

MCCI hosts Symposium on Union Budget 2025-26

The Merchants' Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI) organized a symposium today at its conference hall to discuss the Union Budget 2025-26. The event featured insights from industry leaders on the key provisions of the budget. Arvind Agrawal, Chairman of the Council on Direct Taxes, MCCI, highlighted the government's continued focus on fiscal consolidation, with the fiscal deficit for FY26 projected at 4.4% of GDP. He noted that the budget strikes a balance between fiscal discipline and consumption-driven growth. Agrawal also commended the simplification of TDS and TCS provisions.... **PG 3**



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Noisy protests in Lok Sabha over stampede in Maha Kumbh

MI News Service, New Delhi : Prolonged noisy protests by opposition parties demanding a discussion on the recent stampede at Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj and a list of those deceased, were witnessed in the Lok Sabha after the resumption of the Budget session in the lower House on Monday. When the House met for the first time after the President's address to the joint sitting and presentation of the 2025-26 budget, the opposition MPs led by Congress were on their feet and demanded a discussion on the recent tragedy in Maha Kumbh. Soon the opposition members stormed in to the well of the House resorting to noisy protests and sloganeering. Led by deputy leader of Congress in

Lok Sabha Gaurav Gogoi and Congress general secretary K C Venugopal, the opposition members also sought suspension of the Question Hour and demanded a discussion on the stampede. The opposition MPs also sought a complete list of those who have lost their lives in the stampede. Speaker Om Birla told the protesting members that they can raise their issues during the debate on motion of thanks to the President for her address to the joint sitting. "The Honourable President had referred to the tragedy at Maha Kumbh. You can raise your issues during the debate," he said. The stampede took place on January 29 when a huge crowd broke the barricades as crores of pilgrims jostled for

space to take a holy dip on the occasion of Mauni Amavasya. The Speaker said the Question Hour, where important issues are discussed, should not be disrupted and the opposition members should allow the House to run smoothly. "Arrangement should be made for smooth functioning of the Question Hour as members wait for days for their turn to participate in the discussion," he said adding "However, you don't want the House to run properly. Have people elected you to disrupt the House and raise slogans." Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju condemned the "behaviour" of the opposition members, saying such disruption and disturbance was not good. The Speaker have repeatedly appealed to the opposition, but they are not listening," he said. As the opposition continued their protests throughout the Question Hour from 11 am to 12 noon, Birla later said that there should be a resolution that there is no disruption during the Question Hour and the House should run smoothly during this time. "We should make arrangements that all concerned issues should be raised after 12 noon (zero hour)," he said. Opposition members, including those from the Congress, DMK, TMC and SP, walked out briefly after conclusion of the Question Hour. They, however, returned soon afterwards.

In Rajya Sabha, opposition parties staged a walkout after the chair did not accept their demand for an immediate discussion on alleged mismanagement at the Maha Kumbh where a stampede led to several people being killed last week. After his opening statement, Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar said he has received nine notices under Rule 267 for suspending the listed business of the day and taking up issues mentioned in the notices, including a discussion on Maha Kumbh matter. Pramod Tiwari and Digvijaya Singh (Congress), Sagarika Ghose (TMC), Javed Ali and Ranjini Lal Suman (Samajwadi Party), and John Brittas (CPI)

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High-octane campaigning for Delhi polls concludes

MI News Service, New Delhi: The fiercely-contested electoral battle coupled with high-voltage campaigning for Delhi Assembly polls, came to an end at 5 pm on Monday, ushering in the mandatory silence period before voting on February 5.

On the final day of campaigning, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has organised 22 roadshows and rallies across Delhi, intensifying its bid to reclaim power in the capital after more than 25 years. However, on the other hand, the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) remains confident of securing a third straight term, banking on its governance model of free welfare schemes. The Congress, which ruled the capital for 15 years until 2013, is striving to regain its lost ground after drawing a blank in the last two elections. The fiercely-contested electoral battle had been defined by an unprecedented use of AI-generated spoofs, sharp political jibes, and high-decibel roadshows. The Election Commission's Model Code of Conduct (MCC) mandates that all public meetings, election-related functions, and campaigning must cease 48 hours before the close of polling. According to the poll body, any dissemination of campaign material via cinema, TV, and print media is also prohibited during this period. The elections have turned into an intense war of words, with parties using catchy slogans and barbed attacks. While the AAP branded the BJP as "Bharatiya Jhootha Party" (Indian Liar Party) and "Gali Galouch Party" (Abusive Party), Prime Minister Narendra Modi hit back by dubbing the AAP as "AAP-Daa" (disaster) and its chief Arvind Kejriwal as "Ghoshna Mantri" (Minister of Announcements). The Congress, trying

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'Sadhus' of 'Mahanirvani Akhara' take a holy dip on 'Basant Panchami' during the ongoing Mahakumbh Mela, at the Sangam in Prayagraj.

Seers laud arrangements for Amrit Snan on Basant Panchami at Maha Kumbh

MI News Service, Prayagraj (UP) : The Maha Kumbh Mela witnessed the third 'Amrit Snan' on Monday, on the occasion of Basant Panchami, the first holy bathing ritual after the deadly stampede on the last key bathing day that killed at least 30 people.

Akharas led a grand 'Amrit Snan' on Monday which drew a sea of devotees to the Triveni Sangam at the Maha Kumbh on Basant Panchami, with seers praising the arrangements made for the auspicious occasion.

The third Amrit Snan assumed special significance as it came after the pre-dawn stampede on January 29 (Mauni Amavasya), which claimed at least 30 lives and injured 60 others.

Shaken by the incident, the Uttar Pradesh government had stepped up its crowd management system, and safety, medical and transport arrangements, with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath directing officials to ensure a "zero-error" Amrit Snan on Basant Panchami.

Tighter arrangements and protocol are in place to ensure an 'incident-free' 'Amrit Snan', with mela authorities and akharas deciding on a sequence in which the spiritual sects will take dip at the Sangam Nose, where the fatal crowd crush had happened last week.

Marking the third 'Amrit Snan' of the Mela, at the break of dawn several seers from across various 'akharas' indulged in the holy dip. By 4 am, 16.58 lakh devotees had taken

the holy dip, with the Uttar Pradesh government expecting 5 crore devotees on Monday alone.

The Hindu festival of Basant Panchami is celebrated on the first day of spring and falls on the fifth day of the month of Magha. It kick-starts Holi preparations in India and is a celebration of the goddess Saraswati. During the last 'Amrit Snan' event on Mauni Amavasya, a stampede caused 30 deaths and left 60 others injured. In light of the tragedy, UP chief minister Yogi Adityanath has been personally inspecting preparations since Saturday. The UP government has reinforced security, medical resources and crowd management measures to ensure such an incident can be avoided.

"Sheesh Mahal to open for Public viewing", Amit Shah announces ahead of Delhi Polls

MI News Service, New Delhi : Union Home Minister and one of the senior-most BJP leaders Amit Shah has asserted that former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's residence, 'Sheesh Mahal,' will be opened to the general public for viewing.

Addressing an election rally in the Jangpura assembly constituency in Delhi on the last day of the campaigning on Monday, Shah lashed out at AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal, accusing him of not being satisfied with one house. "So he constructed the

'Sheesh Mahal', the Home minister said. Shah claimed that as much as Rs 51,000 crore was spent on the 'Sheesh Mahal', which belongs to the people of Delhi.

"In 2013, Kejriwal used to say he would not take a house, car, or security after becoming CM. But he took a car and a bungalow as well. He was not satisfied with one house, so he constructed the 'Sheesh Mahal'... Who does this Rs 51,000 crore belong to? It belongs to the people of Delhi. I promise that we will open the

'Sheesh Mahal' for public viewing... After Kejriwal indulged in corruption worth crores of rupees, should he be voted to power again?" Shah said while addressing the public rally.

The Union Home Minister also launched a scathing attack on former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, accusing him of deceiving the residents of Patparganj.

"Manish Sisodia, AAP candidate from Jangpura constituency, has come here. You should ask him, what did he do that he had

to leave Patparganj (constituency)? He thinks he can make false promises here now after deceiving the people of Patparganj."

The BJP leader further said that as Deputy CM, Sisodia opened liquor shops near all temples, schools, and gurudwaras.

"As Deputy CM, he did one thing: he opened liquor shops near all temples, schools, and gurudwaras. There is only one education minister in the country who went to jail in the liquor scam,"

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TMC to focus on Image and Public engagement ahead of 2026 Assembly Elections

MI News Service, Kolkata: With just over a year to go before the 2026 West Bengal Assembly elections, the Trinamool Congress (TMC) is gearing up for a series of strategic changes. Party chief Mamata Banerjee is set to oversee these organizational shifts, starting with the upcoming budget session in the state assembly. The session will begin on February 10, with the state budget being presented on February 12. Once the budget session concludes, a larger meeting will be convened to lay out the party's plans and focus areas for the year ahead.

As part of these plans, TMC is focusing on its image and the way its leaders, particularly Mamata Banerjee, are presented in public events and campaigns. According to sources within the party, a significant directive has been issued: all party lawmakers must use only two specific photographs of Mamata Banerjee in their campaign materials and public outreach programs.

As per reports, a WhatsApp group named 'West Bengal Legislative Assembly Members' has been created to ensure direct communication between the leadership and the

MLAs. Through this group, the directive was shared, emphasizing that these two images should be consistently used in all campaign materials.

These two photographs have been shared with the legislators, who have been informed that they must exclusively use these images in all official materials, including posters and hoardings. No other images of Mamata Banerjee are to be used for party-related activities, ensuring a uniform and controlled visual representation.

The two approved images are: one of Mamata Banerjee performing a 'hands-folded' greeting, a gesture often associated with respect and humility, and another of her engaged in conversation during an event. Both images highlight her approach to 'people engagement,' which has been a hallmark of her political style.

The directive comes after internal reports indicated that opposition parties had been exploiting the use of various images of Mamata Banerjee for criticism, especially on social media. By focusing on these two specific images, the TMC aims to create a clear and positive public

perception, ensuring that any attempts at negative propaganda can be effectively countered.

This move is part of a broader strategy as the party prepares for the 2026 elections, which will be a major test for the TMC and its legislators. The use of these images is intended to maintain a strong, consistent message about Mamata Banerjee's leadership and approach, particularly in fostering direct communication with the people.

In addition to the image directive, TMC leaders have also started emphasizing Mamata Banerjee's personal struggles and journey, aiming to inspire the younger generation. As part of this effort, senior party leaders are sharing the story of her life and the challenges she has faced in a bid to connect with the voters.

The party's preparations will gain momentum from February 10, when the West Bengal Assembly's budget session begins. On the same day, Mamata Banerjee has scheduled a crucial meeting with the TMC legislative party at the Assembly. State party president Subrata Bakshi will also be present at the meeting.

Bangladesh is abode of communal harmony, says Chief Adviser Yunus

MI News Service, Dhaka: Bangladesh belongs to all of its citizens and is a safe place for all people regardless of religion or caste, Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus has said, as he greeted members of the Hindu community on Saraswati Puja. Hindus in Bangladesh celebrated Saraswati Puja on Monday amid traditional enthusiasm, festivity and religious fervour.

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Pvt Pakistani airline to resume Karachi-Dhaka flights after five decades

MI News Service, New Delhi : Karachi-based private airline Fly Jinnah is all set to operate Dhaka-Karachi flights soon, informed sources quoting Bangladeshi government officials said on Monday.

After the launch of a direct shipping line between Chittagong in Bangladesh and Karachi in Pakistan, a direct air link between the two countries will be launched soon, they said.

"Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) has approved a proposal of Fly Jinnah to operate direct flights between Bangladesh and Pakistan", said Abdul Naser Khan, Additional Secretary to Bangladesh's Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism in the wake of a new political dynamism between the two former rival countries.

"We will sign a deal to resume Dhaka-Karachi direct flights", he said without elaborating further.

Recently, Bangladesh signed a deal with Pakistan to import 50,000 tonnes of rice, the officials said.

Incidentally, the Bangladesh's interim government had earlier lifted the visa restrictions against Pakistan.

In January, Bangladesh's High Commissioner to Pakistan Iqbal

Hussain Khan said, "Now the relations between Pakistan and Bangladesh have started a new era. The relations are going to be strengthened in multidimensional ways. The direct flights between the two countries have not yet been established. But it is a long pending demand of the people of both sides of the two countries."

Khan also mentioned that instead of India, many patients from Bangladesh have now started travelling to Pakistan for medical treatment, further boosting people-to-people connections between the two former allies.

Khan further explained, "Both sides are working to facilitate the concerning airlines to start the connections as early as possible. So far I know, from Bangladesh's side, Bangladesh (Biman) Airlines, which is our national carrier, has also planned to operate Dhaka - London via Karachi flights from this country soon.

The Bangladesh High Commissioner's recent visit to Peshawar in North-West Pakistan is also a part of this ongoing travels arrangements across Pakistan including those in Lahore and Multan. The High Commissioner expressed optimism

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SC seeks forensic report over audio clips against CM in Manipur violence

MI News Service, New Delhi / Inphal: The Supreme Court on Monday called for a forensic report on audio recordings that allegedly feature Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh inciting ethnic violence.

After stating that the state of Manipur was "limping back to normal", the Supreme Court has sought a sealed-cover forensic report on the authenticity of leaked audio clips alleging the role of Manipur Chief Minister Biren Singh

in the ethnic violence. A bench comprising Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar sought the report from the Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) within six weeks and posted the plea by the Kuki Organisation for Human Rights Trust (KOHUR) on March 24. KOHUR, represented by advocate Prashant Bhushan, sought a court-monitored SIT probe into the alleged role of the chief minister in the ethnic violence. The Central Foren-

sic Science Laboratory (CFSL) is tasked with submitting the forensic lab report on these tapes, which are said to connect Biren Singh to the violent clashes in Manipur. The report must be presented to the Court in a sealed envelope, according to informed sources. The order was issued by a Bench led by Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar in

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Two sisters continue selling Singara at just Rs 1 in Shantipur

MI News Service, Shantipur: Amid the hike of daily commodities, the two ladies around their 70 and 60 years of age, still sell 'Singara' against only Rs 1. It happens at Sutragarh Pirer haat in Nadia's Shantipur on every morning and evening and the sell has been continuing for years.



the shop in hands and continued the price of Rs.1.

Nilima Das and Archana Das of Shantipur Pirer haat in Nadia runs a shop which was established by their grand father. Later on their father ran it. But after demies of their father, their brother ran it for around last 42 years. Since then the Singara is sold at Rs 1 at the said shop. He died more than a year back.

Though the glamour of the shop is faded up nowadays, but the popularity of the shop remained the same. When asked on Tuesday evening, Nilima Das said that they would continue the sell of Singara at Rs.1. "We will not increase the price of Singara from Rs.1," she said. The another sister Archana supported it.

The price of singara was 25 Paisa during their father's period, around 60 years back. After death of their father, their brother took the shop in hand 42 years back. Since then they sell singara at Rs.1. The brother of the duo also died about one year back and the sisters took

Every morning and afternoon, they start the preparation of singara of Rs.1. But not only Singara, they also sell 'Fuluri' at Rs. 1. They also sells various types of sweets. But there is no assistant at their shop. The small shop is adjoining to their home. There is no other mem-

bers in the family except the two unmarried sisters.

The two sisters make singara-fuluri-mishti together. Due to the unbelievable price, the shop remains crowded with customers often. While it remains highly crowded during weekly bazar day, the picture rare differs on other days. Local resident Bappa Das said, "The shop is popular for its Singara of Rs. 1. They also sell Fuluri at Rs.1. The shop remains crowded with customers often and the quality of the items are good enough. Though the price is low but they never compromised

with the quality."

However, even in such a high market, many people are very curious about the selling of Singara for one rupee. Anytime they did not keep any employees in the shop. According to Archana Das, "We sell the items at very low price amid the sky rocketing price of daily commodities. We have the plan not to increase the price of Singara and Fuluri. But if we keep an assistant, it will be hardship to bear the cost and we will have to increase the price of the items. But we are reluctant to increase it. So we two alone give

the labours and manage all."

However, the people of a vast area knows of the shop just for their 1 rupees Singara. There is another shop at Chowgachha para ward 7 of Shantipur Municipality which sells Singara at Rs 2. It is also an old shop. The owner was Gopewar De. Now his son Khagen De runs the shop. But his another brother also run a shop adjoining to it. They both now sale Singara at Rs. 2. He once sold it at 25 and 50 paisa, and Rs 1 a few years back. This price of Rs. 2 has been going on since last 3 years, said local Bappa Das.

Police Saves Life of Youth from Uttar Pradesh in Ganga at Dakshineswar

MI News Service, Kolkata: A youth from Uttar Pradesh was saved by the alert police officers of Dakshineswar police station after he was rescued from drowning in the Ganga river. The incident occurred when Pawan Shukla, a resident of Bhadohi district, had come to Dakshineswar temple to offer prayers and decided to take a dip in the river.

While bathing, the youth began to drown, and in a quick response, the police officers on duty at the temple heard local residents shouting for help. Without hesitation, the police jumped into the river and managed to pull the youth out of the water.

The dramatic rescue caused a stir in the area, as locals gathered in shock. The youth was then taken to Sagar Dutta Hospital for medical treatment. His condition is currently being monitored as he continues to receive care at the hospital.

May Maa Saraswati's blessings guide us towards a brighter future: Abhishek Banerjee



MI News Service, Kolkata: On this sacred

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occasion of Basanta Panchami, I joined my family and colleagues in paying homage to Maa Saraswati, the eternal fountain of wisdom, intellect and the arts. She is the very essence of learning, the divine force that dispels ignorance and lights the path of knowledge and creativity.

May Maa Saraswati bless every student, every seeker and every artist with the wisdom to dream, the courage to create and the perseverance to excel. May her divine grace guide our youth toward an enlightened and prosperous future, where intellect and artistry flourish in equal measure.

Her blessings transcend time and space, inspiring minds to seek truth, artists to create and students to aspire. In her luminous presence, knowledge finds its truest expression, and tal-

ent discovers its boundless potential. With folded hands, I pray at the feet of Maa Pragya-Dayini for wisdom, knowledge and prosperity for all. Sharing a few glimpses from today's divine celebration.



Rishra Municipality Chairman Vijay Sagar Mishra and Vice Chairman Zahid Hassan Khan arrived at the annual function of Rishra Chhrai Road Sanikat Mochan Mandir in Hooghly district. Along with the Chairman, the Vice Chairman thanked the administration and offered encouragement and good wishes.



A Puja of Saraswati Devi was organized by Amara Sob Pari Sangha at Ward No. 30 Girish Vidya Ratna Lane. With this, she celebrated her 13th anniversary. She was present on behalf of Amara Sob Pari Sangha on her 13th anniversary. President Dipjyoti Biswas, Vice President Biplob Banik, Secretary Sukdeep Dey, Joint Secretary Shantanu Bardhan, Cashier Soumyadeep Dey, Saurabh Samant and others were present in the puja.

Kunal Ghosh raises concern over Bengal's Budget allocation

MI News Service, Kolkata: Amid growing political tensions between West Bengal and the central government, senior TMC leader Kunal Ghosh has once again criticized the Union government for its alleged neglect of the state in the latest budget. He pointed out that while Bangladesh continues to receive its share of budget allocations from India, West Bengal has

been left empty-handed.

Ghosh highlighted that under the leadership of former Prime Minister Mohammad Yunus, India's diplomatic relations with Bangladesh had shifted significantly. Despite this, India maintained its financial allocation for Bangladesh in the new budget, set at ₹120 crore for the fiscal year 2024-25, the same amount as last year.

However, Ghosh expressed disappointment that West Bengal, despite its significant contribution to the nation, continues to face a financial shortfall, with no notable allocation in the budget. He stressed that the people of Bengal should be aware of this injustice.

several letters to the Prime Minister regarding overdue payments, yet no significant relief has been provided.

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Calcutta HC Mediation Committee stall to explain the importance of mediation in justice



Molla Jasimuddin

The 48th International Kolkata Book Fair has started on January 28 at Central Park adjacent to Karunamoyee Bus Stand in Salt Lake. It will continue till February 9. Book lovers have immersed themselves in the collection of various books from home and abroad. This time, the Calcutta High Court Mediation and Consolidation Committee has also put up a stall, number 321 near Gate No. 5 of the Kolkata Book Fair. Numerous people are flocking to this stall every day. How is the Calcutta High Court Mediation Committee taking an effective role in reducing the mountain size of cases as per the orders of the Supreme Court? Along with various books, the members of the Mediation Committee are giving detailed explanations to the visitors to the book fair. Mediation office staff Mohammad Naushad, Akbar Ali, Mousumi Mondal, etc. are handing out leaflets and books related to mediation to everyone. Under the direction of Calcutta High

Court Chief Justice TS Shivaganam, the Mediation Committee, led by Justice Soumen Sen and managed by Member Secretary Sanjeev Sharma, is working throughout the state throughout the year. Deputy Registrar (Legal) R, Original Side, Calcutta High Court, and Officer-in-Charge of the Mediation Committee Dr. Subhasish Muhuri said - "This committee has been started in Calcutta High Court since 2009. Last year, mediation training of 125 people with experience from different levels of society was completed. Among them are retired judges / retired judges / former IPS officers, lawyers, architects, journalists, etc." It is known that cases are settled through mediation in 72 ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) centers across the state, in addition to the Calcutta High Court. How can disputes between two parties be resolved amicably and impartially? Dr. Subhasish said that a stall has been set up at the book fair to convey its message to the public.

Plantation of mangroves on the banks of Sundarbans on occasion of World Wetlands Day

MI News Service, South 24 Pgs: On the occasion of World Wetlands Day on February 2nd 2025, the Sunday, under the initiative and management of Joygram Social Welfare Society and with the support of Reliance Foundation, a total of two thousand mangrove saplings of Bine, Kankra, Sundari, and Keora were planted in Dasa river of Ghoshpara, Shitaliya village under Khulna Gram Panchayat. Planted, many local women help in mangrove planting.

This not only prevents soil erosion and river erosion, but also benefits the local

Ariful Islam Mandal along with local dignitaries including Dhiti Halder, Manoj



fishings and farming communities.

Das, Ashrafal Gaine, Maruf Billa Gazi, Pear Ali Gain. There were individuals and social workers. They termed this initiative highly commendable and promised to be associated with such eco-friendly projects in the future as well. Ariful Islam Mandal,

Founder-Secretary of Joygram Social Welfare Society said, "This small effort of ours is a reflection of our responsibility towards nature. Mangrove trees not only protect the environment, but also strengthen the rural economy. In the future, we will undertake more such projects, so that the environment and Society benefits together."

It is hoped that this initiative will be expanded on a larger scale in the coming days with the aim of environmental conservation and sustainable development. This joint initiative of Joygram Social Welfare Society and Reliance Foundation will be considered as an important step in protecting the environment.

Bal Sangh marks 40 years of Saraswati Puja celebration

MI News Service, Kolkata: Basant Panchami festival was celebrated with great pomp across the state including the capital Kolkata on Monday. This festival is celebrated on the fifth day of Shukla Paksha of Magh month. Mother Saraswati is especially worshipped on this day. This year the importance of this day has increased even more because an auspicious coincidence is being created on this day. According to mythological belief, Mother Saraswati was born on the day of Basant Panchami.

Bal Sangh Sporting Club in Babu Bazar in Khidirpur Ward 79. Students have come here especially for the worship. A large

number of devotees worshipped Mother Saraswati in the Saraswati Puja Mandap organised for 40 years. And took blessings from

the mother. Pandit Yogesh Mishra said that according to religious traditions, worshipping Mother Saraswati on the day of Basant Panchami in a proper manner brings blessings of knowledge and prosperity. On this day, wearing yellow clothes and offering yellow food is considered auspicious, because yellow is the goddess' favourite colour. On this occasion, club members, senior journalist Awadhesh Kumar Chaudhary, Himanshu Keshari, Shubham Sharma, Ashish Verma, Rahul Verma, Nikhil Chaudhary, Sumit Shaw, Vaishnavi Keshari, Dhruv Choudhary and other local people were present.



On the occasion of Basant Panchami, all the devotees participated in the worship of Mother Saraswati organised by

Political leaders engage in debate before RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat's Visit

MI News Service, Kolkata: As Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat prepares for his 10-day visit to West Bengal, a political storm has erupted, with opposition parties fiercely criticizing what they describe as an attempt to "safronize" the state's political landscape. The Trinamool Congress (TMC), Congress, and CPI(M) have all strongly opposed Bhagwat's visit, accusing the RSS and BJP of using religious polarization to consolidate Hindu votes ahead of the 2026 Assembly elections.

Leader of the Opposition in the West Bengal Assembly, Suwendu Adhikari, asserted that while 39% of Hindus in the state had already voted for the BJP, increasing this number by another 5-6% would ensure a BJP-led government and transform Bengal.

Bengal," Ghosh said.

The Congress also joined the attack, with state spokesperson Soumya Aich Roy warning that this type of politics would not be accepted in Bengal. He accused the RSS and BJP of systematically trying to undermine the state's secular ethos. Roy also took a dig at Bhagwat's recent comment that "India only became truly independent with the inauguration of the Ram Temple," calling it an outright attempt to politicize religion.

were two sides of the same coin when it came to exploiting religion for political gains.

Sources within the RSS have confirmed that Mohan Bhagwat will arrive in Kolkata on 7 February and stay at Keshav Bhavan until February 10. He is expected to travel to Burdwan, where he will hold several closed-door meetings and address a public rally on February 16. Bhagwat will spend four days in Burdwan before concluding his Bengal visit. Three senior RSS officials will accompany him, and while a brief trip to Delhi remains a possibility, plans are yet to be finalized.

Police Training



Nurul Islam Khan

On Monday, West Bengal Police Welfare Committee Convener Bijitash Raut visited Police Training School in Saluwar, West Midnapore. He paid a courtesy call on all the police personnel undergoing promotion training and listened to their various problems. That is, he also saw if there was fare problem in training. He asked everyone to complete the training in a healthy

manner and with a healthy mindset. West Bengal Police Welfare Committee Member Shankar Maiti, Convener of West Midnapore District Shyamal Chakraborty, Convener of Kharagpur GR P District Shri Pallab Brahma and Joint Convener Shri Pulak Mukherjee and other members were also present. Officers of the first, second and third battalions of the newly formed EFR Welfare Committee were also present.

Ananda Marga Pracharak Samgha has organized a three day Seminar



MI News Service, Kolkata: Ananda Marga Pracharak Samgha has organized a three day Seminar at Ananda Nagar, Purulia, which concluded today. Acharya Sutrithananda Avadhuta and Acharya Mohanananda Avadhuta were the trainers of the seminar. The programme commenced with Singing of Prabhat Samgiita, Kiirtan and Collective meditation. Acharya Sutrithananda Avadhuta spoke on Shrii Shrii Anandamuriji. Dynamism is the essential characteristic of this world. The world is called jagat because it is always in motion. Just as there is individual movement, there is movement in collective life as well. This very movement requires three things: First, an inspiration - an impetus from behind. When one person stops moving, another will have to push from behind, saying, "Move ahead!" Secondly, the capacity for

movement - that is, the one who moves forward must have the requisite strength to do so. In the absence of adequate strength, how can one move forward? Thirdly, the goal of movement. These three factors are absolutely essential for any movement. The movement that the ancient human beings started, collectively as well as individually, has not yet come to an end. Nor will there be any comma, semi-colon, colon or period to check that movement; it is uninterrupted. Now the question arises, by what inspiration, by what strength, and towards which goal do human beings move? It has been observed that human movement is inspired by two ideas, atma-sukha tattva [principle of selfish pleasure] and sama-samaja tattva [principle of social equality]. Through the principle of social equality human beings bring social harmony.

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had given notices demanding a discussion on the Maha Kumbh issue. The other notices related to "accelerating incidents of disrespect towards the Constitution an B R Ambedkar", and "discriminatory and casteist statements made by Union Minister of State of Petroleum and Natural Gas".
Citing his earlier rulings regarding notices under Rule 267, Dhankhar did not approve the notices, and went ahead with the scheduled Zero Hour

during which members raise issues with the chair's permission. The rejection of the notices led to vociferous protests by opposition party MPs, including those from the Congress, SP, DMK, AAP, RJD, CPI and CPM, in the morning session.
Several MPs raised slogans in their effort to highlight the stampede at the Maha Kumbh on Mauni Amavasya in which at least 30 people were killed. They then staged a walk-out. The House continued with Zero Hour mentions.

State takes major steps to combat Guillain-Barré cases

MI News Service, Kolkata: The number of Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) cases continues to rise in the state, prompting the West Bengal Health Department to take significant measures. Hospitals across the state have been put on high alert to address the increasing cases of this neurological disorder.
On Sunday night, a special two-hour online meeting was held, chaired by Health Secretary Narayan Swaroop Nigam. The meeting included neurologists, pediatric specialists, critical care experts, and medicine specialists who discussed strategies to combat the disease. Key points of the meeting focused on

ensuring no further fatalities due to GBS, and reviewing the measures that need to be taken if the number of cases increases.
During the meeting, it was raised that the current number of GBS cases in the state needs to be assessed, along with the physical condition of the patients. Hospital infrastructure readiness to manage a potential surge in cases was also examined.
In response, the Health Department has directed medical colleges in Kolkata to set up at least two ICU beds in the neurology department and two pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) beds for children. The department

also provided treatment protocols for both ICU and PICU to ensure proper care for GBS patients.
Health experts have been tasked with identifying GBS cases at an early stage based on symptoms, and unnecessary use of intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIg) and plasma therapy has been discouraged to prevent a shortage of essential drugs. A clear protocol has been established for reporting GBS-positive cases immediately to the Health Department for prompt action.
The department has emphasized the importance of monitoring and controlling GBS by ensuring effective coordination

between hospitals and medical professionals. Early detection, along with appropriate treatment, is key to minimizing complications and preventing fatalities.
The rise in GBS cases has raised significant concerns, and the Health Department is working tirelessly to ensure that hospitals are well-equipped to handle this neurological disorder. This includes keeping the public informed on how to recognize symptoms early and when to seek medical attention.
The department is also exploring ways to strengthen public health awareness regarding GBS and its symptoms. Awareness

campaigns, as well as training programs for healthcare providers, are being planned to better equip them to manage the disease.
In conclusion, the state is taking swift action to address the rising cases of Guillain-Barré Syndrome. The proactive steps taken by the Health Department, including setting up additional ICU and PICU beds, revising treatment protocols, and ensuring the early detection of GBS cases, are crucial in managing this health crisis effectively. The situation continues to be closely monitored, and necessary measures will be taken to prevent further spread of the disease.

High-octane campaigning...

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to claw back into Delhi's political corridor, labelled Kejriwal as "Farziwal" (Fake) and a "Chhota Recharge" (Small Recharge) of Modi. With AI-generated memes and digital campaigns dominating the narrative, the battle for Delhi has reached new levels of political discourse this time.
According to the data of Delhi Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), 1.56 crore voters are eligible to cast their ballots across 13,766 polling stations on February 5. Among them, 83.76 lakh are men, 72.36 lakh women, while 1,267 are third-gender voters. To facilitate a smooth voting process, 733 polling stations have been designated for persons with disabilities. The Election Commission has also introduced a Queue Management System (QMS) application for the first time in India, allowing voters to check real-time crowd levels at polling stations through the Delhi Election - 2025 QMS app. Under the home

voting facility for senior citizens and persons with disabilities, 6,980 out of 7,553 eligible voters have already cast their votes. This service, which began on January 24, will continue until February 4.
To ensure free and fair elections, 220 companies of paramilitary forces, 19,000 home guards, and 35,626 Delhi Police personnel will be deployed. Additionally, 21,584 ballot units, 20,692 control units, and 18,943 VVPATs have been prepared, including provisions for dummy and Braille ballot papers. In 2015, AAP swept 67 of the 70 seats at stake, leaving just three for the BJP and none for the Congress. In 2020, AAP maintained its dominance with 62 seats, while the BJP won eight and the Congress once again failed to open its account.
With a resurgent BJP confident of breaking AAP's streak and the Congress eyeing a revival, Delhi is set for one of its most intense electoral battles yet.



Kolkata Mayor Firhad Hakim visits and views striking photographs at the "Chitra Jetha Bhoy Shunya" photo exhibition, organized by the Kolkata Photojournalists Association at Esplanade, Kolkata, on Monday.

MCCI hosts Symposium on Union Budget 2025-26



Arvind Agrawal, Chairman, Council on Direct Taxes, MCCI and Sanjay Bhattacharya, Co-Chairman, Council on Direct Taxes, MCCI at the Symposium on Union Budget 2025-26, held in Kolkata on Monday.

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Merchants' Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI) organized a symposium today at its conference hall to discuss the Union Budget 2025-26. The event featured insights from industry leaders on the key provisions of the budget.
Arvind Agrawal, Chairman of the Council on Direct Taxes, MCCI, highlighted the government's continued focus

on fiscal consolidation, with the fiscal deficit for FY26 projected at 4.4% of GDP. He noted that the budget strikes a balance between fiscal discipline and consumption-driven growth. Agrawal also commended the simplification of TDS and TCS provisions, which will aid in improving the Ease of Doing Business.
Sushil Kumar Goyal, Chairman of the Council on GST, Indirect Taxes & State Taxes, MCCI, expressed concerns about the control of inflation despite a projected GDP growth of 6.8%. He also mentioned that customs duty reductions on batteries would mainly benefit EV and mobile manufacturers, and pointed out the amendments to the GST law, including the introduction of the Track and Trace Mechanism. Sanjay Bhattacharya, Co-Chairman, Council on Direct Taxes, MCCI, emphasized the importance of changes in TDC, particularly the self-assessment of returns, and clarified exemptions for medical expenses under the new tax regime. The session concluded with a vote of thanks from Vivek Jalan, Co-Chairman, Council on GST.

Bangladesh is abode of...

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harmony. For thousands of years, people of all religions have been living together in this country irrespective of caste, colour and religion," he said.
"The country belongs to all of us and is a safe place for all people regardless of religion or caste," he added.
Yunus took over as the country's interim leader after a student-led uprising last year forced former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to flee to India on August 5, ending her 15-year rule.
The interim government "has been relentlessly working to improve the fate of all irrespective of race, religion, and caste and ensure their equal rights," Yunus said.
The goddess Saraswati is a symbol of truth, justice, and the light of

knowledge, he said.
"She is the omnipotent of knowledge, speech and melody," Yunus said.
He called on all Hindus in Bangladesh to devote themselves to the development and progress of the country by becoming a devotee of knowledge.
He wished peace, welfare, and prosperity for all citizens of the country.
His greetings to the Hindu community come amid allegations against the country's interim government for failing to protect religious and ethnic minorities from attacks and harassment.
There have been a spate of incidents of violence against Hindus and other minorities in Bangladesh, as well as attacks on temples in Bangladesh after the ouster of Hasina, triggering strong concerns in New Delhi.

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Shah added. In a purported remark to AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal and Manish Sisodia, Shah said, "The Bade Miyan and Chote Miyan have cheated Delhi." Notably, the sitting Patparganj MLA Manish Sisodia is set to contest from the Jangpura assembly

seat against BJP's Tarvinder Singh Marwah and Congress' Farhad Suri. Monday marks the last day of campaigning for the Delhi Assembly elections. Delhi will go to the polls on Wednesday - February 5 - and the results of the election will be declared on February 8.

SC seeks forensic report...

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response to a writ petition filed by the Kuki Organisation for Human Rights Trust, which is calling for

an independent probe into the audio tapes. The case is scheduled for the next hearing during the week beginning March 24.

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the potential impact of direct flight between the two nations, stating, "I am confident that after starting the direct flight, a high momentum will gain force for

trade, business, investment, education, and tourism." This move is expected to further strengthen the ties between the two nations in multiple sectors, the sources said.

'Sebaashray' initiative breaks records in healthcare

MI News Service, Kolkata: The "Sebaashray" initiative launched by Abhishek Banerjee has made significant strides in healthcare within just one month, proving critics wrong. Despite some internal concerns about combining government services with the program, it has garnered widespread success. The initiative has provided free medical services, including life-saving medicines, to residents in Diamond Harbour, and

As of now, over 550,000 people have benefited from the program. Starting on January 2, the "Sebaashray" project has made a significant impact in the Diamond Harbour Lok Sabha constituency. In a mere month, approximately 5.5 lakh individuals have received medical services. These services have ranged from treatment for complex neurological diseases to cataract surgeries and heart operations. The initiative has also proven to be a powerful re-

Engineering firm head arrested in Baghajatin building collapse incident

MI News Service, Kolkata: The head of an engineering firm has been arrested in connection with the collapse of a tilted building in Baghajatin, Kolkata. Abhishek Nagra, the accused, was arrested by Netaji Nagar police on Monday morning in Haryana. His company was responsible for attempting to rectify the tilt of the building, but instead of solving the problem, the situation worsened, creating further distress for the residents.
Police are now investigating the cause of the negligence and are looking into who authorized the work and why it failed. Nagra is being held in transit remand, and the authorities plan to bring him to Kolkata for further questioning.
The incident occurred on January 14, when the multi-story building in Baghajatin's Vidyasagar Colony tilted. The building had previously shown signs of tilting, prompting the residents to inform the promoter. In response, the promoter hired a Haryana-based engineering firm to straighten the building. However, instead of fixing the issue, the firm's intervention led to further complications, according to the residents.
Two days after the incident, Kolkata Mayor Firhad Hakim visited the site and voiced his frustration. He accused the promoter of bypassing official channels. "This is an engineering fault. The promoter acted without informing the municipal corporation. Without consulting a structural engineer and without municipal approval, they collaborated with a Haryana-based company. They attempted to lift the building using vehicle-lifting machinery, which only increased the danger," Hakim said.
He also pointed out that the engineering firm had failed to understand the local soil conditions. The company had as-

sumed the ground was rocky, leading them to use the wrong lifting techniques.
Following the disaster, Nagra, the head of the engineering firm, had gone into hiding. Police launched a search for him, and after a thorough investigation, they tracked him down and arrested him in Haryana. Earlier, Subhash Roy, the promoter of the building, was arrested in Bakkhali and remains in police custody.
Now, with Nagra's arrest, the police aim to uncover the full extent of the negligence and the individuals responsible for the ill-fated engineering work. Nagra will be brought back to Kolkata under transit remand, and it is expected that he will be presented in court on Monday.
This case highlights serious concerns regarding construction safety and the accountability of those involved in ensuring the safety of residents in high-rise buildings.

Leather complex accident: Mayor announces Rs 10 lakh compensation, contractor arrested

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata Mayor Firhad Hakim has announced a compensation of 10 lakh for the families of each deceased worker following the tragic deaths of labourers at the Leather Complex. The incident has once again highlighted concerns over unsafe working conditions and the repeated failure to enforce safety protocols in hazardous environments.
Contractor Alimuddin Sheikh was arrested on Monday in connection with the tragic deaths of three sanitation workers in Kolkata. The workers, employed by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC), had been cleaning a tannery pipeline in Bantar on Saraswati Puja day when they suffocated due to

toxic fumes from the tannery waste. The bodies of the workers were retrieved and sent for post-mortem.
The workers, Farjem Sheikh, Hasi Sheikh, and Suman Sardar, were hired by Sheikh, who had been responsible for assigning them to the hazardous task. Following the incident, Kolkata Mayor Firhad Hakim visited the site and ordered an investigation into the cause of the deaths. He also announced compensation for the families of the victims.
Preliminary investigations by the police suggest that the manhole where the workers entered had an extremely foul odor, indicating the presence of hazardous gases. It is suspected that the victims

were exposed to toxic fumes, leading to their deaths. However, the exact cause will be determined once the post-mortem reports are available.
The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has assured that an internal inquiry will be conducted to identify lapses and prevent further incidents. Meanwhile, the compensation announcement by Mayor Firhad Hakim aims to provide financial relief to the grieving families. However, many believe that beyond compensation, long-term systemic changes are needed to ensure worker safety.
As the investigation continues, the city awaits decisive action to prevent such avoidable tragedies in the future.

Central Revenue Sports & Cultural Board (East Zone) Sports Meet, 2024-25 concludes in Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Central Revenue Sports & Cultural Board (East Zone) Sports Meet, 2024-25, was successfully organized by the Office of the Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, West Bengal & Sikkim on 2nd and 3rd February 2025. The event, which brought together officers and officials from the Income Tax Department, CGST, and Customs from regions including Bihar, Jharkhand, Bhubaneswar, and Kolkata Sub-zones, fostered a spirit

of camaraderie and sportsmanship. The sports meet was inaugurated by Niraj Kumar, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax-2, Kolkata, who officially opened the event by unfurling the National and Zonal flags. Shrawan Kumar, I.R.S., Chief Commissioner (CGST & CX), Kolkata, and Madan Mohan Singh, I.R.S., Chief Commissioner (Customs), Kolkata Zone, graced the occasion as guests of honor.
A total of 18 sporting disciplines, including ath-

letics, badminton, table tennis, chess, football, and cricket, were contested. The participants showcased remarkable physical endurance and teamwork. In his speech, Niraj Kumar emphasized the importance of sports and cultural activities for overall well-being and stress management.
The event concluded with the handing over of the Zonal Championship Trophy, followed by a vote of thanks from Shri Aditya Bikram, Joint Commissioner of Income Tax.

CII leaders discuss Union Budget 2025-26

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Eastern Region hosted a session in Kolkata to discuss the Union Budget 2025-26, with economists and industry leaders analyzing the government's plans. Sandeep Kumar, Chairman of CII West Bengal State Council, highlighted that the budget enhances consumption-driven growth, benefiting the middle class. This increase in consumption, which accounts for 50-60% of India's GDP, will stimulate overall economic growth. Additionally, long-term growth initiatives for MSMEs, which account for 80% of employment, and a 10% increase in capital expenditure (CAPEX) were noted. The allocation of 1.5 lakh crore to states as 50-year interest-free

loans is also a positive step. Siddhartha Sanyal, Chief Economist at Bandhan Bank, pointed out the government's focus on reducing the fiscal deficit and managing public debt. This will enhance liquidity, benefiting individuals and industries. He also praised the government's investment in vocational training and skill development, addressing job market challenges. Kaushik Mukherjee, Chairman of CII Eastern Region's Economic Affairs & Taxation Subcommittee, discussed the budget's impact on generating employment, revenue, and exports, and the focus on agriculture and MSMEs as growth drivers. He also emphasized the importance of investments in human capital for economic development.

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Delivery worker arrested for threatening ex-girlfriend with acid attack

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata police have arrested a 27-year-old delivery worker, Amit Chakraborty, on charges of physically assaulting and threatening his former girlfriend with an acid attack. The accused, a resident of Dum Dum, had reportedly been harassing the woman after their breakup, even showing up outside her workplace to intimidate her.
According to police sources, Amit met the woman on social media, and they began a romantic relationship in 2020. The woman, an IT professional, was initially in a steady relationship with him. However, for reasons undisclosed, the couple broke up in 2023. After the breakup, Amit allegedly began harassing her, unable to accept the end of their relationship.

In early 2024, matters escalated when the accused called his ex-girlfriend outside her office. There, he physically assaulted her and reportedly threatened her with an acid attack. The victim further alleged that he carried a bottle of acid and threatened to harm her if she refused to reconcile. Additionally, he warned her that he would leak her personal photos online, attempting to blackmail her into submission. Disturbed and fearing for her safety, the woman filed a general diary (GD) complaint at the Kashipur police station.
The police initially called Amit for questioning and made him sign a written statement promising to cease all forms of harassment. However, the situation took a more dangerous turn when the accused continued to call

the victim repeatedly. On Saturday, when the woman refused to answer his calls, Amit allegedly arrived at her residence armed with sharp weapons, including a screwdriver, a knife, and a cutter.
Sensing imminent danger, the woman immediately dialed 100 for police assistance. Officers from Kashipur police station arrived promptly at the scene and arrested Amit before he could cause any harm.
The accused is now in police custody, and authorities are investigating whether he had acquired acid to carry out his threats. The police are also probing whether he has a history of similar offenses. The woman's statement has been recorded, and necessary legal action is being taken against the ac-

Name Change I, Safiya Osman (Old Name) wife of Mohammed Osman Hamid, residing at 5A, Dilkhosa Street, Circus Avenue, P.O.- Circus Avenue, Kolkata- 700017, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Safiya Banu (New Name) as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Kolkata (Affidavit No-4209), dated 27/01/2025. Safiya Banu (New Name) and Safiya Osman (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change I, NAZR-E-HUSSAIN @ Nazir Hussain (old name) s/o Late Abdul Karim Residing at 472/3/1, G.T.Road, Shibpur Howrah, 2 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as NAZR HUSSAIN ANSARI (new name) as declared before the..... NOTARY Public Howrah Court vide affidavit no K/JAN/307/25 Dated 27.01.2025 . NAZR-E-HUSSAIN @ Nazir Hussain and NAZR HUSSAIN ANSARI (new name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change I, JAN-E ALAM @ Mohammed Aslam (old name) S/O Nazir Hussain Residing at 472/3/1, G.T.Road, Shibpur Howrah, 2, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as JANE ALAM ANSARI s/o Nazir Hussain Ansari (new name) as declared before the First class Executive Magistrate at Howrah Court vide affidavit no 15694/24 Dated 26.12.2024. JAN-E-ALAM @ Mohammed Aslam and JANE ALAM ANSARI both are same and identical person.

Name Change I, (Old Name) ANOWAR SK S/O SARPAT, Residing at, Vill- Bazar para, Post- Radharghat, Ps-Berhampore, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742101, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from ANOWAR SK To ANOWAR SK (New Name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) ANOWAR SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 29 January 2025. ANOWAR SK and ANOWAR SK both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change I, JAWAHAR LAL JAISWAL (Old Name) S/O ASARFI LAL JAISWAL Residing at 14, Haralal Das Street, P.O.&P.S.-Entally, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700014, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as JAWAHAR JAISWAL (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public of India vide affidavit Dated 31-01-2025. JAWAHAR LAL JAISWAL (Old Name) and JAWAHAR JAISWAL (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, MOINUDDIN SARDAR (Old Name) S/O AMIR SARDAR Residing at Manoharpur Mallickpara, P.S.-Dankuni, District - Hooghly, Pin- 712311, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MAINUDDIN SARDAR (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public of India vide affidavit Dated 31-01-2025. MOINUDDIN SARDAR (Old Name) and MAINUDDIN SARDAR (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Golab Ch Pandey S/o Late Amrit Lal Pandey Residing at 5 J, Gopi Mondal Lane, P.O.+P.S.- Cossipore, District - Kolkata, Pin- 700002 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Gulab Chandra Pandey. I declare that Golab Ch Pandey and Gulab Chandra Pandey is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 31-01-2025.

Name Change By affidavit at Nadia's Tehatta Sub Divisional Court on January 15, 2025, I, Shobha Mondal, age 65, wife of late Shridam Mondal, resident of Vill. Arshiganj, P. O. Raghunathpur under Tehatta PS in Nadia, W. B. PIN. 741160, hereby declare that my nickname is Sabita Mandal and the name was written by mistake in the documents of my son Uttam Mandal. My Aadhaar No. is 8303 4726 1861. My son is now in the Indian Army (No. JC294612X), Rank NB. SIB (DMT) Unit 122 SFA. REGT. (Plains) CO. 56 A.P.O.I solemnly declare that Shobha Mandal and Sabita Mandal are the same and identical person.

Name Change I, Goutam Das, S/O. Gobinda Das, resident of ward 4, Ghoshpara, Kalyani, P.O. & P.S.- Kalyani, Dist. - Nadia, declare that my father's name was wrongly written as Gobinda Chandra Das in place of Gobinda Das in my Passport (No. V0974900) and in my old Birth certificate (No. B/2024/0126566). By affidavit at Kalyani Court on December 07, 2024, I have received my father's name in all above mentioned documents. My father's actual name (Gobinda Das) is written in my Aadhaar Card having No. 2309 5617 6705-I confirm that Gobinda Das and Gobinda Chandra Das are the same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Kartik Das, S/o Nepal Das residing at Hasimpur, PO & P.S.- Balagarh, Dist- Hooghly, PIN- 712501, do hereby declare that my father's name has been recorded as Nepal Das in his Aadhar Card (No. 570784325489) & in Voter Card (No. LCX0609065). But in his passport (No. M43114670), it has been recorded as Nepal Chandra Das. In an affidavit submitted on 30.01.2025 before Judicial Magistrate 4th Court, Hooghly, Nepal Das and Nepal Chandra Das will be considered as same and identical person.

Name Change I, Shashikala Choudhary (Old Name) daughter of Gour Shankar Dalmia, residing at P-101, Block-F, New Alipore, P.S.- New Alipore, Kolkata- 700053, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sashikala Choudhary (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 31/01/2025. Shashikala Choudhary (New Name) and Shashikala Choudhary (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

In Bengal we worship Goddess Durga & Swaraswati as 'Holy Mother': Mayor

MI News Service, Kolkata: State Minister and Mayor of Kolkata Firhad Hakim has mentioned that it is the tradition of Bengal to worship Goddess Durga and Swaraswati in the form of 'Holy Mother'. He further said that for long it has been the tradition of Bengal and Bengalis to worship in this style and this phenomenon only shows the rich cultural heritage and divinity of Bengal where the respect and honour of women are kept in highest esteem. Mayor was recently speaking at the occasion of a special session on 'Future of jute in India and abroad' organized by Merchant Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI). Later Mayor also unveiled a coffee table book written by Chaitali Das.

Name Change I, Vikash Kumar Choudhary (Old Name) son of Biswanath Choudhary, residing at P-101, Nalini Ranjan Avenue, Block-F, New Alipore, P.S.- New Alipore, Kolkata- 700053, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Vikash Choudhary (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 31/01/2025. Vikash Choudhary (New Name) and Vikash Kumar Choudhary (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change I, Prasenjit Mondal (Old Name), Son Of Gobinda Chandra Mondal, Residing At Vill - Chaltaberia, Ps- Jo Ngar, South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743337, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Prosenjit Mondal (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public Kolkata On 31/01/2025. That Prosenjit Mondal (Old Name) And Prosenjit Mondal (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, Suresh Kumar Baralia (Old Name) son of Late Ram Chandra Baralia, residing at Active Acres, Bl-3A, Flat-6D, 54/10, De Dey Road, Kolkata- 700015, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Suresh Baralia (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 31/01/2025. Suresh Baralia (New Name) and Suresh Kumar Baralia (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change I, Tapan Kumar Ghosh (Old Name) son of Late Anek Lal Ghosh, residing at Near 1 No Loknath Baba Mandir, Basunagar, P.O.- Madhyamgram, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 700129, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Tapan Ghosh (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 31/01/2025. Tapan Ghosh (New Name) and Tapan Kumar Ghosh (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change I, Rafique Hussain (Old Name) son of Late Nabil Hossain, residing at No-154, Mudiali Pratham Sarani, Garden Reach, Kolkata- 700024, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rafik Hossain (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 31/01/2025. Rafik Hossain (New Name) and Rafique Hussain (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change I, Md Gulam Farid, Son Of Md Rafique, Residing At 47/B Golam Hani Road, Po - Tijala, Kolkata- 700039, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Gulam Farid Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public Kolkata On 31/01/2025. That Md Gulam Farid And Gulam Farid Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, Bishwanath Choudhary (Old Name) son of Baijnath Choudhary, residing at P-101, Nalini Ranjan Avenue, Block-F, New Alipore, P.S.- New Alipore, Kolkata- 700053, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Biswanath Choudhary (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 31/01/2025. Biswanath Choudhary (New Name) and Bishwanath Choudhary (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Historic Rail Budget for Odisha: Record Investments and Unprecedented Growth in Railway Infrastructure



MI News Service, Kolkata: Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & Information Technology, today addressed a press conference, unveiling key highlights of the 2025 Rail Budget for Odisha, through Video Conferencing from New Delhi.

Key Highlights from the Rail Budget 2025 for Odisha: 1. Record Budgetary Allocation: o Rs. 10,599 crore has been allocated for railway development in Odisha, marking a 12.5-fold increase from the Rs. 838 crore allocated during the 2009-2014 period. 2. Expansion of the Railway Network: o Between 2014-2025, 186 km of new tracks will be laid, 3.5 times more than the 53 km added during the previous period. 3. Electrification Progress: o Odisha's electrification efforts have seen a 4.5-fold increase, with 138 km of electrified track during 2014-2025 compared to just 29 km in the previous term. 4. Massive Infrastructure Development: o Over 2,046 km of new tracks have been constructed since 2014, surpassing Malaysia's entire rail network in scale. o Odisha has also achieved 100% electrification with 1,516 km of track electrified. 5. Ongoing Projects and Future Investments: o Currently, 48 new track projects are underway, with a total of 4,784 km of tracks being developed and an investment of Rs. 73,723 crore. 6. Development of Amrit Stations: o The budget includes Rs. 2,379 crore for the development of 59 stations across Odisha, including key hubs like Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Puri, Sambalpur, and Rourkela. 7. Safety and Technology Enhancements: o The Kavach safety system has been sanctioned for 1,898 km of rail line, with ongoing work and tendering for 645 km. A total of 1,000 locomotives will be integrated with the system to enhance safety. 8. Passenger Amenities and Infrastructure Upgrades: o Since 2014, 522 rail flyovers and underbridges have been constructed. Additionally, 43 lifts, 18 escalators, and Wi-Fi have been installed at 234 stations. 9. Vande Bharat Trains: o Six Vande Bharat trains now run across Odisha, connecting 17 districts and 25 unique stop-

pages, offering modern, high-speed travel for passengers. 10. Amrit Bharat Express: o An Amrit Bharat Express, running between Malda Town and Bengaluru, connects five states, enhancing regional connectivity. 11. Record Investment and Historical Development: o Odisha has received over Rs. 10,000 crore annually for railway development over the past three years, contributing to a total investment of Rs. 78,000 crore in the state's railway sector. Furthermore, an additional Rs. 20,000 crore worth of projects have been sanctioned during the current government's tenure. 12. Multi-Tracking Initiatives: o The multi-tracking project from Kolkata to Chennai is progressing rapidly, with significant work completed between Kolkata and Bhubaneswar. Third-line work is already underway, and the fourth line will be processed in the future. Shri Vaishnaw extended his gratitude to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Finance Minister, and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha for their unwavering support to Odisha's railway development, emphasizing the importance of the "Double Engine Government" model for this massive transformation.

The Rail Budget 2025 signals a new era for Odisha's railway infrastructure, bringing unmatched growth, modernization, and connectivity to the state. The ongoing projects and future investments will strengthen Odisha's position as a key player in India's railway network and contribute significantly to regional economic growth.

To clear the extra rush of pilgrims and passengers, Eastern Railway has decided to run five (05) Kumbha Mela special with additional one Sleeper Class & one Air-Conditioned (AC 3 tier) Coaches on temporary basis. Following Kumbha Mela special will run with 21 coaches instead of 19 coaches: o 03021/03022 Howrah - Tundla -Howrah Kumbha Mela Special leaving Howrah with effect from 05.02.2025 to 26.02.2025 & leaving Tundla with effect from 07.02.2025 to 28.02.2025. o 03023/03024 Howrah - Tundla -Howrah Kumbha Mela Special leaving Howrah with effect from 16.02.2025 to 20.02.2025 & leaving Tundla with effect from 17.02.2025 to 21.02.2025. o 03025/03026 Howrah - Tundla -Howrah Kumbha Mela Special leaving Howrah on 28.02.2025 & leaving Tundla on 01.03.2025. o 03029/03030 Howrah - Tundla -Howrah Kumbha Mela Special leaving Howrah with effect from 06.02.2025 to 20.02.2025 & leaving Tundla with effect from 08.02.2025 to 22.02.2025. o 03031/03032 Howrah - Bhind -Howrah Kumbha Mela Special leaving Howrah on 19.02.2025 & leaving Bhind on 20.02.2025

Restoration of Vibhuti Express MI News Service, Kolkata: Railway has decided to restore the run of 12333 Howrah - Prayagraj Rambagh Vibhuti Express (journey commencing on 03.02.2025 & 04.02.2025) and 12334 Prayagraj Rambagh - Howrah Vibhuti Express (journey commencing on 04.02.2025 & 05.02.2025).

West Bengal allocated Rs 13,955 crores under Railway Budget '25 101 Amrit stations being developed in West Bengal



MI News Service, Kolkata: Vaishnaw informed that the state currently has Rs 68,000 crores of investment in railways. He requested the West Bengal government to address land acquisition and law and order issues so that benefits of these investments and projects reach citizens at the earliest. The minister informed that 101 stations in West Bengal are being modernised under the Amrit Bharat Station

Scheme and around 1290 km of tracks were added in the state in the last 10 years. Moreover, the Kolkata Metro built 28 km of tracks during 1972 to 2014, while an expansion of 31 km has been achieved in the last 10 years. Vaishnaw said this was possible due to the Prime Minister's commitment, devotion and respect for the people and culture of Bengal. In West Bengal, 3,337 km of tracks would be covered with the Kavach system to enhance railway safety. Vaishnaw informed that along with the rest of the nation, West Bengal will soon receive several other new railway projects and trains including Namu Bharat and Vande Bharat sleeper which would revolutionise rail travel in the next five years. Additional general manager of Eastern Railway Shri Sumit Sarkar and other railway officials were present at the web conference hosted at the Eastern Railway headquarters in Kolkata.

Five Kumbha Mela Special Trains to run with more sleeper class and Air-Conditioned Coaches

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Remarkable increase in Budget Grant for Railways (2025-26) including West Bengal, Jharkhand and Odisha



Anil Kumar Mishra, General Manager, South Eastern Railway interacting with the media persons regarding the Budget Grant for Railways (2025-26) at SER Headquarters, Garden Reach on 03-02-2025.

MI News Service, Kolkata: There has been a remarkable increase in Budget Grant for Railways in West Bengal, Jharkhand and Odisha in 2025-26. Addressing a press meet through video conferencing from New Delhi, Hon'ble Railway Minister, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw said that there has been a big allocation in the Union Budget (2025-26) pertaining to Railways. In this budget (2025-26) there has been a record allocation of Rs.13,955 crores for West Bengal against the average allocation of Rs.4,380 crores during the period from 2009 to 2014. The Budget allocation of 2025-26 is 3 times (approx.) more than the average Budget allocation of 2009-14.

MI News Service, Kolkata: The average outlay of Rs.457 crores during 2009 to 2014. The Budget allocation of 2025-26 is 16 times (approx.) more than the average Budget allocation of 2009-14. For Odisha there has been a total allocation of Rs.10,599 crores for 2025-26 against the average outlay of Rs.838 crores during 2009 to 2014. The Budget allocation of 2025-26 is 12.5 times (approx.) more than the average Budget allocation of 2009-14.

Shri Anil Kumar Mishra, General Manager, South Eastern Railway was present at SER Headquarters, Garden Reach during the video conference of Hon'ble Railway Minister. General Manager/SER interacted with the media persons regarding the Budget Grant for Railways and also briefed about different Railway projects of SER.

Impetus on Battery prod: Centre to exempt import duties on 14 critical minerals

MI News Service, New Delhi: The government will exempt import duties on 14 additional critical minerals, including cobalt powder, lithium-ion battery waste, lead and zinc. This follows earlier exemptions in July 2024, when duties were removed on 25 minerals not available domestically.

As part of its push for domestic battery production, the government will exempt duties on 35 additional capital goods for electric vehicle (EV) battery manufacturing and 28 for mobile phone battery production. The goal is to reduce India's dependence on imported lithium-ion batteries and encourage local supply chain development. Saket Mehra, partner, Grant Thornton Bharat: "Lower customs duties on lithium will cut battery costs and strengthen India's EV sector." Nirmal K. Minda, chairman, Uno Minda, said: "The government's focus on EV battery manufacturing will help build local capabilities and reduce reliance on imports."

I'm product of Indo-US bond: Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella

MI News Service, Washington: Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella said he is the "product of the bond" that exists between India and the US, as top government officials and American lawmakers lauded the Indian community's contribution during Republic Day commemorations here. The Consul General of India in Seattle hosted a special reception at the Bell Harbour Conference Centre to commemorate India's 76th Republic Day. Washington State Governor Bob Ferguson and Nadella were the Guests of Honour at the reception attended by over 500 people from the Indian-American community, according to a press release issued by the Consulate. In a unique first, several members of the US Congress also joined the evening celebrations. Nadella, addressing the gathering, acknowledged that he "was a product of the bond that exists between the two countries (India and US)." He praised the leadership of both nations for their "focus on how to use technology to leverage education outcomes, health outcomes, public service efficiency, competitiveness and productivity of small businesses", the press release said. Addressing members of the Indian-American community at the Republic Day reception, Ferguson, the newly elected 24th Governor of Washington State,

acknowledged "the incredible contribution the Indian society makes not just for India but for the entire world".

He added that as a new Governor of the State of Washington, he looked forward to building on the relationship with the Consul General of India in Seattle. In a special recognition to mark the occasion, Washington State Senate in Olympia passed a State Senate Resolution, moved by State Senator Manka Dhingra and supported by Senator Vandana Slatter, welcoming the 76th Republic Day of India and the strong friendship between the people of India and the US. The Republic Day reception, hosted by the Consul General of India in Seattle Prakash Gupta was also attended by a distinguished line-up of top government officials, lawmakers as well as Mayors of ten cities. Several members of the US Congress who joined the evening celebrations included Rep. Suzan DelBene, Rep. Adam Smith, Rep. Michael Baumgartner, and Rep. Kim Schrier, who welcomed India's achievements as the world's largest democracy. Other distinguished participants included Washington State Attorney General Nick Brown, Secretary of State Steve Hobbs, several Washington State Senators and Representatives.

Students go for green Swaraswati Pujo

MI News Service, Kolkata: During Swaraswati Pujo this year, Kolkata got the taste of "green Swaraswati Pujo". Aditya Academy Secondary Rodkol and Aditya Academy Senior Secondary Dum Dum celebrated Saraswati Puja with a sustainable touch this year. The pandal, crafted from repurposed plastic and polythene, showcased creative reuse for a greener future. South Point High School too celebrated Saraswati Puja with full zest. The event featured a delightful mix of traditional songs, energetic dances, and soulful instrumental music, highlighting Bengal's rich cultural heritage.

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ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI BANK LTD, BP-4, Technopolis Building, 4th Floor, Sector V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata West Bengal - 700091. CIN No: L65190GJ1994PLC021012, www.icicibank.com. The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) R/w Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, (on underlying pool assigned to ICICI Bank by Dewan Housing Finance Ltd.) in relation to the enforcement of security in respect of a Housing Loan facility granted pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between DHFL and the borrower, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Table with 5 columns: Sr. No., Name of the Borrower(s), Description of Property/Date of Possession, Date of Demand Notice/Amount in Demand (Rs.), Name of Branch. Row 1: Shibu Maity/ Pinki Maity/ 47, Prince Rahimuddin Lane, Tollygunge, Kolkata West Bengal Kolkata- 700033/ 13700006345/ OZGHZ00005023448. Property: Flat No. 7, 3rd Floor, Northern Side, Premises No. 109, Vivekananda Park, (Also Known, Numbered and Postal Address V-48, Vivekananda Park), Kamdhari, C. S. Dag No. 217, L.O. P. No. 15, 15B & 15C, Mouza Kamdhari, Ward No. 49, P.S. Regent Park Now Bansdroni, J.R. No. 111, Kolkata Municipal Corporation, Sub Registration Office Alipore, District 24- Parganas (South) Kolkata- 700094. (Measuring An Area of Measuring 550 Sq. Ft. Super Built Up Area.)/Date of Physical 29.01.2025. Date of Demand Notice/Amount in Demand (Rs.): May 26, 2023 Rs. 11,96,800/- Branch: Kolkata.

The above-mentioned borrower(s)/guarantor(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Date: February 04, 2025 Place: Kolkata Authorised Officer ICICI Bank Limited

Sealdah division accomplishes commissioning of electronic interlocking (EI) at Ballygunge and Kankurgachi in record time

MI News Service, Kolkata: Sealdah Division has achieved yet another historic milestone of infrastructure development work by commissioning Electronic Interlocking at Ballygunge jn. and Kankurgachi jn. stations. The age old Route Relay Interlocking (RRI) systems have since been replaced and Sealdah South Section Interlocking was through at 02:45 hrs on 03.02.2025, well before the stipulated deadline.



as it involves movement in four directions and controls all the trains coming to and from Sealdah South and connects the south section with the north section. On the other hand, Kankurgachi controls all trains to and from Sealdah main and its servers as a connector with Sealdah South. Thus, Kankurgachi - Ballygunge section is the busiest suburban section which is densely populated.



2025 MLA Cup Cricket Tournament has been organized at the invitation of Kamarhati Development Society from February 24th to 27th at Vivekananda Samiti Playground, Kamarhati. Development society president Shubhrajit Mitra and other municipal representatives told in a press conference on Monday. 16 teams will participate. The game will be played through knock out as per ICCI rules. Winner prize is 3 lakh rupees and runner prize is 2 lakh rupees and there are many other prizes.

Union Budget is progressive and growth oriented



MI News Service, Kolkata: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Union Budget 2025-26 for the 8th consecutive time in Parliament on 1 February 2025. She has focused on 4 pillars in this budget - Agriculture, MSME, Investment and Export. This budget is an important step towards a self-reliant India.

uses our government's efforts to secure inclusive development, uplift household sentiment, and enhance the power of India's middle class. The Finance Minister set the fiscal deficit target for 2025-26 at 4.4% of GDP, lower than 4.8% of GDP in 2024-25.

tax, then in this budget, there is no tax payment on tax up to Rs 12 lakh in the new tax regime. Not only this, the time limit for filing updated tax returns has also been increased from 2 years to 4 years.

CLW shines at 9th IIF-2025 Rajkot

MI News Service, Chittaranjan: Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW), a leading locomotive manufacturing unit of Indian Railways, is participating & showcasing its impressive locomotives and technological innovations at the 9th India Industrial Fair 2025, being held in Rajkot, Gujarat, from February 2 to 5, 2025.



On 02nd February, 2025, Smt. Nimubhen Jayantibhai Bambhaniya, Hon'ble Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India visited CLW's exhibition pavilion, where Shri Harish Mittal, CEE/Design provided an overview of the displayed products.

Chartered Accountant Anup Kumar Luharuka, says - Our Indian economy is growing at the right pace and path and this budget is progressive and strong.

This budget is dedicated to accelerating growth, driven by our aspirations for a 'Viksit Bharat.' Our economy remains the fastest-growing among all major economies. The Budget 2025-26 continues our government's efforts to secure inclusive development, uplift household sentiment, and enhance the power of India's middle class.

As far as GST is concerned, The Finance Bill proposes to provide legal backing to the Invoice Management System (IMS) under GST, enhancing compliance and transparency.

On 3rd, Feb. Ashwani Kumar, DRM Rajkot also visited CLW Stall & appreciated the component items displayed. At this industrial fair, CLW is showcasing its models of locomotives built over the glorious 75 years of its journey and indigenous manufacturing capabilities under 'Make in India' Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiatives. This exhibition provides an excellent opportunity & platform for industry experts, business leaders, and visitors to gain insights into CLW's technological achievements and future plans & exchange of ideas.

CLW is displaying prominently the WAP-5 Push-pull Aerodynamic & WAG-9 HC TWIN Electric Locomotives in this prestigious industrial fair, along with other models & exhibits. It also showcased its manufacturing prowess through Interactive Digital Displays & Infographics.

Shri Sunil Kumar, SSE; Shri Suman Dutta; Shri Jitendra Singh, JE and team provided detailed insights about CLW's products and innovations to visitors and industry experts.

The primary objective of CLW's participation in this event is to showcase its exceptional achievements & exploring new business opportunities. This fair will continue till 05th February, 2025.

Notice regarding Power of Attorney as per West Bengal Govt Order No. 1000-15/22/2024 dated 27.02.2024. This is to notify that Smt. Prava Debi W/o Ramchandra Singh Domahani Rail Colony P.S. Asansol (North) Dist Paschim Burdwan has purchased the below mentioned land schedule by virtue of Deed No. 400 dated - 21.01.2025 (ADSR) with the help of Power of Attorney Deed No. 7095 or, 7971 Dated 29.08.2024 (01/10/2024) (ADSR) executed by 1.Sri Ram Prakash Singh, 2. Ram Nareish Singh, 3. Prasad Singh, 4. Late Siva Lal Mahato Address Gopal Nagar P.O. Kail (CH) P.S. - Asansol North, Dist Paschim. Burdwan and the said applicant has applied with the same land schedule for mutation vide mutation case No.MN/2025/2305/1635 Dist Paschim Burdwan at the office of the S.D.L. & L.R.O. (EP-1) Dist-Paschim Bardhaman.

SC declines to hear Maha Kumbh stampede PIL

MI News Service, New Delhi: Termining as 'unfortunate' the January 29 stampede at Maha Kumbh where at least 30 people were killed, the Supreme Court on Monday refused to hear a PIL for guidelines over safety of devotees and asked the petitioner to move the Allahabad High Court instead.

Advocate Vishal Tiwari filed the PIL on January 30, a day after the incident in the stampede in Prayagraj. The petition filed under Article 32 of the Constitution sought guidelines to prevent stampedes and protect the fundamental rights of equality and life under Article 21.

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GENERAL NOTICE. IN THE CITY CIVIL COURT CALCUTTA BEFORE THE LEARNED CHIEF JUDGE ACT XXXIX OF 1925 ACT XXXIX CASE NO. 115 OF 2024. IN THE GOODS OF: An application for Succession Certificate to the Estate of Late Kusum Bivlaya, wife of Late Anil Kumar Bivlaya, lately of LAXMI VILLA, 29/11, Flat No. 1B, 1st Floor, Ballygunge Park, Opposite CCFC Ground, Ballygunge, P.S. Karaya, Kolkata - 700019.

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER. 1R, dated 30.01.2025. e-Tender is invited by Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer/Works/HQ/Garden Reach, S.E. Railway, 3rd Floor, New Administrative Building, Garden Reach, Kolkata-700043 for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work: Description of work: Supply, installation, testing & commissioning of Elephant Intrusion Detection System (EIDS) in Dhura-Badgheli, Kunki-Ex. Chandli & Jaraike-Mahadeval section of Chakradharpur division of South Eastern Railway. Approximate Cost of work: ₹ 16,03,10,078.63. Earnest Money: ₹ 9,51,600/- Closing date and time: 21.02.2025 at 11.30 hrs. The details of tender notice for the above tender has already been published in website www.ireps.gov.in (PR-1091)

SBFC. Where as the borrowers/co-borrowers mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited, ("DHFL"). Pursuant to the Deed of Assignment dated 14th June 2019, DHFL transferred and assigned the financial assets and other rights in favour of the Securitisation Trust. Subsequently, the Securitisation Trust appointed SBFC Finance Limited to do all such acts including enforcement of underlying securities. We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/mortgagors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset on the respective dates mentioned hereunder, as per guidelines of Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below, calling upon the following borrowers/mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate of the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

Table with columns: Sr. No., NAME OF THE BORROWER / ADDRESS, DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE & NPA, Loan And Outstanding Amount, Description Of Secured Assets. Includes details for Galaxy Outdoor Advertising Solutions Pvt Ltd, Panna Dasgupta, and others.

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RESTORATION OF HOWRAH-PAYAGRAJ RAMBAG-HOWRAH VIBHUTI EXPRESS. 12333 Howrah-Prayagraj Rambag Vibhuti Express (JCO 03.02.2025 & 04.02.2025) and 12334 Prayagraj Rambag-Howrah Vibhuti Express (JCO 04.02.2025 & 05.02.2025) which were earlier cancelled due to operational reason, will be restored. Chief Passenger Transportation Manager Eastern Railway. Follow us at @EasternRailway @easternrailwayheadquarter

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE. The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(14) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Study finds how brain responds to reward

Massachusetts [US], February 5 (ANI): Neuroscientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology discovered that socioeconomic factors might influence the brain's susceptibility to pleasant events, which is important for motivation and attention.

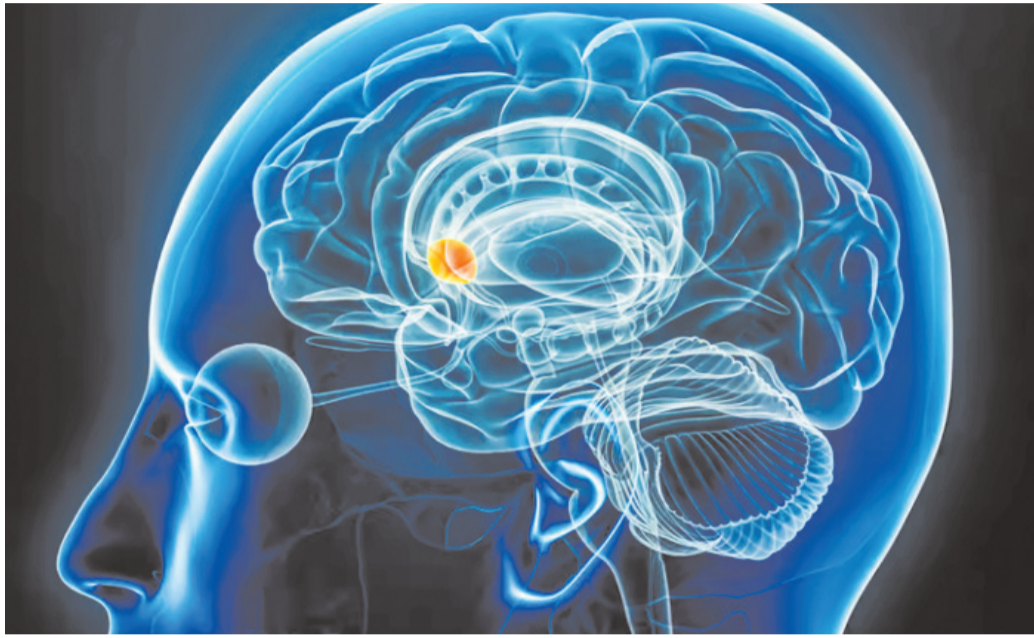
In a study of 12 to 14-year-olds with considerably varying socioeconomic status (SES), researchers discovered that children from lower SES homes were less sensitive to reward than those from more affluent backgrounds.

Using functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI), the research team measured brain activity as the children played a guessing game in which they earned extra money for each correct guess. When participants from higher SES backgrounds guessed correctly, a part of the brain called the striatum, which is linked to reward, lit up much more than in children from lower SES backgrounds.

The brain imaging results also coincided with behavioural differences in how participants from lower and higher SES backgrounds responded to correct guesses. The findings suggest that lower SES circumstances may prompt the brain to adapt to the environment by dampening its response to rewards, which are often scarcer in low SES environments.

"If you're in a highly resourced environment, with many rewards available, your brain gets tuned in a certain way. If you're in an environment in which rewards are more scarce, then your brain accommodates the environment in which you live. Instead of being overresponsive to rewards, it seems like these brains, on average, are less responsive, because probably their environment has been less consistent in the availability of rewards," says John Gabrieli, the Grover Hermann Professor of Health Sciences and Technology, a professor of brain and cognitive sciences, and a member of MIT's McGovern Institute for Brain Research.

Gabrieli and Rachel Romeo, a



former MIT postdoc who is now an assistant professor in the Department of Human Development and Quantitative Methodology at the University of Maryland, are the senior authors of the study. MIT postdoc Alexandra Decker is the lead author of the paper, which appears today in the *Journal of Neuroscience*. Previous research has shown that children from lower SES backgrounds tend to perform worse on tests of attention and memory, and they are more likely to experience depression and anxiety. However, until now, few studies have looked at the possible association between SES and reward sensitivity.

In the new study, the researchers focused on a part of the brain called the striatum, which plays a significant role in reward response and decision-making. Studies in people and animal models have shown that this region becomes highly active during rewarding experiences.

To investigate potential links between reward sensitivity, the striatum, and socioeconomic status, the researchers recruited more than 100 adolescents from a

range of SES backgrounds, as measured by household income and how much education their parents received.

Each of the participants underwent fMRI scanning while they played a guessing game. The participants were shown a series of numbers between 1 and 9, and before each trial, they were asked to guess whether the next number would be greater than or less than 5. They were told that for each correct guess, they would earn an extra dollar, and for each incorrect guess, they would lose 50 cents.

Unbeknownst to the participants, the game was set up to control whether the guess would be correct or incorrect. This allowed the researchers to ensure that each participant had a similar experience, which included periods of abundant rewards or few rewards. In the end, everyone ended up winning the same amount of money (in addition to a stipend that each participant received for participating in the study). Previous work has shown that the brain appears to track the rate of rewards available. When rewards are abundant, people or

animals tend to respond more quickly because they don't want to miss out on the many available rewards. The researchers saw that in this study as well: When participants were in a period when most of their responses were correct, they tended to respond more quickly.

"If your brain is telling you there's a really high chance that you're going to receive a reward in this environment, it's going to motivate you to collect rewards, because if you don't act, you're missing out on a lot of rewards," Decker says.

Brain scans showed that the degree of activation in the striatum appeared to track fluctuations in the rate of rewards across time, which the researchers think could act as a motivational signal that there are many rewards to collect. The striatum lit up more during periods in which rewards were abundant and less during periods in which rewards were scarce. However, this effect was less pronounced in the children from lower SES backgrounds, suggesting their brains were less attuned to fluctuations in the rate of reward over time.

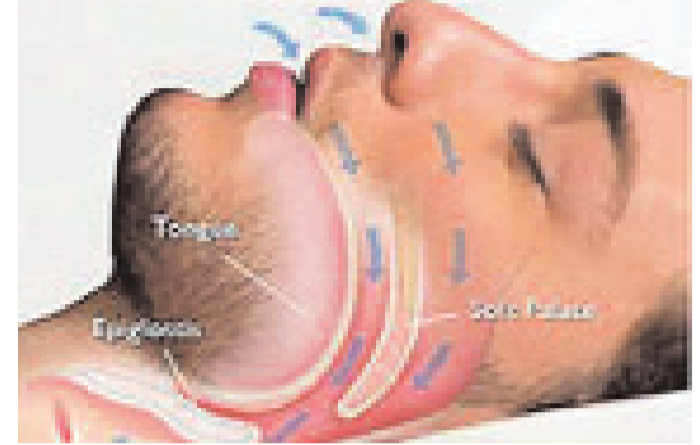
Women's blood lipid metabolism stronger at counteracting consequences of sleep apnea: Study

ONTARIO [CANADA] : Sleep apnea, which causes periodic, brief disruptions in breathing while sleeping, can disrupt blood lipid control, a major factor in the development of cardiovascular disease. A University of Ottawa research team discovered that the effect of sleep apnea on blood lipid metabolism varies by gender, with women controlling their blood lipids more effectively than men.

The study was conducted by Nicholas Goulet, Caroline Marcoux, Renee Morin, Jean-Francois Mauger and Vincent Bourgon, under the supervision of Pascal Imbeault, full professor in the School of Human Kinetics of uOttawa's Faculty of Health Sciences and a member of the Institut du savoir Montfort, in collaboration with DrRuwanAmaratunga, a pneumologist with the Montfort institute.

In a randomized cross-over trial including subjects of both sexes, the research team measured the impact of consuming high-fat meals and intermittent exposure to oxygen-deficient air, leading to low blood oxygen levels (hypoxemia), a key characteristic of sleep apnea. Various physiological measurements were taken during the study, including triglyceride levels, blood pressure and oxygen saturation.

"We achieved our findings by measuring lipids in the bloodstream after a lipid-rich meal,



with men and women in good health exposed to ambient air (normal oxygen levels) or oxygen-deficient air intermittently (the latter simulating sleep apnea)," says Imbeault.

The results suggest that there are significant differences between men and women in triglyceride response after a meal under conditions of intermittent hypoxemia. The study provides detailed information on the interaction among biological sex, intermittent hypoxemia and triglyceride response after a meal, with potential implications for future research and clinical applications in the area of physiology.

"Our work shows that women present a metabolic advantage in managing blood lipids, protecting them from the disruptive effects

of sleep apnea. This could potentially explain why women living with sleep apnea present a lower prevalence of co-morbidities (Type II diabetes, cardiovascular disease) than men," says Imbeault.

The study took place from 2018 to 2023 at the University of Ottawa. "To our knowledge, no study to date has investigated the contribution of biological sex to blood lipids during exposure to intermittent hypoxemia, a condition that simulates sleep apnea," Imbeault says.

The findings therefore add a new dimension to our understanding of the way blood lipids are managed and highlight the importance of considering the difference between the sexes in future research and clinical interventions.

Males born to obese moms more likely to develop health issues as adults: Research

Washington DC [US] : Males born to obese mothers are more likely to be overweight at birth and suffer metabolic issues later in life, such as liver disease or diabetes.

The way that male sex hormones activate pathways in the developing liver is partly to blame.

That's the finding from a new study led by University of South Australia (UniSA) researchers looking at the impact of maternal obesity on fetal liver androgen signalling.

Male fetuses of obese pregnant women have different signals that are activated by male sex hormones in the liver, which encourages them to prioritise growth at the expense of their health.

Female fetuses exposed to excess testosterone from an obese pregnancy are wired to switch off

the androgen pathway in the liver, restricting their growth and lowering the risks of metabolic disorders in adulthood.

"We know there are sex differences in metabolic disorders in later life in response to maternal obesity," DrMeakin says.

"Men are more prone to non-alcohol fatty liver diseases and diabetes as an adult if their mother is obese during pregnancy and their birth weight is above 4 kg (9 lb 15 oz).

"They are genetically wired to prioritise androgens because it supports the development of male characteristics - including size - but too much androgen is bad."

Study lead author Professor Anna Morrison, Head of the Early Origins of Adult Health Research Group at UniSA, says it's a fine balance for women getting the right nutrition in pregnancy to ensure optimal conditions for their unborn child to flourish.

"There are also risks for offspring being malnourished during pregnancy," she says. "If you are too little, too big, born too early, or a male, you are more vulnera-

ble to negative outcomes later in life. You need the Goldilocks pregnancy: you must be the right size, born at the right time."

Prof Morrison says unless society changes its approach to nutrition, it will be an uphill battle to reduce obesity and associated health issues, from the womb into adulthood.

"As a society, we urgently need to address obesity. If children were taught early on about the importance of healthy eating, it would carry through into adulthood, including during pregnancy, where the right nutrition is so important."

DrMeakin says in the intervening period, supplements that address nutritional imbalances in pregnancy could provide the fetus with the best chance of optimal development.

The liver androgen signalling study, recently published in *Life Sciences*, is among a series of studies by Prof Morrison and colleagues that investigates the impact of maternal under- and over-nutrition on the placenta, heart, lung, and liver.

Research reveals body temperature is linked to depression

Washington DC [US] : People with depression have higher body temperatures, which suggests that reducing their temperatures may have a mental health advantage, according to a new UC San Francisco research.

The study, published in *Scientific Reports*, doesn't indicate whether depression raises body temperature or a higher temperature causes depression. It's also unknown whether the higher body temperature observed in people with depression reflects decreased ability to self-cool, increased generation of heat from metabolic processes or a combination of both.

Researchers analyzed data from more than 20,000 international participants who wore a device that measures body temperature, and also self-reported their body temperatures and depression symptoms daily. The seven-month study began in early 2020 and included data from 106 countries. The results showed that with each increasing level of depression symptom severity, participants had higher



body temperatures. The body temperature data also showed a trend toward higher depression scores in people whose temperatures had less fluctuation throughout a 24-hour period, but this finding didn't reach significance. The findings shed light on how a novel depression treatment method might

work, said Ashley Mason, PhD, the study's lead author and associate professor of psychiatry at UCSF Weill Institute for Neuroscience. A small body of existing, causal studies has found that using hot tubs or saunas can reduce depression, possibly by triggering the body to self-cool, for example, through sweating. "Ironically, heating people up actually can lead to rebound body temperature lowering that lasts longer than simply cooling people down directly, as through an ice bath," said Mason, who is also a clinical psychologist at the UCSF Osher Center for Integrative Health. "What if we can track the body temperature of people with depression to time-based treatments well?" "To our knowledge, this is the largest study to date to examine the association between body temperature - assessed using both self-report methods and wearable sensors - and depressive symptoms in a geographically broad sample," added Mason. "Given the climbing rates of depression in the United States, we're excited by the possibilities of a new avenue for treatment."

Weight loss surgery is more effective in controlling hypertension rates: Study

Los Angeles [US] : According to a study published today in the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, bariatric surgery is more effective at controlling hypertension rates, or high blood pressure, in people with obesity and uncontrolled high blood pressure, than blood pressure medication alone. People who had bariatric surgery had a lower BMI and were on fewer drugs after five years while maintaining normal blood pressure levels than those who solely used antihypertensive medications.

According to the CDC, the U.S. obesity and hypertension rates in adults are 41.9 per cent and 45.4 per cent, respectively.

Obesity is a proven risk factor for cardiovascular disease and a key contributor to high blood pressure, both of which can increase the chance of a heart attack, stroke, and heart failure.

"In clinical practice, obesity is an overlooked condition. As a consequence, there is a frequent failure in approaching obesity as a crucial step for mitigating the risk of important cardiovascular risk factors including hypertension," said Carlos Aurelio

Schiavon, MD, FACS, lead author of the study and a surgeon specializing in bariatric surgery at Heart Hospital and BP Hospital in Sao Paulo. Researchers in this study looked at the impact of treating obesity to lower high blood pressure. While there are new medications to treat obesity, long-term adherence to medication can be challenging. This study looks at bariatric surgery as a better long-term solution to control obesity and, as a result, high blood pressure.

The GATEWAY trial included 100 people (76 per cent of which were female) who had a body mass index (BMI) of around 36.9 kg/m². All participants had hypertension and were using at least two medications. People with previous cardiovascular events and poorly controlled Type 2 diabetes were excluded. Subjects were assigned to either Roux-en-Y gastric bypass with medical therapy or medical therapy alone and the primary outcome was reduction of at least 30 per cent antihypertensive medications while maintaining blood pressure levels less than 140/90 mmHg at five years.

New type of cell therapy shows promise for ARDS patients

Los Angeles [US] : A study suggested that a new type of cell therapy may improve the prognosis of patients critically unwell with acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) caused by severe COVID-19.

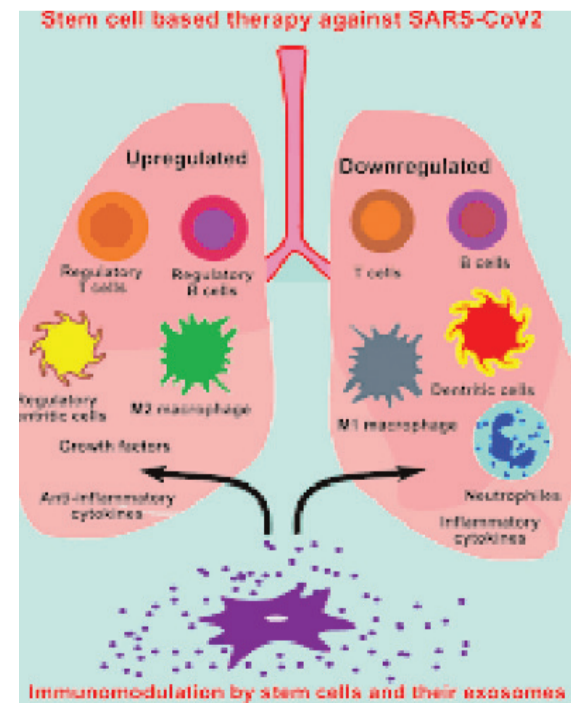
Professor Justin Stebbing of Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) is a joint senior author of a new study published in the *Journal Nature Communications* that looks into the usage of agent-T-797, MiNKTherapeutic's allogeneic, unmodified invariant natural killer T (iNKT) cell therapy.

The iNKT cell therapy has the effect of rescuing depleted T cells and inducing an anti-inflammatory cytokine response, perhaps activating antiviral immunity to assist these patients fight infection while also reducing severe, pathogenic inflammation of the lung.

The new research was carried out at three medical centres and found that agent-T-797, which is also under investigation in cancer trials, could be manufactured rapidly, had a tolerable safety profile and appeared to have a positive effect on mortality among critically unwell COVID-19 ARDS patients receiving intensive care.

The exploratory trial included 20 mechanically ventilated patients with severe ARDS secondary to Covid-19. Of the 20 patients in the trial, 14 survived (70 per cent) at 30 days (compared to a control group of 10 per cent), and there was an 80 per cent lower occurrence of bacterial pneumonia amongst those who received the highest dosage of agent-T-797, compared to those who received fewer cells.

Twenty-one patients were treated overall (the main trial, plus one under compassionate use), which included five who were also receiving veno-venous extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (VV-ECMO),



known as 'the most aggressive salvage therapy' for critically ill patients with ARDS. In VV-ECMO, deoxygenated blood is pumped through a membrane lung and returned to the body via a cannula. This trial is believed to be the first immune cell therapy of any type

to be used in critically unwell patients undergoing VV-ECMO. Survival of the VV-ECMO cohort was 80 per cent after 30 and 90 days, and 60 per cent after 120 days. This compares favourably to the overall survival of 51 per cent for patients with Covid-19 who were treated with just VV-ECMO at the same institution, during the same timeframe.

Joint senior author Justin Stebbing, Professor of Biomedical Sciences at Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) in Cambridge, England, said, "During this small, exploratory study we observed that MiNK's iNKT cell treatment, which is also being advanced for people with cancer, triggered an anti-inflammatory response in ARDS patients."

"Despite a poor prognosis, critically ill patients treated with this therapy showed favourable mortality rates and those treated at the highest dose also had reduced rates of pneumonia, underscoring the potential application of iNKT cells, and agent-T-797 in particular, in treating viral diseases and infections more broadly."

"Agent-T-797 was manufactured rapidly and as opposed to using patients' cells, it is 'off-the-shelf' and made from healthy donors' cells. The potential of this therapy to be used across a number of severe infections warrants randomised controlled trials."

Dr Marc van Dijk, Chief Scientific Officer at MiNK and co-author of the study said, "These published findings reinforce the unique power and potential of iNKT cells to mitigate severe acute respiratory distress."

"The data demonstrate agent-T-797's encouraging survival benefit, ability to help clear secondary infections, and tolerable administration in ventilated patients and those on VV-ECMO support."

South Africa asks Taiwan to shut down its diplomatic office, Taipei cites pressure by Beijing

MI News Service, Taipei: Taiwanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs has said that South African government's demand that Taiwan's representative office leave Pretoria despite ongoing negotiations demonstrates that China has enhanced its repression of Taiwan, Taipei Times reported.

In a statement, the Taiwan ministry said, "We will continue to communicate with the South African government based on the principles of equality and dignity," Taipei Times reported. While upholding Taiwan's stance that it would never accept unilateral changes to the "status quo," Taiwan's ministry said that it has been in contact and has been attempting to ascertain South Africa's opinions regarding future bilateral relations through diplomatic channels since October last year. The South African government attempted to downgrade the representative office and rename it a "trade office" in a letter issued to the Taipei Liaison Office in South Africa late last month, asking the staff to leave Pretoria by the end of the next month, according to Taipei Times.

According to the ministry, the Chinese government recently sanctioned Ivan Meyer, the head of the Democratic Alliance, the second-largest party in South Africa, over his visit to Taiwan, Taipei Times reported. South African government's repeated requests for the representative office to leave the capital within a certain time frame, despite ongoing negotiations with Taiwan showcases China's repression of Taiwan in South Africa has escalated. "Taiwan's position on not accepting the South African government's unilateral contravention of bilateral agreements remains unchanged, and the nation will continue to uphold the principles of reciprocity and dignity when communicating with the South African government. Our subsequent responses will depend on the South African government's actions and will be determined by Taiwan's relevant plans. Related progress in this matter will also be explained to the public and the media in a timely manner," the ministry said as quoted by Taipei Times.

The ministry further said, "We once again solemnly call on the South African government, as host of the G20 Summit this year, to abide by the 1997 legal framework for bilateral relations. Before a consensus is reached, they should not take any coercive measures or other measures that may interfere with the operations and expatriate services functions of Taiwan's representative office."

Hamas warns of humanitarian crisis in Gaza, urges int'l action

MI News Service, Gaza: Hamas declared the Gaza Strip a "disaster zone", warning of an unprecedented catastrophe that threatens the lives of its over 2.4 million people, as widespread destruction continues and essential resources run out. In a press statement, the Hamas-run media office said more than 61,709 people in Gaza have been killed, including 47,487 confirmed dead in hospitals, while 14,222 remain missing under the rubble. The number of injured has reached 111,588, it added. The war has also displaced over 2 million Palestinians, with many forced to flee multiple times, Xinhua news agency reported.



The office reported that 450,000 housing units have been damaged in the war, including 170,000 utterly destroyed. The brutal war also crippled the

healthcare system, forcing 34 hospitals and 80 healthcare centres out of service. The statement estimated economic losses at over \$50 billion, citing the destruction of industrial, commercial, agricultural, healthcare, education, and communications sectors. The statement warned that the humanitarian situation in Gaza is

worsening due to the ongoing Israeli blockade, which has resulted in severe shortages of food, water, and medicine, putting hundreds of thousands of lives at risk.

It urged the United Nations and other international organisations to immediately deliver humanitarian aid and ensure civilian protection under international law. The office also accused Israel of committing "systematic war crimes" with US support, calling on the international community to hold those responsible accountable. Earlier tens of thousands of Palestinians began returning to their homes in Gaza City and the northern parts of the coastal enclave after 15 months of forced displacement. Under the agreement, Israel has permitted displaced residents to return to the northern Gaza Strip.

WHO launches South-East Asia Regional Strategy for comprehensive cancer prevention 2024-2030



MI News Service, New Delhi: On the occasion of World Cancer Day, the World Health Organization (WHO) highlighted its continued efforts to address the growing cancer burden in the South-East Asia region. The organization has worked with Member States and partners to develop the WHO South-East Asia Regional Strategy for Comprehensive Cancer Prevention and Management 2024-2030, a strategic initiative approved at the seventy-seventh Regional Committee. Saima Wazed, WHO's Regional Director for South-East Asia on Monday, underscored the importance of collaborative efforts in tackling cancer, stating, "WHO will continue to work with countries in their efforts to reduce the care gap in collaboration with other UN agencies and development partners."

Among all the WHO regions, our Region had the highest number of cancers of lips and oral cavity, uterine cervix, and childhood cancers. It is estimated that by 2050, there will be 85 per cent increase in the number of new cases and deaths in the Region, the WHO director told in her report.

According to WHO regional director, in the last few years, countries in the Region have made notable progress in cancer control. Six countries have dedicated national plans for cancer control, and two countries have included cancer as part of national NCD plan to strategically guide the cancer prevention and control activities. Bhutan had successfully completed the Health Flagship project in 2020, where more than 90 per cent of the target population were screened for gastric, cervical, and breast cancer each, with screened positives being linked to diagnosis and treatment. The country is currently integrating the model into mainstream health services. Through the Cancer Anywhere program, Thailand has adopted universal health coverage approach to cancer management. Eight countries have introduced nationwide Human Papillomavirus vaccination. Global initiative for childhood cancer is being implemented in ten countries through a regional network of institutions. Seven countries have operational population-based cancer registries.

Further she stated, "Each year 4 February is commemorated as World Cancer Day. This year marks twenty-five years of signing the Charter of Paris Against Cancer at the World Summit Against Cancer for the New Millennium." "On this year's World Cancer Day themed United by Unique, which is a reminder of the collective commitment against cancer, WHO acknowledges every patient's unique experiences and the value of people-centered care delivered jointly by healthcare providers, families, friends and community," she added. WHO South-East Asia Region had 2.4 million new cases of cancer in 2022, including 56,000 children, and 1.5 million deaths.

Israel launches AI revolution in schools with National Education Initiative



MI News Service, Tel Aviv: Israel's Education Ministry unveiled a national initiative to integrate artificial intelligence into the education system on Monday. The plan aims to transform teaching and learning by equipping students and educators with cutting-edge AI tools and training programs. "Today we are leading an unprecedented move on a global scale -- connecting the education system with leading high-tech companies to train Israeli teachers and children in artificial intelligence," said Education Minister Yoav Kisch. "Together with the world's most advanced technological industry and thousands of engineers, we are placing Israel at the global forefront of education in the age of artificial intelligence. This is one of the most important tasks facing us - to provide the next generation with the tools and skills to succeed in the world of tomorrow," he said. The initiative includes a structured AI curriculum for students in grades 4-12, ensuring exposure to AI concepts and applications across all age groups. A key

component of the plan is the deployment of approximately 3,000 mentors from over 400 leading high-tech companies, including Google, Microsoft, Apple, and Nvidia. These mentors will support schools in implementing AI technologies and tailoring them to educational needs. To facilitate the initiative, a large-scale teacher training program will be implemented, reaching around 70,000 educators. The training will focus on integrating AI into lesson planning, student assessment, and personalized learning strategies. "This move goes far beyond integrating technology into classrooms. Our main challenge is to harness the power of AI while preserving the human value in education. Teachers will receive advanced tools that will allow them to focus on their core strengths--education, guidance, and providing personal attention. AI will serve as a supporting tool, enabling precise adaptation to each student's needs," said Meir Shimoni, the Education Ministry's Director General.

Sealdah Division accomplishes commissioning of Electronic Interlocking (EI) at Ballygunge and Kankurgachi in Record Time



MI News Service, Kolkata: Sealdah Division has achieved yet another historic milestone of infrastructure development work by commissioning Electronic Interlocking at Ballygunge jn. and Kankurgachi jn. stations. The age old Route Relay Interlocking (RRI) systems have since been replaced and Sealdah South Section Interlocking was through at 02:45 hrs on 03.02.2025, well before the stipulated deadline. Ballygunge - Kankurgachi automatic signalling has also been completed for 6.53 route km with six new signals, ultra modern new electronic interlocking systems loaded with Earth Linkage Detector,

Integrated Power Supply, Data Logger & Centrally Monitored Fire Alarm System. The electronic interlocking system commissioned at Ballygunge is boosted with cutting-edge technology having 203 routes, 26 number main signal, 25 number sunt signals etc. Ballygunge jn. is one of the busiest and biggest yards in Sealdah Division as it involves movement in four directions and controls all the trains coming to and from Sealdah South and connects the south section with the north section. On the other hand, Kankurgachi controls all trains to and from Sealdah main and its servers as a connector with Sealdah

South. Thus, Kankurgachi - Ballygunge section is the busiest suburban section which is densely populated.

The NI work was critically challenging on account of the fact that there was very little space to execute the work like trenching and laying. Frequent train movement and paucity of time in execution made the mission even more challenging. NI work for Ballygunge and Kankurgachi was planned for 52 hours and 28 hours respectively and the herculean work has been successfully completed well before the stipulated time frame. The commissioning of the all important Electronic Interlocking system will enhance operational flexibility, safety, security, reliability and overall sectional speed. Team Sealdah, comprising 300 skilled employees and engineers, worked round the clock with centralised monitoring cell to equip Sealdah South Section with state-of-the-art technological upgradation under the dynamic leadership of Sri. Deepak Nigam, DRM/Sealdah.

Elon Musk dubs USAID "criminal organization," says "time for it to die"



MI News Service, Washington, DC: American tech billionaire Elon Musk has called United States Agency for International Development (USAID) a "criminal organization" and said that it is "time for it to die." In a post on X, Musk wrote, "USAID is a criminal organization. Time for it to die."

He made the statement in response to a post which mentioned that USAID senior officials were put on leave after they physically tried to stop Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) officials from accessing agency systems. Musk's statement comes amid mounting reports that US President Donald Trump wants to abolish USAID, an independent federal agency, and fold it into the US State Department, CNN reported. Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy at the White House, Stephen Miller, has accused USAID's workforce of being overwhelmingly Democrats. Two top senior officials at the USAID were put on administrative leave on Saturday night after trying to refuse officials from DOGA to access systems at the agency, even after DOGE officials threatened to call law enforcement, CNN reported, citing multiple sources familiar with the matter. Sources said personnel from DOGA tried to physi-

cally access the USAID headquarters in Washington, DC. However, they were stopped from accessing the system. Two of the sources said that the DOGE officials demanded to be allowed in and threatened to call US Marshals to be allowed access, CNN reported. Three sources said the DOGE personnel wanted to gain access to security systems and personal files of USAID. Two of those sources also said the DOGE officials wanted to access classified information, which can be accessed by only those having security clearances and have a specific need to know, CNN reported. Three sources said that the DOGE officials were eventually allowed to access the headquarters.

The incident is the latest showdown as the DOGE wants to have increasing authority over the federal government with an aim to reduce spending. On Sunday, US Senator Jeanne Shaheen, who is also a ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said, "Reports that individuals without appropriate clearance may have accessed classified USAID spaces as well as American citizens' personal information are incredibly serious and unprecedented."

I Was Tired Of Blackmail: UP woman chokes Man to death during sex

MI News Service Bareilly: In a chilling case of murder, a woman in Uttar Pradesh's Bareilly allegedly choked a man to death while getting intimate with him. The woman has told police that Iqbal had been blackmailing her into sexual acts and she was left with no choice. The 32-year-old woman was arrested in the murder case yesterday, two days after Iqbal's body was found near his home. The woman told police that Iqbal was a Zari Zardosi artisan who visited homes in her village. This was how they got acquainted with each other and exchanged numbers. They would talk often over the phone. One day, Iqbal asked her to visit him at his place. The woman has said that Iqbal forced her into getting intimate with him. When she warned him that she would tell her husband, Iqbal told her that he had call recordings and he would destroy her home. "I have little children so I endured this. He blackmailed into getting physical with him multiple times. I was tired of this. On Wednesday, Iqbal went to drop his wife at her parents' home.

I spoke to him while he was on his way back and told him I wanted to meet," she has said, according to a police statement.

Iqbal gave the woman two pills to put her husband to sleep. "Around 8 pm, I served tea to my husband. I had put the pills in his cup. Soon after, he went to sleep while browsing his phone. Around 11.40 pm, I spoke to Iqbal over the phone and he asked me to come over. He said he was alone at home," she said. The woman has told police that she was fed up with Iqbal's blackmailing. "While going to his place, I thought that either I would die or I would kill him. We were talking to each other when he started getting intimate with me. I held his hands apart and sat on his chest. Then I kept one hand on his mouth and choked him with the other. Once I was convinced that he was dead, I dragged his body to the staircase and returned home. I was so upset with Iqbal. I had no other choice because I wanted to protect my family," she has said, according to the police statement.

Sealdah Division achieves unprecedented milestone by successfully inserting 2 Limited Height Subways (LHS) on Krishnanagar - Lalgola Section simultaneously

MI News Service, Kolkata: Limited Height Subway (LHS) is an important infrastructure component in the Railway Network which helps prevent accidents by providing safe crossings for vehicles and pedestrians under the Railway Tracks. Hence, LHS reduces risk of collision between trains and road users, thereby facilitating both train operations and risk free road traffic.



Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway has recently accomplished a historic feat by successfully commissioning 2 Limited Height Subways simultaneously at Level Crossing Gates 107 and 118 on the Krishnanagar - Lalgola section. On Sunday (02.02.2025), the insertions have been executed using sheet piling technology for the first time in the history of Eastern Railway Operations in Open Cut Box Insertion. Sheet piling plays a crucial role in improving the safety

and robustness of infrastructure projects. This unique method provides superior earth retention,

groundwater control and ensures stability in excavation work. At the same time, it re-

duces the risk of track subsidence and soil displacement, making it a superior choice for construction near running Rail Tracks. Moreover, the sheet piling method enhances worker safety by securing a safer working environment with reinforced barriers minimising disruptions to the surrounding area.

Despite the complexity of the task, the sheet piling work was completed simultaneously at two level crossing gates (107, 118) in busy Krishnanagar - Lalgola Section within a record time frame of just one week - without disrupting normal passenger services.

The insertion of two LHS structures at one go marks a significant step towards eliminating level crossing gates - which are a known safety hazard and a source of inconvenience for road commuters. It's pertinent to mention here that, Sealdah Divi-

sion has already executed three LHS insertions at the Krishnanagar - Lalgola section in the previous months. This landmark achievement underscores Sealdah Division's relentless endeavour to integrating cutting edge engineering technologies into Railway Infrastructure Projects. Under the inspiring leadership of Sri Milind K. Deouskar, GM/Eastern Railway, Sealdah Division is maintaining highest safety standards in Railway construction by putting together innovation, team work and efficient manpower.

Construction of two Limited Height Subways in Krishnanagar - Lalgola section by sheet piling within record time frame will certainly improve speed of both rail and road traffic - offering numerous benefits in terms of safety, security, environmental sustainability, economic growth and social inclusivity.

Praggnanandhaa betters world champion D Gukesh in tiebreaker to win Tata Steel Masters Chess

The Indian juggernaut in international chess remained unstoppable as Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa fought through exhaustion and nerves to defeat world champion D Gukesh in a clash of compatriots to clinch the Tata Steel Masters title for the first time in his prolific career.

The bespectacled 19-year-old from Chennai, a city that has become the cradle of Indian chess, came from behind to upstage the 18-year-old world number three 2-1 in the tiebreaker of the event's 87th edition here on Sunday.

This was after both players ended up tied on 8.5 points after losing their 13th-round games. While Gukesh lost to fellow Indian Arjun Erigaisi, Praggnanandhaa went down to Vincent Keymer of Germany.

In the tie-breaker, there was huge drama typical of two young players looking to win every game they played in the tournament as they played the tie-break.

"I am still shaking, it was such a crazy day. I don't know how to



express it. I didn't really expect to win. Somehow things went my way," Praggnanandhaa told the official tournament website after his triumph.

Asked if it was the most tense day of his chess career, which began when he was a mere two years of age. "Today is more special because I won the tournament. Definitely most stressful day," he responded.

The teenager became the first Indian after Viswanathan Anand to win the title. Anand won it

thrice (2003, 2004 and 2006) individually when it was called the Corus Chess Tournament, named on the title sponsor of that time. The legend also shared the honours twice (1989 and 1998) in its earliest form of Hoogovens Tournament. Praggnanandhaa faced the Benoni with reversed colours in the first game of the tie-break and it seemed like he had equalised easily in the middle game. However, Gukesh had other thoughts as he kept trying and won, thanks to a blunder by

Praggnanandhaa that cost him a full rook.

In a must-win second game of the tiebreaker, Praggnanandhaa employed the Trompowsky opening, and this time Gukesh could claim a slight advantage with his black pieces.

"I was just trying to relax, to rest a bit. It was a very difficult game. Against Vincent I didn't play anywhere close to the level I was playing here. I should buy something for Arjun. At some point I thought Gukesh was better," the former world youth champion quipped.

"For sure, (this win) it is the highlight. When I came here, I wanted to win but the field was very strong. I didn't really think about it much until yesterday," he added. "I am completely exhausted. I was also quite tired. I just want to get some rest now."

During the tie-break, by just keeping his position together, Praggnanandhaa patiently waited and capitalised on an unforced error from Gukesh to first knock down a pawn and then his techni-

cal abilities were enough to see the normal blitz games through with a 1-1 score.

This took the match into sudden death, where Praggnanandhaa drew white and once again Gukesh was better with some imaginative play on the queen side that netted him a pawn.

The sudden death had a time control of two minutes and thirty seconds for white against three for black but that did not deter Praggnanandhaa from trying to defend an inferior endgame.

Just while the position looked completely drawn and another game was on the cards, Gukesh lost control in the battle of nerves and first lost a pawn then his last remaining knight.

Praggnanandhaa showed perfect technique to take the full point and his maiden victory at the Masters.

For Gukesh, this was the second year running when he tied for first position and lost the tiebreaker. In the previous edition, Gukesh had lost to Chinese Wei Yi.

General ticket sale date, timing for India's Champions Trophy 2025 matches revealed



NEW DELHI [INDIA] : The ticket sales details for India's three ICC Champions Trophy and first semi-final match in Dubai have been revealed, with sales set to go live on February 3, Monday at 16:00 hours (4:00 PM) GST.

Fans can buy tickets online for the matches to be held at the iconic Dubai International Cricket Stadium with general stand prices starting from United Arab Emirates Dirham (AED) 125, as per ICC.

Ticket Sales for the 10 matches scheduled in Karachi, Lahore, and Rawalpindi, have already gone on general sale on Tuesday.

Additionally, for those preferring physical tickets, they will be available from Monday, 3 February, at 16:00 Pakistan Standard Time (PST) across 108 TCS centres in 26 cities nationwide. Tickets for the much-anticipated Final, set to take place on Sunday, March 9, will be released following the conclusion of the first semi-final in Dubai.

The ICC Men's Champions Trophy 2025 promises a thrilling 19-day spectacle, featuring the world's top eight teams competing

in 15 high-stakes matches over 19 days, with every match crucial in the quest to reign in the coveted white jackets.

Team India, led by Rohit Sharma, will kick off their ICC Men's Champions Trophy 2025 campaign against Bangladesh in Dubai on February 20. Their group stage fixtures also include a high-voltage clash against Pakistan on February 23, and New Zealand on March 2. The ICC Men's Champions Trophy will begin on February 19, with the final set for March 9.

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

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

Cricket legends gear up for WCL T20 2025 across four English venues

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : The World Championship of Legends (WCL) T20 League returned with an even bigger and more exciting second season. Expanding its footprint to four iconic cities, the league promises fans a greater spectacle, bringing cricket legends closer to their supporters.

In addition to Edgbaston in Birmingham and Northamptonshire in Northampton. This league will feature matches at Grace Road in Leicester and Headingley in Leeds, offering a thrilling 16-day journey for fans from July 18 to August 2.

The decision to expand into Leicester and Leeds comes as part of WCL's vision to make the tournament accessible to more fans while enhancing the grandeur of Season 2. With the addition of these venues, the league will reach new communities, creating an electrifying atmosphere as legends of the game compete on these hallowed grounds.

Harshit Tomar, CEO of WCL, shared his excitement about the league's growth.

"Our goal has always been to celebrate the legacy of cricket by bringing its greatest legends back to the field. Expanding WCL into four cities allows us to give more fans the chance to experience the magic of this tournament firsthand. With tickets going live soon, we can't wait for cricket lovers to join us in making Season 2 even more spectacular," Harshit Tomar said as quoted by the WCL press release.

Edgbaston's Director of Operations, Claire Daniel, said: "The anticipation is already building around Edgbaston and our communities ahead of the World Championship of Legends season 2. Last summer was a huge success: around 50,000 people attended Edgbaston for the games, and it was lovely to see supporters of all six sides coming together. It was a carnival atmosphere, lots of colour, great food, people of all ages, lots of families. And of course, the cricket was amazing, with some of the greats of the game rolling back the years and putting on a show. We're delighted to be the primary host venue for the WCL. We look forward to this summer's spectacle and working together for many more years to come."

Yorkshire CCC's Chief Executive Sanjay Patel said: "We are delighted to be hosting four fixtures in the World Championship of Legends tournament this summer. Headingley has a long history of hosting world-class players on the international stage, so it's fantastic to be welcoming a great number of legends back to Leeds. I'm sure the Yorkshire public will come out and enjoy the occasions, along with many other travelling supporters, and have no doubt that the world-renowned Headingley atmosphere will help to make the tournament a real spectacle once again."

John Williams, Commercial Director of Leicestershire County Cricket Club said, "We are delighted to host fixtures of the World Championship of Legends at the Uptonsteel County Ground this year. This exciting event brings together some of cricket's greatest players, giving fans the chance to witness some of the greats of the game. It's a fantastic opportunity to showcase our venue and provide world-class entertainment for cricket enthusiasts in Leicester and beyond."

Daniel Vernon, Chief Operating Officer of Northamptonshire County Cricket Club said as, "We are really excited to be welcoming the WCL back to Northampton, it was a fantastic tournament to be a part of in 2024 and this year is set to be even bigger and better. We are grateful to the WCL for once again choosing us a host venue and look forward to this becoming a part of our Northamptonshire cricket calendar for many years to come."



Sift Kaur Samra, Jonathan Anthony clinch Gold at 38th National Games



DEHRADUN (UTTARAKHAND) : In a thrilling display of precision shooting, Punjab's Sift Kaur Samra won the gold in the Women's 50m 3 Position event at the 38th National Games, held at Maharaja Pratap Sports College Trishul Hall in Uttarakhand.

Samra's commanding performance saw her score an impressive 461.2 points, securing the top spot in a competitive final. Her fellow state-mate Anjum Moudgil, also from Punjab, claimed the silver medal with 458.7 points, while Telangana's Surabhi Bhardwaj Rapole took bronze with a score of 448.8.

The event featured some of the nation's top shooters, and it was an intense battle from start to finish. Kerala's Vidarsha Vinod led

after the Kneel Position but could not maintain her momentum in the final stages, allowing Samra to surge ahead.

Reflecting on her victory, Samra expressed her joy.

"This feels like a comeback for me after the Olympics. I didn't take a break and kept training, so winning gold today feels special. I'm pleased with how I executed my routine and the small details that made the difference. It's also wonderful to share the podium with Anjum, who's an incredible shooter," Samra said as quoted by a National Games press release.

Anjum Moudgil, who earned silver, spoke about the significance of the moment.

"This is the third National Games where Sift and I have fin-

ished on the podium together. She's an extraordinary shooter, and I've always admired her. While my scores weren't great in the beginning, I knew that staying calm and focused would get me to the podium. This has been the best shooting range I've competed in, and the organization has been fantastic," Anjum Moudgil said.

In the Men's 10m Pistol final, Karnataka's Jonathan Anthony delivered a standout performance, clinching the gold medal with a composed showing. SSCB's Ravinder Singh took silver, and his teammate Gurpreet Singh earned the bronze.

Anthony shared his thoughts after the victory.

"I'm thrilled with this win. Competing against such talented shooters who have represented India at the highest level makes this victory even more meaningful. Today was my day, and I'm proud of how it all came together," Anthony said as the National Games press release added.

As the 38th National Games continue, the event remains a platform for India's elite athletes to showcase their skills and make their mark, with these performances adding to the growing excitement and anticipation of the Games.

Aston Villa sign Marcus Rashford on loan deal from Manchester United



MANCHESTER [UK] : England's star forward Marcus Rashford has made a significant move in his career after making a move from Manchester United to Aston Villa on loan until the end of the season, the club's official website stated.

Aston Villa released a statement to announce the arrival of Rashford, which read, "Aston Villa is delighted to announce the loan signing of Marcus Rashford from Manchester United."

"The England international, capped 60 times by the Three Lions, joins Villa on a deal until the end of the season," the statement added.

Rashford has netted 138 goals in over 400 appearances for Manchester United, having come through the ranks at Old Trafford. With the Red Devils, he has lifted the Europa League, two FA Cups and two League Cups.

"I would like to thank Manchester United and Aston

Villa for making this loan deal happen. I was lucky to have a few clubs approach me but Aston Villa was an easy decision," Rashford wrote on his Instagram post.

"I really admire the way that Aston Villa have been playing this season, and the managers' ambitions. I just want to play football and am excited to get started. I wish everyone at Manchester United all the best for the rest of the season," he added.

Rashford was a prominent figure in the red side of Manchester, often a regular starter under various managers before Ruben Amorim's arrival. Since the managerial change and the shift in United's playing style, Rashford struggled to secure a spot in the starting XI.

When the dynamics within the team shifted, Rashford was dropped from the squad ahead of their Manchester derby victory on December 15. His last

appearance for his boyhood club was in the UEFA Europa League against Viktoria Plzen on December 12.

Former Manchester United defender Gary Neville believes Aston Villa could be a "real opportunity" for Rashford after being axed from United's squad.

"He had to get out of the club. He's been battered in the last few weeks by his manager. That's the only person who matters in football, your coach, and I think some of the statements from Ruben Amorim towards Marcus Rashford have been brutal, emphatically saying that he doesn't want him. I don't see how there's any way back after the comments that he's made," he told Sky Sports.

"There are a number of things that are in his favour at Villa. He's going to a far better team at this moment, he's going to a coach who's world-class, which is a real opportunity for him," he added.

Four Indian players named in Women's T20 World Cup Team of the Tournament

KUALA LUMPUR [MALAYSIA] : Four India players namely Gongadi Trisha, G Kamalini, Aayushi Shukla and Vaishnavi Sharma have been included in the ICC Women's Under 19 T20 World Cup's Team of the Tournament, as per the ICC media release.

Player of the Tournament Gongadi Trisha scored 309 runs at the top of the order, 133 more than anyone else. Trisha was named Player of the Match in the final after she took three for 15 with the ball, and then hit 44 not out as India sailed to a nine-wicket win.

She is joined in the team by fellow opener G Kamalini, who scored 143 tournament runs, and bowlers Aayushi Shukla and Vaishnavi Sharma.

Sharma took two South Africa wickets at Bayuemas Oval to finish the tournament with 17, the most of any player, while 17-year-old Shukla was second with 14.

South Africa, who failed to progress from the Super Six stage two years ago, have two players named in the XI. Kayla Reyneke is named team captain after taking 11 wickets, while Jemma Botha - who hit a crucial 37 off 24 balls in the semi-final against Australia - is chosen to open alongside Trisha. Fast bowler Nthabiseng Nini is selected as the 12th player.

England, who were beaten by India in the second semi-final, have two players selected Davina Perrin - the tournament's second-highest run-scorer with 176 - and wicket-keeper Katie Jones.

Australia's Caoimhe Bray is at number five, with the middle-order completed by Nepal's skipper and all-rounder Puja Mahato, who scored 70 runs and took nine wickets - including four for nine against Malaysia.

The team is completed by Sri Lanka bowler Chamodi Praboda, who also took nine wickets, including three for 16 against India.

The adjudication panel was comprised of commentators Julia Price, HD Ackerman, Raunak Kapoor, and Snehal Pradhan - ICC Manager: Women's Cricket.

ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2025 Team of the Tournament:

1. G Trisha (India)
2. Jemma Botha (South Africa)
3. Davina Perrin (England)
4. G Kamalini (India)
5. Caoimhe Bray (Australia)
6. Puja Mahato (Nepal)
7. Kayla Reyneke (c) (South Africa)
8. Katie Jones (wk) (England)
9. Aayushi Shukla (India)
10. Chamodi Praboda (Sri Lanka)
11. Vaishnavi Sharma (India)
12. Nthabiseng Nini (South Africa).

