gold! They are leaving studies midway and moving to way of Mumbai

MI News Bankura: The does not meet the need, many are forced to leave their education midway and work as migrant child laborers in other states, despite being highly educated, and parents are also becoming increasingly frustrated as they are not getting jobs. The lack of mid-day meals after the eighth grade is also reducing interest in education. The picture is exactly the same in every district.

Lakshmi gets her food from Bhandar, she also gets rice from ration without any money. But how does that satisfy the family's needs? Work is stopped for 100 days. Due to lack of irrigation, she is not able to work as an agricultural laborer. Since she does not have her own land, it is her responsibility to gather two handfuls of food twice a day throughout the year. Still, she sends the new generation of her family to school with a lot of dreams. But on the one hand, the pain of breaking her dreams consumes them in a short time due to the poor infrastructure of the government school. Class eight is a must. After that, it has become a rule for some to end their education and move to Maharashtra or Gujarat again in Punishol village of Önda block of Bankura. The situation is more or less the same in all families.

Naziruddin Khan is a resident of Dakshinpara in Punishol village. He lives in a thatched house with his wife and five children. The family's only source of income is a small paan shop near the house. Since the shop is not functioning properly, Naziruddin has to struggle to run the family. Naziruddin and his wife Nazibun had many dreams about the eldest child of the family, Anzar Ali Khan. They wanted their son to learn to read and stand on his own feet one day, so that he could help the family a little. He would also help the other children in their education.



However, as Anzar grew up, Naziruddin and Nazibun realized that there was a big gap between dreams and reality! After class eight, Anzar could not afford to pay for his education, and finally, after completing class eight, he left school and moved to Mumbai. He joined a gold factory there as a child laborer. For now, Naziruddin and Nazibun are spending their days in tears, grieving the pain of their son's dream

being shattered. But it's not just Naziruddin or Nazibun, the same pain of broken dreams is engulfing many parents in the village. On the one hand, the poor condition of the government school infrastructure and on the other hand, due to the extreme poverty of the family, the new generation of the entire village is gradually turning into migrant child laborers.



Sadhus at the transit camp ahead of Gangasagar mela at Babughat in Kolkata on Friday. PIC : Prabir Bhattacharya

Trinamool takes big step against **Shantanu Sen and Arabul Islam**

Kolkata: Trinamool Congress has suspended former Rajya Sabha MP and former Trinamool spokesperson Dr. Shantanu Sen. Along with this, Bhangar leader Arabul Islam has also been suspended. They have been suspended for anti-party activities. Trinamool Congress leader Majumdar said in a press meet, "The top leadership of Trinamool Congress has taken a decision. Arabul Islam and Shantanu Sen have been suspended."

Former MP Shantanu Sen was the first to open his mouth after the RG Kar scandal. He said illegal things about the party. He directly targeted former RG Kar president Sandeep Ghosh. He made several comments in an interview given to an electronic channel. After that he had to pay compensation. Shantanu Sen was removed from the post of party spokesperson.

announced the matter at a press conference. Not only Shantanu, but his wife, Trinamool councilor Kakli Sen of Ward No. 2 of Kolkata Municipality, was expelled from WhatsApp group created for party councilors. It was assumed in political circles that Shantanu's comments in

the RG Kar case were behind

Then it was seen that after everything was settled, in the meeting held by Trinamool All India General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee with doctors in Diamond Harbour, the name of the main organizer was earlier Shantanu Sen. Later, that name was changed. New cards were printed. That too went viral on social media. It was also discussed no less.

Shantanu Sen was also removed from the post of State Medical Council. That request was made by Sudipta Roy himself. But in the last few months, it seemed that Coincidentally, Jay-aprakash Majumdar had also Shantanu's distance with the party may have been some-Shantanu's distance with the

what healed! That was prov-

en false today.
Meanwhile, Arabul Islam! Who is at the center of controversy in Bhangarh politics. Who will ultimately be the driving force of Bhangarh politics? Former MLA Arabul Islam or current MLA from Canning East, Shawkat Mollah? When questions are swirling in Bhangarh, Arabul is suspended.

His public spat with Shawkat Molla was a precedent, and his anger was directed at Arabul. His legal battle with Shawkat had already increased the party's discomfort. The final nail in the coffin was hammered on January 1, the party's foundation day. On that day, Arabul alleged that Shawkat Molla and his followers had prevented him from hoisting the flag. He alleged that he was attacked and his car was vandalized. After that, he also filed an FIR against Shawkat Molla. He got proof that the party did not take it

Schools struggle due to lack of students, despite 'Bangla Moving Forward' nationally

Kolkata: Somewhere there are students but no teachers. Somewhere there are teachers but no students. This is the current state of the education system in the state. Many ships are stranded in the middle of the sea without sailors. The complaint of teacher shortage in several schools is not a new one in Bengal. It is an old disease.

Beyond corruption and teacher shortages, schools in the state have taken on a new look. The school grounds are bustling. Teachers are spending their days a single student is there. The Center has highlighted such information in a recently published report.

Several schools in the country are empty of students. The admission rate is decreasing. And the Center has published a report on that. And Bengal is ahead in that. According to the infor-

three thousand schools in West Bengal where no students have been admitted in the 2023-24 academic year. The schools are practically closed due to lack of stu-

According to the center's report, there were 14,627 teachers in these 3,254 schools in Bengal that were empty of students. While there are enough teachers in the empty schools, there are many schools where the right number of students are enrolled but there are not enough school teachers. The Classrooms are center's report says that the empty one after another. Not number of schools running with one teacher in the last academic year was 6,366.

It is worth noting that the Center has always pointed out the deplorable state of the education system in the state. Civil society has also not left any stone unturned in speaking out. The well-informed have also claimed that the development of tal-

Service, mation, there are more than ent is stalling. And corruption has added poison to the pot. The state government has repeatedly faced questions over allegations of education corruption. This time, the Center did not leave Bengal alone by presenting a report regarding the education system.

The 200-page report states that in the last academic year, no students were admitted to 12,954 schools across the country. Meanwhile, there were around 32,000 teachers in those schools. Again, although a total of 110,000 students were admitted to schools, there was only one teacher in each.

In this report released by tne Ministry of Education, the name of BJP-ruled Rajasthan is next to Bengal. It is said that no students were admitted in 2,167 schools there. Congress-ruled Telangana is in third place. In this southern state, no students were admitted in 2,097 schools in the last academic



saw the presence of Trinamool Congress workers, supporters, and college officials, making it a vibrant and engaging occasion.

Science dept is suffering due to lack of teachers, laborataries, funds

MI News Service, Aram**bagh:** No money is coming. Education in government schools has come to a standstill. Education is on the verge of stopping altogether. Chemistry, biology and geography laboratories could not be started due to lack of government grants in the school. Despite their interest, students in the area are not able to study science. They are forced to go to schools ten to twelve kilometers away to study science. This is the picture that is seen in Arambagh. Students and parents are worried.

Lack of teachers in several schools. The science department is suffering due to lack of teachers. The same problem is faced in several schools including Paschimpara High School and Paba High School in Goghat. The science department could not be started due to lack of laboratories. On the other hand, the science department of classes 11-12 is being run by temporary teachers in Ratanpur High School. There is a complete standstill in almost every school. Students are being forced to take admission in the arts department. The concern is even greater in Nakunda Kattaiyani High School. It is learnt that although a decision was made to build a geography laboratory here in 2012, the grant has not been received

Parents in the area are venting their anger on the teachers. Residents of the area say, "Children have been going to school for 5-10 years. Even today, they cannot even say their father's name. They do not even know how to say their own name. The teachers have done nothing. If you ask the elders, they will tell you if they know anything!" But, when will the situation change? When will the students be able to go to school with a smile on their faces after overcoming the cloud of anxiety? No one has the answer. However, most of the teachers also agree that the problem is serious. Everyone is looking at

Sourav Ganguly's Steel Plant Proj in jeopardy amid land dispute

MI News Service, Arambagh: The future of Sourav Ganguly's proposed steel and iron rod manufacturing plant in West Bengal's Chandrakona has been cast into uncertainty. The Calcutta High Court has issued a stay on the state government's decision to allocate 350 acres of land to Ganguly's company for just ₹1. Justice Joymalya Bagchi ruled that the market value of the land must be determined by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). Following this, the land will be auctioned, and only the highest bidder will gain ownership, including Ganguly's company if they emerge as the top bidder. In Šeptember 2023, Sourav Ganguly accompanied Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on an official visit to Spain, where he announced plans to set up a steel rod manufacturing unit in Salboni on land previously earmarked for a Jindal project. Ganguly assured that production would commence within six months. However, as the deadline passed with no visible progress, questions arose. Ganguly later revealed that the plant would instead be established on the abandoned land of Prayag Film City in Chandrakona. The state government allocated this 350acre plot to his company for a nominal ₹1.

Golden jubilee celebration of Ghoshpara Saraswati Trust Estate Vidyapeeth ends Satya Gopal Roy became the Headmaster. The school gradually started walking on the path of development. Government approval was received in 1986. From the upper primary level, it was upgraded to the secondary level in 2001. The higher secondary level approval was received in 2007. The current number of students in the school is 2038. There are 42 permanent teachers, said Headmaster Narayan Chandra Mandal.

About 1,100 students receive mid-day meals every day. The school's vegetable garden, roof garden, fulfill some of the vegetable needs. There are also fruit gardens, herbal gardens, and flower gardens in the school premises. The school has won the Nirmal Vidyalaya, Shishu Mitra Vidyalaya, Jamini Roy and other



Kolkata Ehsaas Foundation distributed blankets to 300 needy individuals near Jhagra Kothi, Zakaria Street, on January 7. The event, held in memory of the late Muhammad Ali Katchi, was graced by special guests including MLA Vivek Gupta, Khawaja Ahmed Hussain, Ashok Ojha, Swata Andoria, Muhammad Hashim, Mutawali Muhammad Zahid, Qari Saifur Rehman, and others. The foundation's President, Meraj Khan, and General Secretary, Muhammad Jamaluddin, along with other members, warmly welcomed the

Global Peace Initiative Expands: After Indonesia, Next World Meet in Thailand & Manchester UK



MI News Service, Kolkata/ **Jakarta:** The highly anticipated 6th World Meet 2025 will take place on January 28 in Jakarta, Indonesia, followed by the 7th World Meet in Thailand on May 8, and the 8th World Meet in Manchester, UK, on September 14. This series of global events aims to unite leaders and visionaries to promote peace, harmony, and international coopera-

The World Meet is a prestigious global platform that attracts high-level dignitaries, royal families, and influential personalities from around the world. The 6th World Meet in Jakarta will host representatives from over 50 countries, including numerous kings, queens, and prominent global figures. The President of Indonesia has been invited to grace the event, along with Hollywood actor and singer Tony Taylor, the Vice President of the World Meet, who will attend from New York, USA. Other notable attendees include Sahid Mahmood Raja, Director of A1 Global TV (UK), and martial arts teams from Pakistan led by Per-

The World Meet series is the er and Director of the initiative, mony.

whose mission is to foster global unity, peace, and harmony. Dr. Ali highlighted the significance of these gatherings, stating, "Our aim is to bring the world together through shared values and mutual respect, creating a platform for collaboration and understanding.

The 7th World Meet, scheduled for May 8 in Thailand, promises to continue this legacy of fostering global dialogue. This event will be followed by the 8th World Meet on September 14 in Manchester, UK, bringing together influential leaders and cultural representatives to further the mission of uniting the world. With a rich history of success, including the participation of global royals, Hollywood stars, and prominent media figures, the World Meet has established itself as a symbol of international collaboration. Past events have been graced by dignitaries such as His Majesty King Sany Wijaya Natakusuma of the Padjadaran Kingdom, Indonesia, along with representatives from 32 countries.

The 2025 series promises to be even more impactful, marking a step forward in the journey brainchild of Dr. M.A. Ali, Found- towards global peace and har-

AITC in Kerala!

MI News Service, Kolkata: come to P V Anvar, MLA Nilambur, who joined the All India Trinamool Congress family on Friday in the presence of GS Abhishek Banerjee. With this development TMC put its steps on south India. In his x handle, Abhishek Banerjee wrote: Warmest welcome to Shri PV Anvar, the esteemed MLA from Nilambur, Kerala, as he joins the @AITCofficial family. His dedication to public service and his advocacy for the rights of the people of Kerala enrich our shared mission of inclusive growth. Together, we will strive for a progressive India where every voice matters and every dream is



Inauguration of exhibitions and fairs made by self-help groups and self-employed entrepreneurs

MI News Service, Kolkata: State Urban Development Agency (SUDA), Government of West Bengal in its initiative, Minister Chandrima Bhattacharya, Minister Sujit Basu, inaugurated the exhibition and fair prepared by self-help groups and self-employed entrepreneurs in cooperation with Kamarhati Municipality on Friday. Gopal Saha, Mayor



of Kamarhati Municipality, Bidhan Biswas, Mayor of North Dumdum Municipality and other dignitaries were present on the occasion. On . January 15, this fair will be held from 2 pm to 9 pm at the Dewanpara field in Belgharia. Here especially Creative Bengal Foundation's Sonazhuri haat, handicraft artists from different districts have participated. 37 stalls of 16 municipalities participated in the fair on various items.

East Bengal FC bank on dribbling tactics to make aitt against monun Bagan Super Giant's clinical passing

MI News Service, Kolkata: Mohun Bagan Super Giant (MBSG) will play East Bengal FC (EBFC) in the Kolkata Derby of the Indian Super League (ISL) on Saturday, at the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium.

The Mariners (MBSG) will look to extend their dominant record over their city rivals, having won eight out of the nine encounters between the two teams in ISL history, with the Red & Gold Brigade (RCB) yet to record a victory against Mohun Bagan Super Giant in the competition. They have struggled in terms

of scoring, having netted only five goals in this fixture and averaging 0.56 goals per game, their second-lowest against any opponent they have faced multiple times in the competition. East Bengal FC's form has also been patchy, registering two wins in their last five games, which has seen them placed at 11th place in the points table. Mohun Bagan Super Giant are sitting comfortably at the top of the table, boasting an impressive record of 22 goals scored against East Bengal FC. Their attacking unit, led by Dimitrios Petratos, Manvir Singh, Liston Colaco, Jamie Maclaren, and Jason Cummings has been one of the most relentless in the league, with a goal-scoring average of 2.4 goals per game against their city rivals, their second-highest against any opponent.
Additionally, the Mariners

have been solid defensively, with their total goals conceded against East Bengal FC (5) being the least they have given away against any team with whom they have played at least twice. With both teams eyeing important points, Mohun Bagan Super Giant will be looking to maintain their unbeaten streak, while East Bengal FC will be hoping to break their arch-rivals' stronghold and avoid another loss.

Elderly monk falls ill on Gangasagar journey; receives emergency treatment at Sevashray camp



MI News Service, Diamond to Sagar, the doctors examined Harbour: An elderly monk who fell ill on his way to Gangasagar has recovered after receiving treatment at the Sevashray camp in Diamond Harbour. To take care of his health, doctors performed an ultrasonography of his abdomen and administered necessary medicines. After receiving treatment, the elderly monk said at the Sevashray health camp, "My health deteriorated after going

me, did a scan of my abdomen. The doctors saw me, they examined me and gave me medicines. Now I am feeling a little better and will go home soon. May Abhishek Baba be victorious, he has made me well." No one is left behind at the #Sebaashray Camps! A man who lost his sight in a traumatic incident received essential care at the Diamond Harbour camp.

Distribution of blankets by Salkia Bayam Samity



Nurul Islam Khan Recently, Salkia Chhatra Sports Association organized blanket distribution in Howrah's Salkia. North Howrah MLA Gautam Chowdhury handed over winter clothes to 115 helpless local people. President Partha Sarathi Roy, Executive President Swapan Pal and Secretary

Pulak Sikder were present. The name of the event was Ushnata'r Parash". The message of the organization is that this event is to connect with humanity. The presence of common people in the area was noticeable. It is known that this organization has been doing philanthropic work for a long time.

: The golden jubilee year of Kalyani Ghoshpara Saraswati Trust Estate Vidyapeeth (Higher Secondary) in Nadia ended on Friday. In

addition to celebrating it through various programs throughout the year, a special program was held for the past three days, said Narayan Chandra Mandal, the Head Master of the school. The school has earned a good reputation in the area with good quality teaching, a clean and nice environment, spacious building, 2038 students and 42 permanent and some part-time teachers.

Many prominent people including the founding member of the school, Satya Gopal Roy, were present at the event on Friday. Among the notables, there were former Chairman of Kalyani Municipality cum

MI News Service, Kalyani ex - Chairman of West Bengal School Service Commission Dr. Pradip Kumar Sur, current Deputy Chairman of Kalyani Municipality Balram Majhi, former Chairman Sushil Talukder, CIC (Health and Education) of Kalyani Municipality Nivedita Basu, Social worker Rakhal Chandra Bala, National Award-winning teacher Bikas Samanta, etc.

During the program, the students presented various programs including danc-It is very rare for any school in the State to have a lift. This school has made preparations for it. The same will be started in near future, GM said. The school has all the departments including science. There are also suitable laboratories.

The school was established on December 20, 1974. The people who established it were Golak Goswa-

mi, Satya Gopal Roy, Dr. Swadesh Ranjan Shasmal, Thakurdas Mondal, Subal Mondal and many others. Of the names mentioned, only Satya Gopal Roy is alive. He was called to the stage and felicitated on Friday. He said, "People from low-lying areas in Kalyani, came up here due to the floods. Many people did not leave this area after enduring repeated floods. Then some educa-

tion-minded people felt the need to establish a school here. Finally, the Kalyani Ghoshpara Satimata Temple authority gave them the land. There was a condition that the temple's names should be added to the name of the school as they were going to donate the land. Finally, on December 20, 1974, the Primary school of Ghoshpara Satimata Estate Vidyapeeth was established.

"Will never do anything...

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the Prime Minister said that it was always to keep the nation first."I am not the kind of person who changes his stance as per his convenience. I have grown up believing in only one (kind of) ideology. If I were to describe my ideology in a few words, I would say, 'Nation first'. Anything that fits into the tagline, 'nation first', doesn't bind me in the shackles of ideology and tradition. It pushed us to move forward. I am ready to leave old things and embrace new ones. However, the condition is always, 'nation first'," PM Modi reiterated.

"My life has not been

built by me. It has been made due to the circumstances. The kind of life I have lived during my childhood has taught me a lot of things. In a way, it was my biggest university. University of trouble has taught me a lot and I have learned to love the trouble. I come from a state where I have seen mothers and sisters walk for two to three kilometres, carrying a pot on their heads...my activities are a result of empathy. The schemes or policies would have been implemented earlier, I don't deny that. However, I work hard to realise the dreams of the people," the Prime Minister added.

Kolkata and Bihar Police...

Bihar, have unearth as many as 14 illegal firearm manufacturing units in neighbouring states during the past cou-

ple of years including one factory busted in Munger on November 13 last year.

According to the STF, 58 people have so far been arrested or detained from



Bihar and Jharkhand in a number of joint raids between 2022 and 2024 over their alleged links with arms-making units.

South Asia will remain the fastest-growing region in...

country is affected and must be part of the solution-- building on progress made," said Antonio Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General, in the foreword to the report.

"We've set a path. Now it's time to deliver. Together, let's make 2025 the year we put the world on track for a prosperous, sustainable future for all", he said

Economic growth in the United States is projected to move below the moderate m 2.8 per cent in 2024 to 1.9 per cent in 2025, as the labour market softens, and consumer spending slows, the report said. However, on the other hand Europe is expected to recover modestly, with GDP growth increasing from 0.9 per cent in 2024 to 1.3 per cent in 2025, supported by easing inflation and resilient labour markets, though fiscal tightening and long-term challenges such as weak productivity growth and an ageing population, continue to weigh

on the economic outlook. East Asia is forecast to grow by 4.7 per cent in 2025--driven by China's projected stable growth of 4.8 per cent--supported by robust private consumption across the region.

But South Asia is expected to remain the fastest-growing region, with GDP growth projected

at 5.7 per cent in 2025, led by India's robust 6.6 per cent expansion.

Growth in Africa is forecast to rise modestly from 3.4 per cent in 2024 to 3.7 per cent in 2025, thanks to recoveries in major economies Egypt, Nigeria, and South Africa. However, conflicts, rising debt-servicing costs, lack of employment opportunities and increasing severity of climate-change impacts weigh on Africa's outlook

Further, the report asserted that global trade is expected to grow by 3.2 per cent in 2025, following a rebound of 3.4 per cent

However, trade tensions, protectionist policies, and geopolitical uncertainties are significant risks to the outlook, it

added. Global inflation is projected to decline from 4 per cent in 2024 to 3.4 per cent in 2025, providing some relief to households and businesses.

Major central banks are expected to further cut interest rates in 2025 as inflationary pressures con-

tinue to ease. Although inflation is expected to moderate, many developing countries will still face inflation above historical averages. with one in five projected to experience double-digit inflation levels in 2025, the United Nations noted.

Preg woman dies after being given faulty saline; health dept seeks report

MI News Service, Kolkata: Tension is rising over the death of a pregnant woman at Medinipur Medical College. Her family claims that her death occurred after saline was administered. Furthermore, the family alleges that five other pregnant women fell ill after receiving saline at the hospital yesterday. However, there has been no response from the hospital authorities. The Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) stated that the complaint is being investigated, and the Health Department has summoned a report on the incident. A Drug Control team is also heading to Medinipur Medical Col-

lege Hospital. Tension has spread at Medinipur Medical College Hospital over the death of the pregnant woman. The family alleges that her death was caused by the administration of faulty saline. Four other pregnant women

are said to have fallen ill after receiving saline at the hospital. The deceased's family claims that five people fell ill after receiving saline yesterday. As the condition of two of them worsened, they were transferred to the CCU. This morning, a pregnant woman named Mamoni Ruidas passed away, causing chaos at the hospital. A large police force has been deployed for security reasons. Hospital Superintendent Jayant Raut was contacted several times, but there was no response from him. The health department is investigating the complaint, according to the district's Chief Health Officer.

Tension also flared at a private hospital in Raniganj last week following the death of a mother after childbirth. Members of the West Bengal Bauri Samaj protested by blocking National Highway No. 60, along with the relatives of the deceased.

16th Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival opens with Usha Uthup, Milind Soman, and Ankita Konwar



L-R Anjum Katyal, Usha Uthup, Neeta Sreedharan, Swagat Sengupta, Arjun Sengupta.

L-R Neeta Sreedharan, Ankita Konwar, Milind Soman.

News Service, Kolkata: The 16th Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival (AKLF) opened with a captivating performance by legendary singer Usha Uthup at Allen Park, Kolkata. Reflecting on her 55-year musical journey, Uthup shared her

thoughts on living in the moment and the timeless joy of reading books, urging younger generations to reconnect with literature. Her performance of "Ganesh Vandana" and

"Skyfall" blended tradition with modernity, setting the tone for the three-day literary celebration. Directors Anjum Katyal and Maina Bhagat welcomed attendees to the event.

A tribute was paid to the late filmmaker Shyam Benegal, celebrating his immense contributions to Indian cinema. AKLF Programming Head Neeta Sreedharan remembered Benegal's participation in the 2013 AKLF, making the tribute particularly poignant.

Fitness icons Milind Soman and Ankita Konwar captivated the audience with a discussion about their book Keep Moving. In conversation with Neeta Sreedharan, they shared insights on fitness, marathons, and overcoming challenges. The book, collaboration across three generations, highcating self-expertise in fitness. Milind, turning 60 this year, emphasized that fitness is about enjoying life, being physically and mentally ready

for each moment. reminisced Milind about his early days as a competitive swimmer from the age of 9 to 23, which laid the foundation for his understanding of the body and mind. Surprisingly, he admitted, "I disliked running for a long time, but the Mumbai Marathon in 2004 changed that. It sparked something in me, and I trained to prove to myself that Indians could do it. Despite doubts, I com-

pleted the 21 kilometers comfortably." This perspective of self-discipline over societal expectations was echoed by Ankita, who added, "Motivation comes and goes, but discipline is what truly stays. Once you commit to your 'why,' you can push through anything."

Former Kolkata ACP falls victim to cyber fraud, two arrested

lights their different

paths to wellness, advo-

MI News Service, Kolkata: A former Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) from Kolkata has fallen prey to a cyber fraud scheme, losing over 11 lakh. The incident occurred under the pretext of updating his KYC details, prompting the Bidhannagar Cyber Police to launch an investigation and arrest two suspects. According to police sources, the victim, Pran Krishna Ghata, a resident of Lake Town and a retired Kolkata Police officer, filed a complaint at the Lake Town Police Station on November 26. The complaint states that Ghata received a phone call from a person

claiming to be a manager from a reputed stateowned bank. The caller allegedly convinced him to download a mobile application under the guise of updating his KYC information. Trusting the caller's credentials, Ghata installed the app on his mobile phone, unknowingly giving the fraudsters access to his banking details.

Shortly after, Ghata discovered that a total of 11 lakh had been siphoned off from three of his bank accounts into unknown accounts. Realizing he had been duped, he promptly lodged a complaint with the Lake Town Police Station.

The case was later transferred to the Bidhannagar Cyber Police, who took swift action. Their investigation led to the arrest of two individuals: Subhranshu Majhi and Arka Prabha Ray Choudhury. Both suspects are now in police custody as authorities probe deeper into the scam to identify other possible members of the racket.

The police suspect the involvement of a larger network behind this cybercrime. Investigators are examining the suspects' communications and financial transactions to uncover

Passport forgery scandal unfolds: Renting bank accs for illegal applications

MI News Service, Kolkata: The passport forgery scandal in West Bengal has taken a murkier turn, with investigators uncov-

volving fake documents and rented bank accounts. Sources reveal that a single account was allegedly used to process

passport applications, raising concerns about the depth of the operation. As unrest in Bangladesh intensifies,

have grown. The Border Security Force (BSF) has ramped up surveillance in border areas, but this vigilance has exposed the flourishing passport for-

gery racket. One arrest has led investigators to identify multiple suspects, with police determined to uncover the full extent of



A small girl admiring a red rose during the Annual Rose Show

petitioner sought a directive allowing them to participate in the event. Justice Amrita Sinha ruled against the petition,

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Calcutta High Court on Friday dismissed a petition filed by the Association for Protection of Democratic Rights (APDR) seeking permission to set up a stall at the 48th International Kolkata Book Fair. The annual event is scheduled to take place in Salt Lake from January APDR had approached

the court after being denied permission by the Publishers and Book-

sellers' Guild, which organizes the book fair. The

Cal HC rejects APDR's

plea for book fair stall

declaring it non-maintainable, as the Guild is a private entity. The court noted that it could not interfere in the decisions of such an organization.

The Guild's lawyer argued that APDR does not possess a valid registration certificate, a require-

ment for participants at the fair. Additionally, it was highlighted that the fair is exclusively for publishers and booksellers, a criterion that APDR does not meet.

The dismissal underscores the fair's focus on promoting publishing and bookselling activities, while maintaining eligibility requirements for participants. The decision reaffirms the Guild's autonomy in managing the

Revenue boost for KMC as property taxpayers surge

Kolkata: Faced with declining revenue from property tax, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) struggled to pay contractors and fund new developmental projects. However, a remarkable turnaround has been achieved with a sharp increase in new taxpayers over the past year. Sources reveal that the number of registered taxpayers has surpassed 9.5 lakh, providing a muchneeded financial boost for the corporation.

According to KMC officials, over 44,000 new property taxpayers have been registered in the last vear alone. This growth has brought 65,740 properties under the "self-assessment" system, leading to increased rev-On January 5, 2024, the number of taxpayers stood at 9,10,431. By January 5, 2025, the number rose 9,54,593—a significant increase of 44,162 within just one year. The success

is attributed to KMC's em-

phasis on the "self-assessment" system, which property encourages owners to voluntarily assess and register their properties for taxation. streamlining this process, KMC has significantly expanded its tax January 2024,

3,80,850 properties were under self-assessment. whereas the figure grew to 4,46,590 by January 2025—an addition of 65,740 properties. A KMC official highlighted that in previous years, around 25,000–30,000 new taxpayers were added annually. However, the current financial year has already recorded an increase of 44,000 taxpayers, thanks to the faster issuance of online clearance certificates for new houses and

KMC is now focused on sustaining this growth by targeting properties that have not yet been assessed. Areas such as Kasba, Jadavpur, Mukundapur, Behala, Thakurpukur, and Joka—newly

brought under KMC's jurisdiction—hold signifi-cant potential for further expansion of the tax base.

Additionally, letters are being sent to delinquent taxpayers, and the registration and mutation processes for new properties have been expedited. These measures aim to ensure continuous revenue growth.

With the rise in taxpayers, KMC's treasury is now in a healthier position. The additional revenue has enabled the corporation to address pending payments and initiate new projects. Officials believe this momenwill eliminate financial constraints in the near future.

This surge in revenue reflects the success of KMC's focused efforts to enhance property tax compliance. By expanding the taxpayer base and improving processes, the corporation has not only tackled immediate financial challenges but also laid the foundation for sustainable growth.

at Lions Safari Park in Kolkata on Friday. State Govt to recruit 900 transport staff to boost bus services in Bengal MI News Service, Kolkata:

The West Bengal government is taking significant steps to improve public transport following Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's intervention. After observing commuters stranded due to inadequate bus services, she Transport reprimanded Minister Snehasis Chakraborty, referring to his department as a "silent department." In a move to enhance bus availability, the transport department is set to recruit 900 temporary staff, including 450 drivers and 450 conductors. According to sources at Nabanna, this decision has already received approval from the finance department and awaits final clearance in the next cabinet meeting. Once sanctioned, the recruitment process will begin immediately. To address commuter grievances about insufficient bus services, the government is also set to roll out 200 new CNG buses. The decision came after passengers highlighted the lack of government buses on key routes. The introduction of these buses is expected to ease the burden on existing services and reduce waiting times for commuters.

ITC Infotech to establish Bengal's first 'Global Al Hub'

MI News Service, Kolkata: ITC Infotech is set to create Bengal's first Global Artificial Intelligence (AI) Hub at its ITC Green Centre campus in Rajarhat. The formal announcement is expected during the up-coming Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS) in February. According to reports, the hub will be a central node in ITC Group's global AI and digital operations, offering cutting-edge solutions to clients worldwide.

The hub will anchor ITC's digital transformation strategies, leveraging the local talent pool and offering global services. ITC Infotech currently employs around 1,000 professionals in Kolkata. Over the next three to four years, the company plans to increase its workforce in the city by 25-30%, aligning with its annual growth

The ITC Green Centre campus, where the Global AI Hub will be established, is a significant venture with a current investment of 1,000 crore. An additional 600 crore will be infused to complete the project. The state-of-theart campus spans 14 lakh square feet with 17 floors, designed to serve as a hub for innovation and digital excellence.

The initiative will also focus on collaboration with academic institutions to enhance AI expertise. ITC's partnership with the education sector aims to drive innovation, research, and skill development in artificial intelligence.

This initiative positions Bengal at the forefront of AI advancements in India. By integrating local talent and global AI capabilities, ITC Infotech's Global AI Hub is expected to foster technological growth and generate employment opportunities. The project underscores the state's commitment to becoming a key player in the global technology arena.

With the upcoming ofannouncement, Kolkata's journey toward becoming a global AI innovation center is set to take a decisive leap forward.

Minimally invasive spine surgery performed successfully

MI News Service, Kolkata: A Multispecialty Hospital successfully performed Endoscopic Discectomy, a minimally invasive spine surgery, on a 28-year-old female patient. The procedure was conducted under the supervision of a senior orthopaedic and spine surgeon. Endoscopic Discectomy, designed to repair or remove a herniated disc, offers a safer, more effective alternative to open spine surgery and microdiscectomy. This procedure is especially beneficial for patients with chronic renal problems and other serious conditions, as it enables faster recovery. The surgery was notably performed at a hospital located in Madhyamgram, North 24 Paraganas, West Bengal. after the patient experienced severe back pain and leg symptoms for a year.

Reckless mini-bus claims life, injures four in Burrabazar area

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata witnessed another tragic incident of reckless driving as a speeding mini-bus ran amok in Burrabazar, claiming the life of a 60year-old woman and leaving four others seriously injured. The incident occurred near Satyanarayan Park, where the bus hit four pedestrians in quick succession.

Eyewitnesses reported that the bus lost control and mowed down individuals standing along the road. Police from Burrabazar Police Station rushed to the scene, rescuing the injured and sending them to the hospital. The driver and con-

ductor of the bus have been detained. The deceased has been identified as Nazu Bibi, a 60-year-old resident of Sankrail in Howrah. While she was alive when rescued, doctors at the hospital declared her dead upon arrival. Among the injured are:Kamala Devi (50): A resident of Lake Town, Ramla Devi (60): Severely injured, Nisha Mehta (63): From Liluah, suffered significant injuries and Nikita Kejriwal (31): Also critically hurt.

All injured individuals are currently undergoing treatment, with some in critical condition. At the Kolkata Medical College, a visibly shaken woman recounted her harrowing experience. She had come to Burrabazar for shopping when the tragedy struck. "I never imagined such an incident would occur while standing on the roadside.

11 January 2025

Name Change

I, Shweta Agarwal, Shweta Agar n, sinweta Agarwai, sinweta Agarwai (old name) wife of JAYDEEP AGARWAL,D.O.B - 30/07/1983, residing at A.B. Mukherjee Road, Post-Nutanganj, P.S.- Bardhaman Sadar, Dist-Purba Bardhaman (State,West Rongal Pin, 713102) State-West Bengal, Pin- 713102, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sweta Agarwal (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated 10/01/2025. Sweta Agarwal (new name) and Shweta Agarwal, Shweta Agar-wala & Shweta Agrawal (old name) both are same and identi-

Name Change

I, Md Ansar Ali (Old Name) S/o Samser Ali Mondal Residing at Majher Para, Ghuni, P.o - Hatiara, Bidhannagar - 700157 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Ansar Ali Mondal (New Name) as declared before the No-tary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 94/2025 Date 10-01-2025. Md Ansar Ali (Old Name) and Ansar Ali Mondal (New Name) both as same and one identical person.

Name Change

Md Ashif Reza (Old Name) S/o Ansar Ali Mondal Residing at Majher Para, Ghuni, P.o - Hatiara, Bidhannagar - 700157 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Ashif Reja (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 95/2025 Date 10-01-2025. Md Ashif Reza (Old Name) and Ashif Reja (New Name) both as same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Protiva Mitra (old name) wife of Swapan Kumar Mitra, residing at 101/2A, Kalitala Road North Pur bachal, P.O-Haltu, P.S- Garfa Kolkata-700078, West Bengal have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Prativa Mitra (new name) as declared be fore the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 09/01/2025. Protiva Mitra (old name) and Prativa Mitra (new name) both are same and

Name Change

I, Nimai Chandra Pasari S/o Lat Anuhari Pasari Residing at Vill Garhbeta, District - West Medinipur, Pin-721127 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Nimai Pasari. I declare that Nimai Chandra Pasari and Nimai Pasari is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 10-01-2025.

Name Change , MOHUA SINGHA MAHAPATRA

Old Name) W/O JAYANTA KUMAH PANDA Residing at Flat No-9, Julious Group Housing Co-op soci-ety, Sector-2A, P.S.-New Township, District - Paschim Bardhaman, Pin - 713212 West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MAHUA PANDA (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public govt of India vide affidavit Dated 10-01-2025. MOHUA SINGHA MAHAPA-TRA (Old Name) and MAHUA PANDA (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

Mousumi Mukhopadhvav Samajdar W/o. Rupam Bhat Floor, Ånnapurna Devine, Bandel Station Road, Bandel, Chinsurah, that my daughter Nabanthika Sarkar D/o. Mousumi Mukhopadhyay Samajdar & Nabanthika Bhattacharjee D/o. Mousumi Mukhopadhyay Samajdar both are the self-same one and identical person vide an affidavit no 243 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 09/01/2025. My daughter's origi-nal name is Nabanthika Sarkar.

Name Change

I, Kumkum Bhowmik W/o. Gautam Bhowmik D/o. Sani Bhusan De R/o. Firm Side Road 2 No. Lane Simla Chinsurah R.S. Chinsurah, Hooghly-712102, W.B. declared that my father Sani Bhu san De S/o. Panchanan De & Ganesh Chandra De S/o. Panchanan De both are the same & one identical person vide an affi-davit no. 27 sworn before S.D.E.M. Sadar, Hooghly Court on

Name Change

I, Sonali Mukherjee (old name) W/o. Numar Dasgupta, R/o. 460, Tolafa-tak, Mitrabagan, Chinsurah, Hooghly-712101 W.B. have chan ged my name and shall henceforth be known as Sonali Mukheriee fidavit no. 399 sworn before Notary Public, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 10/01/2025. Sonali Mukherjee & Sonali Mukherjee (Dasgupta) W/o. Sudip Mukheriee, D/o. Swapan Kumar Dasgupta both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change

I, Prodip Jana (old name) S/o. Ajit Jana R/o. Nizampur, Bora, Singur, Hooghly-712306, W.B. have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pradip Jana (new name) vide an affidavit no. 30 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Chandannagore, Hooghly Court on 03/01/2025. Prodip Jana & Pradip Jana S/o. Ajit Jana both are the same & one identical person. Soumya Jana is my son.

Name Change

I, Riya Bera spouse of Subhankar Bera resident of Vill+PO-Bels ingha, PS-Falta, Teh- Diamon Harbour, Dist-South 24 Parganas Pin-743504 (WB) have change my Name from Riva Gore to Riva Bera vide Affidavit dated 06 Jan uary 2025 before Diamond Harbour Criminal & Judges Court Diamond Harbour, Distt-South 24

India sends humanitarian assistance to Cuba following **Hurricane Rafael**

MI News Service, New Delhi: India on Friday sent humanitarian assistance to Cuba folthe devastation caused by Hurricane Rafael. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said that a consignment of essential medicines, including antibiotics, and painkillers has been dispatched to aid the people of Cuba in their recovery efforts. Sharing a post on X, the MEA spokesperson wrote, "Vishwabandhu Bharat: India sends Humanitarian Assistance for the people of Cuba." "In the aftermath of Hur-

ricane Rafael, a consignment in the form of Essential Medicines comprising Antibiotics, Anti-pyretics, pain killers, ORS, muscle relaxants has departed for Cuba today," the post added. Notably, Hurricane Rafael made landfall in the western Cuban province of Artemisa as a Category 3 storm on the afternoon of November 6, 2024. The hurricane approached the island from the south, having skirted past Jamaica on November 5 as a tropical storm, according to NASA Earth Observatory. Approaching Cuba, it traversed warm waters and encountered light to moderate vertical wind shear--environmental conditions that helped the storm to strengthen into a major hurricane. Rafael's sustained wind speeds peaked at 185 kilometres per hour prior to landfall, the National Hurricane Center (NHC) had reported. It weakened slightly upon encountering land, downgrading to a Category 2 storm as it moved across Cuba and tracked northwest into the Gulf of Mexico. Citing news reports, the NASA Earth Observatory said that the Cuban government announced the hurricane had knocked out power across the entire island before landfall. Several airports had sus-

pended flights. Name Change

Nurul Hoda, S/O Late Md Khalil,Residing At 12/1, Padma-pukur East Lane, Watganj Kolkata -700023,West Bengal Shall Henceforth Be Known As Noorul Hoda Vide An Affidavi Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/01/2024.That Nurul Hoda And Noorul Hoda Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

. Jiban Harihar Mazumdar (old name) son of Harihar Majumdar, residing at Narikela, P.S.- Gaighata, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743249, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jiban Majumdar (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated 10/01/2025. Jiban Majumdar (new name) and Jihan Harihar Mazum. dar (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

, Harihar Mazumdar (old name) son of Late Yudhishthir Majum-dar, residing at Gayghata, Narikela, P.S.- Gaighata, Dist.-North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743249, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Harihar Majumdar (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated 10/01/2025. Harihar Majumdar (new name) and Harihar Mazumdar (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Banasree Bose Kumar (old name), wife of Rabindra Kumar, residing at P-146/1, Block-B, P.S.-Lake town, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 700089, West Bengal, shall henceforth be known as Banasree Bose (new name) vide an affi-davit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 10/01/20 25 That Banasree Bose (new name) and Banasree Bose Kumar (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change

, Khoirul Mondal (old name), son of Khalil Mondal, residing at Shankpukur, Budge Budge, South gal, shall henceforth be known as Khayrul Mondal (new name) vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 10/01/2025. That Khayrul Mondal (new name) and Khoirul Mondal (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change

, Sk Minhajuddin S/o- Sk Mafijuddin, Resident at Rudrani, Dhaniakhali, Hooghly I hereby announce that I have changed my name from Minha Uddin to Sk Minhajuddin for all purpose in the Court of Ld. Executive Magistrate Hooghly at Chinsurah vide affidavit No-30 on 08/01/2025



Camels meant for joyrides arrive ahead of Maha Kumbh Mela 2025, in Prayagraj, Uttar

Snag in system: Govt extends monthly **GST** return, payment deadline

MI News Service, New Delhi: The government on Friday extended the deadline for filing monthly GST sales return form GSTR-1 and GST payment by 2 days after taxpayers reported technical glitches in the GSTN system. As per a notification by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), the last date for filing GSTR-1 for December is January 13, while that for taxpayers opting for quarterly payment under the QRMP scheme for the October-December period will be January 15. Normally, the last date for filing GSTR-1 for monthly return filers is January 11, while for quarterly taxpayers it is January 13.

The deadline for GST payment by filing GSTR-3B for December has been extended to January 22, from the existing date of January 20. For taxpayers who

MI News Service, New Delhi:

The rupee declined 14

paise and touched the cru-

cial 86.00-mark (provi-

sional) for the first time

against the US dollar on

Friday as it failed to resist

American currency and

huge outflow of foreign

funds. Surging crude oil

prices overseas and nega-

tive sentiment in domestic

currency, forex traders

said. Also, dollar strength-

ened on increased demand

amid the anticipation of

restrictive trade measures

by the new US administra-

tion after Donald Trump

takes over as president on January 20. At the inter-

bank foreign exchange, the

rupee opened at 85.88, hit

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sional) for the first time

against the US dollar on

Friday as it failed to resist

pressure from a stronger

American currency and

huge outflow of foreign

funds. Surging crude oil

prices overseas and nega-

tive sentiment in domestic

weighed down the Indian

currency, forex traders

said. Also, dollar strength-

ened on increased demand

amid the anticipation of

restrictive trade measures

by the new US administra-

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gained 5 paise to settle at

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lar, recovering from the

steep decline of 17 paise in

the preceding session.

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from its previous close.

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pay GST quarterly, the due date has been extended to January 24 and January 26, depending on the state-wise registration of the business. Earlier in the day, GST Network said in a post on X that it has sent an "incident report" to the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on the technical glitches in the system and requested an extension of the filing

date of GST sales return or

rently experiencing technical issues and is under maintenance. We expect the portal to be operational by 12:00 noon. CBIC is being sent an incident report to consider extension in filing date," GST Tech, the official handle of GSTN, said in a post on X. The GST Network has been facing technical glitches since Thursday as taxpayers were unable to generate summary of GSTR-1 and file the return.

Versace that sells keychain for Rupee declines 14 paise and touches crucial over Rs 60,000 is up for sale, 86.00-mark for first Italy's Prada wants to buy time against US dollar



MI News Service, Rome: Italy's Prada is among the potential suitors looking at fashion group Versace which Capri Holdings has put up for sale, daily Il Sole 24 ore reported on Friday. In November. Coachowner Tapestry abandoned an \$8.5 billion deal to buy Michael Kors-owner Capri. After that deal to create a U.S. luxury conglomerate fell through, Capri executives did not rule out the possibility of a potential sale of its brands.

Capri hired Barclays to look at strategic options including the sale of its Versace and Jimmy Choo brands, two people with direct knowledge of the matter told Reuters. One person said the entire Capri Holdings group could also be up for sale.

Prada is looking at the file with Citi, the report said. Citi has worked with Prada in the past over a dual-listing project which was put on hold. Contacted by Reuters, Prada declined to comment. Citi was not immediately available for comment. Prada's Hong Kong-listed shares closed down 0.4% on Friday. Versace, founded in

Milan in 1978 by late Italian designer Gianni Versace and still led by his sister Donatella as creative director, became known for its bold, opulent prints, including the Medusa motif. iconic Prada, whose rigorous, intellectual style bears the imprint of creative head Miuccia Prada, has been defying the industry's downturn with sales up 18% at constant currencies in the third quarter. Versace accounted for a fifth of Capri's revenue in the fiscal year through March 30, 2024, or \$1 billion out of a total of \$5.2 billion for the group, which compared with \$5.6 billion the year before. In November, Capri posted a biggerthan-expected drop in quarterly revenue, hurt by execution missteps and a global slowdown in luxury goods demand.

Cognizant CEO meets Odisha CM, discusses development of firm's biggest campus in India

MI News Service, Bhubaneshwar: Cognizant CEO Ravi Kumar S met Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Friday to discuss the development of the American IT firm's biggest campus in India in the state, a statement said. At the meeting, Majhi said the state government would allot land in Bhubaneswar city for development of the Cognizant campus and provide all support, it said. "Both discussed on developing Cognizant campus in Bhubaneswar as its biggest centre in India," it added. Ravi Kumar S, who is of Odisha origin, was in Bhubaneswar to attend the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas convention. He expressed happiness over the growth of the firm's existing centre in Bhubaneswar, and exuded confidence that it would grow further in the next five years, the statement said.

Multipurpose Health Camp organized at **Bolpur Station for Railway beneficiaries**



MI News Service, Kolkata: A Multipurpose Health Camp was successfully organized at Bolpur station for Railway beneficiaries under the able guidance of Dr. Debasish Guha, Chief Medical Superintendent, Howrah. This initiative, aimed at promoting health and wellness among Railway employees and their families, witnessed enthusiastic participation.

Dr. Aniruddha Kirtania, Principal Chief Medical Director, Eastern Railway, graced the occasion with his presence. During his visit, he also conducted a thorough inspection of Bolpur Station to evaluate the passenger amenities, sanitation status, and the Lock-up Dispensary.

MI News Service, Kolkata:

Periodic maintenance of

tracks & overhead electri-

fication (OHE) is crucial to

ensure the safe & efficient

operation of railway sys-

tem. Regular and systematic maintenance of this

component helps prevent

disruption and delays, en-

suring trains run on sched-

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of railway infrastructure,

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mind the need for mainte-

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Block has been planned

over Howrah Division on

12.01.2025 (Sunday). Con-

His observations and valuable inputs for improvement were pivotal for ensuring enhanced services for passenand gers beneficiaries alike. The camp was attended by an esteemed team of expert medical professionals of Eastern Railway.

medical team, drawn from Howrah and Burdwan, provided comprehensive healthcare services during the camp. Beneficiaries were registered and underwent various health assessments, including weight and height measurement, blood sample collection for basic investigations, and ECGs as advised. The beneficiaries were also examined by specialists from multiple disciplines. A total of 70 Railway beneficiaries availed themselves of the opportunity to consult with doctors and undergo health evaluations. As part of the camp, a banner was displayed to raise awareness about the elimination of Tuberculosis. Beneficiaries were sensitized about TB prevention, symptoms, and treatment, emphasizing the importance of early diagnosis and care.

This health camp reflects Eastern Railway's commit-ment to the well-being of its employees and their families, showcasing the proactive measures taken to ensure their health and welfare.

One Pair EMU local Amrit Bharat to be cancelled for **Maintenance Work**



LSLRD+4 LWS+12 LWSCN +4 LWS +1 LSLRD+LOCO • Version version 2: LOCO+1 LSLRD+5 LWS+4 LWSCN+1 LWCD+4 LWSCN+6 LWS + 1 LSLRD + LOCO • Speed Potential: 130 kmph • Control couplers on end walls for push-pull operation with locos at both ends for high acceleration Semi permanent couplers for jerk free travel

Foldable bottle holder, Im-

proved Seats & berth, Ra-

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160KN Air spring bogie, 2

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lets in each coach with Elec-

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Flushing system, Automatic

hygiene odour control sys-

tem in FRP Modular toilet,

Automatic-soap dispenser,

Streamlined-LED light fit-

ting, Aerosol-based fire sup-

pression system in toilets

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Divyangjan toilet in Sleeper

coach, Mobile charging

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sequently, the train regula-(Ver 1) ○ Semi automatic tions will be as follows: couplers for jerk free travel Cancellation and easy connection (Ver 2) 12.01.2025): From Tarakeswar : Modern Amenities for Passengers : Foldable Snack table, Mobile holder,

From Howrah: 37323 Rescheduling of trains on 12.01.2025: • 37749 leave Bandel at 12:45 hrs. instead of 12:15 hrs. 37374 Goghat - Howrah local will leave Goghat at 13:20 hrs. instead of 13:10 hrs. • 53011 Katwa - Azimganj passenger will leave Katwa at 14:35 hrs.

instead of 13:55 hrs. No Metro Services on Green line-2 On 12.01.25 and 19.01.25 (Sunday)



MI News Service, Kolkata: In order to conduct Interlocking Test for Communications Based Train Control (CBTC) system between Salt Lake Sector V- Howrah Maidan stretch of Green Line, no Metro services on Green Line-2 from Esplanade to Howrah Maidan will be available on 12.01.2025 and 19.01.2025 (both Sundays). It is to be noted that on Sundays, Metro services on Green Line-1 are not available. This exhaustive Interlocking Test is essential to interface and integrate both software and hardware of the system in the entire stretch from Howrah Maidan to Salt Lake Sector V.

Diversion of Malda Town -Surat Special on 11.01.2025

MI News Service, Kolkata: For Construction of 4 Lane flyover / Elevated Road cum Road Over Bridge (ROB) at Siramtoli Chowk over South Eastern Railway, 13425 Malda Town - Surat Special (Journey Commecning on 11.01.2025) will be diverted via Kotshila – Muri – Chandil - Sini – Rourkela instead of Kotshila – Muri – Ranchi – Rourkela.

Toilet Indication light, Public Address & Passenger Information System (PAPIS), Improved screwless interior panelling with Aluminium LOCO+1 Composite Panels Additional Features

in Amrit Bharat Version 2 O Semi-automatic couplers instead of semi-permanent for easy attachment and detachment of coaches Crashworthy features -Providing crash tube in the couplers O EP-assisted brake system for quick brake application \bigcirc Fully sealed gangway for quick coupling & decoupling O Vacuum evacuation system similar to Vande Bharat \bigcirc Toilets built using SMC (Sheet Metal Compound) material for maintenance friendly & better aesthetics Monitoring (OBCMS) for Real time monitoring of Wheel & Bearing \bigcirc IoT based water level indicators - Internet based water level indicators to help watering stations and on board staff \bigcirc External-emergency lights-To provide basic lighting during emergency situations like derailments and accidents O Charging sockets -USB A & C type ports O Fans with SS grills

Chinese Police detain musician Fei Xiaosheng over support for **Hong Kong democracy**

MI News Service, Beijing: Chinese authorities in Xi'an have arrested Fei Xiaosheng, a well-known musician and performance artist who had expressed support for the Hong Kong

democracy movement. Fei, 55, was apprehended by police in Xi'an on Tuesday and is currently being held at the Beilin Detention Center, according to acquaintances who were familiar with him through the Songzhuang Artists' Village, a community of dissident and fringe artists in Beijing Radio Free Asia reported. Fei's arrest occurs amid an ongoing crackdown by the ruling Communist Party on artists and creative professionals whose work or opinare viewed potentially subversive. Authorities have also detained Gao Zhen, one half of the Gao Brothers artistic duo. on charges of "insulting revolutionary heroes and marafter confiscating satirical artwork featuring Chairman Mao from his studio. Fellow artist Du Ying-

hong, now living in

Thailand, expressed his shock on social media upon hearing of Fei Xiaosheng's detention.

"Two years ago, we communicated times, and he mentioned that he envied me for living outside of China," Du wrote. "Just a few days ago, we had a video call, and I learned that he had applied for a passport, travelled to Serbia, but somehow ended up back in the confines of our country." Du wrote, "He had mentioned that he planned to leave again soon and asked me to add his European phone number, but then we received the unfortunate news that he had been arrested." Du later informed RFA Mandarin that Fei is being held at the Beilin Detention Center in Xi'an, but authorities have not provided any official notice of his detention. "This is part of their cultural purge and a way to settle scores, he said, noting that Fei was likely targeted for his public support of the prodemocracy movement in

Hong Kong.



Motor team of Bengal Police in Ganga Sagar from Kolkata on Friday, are ready to join their duty.

Regulation of trains for construction of limited height subway in Krishnanagar - Lalgola section

In a significant stride towards enhancing safety and convenience for local commuters, Eastern Railway is constructing Limited Height Subway (LHS) in lieu of Level Crossing Gates No. 124/E (non-interlocking gate) in Krishnanagar City - Lalgola Section. Local residents and commuters using these gates will experience increased convenience and reduced travel time, contributing to an improved quality of life. The LHS also significantly reduce the risk associated with

Level crossing providing a saf-EASTERN RAILWAY Divisional Engineer (IV), Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building near Railway station, Howrah-711101 from tenderers having experience of similar nature of work and required financial capabilities including those registered with Irrigation/CPWD/SEB/MES or any public sector undertaking for the following works : DEN/4/HWH. SI. No. 1, E-Tender No. : 310_2024-25, dtd. 09.01.2025. Description of work: Howrah-Division - Cess repair work under AEN/BHP under the jurisdiction of DEN/IV/HWH. Approx. Cost: Rs. 6,33,88,955,30. Earnest Money: Rs. 4.67.000/-. SI. No. 2. E-Tender No.: 311_2024-25, dtd. 09.01.2025. Description of work: Howrah Division Cess repair work under AEN/RPH under the jurisdiction of DEN/IV/HWH. Approx. Cost: Rs. 7,56,86,042.92. Earnest Money: Rs. 5,28,400/-. SI. No. 3, E-Tender No.: 313_2024-25, dtd. 09.01.2025. Description of work: Replacement of Steel O.H. tank by RCC O.H. Tank of capacity 50000 gallon with pipeline & other ancillary works at RPH (4 nos.) & NHT (1 no.) under AEN/RPH. Approx. Cost: Rs. 7,90,06,905.84. Earnest Money: Rs. 5,45,000/-. Tender form cost : Nil for each. Completion period: 12

months from the date of issue of

acceptance letter for each. Closing date

& time of tender: 30.01.2025 at 14.00

hrs. for each. In case the date of closing

mentioned in the Notice Inviting Tender

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account, the date of closing tender online

will not be changed as the application in

the website of IREPS does not permit

submission of any offer after closing date

and time of the tender. However

opening of tenders online will be done

next working day. The details of tender

are available at website www.ireps.

gov.in Tenderers are requested to

submit their offer online on the above

website. Payment of earnest money

deposit (EMD) & Tender document cost.

in respect of E-tendering, should be

accepted through net banking or

payment gateway only through above

website, Note: Fixed Deposit Receipt

(FDR) will not be accepted as EMD for

tenders invited on IREPS (e-tender

oortal). No manual offer will be accepted. (HWH-541/2024-25) Tender Notices are also available at Website vs.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at : M @EasternRailway @easternrailwavheadguarter

MI News Service, Kolkata: er passage for both pedestrians and vehicles. Accordingly, for construction of Limited Height Subway, 7½ hours (10:45 hrs. to 18:15 hrs.) traffic & power block has been planned on Jan 12 2025. Consequently, following arrangement in train running have been made as under: CANCELLATION OF TRAINS ON Jan 12 2025 (SATUR-

> • 53091/53092 Krishnanagar – Azimganj-Krishnanagar passenger

• 31861/31864 Krishnanagar - Lalgola -Krishnanagar local SHORT TERMINATION/SHORT ORIGINATION AND RE-SCHEDULING OF TRAINS ON SUNDAY (Jan 12 2025):

• 31773 Ranaghat - Lalgola Passenger will be short terminated at Rejinagar and 31770 Lalgola – Ranaghat Passenger will be short originated from Rejinagar instead of Lalgola. • 31769 Ranaghat – Lalgola EMU Passenger will be short terminated at Rejinagar and 31774 Lalgola - Ranaghat EMU passenger will be short originated from Rejinagar in- 16:50 hrs.

Regulation of trains for track maintenance work over SER

MEMU will be short terminat-

ed at Plassey and 63104 Lal-

gola - Sealdah MEMU short

originated from Plassey in-

• 31819 Sealdah - Krish-

nanagar local will be short

terminated at Ranaghat and

local will be short originat-

ed from Ranaghat instead of

• 53175 Sealdah - Lalgola pas-

senger will leave Sealdah at

14:40 hrs. instead of 12:40 hrs.

• 53180 Lalgola – Sealdah pas-

senger will be short originated

from Krishnapur and will leave

Krishnapur at 17:50 hrs. in-

• 63101 Kolkata – Lalgola pas-

senger will leave Kolkata at

15:30 hrs. instead of 14:10 hrs.

Hazarduari Express will leave

Lalgola at 18:10 hrs. instead of

13114 Lalgola - Kolkata

Tatanagar - Asansol MEMU

(journey commencing on Jan 12

& 15 2025) will remain cancelled.

Moreover, 68055/68056 Asansol -

Tatanagar - Asansol MEMU (jour-

ney commencing on Jan 13 & 16

2025) will be Short terminated at /

Cancellation of 7 pair of

Bhagalpur - Gandhidham -

Bhagalpur weekly express spl

Kolkata: Railway has de-

cided to cancel the services

09451 Gandhidham

Bhagalpur weekly Ex-

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mencing on every Friday

between Jan 10 & Feb 21

2025) and 09452 Bhagal-

pur - Gandhidham weekly

Express special (journey

commencing on every Mon

day between Jan 13 & Feb

24 2025) due to foggy sea-

son and Maha Kumbh at

Notice of Inviting e-Tender

Applications are invited fror

bonafied contractors/agencies vide NIT bearing no. 20/AGP/TN/2025

22/AGP/TN/2025 on dated

NIT Bid Submission last date

18.01.2025 (upto specified time in

portal) & scheduled to be opened

on 21.01.2025 and also vide NIC

bearing no. 26, 27, 28, 29/AGP

QN/2025 on dated-10.01.2025 and Auction Notice 25/AGP/2025 on

dated-10.01.2025. NIQ bio Submission last date **20.01.2025** &

21.01.2025. For more details visit

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OFFICE OF

BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Salboni, Paschim Medinipur

E-TENDER NOTICE

NIT No-73/BDO/SALBONI/

NIT2024-25 Dated-08.01.25 e

tender is invited by the B.D.O.

Salboni Development Block for 1

No civil work under Salbon

Development Block. For details

pl visit: www.wbtenders.gov.in

Bid Publishing date: 10.01.25

Bid Closing date: 17.01.2025

Bid Opening date: 20.01.2025 Sd/-

Block Development Officer

Salboni Development Block

OFFICE OF

BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

E-TENDER NOTICE

NIT No-40/EO/SALBONI PS/e NIT

2024-25 Dated-08.01.25 e-tender

is invited by the E.O, Salbon

Panchayat Samity for 9 Nos of

civil work under 15th CFC under

Panchayat Samity. For details pl

visit: www.wbtenders.gov.in &

vww.salboni.in

Bid Publishing date: 10.01.25

Bid Closing date: 17.01.2025

Bid Opening date: 20.01.2025

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Salboni, Paschim Medinipur

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Service,

Short originated from Purulia.

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Krishnanagar.

stead of 14:50 hrs.

31840 Krishnanagar – Sealdah

stead of Lalgola at 14:15 hrs.

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to Track Maintenance work in Chakradharpur Division of South Eastern Railway on Jan 12, 13, 15 & 16 2025, 13512/13511 Asansol - Tatanagar - Asansol Express (journey commencing on Jan 12 2025) & 68055/68056 Asansol

EASTERN RAILWAY

DRAIN/PHY/GP/LLH, Dated 09.01.25. E-tenders are invited by the Works Manager, C&W Workshop, Eastern Railway, Liluah, Howrah-711204 from reputed approved and eligible contractors of Railways and those of appropriate lis of Dept. of Govt./Public Secto Undertaking for the following work Name of work : Open e-tender for (i) Relocation/Omission of some identified existing columns obstructing the operation of column of trolly movement at ICF lifting Bay at C&W Workshop, Eastern Railway, Liluah. ii) Urgent repairs & renovation wor of drainage system & ancillary works at Liluah Railway Hospital, Easterr Railway, Liluah. (iii) Development o Phytorid technology for filtration of drain sewage of Liluah Colony under CWM/LLH & (iv) Development of gree patches in Liluah Yard at C & W Workshop, Liluah. Tender value Rs. 69.63.915.53. Bid Security Rs. 1,39,300/-. Cost of tender document : Nil. Completion period 270 davs. Date & time of closing of tender: 31.01.2025 at 12.00 hrs. The details of tender are available a website www.ireps.gov.in alongwith corrigendum, if any, Tenderers are requested to to submit their offer online on the above website. No manual offer will be accepted (MISC-300/2024-25)

Tender Notices are also available at Website www.er.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at : 🔀 @EasternRailway @easternrailwayheadquarter

EASTERN RAILWAY

E-Auction Notice No. COM/PUB/HWH/EMU/2024, Dtd. 08.01.2025. E-Auction is invited by Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, 3rd Floor, New Complex Building, Howrah - 711101 for awarding contract of commercial publicity rights. The Auction Catalogue have been uploaded in www.ireps.gov.in Catalogue No. PUB-HWH-25-3. Seq. No., Lot No. & Description are as follows AA/1. ADVT-IntExt-S1-EMUR30-24-1 (Advertising - Train Interior and Exterior), Awarding commercial publicity rights through Vinyl Wrapping (Graphic films according to RDSO specification) on the exterior surface of the entire side walls (barring windows and mandatory signage) and on the specified locations inside the coaches of 12 coach EMU rake plying over Howrah Division. AA/2, ADVT-IntExt-S1-EMUR31-24-1 (Advertising - Train Interior and Exterior), Awarding commercial publicity rights through Vinyl Wrapping (Graphic films according to RDSO specification) on the exterior surface of the entire side walls (barring windows and mandatory signage) and on the specified locations inside the coaches of 12 coach EMU rake plying over Howrah Division. AA/3, ADVT-IntExt-S1-EMUR32-24-1 (Advertising - Train Interior and Exterior), Awarding commercial publicity rights through Vinyl Wrapping (Graphic films according to RDSO specification) on the exterior surface of the entire side walls (barring windows and mandatory signage) and on the specified locations inside the coaches of 12 coach EMU rake plying over Howrah Division. AA/4, ADVT-IntExt-S1-EMUR33-24-1 (Advertising - Train Interior and Exterior). Awarding commercial publicity rights through Vinyl Wrapping (Graphic films according to RDSO specification) on the exterior surface of the entire side walls (barring windows and mandatory signage) and on the specified locations inside the coaches of 12 coach EMU rake plying over Howrah Division. AA/5, ADVT-IntExt-S1-EMUR34-24-1 (Advertising - Train Interior and Exterior), Awarding commercial publicity rights through Vinyl Wrapping (Graphic films according to RDSO specification) on the exterior surface of the entire side walls (barring windows and mandatory signage) and on the specified locations inside the coaches of 12 coach EMU rake plying over Howrah Division. Auction start date & time: 23.01.2025

at 12.00 hrs. (HWH-538/2024-25) Tender Notices are also available at Website www.er.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at : M @EasternRailway @easternrailwayheadquarter

Eastern Railway felicitates employees with disabilities on "International Day of persons with disabilities"

MI News Service, Kolkata: Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway, folicitated 31 non-gazetted railway employees

Eastern Railway, felicitated 31 non-gazetted railway employees with disabilities for their exceptional performance on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities at Fairlie Place on Friday (10.01.2025). The event was attended by Sumit Sarkar, Additional General Manager, Eastern Railway, Smt. Zarina Firdausi, Principal Chief Personnel Officer, as well as Principal Heads of Departments and other senior officials.

Deouskar awarded and Felicitated to the 31 employees from the Headquarters, all divisions, and workshops in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the railway's operations. Additionally, two employees were awarded for their remarkable performances in a cultural program organized by the employees

In his address, Milind Deouskar reiterated Eastern Railway's commitment to providing equal opportunities and fostering an inclusive, accessible environment for all employees, irrespective of their abilities. He praised the honorees for their dedication and excellence in their respective fields, emphasizing the importance of integrating persons with disabilities into every aspect of

The event also highlighted Eastern Railway's ongoing efforts to promote an inclusive workforce, ensuring that employees with disabilities receive the necessary support to thrive and contribute meaningfully to the organization's growth.



Union Minister of Railways visits Integral Coach Factory

MI News Service, New Delhi: Ashwini Vaishnaw, Hon'ble Union Minister of Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & Information Technology visited Integral Coach Factory (ICF) on 10.01.2025. He inspected the modified version of Amrit Bharat Coaches with improved features of passenger comfort and safety, including Modified toilet and Couplers. He also inspected Vistadome Air Conditioned Dining Car. Shri U. Subba Rao, General Manager/ICF briefed the features of Amrit Bharat coaches and Vistadome Dining Car to him. Hon'ble MR congratulated Team ICF for constantly innovating and for incorporating the special features in Amrit Bharat for the benefit of common public.Later he met the staff representatives of various Trade



Nij Narajole Gram Panchayat

Under Daspur-I Dev. Block Harirajur, Daspur, Paschim Medinipur

Notice Inviting e-Tender

-Tender is invited for execution of 04 Nos. development work under 15th CFC (Tied & Untied) Fund vide e-Tender No. WBPMID/NGP/GP/NIT-21/2024-25, Date : 10.01.2025. Bid submission Start Date (Online) : 11/01/2025 at 11.00 A.M. Bid submission Closing Date (Online) : 18/01/ 2025 up to 11.00 A.M. Bid Opening Date (Online): 20/01/2025 at 11.00 **A.M.** For all other details visit website <u>www.wbtenders.gov.in</u> and undersigned G.P. office. Sd/dersigned G.P. office.

Pradhan Nij Narajole Gram Panchayat

Ghoshpara, Nischinda, Bally, Howrah-711227

Notice Inviting e-Tender

e-Tenders are hereby invited from the bonafied and resourceful bidder or different development works under under GP area vide NIT No. WBZP/BGP/NIT-18/24-25 (SI. No.-1), Date: 10.01.2025. Bid submission start date: 10.01.2025 at 04.00 PM. Last date of Bid ubmission: 15.01.2025 up to 02.00 PM. Date of opening: 17.01.2025 at 02.30 PM. For details please visit <u>www.wbtenders.gov.in</u> and Office Notice Board. Sd/-

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Notice Inviting e-Tender

-Tenders are hereby invited from the bonafied and resourceful bidder for different development works under under GP area vide NIT No.-WBZP/BGP/NIT-04/24-25 (SI. No.-1), Date: 09.01.2025. Bid submission start date: 10.01.2025 at 10.00 AM. Last date of Bid submission : 24.01.2025 up to 05.00 PM. Date of opening: 28.01.2025 at 12.30 PM. For details please visit www.wbtenders.gov.in and

Prodhan **Bally Gram Panchayat**

REGULATION OF TRAINS DUE TO TRAFFIC & POWER BLOCK OVER SEALDAH DIVISION

Notice Inviting e-Tender ealed Tender is invited from In connection with placement of R.C.C. box & base slab across the Reputed & Bonafied Tenderer vide Railway tracks for Limited Height Subway, Traffic & Power Block -NIT No.: 16/2024-25, Date: for 7 hours 30 minutes (from 10.45 hrs. to 18.15 hrs.) will be 10.01.2025. Bid Submission End Date (Online): 17.01.2025 up to required on both UP & DN Lines at Level Crossing Gate No. 124/E 17:00 Hrs. Bid Opening Date (Non-Interlocking Gate) at Km. 178/31-179/01 in Krishnanagar City (Online): **21.01.2025 at 11.00 Hrs**. For detailed information visit https://wbtenders.gov.in/ https://etender.wb.nic.in & undersigned GP Office Sd/-Prodhan

Lalgola Section over Sealdah Division on 12.01.2025. Consequently, the following arrangements in train running have been made :- ● CANCELLATION (on 12.01.2025): (1) 53091 UP Krishnanagar City - Azimganj Passenger / 53092 DN Azimganj - Krishnanagar City Passenger. (2) 31861 UP Krishnanagar City - Lalgola EMU Passenger / 31864 DN Lalgola - Krishnanagar City EMU Passenger. ● SHORT TERMINATION / ORIGINATION (on 12.01.2025): (1) 31773 UP Ranaghat - Lalgola EMU Passenger will be short terminated at Rejinagar & 31770 DN Lalgola - Ranaghat EMU Passenger will be short originated from Rejinagar instead of Lalgola. (2) 63107 Sealdah - Lalgola MEMU will be short terminated at Plassey instead of Lalgola and 63104 Lalgola - Sealdah MEMU will be short originated from Plassey nstead of Lalgola & will be rescheduled at 14.15 hrs. (3) 31769 UP Ranaghat - Lalgola EMU Passenger will be short terminated at Rejinagar & 31774 DN Lalgola - Ranaghat EMU Passenger will be short originated from Rejinagar instead of Lalgola. (4) 31819 UP Sealdah - Krishnagar City EMU will be short terminated at Ranaghat & 31840 Krishnagar City - Sealdah EMU will be short originated from Ranaghat instead of Krishnagar City. (5) 53180 Lalgola - Sealdah Passenger will be short originated from Krishnapur and will be rescheduled for 3 hours i.e. will leave from Krishnapur at 17.50 hrs. instead of 14.50 hrs. ● RESCHEDULING (on 12.01.2025) : (1) 53175 UP Sealdah - Lalgola Passenger wil e re-scheduled for 2 hours i.e. will leave from Sealdah at 14.40 hrs. instead of 12.40 hrs. (2) 63101 Kolkata - Lalgola MEMU Passenger will be re-scheduled for 1 hour 20 minutes i.e. will eave from Kolkata at 15.30 hrs. instead of 14.10 hrs. (3) 13114 Lalgola - Kolkata Hazar Duari Express will be re-scheduled for 1 hour 20 minutes i.e. will leave from Lalgola at 18.10 hrs. instead of 16.50 hrs. Passengers are requested to follow the Public Address System of stations. Inconvenience is regretted.

Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah EASTERN RAILWAY



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E.No.F-720/705/1978

আমার মকেল সুমিত্রা প্রজাপতি স্বামী রবীন্দ্র

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ALOK KUMAR BHATTACHARYA

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Sugandhya Gram Panchayat

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OFFICE OF THE SABANG DEVELOPMENT BLOCK SABANG, PASCHIM MEDINIPUR

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NIT No-081,082,&083 of 2024-25 vide Memo No- 73/ SBG,74/SBG Dated-08.01.2025&55/PS Dated-10.01.2025 has been invited for 7No.Construction of CC road, kitchen, vending machine, fencing work & Submersible pump work under sabang fund of 15th CFC FY-2024-25,CSR, PM-POSHAN Last date & time for application of tender: 16.01.2025 upto 16.00 Hours & 22.01.2025 upto 16.00 Hours For details log on to: www.wbtenders.gov.ir

Executive Officer Date - 10.01.2025 **SABANG Panchayat Samity**

Jamgram Mondlai Gram Panchayat

Notice Inviting e-Tender (2nd Call)

e-Tender are invited from bonafied resourceful contractor for execution of 01 no. development works under 15th FC (Tied) Fund vide Memo No.: 013(NIT-14), Date: 10.01.2025, Bid Submission Start Date (Online): 10.01.2025 at 05.00 PM. Bid Submission End Date (Online) 17.01.2025 up to 04.00 PM. Bid Opening Date: 20.01.2025 at 10.00 AM. For details please visit www.wbtenders.gov.in & undersigned

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Jamgram Mondlai Gram Panchayat

Office of the Executive Officer Singur Panchayat Samity Singur, Hooghly NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

Notice inviting e-Tender for 14 no of works, e-NIT No. 07/2024-25 bearing Memo no-1016/EO/Singur, Dated-10/01/2025 respectively of the Office of the Singur Panchayat Samity, Singur, Hooghly, mentioned in the portal **www.wbtenders.gov.in**. For more details related to this e-NIT please login website : - www.wbtenders.gov.in(Closing date: 18/01/2025 at 6:30 PM)

Sd/- Executive Officer Singur Panchayat Samity Singur, Hooghly

Office of the **Concillors of Haringhata Municipality** Subarnapur, Haringhata, Nadia. Notice Inviting e-Tender

Chairman, Haringhata Municipality invites e-Tender No. ১২৯৬/২০২৪ নম্বর আমুমোক্তার নামা দলিল WBMAD/ULB/HM/NIT-15e/2024-25, Memo. No-72/HM/2025 Dated: 10/01/2025 Tender Id: 2025_MAD_798597_1 to 2025_MAD_798597_2 Date of Publishing-10/01/2025 Bid Submission Closing Date-11/02/2025, For details please visit- www.wbtenders.gov.in

Sd/- CHAIRMAN

HARINGHATA MUNICIPALITY

Re-engagement of Retired Railway Officer as Consultant (PS-I) on Contract Basis

Sealdah Division desires to Re-engage one Retired Railway Officer as Consultant (PS-I) on full time contract basis for a period of One (01) year and further extendable as per requirement upto 31.12.2026 or till regular PS-I is posted, whichever is earlier as follows: Post: Consultant (PS-I). No of Vacancy: 01 (one) No. Place of Posting: Under Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah. Eligibility: Retired Gr. B Officer (Level-8 & Level-9). Age: Must be below 65 years as on 01.01.2025. Remuneration: Fixed monthly remuneration i.e. Last Basic Pay minus Basic Pension shall be paid which shall remain unchanged for the term of the contract. Mode of Submission of Application: Applicants may submit their offline applications in the prescribed format to "Ch.OS/Gaz, E-1 section under Sr. DPO/Eastern Railway/Sealdah". Online applications may also be submitted at e-mail id srdposealdah@gmail.com on or before closing date. Last date for receipt applications : 16.01.2025. For detailed terms and conditions (Annexure-A) Prescribed proforma (Annexure-B) and Duty list of Consultant (PS-I) (Annexure-C) please log on to https://er.indianrailways. gov.in Divisional Railway Manager/Sealdah

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The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date

of receipt of the said Notice. Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the belowmentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

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The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Date: Ianuary 10, 2025 Sincerely Authorised Signatory

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Fertility Tests For Women

Kolkata: Infertility demands timely attention in women. This article sheds light on common fertility tests for women. Do these tests as recommended by the expert to be able to conceive and achieve pregnancy. Infertility, the lack of ability to conceive after a year of regular, unprotected intercourse, is a common concern affecting many women across India. It can arise due to various factors, including hormonal imbalances, lifestyle choices, and underlying health conditions. Early diagnosis can help women to embrace motherhood. Infertility in women happens due to ovulation disorders, fallopian tube damage, uterine abnormalities, endometriosis, or agerelated decline in egg quality.

Fertility tests for women Blood tests for hormones: These vital tests measure hormone levels such as folliclestimulating hormone (FSH), luteinizing hormone (LH), estradiol, and anti-Müllerian hormone (AMH) to monitor one's ovarian reserve and ovulatory function.

Pelvic ultrasound: This will help to check the ovaries, uterus, and follicles for structural abnormalities or cysts. After confirming the reason behind infertility, seek timely intervention to be able to conceive and embrace

motherhood. Antral Follicle Count (AFC): Is suggested by the doctor to know the number of follicles available for ovulation. Don't panic if you have been asked to do these tests and speak to the doctor to make informed choices.

Hysterosalpingography
(HSG): This X-ray procedure

Tips for maintaining fertility:

Women need to keep their fertility intact by maintaining a balanced diet rich in antioxidants, vitamins, and minerals. Engage in regular exercise, quit smoking and alcohol, and avoid recreational drugs, as these can negatively impact ovarian health. Chronic stress can disrupt hormonal balance, so practice relaxation techniques like voga, meditation, or deep breathing. Understanding your menstrual cycle and ovulation patterns helps time intercourse for better chances of conception. For women who wish to delay pregnancy, freezing eggs during peak fertility years is an option to safeguard reproductive potential. With appropriate diagnostic tests and a proactive approach, women can overcome infertility issues and become pregnant. For those women who are concerned when it comes to fertility, seeking early medical advice and adopting fertility-friendly habits is crucial.

(The writer is Zonal Technical Chief East and Pathologist at Apollo Diagnostic

Fertility in Your 20s, 30s, and 40s: How the Chances of Conception Change

peak, with women having the

highest number of eggs and the

best quality. Conception during

this time is more likely to hap-

pen naturally without medical

also face fewer risks for preg-

nancy complications, and the

chances of miscarriage are

intervention. Women in their 20s

Kolkata : Fertility is not static and naturally fluctuates with age. Understanding how conception chances change in your 20s, 30s, and 40s can help individuals and couples make informed decisions about their reproductive health.

Dr. Sugata Mishra, IVF Specialist at Birla Fertility and IVF, Kolkata, explains "Fertility naturally declines with age. In your 20s, the chances of conception are highest due to optimal egg quality and quantity. By your 30s, fertility begins to decline, particularly after 35, as egg reserve and quality reduce. In your 40s, conception becomes more challenging due to a significant decrease in egg quality and increased risk of complications. At Birla Fertility & IVF, we offer fertility preservation and advanced treatments like IVF to support parenthood at every stage of life. Understanding these changes helps individuals plan proactively and make informed decisions about their reproductive health.

In your 20s, fertility is at its

30s, particularly after 35, fertility begins to decline due to a reduction in both egg quantity and quality. This decline can result in a longer time to conceive and may require assistance through fertility treatments. Additionally, the risk of miscarriage increases, and conditions like endometriosis or fibroids can further complicate conception.

In the 40s, the drop in egg quality becomes more pronounced, making natural conception more difficult. The chances of a successful pregnancy without medical help are significantly reduced, and there are increased risks of complications such as gestational diabetes or high blood pressure. However, assisted reproductive technologies like IVF can offer solutions for those hoping to conceive later in life. Understanding how fertility changes with age allows individuals to plan and make proactive decisions regarding their reproductive health, including options like fertility

What is Secondary **Infertility?**

Secondary infertility is a condition that affects couples who have previously had a child but are unable to conceive or carry a pregnancy to term when attempting to expand their family. Unlike primary infertility, where a couple struggles to conceive for the first time, secondary infertility can be just as emotionally and physically challenging, even though there was a successful pregnancy in the past. Dr. Sugata Mishra, IVF Specialist at Birla Fertility and

IVF, Kolkata, emphasizes
"Secondary infertility
refers to the inability to conceive or carry a preg-nancy to term after previously having a child. It can from arise age-related fertility decline, horimbalmonal uterine issues, or male factors like reduced sperm

The causes of secondary infertility can vary and are often linked to changes in either partner's health. In women, age-related decline in fertility is a common factor, as a woman's fertility naturally decreases with age, particularly after the age of 35. Hormonal imbalances, issues with the fallopian tubes, endometriosis, or uterine problems like fibroids can also contribute to secondary infertility. On the male side, factors like reduced sperm quality or changes in sperm count can be responsible.

"Emotional challenges often accompany this condition, as couples may not expect difficulties after a successful pregnancy. At Birla Fertility & IVF, we provide advanced diagnostics and personalized treatments to address secondary infertility. By identifying

and overcoming these obstacles, we help families expand with care and sup-port," shares Dr. Sugata.

Secondary infertility can be emotionally taxing for couples who might not have anticipated dif-ficulties in conceiving again. The emotional impact can include feelings of frus-

advanced treatments and diagnostics are available to help couples facing secondary infertility. Personalized fertility solutions, including assisted reproductive technologies like IVF, can help address the underlying issues and offer hope to couples looking to expand their families.

Medication increases radiation therapy's efficacy for lung cancer that has progressed to brain $\ensuremath{\oplus}$

Washington [US] : A group of researchers from the University of Cincinnati has discovered a possible novel approach to enhance the efficacy of radiation therapy and enhance the prognosis of patients with lung cancer metastasizing to the brain.

checks for blockages or abnormal-

ities in the fallopian tubes and

will be crucial in detecting genetic

abnormalities that could affect fer-

tility or lead to recurrent pregnancy loss. These will give a brief idea

to women about their reproductive

health and initiate timely interven-

tion. Women with underlying fer-

tility issues can opt for ARTs such

as in vitro fertilization, and egg

freezing as recommended by the expert. Moreover, lifestyle modifi-

Genetic testing: This

The research, which was headed by Debanjan Bhattacharya, PhD, as the lead author, was just released in the journal

Lung cancer accounts for approximately one in five cancer deaths in the United States, making it the primary cause of cancer death, according to the American Cancer Society. About 80 per cent to 85 per cent of all instances of lung cancer are nonsmall cell lung cancer (NSCLC), which is the most common kind of the disease.

Up to 40 per cent of lung cancer patients develop brain metastases during the course of the disease, and these patients on average survive between eight and 10 months following diagnosis.

Current standard of care treatments for lung cancer that spreads to the brain include surgical resection and stereotactic brain radiosurgery, and whole brain irradiation is standard in patients with more than 10 metastatic brain lesions.

"Lung cancer brain metastasis is usually incurable, and whole brain radiation treatment is palliative, as radiation limits therapy due to toxicity," said Bhattacharya, research instructor in the Department of Neurology and Rehabilitation Medicine in UC's College of Medicine. "Managing potential side effects and overcoming resistance to radiation are major challenges when treating brain metastases from lung cancer. This highlights the importance of new treatments which are



less toxic and can improve the efficacy of radiation therapy, are less expensive, and can improve the quality of life in patients.

Bhattacharya and his colleagues at UC focused on AM-101, a synthetic analog in the class of benzodiazepine drugs first developed by James Cook, a medicinal chemist at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Prior to this study, AM-101's effect in non-small cell lung cancer was unknown. AM-101 is a particularly useful drug in the context of brain metastases in NSCLC, Bhattacharya said, as benzodiazepines are known to be able to pass through the blood-brain barrier that protects the brain from potential harmful invaders that can also block some drugs from reaching their target in the brain. The team found AM-101 activated GABA(A) receptors located in the NSCLC cells and lung cancer brain metastatic cells. This activation triggers the "self-eating" process of autophagy where the cell recycles and degrades unwanted cellular parts. Specifically, the study showed that activating GABA(A) receptors increases the expression and clustering of GABARAP and Nix (an autophagy receptor), which boosts the autophagy process in lung cancer cells. This enhanced "self-eating" process of autophagy makes lung cancer cells more sensitive to radiation treatment.

Using animal models of lung cancer brain metastases, the team found AM-101

makes radiation treatment more effective and significantly improves survival. Additionally, the drug was found to slow down the growth of the primary NSCLC cells and brain metastases

preservation and IVF.

In addition to making radiation more effective, adding AM-101 to radiation treatments could allow for lower radiation doses, which could reduce side effects and toxicity for patients, Bhattacharya said. The team is now working toward opening Phase 1 clinical trials testing the combination of AM-101 and radiation both in lung cancer within the lungs and lung cancer that has spread to the brain.

Bhattacharya began this research while working in the lab of former UC researchers Soma Sengupta and Daniel Pomeranz Krummel, who are now at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Bhattacharya credits their mentorship and the collaboration with other experts within UC and across multiple academic research institutions in the United States.

Bhattacharya also emphasizes the role of shared university research resources that helped the study move forward. He dedicates this work to his father, who died in 2021 while he was in the early phases of "The entire work, along with revision

xperiments, was done at the University of Cincinnati, and this reflects the strong collaborative effort between multiple teams. I am grateful to the Department of Neurology and Rehabilitation Medicine for the overall support in completion of this study," he said. "My father's passing motivated me to work harder to complete this project, as he had known about my research and wanted to see me succeed.

IDFC FIRST BANK GOES LIVE ON DIRECT TAX COLLECTION SYSTEM OF CBDT

IDFC FIRST Bank announcedits integration with Income Tax Portal to collect Direct Tax on behalf of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), Government of India. The Bank's customers can now benefit from an intuitive, hasslefree payment experience for paying their Direct Taxes, with easy access to downloadable challans, easy payments and instant payment confirmations. The Bank's customers can use the userfriendly Retail and Corporate Internet Banking platformsof IDFC FIRST Bank, or pay the taxes at any IDFC FIRST Bank branch using Cash, Cheque or Demand Draft. Speaking on the development, Mr. Chinmay Dhoble, Country Head - Retail Liabilities at IDFC FIRST Bank, said, "We are a Universal Bank and are building a complete suite of products and services to represent Universal Banking. Payment of Income Tax and GST were the only two significant services that were lacking in our proposition. We are delighted that with the approval of CBDT, Government of India and the RBI, we are now authorised to collect taxes on behalf of CBDT, GOI.

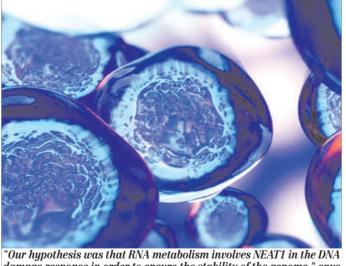
How cells recognize, repair DNA damage

Wurzburg [Germany] : When cells divide, there is a substantial risk of genetic harm. After all, the cell must repeat its whole genetic material, including billions of genetic letters, before it can divide. This repeatedly produces "reading errors" in the genome. Other factors, including as exposure to sunlight, alcohol, and cigarettes, are also responsible for the buildup of DNA damage over a person's lifetime.

Of course, the cell is not impotent in the presence of such injuries. It contains a large library of biological mechanisms that are activated in response to DNA damage. The precise term for this is DNA damage response (DDR). Specific signaling pathways are usually responsible for the immediate recognition and repair of DNA damage, ensuring the cell's survival.

A team of scientists from Julius-Maximilians-Universitat Wurzburg (JMU) in Bavaria. Germany, has recently conducted a closer examination of one of these signaling routes. The researchers discovered a new mechanism for the DNA damage response that is mediated by an RNA transcript. Their findings serve to widen the conceptual perspective of the DNA damage response and link it more closely with RNA.

Dr Kaspar Burger, junior research group leader at the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, was responsible for this study. The group has



damage response in order to ensure the stability of the genome," says Burger. To test this hypothesis, the research group experimentally investigated how NEAT1 reacts to serious damage to the genome - so called DNA double-strand breaks - in human bone cancer cells. The result: "We were able to show that DNA double-strand breaks increase both the number of NEAT1 transcripts and the amount of N6methyladenosine marks on NEAT1," says the scientist.

published the results of their investigations in the journal Genes & Development.

"In our study, we focused on so-called long non-coding RNA transcripts. Previous data suggest that some of these transcripts act as regulators of genome stability," says Kaspar Burger, explaining the background to the work. The study focused on the nuclear enriched abundant transcript 1 - also known as NEAT1 - which is found in high concentrations in many tumor cells. NEAT1 is also known to react to DNA damage and to cellular stress. However, its exact role in the DNA damage response was previously

"Our hypothesis was that RNA metabolism involves NEAT1 in the DNA damage response in order to genome," says Burger. To test this hypothesis, the research group experimentally investigated how NEAT1 reacts to serious damage to the genome - so-called DNA double-strand breaks - in human bone cancer cells. The result: "We were able to show that DNA double-strand breaks increase both the number of NEAT1 transcripts and the amount of N6-methyladenosine marks on NEAT1,"

says the scientist. Methyladenosine marks on RNA transcripts are a topic that scientists have not been dealing with for very long. They fall into the area of epitranscriptomics the field of biology that deals with the question of how RNA modifications are involved in the regulation of gene expression. Methyl groups play a key role in this. It is known, for example, that RNA modifications are often

misplaced in cancer cells. The experiments conducted by Kaspar Burger and his team show that the frequent occurrence of DNA double-strand breaks causes excessive methylation of NEAT1, which leads to changes in the NEAT1 secondary structure. As a result, highly methylated NEAT1 accumulates at some of these lesions to drive the recognition of broken DNA. In turn, experimentally induced suppression of NEAT1 levels delayed the DNA damage response, resulting in increased amounts of DNA damage. NEAT1 itself does not repair DNA damage. However, as the Wurzburg team discovered, it enables the controlled release and activation

of an RNA-binding DNA repair factor. In this way, the cell can recognize and repair DNA dam-

age highly efficiently. According to the scientists, knowledge about the role of NEAT1 methylation in the recognition and repair of DNA damage could open up new thera-peutic options for tumors with NEAT1 expression. high However, it must first be clarified whether these results. which were obtained in simple cell systems, can also be transferred to complex tumor models. Kaspar Burger's research was supported by the German Cancer Aid and the Mildred Scheel Early Career Center for Cancer Research (MSNZ) in Wurzburg. Whenever cells divide, there is a high risk of damage to the genetic material. After all, the cell has to duplicate its entire genetic material and copy billions of genetic let-ters before it divides. This repeatedly results in "reading errors" of the genome. However, other factors are also responsible for the accumulation of DNA damage in the course of a person's life: exposure to sun light, alcohol and cigarettes are just a few examples of factors that are known to damage the genetic material and thus can cause cancer, among other things. Of course, the cell is not powerless in the face of such lesions. It has an extensive catalog of cellular mechanisms that are set in motion following DNA damage. DNA damage response, or DDR

for short, is the technical term for this. Specific signaling pathways usually initiate the immediate recognition and repair of DNA damage, thus ensuring the survival of the cell.

A team of scientists from Julius-Maximilians-Universitat Wurzburg (JMU) in Bavaria. Germany, has now taken a closer look at one of these signaling pathways. The group has identified a new mechanism of the DNA damage response that is mediated via an RNA transcript. Their results help to broaden the conceptual view on the DNA damage response and to link it more closely with RNA metabolism.

Dr. Kaspar Burger, junior research group leader at the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, was responsible for this study. The group has published the results of their investigations in the journal Genes & Development.

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Egypt reiterates two-state solution as 'only option' for Mid-East peace



Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi emphasised on Thursday the need to implement the two-state solution "as the only option for achieving sustainable peace and stability in the region". The Egyptian leader made the remarks during a meeting with President of the European Parliament Roberta Metsola in Cairo, where they discussed ways to develop relations between Egypt and the European Union (EU) and addressed regional issues of mutual concern, the Egyptian presidency said in a statement. During the meeting, Sisi stressed the necessity

Iran's Pezeshkian

welcomes Aoun's

election, says unity

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feat' Israel

of "preventing further escalation of the conflict" between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip, highlighting "Egypt's efforts to achieve a ceasefire in Gaza, secure the release of hostages and captives, and facilitate humanitarian aid access to the Strip.

"He also underscored Egypt's keenness on the unity, security, and stability of Lebanon, Syria, Libya, Sudan, and Somalia, Xinhua news agency reported. For her part, Metsola expressed the EU's deep appreciation for the role Egypt plays in safeguarding regional stability and security, stressing the EU's interest to further en-

the children's safety. In a

separate incident in Kech

consultation with Egypt on all issues of mutual interest, according to the Egyptian presidency.

Israel has been conducting a large-scale offensive in Gaza to retaliate a rampage by Hamas militants through the southern Israeli border on October 7, 2023, during which about 1,200 Israelis were killed and nearly 250 taken hostage.

Since then, Israeli attacks on Gaza has killed 46,006 Palestinians and wounded 109,378 others, according to the latest update released by Gaza's health authorities on Thursday.

Pakistani forces allegedly forcibly disappear seven people in Balochistan



Tehran: Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian welcomes the election of his Lebanese counterpart Joseph Aoun after the country went more than two years without a head of state, saying unity will "defeat" Israel. "There is no doubt that reinforcement of stability and unity will defeat the greed of the Zionist enemy against territory," Pezeshkian says in a message to Aoun published by the official IRNA news agency after his election on Thurs-

Aoun, widely seen as the preferred candidate of the US and Saudi Arabia, was elected after the candidate backed by Iranian proxy Hezbollah withdrew from the race on Wednesday.

men, identified as Kiyya (son of Faiz) and Kenagi MI News Service, Balochistan: Pakistani forces have allegedly forcibly disap-(son of Bashir), were repeared seven people in sepportedly taken from their arate incidents across home in Minaz during a Khuzdar, Kharan, and raid. Their families have Kech districts of Balochisstated that they have not received any information regarding the men's whereabouts since their detention. Human rights tan. In the Zehri area of Khuzdar, three shopkeepers were arrested during raids on Thursday, as reported by The Balochistan groups have long accused Pakistani forces of conduct-Post. Local traders claimed ing enforced disappearances in Balochistan. that the detainees were in custody and their identities have not been revealed. In AActivists say these cases often leave families with no response, the traders orknowledge of their loved ganized a sit-in outside a police station, demanding one's fate, adding to the region's ongoing atmosphere the immediate release of the shopkeepers, The of tension. The growing Balochistan Post reported. wave of disappearances In Kharan, two teenagers, has prompted Asim Qambarani (13) and Bilawal Qambarani (14), the families of the victims were detained on Wednesorganising sit-ins and blocking key highways. These actions aim to raise day evening in Killi Sarawan. Family members stated that the boys, who were studying in Quetta, awareness of the escalating issue of enforced disapwere on their way back pearances and human home for the holidays when rights violations in the rethey were taken. The famigion. The protests reflect lies have called on human the increasing frustration rights organizations to step and desperation of the in, expressing concern for communities,

ER enhances security with advance Video **Surveillance System**



MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of Indian Railways' mission to bolster security, safety, and surveillance across its network, the Eastern Railway has implemented State - of - the - Art Video Surveillance System (VSS) project. This initiative leverages cutting-edge technologies such as CCTV cameras, Video Analytics, Facial Recognition Systems (FRS), and data monitoring tools to ensure the safety of passengers, staff, and railway assets. The project covers various stations of Howrah Division (142 stations), Sealdah Division (142 stations), Asansol Division (53 stations) and Malda Division (55 stations). The VSS work in Eastern Railway is divided into two phases -First phase covers 231 stations & second phase covers 161 stations of Eastern Railway. 30 server room (Howrah=10, Sealdah =11, Asansol = 4 & Malda = 5)have been establish to monitor these 392 stations through CCTV cameras. Till date 3764 CCTV cameras. 540 FRS (Facial Recognition System) & 570 Panic button along with video analytic features have been installed and fully operational at 143 stations of the four divisions over Eastern Railway.

Key Features of VSS in Eastern Railway: 1. CCTV Coverage: The system involves the installation of CCTV cameras at strategic locations such as: • Passenger platform • Entrances and exits • Ticket counters • Waiting halls • Parking areas • Sensitive areas like control rooms and operational hubs

railway security personnel in real-time, allowing for quick identification and response to any suspicious activities. 3. Data Recording: Footage captured by the cameras is recorded and stored for a specific period. This helps in post-incident analysis, criminal investigations or monitoring specific events. 4. Enhanced Safety: By providing continuous surveillance, the system plays a critical role in improving the overall safety of passengers, especially in crowded and high-traffic stations. 5. Use of Advanced Technology: The VSS includes modern technologies like high-definition cameras, pan-tilt-zoom (PTZ) cameras, 4K UHD cameras,) and automated video analytics, which help in tracking movements, detecting anomalies, and even facial recognition (FRS) for security pur-The Video Surveillance System (VSS) offers numer-

2. Real-time Monitor-

ing: The video feeds from

cameras are monitored by

ous benefits, including crime prevention by deterring theft, vandalism, and other anti-social activities. It enhances passenger safety through quick emergency response, allowing swift action during critical situations. Additionally, the system aids in post-incident analysis, as recorded data assists law enforcement in resolving crimes. VSS also ensures operational efficiency by continuously monitoring key areas, contributing to the

smooth functioning of train

Augmentation of air conditioned coach (Ac 3-Tier) in Asansol -**Sealdah - Asansol Intercity Express**

MI News Service, Kolkata: The augmentation of Air Conditioned coaches in Express trains is an ongoing initiative aimed at improving overall travel experience for passengers. For better comfort, Eastern Railway has decided to augment One

Additional Air Conditioned (AC 3 tier) coach by replacing One General Second Class seating coach with 12384/ 12383 Asansol – Sealdah – Asansol Intercity Express leaving Asansol & Leaving Sealdah with effect from 11.01.2025.

district's Buleda area, two accountability. Howrah Division organizes Family Safety Seminar for Running Staff

calling for immediate gov-

ernment intervention and

MI News Service, Kolkata: Traction Rolling Operation (TRO) /Howrah of the Howrah Division successfully conducted a Family Safety Seminar focusing on motivation, meditation, concentration, and work-life balance for running staff and their families. The event was graced by the presence of Divisional Railway Manager (DRM/Howrah), Chief Medical Su-perintendent (CMS/Howrah), Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Operations) [ADRM(OP)/Howrah], Assistant Chief Medical Superintendents (ACMS/Howrah and ACMS(Admin)/ Howrah), a Psychiatrist, and a Dietician from Howrah. The seminar saw enthusiastic participation, with 29 families and 101 staff members attending in person and nearly 50 staff members across various crew lobbies joining through video conferencing. **Key Highlights of the Seminar:**

1. Meditation and Stress Management by Brahmakumaris: The session began with members of the Brahmakumari sharing insights on stress management, meditation, and achieving mental peace. Practical techniques for physical and mental exercises were introduced to help participants stay focused and calm amidst the



demanding nature of their work. 2. Addressing Stress and Mental Health: Assistant Chief Medical Superintendent (ACMS/HWH) emphasized the challenges faced by running staff and the importance of their responsibilities. The Psychiatrist discussed the universal nature of stress and its unique imschedules decision-making pressures. Tips

pact on running staff due to irregfor maintaining a healthy brain were shared, including regular health check-ups, balanced diets, and avoiding harmful substances. 3. Nutrition for Better Health: The Dietician/HWH highlighted the importance of balanced nutrition. She advised consuming fresh, home-cooked meals and recommended easy-to-eat snacks like dry fruits during shifts. She also offered to prepare personalized diet plans for staff with specific health conditions

4. Life-Saving Techniques and Physical Fitness: The Assistant Chief Medical Superintendent (Admin/HWH) conducted a handson session on CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation), demonstrating life-saving techniques using a dummy. Exercises for shoulder, waist, and knee health were also shown to promote phys-

5. Encouragement and Support: The Chief Medical Superintendent (CMS/HWH) and Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Operations)/HWH rec ognized the invaluable contribu-tion of running staff. The ADRM(OP)/HWH encouraged family members to support staff by minimizing household responsibilities post-duty, ensuring adequate rest, and addressing alcohol de-

pendency transparently.

6. Inspiring Words from DRM/HWH: The Divisional Railway Manager (DRM/HWH) emphasized the crucial role of Assistant Loco Pilots and Loco Pilots in the success of Indian Railways. He highlighted the importance of teamwork, pride, and alertness in their work.

The Family Safety Seminar provided valuable guidance on improving work-life balance, mental well-being, and physical health, reflecting the Howrah Division's commitment to supporting its workforce and their families.

Human Trafficking is crime against humanity



"Together, we can be the voice of the voiceless. Let us unite to end human trafficking and ensure freedom and dignity for every soul."

Sr No	Year	Rescued Children	Traffickers arested
01	2022	286	123
02	2023	768	232
03	2024	1511	456

MI News Service, Kolkata: Human trafficking is one of the biggest crimes of modern times. Human trafficking is the illegal trade of humans for exploitation such as forced labour, sexual slavery or commercial sexual exploitation. Of late human trafficking has posed a growing challenge to the law enforcement agencies. Human are treated like commodities by the perpetrators of human trafficking.

The United Nations defines human trafficking as the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons by improper means (such as force, abduction, fraud or coercion) for an improper purpose including forced labour or sexual exploita-tion. It takes on many forms today. It is a severe violation of human rights. The unscrupulous elements who are into this flesh trade often use Railways as their medium of transport. Human trafficking is done for many purposes. Over 27 million people are victims of trafficking globally, with women and girls making up 71% of victims. Human trafficking generates over \$150 billion annually for

traffickers. Types of Human Trafficking A. Child Labor and

Trafficking: · Millions of children are forced into labor in industries like agriculture, carpet production, cocoa plantations, brick making and glass industry etc. · Causes include poverty, demand for cheap labor, and lack of education. · Many children are also forced into prostitution, begging, or domestic

B. Bonded Labor (Debt **Bondage):** People become slaves to pay off debts, but the system traps them in endless cycles of exploita-tion. They will remain in the vicious circle forever. · Employers often increase debts with extra charges for food, housing, and other needs, making repayment impossible. Bonded labourers will remain tied up for generations. • This is wide-spread in different parts of

C. Forced Labor: · Vic-

ing without pay in unsafe conditions. · Industries such as textiles, construction, fishing, and agriculture are known for exploiting forced labor. · Few rebel groups also use forced labor, including child soldiers. They are regularly fed with rhetorics and made their fighters.

D. Sex Trafficking: Young girls are lured by offering jobs, better life, education etc. Victims are forced into commercial sex acts through threats or manipulation. · Children and marginalized groups are especially vulnerable due to poverty and lack of rights. · Traffickers use false job offers, fake model-ing agencies, or even family connections to lure victims.

E. Domestic Servitude Workers, often migrants, are trapped as unpaid servants in private homes. If paid, they are paid very megerly. Many are isolated, abused, and unable to leave because employers confiscate their documents. They will be forced to remain bonded labours for entire life.

F. Organ Trafficking: Vulnerable people are deceived into selling their organs or are forcibly exploited for organ re-moval. The global de-mand for organs fuels this crime.

G. Forced Marriage: Individuals, especially children, are forced into marriage without consent, often for financial gain. · These victims may later be exploited for labor, sex, or domestic servitude. Causes of Human Traf-

ficking · Poverty: Economic struggles force people into risky situations. · Lack of aware of traffickers' tac-Weak Law Enforcement: Poorly enforced laws allow traffickers to operate freely. · Demand for Cheap Labor: Industries seek low-cost workers, fueling exploita-

Methods Used by Traffickers: · Deception: Offering fake job opportunities or false promises. · Coercion: Threatening victims or their families. · Abduction: Kidnapping individuals. · Grooming: Building tims are coerced into work- trust to manipulate victims

before exploitation. How can we tackle the

Awareness: The first step is building awareness about the existence of slavery and human trafficking. Awareness is crucial for generating support and mobilizing resources. This includes educating individuals and communities, dispelling myths, and highlighting the ongoing problem. Activities related to awareness include research, prevention efforts, and educational materials to inform the public and encourage action.

Policy Making: Once awareness is established, the next phase is leveraging that knowledge to influence policies that address slavery. This involves working with legislators, corporations, and individuals to create and enforce laws that reduce slavery and support victims. Activities include lobbying, expert testimony, and mobilizing public support for legislative change.

Rescue: Rescue operations are aimed at freeing individuals from enslavement, often in risky and dangerous situations. These operations require collaboration with local authorities and are supported by education and legislation. After the rescue, survivors need urgent care, including safety, food, housing, and medical attention.

Prosecution: Holding slave owners accountable is essential to end slavery. Prosecution makes slavery a high-risk activity for perpetrators, encouraging the enforcement of laws. This phase involves supporting local law enforcement and promoting legal frameworks to ensure the punishment of offenders.

Aftercare: Aftercare provides support to surand reintegrate into society. This includes housing, medical care, counseling, life skills training, and education. It helps survivors re-

gain independence and prevents re-enslavement by addressing their vulner-

Empowerment: Empowerment ensures that survivors have control over their futures. This phase focuses on providing economic opportunities, job training, and survivor ad-

Tibetan activists slams China's attempt to replace 'Tibet' with 'Xizang' during mournful events

MI News Service. Dharamshala: The Tibetan people in-exile feel sad as China is using the term 'Xizang' for Tibet to gain global recognition in the wake of the recent earthquake in the region. Tibetans in exile believe that China and some media houses are using mournful events to downplay the name Tibet which is disheartening.

Tenzin Phakdon, an activist from Students for a Free Tibet, told ANI, "It is very sad to see not only China but then some paid Chinese media and also some of the major media in the world using Xizang instead of Tibet. We are very saddened to see the loss of over 128 lives of my brothers and sisters inside Tibet due to the recent earthquake but then China and some other media are using this mournful event to downplay the name Tibet itself as it is not only China, but some other media houses too. So we will definitely tackle all those media houses and we have also reached out to some media houses, not to use Xizang and use the word Tibet... we are very worried... in the UN they are using Xinjang instead of Uyghur and East Turkistan, so we fear that in the next 10 years or 20 years, it might happen also to Tibetans so that's why we have been working very hard to let everybody know at the grassroot level that it is Tibet and not Xizang." Another Tibetan activist in Dharamshala, Tenzin Rinzin told ANI, "As Tibetans, we feel this is one of the most disgusting moves by China. It's one of the policies actually to propagate and distort the very history of Tibet. Tibet is and was always called Tibet. There was no other name in history if you look back. This has been a Chinese manoeuvre to distort history and we have seen especially now it's disheartening to see international media houses, saying the same tune of the CCP. They are using Xizang and some of them are even using China's Tibet which is absurd and I think such negligence, such mistake is kowtowing to China's propaganda. This is something that we object that we should be careful in terms of using those terms because these are propagated by China." The recent earthquake in Tibet has raked up the issue of China using the term 'Xizang' instead of Tibet.

An earthquake jolted a remote region of Tibet on January 7, killing at least 126 people and injuring over 100 others, with tremors felt in Nepal, Bhutan and parts of northern India,

1st ODI: Pratika, Tejal's half-centuries guide India Women to 6-wicket triumph over Ireland in Rajkot

RAJKOT (GUJARAT) : Pratika Rawal and Tejal Hasabnis' half-centuries helped India Women clinch a six-wicket triumph over Ireland in the first ODI match of the series at the Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium in Rajkot on Friday.

It was the first women's cricket match held in Rajkot and with the victory, Smriti Mandhana-led Women in Blue took a 1-0 lead in the three-match series

Before the start of the game bowling all-rounder Satghare received her debutant cap. Skipper Smriti Mandhana

handed over the cap to Satghare. Ireland won the toss and sent India to field first in the first ODI match of the series in Rajkot.

Ireland captain Gaby Lewis (92 runs from 129 balls, 15 fours) displayed a stupendous performance in the first inning, with the help of her knock the visitors propelled to 238/7 after batting first. Lewis was unlucky to miss her century



MUMBAI (MAHARASHTRA): International Cricket Council (ICC) chairman Jay Shah will be felicitated by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) at its Special General meeting scheduled for January 12, as per board

Shah will not be sitting in the meeting. He will just be felicitated, added the sources. BCCI will be holding a spe-

cial general meeting of its board, during which the new secretary and treasurer of the body will be elected.

Notably, Jay Shah, the pre-vious BCCI secretary, took over as the chairman of the **International Cricket Council** (ICC) from December 1 onwards.

Shah, a former Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary, started his tenure as ICC chief on December 1. He brings extensive experience in cricket administration, having started his journey in 2009 with the Gujarat Cricket Association

During his tenure, he overworld's largest cricket stadium, the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad. India also successfully held the 2023 Cricket World Cup in its entirety for the first time ever.

In the first major decision under the chairmanship of Jay Shah, the International Cricket Council (ICC) finally put an end to the Champions Trophy 2025 hosting rights issue just two days back, deciding that the upcoming event will be played in Pakistan along with another neutral venue

Also, the hybrid model has been decided for all ICC events in the 2024-27 cycle which will be held in India or

Pakistan. "The ICC Board has today approved that matches between India and Pakistan played at ICC Events during the current rights cycle from 2024 to 2027 (which are to be hosted in India or Pakistan) will be played at a neutral venue proposed by the tournament host. This will apply to the ICC Men's Champions Trophy 2025 (Pakistan), ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 (India) and the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 (India and Sri Lanka)," a

statement said. Ashish Shelar, the previous BCCI treasurer was recently elected as the Member of Legislative Assembly after the recently concluded Maharashtra elections, as a part of the Mahayuti alliance comprising the Bharativa Janata Party (BJP), the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), and the Shiv Sena.





by just eight runs.

The middle-order of the Irish batting lineup failed to put up a show, or else the visitors could have added more runs on the

Leah Paul (59 runs from 73 balls, 7 fours) stood up against

MELBOURNE [AUSTRALIA]: The

Serbian tennis icon Novak Djokovic, who will be playing the

Australian Open with long-time

rival Andy Murray as his coach,

said that the former player is a "meticulous professional" who

gives him more motivation to

spend as much time as possible on

Grand Slam winner delivered the

news of joining forces with

Murray back in November and the

Australian Open is their first tour-

nament together as player-coach

duo. After splitting with Goran

Ivanisevic in March, Djokovic has

turned to three-time Slam winner and double Olympic champion

Djokovic is pursuing his 25th

major title and a record-extending

11th Australian Open title. It will

also mark a century of tour-level

titles. He recently took part in the

Brisbane International, losing to

Reilly Opelka in the quarterfinals.

tion with Murray, Djokovic was

quoted as saying by ATP's official

website, "He gives me motivation

[and] inspires me to be spending

Opening up on his collabora-

The Serbian icon and 24-time

the Indian bowling attack and added a few crucial runs on the

At the end of the first inning, Coulter Reilly (15* runs from 26 balls, 1 four) and Georgina Dempsey (6* runs from 3 balls, 1 four) stayed unbeaten on the after the end of 50 overs.

Priya Mishra led the Indian bowling attack following her twowicket haul in the nine-over spell. Sayali Satghare also picked up her maiden international wicket

During the run chase, openers Smriti Mandhana (41 runs from 29 balls, 6 fours and 1 six) and Pratika Rawal (89 runs from 96 balls, 10 fours and 1 six) gave India a good kickstart.

Pratika Mandhana and cemented a 70-run opening stand which made it easier for India. In the middle, India lost a few quick wickets as Harleen Deol (20 runs from 32 balls, 2 fours) and Jemimah Rodrigues (9 runs from 6 balls, 2 fours) were removed from the crease.

However, Tejal Hasabnis (53* runs from 46 balls, 9 fours) put up a show and made a solid partnership with Pratika to chase down the target. Tejal and Pratika

which helped India chase down the target in just 35 overs.

In the end, Tejal and Richa Ghosh (8* runs from 2 balls, 2 fours) stayed unbeaten on the crease and assisted India clinched a six-wicket victory over Ireland.

Aimee Maguire led the Irish bowling attack with her threewicket haul in the eight-over spell. However, it was not enough to restrict the given target.

Pratika Rawal was named the 'Player of the Match' following her 89-run knock.

India Women will take on Ireland in the second match of the series on January 12 at the same Saurashtra Association Stadium in Rajkot.

Brief score: Ireland Women 238/7 (Gaby Lewis 92, Leah Paul 59, Arlene Kelly 28; Priya Mishra 2/56) vs India Women 241/4 (Pratika Rawal 89, Tejal Hasabnis 53*, Smriti Mandhana 41; Aimee Maguire 3/57)

Djokovic lauds coach, former rival Murray's "meticulous" approach ahead of Australian Open

We talk about a lot of different things. He is trying to understand me on different levels. He also knows the game, the tennis game, of the biggest players in the world right now because he has just

"He has done an incredible job, particularly after he got the surgery, his artificial hip, winning tournaments after that, playing at Challenger level. [He is] someone that is a legend of the sport, just showing everyone what it means to be a champion in a real sense of

Both born a week apart in May

Djokovic's first-round opponent will be USA's Nishesh



time on the court. There is a lot of communication about every shot in the game, my game, tactics, mental approach, communication on the court during matches, and practice sessions.

"He is very meticulous, a very dedicated professional. So far I have been enjoying this collaboration," he added.

Djokovic is making his 20th appearance in the Australian

Open and wants success in this partnership alongside plenty of enjoyment and memories. He reminisced on the first time they faced off as young kids.

"I think that his unique perspective on my game is the fact that he has played me for 25 years," said Djokovic, who had a lead of 25-11 over the legend in the ATP Head-to-Head series.

other was when we were 12 years old. He knows the evolution of my game, I guess the weaknesses and strengths of my game.'

recently retired as a player.'

that word," he concluded.

1987, both Murray and Djokovic have touched the top spot in the ATP Rankings and have battled in the world's biggest tournaments, playing a total of 36 clashes together, with Djokovic winning 25 of them. Murray called time on his playing career back in August after the Paris Olympics.

World Padel League heads to Mumbai for its India debut

in UAE, the World Padel League (WPL) is all set to make its mark in India with a thrilling showcase of the sport, featuring 32 of the world's top padel players, across 4

Scheduled to take place at the Nesco Center, Mumbai from February 5-8, WPL will exhibit the exciting, high-action format that has made padel one of the fastestgrowing sports globally. Spectators are in for a treat with unmissable courtside action over

4 days and 7 matches. Elite international padel players such as Claudia Fernandez Sanchez (Women's World No. 3), Marta Ortega Gallego (Women's (Women's World No. 8), Alejandra Salazar Bengoechea (Women's World No. 15), Federico Chingotto (Men's World No. 4), Jon Sanz (Men's World No. 9), Carlos Daniel Gutierrez (Men's World No. 19), and many other stars will compete for the first time on Indian soil.

major cities, padel has been growing rapidly in India. The partnership between WPL and IPF is set to further accelerate the sport's development, inspiring a wide range of sports enthusiasts.

With little less than a month to go for the World Padel League (WPL), Sneha Abraham Sehgal, President of the Indian Padel Federation (IPF) expressed, "The preparations for the World Padel League are in full swing, and we're looking forward to witnessing its highly anticipated debut in India. With some of the biggest names in padel set to showcase their skills, this event promises to elevate the sport's profile in India. It surely marks a new chapter for padel, inspiring more Indian fans across age groups to engage with this exciting sport." Navdeep Arneja, COO of the World Padel League added, "We are proud to bring the World Padel League to India, where the sport is growing rapidly. In the last 2 years, padel



has seen a remarkable uptake in the Indian market and it is a great time to help kickstart a notable padel revolution in India. We are looking forward to delivering a spectacular experience and hope it inspires a lasting legacy for the

sport in India," as per a release from the World Padel League.

With top athletes, coaches and facilities under one roof, the league aims to uplift the sport in the country over the next few

Women's Under-23 T20 Cricket Jharkhand defeated Gujarat by 70 runs, Tamil Nadu also victorious

RANCHI: Jharkhand defeated Gujarat by 70 runs in a match of the Women's Under-23 T20 Cricket Tournament played in Guwahati, thanks to Shikha Kumari's brilliant all-round performance.

Jharkhand, batting first, scored 133 runs for 4 wickets in the stipulated 20 overs. Ila Khan scored 33 runs with the help of 6 fours, Isha Kesari scored 39 runs with the help of two fours, Shikha scored 29 runs with the help of two fours and Khushboo scored 21 runs with the help of a six. CK Patel, Mithai Wala and Tanya Patel took one wicket each from Gujarat's side. In reply, Gujarat's team was all out for just 66 runs in 13.5 overs. Dhariwal scored 20 and CK Patel scored 11 runs. For Jharkhand, Shikha took three wickets for just 5 runs, Neha took three and Khushboo took two

In the match played at Keenan Stadium, Jamshedpur, Tamil Nadu defeated Mizoram by 105 runs. Batting first, Tamil Nadu scored 183 runs in 20 overs. In reply, Mizoram's team could score only 78 runs in 20 overs.

Women's Under-19 **ODI Cricket**

JHARKHAND DEFEAT-**ED NAGALAND BY EIGHT WICKETS**

RANCHI: Jharkhand easily defeated Nagaland by eight wickets in a match of the Women's Under-19 ODI Tournament played in Indore, thanks to Vrishti's lethal bowling and Priyanka Luthra's brilliant batting. Playing first, Nagaland scored only 66 runs in 38 overs. Imshusenla scored 19 runs. Vrishti Kumari dismissed four players for just 7 runs from Jharkhand's side, while Anjum took two and Akanksha Toppo also took two wickets. In reply, Jharkhand's team scored the required runs for victory at the loss of two wickets in just 10 overs. Priyanka Luthra scored an unbeaten 46 runs with the help of 8 fours. While Vrishti contributed an unbeaten six runs. Both added 47 runs for the third wicket. Lonkumar took two wickets from Nagaland's side.

Pakistan legends Misbah, Inzamam, Saeed, Mushtaq inducted into PCB Hall of Fame for 2024

LAHORE [PAKISTAN] : The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Friday announced that Inzamamul-Haq, Misbah-ul-Haq, Mushtaq Mohammad and Saeed Anwar have been inducted into the PCB Hall of Fame for 2024.

The famed quartet joined Abdul Qadir, AH Kardar, Fazal Mahmood, Hanif Mohammad, Imran Khan, Javed Miandad. Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Younis Khan and Zaheer Abbas in the illustrious group.
The PCB inducts two former

cricketers each year into the PCB Hall of Fame. But this time, there was an exception with four inductions made for 2024, as there were no inductions in 2023. "On behalf of the Pakistan

Cricket Board, I extend heartfelt congratulations to these four cricketing legends on their welldeserved inductions into the PCB Hall of Fame. This honour represents a tribute to their outstanding contributions to Pakistan PCB Chairman Mohsin Naqvi said in a statement released by the board. The former skipper Inzamam-ul-Haq holds the accolade of being the leading run-scorer for Pakistan in ODI cricket, with a whopping 11,701 runs to his name. He is currently third in the list of Pakistan Test run-scorers with a tally of 8,829 runs.

Inzamam, spinners' biggest nightmare, captained Pakistan in 31 Tests, winning 11, drawing nine and losing 11. He also led the Men in Green in 87 ODIs, winning 51, losing 33 and 3 no-results. Of his 25 Test centuries, 17 came in winning causes; seven of his 10 ODI centuries were the prime cause behind Pakistan's victories.

Misbah-ul-Haq is another dec-orated batter in Pakistan's talented pool of former players. Known for his unblemished technique, Misbah led Pakistan in 56 Tests and won 26. He also led the team in 87 ODIs, including the 2015 World Cup and eight T20Is.



During his illustrious career Misbah garnered 5,122 runs in 162 ODIs, by far the most runs by anyone in a career without scoring a century. Despite scoring 42 half-centuries, the stars didn't align on Misbah's side as he failed to hit the three-digit mark in the 50-over format.

Mushtaq Mohammad, an aggressive character with allround skills, scored 3,643 runs and took 79 wickets in 57 Tests from 1959-1979. He captained Pakistan in 19 Tests between 1976 and 1979, winning eight, including Pakistan's first Test win in Australia in Sydney in 1977, drawing seven and losing four.

batter during his time, recovered from making a 'pair' on his Test debut to score 169 in his third Test and end with 4,052 runs, including 11 centuries in 55 Tests. He also captained Pakistan in seven Tests. Saeed's prowess with the bat wasn't limited to just redball cricket. He scored a remarkable 8,824 runs in 247 ODIs, including 7,227 runs in 205 ODIs away from home. More than 20 years after his last match, he remains Pakistan's leading century-maker in ODI cricket with 20 scores. Mohammad is regarded as one of Pakistan's finest captains, known for his astute leadership and inspiring style. Inzamam-ul-Haq's immense talent and match-win-

ning ability have left an indelible

mark on the sport. Misbah-ul-Haq

took charge of the Pakistan team

during challenging times, guiding

it to the pinnacle of Test rankings

and achieving a historic series win

HIL: WITH AN EYE ON SUMMIT SOORMA HOCKEY CLUB GEAR UP TO FACE HYDERABAD

ROURKELA (ODISHA): Soorma Hockey Club are halfway through Phase 1 of the Men's Hockey India League being held at the iconic Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela.

They are just two points away from joint table toppers, Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers and Tamil Nadu Dragons after four matches. Soorma Hockey Club will aim to continue their stellar performances in the second half of the Phase, beginning with a match against Hyderabad Toofans on Saturday.

So far Soorma have clinched one outright win against the Vedanta Kalinga Lancers and have registered two penalty shootout wins against Tamil Nadu Dragons and Delhi SG Pipers to amass seven points.

"I think we've been very resilient. We haven't started our games at our best sometimes but that we were able to get back in the game, fight until the end and get the win over the finishing line. I think that's a really important habit that we do not let things go and we keep fighting until the last minute and I'm pretty happy with that. We need to be stronger from the start and it's our key focus for the next few games that we play a better hockey game for the whole duration. But I'm very happy with our endings every time, and I hope we keep getting the points at the end of the game," Head Coach Jeroen Baart said as quoted from the HIL press release. In the last game against Delhi SG Pipers, Soorma found them-

selves staring at a two-goal

deficit in the last quarter. But

Captain Harmanpreet Singh

and found the back of the net

stepped up to lead from the front

we've seen in almost each game

the game. Heroic saves from Vincent Vanasch in the penalty shootouts away from the game with a bonus point as well.

then ensured that they walked "It's definitely not part of the strategy. I think we try to be as

twice with his unstoppable drag

flicks to bring Soorma back into

good in the first half as in the second half, but sometimes it doesn't happen. The opposition sometimes changes things as well, and we have to just manage to get through the first part of the game with the right amount of quality, in the right mind, and the right amount of intent. And it's definitely not a choice. But I'm pretty happy with the conviction that we have had in every second-half until now because that has propelled us to third place on the table with seven points. We have to make sure that in the

next game against the Hyderabad Toofans, we perform again," he explained.

The Hyderabad Toofans have won one of their matches and secured a penalty shootout victory, meaning they are just two points away from equaling Soorma's tally. 26-year-old Australian forward Tim Brand has already notched up two goals for his side. The Toofans also boast one of the best drag flickers in the world, Gonzalo Peillat.

"We played a practice game against them before the League began, but that was more for us to look at ourselves. I think they have a couple of really quality players at the top of the circle. And yes, they have Peillat at the top of the circle, but we have Vincent Vanasch in goal, and we really rely on him as of course as well to make a difference for us. So, we know that there are tal-



ented players in the team but again, we're focusing more on ourselves," he commented.

Victor Wegnez is also very close to getting back on the pitch. We also don't want to rush

things, so we have to see this day by day and hope that we can get him as soon as possible on the pitch again because he's an important factor for our team," Jeroen added before signing off.