

Delhi shivers in cold wave and dense fog disrupts flight and train operations

Causing severe inconveniences to the people, several incoming and outbound flights from Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport were delayed on Monday because a thick blanket of fog enveloped the National capital causing low visibility since early morning. As a result of the thick fog the movement of rail traffic was also severely affected causing inconveniences to thousands of passengers as several trains from both New Delhi and Old Delhi stations were cancelled. Meanwhile, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has reported that the city's minimum temperature was at 3.6° degree celsius on Monday, which is at least 2.2° degree below normal for this time of the year. However, in spite of that the relative humidity in New Delhi was recorded at 99 per cent, as the maximum temperature is expected to dip further to 1 degree celsius by tonight.

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Maha Kumbh Mela begins with over 4 million devotees taking a holy dip at Sangam

MI News Service, Mahakumbh Nagar, Prayagraj (UP): Elevating India's ancient cultural and religious traditions to global prominence and braving a severely cold weather, coupled with thick blanket of fog, more than 40 lakh people from different walks of life took the first holy dip on the opening day of the 45 day long Maha Kumbh Mela at the confluence (Sangam) of the Ganga, Yamuna and the mythical Saraswati rivers here on Monday, chanting 'Jai Ganga Maiyya'.

A thick blanket of fog could not blur their vision, and an ice-cold breeze failed to reduce their energy levels and the bone-chilling water of river Ganga in Sangam area could not dampen their excitement, as millions of devotees of all ages took their holy dip on the occasion of 'Paush Purnima' today.

The Maha Kumbh 2025 commenced here amid chants of bhajans and slogans. The excitement was clearly visible in the Sangam area as the pilgrims and devotees -- mostly in groups --- walked towards the river Ganga and took a holy dip, also chanting 'Har Har Ganga Maiyya' since early in the morning.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has said that 2025 Maha Kumbh will continue (from Monday) till February 26 to bring before the world the country's age old rich cultural and religious traditions.

"More than 40 lakh people took their holy dip on the first day itself," Chief Executive of the Maha Kumbh Mela Vijay Kiran Anand confirmed.

Speaking about the significance



of 'Paush Purnima', Ashutosh Varshney, the convener of Prayagraj-based NGO Ram Naam Bank, said the occasion occurs on the 15th day of 'Shukla Paksh' in the Hindu

calendar month of 'Paush'.

It also marks the initiation of 'Kalpvasa', a period of intense spiritual practice and devotion observed by pilgrims during the Maha

Kumbh Mela, he said adding the holy city of Prayagraj is fully geared up to welcome a huge gathering of saints, seers, pilgrims, devotees and citizens from different walks of life.

According to Kiran Anand, in addition nearly 50 lakh devotees also took holy dip at the confluence of the three rivers- the Ganga, Yamuna and the mythical Saraswati - on Sunday too, which a day ahead of the 'Paush Purnima'.

Earlier, even on Saturday, over 33 lakh devotees visited the Mela to bathe in the Sangam, Director Information Shishir said, adding over 85 lakh people had bathed in the river in the past two days.

The 45-day Mahakumbh Mela 2025, celebrated as the largest gathering on Earth, commenced early Monday on the occasion of

Paush Purnima. An estimated 1.5 crore (15 million) devotees are expected to take a holy dip at the Sangam, the sacred confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and the mythical Saraswati, under stringent security measures.

According to official sources, the event begins with the 'Shahi Snan' on Paush Purnima, marking a rare celestial alignment that occurs only once every 144 years. Devotees have gathered in massive numbers at the Triveni Sangam, the confluence of the three rivers, to participate in this auspicious ritual.

The Mahakumbh Mela will conclude on February 26, with significant bathing rituals (Shahi Snan) planned on January 14 (Makar Sankranti), January 29

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Omar Abdullah seeks restoration of statehood; pays tributes to terror victims

MI News Service, Sonamarg(J-K): The perpetrators of violence will never win and always face defeat in Jammu and Kashmir and they will never be allowed to cause any harm to democracy in the region, asserted Chief minister Omar Abdullah.

Addressing a gathering here after Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 6.5 km Z-Morh tunnel here on Monday, Abdullah also sought restoration of statehood of J-K.

Paying tributes to seven people, including a local doctor who lost their lives in a terror attack on the tunnel construction workers last year, Abdullah said they have sacrificed their lives for the development of the country as well as for Jammu and Kashmir.

He also expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for ensuring the timely elections in the region and thanked him for that.

At the event, Abdullah highlighted the significance of the Z-Morh tunnel, noting, "Unfortunately, in the last 35-37 years, thousands of people here sacrificed their lives for the progress of this country, for the development of Jammu and Kashmir... Prime Minister Sahib, your presence here today at the inauguration programme of this tunnel is a testimony to the fact that those people who carry out these attacks, those who don't want the betterment of this country, those who don't want to see peace and progress in Jammu and Kashmir, can never succeed. They will always have to face defeat here. We will always defeat them and send them back from here."]

"It has been two months since we came

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Local people are returning home after fishing at Gangasagar island on a foggy winter morning on the occasion of 'Makar Sankranti' at the Gangasagar island, at South 24 parganas on Monday. Pic: Prabir Bhattacharya

Bengal government will take stringent action and order CID probe, if anyone is found guilty in saline incident

MI News Service, Kolkata : The West Bengal government will take stringent action and order a CID probe, if the allegations of giving low-quality saline to some pregnant women at Medinipur Medical College is proved true, Chief Secretary Manoj Pant said at Nabanna on Monday evening.

There have been allegations of giving low-quality saline to some pregnant women at Medinipur Medical College a couple of days ago in which a young woman had lost her life and the condition of three others turned critical and had to be shifted to Kolkata for better treatment. Following this macabre incident the Health Department has launched an investigation by a high power committee, which has submitted a preliminary report after investigating the incident. Based on that report

stringent action would be taken against the perpetrators of the alleged crime, the Chief Secretary said adding that the CID probe would continue along with the investigation of the Health Committee.

After the death of a pregnant woman at Medinipur Medical College on Friday, questions arose about the quality of the RL saline given to her. After this, the Health Department issued a number of strict instructions including the immediate withdrawal of the corrupt saline from all government hospitals and health centres and formed a 13-member investigation committee to look into the issue on whether the use of RL saline was responsible for the patient's death. Accordingly, they went to Medinipur Medical College and collected several medicines and

saline samples. They also spoke to the hospital authorities. In addition, the investigation committee also summoned the Principal of Medinipur Medical, Mousumi Nandi, and the head of the gynecology department to SSKM Hospital for questioning.

Referring to the preliminary report of the investigation committee of the Health department, the Chief Secretary said, "We will not tolerate any negligence. Clear instructions have been given. I have said that a detailed investigation will be conducted in the light of the preliminary report. The next step will be taken only after receiving the investigation report." He said that stringent action will be taken against those who are found guilty in the detailed report. No one will be exempted, he said.

PM Modi inaugurates the Z-Morh tunnel in J-K to connect Sonamarg

MI News Service, Srinagar : Ending the long wait and all speculations, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the strategically important unique 6.5 km long Z-Morh tunnel in Ganderbal district of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday to make the Sonamarg tourist resort accessible throughout the year. After inaugurating the Rs 2,700 crore project, the prime minister went inside the tunnel and interacted with the project

officials. He also met the construction workers who worked meticulously amid harsh conditions to complete the tunnel. Union minister Nitin Gadkari, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah were also present at the inauguration. The prime minister who landed at the Srinagar airport by a special flight in the morning, left for Sonamarg by helicopter for security reasons for the in-

auguration of the strategic tunnel that is important from the defence perspective as well, officials said.

The two-lane bi-directional road tunnel between Gagangir and Sonamarg in Ganderbal district in central Kashmir has been built at a cost of over Rs 2,700 crore.

It is equipped with a parallel 7.5-metre-wide escape passage for emergencies.

Situated at an altitude of over 8,650 feet above

sea level, the tunnel will enhance all-weather connectivity between Srinagar and Sonamarg en route to Leh, bypassing landslide and avalanche routes.

Modi, who is on his first visit to J-K after the conduct of the assembly elections in September-October last year, met the construction workers and praised them for their meticulous work amid harsh conditions in an acknowledgement of their contribution to this engineering feat.

PM Modi describes Maha Kumbh 'Very special' for those who cherish Bharatiya values

MI News Service, New Delhi : Prime Minister Narendra Modi has described the Maha Kumbh Mela 2025 in the holy city of Prayagraj, as a massive religious event which embodies India's timeless spiritual heritage and a very special day for those who cherish the country's rich values and culture.

"A very special day for crores of people who cherish Bharatiya values and culture! Maha Kumbh 2025 commences in Prayagraj, bringing together countless people in a sacred confluence of faith, devotion and culture. The Maha Kumbh embodies India's timeless spiritual heritage and celebrates faith and harmony," he said on X on Monday. The prime minister said he was very happy to see Prayagraj abuzz, with countless people. In X handle the Prime minister further said that he was happy to see Prayagraj abuzz, with countless people coming there, taking the holy dip and seeking blessings.

He also wished the pilgrims and tourists a wonderful stay from this Pus Purnima day on Monday.



Puri Shankaracharya praises Mamata's temple initiative in Digha, stresses balance in politics, development, and environment



Puri Shankaracharya Swami Nischalananda Saraswati addressing the Press Meet at Gangasagar island on the occasion of 'Makar Sankranti' at the Gangasagar island, at South 24 parganas on Monday. Pic: Prabir Bhattacharya

SUMAN GANGULY

Gangasagar: Shankaracharya of Puril Swami Nischalananda Saraswati has lauded the construction of the Jagannath temple in Digha, modeled after the Puri's Jagannath Temple. The new temple in Digha was initiated by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

Speaking to reporters on Monday, he remarked, "This is a great initiative. Why would I oppose it?" Addressing allegations against Acharya Vishokananda, the head of the Dasnami sect's Mahanirvani Akhara, the Shankaracharya emphasized the historical significance of akharas, established by Adi Shankaracharya, in protecting Hindu dharma. He expressed concern over allegations of misconduct within the akharas and stated his intention to discuss the matter with Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. Acharya Vishokananda Bharati has been accused by Paramhans Nirvan Akhara's Maharaj Sambhitanand of illegally seizing various monasteries, with criminal cases

reportedly filed against him. Sambhitananda also alleged that though Vishokananda would inaugurate the royal bath (Shahi Snan) during the upcoming Mahakumbh, the matter had been brought to the notice of the Prime Minister, Home Minister, and CM Yogi Adityanath without any resolution. On G20 and sustainable development he spoke about India's hosting of the G20 summit, the Shankaracharya stated that for society to progress, there must be a collective effort integrating culture, politics, and sustainable development. He expressed confidence in Prime Minister Modi's leadership but emphasized that true progress requires harmony between tradition, societal welfare, and environmental conservation. Addressing questions about Joshimath, he reiterated that development cannot come at the expense of destroying forests, hills, and rivers. He urged policymakers to align with scientists to create sustainable growth that benefits humanity, stating, "Politics, development, and the environment must coexist harmoniously for a prosperous society and national progress." In a significant remark amidst the political battle between Trinamool Congress and BJP ahead of the 2026 West Bengal assembly elections, the Shankaracharya praised Narendra Modi's leadership qualities. He described Modi as a capable politician and diplomat, possessing the three essential traits of a statesman: unity, humility, and control. The Shankaracharya also addressed the topic of religious conversion, recalling an incident from Delhi during Mother Teresa's lifetime. He highlighted the importance of Hinduism's values and traditions in fostering harmony and societal welfare. As political tensions rise in Bengal with speculation over whether Trinamool or BJP will emerge victorious in 2026, the Shankaracharya's endorsement of Prime Minister Modi carries notable political significance.

Situation along LAC in eastern Ladakh is 'sensitive but stable', says Army chief

MI News Service, New Delhi: The situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh is "sensitive but stable", Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi said on Monday. Addressing a press conference ahead of the Army Day, Gen Dwivedi said there is still a degree of standoff in the region and efforts are needed to restore

trust between the Indian and the Chinese militaries.

The Army chief said patrolling and grazing in traditional areas have started in Depsang and Demchok, the two friction points from where the two sides have disengaged in October. Describing the situation as "highly sensitive", the Army Chief said the recent meet-

ing of Prime Minister Modi with the Chinese head over the issue has evoked positive result. Reiterating that the present situation at the LAC is "stable", General Dwivedi said from April 20 onwards, both sides had moved backward and stopped the other side from going to the sensitive areas of Depsang and Demchok in

Ladakh, where they were carrying out the patrolling. "Coming on to Depsang and Demchok, April 20 onwards, both sides had moved and stopped the other side from going to the traditional areas where they were carrying out the patrolling. As far as

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NDRF workers patrolling at Gangasagar island on the occasion of 'Makar Sankranti' at the Gangasagar island, at South 24 parganas on Monday. PIC : Prabir Bhattacharya



Women Pilgrims perform rituals at Gangasagar island on the occasion of 'Makar Sankranti' at the Gangasagar island, at South 24 parganas on Monday. PIC : Prabir Bhattacharya

Holy dip at Sagar Island on Tuesday amid tight security

SUMAN GANGULY, Kalyani: Sagar Island is ready to host holy dip on Tuesday amid tight security arrangements for lakhs of pilgrims at Gangasagar Mela. The holy dip for Makar Sankranti will begin on Tuesday at 6.58 AM and continue until Wednesday morning. However, pilgrims have already started gathering at the Gangasagar Mela. People from various parts of the country are attending the fair, and many have already taken a holy dip in the Ganga at the confluence of the Bay

of Bengal to avoid the rush on the main day of the Sankranti. After their holy dip, they are visiting Kapil Muni's Ashram for worship. Amid the joy of the fair, there is also a sense of sorrow. According to the administration, three pilgrims have died so far due to heart attack. NDRF personnel reportedly recovered a body from the waters of the Sagar this morning near ghat number 3 and informed the police. It is believed that the deceased passed away due to illness. Among the deceased are Dev (59) from Haryana

and Rajeshwar from Uttar Pradesh. Another pilgrim from Uttar Pradesh passed away yesterday. Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Aroop Biswas stated that a total of 55 lakh pilgrims have arrived. Guides, known as "Sagar Bandhus," have been assigned to every bus for the pilgrims' assistance. To ensure the availability of safe drinking water, sufficient water pouches and 14 mobile treatment units have been arranged. Additionally, QR-coded wristbands are being distributed to elderly

and child pilgrims to help locate them if they go missing. Through a digital system, pilgrims can now access all fair-related information via QR codes. This includes details about drinking water, toilets, ATMs, healthcare centers, information centers, buses, launch schedules, parking details, and route directions. To preserve memories of the holy dip at the Sagar Sangam, pilgrims are receiving free personalized certificates with their photos from "Bandhan" photo booths. There are a total of 13 Bandhan photo booths at the fair, and nearly 400,000 pilgrims have collected their certificates so far.

For precise information about the location of buses, launches, and vessels, the district administration is utilizing ISRO-developed NavIC technology at the Gangasagar Mela 2025. This system helps guide lost passenger vessels from the mega control room. All vehicles are being monitored using GPS tracking, and the Pilgrim Transport Management System (PTMS) is overseeing transportation around

the clock. Passenger buses and launches have been brought under the GPS tracking system to ensure smooth management. So far, 46 incidents of pickpocketing have been reported, out of which stolen items were recovered in 40 cases, and 42 people have been arrested for various offenses. Additionally, 853 pilgrims who were reported missing at the fair have been reunited with their families with the help of the administration and volunteers. Out of these, 803 people have successfully found their relatives.



Sandeep Patil greeting the players at the Third Shrinagar Premier League, organised by Bengal Shristi

Third Edition of SPL concludes with thrilling finale

MI News Service, Asansol: The third edition of the Shrinagar Premier League (SPL), a much sought after cricket tournament inspired by the Indian Premier League, concluded today with a spectacular finale at the Odyssey Club, Shrinagar, Asansol. Since its commencement on 3rd January, 2025, the tournament witnessed dynamic matches featuring nine teams including Avengers, Warriors, Predators, Ninja, Rebels, Challengers, Mavricks, Panthers and Titans. This year's matches were played in an 8 over format, with teams consisting of 8 players on the field and 4 additional players.

The finals however were played as 10 over matches, adding to the excitement and intensity of the competition. In the third Shrinagar Premier League, Team Predators emerged victorious against Team Ninja in the men's final, securing the championship title. In the women's category, Team Avengers defeated Team Challengers to clinch the championship.

The tournament's closing ceremony was graced by renowned former World Cup winning Indian cricketers, Mr Sandeep Patil and Mr Madan Lal, who handed over the Trophy to the winners and other awardees. Their presence created a buzz and inspired players and spectators alike.

"Shrinagar Premier League 2025 has once again proven that cricket is more than just a game - it is a way of uniting people and building a strong sense of community. The energy and excitement throughout the tournament were unmatched, and the talent displayed by the players was truly extraordinary", said Mr Binay Chaudhary, Group Head - Property Management, Bengal Shristi.

The SPL 2025 finale celebrated cricket and the spirit of unity in Shrinagar. It has firmly established itself as one of Asansol's premier sporting events, leaving fans eagerly awaiting the next season.

Students block MAKAUT gate amid security fiasco

MI News Service, Kalyani: Allegedly slapped near to a ear and kicked at sex organ of a hostel student by the security men to a male student led him to hospital. He is in rest at hostel now. Demanding the sack of those security men from jobs, the students launched a movement, after locking the main gate of the University. While the clash took place on Sunday night, the students locked the gate from 10 am. on Monday. It happened at the main campus of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology West Bengal at Nadia's Haringhata. As demanded by the concerned students, finally VC Tapas Chakraborty assured the students to look into their demands and the students withdrew their agitation at around 3 pm. Till before that, the staff, Teaching staff and students were stranded outside the main gate.

The Haringhata campus of MAKAUT, WB, holds a boys hostel and a girls hostel. There are many security personnel mostly from retired forces. They looks after the campus round the clock.

The student alleged that at around 8 pm. on Sunday, a few security personnel bet up a student of M.Tech, first year, near music corner in the campus. He was beaten by a PVC pipe and kicked at sex organ. He is a patient of migrain. He soon urinated on spot after hit at his vital organ. After blocking the main gate for 5 hours, a discussion took place with the authority. We demanded to suspend the concerned 4 security personnel immediately and terminate from their jobs. Authority suspended them and

final termination will be done by Friday. " Ankan Samanta, an agitating student said. Allegedly it was seen that man slapped the student and allegedly kicked at the scrotum area, the student urinated and got faint.

A student said, "When the university ambulance was called, no driver was available. So they contacted a local political leader. Subsequently an ambulance took the student to Haringhata Rural Hospital. He then was sent to Kalyani JNM Hospital. CT scan was done. He was declared out of danger and taking rest in hostel." In protest of slapping or alleged beating to that hostel student, some students launched an agitation locking the main gate of the University from 10 am on Monday. As a result, the staff and students were failed to enter the campus. A sources said, that there were some examinations of a few departments. It happened at Haringhata campus of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology, West Bengal on Monday.

However, university authority refused to say anything. The workers and students could enter the campus only after 3 pm. They had to stay outside the gate for about 5 hours.



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the said student was in an unwanted situation with a hostel staying girl at University campus on Sunday night. An other sources demanded that they just was gossiping. The protest led to an altercation. Soon a few other hostel boys were gathered on spot. Allegedly a clash took place between the students and security men. Eventually, when a security

Little Thespian's Rang Adda travels to Howrah

MI News Service, Kolkata: Little Thespian, a nationally acclaimed Hindi/Urdu Theatre group of Kolkata initiated its monthly Rang Adda on 8th May 2022. Since then it has successfully organized 26 Rang Addas wherein Little Thespian's artistes and college students and sometimes professors and teachers students bring alive the works of playwrights, poets, storywriter, theatre director actors etc. either through articles, criticism or reviews prepared by them along with dramatic reading of a play. For the first time it has organized it Rang Adda outside Kolkata. On 5th January 2025 at 3:00pm, it organized its 27th Rang Adda at Vidhyarthi Manch, Salkia, Howrah. This Rang Adda was organized in association with Vidhyarthi Manch, Howrah and was centered on Bharatendu Harishchandra, Eugene Ionesco, Dharmveer Bharti and Upendranath

Ashk. Article titled Bharatendu Harishchandra Ke Natakon mein Vyang (Satire in the plays of Bharatendu Harishchandra) was presented by Ms. Nupur Shrivastav, Assistant Teacher at Shalimar Hindi Primary School. Ms. Nikita Pandey of South City International School, Kolkata read out her article on Eugene Ionesco Dharma Rachit Natak Gaidna Mein Upasthit Rajnetik Paridrish Aur Uski Samsaamayikata (Political scenario and its contemporary relevance in the play Rhinoceros written by Eugene Ionesco). Dr. Rekha Kumari Tripathi was unable to attend this Rang Adda. Her article Dharmveer Bharti Rachit Andha Yug: Vikrit Maansiktiyen, Yudh aur Pratishodh Ka Natak (Dharmamvir Bharti's Andha Yug: A Play of distorted mentalities, war and revenge) was read out by Little Thespian's artiste Navya Shankar. Dr Vijaya Singh of Rani Birla College delivered a speech on Upendranath Ashk Ke Natakon Mein Stree Ka Vidrohi Swar (The rebellious voice of women in the plays of Upendranath Ashk). This was followed by the dramatic reading of second act of play Andha Yug: "Pashu Ka Uday" by artiste of Little Thespian Md. Asif Ansari, Intekhab Warsi, Danish Waris Khan, Vishal Kumar Rout and Ekarshy Choudhury. The Rang Adda was conducted by Little Thespian's artiste Sangeetha Vyas. Present on this occasion were Dr. Meera Sinha and other respected members of Vidhyarthi Manch. The Adda concluded by Uma Jhunjhunwala thanking everyone and announcing about Little Thespian's upcoming projects: 14th National Theatre Festival Jashn-E-Azhar and 2nd Drama Competition scheduled in February 2025 and the 2nd Research Article Competition on Theatre organized by Azhar Alam Memorial Trust.



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Kalyani Cyber Police arrests 4 from UP for duping Rs 50 k

MI News Service, Kalyani: On basis of a complaint of a Kalyani resident on January 6, Kalyani Cyber Police arrested 4 fraudsters from Lakhnow in Uttar Pradesh very recently and produced in Kalyani Court on Monday, said police. The miscreants had duped Rs. 50 thousand through cyber crime. The recovery of the money is under process.

Kalyani Cyber Police Station under Ranaghat police district received complaint from a resident in Kalyani via Kalyani police station that he had been duped Rs. 50 thousand from his bank account on January 5.

Cyber police initiated an investigation. It was revealed that the money was duped by a man in Lakhnow in U.P. known as Jatin Singh. He took the money to his account.

The incident was started when a message came to the mobile phone of the deceived person on January 5 that he had received an award of Rs. 14,453 and it is known as SBI Reward. Simultaneously he received a link. He found it was a link to SBI YONO. But he didn't check the URL. An OTP came to it. As soon as he placed the OTP, Rs. 50 thousand got debited from his account. He subsequently lodged a complaint with Kalyani Police.

Consequently the Kalyani Cyber Police initiated an investigation. They found that a man of Uttar Pradesh duped his money and took it to his own account.

DCP, Sk Samsuddin of Ranaghat police district said, "The cash was withdrawn within 8 minutes from an ATM. The CCTV footage in that ATM helped to detect the miscreant. He was identified as Jatin Singh. The Kalyani Cyber Police arrested him. After the interrogation of Jatin, the Cyber police arrested the other 3." Police recovered some ATM Cards, mobile phones and laptop from their possession, he added.

Kalyani Cyber Police came to know that the gang has duped more people at the various corners in India. They were produced in Kalyani Court on Monday.

Pilgrim from other states for Gangasagar get medical attention at 'Sebaashray camp'.



MI News Service, Falta: Asha, a 58-year-old female pilgrim from Rajasthan, suddenly fell ill at Fathepur Buffer Zone area while she was on her way to the Gangasagar Mela.

The lady was immediately shifted to an ongoing Sebaashray camp in Fatehpur Panchayat Math (ground) where the doctors provided necessary primary treatment to her including oxygen support. Asha, who also has a pacemaker installed already, thanked National General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee and volunteers & doctors of Sebaashray camp for immediately attending her and providing timely treatment as she, along with her family members, is on her way for holy dip in Gangasagar.

Corporate peer explains funda of CSR



MI News Service, Kolkata: Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) has been around for some years already. While this term is quite ambiguous, now more than ever before, consumers/Corporates start to realize the importance of it.

CSR is not just about managing, reducing, and avoiding risk, it is about creating opportunities, generating improved performance, making money, and leaving the risks far behind.

Successful people have a social responsibility to make the world a better place and not just take from it.

Corporate social responsibility is measured in terms of businesses improving conditions for their employees, shareholders, communities, and environment.

AMURT distributes 1000 blankets



MI News Service, Purulia: Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team (AMURT /AMURTEL) has distributed 1000 Blankets at Ananda Nagar surrounding villages. AMURT is internationally acclaimed and reputed NGO serving to the needy and suffering people. Whenever any natural or man made calamities occurs, AMURT monks, nuns and Volunteers rush to the devastated area and render services to the needy people.

Surrounding Ananda Nagar, Ananda Marga is running 35 primary School, 4 Junior High School, 1 degree College, 2 High Schools, Hospital, Children Home, mobile medical camp, regular food distribution and other activities. Vishwanshu Agrawal, Nidhi Agrawal and Aradhya also distributed blankets to needy villagers. AMURT, Chandigarh members (Ravindra Thakur and others also opened langar to provide delicious food to the Ananda Nagar villagers.



Canara Bank conducted a customer meet at their newly opened branch at Kankurgachi Location on Jan 10 2025. The function was inaugurated by Kalyan Mukherjee, Circle head, West Bengal State and Sandeep Choudhary, Deputy General Manager, Kolkata Regional Office-I. The event was graced by the presence of Joydeep Mukherjee, Executive Director, Finance, Damodar Valley Corporation, Rajarshi Das, Owner of Jac Olive Oils and Subhadeep Basu, Director, BIS. The event got concluded with the vote of Thanks from Neha Gupta, Branch Head. Similarly, a customer meet was held at newly opened branch at Santoshpur location on Jan 13 2025. The event was graced by the presence of Abhishek Das, Owner of Debjani Constructions, Tarkeshwar Chakraborty, Chairman of Borough No: 11, Jyotirmay Sarkar, Retired DGM, DVC. The event got concluded with the vote of Thanks from Tanmoy Ghosh, Branch Head.





Pilgrims defy all odds including adverse weather to reach at Gangasagar Island in the morning on the occasion of 'Makar Sankranti' at Gangasagar Island, South 24 parganas, West Bengal on Monday.
Pic: Prabir Bhattacharya



Security personnel at Gangasagar island on the occasion of 'Makar Sankranti' at the Gangasagar island, at South 24 parganas on Monday.
Pic: Prabir Bhattacharya

Maha Kumbh Mela begins...

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Over 50,000 QR codes are being set up on electricity poles across the 25 sectors of the Maha Kumbh area. These will help pilgrims identify their locations and lodge complaints about electricity-related issues.
The cost of helicopter rides for an aerial view of Maha Kumbh has been reduced to 1,296 per person. The 7-8 minute rides, starting January 13, will offer tourists a unique perspective of the expansive Kumbh area and Prayagraj city.
Three hospitals have been established at Aurai, Gopiganj, and Unj police stations on National Highway 19 in Bhadohi district for devotees traveling to Maha Kumbh. These facilities will become fully operational on January 14, according to Superintendent of Police Abhimanyu Manglik.
NDRF teams and over 10,000 Uttar Pradesh Police's different units have been stationed to ensure the safety of devotees during the Mela period. Traffic police have also devised extensive plans to manage vehicular flow and ensure the safety of devotees attending the Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj from Monday..

Omar Abdullah seeks...

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this does not take much longer," Omar Abdullah added. Taking a swipe at the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), National Conference vice president said, "Even if we accept that the status of Jammu and Kashmir has been permanently resolved, the fact remains that a part of Jammu and Kashmir lies on the other side of the border. When the BJP claims the Kashmir issue is resolved, does it mean they believe the issue on the other side of the border is also resolved? Clearly, it hasn't. The Kashmir issue still exists, whether on this side of the border or the other, and that is something we can discuss."
The chief minister also mentioned that from his experiences, he has learned and paid the price of not having frequent interactions with the media.

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verification patrolling, two rounds have already been completed by both sides over a period of time and both are quite satisfied with it. As far as the grazing ground is concerned, there have now mutually agreed upon..There is nothing called as buffer zone," Dwivedi added.
The Army chief informed that some places were declared as a "temporary moratorium" amid the discussions during the violence, adding that both sides will refrain from visiting the common areas as there are chances that the "violence level" might increase.
"Where you feel that the nature or the degree of violence can be high and the fuse is short, you create some distances. So when we carried out these negotiations over a period of time, some places were declared as a temporary moratorium. It means that both sides will remain back and will not go to the common areas because we

Kolkata to host its first MSME and Start-up Conclave

MI News Service, Kolkata: On January 15 and 16, Kolkata will witness its first-ever MSME and Start-up Conclave at the Platinum Jubilee Auditorium of the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) in Baranagar. Organized by Tech Innovation Hub IDEAS-ISI and the newly formed start-up network Juxtra, the event aims to rejuvenate Bengal's entrepreneurial legacy as part of Eastern India's economic growth initiatives.
The two-day conclave seeks to ignite young minds and focuses particularly on the student community, aiming to nurture their entrepreneurial spirit from traditional academic settings. With active involvement from government and private colleges, MSME units, and emerging start-ups, the event underscores a collaborative effort to boost Bengal's innovation ecosystem.
Around 20 MSMEs and budding start-ups are expected to participate, showcasing their products at dedicated exhibition stalls throughout the event. These exhibitors aim to connect with investors, banks, and high-net-worth individuals (HNIs) for potential funding opportunities, making the conclave a platform for networking and growth.
The event boasts an impressive line-up of strategic partners, including the Institute of Cost Accountants of India, Webel-BCC&I, IDFC First Bank, Pointers Business Forum, and the Mantras Foundation. Together, these organizations aim to create a robust ecosystem for MSMEs and start-ups in the region.
One of the highlights of the conclave will be a special session on the second day, featuring the Director of Heritage Bengal Global from London. The session will delve into opportunities for MSME businesses in the UK and discuss the sustainability requirements for MSMEs to expand their footprint abroad.
The conclave not only aims to provide a platform for start-ups and MSMEs to showcase their innova-

tions but also encourages them to seek funding and form strategic partnerships. By engaging with prominent stakeholders, including investors and financial institutions, the event strives to bridge the gap between innovative ideas and necessary resources.
This initiative represents a significant step forward in Bengal's efforts to foster an entrepreneurial culture and provide a springboard for start-ups and MSMEs to thrive. It also highlights the growing recognition of the role of innovation and entrepreneurship in driving economic growth in the region.
As Bengal takes strides towards becoming a hub for start-ups and MSMEs, events like these play a crucial role in building a strong foundation for the future. By providing a platform for collaboration, networking, and funding, the conclave is poised to unlock new opportunities for aspiring entrepreneurs and established businesses alike.

New observatory in Bengal to boost astronomical research

MI News Service, Kolkata: A new observatory set up by the S.N. Bose Centre for Basic Sciences (SNBCBS) in West Bengal is expected to significantly enhance scientific observations of astronomical objects in India. Located atop Panchet Hill in the Garpanchakot area of Purulia district, the observatory will not only support groundbreaking astronomical research but also contribute to training students in handling telescopes and recording data, as well as foster national and international collaborations in the field.
The observatory, situated at 600 meters above sea level and approximately 86 degrees East longitude, fills an important gap in astronomical coverage between the Arctic Ocean and Antarctica. "This observatory will be a major asset, not only for eastern India but also globally," said the Ministry of Science and Technology. The facility's strategic location and advanced infrastructure are set to offer valuable contributions to observational astronomy.
Renowned astrophysicist and Vice Chancellor of Ashoka University, who commended the site's strategic positioning, expressed optimism about its potential. The observatory is seen as a key player in advancing India's standing in the global astronomy community.
The S.N. Bose Centre has partnered with Sidhu KanuBirs University, signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for joint management of the observatory and resource sharing. Dr.TanusriSaha-Dasgupta, Director of SNBCBS, highlighted the significance of the observatory during its virtual inauguration, stating, "This is a moment of pride, and the Centre will significantly contribute to the body of knowledge in observational astronomy." The project's conceptualization, layout, and initiation were led by Dr.Ramkrishna Das, Dr.Soumen Mandal, and Dr. Tapas Baug from SNBCBS's Department of Astrophysics. Their work included site characterization, determining astronomical 'seeing' and weather conditions, and installing a 14-inch telescope for scientific observation.
The observatory's creation will not only promote advanced research in the field of astronomy but also create an ecosystem around it, benefiting both the scientific community and local residents. The land for the observatory was acquired in 2018, marking the beginning of an exciting new phase in India's space exploration journey.

AKLF explores diversity and environmentalism

MI News Service, Kolkata: The second day of the Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival proved to be an enriching experience, with a line-up of celebrated authors, thinkers, and artists from across the world. AnandNeelakantan kicked off the day with a thought-provoking discussion on "Many Ramayanas, Many Lessons," exploring different versions of the Ramayana across cultures and emphasizing a tradition of plurality. The session also featured the book launch by Chief Guest MK Raina. AparnaVaidik delved into the lives of iconic revolutionaries with "Freedom or Death," honoring martyrs Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, and Rajguru, while Prasun Roy highlighted the inspiring story of Rashbehari Bose. The session was moderated by SudeepChakravarti. Ruchir Joshi's "First

gether leading women in media, including Neha Dixit and Monideepa-Banerjee, moderated by Sandip Roy, to examine the role of women in shaping the media landscape. In "Papa Don't Preach," AkhilKatyal, Sandip Roy, Nusrat F. Jafri, and Neha Dixit discussed patriarchy in daily life, moderated by ParomitaChakravarti.
On the third day of the festival, historian Ramachandra Guha delivered a session titled "Environmentalism Before Climate Change," based on his latest book Speaking with Nature. He explored India's deep-rooted environmental thought, challenging modern climate change narratives. Guha highlighted pioneering figures such as Rabindranath Tagore, Mira Behn, and M. Krishnan, urging India to address its ecological crises beyond climate change.

Teacher-student ratio to drive merger of govt schools

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a move aimed at improving the efficiency of government-run schools in West Bengal, the state education department is considering the merger of schools based on their teacher-student ratios. The department has started developing a strategy to implement this unification, focusing on achieving a balanced teacher-to-student ratio across the merged institutions.
Insiders from the education department revealed that they have identified schools in the state with no students enrolled. As of now, there are 3,254 such schools, but they are staffed with 14,627 teachers. In contrast, 6,366 schools in the state have at least 100 students enrolled but are staffed by just one teacher. To address these disparities, the government plans to merge schools from both categories, depending on their proximity, to create more balanced teacher-student ratios.
A senior official from the state school education department, who wished to remain anonymous, said, "The aim is to merge two or more schools under both categories to ensure a balanced teacher-student ratio in the merged schools." Currently, the average number of students per school in West Bengal stands at 192, with an average of 6 teachers per school, resulting in a teacher-student ratio of 1:32.
The state's school education department believes that merging schools will help achieve a more equitable distribution of teachers across the schools and improve the learning experience for students.
However, the Students' Federation of India (SFI), the student wing of CPI(M), has criticized the proposed merger, arguing that it is a shortcut that fails to address the chronic issues of inadequate academic infrastructure in government schools. SFI leadership has expressed concerns that the merger would avoid the need for additional teacher recruitment, a process they say is already plagued by corruption.



Gangasagar devotees throng at huge numbers at the Gangasagar Mela arena on Monday.

Glass panelshatters at school: Parents protest over safety concerns

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata witnessed an intense outburst of protests on Monday at NavNalanda School in Tollygunge after a safety lapse left two students injured. Parents staged multiple demonstrations, forcing the intervention of local authorities and school management.
The incident occurred around 7 AM when students were entering the school premises. Suddenly, glass shards fell from an upper floor, injuring two ninth-grade students. One student sustained injuries to their arm, while the other suffered a head injury. While the arm injury was treated on-site, the student with head injuries was rushed to a private hospital in Dhakuria and is currently under medical care. This alarming incident led to widespread unrest among the parents, who accused the school of negligence. Many claimed that the institution lacked adequate maintenance and safety protocols. They further alleged that, despite charging a fee for ambulance services, no such facility was readily available during the emergency. Parents also criticized Principal ArijitMitra for initially refusing to meet them.
They expressed frustration over the absence of regular parent-teacher meetings, which they believe could address critical concerns like infrastructure safety. The protests intensified as local MLA Debashis Kumar and Councillor reached the school after learning about the situation. Addressing the media, Kumar emphasized the importance of prioritizing safety along side education. He remarked, "Incidents like these are unacceptable. Institutions must be more vigilant about safety measures." Amid the mounting tension, Principal ArijitMitra eventually arrived at the school. However, parents, fueled by anger, surrounded him, demanding immediate answers. Some even barged into his office, leading to further chaos.

Name Change
I, Zev Axil Gomes (Old Name) S/o Sujoy Majumdar Residing at 13/A P.C.Park, Baghajatin, Jadavpur, Kolkata - 700086 W.B. India shall henceforth be known as Zev Gomes (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 13-01-2025. Zev Axil Gomes (Old Name) and Zev Gomes (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Subhadip Mukherjee (Old Name) S/o Late Tapan Mohan Mokhopadhyay Residing at 52/1, K M Naskar Road, Regent Park, District - Kolkata, Pin- 700040 W.B. India shall henceforth be known as Subhadip Mukhopadhyay (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 10-01-2025. Subhadip Mukherjee (Old Name) and Subhadip Mukhopadhyay (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, SD MOYAZZIM HOSSAIN and SYED MOYAZZIM HOSSAIN (Old Name) S/O SAIYAD MOSLEM Residing at Vill-Ramechandrapur, P.O.-Sutahata, District - East Medinipur, Pin - 721635 West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SAYED MOYAZZEM HOSSEN (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public govt of India vide affidavit Dated 13-01-2025. SD MOYAZZIM HOSSAIN and SYED MOYAZZIM HOSSAIN (Old Name) and SAYED MOYAZZEM HOSSEN (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, SAHAJAHAN SHAIKH (Old Name) S/O SK NOOR MAHAMMAD Residing at Munchi Para Panchla, P.O.-Dhulagori, P.S.-Panchla, District - Howrah, Pin - 711302 West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SK SAHAJAHAN (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public govt of India vide affidavit Dated 13-01-2025. SAHAJAHAN SHAIKH (Old Name) and SK SAHAJAHAN (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Amlan Mukhopadhyay S/O Late Bhabadeb Mukherjee residing at flat 6A, Block-B, Swagat Aashiyana, Narayanpur, Rajarhat Gopalpur, Kolkata 700136 West Bengal, India have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Amlan Mukherjee asdeclared before the Notary Public Barasat court,vide affidavit no. 06/2019 Dated 31/01/2019. That Amlan Mukherjee and Amlan Mukhopadhyay both are same accidental person.

Name Change
I,Manas Banerjee (Old Name) S/O Late Basudeb Bandyopadhyay residing at 397, Shyamnagar Road, Kolkata-700055 Police Station Dum Dum,District-North 24 Parganas,India shall henceforth be known as Manas Bandyopadhyay (new name) vide an affidavit sworn before the Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore on 07/01/2025. That Manas Banerjee and Manas Bandyopadhyay both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Jitendra Nath Dan, S/o Late Dwijapada Dan residing at Chotonilpur Road, Jorapuruk, P.O.-Sripally, P.S.-Burdwan Sadar, Dist - Purba Bardhaman, Pin-713103, WB declare that in my LR Settlement Record under I.R. Khatian No. 1215 & L.R.Plot No.1251 at Mouza Shankharipu J.L. No. 038, P.S. Burdwan Sadar, Dist Purba Bardhaman my name has been recorded as Jitendranath Dan S/o Dwijapad instead of my actual name Jitendra Nath Dan S/o Late Dwijapada Dan as mentioned in my Aadhar Card and PAN Card. That , Jitendra Nath Dan, S/o Late Dwijapada Dan and Jitendra Nath Dan S/o Dwijapad both are same and one identical person vide affidavit dated 07.01.25 before Executive Magistrate at Purba Bardhaman.

Name Change
I, Aparna Dan W/o Jitendra Nath Dan, residing at Chotonilpur Road, Jorapuruk, P.O.- Sripally, P.S.-Burdwan Sadar, Dist - Purba Bardhaman, Pin-713103, WB declare that in my LR Settlement Record under I.R. Khatian No. 1216 & L.R.Plot No.1251 at Mouza Shankharipuruk J.L. No. 038, P.S. Burdwan Sadar, Dist Purba Bardhaman my name has been recorded as Arpana Dan W/o Jitendarnath Dan instead of my actual name Aparna Dan W/o Jitendra Nath Dan as mentioned in my Aadhar Card and PAN Card. That , Aparna Dan W/o Jitendarnath Dan and Arpana Dan W/o Jitendarnath Dan both are same i.e., myself and one identical person and Jitendra Nath Dan & Jitendarnath Dan are also same and one identical person i.e., my husband vide affidavit dated 07.01.25 before Executive Magistrate at Purba Bardhaman.

NAME CHANGE
I, Santosh Kumar Das, S/o Late Totarnan Das, P/o: Vivekananda Nagar, P.O.: Purba Udayarpur, Medinipur, P.S.: Banseri, District: North 24 Parganas, previously known as Sati Das, sworn before 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Barasat Court vide affidavit Dated 23.02.2012. Santosh Kumar Das & Sati Das both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) PIYARUN BIBI S/o-SAHAJAMAL SK. Residing at, Vill- Srikanthapur , Post- Natungram, Ps- Kandi,Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742140, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from PIYARUN BIBI ToHASIBA BIBI (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Knownas (New name) HASIBA BIBI in all purpose Vide an affidavitSworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On06 Jan 2025. HASIBA BIBI and PIYARUN BIBI both are-Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mahuya Mukherjee (Old Name), D/O Mringangka Mohan Chakra borty Residing At Om Shanti Apartment, BI-B,2nd Floor,Fl-2a,617, R.N.Guha Road, Kolkata-7000 28,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mahuya Chakraborty (New Name) As Declared Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Kolkata On 16/12/2024 Mahuya Mukherjee (Old Name) And Mahuya Chakraborty (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sarita Agarwala,Wife Of Dilip Kumar Agarwal,Residing At 501n 5,Queens Park, Ballygunge, Kolkata - 700019 West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sarita Agarwal Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/01/2025. That Sarita Agarwala And Sarita Agarwal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Shahbaj Alam (old name) son of Mohammad Salim, residing at B/7B/H/5, Rameshwar Shaw Road, Beniapuruk, Kolkata-700014, West Bengal, India, shall henceforth be known as Md Sahabaj (new name) vide an affidavit no 13 sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 13/01/2025. Md Sahabaj (new name) and Shahbaj Alam (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Salim (old name) son of Nur Mohammad Miya, residing at B/7B/H/5, Rameshwar Shaw Road, Beniapuruk, Kolkata- 700014, West Bengal, India, shall henceforth be known as Mohammad Salim (new name) vide an affidavit no 11 sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 13/01/2025. Mohammad Salim (new name) and Md Salim (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I,Vishnu W.T. Son Of Wilson,Residing At Cg-235,Salt Lake City,Sector-II,P.O-Sech Bhawan, Kolkata - 700091,West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Vishnu Wilson Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/01/2025. That Vishnu W.T. And Vishnu Wilson Both Are The Same And One Identical Person Person.

Name Change
I, Sajahan Biswas (old name) son of Iusuf Ali Biswas, residing at Biswas Para, Jagadishpur, P.O.-Rajarhat, Dist- North 24 Pgs, Pin-700135, West Bengal, India, shall henceforth be known as Sajahan Ali Biswas (new name) vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 13/01/2025. Sajahan Ali Biswas (new name) and Sajahan Biswas (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, PRIYA SAHA D/o. Late Jayanta Kumar Saha R/o. 9A, Post Office Road, Dum Dum(M) North 24 Pgs, West Bengal, Kolkata-700028. My father's name has been wrongly mentioned in my Voter Card, Aadhar Card & Pan Card as Jayanta Saha instead of Jayanta Kumar Saha. So, Jayanta Saha & Jayanta Kumar Saha are same & one identical person as per affidavit of Notary Public at Barrackpore Court dated 13.01.2025.

Name Change
I, Dhruva Sarkar S/o Late Dhiren Sarkar Residing at Vill - Purnanagar, P.o - Rajaramhat, P.S. - Chakdah, District - Nadia, Pin-7412 23, West Bengal India that my deceased father who previously known as Dhirendra Sarkar shall henceforth be known as Dhiren Sarkar by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 3-01-2025. I Declare that My deceased Father Dhirendra Sarkar and Dhiren Sarkar both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, SD AZIM HOSSAIN and SYED AZIM HOSSAIN (Old Name) S/O SAIYAD MOSLEM Residing at Vill-Ramchandrapur, P.O.-Sutahata, District - East Medinipur, Pin - 721635 West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SAIYAD AZIM HOSEN (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public govt of India vide affidavit Dated 13-01-2025. SD AZIM HOSSAIN and SYED AZIM HOSSAIN (Old Name) and SAIYAD AZIM HOSEN (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Nasreen Bano, W/o, Md Ejaj, residing at 1/2/H/33,Jiban Krishna Ghosh Road, P.O.-Belgharia, P.S.-Uttaranga, Kolkata-700037, West Bengal, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my actual and correct name is Nasreen Bano which has been recorded my Aadhaar Card, my daughter's birth certificate and all my relevant documents. But inadvertently my name has been recorded in my daughter's Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination, New Delhi, and Regn. Card -ICSE 2025 as Nasreem Bano in place of my actual and correct name is Nasreen Bano which should be rectified, also inadvertently my daughter's date of birth has been recorded in her Council for the Indian School of Certificate Examination, New Delhi, Regn. Card - ICES 2025 as DOB: 13.02.2008, in place of daughter's correct date of birth is 13.12.2008, which should be rectified. By an affidavit (no 735) date 10.01.2025 In the Court of Ld Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Alipore that Nasreen Bano and Nasreem Bano is the same and one identical person and date should be rectified .

CII's 7-point agenda for employment generation

MI News Service, New Delhi: The upcoming annual budget for FY26 could announce further measures to boost employment generation, CII said, emphasising that job creation at a mass scale is important to engage the young population productively, and drive inclusive growth in the world's most populous nation. The industry body has suggested a seven-point agenda to harness India's demographic dividend, including an integrated national employment policy, support to labour-intensive sectors, and setting up an international mobility authority, among other targeted measures.

With a median age of just 29 years, India is a young country, and is set to add 133 million people to its working-age population by 2050. The government could consider launching an internship programme in government offices in rural areas for the college-educated youth, CII said. It argued that this initiative would create short-term employment opportunities in government offices while bridging the gap between education and professional skills. The programme would also help augment the available manpower resources for the effective implementation of various rural programmes and government initiatives. CII has also proposed introducing a new provision under income tax rule in lieu of Section 80JJAA to encourage new employment. The new provision should continue as Chapter VIA deduction from gross total income, which is available even if a taxpayer opts for concessional tax regime. It has proposed an integrated national employment policy which could subsume under its ambit the slew of employment generating schemes currently in works by various ministries/States.

Name Change
I, Jaynabayara,Wife Of Abdul Rashid, Residing At Vill - Baharsole,Po - Selampur,Ps - Goghat, Hooghly - 712122,West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Jaynabayara Begum Vide An Affidavit No 12 Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/01/2025. That Jayna bayara And Jaynabayara Begum Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) ANINDA MANDAL S/o- HIMADRI SEKHAR MANDAL, Residing at, Trishakti Apartment 3C Vill-Subhashpally, Post-Jhalghati, Ps- Englishbazar, Dist-Malda,Pin- 732102, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I haveChanged my name from ANINDA MANDAL To AIITHIYA MANDAL (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as(New name) AIITHIYA MANDAL in all purpose Vide anaffidavit Sworn before the notary public at BerhamporeMurshidabad On 06 Jan 2025. AIITHIYA MANDAL andANINDA MANDAL both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SUJAT SEKH S/o-MOHRAN SEKH, Residingat, Vill-Beldianga Paschimpara, Post-Dignagar, P.S.- Kotwali,Dist-Nadia, Pin- 741401, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SUJAT SEKH To SUJAT ALISEKH (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (Newname) SUJAT ALI SEKH in all purpose Vide an affidavitSworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On06 Jan 2025. SUJAT ALI SEKH and SUJAT SEKH both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Refazul Mondal S/o Nasir Uddin Mondal Residing at Vill-P.O - Britti-huda, Ps - Chapra, District - Nadia, Pin - 741123 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Refazul Mondal. I declare that Refazul Mondal and Refajul Mondal is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary public,Kolkata on 13-01-2025.

Name Change
I, Jit Malla S/o Prabir Molla Residing at Vill - Chapra, Po - Bangalji, Ps - Chapra, District - Nadia, Pin - 741123 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Jit Molla. I declare that Jit Malla and Jit Molla is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary public,Kolkata on 13-01-2025

Name Change
I, Probrir Kr Molla S/o Nirbhay Molla Residing at Vill - Chapra, Po - Bangalji, Ps - Chapra, District - Nadia, Pin - 741123 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Prabir Molla. I declare that Prabir Kr Molla and Probrir Molla is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary public, Kolkata on 13-01-2025.

100 hours Mega Block in Dumdum - Dankuni Section for replacing Old Steel Girder of Ballyghat - Ballyhalt Rob

MI News Service, Kolkata: In yet another giant infrastructure development stride, Sealdah Division will replace old steel girder in Rail Over Bridge in between Ballyghat and Ballyhalt in Dumdum - Dankuni Section. This all important Rail Bridge was constructed almost 95 years ago during the British Regime. The age old steel girder at Bridge No.15/CCR is highly corroded mainly because of ageing. This ROB needs to be replaced on urgent basis in order to augment safety and line capacity. The construction work by providing RCC boxes will certainly enhance the sectional speed and will also be beneficial



for the purpose of maintenance. The entire track will be ballasted after removal of old steel girder. In shadow of the herculean infrastructure work, some long pending Engineering and S&T works will also be accomplished.

THE BLOCK: There will be 100 hours massive traffic cum power block from 00:00 hrs of 23.01.2025 to 04:00 hrs of 27.01.2025, regulating train movement completely in the Dumdum - Dankuni Section.

REPERCUSSION:
a) Cancellation: (i) 22 pairs of EMU locals in between Sealdah and Dankuni will remain cancelled from 23.01.25 to 26.01.25. As such, there will be no local train movement in Sealdah - Dankuni Section for the aforementioned 04 days of block. (ii)

Name Change
I,Chhalema Bibi(Old Name), W/O Abu Bakkar Molla, Residing At Vill- Khasshakdaha,Po-Purba Sankardaha,Ps-Nazat,Dist-24 Parganas (North), Pin-743442, West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Chalema Bibi(New Name) As Declared Before The 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Basirhat On 18/11/2024. Chhema Bibi (Old Name) And Chalema Bibi(New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Abubakkar Molla(Old Name), S/O Late Yead Ali Molla @ Iyad Ali Molla@ Iyad Ali Mollia Residing At Vill- Khasshakdaha,Po-Purba Sankardaha,Ps-Nazat,Dist-24 Parganas(North),Pin-743442, West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Hazi Abu Bakkar Molla(New Name) As Declared Before The Ld.1st Class Judicial Magistrate Basirhat On 25/11/20 24.Abu Bakkar Molla(Old Name) And Hazi Abu Bakkar Molla (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Yesmin Begum (old name) wife of Md Kamal Shekh, residing at 32/2, Munshigunge Road, P.O.- Khiddirpore, P.S.- Watgunge, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, India, shall henceforth be known as Siwli Begum (new name) vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 13/01/2025. Siwli Begum (new name) and Yesmin Begum (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Dilip Kumar Agarwala,Son Of Purushattam Agarwal,Residing At 501n 5,Queens Park, Ballygunge,Kolkata - 700019,West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Dilip Kumar Agarwal Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/01/2025. That Dilip Kumar Agarwala And Dilip Kumar Agarwal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Krishna Mohan Jana,S/O Late Gopinath Jana, Residing At Bhatda, Bhatda,East Medinapore - 721422,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Krishna Mohan Jana Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/01/2025. That Krishna Mohan Jana And Krishna Mohan Jana Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

A few Mail/Express trains will remain cancelled, viz., Kolkata - Patna Garibrath, Tebhaga Express, Sealdah - Siuri Express, Dibrugar - Kolkata Express, Sealdah - Jangipur Road Express, Sealdah - Asansol Intercity Express, Kolkata - Balurghat Express, Kolkata - Haldibari Intercity Express.

b) Change of Terminating/Originating Stations: Uttarbanga Express & Sealdah - Puri Duronto Express will originate from/terminate at Howrah instead of Sealdah for the block days.

C) Diversion: 17 pairs of Mail/Express trains will be diverted via Dumdum-Naihati on the days of

MPs Of Divisional Committee of Chakradharpur and Ranchi held meeting with GM of South ER



Members of Parliament of the Divisional Committee of Chakradharpur and Ranchi Divisions of South Eastern Railway holding a meeting with Shri Anil Kumar Mishra, General Manager, South Eastern Railway at Tatanagar on 13th January, 2025.

MI News Service, Kolkata: Members of Parliament (both from Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha) of the Divisional Committee comprising of Chakradharpur and Ranchi Divisions of SER held a meeting with Shri Anil Kumar Mishra, General Manager, South Eastern Railway at Tatanagar on 13.01.2025. Altogether 11 Hon'ble MPs attended the meeting. The Divisional Committee Meeting was chaired by Shri Bidyut Baran Mahato, Hon'ble MP. The other Hon'ble Members of Parliament who attended the meeting were Dr. Pradip Kumar Varma, Shri Aditya Prasad, Shri Deepak Prakash, Smt. Joba Majhi, Shri Jyotirmay Singh Mahato, Shri Sukhdeo Bhagat, Shri Kali Charan Singh, Shri Kali Charan Munda, Shri Manish Jaiswal and Shri Tankadhar Tripathy.

Shri Anil Kumar Mishra, General Manager, South Eastern Railway welcomed the Hon'ble Members of Parliament and thanked them for their consistent support and cooperation. The General Manager apprised the Hon'ble MPs of the performance of South Eastern Railway, both in freight and passenger sector for the current financial year. He also highlighted the services in respect of passenger amenities works which were being provided by South Eastern Railway. General Manager stated that the sugges-

tions offered by the Hon'ble MPs for development of passenger amenities and Railway infrastructure would be reviewed with paramount importance. Hon'ble MPs appreciated the overall performance of SER and assured their cooperation for the smooth functioning of the Railway.

During the session, Hon'ble MPs advised the Railway Authority on various issues associated with train services, stoppages, cleanliness, expeditious completion of railway projects etc. for the benefit of the passengers. Hon'ble MPs laid emphasis on several passenger amenity works at different stations. They have requested for new trains, new stoppages of existing trains, provision of passenger amenities at stations, punctuality in trains etc. Discussions were held on construction and completion of new lines, Road overbridges, underpass, increase in frequency of trains, extension of service, up-gradation of stations etc. They have also offered their valuable suggestions for development of Railway infrastructure over Chakradharpur and Ranchi Division. Tarun Huria, Divisional Railway Manager, Chakradharpur, Shri Jasmeet Singh Bindra, Divisional Railway Manager, Ranchi and Principal Head of the Departments of South Eastern Railway also attended the meeting.

Fire fighting training organised at Karunamoyee Station

MI News Service, Kolkata: Metro Railway takes all possible measures and care for ensuring commuters safety. Shri P Uday Kumar Reddy, General Manager, Metro Railway regularly monitors and reviews safety measurements adopted in the 'Lifeline of Kolkata' to avoid any untoward incident like fire.

In order to check the preparedness of Metro staff of different departments to tackle any fire emergency inside the tunnels or on the viaduct, regular trainings are conducted in Metro Railway.

One such fire training programme for field staff was conducted under the supervision of senior officers today on 13.01.2025 at Karunamoyee Metro station. In this training, Metro staff were imparted training on how to douse the flame through simulation of various fire and smoke conditions at stations. Staff from Traffic, Electrical, RPF and other departments attended this training. It is expected that such trainings will sharpen the skill and alertness of staff to respond to any emergency situation and minimize the rescue time and restore normalcy at the earliest.

100-Day intensified TB Elimination Program Campaign organized



MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of the 100-day intensified TB elimination program campaign, a drawing competition was organized by the Health and Family Welfare Department at Eastern Railway Boys' Higher Secondary School, Asansol, on January 13, 2025. The event aimed to raise awareness about tuberculosis and promote the vision of a "TB Mukht Bharat" (TB-Free India).

The program was conducted under the supervision of Chief Medical Superintendent /Asansol and attended by dignitaries such as Dr. S. Bhattacharya (Additional Chief Medical Superintendent/ Admin), Dr. Rajani Sinha (Divisional Medical Officer/H&FW), the school principal, AHO, CH/DRH, Extension Educator, and other staff mem-

bers. The theme of the competition was "TB Mukht Bharat." A total of 24 students participated enthusiastically, expressing their creativity and understanding of the campaign's vision through their artwork. Prizes and certificates were awarded to all participants to acknowledge their efforts. Furthermore, a panel of doctors engaged with the students and staff, discussing the objectives and significance of the TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan campaign. The discussion highlighted ongoing efforts toward tuberculosis elimination and inspired active involvement from the community. The event was widely appreciated and provided an effective platform for spreading awareness about the critical need for TB elimination in India.

India's manufacturing growth slips to 12-month low

MI News Service, New Delhi: The manufacturing growth slipped to a 12-month low in December as new business orders and production expanded at a more moderate pace, according to a survey released. The HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), seasonally adjusted and compiled by S&P Global, registered 56.4 in December, down slightly from November's 56.5.

While signalling a slower rate of improvement in operating conditions, the reading remained well above the long-run average of 54.1, indicating robust growth. In PMI terms, a figure above 50 reflects expansion, while below 50 signals contraction.

"India's manufacturing activity ended a strong 2024 on a softer note, showing more signs of a gradual slowdown in the industrial sector," said Ines Lam, an economist at HSBC. "The rate of growth in new orders was the weakest of the year, pointing to a potential easing in production momentum ahead." The sector's expansion faced challenges from heightened competition and price pressures, though there were bright spots in export demand. New export orders grew at their fastest pace since July even as overall business orders rose slowly. "Firms managed to secure international orders, contributing to a stronger growth rate for export sales compared with previ-

ous months, although total new business expanded at a slower pace," it noted. The steady inflow of new work spurred manufacturers to raise purchasing activity and employment levels. Around 10 per cent of surveyed firms hired additional staff, while fewer than 2 per cent reduced their workforce. The sector also reported increased buying activity as companies stocked up on inputs to support ongoing production needs. On the pricing front, manufacturers continued to face rising costs for materials, labour, and container shipments. Input prices grew at a moderate rate compared with historical trends but still weighed on overall expenses.

(arr.-10:13/dep.-10:15 & arr.- 10:21/dep.-10:23) will stop at Shivrampur & Bharat kup station and 20976 Agra Cantt. – Howrah Chambal Express, journey commencing from 16.01.2025 to 27.02.2025 (arr.-13:18/dep.-13:20 & arr.-13:26/dep.-13:28) will stop at Bharat kup & Shivrampur station on nominated days.

* 19435 Ahmedabad – Asansol Express, journey commencing from immediate effect to 27.02.2025 (arr.-03:44/dep.-03:46 & arr.-03:52/dep.-03:54) will stop at Bharat kup & Shivrampur station and 19436 Asansol – Ahmedabad Express, journey commencing from immediate effect to 22.02.2025 (arr.-09:29/dep.- 09:31 & arr.-09:37/dep.-09:39) will stop at Shivrampur & Bharat kup station on nominated days.

Role of RPF in preventing Human Trafficking through Rail networks

public awareness campaigns at Railway stations, among rail users, people residing nearby track to educate passengers as well as local people about the signs of human trafficking and encourage them to report suspicious activities with Law Enforcement Agencies. Penal provisions : Legal action against trafficking is being taken as under Section 98, 99,143, 144, 145 & 146 and other relevant sections of BNS-2023. 1 Under the provision of Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act 1956. 1 Under the provision of Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act 1976. 1 Under the provision of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of children) Act 2020.

Collaboration : The RPF collaborates with various government agencies, NGOs,

and international organizations to share intelligence, coordination in rescuing efforts, and strengthen anti-trafficking measures. Railway Protection Force (RPF) has already been signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bachpan Bachao Andolan (BBA) in year 2022. On 30.04.2024, one day awareness workshop on Anti-human trafficking has been organised by National Commission for Women in collaboration with Railway Protection Force at Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Railway station.

Challenges and Future Outlook : While the RPF has made significant strides, challenges remain. The evolving tactics/modus operandi of traffickers, the sheer volume of rail traffic, and the need for continuous

Training and resource allocation are key areas of focus. Looking ahead, the RPF aims to further enhance its capabilities through: Technology-driven solutions : Utilizing advanced surveillance systems, data analytics, and facial recognition technology to identify potential victims and traffickers. In view of above, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India released fund Rs. 1,256 lakhs to strengthen of RPF Anti Human Trafficking Units across all over India. Out of above fund, Rs. 179.96 lakhs was earmarked for East Central Railway and

the same has been utilized for procurement of vehicles (4 wheeler/2 wheeler), technology equipments (computers, mobile phones, camera, etc.) furniture and other components for wide publicity as well as awareness.

Strengthening partnerships : Expanding collaboration with state governments, NGOs, and international organizations to create a unified front against human trafficking. Capacity building : Providing comprehensive training to RPF personnel on identifying trafficking

systems with facial recognition and behavioral analytics aimed at real-time monitoring and intervention, mobile safety applications offering live tracking, direct communication with RPF personnel,

Our Government is committed to ensuring improved pilgrimage experiences for devotees: PM

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Prime Minister, Modi has welcomed the Hajj Agreement 2025, signed with H.E. Tawfiq Bin Fawzan Al-Rabiah, Minister for Hajj and Umrah of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Shri Modi said that

India. "Our Government is committed to ensuring improved pilgrimage experiences for devotees", the Prime Minister stated.

Digital Exhibition by Ministry of I&B inaugurated at Mahakumbh

MI News Service, New Delhi: A digital exhibition based on 'Public Welfare through Public Participation' and the achievements, programs, policies and schemes of the Government of India in the last decade, was inaugurated by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India today at exhibition complex on Triveni Marg in Prayagraj on Monday. On the very day of the inauguration, thousands of people gathered at the exhibition and viewed the exhibition.



The Maha Kumbh: A Celebration Beyond Borders

dent in the surge of interest from international visitors and online users alike. People from across continents are actively seeking information about the grand event, eager to understand its significance and partake in its spiritual vibrancy.

To cater to this global curiosity, the Yogi government of Uttarakhand has embraced digital transformation, presenting the Maha Kumbh 2025 as a "Digital Maha Kumbh." The centerpiece of this initiative is the official website <https://kumbh.gov.in/>, which offers comprehensive information on all aspects of the Maha Kumbh. From the traditions and spiritual significance to travel guidelines and accommodation options, the portal is a one-stop destination for devotees and tourists. Major attractions, key bathing festivals, dos and don'ts, and media galleries are meticulously detailed to ensure an immersive experience.

This digital initiative has seen remarkable engagement. In the first week of January alone, over 33 lakh visitors from 183 countries have accessed the website, with users hailing from as many as 6,206 cities worldwide. India leads the traffic, followed by the United States, Britain, Canada, and Germany. The platform's reach highlights the event's universal appeal, transcending geographical and cultural boundaries.

The technical team managing the website reported a substantial surge in traffic since its launch, with daily users reaching millions as the event approaches. Visitors not only access the site but spend considerable time exploring its content, delving into the rich history and spiritual essence of the Maha Kumbh.

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2024-25, Date 11.01.2025. For and on behalf of President of India, the S.E. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer (Co)Kharagpur-721 301 invites e-tenders for the following works before 12:00 hr on the date mentioned against items and will be opened at 12:30 hrs. **Description of works :** Annual Repairing and condemnation Contract of hand held 5V VHF (Walkie-Talkie) sets, 25 watt base Station VHF Sets including PTT for period of 02 years in Kharagpur Division of South Eastern Railway, **Tender Value** Rs 22,50,819/-, **EMD :** Rs 45,000/-, **Cost of tender document :** Nil, **Date of Opening :** 06.02.2025, **Completion Period :** 73 days, **Date of Submission :** up to 12:00 hrs. of 06.02.2025. Interested Tenderers may visit website www.mreps.gov.in for full details description specification of the tender and submit their bids online. In rare cases manual tenders for these works may be accepted. (PR-1007)

focused efforts aim to safeguard minors traveling alone or with suspicious companions from falling into wrong hands.

Setting up of AHTU (Anti Human Trafficking Unit) teams : So far, 53 RPF Anti Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) teams have already been formed over ECR for giving immediate response to inputs received regarding trafficking, detection of trafficking cases through rail, sharing of information with other stakeholders, analysis of data from crime records and identification of suspects, identification of train routes of trafficking and vulnerable trains among others.

Public Awareness : The RPF actively engage in

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could add \$770 billion to GDP by 2025. Indian Railways and the Railway Protection Force (RPF) have emerged as pivotal players in this transformation, crafting initiatives that prioritize safety while fostering inclusion and empowerment.

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১) শিপ্রা পাত্র, স্বামী-স্বগীর নবীন পাত্র, সাং-চট্টপল্লী, গোস্বামী ও বান্দা-অরুণকর, জেলা-হাঙ্গলী, ২) তপসী কোলে, স্বামী-নির্মল কোলে, সাং ও গোস্বামী-করমরকোলে, বান্দা-সিদ্ধু, জেলা-হাঙ্গলী, ৩) দীপা দাস, স্বামী-পশুপতি দাস, সাং ও গোস্বামী-নওপাড়া, বান্দা-সিদ্ধু, জেলা-হাঙ্গলী

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কৃপাবন বোম, সাং-কৃষ্ণসুদা শোঃ- কিলকবাসি,
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'I Am on the Hitlist' Book delving into murder of journalist Gauri Lankesh released



New Delhi : A new book by journalist-author Rollo Romig delves into the tragic assassination of journalist Gauri Lankesh and its implications for democracy, free speech, and journalism in India.

"I Am on the Hitlist", released under Westland Books 'Context' imprint, reconstructs

the events leading up to the shocking murder of Lankesh, a prominent journalist and editor of Kannada tabloid 'Gauri Lankesh Patrike'.

Lankesh was shot dead outside her home in Bengaluru on September 5, 2017.

"This book is a tribute to the India I love, and to those Indians who are defending it from

the forces that want to narrow it into something rigid and homogenous and cruel. It's also a celebration of one extraordinary and delightfully complicated Indian, Gauri Lankesh.

"To me the book's central mystery is not who murdered Gauri but the question of how she managed to live so fully and touch so many different kinds of people. It's a book about how to live a life, and writing it forever changed the way I live mine," said the US-based author in a statement.

According to the publisher, the book is about the life and death of Lankesh but "equally about her murderers and the system that created and enabled them"

"Rollo achieves so much with this extraordinary book: it's a murder investigation that's also an enquiry into the state of India; in its enquiry of two other unconnected murders - surprisingly relevant detours...

"... It is also a meditation on death and culpability; and in all this it doesn't lose sight of Gauri and of other human rights defenders that are on the frontlines in the fight to save India's democracy. It's such an important book and an absolute page-turner," said Ajitha GS, publisher at Context.

The book, priced at Rs 799, is available across online and offline stores.

Slow growth of cortex could play role in developing eating disorders as adult

New Delhi: Slow maturing of the brain's cortex -- that helps with self-control and decision-making - during teenage could be a reason for developing eating disorders as a young adult, according to a new research.

Disordered eating behaviours can be 'restrictive' -- involving dieting and purging in which one deliberately limits food intake to control body weight and shape -- or 'emotional' in response to negative emotions or urges such as binge-eating.

For the study, published in the journal Nature Mental Health, the researchers led by those at King's College London analysed MRI brain scans of almost 1,000 teenagers from England, Ireland, France and Germany, taken at ages 14 and 23 years. Genetic data and responses to questionnaires assessing the participants' well-being and eating behaviours were also analysed.

'Brain maturation' in which the cortex or the outer layer of brain decreases in volume and thickness during teenage, was found to be delayed and less pronounced in unhealthy eaters. The cortex is known to help perform higher-level functions such as decision-making and regulating emotions. "Age-related decreases in volumes and thickness in several brain regions, particularly in the cerebellum and prefrontal



cortex, were less pronounced in restrictive eaters and emotional/uncontrolled eaters, compared with healthy eaters, suggesting protracted (delayed) brain maturation," the authors wrote. They said that a delayed maturing of the cortex contributes towards the link between having mental health problems at age 14 and developing unhealthy eating behaviours at age 23, and this connection was unrelated to body mass index. In particular, they found that a reduced maturation of the cerebellum -- a brain region that controls appetite -- helped explain the link between one's genetic risk for high body mass index and restrictive eating behaviours at age 23.

The researchers grouped the participants under three types of eating behaviours -- healthy

eaters (42 per cent), restrictive eaters (33 per cent) and emotional or uncontrolled eaters (25 per cent). Young people with unhealthy eating behaviours at age 23 were found to have had higher levels of internalising and externalising problems at age 14, compared to healthy eaters. Internalising problems could involve anxiety or depression, whereas externalising ones could involve hyperactivity, inattention or conduct issues.

Internalising problems significantly increased with age between 14 to 23 among the unhealthy eaters, the researchers said. They added that although externalising problems decreased with age across the groups, overall levels were higher among those having emotional or uncontrolled eating behaviours.

Fibre in diet may boost the body against infections: Study

Washington [USA] : A new study has found that the composition of the gut microbiome helps in predicting how likely a person will succumb to potentially life-threatening infection with *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *E.coli* and other bugs -- and it may be altered by changing your diet.

The group of bacteria called Enterobacteriaceae, including *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Shigella*, *E.coli* and others, is present at low levels as part of a healthy human gut microbiome. However, certain catalytic factors such as increased inflammation in the body, or by eating contaminated food these bugs can cause illness and disease. In extreme cases, too much Enterobacteriaceae in the gut can be life-threatening.

Researchers have used computational approaches including AI to analyse the gut microbiome composition of over 12,000 people across 45 countries from their stool samples. They found that a person's microbiome 'signature'



can predict whether a person's gut is likely to be colonised by Enterobacteriaceae. The results are consistent across different states of health and geographic locations. The researchers identified 135 gut microbe species that are commonly found in the absence of Enterobacteriaceae. It likely protects against infection. The results are published in the journal Nature Microbiology.

Notable among the protective

gut species is a group of bacteria called Faecalibacterium, which produces beneficial compounds called short-chain fatty acids by breaking down fibre in the foods we eat. This seems to protect against infection by a range of disease-causing Enterobacteriaceae bugs.

The researchers suggest that eating more fibre in our diet will support the growth of good bacteria -- and crowd out the bad

ones to significantly reduce the risk of illness.

In contrast, taking probiotics - which don't directly change the environment in the gut -- is less likely to affect the likelihood of Enterobacteriaceae infection.

"Our results suggest that what we eat is potentially very important in controlling the likelihood of infection with a range of bacteria, including *E.coli* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* because this changes our gut environment to make it more hostile to invaders," said Dr Alexandre Almeida, a researcher at the University of Cambridge's Department of Veterinary Medicine and senior author of the paper. He added: "By eating fibre in foods like vegetables, beans and whole grains, we can provide the raw material for our gut bacteria to produce short-chain fatty acids -- compounds that can protect us from these pathogenic bugs." *Klebsiella pneumoniae* can cause pneumonia, meningitis and other infections.

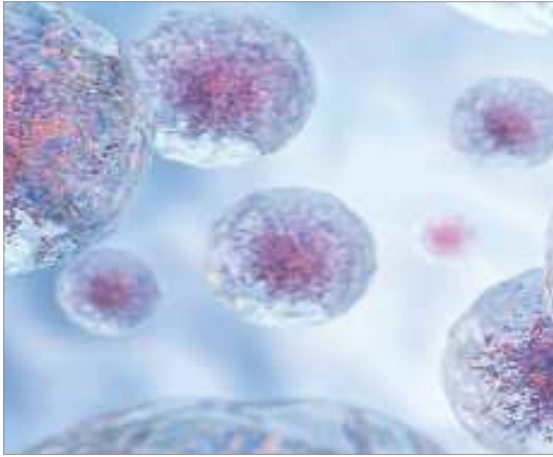
Bioengineers found breakthrough in building smart cells, potential to detect autoimmune disease: Study

Washington [USA] : Bioengineers have developed a new construction kit for building custom sense-and-respond circuits in human cells. The research could revolutionize therapies for complex conditions like autoimmune disease and cancer.

Rice University bioengineers have developed a new construction kit for building custom sense-and-respond circuits in human cells. The research, published in the journal Science, denotes a major breakthrough in the field of synthetic biology that could revolutionize therapies for complex conditions like autoimmune disease and cancer.

"Imagine tiny processors inside cells made of proteins that can 'decide' how to respond to specific signals like inflammation, tumour growth markers or blood sugar levels," said Xiaoyu Yang, a graduate student in the Systems, Synthetic and Physical Biology PhD program at Rice who is the lead author on the study.

"This work brings us a whole lot closer to being able to build 'smart cells' that can detect signs of disease and



immediately release customizable treatments in response." The new approach to artificial cellular circuit design relies on phosphorylation. It is a natural process cells use to respond to their environment that features the addition of a phosphate group to a protein. Phosphorylation is involved in a wide range of cellular functions, including the conversion of extracellular signals into intracellular responses -- e.g., moving, secreting a substance, reacting to a pathogen or expressing a gene.

In multicellular organisms, phosphorylation-based signalling often involves a multistage, cascading effect like falling dominoes. Previous attempts at harnessing this mechanism for therapeutic purposes in human cells have focused on re-engineering native, existing signalling pathways. However, the complexity of the pathways makes them difficult to work with, so applications have remained fairly limited. Thanks to Rice researchers' new findings, however, phosphorylation-based innovations in "smart cell" engineering could see a significant uptick in the coming years.

Ampace to Unveil E30P at Bharat Battery Show 2025



Ampace : a cutting-edge energy technology company, is dedicated to providing green energy solutions that deliver an unparalleled user experience, driving the world forward and enabling a better, more sustainable future. This time, Ampace is thrilled to announce the launch of its latest product, the E30P, at the upcoming Bharat Battery Show 2025 (Hall 12A, Booth 3A). Designed specifically for E-motorcycle applications, the E30P represents a new era of performance and reliability, underscored by its core value: "Easy to Go."

About Ampace: A joint venture driving the future of green mobility

Ampace, a joint venture between CATL and ATL, is a technology pioneer committed to pushing the boundaries of new energy technology. The company is dedicated to achieving ultimate safety, innovation, and intelligent manufacturing. Since its inception, Ampace has been at the forefront of the micro-electric vehicles (MEV), Energy Storage Systems and High-Power Products industry. With its strong technological innovation capabilities and global reach, the company supports a wide range of electric vehicles, including motorcycles, bicycles, urban battery swaps, tricycles, and scooters.

Ampace's journey has always been driven by innovation and sustainability. With a local factory

and supply chain network in India, the company is well-positioned to provide tailored energy solutions, ensuring both efficiency and reliability. At the core of Ampace's offerings lies its dedication to empowering the future of green mobility.

Introducing E30P: The Balance of Power and Reliability

The E30P battery cell is Ampace's latest breakthrough, designed to offer an unparalleled balance between performance and reliability. With a focus on durability, high capacity, and exceptional power output, the E30P meets the evolving needs of the e-motorcycle market, providing consistent energy and long cycle life for diverse applications. Engineered for endurance, the E30P sets a new standard for lithium-ion battery cells by seamlessly combining advanced BP system and Ampace's proprietary technologies. This launch builds on the success of our Kun-Era series, reflecting Ampace's continued commitment to delivering transformative energy solutions.

Ampace invites industry professionals, partners, and enthusiasts to experience the future of e-mobility at the Bharat Battery Show. Visit its booth at Hall 12A, Booth 3A, from 19 to 21 January, and join the grand debut of the E30P at 3:00 PM on January 19. Let's explore how the E30P is redefining the possibilities of lithium-ion battery technology.

Georgia [US] : Before your favourite produce arrives at the grocery store, it must be carefully harvested and stored for extended periods of time. A recent University of Georgia assessment argues that new temperature sensing devices could make that procedure considerably easier, as agricultural issues are exacerbated by changing climates.

Maintaining temperature, humidity and light is critical to ensuring fruits and vegetables don't spoil or deteriorate rapidly. Temperature spikes are the root of adverse outcomes like premature spoilage and rotting, so monitoring these changes quickly and accurately is key.

Researchers say thermal imaging technology could help control temperatures before and after harvesting fruit and vegetables.

"Measuring temperature in food processing environments has to be done right," said Kevin Mis Solval, lead author of the study and an associate professor in UGA's College of Agricultural

and Environmental Sciences. "We do it on a regular basis to make sure we have the proper conditions for producing safe products, but it may not always be done practically. These types of thermal imaging tools are not only feasible but cost-effective and good at measuring temperature profiles. That is beneficial for a farmer or food processing facility."

A thermal image can replace old-school thermometers in some environments

Mis Solval evaluated the technology as a tool for rapidly sensing abrupt temperature changes in crops in real time. By collecting infrared radiation of fruits and vegetables, thermal imaging technology can gauge temperature without contact. These types of cameras are readily available to food producers and range from industrial-grade cameras to smartphone attachments. But they have one thing in common: If there's a

drastic temperature spike, the technology can flag it.

"Once you harvest, there is a decomposition process that



starts right there, so in some instances a rapid cooling process is very critical for extending the shelf life of fresh produce," Mis Solval

said. "If this cooling process is not done correctly, then the shelf life of some fruit and vegetables is significantly shorter. We're talking two weeks compared to three or four days."

Many leafy greens must be picked and then immediately cooled, for example, so a quick temperature measurement must match that speed.

Currently, farmers and harvesters use conventional thermometers to capture the temperature of one or two items. But that process is not only time-consuming but potentially damaging to the product. Poking and prodding fruits and veggies for an accurate temperature reading can cause minor damage and increase the risk of cross-contamination.

Thermal imaging technology could save produce from the trash

External heat flux in the harvesting process is more common

than it used to be. Extreme temperatures, intense solar rays and drought stress are making products on the field more at risk for defects.

Ideally, thermal imaging technology will be automated in the future to further optimize the processing of preharvest and postharvest. Thermal imaging technology has been effective in evaluating the quality of seeds and food safety, but this is the first time it has been considered for such a key part in the pre- and postharvest processes of fresh produce.

This type of technology could make or break the quality of produce you put in your shopping basket.

"Items with a shorter shelf life have less of a chance to reach the marketplace," Mis Solval said. "If it doesn't meet the quality criteria for the supermarket, it's going to be discarded. If it makes it to the consumer and fails in quality, it's going to be thrown away. We are making sure quality produce reaches the final consumer."

TN athletes shine on 3rd day, Jharkhand still empty hand

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RANCHI : Tamil Nadu young athletes dominated in the Under-14 68th National School Athletics Championship track and fields event and won 5 medals on Monday at Birsa Munda Football Stadium, Morhabadi.

Jharkhand's athletes were disappointed on the third day of the championship as they again remained empty pocket despite their best efforts.

However, Jharkhand's counterpart Bihar athletes won two medals in the 80m hurdles race and captured top two positions in the event. Interestingly, the organiser Jharkhand Education Project Council (JEPCC) spending crores of rupees to conduct this national schools athletic meet despite that state athletes remained empty hands. Tomorrow is the last day of the national school athletic meet and this will be last chance for the



host athletes to include themselves in medal tally.

Varshika of Tamil Nadu got gold medal in 80-meter hurdles, and in girls category high jump competition, Dhanya of Tamil

Nadu got gold medal and Nivetha got silver medal.

In girls' category high jump, Naisa of Kerala got bronze medal. In boys category 1 kg discus throw, Abhiraj Kumar of

Vidyabharati got gold medal, Tharanesh of Tamil Nadu got silver medal and Guleli Chandra of Andhra Pradesh got bronze medal. In the girls category 1 kg discus throw, Monica Bishnoi of Rajasthan got gold medal, Jewel Singh of Punjab got silver medal and Bhumika Jalal of Uttarakhnad got bronze medal.

In boys' category 400 meter race, Md. Sameer Khan of Uttar Pradesh got gold medal, Inba Tamilan of Tamil Nadu got silver medal and Surya of Haryana got bronze medal. In the girls category 400 meter race, Devika of Rajasthan got gold medal, Jahnvi of Maharashtra got silver medal and S Krithika of Kendriya Vidyalaya got bronze medal. In the boys' 800-meter race, Akash Raj of Bihar got the gold medal, Suraj Yadav of Bihar got the silver medal and Munthala of Andhra Pradesh got the bronze medal. Jharkhand remained at the fourth

position in this competition. Emmanuel Kisku of Jharkhand completed the race in 11.11 seconds. In the girls' 80-meter hurdles, Varshika of Tamil Nadu got the gold medal, Nagar Lavishka of Gujarat got the silver medal and Gyani Nakshathar of Telangana got the bronze medal. In the girls' high jump, Dhanya of Tamil Nadu got the gold medal, Nivetha of Tamil Nadu got the silver medal and Naysa of Kerala got the bronze medal.

The winners were awarded medals by Sachchidanand Divendu Tigga, Administrative Officer of Jharkhand Education Project Council, Organizing Secretary Dheersen A Soreng, Assistant Program Officer Seema Prasad, General Secretary of Jharkhand Olympic Association Dr. Madhukant Pathak, President of Jharkhand Athletics Association C D Singh, General Secretary Shiv Kumar Pandey.

Women HIL: JSW Soorma registers 4-1 comprehensive win against Bengal Tigers



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RANCHI: Jharkhand's hockey lovers witnessed as state girl and Arjun Award winner Salima Tete's JSW Soorma Hockey Club started its victory campaign with a 4-1 comprehensive win against Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers in the Women Hockey India League (HIL) at Jaipal Singh Munda Astroturf stadium, Morhabadi here on Monday.

Coming from behind JSW Soorma Hockey Club registered a 4-1 thumping victory against Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers in its first league match as Olivia Shannon (38), Charlotte Englebert (42), captain Salima Tete (44) and Sonam (47) sounded the board.

defenders and took a shot which was met by a strong save by Savita. After this attempt, the JSW Soorma Hockey Club took the reins of the possession again as they forced Tigers to their own half with some relentless attacking hockey.

The Soorma doubled their lead midway through the third quarter with Charlotte Englebert once again on target. As she sounded the board in the 42nd minute of the third quarter took the 2-1 lead. Just after two minutes captain of the team Salima Tete scored the goal with a powerful grounder, which Tigers goalkeeper had no chance to stop the ball.

However, Bengal Tigers players started the first quarter with several moves and surprised Soorma goalkeeper with a brilliant field goal and took the 1-0 lead in just 7 minutes. Soorma forward lines tried their best to equalize the score but the Tigers defence line let them down.

But after the first break Soorma team regrouped and created several attacks on Tigers 'D' circle and got a chance when Olivia Shannon equalized the score 1-1 in the 38th minutes of the 2nd quarter forcing the opponent to go on back foot.

Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers tried to build on the momentum in the second quarter as Grace Stewart dribbled past the

Later Tete of Soorma team was adjudged the player of the match. Soorma continued their scoring spree in the fourth quarter. In the 47th minute, Sonam successfully converted a golden opportunity provided to her side in the form of a penalty stroke.

The Bengal Tigers had a couple of half chances but was unable to find the finishing touch as the first quarter ended goal-less.

The Tigers boasted more possession and asserted themselves more but the Soorma defence stood firm to stay ahead at fulltime.

The Soorma were content with defending their lead in the final quarter as the Bengal Tigers tried to equalize the score.

ABHINASH JAMWAL OUTPUNCHES SHIVA THAPA AS SSCB BOXERS DOMINATE MEN'S NATIONAL BOXING C'SHIP

BAREILLY : Himachal Pradesh's Abhinash Jamwal continued his sensational run as he defeated reigning welterweight champion Shiva Thapa in a thrilling semifinal clash at the men's National Boxing Championship here.

Jamwal has been one of the standout performers of the tournament, building momentum with victories over formidable opponents, including 2022 Youth World Champion Vanshaj Kumar earlier in the competition.

Services Sports Control Board (SSCB) extended their dominance with eight of their 10 boxers reaching the finals.

Highlighting SSCB's individual achievements, former World Youth Champion Sachin Siwach delivered a decisive win over Haryana's Gorish Pujani in the lightweight (55-60kg) category. Lakshya Chahar, another performer in the spotlight, beat Mizoram's Malsawmtluanga in the light heavyweight (75-80kg) division to book his spot in the medal round.

Further strengthening SSCB's presence in the finals, Jadumani Singh Mandengbram (flyweight), Hitesh (light middleweight), Deepak (welterweight), Jugnoo (cruiserweight), and Vishal (heavyweight) secured semifinal wins, ensuring their representation across nearly all weight divisions.

In the super heavyweight (90-90+kg) category, Narendra of Uttarakhnad outclassed SSCB's Gaurav Chauhan in their semifinal bout, setting up a final showdown with Haryana's Anshul Gill.

Gill advanced to the final after overcoming Raghav Sharma in another high-stakes clash.

INDIA GEARS UP FOR KHO KHO WORLD CUP 2025 IN NEW DELHI

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : India has announced its 15-member squads for both the men's and women's tournaments ahead of the Kho Kho World Cup 2025, set to kick off at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi on Monday, as per Olympics.com.

The event, backed by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), will feature 20 men's teams and 19 women's teams from around the globe. The Indian men's team finds itself in Group A alongside Nepal, Peru, Brazil, and Bhutan, while the women's team is in Group A with the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, and the Republic of Korea. The top two teams from each group will advance to the quarter-finals.

The Indian men's team will begin their campaign against Nepal on Monday, following the opening ceremony, while the women's team will face South Korea on Tuesday in their first match.

Both teams have been selected after an extensive training camp held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Delhi in December. The Indian men's team will be led by Pratik Waikar, who made his international debut in 2016. Waikar, also the captain



of the Telugu Yoddhas in the Ultimate Kho Kho League, led his team to the finals in 2022 and the semi-finals in 2023. The men's team will be coached by Ashwani Kumar Sharma, a veteran with over five decades of experience. Priyanka Ingle, an all-rounder, will captain the women's team under the guidance of head coach Sumit Bhatia.

Kho Kho, along with other indigenous Indian sports like kabaddi and mallakhamb, was first demonstrated at the Berlin 1936 Olympics. The Kho Kho

team is scheduled for January 19.

Meanwhile, the Indian women's team will start their tournament against South Korea on January 14, followed by matches against Iran on January 15 and Malaysia on January 16. The quarter-finals for the women's team will take place on January 17, with the semi-finals scheduled for January 18. The final for the women's competition will be held on January 19.

Indian men's kho kho team: Pratik Waikar (captain), Prabani Sabar, Mehul, Sachin Bhargo, Suyash Gargate, Ramji Kashyap, Siva Pothir Reddy, Aditya Ganpule, Gowtham M.K., Nikhil B, Akash Kumar, Subramani V., Suman Barman, Aniket Pote, S. Rokeson Singh. Standby: Akshay Bangare, Rajvardhan Shankar Patil, Vishwanath Janakiram.

Indian women's kho kho team: Priyanka Ingle (captain), Ashwini Shinde, Reshma Rathore, Bhilar Devjibhai, Nirmala Bhati, Neeta Devi, Chaitbra R., Subhashree Sing, Magai Majhi, Anshu Kumari, Vaishnavi Bajrang, Nasreen Shaikh, Meeenu, Monika, Nazia Bibi. Standby: Sampada More, Ritika Siloriya, Priyanka Bhopi.

SA include Ngidi Nortje in CT squad after pacers' recovery from injuries

JOHANNESBURG : South Africa on Monday included Lungi Ngidi and Anrich Nortje in the Temba Bavuma-led squad for next month's Champions Trophy after the pacers recovered sufficiently from their respective injuries.

Nortje sustained an injury on his big toe last month which ruled him out of the series against Pakistan while a groin strain in November forced Ngidi to miss the series against Sri Lanka and Pakistan.

South Africa, the semifinalists of the 2023 ODI World Cup, are placed in group B of the Champions Trophy,

They will start their campaign against Afghanistan in Karachi on February 21 before meeting Australia in Rawalpindi on February 25 and their final group game is against England on March 1.

However, frontline pacer Gerald Coetzee was not picked because of the groin injury that he suffered during the first Test against Sri Lanka in Durban last year.

Subsequently, he missed the second Test at Gqerberha and the entire home rubber against Pakistan.

Pacer Nandre Burger, who

suffered a lumbar stress reaction, ahead of the ODI series against Ireland in early October too was not considered for selection.

However, the Proteas trusted the improving fitness of all-rounder Wiaan Mulder, who broke his middle finger in the series against Sri Lanka, but he played in the second Test against Pakistan after the physios gave the green signal.

Keshav Maharaj and Tabraiz Shamsi are the specialist spinners, who will be assisted by Aiden Markram's part-time off-spin.

South Africa squad: Temba



Bavuma (captain), Tony de Zorzi, Marco Jansen, Heinrich Klaasen, Keshav Maharaj, Aiden Markram, David Miller, Wiaan Mulder, Lungi Ngidi, Anrich Nortje, Kagiso Rabada, Ryan Rickelton, Tabraiz Shamsi, Tristan Stubbs, Rassie van der Dussen.

Bangladesh veteran Litton Das speaks out on omission from CT 2025 squad



DHAKA [BANGLADESH] : Bangladesh veteran batter Litton Das opened up on his omission from the Champions Trophy 2025 squad and said that the selection wasn't in his hands, as reported by ICC.

When Bangladesh announced their Champions Trophy squad on Sunday, a few key players were notably absent from the 15-member team, one of whom was wicketkeeper-batter Litton Das.

After his explosive innings of 125 off just 55 balls against Durbar Rajshahi in the Bangladesh Premier League, the 30-year-old was candid about his non-selection and acknowledged that his exclusion was due to his poor run of form.

"The Champions Trophy selection wasn't in my control. The selectors took the call. They decide whom to play. My job is to perform. I haven't been able to do

that," Litton was quoted by ICC as saying.

"I think I was a bit upset about it. I have the same mindset before and after the game today. The day has already passed. I have played a good knock but it's in the past. I start from zero again. I will keep working hard, let's see what happens next," he added.

Litton has been struggling for form while playing for the national team, failing to score more than single digits in his last seven ODI innings. His most recent 50+ score dates back to October 2023, against India in the 2023 Cricket World Cup.

"I was given a clear message. Maybe not from the selectors but it is easy to find out why I wasn't picked in the team. I was dropped because I wasn't performing. There's nothing to hide about it. Basic, normal," Litton added.

Despite missing out on an important tournament, Litton expressed his desire to improve his game and turn it around so that he gets another shot with the national side.

"Fans will support me but then when I don't do well, people will be negative. That's not really my concern," he said. "I am focused on what I need to do. I haven't been playing well, so I need to improve my game. I won't change overnight, so I have to keep trying. People will love it when I score runs.

"Was gobsmacked, did not want to stay in front of TV...": Iyer on massive IPL bid by Punjab Kings



MUMBAI (MAHARASHTRA) : Punjab Kings (PBKS) skipper Shreyas Iyer revealed his reaction on the massive amount his franchise splurged on him to secure his services ahead of Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 season, saying that he was "gobsmacked"

and not expecting to be picked up at such a high price.

Iyer had a memorable 2024 despite being removed from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) central contract due to an alleged lack of commitment towards red-ball cricket. One of the biggest highlights of 2024 for Iyer was being picked by PBKS for Rs 26.75 crores. This briefly made him the most expensive player in the cash-rich league's history, before Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) decided to free up Rs 27 crores from their purse to get the services of superstar wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant.

Speaking in an interview to ESPNCricinfo, Iyer, who will be leading PBKS next season, said that he at one point had covered his ears with cotton and just did not want to stay in front of the TV as his bid went up.

"I was absolutely gobsmacked. I wasn't expecting that amount, but I was expecting somewhere around that amount. So once the bidding crossed a certain point, I was covering my ears with cotton and I just did not want to stay in front of the TV. I went to the washroom. I was in Hyderabad at that point in time, playing Syed Mushtaq Ali (for Mumbai as a captain). Yeah, I was dumbstruck," he said. No doubt Iyer was going to be sold for such a massive prize as he secured two T20 titles as a captain last year, the Indian Premier League (IPL) for Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR), the franchise's first in a decade and overall third. He also won the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy title with Mumbai as a captain. Last year, he scored 696 runs in 24 T20 matches and 22 innings at an average of 43.50, a strike rate of 164.92, with a century and three fifties. His best score was 130*.

He was also in top form as a batter across all formats, except for a brief dry run with India in England Tests and Sri Lanka ODIs. In 44 matches across all formats, Iyer made 1,841 runs at an average of 43.83, with four centuries and seven fifties and the best score of 233.

Devajit Saikia, Prabhtej Singh Bhatia take charge as BCCI's new Secretary, Treasurer

Mumbai (Maharashtra) : Devajit Saikia and Prabhtej Singh Bhatia have been unanimously elected as the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, respectively, of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). Their appointments follow a by-election held during the Special General Meeting at the BCCI HQ on Sunday. The process was overseen by A.K. Joti, the Electoral Officer for the 2024 by-election. Both Saikia and Bhatia will assume their roles with immediate effect.

"I extend my warmest congratulations to Mr. Devajit Saikia and Mr. Prabhtej Singh Bhatia on their appointments as Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, respectively. They are taking forward the exceptional legacy of Mr. Jay Shah and Mr. Ashish Shelar, who have set exemplary standards in these roles. I am confident that their proven administrative acumen and deep understanding of financial operations will help us reach new heights in both governance and financial management. I also take this opportunity to thank our State Associations for their unambiguous support and their faith in our shared vision for Indian Cricket," Roger Binny, President, BCCI, said as quoted by a media advisory from the BCCI. Rajeev Shukla, Vice-President, BCCI, said, "The appointments of Mr. Devajit Saikia and Mr. Prabhtej Singh Bhatia mark an exciting new chapter for BCCI's administrative framework. They step into the distinguished shoes of Mr. Jay Shah and Mr. Ashish Shelar, who were stellar in their respective roles. Mr. Saikia and Mr. Bhatia, with their track record in cricket administration and professional expertise are ideal choices and I look forward to working closely with them. The overwhelming endorsement from our State Associations reinforces our collective commitment to taking the game to greater heights. We will continue to develop cricket infrastructure across the country and create more opportunities for everyone to be involved in our beautiful game."





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