

## Mamata Banerjee slams handling of tiger strays from Odisha to Bengal

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee expressed her anger on Wednesday over the recurring incidents of tigers from Odisha entering West Bengal. During an administrative meeting in Alipurduar, she highlighted the challenges faced by the state's Forest Department in dealing with these tiger intrusions. The discussion was initially focused on the complications of building a resort in Buxa, but it quickly shifted to the issue of tigers crossing into Bengal. "Who else is managing forest reservations like us?" Mamata asked, to which a Forest Department official responded, "No one else." The Chief Minister then pointed out the recurring... **PG 3**

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## Mamata Banerjee criticizes delay in Government projects and demands immediate action

**MI News Service, Alipurduar:** West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has expressed strong frustration for undue delays in completing several important government projects, particularly the water supply schemes, and asked for their reasons.

Conducting an Administrative Review Meeting at the Parade Ground in Alipurduar on Wednesday, the Chief Minister also demanded accountability from local officials and departments to finish their work on time.

Addressing the district's top officials and emphasizing that every project is under strict surveillance, the Chief Minister remarked "Do not think that the distance between

Kolkata and Alipurduar is too large. We can communicate instantly now." Also underlining the importance of monitoring through the Co-ordination Portal, she stressed the need for timely completion of all projects and made it clear that the government would not accept delays or sloppy work. "No more excuses. Work must be completed within the deadlines," she announced and urged the officials to step up their efforts. Out of 441 government projects, Mamata pointed out that 108 had failed to meet their deadlines, which led to her questioning the district officials about the reasons behind the delay. "Already, 47 lakh houses have been built with the state government's

money. Why haven't these projects been finished on time?" she asked. Mamata further emphasized the seriousness of the situation and issued a stern warning that anyone who attempts to extract money for government benefits would face legal action. "If anyone asks for money, FIR will be lodged against them," she stated firmly. The Chief Minister also ordered the District Magistrates (DMs) and Superintendents of Police (SPs) to conduct field visits to check the on-ground progress of various projects. She also asked the Block Development Officers (BDOs) to personally visit every block and supervise the ongoing work. She specifically directed them to ensure that all projects are completed in a

timely manner and not left unfinished. In an effort to accelerate project completion, Mamata Banerjee urged the officials to speed up the remaining work. She pointed out that 30 projects had remained unfinished from one to three years and wanted to know why they had not been completed on time. She directed the concerned departments to expedite these projects and make them a priority. Mamata Banerjee also raised concerns about the delay in several ongoing projects, some of which have been pending for one to three years. She demanded an explanation for the lag and instructed the concerned departments to expedite the completion of these projects. "These delays

are unacceptable. Work needs to be completed swiftly, and departments must prioritize finishing these projects without further delay," she pointed out. The Chief Minister further addressed the broader issue of project monitoring, reminding officials that communication and oversight should be efficient, given that they are equipped with modern tools and resources. "If the Chief Secretary can visit five to six places in a day, why can't the BDOs do the same? There is no excuse for such negligence," she emphasized. Mamata Banerjee also issued directives for BDOs and other administrative officers to visit villages every week as part of their fieldwork, ensuring that they stay

connected with the grassroots-level issues. She warned that any further delays in project completion or failure to serve the public efficiently would not be tolerated. "We cannot afford any negligence when it comes to serving the people," she concluded, stressing the importance of timely project implementation for the benefit of the public. This strong stance taken by Mamata Banerjee reflects her commitment to ensuring that government projects are executed effectively and without delay, holding all officials accountable for their performance. The Chief Minister's directive aims to speed up the development process and improve the delivery of public services in the state.

### Bangladesh court acquits Khaleda Zia in decade long sabotage case

**MI News Service, Dhaka:** A court in Bangladesh acquitted BNP Chairperson and former prime minister Khaleda Zia on Wednesday in a sabotage case filed in the southeastern Cumilla district 10 years ago.

Additional District and Session Judge Court-2 of Cumilla Afroza Jesmin passed the order as there was no evidence against 79-year-old Zia, who is now undergoing treatment in London, official sources said.

The court observed that the case was filed on political grounds and harassment, they said. The case was filed against 32 people, including Zia, in the Special Powers Act, 1974, at Chouddagram Police Station in Cumilla in connection with damaging and setting fire to a covered van during a strike on January 25, 2015. Zia was the 32nd accused in the case.

As no specific evidence was found against Zia and she has been acquitted, Public Prosecutor Kaimul Haque Rinku was quoted as saying and added that 32 people were named in the FIR, but 42 people were charged afterwards. Of them, 36 people have been removed from the case. The decision on six others will be taken later as they received a suspension order in favour of them in the case.

Last week, the Supreme Court acquitted Zia, her party's Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman, and all other suspects in their appeal over the Orphanage Trust graft case, overturning the High Court's earlier 10-year prison sentence.

She was sentenced to 17 years in prison for graft in 2018 under the rule of her arch-rival Sheikh Hasina. Zia had been imprisoned for more than two years. On March 25, 2020, the Hasina government suspended her sentence and granted her conditional release through an executive order. Subsequently, the

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West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in an administrative review meeting at Parade Ground, Alipurduar on Wednesday.

### PM Modi asks BJP workers to "expose" AAP before poll

**MI News Service, New Delhi:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has assigned the BJP workers in Delhi with a task to expose AAP by taking pictures of broken drains, garbage heaps and lacking basic amenities and to share them with location.

Addressing BJP booth-level workers during the 'Mera Booth Sabse Majboot' programme on Wednesday the Prime Minister said with the elections knocking at the door "The BJP booth worker has a big responsibility to expose the AAP people. You should take pictures of every street of your booth, make videos where dirty water is flowing, drains are broken, and has heaps of garbage. Share those pictures with people along with the location," said the PM. "We have to remember that the biggest goal is to form a BJP government. We have to free Delhi from the troubles and problems that AAP-Da has put it



in. Only when this happens, the resolution to make Delhi the developed capital of developed India will be fulfilled,

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### World leaders call for renewed global cooperation in intelligent age at WEF

**MI News Service, Geneva:** A day after President Donald Trump took over as the 47th President of the United States and announced a slew of new measures, several top world leaders have called for a renewed global cooperation with constructive optimism in the coming years.

Participating in the deliberations at the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting at Davos on Wednesday they highlighted the need for new pathways to greater co-

operation in an era of heightened geopolitical uncertainty. Cooperation and dialogue in a time of uncertainty emerged as key themes, with calls for new global partnerships and geostrategic adaptation common among European leaders in particular. Economic transformation through innovation, sustainability and inclusive development also took centre stage, as



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### Mamata Banerjee expresses outrage over controversial poster in Alipurduar

**MI News Service, Alipurduar:** West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee voiced her strong disapproval on Wednesday over a controversial poster spotted in Alipurduar, where it was written, "Poachers should be shot dead." The poster was photographed by the Chief Minister herself on her phone before reaching at an administrative meeting and raised serious concerns regarding its display on government property.

During the meeting, Mamata Banerjee holding the Forest Department responsible, questioned the justification behind such posters being put up on public land. She expressed

her anger, stating, "I took this picture from the guest house. Thanks to the monkeys who luckily tore the cloth; otherwise, I wouldn't have noticed this. The poster says poachers should be shot dead. Is this the language we use? The proper way is to say that action will be taken as per the law."

The Chief Minister further highlighted that ordinary people, unfamiliar with the rules, often face harassment when traveling through forest roads. She addressed the Divisional Forest Officers (DFOs) in Alipurduar, urging them to take strong action if anyone unknowingly crosses into restricted

areas. However, Forest Department officials clarified that the poster was not put up by them but by the Air Force. In response, the Chief Minister stated, "It was inappropriate to place such a poster on government property. They should have consulted with the District Magistrate before doing so."

In another issue, Suman Kanjilal, the local MLA from Alipurduar, raised concerns about the exorbitant fees being charged to tourists, particularly in the Rajabhatkhawa area. In response to these complaints, Mamata Banerjee sharply criticized the Forest Department's role in

the matter. She made it clear that from now on, tourists would no longer be required to pay any fees. She assured that a decision would be made on this issue in an upcoming Cabinet meeting.

This series of issues underlined Mamata Banerjee's firm stance on governance and her commitment to addressing local grievances, especially those affecting the public in Alipurduar and other regions. Her reactions reflect her determination to ensure that the administration works in a transparent and accountable manner, free from unwarranted fees and harsh public notices.

### John Barla to join TMC, cites lack of support in BJP

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Former BJP MP and ex-Central Minister John Barla, who represented Alipurduar, is set to join the Trinamool Congress (TMC) soon.

Disclosing this in Delhi on Wednesday, Barla, who has gone there for his wife's treatment at AIIMS, said he would soon attend a government service event, to be presided over by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in Kanchini at the Subhasini Tea Garden. "I'm returning to Alipurduar as the Chief Minister has invited me to the event. She is the guardian of the state and will be able to address the issues of the tea gardens and the region," Barla told a north Bengal based newspaper. Barla confirmed that he would be present at the event on Thursday but clarified that he would not be joining the TMC on the same day.

When asked about the timing of his joining, he mentioned, "It will take a little time, about a month. It's not just about my joining; my supporters are also part of this decision. We will first discuss the state's plans for the region's development with the Chief Minister, and then decide on the joining date." On his reasons for leaving the BJP, Barla expressed frustration, saying, "If I am not respected, what's the point of staying? I've been stabbed in the back." He also accused the BJP of neglecting the tea gardens of Terai and Dooars, stating that the party had not done any work for the region's development.

### Mamata Banerjee cracks down on abnormally high charges for tourists in forest reserves

**MI News Service, Alipurduar:** West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has expressed her anger during an administrative meeting in Alipurduar after learning that tourists were being charged additional fees to enter reserved forest areas.

The issue came to light on Wednesday when local MLA Suman Kanjilal raised concern about the excessive high entry fees, being imposed on tourists entering the Rajabhatkhawa jungle in the Duars region.

Kanjilal informed the Chief Minister that tourists had to pay as much as 2,500 per vehicle and per person to enter the forest. Upon hearing this, Mamata Banerjee immediately questioned the rationale behind the charges. "Why do tourists have to pay extra money? Who authorized this? Who decided the fees?" she wanted to know.

In response, a Forest Department official explained that the entry fee, ranging

from 2,000 to 2,500 per person and per vehicle, had been set by the Chief Wildlife Warden, and there was a list detailing the fees for different areas.

Looking clearly upset at the reply, Mamata Banerjee reacted strongly and said "Why should tourists pay extra money? Is the Forest Department operating outside of the government?" she asked. "This must be communicated to us. We will not tolerate such practices." The Chief Minister then made a clear directive, stating, "From now on, no additional money can be collected from tourists."

This outburst from the Chief Minister highlights her commitment to ensuring that tourism, especially in the state's protected forest areas, remains accessible and free from unnecessary charges. Mamata's intervention is expected to put an end to the controversial fees that tourists have been required to pay for accessing the forests in the Duars region.

### Calcutta HC to hear doc's family and CBI before admission of state's appeal in RG Kar case

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** The Calcutta High Court has decided to hear the CBI, the victim's family as well as the convict before admitting the fresh appeal filed by the West Bengal government claiming inadequacy of convict Sanjay Roy's sentence of life imprisonment till death, given by a trial court in the RG Kar hospital rape-murder case on Monday.

The high court said it will hear the matter on January 27.

But interestingly the CBI opposed the state's right to file an appeal in the case for death sentence for the convict Roy, claiming that as it was the prosecuting agency, it had the right to prefer the appeal on the grounds of inadequacy of the sentence.

Earlier, State Advocate General Kishore Dutta had approached the division bench of Justice Debangshu Basak, seeking the death penalty for Sanjay Roy and the matter has been allowed to be filed.

The Sealdah Civil and Criminal Court announced life imprisonment for the convict Sanjay Roy in the RG Kar rape and murder case. Along with this, the court has also fined Rs 50,000 to the accused.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee during the past two days on Monday and Tuesday had expressed her dissatisfaction and dismay over the court sentence of 'life imprisonment till death' to the convict in the RG Kar hospital rape-murder case and said if the case had

been with Kolkata Police, they would have ensured a death penalty within a short time."

She said in Malda that "We have always demanded capital punishment in view of the brutality of the incident and we continue to stand by it. However, this is the court's decision and I can't say much about this." The Chief Minister further stated that "For three other cases, Kolkata police had ensured capital punishment through thorough investigations, which were concluded within 54-60 days. This was also a very serious case. Had it been under our purview, we would have ensured the death penalty long

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## 70 year crossed couple starts from Krishnanagar to Prayagraj Kumbha on their rickshaw



**MI News Service, Krishnanagar:** It is hardship enough. But the 78 year old rickshaw puller has started his journey on Sunday from Nadia's Krishnanagar to Kumbha taking his wife of 73 year on his rickshaw.

The distance from Krishnanagar to Prayagraj Kumbha is 768 km. and the 70 year passed couple will cross the huge road by pushing rickshaw paddle taking his wife.

While his physical ability is not good enough, the mental strength has pushed Dulal Biswas of Krishnanagar to step into the venture. His only desire is to fulfill the dream of his wife Swarnalata of going to Kumbha.

But why on Rickshaw? He said, "My wife has been nourishing the desire in her mind regarding going to Kumbha since long. But Monetary

crunch has always remained as the obstacle. I decided to go to Kumbha this year and on my rickshaw. So I started." He also stated the other reasons. He said, "Moving on rickshaw will incur a very low expenses and I would be able to move avoiding the gathering. Not only that, if we move by bus or train, we won't be able to travel as we would like. But my rickshaw will allow me the liberty to travel as I like. That's why I like to travel on Rickshaw."

Once he had a tailor and used to run a tailoring shop at Krishnanagar High Street. But he works of tailoring very little nowadays. He said, "A few couple of year back he had developed a box on his rickshaw with grill and shed. His friends had cooperated him. He then went to Kamakhya in Assam on that rickshaw. And now he has started for Kumbha.

## Sebaashray extends its reach to Bishnupur

**MI News Service, South 24 Pgs:** After successfully operating in Diamond Harbour and Falta for the past 20 days, #Sebaashray has now reached Bishnupur. Starting on Wednesday and continuing until January 31st, 47 Sebaashray camps across Bishnupur will offer free health check-ups, medical consultations, and medicines to the public. Abhishek Banerjee said on X handle "I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep..." #Sebaashray is a promise to TRANSFORM LIVES and BRING HEALTHCARE TO THE VERY DOORSTEP of those who need it most. After a PHENOMENAL start in Diamond Harbour AC, Sebaashray has risen to the challenge in Falta AC, delivering on its commitment to the people. In just 10 days:

The 40 HEALTH CAMPS served 1,56,157 PEOPLE. 1,22,695 INDIVIDUALS underwent vital diagnostic tests. 1,45,483 PEOPLE received free medicines. 736 CRITICAL CASES were referred for advanced care. Yesterday's statistics underscore the reach and effectiveness of the initiative: Essential medical services provided to 21,482 individuals. Vital health screenings conducted for 16,045 people. Free medicines distributed to 20,929 individuals. 11 patients referred for specialised treatment. The road ahead is long but with the support of our GONODEBOTA, Sebaashray will continue to PUSH BOUNDARIES, CHALLENGE LIMITATIONS and REDEFINE WHAT'S POSSIBLE. Because when the PEOPLE LEAD - PROGRESS FOLLOWS.

## Annual meeting of Police



**Nurul Islam Khan** The Annual General Meeting was held at Kharagpur GRP on Wednesday. SRP Kharagpur - Convener, State Welfare Committee, Shri Bijitashwa Rout attended the meeting under the supervision of Smt. Debasree Sanyal. Problems of workers were discussed in the meeting. A number of important issues

were discussed. For example:

The employees have been identified with medical problems and promised to stand by them.

Four other important proposals have also been raised, including the steps to be taken to solve the accommodation problem of GRP personnel.

## Noted children's writer Amarendra Chattopadhyay

**Nurul Islam Khan** Noted children's writer Amarendra Chattopadhyay passed away. His outstanding contribution to the field of literature has been highlighted. He was a popular writer and poet. Among his published works are: 'Funny rhymes, doodum doom, rhymes with reading, Ang Bong Dhong, Lag Bheklag, Chhot's rhyme, Boro's rhyme, the best poetry. He has written many books, including a book on ghosts. He had received many awards and respect. He had received Yogendra Memorial Award, award from Children's Literary Society, South Bengal Children's Literary Council, The honour of Sonarpur. He received many awards. For example, The Rosogolla Award, The Leelavati Memorial Award, The python, the children's literature prize, the golden castle, The Government of West Bengal felicitated him in Barui-ur Book Fair, Bangla Academy and also honoured him. He had received Ramkrishna Ashram School Library along with several awards. In the last days of his life, he continued to contribute to children's literature. He died at the age of just 92.



## Sharp rise in private bus accidents in Kolkata sparks concern

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Kolkata witnessed a significant rise in fatalities caused by private bus accidents in 2024. According to Lalbazar sources, only one person died in government bus accidents during the year, while private bus accidents claimed the lives of 67 people. This marks a sharp increase compared to 2023 and 2022, where 24 and 21 fatalities were reported respectively due to private bus accidents.

Key accident-prone zones such as EM Bypass, APC Road, Gariahat Road, AJC Bose Road, Diamond Harbour Road, and BT Road have become major concerns for the Kolkata Police. Traffic officials are now planning workshops for bus drivers to provide specialized training aimed at reducing accidents.

On Tuesday night, another tragic accident occurred in the Topsia area of Christopher Road, where a private bus hit and killed a pedestrian. The victim, Mohan Ram (38), a resident of Topsia, was walking along the road when the bus struck him from behind. He was rushed to Kolkata National Medical College Hospital, where doctors declared him dead. The police have since detained the bus driver.

Investigations by the police have revealed several causes behind the frequent private bus accidents. One of the primary reasons is reckless driving during peak hours (9 AM to 11 AM) as drivers compete to pick up passengers. Additionally, Kolkata's roads occupy only 7% of the city's area, significantly less than other metro cities, making them overcrowded with vehicles. Over-speeding during office hours, where drivers lose control in heavy traffic, is another contributing factor. Moreover, health issues among drivers, including poor eyesight and sudden illnesses while driving, have also been identified as causes. Deputy Commissioner (Traffic) Shrikant Jagannath Rao stated, "We are organizing workshops to address the causes of accidents and sensitize drivers. Awareness programs for pedestrians are also being planned." However, the All Bengal Bus-Mini-bus Coordination Committee has countered that drivers alone cannot be blamed for the rising accidents.



**KHERI's annual cultural programme 'Anandhara 2025'** at Uttam Mancha brought together patients battling blood disorders like Thalassemia, Haemophilia, Leukemia, and those undergoing Bone Marrow Transplants for a vibrant display of dance, drama, music and recitation. The event, held recently, showcased the talents of patients through the culmination of KHERI's cultural workshops. The highlight was a performance of Tagore's dance drama Chandalika. Dr. Swapan Saren, Director of Health Services, Govt of WB, and other distinguished guests graced the occasion. KHERI's secretary Prof. (Dr.) Rajib De emphasized the organization's mission to transform the narrative from "Patients with Blood Disorders" to "Persons with Blood Disorders" through holistic development.

## Ram Lala Mandir and Babri Masjid: Shaping the Political Landscape of West Bengal ahead of 2026 Assembly poll

**Suman Ganguly** Ahead of the 2026 Assembly elections, Bengal's politics is set to heat up over the Ram Lala Mandir and Babri Masjid controversy. Today, the foundation stone for a Ram Lala Mandir was laid at Balidangri in Panskura, East Medinipur.



in the stronghold of Suwendu Adhikari, the senior BJP leader. Meanwhile, TMC leader Humayun Kabir announced his plans to build a Babri Masjid by December 2025. According to political experts, the game of binary politics has once again begun in West Bengal. The first anniversary of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya has sparked a wave of celebrations across India. In West Bengal, however, the event has taken on a distinctly political tone, as

both the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Trinamool Congress (TMC) leverage the Ram Mandir and Babri Masjid narratives to shape the state's political landscape ahead of the 2026 Assembly elections. In a high-profile event today, the foundation stone for a Ram Mandir was laid in Balidangri, Panskura—an area recognized as the political stronghold of West

Bengal Leader of Opposition Suwendu Adhikari. The ceremony saw the participation of Varanasi's Maha Nirvani Akhara Mahamandaleswar Swami Paramatmananda, alongside a vibrant procession of ascetics and a massive crowd of supporters. Speaking at the event, BJP state leader Abhijit Das declared, "The establishment of the Ram Mandir is a cultural milestone that reflects Bengal's heritage and paves the way for the realization of Ram Rajya." Babri Masjid Plan in Murshidabad. Meanwhile, TMC MLA Humayun Kabir countered with plans to lay the foundation of a Babri Masjid in Murshidabad on December 22, 2025. "The Babri Masjid project is more than a religious site—it's a tribute to history," Kabir announced. "It will house schools, employment hubs, and a historic tourism center, blending purpose with legacy." Adding fuel to the debate, RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat recently claimed that "India's true independence was realized with the consecration of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya." His statement was echoed by BJP leader Abhijit Das, who framed the Ram Mandir as a symbol of cultural Liberation for West Bengal. Political analysts suggest that both BJP and TMC are seeking to tap into the religious and emotional sentiments of voters. The Ram Mandir appeals to the state's majority community, while the Babri Masjid project aims to resonate with

minority communities. This dual approach could deepen polarization but also amplify the stakes for both parties in the 2026 elections. A Message of Inclusivity Swami Paramatmananda, while inaugurating the Ram Mandir foundation, stressed inclusivity: "This is a bold move to unite all, regardless of caste, creed, or religion. Even leftists, who view religion as the opium of the masses, are invited to participate." The unfolding events around the Ram Mandir and Babri Masjid reflect a new chapter in Bengal's political narrative. As both parties navigate the fine line between faith and politics, the coming months are expected to reveal the true impact of these strategies on the state's social and political equilibrium.

## Chowpahari Itun Asra wins title in state level karate competition



**MI News Service, Kalna:** Ilambazar is under Bolpur subdivision of Birbhum district. Chowpahari Itun Asra is a Santali language school run by the Indian Culture Council in Chowpahari forest. Chowpahari Itun won the Asra title in the state level karate competition. The karate competition was held at Krishnadevpur school in Kalna town of East Burdwan district on recently. A total of 275 contestants participated from 19 districts of the state. 22 representatives from Birbhum district also attended from Martial Arts and Sports Welfare Association abbreviated as (Masha). These include the tribal-dominated adjacent to Dwaronda, Santali language teaching school in

Chowpahari Itun Asra i.e. not the region familiar with Alchiki textbooks (9), students - Pinki Hansda, Lakshminami Hansda, Sangeeta Hembram, Kishan Baski, Surya Mardi, Swastika Mardi, Soma Hembram, Jaya Baski and Manika Hansda. Basically, all of them are studying in eighth and ninth standard. In a reaction after the victory, their coach Kaushav Sanyal said that success has been won in both categories. Won gold - silver - bronze medals in shadow fight category. Five gold medals & four silver medals were won at the individual level in the kumite category where the real fight was. Organizer of this competition - Deshbandhu Smriti Sangh Grameen Pathagar.

## Youth shot in Baranagar

**MI News Service, Baranagar:** A shooting incident took place on Wednesday afternoon in Baranagar. The incident occurred in a busy, populated area near Chiryamore, where a young man, identified as Mohammad Indaj, was shot and left bleeding on the ground. The assailants managed to flee the scene without being apprehended.

According to reports, the attackers, believed to be four in number, fired

at Mohammad Indaj from a deserted house in the vicinity. After the shooting, they quickly escaped through Pipe Road, which is known for its heavy police patrols. Eyewitnesses claim that the assailants traveled along Pipe Road to reach Chiryamore and then fled using the same route, raising questions about how they managed to evade capture despite the police presence.

The police has started investigation in the case.

## 13-year-old boy dies after being hit by truck on way to school

**MI News Service, Tarakeshwar:** A 13-year-old boy, Deep, tragically lost his life after being struck by a truck on his way to school. On the morning of the incident, Dip, a seventh-grade student of Maheshpur High School in Tarakeshwar, was cycling to school as usual. However, while traveling on the road near Chandpur, a truck collided with him. The force of the impact caused Dip to fall violently to the ground, and the road was covered in blood.

Local residents rushed to the scene and quickly took him to Tarakeshwar Rural Hospital for medical attention, but despite their efforts, the doctors declared him dead upon arrival. The news of Deep's untimely death has cast a shadow of sorrow over the community, particularly among his family members. Witnesses and locals have expressed their disbelief, stating that Deep was walking on the road properly when the truck unexpectedly hit him at

high speed. The force of the collision was so intense that the boy lost consciousness instantly. Despite being rushed to the hospital, he could not be saved.

The police has detained the truck driver responsible for the accident, and legal actions are expected to follow soon. This heartbreaking incident has left the local community in mourning, and the family of the young boy is grieving their profound loss.

## Court issues major order regarding elderly woman who fled from Bangladesh

**MI News Service, Raiganj:** She had fled to India amid the turbulent situation in Bangladesh. She had entered India illegally. She was caught. The Raiganj court sentenced the 85-year-old woman named Adho Barman to 2 months in prison. The government lawyer said that the process of sending her back to Bangladesh will begin after the imprisonment.

Public prosecutor Swarup Biswas said that the elderly woman was arrested by the BSF from the Radhikapur border of Kaliaganj police station on December 11

last year and handed over to the police. A case was filed against her on charges of illegally entering India. On Wednesday, the Raiganj court found the elderly woman, a resident of Pirganj police station area of Thakurgaon district in Bangladesh, guilty of infiltrating India. The judge sentenced her to two months of rigorous imprisonment and a fine of four thousand taka. In default, the judge sentenced her to another month of rigorous imprisonment.

The government lawyer said that although the For- eigners Act provides for a

minimum sentence of 2 years in prison, the judge, considering the age of the woman, reduced her sentence to 2 months in prison on humanitarian grounds. This is a first and unprecedented incident in the Raiganj court, said government lawyer Swarup Biswas.

## 53rd Statehood Day: Abhishek greets people of Meghalaya

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** TMC leader and National General Secretary of All India Trinamool Congress (AITMC), Abhishek Banerjee has conveyed his greetings to the people of Meghalaya regarding the 53rd Statehood Day of Meghalaya. In his message he said, "Heartfelt greetings to the people of Meghalaya on the occasion of 53rd Statehood Day!

Meghalaya is not just the "Abode of Clouds" but a beacon of resilience, heritage and cultural pride. The state's rich traditions, breathtaking landscapes, and forward-thinking communities have contributed immensely to shaping the identity of India's Northeast.

On this historic day, I reaffirm my commitment to standing shoulder-to-shoulder with the people of Meghalaya in their fight for JUSTICE, EQUALITY and PROSPERITY. Let us honour this day not just by celebrating the past but by promising a better future for every individual."

## Philanthropists receive Udan Pathshala's achievement award

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Selected Philanthropists from different corners of the state whose contributions in different domains of social life has created ripples in the society recently became the recipients of Udan Pathshala's achievement award. These personalities of West Bengal have been dedicating their lives for the welfare of people. According to the organizers, this effort will certainly encourage future generation to grow up with strong ethical and moral values.

## Kolkata hosts session on 'latest tech in knee replacement'

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Kolkata recently hosted a session on latest technological advancement in knee technology. Dr. Manoj Kumar Khemani, a renowned orthopedic surgeon, recently delivered an insightful session on the "Recent Advances in Knee Replacement Surgery".

Dr. Khemani discussed various approaches, including minimally invasive surgery, robotic-assisted knee replacements, and personalized implants that are tailored to each patient's

unique anatomy. He also emphasized the importance of early intervention and proper rehabilitation to ensure the best possible recovery for patients undergoing knee replacement procedures. In his remarks, Dr. Khemani said, "Minimally invasive techniques and the use of robotic-assisted systems have not only reduced recovery times but also enhanced the precision of the surgery, allowing patients to return to their daily activities sooner with greater comfort and functionality."

## 20-year jail sentence for school employee in sexual assault case of 5-year-old

**MI News Service, Balurghat:** A school employee has been sentenced to 20 years in prison for the sexual assault of a 5-year-old student, nearly nine years after the incident. The accused, a staff member of a private school in Balurghat, was found guilty by the Special POCSCO Court at the Balurghat District Court on Wednesday. In addition to the 20-year rigorous imprisonment, the accused was also fined ₹5,000, with a further six months of imprisonment without labor if the fine is not paid.

The incident occurred in December 2016 at a private English-medium school in Balurghat, where the accused allegedly sexually assaulted a 5-year-old student. The incident was reported to

the Balurghat Police Station, causing an uproar in the city once the assault became public knowledge. A written complaint was filed, and an investigation was initiated.

After a prolonged legal process and extensive hearings in the POCSCO Court, all evidence was presented, and the accused was convicted on Tuesday. On Wednesday, the judge sentenced the accused to 20 years in prison. While the case took several years to resolve, the student's family expressed satisfaction with the verdict, feeling that justice had finally been served. The verdict is seen as an important step in reinforcing child protection laws and ensuring that offenders are held accountable for such heinous crimes.

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Government extended her sentence suspension and release period every six months, upon application. She appeared in public on November 21, 2024, at Dhaka Cantonment to join Bangladesh's Armed Forces Day reception at the invitation of the Chief Adviser of the interim gov-

ernment Muhammad Yunus. Zia is ailing and travelled to London earlier this month for medical treatment. She served as the prime minister of Bangladesh from March 1991 to March 1996, and again from June 2001 to October 2006.

## PM Modi asks BJP workers...

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PM Modi said while addressing the workers. "I am sure that the strength of this organization in Delhi, with three to four generations of workers at every booth, will give BJP a massive victory in the assembly elections this time too. I am sure that due to the hard work you are doing at your booths, you are going to achieve a huge victory," said the PM.

Further hitting out at AAP and Congress, PM Modi said that both the parties had betrayed the people of Delhi during their respective tenures. "The people of Delhi are now fed up with AAP's AAP Da and their lies and deceit. First, the Congress and then AAP who have betrayed the people of Delhi a lot, said the PM. Underlining the aspirations of the country's middle class, the PM said, "the BJP has considered the middle class as the backbone of the country's economy. Understanding the aspirations of the middle class, we are creating every modern facility from education to health. But the disaster of these AAP people has given only troubles and problems to the middle class in Delhi."

"The Government of India today spends a lot of budgetary allocation for the ease of living and ease of travel of the middle class of Delhi. We have ad-

ressed the aspirations of the middle class of Delhi. Today, metro has reached every nook and corner of Delhi, there is a network of national highways and expressways. All this is being done by the Government of India," said the PM during direct dialogue with the workers.

Taking a further jibe at AAP, the PM said, "These AAP-Da people are two steps ahead of Congress. It took seven decades for destruction and evil to come into Congress. But AAP took just seven months to inherit all the evils and now in last nine years, they have doubled those evils."

Notably, thousands of BJP workers across 256 mandals, 70 assembly constituencies, and 13,000 booths listened to PM Modi.

The national capital will go to the polls on February 5 and the counting of votes will take place on February 8. A three-cornered contest is on the cards in Delhi between the ruling AAP, BJP, and Congress.

Congress, which was in power for 15 consecutive years in Delhi, has suffered setbacks in the last two assembly elections and has failed to win any seat. AAP dominated the 2020 assembly elections by winning 62 out of 70 seats while the BJP got eight seats.

## Calcutta HC to hear doc's...

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However, also very interestingly, on Monday, the victim's father rejected the Rs 17 lakh compensation from the state government, as directed by the court, and said that he will move to a higher court seeking the death penalty for the convict Roy.

Commenting on the judgement, the victim's father remarked "What the Court thinks as a good

judgement based on the evidence produced by the CBI, the Court has given that verdict. We have a lot of questions on the investigation done by CBI. We did not go to the court for compensation. We want justice, not compensation. Kolkata police did wrong and the CBI will have to do something. The Kolkata police have given us more pain than the passing away of my daughter."

## World leaders call for...

**From PG 1**  
leaders without naming the vital participation of the US, highlighted the pathways to prosperity and resilience across regions.

Addressing a gathering of global leaders, WEF Founder and Chairman Klaus Schwab said, "This transition from the Industrial to the Intelligent Age is occurring at an exponential pace, carrying unprecedented risks for humanity as we strive to prepare and adapt for its complexities."

Schwab called on the global community to rise to the moment with "constructive optimism", urging stakeholders from all sectors -- government, business, civil society and academia -- to unite in crafting solutions to shared challenges.

Speaking at what he described as "one of the most uncertain geopolitical and geoeconomic moments in generations," WEF President and CEO Borge Brende stressed that the world is at a critical inflection point and that 2025 will be a year of enormous consequence.

"The longstanding international order that existed for the last three decades has receded. We need to find more effective ways to work together. It is the only way forward," he said.

In these turbulent times, democratic and liberal values serve as a critical signpost for sta-

bility and progress, Swiss President Karin Keller-Sutter said.

She further said that open markets, fair and transparent rules and fiscal discipline are the cornerstones of sustained prosperity.

"Only a state with stable institutions can create a sound environment where everyone can realize their potential, and a state must protect this freedom with rules," she added.

Also reflecting on the changing world order, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen outlined Europe's plan to adapt to a new era of "harsh geopolitical competition" by increasing its competitiveness, strengthening global partnerships and maintaining its commitment to sustainable development.

"To sustain our growth in the next quarter of the century, Europe must shift gears," she said.

"We should not take anything for granted. We must look for new opportunities wherever they arise. This is the moment to engage beyond blocs and taboos. And Europe is ready for change," she added.

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz called for renewed commitments to security and prosperity in the face of global challenges, emphasizing that partnerships serve as the "engine for successful economic development."

## Mamata Banerjee slams handling of tiger strays from Odisha to Bengal

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee expressed her anger on Wednesday over the recurring incidents of tigers from Odisha entering West Bengal. During an administrative meeting in Alipurduar, she highlighted the challenges faced by the state's Forest Department in dealing with these tiger intrusions. The discussion was Ini-

tially focused on the complications of building a resort in Buxa, but it quickly shifted to the issue of tigers crossing into Bengal. "Who else is managing forest reservations like us?" Mamata asked, to which a Forest Department official responded, "No one else." The Chief Minister then pointed out the recurring problem with tigers, particularly referencing the

frequent crossings of a tiger named Zinath and her companion. "Why do tigers keep crossing over every day? They aren't being fed properly, they can't find food. The villages tremble in fear," she remarked.

She recounted an incident where Zinath, a tiger, was captured by the state's Forest Department. However, after receiving a call

pressuring the state to return the tiger to Odisha, Zinath was quickly sent back overnight. The Chief Minister expressed frustration with the handling of the situation, especially the pressure from the central government. "As soon as we catch the tiger, the calls start: 'Send it back now.' Fine, we sent her back. But why can't you manage your tigers?" she

asked, turning her criticism toward the central authorities.

Mamata also pointed out that this was the first time the central government had issued a directive, using its power to demand that Bengal catch the tigers. In response, she ordered, "Next time a tiger comes, tell them to send their people to catch it."

The situation in Bengal reflects an ongoing struggle to manage tiger populations, particularly as animals from neighboring Odisha continue to venture into the state. The Chief Minister's comments underscore her frustration with both the central government's involvement and the safety concerns faced by villages in areas affected by tiger movements.



A multistorey building tilted at Tangra locality in Kolkata on Wednesday.

## Assault on Moloy Ghatak's house in Asansol: Accused arrested

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** An attack took place at the residence of Minister Moloy Ghatak in Asansol's Apnar Garden area. Allegations claim that a young man smashed the glass table in the minister's office. The police from Asansol South Police Station have arrested the youth involved in the incident. The attack on the minister's house raises significant concerns about security, although the Law Minister was unharmed and remains safe.

According to reports, the youth arrived at the minister's house around noon on Wednesday, intending to meet with him. However, as he had not scheduled an appointment in advance, the security personnel blocked him. Allegedly, after a brief period, the youth managed to bypass the security guards and entered the minister's adjacent office. He then smashed the glass on the office table. Upon hearing

the sound of the vandalism, the security guards rushed to the spot and apprehended the youth.

The Asansol Durgapur Police Commissionerate, led by DC Central Dhruv Das and ACP Central Bishwajit Naskar, swiftly responded with a large police team. Despite the heightened security around the minister's residence, the intrusion into the office raises serious questions about the effectiveness of the police's security measures. Authorities are now questioning how the individual managed to enter the premises.

The youth, in his statement, denied that anyone had sent him and claimed that after failing to meet the minister, he resorted to this act of vandalism. The police are treating the incident with utmost seriousness and investigating whether the youth had any other intentions.

## An under-construction building tilts at Tangra

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** In yet another alarming incident, an under-construction building tilted dangerously on Christopher Road in Tangra, Kolkata, on Wednesday morning. This marks the third such case after similar mishaps in BaghaJatin and Kamarhati, raising serious concerns about construction safety across the city.

According to locals, the construction of the high-rise on Christopher Road had been ongoing for a long time. While the exterior seemed complete, interior work was still underway. Residents noticed the structure leaning precariously on one side early Wednesday, prompting panic, especially in light of the recent BaghaJatin incident. The proximity of another residential building added to the fears, as residents of the adjacent structure worried about their safety. The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) was immediately alerted.

The incident occurred in Ward 58 of the Kolkata Municipal area. Visuals from the site show the under-construction building leaning dangerously close to the neighbouring high-rise, with virtually no

gap between the two structures. This has sparked outrage and questions about negligence and substandard construction practices.

Local councillor Sandipan Saha confirmed the incident, stating, "We received information from locals that the building had tilted. I immediately informed the Building Department, and they visited the spot to assess the situation. We are taking all necessary steps to prevent any accident. Whether the department has informed the Mayor, I cannot say. Despite the BaghaJatin incident, promoters are not being cautious. To maximize profits, they are cutting corners and compromising on quality."

This incident follows last week's mishap in BaghaJatin, where a residential complex in Vidyasagar Colony tilted and partially collapsed, leaving the ground floor severely damaged. Initial investigations by the KMC revealed that the building had been constructed without proper permissions. The promoter, Subhash Roy, and eight residents were named in an FIR, which stated that unauthorized maintenance work involving hydraulic

jacking was carried out without soil testing. The promoter was subsequently arrested.

A similar incident occurred in Kamarhati earlier this week, where an under-construction high-rise tilted dangerously. Efforts to straighten the structure using hydraulic jacks, reportedly carried out by a Chinese company, only worsened the tilt.

The recurring nature of such incidents highlights the growing disregard for safety norms in the construction industry. Experts have pointed out the lack of soil testing, improper use of materials, and absence of adherence to approved plans as major reasons for these accidents.

Residents in the affected areas have demanded stricter monitoring by the KMC to prevent such incidents. The civic body has assured that thorough investigations will be conducted, and those responsible for negligence will face legal action.

With public safety at risk, the focus now shifts to implementing stricter regulations and holding errant promoters accountable to prevent further disasters.

## West Bengal prepares for crucial budget session starting Feb 12

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** With just nine days left in January, preparations are underway for West Bengal's budget session, set to begin on February 12. Sources from the State Assembly and Nabanna have confirmed that necessary documentation and proposals are being finalized for this crucial session. The two-week-long budget session is significant as it will be the last full-fledged budget before the 2026 Assembly elections.

The Trinamool Congress-led state government has repeatedly accused the central government of withholding funds for various state projects. Documents highlighting these financial discrepancies will be presented during the session. The state aims to show how it plans to mitigate these challenges and protect citizens from the impact of fund withholding.

The Union Budget, scheduled for February 1, will play a key role in shaping the state's budget. The state government plans to analyze the Union Budget and then outline areas where Bengal has been deprived. Additionally, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's government will detail its strategies to address these gaps, including allocations for key welfare programs.

Initially, the session was slated to begin on February 7, but the date was shifted to February 12 to allow time for assessing the Union Budget and preparing additional documentation. This decision also gives the government an opportunity to ensure a robust response to opposition queries. According to an unnamed official

from Nabanna, this year's budget may include announcements for new welfare projects alongside increased allocations for existing schemes like Rupashree, Kanyashree, and LakshmirBhandar. These flagship programs have been crucial to the government's welfare agenda, and additional funds are expected to strengthen their impact.

State government employees are particularly keen to see the budget's provisions for dearness allowance (DA). With the central government recently announcing the eighth pay commission, state employees are closely monitoring the growing disparity between their pay and benefits compared to their central counterparts. This budget is anticipated to address these concerns, as well as make provisions for various social welfare initiatives.

The general public is also watching closely, eager to see how much additional funding is allocated to social welfare schemes. Meanwhile, state employee unions are preparing to compare the Union and state budgets, especially in terms of pay and allowances.

As the session approaches, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is balancing budget preparations with her district tours. Her government's budget will reflect its priorities, especially in light of the upcoming elections. The February 12 session will set the stage for political and financial debates, making it a pivotal moment for West Bengal's governance.

## POCSO Act included in school syllabus, along with cybercrime and awareness education

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** In a significant step towards educating students on crucial legal and safety matters, the POCSO Act (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) has been incorporated into the school curriculum starting this academic year. The Act, which addresses sexual offences against children, is now included in the textbooks, with various provisions highlighted in a student-friendly format. The laws regarding different types of offences and corresponding punishments are explained in simple language, and certain aspects of the Act are illustrated through poems for easier comprehension.

This inclusion is part of the updated curriculum for eighth-grade students, aimed at enhancing awareness about child

protection laws. In addition to the POCSO Act, lessons on "Good Touch, Bad Touch" have also been expanded within the syllabus to promote safety awareness among young students. The revised textbooks will now teach students how to recognize inappropriate behaviour and the importance of speaking up when feeling uncomfortable. Beyond the POCSO Act, a broader focus on self-awareness and the prevention of cybercrimes has also been added to the curriculum. As part of this effort, students will now learn about the dangers of cybercrimes, including the production and distribution of obscene content, and the legal consequences of such actions. The textbooks will cover topics such as what cybercrimes entail, the

penalties associated with them, and how to avoid falling victim to or participating in such illegal activities. Students will also be taught how to protect themselves from harmful online content and the importance of reporting inappropriate behaviour. These lessons aim to equip students with the knowledge to navigate the digital world responsibly and safely.

The inclusion of these subjects in the school curriculum marks a significant shift towards empowering children with the knowledge to protect themselves and fostering a safer educational environment. The initiative is expected to play a crucial role in raising awareness about important legal and safety issues among young minds.

## BSF and local officials meet to discuss border fencing in Gaighata

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Amid tensions over border security and fencing, the Border Security Force (BSF) has taken steps to address gaps in fencing along the India-Bangladesh border in Gaighata, North 24 Parganas. A meeting was held between BSF officials and local administration representatives to expedite land acquisition for the project. The meeting, conducted at the Gaighata Block Office, focused on plans to erect fencing in areas lacking adequate barriers, particularly in the Ramanagar and Jhaudanga gram panchayats. Officials emphasized the need for strong border security, especially given the current situation in Bangladesh and the rising concerns over infiltration.

BSF officers from the 5th and 143rd battalions attended the meeting, alongside Gaighata Block Development Officer (BDO) Niladri Sarkar, Panchayat Samiti President IlaBagchi, and officials from the land revenue department.

Speaking about the initiative, BDO Niladri Sarkar stated, "Approximately 100 acres of land will be acquired for fencing in Ramanagar and Jhaudanga areas. The process has already begun, and there are no significant issues regarding land acquisition." Panchayat Samiti President IlaBagchi added, "There are no land disputes in Gaighata for border fencing. The land measurement process will be completed by February."

## West Bengal hikes salaries for SSK and MSK teachers in 2025

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** In a significant move to start the new year, the West Bengal government has announced a salary hike for teachers of ShishuShikshaKendras (SSK) and MadhyamikShikshaKendras (MSK). The School Education Department issued a notification on Tuesday, confirming a 3% increase in the allowances for these teachers. The revised salaries will be effective from February 1, 2025. Thousands of teachers

across SSKs and MSKs are set to benefit from this increment. The decision has brought joy to the teaching community, who had long been demanding better pay and benefits. The announcement has generated excitement among the educators, marking the first significant pay hike in recent years for this group. Currently, SSK teachers, referred to as "Sahayak" (male) and "Sahayika" (female), receive a monthly

allowance of 11,255. With the 3% increase, their new salary will be 11,593. For "MukhyaSahayak" and "MukhyaSahayika" roles, the pay will rise from 11,638 to 11,987. In the case of MSK teachers, known as "Samprasarak" (male) and "Samprasarik" (female), their existing allowance of 14,632 will be increased to 15,071. Similarly, "MukhyaSamprasarak" and "MukhyaSamprasarik" will see their pay

rise from 15,758 to 16,231. The announcement follows a period of persistent demands and protests by SSK and MSK teachers. They had been voicing their grievances about stagnant salaries and inadequate facilities for a long time. Recently, teachers staged protests outside BikashBhavan, the headquarters of the School Education Department, demanding pay hikes and improved benefits.

Name Change
I, Silamery Rozario (Old Name), D/O Albert Rozario And Hashi Agnes Rozario(Mother's Old Name) And Hasi Rozario (Mother's New Name) Residing At Vill-Raghunathpur, Po-Anandanagar, Ps-Kalyani, Dist-Nadia, Pin-741 245, West Bengal Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shila Rozario (New Name) As Declared Before The...

Name Change
I, Sushmita Ghosh (old name) wife of Emdad Hossain, residing at 9, Sappachi 1st Lane, P.S.-Tiljala, Kolkata-700 039, West Bengal. I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mary Hossain (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Alipore dated 29/07/2008. Sushmita Ghosh (old name) and Mary Hossain (new name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Gourango Mahato S/o Panchanama Mahato Residing at Mallik Kati, Mallik Kati, District - 24 Paschi, Pin - 743502 West Bengal. I shall henceforth be known as Gouranga Mahato. I declare that Gourango Mahato and Gouranga Mahato is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 22-01-2025

Name Change
I, Kauffuddin Sapui (Old Name) S/o Dakshin Khayerpur, Po - Pakapodi, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700135 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Kauffuddin Sanpui (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 009/2025 Date 22-01-2025. Kauffuddin Sapui (Old Name) and Kauffuddin Sanpui (New Name) both as same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Kaium Uddin Sapui alias Kaiumuddin Sapui (Old Name) S/o Asraf Sanpui Residing at Vill - Dakshin Khayerpur, Po - Pakapodi, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700135 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Kaium Sanpui (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 10/2025 Date 22-01-2025. Kaium Uddin Sapui and Kaium Sanpui (New Name) both as same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, SANKAR SARKAR (Old Name) S/O SANTOSH SARKAR Residing at Hematipur Hatubhanga, P.O.-Shibranayanpur, P.S.-Ranaghat, District - Nadia, Pin - 741501, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SHANKAR SARKAR (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public of India vide affidavit Dated 22-01-2025. SANKAR SARKAR (Old Name) and SHANKAR SARKAR (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Jaya Das W/o Nitish Kumar Residing at 27, Ruby Park East, P.O. Hailu, P.S. - Kasba, District - Kolkata, Pin-700078 West Bengal. I shall henceforth be known as Jaya Nitish kumar. I declare that Jaya Das and Jaya Nitish kumar is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 22-01-2025.

Name Change
I, No 1068467a Rank Ex Df Name Bala Ram Roy Residing at Vill Nari Belbari, P.O. Burdwan, Dist. Purba Bardhaman, Pin-713101 Have Change My Name From Bala Ram Roy To Balaram Roy Vide Affidavit Dated 21.01.2025 Before In The Court Of Executive Magistrate, Purba Bardhaman.

Name Change
I, Md. Jamaluddin son of Md. Nazim of 82, Rabindra Sarani, P.S. - Jorasanko, Kolkata 700073 have sworn before the Learned Judicial Magistrate, at Kolkata vide Affidavit number 29/24 dated 17.01.2025 that correct spelling of my father's Md. Nazim but in my voter identity card my father's name wrongly written as Md. Anwar. Md. Nazim and Md. Anwar are the same person being my father.

NAME CHANGE
I, Nitesh Rungta, S/o Dinesh Kumar Rungta residing at 164/C/47, Prince Anwar Shah Road Lake Gardens, P.O. Lake Gardens, P.S. Lake Police Station, Kolkata-700045 do hereby solemnly declare that due to inadvertence my name has been wrongly recorded as Udit Rungta instead of Nitesh Rungta in my Bank Account No. XXXXXXXXXX1162 with Punjab National Bank, Burrabazar Branch, Kolkata-700077 and also wrongly written in my Share Certificate and other documents. That, Nitesh Rungta and Udit Rungta are the same and one identical person vide affidavit No 1646 sworn before In The Court of the Ld. 1st class Judicial Magistrate at Calcutta on 10-01-2025.

Change of Name
I, Chhanda Hazra Roy W/o Sanjib Kumar Hazra, residing at Manada Kutir, Paharipur P.O.-Midnapore, P.S.: Kotwali, Dist.-Paschim Medinipur, PIN-721101 shall henceforth be known as Chhanda Hazra as declared in the Court of the Excutive Magistrate at Midnapore vide Affidavit No. 111 Dated 16/01/2025. Chhanda Hazra Roy and Chhanda Hazra both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Tujapfar (Old Name) Son of Late Imanbah, residing at Rajarhat Fakir Para, Dharsamokartapur, P.S. - Rajarhat, Dist.-North 24 Pgs, Pin- 700135, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Tujapfar Ali Fakir (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 22/01/2025. Tujapfar Ali Fakir (New Name) and Tujapfar (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Akash Sharma, Akash Binod Sharma (old name), son of Binod Kumar Sharma (father) & Santosh Devi Sharma (mother), residing at 9 Ramlal Mukherjee Lane, Howrah - 711106, W.B. India, shall henceforth be known as Akash Kumar B Sharma (new name) vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 21/01/2025. Akash Kumar B Sharma (new name) and Akash Sharma, Akash Binod Sharma (old names) all are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Devendra Jain (old name), son of Deep Chand Jain (father) & Kamaladevi Jain (mother), residing at 13 Salkia School Road, P.S.-Golabari, Howrah - 711106, W.B. India, shall henceforth be known as Devendra Kumar Jain (new name) vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 21/01/2025. Devendra Kumar Jain (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Binod Sharma (old name), son of Subh Karan Sharma (father) & Shanti Devi Sharma (mother), residing at 9 Ramlal Mukherjee Lane, Howrah - 711106, W.B. India, shall henceforth be known as Binod Kumar Sharma (new name) vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 21/01/2025. Binod Kumar Sharma (new name) and Binod Sharma (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Prognia Samajdar (old name), daughter of Partha Pratim Samajdar (father) & Subhra Samajdar (mother), residing at C/O Anirban Ganguly 39, Nandalal Mitra Lane, Kolkata -700040, W.B. India, shall henceforth be known as Prognia Samajdar Ganguly (new name) vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 21/01/2025. Prognia Samajdar Ganguly (new name) and Prognia Samajdar (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Prosenjit Majumder (Old Name) Son of Profulla Majumder, residing at Vill.- Mondalpara, Mondalpara Matuaham, Gaighata, Dist.-North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743245, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Prosenjit Majumder (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 20/01/2025. Prosenjit Majumder (Old Name) and Prosenjit Majumder (New Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Amit Kumar Chatterjee (Old Name) Son of Late Rabindra Nath Chatterjee Residing At Murari Mitra By Lane, Ichapur Nawabganj, North 24 Parganas - 743 144, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Amit Chatterjee (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Kolkata 13/01/2025. Amit Kumar Chatterjee And Amit Chatterjee Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Manisha Roy & Manisha Roy (Paul) (Old Name), W/O Prasun Roy Residing At B-51/4, Brahma-pur South End, Po-Brahmapur, Ps-Bansdroni, Kolkata-700096, West Bengal Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Manisha Paul Roy (New Name) As Declared Before The Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore On 10/01/2022 Vide Affidavit No. 301/32. Manisha Roy & Manisha Roy (Paul) (Old Name) And Manisha Paul Roy (New Name) All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Jitendra Doshi & Jitendra M Doshi (Old Name), S/O Late Maganlal Doshi, Residing At 46/1b, Chakraberia Road North, 1st Floor, Ps-Bhawanipur, Kolkata-700020, West Bengal Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Jitendra Maganlal Doshi (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/01/2025. Jitendra Doshi & Jitendra M Doshi (Old Name) And Jitendra Maganlal Doshi (New Name) All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Nishit Doshi & Nishit Jitendra Doshi (Old Name), S/O Jitendra Maganlal Doshi, Residing At 46/1b, Chakraberia Road North, 1st Floor, Ps-Bhawanipur, Kolkata-700020, West Bengal Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Nishit J Doshi (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/01/2025. Nishit Doshi & Nishit J Doshi (Old Name) And Nishit J Doshi (New Name) All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Syed Sami Ahmed (old name) son of Wali Ahmed, residing at Flat No. 5D, Tower-4, Active Acres, 54/10, D. C. Roy Road, Tangra, Kolkata-700015, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sami Ahmed (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 21/01/2025. Syed Sami Ahmed (old name) and Sami Ahmed (new name) both are same and one identical person.

Bandhan Life Insurance launches 'Guaranteed Income Plan'

MI News Service, Kolkata: Bandhan Life Insurance, a leading life insurance company in India, launched the Bandhan Life Guaranteed Income Plan (GIP), now available at Bandhan Bank branches nationwide. This innovative plan offers policyholders a reliable income stream from the very first month, along with life insurance coverage - making it an ideal solution for both short-term needs and long-term financial goals. The plan addresses diverse needs like funding a child's education, securing retirement, or achieving significant life milestones. With its flexible structure and guaranteed benefits, the plan is an ideal choice for those seeking financial security and protection for their loved ones. Regarding the launch, Satishwar B., MD & CEO, Bandhan Life Insurance, shared, "At Bandhan Life Insurance, we are committed to empowering our customers with financial security and confidence to achieve their aspirations. Today, when education costs in India are rising by 8-10% annually, and medical costs are increasing by more than 10% each year, having an additional source of income becomes invaluable. Our Guaranteed Income Plan reflects this vision, offering a blend of protection and assured returns that enables individuals to plan for the future without worry. Policyholders can use the additional income for managing everyday expenses or building a long-term fund. With its flexible structure and guaranteed benefits, we believe this plan will meet the need of customers seeking financial stability and peace of mind." In line with its brand promise of 'Bharat Ki Udaan, Bandhan Se', this plan ensures that individuals from diverse regions and backgrounds can easily benefit.

Dhanu Jatra: Odisha govt mulls heritage status from UNESCO

MI News Service, Cuttack: Odisha government will contend for heritage status from Unesco (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) for Barghar's famous Dhanu Jatra, arguably the world's biggest open-air theatre. Barghar town in western Odisha hosts this yatra which tells the story of demon king Kansa and his death. This year, the Jatra will begin on January 3. The government of India has accorded National Festival Status to Dhanu Yatra in November 2014. The state government has roped in the National School of Drama (NSD) and entrusted it with the job of producing a documentary on Dhanu Jatra that will showcase its cultural significance. Minister of culture, Suryavanshi Suraj said, "A dedicated expert committee will be formed to work towards obtaining UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage status for Dhanu Jatra. The government is also launching a dedicated website that will provide comprehensive information about the festival, including its history, venues and real-time GPS-enabled navigation for visitors." The Dhanu Jatra 2025 will be held in Barghar from 3rd January to 13th January, showcasing Odisha's rich cultural heritage and tradition. During Dhanu Jatra, Barghar transforms into the mythical cities of Mathura and Gopapur vividly reenacting episodes from Indian mythology. The small town will be transformed into Mathura, the kingdom of Kansa.

Name Change
I, Tanaya Sarkar (old name), wife of Sudipta Sarkar, residing at FLAT NO 1B, B- BLOCK, EDEN WINDSOR PARK, NAYABAD, PANCHASAYAR, KOLKATA, PIN-700094, West Bengal, India, shall henceforth be known as Tanaya Sanyal (new name) vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 21/01/2025. Tanaya Sanyal (new name) and Tanaya Sarkar (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Aryaman (old name), son of Sudipta Sarkar, residing at FLAT NO 1B, B- BLOCK, EDEN WINDSOR PARK, NAYABAD, PANCHASAYAR, KOLKATA, PIN-700094, West Bengal, India, shall henceforth be known as Aryaman Sarkar (new name) and Aryaman (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammad Sahid Sekh, S/O Mohammad Khairul Saikh, R/O Vill-Bahadurpur, Po-Golgaram, Ps-Debra, West Medinipur, 721136, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mohammad Sahid Sk. Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 29/11/2024, That Mohammad Sahid Sekh And Mohammad Sahid Sk All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Tanmoy Chatterjee, Residing At Vill-Swargadwar Road, Thana Para, Ward-10, Ps-Ranaghat, Nadia-741201, West Bengal, Do Hereby Notified That My Father Benoy Kr Chatterjee (Old Name) Shall Henceforth Be Known As Binay Chatterjee (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Ranaghat At Nadia, On 03/12/2025. That Benoy Kr Chatterjee And Binay Chatterjee Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Mohammed Sadique Mullik and Malik Sadiq (Old Name) Son of Sahabuddin Mullik, residing at Gobardhan Bati, P.O. & P.S.-Panchla, Howrah-711322, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mohammed Sadique Sahabuddin Mullik (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 22/01/2025. Mohammed Sadique Sahabuddin Mullik (New Name) and Mohammed Sadique Mullik and Malik Sadiq (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Akhtar Hossain Mollah (Old Name) Son of Yousof Ali Mollah, residing at Joykrisnapur, Chairi, P.O. - Bonhooghly, P.S. - Narendrapur, Dist. - South 24 Pgs, Pin-700103, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Akhtar Ali Mollah (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 22/01/2025. Akhtar Ali Mollah (New Name) and Akhtar Hossain Mollah (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Prapat Kr Ray (Old Name) Son of Late Lalgopal Gopal Ray, residing at 701, Varad Vinayak CHS Plot No-105-B, Sector, No-50(E), Seawoods Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra- 400706, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pradip Kumar Ray (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 22/01/2025. Pradip Kumar Ray (New Name) and Prapat Kr Ray (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sreetama Chowdhury (old name), wife of Anirban Halder & daughter of Swarup Chowdhury, residing at Simultala, Road No. 8, P.O. - Agarpara, P.S. - Khardah, Dist. - North 24 Pgs, Pin- 700109, W.B. India, and permanently residing at Vill. Enathpur, P.O. Ramlochanpur, P.S. - Mandir Bazar, Dist. - South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743336, shall henceforth be known as Sreetama Chowdhury Halder (new name) vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Barasat, North 24 Parganas, on 25/07/2016. Sreetama Chowdhury Halder (new name) and Sreetama Chowdhury (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Revised Metro Services between Howrah Maidan and Esplanade Stations On Green Line-2 from 23.01.2025 (Thursday)

MI News Service, Kolkata: After successful completion of the first trial run through the West-bound tunnel between Sealdah and Esplanade, Metro authorities have decided to restore the normal services on Green Line-2 through East-bound and West-bound tunnels in between Howrah Maidan and Esplanade stations for the benefit of the commuters from 23.01.2025 (Thursday). From that day 130 services will be run instead of 114 services on weekdays. Services will be available from the terminal stations i.e. Howrah Maidan and Esplanade from 07:00 hrs to 21:45 hrs. During peak hours i.e. (from 09:00 hrs. to 11:00 hrs. and 17:00 hrs. to 20:00 hrs.) services will be available at 12 minutes interval and for the rest of the day i.e. during non-peak hours at 15 minutes interval in East-bound and West-bound tunnels.

First Service - From Howrah Maidan to Esplanade at 07:00 hrs. From Esplanade to Howrah Maidan at 07:00 hrs.

Last Service - From Howrah Maidan to Esplanade at 21:45 hrs. From Esplanade to Howrah Maidan at 21:45 hrs.

From tomorrow, no service will originate and terminate from/at Mahakaran station. All services will originate and terminate from/at Howrah Maidan and Esplanade stations. On Sundays, 62 services will be available instead of 46 services on Green Line-2 from Howrah Maidan and Esplanade stations from 14:15 hrs to 21:45 hrs. at 15 minutes interval.

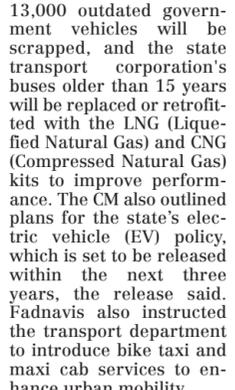
Additional stoppage of Parasnath Express at Shri Mahaveerji Station over West Central Railway

MI News Service, Kolkata: Railway has decided to provide additional stoppages of 12941/12942 Bhavnagar - Asansol - Bhavnagar Parasnath Express at Shri Mahaveerji station over West Central Railway leaving Bhavnagar w.e.f. 22.01.2025 and leaving Asansol w.e.f. 24.01.2025 on experimental basis. 12941 Bhavnagar - Asansol Parasnath Express and 12942 Asansol - Bhavnagar Parasnath Express will arrive Shri Mahaveerji station at 11:58 hrs. & 15:13 hrs. respectively. The train will stop at Shri Mahaveerji station for 2 minutes in both directions.

12941 Bhavnagar - Asansol Parasnath Express will be terminated at Howrah station as per schedule. 13147 Sealdah - Bamanhat - Sealdah Uttarbanga Express and 22201/22202 Sealdah - Puri - Sealdah Duronto Express will be terminated at Howrah station. 13147 Sealdah - Bamanhat - Sealdah Uttarbanga Express will be originated from Howrah station at 20:10 hrs. from 23.1.2025 to 26.1.2025. 22202 Puri - Sealdah Duronto Express leaving Puri on 23.1.2025 & 25.1.2025 will be terminated at Howrah station. 22201 Sealdah - Puri Duronto Express will be originated from Howrah station at 20:00 hrs. on 24.1.2025 & 27.1.2025.

Maha govt plans use of AI for road safety measures

MI News Service, Mumbai: Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis has asked the state transport department officials to increase the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in order to minimise road accidents. Fadnis also directed them to enforce policies for scrapping all vehicles above 15 years of age, a release issued by the Chief Minister's Office on Monday said. The Maharashtra government has signed an agreement with Google, it said, adding the CM asked the transport department to increase the use of AI to strengthen the sector's security and sustainability, using the agreement. The CM reviewed the next 100-day action plans for the transport, ports and the state airport authority departments in a meeting at the Sahyadri guest house. He emphasised the need for scrapping all vehicles older than 15 years, both public and private. As per release, more than 13,000 outdated government vehicles will be scrapped, and the state transport corporation's buses older than 15 years will be replaced or retrofitted with the LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) and CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) kits to improve performance. The CM also outlined plans for the state's electric vehicle (EV) policy, which is set to be released within the next three years, the release said. Fadnis also instructed the transport department to introduce bike taxi and maxi cab services to enhance urban mobility.



Combating Wildlife Smuggling: RPF's Role in Protecting India's Biodiversity

MI News Service, Kolkata: India is home to an incredibly diverse range of flora and fauna. According to International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), India accounts for 7-8% of all recorded species on planet Earth, with just 2.4% of world's land area. Out of 34 global biodiversity hotspots, India has 10. With such rich biodiversity comes the natural challenge of conservation. Since the early 1970s, the Government has undertaken systemic measures to preserve wildlife and combat its smuggling. The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, marks a watershed moment in India's conservation efforts. It established a legal and institutional framework for holistic wildlife conservation. Successive administrative iterations have expanded wildlife conservation, bringing a wide range of agencies and actors, both domestic and international, into conservation efforts through delegations. The Railway Protection Force (RPF), untypically, also plays a small yet crucial role in wildlife protection and conservation.

First Responder: RPF serves as the first responder agency for all matters related to security of the Indian Railways (IR). While the functional primacy of RPF remains protecting railway property and passengers, its domain has been diversifying in tandem with expansion of Indian Railways. As the national transporter, Indian Railways operates an extensive network of railways - over 65,000 route kilometres. Several of these networks traverse through and in areas adjacent to forests and wildlife sanctuaries. Consequently, the railway network has become means to transport illicit wildlife capture. In fact, in recent years, wildlife smuggling through railways has seen a disturbing trend. Between 2021-2024, RPF has managed to detect a total of 139 cases of wildlife smuggling operating through railways.

In each of the case, hundreds of live wildlife belonging to different species has been seized. Several rarer species such as Iguana Lizards, Himalayan Crestless Porcupines, Corn Snakes, Savannah Monitor Lizards and other exotic species are also amongst the wildlife smuggled through train routes. How and why have trains become a preferred mode for wildlife smuggling? The reasons have to be found in the nature of smuggling itself. Given its all-India presence, the Indian Railways transcends conventional administrative jurisdictions, especially those of Forest Departments that function under State Governments. Railway's extensive network bordering states - such as West Bengal - also makes it easy for trans-national smuggling of wildlife. Smugglers use the anonymity of railway system to transport wildlife contraband to distant markets. Besides, Indian Railways allows for commercial transportation of livestock in carriages, which have been prone to abuse by smugglers by concealing illicit wildlife as legitimate animal cargo.

Operation WILEP: Recognizing the threat intensity of wildlife smuggling in trains, in 2021, RPF launched "Operation WILEP (Wildlife and Environment Protection). Under Operation WILEP, series of measures were initiated, and continuously upgraded, to make surveillance and detection of wildlife smuggling in trains an integral part of RPF working. The 64,000 strong-force, operating through 17 Zones and 70 Divisions of Indian Railways, has made it a mission to detect and prevent wildlife smuggling. At the apex level, RPF has established liaison with the National Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (NWCCB) - the nodal agency for wildlife crime - for strengthening agency-to-agency cooperation. The Zonal Railways have been encouraged to build coordination with State WCCBs for day-to-day operational matters. Enabling provisions under the Railways Act, 1989 and other penal laws have been delegated to rank and file of RPF to strengthen vigilance against wildlife smuggling. Nonetheless, given that Indian Railways operates over 13,000 trains daily, the challenge in detecting wildlife trafficking remains enormous. RPF has identified train routes notorious for wildlife trafficking, and strengthened surveillance mechanisms. Smugglers often use sleeper coaches and freight/parcel wagons for transporting illegal wildlife goods. Thermal bag scanners, of industrial grade, have been experimented by RPF to monitor what goes in and out of rail cargo traffic. Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in CCTV camera surveillance has been a boon to law enforcement agencies in apprehending criminals. Advanced Facial Recognition Systems (FRS) can now help agencies in sifting through very high-volume of surveillance imagery to identify suspects in real-time. RPF has commenced operationalization of FRS-based surveillance in some of major railway stations, the advantage of which has helped in combating wildlife smuggling.

Strict action taken against Stone Pelting on Steel Express by RPF of SER

MI News Service, Kolkata: 12813 Howrah-Tatanagar Steel Express was pelted with stones by miscreants on 20.01.2025 at 21:22 hours in Galudih-Rakhames section of Kharagpur Division under the jurisdiction of RPF Post Ghatasila and a case (No.15/2025 u/s 153 of the Railways Act) was registered at RPF Post, Ghatasila. Railway Protection Force launched an investigation and promised strict action against those responsible for the attack. In this connection, a team comprising RPF & CIB officers and staff organised drives/raids and undertook strategic ambush and raids based on credible source of information in the night of 21.01.2025 to round up culprits involved in the stone pelting upon the running train. During the ambush and raids, two accused persons namely Rahul Bhakat, age 24 years and Sajal Nath, aged 19 years both residents of East Singhbhum district in Jharkhand involved in the stone pelting have been arrested. Both the accused persons are being prosecuted in the Court of Law at Chaibasa observing all the legal formalities.

Regulation of trains for Track Maintenance Work over Malda Division

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to track maintenance work, 330 minutes (10:30 hrs. to 16:00 hrs.) traffic & power block has been planned on UP & Down line between Malda Town & Old Malda station on 24.01.2025. Consequently, following arrangements in train running has been planned - CANCELLATION ON 24.01.2025 \* 63401/63402 Sahibganj - Malda Town - Sahibganj MEMU passenger RESCHEDULING \* 13174 Sabroom - Sealdah Kanchanjunga Express (journey commencing on 23.01.2025) will be rescheduled by 3 hours from Sabroom. \* 15644 Kamakhya Puri Express (journey commencing on 23.01.2025) will be rescheduled by 2 hours from Kamakhya. \* 13173 Sealdah - Sabroom Express (journey commencing on 24.01.2025) will be rescheduled by 2 hours from Sealdah.

AN INITIATIVE TOWARDS STRENGTHENING INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION WORK OF BALLYGHAT - BALLYGHAT ROAD UNDER BRIDGE IN SEALDAH DIVISION TO CONTINUE FOR 100 HOURS FROM 23.01.2025 TILL EARLY MORNING OF 27.01.2025

Table with columns for Train Name, Date, and Time. It lists various train services and their scheduled times during the infrastructure work period.

Enhancing Security in Suburban Railway Networks: Innovations and Challenges

MI News Service, New Delhi: Suburban railway systems, often referred to as the lifeline of metropolitan cities, serve millions of passengers daily and form the backbone of urban connectivity. However, the vast scale and complexity of these networks pose significant safety and security challenges.



Shri Manoj Yadava, IPS, Director General of RPF with the team of RPF marathons at the Mumbai Marathon 2025 held recently.

are heightened. Overcrowded conditions, even in women-only coaches, frequently lead to instances of harassment, pickpocketing, and emotional distress. Ensuring their safety requires not only vigilant monitoring but also a systemic effort to address the broader issues of overcrowding and inadequate space.

of sophisticated weaponry all demand dynamic and multifaceted security responses. Trespassing and untoward incidents represent another significant challenge. In urban areas where railway tracks intersect residential zones, many individuals resort to crossing tracks or entering restricted zones. This behaviour not only disrupts operations but also leads to tragic fatalities.

Despite these challenges, the RPF has introduced several innovative measures to enhance security. Advanced technology plays a crucial role in these efforts. The installation of Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras at stations and in trains has significantly bolstered surveillance capabilities.

Digital tools have also empowered passengers to play a more active role in their own safety. To combat fraud and reduce congestion, many suburban rail networks have adopted smart ticketing systems. These include digital ticketing, e-payment systems, and contactless cards, which reduce the need for physical tickets and limit opportunities for criminal activities related to ticketing.

and fostering a stronger connection between passengers and authorities. The RPF has implemented several measures to enhance railway security. Specialized Anti-Theft Squads operate in plainclothes to blend with passengers, enabling them to identify and apprehend criminals effectively.

The RPF has also launched several focused operations to address specific security issues. Operation Yatri Suraksha targets crimes such as theft and robbery through regular patrols and undercover personnel. Passengers often leave behind their belongings in a rush to catch trains or disembark. Through Operation Amanat, RPF actively locates such lost items and ensures those are returned to their rightful owners.

children found in railway premises, providing them with immediate care and protection. Under this operation, 587 children were rescued with follow-up action in coordination with CWCs and NGOs in Mumbai suburban section in 2024.

Efforts to enhance women's safety include initiatives like 'Meri Saheli,' where RPF personnel engage directly with female commuters to ensure their security. Dedicated squads and WhatsApp groups connect female passengers with female RPF staff, enabling real-time responses to safety concerns. Besides this, under Mission Matra Shakti, RPF assists pregnant lady passengers traveling in trains or at stations.

The RPF has embraced community policing as a key component of its suburban railway security strategy. By fostering a sense of collective responsibility by actively engaging local communities and station staff. Initiatives such as regular meetings with residents and collaborative security measures have strengthened this approach.

In a unique effort to raise awareness, the RPF participated in the Mumbai Marathon 2025, where Shri Manoj Yadava, IPS, DG RPF,

led a contingent of 50 male and female officials. Running alongside marathoners, they promoted fitness and spread critical messages about avoiding trespassing, the importance of safety over shortcuts, and sensitivity toward women's security.

Looking ahead, the RPF has identified key areas for improvement to address the evolving challenges of suburban railway security. Infrastructure upgrades, such as expanding CCTV coverage and advanced crowd management solutions, including AI-powered monitoring, can help alleviate peak-time congestion and ensure passenger safety.

The RPF's unwavering commitment to innovation and collaboration underscores its dedication to making suburban railways a safer mode of transport. By addressing systemic issues, leveraging technology, and fostering public cooperation, the force is paving the way for a more secure and efficient suburban railway network.

Ajoy Sadany, IG cum PCSC/RPF/Western Railway

1st Anniversary of Ram Mandir: Ramayan Cultural Centre's mega celeb at Ayodhya

The Following E-Tenders are invited by the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineering (General)/Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd Floor, Remote Control Building, Kolkata-700014 in connection with the following works:



MI News Service, Ayodhya: As the world celebrates the first anniversary of the Ayodhya Ram Mandir on January 22, 2025, the Ramayan Cultural Centre, an initiative by Chandrashekar Bawankule, is poised to pay tribute to the values and ideals of Lord Rama, emerging as a beacon of cultural preservation and education.

The centre features the "Ramayan Darshanam Hall," which contains over 120 detailed oil paintings depicting scenes from the Ramayan, bringing the epic to life for visitors. The Ramayan Cultural Centre is located in the Koradi Temple complex

near Nagpur and was inaugurated by President of 2023.

Office of the Municipal Councillors Serampore Municipality. e-tender of the following works are invited by Chairman, Serampore Municipality from experienced and resourceful, GST registered bidders...

Notice regarding the registration of a registered deed by virtue of a registered sale deed being no. 5120, for the year 1999 recorded in Book No. 1, Volume No. 126, Pages from 267 to 274 registered before the office of Additional District Sub-Registry Office, Serampore.

Dehbatpur Gram Panchayat Notice Inviting e-Tender. e-NIT vide NIT No: 11/DGP/24-25 (SI No. 1), Fund : SFC, Dated 22/01/2025 are invited by the Pradhan Dehbatpur Gram Panchayat, from reliable and bonafide Tenderer for work.

TARAKESWAR MUNICIPALITY e-Tender Notice. The Chairman, Tarakeswar Municipality Extends Time for Bid Submission end date and Bid opening date for Road Safety work within Tarakeswar Municipality.

Terminal Change/Diversion/Cancellation/Rescheduling of some Trains

The movement of some trains will be regulated during Maha Kumbha Mela, as under: - DIVERSION : • 12330 Anand Vihar Terminal-Sealdah Sampark Kranti Express (JCO 29.01.2025) and 12380 Amritsar-Sealdah Jalianwala Bagh Express (JCO 02.02.2025) will be diverted via Kanpur Central-Lucknow-Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn. instead of existing route Kanpur Central-Prayagraj Jn.-Mirzapur-Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn.

• 12307 Howrah-Jodhpur Superfast Express (JCO 26.01.2025). • 12308 Jodhpur-Howrah Superfast Express (JCO 28.01.2025). • 22307 Howrah-Bikaner Superfast Express (JCO 31.01.2025). • 22308 Bikaner-Howrah Superfast Express (JCO 02.02.2025). • 12311 Howrah-Kalka Netaji Express (JCO 26.01 & 31.01.2025). • 12312 Kalka-Howrah Netaji Express (JCO 28.01.2025 & 02.02.2025).

BAGNAN-I PANCHAYAT SAMITY. NIET No : WB/HZP/BAG/NIET-14/2024-25 Dated : 21.01.2025 & NIET No : WB/HZP/BAG/NIET-15/2024-25 Dated : 22.01.2025

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

Khanakul-II Panchayat Samity. NOTICE INVITING TENDER. The EO Kh-II PS, NIET No.-2/ E.O. Kh-II/ 2024-25, Date: 21.01.2025. (Tender ID: 2025\_ZPHD\_804464\_1 to 2), for Toilet. Last date of bids ends on 31.01.2025 up to 06:00 PM. For detail visit www.wbtenders.gov.in

আমোক্তোর নামা. আমার মক্কেল শ্রীমতী সীমা পাল, স্বামী - শ্রী প্রবীর পাল, সাং - কোচবন্দাঘাট দেউলার সেন, বাটগা, হাওড়া. কটালিয়া মৌজায় নরেন্দ্রনাথ দাস ও বিজয় চন্দ্র দাস এর ওয়ারিশগণ গনের থেকে নিম্নোক্ত নকশা ও অভিজিত বাড়ী, জমি আমোক্তোর গ্রহণ করেছেন।

Lost & Found. I (Usha Shaw) wife of Ramajor Shaw resident at 100/4/10, Suren Sarkar Road KOL-10. Contact: 798057470. I lost our mother Deed of our flat, on 24th Dec/24 at about 1pm, near Tarun Medical Hall (Kalimandir) Beliaghata. The Address of Flat is SSA, Kabi Sukanta Sarani, G. Floor Flat 1A, KOL-85. The deed details ARA-1, Deed of Conveyance Date 7-3-2008, Deed No-2381, Year-2008. Samir Kr. Biswas VS Amiya Kumar Bose. If anybody found, please contact at 7980574750. GDR No-2267, Dated 26.12.24.

E-Tender. Gandgharpu Mahavidyamandir Howrah invites e-tender from eligible contractors for Construction of Boundary Wall of New Campus. Last date for submission of tender is 29/01/2025. Interested bidders may submit the tender through https://wbtenders.gov.in and the details can be obtained from the same website as well as https://gmvm.ac.in.

EASTERN RAILWAY. The Following E-Tenders are invited by the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineering (General)/Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd Floor, Remote Control Building, Kolkata-700014 in connection with the following works: (1) Tender No. ELEG-OT-124-2024-25-R2; Particulars of the Work: Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of Inverter Ducted Package Air Conditioning unit of capacity 16TR (Make-Blue Star) at Nahati RRI Cabin for three (03) years.

EASTERN RAILWAY. E-Tender No. 08 2024-25 Dated: 22.01.2025. Following E-tender is invited online by Deputy Chief Project Manager (Engg.), Gati Shakti Unit, Eastern Railway, Howrah, Divisional Railway Manager's Office, DRM Building, near Railway Station, Howrah-711001 from interested bidders having experience of similar Nature of work and required Financial capabilities including those Registered with Irrigation/CPWD/SEB/MES or any public sector undertaking for the following work: e-Tender No. 08\_2024-25; Description of Work: "Construction of EI Building at Sheoraphuli in connection with the project of Replacement of Old and overage Panel Interlocking station to EI at Sheoraphuli Station".

Office of the Municipal Councillors Serampore Municipality. e-Quotation of the following works are invited by Chairman, Serampore Municipality from experienced and resourceful, GST registered bidders for execution the works vide NIQ No.-WB/MAD/ULB/SRMP/NIQ-08/2024-25, Date: 22/01/2025, Name of works- Office Working Table, Wall Mounted Storage File Cabinet, Wooden Office Chair, Office Almira for Storage File under Serampore Municipality, Tender Submission Start date (online) 22/01/2025 at 02:00 P.M. Tender Submission Closing (online) : 04/02/2025 at 02:00 P.M. Tender Opening Date (online) : 06/02/2025 at 04:00 P.M. For details of the project go through http://wbtenders.gov.in and www.seramporemunicipality.net/tenders

# Truecaller Finally Works on iPhone

New Delhi : the leading global communications platform, has announced the biggest ever update for iPhone. The new update now offers the entire might of Truecaller's spam and scam blocking abilities to iPhone users everywhere! It now has the ability to identify all types of calls making it at par with its Android counterpart.

This is made possible by Apple's Live Caller ID Lookup framework, developed especially for apps like Truecaller to provide live caller ID in a privacy-preserving way. This API uses state-of-the-art homomorphic encryption and Truecaller is the first in the world to deploy this at scale for Caller ID. A Powerful Truecaller Experience: Now on iPhone

Truecaller has now been in the business of filtering unwanted communication for 15 years. This update can leverage Truecaller's latest AI capabilities and global database to identify as many calls as possible. It can ensure that no call goes unidentified on iOS as long as Truecaller has any information about it. In addition, the latest update includes something that Truecaller iOS users have been requesting for a long time: automatic blocking of spam calls. Other improvements include the ability to search for previously identified calls, going as far back



as 2,000 previous numbers in the Recents list in the Phone app. Finally, Truecaller on iPhone now includes the ability to subscribe for a Premium Family plan. With Family Plan, you can share all Truecaller Premium benefits with up to four additional people at a low monthly or annual price.

How to enable Truecaller on iOS 18.2

Make sure you are on Truecaller for iPhone version 14.0 or later.

Open iPhone Settings > Apps > Phone > Call Blocking & Identification.

Here, enable all Truecaller switches and open the Truecaller app again.

Rishit Jhunjhunwala, CEO, Truecaller said, "We are excited

to bring the full power of Truecaller to iPhone. We see tremendous potential and growth in our iPhone user base and parity with Truecaller's Android experience has been top of their wish-list. This update does that and more while preserving privacy for all calling activity."

All the new features will be made available for Truecaller Premium users. Free users on iOS will continue to enjoy ad-supported number search and caller ID of Verified Businesses.

Auto blocking of spam is available globally & the new Caller ID will be rolled out starting today. It will be available to all users across the world within the coming days. You can watch the product video here.

# RenewBuy Launches RenewBuy Smart Term Plan Under RB Proprietary, Simplifying Term Insurance for Indian Consumers

New Delhi: RenewBuy, India's leading online insurance platform, today announced the launch of its third proprietary product, RenewBuy Smart Term Plan under RB Proprietary.

Term insurance is an important product and yet often deemed complex by many Indians. Amidst multiple choices of term plans available in the market, various premium options and complex features, consumers often find themselves overwhelmed on the ideal coverage amount, duration of the cover and sum assured. To address this, RenewBuy has launched its third proprietary product, RenewBuy Smart Term Plan, specifically designed for those who need term plans but often find them complex and struggle to decide.

Smart Term is a tailored term insurance plan, catering to the needs and demands of today's consumers. Especially designed for working professionals and small business owners, the plan addresses common pain points with ease of access, affordability, simplified features and customised options. It has the potential to redefine the term insurance category, as RenewBuy's extensive online distribution network will enable its insurance agents offer this affordable term plan nationwide, with a sharp focus on the underserved



regions. Speaking on this, Indraneel Chatterjee, Co-Founder, RenewBuy said, "Our RB Proprietary product line has been launched with the vision of bridging gaps and addressing the evolving insurance needs of today's consumers. Term plans often address wide range of consumer cohorts with various features and options. Product complexity remains a key concern for many and are also perceived as potential financial loss due to very long-term premiums and lack of exit option if policyholder survives the policy term. We have kept the customer at the centre and addressed these key areas on complexity, affordability and duration. "In the first phase, we

have partnered with three leading insurance companies- LIC, ICICI Prudential C Digit Life for a larger consumer outreach and will be soon adding more products from other insurers," he further added. RenewBuy's Smart Term has been introduced addressing the two key pain points of today's consumers, especially the ones residing in Tier 2-3 cities (between 35-40 years). These consumers often face significant family responsibilities. It thus comes with a "10 Years Pay" policy, allowing consumers to pay premiums for a chosen 10-year period and receive whole life coverage of ₹50 lakhs and ₹1 crore (depending on the policy), upto 80 years and

above. Smart Term proposition also offers 'Smart Return of Premium' option, allowing policyholders receive full refund on premium paid, if they choose to withdraw the total premium amount during the policy term. The premium for Smart Term Plan starts at ₹2500 (per month), offering a sum assured of ₹50 lakhs to ₹1 crore. The product comes with additional features of Accidental Death Benefit, Critical Illness Benefit, Waiver of Premium on Disability, Premium Holiday and Smart Exit with select insurers.

About RenewBuy  
Founded in 2015 by Balachander Sekhar and Indraneel Chatterjee, RenewBuy is a disruptive InsurTech player providing choice and convenience to customers buying Health, Life and Motor Insurance products, delivered through a trusted network of insurance advisors. The company has more than 1.25 lakh plus insurance advisors and has insured more than 5.5 million customers across 1500+ cities, towns and districts. Using technology as an enabler, the company has created differentiation in consumer experience and service, as well as in the geographical expansion of the sector.

# Treatment for children with obesity has lasting effect: Study



Stockholm County : When obese children receive weight-loss treatment, the effects last throughout their lives, and their risk of significant health problems and premature death decreases as they enter young adulthood. However, this is not true for depression and anxiety, according to a Karolinska Institutet study.

The study shows that children and adolescents who respond well to obesity treatment are less likely to develop obesity-related diseases, such as type 2 diabetes, hypertension and dyslipidaemia (abnormally high levels of fat in the blood) as young adults.

The treatment studied involved support for children with obesity and their families designed to motivate healthy diets, exercise and sleep habits - what is known as "behavioural lifestyle therapy".

"The results are very good news," says Emilia Hagman, docent at the Department of Clinical Science, Intervention and Technology. "Whether or not the treatment of obesity in childhood has long-term health benefits have been debated, since weight-loss is hard to maintain."

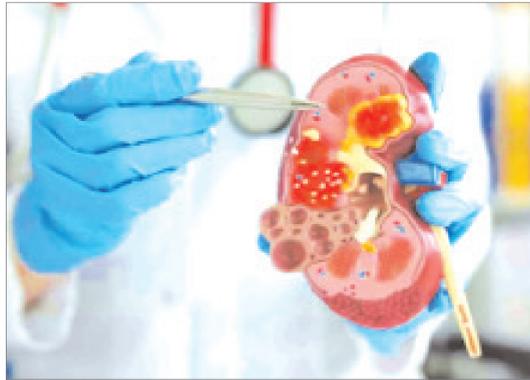
The study shows that children with obesity who respond to treatment also run a lower risk of premature death. A previous study, published in PLOS Medicine by the same research group, has shown that children with obesity have a much higher mortality risk in early adulthood, and were much more likely to die from suicide and somatic conditions. Just over a quarter of deaths were obesity-related. "This emphasises the importance of providing early treatment, as we know that timely intervention increases the likelihood of success and helps mitigate the long-term health risks associated with obesity" says Dr Hagman.

However, the risk of depression and anxiety was not affected by the treatment outcomes in childhood, the JAMA Pediatrics paper shows. No matter the outcome of obesity treatment in childhood, the risk of anxiety and depression was unchanged in young adulthood.

"It has been believed that weight loss could decrease symptoms of depression and anxiety, but we can now show that it's not the case," says Dr Hagman. "Even though there's a link between the two comorbidities, they must be treated in parallel."

The study included over 6,700 individuals who had received treatment for obesity during childhood identified via the BORIS register (the Swedish Childhood Obesity Treatment Register) and who were then followed up as young adults in the Swedish Patient Register, the Prescribed Drugs Register.

# New technique predicts worsening of chronic kidney disease: Study



Washington DC : Aarhus University researchers have come up with a new technique that may represent a major advancement in the treatment of chronic renal disease. The technique has the ability to forecast how the illness will evolve, which may guarantee more effective and individualised care and lessen the frequency of hospital stays.

A new technique has been developed by researchers at Aarhus University to identify individuals with chronic renal failure who are most likely to eventually lose their kidney function.

The technique is predicated on the examination of urine sample acid-base balances, which might identify early indicators of acid accumulation, a condition that may be detrimental to kidney function.

"We discovered that the balance between different acid-base elements in urine samples from

patients with chronic kidney disease differs significantly from healthy individuals. This led us to develop a calculation model where the relationship between several of the urine's acid-base elements could be associated with kidney function and disease progression over time," explains Mads Vaarby Sorensen, PhD and researcher at the Department of Biomedicine, Aarhus University.

The new method allows doctors to detect acid buildup earlier than is possible with current blood tests.

According to Mads Vaarby Sorensen, existing biomarkers can only measure acid buildup when it is severe enough to affect the blood's acid-base balance.

The new acid-base score can reveal imbalances in the urine much earlier in the process.

Another advantage of the new method is its precision. "Our method has been tested in several

independent cohorts and has proven to be very accurate, even when we analyze urine samples from the same patients over a longer period," explains Peder Berg, MD and postdoc at the Department of Biomedicine, Aarhus University.

The method has the potential to change how patients with chronic kidney disease are monitored and treated.

It can distinguish between patients with stable kidney function and those who rapidly lose kidney function.

Chronic kidney disease affects more than ten percent of the adult population and places significant demands on healthcare resources. "The new method could potentially reduce the need for frequent check-ups for stable patients and free up resources for those with more aggressive disease progression," says Samuel Svendsen, medical resident at the Department of Nephrology at Aarhus University Hospital.

The research group is already in dialogue with several international partners to expand their research in the field. In the short term, the researchers hope to validate the method in up to 4,000 patients in collaboration with major European and American research centres.

In the long term, the researchers hope that the new method can help individualise the treatment of kidney disease.

"If we can predict acid buildup earlier, we can intervene with acid-reducing treatment earlier, which could potentially extend the time patients can avoid dialysis," explained Samuel Svendsen.

# Higher fat in muscles leads to increased risk of heart disease: Study



Washington DC [US] : People with pockets of fat hidden inside their muscles are at a higher risk of dying or being hospitalized from a heart attack or heart failure, regardless of their body mass index, according to new research.

This is the first study to comprehensively investigate the effects of fatty muscles on heart disease. The new finding adds evidence that existing measures, such as body mass index or waist circumference, are not adequate to evaluate the risk of heart disease accurately for all people.

The new study was led by Professor Viviany Taqueti, Director of the Cardiac Stress Laboratory at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Faculty at Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA.

She said: "Obesity is now one of the biggest global threats to cardiovascular health, yet body mass index -- our main metric for defining obesity and thresholds for intervention -- remains a controversial and flawed marker of cardiovascular prognosis. This is especially true in women, where

high body mass index may reflect more 'benign' types of fat.

"Intermuscular fat can be found in most muscles in the body, but the amount of fat can vary widely between different people. In our research, we analyse muscle and different types of fat to understand how body composition can influence the small blood vessels or 'microcirculation' of the heart, as well as future risk of heart failure, heart attack and death."

The new research included 669 people who were being evaluated at the Brigham and Women's Hospital for chest pain and/or shortness of breath and found to have no evidence of obstructive coronary artery disease. Patients were followed up for around six years and researchers recorded whether any patients died or were hospitalised for a heart attack or heart failure.

Researchers found that people with higher amounts of fat stored in their muscles were more likely to have damage to the tiny blood vessels that serve the heart (coronary microvascular dysfunction or CMD).

# 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 cancer-free for 10 years or more, according to a new report from Weill Cornell Medicine and Dana-Farber Cancer Centre investigators and colleagues.

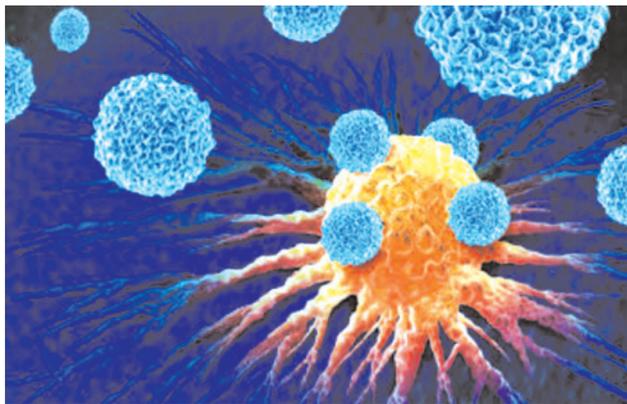
The 10-year follow-up research, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, will bring the phase 3 CheckMate 067 trial to a conclusion. The research, which followed 945 patients treated at 137 sites across 21 countries, found that combining nivolumab and ipilimumab, immunotherapies that suppress 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. Jedd Wolchok, 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, and people who are free from cancer progression at three years have a high likelihood 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 to 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 Melanoma Center and the

Center for Immuno-Oncology at Dana-Farber and 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 confirm-

ing 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 10-year 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 also help improve the care protocols for metastatic melanoma survivors. The data suggest that patients who are still doing well at five or even three years are likely to continue doing well, which may allow physicians to reduce the frequency of follow-up visits or tests, they said.

These long-term data from the CheckMate 067 trial may help patients with metastatic melanoma understand their prognosis. Dr. Wolchok noted that patients are often understandably very afraid or depressed by the news that their cancer spread.

"We try to reorient them toward an attitude of hope and more optimistic expectations," he said. "We can now say half of patients treated with this combination therapy will live 10 years or longer without the concern of dying from metastatic melanoma."

## 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, 32227, 32229, 32231, 32233, 32235, 32237, 32239, 32241, 32243, 32245, 32247, 32249, DN 32212, 32214, 32216, 32218, 32220, 32222, 32224, 32226, 32228, 32230, 32232, 32234, 32236, 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-Bardhaman: 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.

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**DIVERSION OF MAIL/EXPRESS via NAIHATI-DUM DUM JN.:** On 26.01.2025 (Sunday): 13179 Sealdah-Siuri Express (JCO 26.01.2025)\*, 13180 Siuri-Sealdah Express (26.01.2025), 13161 Kolkata-Balughat Tebhaga Express (JCO 26.01.2025), 12364 Haldibari-Kolkata Intercity Express (JCO 26.01.2025).

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## Enhancing Security in Suburban Railway Networks: Innovations and Challenges

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Suburban railway systems, often referred to as the lifeline of metropolitan cities, serve millions of passengers daily and form the backbone of urban connectivity. However, the vast scale and complexity of these networks pose significant safety and security challenges. For instance, the Mumbai suburban railway network, one of the busiest in the world, carries over 7 million passengers daily, making its security operations highly demanding. At the forefront of addressing these issues is the Railway Protection Force (RPF), a specialized unit committed to ensuring the safety of passengers and railway infrastructure. While the challenges are substantial, the RPF's innovative strategies and adoption of advanced technologies have made commendable progress toward enhancing security for our suburban commuters.

The primary challenge lies in the sheer density of the suburban railway system. Mumbai's suburban railway network carries nearly 35 lakh passengers over Western Railway and more than 37 lakh passengers over Central Railway on a daily basis. This level of activity creates an environment where overcrowding is inevitable, particularly during peak hours. Overcrowded trains and congested platforms are not just inconvenient; they create fertile ground for petty crimes such as pickpocketing, chain snatching, and harassment. Additionally, incidents involving "fatka" gangs, who exploit slow-moving trains to snatch passengers' valuables, further exacerbate the problem, often leading to injuries or fatalities as passengers fall from moving trains. For female commuters, the risks are heightened. Overcrowded conditions, even in

women-only coaches, frequently lead to instances of harassment, pickpocketing, and emotional distress. Ensuring their safety requires not only vigilant monitoring but also a systemic effort to address the broader issues of overcrowding and inadequate space. In 2024, more than 13,000 offenders travelling in ladies' coaches were apprehended & fines amounting to over Rs. 29 lakh have been realised over Mumbai Suburban section. Another pressing concern is the persistent threat of terrorism. Suburban railway systems are vulnerable due to their open access and high passenger volumes. The 2006 Mumbai train bombings serve as a grim reminder of the catastrophic potential of such attacks. The evolving nature of crime in the digital age further complicates the matter. Cyber-attacks targeting ticketing systems, the misuse of social media to incite violence, and the introduction of sophisticated weaponry all demand dynamic and multifaceted security responses. Trespassing and untoward incidents represent another significant challenge. In urban areas where railway tracks intersect residential zones, many individuals resort to crossing tracks or entering restricted zones. This behaviour not only disrupts operations but also leads to tragic fatalities. In 2024, more than 3500 untoward cases (deaths and injury) were reported. Railway security is not solely the responsibility of the RPF. The force collaborates with local police, intelligence agencies, anti-terrorism squads, and other law enforcement organizations. However, gaps in communication and the absence of streamlined protocols between these agencies often impede prompt responses to security threats. In rapidly

evolving situations, such as terrorist attacks or criminal incidents, delays in coordination can significantly worsen the situation.

Despite these challenges, the RPF has introduced several innovative measures to enhance security. Advanced technology plays a crucial role in these efforts. The installation of Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras at stations and in trains has significantly bolstered surveillance capabilities. These systems, integrated with real-time monitoring, enable the RPF to detect and respond to suspicious activities promptly. Over Mumbai Suburban section, total 1924 cases detected and 1955 offenders were apprehended by RPF in the year 2024, out of which 424 cases have been detected with help of CCTV in which 438 offenders were apprehended. Facial recognition technology, powered by artificial intelligence, further enhances security by allowing real-time identification of known offenders and missing persons. In 2024, 31 offenders were apprehended with the help of FRS in 29 separate cases over Mumbai Suburban section by RPF. Digital tools have also empowered passengers to play a more active role in their own safety. To combat fraud and reduce congestion, many suburban rail networks have adopted smart ticketing systems. These include digital ticketing, e-payment systems, and contactless cards, which reduce the need for physical ticket counters and limit opportunities for criminal activities related to ticketing.

In addition, drones have been deployed to monitor large crowds and hard-to-reach areas, providing a broader and more comprehensive security perspective. Platforms such as the "Railway Helpline" (139) and

the "Rail Madad App" allow commuters to report incidents directly, ensuring faster responses and fostering a stronger connection between passengers and authorities. The RPF has implemented several measures to enhance railway security. Specialized Anti-Theft Squads operate in plainclothes to blend with passengers, enabling them to identify and apprehend criminals effectively, which has significantly reduced theft cases across suburban networks. Utilizing big data analytics, the RPF has adopted data-driven policing to identify crime-prone areas and times, allowing for more efficient resource allocation and targeted security measures. Additionally, Integrated Security Systems (ISS) have been deployed at sensitive and vulnerable railway stations, incorporating electronic surveillance, access control, and other advanced security features to improve overall safety. The RPF has also launched several focused operations to address specific security issues. Operation Yatri Suraksha targets crimes such as theft and robbery through regular patrols and undercover personnel. Passengers often leave behind their belongings in a rush to catch trains or disembark.

Through Operation Amanat, RPF actively locates such lost items and ensures those are returned to their rightful owners. In 2024, passenger belongings valued over Rs. 6.67 Cr were returned to approx. 2200 rightful owners. Operation Jeevan Raksha highlights the RPF's commitment to passenger welfare, with personnel saving lives by rescuing individuals in imminent danger of falling under moving trains. In 2024, 42 lives were saved in Mumbai Suburban section by the selfless acts of RPF personnel.

## 100 hours Mega Block in Dumdum - Dankuni section for replacing old steel girder of Ballyghat - Ballyhalt Rob

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

and S&T works will also be accomplished.

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

**REPERCUSSION:**  
a) Cancellation: (i) 22 pairs of EMU locals in between Sealdah and Dankuni will remain cancelled from 23.01.25 to 26.01.25. As such, there will be no local train movement in Sealdah - Dankuni Section for the aforementioned 04 days of block. (ii) A few Mail/Express trains will remain cancelled, viz., Kolkata - Patna Garibrath, Tebhaga Express, Sealdah - Siuri Express, Dibrugar - Kolkata Express, Sealdah - Jangipur Road Express, Sealdah - Asansol Inter-

city Express, Kolkata - Balughat Express, Kolkata - Haldibari Intercity Express.

b) Change of Terminating/Originating Stations:

Uttaranga Express & Sealdah - Puri Duronto Express will originate from/terminate at Howrah instead of Sealdah for the block days.

c) Diversion: 17 pairs of Mail/Express trains will be diverted via Dumdum-Naihati on the days of block viz, Jammu Tawai Express, Bikaner Duronto, Ananya Express, Agra Cant. Express, Shabd Bhedhi Express, Nangal dam Express, Sealdah Rajdhani, Padatik Express, Kanchanjunga Express, Kanchankanya Express, Darjeeling Mail, Sealdah Ajmer Express, Anand Bihar Sampark Kranti Express, Jammu Tawai Humsafar

Express, Pratap Express, Jalian-walabagh Express, Durgiana Express. Fare of tickets for cancelled Mail/Express train will be refunded automatically. Kanchankanya and Jammu Tawai Express will be given stoppage at Naihati Station instead of Kamarkundu station. 06 pairs of Mail/Express trains will be given stoppage at Belghoria instead of Dakshineswar. The time frequency of train operation of Sealdah main and North section will slightly increase by 1/1.5 minutes due to running of Mail/Express trains via diverted route. This block was inevitable for the sake of Safety, Security and Speed enhancement of the entire section. The bridge was age old and it's bound to be replaced, which necessitates the mammoth block. Inconvenience caused to our esteemed commuters for the 4 days' block is highly regretted.

### Over 200 Pakistanis deported from multiple countries in past week

**MI News Service, Karachi:** Over 200 Pakistanis have been deported from several countries, including Saudi Arabia and the US, in the past week, Geo News reported on Wednesday. According to Geo News, these deportations stem from a variety of issues such as visa violations, legal problems, and human trafficking. A total of 220 Pakistani nationals were sent back from countries like the US, China, Turkey, Zimbabwe, and Senegal, with twelve of the deported individuals being arrested upon their arrival in Karachi. Geo News reported, citing immigration sources. Between January 19 and 21, within a 48-hour period, several deportations took place. From Saudi Arabia, 47 people were deported for issues such as visa problems, blacklisting, overstaying, and working without a sponsor. Specifically, one person was deported for missing an online visa, another for visa cancellation, and one for denial of re-entry. Other deportations included 17 people released from jail for begging, two for lost passports, three for overstaying, three for blacklisting, 16 for working without sponsors, and 17 due to complaints from sponsors, as reported by Geo News. The US deported two individuals who were travelling with emergency documents. In Zimbabwe, three people were sent back to Pakistan after being stopped by immigration authorities.

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2.	Anushree Arinda/ Anjan Arinda/ 37 M.C.Road, Pleasure Villa, Kabaardanga More, P.S Haridebpur, Kolkata- 700104/ West Bengal Kolkata- 700104/ LBCAL00005571499	Anandalok Apartment", Flat No. C, First Floor (West Side), Municipal Holding No. 105/ B, Kora Babu Para Road, R.S. & L.R. Dag No. 879, 1820, R.S. Khatan No. 207, L.R. Khatan No. 1743, Mouza Kora, J.L. No. 27, R.S. No. 02, Touzi No. 567, Now 24, Parganas Anowarpur, Police Station Previously Barasat Now Madhyamgram, Ward No. 14, Madaygram Municipality, A.D.S.R. Office Barasat, District North 24 Parganas, Kolkata- 700130, Admeasuring An Area of Measuring And Area of 648 Sq. Ft. (Super Built Up Area) Together With Undivided Proportionate Share of Land./ Date of Symbolic 18.01.2025	September 30, 2024 Rs. 9,62,066.22/-	Kolkata
3.	Supriya Gupta/ Payal Gupta/ Somenath Sengupta/ Shrabasti Apartment, Flat No. Ab-4 Shalbagan, Barrackpore Road Barasat West Bengal Barasat- 700126/ LBCAL00000364405	Flat No. "A-4" and "B-4", Third Floor, South- East Side and South- West Side, "Shrabasti Apartment", Holding No. 382 and 382/1, C.S. Dag No. 1606 Part, J.L. No. 83, L.O.P. No. 146 and 147 (A), Ward No. 22, Barasat Municipality, Police Station Barasat, Mouza Noapara, District North 24 Parganas, West Bengal Admeasuring An Area of Flat No. "B-4" Measuring Approximate An Area 722.75 Sq. Ft. and Flat No. "A-4" Measuring Approximate An Area 820.14 Sq. Ft. Together With Undivided Proportionate Share of The Service Area/ Date of Symbolic 18.01.2025	August 30, 2024 Rs. 1,26,914.49/-	Barasat
4.	Gd Gufran/ Abdul Hafiz/ 4 A, GJ Khan Road, Tiljala Mahindra Service Centre West Bengal South 24 Parganas- 700039/ LBHOW00006568348/LBHO W00006611692	Apartment No. 2001, 20th Floor, Tower Western Heights-B (B4), Phase 1B, "Joyville Project", Salap More, R.S. Dag No. 2072, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, L.R. Dag No. 1984, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, J.L. No 54, P.S. Domjur, Mouza Pakuria, Khalia, Baltikuri, District Howrah, West Bengal Admeasuring An Area of Carpet Area of 57.69 Square Meter And Balcony Area of 2.60 Square Meter Equivalent To 621 Square Feet Be The Same A Little More or Less, 28 Sq. Ft. Carpet Area, All Together Amounting To A Super Built Up Area of 919 Square Feet Along With Right To Use 135 Square Feet Be The Same A Little More or Less Four Wheeler Parking Space (Covered) on The Ground Level Within Joyville Phase 1B Together With Undivided Proportionate and Impartible Share In The Land/ Date of Symbolic 18.01.2025	August 08,2024 Rs. 31,19,953.06/-	Howrah/ Darbhanga
5.	Kri Shan Kumar/ Krishna Devi/ Suman Agarwal Guarantor/ 3rd Floor Munshidanga More, Domjur, Barasat Near D.R Market West Bengal Howrah- 711403/ LBCAL00004944649	Flat/ Unit No. 402, Fourth Floor, Premises No. 12, Atindra Mukherjee Lane, Police Station Shibpur, P.O. Shibpur, Additional District Sub Registrar Office Howrah, District Howrah, Pin- 711102, (Admeasuring An Area Of Admeasuring 725 Sq. Ft. Super Built Up Arealong With Undivided, Impartible Share If Land./ Date Of Symbolic 18.01.2025	September 30,2024 Rs. 11,84,504.54/-	Howrah/ Churu
6.	Bhanu Pratap Joshi/ Pinki Joshi/ Sunflower Apartment, FL- 4B FLR 266/4, G.T. Road, Liluah West Bengal Howrah- 711204/ LBCAL00005323861/ LBCAL00005346896	Flat- B-6, Fourth Floor, "Sunflower Apartment", Bally Municipal Holding No. 266/4, G.T. Road, The Then Bally Municipality Ward No. 18, at Present H.M.C. Ward No. 61, P. S. Bally, District Howrah West Bengal Admeasuring An Area of 1352 Sq. Ft. Including Super Built Up Area Together With Undivided Proportionate Share of Land/ Date of Symbolic 18.01.2025	September 10,2024 Rs. 46,63,851.68/-	Howrah

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

### INDIAN PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 4TH IPA NATIONALS TOURNAMENT

**GREATER NOIDA (UTTAR PRADESH)** : The Indian Pickleball Association (IPA) announced on Wednesday that its 4th IPA Nationals will take place from January 23-26, 2025, at Bennett University in Greater Noida.

This highly anticipated event, a PWR700 tournament, will bring together players from across the country, according to a press release from the IPA.

The IPA Nationals will feature a wide range of categories, including team and individual events for boys, girls, professional players, and participants in age groups of 35-plus, 50-plus, and 60-plus for both men and women. Competitors will participate in singles, doubles, and mixed doubles formats, ensuring an exciting and inclusive experience for participants and spectators alike.

Vineet Jain, Chancellor of Bennett University and Managing Director of The Times Group, said: "We are delighted to host the 4th IPA Nationals at Bennett University. This event aligns perfectly with our vision of fostering excellence in both sports and education. Pickleball is the world's fastest-growing sport and has immense potential for India to pivot to global levels very quickly. We are happy to support the Indian Pickleball Association in its mission to develop and promote pickleball nationwide."

Suryaveer Singh Bhullar, President of the IPA, expressed his enthusiasm for the upcoming event: "The 4th IPA Nationals represent the pinnacle of competitive pickleball in India. With nearly 20 states and Union Territories participating, this event showcases the rapid growth and popularity of pickleball across the country. We are thankful to Bennett University for hosting this prestigious event. BU's world-class facilities provide the perfect setting for the celebration of talent and sportsmanship."

The IPA Nationals promise to be a thrilling event, combining high-stakes competition with the camaraderie and community spirit that define pickleball. With top players from across the country set to compete, the tournament aims to further establish India's place on the global pickleball map.



India's captain Suryakumar Yadav and teammates celebrate a wicket during the 1st T20I match against England, at Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Wednesday. (ANI Photo)

### Situation unclear about India skipper Rohit Sharma travelling to Pakistan for Champions Trophy captains event

**NEW DELHI [INDIA]** : There is no clarity on whether India captain Rohit Sharma will travel to Pakistan for the ICC's official captains' call to mark the start of the 2025 Champions Trophy, according to ESPNcricinfo.

The upcoming ninth edition of the ICC Men's Champions Trophy is scheduled to take place in Pakistan and the United Arab Emirates from February 19 to March 9.

The captains' event, which typically occurs before the tournament, is tentatively planned for February 16 or 17 in Karachi. However, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has not yet received an official communication on the matter from the International Cricket Council (ICC), ESPNcricinfo reported.

"It [Rohit travelling to Pakistan] has not yet been discussed. It is not on the agenda yet," Devjit Saikia, the BCCI's newly-appointed secretary, told ESPNcricinfo.

Due to strained political relations between the two countries,



India has not toured Pakistan since 2008, when they participated in the Asia Cup. The two arch-rivals last

played a bilateral series in India during the 2012-13 season, which featured white-ball matches. Since then, India and Pakistan have mostly faced each other in ICC tournaments and Asia Cups. Notably, Pakistan traveled to India for the 2016 T20 World Cup and the 2023 ODI World Cup.

In an official capacity, no Indian player has visited Pakistan in recent years. However, BCCI officials have traveled to Pakistan.

In 2023, BCCI president Roger Binny and vice-president Rajiv Shukla attended an official PCB dinner in Lahore during the Asia Cup. The invitation was extended by then PCB chairman Zaka Ashraf.

In a separate development, BCCI secretary Devjit Saikia confirmed that the board would comply with all jersey guidelines for the ICC Champions Trophy.

This clarification follows reports suggesting that the BCCI might exclude the tournament host, Pakistan's name, from their jerseys, as India will play

### Australian Open: Swiatek sets up Keys clash in semifinals

**MELBOURNE [AUSTRALIA]** : The world number two Iga Swiatek secured a place in the semifinals of the Australian Open, defeating world number eight Emma Navarro in the quarterfinals on Wednesday.

In a match that lasted almost 90 minutes, Swiatek downed Emma 6-1, 6-2 in pursuit of her sixth Grand Slam title.

Swiatek, at the age of 23, is the youngest player to reach seven Grand Slam semifinals since Maria Sharapova reached her seventh semifinal at the US Open. Also, Swiatek has just dropped 14 games on her way to the semis, the fewest since Sharapova in 2013 (nine). Only Sharapova, Monica Seles in 1991 (12) and Stefanie Graf in 1989 (13) have dropped fewer games on their way to the Australian Open semifinals in the Open Era since the tournament moved to 128-player draws.

Swiatek also made it to her first hard-court Grand Slam semifinal at the Australian Open 2022, but had lost to Danielle Collins. Now, she will be facing another American, Madison Keys in the semifinal clash.

Also, Keys secured her spot in the semifinals with a 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 win over Elina Svitolina in the quarterfinals.

Swiatek said that she is feeling more confident.

"For sure now I am happy that I am kind of playing my level here. Last year my journey here finished in the fourth and third rounds, so for sure I feel more confident now," she

said, according to WTA website

In their first meeting since teenagers at an ITF event in 2018, Swiatek broke first and led 2-0 to take control of the match. Playing with her aggressive clay court style, Swiatek made a deft and patient use of her topspin forehand. After securing the first set in 35 minutes, Swiatek was put under pressure in the initial stage of the second set.

"I think something she does really well is she is really quick, and she does everything with 100 per cent conviction and intensity. She has a different style of movement and play. It is tough to not be sort of affected by that and not feel like, okay, I have to do everything at the same speed that she is doing it. So that was something, for sure, I felt a little bit today," said Navarro about Swiatek.

Having an eye on the top ranking of Aryna Sabalenka, Swiatek is the only semifinalist who has not dropped a set in this tournament.

"On the tennis court you kind of need to be ruthless," Swiatek said, "But 'ruthless' usually means something negative as well. But I think for me, just focusing on myself and having the same kind of attitude no matter what the score is is important. This is what I base my strength on and my consistency and the way I just continue to do the good things I do on court." "Maybe looks ruthless, but it is not my goal to do that. I just want to win more and more games, and this is the effect I got for the past matches," she concluded.



### BCCI to follow jersey guidelines for Champions Trophy: Secretary Saikia



**MUMBAI (MAHARASHTRA)** : The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) will be following all the jersey guidelines for the ICC Champions Trophy, informed secretary Devjit Saikia to ANI.

This confirmation from Saikia comes amid reports that BCCI was not going to have the name of the tournament hosts, Pakistan, printed on their jersey, as they are playing all their matches of the Champions Trophy in Dubai.

Speaking to ANI, Saikia said, "BCCI will follow the jersey guidelines of ICC during Champions Trophy 2025".

The upcoming ninth edition of the ICC Men's Champions Trophy is set to take place in Pakistan and the United Arab Emirates from February 19 to March 9.

The eight-team tournament will feature 15 50-over matches and will be played across Pakistan and in Dubai. The biggest match of the tournament between two arch-rivals India and Pakistan will be played on February 23 in Dubai. India will start its cam-

aign against Bangladesh on February 20. India's last league match will be against New Zealand on March 2.

Group A of the tournament features current Champions Trophy holders and hosts Pakistan, along with India, New Zealand and Bangladesh, while Group B features Cricket World Cup 2023 champions Australia, alongside Afghanistan, England and South Africa.

The India Squad for Champions Trophy:

Rohit Sharma (c), Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul, Hardik Pandya, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammad Shami, Arshdeep Singh, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Rishabh Pant, Ravindra Jadeja.

India's Group Stage Fixtures:  
February 20 - India vs Bangladesh, Dubai  
February 23 - India vs Pakistan, Dubai  
March 2 - India vs New Zealand, Dubai.

### Bengal Tigers defeats Delhi Pipers by 2-0

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**RANCHI** : Shrachi Rahr Bengal Tigers earned full points against Delhi SG Pipers after defeating by 2-0 in the Women's Hockey India League (HIL) at Jaipal Singh Astroturf Stadium, Morhabadi here on Wednesday. It was Bengal Tigers' Kathryn Mullan shown in today's match who scored two goals during the match.

However, in the first quarter Delhi Pipers succeeded in holding goalless draw and created several attacks on Bengal Tigers 'D' circle but the alert defence line of Bengal Tigers spoiled their every attack.

Bengal Tigers broke the deadlock in the 21st minute of the second quarter when Kathryn Mullan found the net with her powerful grounder which surprised Delhi Pipers goalkeeper and took the lead 1-0.



Mullan once again stole the show in the 33rd minutes of the third quarter as she scored another goal as the Delhi goalkeeper watching Mullan doubled the

goal tally, which proved decided.

However, the Delhi team regrouped in the last quarter to equalize the score but their efforts went in vain.

### RAVINDRA JADEJA GEARS UP FOR SAURASHTRA'S RANJI TROPHY CLASH AGAINST DELHI



**NEW DELHI [INDIA]** : Star Indian all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja is gearing up for his Ranji Trophy clash for Saurashtra against Delhi, which will take place on Thursday.

Jadeja took to his Instagram, sharing a picture of his Saurashtra team shirt.

"#RanjiTrophy All Set!", said the captain of Jadeja's post.

Jadeja made his last Ranji appearance in January 2023 for Saurashtra against Tamil Nadu, taking eight wickets in the match, with 748 in the second innings. He also scored 40 runs in

the match, including 25 in the second innings and Saurashtra lost the match by 59 runs. In this appearance, he proved his fitness levels ahead of the home Border-Gavaskar Trophy against Australia. Jadeja playing Ranji comes when the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has taken a much harder stance regarding the participation of Indian international stars in domestic cricket. In a new policy released on Thursday, it made it "mandatory" to participate in domestic matches to remain "eligible" for selection in the national team and for the central contracts. In the policy, BCCI stated that taking part in domestic cricket will remain connected to the cricket ecosystem. The statement added that any exceptions to taking part in domestic cricket will be considered only under extraordinary circumstances.

"Participation in Domestic Matches is mandatory for players to remain eligible for selection in the national team and for central contracts, as per BCCI

guidelines. This policy ensures that players remain connected to the domestic cricket ecosystem, fostering talent development, maintaining match fitness, and strengthening the overall domestic structure. It also inspires emerging players by providing them opportunities to compete alongside top cricketers, ensuring continuity in talent progression. Any exceptions to this mandate will be considered only under extraordinary circumstances and will require formal notification and approval from the Chairman of the Selection Committee, ensuring fairness and transparency in the process," BCCI said in a statement.

Jadeja ended the year 2024 with 562 runs in 20 Tests and 23 innings at an average of 26.76, with best score of 112. He scored a century and three fifties last year in Tests. He also took 48 wickets in 12 matches at an average of 24.29, with best figures of 5/41. He also took three five-wicket hauls and a ten-wicket haul in Tests.

### HIGH-ENERGY CAMPAIGN 'ALL ON THE LINE' LAUNCHED FOR CHAMPIONS TROPHY 2025

**DUBAI [UAE]** : The International Cricket Council (ICC) today launched its "All On The Line" campaign for the ICC Men's Champions Trophy 2025, highlighting the unmissable cricket that the thrilling two-week competition brings, a release from the Tournament said.

The high-energy film which is available here aims to bring to life the intense nature of the Champions Trophy where every match counts. Like in the film, fans can expect players to navigate jeopardy, make split-second decisions, and push their limits to stay in the competition.

Featuring superstars Hardik Pandya, Mohammad Nabi, Phil Salt, Shadab Khan, and Shaheen Shah Afridi, the film showcases the immense stakes faced by players as they put everything on the line to claim the Champions Trophy and the unique White Jackets. Hosted by Pakistan, with four matches taking place in the UAE, from 19 February to 9 March 2025, the ICC Men's Champions Trophy will feature the world's top eight cricketing nations battling it out across 15 matches. Fans can register for tickets here.

India all-rounder Hardik Pandya remarked as quoted by the ICC press release, "The return of the ICC Men's Champions Trophy is a significant boost to cricket, adding depth and context to the One-Day format. This iconic tournament promises to reignite excitement among fans and players alike. India is ready to showcase its unique brand of cricket, with every player committed to bringing the trophy home again."

England batter Phil Salt commented, "Playing for England in the ICC Men's Champions Trophy is a huge honour. We know it's going to be a very competitive tournament but we have an exciting group and we are going to give it our best effort to lift the trophy."

Afghanistan all-rounder Mohammad Nabi said: "It's Afghanistan's first time at the Men's Champions Trophy, we can't wait to compete against the best of the best and make our nation proud." Pakistan pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi said as the release concluded, "For Pakistan, cricket is more than a game—it's our passion, our pride, our identity and as defending Champions and tournament hosts, there's everything to play for. I'm sure the whole of Pakistan is eagerly awaiting the 19th of February, it'll be a spectacle like no other."