

MCCI hosts session on India-Zambia opportunities

The Merchants' Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI) organized a special session with H.E. Percy P. Chanda, High Commissioner of Zambia in India, on "Business Opportunities, Investments, and Tourism in Zambia" at the Chamber on Friday. Dr. Arjun De, Honorary Consul of Zambia in Kolkata, also addressed the gathering. MCCI President Amit Sarangi highlighted key sectors for collaboration, including renewable energy, agricultural technology, livestock, dairy farming, and digital infrastructure. He noted that India could contribute medical equipment and healthcare... **PG 3**



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West Bengal emerges as an economic powerhouse with record investment proposals, says Mamata Banerjee

MI News Service, Kolkata: A day after the conclusion of the two day successful Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS) 2025, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has announced that the state has emerged as a "powerhouse of growth and opportunity", having lifted 1.72 crore people out of poverty.

The 8th edition of the annual summit, aimed at attracting global investments, resulted not only signing in as many as 212 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) and Letters of Intent, but has also attracted massive investment proposals amounting to 4,40,595 crore, she announced. Taking to social media platform X, the Chief minister reflected on her journey since taking office in 2011, stating, "When I assumed office, I made a solemn vow to devote every ounce of my being to steer Bengal towards a future of prosperity. My mission was clear: to build a Bengal where every resident could proudly say, 'What Bengal thinks today, India thinks tomorrow'." She added that standing at the BGBS 2025, surrounded by policymakers, corporate leaders, entrepreneurs, and



global visionaries; she witnessed a dream unfolding before her eyes. "Yesterday, as I stood at the Bengal Global Business Summit, surrounded by policymakers, corporate leaders, entrepreneurs, and global visionaries, which has finally begun operations. This marks a major milestone in Bengal's industrial roadmap. The oil reserves at Ashoknagar, once fully developed, will firmly place Bengal on India's petroleum map, she

BGBS has yielded 212 MoUs and Letters of Intent, with investment proposals totalling 4,40,595 crore," Banerjee said.

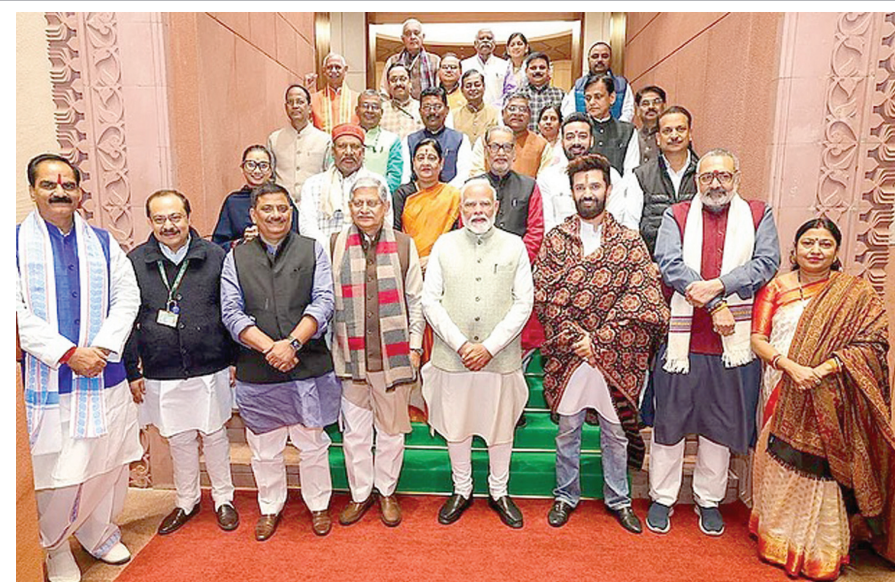
She further shed light on the Deocha Pachami coal mine, one of the world's largest coal reserves, which has finally begun operations. This marks a major milestone in Bengal's industrial roadmap. The oil reserves at Ashoknagar, once fully developed, will firmly place Bengal on India's petroleum map, she

claimed. She wrote, 'Yesterday, coal extraction began at Deocha Pachami in Birbhum, unlocking vast reserves that will fuel Bengal's industrial future. Additionally, oil exploration at Ashoknagar will place Bengal firmly on India's petroleum map.'

"The dream of 'Biswa Bangla'—a Bengal that leads by example, a Bengal that is future-ready, a Bengal that speaks to the world—is now a reality, unfolding before our eyes," she added. Banerjee stressed that her vision for an economically robust Bengal had now borne fruit, positioning the state as a leader, innovator, and global business partner.

The BGBS has been instrumental in bringing investments into Bengal over the past decade. Since its first edition, the event has seen a cumulative investment proposal of 19 lakh crore, with work already completed for 13 lakh crore, she informed.

With the latest edition attracting record investment commitments, West Bengal is poised for accelerated economic growth, job creation, and industrial expansion.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi poses for a group picture with Union Ministers Chirag Paswan, Giriraj Singh, Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh, and other NDA MPs from Bihar, in New Delhi.

HC admits only CBI's appeal against trial court's life term sentence to convict in R G Kar rape-murder case

MI News Service, Kolkata : The Calcutta High Court on Friday admitted an appeal of the CBI challenging the trial court's judgement sentencing life term till death to RG Kar hospital rape-murder case convict Sanjay Roy.

A division bench, however, refused to admit the West Bengal government's appeal challenging the quantum of sentence awarded to Roy, the sole convict in the case.

Both the CBI and the state government filed appeals before the high court seeking capital punishment for Roy.

The division bench comprising Justices Debangshu Basak and Md Sabbar Rashidi said that since the CBI conducted the investigation, its appeal challenging the quantum of sentence is being admitted for hearing.

An on-duty medic was raped and murdered inside the seminar room of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital here on August 9 last year.

Meanwhile, the parents of the 31 year old victim, has made it clear that they are seeking punishment not just for sole convict, Sanjay Roy, but also for all those who were might have been involved in the gruesome crime, that has shocked the entire nation and the world.

The victim's father said they are not seeking capital punishment for Sanjay Roy right at this moment. "We want the names of all those behind my daughter's end to surface. We want the highest punishment for all of them and not just for

Sanjay Roy. So we are not seeking capital punishment for Sanjay Roy now. The rest will be explained by our counsel," claimed the victim's father.

Earlier, the division bench of Justice Debangshu Basak and Justice Shabbar Rashidi had kept the judgement in the matter reserved for the time being and only after the judgement in the matter surfaces it will be clear whether both the petitions -- one by CBI and the other by the West Bengal government -- will be admitted, or any one of the two will be taken.

According to the counsel for the victim's parents, Shamim Ahmed, the court has admitted only the petitions filed by CBI and not the state government. He explained that the victim's parents have been expressing dissatisfaction over the progress of the investigation in the matter by the CBI for a long time.

"Even a special court in Kolkata recently expressed dissatisfaction over the progress of the investigation. We are still maintaining that the names of the real brains behind the crime are yet to surface and hence we are not seeking the highest punishment for Sanjay Roy now," he added. Last week a special court in Kolkata sentenced Sanjay Roy to life imprisonment till death without the provision of parole. However, both the CBI and the state government approached the Calcutta High Court challenging the special court order and seeking nothing less than the death penalty for the sole convict.

AAP held meeting with all 70 candidates ahead of Delhi Assembly election results

MI News Service, New Delhi : A day ahead of the announcement of Delhi Assembly Election results on February 8, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) held an important meeting with all its 70 candidates to chalk out its future strategies.

According to party sources, the meeting this afternoon discussed in details the post poll arrangements of the party and how to deal with the allegations, being levelled against the party, of a possible horse-trading after the declaration of results.

After most exit polls predicted a clear victory for the BJP in the Delhi Assembly elections, AAP national convenor Arvind Kejriwal has levelled serious allegations like the possibility of horse trading against the BJP.

In a post on social media X, Kejriwal indirectly accused the BJP of attempting to poach AAP candidates to join the party. Delhi Chief Minister Atishi also echoed the same allegations which, BJP has vehemently denied. "Some agencies are showing that the 'Gali Galoch party' (Referring to the BJP) is getting more than 55 seats. In the last two days, 16 of our candidates have received calls that if they leave AAP and join their party, they will make them ministers and hand over Rs. 15 crores to each of them soon" Kejriwal said. "If his party is getting more than 55 seats then what is the need for him to convene this meeting of AAP candidates? Obviously these fake surveys have been conducted with the sole purpose of creating this atmosphere to break some candidates. But in spite of this not even a single of our men will break down," Kejriwal wrote. Exit polls have varied in their predictions regarding the margin of the BJP's victory. One poll suggested that the party could win 51-60 out of 70 assembly seats in Delhi, while two other polls predicted an AAP victory. According to the P-MARQ exit poll, BJP is likely to win 39-49 assembly seats, AAP 21-31 seats and Congress 0-1 seats. WeePreside exit poll said AAP could win 46-52 seats, BJP 18-23 seats and Congress 0-1 seat.

Abhishek Banerjee slams Union Budget, calls it "Anti-Bengal"

MI News Service, New Delhi: Trinamool Congress (TMC) All India General Secretary and party MP from Diamond Harbour Abhishek Banerjee has strongly criticized the 2025-26 Union Budget, calling it biased, unjust, and "anti-Bengal."

Speaking in the Lok Sabha on the Budget proposals on Friday, he accused Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman of systematically depriving Bengal of its rightful financial dues, alleging that the state has been denied 7,000 crore.

Banerjee began his speech by attacking the Centre's handling of the agricultural sector. He pointed out that farmers across the country have been demanding a higher Minimum Support Price (MSP), yet their voices have been ignored in the budget.

"Instead of waiving agricultural loans and providing direct support to farmers, the government has chosen to increase borrowing limits, pushing farmers deeper into debt. This is a cruel joke on those who work tirelessly to feed our nation," Banerjee remarked. He further alleged that the budget does nothing to address the grievances of farmers who have been protesting against the Centre's policies for years. The TMC leader also slammed the budget for its lack of provisions for child nutrition programmes. He pointed out that millions of children across India suffer from malnutrition, yet the Centre has failed to increase funding for the PM Poshan Scheme, previously known as the midday meal programme.



"This government is more focused on offering tax cuts to billionaires than ensuring that children receive adequate food. Where is the justice in that?" Banerjee questioned. He also raised concerns about the sharp rise in LPG prices, reminding the BJP of its election promise to make gas cylinders affordable for every household. "Today, over 1.2 crore families can no longer afford to refill their gas cylinders. The BJP government has completely failed the common people," he asserted. Banerjee did not mince words while criticising the NDA government's economic policies, accusing the BJP of favouring wealthy elites while neglecting the poor and the middle class. "This government has mastered the art of taking from the poor and filling the pockets of the rich. It is the reverse

of Robin Hood—stealing from struggling citizens and handing it to billionaires," he said. He also pointed out the discrepancy in financial policies, stating that while corporate loans are frequently waived off, small farmers and small business owners remain in financial distress. "The government claims there is no money for subsidies on essential goods, yet it continues to slash corporate tax rates. This is not economic justice; this is economic favoritism," Banerjee declared.

Banerjee further alleged that the budget was designed to benefit states ruled by BJP allies, while deliberately sidelining opposition-ruled states like West Bengal.

"Both Bihar and Bengal have 12 BJP MPs. But since Bihar's government aligns with BJP, it has received massive financial allocations, whereas Bengal has been ignored," he argued.

Mocking the budget's grand announcements, Banerjee compared it to a deceptive buffet. "This Budget is like a buffet that promises free meals but charges exorbitantly for water, service, and cutlery," he quipped. "The only thing that remains untaxed in this country is the BJP's list of false promises and sheer incompetence," he added. Concluding his speech, Banerjee reiterated his demand for the immediate release of 7,000 crore owed to Bengal, accusing the Centre of systematically withholding funds as a form of political vendetta.

New RBI Governor cuts interest rate for first time in 5 years to boost economy

MI News Service, Mumbai: In order to boost the country's sluggish economy, the new Governor of the Reserve Bank of India cut the key benchmark rate on Friday for the first time in almost five years for a possible cut in interest rates in home, auto and other loans.

For the fiscal year ending March 31, RBI quoted the government estimate to put the growth rate at 6.4 per cent, its worst in four years and lower than 6.6 per cent seen previously, while the inflation was pegged at 4.8 per cent.

The Monetary Policy Committee, headed by new RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra, slashed the repo rate by 25 basis points to 6.25 per cent. This was the first reduction since May 2020 and the first revision after two-and-a-half years.

Malhotra, a career bureaucrat who replaced Shaktikanta Das barely days after the last bi-monthly MPC meeting in



December, forecast the Indian economy to grow at 6.7 per cent in the fiscal year starting April 2025 while inflation rate to lower to 4.2 per cent.

The repo rate (repurchase rate) is the interest rate at which the central bank lends money to commercial banks when there

is a shortage of funds. When repo rate is high, borrowing costs for banks increase, which is often passed on to consumers in

the form of higher interest rates on loans. Conversely, a lower repo rate usually results in lower interest rates on loans such as home loans, car loans, and personal loans.

Repo rate also decides the returns on savings and investment products. A higher repo rate can lead

to better returns on fixed deposits and other savings instruments, as banks offer higher interest rates to attract deposits. On the flip side, lower repo rates might reduce the interest earned on these savings products. Analysts said with the rupee hitting record lows virtually every day during the past couple of weeks, against the US dollar, a rate cut will put pressure on domestic inflation and the currency, likely triggering capital outflows.

The MPC, which consists of three RBI and three external members, "decided unanimously to reduce the policy repo rate by 25 basis points from 6.50 per cent to 6.25 per cent," Malhotra said. Explaining the rationale for the decision, he said inflation has declined.

Fire breaks out at ISKCON camp in Maha Kumbh Mela, but no injury reported

MI News Service, Prayagraj : Within a fortnight of the tragic incident of stampede at the Maha Kumbh Mela ground, killing 30 pilgrims and injuring over 60 others, a fire broke out at an ISKCON camp in Mahakumbh Nagar on Friday, fire officials said.

However, this time there was no report of any casualty.

Inspector Yogesh Chaturvedi of Khak Chowk police station said, "A fire broke out at a camp near Tulsī Chauraha on Old GT Road and firefighters have managed to bring the blaze largely under control within hours." Thick clouds of smoke enveloped the fair area as panic gripped the nearby Akhadās after the fire was noticed.

Soon the fire spread to over a dozen nearby camps, causing significant damage, Inspector Yogesh Chaturvedi said. "He said fire department officials have arrived at the scene to oversee the operation adding the cause of the fire and the damage incurred due to it were now being ascertained. This is the third time that a fire has been reported in the Kumbh Mela area since it began on January 13. A similar incident

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PM Modi shares candid school-life memories with students

MI News Service, New Delhi: Ahead of the 8th edition of the 'Pariksha Pe Charcha', a video glimpse shared by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), PM Narendra Modi interacted with some teenaged students here on Friday to discuss their exam-related, problems, doubts, stress and anxiety in a new and unique method mixed with laughter, jokes and sweet gesture.

The Prime Minister even shared moments related to his school life. During interaction, he said, "When I was in school, my teachers made lot of efforts to improve my handwriting. But despite all our efforts, their own handwritings skills might have flourished, but mine didn't".

Students present there expressed their happiness upon meeting PM Modi, with one saying, "It didn't feel like we talked to the Prime Minister, he was just like a friend."

Students from different states were present during the hour long interaction including those from Kerala, Punjab, Bihar and Tripura.

Expressing his feelings, one of the students stated that he came here to express his "Dil Ki Baat" to which PM Modi hastily replied "I do Mann Ki Baat, you can do your Dil Ki Baat."

Apart from this, the Prime Minister also gave some valuable advice and had insightful conversations with the students on creating a stress-free envi-

ronment for exams. The 8th edition of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's interaction Pariksha Pe Charcha is set to unfold on February 10 at 11 am.

This year 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' will be held in a new format and style with more personalities being roped in to address the students who are poised to sit for the year's Board examinations.

Among the personalities include Deepika Padukone, Mary Kom, Avani Lekhara, Rujuta Diwekar, Sonali Sabharwal, FoodPharmer, Vikrant Massey, Bhumi Pednekar, Technical Guruji and Radhika Gupta who will be part of the journey to empower students.

The interactive event of students with PM Modi, organised annually by the Department of School Education and Literacy, will be held at Bharat Mandapam in the national capital in a town hall format.

Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC), is an initiative by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to transform exam-related stress into a festival of learning, witnessed unprecedented growth in its 8th edition.

Since its beginning in 2018, PPC has evolved into a nationwide movement, garnering a staggering 3.56 crore registrations for its 8th edition in 2025. This also marks a significant increase from the seventh edition, which saw 2.26 crore

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ED attaches TMC leader Anubrata's bank deposits worth Rs 26 cr in cattle smuggling case



MI News Service, Kolkata: The Enforcement Directorate on Friday said it has attached bank deposits worth about Rs 26 crore of TMC leader Anubrata Mondal as part of an ongoing money laundering investigation into an alleged cross-border cattle smuggling racket in West Bengal.

Mondal was arrested by the federal agency in November 2022 and was granted bail in the case by the Supreme Court in September last year.

An order for provisional attachment of bank deposits worth Rs 25.86 crore has been issued against Mondal under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). These funds are kept in 36 bank accounts, the ED said in a statement.

The Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader could not be immediately contacted for a response.

"Proceeds of crime to the tune of Rs 48.06 crore were received by Anubrata Mondal for providing patronage to the cattle smuggling nexus in West Bengal.

"He was the Birbhum district president of the TMC at the time of commission of the offence and yielded enormous control over the local administration of Birbhum and adjacent districts of West Bengal," the agency said.

Through his bodyguard Sehegal Hossain, Mondal was in "constant touch" with the "kingpin" of the case, Mohammed Enamul Haque, it alleged.

The ED said Mondal laundered the cash "received" from Haque for "providing patronage" by depositing it in various bank accounts of his family members, associated entities, 'benamidars' (in whose name a benami property is standing) and local businessmen of Birbhum. They returned it through banking channels.

So far, the agency has filed four chargesheets in this case.

The money laundering probe stems from a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) FIR filed against former BSF commandant Satish Kumar, Haque and others for running an alleged cattle smuggling racket along the India-Bangladesh international border in West Bengal.



An all-party meeting was organized on Friday at the West Bengal Legislative Assembly. Speaker Biman Banerjee announced that the session will begin on February 10, with Governor Dr. C. V. Ananda Bose in attendance. The budget session is scheduled for February 12.

Kasba businessman murder: Police arrests another accused

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata police have arrested another suspect in the murder case of a businessman in Kasba. The accused, Ranjan Chakraborty, was apprehended from his residence in Sankrail, Howrah, early Friday morning.

Earlier, police had arrested four individuals, including a minor, in connection with the crime. However, Ranjan had been on the run, prompting an extensive search. Acting on a tip-off, police raided his house at 4:15 AM and took him into custody.

During interrogation, the

accused revealed that the businessman, Sanu Ram, was strangled to death using a car seat belt before his body was dumped in a canal in Baruiipur. The prime suspect, Anup Mandal, along with four accomplices, allegedly kidnapped and murdered Sanu for money.

Sanu, who owned a shoe store near Kasba Industrial Estate, had gone missing on January 31. His wife last spoke to him over the phone around 8 PM, when he assured her he would return home soon. However, when he did not return, she grew concerned and contacted

the police.

Investigators found that Sanu's bank account had an online transaction of ₹1 lakh after his disappearance. The amount was transferred to an account in Sonarpur, South 24 Parganas, belonging to Amit Naskar.

Amit was detained and interrogated, during which he admitted that the money was sent to him via a QR code scan by Anup Mandal and an associate. This led police to Anup's location, resulting in his arrest.

The police are continuing their investigation to uncover further details in the case.

Explosion at Kalyani Rathtala crackers factory, 4 dead, one injured



MI News Service, Kalyani: Again explosion at Crackers factory has snatched at least 4 lives, all females, a source said. Another one female is critical in hospital. It happened at Kaibartyapara of Kalyani Rathtala at word 20 under Kalyani Municipality in Nadia at around 1.30 pm. on Friday, police sources said.

It was at around 1.30 pm. The locals of Rathtala got startled with high sound of explosion. They rushed out and found towering smoke from a crackers factory of their locality. Some of them rushed in rescue. Simultaneously the fire tenders and police rushed the spot. They started the rescue works. They were taken to Kalyani JNM Hospital. Atanu Biswas, Hospital Super said, "While 4 were brought dead one is critical and all are females." Police has arrested the factory owner Gobinda

Biswas, police said.

According to local sources, the fire brigade personnel first brought out one 38 year old half burnt female from the spot and sent to Kalyani JNM Hospital. She is fighting for life. Then more 4 females' roasted bodies were recovered. Those were sent to JNM police morgue, sources said.

Municipal sources said that the cracker factory was placed in a home. Kalyani Municipal Chairman said, "We have formed a committee, keeping the local councillor on head, and will get the report with 3 to 4 days." On the other hand, Kalyani Town President Sajal De said, "There was the flaws behind establishing the crackers factory amid the residential area."

The room, where the works would go on, smashed down to ground after explosion. Huge crackers box were

scattered around the spot, where some were burnt and some found fresh. The floor of the spot was full of black ashes. The room was made of brick walls and tin shed.

The fire brigade controlled the fire soon. Three fire tenders came to the spot.

However, after evening the State Pradesh Congress Sabhapati Subhankar Sarkar, BJP Ranaghat MP, Jagannath Sarkar appeared on spot. When the Kalyani BJP MLA Ambika Roy came to the spot, the 'Go back' slogans were raised against him.

However, the question whether it was legally set up is raised. Kalyani Municipal Chairman Nilimesh Roy Chowdhury said, "We have formed a committee keeping the local councillor on head and it will provide report within 2 to 3 days."

PNB organised Mega Home Loan Expo

MI News Service, North 24 Pgs: Punjab National Bank, Barasat, Circle Office North 24 Parganas and its controlled offices/branches organized a grand home loan expo. The two-day expo is being held on 7th and 8th February 2025 at Purvanchal Ground, near Narayana Hospital, Barasat. On February 7, this Mega expo was inaugurated by Mr. Snehashish Chatterjee, Chief Engineer, Barasat Municipal Corporation and Mr. Manoj Pandey, Secretary, Chambers of Commerce, North 24 Parganas at around 10:00 am in the presence of the Circle Head and top officials of the bank and our valuable customers. During the inaugural ceremony, Circle Head



Mr. Harsh Kumar Mehta shared information related to the home loan expo provided by the bank. Welcoming the important builders, esteemed customers and general public present at the expo, he called upon them to take advantage of this

good opportunity. The top officials of the bank present on the dias were Deputy Circle Head Mr. Abhay Kumar Sinha, Assistant General Manager Mr. Dipankar Chakraborty, Zonal office and some of our valuable customers. They also shared their views on the occasion.

Know your limits: Swarup Biswas warns filmmakers ahead of meeting with ministers

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Directors Guild is deliberately trying to stop the work, those who are questioning the authority of the federation should look at their own authority. The directors went on strike in strong language. After receiving no response from the federation by 7 pm on Thursday, the Directors Guild called for a strike from today. Similarly, the work of Toli Para has been stopped since morning. After not going to the floor, the president of the federation, Swarup Biswas, faced the journalists on this day.

Swarup Biswas, the president of the Federation of Cine Technicians & Workers of Eastern India, blamed the Director's Association of Eastern India (DAEI) for the continuing imbroglio in the Bengali film and television industry and gave a veiled threat to the directors.

Ahead of meeting state minister Aroop Biswas and minister-of-state in-charge of information and cultural affairs Indranil Sen on Friday, filmmakers and directors stayed away from the studio floors while the

actors, actresses and technicians arrived as per the call time.

As Bengal tries to woo business, a familiar, tell-tale crisis hits Bengali TV & films industry.

"There are three directors who have not turned up for shooting. Rest of the work is going on normally. We have a meeting with the ministers in the evening. I don't know why the directors have taken this decision, but they should know their limits," Biswas, the younger brother of the state minister Aroop Biswas told media persons.

Among the directors who reportedly did not turn up for shooting is filmmaker and Trinamool legislator Raj Chakraborty.

"The Federation knows how to protect its members. Earlier technicians had to work for 18-19 hours. The Federation fought to bring it down to 14 hours a day. For whose benefit was it done?" asked Biswas.

"They are challenging the Federation, which has 8,000 members from various guilds. The directors are also a part of the Federation. Why don't they contest the polls, win



and change the rules? Remember, we can stop your selection."

Trouble between the Federation and the DAEI sparked Tuesday when work on director Srijit Roy's new serial got stopped as artisans preparing the set did not turn up.

Roy was the third director after Kaushik Ganguly and Jaideep Mukhopadhyay to have earned the wrath of the Federation in recent weeks. The Directors' Association of India, headed by Subrata Sen, had decided Thursday evening to stay away from the shooting floors from Friday.

"We are not speaking

about the security of directors only. Technicians are also being suspended and blacklisted. They do not have the voice. We are giving voice to the voiceless. I want to tell all the artists and technicians we are not fighting this battle for ourselves. We do not want to stop shootings," Sudeshna Roy, secretary DAEI told. "The Federation is trying to create a wedge between the directors and other members of the fraternity"

"We feel insulted at the turn of events. Directors are called captains of the ship. Filmmakers like Kaushik Ganguly (winner of several national awards) don't deserve such treatment. It will

be in the fitness of things that directors also stay away from shoots unless our demands are looked into in writing," Roy said.

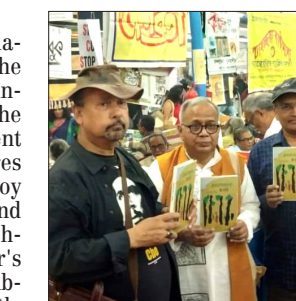
She said the directors demand, among others, written assurance by the federation about facilitating start of work for their projects soon, written promise that no director can be blacklisted by verbal or written order.

"We also feel if the federation has any objection about any particular director, that has to be conveyed to the DAEI which will initiate talks with the federation on the issue," Roy added.

Ahead of the meeting, the DAEI has demanded that the Federation give a written reply to the questions raised by the association, the three "blacklisted" directors be given written assurance that they can start work on their projects, a written assurance that no director will be blacklisted, a list of technicians (for each project, film or series) will be submitted to the Federation but its permission will not be mandatory and shooting will not be stopped.

IPS officer Sukhendu Hira's 'Jungalmahal Diary' published

Nurul Islam Khan
On Thursday, the 48th International Kolkata Book Fair saw the release of the unique book 'Jungalmahal Diary' by DIG of the State Police Security Department Sukhendu Hira. Literary figures like Amar Mitra and Kinnar Roy were present. This is the second book by folk culture researcher Sukhendu Hira at this year's book fair. The fourth book published at stall No. 72 in the Little Magazine Pavilion at the Kolkata Book Fair. This IPS officer was once the Superintendent of Police in Jungalmahal Bankura district. He saw nature very closely during his career. Those issues have been highlighted in this book. It is worth mentioning that he has written such a book



from the top position of the state police and has received a lot of response from the readers. Literary writer Kinnar Roy said that Sukhendu Hira has a bold chest. He thanked him. Amar Mitra said that Jungle Mahal means Maoist. Sukhendu Babu, who was working in the police at that time,

has presented the overall issues perfectly. The issues related to art, culture and education there have found a place in the diary of Jungle Mahal. He expressed the hope that the readers will like it. Writer Sukhendu Hira's opinion is that the publisher has shown courage. However, I have a habit of writing diaries. He said that he got the inspiration for this writing from there. Today, several prominent people were surprised and said that the writer is very busy with police work. Then he writes continuously in various dailies. Occasionally, he also writes important books. In a word, they said that his extraordinary and impeccable creation will be remembered by writers community

NaFAC conducts outreach Prog



MI News Service, Kolkata: The National Faceless Assessment Centre (NaFAC) and National Faceless Appeal Centre (NFAC), under Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax Ms. Jahanzeb Akhtar, held an outreach program at Aayakar Bhawan, Kolkata. The event aimed to gather stakeholder feedback, enhance procedural workflows, and reinforce the core goals of the Faceless Assessment and Appeal system introduced by the Prime Minister in 2020. The session highlighted the technological advancements in faceless tax administration, including anonymized case allocation and fully digital taxpayer interactions. Urging tax officials to embrace the scheme and uphold its integrity as a crucial part of India's e-governance. Any breach of confidentiality, she warned, would have strict consequences. Tax practitioners, advocates, and trade bodies provided feedback, collaborating with NaFAC to refine the faceless tax experience and ensure fair, transparent proceedings.

ECHS Polyclinic Salt Lake Achieves ISO 9001:2015 First Polyclinic in India to have ISO 9001:2015 certification

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant achievement, the Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) Polyclinic, Salt Lake, Kolkata, has been certified for compliance with the ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System by Royal Impact Certification Ltd. This recognition underscores the clinic's commitment to delivering high-quality healthcare services to veterans and their dependents. The prestigious Certificate of Registration was formally received by Maj Gen R.A. Moghe, VSM, GOC, Bengal Sub Area, in the presence of Brig A.K. Das, Dy GOC & Station Commander, Lt Col Pradeep Chaudhury,



Officer-in-Charge, ECHS Station Cell, Kolkata, and Lt Col S. Bhattacharyya (Retd), Officer-in-Charge of the Salt Lake Polyclinic. Speaking on the occasion,

their families, upholding the highest standards of care and management."

Serving as a critical healthcare hub for veterans in the Kolkata region, ECHS Polyclinic Salt Lake stands out for its ability to efficiently manage a patient base of approximately 22,000 ex-servicemen and their dependents. The clinic has consistently demonstrated excellence in service delivery through streamlined operational practices, prompt diagnostics, and efficient outpatient care. The PC Salt Lake's commitment to maintaining a patient-centric approach is evident in its swift adoption of technological advancements and a structured feedback

mechanism for continuous service improvement. The staff's dedication and meticulous attention to healthcare quality have been pivotal in earning this prestigious certification.

The ISO 9001:2015 certification is a testament to the clinic's robust operational processes, relentless pursuit of excellence, and focus on enhanced patient satisfaction. This milestone further strengthens the ECHS mission of ensuring accessible and efficient healthcare services for the defense community. The leadership of ECHS Polyclinic Salt Lake reiterated its commitment to setting new benchmarks in healthcare delivery for veterans and their families.

New RBI Governor cuts...

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"Supported by a favourable outlook on food and continuing transmission of past monetary policy actions, it is expected to further moderate in 2025-26, gradually aligning with the target (of 4 per cent)."

The MPC also noted that though growth is expected to recover from the low of July-September 2024 (when it grew by 5.4 per cent - its slowest expansion in nearly two years), it is much below that of last year. "These growth-inflation dynamics open up policy space for the MPC to support growth, while remaining focussed on aligning inflation with the target," he said. Following a peak in October, consumer price inflation eased to 5.22 per cent in December and 5.48 per cent in November.

"Considering the existing growth-inflation dynamics, the MPC, while continuing with the neutral stance, felt that a less restrictive monetary policy is more appropriate at the current juncture. The MPC will take a decision in each of its future meetings based on a fresh assessment of the macroeconomic outlook," the RBI Governor said.

Malhotra added that the RBI was committed to taking carefully calibrated monetary policy decisions to facilitate conducive macroeconomic conditions that reinforce price stability, sustained economic growth and financial stability.

Commenting on the

MPC decision, Radhika Rao, senior economist, DBS Bank, said an emphasis on the flexibility of the inflation targeting framework suggests the MPC might be more tolerant of intermittent modest supply-driven volatility.

The GDP forecasts point to growth staying below 7 per cent this year and the next. "This sees the RBI joining regional central banks who have given higher weightage to domestic priorities, viewing volatility in their currency and bond markets as driven by global triggers. The MPC has refrained from an outright dovish signal by maintaining the stance at neutral," she said.

The recent rupee depreciation was not a hurdle for the policymakers, with intervention tools likely to be tapped to defend the currency vs dollar strength. "We maintain our call for another 25 bps cut in repo rate in April."

Suman Chowdhury, chief economist, Acuité Ratings and Research, said the tone of the Governor's speech seems to suggest that the approach to inflation targeting will be a little more flexible.

"We believe that RBI MPC has initiated a shallow rate cycle with low visibility and limited clarity on the future rate cuts. The retention of the neutral stance highlights that the policy direction may be revised depending on the incoming data points and the external environment," Chowdhury added.

17 doctors face inquiry over unauthorized pvt practice

MI News Service, Kolkata: Seventeen doctors from West Bengal are under scrutiny for allegedly violating government regulations by practicing privately without permission. These doctors, who hold non-practicing posts in government hospitals, have been accused of working at private healthcare facilities without authorization. The state health department has taken serious note of the matter and summoned them for an inquiry on February 12. The investigation committee at Swasthya Bhavan, the head-

quarters of the state health department, has directed them to appear with relevant documents.

The accused doctors hail from various districts, including East Midnapore, West Midnapore, and Nadia. The names of the doctors under inquiry are Pranoy Ghosh, Sayan Hajra, Shaibal Maity, Sandip Kumar Pramanik, Supratim Giri, Amit Kumar Haldar, Shivshankar Dey, Bhajanchandra Sarkar, Shrabindu Mandal, Dipankar Pradhan, Dilip Kumar Bera, Ashutosh Mal, Samiulla Laskar, Tapan

Kumar Khatuya, Soumik Saha, Debbyuti Mahapatra, and Sushobhan Mandal. According to the allegations, these doctors have been practicing in private hospitals under the Swasthya Sathi scheme for a long time without obtaining official permission. Despite holding government posts that prohibit private practice, they continued to work in private facilities, violating service rules. The inquiry committee has directed the accused doctors to bring specific documents on February 12 at 2 PM.

These include: Proof of whether they obtained official permission before engaging in private practice and Salary details from their current government hospital positions. If the allegations are confirmed, disciplinary action may be taken against the doctors. The state health department is expected to impose strict penalties, which could range from salary deductions to suspension or even dismissal from service.

The state government has a clear policy regarding doctors in non-practicing posts, prohibiting

them from engaging in private medical work. This rule is meant to ensure that government doctors focus solely on public healthcare services. The unauthorized involvement of these doctors in private hospitals raises concerns about ethical violations and conflicts of interest.

The final decision will depend on the findings of the Swasthya Bhavan inquiry, and the outcome is expected to set a precedent for future cases involving unauthorized private practice by government doctors.



Congress activists took part in a protest over 'inhuman treatment' to Indian deportees from the U.S, in Kolkata on Friday

WBBSE President outlines measures to ensure fair Madhyamik exams

MI News Service, Kolkata: With just three days left until the Madhyamik examinations begin on February 10, anxiety looms large among students, parents, and educators. The situation has been further complicated by issues such as admit card discrepancies and boycotts threatened by teachers recruited in 2016. Adding to the tension, the Calcutta High Court has ordered that all affected students must receive their admit cards by February 9. In recent years, Madhyamik exams have been marred by allegations of cheating and question paper leaks. Determined to prevent such incidents, the state government is adopting strict measures this time. Speaking at a press conference, Ramanuj Gangopadhyay, the President of the West Bengal Board of Secondary Education (WBBSE), outlined key security measures to ensure a fair examination process.

This year, 9,84,753 students will take the exam across 2,683 centers.

The candidate distribution includes 4,28,803 boys and 5,55,950 girls. Some districts, known for past incidents of cheating and paper leaks, will be under special surveillance.

To curb cheating, students will not be allowed to carry any smart gadgets into the exam hall. If found with one, their exam will be canceled immediately. Additionally, strict monitoring will be implemented in restrooms, as past cases revealed that students had hidden mobile phones and other devices there.

Parents and guardians will not be allowed inside exam centers. Flying squads from the WBBSE will conduct surprise inspections at schools to ensure compliance with these rules.

"If any student is caught with an unauthorized device during the exam, their exam will be canceled immediately," warned Gangopadhyay. He also reminded everyone of past incidents where police intervention had led to the exposure of cheating rackets. One of the biggest

concerns this year is the non-issuance of admit cards for over 100 students. Gangopadhyay admitted that this issue has created significant administrative challenges as the process of reissuing admit cards is both time-consuming and complex.

According to him, 181 students had to be enrolled at the last moment, despite earlier estimates suggesting only 50 to 70 cases. These students applied for their admit cards between Thursday 6 PM and Friday 2 PM. Gangopadhyay blamed schools for this situation, stating that the fault lay with 136 schools that failed to complete the necessary formalities on time.

"Due to the negligence of a handful of schools, so many students were on the verge of being deprived of their exams," he said.

With the exams set to begin on Monday, authorities are now working around the clock to resolve all pending issues and ensure a smooth examination process.

Fire breaks out at ISKCON...

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took place last month when a major fire broke out at the Maha Kumbh Mela due to a cylinder blast, injuring one person and engulfing 18 tents in Sector 19.

The officials said 15 fire tenders brought the blaze under control within an hour. Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath, who was in Prayagraj to review the preparations ahead of Mauni Amavasya, also reached the spot and directed authorities to take steps to avoid any such incident in future.

Meanwhile, the affected area has been cordoned off for pilgrims and onlookers. Earlier, Kumbh-mela chief fire officer

Pramod Sharma said 15 fire tenders were pressed into service to contain the blaze, which engulfed 18 tents.

Following the stampede tragedy on January 29, the Uttar Pradesh government has announced financial assistance of Rs 25 lakh each for the families of the deceased. UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has also ordered a judicial inquiry and said the committee will submit its report within a time limit.

Mahakumbh, which started on January 13, will continue till February 26. The remaining significant 'snan' dates in Mahakumbh are February 12 (Maghi Purnima), and February 26 (Maha Shivaratri).

PM Modi shares candid...

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registrations, reflecting a remarkable surge of 1.3 crore registrations. Pariksha Pe Charcha has not only become a popular programme, but has also transformed into a "Jan Andolan" (people's movement), resonating deeply with students, teachers, and parents across the country. The initiative's focus on addressing exam stress and encouraging students to view examinations as a festival - "Utsav" - has struck a chord with people from all walks of life.

The overwhelming participation in PPC reflects a growing awareness and acceptance of the importance of mental well-being and holistic education. The programme's interactive format, which involves open dialogue between students, teachers, and the Prime Minister, has further contributed to its success.

To further strengthen PPC as a "Jan Andolan," a series of engaging activities were conducted from January 12, 2025 (National Youth Day) to January 23, 2025 (Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Jayanti) at the school level.

These activities, conducted across States/UTs, aimed to engage students, parents, and teachers in celebrating PPC as a festival. A total of 1.42 crore students, 12.81 lakh teachers, and 2.94 lakh schools participated. These activities were designed to reduce stress, improve focus,

and enhance performance during exams and beyond.

Students were encouraged to participate in a diverse range of activities, including indigenous games like Kho-Kho and Kabaddi, short-distance marathons, creative mime competitions, engaging Nukkad Natak performances, and eye-catching poster-making.

They were also encouraged to share their experiences through student testimonials, participate in student-led discussions, and engage in yoga and meditation sessions to cultivate relaxation and mindfulness. Schools organized plays developed by students, conducted workshops, and invited special guests to share their insights.

Since 2018, PM Modi has been holding the annual event to interact with school students, teachers, and parents to share tips on remaining stress-free during the board exams. The Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education has been conducting the programme.

The first three editions of PPC were held in New Delhi in a town-hall interactive format. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the fourth edition was held online in the form of a programme telecast on Doordarshan and all major TV channels.

The fifth, sixth and seventh editions of PPC were again held in town-hall format at Talkatora Sta-

MCCI hosts session on India-Zambia opportunities

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Merchants' Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI) organized a special session with H.E. Percy P. Chanda, High Commissioner of Zambia in India, on "Business Opportunities, Investments, and Tourism in Zambia" at the Chamber on Friday. Dr. Arjun De, Honorary Consul of Zambia in Kolkata, also addressed the gathering.

MCCI President Amit Saraogi highlighted key sectors for collaboration, including renewable energy, agricultural technology, livestock, dairy farming, and digital infrastructure. He noted that India could contribute medical equipment and healthcare training to Zambia. Additionally, he emphasized joint ventures in tourism, suggesting that Indian investment in infrastructure like hotels and resorts could significantly boost Zambia's tourism industry. Arun Kumar Garodia, Chairman of the Council on Foreign Trade,



(L - R) : Percy P. Chanda, High Commissioner of the Republic of Zambia in India addressing the Session. On his right - Arun Kumar Garodia, Chairman, Council on Foreign Trade, MCCI, Ajay Kajaria, Past President & Committee Member, MCCI, On his left - Amit Saraogi, President, MCCI, Dr. Arjun De, Hony. Consul of Zambia in Kolkata at the Special Session With Percy P. Chanda, High Commissioner of the Republic of Zambia in India on 'Business Opportunities, Investments and Tourism in Zambia' on Friday at Kolkata.

MCCI, pointed, 'India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor' announced at the G-20 Summit as a major step in strengthening global trade links. He also noted that West Bengal is now poised to play a significant role in India-Zambia economic relations, especially after the BGBS 2025 summit.

H.E. Mr. Chanda highlighted Zambia's rapidly growing economy, with a GDP of approximately \$21

billion and inflation at 5%. He invited Indian investment in key sectors such as mining, agriculture, energy, manufacturing, IT, and construction. The country is particularly focusing on livestock and food processing. The High Commissioner described Zambia as an ideal hub for trade. The country has also developed seven Special Economic Zones (SEZs) to boost manufacturing, including agro-processing and electric

vehicle production.

Dr. Arjun De emphasized investment opportunities in healthcare and tourism, stating that Zambia offers businesses access to the wider African market.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Ajay Kajaria, Past President of MCCI, who highlighted Zambia's economic progress and focus on trade in mining, agriculture, and manufacturing.

KMC to auction properties for unpaid taxes

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) is taking a tough stance on property tax defaulters. To recover long-overdue payments, the civic body has decided to attach and auction properties of those who have failed to clear their dues for an extended period. According to officials, the revenue generated from these auctions will first be used to settle the outstanding tax, and any remaining amount will be returned to the property owners. KMC is now actively preparing for this major enforcement drive. Under municipal law, KMC has the authority to seize and auction properties if owners fail to pay property tax over a long period. While such extreme meas-

ures have rarely been implemented in the past, declining tax collections have forced the civic body to adopt a stricter approach. Officials acknowledge that previous threats of property auctions have often been abandoned due to resistance. However, the recent financial crisis in the municipal treasury, caused by declining tax compliance, has made strict enforcement necessary. The Assessment Department has been tasked with preparing a list of long-term defaulters. Legal action will be taken against them in phases. To ensure transparency, a panel of 11 valuation experts has been formed to determine the selling price and reserve price for the properties marked for auction.

TMC sweeps JB Roy Ayurvedic Med College student election unopposed

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant development, the Trinamool Chhatra Parishad (TMCP) secured an uncontested victory in all 17 seats of the student council election at JB Roy Ayurvedic Medical College in North Kolkata. The election result holds particular importance, especially in the aftermath of the RG Kar Medical College controversy. What makes this victory even more striking is that opposition groups did not even attempt to file nominations. With no candidates contesting against TMCP, the student body election ended in a clean sweep, with TMCP being declared the winner by a 17-0 margin. Party leaders congratulated the winning candidates, highlighting the significance of this outcome in the current political climate. The fact that no opposition members turned up to submit nominations has raised eyebrows. According to TMCP leadership, this reflects a complete rejection of the "false propaganda" spread by left-wing and ultra-left student organiza-

tions. The last date for filing nominations was Wednesday, yet no opposition candidates came forward. TMCP leaders argued that this demonstrated the lack of organizational strength among rival groups, asserting that students had placed their faith in Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's leadership and developmental policies.

The uncontested victory of TMCP has sparked discussions about the state of student politics in Kolkata's medical colleges. While TMCP leaders see this as a validation of their influence and governance, critics have raised concerns over the absence of any contest, questioning whether a fair democratic process took place. However, TMCP maintains that the opposition's inability to mobilize candidates is proof of its declining relevance among students. The party insists that the students of JB Roy Ayurvedic Medical College have made a clear choice in favor of the ruling party's student wing.

Mystery surrounds recovery of minor's semi-naked body in New Town

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata was shaken on Friday morning after the semi-naked body of a minor girl was discovered deep inside a forested area near New Town's Lohar Bridge. The police have already recovered the body, but the circumstances surrounding the incident remain a mystery. Preliminary investigations suggest that the girl may have been raped and murdered, though authorities are still probing the case.

As of now, the identity of the victim remains unknown. Her lifeless body was found nearly 30-40 meters inside the dense jungle near the abandoned stretch of Lohar Bridge. Beside the body, police discovered an orange, raising further question about the crime scene. According to police sources, foam was seen coming out of the girl's mouth, leading to speculation that she may have been strangled to death. However, forensic analysis will determine the exact cause of death. The New Town police have taken custody of the body and sent it for post-mortem examination at R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital. Investigators believe that the condition in which the girl was found—semi-naked with disheveled clothing—points to the pos-

sibility of sexual assault before murder. However, confirmation will depend on forensic and medical reports.

The location where the body was discovered is largely deserted, adding to the complexity of the case. It remains unclear how the minor was taken to the spot or who was involved in dumping the body deep within the jungle. Police are currently analyzing possible entry routes and examining CCTV footage from nearby areas to trace any suspects. The brutal nature of the crime has sparked outrage among locals and raised concerns about safety in New Town, an area known for rapid urbanization but also for its isolated stretches. Residents are demanding a swift and thorough investigation to bring the culprits to justice. Law enforcement officials have urged anyone with information to come forward, as identifying the victim is crucial to solving the case. Meanwhile, forensic experts and the homicide team continue to piece together clues in an effort to unravel the truth behind this shocking crime. As investigations progress, the city awaits answers, hoping for justice for the young girl whose life was brutally cut short.

Sexual harassment allegations rock JU again

MI News Service, Kolkata: Jadavpur University is once again at the center of controversy following allegations of sexual harassment against a male student. Two female students have accused him of inappropriate behavior, and CCTV footage related to the incident has surfaced. However, the authenticity of the footage has not been independently verified. The footage reportedly shows the accused student moving close to the complainant in a crowded area. Allegations state that he touched one student's chest and kissed another on the cheek without their consent. Despite their objections, the accused proceeded with

the inappropriate actions, leading to a formal complaint with the university's Internal Complaints Committee (ICC). The primary complainant stated that the incident occurred on Wednesday night near Gate No. 4 of the university campus. She alleged that she and a friend were sexually harassed by the accused. In her written complaint, she detailed repeated instances of harassment by the accused: "He has made me uncomfortable multiple times, proposed to me, and touched me without consent. He has even attempted to kiss me. His behavior has left me shocked and humiliated. I demand strict action from the university authorities."

Banks to have 'bank.in' internet domain name, non-banks 'fin.in': RBI

MI News Service, New Delhi: In order to check cyber security threats, the Reserve Bank on Friday decided that Indian banks will have exclusive internet domain name 'bank.in' and non-bank financial entities 'fin.in'.

Unveiling the last bi-monthly monetary policy of this fiscal year, RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra said registrations for 'bank.in' will commence from April 2025, and going forward 'fin.in' will be introduced.

The decision is aimed at enhancing trust in the financial sector, he said adding the increased instances of fraud in digital payments are a significant concern. "To combat the same, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is introducing the 'bank.in' exclusive In-



ternet Domain for Indian banks," he said. The initiative aims to reduce cyber security threats and malicious activities like phishing, and streamline secure financial services, thereby enhancing trust in digital banking and payment services. The Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT) will act as the exclusive registrar.

Going forward, Malhotra said it is planned to have an exclusive domain -- 'fin.in' -- for non-bank entities in the financial sector. The RBI also decided to introduce an additional layer of security by enabling Additional Factor of Authentication (AFA) in cross-border 'Card Not Present' transactions. The central bank said that introduction of AFA for digital payments has enhanced the safety of transactions which, in turn, provided confidence to customers to adopt digital payments. This requirement, however, is mandatory for domestic transactions only. "In order to provide a similar level of safety for online international transactions using cards issued in India, it is proposed to enable AFA for international card not present (online) transactions as well," the RBI said. This will provide an additional layer of security in cases where the overseas merchant is enabled for AFA. Draft circular will be issued shortly for feedback from stakeholders.

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A senior citizen being rescued after a fire broke out at a camp during the ongoing Maha Kumbh Mela 2025, in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh.

Fin ministry for avoiding ChatGPT, DeepSeek, AI models flagging data risk concerns

MI News Service, New Delhi: The finance ministry has directed its officers not to download or use AI tools and apps such as ChatGPT and DeepSeek in office computers and devices, saying they pose confidentiality risks to data and documents.

In a communication last month to all its departments, the ministry said AI tools/AI apps in office devices may be strictly avoided. "It has been determined that AI tools and AI apps (such as ChatGPT, DeepSeek etc) in the office computers and devices pose risks for confidentiality of Govt. data and documents," Department of Expenditure under the ministry said in a note on January 29.

The move comes at a time when countries like Australia and Italy have shielded their official systems from Chinese

DeepSeek over privacy and data safety concerns. Currently, Sam Altman, CEO of OpenAI, which has developed artificial intelligence chatbot ChatGPT is on a whirlwind tour to India. He is meeting top government officials, industry captains and participated in a fire-side chat on Wednesday morning. DeepSeek's latest AI offering has drawn global attention for its low-cost model -- at just USD 6 million against global average of billions of dollars. Further, DeepSeek's R1 used a fraction of compute power as compared to established AI models like ChatGPT. DeepSeek overtakes ChatGPT as the top-ranked free app on Apple's App-store, as the US tech industry -- that has long-justified injecting billions of dollars into AI investments -- watched in sheer disbelief last week.

TRAI draws up plan to sell mmWave spectrum

MI News Service, New Delhi: The telecom regulator on proposed auctioning nearly 3,000 MHz of millimeter wave (mmWave) spectrum in the 37-40 GHz band for 5G services, while recommending the 42.5-43.5 GHz band be excluded because of a lack of a device ecosystem.

At a reserve price of ₹5.98 crore per MHz, the spectrum is worth ₹17,940 crore. The spectrum is over 14 per cent cheaper at reserve price compared with the 26 GHz band, which is also the mmWave band and was auctioned in 2022. In the 2024 auction, there were no takers for the 26 GHz band due to lack of device ecosystem. The Telecom Regulatory

Authority of India (Trai) has submitted its recommendations to the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), which will determine the timing of the next spectrum auction. The move is expected to support the expansion of high-bandwidth, low-latency 5G networks, particularly in densely populated urban areas. The regulator said the 37-37.5 GHz and 37.5-40 GHz bands should be included in the upcoming auction. Trai has advised against the auctioning of 42.5-43.5 GHz Band spectrum immediately and suggested that the DoT seek fresh recommendations when the device ecosystem is more developed.

Mobile phone tariff has come down by 94%: Scindia

MI News Service, New Delhi: Union Communication & Information Technology Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Thursday said that mobile phone tariff has come down by 94 per cent since 2014. Replying to a supplementary on an oral question, Scindia said, "There are 90 crore mobile phone subscribers. Today there are 116 crore mobile phone subscribers. If we talk about internet penetration, there were 25 crore subscribers in 2014 and today the number is 97.44 crore." The minister explained that when the number of consumers increases then it is necessary that there should be monitoring of tariffs.

He told the House that the one minute call used to cost 50 paise in 2014 and at present it is three paise which reflects a 94 per cent dip in cost structure. He further informed that the cost of one GB broadband (speed) was Rs 270 per GB in 2014, which has come down to Rs 9.70 per GB reflecting 93 per cent drop in tariff. He said that India is the most economical country on the basis of (internet) data (cost) in the world. He stated that there is an increase of 10 per cent in tariff saying it is because of investment made on the fastest roll out of 5G in the country. He informed the House that in 22 months, 98 per cent of districts and 82 per cent of the population were covered. He told the House that about Rs 4.5 lakh crore has been invested. Justifying the tariff hike, he said that there should be return on investment. He stated that India has the cheapest voice and data tariff across the world.

Congress MP Randeep Singh Surjewala questioned whether it is in the knowledge of the minister that all cell phone firms have increased tariff in a concerted way on July 3, 2024, which put an additional burden of Rs 34,824 crore on 119 crore cell phone users.

India important mkt for AI & Open AI: Sam Altman

MI News Service, New York: OpenAI CEO Sam Altman said that the country is important for Artificial Intelligence and OpenAI, and added that India - with its full stack model - should be among the leaders of the AI revolution. Altman, during a fireside chat with IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, said OpenAI tripled its users here in the last year. He gave a ringing endorsement to India's efforts in building on AI at all levels of the stack, chips, models and "the incredible applications." Altman, who is on a whirlwind India tour, said.

National Helpline adopts AI for sector-specific analysis

MI News Service, New Delhi: The National Consumer Helpline (NCH) has witnessed a sharp increase in consumer complaints after implementing artificial intelligence for sector-specific analysis, the consumer affairs ministry said. The AI-powered platform has driven complaint volumes up more than tenfold, from 12,553 in December 2015 to 1,55,138 in December 2024, indicating growing consumer confidence in the system. Monthly average



complaints have nearly tripled from 37,062 in 2017 to 1,12,468 in 2024, while digital grievances increased to 68,831 in fiscal year 2024-25 from 54,893 in the previous year, according to ministry data. The technology upgrade has slashed grievance disposal time to 48 days in 2024 from 66.26 days in 2023, officials said.

A key initiative involves converting companies with high complaint volumes into "convergence partners" who must prioritize swift resolution. The number of such partners has grown to 1,038 from 263 in 2017. "With NCH's AI-driven, sector-specific analysis, these convergence partners can now act more effectively and efficiently in resolving consumer issues," the ministry said in a statement. The helpline operates at the pre-litigation stage, handling complaints across sectors including broadband, e-commerce, banking, and real estate. Consumers can access the service through the toll-free number 1915 or the NCH web portal.

Regulation of trains for construction of Limited Height Subway in Azimganj - Katwa Section in Howrah Division

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant stride towards enhancing safety and convenience for local commuters, Eastern Railway is constructing Limited Height Subway (LHS) in lieu of Level Crossing Gates No. 24/A/9 between Khagrachhat & Karna Subarna stations in Azimganj - Katwa Section over Howrah Division. Local residents and commuters using these gates will experience increased convenience and reduced travel time, contributing to an improved quality of life. The LHS also significantly reduce the risk associated with Level crossing providing a safer passage for both pedestrians and vehicles. Accordingly, for construction of Limited Height Subway, 360 minutes. Traffic and Power Block has been planned on 08.02.2025. Consequently, following arrangement in train running have been made as under:

- Cancellation of Train on 08.02.2025 (Saturday) • From Katwa: 53011, 53013, 53015, 53017, 53009, 53053, 53055, 63031 • From Azimganj: 53014, 53016, 53018, 63010, 53012, 63020 • From Ahmadpur: 53056 Short termination/Short Origination: • 13177/13178 Sealdah - Jangipur Road - Sealdah Express will be short terminated at / short originated from Katwa on 08.02.2025. • 53054/53053 Nimita - Katwa - Nimita Passenger will be short terminated at / short originated from Azimganj on 08.02.2025. • 63007/53008 Katwa - Rampurhat - Katwa Passenger will be short terminated at / short originated from Azimganj on 08.02.2025.

Regulation of trains for Track Maintenance Work over Sealdah Division



MI News Service, Kolkata: In connection with track maintenance work between Halisahar & Naihati stations over Sealdah Division, 420 minutes (22:30 hrs. of 08.02.2025 to 05:30 hrs. of 09.02.2025) Traffic & Power Block has been planned. Consequently, following arrangements in train running have been made as under:

- Cancellation of trains on 08.02.2025 (Saturday): Naihati - Bandel: UP-37557/DN-37558 Sealdah - Gede: UP-31929/DN-31928 Sealdah - Shantipur: UP-31539/ DN-31542 Cancellation of trains on 09.02.2025 (Sunday): Naihati - Bandel: UP- 37521/DN-37522 Sealdah - Gede: UP-31911/DN -31912 Sealdah - Shantipur: UP-31511/ DN-31512 Naihati- Ranaghat: UP -31711/DN-31712 Sealdah-Ranaghat: UP - 31611/ DN-31612

Moreover, 31192 will be short terminated at Kalyani instead of Naihati and 31191 Will be short originated from Kalyani instead of Naihati.

Malda Town - Sahibganj - Malda Town passenger to run with Conventional (Icf) Rake

MI News Service, Kolkata: Railway has decided to run 63402/63401 Malda town - Sahibganj - Malda Town passenger will run with conventional (ICF) rake instead of MEMU rake leaving Malda Town with effect from 08.02.2025 and leaving Sahibganj with effect from 09.02.2025 on temporary basis. It may be mentioned that General Second Class Coaches (GSCN) are to be run as unreserved.

Ongoing Work for New Benaras Road Over Bridge : Improving Safety, Traffic Flow, and Future Connectivity



MI News Service, Kolkata: The construction of the new Benaras Road Over Bridge (ROB) promises to bring major advantages to both road users and the surrounding railway network. By replacing the aging and deteriorating semi-through girder, this project will significantly enhance safety, reduce traffic congestion, and improve the overall traffic flow in the region. With its modern design, the new bridge is set to meet the growing transportation demands, ensuring long-term reliability and providing ample space for future upgrades and yard remodeling.

The new ROB will feature three advanced bowstring girders with a combined span of 66 meters and 24 meters. The bridge will have a total width of 11.01 meters, which includes a 7.5-meter-wide carriageway and an external footpath for pedestrians. This upgrade will not only improve the flow of vehicular traffic but also eliminate the existing bottleneck caused by

the old structure, making way for smoother and more efficient passage, especially in the yard area where provisions for future track layouts are incorporated. The new bridge is designed to accommodate future needs, allowing for yard remodeling and future track installations, ensuring its relevance for years to come. Work on the project is progressing well. The sub-structure is 90% complete, with the remaining work to be carried out during the planned road block. The 66-meter bowstring girder has been fabricated and is ready for launching. The final work on the two end spans will be completed during the scheduled road block, ensuring minimal disruption and keeping the project on track.

Critical tasks that remain include the launching of the 66-meter bowstring girder, a process that will take place over 76 days, with a complete closure of the UP main line for 33 days to allow for the installation of intermediate supporting structures. This highly

coordinated process will be carried out at night during scheduled 3-hour blocks, minimizing disruptions to daily traffic. Simultaneously, construction on the approach roads at both Salkia and Bamangachhi ends is underway. At Salkia, a 126-meter RCC trough wall will be installed, while both ends will undergo earth and sand filling as part of the road work. These tasks are also scheduled to be completed during the existing road block, further minimizing traffic disruptions. This ensures a seamless transition to the new bridge, maintaining traffic flow while improving safety and capacity.

This significant infrastructure project will serve as a key milestone in improving regional connectivity, supporting Eastern Railway's operations, and paving the way for future growth in the area. The new Benaras ROB will not only enhance daily commuter safety but also improve freight transport efficiency, benefiting the entire region.

Centenary celebration on completion of 100 Glorious Years of Electric traction over Indian Railways by Howrah Diesel Shed

MI News Service, Kolkata: On February 3, 2025, Eastern Railway commemorated 100 years of connecting communities and driving economic growth across the region. To mark this historic milestone, Howrah Diesel Shed organized a special event to honour the railway's rich legacy and the dedicated employees who have powered its transformation over the decades.

Under the guidance of Shri Sanjeev Kumar DRM, Howrah, the event was attended by Sri Umesh Verma, Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer/ Loco/Howrah, along with other officers and employees of Howrah Diesel Shed. Participants discussed Eastern Railway's journey, focusing on the major advancements in electric traction that have modernized the network and enhanced sustainability. The event also paid tribute to the unwavering commitment and contributions of railway employees who have been the backbone of Howrah Division, Eastern Railway's success.

Eastern Railway has been a vital artery connecting communities and fuelling economic progress across the region, said Sri Umesh Verma, Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer/Loco/Howrah, Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer/Loco/Howrah. This milestone is a testament to the vision, innovation, and tireless efforts of our employees, who have transformed Eastern Railway into a world-class transportation network that continues to serve as a catalyst for growth and

development. Since its inception in 1925, Howrah Division has played a crucial role in shaping the region's economy and social fabric. The network has evolved from steam-powered locomotives to state-of-the-art electric and diesel-electric engines, offering faster, more efficient and environmentally friendly transportation solutions. Today, Howrah Division operates a vast network of passenger and freight services, connecting millions of people and businesses across the region.

As we celebrate this significant milestone, we renew our commitment to building upon Division's legacy of excellence, added Sri Umesh Verma. Through continued investment in infrastructure, technology, and our talented workforce, we will ensure that Howrah Division remains a driving force for progress, connecting communities and powering economic growth for generations to come.

Eastern Railway's Howrah Division is a premier transportation network that has been serving the region more than a century. Operated by the Indian Railways, connecting millions of people and businesses across a vast network of passenger and freight services.

With a focus on innovation, sustainability, and customer service, Howrah Division is committed to powering progress and driving economic growth throughout the region.

Only One Pair Bandel - Katwa Local cancelled for Track Maintenance Work over Howrah Division

MI News Service, Kolkata: Periodic track maintenance (OHE) maintenance work is crucial to ensure the safe & efficient operation of railway system. Regular and systematic maintenance of this component helps prevent disruption and delays, ensuring trains run on schedule and extend the lifespan of railway infrastructure, contributing to the overall safety & reliability of train operation. Keeping in mind the need for maintenance, Traffic & Power block in various section over Howrah Division has been planned on 09.02.2025. Consequently 37749/3 7748 Bandel - Katwa - Bandel local will remain cancelled on 09.02.2025. Moreover, 53009 Katwa - Azimganj passenger will leave Katwa at 12:15 hrs. instead of its schedule departure time at 12:00 hrs. on 09.02.2025.

ICAI holds Convocation Ceremony across nation

MI News Service, New Delhi/Kolkata: The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) recently organized a grand Convocation Ceremony simultaneously across multiple locations across India to confer certificates of membership to newly qualified Chartered Accountants and honor rank holders. The Convocation was conducted at 11 centers—New Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Ghaziabad, Ahmedabad, Pune, Indore, and Jaipur. In this prestigious event, 19,075 newly enrolled Chartered Accountants received their certificates, marking the beginning of their professional journey. The convocation commenced simultaneously across all locations and was addressed by Chief Guest, (Dr.) C.V. Ananda Bose, Governor, West Bengal from Kolkata in the presence of CA.

Vittal now Acting Chair of GSMA

MI News Service, Kolkata: Gopal Vittal, Vice Chairman & MD, Bharti Airtel and Deputy Chair GSMA has been appointed as the Acting Chair of the GSMA

board. GSMA represents the global telecommunications industry with over 1100 companies from the telecom ecosystem across the world.

Railways Boost Recruitment: Over 5 Lakh Vacancies Filled in the Last Decade, Annual Calendar Introduced

Retired Railway Employees Re-engaged to Meet Operational & Functional Needs

Table with columns: Exam, Candidates, Cities, Centres, Days, Shifts. Rows include L2-L6 and L1 exams.

Table with columns: Period, Recruitments. Rows show 2004-2014 and 2014-2024 periods.

MI News Service, New Delhi: Occurrence and filling up of vacancies is a continuous process on Indian Railways...

post. The introduction of the annual calendar will benefit the aspirants in the following manner: • More opportunities for candidates; • Opportunities to those becoming eligible every year; • Certainty of exams; • Faster Recruitment process.

Table with columns: Exam, Candidates, Cities, Centres, Days, Shifts. Rows include 1st Stage CBT for post of ALP, CBT for post of RPF-SI, 1st Stage CBT for post of JE/DMS/CMA, and CBT for post of Technician.

• Training and Appointments Accordingly Ten Centralized Employment Notifications (CENS) for 92,116 vacancies have been notified during January to December 2024 for filling up of posts of Assistant Loco Pilots, Technicians, Sub-Inspectors, Constables in Railway Protection Force (RPF), Junior Engineers (JEs)/ Depot Material Superintendent (DMS)/ Chemical & Metallurgical Assistant (CMA), Paramedical Categories,

Cabinet approves continuation and restructuring of Skill India Prog



MI News Service, New Delhi: The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Friday approved the continuation and restructuring of the Central Sector Scheme 'Skill India Programme (SIP)' till 2026 with an overlay out of Rs 8,800 crore from 2022-23 to 2025-26.

Table for HATINAGAR GRAM PANCHAYAT Notice Inviting e-Tender No-06/2024-2025. Columns: Sl. No, Particulars, Date & Time.

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

Painta-I Gram Panchayat Notice Inviting e-Tender e-Tender is hereby invited from the resourceful and experienced bidders for execution of 7 nos. development works vide NIT No.: 06/43/P-I/25, 07/44/P-I/25 & 08/45/P-I/25, Date: 06.02.2025.

Bally Gram Panchayat Notice Inviting e-Tender e-Tenders are hereby invited from the bonafied and resourceful bidders for different development works under GP area vide NIT No. WBZP/BGP/NIT-21/24-25 (Sl. No.-1) (Fund 15th CFC) & WBZP/BGP/NIT-1/24-25 (Sl. No.-1) (Fund SBM-G), Date: 07.02.2025.

Office of The Tikashi Gram Panchayat TENDER NOTICE NIT No. 10/TIK/15th CFC/2024-25 Dated: 06/02/2025 The Pradhan, Tikashi Gram Panchayat invites e-tender 01 No. Sinking of Submersible pump with water ATM near Tikashi Gram Panchayat Office under Khejuri- I Panchayat Samity under 15th CFC Tied fund.

Attention !! MADHYAMIK & HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINEES TEMPORARY STOPPAGE OF GANADEVTA EXPRESS & KAVIGURU EXPRESS AT LOHAPUR STATION

To facilitate the students & invigilators during Madhyamik Examination and Higher Secondary Examination 2025, 13017/13018 Howrah-Azimganj-Howrah Ganadevta Express and 13028 Azimganj-Howrah Kaviguru Express will provide ONE MINUTE STOPPAGE at LOHAPUR station in Nahati-Azimganj section over Howrah Division on temporary basis on following dates:

Eastern Railway Follow us at: @EasternRailway @easternrailwayheadquarter

REGULATION OF TRAINS FOR TRAFFIC & POWER BLOCK OVER HOWRAH DIVISION

In reference to the earlier notification regarding regulation of trains due to Traffic & Power Block for 06 hours on 08.02.2025 (Saturday) for placement of RCC box segments and base slabs for Limited Height Subway at Level Crossing No. 24/A/9 (Km 157/41-43) between Khargrath Road and Karnasubarna Stations of Azimganj - Katwa Section over Howrah Division, following corrections have been made which is mentioned as follows:

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PUBLIC NOTICE Branch Office: ICICI BANK LTD, BP-4, Technopolis Building, 4th Floor, Sector V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata West Bengal - 700091.

Table with columns: Sr. No, Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor & Address, Property Address of Secured Asset, Date of Notice Sent/Outstanding as on Date of Notice, NPA Date.

Jeet Adani gets hitched, proud papa Gautam Adani shares wedding pics; donates Rs 10,000 cr for social causes

MI News Service, Ahmedabad: Billionaire industrialist Gautam Adani's youngest son Jeet Adani got married on Friday in a "small and extremely private ceremony" in Ahmedabad. The couple looked stunning in elegant traditional wedding attire.

shows Diva and Jeet indulging in a playful exchange of garlands with Jeet planting a kiss on her forehead. Background music of the video played the track 'Nachi Phira' from the film 'Secret Superstar'.

Taking to social media the founder and Chairman of the Adani Group shared the wedding pictures of the just married couple - Jeet and his bride, Diva Jain Shah, daughter of diamond merchant Jainam Shah.

According to family insiders, the wedding was a simple affair, with the usual religious rituals followed by a traditional Gujarati ceremony attended only by close relatives and friends.

EASTERN RAILWAY

The following E-tenders are invited by the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (General), Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd Floor, Remote Control Building, Eastern Railway, Kolkata-700014 in connection with the following works: Sl.No. 1, Tender No: ELEG-OT-1188-2024-25, Particulars of the work: Improvement in examination facilities for proper lighting and welding facilities at Old yard Nahali (line no. 10/RO to 14/RO).

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER Tender Notice No.: e-Tender/2025/04, Date: 06.02.2025. For and on behalf of President of India, the Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), South Eastern Railway, Khargapur-721301 invites e-tender for the following works before 15.00 hrs. on the date mentioned against items and will be opened at 15.30 hrs. Sl.No.-1.

EASTERN RAILWAY e-Tender Notice No. MC, ENHM, BIO-GAS PLANT, SEALDAH 23, Dated: 05.02.2025. Sr. Divisional Environment & Housekeeping Manager, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, Room No. 56, 1st Floor, DRRM Building, Kaiser Street, Kolkata - 700014 invites sealed Open Tenders on 'Single Packet System' in prescribed tender forms from reputed contractors with adequate experience and financial capability for the under mentioned work.

Notice Inviting e-Tender Ref e-NIT No. 2025_ZPHD_812593_1. An e-Tender (Notice Memo No.- 109, Date: 07.02.2025) containing One number of scheme for construction work under Kalna-II Panchayat Samity, Purba Bardhaman has been floated amounting to Rs. 1.20000 lakhs.

Notice regarding Power of Attorney as per West Bengal Govt Order No. 1000-15/22/2024 dated 27.02.2024. This is to notify (1) AJIT MOUDI S/o of Nahanthi Mudi residing at Chandanpara, Alinagar, P.S. Kajra Dist. Kishiniasari (Bihar) has purchased the below mentioned land schedule by virtue of Deed No. 5114 dated - 27.06.24 (ADSR) with the help of Power of Attorney Deed No. 871, 4514 Dated 06.02.24, 29.05.23 executed by (1) Aloke Roy S/o Lt. Mangal Roy, (2) Panibhushan Roy S/o Lt. Punachand Roy (3) Panchanan Ghose S/o Lt. Nibaran Ghose (4) Ganjan Ghose S/o Lt. Nibaran Ghose (ADSR Address Vill- Kankhaya P.O.-Kankhaya P.S.-Asansol (N), Dist Paschim Bardhaman and the said applicant has applied with the same land schedule for mutation vide mutation case No. MN/2025/2305/1808 Dist Paschim Bardhaman at the office of the S.D.L & L.R.O (EP-1) Dist-Paschim Bardhaman.

AXIS BANK LTD. A.C. Market Building, 3rd Floor, 1 Shakespares Sarani, Kolkata - 700071 REGISTERED Office: Trishul - 3rd Floor, Ap. Samarthshree Temple Near Iyer Garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad-380002, Telephone No. 079-26409322 fax No. 079-26409321. Possession Notice (For immovable property) (As per Appendix I read with rule 81 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002) Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Axis Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice calling upon the borrower/s/Co-Borrower/s/guarantor/s to repay the amount mentioned in the notice along with contractual rate of interest plus penal interest, charges, costs etc. within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

LEGAL NOTICE It is hereby informed that my client, Piumika Das W/O- Siddhartha Das, Vill- Barairaj Para Manohar Bahal, P.O- Eithora, P.S-Asansole Dist- Paschim Bardhaman, W. B, she purchased 05 Dec. (of the Mouza- Jhilmili, J.L. No.- 131, Khatian No.- 11, R.S. & L.R. Plot- 75) of land through a registered Deed of sale of the office of A.D.S.R. Khatra, Vide Deed No- 010401241/2024, from one Amiya Mahanty Alias Amiya Nihali Mahanty S/O- Late Trilochan Mahanty of Vill- Jhilmili, P.O- Jhilmili, PS- Barikul, Dist- Bankura. Property of a power of attorney (Deed No- 010400563/ 2024) executed by Amiya Mahanty Alias Amiya Nihali Mahanty in Favour of Sri Somnath Mahanty S/O Sri Amiya Mahanty at Jhilmili, P.O- Jhilmili, PS- Barikul, Dist- Bankura.

ICICI Bank Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 is being issued by ICICI Bank Ltd. (on the underlying pool assigned to ICICI Bank by Dewan Housing Finance Ltd.) in relation to the enforcement of security concerning a Housing Loan Facility granted pursuant to a Loan agreement entered into between DHFL and the following borrower(s) who has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan Facility(ies) obtained by them from the secured creditor. The Loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA), a notice was issued to them at their last known addresses; however, it has returned un-served and hence, they are hereby notified by way of this Public Notice.

Judicial Process Towards Digitalization and Paperless : Diwakar Pandey



Ranchi: Under the aegis of the E-Committee of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and Judicial Academy Jharkhand, a one-day training program on e-court was organized by the Civil Court Ranchi for advocates and clerks of advocates in the Conference Hall, Civil Court Ranchi today on 07.02.2025. Hon'ble Judicial Commissioner, Shri Diwakar Pandey, Principal Judge Family Court, Shri S.S. Fatmi, P.O., M.A.C.T. Shri Manish, President of Ranchi

District Bar Association, Shri Shambhu Prasad Agarwal, General Secretary Shri Sanjay Vidrohi along with other elected members and advocates of Ranchi District Bar Association and D.S.A. of Ranchi Civil Court were present on this occasion. Mr. Bhaskar and Mr. Sajid were present as resource persons.

The program was inaugurated by lighting the lamp by all the distinguished guests and

resource persons seated on the stage. The program was conducted by Mr. Prashant Kumar Verma, Registrar-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Civil Court, Ranchi. Taking the program forward, Mr. Sanjay Kumar Vidrohi said in his statement that in today's time, advocates have become dependent on e-court-app. If the e-court service is interrupted for a short time, then we advocates get upset and are unable to see the information related to our cases. He said that in the same app, a brief description of the work and orders of the court cases should be uploaded in the app every day in the e-court. Hon'ble Judicial Commissioner, Mr. Diwakar Pandey said that in today's time no person can live without a mobile for long. Efforts are being made to continuously improve the e-court service. In the coming time, the facility of e-filing, e-payment etc. will run smoothly through e-court services. In the coming time, the facility of ICJS will be implemented smoothly, which will benefit all the advocates, clients, judicial officers and the general public. Shri Manish, P.O., MACT said that in the coming time, e-court will be needed by all the senior and junior advocates as well as the common people and they will be able to use it easily. Day by day the e-court services are being updated. It should also be known that the training of e-court, e-filing and e-payment was given to the advocates and their clerks in various sessions by DSA Shri Bhaskar and Sajid of Civil Court, Ranchi.

Annual Fest of XISS-PANACHE 2025 begins

Xavier Institute of Social Service (XISS), Ranchi, commenced its two-day Annual Fest, 'Panache 2025', on Thursday, February 6, within its campus premises. This event, themed "Ecoflair," celebrates environmentally conscious designs that combine ecological sustainability with a stylish flair. This inter-college festival saw participation from XISS, St Xavier's College, Ranchi, and Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra.

Shri Sudivya Kumar, Minister, Higher and Technical Education Department inaugurated the fest and addressed the audience, "XISS is doing a wonderful work in the field of education focussing on business and development. XISS holds a significant position in Jharkhand when it comes to imparting higher education. The quality of education that XISS provides is building future leaders who make huge difference in the industries. XISS is a beacon of management education excellence in Jharkhand."

Dr Joseph Marianus Kujur SJ, Director, XISS, described the annual fest as a display of student strength and leadership. He explained "panache" as elegance and sophistication, linking it to the French phrase "Je Ne Sais Quoi,"



symbolizing the charm of the event. Reflecting on life's journey, he urged students to embrace both triumphs and challenges. He also shared XISS Vision 2030, marking 75 years of the institute, with a focus on academic rigor, corporate engagement, leadership-driven initiatives, alumni relations, and international exposure, while emphasizing ability, motivation, and attitude as pillars for the future.

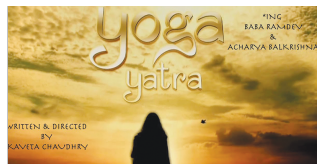
Fr Ajit Xess, Chairman, XISS Governing Body, address at XISS was a powerful reminder that true excellence lies in continuous growth without complacency. He urged students to measure progress against their past selves rather than others. Using the analogy of the sun and moon, he encouraged patience and perse-

verance, assuring that everyone has their moment to shine. Concluding, he quoted Gautam Buddha: "Three things cannot be long hidden: the sun, the moon, and the truth."

The two-day extravaganza kicked off with the Runathon, a marathon, followed by exciting events such as the Treasure Hunt, Dialectica, Face Painting, Cooking without Fire, Spotlight Stage, Xigyasa 3.0 - The Business Quiz, On Your Toes, and Fashion Show.

On day one of the event showcased captivating performances by students, with a wide range of fun-filled activities. Students eagerly took part in the events, enjoying themselves while also gaining valuable learning experiences.

Yog Yatra: A Journey of Unity and Transformation



New Delhi : Yog Yatra, authored by Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose, Governor of West Bengal, and Co-authored renowned yoga expert Mansi Gulati, offers an insightful exploration of the transformative power of yoga. Echoing the words of Prime Minister Narendra Modi--"What unites us is Yoga"--the book delves into yoga's ability to foster harmony among mind, body, and soul, transcending borders and cultures to connect people globally.

The book blends timeless yogic wisdom with modern-day lessons, creating a narrative that speaks to individuals seeking balance and spiritual growth. Through a combination of philosophical insights, personal anecdotes, and practical guidance, Yog Yatra presents yoga not only as a physical practice but as a holistic way of life that encourages mindfulness, resilience, and personal transformation. At its core, Yog Yatra is about bridging the personal with the universal. The authors illuminate how yoga serves as a unifying force, guiding individuals towards a deeper understanding of themselves and the world around them. The book emphasizes that yoga is not confined to the mat; it is a path

to spiritual awakening and a means to foster connections with others. This is especially significant in today's fragmented world, where yoga offers a sense of peace, unity, and interconnectedness.

One of the book's most compelling aspects is its approach to yoga as a tool for personal growth and global harmony. Yog Yatra highlights how the practice can empower individuals to build resilience, nurture mindfulness, and achieve inner peace--ultimately contributing to the collective well-being of humanity. Whether one is a seasoned practitioner or a newcomer to yoga, the book provides valuable insights into how yoga can transform one's perspective and cultivate a sense of oneness.

Special gratitude is extended to Prof. Dr. Ajay Rana, Director General and former Vice Chancellor of Amity University Greater Noida Campus, for his invaluable guidance and contributions to the book. His wisdom enriched the narrative, making Yog Yatra a beacon of inspiration for readers worldwide.

The book was officially released at the Delhi International Book Festival held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Through Yog Yatra, the authors invite readers to embark on a timeless journey towards personal growth and global unity, reminding us all of yoga's power to connect, heal, and transform.

BMW Group India presents India Art Fair 2025

Gurugram (Haryana) : BMW Group India is the presenting partner of the 16th edition of India Art Fair, which will take place from 6 - 9 February 2025 at the NSIC Exhibition Grounds in New Delhi. India Art Fair is the leading platform showcasing modern and contemporary art from India and South Asia and convenes audiences to explore a record 120 exhibitors, including 78 galleries, presented alongside major regional and international art institutions. The fair welcomes 26 new exhibitors, including seven new design studios. The expanded design section features eleven eminent design studios from India and beyond. For its biggest edition yet, India Art Fair continues in its mission to showcase the very best of South Asian art alongside major contemporary international artists and collectible design by pioneering studios, reinforcing its position as the leading site for discovery of art and culture in the region. Vikram Pawah, President and CEO, BMW Group India, said, "BMW Group India is a steadfast champion of the arts and cultural landscape across India. We take immense pride in our creative collaboration with the India Art Fair, as it continues to champion India's diverse and thriving contemporary arts landscape. Our shared vision for a future that is both creative and sustainable is perfectly encapsulated by the latest edition of 'The Future is Born of Art' Commission. This groundbreaking initiative explores how the harmonious integration of ecological and technological thinking can create a more sustainable, balanced, and regenerative world - all through the captivating lens of an artist's vision. We eagerly await the opportunity to welcome audiences from India and around the globe at the fair, where they will experience the transformative power of art and technology, united in the pursuit of a better tomorrow."

"The Future is Born of Art" Commission
 'The Future is Born of Art' Commission, led by BMW India and India Art Fair is an annual commission designed to platform a promising young Indian artist on a global stage. Now in its fourth edition, the 2025 Commission invited emerging artists to propose an immersive installation centred around BMW iX1 LWB, MINI Countryman Electric and BMW Motorrad CE 02 and BMW Motorrad CE 04, reflecting on the theme of 'Ecocentrism'. 'Ecocentrism' puts forward a worldview in which ecological and techno-



logical thinking coexist, imagining visions for a brighter, more sustainable future.

As winners of the prestigious 'Future is Born of Art' Commission, led by BMW and India Art Fair, Non-Linear (Dennis Peter) and Cursorama (Yash Chandak) join the ranks of India's most promising artistic voices. The annual commission challenges emerging artists to create large-scale installations that explore topical themes built on shared values of BMW and India Art Fair. Previous winners, Sashikanth Thavudoz (2024), Devika Sundar (2023) and Faiza Hasan (2022), have set the stage with visionary works exploring community, materiality and ecology. Non-Linear and Cursorama's winning project, Biolume, is an ambitious 180-degree multimedia experience inspired by bioluminescent organisms. With interactive screens that respond to audience movements, the installation creates a feedback loop between human actions and their immersive environment. The space is filled with original sound, ranging from serene melodies to glitchy soundscapes.

The installation has three dynamic scenes:
 The Surface: Hypnotic interplay of coastal waves and glowing organisms
 The Depths: Pulsating forms and evolving networks mimicking underwater life
 The Electric Abyss: A futuristic landscape merging organic and mechanical forms

Biolume integrates generative design and biomimicry to place audiences inside an abstracted, glowing oceanic world. "Bioluminescence is nature's sci-fi--a glowing,

electric language that exists in harmony with its surroundings," Peter explains. The project underscores the role of art as a tool for fostering ecological and social dialogue. "As artists, we see it as our responsibility to reflect on how technology and art can inspire change," says the duo.

BMW Art Talk
 On the theme of 'From Introspection to Impact: Artists Shaping the World' will be held on 7 February 2025 at the India Art Fair. This talk allows for a deeper introspection into the practices of artists by renowned artists Shirazeh Houshiary, Bharti Kher and Pushpamala N. with moderator Prof. Dr. Thomas Girst, Head of Cultural Engagement, BMW Group. In a polarised world, artists allow us to see beyond the surface level - to think more deeply and be challenged, and to create spaces for kinship and solidarity across borders and generations. In keeping track of how the world has evolved, artists punctuate these moments with their art and bridge cultural ecosystems which is the DNA of BMW's role in art and culture.

About BMW Group India Cultural Commitment
 The BMW Group has initiated and been engaged in hundreds of global cultural initiatives for over 50 years. From music to film, from architecture to design, contemporary art has played an essential role - via long-term institutional partnerships with major museums or partnering with the leading art fairs around the world, such as Art Basel and Frieze from Los Angeles, New York and Miami, to Seoul, Hong Kong, Paris, and London. Since its inception, BMW India has participated in leading cultural engagements across the country. In 2007, two BMW Art Cars embellished by world-renowned artists Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein were presented at the Jehangir Art Gallery in Mumbai. BMW Art Car by Andy Warhol, Jeff Koons, Sandro Chia and Cesar Manrique have been exclusively showcased at various editions of the India Art Fair. Since its inception in 2012, BMW has partnered with Kochi-Muziris Biennale, the contemporary art exhibition, which brings international artists to India and creates a global platform for Indian artists. In 2012-13, the innovative BMW Guggenheim Lab came to India. Based at Dr. Bhau Daji Lad Museum and conducted at six different venues in Mumbai.

New AI Blockchain Projects The Next Big Innovations in Crypto

If you're searching for new AI blockchain projects that are set to reshape the market, you've come to the right place.

The rise of AI and blockchain technologies is fueling a new wave of innovation, combining decentralized AI, machine learning, and blockchain technology to create smarter, more efficient crypto ecosystems.

At the forefront of this revolution is Dawgz AI (SDAGZ), a game-changing platform leveraging AI algorithms to optimize trading and staking for investors.

Let's break down the top four AI blockchain projects poised for explosive growth.

4 New AI Blockchain Projects
 Here's a list of the 4 new AI blockchain projects that are transforming the world.
 1. Dawgz AI (SDAGZ) - The AI-Driven Powerhouse for Crypto Trading
 When it comes to AI crypto, few projects are as ambitious as Dawgz AI (SDAGZ).

Built to harness artificial intelligence for machine learning tasks, Dawgz AI isn't just another blockchain network - it's a fully automated, decentralized machine learning platform that optimizes profits for traders.

This got Dawgz AI very popular and it was mentioned in Blockchain Reporter as the best coin on the market.

- AI-Powered Trading Bots: Dawgz AI employs advanced AI algorithms to execute high-frequency trades, ensuring maximum ROI for investors.
- ETH Staking Rewards: Holders of SDAGZ can stake their assets and earn passive income with a competitive market cap structure.
- Smart Contract Automation: Fully decentralized AI integration allows for trustless transactions using smart contracts that ensure security and transparency.

- Explosive Growth Potential: With over \$907K raised in presale and a target of \$960K, early investors can secure SDAGZ before the next price surge.
- As 2025 heats up, Dawgz AI is positioned as one of the most profitable AI blockchain projects, offering AI-driven trading strategies that outperform traditional investment methods.

2. Ocean Protocol - Unlocking Data for AI & Blockchain
 Ocean Protocol is redefining data access in the crypto space, creating a decentralized data exchange protocol that fuels AI technologies.

Designed for AI agents, this project allows businesses and developers to access and monetize data securely.

- Decentralized Data Marketplace: Businesses can share data while maintaining privacy through blockchain-powered security.
- AI Integration: Ocean Protocol supports machine learning by enabling AI developers to train models using secure data pools.
- Strong Tokenomics: With a growing market cap, the project is gaining attention from both investors and tech innovators.

As AI and blockchain technologies continue to evolve, Ocean Protocol remains a top AI project for those looking to invest in AI-driven blockchain networks.

3. Render Network - Powering AI and Machine Learning with Decentralized Computing
 For AI projects that require heavy computing power, Render Network provides a decentralized network of GPU rendering to support AI crypto advancements.

- AI & Machine Intelligence: Render Network helps power generative AI models, supporting industries like 3D graph-

ics, gaming, and AI research.

- Blockchain-Powered Efficiency: Using blockchain technology, Render Network ensures transparent and decentralized AI computing for users.
- Scalable Infrastructure: With a rapidly increasing market cap, the project is attracting major tech partners.

By providing AI agents with scalable, blockchain network computing resources, Render Network is a key player in the

next wave of AI blockchain projects.

4. Oasis Network - Privacy-Focused AI & Blockchain Platform
 Oasis Network stands out in the AI crypto world for its privacy-enhancing blockchain technology designed for AI systems and machine learning tasks.

- Confidential Smart Contracts: Unlike traditional blockchain networks, Oasis enables secure AI computations with privacy-focused encryption.
- AI & Data Monetization: The platform allows developers to monetize AI models while maintaining user privacy.
- Growing Market Cap & Adoption: With strong partnerships and increasing developer interest, Oasis is set to challenge major AI blockchain projects.

rewards, making it a top choice for investors looking to capitalize on AI crypto.

Meanwhile, Ocean Protocol, Render Network, and Oasis Network are driving innovation in data exchange, decentralized computing, and privacy-focused AI applications.

If you're looking for the next big thing in AI crypto, Dawgz AI is the AI-powered project that stands out from the competition.

Don't miss your chance to get in early - SDAGZ could be the next major breakout in the crypto space. Frequently Asked Questions
 What is the best crypto AI project?
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GM ER visits Sealdah Loco Shed for improvement in maintenance and operations in Sealdah and Kolkata terminals



MI News Service, Kolkata: Sealdah Loco Shed is a vital maintenance and operational point of Sealdah Division. Basically, it feeds passenger and shunting power within the jurisdiction of Sealdah Division. It shoulders the responsibilities of management of Electric and Diesel Locomotives. Periodic overhauling is being done here for ensuring loco performance and reliability. Loco Shed is also entrusted for repairing and reconditioning of locomotive components, viz., wheels, axles, traction motors etc.

draulic locomotives were started and completely phased out in the year 2012. Subsequently, Beliaghata Diesel Shed has been converted into Electric Loco Shed for homing technologically superior passenger locos on and from 20th June, 2020. As on date, Sealdah Loco Shed is holding 15 Diesel Locomotives (WDS6R) and 40 Electric locomotives (WAP7). Apart this shed also maintains 02 Accident Relief Trains (ART) and one 140 ton crane. Shri Milind K. Deouskar, General Manager/Eastern Railway has visited Sealdah Diesel shed today (07.02.25) alongwith Principal Head of Departments and Shri Deepak Nigam, DRM/Sealdah. GM/ER critically examined all the aspects of Diesel shed's operation and maintenance. He has directed to expedite

loco overhauling at a better pace. He has also emphasized upon imparting proper training on officials for better maintenance of Diesel and Electric Loco. He has also took stock of working of various sophisticated instruments like Ultrasonic Flaw Detector, Insulation Tester, Digital Wheel Diameter measurement machines and other delicate accessories. He has advised the officers and staff of all important Loco Shed to work hard with utmost dedication and devotion to ensure continuous improvement towards better standards of excellence. Later, Shri Deouskar convened a high level meeting with DRM/SDAH and Branch Officers of Sealdah Division to review the progress of pending works and to draw an action plan for all out improvement in overall performance.

GM/ER advised all concerned to adopt holistic approach in Station Development Works with proper planning. He has also stressed upon ensuring zero trespassing on Railway track and adjoining area for ensuring seamless train operation. He advised officers to identify trespassing zones and take corrective actions. He has directed all concerned to ensure cleanliness of stations circulating areas and toilets. He has also requested all concerned to explore CSR possibilities for improving station conditions and beautification. General Manager/ER reiterated Eastern Railway's unwavering commitment to provide best possible infrastructure and stand out passenger convenience for its esteemed commuters.

Bangladesh detains actress Meher Afroz Shaon for questioning

MI News Service, Dhaka: Bangladeshi actress Meher Afroz Shaon has been detained by the Detective Branch of Bangladesh police for questioning. The detention occurred on Thursday, with Additional Commissioner Rezaul Karim Mollick stating that Shaon was taken in after receiving some information, without elaborating further. "After receiving some information, we have detained Meher Afroz Shaon for questioning," Rezaul Karim Mollick, Additional Commissioner (DB) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, told ANI over the phone, without elaborating. On being asked whether Shaon would be arrested, the official said, "We have not taken any decision yet."

Netanyahu says 'worth listening carefully' to Trump's proposal for Gaza

MI News Service, Tel Aviv: Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday said it was "worth listening carefully" to US President Donald Trump's proposal to relocate Palestinians from the Gaza Strip, as Secretary of State Marco Rubio called on critics of the plan to come forward with their own solutions. In a video filmed at his hotel in Washington, the premier said Trump "raised his idea about Gaza, about the day after Hamas, and I think it is worth listening carefully to this idea, which is the first original idea that has been raised in years."



by Cairo and Amman, Trump went much further Tuesday during a press conference at the White House alongside Netanyahu, when he suggested that "the US will take over the Gaza Strip," while the enclave's residents should be resettled in other countries. The international community — including allies of Washington and Jerusalem — has largely criticized

Trump's plan. Trump has not backed down however, saying Thursday that Gaza "would be turned over to the United States by Israel at the conclusion of fighting." He also claimed no American boots on the ground would be needed for the reconstruction of the enclave, which has been devastated in the war sparked by Hamas's October 7, 2023, attack on Israel. Meeting later Thursday with US Senate leaders, Netanyahu was asked whether "US troops are needed in Gaza to make President Trump's plan feasible?" Netanyahu's remarks came as Rubio said that Gaza currently is "not habitable" due to dangers, such as unexploded weapons, and that people will have to live elsewhere while the area is rebuilt

Vande Bharat Sleeper Train Set: Ushering Soon a New Era of Comfortable Long Distance Travel

MI News Service, Kolkata: Indian Railways is set to revolutionize long-distance travel with the Vande Bharat Sleeper Train Set, a state-of-the-art addition to the country's fastest-growing fleet. The dream of a world-class, high-speed sleeper train is now a reality as the first 16-car Vande Bharat Sleeper Train Set has successfully completed rigorous trials by the Research Designs & Standards Organisation (RDSO) on 15th January 2025 for five hundred forty kilometre distance in Mumbai-Ahmedabad section. Integral Coach Factory, Chennai completed manufacturing of India's first Vande Bharat Sleeper Train set last year on December 17. Within a fortnight the train was brought to Kota division and was successfully tested for short distances of 30 to 40 kilometres for three days in a row in the first week of last month, where it achieved comfortable travel experience at a high speed of 180 km per hour. This achievement marks a significant leap in railway modernization, promising a seamless and luxurious travel experience for passengers. With a focus on comfort, speed, and cutting-edge technology, the Vande Bharat Sleeper trains are set to redefine the overnight journeys for

masses in he days to come. Scaling Up Production: The Road Ahead After the successful trial of the prototype, the production of nine more Vande Bharat Sleeper Train Sets is scheduled between April and December 2025. These trains will set new benchmarks in efficiency and convenience for long-haul travelers. To power this ambitious rollout, Indian Railways has placed a major order for propulsion electric for 50 rakes of the 24-car Vande Bharat Sleeper Train Sets on 17th December 2024. The order has been awarded to two leading Indian manufacturers, which is likely to be ready in 2 years time frame. M/S Medha will supply propulsion systems for 33 rakes M/S Alstom will supply propulsion systems for 17 rakes Looking ahead, full-scale production of the 24-car Vande Bharat Sleeper Train Sets will commence in 2026-27, further strengthening India's self-reliance in railway technology. A New Chapter in Rail Travel with Speed and Luxury 27/25, 7:06 PM Press Release: Press Information Bureau These Vande Bharat sleeper trains are designed with features like automatic doors, ultra comfortable berths, on board WiFi & an aircraft-like design. Passengers in India

are already enjoying reclining seats & world class travel experience through 136 Vande Bharat trains running across the country on the medium & short distances. With the Vande Bharat Sleeper, passengers can expect a quieter, smoother, and more comfortable journey, equipped with world-class amenities and advanced safety features. Designed and built under the Make in India initiative, this train embodies India's engineering excellence and commitment to transforming rail travel. As Indian Railways move forward with this transformative project, the Vande Bharat Sleeper Train Set stands as a testament to the nation's vision of modern, efficient, and passenger-friendly transportation. Features of the train The train has 16 coaches divided into three classes: AC 1st Class, AC 2-Tier, and AC 3-Tier. The train has a total capacity of 1,128 passengers. The train has crash buffers, deformation tubes, and a fire barrier wall. The train has automatic doors, cushioned berths, and onboard WiFi. Before the operationalisation of India's first Vande Bharat sleeper train, the Research Designs & Standards Organisation (RDSO) will issue a final certificate after analyzing the trial runs.

US Plane with 10 aboard goes missing in Alaska, search on

MI News Service, Washington DC : US officials on Friday said a search is underway in rural Alaska after a plane carrying 10 people, including the pilot did not arrive in Nome at the scheduled time, as per local media. The Bering Air Caravan flight, from Unalakleet to Nome, was reported overdue to Alaska State Troopers at 4 pm local time, as per Alaska Department of Public Safety as cited by NBC News. The Coast Guard has been notified, and there is also an active ground search, the Nome Volunteer Fire Department said in a statement on social media.

Metro carried more than 18.5 crore passengers till January '25

MI News Service, Kolkata: In this fiscal up to January 2025, the passenger growth of Metro Railway, Kolkata has been 15.39 % higher than the corresponding period of the last year. Metro Railway has carried 18.52 crore passengers till January 2025 in comparison to 16.05 crores (which is 2.47 crores higher) during the corresponding period of the last year. For ferrying this huge number of passengers, Metro Railway has been giving huge amount of subsidy for the benefit of the commuters. Metro fares in Kolkata are minimum in the country and have not been increased for a long time. Till January 2025 of this financial year, the operational

loss of Metro Railway has been Rs 224.68 crores in comparison to 207.90 crores incurred during the same period of the last fiscal. In order to increase the revenue, Metro Railway authorities have been taking different measures without affecting commuters' interest. Metro Railway has been focusing on generating revenues through branding of litter bins at stations, displaying advertisements inside and outside Metro rakes, displaying hoardings in open spaces and installing health check-up kiosks at different stations, handle chain branding etc. Apart from this, Metro Railway has also implemented innovative ideas like Track Sidewalls

Branding, Card Balance Checking Terminal (CBCT) Branding, Automatic Smart Card Recharge Machine (ASCRM) Branding, AFC-PC Gates and Flap Branding, installation of food kiosks, Smart Card and Token Branding, installing digital display screens inside rakes for providing information to commuters etc. The operating ratio of Metro Railway is 236 at the end of January 2025. Digital transactions in passenger business have crossed 30% during last month. Metro Railway has requested passengers to adopt more digital transaction and book tickets on-line before reaching the stations to avoid the rush in front of the booking counters.

Public Notice from ICICI Bank regarding a secured asset enforcement. The notice lists 18 entries with details on borrower names, descriptions of assets, and dates of notice sent. The assets include plots, shops, and residential buildings across various locations in West Bengal and Odisha.

WFI returns to old office after failure to find new premises due to Sports Ministry's ban



NEW DELHI (INDIA) : The office of the suspended Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) has returned to the house of former WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh at 21, Ashoka Road, Jampath after the management failed to get a new place due to the ban imposed by the Sports Ministry, a WFI official said.

WFI office had moved out from Brij Bhushan's house to Hari Nagar, following accusations of sexual harassment imposed on him by India's top wrestlers including Vinesh Phogat, Bajrang Punia and Sakshi Malik in 2023.

Last month, WFI President Sanjay Singh claimed that the federation's office was located in

Hari Nagar. He also confirmed that they had found a new place in Connaught Place and would shift there on February 2.

However, according to the latest developments, the WFI have now returned to Brij Bhushan's house after their failure to get a new premise because of the ban imposed by the Sports Ministry.

"The office of Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) returns to the old address, the old registered house of Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh in New Delhi as management failed to get a new place because the Sports Ministry has still imposed the ban on the federation and no one gives them new premise because of the ban,"

WFI official said.

The Sports Ministry suspended the WFI body after the newly elected WFI president Sanjay Singh announced the hosting of the U-15 and U-20 nationals at Nandini Nagar in the Gonda district of Uttar Pradesh in December 2023.

"We try to find new place but everytime the landlord said you are banned by the Sports Ministry so how could we give you new premise. So to ensure that the game does not suffer and also players do not suffer more so we moved in old place till we didn't get new place for setup and this will be possible when the Sports Ministry removes its ban on us," the WFI official added.



Harshit Rana 'ready' to take responsibility of death bowling in ODIs as well

NAGPUR (MAHARASHTRA) : Young India seamer Harshit Rana is "ready" to take the responsibility of bowling in the death overs after enjoying success in his ODI debut against England.

Harshit was expensive yet impactful in his maiden ODI appearance for India against England in the series opener in Nagpur on Thursday. He exposed England's batting unit at crucial moments and became the first Indian bowler to take 3-plus wickets on his debut innings across the three formats.

Harshit is known for his expertise in death bowling in the T20I format. However, his utility in the 50-over format was limited to the new ball and middle overs.

Even with three overs remaining in his account, India skipper Rohit Sharma decided to use Kuldeep Yadav, Axar Patel and Ravindra Jadeja in the final phase of the first innings.

In the future, there could be a scenario where Harshit could be asked to bear the responsibility of delivering the death and the young quick is ready to embrace it.

"I have bowled well in death before. I am ready for it. This format is difficult. You get 10 overs, and you have to play different roles in different phases," he said in the post-match press conference.

There has been a lot of noise around Harshit being fast-tracked into the Indian team and his T20I debut in the fourth match against England. In his T20I debut, Harshit took the field as a concussion substitute for Shivam Dube and rescued India with game-changing figures of 3/33.

The decision to bring in Harshit had left the world of cricket divided. England captain Jos Buttler and some former cricketers were quick to express dissatisfaction with the entire scenario.

Even in his ODI debut, Harshit's first three overs were a nightmare. He conceded 11 runs in his first over and then backed it up with a maiden in his second.

He stuck to his line and lengths in the third over, but Philip Salt had read him like a book. The explosive opener left Harshit in disarray by reeling off four consecutive boundaries. He topped it up by swinging his bat across the line and smoked the ball past the boundary line for a flat six.

Despite walking on thin ice, Harshit wasn't willing to go down without putting up a fight. He returned to the attack in the final over of the powerplay and struck twice by removing Ben Duckett and Harry Brook.

Harshit was reintroduced into the attack in the middle overs and tasted success by celebrating Liam Livingstone's scalp. He played with Livingstone's hunger to play aggressively and lured him to come out and go for a wild swing. Livingstone caught a thick edge, which flew to KL Rahul's gloves behind the stumps.

As Harshit remained undaunted despite the on-field and off-field pressure, his desire to deliver for India has helped him to block the outside noise.

"I believe people will keep talking. I want to deliver for my country. I don't focus on outside noise," he added.

Harshit's ODI debut eventually came to an end with figures of 3/53 in seven overs at an economy of 7.60.

January window saw record \$2.35 billion transfer deals

Fueled by English Premier League and Saudi Pro League, clubs spent a record \$2.35 billion on international transfer deals in a booming January trading period for men's football, FIFA said Friday.

The 5,863 international transfers between clubs in different countries that are processed by FIFA also was 900 more than the previous highest, which was recorded last year.

In January 2024, only one transfer Goncalo Ramos confirming a permanent move to Paris Saint-Germain from Benfica was reportedly valued at more than 30 million euros (\$31 million).

There were 10 such transfer fees agreed last month, including four to Manchester City, and topped by Colombia forward Jhon Duran's \$80 million move from Aston Villa to join Cristiano Ronaldo at Saudi club Al Nassr.

The big-spending English clubs collectively paid the most with a \$621.6 million outlay on transfer fees and recouped just \$186 million selling players to clubs in other countries.

The next biggest deficit was Saudi Arabia, where clubs spent more than \$160 million above what they earned. The spending of \$202 million was mostly fueled by Al Nassr, Al Hilal and other clubs all owned with sovereign wealth by the Public Investment Fund.

German clubs spent \$295.7 million, which was mostly offset by earning \$226.2 million in transfer sales.

French clubs took in the highest total of transfer fees, \$371 million, and spent just \$209.7 million to make a collective profit of more than \$160 million.

Clubs in Portugal made sales of \$176.4 million and spent only \$40.2 million for a combined profit of \$136 million.

In the United States, clubs spent \$145 million and took in \$125 million in transfer fees, according to FIFA research.



I didn't even expect to play: Sonam after incredible Women's Hockey India League campaign

NEW DELHI (INDIA) : At merely 19, Sonam stole the spotlight in the Women's Hockey India League 2024-25 with exceptional performances as her crucial goals helped JSW Soorma Hockey Club reach the final in the maiden season.

The forward hailing from Haryana was the second-highest leading scorer of the tournament and led the charts among Indians.

While talking about her breakout season, Sonam said as quoted from a press release, "Before the tournament began, I didn't even expect to play any matches because I was very young and there were far more experienced attackers in my team."

"When I got a chance to play in the first match against Delhi SG Pipers, I knew that I had to give my best in order to stay in the playing squad," she added.

Thanks to her consistent goals and chance creation, Sonam turned into a major threat for the opposing teams. When asked about the secret to her success, she replied, "Our team played an extremely attacking style of hockey which makes the striker's role very important. I knew I had to do my best for the team to do well so I tried scoring as many goals as I could."

Sonam was even rewarded for her impeccable displays on the field as she was named the Upcoming Player of the Tournament.

"I am very proud of it and it has motivated me more than ever before. I know I can play much better and go much further and I will do my best to play for my country. My coach (Jude Menezes) helped me a lot and was always



there for me when I needed anything. He motivated me a lot to win this award." Sonam added.

Sonam also shared that her idol growing up was Rani Rampal Singh whom she got to work with in Hero HIL. While sharing her experience, she excitedly said, "After every match, she (Rani Rampal) used to tell me the mistakes I made and helped me improve them. She has supported me a lot and I want to be like her."

When Soorma lost the final, Sonam was spotted crying on the sidelines showing how much she wanted to lift the title with her team. "We wanted to create history and win like everyone else, but

when it didn't happen, I felt very weird and started crying" Sonam shared.

Sonam's valiant effort in the Hero HIL has now finally earned her a spot in the national camp as she is selected in the reserves for the FIH Women's Pro League matches coming up in Bhubaneswar.

"My family was very happy when they heard the news. I feel good and confident that I can give my best for India. I am learning a lot from the senior players here in the camp and I will make the most of the opportunity if I get to play," she said while commenting on her India call-up.

World Padel League: Vernost Jaguars beat Game Changers Lions to climb to top of points table

MUMBAI (MAHARASHTRA) : Vernost Jaguars secured a commanding 25-17 victory over Game Changers Lions in the fourth match of the World Padel League at the Nesco Center in Mumbai.

On Thursday, in the women's doubles, Vernost Jaguars' Tamara Icardo and Maria Virginia Riera broke early for a 2-0 lead, but Game Changers Lions' Marta Talavan and Veronica Virseda fought back to level at 2-2.

Game Changers Lions later broke to go 6-5 up but couldn't serve out the set, as Vernost Jaguars forced a tiebreak. However, Game Changers Lions dominated the tiebreak to clinch a hard-fought 7-6 win.

The mixed doubles remained evenly poised at 4-4 until Vernost Jaguars' Alejandra Salazar and David Sanchez held serve to go 5-4 up. They then broke Game Changers Lions' Carla Mesa and Daniel Santigosa in the final game to

seal a 6-4 win, giving their team a narrow 12-11 lead in the contest.

Vernost Jaguars' Alejandro Arroyo and Aris Patiniotis faced off against Game Changers Lions' Gonzalo Rubio and Pablo Lijo in a fiercely contested men's doubles set that went down to the wire. The Jaguars edged out their opponents in a tense tiebreak, sealing the set 7-6 and extending their overall lead to 19-17.

In the final set, Vernost Jaguars' Lucas Campagnolo and Maximiliano Sanchez delivered a commanding performance against Game Changers Lions' Jon Sanz and Jairo Bautista. They dominated from start to finish, not conceding a single game, and secured a resounding 6-0 victory in the second men's set of the match. Their stellar display sealed the match for Vernost Jaguars, securing a 25-17 overall win.

This marked Vernost Jaguars' sec-



ond consecutive victory in the competition, taking them to the top of the points table with 48 points and a 55.1 per cent game-win percentage across two matches. SG Pipers Cheetahs are in second place with 44 points (54.3 per cent), while Game Changers Lions sit third with 38 points (45.7 per cent).

South African team arrives in Lahore ahead of ODI tri-series against Pakistan, New Zealand

LAHORE (PAKISTAN) : Temba Bavuma-led South Africa team arrived in Lahore on Friday for the upcoming ODI tri-series against New Zealand and Pakistan.

Pakistan Cricket took to X and shared a video of the arrival of the Proteas and wrote, "Temba Bavuma-led South Africa team arrives in Lahore for the ODI tri-series."

On Wednesday, Rob Walter, South Africa's white-ball coach, named a 12-man squad for the first match of the series, including Gerald Coetzee, who has recovered from an injury setback.

Coetzee played his last match for South Africa before the injury setback against Sri Lanka in the first match of a two-match Test series on November 27, 2024.

For the opening match of the ODI

tri-series, South Africa has several new options to look at, with six uncapped players added to the Bavuma-led side.

Meeka-eel Prince, Gideon Peters, Eathan Bosch, and Mihali Mpongwana are all uncapped at the international level so far, while Matthew Breetzke has already featured in Tests and T20Is, and Senuran Muthusamy has played four Tests for the Proteas.

The squad will be updated for the remainder of the series following the conclusion of the ongoing SA20 league in South Africa, with players like Keshav Maharaj and Heinrich Klaasen set to be available from the second game of the series.

The tri-series will kick off with New Zealand squaring off against Pakistan in the Gaddafi Stadium on February 8.

The Kiwis will then face South Africa on February 10 in a day match.

After the conclusion of the first two games, the ODI action will move from Rawalpindi to Karachi, with the Men in Green taking on the Proteas on February 12 in a day/night match.

The final of the tri-series will be held on February 14 at the same venue, five days before the tournament opener. The tri-series in Pakistan comes as a precursor to the ICC Champions Trophy, which begins February 19.

South Africa squad (For the first ODI): Temba Bavuma (capt), Eathan Bosch, Matthew Breetzke, Gerald Coetzee, Junior Dala, Wiaan Mulder, Mihali Mpongwana, Senuran Muthusamy, Gideon Peters, Meeka-eel Prince, Jason Smith, Kyle Verreyne.

ICC unveils official song for ICC Men's Champions Trophy 2025 - 'Jeeto Baazi Khel Ke'

DUBAI [UAE] : The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Friday announced the release of the Men's Champions Trophy 2025 official song, Jeeto Baazi Khel Ke, by renowned singer Atif Aslam, as per the ICC.

With 12 days to go until the unmissable ICC Men's Champions Trophy, the release of the iconic white jackets. Lead singer Atif Aslam said as quoted by the ICC, "I am very fond of cricket and I always wanted to be a fast bowler.

Having the passion and understanding of the game - I feel connected to the adrenaline of the crowd, their cheers and the feeling of being a fan. I used to wait for matches in particular the India versus Pakistan game which was always full of emotions and sentimental value. And

the game. The official song is available to fans across popular streaming audio platforms worldwide.

The thrilling two-week competition will see the world's top eight teams put it all on the line in 15 intense matches across 19 days, with every match counting in the pursuit of the iconic white jackets. Lead singer Atif Aslam said as quoted by the ICC, "I am very fond of cricket and I always wanted to be a fast bowler. Having the passion and understanding of the game - I feel connected to the adrenaline of the crowd, their cheers and the feeling of being a fan. I used to wait for matches in particular the India versus Pakistan game which was always full of emotions and sentimental value. And



that is why I am very excited to have been a part of the ICC Men's Champions Trophy 2025 official song." On the launch of the song, ICC chief commercial officer, Anurag Dahiya said, "Excitement is building ahead of the ICC Men's Champions Trophy and today we are delighted to launch the official event song. With 12 days to go until the start of the event, fans can expect a song that represents the Pakistan identity and a true celebration of the Champions Trophy. We encourage fans to get their tickets now and not miss out."

ICC Champions Trophy 2025 tournament director and PCB chief operating officer Sumair Ahmad Syed said: "With the launch of the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 official song, we

mark another thrilling milestone on the road to this global spectacle. Atif Aslam, a powerhouse of Pakistani music, has delivered blockbuster anthems for the PSL, and we have no doubt that this song will set the stage on fire. As excitement builds, we are confident that fans - especially in Pakistan - will rally behind all the teams, filling the stadiums with electrifying energy and passion for the game." Fans still have an opportunity to get their tickets for the ICC Men's Champions Trophy 2025 to purchase online or visiting physical ticket providers in Pakistan. Tickets for the Final, to be played on Sunday 9 March, will be available for purchase following the conclusion of the first semi-final in Dubai, as per the ICC.