



Indian army jawans introducing robot dog squad for the first time in the full dress rehearsal of Republic day on Red Road in Kolkata on Friday.

Opposition MPs suspended from JPC meeting on Waqf Bill amid ruckus

MI News Service, New Delhi: Amid huge ruckus, all Opposition MPs who are part of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) on the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, were suspended from the important meeting on Friday.

The suspended MPs are Mohammad Jawaid, Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader Kalyan Banerjee, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) leader A Raja, All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimin (AIMIM) chief Asaduddin Owaisi and Nasir Hussain, Samajwadi Party (SP) leaders Mohibullah Nadvi, M. Abdullah, Shiv Sena (UBT) leaders Arvind Sawant, Nadimul Haque, and Congress' Imran Masood.

"What is going on is an undeclared emergency," Banerjee alleged while referring to the happenings inside the JPC meeting. He said the subject and dates for the meeting were suddenly changed after they

landed in Delhi to participate in the meet. The TMC MP accused the government of doing this because of the February 5 Assembly elections in the national capital.

Banerjee said "We had a tour till January 21 when the government had informed us that the meeting would be held for two days on January 24 and 25. When A Raja and others requested the Chairman to postpone the meeting till January 30, he refused to hear us. All of a sudden, we got the notice that the amendment had to be given by January 22, 4:00 PM".

"It was also decided that a clause-by-clause discussion would take place. When we landed here yesterday night, they changed the subject, scheduling the meeting for January 27. We requested multiple times saying that it was not possible to hold the meeting on the 27th. What is

going on is an undeclared emergency. It is politically motivated. They are hurrying because of (Assembly) elections in Delhi. They don't respect the Opposition," Banerjee added.

Meanwhile, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Nishikant Dubey has also charged the Opposition with creating a "ruckus" during the JPC meeting, saying that their conduct was against parliamentary democracy. He informed that the next meeting will take place on January 27 and submission to the Speaker will be on January 29.

"It is the Opposition, especially Asaduddin Owaisi, who said that representatives from Jammu and Kashmir have not been heard and this is why we invited Mirwaiz Umar Farooq. The Chairman postponed the meeting to hold a discussion

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PM Modi reiterates govt commitment to empower girl child on National Girl Child Day

MI News Service, New Delhi: As expected, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has reiterated his government's commitment to keep empowering the girl child and ensure a wide range of opportunities for them.

Sending a post on his X handle on Friday on the occasion of National Girl Child Day, PM Modi expressed his joy over the girl child's accomplishment in the country across all fields.

"Today, on National Girl Child Day, we reiterate our commitment to keep empowering the girl child and ensure a wide range of opportunities for her. India is proud of



the accomplishments of the girl child across all fields. These feats continue to inspire us all," PM Modi wrote. "Our Government has focused on sectors like education, technology, skills development and healthcare which have contributed to empowering the girl child. We are equally resolute in ensuring no discrimination happens against the girl child," he added. Earlier in the day, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge extended his good wishes for the girl child and said that "gender equality is the basis

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Dalit votes may split among AAP, BJP and Congress, in upcoming Delhi Assembly polls

MI News Service, New Delhi: The quite large chunk of Dalit voters in Delhi is expected to decide the fate of all the three major political parties—the BJP, the ruling Aam Admi Party and the Congress in the upcoming Assembly poll and is likely to play a major role in deciding who will rule the National Capital for the next five years.

As elections to the 70 member Delhi Assembly is drawing nearer, the large population of the Dalits are in focus of all political parties in the city's

cramped lower middle class areas, with candidates of all three parties leaving no stone unturned to woo them so that they would cast their ballots in their favour on the election day on February 5.

But in view of the country's present political scenario, there is also a great possibility of a split in the Dalit votes among the three parties, experts say. Arvind Kejriwal, whose AAP is eyeing a third straight term in power in Delhi, has enjoyed the support of the

Dalit voters in the past, even as the experts say that some disillusionment has crept in. On the other hand, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has come up with a slew of promises for the Dalits and is holding extensive reach-out programmes in Dalit-majority constituencies. Union Home Minister Amit Shah's remarks in the Rajya Sabha on B R Ambedkar, which had triggered a sharp attack from opposition parties,

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India slams Pakistan, asks to take strong action to end cross-border terrorism

MI News Service, New Delhi: India has slammed Pakistan for supporting terrorism, stressing that the whole world is aware of who is the promoter of terrorism in the region.

Addressing a press briefing on Friday, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) official spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal noted that everyone knows that there are nations responsible for cross-border terrorism and India calls upon Pakistan to take strict action to stop cross-border terrorism.

When asked about Pakistan's ISPR statement claiming that the Indian Army is being politicised after the Indian Army Chief said that terror activities in Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir were linked with Pakistan, Jaiswal responded, "The whole world knows, who is promoting terrorism. In India, when we have terror-related attacks, where it is coming from, we all know the genesis, the root of cross-border terrorism. So, in this context, when the whole world knows who is the progenitor of cross-border terrorism, to say that we are trying to politicise something is totally immaterial.

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Kashmir valley reels under cold conditions, Gulmarg shivers at minus 8.5 degree celsius

MI News Service, Srinagar: When the overall temperature in Kolkata and in several other parts of Eastern India is limping back to normal from biting cold condition a few days ago, the minimum temperature in Kashmir valley once again dipped to far below the freezing point, bringing untold misery and severe inconveniences to the common people.

According to local MET office in Srinagar, at the day break on Friday as cold conditions tightened its grip further on the valley, which is likely to continue unabated till the end of this month.

Informing this official sources today said, the minimum temperature in Srinagar settled at minus 3.3 degree Celsius on Thursday night, down from the previous night's minus 2 degree Celsius.

Similarly, Pahalgam, one of the base camps for the annual Amarnath Yatra in south Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 7 degree Celsius, down from minus 5.6 degree Celsius the night before.

Similarly the tourist resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir, known for skiing, recorded a minimum temperature of minus 8.5 a degree lower than the previous night.

The minimum temperature was minus 2.5 degree Celsius in Qazigund, minus 5 degrees Celsius at Konibal in Pampore

town, minus 4 degrees Celsius in Kupwara, and minus 1.5 degrees Celsius in Kokernag.

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

'Chillai-Kalan' ends on January 30, followed by a 20-day 'Chillai-Khur'd' (small cold) and a 10-day 'Chillai-Bachha' (baby cold).

The meteorological department forecast mainly dry weather for the remainder of 'Chillai-Kalan'.

It said the weather is likely to remain cloudy but dry until January 29. A fresh spell of light rain or snow at isolated places during the night of January 29 or the morning of January 30 is possible, after which the weather will stay partly to generally cloudy on January 31, the department said.

Overall, no significant weather changes are expected until the end of January, the MeT Office said.

It also mentioned a gradual and significant rise in daytime temperatures over the next five days, while a fall of 1-3 degrees in the minimum temperature is likely.

Federal Judge blocks Trump's executive order to end birthright citizenship in the US



MI News Service, Washington (DC): A Federal judge in Seattle has 'temporarily blocked' President Donald Trump's recent Executive order seeking to terminate birthright citizenship in the United States, calling the order "blatantly unconstitutional." Issuing a temporary restraining order on Friday, Judge John Coughenour, a Ronald Reagan appointee, responded to a legal chal-

lenge by Washington Attorney General Nick Brown and three other Democratic states. The restraining order halts the implementation of the policy for 14 days, allowing for further legal briefings.

"I have been on the bench for over four decades. I can't remember another case where the question presented was as clear," Judge Coughenour stated,

expressing disbelief that the Executive order could have been signed by any President. "Where were the lawyers" when this decision was made, the judge asked, saying it "boggled" his mind that any legal professional would assert the order's constitutionality. The lawsuit argues that Trump's executive order violates the 14th Amendment of the US Constitution, which guarantees citizenship to all children born on American soil "and subject to the jurisdiction thereof." According to Lane Polozola, an attorney representing the state of Washington, "births cannot be paused" during the legal proceedings. He added, "Babies are being born today here, and in the plaintiff states and around the country, with a cloud cast over their citizenship."



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IIT Kharagpur ranks 2nd in QSS rankings

MI News Service, Kharagpur: The Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (IIT KGP) has achieved a significant milestone by ranking 2nd in India in the prestigious QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2025. The institute has made a remarkable leap of 147 places globally, securing the 202nd position overall, 23rd in Asia, and 2nd among all Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs). The QS Sustainability Rankings, released by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), evaluated 1,751 institutions worldwide based on their performance in environmental research, sustainability practices, knowledge exchange, employability, and governance. IIT Kharagpur's strong performance in these areas highlights its commitment to advancing sustainability and contributing to societal impact. Prof. V. K. Tewari, Director of IIT Kharagpur, expressed pride in the institute's achievement, stating that the recognition reflects IIT Kharagpur's dedication to fostering innovation, environmental research, and green energy initiatives. He emphasised that the institute is actively contributing to India's development goals through advancements in fields such as artificial intelligence, 5G networks, safety engineering, precision agriculture, and smart infrastructure. The director highlighted the institute's focus on integrating sustainable practices across academia, research, and campus operations, ensuring graduates are well-equipped to address global challenges. He further reaffirmed IIT Kharagpur's vision of creating a sustainable and resilient future in alignment with national policies and priorities.

Calcutta Chamber holds meeting regarding fin & investment issues

MI News Service, Kolkata: Calcutta Chamber of Commerce recently held a meeting regarding finance and investment issues. The meeting was attended by Dinesh Jain (Past President, Calcutta Chamber of Commerce), Sandeep Tandon (Founder & Chief Investment Officer Quant Mutual Fund), Anant Saharia (Sr. Vice President, Calcutta Chamber of Commerce), Annurag Jhunjhunwala (Vice President, Calcutta Chamber of Commerce). Calcutta Chamber of Commerce, founded in 1830, has been playing a pioneering role in fostering trade and commerce. The Chamber while encouraging excellence in different fields of human endeavour also promotes debates on issues pertaining to Civil Society. Distinguished speakers spoke regarding various financial and investment related issues. According to the eminent speakers, India is one of the few countries which have the highest savings rate. Traditionally, Indians have preferred investing in assets offering guaranteed returns, irrespective of how low the returns are. A major part of the savings is therefore invested in tangible assets like fixed deposits and real estate.

BSF finds out bunkers along borders with huge banned cough syrup



MI News Service, Krishnaganj: While digging up at a garden on suspicion, the BSF found 3 bunkers along the Indo-Bangladesh border area. The BSF got astonished seeing thousands of bottles of banned cough syrup inside the iron bunkers. There was the information to BSF that there were some iron bunkers at a place near border in Nadia's Krishnaganj. So, the BSF started to dig up the same in a garden of the concerned area recently. A bunker was recovered by digging the soil inside the garden. It is learned that the BSF recovered three bunkers. There was a sensation in the area surrounding the recovery of these bunkers. The BSF had already received information that several iron bunkers were buried in this garden. On receiving that information, the BSF conducted a raid in the area near the India-Bangladesh border. Three iron bunkers were recovered from under the ground inside a garden. Thousands of bottles of banned cough syrup were recovered. It is believed that the smugglers had collected these syrups with the intention of smuggling them to Bangladesh. However, due to increase surveillance at the international border, they were unable to smuggle them and fled by burying them underground. And in a few days, Republic Day is coming. On that occasion, the BSF are keeping a tight vigil. However, the smugglers' smuggling plans do not seem to be stopping. This incident has once again hints that. Above all the militants might take the advantage of such bunkers.

Partha Chatterjee's health worsens

MI News Service, Kolkata: Partha Chatterjee is in the same situation. Although he was initially admitted with respiratory symptoms, Partha Chatterjee was shifted to the Cardiology ICU on Thursday afternoon as his physical condition deteriorated. He had to receive treatment be given blood as his hemoglobin level dropped. According to hospital sources, although the swelling in his legs has reduced, his creatinine level is still not under control. According to sources, after performing a chest X-ray, doctors plan to perform HRC, Doppler test to check blood flow in the legs, USG, and Holter monitor to check for irregular heartbeats. Currently, Partha Chatterjee is being given low-dose oxygen from outside through a nasal cannula. Partha was admitted to SSKM on Monday with symptoms of respiratory distress. Since then, he has been receiving treatment there. However, within 24 hours of admission, he started feeling somewhat better. At that time, he was admitted to the emergency observation ward. However, since then, his physical condition has started deteriorating again. On Thursday evening, Partha's hemoglobin level dropped to 6. Creatinine was 2.8. His legs were swollen, and his pulse rate was irregular.

Daytime vendor turned thief: mastermind behind 12 robberies arrested in Haridevpur



MI News Service, Kolkata: A man who spent his days selling ginger, garlic, and clothes in the local market while secretly surveying homes for potential robberies has finally been caught by the police. This criminal, who operated under the guise of a harmless vendor, was arrested after successfully looting 12 homes in Haridevpur. The thief, identified as Yunis Khan, and his accomplice, Milan, were apprehended by Haridevpur police after a series of robberies in the area. They were arrested in Guma, a locality near North 24 Parganas, after a thorough investigation led by police officer Jaydev Bairagi. Yunis and Milan are scheduled to be presented in court. The chain of robberies had left residents of Haridevpur in fear, prompting multiple complaints to the local police. Initially, investigations were at a standstill, as there were no clear leads or suspects. However, after collecting CCTV footage from nearby areas, investigators identified a suspicious figure—dressed in black clothes—emerging from several homes. Despite the clear sighting, the thief's face remained concealed, making it difficult for authorities to identify him. As the police closed in on the culprit, Yunis realized he was being hunted. Fearing capture, he fled Haridevpur for Narendrapur's Nuhah area, where he took refuge in his own house. However, even there, he felt vulnerable, and soon, he was on the move again, trying to evade the police. Under the leadership of officer Jaydev Bairagi, a team of investigators pursued Yunis across various locations. Finally, their persistence paid off when they managed to capture him in Guma, ending his criminal run. The police learned that Yunis had been operating as a street vendor during the day, selling vegetables, clothes, and other items. His familiarity with the locals made him a trusted figure in the community, and many residents regularly purchased goods from him. No one suspected that this friendly vendor, who made a living selling items, was also masterminding a series of robberies under the cover of darkness. Yunis' ability to blend into the community and his clever use of disguises had allowed him to rob homes without drawing attention. The police are continuing their investigation and are hopeful that this arrest will help solve other unsolved cases in the region.

International Cong on Glass in city

MI News Service, Kolkata: The "City of Joy," Kolkata recently hosted the XXVII International Congress on Glass (ICG 2025). Organized by CSIR-Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute (CSIR-CGRI), the prestigious event commenced at the Biswa Bangla Convention Centre and will conclude on January 24th. Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, graced the inauguration ceremony. The event brought together eminent figures from the global glass community, including Prof. Hiroyuki Inoue, President, ICG & Professor, University of Tokyo; Prof. Reinhart Conradt, Immediate Past President, ICG & Ni-glass AC GmbH, Germany; Prof. Manoj Choudhary, Former President, ICG and Adjunct Professor, The Ohio State University, USA and Prof. Alicia Duran, Former President, ICG and Research Professor, CSIC, Instituto de Cerámica y Vidrio, Madrid, Spain. This marks a significant achievement for CGRI, which previously hosted the ICG in 1986. Prof. Bikramjit Basu, Director of CSIR-CGRI, emphasized that the Congress aims to facilitate a dynamic exchange of ideas and knowledge among participants and address critical challenges and explore promising opportunities within the field of glass technology. The Glass Congress, a triennial event organized by the International Commission on Glass (ICG), serves as a pivotal platform for the global glass community to exchange ideas, knowledge, and experiences. The Congress hosted over 550 delegates, including 150 international participants from 20 countries. The distinguished attendees included eminent researchers, academicians, industry leaders, young faculty members, and students. The event featured 11 Plenary Speakers, 22 Keynote Speakers, and 94 Invited Speakers, who contributed through insightful presentations and discussions. Furthermore, there were around 140 poster presentations and 111 contributory presentations.

The essence of Sebaashray lies in its commitment to selfless service: Abhishek Banerjee



MI News Service, Kolkata: Shri Abhishek Banerjee visited 9-year-old Altaf Hosen Ghorami at the Jagannath Gupta Institute of Medical Sciences and Hospital, where the young boy recently underwent a life-saving surgery for a congenital cardiac anomaly. He took time to personally speak with Altaf, offering his words of encouragement and ensuring that the child's recovery was on track. With a deep sense of responsibility, he also instructed the medical team to ensure the best post-operative care for Altaf. The essence of #Sebaashray lies in its commitment to selfless service and the profound impact it creates in people's lives, said Abhishek Banerjee. Today, as I met 9-year-old Altaf Hosen Ghorami, who underwent a critical cardiac surgery after his condition was identified at a Sebaashray camp, I was overwhelmed by the sight of his vibrant smile and his parents' visible relief. Altaf's story is a testament to what collective resolve and meticulous execution can achieve. From timely diagnosis to successful surgery at Jagannath Gupta Institute of Medical Sciences and Hospital on January 18, every step reaffirmed the power of purposeful intervention. This journey wouldn't have been possible without the exemplary dedication of the medical team that embraced the immense responsibility of saving a young life. Altaf's smile is now etched in my memory, serving as a beacon of hope and inspiration as we continue this mission.

Civic Volunteer arrested in Manikach for allegedly raping a sick young woman

MI News Service, Malda: A Civic Volunteer has been accused of raping a sick young woman in Manikach. The allegation is against the civic volunteer created stir in the area. The police have already arrested the civic volunteer after the complaint was filed. Local residents are demanding strict punishment for the accused. It is known that the arrested civic officer used to work under the Manikach police station. The victim's family members say that their daughter had been ill for several days. On receiving the news, the civic officer contacted the young woman's family members. He also said that he would sweep her and make her well. A commotion also started. He asked the family members to bring water from the Ganga. The family members went to bring water as he had said. Allegedly, the young man took advantage of the empty house while the family members were going to the Ganges and committed the crime. He took the young woman to a room in the house and raped her. Later, when the family members came to know about it when they returned home. Without delay, they went straight to the Manikach police station. The police took action after receiving the complaint. The accused Civic was arrested from the area.



Protest meeting of INTUC in front of Sealdah DRM office in Kolkata on Friday.

Trial was completed in a hurry, says Mustaqin, who was sent to death in Kultali case, in HC

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Baruipur POC-50 court has sentenced him to death for raping and murdering a minor. The sentence has been announced after 61 days. Death row convict Mustaqin Sardar has now approached the Calcutta High Court against the verdict. He claims that the trial was completed in a hurry. His statement was not listened to seriously. His appeal is likely to be heard next Monday. On October 4, a fourth minor girl was accused of raping and murdering her in Kultali, South 24 Parganas. Mustaqin was arrested that night. Kultali became heated over the rape and murder of the minor girl in the wake of the RG Kar scandal. Local residents were furious. The police had to struggle to control the situation. A seat was formed to investigate the incident. The charge sheet was submitted to the Baruipur POC50 court on October 30. The Baruipur POC50 court convicted him on December 5. He was convicted in the POC50 Act, murder case and rape-murder case. The judge sentenced Mustaqin to death the next day, December 6. When Mustaqin was taken to court on the day of the sentencing, he claimed that he had done nothing. He was framed. Now he has approached the Calcutta High Court. He alleged that his statement was not listened to seriously in the Baruipur POC50 court. He also alleged that the trial was completed in a hurry. The state and the CBI have approached the Calcutta High Court against the Sealdah court verdict in the RG Kar case. They have demanded the hanging of convicted Sanjay Roy. And Mustaqin, convicted in the Kultali rape-murder case, has gone to the High Court alleging that his statement was not listened to seriously.



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Big plan for terrorist sabotage in India has been prepared in Bangladesh, information leaked



MI News Service, Murshidabad: Experts are in no doubt about the renewed rise of militant activity during the Yunus era. Since the change of government, Bangladeshi fundamentalist organizations have become desperate to spread their net in India. Now, another organization has joined the list. For months, an organization called 'Jaha India' has been carrying out radical activities across a vast area of Murshidabad. It is receiving help from Bangladesh. According to a report from the central intelligence agencies obtained by TV9 Bangla, the 'Jaha India' organization in Murshidabad is being supported by the JMB militant organization of Bangladesh. They came to India through a secret route from that country and held a meeting with 'Jaha India' in a secret camp in Jharkhand a few days ago. After that, another explosive information was made public within a day. It has been learned that it is not just JMB. This 'Jaha India' has been joined by another fundamentalist militant organization in Bangladesh called 'Tawhidul Ulaiya'. Basically, they want to increase their militant activities in India through the help of 'Zaha India'. On January 3, a meeting was held with Jaha India in this regard in Lalgola. However, members of JMB were also present in that meeting. Basically, this fundamentalist organization called 'Tawhidul Ulaiya' wants to open its branch in India. And in that work, they want 'Jaha India' as their partner. How will the network spread? It is learnt that this militant organization is interested in expanding its network in India by dividing into five layers. Murshidabad will be the epicenter of that plan.

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2.	Sujay Dey/ Tanushri Dey & Mritunjoy Dey/ 9/d Jadunath Ukil Road Paschim Puturi S O Paschim Puturi West Bengal Kolkata- 700041/ LBCAL00005329133, LBCAL00005313934, LBCAL00004975819,	Plot No 129, Khatian No- 48, Thana- Thakurpukur, Sabek- South Suburban Municipality, Pargana- Magura, Touzi No-18, J.L. No 26, R. Sa. No 275, Mouza- Paschim Puturi Village, Sub- registry Office Alipore, Dist- 24 Pargana, West Bengal/ Calcutta, Admeasuring An Area of 1 Katha 5 Chittack 28 1/2 Sq. Ft./ Date of Physical 21.01.2025	August 20, 2022 Rs. 37,74,751.00/-	Kolkata

The above-mentioned borrower(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.

Date: January 24, 2025
Place: Kolkata

Sincerely Authorised Signatory
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Opposition MPs suspended...

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clause-by-clause, for the same reason, on the Opposition's suggestion. The Opposition created a ruckus before Mirwaiz and it is against parliamentary democracy. The meeting will now happen on January 27, a note of dissent will be presented on January 28 and we will submit to the Speaker on January 29," Dubey informed.

Earlier in the day, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq of Mutahida Majlis-e-Ulema on Friday hoped that the decision regarding the Waqf issue won't be made in haste so that the Muslims in the country feel disempowered. He said the Waqf board issue remains important since it is connected to the future of Muslims. He said that they have prepared a memorandum and plan to discuss their concerns in a step-by-step manner.

Jagdambika Pal, Chairman of the JPC, on Friday, said that a meeting has been scheduled on January 29 for the final adoption of the clauses, which

will be discussed in detail on January 27. He had said that the JPC members were supposed to hear the suggestions from a delegation led by Mirwaiz Umar Farooq.

The Joint Parliamentary Committee on the Waqf (Amendment) Bill is to submit its report during the Budget session. The term of the committee was extended during the winter session of Parliament.

The Waqf Act of 1995, enacted to regulate Waqf properties, has long been criticised for issues such as mismanagement, corruption, and encroachments.

The Budget session of Parliament will commence on January 31 and continue till April 4, with the Union Budget to be presented on February 1.

The Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024, aims to address these challenges by introducing reforms such as digitisation, enhanced audits, improved transparency, and legal mechanisms to reclaim illegally occupied properties.



Full dress rehearsal for the Republic Day parade held at Red Road in Kolkata on Friday.



PM Modi reiterates govt commitment..

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Taking to X, Kharge wrote, "Gender equality is the basis of true progress. Congress-UPA established National Girl Child Day in 2008, rooted in India's constitutional principles. Let the observance of National Girl Child Day become a reminder to rededicate ourselves towards ending gender inequality and providing every girl with the opportunities she deserves - education, healthcare, safety, and proper nutrition."

National Girl Child Day, celebrated every year on January 24 in India, is a significant occasion dedicated to highlighting the rights, education and welfare of girls. Initiated in 2008, by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, the day aims to raise awareness about the importance of empowering girls and creating an environment where they can thrive without the barriers of gender discrimination.

According to an official release from the Ministry of Women and Child Development, National Girl Child Day is an opportunity to raise awareness about the rights of girls and ensure they are provided with equal opportunities and support, free from gender biases. The day also seeks to highlight the inequalities faced by girls, promote education for them and encourage society to value and respect girls as equals.

A key focus is on changing societal attitudes towards girls, addressing issues like female foeticide, raising awareness about the declining sex ratio and fostering a more inclusive and equitable environment for the girl child.

India slams Pakistan, asks...

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Services Public Relations (ISPR) issued the statement after Indian Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi termed Pakistan as the epicentre of terrorism and said that 80 per cent of terrorists active in Jammu and Kashmir are Pakistanis.

In his annual Army Day press conference on January 13, General Dwivedi blamed Pakistan for the violence levels in the Union Territory saying it was being orchestrated by the epicentre of terrorism that is Pakistan.

"If the support is not forthcoming the way India is looking at it, this kind of terrorist infiltration will continue to be there," he said. The Army Chief said that the parliamentary elections and assembly elections in the Union Territory both had nearly 60 per cent voting.

"It means that the local population is going with the peace. People of Jammu and Kashmir are shunning violence and violence is being orchestrated by our Western adversary Pakistan," the chief said.

State Edu Dept to implement mutual teachers' transfer, tightens security against exam leaks

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal Education Department is set to introduce a new system for teachers seeking transfers, including a mutual transfer (or 'swap') mechanism. This system will soon be activated, as confirmed by Education Minister Bratya Basu. Previously, teachers could apply for transfers through the 'Ut-sashree' portal, which allowed for transfers based on individual circumstances. However, complaints have surfaced recently, claiming that the transfer process has slowed down and applications are no longer being processed as efficiently. Minister Basu assured that

steps are being taken to resolve the issue and that the mutual transfer process will be implemented soon.

Basu shared these details during his visit to a private school event in Rajarhat. He addressed media queries by stating that the discussion regarding the mutual transfer of teachers is ongoing, but a final timeline for the initiative was yet to be confirmed. "We are working rapidly to implement this system, and it will be up and running very soon. We will review past procedures and introduce a clear policy for surplus transfers," he added. Any decisions will be finalized

in consultation with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. In addition to the transfer system, Basu also spoke about measures being taken to prevent question paper leaks during board exams. Every year, there are allegations of question paper leaks, which are often used by opposition parties to criticize the government. In response, the Education Department is implementing advanced technology for the 2025 Madhyamik and Higher Secondary exams to prevent any possibility of such leaks. The government has already apprehended the criminal syndicates involved in the 2024 leaks, and Basu expressed confidence that no such incidents would occur in the future.

"The criminal networks that were responsible for the leaks last year have been arrested. We are now taking stronger steps to ensure that these activities do not happen again. Regular discussions are being held between the Madhyamik and Higher Secondary Education Boards and district administrators to ensure the smooth conduct of the exams," said Basu. He also pointed out that a well-organized racket had been selling leaked question papers to students for a significant sum. Allegations had surfaced regarding

some government officials' involvement in these illegal activities.

To tackle this, the government is introducing modern technology to secure question papers, aiming to eliminate the possibility of any leaks. "We are confident that with this new system in place, there will be no question paper leaks during the upcoming exams," Basu concluded. The department's efforts to modernize the security measures around board exams have raised hopes that this year's Madhyamik and Higher Secondary exams will be conducted without any disruptions or controversies.

Dalit votes may split...

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including the AAP and Congress, added fuel to the war of narratives ahead of the February 5 polls. However, the BJP has countered it aggressively.

The Kumar family is what the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) would consider the archetype of its welfare model in Delhi. The 10-member family, who lives in East Delhi's Kondli constituency, is the beneficiary of most of its schemes.

With only one earning member between them, who makes around Rs 50,000 a month, the elder Kumar says they are able to save Rs 10,000 monthly from free power, water, bus rides for women, and the mohalla clinics for small ailments, plus the intangibles in terms of improvement in schools.

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Says Prabuddh, 56, who lost his job after a court case: "Welfare schemes toh pehli bhi theen, but Kejriwal ji ne karke diya (There used to be welfare schemes earlier as well, but Kejriwal has actually implemented them).

Prabuddh's wife Neetu enrolled recently for the Mahila Samman Yojana as part of a pre-poll drive held by the AAP government. Looking forward to the same, she talks of how they have benefited under the AAP, including no electricity bill in winters despite their large family. "Water is clean. Earlier, the roads were full of garbage but now, a truck comes every morning to collect it. Overall, most things get done quicker. I can also trust the mohalla clinic for small illnesses. They have a good stock of medicines."

Their daughter Sankissa, 22, a first-time voter, is doing a stenography course alongside BA in English from an open university. "I studied at a government school. My seniors would tell me how much things had improved, be it the benches or the general infrastructure," she says, adding that she is able to pursue the stenography course now because of the free bus ride scheme for women. Sankissa trains at a centre at Noida, 30 minutes away, and a bus ride would otherwise have cost her Rs 15 per ride. Apart from the money saved, she feels safe as most of her co-passengers are women, Sankissa says. Realising the pull of the AAP government's schemes, rivals BJP and Congress too have promised similar benefits this time. To counter the AAP's Mahila Samman Yojana, the BJP has promised Rs 2,500 under the Mahila Samridhi Yojana. If the BJP has the Centre's Ayushman Bharat Yojana for healthcare, the AAP has rolled out Sanjeevani Yojana promising free medical care in government and private hospitals for all citizens above 60. There are other promises, from education to cylinders Dhamdeep Singh knows about the same but, for him, the difference is that the AAP is interested in doing "seva (service)" while the BJP "frames its narrative based on elections". "They have money and muscle power. Besides, Harsh Malhotra (the BJP Kondli candidate and its East Delhi MP) has not come to our area even once." That seems to be working in the favour of Kuldeep Kumar, who started out as a social worker and activist in the area and is known to have grassroots connect. In 2020, then just 25, Kumar had won Kondli by 18,000 votes.

While the Opposition may accuse the AAP and Kejriwal of making empty promises, the family of Kumar's - ranging between the ages of 85 and 16 - are convinced that he will keep his word, particularly on cash handouts to women. Kejriwal, the sense is, is someone who "gets things done".

The AAP has won the Kondli reserved seat the past three times (2013, 2015, 2020). Not much seems to have changed in these 12 years, with the constituency comprising packed houses with shared walls and tiny lanes. Overflowing drains, sewage problems, as well as bad roads remain the main talking points in the seat.

On Thursday, as sitting MLA and AAP nominee Kuldeep Kumar arrives for a corner meeting at A Block in Kondli village, Premvati, 80, occupies the front row. The matriarch of another family of Sachdev, she has come to the meeting alone, and is among the 100-120 women in the audience.

Arriving to the shower of flower petals from first floors of houses and to slogans of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Jai Jai Jai Jai Bheem", Kumar says Kejriwal is "vaade nibhane wala (someone who keeps his promises)".

"He kept his promise to provide electricity and water 24x7. He made free travel for women possible. He will now give Rs 2,100 to women through the Mahila Samman. Is that right?" Kumar asks.

Premvati and others put their hands up to respond with an emphatic "haan". Dhamdeep Singh, 45, Premvati's son who works at the Agra branch of the Uttar Pradesh Excise Department, is the family's sole breadwinner, supporting wife Meena, their two kids, as well as his elder brother Prabuddh's family of four. The pension Premvati gets for her late husband, who worked at Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited or MTNL (a Central government body)

involved in supporting acid-affected women and cancer survivors. The ceremony, held at the ITG Auditorium in Delhi on January 23, was organized by the Government of NCT Delhi on the occasion of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's birthday. Payel is the first woman from Bengal to receive this prestigious recognition.

Allegations of question leak ignite controversy among West Bengal doctors

MI News Service, Kolkata: Fresh allegations of question paper leaks have plunged the medical fraternity in West Bengal into a heated controversy. Doctors associated with RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, including Tapas Pramanik and Nilanjana Ghosh, have been accused of leaking examination questions to benefit postgraduate trainees brought these accusations to the forefront, addressing a formal complaint to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

The allegations emerged through a widely circulated letter on WhatsApp, reportedly directed to the Chief Minister, accusing the two doctors of misconduct during a recent examination. The letter, signed only as "Junior Doctors," alleges that the accused violated exam protocols and were directly involved in the leak. However, questions remain about the authenticity of the letter and whether it was officially submitted to the Chief Minister.

The controversy has sparked intense debate within the West Bengal Junior Doctors' Federation (WBJDF) and its rival

faction, the West Bengal Junior Doctors' Association (WBJADA). Leaders like Shreesh Chakraborty of WBJADA have dismissed the letter's validity, stating, "We did not issue this letter, nor are we aware of who did. However, if there are allegations of irregularities and question leaks, they must be investigated thoroughly to ensure fairness." Dr. Tapas Pramanik has vehemently denied the accusations, calling the letter a baseless attempt to tarnish his reputation. "The letter refers to the Chief Minister as 'Sir,' which is unusual. It's clearly fake. My role at the hospital has no direct connection with exams or the college administration. This is a deliberate effort to defame me," Pramanik asserted. He has reportedly lodged a complaint with the police, demanding a thorough inquiry into the matter.

In response, the WBJADA has urged authorities to investigate the matter impartially, ensuring no student feels disadvantaged. "A transparent inquiry is crucial to uphold fairness. If the allegations are proven, strict actions must follow," stated a WBJADA representative.

State govt accepts central proposal for street vendor survey

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal government has agreed to implement the central government's proposal for conducting a street vendor survey. As a result, the state administration has now initiated the process of gathering socio-economic data on registered street vendors and their families across every municipal area, following central guidelines.

Government sources reveal that this project is essential to secure continued funding from the central government for urban development initiatives. Without complying with this survey, the state could face cuts in central allocations. Therefore, to ensure the uninterrupted flow of financial aid, the state government has given its approval to the survey. The central government is also keen to address socio-economic issues in rural areas, with various welfare programs aimed at financially disadvantaged populations. This survey aligns with those initiatives, focusing on both urban and rural communities. Street vendors, who generally run their businesses with limited capital, play a crucial role in the local economy by providing affordable goods to consumers. Recognizing this, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs at the central level has launched the "PM Street Vendors Atma Nirbhar Nidhi" scheme, offering registered vendors loans.

Road collapse on Shakespeare Sarani poses danger to pedestrians and traffic

MI News Service, Kolkata: Once again, Kolkata's roads have become the scene of a potential disaster, as a road collapse in the Shakespeare Sarani police jurisdiction has created a massive sinkhole in the middle of the street. The size of the hole is gradually increasing, posing a severe hazard to both pedestrians and vehicles passing through the area. The situation has raised serious concerns among locals and traffic authorities, as the road has become a potential death trap.

The collapse, which spans a significant portion of the road, is expanding by the day, making the already dangerous situation worse. Pedestrians have expressed growing anxiety,

with many fearing that a major accident could occur at any moment if caution is not exercised. In response to the immediate threat, the traffic police have temporarily covered the sinkhole with iron sheets, allowing vehicles to pass over it. However, this makeshift solution has raised concerns about the long-term safety of the road.

The residents and commuters are calling for immediate action from the authorities to repair the road and prevent any further accidents. With the city's infrastructure showing signs of wear and tear, the Shakespeare Sarani incident is a stark reminder of the need for swift and efficient road maintenance to ensure public safety.

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Two fatal road accidents in Newtown and Belghoria Leaves multiple injured

MI News Service, Kolkata: Two major road accidents early Friday in Newtown and on the Belghoria Expressway resulted in two fatalities and several injuries, highlighting the dangers of reckless driving and poor visibility during foggy conditions. The first incident occurred on the Belghoria Expressway when a speeding sand-laden truck collided with an app-based cab near a steel factory. The cab was crushed, leaving three passengers critically injured. Police arrested the

truck driver and are investigating mechanical issues, speeding, and potential alcohol influence. In Newtown, a young woman, Maknali Das, tragically lost her life near Shapoorji Bridge. She suffered a fatal head injury when the motorcycle she was riding on lost control. Two others on the bike sustained minor injuries. Fog and speeding are suspected contributors to the crash. Authorities are urging caution, particularly during adverse weather conditions.

Fog grounds flights, passengers stranded at Kolkata Airport

MI News Service, Kolkata: Fog-induced disruptions have severely impacted air travel, leaving passengers stranded and frustrated. On Friday morning, a flight scheduled to depart from Kolkata to Bagdogra was abruptly cancelled just moments before departure, sparking outrage among passengers at the airport.

The chaos began early in the day when the meteorological department's forecast of dense fog came true. Although winter has yet to fully set in, the early morning hours saw streets and runways blanketed in thick fog, reducing visibility to a mere 50 meters at Kolkata airport. This significant drop in visibility led to widespread disruptions in air traffic. Several flights circled mid-air, awaiting clearance, while others were diverted to alternative airports.

One such incident involved a passenger traveling from Delhi to Bagdogra who found themselves unexpectedly deplaned in Kolkata. This unforeseen disruption added to the passengers' frustrations.

The most significant outburst occurred when

Mohun Bagan Super Giant Fan event held in Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: A special meet-and-greet event was organized with Mohun Bagan Super Giant team captain Subhashish Bose, alongside teammates Asish Rai, Ashique Kuruniyan, Deepak Tangri, and Liston Colaco. The event, held at South City Mall in Kolkata, offered fans a unique opportunity to interact with their football heroes and participate in engaging activities to celebrate their passion for the sport. Expressing his

thoughts on the occasion, Vinay Chopra, Director of Mohun Bagan Super Giant, said, "Kolkata is a city with unmatched enthusiasm for sports, especially football. Representing Mohun Bagan here is a privilege. Meeting our fans at this event was a special experience—they are the soul of our team, and their passion motivates us every time we step onto the field. These interactions remind us of the legacy we uphold and the impact we have on our supporters."

passengers of the Bagdogra-bound flight, scheduled for 5:30 AM from Kolkata, were informed of the cancellation shortly before departure. Many had arrived at the airport well in advance, only to face last-minute disappointment. Passengers accused airline authorities of failing to communicate effectively and questioned why the decision to cancel the flight was not made earlier.

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The airport authorities, however, explained that the disruptions were caused by the dense fog that enveloped the area. "Efforts are underway to address the situation as quickly as possible. Advanced CAT III lighting systems are being employed to improve visibility on the runways," an official said. However, they admitted that services could take time to normalize if weather conditions do not improve.

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Jharkhand envisages tapping its eco-tourism potential



MI News Service, Ranchi: Jharkhand chief minister Hemant Soren has directed forest and tourism officials towards an early action plan to develop the state as an eco-tourism hub by studying the best practices of other states and other countries.

The directive was issued in a meeting chaired by the chief minister and attended amongst others by senior bureaucrats led by chief secretary Alka Tiwari, forest and environ-

ment department secretary Abu Bakr Siddiqui and tourism secretary Manoj Kumar in Ranchi. Hemant Soren has stressed the immense possibilities for eco-tourism in the state which has so far been "untapped".

"Eco tourism should be developed in the state in such a way that along with providing employment to the local people, nature can also be preserved. The forest and environment department and the tourism department should work with better coordination to identify those potential places in Jharkhand for the development of eco-tourism," Hemant Soren told the officials during the meeting. The chief minister has directed the officials to focus especially on schemes promoting eco-tourism in the state.

Microsoft to invest \$3 billion in India to expand cloud, AI capacity

MI News Service, New York, New Delhi: Microsoft will invest USD 3 billion (about Rs 25,700 crore) to expand its cloud computing and artificial intelligence capabilities in India, its chief executive officer Satya Nadella said on Tuesday. The tech giant will also train 10 million people in AI skills in India by 2030, Nadella said, addressing a conference attended by startup founders and executives from technology firms here. Nadella is the latest in the list of tech tycoons to have visited India - the nation of 1.4 billion people that is emerging as an AI battlefield. Chip maker Nvidia chief Jensen Huang, AMD's Lia Su and Meta chief AI scientist Yann LeCun had in recent months visited India, home to millions of programmers and technology services providers like Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), Infosys and Wipro. Nadella said the USD 3 billion investment in India would be the "single-largest expansion" done in the country. "The diffusion rate of AI in India is exciting." He, however, did not give a time frame for the spending.

Microsoft provides its cloud computing services under the Azure brand name. It has over 60 Azure regions comprising more than 300 data centres.

"In India, we are excited about all the regions that we have. We have Central India, South India, West India, and South Central India. We also have the capacities that we built up with Jio. We have a lot of regional expansion happening," Nadella said. When Nadella last visited India in February 2024, he announced the company would provide 2 million people in the country with AI skilling opportunities by 2025, focused on training individuals in smaller cities and rural areas. The Microsoft Chairman also met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday in New Delhi. Nadella said the Prime Minister shared his vision on the artificial intelligence mission, India stack, and entrepreneurial aspirations in the country, among others. He had posted a picture of the meeting on X, formerly Twitter, and said, "Excited to build on our commitment to making India AI-first". Prime Minister Modi responded, saying he is "glad to know about Microsoft's ambitious expansion and investment plans in India".

Nadella said that after a few years, there will be discussion around correlation between GDP growth in any country and even at company level for their own growth on efficiency levels derived between energy consumed per token per dollar. "We are building world-class AI infrastructure. This is golden for systems when it comes to innovation," Nadella said. He said that the company is doing a lot of regional expansion in India. "India is rapidly becoming a leader in AI innovation, unlocking new opportunities across the country. The investments in infrastructure and skilling we are announcing today reaffirm our commitment to making India AI-first, and will help ensure people and organisations across the country benefit broadly," Nadella said.

Modi govt mulls cut in corporate tax

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Modi government is considering a proposal to reinstate concessional corporate tax rates for new manufacturing units to revive private investment and counter slowing growth.

Ahead of the 2025-26 Budget, the finance ministry is discussing the possibility of slashing the tax rate to 15-18 per cent for companies establishing greenfield and brownfield projects, according to officials familiar with the matter. The corporate tax rate for domestic companies stands at 22 per cent at present. A lower rate could make India a more attractive destination for global manufacturers, aligning with the "China+1" strategy, where companies diversify their supply chains away from Beijing. The concessional 15 per cent tax regime was introduced in 2019 under Section 115BAB of the Income Tax Act. It aimed to boost manufacturing by offering globally competitive rates to companies incorporated after October 1, 2019, and commencing production by March 31, 2023. However, the scheme saw limited adoption due to disruptions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdowns. In response, the government extended the deadline to March 31, 2024, but chose not to prolong it further after lukewarm industry interest. Now, the proposal is back on the table with a possible adjustment to a slightly higher rate of 18 per cent, plus surcharges, reflecting a more pragmatic approach to balance incentives with fiscal considerations. The proposal comes amid concerns about India's slowing growth trajectory, projected at 6.4 per cent for this fiscal year and below 7 per cent for 2025-26. "Extending the concessional tax rate would provide an opportunity for investors considering India as a potential destination," said Rohinton Sidhwa, partner at Deloitte India.

Union Minister of State for Railways, Shri V. Somanna, reviews the Maha Kumbh arrangements and preparations, marking a historical event for both the nation and the railways



MI News Service, Kolkata: Union Minister of State for Railways and Jal Shakti, Shri V. Somanna, during his two-day visit to Prayagraj, inspected the Mela Camps located at the Sangam area on the occasion of Maha Kumbh 2025. Divisional Railway Manager of Prayagraj, Shri Himanshu Badoni, and other officials were also present during the inspection.

The Union Minister reviewed the Mela Camp set up in the Sangam area to facilitate the pilgrims visiting for Maha Kumbh 2025. During the inspection, the Minister interacted with the passengers and inquired about their well-being. He also took feedback from the staff working at the ticket counters and inquiry centers about the available facilities. The Minister appreciated the staff for their excellent work in providing service and assistance during the Maha Kumbh. During the visit, he also spoke to the passengers waiting in line for tickets at the Mela Camp and

gathered their feedback on the railway services and arrangements. The passengers highly appreciated the railway's arrangements.

In a conversation with the media at the Mela Camp, the Union Minister said that the railway had been preparing for the convenience and service of the pilgrims for the past three years. During Maha Kumbh 2025, the railways will operate over 13,000 trains, including over 3,100 special trains and 10,000 regular trains. He emphasized that Maha Kumbh is a historic event for both the country and the railways. Railway officials and staff are working day and night with full capacity and dedication. He also mentioned that the successful organization of Maha Kumbh 2025 was made possible under the capable leadership of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He commended the efforts of the Uttar Pradesh government in this regard. Shri Somanna, conducted an inspection of Prayagraj Junction station

yesterday. During his visit, he reviewed the medical observation room, medical booth, passenger shelters, and the Mela tower. He also reviewed the preparations for the Maha Kumbh's largest holy bath festival, scheduled for Mau Amavasya. Prayagraj Division has planned to operate over 150 Mela Special Trains on this day, setting a new record for Indian Railways.

The Maha Kumbh-2025 began in Prayagraj on January 13 with the holy bath on Paush Purnima. On Makar Sankranti, the first Amrit Snan (holy bath) of the Maha Kumbh witnessed participation from over 3.5 crore pilgrims at the holy Sangam, exceeding expectations. So far, more than 9 crore devotees have participated in the sacred baths of the Maha Kumbh. The grand and divine Maha Kumbh-2025 has been breaking all records for pilgrim participation. On the first Amrit Snan of Makar Sankranti, over 3.5 crore devotees bathed at the Sangam, supported by the operation of 101 Mela Special Trains by the Prayagraj Division, which was a record in itself. Following the same pattern, the Railways is making comprehensive preparations for the largest Amrit Snan of Mauni Amavasya. The Mela Authority estimates that over 10 crore pilgrims will take the holy dip at the Sangam on this day, with 10-20% of them expected to arrive by train.

B. R. Singh Hospital conducts "100 Day intensified campaign on TB Elimination"



MI News Service, Kolkata: In line with the "100 Day Intensified Campaign on TB Elimination" launched on 7th December 2024, an awareness program cum Nikshay Shibir was held on 23rd January at the OPD block of B.R. Singh Hospital. The initiative was organized in collaboration with the State TB Cell to raise awareness about tuberculosis and promote early diagnosis through sputum tests.

The event was graced by Dr. Subhashis Das, Medical Director of BR Singh Hospital, along with Dr. Subhankar Home, Chief Specialist-I/B.R.Singh Hospital. Short interactive lectures were conducted by a panel of specialists, including Dr. Angira Dasgupta (Pulmonologist), Dr. Chaitali Patra (Paediatrician), Dr. Subhra Dutta (Gynaecologist), and Dr. Joyeeta Banerjee (Pathologist). The discussions covered key topics such as the infectious

nature of tuberculosis, its modes of transmission, clinical features, affected organs, treatment protocols, and challenges like multidrug-resistant tuberculosis. Dr. Mandira Banerjee, In-Charge of the Health & Family Welfare Department, coordinated the program seamlessly. A highlight of the event was the participation of former tuberculosis patients, who shared their recovery stories to inspire and motivate others. To encourage active involvement, prizes were distributed to volunteers who participated in the interactive sessions. This program reaffirms Eastern Railway's commitment to a TB-free India and highlights the importance of collaborative efforts in combating this public health challenge. The event concluded on a high note, with enthusiastic participation and a renewed pledge to work towards the elimination of tuberculosis.

Regulation of trains due to developmental works

MI News Service, Kolkata: In connection with developmental works in South Eastern Railway, the following trains will be regulated as under:

Cancellation of Trains: 1) 58023/58024 Tatanagar-Barkakana-Tatanagar Passenger will remain cancelled on 29.01.2025. 2) 68023/68024 Jhargram-Purulia-Jhargram MEMU Passenger will remain cancelled on 27.01.2025, 29.01.2025 & 30.01.2025. 3) 68055/68056 Asansol-Tatanagar-Asansol MEMU Passenger will remain cancelled on 29.01.2025.

Short-termination/Short origination of Trains: 1) 68055/68056 Asansol-Tatanagar-Asansol MEMU Passenger, journey commencing on 27.01.2025 and 30.01.2025, will be short terminated at/short originated from Purulia. 2) 13301/13302 Dhanbad-Tatanagar-Dhanbad Express, journey commencing on 27.01.2025, 29.01.2025 & 30.01.2025, will be short terminated at/short originated from Adra.

Diversion of Train: 1) 22892 Ranchi-Howrah Express, journey commencing on 30.01.2025, will run on diverted route via Kotsikha-Rajabera-Jamuniatand-Adra-Midnapore-Kharagpur.

Name Change
I, Elizabeth Cynthia Stephen Maiti (Old Name) W/o Tathagata Maiti Residing at 27 D, Baburam Ghosh Road, Vtc+Po - Regent Park, Kolkata - 700040 India shall henceforth be known as Elizabeth Maiti (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 24-01-2025. Elizabeth Cynthia Stephen Maiti (Old Name) and Elizabeth Maiti (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Haripada Talukder S/o Indrabhusan Talukder Residing at Vill - Chikan Para Paschim, Po - Thakurnagar, P.S - Gaighata, District - 24 Pgs(N), Pin- 743287 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Haripada Talukder. I declare that Haripada Talukder and Haripada Talukder is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 24-01-2025.

Name Change
I, Suchandra Talukder W/o Dilip Talukder Residing at Vill - Chikan Para Paschim, Po - Thakurnagar, P.S - Gaighata, District - 24 Pgs(N), Pin- 743287 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Suchandra Talukder. I declare that Suchandra Talukder and Suchandra Talukder is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 24-01-2025.

Name Change
I, Aparna Das W/o Pinaki Das Residing at 17/7, U K Dutta Road, Dum Dum Cantonment, Po+Ps - Dum Dum, District - 24 Pgs(N), Pin- 700028 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Aparna Mondal Das. I declare that Aparna Mondal Das and Aparna Mondal is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 24-01-2025.

Name Change
I, RAKIB HASSAN MOLLA (Old Name) S/O MD ABDULLAH MOLLA Residing at Jalkhura (South), Halder Para, P.O.&P.S. - Maheshtala, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 700141, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MD RAKIB HASSAN MOLLA (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public of India vide affidavit Dated 24-01-2025. RAKIB HASSAN MOLLA (Old Name) and MD RAKIB HASSAN MOLLA (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, SREEBASH DAS (Old Name) S/O GOPAL DAS Residing at Patatubka Natagram, P.S.-Gaighata, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743249, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SHRIBAS DAS (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public of India vide affidavit Dated 24-01-2025. SREEBASH DAS (Old Name) and SHRIBAS DAS (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sanjoy Das (old name) S/o. Basudeb Das B/o. Bandipur, Haripal, Hooghly-712424, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sanjoy Das (new name) vide an affidavit on 03/01/2025. Sanjoy Das & Sanjoy Das S/o. Basudeb Das both are the same & one identical person. Tina Das is my daughter.

Name Change
I, Mita Kansabanik Chakraborty W/o. Badal Kansabanik (After Marriage) B/o. S/1, Sakhi Para Lane - Santragachi, Howrah-711204, WB, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mita Chakraborty D/o. Rabin Chakraborty (After divorce) vide an affidavit no. 11 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Howrah Court on 11/12/24. Mita Kansabanik Chakraborty W/o. Badal Kansabanik & Mita Chakraborty D/o. Rabin Chakraborty both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, MANOJ KUMAR SINGH S/O Late Uma Sankar Singh resident of 62/1, Hidarman Banerjee Lane, Bowbazar, Kolkata-700012 WEST BENGAL, India do hereby solemnly affirm & declaring my actual name MANOJ KUMAR SINGH instead of MANOJ SINGH which is wrongly recorded in my daughter Sakshi Singh's Birth Certificate (No. 159127), vide an affidavit sworn before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate(1st Class) at Kolkata on 15/01/2025. MANOJ KUMAR SINGH and MANOJ SINGH both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Manas Kumar Barik S/O Bangabijoy Barik R/A 32/A/1, Subhas Pally, Regent Estate, P.S - Netajinagar, Kolkata - 700092 (WB) have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Manas Barik as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate Court, 1st Class at Alipore (WB) vide Affidavit no. 6783 dated 24.01.2025. Manas Kumar Barik and Manas Barik both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Anup Kumar Mahapatra S/o Lt. Achintya Mahapatra & Villaganga P.O. - Garbari, P.S. - Bhubaneswar, Dist - Purba Medinipur, PIN - 721626 (WB) by faith - Hindu, by occupation - Cultivation have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Anup Mahapatra as declared before the Notary Public at Contai Court, Dist - Purba Medinipur (WB) vide Affidavit No. - 19354 dated - 23.09.2013. Anup Kumar Mahapatra and Anup Mahapatra both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ayesha Javed wife of Javed Ali, residing at 11, Hem Ghosh Lane, Shibpur, Howrah-711102, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that before marriage my name was Gouri Das daughter of Anil Das after marriage with Javed Ali my name is Ayesha Javed and Ayesha Javed and Gouri Das is one and same identical person via affidavit before the Notary Public at Howrah No.8340 dated 20th August 2022.

Name Change
I, Nur Nabi Molla (Old Name) S/O Late Chand Ali Molla (Old Name) Residing at Vill - Naoda, Po - Madiahat, P.S - Gopalnagar, District- 24 Pgs(N), Pin- 743262 West Bengal shall henceforth be known as Nurabi Molla (New Name) S/O Late Chand Ali Molla (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Addl Chief Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Bongaon, North 24 Parganas, vide affidavit no 862 Dated 22-01-2025. Nur Nabi Molla (Old Name) S/O Late Chand Ali Molla (Old Name) and Nurabi Molla (New Name) S/O Late Chand Ali Molla (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Moumita Chandra @ Moumita Guha (Chandra) D/O- Lakshmi Narayan Chandra resident of Kalita Memari, P.O. - Memari, P.S. - Memari, Dist- Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal, Pin-713146, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as 'MOUMITA GUHA' vide an affidavit before the Notary public at Purba Bardhaman on 24/01/2025. That Moumita Chandra, Moumita Guha (Chandra) and Moumita Guha all are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Pradip Kumar Samanta S/O Gopewar Samanta resident of Kujlora Uttarpara, P.O. - Karanda, P.S. - Manteswar, Dist- Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal, PIN- 713422, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as 'PRADIP SAMANTA' vide an affidavit before the Notary public at Purba Bardhaman on 24/01/2025. That Pradip Kumar Samanta and Pradip Samanta both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Nasima Bibi (Old Name) D/o Sk Najamul Hossain Residing at Bathanberia, Vtc - Bathan Berya, Po - Kolaghat, District - Purba Medinipur, Pin - 721134 India shall henceforth be known as Nasima Begam (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 81/2025 Dated 24-01-2025. Nasima Bibi (Old Name) and Nasima Begam (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Attap Ali Mondal (Old Name) S/o Achhir Uddin Mondal Residing at Bhulot, Bhulat, Asharu, District - 24 Pgs (N), Pin - 743251 India shall henceforth be known as Attap Mondal (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 24-01-2025. Attap Ali Mondal (Old Name) and Attap Mondal (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, K M Shama Perveen (Old Name) W/o Mohammad Salman Residing at 3rd Floor, Flat no - 301, Block - B, 263/1, G.T Road(South), Vtc - Haora(M.Corp), Po - Shibpur, District - Howrah, Pin - 711102 India shall henceforth be known as Shama Parveen (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 80/2025 Dated 24-01-2025. K M Shama Perveen (Old Name) and Shama Parveen (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Priyanka Bhowmick W/o Soumojit Bhowmick Residing at 60/67, B.T Road, Kolkata - 700002 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Priyanka Singh. I declare that Priyanka Bhowmick and Priyanka Singh is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary public, Kolkata on 24-01-2025

Biggest ever contingent of India i.e. the Bharat in the WEF at Davos

MI News Service, New Delhi: Ashwini Vaishnav on India at Davos At WEF Davos 2025, India presented Prime Minister Modi's economic thought. The team highlighted India's extraordinary growth story, demonstrating why it is a trusted global partner and innovation hub.

simplification and digitalization. In AI, India aims to become a major developer of solutions for the world, creating scalable applications and services. Skilling efforts are central, with AI training for 1 million people, 5G labs in 100 universities, and advanced EDA tools deployed in 240 institutions to prepare students for the semiconductor industry.



tion and all the issues the world is facing, India has emerged as a very trusted country that respects IP rights, a country where democracy is vibrant. We have demonstrated to the world that under all circumstances, this is the country that believes in peace, growth for everybody, and inclusive development.

trust, and peace. The free trade agreement that we have signed is in a sense progression of those sentiments and values. We believe that in many we can have a win-win relationship. We see very good scope in multiple sectors whether it is technology, startup, food processing, tourism, skill development, or education.

relationship with the USA has evolved over the last 10 years in a very mature way. We are co-developing many technologies. We are co-creating many products. We have taken up many joint research programs and we are part of the QUAD where we have common interests in the security of the world.

important for investors." On European investment in India: "Regarding the number of investment proposals that we have, we will be collating all the proposals which have come so far, but the numbers are very big. I can say with confidence that the world is looking at India as a 3 destination for the co-creation of technology, developing new applications, for domestic demand. The world is looking at India as a hub for global production.

believe in a win-win for the EU and India in every sector we collaborate." On a question related to the representation of India as 'One' in the next Davos: "We have very senior leaders here in this meeting and people who have had so much experience. They have seen the world from so many different perspectives. When all of us are together from different political parties, from different regions, different languages, the diversity that we represent here we also represent the unity within this entire diverse group.

vestments. These MoUs, with a 98% FDI component, span key sectors like infrastructure, green energy, IT, defense, textiles, and biotechnology, reflecting a strong commitment to sustainable and innovative growth. Fadnavis highlighted plans for an Innovation City in Navi Mumbai to foster technological advancements, particularly in Artificial Intelligence (AI), aligning with the WEF's theme. He assured a high materialization rate for the MoUs while emphasizing the government's dedication to making Maharashtra a leader in AI and green initiatives, ensuring economic development that benefits people across the state.

General Manager/Eastern Railway, reviews progress of ongoing work on bridges between Dum Dum Junction and Dankuni

MI News Service, Kolkata: Milind Deouskar, General Manager/Eastern Railway, today (24.01.2025), conducted a comprehensive review the progress of ongoing work on bridges between Dum Dum Junction and Dankuni. The review focused on the ongoing re-girdering of bridges in this section, a critical infrastructure upgrade aimed at enhancing train safety and operational efficiency.



viewed the re-girdering work on Bridge Nos. 11/CCR, 10/CCR, and 19/CCR in this section. Accompanied by the Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah, Chief Administrative Officer (Con), Chief Engineer and the Principal Chief Signal and Telecommunication Engineer (CPSTE), Shri Deouskar closely monitored the progress of the work. He expressed satisfaction with the pace of the work and commended the team for their dedication to completing the task within the stipulated timeframe.

the re-girdering and progress works, Shri Deouskar also reviewed the railway tracks, signalling systems, and other engineering works over Vivekananda Setu. Furthermore, he visited Baranagar Station to assess the ongoing track maintenance work, which forms part of a broader effort to upgrade the station and enhance train safety and operational smoothness across the region.

Shri Deouskar emphasized the importance of completing these essential works within the stipulated time and expressed confidence in the team's ability to meet the deadlines. He highlighted the need to maintain stringent safety protocols throughout the execution of the work, ensuring minimal impact on train services during the 100-hour block, which commenced at 00:00 hrs on 23.01.2025 and will conclude at 04:00 hrs on 27.01.2025.

Cal HC to hear CBI's plea for death penalty in R.G. Kar case

MI News Service, Kolkata: division bench of the Calcutta High Court will hear the plea filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) seeking the death penalty for Sanjay Roy, the sole convict in the R.G. Kar rape and murder case, on January 27. The CBI had earlier this week challenged a special court's January 20 ruling, which sentenced Roy to 'life imprisonment.' The agency approached the division bench of Justice Debangshu Basak and Justice Shabbir Rashid, requesting the death penalty for Roy.

In compliance with the circular no. DNBS (PD)/CC.No.11/02.01/99-2000 issued by the Reserve Bank of India on 15.11.1999 as amended from time to time, notice is hereby given that the directorship of M/s Vaikunth Motor Finance Private Limited (CIN: U69299WB1996PTC151085) of 18 Rabindra Sarani, Poddar Court, Gate No. 2, 3rd Floor, Room No. 309, Kolkata-700001 has changed as Mr. Vinod Gupta (DIN: 10898248), Son of Mr. Mahesh Chandra Gupta of 113, Naskar Para Road, Haora Corporation, Ghusrui, Howrah-711107, by occupation Businessman has been appointed as Director of the Company w.e.f.7th January, 2025 and Mr. Krishna Banik (DIN: 10310098), Son of Mr. Kalachand Banik of 153/F, K road, Belgachia, Haora (M.Corp), Howrah, West Bengal-711108 has resigned from the Directorship of the company w.e.f.8th January, 2025.

In compliance with the circular no. DNBS (PD)/CC.No.11/02.01/99-2000 issued by the Reserve Bank of India on 15.11.1999 as amended from time to time, notice is hereby given that the directorship of M/s Jaiprakash Overseas Finance Limited (CIN: U74899WB1996PLC171590) of Poddar Court, Gate No. 1, 18, Rabindra Sarani, 8th Floor, Unit Number-830B, Kolkata-700001, West Bengal has changed as Mr. Vijay Kumar Jhunjhunwala (DIN: 07156783), Son of Mr. Ramawatar Jhunjhunwala of 208/7 Panchananata Road, Howrah, West Bengal-711101, by occupation Businessman, has been appointed as the Director in the company w.e.f.9th October, 2024.

In compliance with the circular no. DNBS (PD)/CC.No.11/02.01/99-2000 issued by the Reserve Bank of India on 15.11.1999 as amended from time to time, notice is hereby given that the directorship of M/s Jaiprakash Overseas Finance Limited (CIN: U74899WB1996PLC171590) of Poddar Court, Gate No. 1, 18, Rabindra Sarani, 8th Floor, Unit Number-830B, Kolkata-700001, West Bengal has changed as Mr. Hemant Jhunjhunwala (DIN: 10899673), Son of Mr. Vijay Kumar Jhunjhunwala of 208/7, Panchananata Road, Howrah, West Bengal-711101, by occupation Businessman, has been appointed as a Director in the company w.e.f. 8th January, 2025 and Mr. Ramprasad Goswami (DIN: 09201354), Son of Mr. Hirial Goswami of 38/52, Fakir Bagar Lane, Haora (M. Corp), Howrah, 711101 has resigned from the directorship of the company w.e.f. 13th January, 2025.

First time joint press meet of States and Union in WEF

MI News Service, New Delhi: On Team India and Indian pavilion: "This is a special occasion for all of us. Our Prime Minister guided us to have an integrated pavilion. Therefore, this time the entire India team is present here as one team. The India pavilion is fully integrated with all the states' pavilions.

We are in Davos at a very important juncture in our global geopolitical and geo economic scenario. Despite all the disruption and all the issues the world is facing, India has emerged as a very trusted country which respects IP rights, a country where democracy is vibrant. We have clearly demonstrated to the world that under all circumstances, this is the country which believes in peace, growth for everybody and inclusive development."

On question related to Free Trade agreement with Switzerland: "Switzerland and India have been very important strategic partners for many decades. We have a relationship of trust. We share so many common values, the values of democracy, mutual trust, and peace. The free trade agreement that we have signed is in a sense progression of those sentiments and values. We believe that in many we can have a win-win relationship. We see very good scope in multiple sectors whether it is technology, startup, food processing, tourism, skill development, or education.

On question related to sectors where investors are most interested in investing in India: "Investors are interested in multiple sectors e.g. in technology - semiconductors, AI, Electronics manufacturing, research, design, GCCs. We can club all these under technology umbrella. Apart from that, many other sectors like skilling, aviation, food processing, tourism, ocean (fishing), energy are also very important for investors."

The CBI has already contested the state government's petition, questioning the grounds for such an appeal. According to the central agency's counsel, only the CBI, as the investigating body, or the victim's parents can file such a plea in a higher court, not the state government, which is not a party in the case.

In compliance with the circular no. DNBS (PD)/CC.No.11/02.01/99-2000 issued by the Reserve Bank of India on 15.11.1999 as amended from time to time, notice is hereby given that the directorship of M/s Incents Consultants Private Limited (CIN: U45209WB1994PTC066375) of 29, Strand Road, 2nd Floor, Room No. 8, Kolkata, West Bengal-700001 has changed as Mr. Anil Kumar Dwivedia (DIN: 10899382), Son of Late Ramrindran Dwivedia of EA - 105, Deshabandhu Nagar Road, Baguiati, Rajarhat Gopalpur(M), North 24 Parganas-700059 by occupation businessman, has been appointed as the director in the company, Mr. Anand Dwivedia (DIN:10721680), Son of Mr. Anil Kumar Dwivedia of EA - 105, Deshabandhu Nagar Road, Rajarhat Gopalpur(M), Desh Bandhu Nagar, GGP/2024-25, Dated: 23-01-2025, by occupation businessman has been re-regualised as a Director in the company and Mr. Sanjit Mondal (DIN: 09010680) Son of Mr. Dhananjay Mondal of Pampa, Pampa, South 24 Parganas, Jaynagar -1, West Bengal-743372 by occupation businessman has resigned from the post of directorship of the Company w.e.f 8th January, 2025.

In compliance with the circular no. DNBS (PD)/CC.No.11/02.01/99-2000 issued by the Reserve Bank of India on 15.11.1999 as amended from time to time, notice is hereby given that the directorship of M/s Incents Consultants Private Limited (CIN: U45209WB1994PTC066375) of 29, Strand Road, 2nd Floor, Room No. 8, Kolkata, West Bengal-700001 has changed as Mr. Anil Kumar Dwivedia (DIN: 10899382), Son of Late Ramrindran Dwivedia of EA - 105, Deshabandhu Nagar Road, Baguiati, Rajarhat Gopalpur(M), North 24 Parganas-700059 by occupation businessman, has been appointed as the director in the company, Mr. Anand Dwivedia (DIN:10721680), Son of Mr. Anil Kumar Dwivedia of EA - 105, Deshabandhu Nagar Road, Rajarhat Gopalpur(M), Desh Bandhu Nagar, GGP/2024-25, Dated: 23-01-2025, by occupation businessman has been re-regualised as a Director in the company and Mr. Sanjit Mondal (DIN: 09010680) Son of Mr. Dhananjay Mondal of Pampa, Pampa, South 24 Parganas, Jaynagar -1, West Bengal-743372 by occupation businessman has resigned from the post of directorship of the Company w.e.f 8th January, 2025.

In compliance with the circular no. DNBS (PD)/CC.No.11/02.01/99-2000 issued by the Reserve Bank of India on 15.11.1999 as amended from time to time, notice is hereby given that the directorship of M/s Jaiprakash Overseas Finance Limited (CIN: U74899WB1996PLC171590) of Poddar Court, Gate No. 1, 18, Rabindra Sarani, 8th Floor, Unit Number-830B, Kolkata-700001, West Bengal has changed as Mr. Hemant Jhunjhunwala (DIN: 10899673), Son of Mr. Vijay Kumar Jhunjhunwala of 208/7, Panchananata Road, Howrah, West Bengal-711101, by occupation Businessman, has been appointed as a Director in the company w.e.f. 8th January, 2025 and Mr. Ramprasad Goswami (DIN: 09201354), Son of Mr. Hirial Goswami of 38/52, Fakir Bagar Lane, Haora (M. Corp), Howrah, 711101 has resigned from the directorship of the company w.e.f. 13th January, 2025.

EASTERN RAILWAY Tender Notice No. 222-S/WH-I Date: 23.01.2025. Following e-Tenders are invited online by Sr. Divisional Engineer, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd Floor, DRM Building, Kaizer Street, Sealdah, Kolkata-700014 for the following work: Sl. No. : 1; Tender No.: TN-237-24-25; Name of the Work: TBR with all ancillary work in the jurisdiction of Sr. Divisional Engineer/Sealdah. Tender Value: ₹ 1,94,50,887.38; EMD: ₹ 2,47,300.00; Sl. No. : 2; Tender No.: TN-238-24-25; Name of the Work: Different track maintenance work along with all ancillary work in Senior Section Engineer (P. Way) /Chitpur under the jurisdiction of Assistant Engineer /Ballygunge (for 01 year); Tender Value: ₹ 1,00,10,337.17; EMD: ₹ 2,00,100.00; Sl. No. : 3; Tender No.: TN-243-24-25; Name of the Work: Proposed strengthening work at Bridge No.15 in between Sealdah - Dum Dum Junction and Bridge No.19CCR and Bridge No.2 CCR in between Dum Dum - Ballygunge by providing R.C.C. jacketing including all other ancillary works under Senior Division Engineer/Sealdah; Tender Value: ₹ 3,32,89,137.93; EMD: ₹ 3,16,500.00; Completion Period for the Work: 12 (Twelve) Months for Sl. No. 1, 2 & 3 each. Date and Time of Closing of Tender: 17.02.2025 at 15:00 hrs.; 1. Tender Documents and other details are at www.ireps.gov.in The bidding for the tender is to be submitted through the e-tendering on above website. Manual offers will be summarily rejected. 2. Date and Time of Opening Tender is 17.02.2025 at 15:30 hrs. SDAH-335/2024-25 Tender Notice is also available at websites: www.indianrailways.gov.in /www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at: @EasternRailway @easternrailwayheadquarter

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER e-Tenders are invited by Divisional Railway Manager (Mechanical)/Adra, S.E.Railway, Adra for and on behalf of President of India for the following work: Sl. No. & e-Tender No.: Name of work: Departmental value: (1) M-716-Riveting-BKSC, dated 23.01.2025; "Painting, Stenciling, Number Punching, Riveting/Huck Bolting work and the work of Fork lifter in ROH Repair Wagons at ROH Depot & Stock line/Bokaro Steel City for 02 years"; ₹ 44,25,107.50 only including GST @18%. (2) M-716-LOXY-WRD-01-25, dated 23.01.2025; "Facilitation of storage facility (Capacity-13KL) of liquid Oxygen with necessary pipeline system on rent basis at WRD/Adra for 05 years"; ₹ 38,40,900 only including GST @18%. The closing date and time of e-tenders are on 14.02.2025 at 11:00 hrs. for sl. no. 1 and 14.02.2025 at 15:00 hrs. for sl. no. 2 and opening of tender will be done on 14.02.2025 after 11:00 hrs. for sl. no. 1 & 14.02.2025 after 15:00 hrs. for sl. no. 2. Details of e-tender may please be seen at website www.ireps.gov.in (PR-1058)

Mandra Gram Panchayat VIII.+P.O.- Mandra, P.S.- Dhanialkhal, Dist.- Hooghly, 712302 Notice Inviting e-Tender e-Tenders are invited from the experienced and resourceful bidders for execution of various development work vide NIT No.: WB/HG/DNK/MGP/ NIT-17/2024-25, Memo No. 36/MANDRA/2025, Date- 24/01/2025. Bid Submission Start Date (Online): 24.01.2025 at 06:30 PM. Bid Submission Close Date (Online): 07.02.2025 up to 01:00 PM. Tender Opening Date (Online): 10.02.2025 at 10:30 AM. For more details visit www.wbtenders.gov.in & undersigned GP Office. Sd/- Pradhan Mandra Gram Panchayat

GARAIMARI GRAM PANCHAYAT VIII.+P.O.- GARAIMARI, P.S.- Domkal, Dist.-Murshidabad. (W.B.) UNDER DOMKAL BLOCK NIT No: 17/2024-25 Publishing & Bid Submission Start Date: 24/01/2025 from 9.00 AM. Bid Submission Closing Date: 31/01/2025 upto 5.00 PM. Bid Opening Date: 3/2/2025 after 12.00 PM. Details See In: www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- PRODhan GARAIMARI GRAM PANCHAYAT

TENDER NOTICE E Tender is invited through online Bid System vide NIT No: - 07/GGP/ 15 Th. CFC (UN TIED)/ 2024-25 & 08/ GGP/ 15Th. CFC (TIED)/2024-25. With Vide Memo No. 034/GGP/2024-25 & 035/GGP/2024-25, Dated: 23-01-2025, The Last date for online submission of tender is 30/01/2025 & 06/02/2025 upto 03.00 P.M. For details, please visit website: - http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/-, Prodhhan Ghosh para Gram Panchayat

TENDER NOTICE Tender is invited through offline Bid System with The vide NIT No: -17/ HPGP/ 2024-25 With Vide Memo No 29/(16)/ 15TH CFC (Tied)/ HPGP/ 2024-25 Dated: - 24/01/2025. *The Last date for submission of Bils 04/02/2025 upto 02.00 P.M. For details please visit The website: http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/-, Prodhhan Hariharpara Gram Panchayat

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11 বিজ্ঞপ্তি ১১ আমসোক্তার নামা শ্রী রমুনাথ বাপ পিতা অনন্ত বাপ সেক্টরটি বৃত্তিময় স্থল সংস্থা সলিম কৃষ্ণাঙ্ক, বরনগরী, সিঙ্গুর, হাঙ্গলী-৭১১৪০১ মাহেশ 'বৃত্তিময় স্থল সংস্থা' এর পক্ষে বিতং ইং 19/06/2023 তারিখে এ.ডি.এস. আর, সিঙ্গুর, হাঙ্গলী, অফিসে জিজ্ঞাসিত I-3033/2023 নং সাক্ষরিতকৃত আমসোক্তার দলিল মূলে আমাকে (বিশিয়ার রহমান মল্লিক পিতা মুক্ত আশি রহমান মল্লিক সাক্ষি রাজারহাবারি, বাবাবা, সিঙ্গুর, হাঙ্গলী-৭১১৪০১) ক্ষমতাস্বত্ব আমসোক্তার নিম্নলিখিত স্থলে ও উক্ত আমসোক্তার নামে নিম্নোক্ত উপশীল বর্ণিত সম্পত্তি বিতং ইং 07/02/2024 তারিখে এ.ডি.এস.আর, সিঙ্গুর, হাঙ্গলী, অফিসে জিজ্ঞাসিত I-0565/2024 নং বিক্রয় কোর্সাল দলিল মূলে ১) শ্রীমতী সানী চক্রবর্তী স্বামী ২) শ্রীমতী সানী চক্রবর্তী স্বামী ৩) শ্রীমতী সানী চক্রবর্তী স্বামী ৪) শ্রীমতী সানী চক্রবর্তী স্বামী ৫) শ্রীমতী সানী চক্রবর্তী স্বামী ৬) শ্রীমতী সানী চক্রবর্তী স্বামী ৭) শ্রীমতী সানী চক্রবর্তী স্বামী ৮) শ্রীমতী সানী চক্রবর্তী স্বামী ৯) শ্রীমতী সানী চক্রবর্তী স্বামী ১০) শ্রীমতী সানী চক্রবর্তী স্বামী ১১) শ্রীমতী সানী চক্রবর্তী স্বামী ১২) শ্রীমতী সানী 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LIC Mutual Fund launches Multi Asset Allocation Fund

Goa : LIC Mutual Fund, one of the reputed fund houses in India, is launching LIC MF Multi Asset Allocation Fund, an open-ended scheme investing in equity, debt and gold.

Commenting on the NFO, Mr. R.K. Jha, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of LIC Mutual Fund Asset Management Ltd., said: "The Multi-Asset Allocation Funds are increasingly getting popular nowadays as it reduces the concentration risks and ensures better diversification of assets. Hybrid mutual funds saw a 27% surge in assets under management in 2024, increasing from ₹76.90 lakh crore in January 2024 to ₹87.77 lakh crore in December 2024 according to data published by Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI). Notably, Multi-Asset Allocation Funds saw significant growth in the AUM under Hybrid category. Currently this reflects a clear investor inclination towards hybrid funds and our new fund is ideally suited to cater to their interests." Mr. Nikhil Rungta,



Co - Chief Investment Officer -Equity, LIC Mutual Fund Asset Management Ltd., said: "A Multi-Asset Allocation Fund is a solution that combines the power of equities for growth with income generation from debt and the resilience of commodities. It provides a balanced pathway to maximize opportunities during volatile times. Investors who wish to invest in all the 3 asset classes at once and need a product having relatively lower

volatility than pure equity schemes may invest in this product. Clearly, the market's long-term outlook is bullish, and the new fund is offering an opportunity for all the investors to ride on this wave."

The New Fund Offer (NFO) will open on 24th January 2025 and close on 07th February 2025. The investment objective of the scheme is to generate long-term capital appreciation by investing in a diversified portfolio of equity and equity related instruments, debt and money market instruments and units of gold Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs).

The benchmark of the scheme is a combination of 65% Nifty 500 TRI + 25% Nifty Composite Debt Index + 10% price of domestic gold. Mr. Nikhil Rungta, Mr. Sumit Bhatnagar and Mr. Pratik Shroff will be the Fund managers of the Scheme. The scheme will reopen for continuous sale and repurchase on 18th February 2025.

"Jolene by the Sea: A culinary journey of passion, purpose, and belonging"

New Delhi : The air in Goa carries a whisper, a promise of something sacred yet untamed, as if the sea and sky conspired to write a love letter to the earth. In that breeze, amidst the golden sands and the rhythmic lull of waves, lies Jolene—a sanctuary perched high above Anjuna, embodying a spirit so alive it feels like she's breathing. Jolene is not just a place; she's a pulse, a presence, a muse. Today, her doors open, and with them, a story unravels—a story of time, taste, and transformation, stitched together by the hands of a chef who once hid in the pleats of his mother's saree and now stands under the spotlight of a culinary stage he never imagined.

I didn't know what I was looking for as a boy in Delhi, but I knew I hadn't found it. There were no mirrors that reflected me, no icons who whispered truths about who I was or what I could become. I felt like an aberration, a stain, a shadow flitting between shame and fear. There was no name for the way I felt, no vocabulary to explain why I didn't quite fit the world's mold. But in the kitchen, I found solace. My mother's saree, the fragrant swirl of turmeric and cumin, and the quiet, precise movements of Panditji, our Brahmin chef, created a cocoon where I could hide and, paradoxically, begin to emerge. It was in that small kitchen, with its symphony of spices and the soft hum of devotion, that I began to taste a life beyond the confines of self-loathing. Panditji was a master, each dish a hymn to tradition, a meditation on flavors rooted in the soil and soul of India. My mother, on the other hand, was a rebel. She baked in a city where ovens were rarities, conjuring trifles, cookies, and cakes that seemed almost magical in their creation. She brought airiness to the density of our days, lightness to the gravity I carried. Between her whimsy and Panditji's rigor, I discovered not just a love for food but an understanding of its power—a force that could heal, transform, and connect. Years later, I left Delhi, carrying with me the aromas and memories of home, like an invisible talisman.

Bombay was a blur of longing and learning, a city that taught me how to improvise, adapt, and recreate the dishes of my childhood in borrowed kitchens and on borrowed time. But it was New York that shaped me, that tested me, that turned me from a boy who cooked to a man who dared to claim the title of chef. I arrived in Manhattan wide-eyed and determined, studying graphic design by day and cooking by night. First for myself, then for friends, and soon for strangers who became believers in the alchemy I could conjure with a skillet and some spices. The word spread—a young Indian boy, barely more than a whisper of a man, cooking meals that people said tasted like stories, like history, like home.

Cooking led to catering, cater-



ing to recognition, and recognition to the opening of Devi, a restaurant that dared to dream big in a city that demanded nothing less. Devi was where I learned what it meant to be fearless. It was where we introduced the world to a degustation-style menu that treated Indian food not just as sustenance but as art, as poetry on a plate. The Michelin star we earned wasn't just a star; it was a comet, blazing through the culinary cosmos, announcing that Indian cuisine had arrived on the global stage. Yet even in those triumphant moments, I felt tethered to something deeper, something quieter—the memory of that small Delhi kitchen where food was more than a career; it was a calling.

When Jolene called me to Goa, it felt like a return to that calling, a homecoming of sorts. Jolene is a woman of many moods, and her spirit resonates with mine. She is bold yet gentle, adventurous yet grounded. She is the taste of salt on the skin and the sound of laughter carried by the wind. Her essence is woven into the very fabric of this restaurant that stands like a beacon above the sea. Every inch of Jolene reflects a story—a design crafted with care, a menu that whispers of travels and traditions, a bar that pours poetry into every glass. She is a place where simplicity and sophistication dance, where every detail feels intentional yet effortless.

I am deeply grateful to Amrita Arora Ladak, Shakeel Ladak, Gaurav Batra, and Ankit Tayal for believing in me and supporting me. They are my dream makers. People with immense visionary minds and gentle daring souls. Being at Jolene with them is a blessing. Together, we've brought Jolene to life as a reflection of passion and purpose, a sanctuary that feels both eternal and new.

The food at Jolene tells tales of Goa's abundant soul and the world's boundless flavors. Each dish is an offering, a bridge between the familiar and the extraordinary. We've drawn inspiration from the markets of Kochi, the beaches of Morjim, the streets of Beirut, and the bustling corners of Madrid. Dishes like Kochi Lobster Cornettos and Tunisian Aubergine Caviar aren't just meals; they are memories waiting to be made, journeys waiting to be savored. Even the cocktails at Jolene are imbued with personality, like the Peaches and Cream,

which feels like liquid velvet, or the Ya Ya Ya Coco Jumbo, a playful nod to the tropics. Every bite, every sip is an invitation to linger, to laugh, to lose yourself in the magic of the moment.

And yet, as Jolene opens her doors, I find myself reflecting not just on the present but on the past, on the winding roads that brought me here. I think about the journalists who once sat across from me in New York, their pens poised, their questions probing. I see myself in their hunger, their boundless energy, their eagerness to learn and uncover. Now, at 52, I find myself on the other side of the table, sitting across from young, eager writers who remind me of the person I was—bold, curious, and striving to understand the world. They carry a spark that fills me with joy, a reminder that the world keeps turning, keeps renewing itself with every generation. In these exchanges, I feel the weight of responsibility—not just to tell my story but to tell the truth. To speak of the grit behind the glamour, the sleepless nights behind the Michelin stars, the sacrifices that make the successes possible. I want these young minds to know that being a chef isn't about accolades or applause; it's about love—love for the craft, for the people you serve, for the team that stands beside you. It's about staying curious, staying humble, and never losing sight of why you started.

Jolene, for me, is more than a restaurant; she's a testament to what happens when passion meets purpose. She's a reminder that food is not just sustenance but a medium of connection, a way to bring people together and make them feel seen, heard, and loved. She's a culmination of everything I've learned, everything I've fought for, everything I've dreamed. And yet, she's just the beginning of a new chapter, a new story waiting to unfold.

As the sun sets over Anjuna and the sky blushes with hues of gold and crimson, I stand on Jolene's terrace, looking out at the horizon. The sea stretches endlessly, a reminder of life's infinite possibilities. And I think about the boy I was, hiding in the folds of his mother's saree, too scared to dream. If only he could see me now. If only he could taste the life we've created. If only he knew that the thing he once feared—his difference, his otherness—would become his strength.

"From brokenness to belonging: A writer's journey of reflection, hope, and connection"

New Delhi : "It's as if everything else stops so the writer can come out," Ellen Tarver said to me just 38 minutes ago. Ellen, my dear friend and a brilliant editor from Texas, had called to talk about my most recent column that appeared today in ANI News. "I don't like the process of you becoming a writer," she continued, her voice a blend of affection and sincerity. "Most deepenings in our lives aren't pleasant at all. Not in the moment, they're happening, for sure. I feel badly that you had to go through everything you did for the writer to come out. But I'm loving your writing."

Her words were like a pebble dropped into still water, rippling through my mind with both clarity and weight. Ellen has always supported me, but this felt deeper—an acknowledgment of the storms I had weathered, and the writing that had emerged from them. Her words held up a mirror to my journey, showing me not just the writer I've become, but the person who fought to find his voice.

That call was the reason I'm writing this column now. Until I spoke to Ellen, I had no idea what I would write about tonight. Perhaps cobras and pythons—the creatures people warn me slither near my villa in Goa. It seemed an easy, even amusing topic. But Ellen's words changed all that. She nudged me toward something more raw, more real, as she always does. And now, here I am, weaving the story of how this column came to be—because of her, because of today, and because of everything that has brought me to this moment.

The day began, as most do now, with the rhythm of Jolene, my restaurant. Only two days old, it already feels alive with possibility, filled with the hum of creation. Today, Chef Ashish and I worked on a seafood bite that we hope will become a signature dish. It's a creation layered with imagination, flavor, and a certain unexpected comfort. Jolene isn't just a restaurant to me. It's a home, a philosophy, a celebration of belonging. We want every guest who walks through its doors to feel not just welcomed, but cherished.

When I left the restaurant tonight, I was ready to unwind. I felt the familiar tug of exhaustion, but also the quiet thrill of purpose. Then came Ellen's message—about my column, about how much she loved it—and suddenly, the evening shifted. I called her, and our conversation was like opening a door I hadn't known was closed. She told me she had nothing left to correct in my writing, that I was honing it myself, shaping it into something powerful. "You don't just write," she said. "You bring

people into the world you create. You make them feel it, live it, breathe it."

Her words took me back. Writing hasn't always been at the forefront of my life, but it has always been a part of me. I first found it in seventh grade, in the wake of failure. Having flunked sixth grade, I was the student no one wanted—the one left behind by his classmates, the one inherited by a new batch who saw him as a burden. Seventh grade was a lonely year, marked by shame and isolation. But it was also the year I discovered the power of words.

I wrote my first poem then, for a love I couldn't name. I wrote an epitaph for myself, asking my mother to scatter my ashes in Lahore, the city where my family's roots lay. Writing became a sanctuary, a place where I



could pour my fears and dreams without judgment. My teachers, kind and patient, encouraged me. By the time I reached high school, I was the editor of our school magazine, Vasant Parag. It was a moment of redemption, a sign that words could give me something I hadn't thought I deserved—respect. But life moves forward, and writing receded into the background. When I moved to America to study graphic design and art history, my days were full—work, school, cooking, parties. There was no time for words. It wasn't until years later, when I wrote my first cookbook, Indian Home Cooking, that I rediscovered my voice. Then came American Masala and Masala Farm, each book a labor of love. Though I sold contracts for two more books that were never published, the belief of my publishers sustained me. Yet, even then, I didn't see myself as a writer. It wasn't until I returned to India that writing became my lifeline. I came back broken, in every sense of the word. My body was failing—my vision nearly gone, my memory faltering, my speech struggling to keep up with my thoughts. I hated the man I saw in the mirror. Life as I had known it in America was unsustainable. I came to India thinking it might be the end. But it wasn't. India, in its chaotic,

relentless way, gave me the space to rebuild. My family and friends surrounded me with love, refusing to let me fall. Slowly, I began to find my footing. When my hands couldn't write and my eyes couldn't read, I turned to my iPhone. Typing broken, fragmented messages into its notes app became a way of capturing the thoughts I couldn't hold onto otherwise.

Dr. Shashi Tharoor was the first to see potential in those scattered words. "You have a voice," he told me. "You should write a column." His encouragement was a spark, and my classmate Kalli Purie, the Managing Director and Vice Chairperson of the India Today Group, fanned it into a flame by giving me my first column in Mail Today. When the publication folded, Raj Kamal Jha, the Chief Editor of the Indian Express, and Anant Goenka, its publisher, gave me a platform in the Sunday Eye. There, I write Slice of Life every fortnight, a column where I peel back the layers of my story and expose the raw truths beneath.

I am also deeply grateful to Smrita Prakash at ANI News, who has given me carte blanche to write whatever I wish. These remarkable people have given me not just platforms, but trust and respect. They have made space for my voice, for my vulnerabilities, for my journey. Writing, for me, is more than a craft. It's a connection. My columns are raw, often uncomfortably so. My mother, who is my fiercest supporter, sometimes worries I reveal too much. "What do you get from this?" she asks. And I tell her: connection. Letters, messages, emails from strangers and friends alike, people telling me that my words make them feel seen, that my struggles mirror their own, that my honesty gives them strength. These messages mean everything to me. They remind me why I write. Tonight, as I write this column, I think about how life has broken me, shaped me, and ultimately given me the stories I now tell. Writing is not easy. It demands honesty, self-reflection, and a willingness to expose the parts of yourself you'd rather keep hidden. But it is also a gift—a way of connecting, of making sense of the chaos, of finding meaning in the mess. When I left Jolene tonight, it was with the intention to write something—anything. I had no idea it would be this. Ellen's words gave me the direction I needed, and as I sit here now, I am struck by the power of moments like this. Moments where connection leads to creation, where a conversation becomes a column, where words become bridges between lives.

Sumeet Tappoo to embark on UK and Europe tour in support of free healthcare

New Delhi : Renowned for his soulful voice and deep musical artistry, Sumeet Tappoo is set to embark on a much-anticipated live concert tour across the UK and Europe this February and March. After the remarkable success of his recent albums Dil Pareshan Karta Hai (in collaboration with the legendary Gulzar) and Legacy (with the esteemed



Anup Jalota), Tappoo is ready to bring his emotive performances to cities such as London, Leicester, Birmingham, Amsterdam, Eindhoven, Antwerp, Milan, and Zagreb.

Both music albums, released in August and December 2024, respectively, have struck a chord with music lovers worldwide for their heartfelt compositions and powerful vocals, reinforcing Tappoo's reputation as one of Indian music's most compelling voices.

This upcoming tour, titled the 'Heart to Heart Concert Tour,' is an extension of Tappoo's artistic journey and a testament to his commitment to using music as a force for good. Proceeds from the concerts will support free healthcare initiatives in India, a cause that resonates deeply with Tappoo's ethos of giving back

through meaningful actions. The funds raised will contribute to the pioneering work of Sri Madhusudan Sai, whose chain of hospitals across India offers free medical treatments, surgeries, and medications to those in need, eliminating financial barriers to healthcare.

Sumeet Tappoo shared his excitement about the tour, saying, "Performing live is always a joy, and this tour holds special significance as it brings together the power of music and the spirit of service. Through this endeavour, we aim to inspire hope and positivity while supporting an extraordinary initiative that provides free healthcare to countless individuals in India."

Accompanied by a team of world-class musicians from Mumbai, Tappoo's live performances promise to captivate audiences while also contributing to a purpose that uplifts lives. With a discography of over 70 albums and singles and more than 1,100 live performances worldwide, Tappoo continues to transcend borders, bringing his music and mission to a global stage.

The tour will commence on

A solitary Sunday and the strength in stillness

New Delhi : This Sunday began in stillness, the kind of silence that doesn't beckon but envelops, cocooning you in the solitude of your own being. I woke early, as I always do, not by the alarm of a clock but by the rhythm of a body long attuned to its own restlessness. The hour was six, the morning hung with its residual humidity, the scent of the ocean still lingering. The villa—a quiet, stoic companion—stood watch over my solitude. The day yawned ahead, inviting me to step into its arms. But instead, I lingered in bed, caught between the weight of my singlehood and the whisper of a creative muse.

By eleven, I had completed three artworks, pieces destined for my solo show this spring. They were born not from urgency but from a meditative flow, each stroke of color or texture a reflection of something deeper—a thought, a longing, a memory. The villa, my refuge in Goa, had witnessed my quiet creation. Its walls, white and unassuming, seemed to hold space for my thoughts, bouncing them back to me as I worked. The silence of the room was rich, not empty, and for those hours, I was not lonely but whole, absorbed in the alchemy of art.

But art is a fleeting companion. It carries you to a place of fullness, only to leave you emptier when it departs. As I stepped out into the midday sun, heading toward Jolene, the cliffside restaurant I've poured my heart into, I felt lighter, happier. The drive, though brief, felt like an interlude between worlds. Jolene stood there, perched above the beach, a vision of the labor and love of many hands. It is not just mine but the collective spirit of Amrita, Shakeel, Gaurav, Ankit, and the team of chefs, bartenders, and servers who have made its essence their own.

The day unfolded perfectly. The restaurant hummed with quiet confidence, its every detail—its spirit, its design, its food—aligning effortlessly. I watched smiles bloom on the faces of those who dined with us, their joy reflecting the very reason we built this place. Yet even as I celebrated these moments, a part of me stood apart, observing, reflecting, questioning.

By 10:10 p.m., I was back at the villa, the day's triumphs now a memory. The walk from the car to the front door felt heavier than it should have, the weight of solitude settling back onto my shoulders. Inside, the air was cool,



the bed colder still. The stillness that had been a balm in the morning now pressed against me like an unwelcome guest. I sat there, alone, stranded—not just by the lack of a car or scooter, but by the absence of another heartbeat in the room.

As I sank into this quiet, lost in the noise of my own thoughts, my phone buzzed with a message. It was from Shobha Tharoor, arriving unexpectedly, as though the universe had chosen that moment to remind me of connection, to offset my solitude with solace. Shobha, a celebrated author with a reputation for brilliance, lives in the San Francisco Bay Area but carries the heart of India within her words and her actions. She is a devoted daughter, a loving friend, and a hostess who makes every guest feel cherished. Her intellect is matched by her warmth, and her writing reflects a profound understanding of human nature. Her message to me, sent on this Sunday evening, was more than an acknowledgment; it was a gift, a salve for my aching soul.

"You are a modern-day guru, my friend," she wrote. "There is honesty and heart in your words, and they compel gently to reflect. I'm sorry about the pain, especially since I'm sure that you offer pain relief to many. Thank you for telling me. I spoke from the heart, and I'm glad

that today I made you happy." Her words humbled me and healed me in equal measure. Guru—a word that carries weight, responsibility, and expectation. Am I ready to wear that mantle? Or is it enough to simply write, to share my truth, and let others find their own meaning in it?

So I wrote. Late into the night, I sat with the silence, letting her words guide my reflection. I wanted to capture the essence of this day, the emotions it stirred, and the larger truths it revealed.

As I write this now, on a Sunday that has already slipped into the past, the weight of the day still presses gently against my limbs. I am struck by the paradox of my life. I am alone, yet not lonely. I am broken, yet whole. My bed is cold, but my heart is warm with the echoes of those who have reached out to tell me my words matter.

This solitude is not emptiness; it is a space where new stories are born. It is in these moments of quiet that I find the courage to face my fears, to confront the truths I've tried to ignore, to embrace the man I am becoming.

The ache in my joints, the silence of the villa, the distance from loved ones—these are not burdens but reminders of the life I've chosen. A life of creation, of reinvention, of finding purpose in the spaces where others might see only voids.

Tomorrow will bring another day at Jolene, another chance to pour my heart into something larger than myself. And in the quiet hours before sleep, I will return to this space of reflection, carrying with me the hope that my words will continue to bridge the gap between my solitude and the shared humanity of those who read them.

So tonight, I embrace the stillness. I let it wash over me, not as a wave of despair but as a tide that carries me closer to myself. I remind myself—and my readers—that we are never truly alone. In our brokenness, we find connection. In our solitude, we discover strength. And in our longing, we uncover the seeds of hope.

This was my Sunday. And as you read this on a Tuesday morning, I hope it becomes not just the story of my day, but an invitation to reflect on your own. This is my journey at 52. It is not perfect, nor is it easy. But it is mine, and it is enough.

First time joint press of states and Union in WEF

MI News Service, Kolkata: - On Team India and Indian pavilion: "This is a special occasion for all of us. Our Prime Minister guided us to have an integrated pavilion. Therefore, this time the entire India team is present here as one team. The India pavilion is fully integrated with all the states' pavilions. We are in Davos at a very important juncture in our global geopolitical and geo economic scenario. Despite all the disruption and all the issues the world is facing, India has emerged as a very trusted country which respects IP rights, a country where democracy is vibrant. We have clearly demonstrated to the world that under all circumstances, this is the country which believes in peace, growth for everybody and inclusive development." - On question related to Free Trade agreement with Switzerland: "Switzerland and India have been very important strategic partners for many decades. We have a relationship of trust. We share so many common values, the values of democracy, mutual trust, and peace. The free trade agreement that we have signed is in a sense progression of those sentiments and values. We believe that in many we can have a win-win relationship. We see very good scope in multiple sectors whether it is technology, startup, food processing, tourism, skill development, or education.

with the USA has evolved over the last 10 years in a very mature way. We are co-developing many technologies. We are co-creating many products. We have taken up many joint research programs and we are part of the QUAD where we have common interests in the security of the world. We have many common geostrategic interests and we believe that this transition which has happened in the US will be very important for the entire world. It will also be very important for India. We believe that the relationship of trust between the US and India will really help the growth of both the countries whether it is in the technology economy and many other sectors." - On question related to sectors where investors are most interested to invest in India: "Investors are interested in multiple sectors e.g. in technology - semiconductors, AI, Electronics manufacturing, research, design, GCCs. We can club all these under technology umbrella. Apart from that, many other sectors like skilling, aviation, food processing, tourism, ocean (fishing), energy are also very important for investors." - On European investment in India: "Regarding the number of investment proposals that we have, we will be collating all the proposals which have come so far, but the numbers are very big. I can say with confidence that the world is looking at India as a destination for co-creation of technology, developing new applications, for domestic demand. The world is looking at India as a hub for global production." - On European trade tension with China: "Our PM has given us a very clear thought that we should develop our

relationships with the world on the basis of trust. Trust comes with a lot of effort. It requires tremendous hard work, transparency and a period of understanding each other. We believe that our relationship with the EU today is totally based on trust, that is what is going to help us more. We don't think in binaries. We believe in 'and' rather than 'or'.

So we believe that our design capabilities and the high quality talent pool, and the way our PM has given us a very steady policy regime will give us good results. We believe in win-win for the EU and India in every sector we collaborate." - On a question related to representation of India as 'One' in next Davos: "We have very senior leaders here in this meeting and people who have had so much experience. They have seen the world from so many different perspectives. When all of us are together from different political parties, from different regions, different languages, the diversity that we represent here we also represent the unity within this entire diverse group. Our purpose is common. Going forward, we will work as a team and we will have multiple discussions among ourselves.

Shri N Chandrababu Naidu's quotes

- On 'Team India': "For the very first time, I am seeing team India at one place talking in one voice. I am appealing to all Indians, this is the first time I am seeing well received by Davos and also a well recognised Indian delegation." - "India is moving very fast, even Bloomberg estimates that by 2028 in terms of incremental GDP growth, India will be number one and unstoppable

from then onwards. We will grow at the fastest growth rate. We will be able to provide stability and democratically everyone is now believing in Viksit Bharat and they are working towards that. The Govt. of India has laid very strong Principles." - "India believes in Environmental sustainability i.e. Paris Agreement. We are going to add 500 GW capacity in renewable energy. I am very happy that all states are competing for this. Andhra Pradesh is going to add 165 GW capacity of renewable energy and Mr Fadanvis is going to add much more. Telangana Govt is also going to add in a big way." - "Here we may be different political parties, but we are all one when we come to Davos - 'India first, our people first' is our slogan. Davos is centred around - environmental sustainability, technology and Deep tech and how to implement it in all works of life. It may be health, it may be agriculture & other areas and also how to develop Human Development. I am appealing to all of you, India is well positioned as of now. Economic reforms, right time adoption of technology, demographic dividend, stable growth rate, and also strong policies. India brand is very strong under the leadership of Narendra Modi ji." - "This afternoon we had an India dialogue with all the Chief Ministers. We have given the right message to the people. At the same time, Ashwini ji also is coordinating very well. It is a good thing, at least we all have to tell the people what we are going to do. We are all working on how to attract investment, how to learn things, how the world is moving. Everything we understood and accordingly we are going to plan for the future.

Combating Stone Pelting on Trains: Challenges, Impact and RPF's Strategic Response

MI News Service, Kolkata:

Stone pelting on the trains has been a serious security challenge since the opening of railways across the global railway network. Indian Railways being no exception. The fourth largest open railway system with more than 1.3 lakh track length operating more than 130000 trains covering more than 7000 stations and carrying about 8.5 billion passengers has been vulnerable to all kinds of vandalism. No wonder, the protection of the railway property, passengers and their belongings have always been a work in progress.



nal hatred after Independence has instigated brutally organised stone assaults on railway passengers. The anti-Sikh riots of 1992, the Sabar-mati Express stone pelting before setting the coaches on fire in February 2002 and the Mumbai protests on Rohingyas in 2012 are some of the spinechilling examples. The rock-throwing incidents on the Vande Bharat trains have cost more than crore rupees in the repairs and also been causing scaring disorientation and panic during journey. The litho-lobbing malaise aiming at a loco pilot driving a rolling stock has an accidental causality. This could result in casualties, trauma, damage and disruptions to the train services, fear psychosis, sensationalism, aggravating the law and order besides drain on the maintenance resources, social unrest, trust deficit, affecting financial health of the stakeholders, endangering the safety, degrading customer quality, compromising punctuality, creeping inefficiency, redirecting the precious police, emergency, medical workers and equipment.

Approxos the RB security directorate data 3901 stone pelting incidents on trains were reported, 3391 cases registered and 1140 persons apprehended in 2024. These include 741 attacks on Vande Bharat trains with arrest of 228 persons. Therefore, overall average 325 cases reported per month in such a mammoth railway security network (0.2167 cases per kilometer track length). This is a testimony to humongous vigilance kept up by the Railway enforcement agencies. The Team RPF in The East Coast Railway during 2024 has been very proactive in the registration of the cases and detection. 30 incidents reported of the stone battery on the Vande Bharat rakes with the arrest of 36 persons. 85 incidents were reported on the other trains with apprehension of 65 persons. More than 0.10 percent of the Railway land has been under encroachments breeding a critical nuisance in these track adjoining dwellings with open access to movement alongside railroad and stone's-throw -away perennial free ammunition supply (ballast/garbage objects) make a deadly play of a cost free sport for deviated juveniles mostly aged between 8 to 16 years.

The intent could vary between cheap thrill, venting out frustrations by have nots, drug addicts, drunken elements, vested motivated protests, vagabonds, homeless, lumpens, persecution mania, mental illness, social media influencing, the bet to hit targets, malicious eco system to target IR assets and an agitated sadistic human impulse to achieve something in a deprived milieu. The "revolutions" ironically have fuelled such delinquency. Moreover, the commu-

Strategic response

The strategic response has to be multipronged. The lack of omnipresence of the security staff at each location makes the four gate access control (RCC boundary wall, AFC gates, Platform screen doors and automatic closed door rakes) sine qua non in protection from such dastardly acts. The rakes of Tejas, Vande Bharat, AC local trains and more such class of trains have been made to enhance the safety features.

Our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has been relentlessly pursuing the vision of an innovative railway enterprise with increased budgetary allocation to railway infrastructure. The Union Minister for Railways Shri Ashwini Vaishnav has

been toiling to build a world class passenger-friendly railway network. Our responsibility to transform should lead to a proactive chain reaction. This calls for a sincerity of purpose and disciplined action on processes ushering productive assets for a Viksit Bharat.

Hence, the core action to obliterate the opportunity of an offender must be optimised with the automatic closure of doors and sealed windows having toughened laminated bandit glass shield design with the stone proof polymer technology in the AC coaches. The iron mesh-designed windows in the Mumbai suburban local trains could be gradually installed in the other passenger trains. Trespass proof construction plan in laying tracks stations and the station development schemes have been enforcing the station structure for CRB (Claims, Railways and Body) protection. The omnipresent and omnipotent installation of CCTV network in the trains, stations and the sections ensure 360 degree surveillance. Many cases of stone pelting have been detected by RPF with the CCTV installed inside the Vande Bharat trains.

Hence, RPF ECOR has pioneered the installation of solar powered CCTV cameras in some of the mapped sections. The deployment of drones by RPF for penetrative surveillance makes a better security sense to zoom in and swoop on the crime-infested patches. Human surveillance with pinpointed mapping of the affected area, intelligence gathering, quick response teams, profiling the risky sectors, coordination with police and GRP, community engagement, effective patrolling, passenger awareness operations and drives, sensitization, media blitzkrieg, etc., have been resorted to by RPF.

However, these measures cannot wring water out of a stone in a criminality written in stone. So we should leave no stone unturned to endeavor the integration of disadvantaged groups with effective schooling, meaningful and positive engagements, social entrepreneurship for the residents of sub-human localities adjoining railway tracks and their rehabilitation by the local governments make the solid difference in substantial reduction of such crimes.

Indian Railways to Receive Best Electoral Practices Award on National Voters' Day



MI News Service, Kolkata: Indian Railways will be honoured with the Best Electoral Practices Award, 2024-25 by the Election Commission of India during the National Voters' Day celebrations on 25th January. The event is set to be organised at Manekshaw Centre, Delhi Cantonment in New Delhi. This recognition highlights Indian Railways' crucial role in the Lok Sabha Elections 2024, where it significantly contributed to voter awareness and logistical support. To promote voter awareness and encourage citizen participation in elections, the Indian Railways, in collaboration with the Election Commission of India, leveraged its Rail Display Network (RDN) across stations, official websites, and mobile applications to disseminate voter helpline details. Pre-recorded announcements were also made at Railway stations. Additionally, a special train, the SVEEP Express, was operated in the Kashmir Valley in coordination with local authorities to engage and inspire youth to actively participate in the electoral process. Social media campaigns with hashtags like #ChunavKaParv and #DeshKaGarv promoted participation. Railways also facilitated secure and seamless transportation of over 3,74,000 para-military personnel through 383 trains across the Nation for conducting fair elections. Indian Railways effectively promoted civic engagement, emphasising the importance of voting in shaping the Nation's democracy.

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First full-fledged trial run (Both On Up & Dn Lines) conducted successfully On Noapara-Jai Hind Bimanbandar Stretch of Yellow Line

MI News Service, Kolkata:

The long standing dream of reaching Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport of Kolkata in the Metro has got a major boost as the first full-fledged trial run on both UP and DN lines on Noapara- Jai Hind Bimanbandar stretch (7.04-kms) of Yellow Line has been conducted successfully today i.e. on 24.01.2025 just before the 76th Republic Day. This trial run started from Noapara at 12.09 hrs. with Rake No. MR 408 as Metro staff, officers and curious onlookers witnessed history being made in front of them. Shri P Uday Kumar Reddy, General Manager, other senior officers and staff of Metro Railway were present during this trial run.



Shri Reddy was present in the Motorman's cab during the entire trial run. On its way to Jai Hind Bimanbandar Metro station, the rake stopped at Dum Dum Cantonment station and General Manager inspected this station. The trial rake ultimately reached Jai Hind Bimanbandar Metro station at 12:31 hrs. as Metro officers and the staff present there welcomed the rake with joy. Shri Reddy also in-

spected Jai Hind Bimanbandar Metro station and senior Metro officials briefed him about the progress of installation work of different passenger amenities which will be available at the platform and concourse levels of this station. General Manager congratulated all for completion of the first trial run on this stretch.

After completing the inspection, General Manager also held a high-level meeting with the senior Metro officials at Jai Hind Bimanbandar Metro station and instructed them to complete all pending works within the deadline. During the return journey, the rake started from Jai Hind Metro station at 13:57 hrs and reached Noapara Metro station at 14:21 hrs. with General Manager and other senior officers on-board. This stretch once commissioned would be a revolutionary step in providing a modern transport system to the people of Kolkata and suburbs to reach Airport.

Ashwini Vaishnav's quotes from Davos

MI News Service, Kolkata: The most important factor which the world should know is the element of trust which India has developed through its foreign policy and through the Prime Minister's 39's economic thinking. They are experiencing it. They should understand the thought process behind it and they should understand the rationale, the systematic thinking which has gone into this.

• We are continuously striving to improve the technological base of railways, in terms of new trains, new types of tracks, upgradation of tracks, and maintenance in every sector. We are trying to get the latest technologies.

• On the slowdown in the second quarter of this fiscal - "There are three big levers in the economy - The fiscal policy, the monetary policy, and the credit policy. RBI has had a very restrictive stance since quite

some time, and liquidity has been controlled because RBI wanted to put a big break on the inflationary pressures. Because of the elections, and prolonged monsoon, construction in many sectors was impacted. I think this is just a small blip in the entire curve. We definitely are in the 6 to 8% growth

band." • On why global companies will choose India - "This must be seen from a different frame. The frame that I want to present is the frame of trust, the frame of talent, and the frame of design capabilities. This is the uniquely Indian advantage that we have. India has an abundance of talent. Almost 2,000 GCCs are working on advanced chips. And the biggest factor is the way our Prime Minister has conducted the economic and foreign policy over the last 10 years. Due to this, the world trusts India, and India respects their IPR. This is why so many people are shifting not just their supply chains but value chains as well to India. And, this is why people want to manufacture semiconductor in India. India is one of the top 3 destinations for semiconductors in the coming years and the base is already set. They see India should become the use case capital for AI. Today models are practically becoming commoditised. So how do we create an ecosystem where we should be able to create use cases and applications and agents for the entire world and industry. So that's the framework I would like to see - the framework of trust, design and

availability of talent."

• On reducing trade tariffs and trade protectionism - "Simplification of tariffs is one of the major agendas of our government. Lot of simplification and digitalisation has happened in the past. That has really helped the industry and global supply chain. In the case of electronics manufacturing we have a saturated domestic demand because 99.1% of mobile phones that we use in our country are today manufactured in India. From here growth strategy has to change. So this is the change in mindset. Earlier we were looking at the import substitution, manufacturing for the domestic demand. Now we are looking at Make in India. Make for the world. Look at export led growth in the next phase of growth. That is happening in many industries e.g. Pharmaceutical industry, Chemical industry. It has been in the Garment industry for sometime. So that change in mindset has been happening and simplification in the Customs laws and Customs structure is also happening. I agree that there will be some duties to protect certain segments which is important for us. That kind of calibrated approach is the better approach. I frankly don't

agree with the very theoretical approach of the many economists, I would rather take a calibrated approach which is more practical and more commonsensical."

• On AI and skilling - The focus on skilling is huge. In the case of AI, we have set a target for ourselves, that at least 1 million people should be ready with AI tools, AI Skills. They should be able to create those use cases, create those applications which the world wants. We have shown that kind of scales multiple times. In telecom, we have set up 5G labs in hundred universities so that the students come out ready for the industry. In Semi conductor we have 240 universities where we have given the most advanced EDA tools so that the students can actually design the chips while they are in their 3rd year or in the final year of the projects. The course curriculum is getting fully aligned with what the industry wants. So at the mid level, at the lower level and at the top level, each part of this value chain we are focused on skilling and the results are visible. Today the economy is generating one and half million formal jobs in a month. Mr S. N. Subrahmanyam has said that he is short of 35000 people.

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1.	Mr. Shounak Dhara (Borrower) Subarna Dhara (Co-Borrower) LBCAL0000352794	Flat No. 21, First Floor, Northern Side S.N.D. Apartment, Municipal Holding No. 69, Bireswar Banerjee Street at Present 69/7, Bireswar Banerjee Street, Mouza -Kotrung, J.L. No. 8, Comprised in R.S. Dag No. 1486, Under Khatian No. 1721 Corresponding To L.R. Dag No. 3368,3406 under L.R. Khatian No. 1591, (Old L.R. Khatian Nos. 1591, 3302), Police Station Uttarpara, Ward No. 6, Uttarpara -Kotrung Municipality, District Hooghly, West Bengal. Super built up area 850 sq.ft covered area of 708.33 sq.ft.	Rs. 38,78,144/- as on 20th January 2025	Rs. 18,80,000/- Rs. 1,88,000/-	February 25, 2025 From 11:00 A.M. to 02:00 P.M.	March 04, 2025 From 10:30 A.M. onwards.

The online auction will be conducted on the website (URL Link-www.disposalhub.com), of our auction agency M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited The Mortgagees/ Noticees are given a last chance to pay the total dues with their interest by March 03, 2025 before 05:00 P.M. else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.

The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI BANK LTD, Regional Processing Centre BP-4, Technopolis Building, 13th Floor, Sector V Salt Lake, Kolkata, West Bengal- 700091 on or before March 03, 2025 before 05:00 P.M. Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before March 03, 2025 before 05:00 P.M. along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI BANK LTD, Regional Processing Centre BP-4, Technopolis Building, 13th Floor, Sector V Salt Lake, Kolkata, West Bengal- 700091 on or before March 03, 2025 before 05:00 P.M. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) shall be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at Kolkata.

For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 9163343439.

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The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

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Date: January 24, 2025
Place: Kolkata

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

Sinner punishes Shelton; Italian to face a fresh Zverev at Australian Open final



Italy's Jannik Sinner did not pull any punches (or serves) as he won against Ben Shelton of the US on Friday at the second semifinal of the Australian Open men's singles event. After Novak Djokovic bowed out of the first Australian Open semifinal earlier in the day due to injury, Alexander Zverev will head to Sunday's final not as tired as his opponent, Sinner. Sinner prevailed over Shelton 7-6, 6-2, 6-2 in a game that ended with the

American committing two forced errors and one unforced error, clearing the Italian's way to defend the title. Number two-seeded Zverev will now face his first major final, which will be against the defending champion. Before this, he was the runner-up two times, if major tennis events are counted. "I'm obviously happy that I have another shot at winning a Grand Slam," the 27-year-old told media after the match, earlier on Friday.

Djokovic conceded the game after he lost the opening set 7-6 (5) to the German, owing to the injury the Serbian suffered from during the quarterfinals. The Australian Open men's final is scheduled for Sunday. The women's final on Saturday could be a stage for history as Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus) attempts to take home a hattrick Australian Open title when she goes against Madison Keys of the US.



"Unfortunate ending, but I tried...": Djokovic after injury forces his exit from Australian Open during semifinal

MELBOURNE [AUSTRALIA] : After an injury forced him to retire from the semifinals of the Australia Open on Friday, Serbian tennis icon Novak Djokovic revealed that he had suffered an unspecified muscle tear which caused him to end his journey in the tournament on a heart-breaking note. Germany's Alexander Zverev cruised to the final of the ongoing Australian Open 2025 in the men's singles category after Djokovic, retired from the semi-final clash after suffering an injury on Friday. This has put an end to Djokovic's campaign in the most disappointing possible, denying him a chance at a record-breaking 25th Grand Slam title, his 11th Australian Open title and a century of ATP Tour Level titles.

Djokovic, struggling with the injury from the outset, managed to hold his ground against Zverev for around 90 minutes in the first set. The opening set went to a tie-break which the German player went on to win with a scoreline of 7-6.

At 1-2, 0/40, Djokovic created three break points and fought off five break points total in the first set, before the Serbian scored a standard volley with the court open in the last point, the tie-break was all on serve. Speaking after the match as quoted by ATP's official website, Djokovic said that he had not hit a ball since his quarterfinal match against Carlos Alcaraz.

"I did everything I possibly can to basically manage the muscle tear that I had. Medications and, I guess, the strap, and the physio work helped to some extent today. But yeah, towards the end of that first set, I just started feeling more and more pain. It was too much, I guess, to handle for me at the moment," said Djokovic.

"Unfortunate ending, but I tried," he added. Despite not being at his best physically, the 37-year-old, who played with his upper part of left leg taped, did well enough to put himself in a fine position in the first set against Zverev, but he could not continue. He declared it a "huge uphill battle" to stay fit for massive and intense rallies for several hours. "It is a muscle tear. Two years ago, I have managed it better. On the court, it did not bother me as much. This time that was

not the case. So in these kind of instances I guess have you to try to do as much as you possibly can in the shortest amount of time, and that was the case. I had an extra day, so two days no match. So I thought it is going to be good enough maybe. But yeah, that was not the case, unfortunately," he added.

In early hours of Wednesday morning, Djokovic had secured a win over Alcaraz in a four-set blockbuster clash, during which he did struggle physically, but managed to persevere and fight through the pain. "I actually thought I played really well, as well as I played the past 12 months, to be honest. I liked my chances if I was physically fit and ready to battle. I liked my chances today. Who knows? Of course, it was never going to be an easy battle, an easy match for me. Neither was it for Sascha, even if I was not injured," he said.

Djokovic went on to say that injuries are the "biggest enemy" for an athlete.

"In the past, I managed certain injuries, like the one you mentioned a few years ago that to some extent even helped me even play better and win the tournament," said Djokovic.

"It was not to be this time. That is okay. I cannot throw away all the incredible memories and results and achievements that I have achieved here over the years just because this year I retired in the semifinals," he added.

The world number six in the ATP Rankings said that some more examination of the injury will follow on his return to Europe before he consults with his medical team for a way forward.

"I had success with quick recoveries in the past. Let us see," Djokovic said. "It just depends on the muscle and how it responds to the treatment," he added.

"It is true that I have been getting injured quite a bit [the] past few years. I do not know what exactly is the reason for that. Maybe several different factors. But I will keep going. I will keep striving to win more Slams. And as long as I feel that I want to put up with all of this, I will be around," he concluded.

Zverev will now face the winner of the second semi-final between Jannik Sinner and Alex de Minaur in the final on Sunday.

GERMANY'S ALEXANDER ZVEREV CRUISED TO THE FINAL OF THE ONGOING AUSTRALIA OPEN 2025 IN THE MEN'S SINGLES CATEGORY AFTER DJOKOVIC, RETIRED FROM THE SEMI-FINAL CLASH AFTER SUFFERING AN INJURY ON FRIDAY.

Arjuna Awardee Rubina Francis opens up on Paris Paralympics 2024 comeback



NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Paris Paralympics Games 2024 bronze medalist Rubina Francis recently appeared on the House of Glory podcast, an initiative by the Gagan Narang Sports Foundation. In the conversation, she also expressed her feelings about being conferred the Arjuna Award this year for her achievements at both national and international levels.

The star has established herself as a prominent figure in para shooting, particularly in the Women's 10m Air Pistol SH1 category. Building on her successful track record, Rubina secured her place to represent India at the 2024 Summer Paralympics in Paris and then went on to win her first Olympics medal - a bronze.

"I am extremely honoured to be receiving the Arjuna Award and very thankful to the Indian government for recognising my achievements. This is a very special moment for me and my family as getting a National award is a dream for any athlete. It seems that my hard work has finally paid off and it almost feels unreal. After all the challenges that I faced in the last 3-4 years, this achievement has become even more special," said Rubina as quoted by a Gagan Narang Sports Foundation press release.

Francis qualified for her first Olympics in 2020 during the Tokyo Paralympics but finished seventh. In her conversation, she revealed how her performance in Tokyo put her in a tough space,

also making her think about leaving the sport.

"I sat at home and analysed myself. I wrote a full detail about what all went wrong and then I read it. That's when I realised how immature I was during Tokyo. An athlete properly plans before going to such a significant stage but that planning was not there with me. Both I and my country had to face the consequences. Everybody was upset," revealed Francis as the press release added.

However, she overcame her shortcomings and applied the learnings in Paris, which helped her attain success in the tournament. She spent six months after her loss in Tokyo, working on herself, learning to develop a control on her mind, to ensure that she does well in her sport.

Rubina again faced a tough phase when she continuously lost quotas in almost all the quota matches that took place between 2022 and 2024. However, she didn't give up and entered the Paralympics with the same spirit.

"I don't let the demotivation upset me for many days. It only lasts for 1 or a maximum of 2 months. But post that, I became normal, which is very important. Sports Psychology is very important. If I had realised it before Tokyo, I would have won a medal or at least delivered a good performance. I wouldn't have regretted or wasted six months," Francis added while discussing the importance of mental health.

AARON FINCH ANCHORS PUNJABI SHER SQUAD IN LEGEND 90 LEAGUE

CHANDIGARH (PUNJAB)[INDIA] : Former Australia captain Aaron Finch and Indian cricketer Saurabh Tiwari are among the marquee players for Punjabi Sher for the Legend 90 League which is set to take place from February 6 to 18 in Raipur.

The Punjabi Sher squad will also feature former Afghanistan cricketer Noor Zadran, further boosting their lineup. Earlier this month, the team was officially unveiled as the newest entrant in the Legend 90 League.

Finch, Saurabh Tiwari and Noor Zadran will feature for Punjabi Sher. The Punjabi Sher have also revealed their official logo. The team's logo features regal armour with a crown at its centre, symbolizing strength, royalty, and dominance perfectly capturing the spirit of the Punjabi Sher.

The Punjabi Sher franchise is owned by Shubb Infra a leading real estate firm committed to excellence and innovation. Speaking about the squad, Harish Garg, Director of Shubb Infra said, "With a squad featuring legendary players like Aaron Finch we are confident of making a strong impact in the Legend 90 League."

Echoing the sentiments Mr. Sunny Sehgal, also a Director of Shubb Infra, added, "Our aim is to bring the best of cricketing entertainment to fans while promoting the values of camaraderie. The Legend 90 League is set to revolutionize the way the game is played, and we are proud to contribute to this exciting journey."

The Legend 90 League will feature players such as former Indian cricketers Harbhajan Singh, Shikhar Dhawan, Suresh Raina, and former New Zealand batter Ross Taylor. With dynamic franchises like Chhattisgarh Warriors, Haryana Gladiators, Dubai Giants, Gujarat Samp Army, Delhi Royals, Big Boys, Punjabi Sher, and Rajasthan Kings, the stage is perfectly set for an unforgettable celebration of cricket.

The league, featuring a dynamic 90-ball per-side format, promises to be a game-changer in the cricketing landscape.



PRE-QUALIFYING I: AMATEUR ADITYA GARG FIRES SECOND STRAIGHT 65 TO TAKE TOP HONOURS

JAMSHEDPUR (JHARKHAND) : Pune-based amateur Golfer Aditya Garg fired a second straight six-under 65 in round two to total 12-under 130 and thus take the top honours at Pre-Qualifying I of the PGTI Qualifying School 2025 being played at the Galmuri Golf Course in Jamshedpur.

From a total field of 105 in Pre-Qualifying I, the top 24 players qualified for the Final Qualifying Stage as the cut was declared at one over 143.

Nineteen-year-old amateur Aditya Garg (65-65), who was the overnight leader by one shot, was on a roll for the second day in succession at Galmuri Golf Course as he put together eight birdies over his first 15 holes. Aditya's double-bogey on the closing ninth was the only dampener for him. However, Garg still finished four shots clear of the rest of the field.

Pune-based Golfer said, "I began the day well with a great chip that set up a tap-in birdie on the 10th. Thereafter, I made one long conversion on the 17th and gave myself a lot of opportunities landing it within 10 to 12 feet of the flag on most holes. I made a few swing changes before coming into the Q School. I'm delighted that the swing change held up under pressure on both days and I executed my shots well. This is a big confidence booster for my ball-striking ahead of the Final Stage." Sourav Choudhary (69-65) of Mhow finished second at eight-under 134. Local golfer Kurush Heerjee qualified for the Final Stage after taking tied 18th place at one-over 143.



JAISWAL, JADEJA, BUMRAH AMONG STARS IN ICC MEN'S TEST TEAM OF THE YEAR 2024

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Indian stars Yashvi Jaiswal, all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja and pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah were featured in the ICC Men's Test Team of the Year 2024, which was unveiled on Friday.

The list also consists of premier Test stars like England's Joe Root, New Zealand's Kane Williamson and Australian skipper Pat Cummins.

-Yashvi Jaiswal (India) Jaiswal established himself as a premier Test opener and a standout figure in Indian batting during 2024. After a challenging series in South Africa, he made an impressive comeback in the home series against England, amassing a staggering 712 runs. This included two double centuries and three fifties, showcasing his dominance.

Jaiswal continued his fine form with three half-centuries in four innings as India thrashed Bangladesh at home. He was also one of the few bright spots in an otherwise disappointing series for India, as New Zealand achieved a historic whitewash on Indian soil.

In the all-important Border-Gavaskar Trophy, Jaiswal demonstrated his class with a magnificent 161 in the second innings at Perth, bouncing back strongly

after a first-innings duck. He finished as India's top scorer in the series, accumulating 391 runs, with a century and two half-centuries.

Over the calendar year, Jaiswal scored a remarkable 1,478 runs at an impressive average of 54.74, a tally second only to England's Joe Root. His tally consisted of three centuries and nine fifties.

-Ben Duckett (England) The resilient opener played a pivotal role in England's Test success in 2024. His aggressive batting alongside fellow opener Zak Crawley, often laid the foundation for England to post massive totals.

Ben Duckett began the year with an impressive tour of India, emerging as England's highest run-scorer with 343 runs, highlighted by a magnificent 153 in Rajkot. He carried his form into the home series against West Indies and Sri Lanka, scoring 178 and 186 runs, respectively.

On England's tour of Pakistan, Duckett added 262 runs in five innings, including a superb century in Multan. He followed this up with 180 runs during the New Zealand tour, capping off a productive year. Duckett's consistency saw him



finish as the third-highest run-scorer of 2024, behind only his compatriot Joe Root and India's Yashvi Jaiswal. In total, he amassed 1,149 runs at an average of 37.06, with two centuries and six fifties, with a stunning strike rate of over 87.

-Kane Williamson (New Zealand)

An injury-hit season could not prevent Williamson from showcasing his class as one of the finest Test batters in 2024. The year began spectacularly for Williamson, as he scored centuries in both innings against South Africa in Mount



Maunganui. He followed this up with another century in Hamilton, finishing the series with a remarkable 403 runs in just four innings.

However, his form dipped during Australia's tour of New Zealand, where he managed only 77 runs in four innings. Despite this setback, Williamson rediscovered his rhythm in the latter half of the year. On the tour of Sri Lanka, he scored 138 runs in four innings, setting the stage for a stellar home series against England.

Against England, Williamson was at his best, amassing 395



runs in six innings to finish as the highest scorer of the series for both teams. His performances included two fifties and a magnificent, match-winning 156 in his final innings of the year.

Overall, Kane Williamson accumulated 1,013 runs in 2024 at an outstanding average of 59.58, making him the sixth-highest run-scorer of the year. This also included four centuries and four fifties.

-Joe Root (England) Root continued to dominate the longest format of the game in 2024, cementing his status as the best Test batsman of the year.

The year began on a challenging note for Root, as he struggled in the first three Tests against India. However, he turned his form around with a gritty unbeaten 122 followed by a solid 84 in the final two matches of the series.

Root's brilliance shone through during the home series against the West Indies, where he amassed 291 runs in just four innings, including a century and two fifties. He truly etched his name into the history books during the home series against Sri Lanka, scoring a monumental 375 runs in six innings. At Lord's, he equalled and then surpassed Alastair Cook's record for the most Test centuries by an English player, registering centuries in both innings against Sri Lanka.

Root's form carried over to England's tour of Pakistan, where he stitched a record-breaking partnership with Harry Brook, scoring his career-best 262 in the process. He rounded off the year with the tour of New Zealand, scoring 218 runs in six innings, which included a fifty and a century.

In total, Joe Root accumulated 1,556 runs in 2024 at an impressive average of 55.57. He now ranks fifth on the all-time list of

Test cricket's highest run-scorers, with six hundred and five fifties.

-Harry Brook (England) In 2024, Brook firmly established himself as England's next batting superstar. After missing the tour of India due to personal reasons, he returned in style during the home series against the West Indies, where he showcased his talent with a brilliant century of 109.

Brook continued his fine form in the home series against Sri Lanka, adding 180 runs to his tally. However, it was in the final two series of the year -- against Pakistan and New Zealand -- where Brook truly came into his own.

In the first Test against Pakistan in Multan, he joined Joe Root to forge a monumental partnership of 454 runs, with Brook going on to register a sensational triple century. During England's tour of New Zealand, Brook maintained his prolific form, scoring 350 runs in six innings, including two outstanding centuries of 171 and 123.

Overall, Brook amassed 1,100 runs in 2024 at an impressive average of 55, making him the fourth-highest run-scorer in Test cricket for the year, with four centuries and three fifties.