Book launch of 'Urban Chronicles 4'

he much-anticipated launch of Urban Chronicles 4, the latest addition to Nita Bajoria's acclaimed Urban Chronicles series, took place at The Creative Arts in Kolkata. The event saw an esteemed gathering of literary figures, artists, and prominent personalities, turning the evening into a memorable celebration of urban storytelling. The launch event was graced by an exceptional lineup of luminaries. Alokananda Roy, a distinguished Dance Educationist and Choreographer, served as the Chief Guest and emphasized the role of art in capturing the complexities of urban life. Harsho Mohan Chattoraj, a renowned graphic novelist, shared PG 3

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India's automotive industry is future-ready, says PM Modi



MI News Service, New Delhi: Stressing that modern India is focusing on the development of green technology, production of electric vehicles(EVs), hydrogen fuel and biofuels, Prime minister Narendra Modi has said thae the country now stands as an outstanding destination for every investor looking to shape their future in the mobility sector.

Speaking before a large gathering after inaugurating the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 at Bharat Mandapam here on Friday, the Prime Minister assured all government support to investors for setting up their projects anywhere in the country.

Emphasising that the strength of the 'Make in India' initiative fuels the growth prospects of the country's auto industry, he said the sale of EVs is poised to increase manifold by the end of this decade.

PM Modi said the government is working on a mobility system which can support economy and ecology, and create a system which can reduce the country's bill on the import of fossil

He also claimed that his government's 'Make in India' initiative has played a huge role in the development of auto industry which is now completely ready to meet all future demands of the consumers.

The initiative has got a push from the production linked incentive scheme which has helped in the sales of more than Rs 2.25 lakh crore in the sector.

This scheme has created more than 1.5 lakh direct jobs in the automobile sector,

"Ease of travel is a big priority of India. In the last budget, more than Rs 11 lakh crore were provisioned for the development of infrastructure," the prime minister said, and added the network of multi-lanes and highways were also expanded for the benefit of the

Noting that India's automotive industry is both fantastic and futureready, PM Modi said India's auto industry witnessed a 12 per cent annual growth last year and exports too rose significantly.

Encouraging corporates to invest in the sector, Modi said the rising middle class, rapid urbanisation, high quality infrastructure development, and affordable vehicles are going to push automo-

The endeavour, he said, is to develop complete ecosystem for mobility.

The PM also said it is the right time to invest in battery storage system in

The five-day expo which is being held across three venues -- Bharat Mandapam and Yashobhoomi in the national capital and India Expo Center and Mart, Greater Noida -- is expected to witness over 100 new launches across automobiles, component products and tech-

The Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025, scheduled from January 17-22, will bring the entire value chain of the mobility ecosystem -- from automobile manufacturers to components, electronics parts, tyre and energy storage makers, and automotive software firms and material recyclers -- under a single um-

On the occasion PM Modi also remembered Ratan Tata and Osamu Suzuki and expressed confidence that the legacy of both will will continue to inspire the entire mobility sector of Country.

"In such a large event for India's auto sector, today Ĭ will also remember Ratan Tata ji and Osamu Suzuki. Both of these great individuals have made a huge contribution to fulfilling the dreams of India's middle class and to the growth of India's auto sector. I am confident that the legacy of Ratan Tata ji and Osamu Suzuki ji will continue to inspire the entire mobility sector

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BJP releases Delhi manifesto: promises Rs 2500 for women, pension for elderly, LPG at Rs 500

MI News Service, New Delhi : BJP president JP Nadda released the first part of the party's manifesto for the Delhi assembly polls on Friday, announcing Rs 2,500 monthly aid for women, LPG cylinders at Rs 500 and Rs 2,500 pension for senior citizens.

He also assured that if the BJP is voted to power in February, all existing public welfare schemes in Delhi will continue as before.

Addressing a press conference while releasing the first part of the 'Sankalp Patra', Nadda said the party's manifesto is the foundation

for a developed Delhi. Nadda said monthly financial assistance announcing to Rs 2,500 for women, LPG cylinders at Rs 500 and Rs 2,500 pension for senior citizens will also be provided after the poll..

Hitting out at the

Arvind Kejriwal-led Aam Aadmi Party, he said all corruption charges in the existing public welfare schemes will be investigated. He promised that a

BJP-led Delhi government will approve imple-mentation of the 'Ayushman Bharat ' in the city in its first Cabinet meeting, and also give additional health

cover of Rs 5 lakh each. "The BJP will give LPG cylinders at Rs 500 to women housewives from poor sections.In addition one free cylinder will be given each on Holi and Diwali," he

The BJP president also promised Rs 2,500 pension for senior citizens between the age of 60-70 and Rs 3,000 for those older than 70.

Delhi will vote on February 5 and the results will be announced on February 8.



Mamata Banerjee to visit North Bengal from Jan 20

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is likely to visit North Bengal from January 20, though the date of her return remains uncertain. Her visit comes amid rising concerns over law and order situation in the region following months of violence, including the killing of Trinamool Congress leaders and shootings targeting police personnel. Opposition parties have been vocal about the alleged deterioration of law and order in North Bengal, making Mamata's visit a topic of

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal intense political and administrative discussion. The Chief Minister is expected to visit Murshidabad, Malda, Alipurduar, and Hasimara. In Malda, she may attend an administrative service distribution programme, while a similar event is planned in Alipurduar. Sources also reveal that on January 23, Mamata will commemorate Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's birthday in Hasimara. This trip has been in the pipeline for some

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Mumbai police detain one suspect in connection with attack on Saif Ali Khan

MI News Service, Mum**bai:** After conducting a massive manhunt across the city and its neighbourhood for the past 24 hours, Mumbai police detained a suspect on Friday morning in connection with the stabattack Bollywood actor Saif Ali Khan, an official said.

The man, whose identity is yet to be established, has been taken to the Bandra police station for interrogation to know the motive behind the attack and whether there was any other accomplice of the detainee, the police in-

Describing the detention of the youth within 24 hours of the incident as a major success of the Mumbai Police Crime branch, the police further stated that the person was detained after several people were questioned in different places following tip offs as they resembled the attacker.

The person who has been brought to the Bandra police station was also carrying a backpack similar to the one seen in the CCTV footage from the actor's building, the official said. At least 20 police teams were working on the case and one of them is trying to obtain leads from police informers regarding any

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Caption: India's first private hospital with rooftop helipad for critical patients in Kolkata on Friday.

Cold wave further intensifies in Kashmir after fresh snowfall

MI News Service, Srinagar: The minimum temacross the perature Kashmir valley dipped further on Friday following fresh snowfall during the past 24 hours with the meteorological department forecasting similar conditions over the next three days.

According to official sources, higher reaches of Kashmir valley as well as some areas in the plains near the Jammu border received fresh snowfall since Thursday leading to further dip in already a

very cold temperature. Following the snowfall amid severe cold conditions, the night temperatures in the valley area dipped much below the freezing point, the sources said. As a result, the minimum temperature in Srinagar came down to minus 5 degree celsius on Thursday night, which is three degree less than the previous night when it was hovering around minus 2.5 degree celsius.

Similarly the tourist resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir, known for skiing, recorded a minimum temperature of minus 7 degree Celsius following the fresh snowfall.

Pahalgam, one of the base camps for the annual Amarnath Yatra in south Kashmir, recorded as low as minus 11.8 degree celsius, over seven degree down from minus 4.2 degree celsius the night be-



Vehicles move on a road amid light snowfall, in Gulmarg.

fore.The minimum temperature was minus 2.4 degrees Celsius in Qazigund, minus 2 degrees Celsius at Konibal in Pampore town, minus 2.7 degrees Celsius in Kupwara and minus 2.4 degrees Celsius in Kokernag.

The meteorological office has forecast mainly dry weather in Kashmir till January 19, with a possibility of light rain or snow at scattered places from January 20 to 22.

Kashmir is currently in the grip of 'Chillai-Kalan' - the harshest period of winter. During the 40 days of 'Chillai-Kalan', which began on December 21, the chances of snowfall are the highest and the temperature drops considerably

'Chillai-Kalan' ends on January 30, followed by a 'Chillai-Khurd'

(small cold) and a 10-day 'Chillai-Bachha' (baby cold). Meanwhile,the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said that northwest India is also expected to witness light to

tures in the coming week. The weather department has further issued an orange alert for Punjab and Harvana, forecasting dry cold conditions for the next two days, with maximum temperatures likely to fall 4.5 degrees Celsius

moderate rainfall and a

gradual drop in tempera-

below normal. According to IMD scientist Naresh Kapoor," severe cold conditions are expected over Punjab and Haryana for today and tomorrow. He said, "At present, there is a western disturbance over Northern Pakistan. It is likely to affect the Western Himalayas in the next two to three days and cause light to moderate snowfall."

A stronger western disturbance is also expected to impact the plains of northwest India, including Haryana, Delhi-NCR, and

Jammu and Kashmir.. In Uttar Pradesh too, the maximum temperature also dropped by more than 5 degree celsius in at least 50 districts, according to the Met office in Lucknow. Intense cold conditions are expected to persist until Wednesday, with the minimum temperature recorded at 1.3 degree celsius. In Punjab, Bathinda recorded the lowest temperature at 5 degree celsius. Sangrur had a cold night at 2.3 degree celsius, while Faridkot saw a low of 1.5 degree.

forward to working with Singapore MI News Service, New They too are looking forward to working with us, "tremendous" potential of and we are also looking

As global hub of MRO sector, India looking

Delhi: Highlighting the employment generation and value addition in the Maintenance, Repair, and Operations (MRO) sector, the Ministry of External Affairs has affirmed that India can emerge as a "hub" of MRO, adding that it is looking forward to working with Singapore in

"Maintenance, repair of aircraft is gaining a lot of importance for us... A tremendous amount of employment can be generated and value addition can be made. India could become a hub of MRO for others as well. Singapore is itself a very strong MRO centre.

forward to working with them," MEA secretary (East) Jaideep Mazumdar said in a press briefing on Friday.

The MEA Secy also emphasised ongoing collaborations in energy and data sectors between India and Singapore. He said that both nations would sign an

MOU in the direction There is already some work going on in terms of the energy corridor between India and Singapore in eastern India.You will also see an MOU being

signed on it, " he said. Regarding the data corridor, he said, "The

data corridor is also an important area between Guand Singapore, which is also being discussed. Being asked about

Myanmar, Mazmumdar said that India is working closely with all the ASEAN nations, and discussions were also held regarding the relations with Myanmar. "We work very closely with the ASEAN countries... Since Myanmar is both a neighbour of India and ASEAN and BIMSTEC member... There was a discussion on the current situation in Myanmar," he said. Earlier on Thursday,

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Prime Minister

Mahakumbh Mela expects to generate business worth of Rs two lakh crores

MI News Service, Praya- the confluence (Sangam) graj (UP) : As the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) has projected that the Mahakumbh Mela 2925 is set to generate business worth about Rs 2 lakh crore in the region during the next 45 days, several consumer goods companies - branded or otherwise- have lined up and set up their well decorated stalls at the vast Mahakumbh Mela ground to showcase their differ-

ent branded products. tees taking a holy dip at thing clear: the compa-

of rivers Ganga, Yamuna and Saraswati every day for the past one week or more, several top brands of consumer products in India like Dettol, Dabur, Pepsico, Coca-Cola, and corporate houses such as ITC and Reliance have set up camp ashrams, where they have lined up their products, and are distrib-

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nies are expecting to make their presence felt in this holy city for the next two months, or at least till the end of the festivities of Mahakumbh on February 26.

The brands — which have been facing headwinds owing to multiple factors led by rising prices and tepid sales in urban markets — are taking the Mahakumbh as an opportunity to directly engage with the consumers especially the rural population — and communicating with them through a host of special

initiatives over 45-daylong events, in which about 40 crore people are estimated to attend. Reliance Consumer

Products Ltd (RCPL), the FMCG arm of billionaire Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries retail empire, is offering services and product availability of its consumer products to enhance the pilgrim journey. "This will include providing essential refreshments to enpilgrims remain sure hydrated and

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CPI(M) leader Prakash Karat, Biman Bose with others inaugurated Jyoti Basu Centre for Social Studies &

Colorful inauguration of Jyoti Basu Research Center

On Friday, the dream building of many, 'Jyoti Basu Center for Social Studies and Research', was formally inaugurated by CPI(M) Polit Bureau member and CPI(M) Central Committee Coordinator Prakash Karat. The first phase of the inauguration ceremony was held on the day. The center's library and exhibition hall

were also inaugurated. While addressing the meeting, Prakash Karat said that late comrade Jyoti Basu was a public leader and a national asset. In his memory, this research center will enrich the society. He also released a valuable memorial on Jyoti Basu on the day. In fact, the foundation stone of this center was laid last year by late comrade Sitaram Yechury. The first phase of the work was formally inaugurated on Friday in a year. It goes without saying that the 16th Death Anniversary of the popular leader, the late Jyoti Basu, created a historical context. On the other hand, the party's central committee meeting was held in Newtown.

Friday. Party leader Biman Basu said that this is a dream project from which the common man will benefit in various ways. He said that Salt Lake has been named Bidhan Nagar. He demanded that this Newtown be named Jyoti Basu Nagar. Everyone present at the meeting gave their full support in one sentence. As a result, they said that they will later submit a written demand to the state Chief Minister regarding the naming of the city after Jyoti Basu. On the other hand, one of the members of this research center, Politburo leader and party state committee secretary Mohammad Salim said that democracy is being destroyed every day in our state and country. People from different walks of life, including the party, are struggling every day to bring it back. Everyone knows their current status. Still, people from all walks of life can learn a lot from such a research center. This Jyoti Basu Research Center, the full name of which is Jyoti Basu

ting of this research center on name of which is Jyoti Basu Center for Social Studies and Research will provide a holistic view of the fundamental rights of people. Eminent artist Rezwana Chowdhury Banya appeared as a special guest and performed music. Gautam Dev, Rabin Dev, Sujan Chakraborty, Dr. Suryakant Mishra and several party leaders were present. The party congratulated all the well-wishers and compassionate people who helped in the tireless efforts to build this building. The Jyoti Basu Social Science Practice and Research Laboratory was built with the money and support of countless left-wing people. They gave money, books, time and hard work. The party claimed that an international standard library and archive has been built. "Time" which is held in people's memory is also being recorded. Several personal researches are also being conducted here. Discussions are underway to ensure that many more modern researches are conducted in the field of sociology in the com-

Ganga Aarti and Pranab Cultural Fair on the Kalanagini River

Kakdwip: On the occasion of Poush Sankranti, a grand Ganga Aarti was organized on the banks of the Kalanagini River, a branch of the sacred Ganges, at Bashta-la Ferry Ghat in Kakdwip Block of South 24 Parganas district. This unique Ganga Aarti was conducted by the rural service center of Bharat Sevashram Sangha at the Manmathpur Pranab Mandir, in collaboration with Rabinara Gram Panchayat, Kishi Bankim Gram Panchayat, and Bapuji Gram Panchayat. The four-day Shri Shri Pranab Cultural Fair ran until January 17.

On the first day of the Ganga Aarti, 1001 lamps were lit by mothers, praying for the well-being of the world. On the second day, to mark the 130th birth anniversary of Yugacharya da Ji Maharaj, 130 incense tainment programs.

used to invoke Maa Ganga, seeking to eradicate all forms of misfortune. On the third day, 130 torches were lit to ward off evil forces from society. The final day



concluded with a Panch Vedic Peace Yajna dedicated to universal peace, in the names of the five deities.

Priests from Varanasi, Dakshineswar, Mahamilan Math, Belur Math, and Omkar Nath Math participated in this grand Ganga Aarti. Meanwhile, the cultural fair featured various evening Srimat Swami Pranabanan- performances and enter-

event included Parasharananda Ji Maharaj and Swami Anveshananda Ji Maharaj from the Sangha, along with prominent figures like Monturam Pakȟira, MLA and former minister of Kakdwip, Sukumar Mahato, MLA of Sandeshkhali, and Madan Mohan Haldar, President of the Kakdwip Panchayat Samiti.

A newly built permanent Aarti stage on the banks of tne Kalanagini River added grandeur to the occasion. The banks of the river were crowded with devotees eager to witness the Aarti. The event was successfully organized with support from Bashtala Bazaar Committee, Vishalakshmi Temple Committee, and Manmathpur B Badi Sangha, alongside the Manmathpur Pranab Mandir under the aegis of Bharat Sevashram

Sebaashray arranges free heart surgery and treatment for 9 yr old boy

Service, Falta: 9-year-old boy to undergo open-heart surgery On Friday, January 17. 9-yearold Altaf Hossain Gharami will undergo a 12-hour open-heart surgery at JIMS (Jagannath Gupta Institute of Medical Sciences) hospital tomorrow. Abhishek Banerjee, through Sevashray, has arranged for the free surgery

and treatment for the boy.

father, where the report revealed that the boy had a heart problem. After seeing the report, the camp doctors sent Altaf to the Model Camp at SDO Ground, Diamond Harbour for advanced review. The report and the investigation by the camp doctors further revealed that Altaf has a hole in his heart (cyanotic heart disease), due

camp at Sevashray with his a major problem for many years. When this matter was brought to the notice of Hon'ble MP Shri Abhishek Banerjee, without any delay he ensured that Altaf's treatment would start at JIMS (Jagannath Gupta Institute of Medical Sciences) Hospital. All India General Secretary Shri Abhishek Banerjee assured that Altaf would get free surgery and necessary



Formar MLA Purnendu Basu along with eminent personalities, attends Press Conference by Desh Bachao Ganmanch, where affected employees share their experiences regarding the Centre's 'systematic neglect' of West Bengal by withholding their wages for the 100-day work program and downsizing PSUs with the unlawful removal of workers' rights. The press conference was held at Kolkata Press Club, Kolkata on Friday.

CM Mamata likely to announce new projects at Murshidabad

MI News Service, lice Suryapratap Yadav and Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Trinamool District President Minister Mamata Banerjee Apurba Sarkar inspected the will visit the 'Nawabi city' Murshidabad for the first time after the Lok Sabha elections on Monday. According to administrative sources, the grounds of 'Nawab Bahadur Institution' located in Lalbagh have been chosen for her meeting. The Chief Minister will

reach Murshidabad by helicopter on Monday and will leave for 21st January Malda after the meeting on the same day. In this administrative meeting, Mamata Banerjee will distribute various government services and can announce many new schemes for the district.

As soon as the date of the meeting was fixed on Thursday, senior officials of the district administration started taking stock of the preparations. Murshidabad District Magistrate Rajarshi Mitra, Superintendent of Po-

meeting venue. A temporary helipad is also being constructed near the meeting

The meeting venue has been completely covered from the security point of view. To prevent any untoward incident during the meeting, CCTV cameras have been installed at various places and police surveillance has been increased at important places like Jangipur, Jiyaganj, Raghunathganj, Baharampur and Lalbagh. Apart from this, naka checking has also been started on the borders of the

Murshidabad Zila Parishad Sabhapati Rubia Sultana said that we are all very excited about the arrival of the Chief Minister in the district. We hope that she will announce many special schemes for the district. We are ready in ev-

Khidderpur Utsav to gear up from Jan 19th



Service, Kolkata: Khidderpur Utsav Committee in ward number 75 of Kolkata Port Assembly today announced its colorful and grand event. In a press conference organized at Kolkata Press Club, while talking to media persons, General Secretary of Khidderpur Utsav and youth Trinamool leader Rajesh Kumar Saw gave this information. He said that this program is completely social and for the people and this festival is celebrated every year. People of all communities participate in this event and everyone is welcome here. In the 16th Khidderpur Utsav, social programs inspired by goodwill will be organized including voluntary blood donation camp, health checkup, children's painting, clothing distribution, study material distribution, awareness campaign by Chittaranjan National Cancer Hospital to avoid deadly diseases like cancer. Social worker Magsood Khan Bharti, Shramjeevi Patrakar shanghs National Executive Committee member Awadhesh Kumar Chaudhary, Rajkumar Sahu were present at

Man sentenced to death in rape and murder case



News Service, Hooghly: Chinsurah court announced the death penalty in case of rape and murder of a neighbour's child. This person was accused of raping and then killing a five-year-old child in Gurap of Hooghly. He was sentenced to death after being found guilty in court. The child had disappeared from the front of the house on the evening of Nov 24. Her father had seen her playing while going to the market, but when he returned, his child was not found, after which the search begun.

Neighbours also started searching. During the search, the body of the child was recovered from the house of a neighbour named Ashok Singh. After that, the accused was caught by the local people and handed over to the police.

Chinsurah Judge Chandra Prabha Chakraborty declared him guilty on Wednesday Jan 15th. Chinsurah court pronounced death sentence to this criminal on Friday. On Dec 9, the police presented a charge sheet in the case of rape and murder of a child.

Charges were filed on Dec After that, within a month, the judge delivered the verdict after completing all the proceedings of the case, including taking the testimony of 27 people.

"The new BNS law has

ended the trial so early There was a seven-day holiday over Christmas after the trial began. Otherwise, the case would have been decided already. It was possible because of the investigation.

According to local sources, Ashok's house is next to the child's house. That day, after a long search, the child's body was found buried in blankets and wood in the house.

Ashok had faced various charges before. But with time, they were covered. According to a local resident, "We were all looking for the baby since evening." were suspicious of Ashok. Later, the child was found at his house. He is also accused of misbehaving with his own daughter.

Many such incidents had happened before. Later it was covered up.

Everyone wanted him to be hanged. The child's parents were also demanding that the culprit be hanged. Friday, January 17, the court sentenced the criminal to death.

This verdict will teach lesson to those persons who have possibility to pform such crime in future. Law is very wild to those who are eager to molest women or female child. On one hand, increase of such incidents in these days may stop with this attitude of court room.

Calcutta Jito Chapter launched "Investing Mantra"



News Service, Kolkata: People earn money but they do not know where to invest that money. To ease this problem of the people, Calcutta Jito Chapter launched "Investing Mantra"
BUY RIGHT & in a five
star hotel in Kolkata on Thursday. SIT TIGHT" talk show was organized. Motilal Oswal, MD & CEO of MOFSL, who was present as the chief guest in this program, gave many tips to the people from the ups and downs of the stock market to wealth

Vinod Dugar, icon of RDB group Kolkata also shared many tips and his experience on invest-

Regarding this special ession, Dharmendra session, Jain, Chairman of Calcutta Jito Chapter, said that how to develop Bengal, how to bring more and more investment in na - Secretary Bengal especially Kolkata, with this purpose a special session was organized "Investing Mantra". The country's well-known finance expert Motilal Oswal gave many important tips. By following the steps shown by him, people will never have to face loss in the stock market.

The special feature of Sunita Jain - Chairper-this program was that son - JITO Kolkata Ladies how women can also Wing everybody was prest progress in the stock in the grand occasion.

about this was also given, after hearing which the women looked very

happy. The forum was moderated by JITo Secretary Rishabh Nahata.

Motilal Oswal - MD

JITO Apex Advisor Vinod Dugar - RDB Group Kolkata and JATF Advisor Sheetal Dugar - Chairperson JITO Apex Ladies Wing Khabiyar- JITO Mem-ber Bhubaneshwar Kamdar Chairman Kumar Pal Chopra -Chairman JPF Rohit Pankaj Maloo - Chief Sec-retary - JITO East Zone were present on the occasion. JITO Kolkata team Dharmendra Jain-Chairman Ratan gar-Vice Nirmal Jain - Vice Chair-Rajendra man - Vice Chairman, Rishab Nahata - Secretary Vivek Jain - Treasurer,

From young to old, the people of Falta are all smiles!

camp, a remarkable initiative by MP @abhishekaitc, has brought joy to people of all ages. Children, in particular, are filled with happiness as they benefit from the free services and care being provided. Grateful beyond words, the mother of an infant expressed her heartfelt thanks for the advanced medical services offered at the #Sebaashray camp. This remarkable initiative is making a significant impact, offering vital healthcare and bringing re-

continues to touch lives and

MI News Service, shining example of compas-Falta: The #Sebaashray sion in action, Sebaashray of an infant expressed her of an infant expressed her heartfelt thanks for the adprovide essential support vance to those in need.Grateful fered. vanced medical services of-



Hanskhali police foils dacoity, recovers arms, arrests 5



Ranaghat: Hanskhali Police under Ranaghat PD in Nadia lolled a robbery plan and arrested 5 persons. It happened at Hanskhali Mahakal area early on Friday, Deputy Superintendent of police (border), Ranaghat PD said. They were produced in Court on Friday with prayer for police remand for further investiga-

It was arround 1.30 am. on Friday. On a sources in-

ly. The cops found some illegal arms and ammunitions as well as the deadly weapons from their possession. Subsequently police arrested all

one 9 mm. pistol with ammu-

nitions, and some weapons.

After interrogation police came to know that the miscreants were on a move to commit robbery. Police has Shantipur, Bapi Bain (18) formation, police stopped a started a sueo moto case un-

Service, black vehicle (scorpio) near der the concerned law of BNS Mahakal under Hanskhali PS for preparation and assemlimits and checked thorough- bling for dacoity with deadly weapons and fire arms.

> The miscreants were produced in Ranaghat Court with prayer for police remand. The miscreants were the 5 in the car and recovered identified as Ashish Mondal (38), of Bagula Station para, Gurupada Chowdhury (34) of Kaikhali Natun para, Subhankar Sarkar (35) of Shantipur, Jit Ghosh (22) of

One year Asmika needs an injection of Rs 16 Cr. within 6 months, Singer Kailash Kher, Shubhamita cooperated

Service, Ranaghat: Renowned singers Padma Shri Kailash Kher , Shubhamita and more a few singers and many people of various walk of life have cooperated to the parents of one year old girl Asmika, for treatment of her rare disease. She is attacked with Spinal Muscular Atrophy Type - 1, and the cost for the treatment is Rs.16 crore soon. It is the price of just an injection.

Couple Shubhankar and Doli Das of Ranaghat S. B. Sarani Daspara in Nadia were blessed with a daughter on January 09, 2024. The movement of the baby girl was as usual at the beginning. But the parents observed after 4 months that her legs' movement were decreasing.

They took her to a local physician and subsequently they took her to a hospital in Kolkata. Gradually the disease was diagnosed as Spinal Muscular Atrophy Type -1'. The parents took the baby to Vellore and other hospitals. Shubhankar Das said on Thursday, " Finally, we came to know that an injection is to push to Asmika within 18 months of her age and the price of the injection is Rs. 16 crore. We have

around 6 months in hand." A sources said that her life may get into danger if the injection is not given in time. Due to the said disease, the child's muscles are gradual-



it will be difficult for him to stand up in the future. The treatment is huge expensive. She is needed an injection that cost Rs.16 crore. Shubhankar's father be-

longs to a middle class family. So, Asmika 's parents are reaching out for help.

Shubhankar Das opened a facebook group. It is a crowdfunding Platform known as ' Impact Guru' for getting help. Meanwhile several prominent people have already stood by Asmika. There are only 6 months left, within which Asmika's parents will have to raise 16 crores.

Padma Shri Kailash Kher, Mahammad Irfan, Rupali

Jajja, Barun Jain from Bollywood and Shubhomita Banerjee, Rupam Islam from Tollywood have cooperated. The above singers have

helped through developing

video with appeal to co-operate for the treatment of Asmika, " Shubhankar Das said. However, upto Thursday, the collection is Rs. 4.30 crore, he iterated. Subhankar Das is a person

from middle class family. It

is somehow impossible for

him to raise the huge cost of treatment for his child suffering from a rare disease. The survive of Asmika is

now depending upon the crowdfunding and the family is looking to it.

Shubhankar was a worker in a private company. But for remaining busy in collecting fund, he has lost his job. His father Narayan Chandra Das is a retired Primary school Teacher and family runs on his pension.

The collection from public has been going on since last 155 days. Side by side, he has applied to CM Relief Fund and West Bengal Governor but got no response so far.

India's automotive industry...

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of India," PM Modi said.
"Today's India is full of aspirations and youth energy, and these aspirations clearly visible in India's automotive industry. With around 25 million vehicles being sold annually, it shows how demand is steadily increasing in India. This is why when it comes to the future of mobility, India is seen with such high hopes," PM Modi

The theme for Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 "Beyond Boundaries: Co-creating Future Automotive Value Chain." This vision aims to foster collaboration and innovation across the automotive and mobility sector, emphasizing sustainable and cutting-edge technological advancements.

The Expo will host over 9 concurrent shows, 20+ conferences and pavilions. In addition, the Expo will also feature state sessions to showcase policies and initiatives in the mobility sector to enable collaboration between industry and regional levels.

Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 aims to unite the entire mobility value chain under one umbrella.

This year's expo will have a special emphasis on global significance with participation from across the globe as exhibitors and visitors. It is an industryled and government-supported initiative and is being coordinated by the Engineering Export Promotion Council of India with the joint support of various industry bodies and partner organizations.

Mamata Banerjee to visit...

time, as announced earlier by the Chief Ministe herself. Political observers are keenly watching this visit, given its significance in the backdrop of the Trinamool Congress's (TMC) growing influence in North Bengal, a region traditionally dominated by opposition par-

TMC has been gaining ground steadily in North Bengal, as evidenced by their recent by-election victory in Madarihat in Alipurduar district..

The TMC's recent win in Madarihat has added momentum to its efforts to consolidate power in North Bengal. As Mamata prepares to visit the region, political analysts are curious about the message she intends to deliver to both party workers and voters.

In addition to political considerations, Mamata's visit is expected to address administrative concerns. The violence in North Bengal has raised questions

about the effectiveness of governance and policing. The Chief Minister's attendance at administrative

programmes in Malda and Alipurduar could be a bid to restore public confidence and demonstrate her government's commitment to improving infraand public services in the region.

Mamata Banerjee's North Bengal visit is being closely monitored, not just for its immediate political implications but also for its potential to shape the region's political dynamics ahead of future elections. Mamata's outreach to the people and her administrative assurances could play a pivotal role in the political narrative.

Observers are eager to see how this visit unfolds and what message the Chief Minister delivers to the people of North Bengal in this critical juncture of Bengal's political land-

Mumbai police detain one...

robber with a past history seen in the area recently.The police are also analysing their database on history sheeter robbers matching the description of the suspect caught on CCTV camera of the Satguru Sharan building on St Terra Road, Bandra West, where Khan's

Early Thursday morning, between 2 am and 2:30 am, a man believed to be in his early 30s snuck into Khan's 11th-floor apartment, allegedly demanded Rs 1 crore, injured the family's nanny, and later attacked Khan with a blade six times before escaping.

Khan, who bled profusely, was rushed to the Lilavati hospital by his family in an autorickshaw, where he underwent surgery. Senior doctors say he is stable and out of danger.

The Bandra police have registered a case of attempted robbery, causing grievous hurt with an intention of robbery, trespassing and under other sections of the Bharatiya

Nyay Sanhita. Meanwhile, amid concerns regarding Saif Ali Khan's well-being, Dr Nitin Dange of Lilavati Hospital has confirmed that the actor was doing "extremely well" and is now out of danger."He has since been shifted out from the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), but his movements will remain restricted for some days now. Addressing a press conference, the doctors who operated on the actor said that he was out of danger and there was no issue of paralysis.

Dr Niraj Uttamani said he first met Saif Ali Khan

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within the first hour of his injury. "He had blood all his body. But he walked in like a lion with his young child. He is a real hero. He is doing well currently. His parameters have improved. He is being shifted from the ICU to a special room. We will keep visitors in check. We want

him to rest," he added. The doctor said they have advised him to take rest given the wounds on the back that can cause infection. Saif Ali Khan is fine and safe from any symptoms, he added.

"He is doing excellent. We made him walk. There was no problem or pain or any other symptoms. Looking at several parameters, including his injuries and wounds, he is safe to be shifted from the ICU. The only thing we have advised him is to take rest for some time, owing to the wounds, especially on his back that can cause an infection,'

the doctor said. The doctor further said that the injury to actors' spine has been repaired and thus, restrictions of movement and restriction on visitor's movements are recommended for faster

recovery. "His hands had two wounds. One of them was on the neck, which has been repaired via plastic surgery. I operated on his spine where the sharp object was lodged and from where the fluid was coming out. It has been repaired now,"

Earlier today, Mumbai Police said they have taken possession of a portion of the blade extracted from Saif's back, while efforts to recover the remaining part are still underway.

Mahakumbh Mela expects...

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energised during their spiritual quest. Signage and directional boards are also being installed to assist pilgrims with clear, easy-to-read signages and branding to navigate the vast expanse of the event smoothly," said RCPL Chief Operating Officer Ketan

t will also operate 'aaram sthal' (resting areas), designated comfortable rest zones to offer pilgrims a moment to relax during their long and often arduous journeys, he

FMCG brand Reckitt and Kolmann through its flagship hygiene brand Dettol will support nearly 15,000 sanitation workers by providing training programmes and making soaps accessible to them at Kumbh.

It is also deploying health and hygiene volunteers across all 25 sectors of the Kumbh, offering onground support and guidance to the pilgrims, under the campaign 'Dettol Banega Swasth India'.

"The Maha Kumbh Mela 2025 provides a unique opportunity to embed hygiene practices into one of India's most culturally significant events. We are delighted to take ahead our long-standing partnership with the Government of Uttar Pradesh and GIWA," said Reckitt — South Asia Executive Vice President Gaurav Jain.

Home-grown FMCG firm Dabur said it has also planned a series of consumer engaging activities to strengthen connect with people during the Kumbh Mela.

"We feel direct engagement with consumers during such traditional melas that helps us strengthen our bond with consumers. They, in turn, get the opportunity to touch, feel and experience our products. This reinforces their longstanding trust in the brand Dabur," Dabur India CEO Mohit Malhotra said.

In rural markets, success depends highly on how a brand is positioned and promoted. The greater the strategic attention to a unique de-mand, the greater the chances of the product's success in rural pockets.

"Since the Kumbh Mela is deeply rooted in cultural and spiritual traditions, brands that align their messaging with these values can create a stronger connection with the audience," he said.

Moreover, standing out in a crowded environment requires creativity and innovation.

"While the space may seem cluttered, it actually offers companies the opportunity to get con-sumers to touch, feel and experience their brands and build greater connections. This will generate sales in the days to come," he said, adding, "Most of our key power brands like Chyawanprash, Dabur Honey, Dabur Red Paste. Dabur Amla Hair Oil, Vatika, Hajmola, and Honitus will be undertaking consumer activations at the Kumbh Mela." Beverages major Coca-Cola will pair with its portfolio of beverages with local

foods and flavours. "We are committed to creating social impact through multiple initiatives at the event that showcase the potential of repurposed packaging and raise awareness about recycling to inspire collective action," said Coca-Cola India and South West Asia Vice President Marketing Greishma Singh.

Duare Sarkar to commence from Jan 24

MI News Service, Kolkata: han (Solution in the Neigh-The much-awaited Duare Sarkar (Government at Doorstep) program, announced by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, is set to return to West Bengal. The program will commence on January 24 and run until February 1. This time, the administration is emphasizing ensuring that every family, especially in remote areas, benefits from the scheme.

Along with Duare Sarkar, the Paraay Samad-

borhood) initiative will also be implemented. This new approach aims to offer a more localized and efficient way to address the needs of the people. From January 24 to February 1, applications for government services will be accepted. All applications will be reviewed, and eligible beneficiaries will receive the services by February 28.

The government has confirmed that 37 serv-

ices will be available through the Duare Sarkar camps this time. These services span across various sectors, including programs, healthcare, education, and housing. The scheme is designed to be a onestop solution for the citizens, particularly those in rural or far-flung areas, to access essential services without having to travel long distances.

Notably, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has already fulfilled her promise under Bangla Awas scheme, with the first installment of funds being transferred to the beneficiaraccounts. Additionally, as the next

state assembly elections approach, the political landscape is heating up. While the elections are still some months away, the government's return to Duare Sarkar is seen as a significant move to solidify its position on the

MI News Service, Kolkata:

Residents of South Kolkata

will face a temporary

water supply shutdown on

Saturday, January 18, as the Kolkata Municipal Cor-

poration (KMC) halts serv-

ices for maintenance work.

From 9 a.m. onwards,

such as Garden Reach, Jadavpur, Tolly-

believe this initiative will further strengthen the TMC's hold over the state, especially as the election season draws nearer.

As the program unfolds, its success will likely depend on how effectively the services are delivered to the most marginalized communities, and how well the government addresses the concerns of the electorate in a year marked by political contest.



Mayor Firhad Hakim addresses during the 38th general meeting at KMC House in Kolkata on Friday.

First Air Ambulance in Kolkata to airlift critical patients to hosp

time in Bengal, an air ambulance will land on the rooftop of a hospital. This service, already available in several private hospitals in other Indian cities, is now set to be launched at a private hospital near the Kolkata bypass. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has granted the hospital permission to carry out this service, adhering to all the necessary safety regulations set by civil aviation authorities. It will ferry burn and emergency patients from remote corner of Bengal and Neighboring districts to the hospital. A helipad has been specially constructed to facilitate this operation. DGCA representatives will be present on-site during the trial landing. As per DGCA rules, no civilian aircraft or helicopter can operate without its approval. To ensure the air ambulance can emergencies.

MI News Service, Kolkata: For the first land safely on the hospital rooftop, several key regulations must be followed. These include making sure that the helipad is visible from all directions, that there is a wide road in the vicinity of the hospital in case of emergencies, and that the helipad is regularly inspected for safety. The new facility is expected to significantly improve emergency medical services in Kolkata by offering faster and more efficient airlifting of patients to critical care units. The introduction of this service is a landmark development in healthcare infrastructure, marking a significant step towards enhancing the accessibility and quality of emergency medical services in the city. This initiative is expected to provide better and quicker treatment to patients in critical conditions, saving valuable time in



State Education Minister Bratya Basu inaugurates 17th Urdu Book Fair by Urdu Academy in presence of Mukhtar Ali, Šhakil Ahmeď, Obaidur Rahaman, Nizhat Žainab, Nadimůl Haque, S. Haider, and A. Ahluwalia, in Kolkata on Friday.

Panihati building collapse: No causality reported

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a dramatic repeat of the Baghajatin building collapse, a part of an under-construction multistorey building collapsed in Panihati's Mahajati Nagar area, creating further alarm. The incident occurred in Ward No. 4 of Panihati Municipality, where a multi-storey residential building was being constructed. Fortunately, pedestrians nearby were spared, as the collapse

happened when no one

was in the immediate vicinity. This comes just after the shocking collapse of a four-storey building in Baghajatin, which had been standing for only 12 years. The residents, who had invested all their savings into the property, are left in disbelief after the building collapsed due to structural defects. Local sources report that part of the building collapsed around 2:45 PM on Tuesday, causing a loud noise and panic

time of the collapse, efforts were being made to straighten the leaning structure, which had been showing signs of instability. The four-storey building in Baghajatin was similarly affected, tilting dangerously before collapsing. It fell onto an abandoned one-storey house next door, but fortunately, no casualties were reported as there was no one inside either struc-

Modi, during his meetings with

leaders at East Asia Summit in

Laos, emphasised the inclusion

of Myanmar and said the

country should not be isolated.

He also stressed the impor-

among the locals.At the

gunge, Behala, Joka, Kasba, Maheshtala, and Budge Budge will experience water supply disrup-

The KMC has announced that maintenance and repair work will be conducted at the Garden Reach Water Treatment Plant. This includes the installation of new valves and repairs to pipelines at various booster pumping stations. The work is essential to ensure efficient

tions.

water supply in the future. The water outage will primarily impact the following neighborhoods: Kalighat, Ranikuthi, Garfa, Golf Green, Chetla. Layelka, Behala, Sirity, Daspara, Bansdroni, Gandhi Maidan, Senpally, Prafulla Park, Parnashree, Metiabruz and Shakuntala

water outage on Jan 18

South Kolkata faces

The outage will fully impact Boroughs 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, and 16, In Borough 12, services will be partially affected. These boroughs include prominent areas such as Kalighat, Ranikuthi, Garfa, and Chetla.

The KMC has already issued an official notice to inform residents about the disruption. While the temporary shutdown may cause inconvenience, the corporation has assured that the water supply will resume by evening.

Residents in the affected areas are bracing for a day without water, with many stocking up in advance to mitigate the inconvenience. While the maintenance work is necessary, some have expressed concerns about the timing and short notice of the announcement.

The KMC has urged citizens to cooperate and assured that maintenance will enhance the overall efficiency of water distribution across South Kolkata.

Industry 5.0 to revolutionize personalised manufacturing

MI News Service, Kolkata: manufacturers to produce Industry 5.0 is set to transform manufacturing by inadvanced tegrating technologies like AI, AR, and big data analytics to create human-centric, sustainable, and resilient processes. At the 3rd Edition of Manufacturing and MSME Conclave, experts emphasized how AI, machine learning, and human

customized products with the same efficiency and cost-effectiveness as mass production. Industry 5.0 offers MSMEs a competitive edge by allowing them to meet consumer demand for bespoke products while ensuring innovation, sustainability, and growth. However, challenges like lack of awareness and

Book launch of 'Urban Chronicles 4'

MI News Service, Kolkata: much-anticipated launch of Urban Chronicles 4, the latest addition to Nita Bajoria's acclaimed Urban Chronicles series, took place at The Creative Arts in Kolkata. The event saw an esteemed gathering of literary figures, artists, and prominent personalities, turning the evening into a memorable celebration of urban storytelling.

The launch event was graced by an exceptional lineup of luminaries. Alokananda Roy, a distinguished Dance Educationist and Choreographer, served as the Chief Guest and emphasized the role of art in capturing the complexities of urban life. Harsho Mohan Chattoraj, a renowned graphic novelist, shared his thoughts on the evolving role of graphic novels in contemporary storytelling. Meanwhile, Ramanjit Kaur, an international award-winning thedirector and artpreneur, moderated the event, steering a thoughtprovoking discussion on how art shapes public consciousness. The event was also attended by notable figures, including Namit Bajoria, Managing Director of Kutchina and the author's husband; Pranay Poddar, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Kenya; Arunabha Karmakar, a prominent painter; Siddhartha Sen, an author; Vidhi Beri, a health and wellness coach; and many other eminent personali-

ties from various fields. Published by Kalamos and exclusively distributed by Westland Books, Urban Chronicles 4 features three poignant short stories presented in a captivating graphic novel format. The narratives explore the complexities of urban life, providing a deep dive into the human experience from a fresh perspective. Each story delves into modern societal themes, including identity, relationships, and the challenges of living in fast-paced urban environments.

Fire breaks out in South Kolkata residential area

News Service, Kolkata: A fire broke out on the roof of a residence at 9 Hungerford Street in South Kolkata, triggering panic in the densely populated area. The blaze, which reportedly started in the equipment room of the roof, saw eight fire engines deployed to the scene in a swift response to control the flames.

The incident occurred dangerously close to a renowned hospital and a school, heightening concerns for public safety. While residents were evacuated promptly, many were visibly distressed. "There was a lot of noise, and someone shouted, 'There's a fire, come down!" said one resident. Another speculated that the fire might have been caused by a geyser explosion.

As global hub of MRO sector,...

Narendra Modi, during his meet-Highlighting the conversaing with Singapore President Shanmugaratnam, tion, PM Modi stated on X, "Met Tharman reaffirmed the Comprehensive the President of Singapore, Mr. Strategic Partnership between Tharman Shanmugaratnam. We discussed the full range of the the two countries. The leaders discussed advanced sectors such India-Singapore Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. We talked as semiconductors, digitalisaabout futuristic sectors like semition, skilling, and connectivity.

conductors, skilling, connectivity and more. We also spoke on ways to improve cooperation in industry, infrastructure and culture. Notably, the situation in Myanmar has remained tense, ever since the military seized power

in a coup three years ago. Several incidents of violence and clashes have been reported, leading to security concerns in the region.

India has always called for dialogue and restoration of democracy in the crisis-hit na-

tance of restoration of democracy in the crisis-hit nation, and urged all nations to work for it Prime Minister Narendra together.

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Name Change

I, Sefali Mazumder (old name) wife of Late Sudhir Ranjan Ma-jumder, residing at AA 88, Prafulla Kanan West Kestopur, P.S.-Baguiati, Dist.- North 24 Par-ganas, Pin- 700101, West Bengal, India, shall henceforth be known as Shefali Majumder (new name vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 17/01/2025. Shefali Majumder (new name) and Sefali Mazumde (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Mahanta Ghosh (old name as per daughter birth certificate No 2085,date of birth 29/12/1981,issued by K.M.C) son of Late Nirmal Kanti Ghosh, residing at Ma-haprabhu Colony, Habra-1, Ban-ipur, P.S.- Ashokenagar, Dist.-North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743233, West Bengal, India, shall henceforth be known as Susanta Kumar Ghosh (new name) vide an affidavi sworn before the 1st Class Judicia Magistrate at Barasat (SL No.257) on 15/01/2025. Susanta Kumar Ghosh (new name) and Mahanta Ghosh (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Maria Chatterjee (old name) wife of Soumyajit Chatterjee, re-siding at Sakumbari Apartment, 78/1 Olai Chandi Road, Nimta Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin 700049, West Bengal, India, shall henceforth be known as Maria Mitra (new name) vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 15/01/2025. Maria Mitra (new name) and Maria Chatterjee (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change

, Partha Sen (old name) son o Ranjit Kumar Sen, residing at 1 Dakshin Para Road, South Dum dum (M), Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin-700028, West Bengal, India, shall henceforth be known as Parthasarathi Sen (new name vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 17/01/2025. Parthasarathi Sen (new name) and Partha Sen (old name) both are the same and one

Name Change

Mahavir Sethia (old name) sor of Manik Chand Sethia, residing at 4, Pretoria Street, Middleton Row, Kolkata- 700071, West Bengal, India, shall henceforth be known as Mahavir Kumar Sethia (nev name) vide an affidavit sworn be fore the notary public at Kolkata on 17/01/2025. Mahavir Kumar Sethia (new name) and Mahavir Sethia (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change

, Shrabanti Das (old name) wife of Debabrata Das, residing at Naraharipur, P.S.- Egra, East Me-dinipur, Pin- 721429, West Ben-gal, India, shall henceforth be known as Srabanti Patra Das (new name) vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 17/01/2025. Srabanti Patra Das (new name) and Shrabanti Das (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change

Gopal Das (old name) son of Late Nagendra Kumar Das, residing at 216, Lenin Sarani Ward No-5, New Barrackpore, Dist. orth 24 Parganas, Pin- 700131 West Bengal, India, shall hence forth be known as Gopal Kumar Das (new name) vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 17/01/2025. Gopal Kumar Das (new name) and Gopal Das (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change

Munmun Biswas (old name daughter of Susanta Kumar Ghosh, residing at Mahaprabhu Colony, Habra-1, Banipur, P.S.-Ashokenagar, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743233, West Bengal, India, shall henceforth be known as Munmun Ghosh Biswas (new name) vide an affidavit sworn be fore the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Barasat (SL No.258) on 15/01/2025. Munmun Ghosh Biswas (new name) and Munmun Biswas (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change

Nivedita.W/O no.136828881 Rank Ex Havildar name Badri Naravan Dan Resident of Vill & -Uchalan,Dist-Purba Bard haman, West Bengal, Pin-7134 27 have change my name from Nivedita to Nivedita Dan vide affidavit dated 17.01. 2025. before the Executive Magistrate Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal.

Name Change

Sanjoy Ghosh, Army no.15153 967L Rank-Hav,Unit-22 med Regt..S/O Shankar Ghosh alias Sankar Ghosh Residing at Vill-Rajendranagar Ghoshpara, & P.O-Bethuadhari,P.S-Nakashipara,Dist -Nadia,Pin-741126 West Bengal my Father actual name is Shankar Ghosh & Date of birth is 07.09. 1962.My army Artilitary record my father's name is Sankar ghosh instead of Shankar Ghosh & also Date of birth is 01.07.1961 instead of 07.09.1962.before the Ld,Exec utive Magistrate, Krishnagar Nadia, W.B Dated 16.01.2025 That Shankar Ghosh and Sankar Ghosh both are the same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE I, Smt. Tandrima Ghosh Bose, W/O- Sri Tapas Ghosh, R/O-B6/9 EKTP, Phase- II, P.S.-Kasba, P.O.- E.K.T., Kolkata-700107, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Tandrima Ghosh as known as Tandrima Ghosh as declared before the Notary Public Alipore Court, West Bengal vide Affidavit No. 61, Dated : 15/01/2025, Tandrima Bose and Tandrima both are same and

identical person.

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

MI News Service, Kolkata: Periodic Track and Signal & Telecom (S&T) equipment maintenance work is crucial to ensure the safe & efficient operation of railway system. Regular and systematic maintenance of this component helps prevent disruption and delays, ensuring trains run on schedule and extend the lifespan of railway infrastructure, contributing to the overall safety & reliability of train operation. Keeping in the mind the need for maintenance, Traffic & Power Block has been planned over Howrah Division on 19.01.2025 (Sun-

Cancellation On 19.01.2025 (Sunday): From Tarakeswar: 37334 From Howrah: 37323 Rescheduling of trains on 19.01.2025 (Sunday): • 37749 Bandel -Katwa local will leave Bandel at 12:45 hrs. instead of 12:15 hrs. • 37374 Goghat - Howrah local will leave Goghat at 13:20 hrs. instead of 13:10 hrs.

day). Consequently, the train regulations will be as

Services on Green Line to remain normal hereafter till further notice

MI News Service, Kolkata:

As already communicated earlier, there will be no service on 19.01.2025 (Sunday) on Green Line for testing of Communications Train (CBTC) System. Normal Green Line services (Both on Green Line-1 and 2) will be operational regularly hereafter till further advice. Number of services on Blue Line have been increased from 248 to 262 already by reducing the headway from seven minutes to six minutes during morning and evening peak hours i.e. 09.00 hrs to 11.00 hrs and 17.00 hrs to 20.00 hrs on trial basis.

Name Change

, Basudab Biswas S/O- Gangad har Biswas resident of Vill+ P.O.-Chanchai, P.S.-Memari, Dist-Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal, PIN-713151, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as 'BASUDEB BISWAS' vide an affidavit before the Notary Public at Purba Bardhaman or 17/01/2025. That Basudab Biswas and Basudeb Biswas both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

Madhu Sudhan Dev (Old Name), S/O Late Sailen Chandra Dey, Residing At Vill-Tejganj, Po-Nutanganj, Ps-Burdwan Town, Pin-713102, Dist-Purba Bardham an, West Bengal Have Chan ged My Name And Shall Henceforth Madhu Sudan Dey(New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 16/01/2025. Madhu Sudhan Dey (Old Name) And Madhu Sudan Dey (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Ayesa Sultana Begam(Old Name),W/O Late Md Abutaher Resident Of Vill-Mirzamohalla, Po-Midnapore.Ps-Kotwali.Dist aschim Midnapore, Pin-721101 West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ayesha Sultana (New Name) Vide 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Midnapore On 26/ 09/2024. Ayesa Sultana Begam (Old Name) And Ayesha Sultana (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

, Quadir Iqbal (Old Name),S/O ate Abdul Kadir,Residing At 40h/4,Shamsul Huda Road,Ps-Karaya,Pin-700017,West Bengal Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Iqbal Kadir (New Name) As De clared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 17/01/2025.Quadir Igbal (Old Name) And Igbal Kadir New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

Israt Parveen (Old Name),W/O qbal Kadir,Residing At 40h/4, hamsul Huda Road.Ps-Karava in-700017, West Bengal Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ishrat Parveen (New Name) As Declared The Notary Public At Kolkata On 17/01/2025 Israt Parveen (Old Name) And Ishrat Parveen (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

Dipika Debnath (Old Name) I/O Abhik Chakraborty, Residing t 135,Pathagar Road, Panihati s-Khardah,Pin-700114,West Bengal Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known Dipika Chakraborty (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 16/01/2025.Dipika Debnath(Old lame) And Dipika Chakraborty (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 at Bharat

ER Women's Welfare Organisation Felicitates Meritorious Students and Competition Winners



MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway Women's Organization (ERWWO), under the leadership of its President, Smt. Seema Deouskar, organized a grand felicitation ceremony to honor the outstanding achievements of students for the academic session 2023-24. The event took place on 17th January 2025 at the Eastern Railway Officers' Club, Belvedere Park, Alipore, Kolkata, and witnessed the presence of other ERWWO members.

The ceremony recognized three categories of excellence: 1. Meritorious

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ogy innovator, proudly reaf-

firms its commitment to

advancing regional inclu-

sivity across India. As a

shining example of India's

thriving startup ecosystem,

It is revolutionising digital

access through its AI-driven

voice solutions, breaking

linguistic barriers and pro-

moting inclusivity. It di-

challenge by creating cut-

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that

understand and process re-

gional languages. This em-

powers users from every

corner of India to engage

with technology effortlessly,

regardless of their linguistic

India's insurance mkt is

fastest growing among

G20 nations: Swiss report

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surance major Swiss Re in

its January 2025 update

has estimated India's in-

surance market to be the

fastest growing among

G20 countries over the

next five years with pre-

mium growth (life and

non-life) at 7.3 per cent in

real terms on an average

ural catastrophe risks are

emerging in Gujarat, Ma-

harashtra, Tamil Nadu and

Delhi, where there is a

high concentration of in-

dustrial clusters, logistics

infrastructure and renew-

able energy projects. "Life

(insurance) is the mainstay

of India's insurance mar-

ket, accounting for 74 per

cent of total premium vol-

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students who scored 90% and above in the 10th and 12th Board Examinations. 2. Students who showextraordinary achievements in extracurricular activities such as sports, dance, and singing at the State or National level. 3. Winners of the All India Essay and Drawing Competition – 2024, held on 15th and 22nd September 2024. The event began with the traditional lighting of the lamp, followed by a delightful cultural program performed by Eastern Railway's cultural staff. A total of 34 meritorious students

and 56 competition win-

ners, all wards of Eastern Railway Group C and Group D staff, were felicitated during the program. The awardees received Certificates of Merit and a token gifts, presented by Smt. Seema Deouskar. In her concluding address, she inspired the young achievers with her encouraging words, urging them to continue striving for excellence in their respective fields. This initiative by ERWWO underscores its commitment to fostering a culture of academic and extracurricular excellence among the children of Eastern Railway employees.

Advanced Conversa-Steel manufacturers advocate tion Intelligence problems to Bengal govt breaks language & dialect barriers



MI News Service, Kolkata: A bunch of secondary steelmakers from Bengal have urged the state government to advocate their case for securing raw material such as coal, iron ore and electricity at a competitive rate from central public sector units. Bengal-based units.

mostly operating out of Burdwan and Purulia districts, require about 10 million tonnes (mt) coal and 15mt of iron ore annually. While the state has abundance in coal, it depends on neighbouring Odisha and Jharkhand for iron ore. State units pointed out that Eastern Coalfields Ltd (ECL), a subsidiary of CPSU Coal India Ltd, who has a number of mines in Bengal, is not putting enough coal under long term linkages which can ensure continuity in supply. "Our Association is in continuous touch with CIL and ECL for at least 6-7mt in long term linkage. We request the state government to take up this matter with CIL and ECL," Vivek Adukia, chairman of Steel Re-Rolling Mills Association of India (SRMA), said. Adukia and SRMA members managed to sit across Bengal industry minister Shashi Panja to air their grievances at the sidelines of the association's annual general meeting last week. The minister promised them to take up their cause at the appropriate forum. He also proposed that CPSU Steel Authority of India Ltd should be nudged

to sell iron ore from their

captive iron ore mines. "We

are sourcing iron ore from

Odisha and Jharkhand since

Bengal does not have the re-

source. But SAIL, which has

two plants in this state, has captive mines linked to those units. According to the MMDR Act, it can sell up to 25 per cent of their produce to outsiders. We hope that the Bengal government will talk to SAIL about it," Adukia pleaded to Panja. The SRMA members also raised the issue of differential electricity tariff charged by DVC in Bengal and Jharkhand. Adukia said unit cost in DVC command area such as Jamuria near Asansol is ₹6 compared with ₹4.7 in Jharkhand. The rolling mills and sponge iron ore makers, who guzzle lots of power, are at a competitive

disadvantage, he argued. While iron ore, coal and electricity are some of the ongoing trouble spots for the steel industry of Bengal, they are also mindful of the regulatory changes being proposed to reduce carbon emission.

As part of the net zero goal of 2070, the Indian government wants to bring down emission by 20 per cent by 2030 in the short term and by 50 per cent by 2047 in the hard to abate steel sector. Secondary producers, many of whom have turnover of ₹50-100 crore, said they need government hand-holding.

'The Centre should select a batch of technologies that we can pick up. If the individual units are not in a position financially to execute the projects to reduce carbon intensity, the government has to give us grants / interest free loans, Shankar Lal Agarwal, president of West Bengal Sponge Iron Manufacturers' Association argued.

ECoR Sets Record by Achieving 200 Million Ton Freight Loading in Just 290 Days

■ Highest ever freight loading by any zone surpassing previous records. Achieved the Milestone 05 Days earlier than last FY. 🔳 200.13 MT Coal loaded during the period. During the period, ECoR has unloaded a record of 183.5 MT freight. ■ Taken 366 Days in 2019-20; 360 Days in 2020-21; 320 Days in 2021-22; 310 Days in 2022-23; 295 Days in 2023-24 and 290 Days in 2024-25 fiscal. News Service, Bhubaneswar: East Coast Railway (ECoR) has shattered all previous records by achieving an unprece-dented freight loading milestone of 200.13 million tons in a remarkably swift 290 days during the fiscal year 2024-25. This achievement marks the highest-ever

freight loading by any zone in the history of Indian Rail-ways, reinforcing ECoR's leadership in freight transportation and operational excellence. ECoR reached this landmark on January 15, 2025, surpassing its own record set in the previous fiscal year (2023-24) when it took 295 days to cross 200 million tons. This vear's feat was accomplished 15 days ahead of last year's pace and comes on the back of a strong performance in previous years, where it took 366 days (2019-20), 360 days (2020-21), 320 days (2021-22), and 310 days (2022-23) to achieve similar milestones. During this period, East

Coast Railway has unloaded a record of 183.5 million tons of freight, further highlighting its remarkable performance handling. Over the period, East Coast Railway handled a total of 200.13 million



tons, up by 1.6% from 196.779 million tons in the previous fiscal year. The zone's performance in freight handling remains robust, and it continues to be a crucial enabler of economic growth. The major commodities loaded by ECoR included:

119.637 MT of Coal, 7.67 MT of Raw Materials for Steel Plants, 15.991 MT of Pig Iron & Finished Steel, 24.426 MT of Iron Ore, 0.88 MT of Cement, 2.226 MT of Food Grains, 5.477 MT of Fertilizers, 2.317 MT of Mineral Oil, 4.372 MT of Freight in Containers, 17.159 MT of Other Goods

Along with this remarkable feat, East Coast Railway has also seen an increase in revenue generation, earning ₹20,288.041 crore, which represents a 1.28% growth compared to the previous fiscal year. The achievement of 200 million tons within a span of 290 days is a direct result of East Coast Railway's meticulous planning, excellent coordination with industries and government entities, and the tireless efforts of its workforce. Under the dynamic leadership of Gen-Manager Parmeshwar Funkwal,

ECoR has embraced a culture of efficiency, positive thinking, and strategic foresight, making it a model of excellence within the Indian Railways network. Several key initiatives have been instrumental in achieving this remarkable success, including: The construction and commissioning of new rail lines, along with the doubling and third & fourth line projects, boosting connectivity across the region. Linking industries with mineral belts and ports through an expanded infrastructure,

strengthening the zone's position as a critical freight hub. Continued collaboration and planning with various government agencies and industries to ensure the timely and efficient movement of goods. With this

achievement, East Coast Railway continues to raise the bar in freight transportation, setting new benchmarks for operational excellence and contributing to the economic growth of the nation. The zone remains committed to enhancing its capabilities and providing sustainable and efficient transportation solutions for the future.

Modi govt reviews tariff structures amid US pressure

Delhi: India is set to revamp its customs duty structure in Union Budget 2025-26 as the government balances domestic demands for tariff protection with mounting global trade tensions and US criticism of its trade policies. President-elect Donald Trump has repeatedly slammed India's high tariffs, dubbing it a "tariff king". Simultaneously, Indian industries are pressing for duty rationalisation to address inefficiencies and enhance competitiveness in domestic production. The government is reviewing tariffs and exemptions on over 200 items, with potential changes to be announced by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on February 1. The initiative aims to simplify trade, correct anomalies in the inverted duty structure and incentivise local industries, reflecting a commitment to strengthening India's global competitiveness.

"The customs duty is primarily intended to boost domestic manufacturing, reduce disputes streamline the duty structure," sources said. Sectors such as electronics, electric vehicles (EVs), solar energy, steel, and pharmaceuticals are likely to benefit from the review, which could include reduced duties on raw materials and components essential for production. The inverted duty structure where import duties on inputs exceed those on finished goods — has long hindered domestic manufacturing.

An oath taking ceremony organized at Divisional Railway Hospital, Malda for eliminating tuberculosis MI News Service, New



As part of the ongoing efforts to sensitize healthcare workers on the various aspects of the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP), an oath taking ceremony was organized at Divisional Railway Hospital, Malda. In this programme, all participants pledged their commitment to eliminate tuberculosis (TB) under the slogan "TB HAREGA, DESH JITEGA". The District Tuberculosis Team, alongside Dr. K.K. Pandey and his team from the State Technical Support Unit-Tuberculosis, also visited Divisional Railway Hospital, Malda. The session continued with an engaging interactive discussion focused on the goals of the NTEP, particularly the crucial mission to "find and treat missing TB cases," especially among high-risk groups such as patients with Diabetes, HIV, and the elderly, and significantly reduce TB-re-

lated deaths. Doctors, healthcare providers, and patients attending Divisional Railway Hospital, Malda for various ailments took part in this informative session. The attendees were enlightened about the importance of identifying and treating patients at high risk for TB. In a significant move to increase awareness, the ring tone for all CUG phone users in the Malda Division has been changed to a TB awareness tune starting from 16.01.2025. Further, the Eastern Women's Welfare Organization (ERWWO), Malda continues to lead the way in supporting TB-affected individuals, particularly in the non-railway population, with their initiative "Nikshay Mitra," which provides food baskets to those in need. This collaborative effort underscores the commitment to combat tuberculosis and create awareness at all levels of the healthcare system.

Regulation of trains due to developmental works in Adra Division

MI News Service, Kolkata: In view of developmental works in Adra Division, the following trains will be regulated as under:-

SI No.	Train No. & Name	Date of Cancellatio		
1	68046/68045 Asansol-Adra-Asansol MEMU Passenger	20.01.2025 to 25.01.20		
2	68089/68090 Midnapore-Adra-Midnapore MEMU Passenger	24.01.2025		

No.	Train No. & Name	Short terminated at/	Short originated from	Service cancelled between	Journey Commencing on	
1	68056/68060 Tatanagar-Asansol-Barabhum MEMU Passenger	Adra	Adra	Adra-Asansol	20.01.2025 & 25.01.2025	
2	63594/63593 Asansol-Purulia-Asansol MEMU Passenger	Adra	Adra	Kharagpur-Purulia	20.01.2025	

Workshop on future of music production as a carreer option at Gushkara Mahavidyalaya

EASTERN RAILWAY

The following E-tenders are invited by the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (General)/Eastern Railway. Sealdah, 2nd Floor, Remote Control Building, Eastern Railway, Kolkata-700014 in connection with the following works: SI.No.-1. Tender No.: ELEG-OT-1179-2024-25, Date: 15.01.2025. Particulars of the work: Renovation/Upgradation/ Modification of switch rooms at different stations over Sealdah Division. Tender value: ₹41,81,172. Earnest Money: ₹ 83,600. Sl.No.-2. Tender No.: ELEG-OT-1180-2024-25, Date: 15.01.2025. Particulars of the work: Infrastructure development for provision of Automatic Coach Washing Plant (ACWP) at Sonarpur EMU Carshed. Tender value: ₹ 34,49,916. Earnest Money: ₹ 69.000. Sl.No.-3. Tender No.: ELEG-OT-1181-2024-25, Date: 15.01.2025. Particulars of the work: Minimum electrical work for line no. 6 towards Development of Examination facilities at Station Yard area Budge Budge. Tender value: ₹ 40,38,461. Earnest Money: ₹ 80,800. Cost of tender document: ₹ 0 (for SI.No. 1 to 3 each). Completion period: 12 months (for SI.No. 1 & 2) & 06 months (for SI.No. 3). Tender Publication Date: 15.01.2025. Tender Closing Date & Time: 06.02.2025 at 14.00 hrs. Tender Bid Opening Date &Time : 06.02.2025, 14.00 hrs. Tender Bidding Start Date: 23.01.2025. Details of tender notice and corrigendum issued from time to time are available at website www.ireps.gov.in.

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S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER

Tender Notice No.: e-Tender/2025/01 For and on behalf of President of India, the Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur-721301 invites e-Tender for the following works before 15.00 hrs on the date mentioned against items and will be opened at 15.30 hrs.: SI No.; Tender No.; Description of work; Tender Value; Earnest Money; Date of opening; Completion period of the work as follows: (1); E-KGP-HQ-01 2025; Replacement of over aged/ dilapidated steel tanks by RCC overhead tank (capacity up to 1,00,000 Gallon) at (1) Scrap Yard KGP, (2) Traffic Settlement Kharagpur & (3) Shalimar Ganga end in Kharagpur Division; ₹**4,23,71,063.97**; ₹3,61,900.00 28/01/2025; 12 Months (2); E-KGP-HQ-02-2025; Through sleeper Renewal Destressing of rail. Through packing 8 Anti-corrosive rail painting etc. work of p.way (UP Line KM - 2.389 - 59.500, SL Line - 59.50069.455) in Panskura-Haldia Section in the jurisdiction of ADEN/Tamluk; ₹**2,39,10,768.38**; ₹2 69 600.00: 29/01/2025; 10 Months (3); E-KGP-EAST-01-2025; Execution of works of Howrah-Kharagpur Section en Screening of Track Ballast for Plai Track and Points & X-ings at different ocations under the jurisdiction of DEN/EAST/ KGP (2nd Call) ₹**1,34,09,638.04**; ₹ 2,17,100.00 30/01/2025; 6 Months (4); E-KGP-EAST-02-2025: Execution of work of Raising of Platform Surface at Santragachi-Amta Section under the jurisdiction of DEN/East/Kharagpur ₹15.48.84.127.90: ₹9.24.400.00 30/01/2025; 18 Months (5); E-KGP-EAST-03-2025: Execution of work of Painting of Steel Structures at different Coaching Maintenance Sheds at Santragachi, Tikiapara & Padmapukui under the jurisdiction of DEN/EAST/ KGP ₹99 17 580 00 ₹1 98 400 00 30/01/2025; 6 Months (6); E-KGP-EAST-04-2025; Execution of work of (i) Drone and Terrestrial LiDER based inspection of Bridge No. 51 UP, MID & DN and 59 UP, MID & DN on Howrah-Kharagpur section under DEN/East/KGP and (ii) Drone Based Visual Inspection (Normal) of Bridge No. 235 UP & DN and 263 UP & DN on Kharagpur-Bhadrak section under Sr. DEN/South/Kharagpur (2nd Call) ₹34.37.264.00: ₹68.800.00: 06/02/2025 6 Months (7); E-KGP-EAST-05-2025; SSI in between Santragachi-Shalimar section & LC No. 6 in between Santragachi-Howrah section by construction of RUB with provision of U type retaining wall and other related work under the jurisdiction of DEN/East/ Kharagpur; ₹28,00,69,031.50; ₹15,50,400.00; 06/02/2025; 18 Months (8); E-KGP-HQ-03-2025; Construction of Godown & offices for centralized telecom store at Kharagpur under the jurisdiction of ADEN/ Settlement/Kharagpur ₹1.91.58.231.06; ₹2.45.800.00: 31/01/2025; 12 Months (9); E-KGP-HQ-04-2025; Through Ballast Renewal for 24.788 Tr. Km (in patches) in Panskura-Haldia section under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Tamluk: ₹1,91,27,972.68: ₹2,45,600.00; 31/01/2025; 08 Months Tender Document Cost : ₹0.00 (for all); Bidding Start Date: For Sl. No. 1 from 14/01/2025 and up to 15.00 hrs. on 28/01/2025. Bidding Start Date : For SI. No. 2 from 15/01/2025 and up to 15.00 hrs. on 29/01/2025. Bidding Start Date: For SI. No. 3 to 5 from 16/01/2025 and up to 15.00 hrs. on 30/01/2025. Bidding Start Date: For SI. No. 6 & 7 from 23/01/2025 and up to 15.00 hrs. on 06/02/2025. Bidding Start Date: For SI. No. 8 & 9 from 17/01/2025 and up to 10.30 hrs. on 31/01/2025. Interested tenderers may visit website www.ireps.gov.in for full details/ descriptions/specifications of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these works will be accepted. N.B.:

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MI News Service, Guskara: A workshop on the future of music production as a profession, organized by the music department & IQAC of Guskara College, was held on Friday at Guskara College. Ananjan Chakraborty, son of Pandit Ajay Chakraborty & eminent music producer, composer, Faculty of Music Production and sound engineering course at Shrutinandan Studio, was present in the workshop. According to college sources, music is taught at the undergraduate level in Guskara College. This initiative is taken for the profession of students of Music. Apart from 62 students of Guskara College, 20 students each from music department of Burdwan Raj College, Shyamsunder College and Bolpur Purnidevi College participated in this workshop. Principal of Raj College Dr. Niranjan Mondal was present. Dr. Sudip Chattopadhyay, Principal of Guskara College said, the bright future of vocal music and instrumental music as a profession as well as music arrangement and sound engineering as a profession was shown in the workshop on this day. He said that on February 6, 20 students of the college will be given a handwritten lesson on the subject at 'Shrutinandan' Studio in Kolkata. Ananjan said that maximum students of rural and semi urban area who are studying music at undergraduate and postgraduate level do not know that music production can also make a good career. On that day the students were explained.

3 infiltrators arrested

MI News Service, Hanskhali: On a tip off, Hanskhali police conducted a special operation and arrested 3 Bangla Nationals and one Indian tout from Indo - Bangladesh border area in Nadia's Hanskhali on Friday, a police sources said. They were produced in court and remanded in police custody. According to police sources, one of the infiltrators is a woman and two are men. The name of the arrested woman is Tania Akhtar. The other two are Mohammad Abhi Miah and Mohammad Sujjal Miah. They are said to be residents of Ghanigala, Dakshin Manoharpur and Akhtarilla areas in Bangladesh. On the other hand, the arrested Indian broker Shariful Mandal is a resident of Ramnagar Khidirpur Para of Hanskhali police station. On Friday, the Hanskhali police conducted a special operation after receiving a tip-off from a secret source. Four people were arrested in the operation. Since the situation in Bangladesh has been heating up, there have been continuous incident of infiltration. One after another infiltrators are being arrested from this area of Nadia.

Tender Notice No.: EL/HWH/25/21 (Notice)/635, Date: 17.01.2025, Divisiona Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, DRM Building, near Howrah Railway Station Howrah-711101 invites Open e-Tender for the under mentioned electrical work/s SI. No.: 1; Tender No. : EL-HWH-25-21-3381; Name of Work: (1) Electrica general work for Chatra - Upgradation and modernisation of Chatra goods sheds over Howrah Division under Sr.DEN/4/HWH; (2) Electrical (general) work in connection with Upgradation and modernizaion of Rajgram Public Siding goods shed over Howrah Division under Sr.DEN/4/HWH; (3) Electrical (general work for Upgradation and modernizaion of Sainthia goods shed over Howrah Division under Sr.DEN/4/HWH; (4) Electrical General work for Upgradation and modernizaion of Kulapahari (Tillbhíta) goods sheds over Howrah Division under Sr.DEN/4/HWH; (5) Electrical General work for Upgradation and modernizaion of Pakur over Howrah Division under Sr.DEN/4/HWH: Tender Value (Rs.) nrs.; Sl. No.: 2; Tender No. : ÉL-HWH-25-21-3341-S4; Name of Work: Annua Maintenance Contact of one no. passenger lift [Make - Thyssenkrupp Elevato [India] Pvt. Ltd.] at Gitanjali Museum, Bolpur for 36 months; Tender Value (Rs. : ₹ 3,74,787/-; Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit) (Rs.) : ₹ 7,500/-; Completion Period: 36 Months; Sl. No.: 3; Tender No. EL-HWH-25-21-3346-S4; Name of Work: Comprehensive Maintenance Contract of GM Passenger Lift (Make - Thyssenkrupp) located in GM Block at Head Quarter, Fairlie Place Kolkata for 60 Months; **Tender Value (Rs.)**: ₹ 7,77,172*I*-; **Bid Security (Earnesi** Money Deposit) (Rs.): ₹ 15,600/-; Completion Period: 60 Months; Closing Date and Time: 10.02.2025 at 15.00 hrs. for Sl. No. 2 & 3 each. In case the date of closing mentioned in the notice inviting tender is declared a holiday/bandh/strike on any account, the date of closing tender online will no be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit submission of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. However, g of tenders online will be on any convenient day after closing date and time of the tender. The details of tender are available at website www.ireps.gov.in Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the Tender Notice is also available at websites : www.er.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in

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Following E-tenders are invited online by Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building, near Railway Station, Howrah-711101 [for the jurisdiction of Sr.DEN/C/Howrah] from tenderers having experience of similar nature of work and required financial capabilities ncluding those Registered with Irrigation/CPWD/ SEB/MES or any public sector undertaking for the following works: SI.No.-1. NIT No.: 160_2024-25. Date: 15.01.2025. Description of work: Transportation of all sorts of P.Way materials such as rails, switch, crossing etc. requiring use of tailor and also ERC, bolts and nuts, bearing plates and other P.Way materials and track machine spare parts like conveyor belts, cutter, chains, wear plates, filters, valves, cylinders, batteries, pumps, motors etc. requiring use of truck including mechanical loading, unloading and stacking, segregating etc. with all lead, lift, crossing of multiple tracks within a lead of 30M as per instruction of Engineer at site anywhere in Howrah Division/other Division under Sr. Divisional Engineer [Co-ordination]/Howrah, Approx. Cost: ₹ 4,04,54,805. Earnest Money: ₹ 3,52,300. Completion Period: 06 (six) months. SI.No.-2. NIT No.: 305_2024-25, Date: 15.01.2025. Description of work: Howrah Division: TSR(P)-27.449 TKm in location Bally-Saktigarh Dn-1 18.984-21 = 2.016 Km, Dn-1 22-23 = 1 Km., Dn-1 24.250-27 = 2.750 Km., Dn-1 29-33 = 4 Km., Dn-1 34.500-37 = 2.500 Km., Up-1 22-27 = 5 Km., Up-1 31.145-32 = 0.855 Km., Up-1 32.582-33.165 = 0.583 Km, Up-1 33.305-37 = 3.695 Km., Khana-Sainthia Dn 58-62.050 = 4.050 Km., Up 52-53 = 1 Km., TSR(P)-17 Km. by Contractor's own PQRS portals (2 nos.) and gantry & 10.449 Km. by PQRS/Manual. Approx. Cost: ₹6,19,31,217.67. Earnest Money: ₹4,59,700. Completion Period: 18 (Eighteen) months. SI.No.-3. NIT No.: 306_2024-25, Date: 15.01.2025. Description of work: Howrah Division: CTR (P) -15.292 TKm. in locations Bally-Bandel Up-2 19.418-21 = 1.582 Km., Katwa-Azimganj Up 108.600-122.310 = 13.710 Km. Total CTR (P) -15.292 TKm. & TSR(P) -35.122 TKm. in location-Bandel-Saktigarh - Rev ML 47.327-55 = 7.673 Km., Bally-Saktigarh Dn-1 18.984-21 = 2.016 Km. Dn-1 22-23 = 1 Km., Dn-1 24.250-27 = 2.750 Km., Dn-1 29-33 = 4 Km., Dn-1 34.500-37 = 2.500 Km., Up-1 22-27 = 5 Km. Up-1 31.145-32 = 0.855 Km., Up-1 32.582-33.165 = 0.583 Km., Up-1 33.305-37 = 3.695 Km., Khana-Sainthia Dn 58-62.050 = 4.050 Km, Up 52-53 = Km. by Contractor's own PQRS portals (2 nos.) and gantry. Approx. Cost: ₹ 6,11,07,089.15. Earnest Money: ₹ 4,55,500. Completion Period: 18 (Eighteen) months. Cost of Tender Form: Nil (for SI.No. 1 to 3 each). In case the date of closing mentioned in the Notice Inviting Tender is declared a holiday/bandh/strike on any account, the date of closing tender online will not be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit submission of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. lowever, opening of tender online will be done on next working day. **Closing** date and time of tender: 05.02.2025 at 14.00 hrs. (for SI.No. 1 to 3 each). The details of tender is available at website: www.ireps.gov.in. Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. Payment of EMD and TDC: Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender document cost (TDC), in respect of E-tendering should be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. No manual offer will be accepted. (HWH-550/2024-25)

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National and International prgramme for the integrated management framework on Gangasagar Mela pilgrimage workshop, 2025

Service, ture. A celebration that be-

fare and Charity (I.M.S.W.C) is organized its "45th Anniversary of National and International prgramme for the integrated management framework on Gangasagar Mela pilgrimage workshop. we provides and distributed cooked meal, Packed Premium Drinking Water, Twisters, Fruit Squashes, foodstuffs among Gangasagar Mela pil-Gangasagar Mela the biggest pilgrimage gathering in the world, Ganga Sagar Mela is the day when millions of pilgrims from all over the world gather to take a sacred dip in the holiness of River Ganga. On the holy occasion of Makar Sankranti, in Sagar Island's silver sand acres, the festival is celebrated with grandeur, followed by a sacred pooja and offerings in the Kapil Muni Temple. a large number of people pouring in. Celebrated with great vigour and enthusiasm, the festival has a cultural and spiritual significance where pilgrims dip themselves in the holy waters of Ganga to purify their souls. Held during the winters, Gangasagar is a holy confluence where millions of devotees from the length and breadth of India pour down the banks of the Ganga to take a holy dip and eradicate sins during Makar Sankranti. It's a herculean task for the International Mission for Social Welfare and Charity to comfort the massive number of pilgrims visiting Gangasagar. Thus, new initiatives are being introduced to give the safety of pilgrims the utmost priority. on. 12th January, 2025, at. Kachuberia of South

Kolkata: We, "The Interna-

tional Mission for Social Wel-

24 Parganas district, within the State of West Bengal. The 1053 pilgrims' Participated of this Programme.

IMSWC also organized in-

January, 2025,

tegrated Comprehensive primary healthcare, immunization coverage for Gangasagar Mela pilgrims'. We distributed cooked meal, Sweet and Confectionery among every pilgrims'. Gangasagar is more than just a pilgrimage; it is the intermingling of emotion, culture, faith, and belief-a celebration of life itself. And religion has always been embedded in the culture of the land. And Gangasagar celebrated on the eve of Makar Sankranti, is no exception. Makar Sankranti holds a special significance in Indian cul-

comes a common focal point for the diverse regional cultures, throbbing together as one. the festival is often seen as an ode to Surya Dev (the Hindu sun god), where the devotees express their gratitude to the sun god for blessing them with a good harvest and ideal weather. Keeping faith in this mythology, millions of pilgrims from across the globe visit the Gangasagar Mela during the freezing hours of Makar Sankranti in search of Moksha. A dip in the holy water is thought to wash away all sorrows and sins. With this belief, millions visit the Kapil Muni ashram, chanting the hymn "Sab Tirth Bar Bar Ganga Sagar Ekbar.". at. Lot no.8 of South 24 Parganas district, within the State of West Bengal. The 1465 pilgrims' Participated of this Programme. 14th January, 2025, IMSWC

organized integrated development workshop for cook meal, dry foods distribution programme among Gangasagar Mela pilgrims'. Gangasagar is poetry in motion. The pilgrimage to Gangasagar is a reflection of the fascinating journey from Samsara (cyclicality of life, death, and existence) to Nirvana (Moksha/ Salvation), a journey that has captivated scholars, writers, rationalists, and spiritualists for ages. The myth of Gangasagar is Maharishi Kapil Muni with anger, Sagar Raja sent his 60,000 sons (Sagar Putras) to locate the missing horse. The Sagar Putras decimated everything in their path and reached Sage's ashram. Upon discovering the horse, the Sagar Putras mistook the sage for the thief and started hurling abuse at the meditating sage. The ensuing commotion hindered Sage's tapasya. Enraged, Kapi Muni opened his eyes and blazed the 60,000 Sagar Putras into ashes, condemning their souls to hell. at. Chemaguri village of South 24 Parganas district, within the State of West Bengal. The 1586 pilgrims' Participated of

this Programme. 15th January, 2025, IMSWC also organized Innovative integrated programme for dry foods, cook meal, milk, distribution programme among Gangasagar Mela pilgrims'. We serve primary healthcare, free distributed of free medicines among every pilgrims'. These are the hymns that has been immortalized in the heart of every pilgrim who every year travel across the length and breadth of the

shores of the Gangasagar. The gravitas of the Gangasagar mela are beautifully encapsulated by the spirit of the devotees who belief that taking a dip in the holy water of Gangasagar will help them to attain moksha. With just over a month left for the Mela, the International Mission for Social Welfare and Charity, is taking exceptional efforts to safeguard the health and safety of pilgrims so that the devotees can celebrate their unwavering faith on the shores of mysticism. Gangasagar, the land where faith meets belief, lies about 100 Km from Kolkata on the southern tip of the Gangetic delta, under the jurisdiction of District; South 24 Parganas, Gangasagar or Sagar Island, West Bengal. a tract of land cut from the mainland, creates an unparallel religious ambience with vast swathes of silver sands, clear sky, deep blue ocean and the iconic Kapil Muni Ashram. These are the shores where the holy Ganges meets the ocean after a journey of thousands of kilometres. at. Gangasagar or Sagar Island of South 24 Parganas district, within the State of West Bengal. The 3842 pilgrims' Participated of this Programme. Renowned and respected

country to reach the sacred

personalities Mr. Debasish Ghosh-Secretary General of IMSWC and Chief Secretary of Indian Detective and Investigation Organization, Miss. Mali Bagchi-President, IMSWC, Honorable Shri, Sumit Gupta-IAS, District Magistrate, District: South 24 Parganas, Government of West Bengal, Honorable Shri, Bhaskar Pal-WBCS(Executive)-Additional District Magistrate(Development), District: South 24 Parganas, Government of West Bengal, Honorable Shri, Rit Goswami-Block Development officer, Kakdwip, District: South 24 Parganas, Government of West Bengal, Honorable Shri, Kanaiha Kumar-Block Development officer, Sagar, District: South 24 Parganas, Government of West Bengal, Honorable Shri, Amit Kumar Shaw-Block Development officer, Namkhana, District: South 24 Parganas, Government of West Bengal, Honorable Dr. Mukti Sadhan Maity-Chief Medical Officer of health, District: South 24 Parganas, Government of West Bengal, Srimoth Swami. Gokuleshananda Moharaj, Srimoth Swami. Purneshananda Moharaj, Srimoth Swami. Mrityunjayananda Moharaj were present at this workshop.

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Meanwhile, controversy

Notice

Gram Panchayat, Sankrail Howrah. For various developmental works in the area, online mode will be available from 18.01.24 at 9.00 AM to 25.01.24 at 12.00 PM. For detailed information, please contact the Jhorhat Panchayat office. Memo No-

01/XVFC/UNTED/JGP/24-25 02/XVFC/UNTED/JGP/24-25 03/XVFC/TED/JGP/24-25

> Prodhan Jhorhat Gram Panchayat

E-Tender Notice Prodhan, Hantal Anantabati Gram

Panchayat, under Jagatballavpur, Block Howrah invited E-Tender Reference No.

HAGP/2024-45-25/Niet-28 Dated-17/01/2025 HAGP/2024-25/Niet-29 Dated-17/01/2025 HAGP/2024-25/Niet-30 Dated-17/01/2025 HAGP/2024-25/Niet-31 Dated-17/01/2025 Last date of submission of Bid 26/01/2025 Bid opening date 28/01/2025 at 1 PM For More information visit:

> https:wb.tender.gov.ir Prodhan

Hantal Anantabati Gram Panchayat

Tender Notice

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Jagulgachi Gram Panchayat from

Start date of sale of tender form 17/1/25

Last date of dropping sealed tender 27/1/25

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invited

NIT no.-10/15FC (2nd)/JGP/24-25

tender

Source of Fund 15FC

Lost & Found

Sanjeev Ram informed you, that mv mother Smt Champa Devi Ram wife of Sri Shatrughan Ram of Dhadka, Railpar, P.S. Asansol (North), Dist. Paschim Bardhaman, he have lost his original deed that have been purchased the land having area 7(seven) cattah in R.S. plot no. 16718. Mouza Asansol Municipality, vide sale deed no.829 of 1995, regd. at A.D.S.R. Asansol, from smt. Basumati Devi wife of Sri Ramnath Singh, due to shift to new house said deed had been lost, several occasion I searched everywhere, but not find the same. GDE no 906. Date 15.01.2025

Tender open date 28/1/25 Prodhan Jagulgachi Gram Panchayat Bhangar-1, 24 Pgs (S)

Asansol North PS আমার মক্কেল নিতাই সাহা, পিতা রামচন্দ্র সাহা মহাশয় গত ইং ২৮। ০৯। ২০১২ তারিখে হাওড়া এ্যাডি. ডি. সাব রেজিষ্ট্রী অফিসে রেজিষ্ট্রীকৃত বুক নং-৪, ভ্যলুম নং-২, পাতা নং.-২১৩৪ হইতে ২১৪৫, বিয়িং নং-৯৪৯ নং পাওয়ার অফ এ্যাটর্নী বা আমমোক্তার নামা দলিল বলে ১। সুশীলা মন্ডল, স্বামী শ্রী সুবল মন্ডল, ২। শ্রীমতী দাস, স্বামী রঞ্জিত দাস, ৩। সুমতি মন্ডল, স্বামী হরিপদ মন্ডল মহাশয়া গনদের নিকট হইতে কোনা মৌজায় সাবেক ১৮ নং হাল ১০৯৪ নং খতিয়ানে সাবেক ২৪২ ন হাল ২৪৪ নং দাগের অংশে কমবেশী ১২ কাঠা ৬ ছটাক জমি বিক্রয় করিবার জন্য ক্ষমতা প্রাপ্ত হইয়াছেন, উক্ত বিষয়ে যদি কারোর কোনও আপত্তি থাকে তাহলে তিনি বালী জগাছা বি.এল. এ্যান্ড এল.আর.ও. অফিসে যোগাযোগ করিবেন।

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OFFICE OF THE

NATUNGRAM GRAM PANCHAYAT

UNDER MURSHIDABAD-JIAGANJ DEVELOPMENT BLOCK MURAGOAR, TALGACHI, MURSHIDABAD, PIN-742149

NOTICE INVITING e-Tender e-Tender are invited through online Bid System under Following Tender (NIeT) No: NGP-07/2024-2025 Dated: 12-01-2025. The last date for online submission of tender is 25-01-2025 (Saturday) upto 14:00 Hours. For details please visit website https://wbtenders.gov.in

Sd/- Sangita Roy (Prodhan, Natungram G.P.)

Notice Inviting e-Tender

Ref E-NIT NO.- 2025_ZPHD_802921_1. An e-Tender (Notice: 139, Date: 17.01.2025) containing one number schemes for construction work under Kalna-II Development Block Purba Bardhman has been floated ammounting to **Rs. 4.74788**

Bid Submission end on :- 28/01/2025 at 05.00 PM.

Log on Gov. Website: www.wbtenders.gov.in Please look for details in the undersigned office notice board. Sd/-

Block Development Officer Kalna-II Development Block Singerkone, Purba Bardhaman

Notice Inviting Re-Tender (2nd Call) Ref E-NIT NO.- 2024_ZPHD_82953_1.

A re e-Tender (Notice: 140, Date: 17.01.2025) containing one number schemes for construction work under Kalna-II Development Block Purba Bardhman has been floated ammounting to Rs. 20.55175 lakhs fund RIDF-XXX. Bid Submission end on :- 07/02/2025 at 05.00 PM.

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Block Development Officer Kalna-II Development Block Singerkone, Purba Bardhaman

Office of the Municipal Councillors **Serampore Municipality** 1, N. S. Avenue, Serampore, Dist.: Hooghly, Pin: 712201

e-tender of the following works are invited by Chairman, Serampore Municipality from experienced and resourceful, GST registered bidders for execution the works vide NIT No:-WBMAD/ULB/SRMP/NIT-24/2024 25. Date: 17/01/2025, Name of works- Proposed Construction of innovative laboratory at Serampore Girls High School with in serampore municipality. Bid Submission Start date (online): 17/01/2025 AT 02:00 P.M. Bid Submission Closing (online): 01/02/2025 AT 04:00 P.M. Bid Opening Date for Technical Proposals (online): 04/02/2025 AT 02:00 P.M. For details of the project go through http://wbtenders.gov.in and www.seramporemunicipality.net/tenders

Sd/-Chairman **Serampore Municipality**

Sealdah - Bamanhat - Sealdah Uttarbanga Express and Sealdah - Puri - Sealdah Duronto Express to Terminate at & Originate from Howrah instead of Sealdah

In connection with construction of Ballyghat - Bally Halt Road Under Bridge replacing Steel Girder of Bridge No. 15 CCR at Km. 7/58 – 8/2 by providing RCC Boxes over Sealdah Division, following two pair trains will terminate at and originate from Howrah instead of Sealdah as per following schedule: (1) 13148 Bamanhat - Sealdah Uttarbanga Express leaving Bamanhat on 22/01, 23/01, 24/01 & 25/01/2025 will terminate at Howrah instead of Sealdah. (2) 13147 Sealdah - Bamanhat Uttarbanga Express will originate from Howrah at 20.10 hrs. on 23/01, 24/01, 25/01 & 26/01/2025 instead of Sealdah. (3) 22202 Puri - Sealdah Duronto Express leaving Puri on 23/01/2025 & 25/01/2025 will terminate at Howrah instead of Sealdah. (4) 22201 Sealdah - Puri Duronto Express will originate from Howrah at 20.00 hrs. on 24/01/2025 & 27/01/2025 instead of Sealdah. Passengers are requested to follow the

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EASTERN RAILWAY

Indranil Sen takes charge as superintendent of Medinipur med colg, inr docs to reconsider full strike Service, decision comes after 12 doc-While OPD and Emergency departments are running tors were suspended and the

Kolkata: Dr. Indranil Sen has officially assumed the role of Superintendent at Medinipur Medical College, taking charge on Friday. The appointment comes amid growing tensions at the hospital. The state health department has filed a police complaint against the doctors who were suspended following the ongoing controversy.

In a dramatic development, junior doctors at Medinipur Medical College and Hospital, who had previously announced plans for a full strike, have now decided to reconsider their stance. This

Chief Minister ordered a CID investigation into the maternal death case at the hospital.

The controversy began after criminal charges were filed against the accused doctors protested vehemently, announcing a full strike in proposed investigation. How-

solidarity, the Bengal Junior Doctors Front is set to visit doctors. Initially, the junior Medinipur Medical College to support their peers. opposition to the FIR and the continues to brew in Kolkata, where the Bidhannagar

partments (OPDs). conducting private practice.

ever, by Friday, this stance had shifted, with junior doctors now opting to maintain essential services, including emergency care and operations at two outpatient de-

Commissionerate police have raided the residence of Dr. Ashfaqualla Nayar, a junior doctor from RG Kar Medical College. He has been accused of violating regulations and

Mumbai Lab clears controversial saline ringer lactate

News Service, **Kolkata:** The alleged toxicity of Ringer's Lactate (RL) saline produced by West Bengal Pharmaceutical has sparked a heated debate in the medical community. Following the death of a pregnant woman at Medinipur Medical College, the saline came under scrutiny. In response, the state health department imposed a ban on the saline and 10 other products from the company in government hospitals. Samples of the saline were collected from the manufacturer's Chopra factory during a joint inspection by central and state teams. These samples were tested at a Mumbai drug testing laboratory, which found no evidence to support claims of toxicity. The lab's findings have been submitted to the state health department and presented public interest litigation at the Calcutta High Court. Despite this clean chit, the state has decided to uphold the ban. Health officials explained that the company failed to meet steriliza-

tion standards, a critical requirement for medical products. The department has announced plans for another inspection. If the company passes all quality checks in the next round, the ban may be lifted. While the clean chit from Mumbai's lab offers some reassurance, the state's continued ban reflects lingering concerns about quality control. The next inspection will be crucial in determining the future of the saline and

the company's reputation. Partha Chatterjee's health deteriorate after sudden illness

News Service, Kolkata: Partha Chatterjee, the former education minister and prime accused in the teacher recruitment scam, has been admitted to the hospital after suddenly falling ill on Thursday night. He reportedly felt severe chest pain, prompting immediate medical attention. Partha's condition was urgently assessed by doctors at SSKM Hospital, and the authorities have requested the medical team to examine his health thoroughly

while he remains in custody. Partha Chatterjee was arrested on July 22, 2022, following a marathon raid at his residence, where a large sum of money was recovered, leading to accusations of his involvement in the teacher recruitment corruption scandal. He had been serving as the education minister when the alleged scam took place, wherein illegal appointments and financial irregularities were reported. After spending 13 months in

jail, Partha filed for bail in the Calcutta High Court, but his request was denied. Later, in Öctober, he approached the Supreme Court for bail. While he was granted conditional bail in the Enforcement Directorate (ED) case, the bail was not upheld due to certain conditions being unmet. Partha and his close associate Arpita Mukherjee, who is also involved in the case, were present in court during the hear-

Study finds how weight loss could reduce chances of severe infections in diabetic people

SATURDAY, KOLKATA, JANUARY 18, 2025

WASHINGTON: According to new research, weight loss therapies may lower the risk of severe flu cases and other infections in patients suffering from diabetes

The research will be presented at the annual meeting of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes The study by Rhian Hopkins and Ethan de Villiers, of the University of Exeter Medical School, University of Exeter, Exeter, in the United Kingdom, there is evidence to support the link between severe illnesses and a higher BMI.

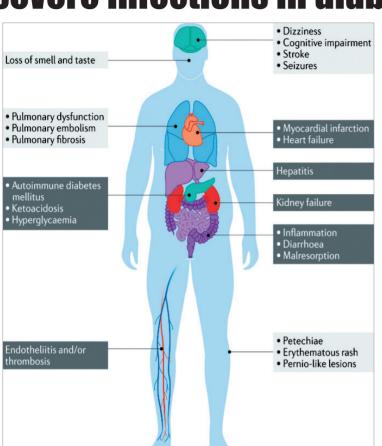
In contrast, there was no evidence that mild hyperglycamia contributes to the likelihood of a severe infection.

Hopkins says: "Up to one in three hospitalisations in people with diabetes are for infections and people with diabetes are twice as likely to be hospitalised with infections than the general population. They are also at high risk of readmission.

"Previous studies have found that a higher BMI and poor blood sugar control are associated with severe infections. However, these studies have been observational and so haven't been able to prove that the links are causal.

"If one or both of these factors can be shown to be causal, it may be possible to design interventions to lower the risk of severe infections in those at high risk, such as people with dia-betes." The new study used data from the UK Biobank, which holds medical and genetic data on around 500,000 people in the UK, to explore the effect of higher BMI and poor blood sugar control on hospitalisa-

tion for bacterial and viral infections. The 486,924 participants were classified into three groups: those



with a record of hospitalisation for a bacterial infection, such as pneumonia or a urinary tract infection, (n=64,005) or a viral infection, such as flu, (n=14,562) and an infection-

free control group (n=408,357).

A higher BMI was found to be associated with hospitalisation with infections. The likelihood of being

hospitalised with a bacterial infection increased by 30 per cent per 5-point increase in BMI (for instance, an increase in BMI from 30 kg/m2 to 35 kg/m2). Similarly, every fivepoint increase in BMI was associat-

ed with a 32 per cent increase in the likelihood a severe viral infection.

found to be associated with severe infections. The likelihood of being hospitalised with a bacterial infection increased by 32 per cent per 10mmol/mol increase in HbA1c, a measure of blood sugar levels. Similarly, every 10mmol/mol increase in HbA1c was associated with a 29 per cent increase in the likelihood of a severe viral infection.

The team then used Mendelian randomisation, a technique that uses genetic information to establish whether a factor actually causes ill health, to determine if the relationships were causal.

This suggested that a higher BMI is one of the causes of severe bacterial and viral infections.

However, mild hyperglycaemia did not appear to be a cause of severe infections.

The study didn't focus on individuals with diabetes. However, given how vulnerable they are to infections, the results may be of particular relevance to them, says Hopkins. She adds: "Infections are a major cause of death and ill health, particularly in people with diabetes. Anyone admitted to hospital with a severe infection is also at high risk of being admitted again with another. However, we currently have few effective ways to prevent this.

"This study demonstrates that higher BMI is a cause of hospital admission with infection. Clinicians could discuss weight loss options for people with a high BMI at risk of severe infections and readmission to hospital for infection.

While this message may be particularly relevant to people with diabetes, it applies more widely, too.

AI Good at some tasks, but bad with Maths says Deutsche Bank research



NEW DELHI: Generative AI, while gaining widespread attention, is not without its flaws. A recent report by Deutsche Bank Research highlighted that despite its strengths, the technology still struggles with certain tasks, particularly when it comes to mathematical calculations. The report noted that though generative AI has proven useful in many areas, such as summarizing, translating, and even generating creative content on a wide range of topics, its limitations in reasoning, learning abstract concepts, and developing an understanding of the world remain significant obstacles.

"Generative AI is certainly flawed... while Generative AI is surprisingly good at some activities, it is surprisingly bad at others, such as making mathematical calculations" said the report.

As per the report one of the key issues is the tendency of generative AI systems to produce hallucinations, or inaccurate information, despite using reliable data. It noted that these systems can also introduce bias or irrelevance into their outputs, and existing solutions have not fully addressed these problems. This remains a challenge, even as AI models continue to evolve. The report also pointed

out that much of the optimism surrounding AI's potential to boost productivity comes from controlled experiments. However, realworld applications show that the technology may not be as effective in every setting. For instance, highly regulated industries like financial services and healthcare, where the stakes are especially high, have been slow to adopt generative AI despite the potential benefits of analyzing vast amounts of unstructured data. The risks in these sectors--where errors could lead to serious consequences-make it harder for them to integrate AI into

The gap between high experimentation and low uptake is particularly striking in regulated industries such as financial services and healthcare" the report added.

everyday use.

In some cases, generative AI is showing potential in unexpected ways, such as generating novel research ideas, identifying irony, and even creating game engines that simulate real-world environments. However, as per report the generative AI tools will only get better from here. And indeed even if they never did, it would take years for companies and individuals to find and implement the best use cases of AL

Mild hyperglycaemia was also Overcoming Infertility: New Advances in IVF and Fertility Treatment

HOWRAH: Dr. Sonali Mandal In recent years, there has been remarkable progress in the field of fertility treatments, providing new hope for couples facing infertility. Advances in In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) and other fertility technologies have significantly improved success rates, making parenthood a reality for many who once thought it impossible.

Dr. Sonali Mandal Bandyopadhyaya, an IVF specialist at Birla Fertility & IVF, Howrah, Advancements in tertility treatments, like genetic testing, embryo freezing, and AI-driven embryo selection, have revolutionized outcomes in IVF. At Birla Fertility & IVF, we leverage cutting-edge technologies to enhance success rates and minimize risks. Techniques like time-lapse imaging, ICSI, and donor programs provide hope to couples with complex fertility challenges. These innovations, combined with personalized care, ensure that more individuals and couples can achieve their dreams of parenthood. Science and compassion together are paving the way to

overcoming infertility."

One of the key breakthroughs in IVF is genetic testing, which allows doctors to screen embryos for genetic disorders before implantation. This minimizes the risk of passing on inherited conditions, leading to healthier pregnancies and a higher likelihood of successful outcomes. Additionally, pre-implantation



genetic testing (PGT) helps in selecting the most viable embryos, further boosting IVF suc-

Embryo freezing, or vitrification, is another important advancement in fertility treatments. This technology enables the safe preservation of embryos, which can be thawed and implanted at a later date, offering greater flexibility and better chances of success for women who may need to delay pregnancy for personal or medical reasons.

The introduction of artificial intelligence

(AI) has also revolutionized IVF. AI-driven embryo selection uses algorithms to analyze embryos with high precision, ensuring that only the most viable embryos are chosen for implantation. This innovation has significantly improved IVF outcomes, especially in cases of recurrent miscarriages or unexplained infertility. These advancements, paired with compassionate, personalized care, are opening new doors for couples, ensuring that the dream of parenthood is more attainable than ever

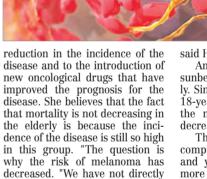
Study finds how skin cancer occurrence in young adults declines

SOLNA [SWEDEN] : A recent study suggested that the risk of malignant melanoma, or skin cancer, may be declining in Sweden, at least for people under the age of 50. "We can see a trend break in young adults around 2015 where the incidence curves are falling," says first author Hildur Helgadottir, senior consultant and associate professor of oncology at the Department of Oncology-Pathology, Karolinska Institutet.

Her research colleagues have examined the incidence and death of melanoma for various age groups over time by analysing data from the Swedish Melanoma Registry. This indicates that they have made a comparison betwee people in the same age range at one point in time and people in the same age range at another.

The findings indicate that while the new-onset curves for individuals over 50 continue to rise, they began to decline about 2015 for those in the younger age

groups.
"This is the first time we see this in Sweden, and we are actually the first European country to report a decline," said Hildur Helgadottir. In terms of mortality, the curves have also turned downwards for ages up to 59, but not for those over 60. Hildur Helgadottir believes that the decrease in mortality in the younger groups is due both to a



'There are four main factors," she said. The first is increased

analyzed the causes in our study,

but we have hypotheses about fac-

tors that we believe have interact-

ed," said Hildur Helgadottir.

awareness of sun protection. 'The first national 'Sun Safe' campaign in the 1990s specifically highlighted the importance of protecting children. About 20 years later, we believe that this has led to a reduction in the incidence of the disease in younger adults," said Hildur Helgadottir.

Another factor is that access to sunbeds has decreased drastically. Since 2018, there has been an the number of public sunbeds decreased much earlier.

Third, mobile phones and computers mean that children and young people are spending more time indoors and are not exposed to sunlight in the same way today. Finally, immigration means that there are more individuals in Sweden with darker pigmentation who can tolerate the sun better. "We see that it is necessary to continue the work of emphasizing the importance of sun protection so that the reduction of melanoma in younger people is maintained and that the incidence will eventually also decrease in older people," said Hildur Helgadottir.

Study finds new target for treating heart failure

Deleting this enzyme reduced ven-

tricular dysfunction, indicating

that anti-PKN therapies are a

prospective therapy for protecting

The findings were published in

The heart maintains its integri-

ty by the usage of tiny cells known

ly transformed into myofibroblasts

following damage. Myofibroblasts

s fibroblasts, which are frequent-

patients from heart failure

Nature Communications.



NAGOYA: As society ages, the number of patients suffering from heart failure grows significantly. Fibrosis, or excessive growth of fibrotic tissue in the heart, has been linked to the advancement of heart failure. A group from Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine in Japan discovered an enzyme called protein kinase N (PKN) that controls cardiac fibrosis.

The enzyme converts heart fibroblasts to myofibroblasts, puta disease known as fibrosis. This process reduces the integrity of the heart's structure, increasing the risk of a heart attack. The enzyme PKN has been

implicated in a signaling cascade that causes heart fibroblast activation. A group led by Drs. Satoya Yoshida, MikitoTakefuji, and ToyoakiMurohara Department of Cardiology at the Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine suspected the involvement of PKN in the changes of fibroblasts to myofibroblasts seen in fibrosis. In collaboration with colleagues at the Max Planck Institute, they investigated its role.

heart failure patients, they frequently cause extra tissue to col-

lect, resulting in hardening of

heart tissue and reduced function,

In mammal cells, there are three forms of PKN: PKN1, 2, and 3. Using RNA-sequencing data, they identified PKN1 and 2 in heart fibroblasts. The study used mice raised without PKN1 and PKN2. It found that although heart function remained unaffected, there was a notable decrease in actin and collagen expression in

Long-term metastatic melanoma survival dramatically improves on immunotherapy: Study

NEW YORK [US]: Long-term data from a landmark international trial show that about half of patients with metastatic melanoma treated with a combination of immune checkpoint inhibitors live cancerfree for 10 years or more, according to a new report from Weill Cornell Medicine and Dana-Farber Cancer Centre investigators and colleagues.

The 10-year follow-up research, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, will bring the phase 3 CheckMate 067 trial to a conclusion. The research, which followed 945 patients treated at 137 sites across 21 countries, found that combining nivolumab and ipilimumab, immunotherapies that suppress two separate immune checkpoint proteins, significantly improved outcomes for a condition that had previously been nearly deadly. Subsequent studies of patient outcomes at three, five, and 6.5 years after the trial began revealed that the effect lasted several years for individuals who responded to the medication.

"This was a practice-changing trial," said first author Dr. JeddWolchok, the Meyer Director of the Sandra and Edward Meyer Cancer Center and professor of medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine and an oncologist at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. "The median survival for this population is now a little over six years,



hood of remaining alive and disease-free at the 10-year time point." In 2011, the median survival for patients with metastatic melanoma was just six and a half months. However, the emergence of immune checkpoint inhibitors, which facilitate the ability of the immune system to attack cancer, as a treatment option gradually began to increase survival. The CheckMate 067 trial demonstrated that nivolumab alone or in combination with another checkpoint inhibitor, ipilimumab, is a more effective approach than ipilimumab alone.

This trial is a key part of how we talk patients about the lasting benefits of immune checkpoint therapy and the potential of combining multiple immune therapies to improve treatment outcomes," said Dr. F. Stephen Hodi, the director of the

co-senior author of the study. Dr. James Larkin of The Royal Marsden Hospital in the UK is the other co-senior author.

In addition to confirming long-term survival in about half of patients treated with the combination, the 10-year analysis found no new safety signals for the treatment. Some physicians worried that treatment-related health problems might emerge later because patients must continue taking the drugs long-term. But the 10year analysis found no concerning signals of long-term toxicity. There was also no resurgence of well-documented acute toxicities and few recurrences of melanoma.

The team analyzed melanoma-specific survival and overall survival at 10 years and found the two diverge long-term, showing that metastatic melanoma survivors become increasingly likely to die of other causes as they age, an indication of long-term treatment success, according to

the investigators. "After a decade of follow-up, we can now confidently tell our patients that there are treatments available with the potential to transform metastatic melanoma into a manageable, long-term condition, instilling confidence about the future," said Dr. Hodi.

In addition to demonstrating a reassuring long-term efficacy and safety profile for this immune checkpoint inhibitor combination, the investigators hope the data will

promote wound healing by creating fibrous connective tissues like the myocardial infarction and Melanoma Center and the Center for and people who are free from cancer proalso help improve the care protocols for ting the heart's integrity at risk. collagen and elastin. However, in heart failure model Immuno-Oncology at Dana-Farber and the gression at three years have a high likelimetastatic melanoma survivors.

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Indian Railways Reimagined: The RPF's Digital Leap in Public Engagement

MI News Service, Kolkata: "The function of law enforcement is not just to maintain order but to create the conditions under which all citizens feel protected, empowered, and included in the societal fabric.' – James Q. Wilson

In the digital era, social media has transcended its original purpose as a communication tool to become a powerful driver of social change, participatory governance, and public accountability. For the Railway Protection Force (RPF), responsible for the safety of over 20 million daily passengers across the vast Indian Railways network, social media represents and social media represents and social media represents the social media sents a platform of great strategic value. Forums such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube are leveraged not only to communicate but also to build only to communicate but also to build trust, foster inclusivity, and amplify awareness campaigns. This sophisticated integration of digital engagement aligns with theories of participatory communication, public sociology, and digital citizenship, establishing the RPF as a forward-thinking law enforcement agency in the global context in the global context.

Social Media: A New Frontier for Public Engagement

Social media platforms like Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube have revolutionized communication by offering instantaneous and interactive interfaces. Forlaw enforcement, these platforms enable: 1. Real-Time Information Sharing: Quick dissemination of safety alerts, updates on services offered by RPF to the passengers, and guidelines during emergencies. 2. Interactive Public Engagement: Direct interaction with passengers for queries, grievances, and feedback. 3. Crowdsourcing Intelligence: Leveraging user-reported information for monitoring suspicious activities. Bridging the Gap: From Authority to Accessibility Social media has redefined the traditional dynamic between laws of forecases that the namic between law enforcement and the public by enabling real-time, two-way communication. For the RPF, this interactive digital interface acts as a bridge, narrowing the psychological and operational gap between citizens and authorities. Verified handles on platforms like Twitter and Facebook provide passengers with an asynchronous communication channel to report grievances, seek assistance, and receive critical updates, enhancing both accountability and operational transparency. This approach is rooted in Habermas's Public Sphere Theory, which conceptualizes social media as a modern public sphere where individuals can engage with institutions and contribute to discourses shaping their lived realities. By prioritizing responsiveness and accessibility, the RPF reinforces its legitimacy as a citizen-centric service-oriented organization, shifting the public perception of law enforcement from that of distant authority to collaborative ally. For vulnerable groups, particularly women and children, this digital accessibility represents a lifeline. The RPF's ability to respond swiftly to distress signals posted on social media, combined with its proactive outreach, demonstrates the application of proactive ecosystem. The immediacy of these responses builds trust and positions the RPF as a dependable institution safeguarding mass public transport network. Amplifying Awareness: Campaigns That Resonate Social media's network effect empowers the RPF to amplify its awareness campaigns, reaching millions across urban, peri-urban, and rural demographics. Initiatives like Operation Meri Saheli (for security of women traveling alone in long distance trains), Operation AAHT (Action Against Human Trafficking), and antitrespassing drives leverage digital platforms to educate passengers, promote vigilance, and encourage participatory safety practices. Operation Meri Saheli. for example, benefits from emotive storytelling, where the RPF shares real-life accounts of women passengers receiving timely assistance. These narratives, supported by compelling visuals and infoemploy the Narrative Transportation Theory, which avers that audiences are more likely to engage with and act upon emotionally resonant stories. Similarly, Operation AAHT uses behavioural design principles to educate the public on recognizing signs of trafficking and reporting suspicious activities, trans-

By tailoring content using algorithmic targeting, the RPF ensures that its messages reach the intended audiences. maximizing impact. This strategy aligns with Lasswell's Communication Model, emphasizing the importance of addressing the "who," "what," "how," and "to whom" in communication efforts. Through platform-specific strategies, the RPF achieves not only visibility but also meaningful engagement. Humanizing the Force: Social Media as a Sociological Catalyst

forming passive audiences into active par-

ticipants in combating transnational

One of the most profound impacts of social media is its ability to humanize institutions, bridging emotional gaps between organizations and the communities they serve. For the RPF, this capability transforms public perceptions of law enforcement from rigid authority to empathetic protectors. Posts celebrating women officers leading security operations or videos showcasing the rescue of trafficked children are not merely content—they are cultural artifacts that reinforce societal trust. This aligns with Symbolic Interactionism, a sociological framework suggesting that meaning is constructed through shared symbols and



interactions. By sharing moments of bravery, compassion, and dedication, the RPF not only reinforces its institutional values but also strengthens its relational equity with the public. Behind-the-scenes glimpses into operations and personnel narratives further align with Authenticity Theory, creating a perception of transparency and accountability. Moreover, the RPF's digital storytelling strategy helps build a resonant identity, fostering a deeper emotional connection with passengers. This connection extends to promoting gender inclusivity, as posts featuring women-led security teams challenge entrenched stereotypes and inspire broader societal shifts in perceptions of women in law enforcement. Leveraging Social Media as a Crime

Prevention Ecosystem Social media is not just a platform for communication but also an integral part of the RPF's crime prevention architecture. The force uses social media to share live updates on potential threats, train disruptions, and safety advisories, ensuring passengers have access to real-time situational awareness. These updates align with the Time-Sensitive Communication Paradigm, prioritizing timely dissemination of critical information to mitigate risks effectively. In addition to broadcasting updates, the RPF actively employs social media intelligence tools to monitor digital conversations for distress signals, suspicious activities, and emergent security concerns. By analysing hashtags, geotags, and user-generated content, the RPF incorporates predictive analytics into its operational framework. This approach aligns with Predictive Policing Models, enabling the force to preemptively address threats and allocate resources efficiently. For instance, during large-scale events or emergencies, the RPF uses Twitter as a crowdsourced intelligence platform, allowing passengers to share on-ground observations. This participatory approach exemplifies Community Policing Theory, fostering a collaborative relationship between law enforcement and the public.

Digital Literacy and Bridging the Dig-

While social media enhances engagement, its effectiveness depends on the audience's ability to navigate digital platforms. Recognizing this, the RPF's strategy includes promoting digital literacy to ensure equitable access to information and services. Posts explaining the use of the RailMadad app, helpline numbers, and online grievance redressal systems are designed to bridge the digital divide, ensuring that passengers across all socioeconomic strata can benefit from the RPF's initiatives. This effort aligns with Rogers' Diffusion of Innovations Theory, which emphasizes the role of communication channels in the adoption of new technologies and practices. By producing multilingual content and simplifying complex processes, the RPF addresses disparities in digital accessibility, fostering inclusivity.

Celebrating Milestones: Building Social Capital

Social media provides the RPF with a platform to celebrate achievements, from rescuing trafficking victims to apprehending criminals and executing high-impact campaigns. These celebrations not only enhance institutional morale but also build social capital, reinforcing public trust in the force's capabilities. By highlighting milestones, the RPF employs the Self-Determination Theory, which underscores the importance of recognition in fostering intrinsic motivation. Public acknowledgment of these successes reassures passengers of their safety and inspires confidence in the RPF's operational excellence.

Strengthening Gender Representation: Digital Narratives of Inclusivity

The RPF's commitment to gender inclusivity finds robust representation on its social media platforms. Posts spotlighting the leadership of women officers and members of the force or the achievements of all women teams like Shakti or Rudramma or Veerangana or JOYMATI BAHINI challenge traditional gender norms and inspire young women to pursue careers in law enforcement. This strategy aligns with Transformational Leadership Theory, emphasizing empowerment, vision, and collaboration. By promoting women's achievements, the RPF not only enhances its operational framework but also fosters societal progress toward gender parity.

Challenges in Using Social Media for

1. Misinformation and Fake News: Rumors and unverified information can escalate panic. While handling social media handles, we should be careful to share accurate and verified information. 2. Digital Literacy: Many passengers, especially in rural areas, lack access or understanding of social media.

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf condemns conviction of Imran Khan and his wife in Al Qadir Trust case, vows to challenge decision

MI News Service, Islamabad: The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders have condemned the conviction of former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan and his wife, Bushra Bibi, in the 190 million pound Al Qadir Trust, labelling the ruling "politically motivated" and vowed to challenge the decision of the judge in higher courts, The Express Tribune reported.

Speaking to reporters, Opposition leader in the National Assembly, Omar Ayub, called the decision a "dark day" in Pakistan's indicial history, according to The judicial history, according to The Express Tribune report. He raised questions over the relation between the funds involved and the PTI leadership, stressing that the Supreme Court received the money and not former Pakistan

Shibli Faraz, said that Imran Khan and his wife did not gain any benefit from the alleged transactions. He stressed that the couple was being punished for founding Al-Qadir University, which aimed to promote the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), The Express Tribune reported. Slamming the system, Faraz said, "Those who looted the country walk free, while sincere leaders face jail." He expressed PTI's commitment to challenge the verdict and pursue justice. Imran Khanfounded party has said that the case is part of a broader effort to undermine PTI's leadership through politically motivated

charges.
Earlier in the day, the court

wife, Bushra Bibi, in the 190 milllion pound Al-Qadir Trust case with the PTI founder being sentenced to 14 years in prison while seven year jail term has been handed over to his wife, Dawn reported. The verdict, delayed three times previously, was announced by Judge Nasir Javed Rana in a makeshift courtroom at Adiala Jail. The court asked Imran Khan and his wife to pay a fine of amounting to Pakistani Rupees (PKR) 1million and PKR 500,000, respectively. Failure to pay the fines would cause six months in jail. The judge announced the verdict amid tight security outside Adiala Jail. Following the announcement of the verdict, Bushra Bibi was arrested from the court-

the case on February 27 last year, shortly after the elections were held on February 8.

The case alleges that Imran Khan and Bushra Bibi obtained billions of rupees and land worth hundreds of kanals from Bahria Town Ltd for legalising PKR 50 billion that was identified and returned to Pakistan by the UK during the PTI government, Dawn reported. On December 23, when the verdict was supposed to be announced, an Islamabad accountability court postponed the verdict in the case till January 6 due to winter vacations. On January 6, the verdict was not announced as Judge Nasir Javed Rana, who has been hearing the case, was on

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf to mark February 8 as "Black Day" to protest against deprivation of mandate



MI News Service, Islamabad: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has decided to mark February 8 as a 'Black Day' in protest against the deprivation of its mandate, Dawn re-

Pakistan held its 12th national general election on February 8 last year, amid allegations of rigging and the shutdown of cellular and internet services. The PTI dominated the election results, with the highest number of successful candidates in the elections. However, the party has alleged rigging in the In a statement, PTI's

Central Information Secretary Sheikh Waqqas Akram announced that the party has started prepara-tions to mark the first anniversary of the "mother of all poll robberies" as a 'Black Day' which had allowed the "power-greedy and "self-serving" to illegitimately take hold of the power, making mockery of democracy, according to Dawn report. Akram said that all Members of National Assembly (MNAs)

and Members of Provincial Assembly (MPAs) were asked to make preparations to hold large demonstrations in various parts of Pakistan to send a strong message to the power usurpers that the people of the nation would rest until reclaiming the "stolen" mandate and ensuring constitutions supremacy and rule of law. He pointed out to the surprising turn of events that on one hand Shehbaz Sharif was nominated as Pakistan's Prime Minister on the very day when the court was set to sentence him and his son in corruption cases, while on the other hand, he facilitated the deal to ensure homecoming of his brother and Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) supremo Nawaz Sharif, Dawn reported.

On the Al-Qadir Trust Sheikh Waqqa Akram said that PTI founder Imran Khan had faced all politically motivated cases in the court and expressed hope that the result of this case would not be different.

Israel: PM Netanyahu to convene Security Cabinet meeting to approve ceasefire deal

MI News Service, Jerusalem ordinator for the Hostages : Amid the background of the ceasefire negotiations between Israel and Hamas, the Israeli Prime Minister's Office on Friday shared that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has been updated by the negotiating team over agreements reached for the deal on release of hostages.

The details were shared on X by the official account of the Office of the Prime Minister of Israel. In a series of tweets, it was mentioned, "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has been updated by the negotiating team that agreements have been reached on a deal for the release of the hostages".

and the Missing to coordinate the preparations to receive the hostages upon their return to Israel", the post said. "The State of Israel is

committed to achieving all of the objectives of the war including the return of all of our hostages, the living and the deceased", the post concluded. Earlier on Wednesday, Qatar, Egypt, and the US, in a joint statement, confirmed that Israel and Hamas have reached a ceasefire and hostage release deal that is likely to take effect on January 19. The Qatar Foreign Ministry, in a statement on Wednesday, said that both parties



rected that the Security Cabinet be convened later today (Friday). The Government will be convened later in order to approve the deal. Prime Minister Netanyahu expressed his appreciation for the negotiating team and statement read. It was noted that the Prime Minister's Office Authority for the Hostages and Missing has updated the families of the hostages. "The Prime Minister has also directed the Coto release hostages in exchange for hostages and prisoners. US President Joe Biden also announced the successful negotiation of a ceasefire and hostage deal between Israel and Hamas, ending over 15 months of tured in three phases, includes a complete ceasefire, the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza, and the release of hostages, including Americans, in the first

Knesset opposition leader promises Netanyahu his support for hostage release deal

MI News Service, Tel Aviv: Leader of the opposition in the Knesset Yair Lapid responded to the threat made by a coalition party to quit the government should it approve the pro-posed deal for the release of Israelis held hostage in Gaza by promising to support the government in this matter.

"I say to Benjamin Netanyahu, don't be afraid or intimidated, you will get every safety net you need to make the hostage deal," tweeted Lapid. "This is more important than any disagreement we've ever

Israel's National Security Minister and leader of the right-wing Otzma Yehudit (Jewish Strength) Party Itamar Ben-Gvir announced that he will resign from the government if it implements the emerging ceasefire with Hamas, which he called "reckless" in a statement.

Not only that, it does not lead to the release of all the hostages, it seals the fate of the remaining hostages who are not included in the deal, and it will lead to the end of the war when Hamas has not yet been defeated, with a significant ability to re build itself," Ben-Gvir said.

He added, "If the war on Hamas is renewed with force in order to decide and realise the unachieved goals of the war, we will return to the government."

Regulation of trains for construction of Road under Bridge over Sealdah Division

MI News Service, Kolkata: In connection with the replacement of old steel girder of rail over bridge No. 15/CCR in between Bally Ghat & Bally Halt stations in Dum Dum Jn. - Dankuni section by providing RCC Box to construct Road Under Bridge (RUB), Traffic cum Power Block for 100 hours (from 00:00 hrs. of 23.01.2025 to 04:00 hrs. of 27.01.2025) has been planned. Consequently, the following arrangements in train running will be made as under:-

CANCELLATION OF EMU: On 23.01.2025 (Thursday), 24.01.2025 (Friday), 25.01.2025 (Saturday) and 26.01.2025 (Sunday): • Sealdah-Dankuni: UP 32211, 32213, 32215, 32217, 32219, 32221, 32223, 32225, 32229, 32231, 32233, 32227. 32237, 32239, 32241, 32235. 32243, 32245, 32247, 32249, DN 32212. 32214, 32216, 32218, 32222, 32224, 32226, 32220, 32228, 32230, 32232, 32234, 32238, 32240, 32242, 32246, 32248, 32250, 32252. Sealdah-Baruipara: UP 32411, 32413, DN 32412, 32414. • Sealdah-Kalyani Simanta: UP 31317, 31333, 31339, DN 31318, 31332, 31338. Sealdah-Madhyamgram: UP 33421, DN 33422. • Sealdah-Barddhaman: UP 31151, DN 31152. • Sealdah-Dum Dum Cantonment: UP 33411, DN 33412. • Sealdah-Duttapukur: UP 33621, DN 33628. • Naihati-Bandel: UP 37535, 37537, 37545, 37529, 37521, 37523, 37555, 37557, DN 37538, 37540, 37548, 37532, 37522, 37524, 37556, 37558.

On 27.01.2025 (Monday): Sealdah-Dankuni: UP 32211, 32213, DN 32212, 32214 CANCELLATION OF MAIL/EX-

PRESS: On 21.01.2025 (Tuesday):

12359 Kolkata-Patna Garib Rath Express (JCO 21.01.2025).

On 22.01.2025 (Wednesday): 13179 Sealdah–Siuri Express (JČO 22.01.2025), 13161 Kolkata-Balurghat Tebhaga Express (JCO 22.01.2025).

On 23.01.2025 (Thursday): • 13179 Sealdah-Siuri Express (JCO 23.01.2025), • 13161 Kolkata-Balurghat Tebhaga Express (JCO 23.01.2025), • 13180 Siuri-Sealdah Express (JCO 23.01.2025), • 13162 Balurghat-Kolkata Tebhaga Express (JCO 23.01.2025), • 15234 Darbhanga-Kolkata Maithili Express (JCO 22.01.2025), • 15233 Kolkata-Darbhanga Maithili Express (JCO 23.01.2025), • 13177 Sealdah-Jangipur Road Express (JCO 23.01.2025), • 13178 Jangipur Road-Sealdah Express (JCO 23.01.2025), • 12359 Kolkata-Patna Garib Rath Express (JCO 23.01.2025), • 12360 Patna-Kolkata Garib Rath Express (JCO 22.01.2025), • 12363 Kolkata-Haldibari Intercity Express (JCO 23.01.2025), • 12383 Sealdah-Asansol Intercity Express (JCO 23.01.2025), • 12384 Asansol-Sealdah Intercity Express (JCO 23.01.2025).

On 24.01.2025 (Friday): • 12383 Sealdah–Asansol Intercity Express (JCO 24.01.2025), • 13177 Sealdah-Jangipur Road Express (JCO 24.01.2025), • 13179 Sealdah-Siuri Express 24.01.2025), • 13161 Kolkata-Balurghat Tebhaga Express (JCO 24.01.2025), • 12384 Asansol-Sealdah Intercity Express (JCO 24.01.2025), • 13178 Jangipur Road-Sealdah Express (JCO 24.01.2025), • 13180 Siuri-Sealdah Express (JCO 24.01.2025), • 13162 Balurghat-Kolkata Tebhaga Express (JCO 24.01.2025), • 12364 Haldibari-Kolkata Intercity Express (JCO 24.01.2025).

On 25.01.2025 (Saturday): • 12383 Sealdah-Asansol Intercity Express (JCO 25.01.2025), • 13177 Sealdah-Jangipur Road Express (JCO 25.01.2025), • 13179 Seal-Express 25.01.2025), • 12384 Asansol-Sealdah Intercity Express (JCO 25.01.2025), • 13178 Jangipur Road-Sealdah Express (JCO 25.01.2025), • 13180 Siuri-Sealdah Express (JCO 25.01.2025), • 13162 Balurghat-Kolkata Tebhaga Express (JCO 25.01.2025), • 12360 Patna-Kolkata Garib Rath Express (JCO 24.01.2025), • 12363 Kolkata-Haldibari Intercity Express (JCO 25.01.2025), • 12359 Kolkata-Patna Garib Rath Express (JCO 25.01.2025).

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On 27.01.2025 (Monday): • 13180 Siuri-Sealdah Express (JCO 27.01.2025), • 12360 Patna-Kolkata Garib Rath Express (JCO 26.01.2025), • 13162 Balurghat-Kolkata Tebhaga Express (JCO 27.01.2025).

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D Gukesh, Manu Bhaker, Harmanpreet Singh, Praveen Kumar receive prestigious Khel Ratna award

Olympic medalist Manu Bhaker, World Chess Champion Gukesh Dommaraju, Indian men's hockey team captain Harmanpreet Singh and Para Athlete Praveen Kumar were awarded the prestigious Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award by the President of India, Draupadi Murmu at the Rashtrapati Bhawan

Earlier on January 2, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports released a statement and announced the names of recipients of the prestigious National Sports Awards 2024.

On Friday, the National Sports Awards 2025 took place at the Rashtrapati Bhawan where the President of India awarded all the recipients of the Khel Ratna, Arjuna Award, and Dronacharya Award.

Manu Bhaker opened India's medal tally in the Olympics after she secured third place in the women's individual 10m air pistol event, becoming the first-ever woman shooter to win an Olympic medal for India. Following that, Sarabjot Singh and Bhaker won the bronze medal in the 10m air pistol (mixed team) event, which was India's first-ever shooting team medal.

Meanwhile, Gukesh's success story was one of the major highlights

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MUMBAI (MAHARASHTRA) :

The Indian squad for the

upcoming ODI series against

England and the ICC Champions Trophy will be announced on Saturday, announced the Board of

Control for Cricket in India

ry announcing the same. Skipper Rohit Sharma and the

chairman of the men's selec-

tion committee Ajit Agarkar

will be attending the press con-ference scheduled for 12:30

"The Men's Selection Committee will select India's

squad for the IDFC First Bank

ODI series against England and

the upcoming ICC Champions Trophy 2025 tomorrow in Mumbai. The Selection Meeting will be followed by a

press conference," the advisory

England, a five-match T20I

series against England will be

will commence on January 22

in Kolkata. The second and

third matches will be held on

January 25 and 28 in Chennai

and Rajkot, respectively. The

fourth game of the series will

be played on January 31 in

Pune. Mumbai will host the

final match of the T20I series

will kickstart from February 6

onwards. The freshest chal-

lenge awaiting India is the ICC

Champions Trophy, starting from February 19 till March 9.

It will be hosted by Pakistan

and UAE, with India playing its

matches in UAE under a hybrid

model. The eight-team tourna-

ment will feature 15 50-over

matches and will be played

across Pakistan and in Dubai.

The biggest match of the tour-

nament between two arch-

rivals India and Pakistan will

be played on February 23 in

Dubai. India will start its cam-

paign against Bangladesh on

February 20. India's last

league match will be against

features current Champions

Trophy holders and hosts

Pakistan, along with India,

New Zealand and Bangladesh,

while Group B features Cricket

World Cup 2023 champions

Afghanistan, England and

alongside

Group A of the tournament

New Zealand on March 2.

The three-match ODI series

kickstarting on January 22.

Before the ODIs against

The five-match T20I series

from BCCI read.

on February 2.

BCCI issued a media adviso-

(BCCI) on Friday.

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of Indian sports in 2024. He made history in December by defeating China's Ding Liren in the decisive 14th game of the FIDE World Championship match in Singapore. The championship, tied at 6.5-6.5 heading into the final game, saw a stellar performance from Gukesh, who secured a 7.5-6.5 victory, becoming the youngest world champion ever at 18. He also became Îndia's second world chess champion after Viswanathan Anand.

Para Athlete, Praveen Kumar won a Gold in the Men's High Jump T64 at the Paralympics 2024.

Harmanpreet Singh had been part of the Tokyo Olympics where India had won the Hockey bronze He has also been nominated for FIH Player of the Year. Under his leadership, the India team won a bronze medal in the Paris Olympics

Indian men's hockey players Jarmanpreet Singh, Sanjay, Abhishek, Sukhjeet Singh and women's hockey team captain Salima Tete have been awarded Ariuna Awardes for outstanding per Arjuna Awards for outstanding performance in Sports and Games 2024.

Indian chess grandmaster Vantika Agrawal and athlete Jyothi Yarraji have also been conferred with Årjuna Awards.

Para athletes Preeti Pal, Jeevanji Deepthi, Ajeet Singh, Sachin Sarjerao Khilari, Dharambir, Pranav Soorma, Hokato Sema, Simran, and Navdeep will also receive Arjuna Awards

Olympic medalists Swapnil Suresh Kusale and Sarabjot Singh and Para-Olympic shooters Mona Agarwal and Rubina Francis have also been awarded with Arjuna

Former Dempo FC and East Bengal head coach Armando Agnelo Colaco was also awarded with Dronacharya Award in the lifetime

ISL: Bengaluru FC chase form and momentum against Hyderabad FC

HYDERABAD (TELANGANA) [INDIA] : Hyderabad FC will host Bengaluru FC in the Indian Super League (ISL) 2024-25 on Saturday, at the GMC Balayogi Athletic

The Blues are currently in third place in the table with 27 points from 15 matches, while Hyderabad FC sit at the bottom with nine points from as many games. The visitors began the season on a flawless note but recent results mean that they are eight points behind league leaders Mohun Bagan Super Giant, a release from ISL stated.

With nine matches to go in the regular season for them, the side can't afford to drop points if they have to keep their ambitions of becoming the ISL Champions alive.

Bengaluru FC went scoreless in their last match, which was a 0-1 loss to Mohammedan SC. The previous time they went consecutive games without finding the back of the net were the last two matches before Gerard Zaragoza took over as the head coach in December 2023. Since then, particularly this season, there has been a smooth consistency in their frontline, as reflected by the Blues having found the back of the net 28 times, as opposed to 11 of Hyderabad FC. Four of Hyderabad FC's 11 goals in ISL 2024-25 have come in their last five matches, where they have drawn twice and lost thrice.

A victory here will see Hyderabad FC extend their unbeaten home stretch against the Blues to four matches. Bengaluru FC, on the other hand, are looking to avoid a third consecutive loss, in order to sustain pressure on their opponents in the upper half of the points table.

With Bengaluru FC striving to break heir away run and Hyderabad FC seeking to bounce back from a testing campaign, this promises to be a contest with a reasonable lot to play for both teams.

Hyderabad FC have conceded 26 goals from inside the box, interestingly exactly

the same numbers that Bengaluru FC have scored from the zone this term. Can Hyderabad FC take a brave call to operate with a high defensive line, win the ball in Bengaluru FC's half and limit their involve-

their last two home games, they have managed only one goal in each of their three home matches against Bengaluru FC. They need to step up their scoring efforts to push Bengaluru FC back and make the most of the opponents' recent away issues

Bengaluru FC have scored 26 goals bettered by Odisha FC (28). Their attack,

The Blues come into this game on the back of two consecutive losses, a streak

The message to the players has always been clear. That is, to not think about the three points. That way, we will be in a good place," Chembakath was quoted in a

Zaragoza said that his team seeks happiness out of the way they play football.

ment in closer ranges? While Hyderabad FC have scored in

from inside the box this season, a tally only led by clinical players like Sunil Chhetri (9), Ryan Williams (5), and Edgar Mendez (4), will look to outnumber Hyderabad FC inside the 18-yard area.

they last endured in October-November 2022. They will have to overcome their woes on the road to mount a serious challenge for the top spot. Hyderabad FC interim head coach

Shameel Chembakath encouraged his players to take the opponents out of the equation when preparing for a match.

release from ISL as saying. Bengaluru FC head coach Gerard

"We want to enjoy the way we play foot-

ball. We want to win, of course. We hate losing. But, we also want the supporters to enjoy watching us play," Zaragoza said.

In 11 matches between the two teams, Hyderabad FC and Bengaluru FC have won four and three games respectively. The rest have resulted in a draw.

Subhash Rana, Deepali Deshpande, Armando Colaco among sporting personalities felicitated with Dronacharya Award

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Coaches Subash Rana, Deepali Deshpande, Sandeep Sangwan, S Muralidharan and Armando Colaco were felicitated with the prestigious Dronacharya Award by the president Droupadi Murmu on Friday.

Various eminent sporting personalities were felicitated during the National Sports Awards ceremony by President Murmu on Friday.

Subhash, Deepali and Sandeep were honoured with the regular category Dronacharya award, while Muralidharan and Armando were felicitated with the Dronacharya Lifetime category award.

Subhash's award was in recognition of his outstanding achievements in Para-Shooting. He has trained many outstanding Para Athletes including Manish Narwal, Rubina Francis, Singhraj, Avani Lekhara. These players have won medals at the Paralympic Games 2021 and 2024, the World Championship 2022, the Asian Para Games 2023 and other international tournaments.

His most notable pupil, Avani became the first-ever Indian woman gold Paralympics during the Paris Paralympics 2024. She got a gold and bronze medal in the 10m air rifle SH1 and 50m rifle 3 positions SH1 respectively after a gold medal in the 2020 Paralympics in the 10m air rifle SH1.

Also, Deepali was honoured for her contributions to the sport of shooting. She has trained many outstanding Athletes including Swapnil Kusale, Akhil Sheoran, Arjun Babuta, Sift Kaur Samra, Anjum Moudgil and Shriyanka Sadangi. These players have won medals in Olympics 2024, World Championship 2023 and 2024, World Cups 2024, Asian Games 2023 and Asian Shooting Championships

Sandeep's contributions to the sport of hockey also got their well-deserved recognition, having trained players like Sumit, Mandeep Singh,



Gurjant Singh, Jarmanpreet, Sanjay, and Abhishek. These players have won medals at the Olympic Games 2021 and 2024, Asian Games 2023, Commonwealth Games 2022 and other International tournaments.

In the lifetime Dronacharya award category, Muralidharan's contributions to badminton were given recognition. He has trained many outstanding Athletes including U Vimal Kumar, Madhumita Bisht & George Thomas. These players won medals at the Asian Games 1982, the Commonwealth Games 1998, the French Open - Badminton 1983 & 1984 and the Welsh Open -Badminton 1988.

Armando's contributions to sport

of football, most notably in training the all-time great player and captain Sunil Chhetri, were also honoured. Other than Chhetri, he has trained several players like Mahesh Gawli, Climax Lawrence, Anwar Ali, Anthony Pereira and Samir Naik. These players won the Silver medal in the 2002 SAFF Cup, Gold medal in 2005 SAFF Cup, Silver medal in 2008 SAFF Cup, Gold medal in 2012 SAFF Cup and Gold medal in 2002 LG Cup.

Dronacharya Award for outstanding coaches in Sports and Games' is given to coaches for doing outstanding and meritorious work on a consistent basis and for enabling sportspersons to excelInternational events.

Hockey India gets government backing, facilities have improved: Pritam Rani Siwach

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Former Indian hockey player Pritam Rani Siwach has praised the government's support for hockey players, stating that although the efforts may not be immediately visible, they have contributed significantly to the sport's growth.

Šiwach, a Dronacharya Awardee, Commonwealth Games 2002 gold medalist and former coach of the junior women's team that won silver at the 2012 Junior Asia Cup, currently runs the Sonepat Hockey Academy. In an exclusive interview with ANI on the sidelines of the BBC Indian Sportswoman Of The Year Award nominees announcement, she discussed the government's backing for players participating in tournaments.

The facilities have increased, and player requirements are being fulfilled," Siwach said. "The government is also funding the Sports Authority of India to enhance player training and overall development," she added.

Siwach highlighted the improvements in player support, noting that earlier, players had to manage stress on their own. Now, they have access to psychiatrists who help them stabilize their mental state before games. As a coach, Siwach emphasized that guiding players is more challenging than playing

herself. "When you play, you are aware of your mental state and performance. However, as a coach, you need to understand the different mental states of each player.' Siwach also congratulated Indian hockey team captain Harmanpreet Singh on receiving

the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna award. "It is a matter of great happiness. I congratulate him on this accomplishment. He has won

us two Olympic medals and is leading the team as a captain. He is also our 'Sarpanch sahab' (his nickname) and scored a lot of goals for us," she said.

Harmanpreet was a part of India's bronze-winning teams at Tokyo Olympics 2020 and

Paris Olympics 2024. In the 2024 Olympics, he was the highest goal scorer with 10 and led India as a captain.



India U19 captain Niki recalls advice by Shafali Varma ahead of 2025 T20 World Cup NEW DELHI [INDIA] : India's U19 to speak to Shefali Varma and one

captain Niki Prasad expressed happiness at getting a chance to lead the team during the ICC Women's U19 T20 World Cup and also recalled advice from senior Indian batter Shafali Varma, who led Women in Blue to the title in inaugural edition in 2023. The tournament will be starting from Saturday onwards in Malaysia and will go on till February 2 this year. India secured the inaugural title back in 2023 under the captaincy of Shafali Varma, beating England in the final.

In a video posted by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), Niki expressed that she feels thankful for the opportunity to lead the team as many players dream of playing and captaining India. She also recalled that Shafali advice the team to "go out and enjoy" as they start their campaign against West Indies from Sunday at Bayuemas Oval, Pandamaran.

Speaking in the video, Niki said, "Representing the country is a matter of highest pride for us as a cricketer. And now since we have gotten this opportunity, I think we are going to go out there and give our best and



defend the title. It is very special for me, because a lot of players out there are dreaming to play for India. And I have not just got the opportunity to play for the country but also to lead the Indian side.

"All of us are really excited to be playing the ICC World Cup. And we are all very motivated and very excited to go out there and show what we can do. I got to speak with the captain who won last time. I got

piece of advice she gave me was to just go out there and have fun and enjoy. We are definitely looking forward to carrying the tradition of winning and we want to create this legacy of winning ICC trophies," she added

16 teams will compete in 41 matches across three host cities in Malaysia - Johor, Sarawak, and Selangor. These teams are divided into four groups of four teams each. India is in Group A with hosts Malaysia, Sri Lanka and West Indies.

The knockout stage will start from the first semifinal on January 31 and the final will take place on February 2 at Bayuemas Oval, Pandamaran. The four best teams out of the Super Six will make it to the semifinals.

Squad: Niki Prasad (Captain), Sanika Chalke (Vice-captain), G Trisha, Kamalini G (WK), Bhavika Ahire (WK), Ishwari Awasare, Mithila Vinod, Joshitha VJ, Sonam Yadav, Parunika Sisodiya, Kesari Drithi. Aayushi Shukla, Anandita Kishor, MD Shabnam, Vaishnavi S

Standby players: Nandhana S, Ira J, Anadi T.

