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Apollo Multispeciality Hospitals, Kolkata, pioneers in paediatric robotic surgery, revolutionising treatment for young patients. By integrating cutting-edge robotic technology, the hospital ensures greater precision, minimal pain, and faster recovery times. The robotic system offers 360-degree movement, mimicking human hand motions for enhanced accuracy in surgical procedures, ensures quicker recovery, and enhances surgical outcomes. Our expertise has already benefited several children with complex conditions," he said. Dr Mitra also acknowledged the teamwork involved,...



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ICC lauds Bengal Budget

MI News Service, Kolkata: Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) congratulated Chandrima Bhattacharya, Finance Minister of West Bengal for presenting a progressive budget focused on key areas like Infrastructure creation, Climate mitigation and adaptation, social empowerment, rejuvenation of the Tea industry and enhancing the purchasing power of the salaried class.

According to ICC, a 4 per cent DA hike announced for the State government employees will help to restore the spending power of the government employees, to protect their real income and guard against inflation. This will augment consumer demand for the State economy.

ICC expressed its happiness as infrastructure creation has received a major boost with Rs 500 crore budgetary allocation for the Gangaagar setu. Going forward, this will help to develop Gangaagar as a major national and international tourism hub, thereby generating substantial employment opportunities for the region.

ICC applauds Bengal government as Rs 200 crore allocated for the Nodi Bandhan scheme and Rs 500 crore for the Ghatat Master scheme shows the Govt's commitment towards climate mitigation and adaptation needs of the State. This will open the door for blended financing in such related projects.

To promote the GI tagged Darjeeling Tea industry, the government has extended the waiver on any State Tax on income from Tea Production for one more year. This will help to improve the State export potential for Tea.

Rs 1500 crore has been allocated for the Pathasree scheme. Rs 9600 crore has been allocated for the Banglar Bari scheme which will help to rejuvenate the employment generating real estate sector and will lead to asset creation for the marginalised population. Allocation has also been increased for the health and education departments. This will promote human capital creation in the State, an area where West Bengal already has competitive advantage. Overall, ICC has welcomed this Budget as it emphasized progressive and inclusive economic growth by increasing disposable income, creating social and physical infrastructure and also looking at the flood mitigation needs of the State. To ICC, with least of doubt, it is a capacity building and progressive budget.

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State Minister for Finance (Independent Charge) Chandrima Bhattacharya presents the State Budget in the presence of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee during the Budget session at the State Legislative Assembly, in Kolkata on Wednesday.



'Bold & Beautiful': Basket full of bonanza in Bengal Budget

MI News Service, Kolkata: It is bold and beautiful and quite certainly plentiful in every sense. That is perhaps the shortest and crisp expression that could be attributed to the Bengal Budget that was placed on Wednesday. The West Bengal budget that has been placed on Wednesday truly reflects the unpretentious and soaring ambition of the state government to meet the aspiration of 'common people' in the truest sense of the term. A budget, which is no less 'socialist' in character, has catered to every sector of the society without any form of bias and inhibitions.

A holistic growth has been the central purpose of the budget and the theme of 'holistic growth' has been deliberately, efficiently and purposefully incorporated in the budget. This effort eventually makes it a 'people's budget' that oozes out 'Mamata' for the common people from all corners.

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One of the key allocations has been made to the Banglar Bari housing scheme, with 7,200 crore already earmarked in the first phase. An additional 16 lakh families are set to benefit from the scheme, for which another 9,600 crore has been allocated.

The budget has also placed considerable focus on the environment, with 107 crore proposed for the environment department and 1,000 crore for the forest department.

The Krishak Bandhu scheme, which supports farmers, has distributed nearly 3,500 crore among 1.12 crore farmers under the crop insurance program, while 1.08 crore farmers have received 24,000 crore in two installments under the scheme. The agriculture department has been allocated 10,000 crore, with 826 crore specifically for agricultural marketing.

The Swasthya Sathi health insurance scheme has benefited 2.45 crore families, with more than 85 lakh patients receiving medical treatment under the scheme. The expenditure for this initiative has crossed 11,000 crore. Meanwhile, the Lakshmir Bhandar scheme,

which provides financial assistance to women, has benefited 2.21 crore women, though the grant amount remains unchanged.

In the education sector, the Sabuj Sathi scheme, which provides bicycles to students, has spent 4,600 crore, benefiting 1.26 crore students. The Aikyashree scholarship scheme has spent 4,100 crore, reaching nearly four crore students, while the Shikshashree scheme has benefited 1.04 crore students with 810 crore allocated. Under the Sabujshree project, the state has planted 64 lakh saplings.

The number of universities in the state has increased from 12 to 42 over the past 13 years, while 24 new MBBS medical colleges have been established. The number of medical seats has risen from 1,300 to 5,700, and the state has also set up 42 new super-specialty hospitals, increasing government hospital bed capacity from 57,000 to 98,000. A major allocation has been made to the Banglar Bari project, with 9,600 crore set aside to construct homes for an additional 16 lakh beneficiaries. The government has also announced plans to set up 350 new Sufal

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Mamata's narrative loud & clear- "Akla Cholo Re"

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee addressed the media on Wednesday after presenting the state budget, accusing the central government of withholding funds for crucial welfare programs. She alleged that the Centre had stopped financial assistance for housing schemes, forcing the state to construct 28 lakh homes independently.

She has put it straight from the shoulder. To her, if centre is not cooperating for whatever reason, there is no reason to sit back and brood. Create a master plan and go by the policy of 'self help'. She has taken inspiration from Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore's favourite and widely known line of the iconic song, "Jodi torr dak shune keu na ashe, tobe akla cholo re." She reaffirmed that if centre is not with her, she does not bother as common people are with her policy and values. She also outlined the state's extensive social welfare initiatives, claiming that West Bengal currently runs 94 schemes that benefit people from birth to death.

Criticizing the Centre for halting funds for the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and the 100-day rural job scheme, Mamata Banerjee stated that the state had taken on the financial burden to ensure that these programs continued. She pointed out that the Lakshmir Bhandar scheme alone costs West Bengal 50,000 crore annually. While several other states have implemented similar schemes, she claimed that some had discontinued them due to various conditions.

In contrast, West Bengal's Lakshmir Bhandar remains a universal scheme, benefitting 1.2 crore women. She further mentioned that the ongoing Duare Sarkar initiative has helped bring even more women under its umbrella.

Health and education sectors also feature prominently in the budget. Banerjee highlighted that approximately 9 crore people are benefiting from the Swasthya Sathi health insurance scheme. Additionally, 80,000 students have received loans through the Student Credit Card scheme, enabling them to pursue

higher education. She noted that 30.5 lakh individuals receive old-age pensions, while over 20 lakh widows benefit from the state's widow pension scheme.

The 'Taruner Swapno' initiative, aimed at supporting students, will distribute over 52 lakh smartphones. Alongside this, the government continues to provide free books and uniforms, benefiting nearly 1.8 crore students.

Farmers and small business owners have also been prioritized. According to the Chief Minister, 68,000 individuals are covered under the agricultural pension scheme. Additionally, 1.3 crore people are employed in the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector, contributing significantly to the state's economy. Addressing concerns raised by the opposition regarding the Bengal Global Business Summit, Mamata Banerjee revealed that past editions of the summit had attracted investments worth 19 lakh crore, out of which 13 lakh crore worth of projects have already been completed.

Beyond major welfare programs, she also noted that 1.43 lakh laborers' families had received financial assistance for marriages under schemes outside the Rupashree project. In the agricultural sector, she highlighted that nearly 75% of the state's onion demand is now met through local production. She also mentioned the establishment of a Hilsa fish research center, reducing Bengal's dependence on imports from Bangladesh.

The Deocha Pachami coal mine project is expected to generate employment for 1 lakh people, and Banerjee emphasized that access to coal from this project would significantly reduce electricity costs.

She also announced plans for six freight corridors across the state, which will facilitate industrial development along highways. Taking a dig at other states, Banerjee alleged that Bengali workers often face discrimination when seeking jobs outside West Bengal. However, she asserted that in her state, every worker is valued and treated with respect.

Major points in Bengal Budget

- Increase in 4 % DA
- Rs 200 Cr allocated for Nodi Bandhan project
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- Rs 200 Cr for 350 addi-

- tional Sufol Bangla stalls
- Rs 500 Cr allocated for Ganga sagar Setu
- Rs 1500 Cr allocated for Pathasree Scheme
- Rs 1500 Cr allocated for 37 thousand Kms Rural Road Project

Bangladesh: 'serious revenge violence' against minorities, says UN report

MI News Service, Dhaka/New York: The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Wednesday said there are troubling instances of retaliatory killings and other serious revenge violence targeting Awami League officials and supporters, Hindus, Ahmadiyya Muslims and indigenous people from the Chittagong Hill Tracts and the Hasina government was responsible for "serious human rights violations" during last year's students' uprising that have killed 1,400 people.

The fact-finding report states that minorities have been subjected to human rights abuses under Mohammad Yunus-led interim government.

The report says that while authorities have reportedly arrested about 100 people for attacking religious and indigenous groups, many perpetrators of revenge violence and attacks against these groups remain unpunished.

The report also said security and intelligence agencies, "violent elements" of the Awami League under Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, were responsible for ex-

trajudicial killings in the country. The team that led the probe from September 16, 2024 onwards included a physician, a weapons expert, a gender specialist, media and legal advisers and open-source analysts.

The UN fact-finding team visited Bangladesh on the request of the chief adviser to the interim government, Mohammad Yunus, and other senior officials.

Most of those killed and injured were shot by Bangladesh's security forces. The report states, among those killed, 12-13 per cent were children, while the Bangladesh Police had claimed 44 of its officers were also killed.

In the initial days of the rebellion, the Awami League government had admitted to 150 deaths. "The intelligence services - the Directorate-General of Armed Forces Intelligence (DGFI), National Security Intelligence (NSI) and the National Telecommunication Monitoring Centre (NTMC) - and the specialised branches of the Police - Detective Branch, Special

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Bengal Budget: Govt announces 4% DA hike for employees

MI News Service, Kolkata: Fulfilling expectations, West Bengal's Minister of State for Finance, Chandrima Bhattacharya, announced a 4% hike in Dearness Allowance (DA) for state government employees in her budget speech on Wednesday. With this increase, the DA for state employees will now stand at 18%, effective from April 1. This budget is the last full-fledged budget of the Ma-

mata Banerjee-led government before the 2026 Assembly elections. State government employees had been anticipating a significant DA hike, given the substantial gap between central and state employees' allowances. Despite the increase, the disparity remains wide, as central government employees currently receive 53% DA, while West Bengal's government employees will now get 18%.

The central government recently announced the formation of the Eighth Pay Commission, further widening the salary and DA gap between central and state employees. This move intensified demands from state employee unions, which have been protesting for a higher DA for a long time. The decision to raise DA by 4% is seen as an attempt to address these concerns, though it

still falls short of closing the gap completely. The state administration faced mounting demands from employee unions, who argued that West Bengal's DA lagged far behind the central rate. Amid this growing pressure, the government's decision to raise DA is expected to provide some relief to employees, although demands for parity with central government benefits remain strong.

UPS addresses concerns of employees, judicial officers: Centre to SC



MI News Service, New Delhi: The Centre on Wednesday informed the Supreme Court (SC) that it recently notified the Unified Pension Scheme which might address the concerns of judicial officers.

A bench of Justices B R Gavai and Augustine George Masih heard the submission made by the Centre's counsel. Attorney general R Venkataramani and solicitor general Tushar Mehta

appeared for the Centre and apprised the bench about the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS). The matter relates to the applicability of the New Pension Scheme to the officers of the district judiciary. "It is the submission of the attorney general as well as the solicitor general that the Unified Pension Scheme may address concerns of all the

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Kolkata International Book Fair 2025 was abuzz with literary discussions and events



MI News Service, Kolkata: The 48th Kolkata International Book Fair 2025 was abuzz with literary discussions and events. On February 8th Saturday, Biplabi Sangbad Darpan's presentation at the Press Corner Auditorium was a highlight of the fair. The event was attended by distinguished guests, including renowned writers, poets, and intellectuals.

Biplabi Sangbad Darpan, a prominent Bengali digital and print media publication with 34 years of legacy, organized the event. The program began with a tribute to the late Shri Mangala Prasad Roy, a prominent writer, journalist, and social worker.

The event featured a literary conference, book releases, and receptions. Eminent personalities, including

Nalini Bera, Tapan Ganguly, Sudhangshu Shekhar De, and Dr. Shirshendu Mukherjee, Narayan Bhattacharya, Chandra Shekhar Bardhan (IPS), Miraj Khalid (Jt.CP-IPS), Dr. Deepak Kumar Dasgupta, Somnath Biswas, Pallab Mukherjee, Bidhan Chandra, Mridul Srimani (DM&DC), Dr. Shyamoli Rakshit, Dr. Mayank Sahu, Santu Jana, Sameeran Bhowmik, Shankar Mait, Prabhodh Kumar Banerjee, Shuvendu Vikas Chakraborty graced the occasion.

Some people could not spare the time, they unveiled the issue in their own way at the special book fair of the revolutionary news mirror. Among them are another renowned writer and novelist Srijat Banerjee, Bengali playwright, theater director, actor and politician Bratyabrata Basu,

Guild President Tridivkumar Chattopadhyay, one of the most popular writers in literature, acclaimed writer and a TED speaker with millions of readers worldwide, Debarati Mukherjee, one of the most famous poets and writers Subodh Sarkar, singer and actor-director Anjan Dutta.

Present on behalf of the revolutionary digital print media & publication Biplabi Samba Darpan were Mangala Prasad Roy's youngest son Vivekananda Roy, daughter-in-law Sayani Dutta and the newspaper's manager Sunil Chhabari (Pintu), Nimai Singha, Debashish Khatua, Dev Kumar Dutta, Sayani Dutta Roy and Dipannita Jana, Samprakash, etc. The event was a testament to the power of literature and the importance of celebrating the written word.

Shrikanta Baduk donates blood to save a life on Sanjib Das' call

MI News Service, Kolkata: In response to an urgent appeal, Shrikanta Baduk, Secretary of Sonar Tari Charitable Trust, donated O-negative blood to save a critically ill patient at Tata Medical College Hospital. Upon receiving the request from Sanjib Das, Secretary of Sagardighi Winner Welfare Trust, Baduk traveled

a long distance to ensure the patient received timely help. After donating, he said, "When blood calls, distance doesn't matter." Das praised his dedication, calling him a true humanitarian. His selfless act highlights the importance of voluntary blood donation and the impact it has on saving lives in critical situations.

'Galpa 103' an excellent compilation

Nurul Islam Khan
A unique book 'Galpa 103' was published at the International Calcutta Book Fair. Compiled and edited by Ram Kumar Mukhopadhyay, eminent Katha Literary and Bankim Chandra Smriti Awardee. The price of which is only Rs 1500. The book will be available at a huge discount of Rs 1200 at Mitra and Ghosh Publishers. Good to say.



This jewel of rich Bengali stories is written by one hundred and three prominent storytellers in this book of a completely different character. There are stories by writers from West Bengal as well as Assam, Tripura and other states. The book is an intimate portrait of three phases of post-independence Bengali life and his commentary. Publishers claim that no collection of stories between Du-Malat has been published in Bengali language with

such a geographical spread and aesthetic diversity. He also expressed hope that the reader will like it. A compiler as well as a prominent literary man, he has explored the style of Bengali literature with this book. He said that the book has been presented in a new way and the reader will be enriched.

Newtown's IT Hub plagued by safety concerns following minor's rape and murder

MI News Service, Newtown: The gruesome rape and murder of a 14-year-old girl in Newtown, a bustling IT hub in West Bengal, has sent shockwaves throughout the community. The incident has raised serious concerns about the safety and security of residents, commuters, and office-goers, particularly women and girls.

Despite being a hub for over 55,000 IT workers, Newtown's streets are often dimly lit and deserted at night, making it a challenging environment for those who work late hours. The lack of reliable public transportation and the scarcity of buses at night force many to rely on autos and taxis, which can be risky.

The recent incident has highlighted the need for improved safety measures, including enhanced police patrolling, especially at night. Residents and experts have emphasized the importance of increasing trust in law enforcement through regular night patrolling and surprise checks.

Newtown's extensive network of CCTV cameras has been seen as a safety feature, but the area where the minor's body was recovered was found to be without cameras or adequate lighting. This has raised questions about the effectiveness of existing safety measures.

The incident has sparked widespread concern among Newtown residents, including high-profile individuals who have expressed their shock and outrage.

Former DIG, BSF, and Newtown resident Sameer Mitra emphasized the need for increased night patrolling and surprise checks to restore trust in law enforcement.

As the investigation into the minor's rape and murder continues, the Newtown community is left to grapple with the harsh reality of their safety concerns.

Newly wed wife found murdered, Husband arrested

MI News Service, Howrah: A shocking incident has come to light in Ramchandrapur, Bagan, Howrah, where a husband has been accused of killing his wife and burying her body just four months after their marriage. The accused, Azad Khan, was caught red-handed by sub and subsequently arrested by the Bagan police. According to reports the victim Nargis Parveen had returned home from a wedding in Arambagh after receiving a call from her husband. An argument allegedly ensued, during which Azad Khan strangled his wife to death. He then buried her body in a canal, but was

caught by locals who reported the incident to police. The police recovered the body and arrested Azad Khan, who was produced in the Uluberia Sub district Court. This incident bears a disturbing resemblance to a previous case in Basanti, South 24 Parganas, where a minor girl was allegedly raped murdered and buried in paddy field. The police suspected that the minor was murdered and her body was buried to conceal the crime. The incident highlights the growing concern over violence against women and the need for stricter laws and enforcement to prevent such heinous crimes.



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee hands over the file related to the State Budget to State Minister for Finance (Independent Charge) Chandrima Bhattacharya before the presentation of the State Interim Budget during the Budget session of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly, in Kolkata on Wednesday.

Students' agitation following unnatural death of girl student in MAKAUT leads to defer examinations for second day

MI News Service, Kalyani: The student and some of their guardians were as usually appeared before the gate of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology, West Bengal at Haringhata Campus in Nadia on Wednesday. But they experienced the same scene like previous day. A part of the students locked the gate and allowed none to enter inside the campus upto 3.30 pm. So, no examination took place on Wednesday. According to students, there was no notification in advance regarding cancellation of the examinations. Side by side, they blocked the Registrar of MAKAUT, WB, Dr. Partha Pratim Lahiri inside the campus for about last 48 hours. However, Vice Chancellor Dr. Tapas Chakraborty came to the campus gate around 12:30. The students did not allow him to enter. He talk to the agitating students a several times from outside the gate and they were inside. Police and RAF seen outside the gate. Finally at 3:30 pm, the gate was opened.



The students those were in the movement on Tuesday, stated that they did not launched their movement on Wednesday. It was a different group of students. But their demands were the same that the students had placed previous day.

But interestingly, once it was seen that the students got isolated in two parts. While one group was at outside, the other at inside. The outsiders were actively supported by the WEBCUPA and Shiksha Bandhu units. They all were demanding to open the gate. Simultaneously, the workers, faculties and other staffs were awaiting outside the gate.

and they marked inside students as the BJP supporters. The phase by phase tension grew up when outside activists attempted to enter the campus by breaking it down. The police officers, RAF were constantly remained outside gate and tried to talk to the agitating workers time to time.

Gradually the university students those came to sit for examinations, returned home with an uncertainty regarding their examinations.

But before that, once the outsiders broke down the glass of the door of security room. However, When VC went on Tuesday night, the students didn't allow Registrar to go outside. But since first day the students were demanding the resignation of both VC and Registrar allegedly for their apathy and negligence.

However, after the normalcy, the VC and Registrar talked media. VC Dr. Tapas Chakraborty said, "The standstill situation is nothing but the outcome of distraction (anger). The expression of anger differs from man to man. The students are young. One of their colleague has died, so they expressed their anger in their ways. However, it is learnt that the committing suicide didn't take place for any issue related to studies but according to HoD, she had adopted unfair means and answer script was taken from her and was returned after sometime. However we will initiate an investigation. Situation is normal now and hope this situation won't turn back again."

At around 3 pm, the workers those were awaiting outside including the WEBCUPA, Shiksha Bandhu members and part of students since 10:30 am, got furious and tried to break down the gate. However, Vice Chancellor and Police once again tried to manage to open the gate through discussion with inside students, those were in movement on Wednesday.

VC told them that he would look into their issue and demands seriously, then they opened the gate and everybody entered into campus.

On the other hand MAKAUT Registrar Dr. Partha Pratim Lahiri said, "Situation is normal now, I feel good for that. Let the goodwill be appeared in all. But I feel bad as the examinations could not be taken for two consecutive days. There are leave of two days."

Once it took a shape of political conflict without flags. Outside students and a part of workers time to time raised the slogans of 'Mamata Banerjee Zindabaad'

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SC rejects Ankita Adhikari's petition over 'Suspicious Appointment'

MI News Service, New Delhi/Kolkata: Ankita Adhikari has suffered a setback in the Supreme Court regarding her allegedly irregular appointment as a teacher. The Supreme Court dismissed her plea challenging the Calcutta High Court's verdict, which had not only canceled her appointment but also ordered her to return her salary.

Adhikari was appointed as a teacher at Indira High School for Girls in Mekhliganj on November 24, 2018, and held the position

for 41 months. However, allegations surfaced that she had been appointed despite scoring lower marks than a more deserving candidate, Babita Sarkar. Upon reviewing the case, the Calcutta High Court found the allegations to be true and ruled in favor of Sarkar, ordering Adhikari's dismissal and a refund of her earnings.

On May 17, 2022, Justice Abhijit Gangopadhyay officially canceled Adhikari's appointment and directed her to repay her salary.

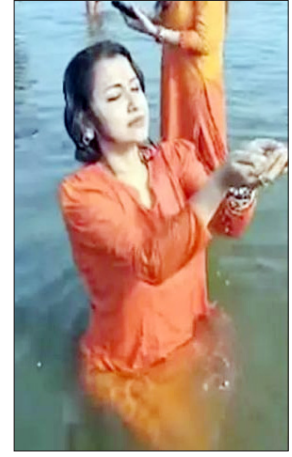
However, Babita Sarkar, who had been appointed in Adhikari's place, also lost her job due to an evaluation error in her marks. Subsequently, Anamika Roy was appointed to the position. Nearly two and a half years after the High Court ruling, Adhikari challenged the verdict in the Supreme Court this month. However, the apex court dismissed her petition, upholding the High Court's decision and reinforcing that her appointment had been 'suspicious.'

Rachana Banerjee symbolism behind attire choices at Kumbh and Triveni Sangam

MI News Service, Hooghly: Triveni Kumbh Snan, a significant spiritual event is underway in Hooghly on Maghi Purnima, attracting a massive crowd since morning for the holy bath. To ensure safe and secure experiences, tight security measures and police surveillance are in place. Hooghly Trinamool MP Rachana Banerjee attended the event, having previously taken the event having previously taken a holy bath at the Mahakumbh in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, on the day of Sarswati Puja. Notably, she wore saffron attire during the Prayagraj event and opted for a green saree at the Triveni Kumbh, citing her practice of colour therapy.

Rachana Banerjee commended the arrangements made for the Triveni Kumbh Mela, acknowledging the collaborative efforts of various departments. However she suggested that the bathing ghats could be renovated further. As a constituency representative, she also ensured her presence at the event, emphasizing her commitment to her constituents.

The event has drawn thousands of pilgrims with long queues forming in the front of Kapil Muni's ashram. Despite initial cold weather, the south wind has brought relief, and the administration anticipates a record-breaking crowd this year. With lakhs of pilgrims gathered on the beach, the ferry pier at lot 8 in the Kakkidip and the Kachuberia Ghat in Sagar are also experiencing significant crowds.



Prestigious Bengal Business Award 2024 and Banglar Sera Tilottama 2024-25 organized



MI News Service, Kolkata: The prestigious Bengal Business Award 2024 and Banglar Sera Tilottama 2024-25, organized by Priyanka Ghosh Entertainment and Niyogi Associates, unfolded in grandeur at Novotel, Kolkata on 10th February 2025. The event stood as a testament to Bengal's rich and diverse talent pool, fostering opportunities for young aspirants in the thriving fashion and business industries. With a vision to become Eastern India's most celebrated fashion talent platform, this initiative sought to highlight not just external beauty but also the inner strength and abilities of women, aged 18 to 50, aiming for holistic empowerment.

Sirshendu Niyogi: A Visionary Leader with a Social Cause
One of the driving forces behind

hind this distinguished event was Mr. Sirshendu Niyogi, a highly successful entrepreneur from Kolkata, known not only for his business acumen but also for his unwavering commitment to social causes. As the Director of Astrovision Enterprise Pvt. Ltd. and the Visionary Charter Foundation, a prominent NGO, Mr. Niyogi has actively championed various initiatives aimed at uplifting society.

His dedication spans across multiple causes, including child health and education, women's empowerment, anti-drug campaigns, and medical outreach programs. Under his leadership, the Visionary Charter Foundation has significantly contributed to creating sustainable change by supporting underprivileged communities. His role in this event

further solidifies his commitment to providing platforms that empower individuals and enable them to reach their full potential.

Dr. Sohini Sastri: The Torch-bearer of Women Empowerment
Adding prestige to the evening, Dr. Sohini Sastri, a two-time President Award-winning astrologer, life coach, and philanthropist, graced the event as the Brand Ambassador. A revered figure both nationally and internationally, Dr. Sastri was felicitated with the "বঙ্গের সেরা সৌন্দর্য" award for her outstanding contributions, not just in her field but also in the realm of philanthropy, particularly for underprivileged women and children.

A strong advocate for women's empowerment, Dr. Sastri believes in celebrating the inner strength and outer beauty of Bengal's women. Her relentless efforts in uplifting and inspiring women to recognize their potential have made a profound impact on society. Speaking at the event, she emphasized, "Be proud of being a woman, celebrate your womanhood." Her words resonated deeply with the audience, reinforcing the importance of nurturing talent and fostering an environment where women can excel on both personal and professional fronts.



Former Chief of Naval Staff Admiral R Hari Kumar appointed as new Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)

Man tied to tree and beaten for allegedly assaulting a minor

MI News Service, Kolkata: A shocking incident of child sexual harassment has surfaced in Behala, leading to the immediate capture and public punishment of the accused, a municipal worker. Enraged locals tied him to a lamppost and assaulted him. His head was forcibly shaved, and his face was smeared with black ink. Later, upon receiving information, the police arrived at the scene and arrested the accused. The incident has sparked outrage and concern in the community, with demands for strict punishment against the accused.

usually harassed by the accused. Reports suggest that while the child was playing in front of her house, the man lured her away and harassed her. However, vigilant local residents noticed the act and immediately intervened. A crowd quickly gathered at the spot, and the furious residents decided to take matters into their own hands. They tied the accused to a lamppost, physically assaulted him, shaved his head, and smeared his face with ink in an act of public humiliation. The situation escalated as more people joined in, demanding severe punishment.

Upon receiving reports of the incident, officers from the Haridevpur police station rushed to the scene. However, as they attempted to take

the accused into custody, they faced strong resistance from the locals, who blocked the police vehicle in protest. The residents argued that they wanted stricter action and feared that the accused might escape justice. The police had to engage in prolonged discussions with the crowd to calm the situation. After much persuasion, they managed to escort the accused away and take him to the police station.

Meanwhile, the police have launched a detailed investigation into the case. The statements of the victim's family and eyewitnesses have been recorded, and legal proceedings are underway. Authorities have assured that strict action will be taken against the accused as per the law.

'Bold & Beautiful': Basket..

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Bangla stalls with an allocation of 200 crore. The Pathashree road development project will receive 1,500 crore. The government is also pushing forward with the Deocha-Pachami coal mining project, which is the second-largest coal block in the world.

The state budget has introduced a new initiative called Nadi Bandhan, with 200 crore allocated for river conservation and management.

The government has also proposed 200 crore to provide mobile phones to ASHA and Anganwadi workers.

Additionally, 500 crore has been allocated for the Ghatat Master Plan, which focuses on flood management, while 866.26 crore has been earmarked for North Bengal's development, and 756.80 crore for the western region's development.

Government employees have received a much-anticipated increase in Dearness Allowance (DA), which has been raised by 4 percent, bringing the total DA to 18 percent, effective from April 1, 2025.

The government also announced that investment proposals worth 4.5 lakh crore have been received at the Bengal Global Business Summit, with 212 new Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) signed.

Unemployment has significantly decreased in the state, with official figures indicating that nearly 1.72 crore people have been lifted out of poverty. The state has recorded annual growth rates in agriculture, industry, and services that surpass the national average. Exports have more than doubled, and capital expenditure has increased 13 times compared to 2010.

With the Budget set to be the last full-fledged one before the 2026 Assembly elections, political analysts believe that welfare schemes like Lakshmir Bhandar and Banglar Bari could strengthen the Trinamool Congress's voter base in rural areas and among minorities.

As the Budget session unfolds, all eyes will be on Mamata Banerjee's government to see how it balances fiscal responsibility with electoral aspirations.

West Bengal allocates ₹9,600 cr for 'Banglar Bari' housing scheme

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal government has significantly increased funding for its flagship housing scheme, Banglar Bari, allocating an additional 9,600 crore in this year's Budget. This boost aims to provide homes to an additional 16 lakh beneficiaries across the state.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee launched the Banglar Bari scheme in December last year, following allegations of central government discrimination in

fund allocation under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY). The scheme, modeled on PMAY, will provide eligible families across 21 districts with 1.2 lakh each in two installments for constructing their homes. The first installment of 60,000 has already been transferred to beneficiaries' accounts.

Announcing the increased allocation, Mamata Banerjee reiterated, "If the Centre refuses to provide funds for the remaining 16 lakh houses, we will take

responsibility. We will disburse funds in two phases—eight lakh homes by May-June and another eight lakh by December-January 2026." The Budget allocation ensures the scheme's continuity as per the Chief Minister's timeline.

The Trinamool Congress (TMC) has repeatedly accused the Centre of withholding funds for housing projects. In 2023, senior TMC leader Abhishek Banerjee even led a Delhi Chalo protest against the alleged non-disbursal of PMAY funds.

Subsequently, just before the Durga Puja season in September last year, the Chief Minister introduced the Banglar Bari scheme to counteract the funding shortfall. The increased allocation to Banglar Bari highlights the West Bengal government's commitment to providing housing to the poor, even amid political disputes with the Centre. With Assembly elections on the horizon, the scheme's success or failure could play a crucial role in shaping voter sentiment across the state.



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee addresses a press conference in the presence of State Minister for Finance (Independent Charge) Chandrima Bhattacharya, after the presentation of the State Budget at the State Assembly in Kolkata on Wednesday. Pic: Prabir Bhattacharya

West Bengal Budget Session extended by a day, to conclude on Feb 20

MI News Service, Kolkata: The schedule of the West Bengal Assembly's Budget Session has been revised, with the first phase now set to conclude on February 20 instead of February 19. The decision to extend the session by a day was taken at the Business Advisory (BA) Committee meeting on Wednesday, attended by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

The change was necessitated by a public holiday declared for Shab-e-Barat. On Tuesday, the state government issued a notification announcing February 13 (Thursday) as a holiday for the occasion. Since the Assembly was initially scheduled

to discuss the Budget on this day, the session has been extended to compensate for the lost day.

On Wednesday, Minister of State for Finance Chandrima Bhattacharya presented the state Budget in the Assembly. As per the revised schedule, discussions on the Governor's address will take place on Monday and Tuesday, while deliberations on the Budget will be held on Wednesday and Thursday. The session will conclude with a vote on the Budget on its final day.

The BA Committee meeting on Wednesday was attended by Trinamool Congress (TMC) ministers

and legislators, along with ISF MLA from Bhangar, Naushad Siddiqui. However, no Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) legislators were present at the meeting. Following the BA Committee meeting, a Cabinet meeting was also held at the Assembly.

The extension of the Budget Session underscores the state government's efforts to ensure a comprehensive discussion on financial matters while accommodating the public holiday. The coming days are expected to see intense debates on the Budget, with both ruling and opposition parties voicing their perspectives on key financial policies.

Bangladesh: 'serious revenge...

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Branch and Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime unit (CTTC) – engaged directly in perpetrating human rights violations to abet the violent suppression of protests," reads the 114-page report.

The report also states that the intelligence services were a part of a "systematic and organised" effort to conceal the violations of human rights.

Last June Bangladeshi students' started a movement against the now-scrapped quota for descendants of the 1971 freedom fighters known as Muktiyoddhas (liberation war heroes), which soon blew into a full-fledged rebellion against the deposed PM Hasina, who is in India since fleeing Dhaka on August 5.

The "success" of the rebellion which ousted Awami League's uninterrupted rule for 15 years has brought further turmoil into the country with persecution of Awami League officials, cops, teachers, writers, actors and minorities.

The turmoil in the neighbouring country continued with the razing of 32, Dhanmondi, the official residence of Bangladesh's founder and Hasina's father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman last week.

"The brutal response was a calculated and well-coordinated strategy by the former government to hold onto power in the face of mass opposition," said UN Human Rights Chief Volker Turk. "There are reasonable grounds to believe hundreds of extrajudicial killings, extensive arbitrary arrests and detentions, and torture, were carried out with the

knowledge, coordination and direction of the political leadership and senior security officials as part of a strategy to suppress the protests."

"The testimonies and evidence we gathered paint a disturbing picture of rampant State violence and targeted killings, that are amongst the most serious violations of human rights, and which may also constitute international crimes. Accountability and justice are essential for national healing and for the future of Bangladesh," he added.

The report found patterns of security forces deliberately and impermissibly killing or maiming protesters, including incidents where people were shot at point-blank range.

The report documents gender-based violence, including physical assaults and threats of rape, aimed at deterring women from participating in protests.

In one of several deadly cases documented, a 12-year-old protester in Dhanmondi died from internal bleeding caused by some 200 metal shot pellets. Also among those killed were very young children who were brought by their parents to protests, or who were shot as bystanders. In one case in Narayanganj, a six-year-old girl was killed by a bullet to the head while standing on the roof of her building observing violent clashes at a protest.

The report states, there are reasonable grounds to believe Abu Sayed (one of the martyrs of last year's rebellion and a student leader) was the victim of a "deliberate extrajudicial killing by the police."

UPS addresses concerns of...

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employees, including the judicial officers," observed the bench.

The court therefore found it appropriate to defer the matter for some time to experience how the Unified Pension Scheme worked and then take a call on the issues at hand.

The matter would be heard after 12 weeks. The case raises concerns over the disbursement of pension to officers of the district judiciary and retired high court judges. The top court is dealing with salaries, arrears and allowances of the officers of district judiciary. The finance ministry notified the UPS on January 25 and promised an assured pension of 50 per cent of the average basic pay drawn over the last 12 months before superannuation. UPS would be applicable to Central government em-

ployees who were covered under the National Pension System and chose the option under the system, according to a gazette notification issued by the finance ministry. UPS or assured payout would not be available in case of removal or dismissal from service or resignation of the employee, as per the notification published on January 25.

The notification, issued on January 24, says the rate of full assured payout will be 50 per cent of 12 monthly average basic pay, immediately prior to superannuation subject to a minimum qualifying service of 25 years against a market returns linked payout under the NPS.

The notification offers the option to 23 lakh government employees to choose between UPS and NPS, which came into effect on January 1, 2004.

Apollo Hospitals Kolkata pioneers Paediatric Robotic Surgery

MI News Service, Kolkata: Apollo Multispecialty Hospitals, Kolkata, pioneers in paediatric robotic surgery, revolutionising treatment for young patients. By integrating cutting-edge robotic technology, the hospital ensures greater precision, minimal pain, and faster recovery times. The robotic system offers 360-degree movement, mimicking human hand motions for enhanced accuracy in surgical procedures.

At a press conference, Dr Debasish Mitra, Paediatric Robotic Surgeon at Apollo Kolkata, highlighted the significance of this advancement. "Robotic surgery in paediatrics is transformative. It minimises trauma, ensures quicker recovery, and enhances surgical outcomes. Our expertise has already benefited several children with complex conditions."



Paediatric Robotic Surgeon at Apollo Kolkata, Dr Debasish Mitra addressing a press conference on Paediatric Robotic Surgery, in Kolkata on Wednesday.

he said. Dr Mitra also acknowledged the teamwork involved, particularly the contributions of Dr Sanghamitra Bhattacharya. A remarkable case was that of a two-year-old child

who underwent robot-assisted surgery for a choledochal cyst, a rare congenital biliary condition. The child had been experiencing chronic pain, inflammation, and weight

loss. The robotic procedure allowed for precise removal of the cyst while preserving critical structures. Post-surgery, the child recovered swiftly and was discharged within a week, marking a milestone in paediatric robotic surgery in the region.

Dr Surinder Singh Bhatia, DMS, Apollo Kolkata, added, "Robotic surgery represents the future of minimally invasive procedures. The Da Vinci Xi system enables unparalleled precision, benefiting both surgeons and patients." Apollo Kolkata continues to perform robotic surgeries for paediatric conditions affecting the kidneys, appendix, and lungs. With a focus on innovation and advanced medical care, the hospital remains committed to improving outcomes for young patients and their families.

"Political statements not based on facts": TMC's Saugata Roy hits back at Nirmala Sitharaman

MI News Service, Kolkata: Trinamool Congress leader Saugata Roy on Wednesday slammed Nirmala Sitharaman over her remarks in the Parliament against the West Bengal government, and said the Finance Minister was making political statements that were not based on facts.

Roy affirmed that West Bengal is on the right path while the Centre is "depriving" the state of its dues. "The Finance Minister was making apolitical statements which were not based on facts. We wanted proof when she said that

there is a lot of corruption in MNREGA. She did not provide any proof. It was only her opinion she expressed. We want to firmly say that West Bengal is on the right path. The Centre is depriving it of its dues," he said.

Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday accused the Trinamool Congress of weakening government institutions and indulging in "systematic corruption."

Earlier, TMC MP Kalyan Banerjee criticized Sitharaman's reply to the Union Budget debate in the Lok Sabha and said it was "politically motivated, biased, and unsatisfactory".

"When have you released funds to the states? You have not given the data. Which state is not in a position to spend?" he asked.

In her reply to the marathon debate, Sitharaman countered opposition allegations and said capital budget outlays have not come down. She said that the government is using almost all the borrowed resources for financing effective capital expenditure.

The minister said that effective capital expenditure is projected at 15.48 lakh crore as against 13.18 lakh crore in the revised

estimates of 2024-25. She said the effective capital expenditure for 2025-26 is 4.3 per cent of GDP as compared to fiscal deficit target of 4.4 per cent.

Capital expenditure, or capex, is used to set up long-term physical or fixed assets.

"Effective capital expenditure includes core capital outlays and the grants in aid to states for creation of capital assets. Though the grants in aid for creation of capital assets is accounted in Budget as revenue expenditure, they go for creating capital assets in the states," she said.

West Bengal declares Feb 13 and 14 as Public Holidays

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a recent announcement, the West Bengal government has declared February 13 (Thursday) as a public holiday in observance of Shab-e-Barat. The notification, issued by Nabanna (State Secretariat), revises the earlier holiday list that had originally marked February 14 as the designated holiday for this occasion.

With this new holiday declaration, all government offices, local bodies, statutory bodies, boards, corporations, and undertakings controlled or owned by the state government will remain closed on February 13. Additionally, government-aided schools, colleges, universities, and other educational institutions will also observe the holiday. The revised schedule results in an extended weekend for government employees, as February 14

(Friday) is already a public holiday for the birth anniversary of Thakur Panchanan Barma, followed by the usual Saturday and Sunday off on February 15 and 16.

Key Takeaways: February 13 (Thursday): Shab-e-Barat public holiday for all state government offices and institutions. February 14 (Friday): Public holiday for the birth anniversary of Thakur Panchanan Barma. February 15 (Saturday) & February 16 (Sunday): Regular weekend holidays.

Total four-day break for government employees from February 13 to February 16.

This announcement comes as part of the state's annual holiday adjustments, ensuring that the observance of Shab-e-Barat aligns with the community's religious calendar.

West Bengal aims for 20% renewable energy by 2030: Minister Ghulam Rabbani

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal is committed to ensuring that 20% of its total energy requirement comes from renewable sources by 2030, said Md Ghulam Rabbani, Minister-in-charge of the Department of Non-conventional and Renewable Energy Sources. The state is implementing several initiatives, including the 900 MW Bandu Pumped Storage Project in Purulia under the PPP model, to achieve this target.

"This is not just an ambitious goal but a well-planned strategic commitment," Rabbani stated at the 6th Edition of Energy Meet & Excellence Awards, organized by Assocham in Kolkata.

According to Barun Kumar Ray, Additional Chief Secretary of the department, innovative approaches such as hybrid energy systems combining solar, wind, and biomass power must be adopted to accelerate renewable energy adoption. He also emphasized the state's efforts to solarize agricultural pumps, which currently rely heavily on grid electricity and fossil fuels. Discussions are ongoing with the Water Resources, Agriculture, and Irrigation departments to implement this initiative.

The government is also focusing on developing charging infrastructure to support the rising demand for electric vehicles (EVs) in the state. EV registrations have surged significantly and are expected to

grow rapidly in the coming years. Additionally, West Bengal is collaborating with Bengal Gas Company Ltd to generate gas from biodegradable waste, recognizing its potential as a sustainable energy source.

Another initiative under consideration is the use of solar energy from rooftop panels installed in government schools to cook mid-day meals. Currently, firewood and LPG are used, but solar power is expected to be integrated soon.

Australian Consul General in Kolkata, Hugh Boylan, highlighted Australia's engagement with eastern and northeastern India in the energy sector. Australian companies specializing in mining equipment, technology, and services are looking to expand collaborations in the region.

CESC Ltd, with government support, is set to promote rooftop solar projects in Kolkata and work on battery storage solutions for surplus renewable energy.

Meanwhile, Anupam Mukhopadhyay, CEO of Bengal Gas Company Ltd and ED of GAIL, stressed the importance of transitioning to cleaner fuels, particularly methane gas, as a less harmful alternative to conventional fossil fuels. The state's methane gas consumption, currently at 180 million standard cubic meters, is expected to rise to 300 million standard cubic meters within the next two to three years.

Newtown incident spurs police crackdown on e-rickshaw operators

MI News Service, Kolkata: Following the arrest of an e-rickshaw driver for allegedly raping and murdering a minor in Newtown, Bidhannagar Police Commissionerate has swiftly implemented stricter regulations for e-rickshaw and toto (battery-operated three-wheeler) drivers. In a decisive move, authorities have mandated that all e-rickshaw drivers must wear an identity card around their necks while operating their vehicles. Additionally, a large printout

of the same identity card must be displayed prominently on the back of the e-rickshaw.

According to sources, all toto and e-rickshaw drivers operating in Newtown are now required to submit a photo identity card along with a colored photograph to the authorities. Their names and personal details must be registered through a police clearance certificate app. Based on this verification process, the police will issue an official identity card.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MOZNU KABIRAJ S/o- ALI HOSSAIN, Residing at, Vill- Azampur, Post- Topla, P.S-Thanapara, Dist- Nadia, Pin-741165, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MOZNU KABIRAJ To MAZNU KABIRAJ (New name) and hence forth I shall be known as (New name) MAZNU KABIRAJ in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 29 January 2025, MAZNU KABIRAJ and MOZNU KABIRAJ both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Tanuja Molla (Old Name) W/o Hydar Ali Molla Residing at Vill - Naoda, P.o - Medihat, P.s - Gopnagar, District- 24 Pgs(N), Pin - 743262 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Tanuja Khatun Molla (New Name)as declared before the Ld. Executive Magistrate (First Class) at Bongaon vide affidavit no 812 Date 06-02-2025. Tanuja Molla (Old Name) and Tanuja Khatun Molla (New Name) both as same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Tanuja Molla (Old Name) W/o Hydar Ali Molla Residing at Vill - Naoda, P.o - Medihat, P.s - Gopnagar, District- 24 Pgs(N), Pin - 743262 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Tanuja Khatun Molla (New Name)as declared before the Ld. Executive Magistrate (First Class) at Bongaon vide affidavit no 811 Date 06-02-2025. Tanuja Molla (Old Name) and Tanuja Khatun Molla (New Name) both as same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Habib Ahsan S/o Sk. Ahsan Humayun Residing at 12, Naskarhat District Board Road, P.o - Tiljala, P.S - Kasba, District - Kolkata, Pin-700039, West Bengal India that my Minor Daughter who was previously known as Audrija Ahsan shall henceforth be known as Audrija Sarkar by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Ld chief Metropolitan Magistrate at Kolkata vide affidavit no 156 Date 07-01-2023. I Declare that My Minor Daughter Audrija Ahsan and Audrija Sarkar both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mostafa Mohammed S/o Late Sk Kyad Ali Residing at Vill - Purba Keshabpur, P.o - Bajitpur, P.s - Dhaniakhali, District - Hooghly, Pin- 712405 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Sk Mostafa. I declare that Mostafa Mohammed and Sk Mostafa is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 12-02-2025.

Name Change
I, Avijit Bandyopadhyay R/o, Dharampur Nazrul Sarani, Chinsurah, Hooghly-712101 declared that my father Anil Baran Banerjee & Anil Baran Bandyopadhyay is the same & one identical person vide an affidavit no. 12, dated 17/01/2025 before S.D.E.M. Sadar, Hooghly.

Name Change
After accepting Islam on & from 12/02/2025, I, Sima Ghosh D/o. Shibu Kumar Ghosh known everywhere as Sima Bibi, I, Sima Bibi & Sima Ghosh D/o Shibu Kumar Ghosh is the same self & one identical person vide affidavit no. 30, dt.12/02/2025 before S.D.E.M. Sadar, Hooghly Court.

Name Change
I, Sampriti Roy, W/o Santanu Kumar Roy R/o SWASTIKA, Parbhatra G.T.Road (East End), P.O-Sripally, P.S- Burdwan Dist - Purba Bardhaman, 713103 have got my Name as Soma Roy in certain certificates and papers, Soma Roy and Sampriti Roy are one and same person vide affidavit No. 536 of 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Purba Bardhaman dated 12.02.2025.

Name Change
I, Imam Akhtar S/o Karimulla Residing at Victoria Lane Telinipara, Bhabreshwar,P.O.-Telinipara, P.S.-BhabreshwarDist-Hooghly, W.B.My Father's actual name is Karimulla instead of Md Karimullah before the Ld.Judicial Magistrate 1st class at chandanagar, on 05/02/25. Karimulla and Md Karimullah both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, No. 4256692 L Rank Ex HAV name Vagya Dhar Hazra resident of Vill Dongra P.O- Bara, Dist Birbhum (WB), Pin- 731301 have change my Name from Vagya Dhar Hazra to Bhagyadhar Hazra vide affidavit dated 10.02.25 before the court of the J.M 1st Class at Bolpur, Dist- Birbhum.

Name Change
I, Basanti Sardar, D/o Nilkantha Sardar, residing P.O.- Jaykrishnanagar, P.S.- Baruipur, Dist.- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743363, shall henceforth be known as Basanti Baidya as declared convert from Hinduism to Islam before the Notary Public at Baruipur Court (South 24 Parganas / West Bengal), Dated: 30/12/2024 stating Basanti Sardar and Basanti Baidya both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, PRASANTA CHAKRABORTY, S/O LATE PARESH CHANDRA CHAKRABORTY at 34/2, Purbachal Pally Champdani, P.O.-Angus, P.S. Bhabreshwar, Dist. Hooghly shall henceforth be known as PRASANTA KUMAR CHAKRABORTY vide an affidavit no. 408 sworn before the Chuchura Court at 12.03.2021. That PRASANTA CHAKRABORTY and PRASANTA KUMAR CHAKRABORTY same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Seikh Golam Kibria (Old Name), Son Of Sk Nousher Ali, Residing At Vill & Po - Poali, P.s -Nodakhali, Diamond Harbour - 743318, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sk Golam Kibria (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 12/02/2025. That Seikh Golam Kibria And Sk Golam Kibria Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Ashok Agarwal, S/O Babulal Agarwal, R/O W 121, Fourm Atmosphere Mirania Gardens, East Topia Em Bypass, Science City Gohinda Khatik Road, Kolkata- 7000 46, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ashok Kumar Agarwal, Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 12/02/2025. That Ashok Agarwal And Ashok Kumar Agarwal All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Northan Jain, Son Of Sampatmal Anchalia, Residing At N.S Road Po & P.s - Jaigson Alipurduar-7361 82, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Nortanmal Sampatmal Anchalia Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 12/02/ 2025, That Northan Jain And Nortanmal Sampatmal Anchalia All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Ruksana Begum (Old Name) W/O Atiar Khan @ Atiar Khan And D/O Mohammed Ali, Resident Of 18/B, Mominpore Road, Ward No.78, Po-Khidderpore, Kolkata - 700023, West Bengal. I Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Rukshana Begum (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld.1st Class Judicial At Alipore On 04/02/2025 Vide Affidavit No.9347. That Ruksana Begum (Old Name) And Rukshana Begum (New Name) All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Md Arif Sk (Old Name) S/O Saifuddin Sk, Resident Of Vill-Mohanpur, Po-Mohanpur South, P.s -Magrahat, Dist -South 24 Parganas, Pin-743610, West Bengal. I Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Arif Sk (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 12/02/2025 That Md Arif Sk (Old Name) And Arif Sk (New Name) All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Ailil Ali Sahaji (Old Name) S/O Late Kader Boksh Sahaji @Kader Sahaji, Resident Of Vill-Debtala, Po-Narabunia, P.S-Minakhn, Dist- North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, Pin- 743425. I Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ailil Sahaji (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 11/02/2025. That Ailil Ali Sahaji (Old Name) And Ailil Sahaji (New Name) All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Suhash B Nathwani, S/O Bhaichand Nathwani, R/O Vyom, Bl-2/3, 5th Floor, Fl-5c, 49a, Monmohan Banerjee Road, New Alipore, P.O-Sahapur, Kolkata-700038, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Suhash Nathwani, Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 12/02 /20 25, That Rohan Suhash Nathwani And Rohan Nathwani All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Rohan Suhash Nathwani, S/O Suhash Nathwani, R/O Vyom, Bl-2/3, 5th Floor, Fl-5c, 49a, Monmohan Banerjee Road, New Alipore, P.O-Sahapur, Kolkata-700038, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Rohan Nathwani, Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 12/02 /20 25, That Rohan Suhash Nathwani And Rohan Nathwani All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) AALAMGIR SK S/O/FURAT SK, Residing at, Vill- Purbaraj Mukundapur, Post- Rarharghat, P.s - Nabagram, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742187, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from AALAMGIR SK To ALAMGIR SK (New name) and hence forth I shall be known as (New name) ALAMGIR SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 29 January 2025, ALAMGIR SK and AALAMGIR SK both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MURSHIDA BIBI S/O -ALIBODDIN SK, Residing at, Vill- Kumarsanda, Post- Kumarsanda, P.s- Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742136, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MURSHIDA BIBI To SETARA KHATUN (New name) and hence forth I shall be known as (New name) SETARA KHATUN in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 29 January 2025, SETARA KHATUN and MURSHIDA BIBI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SELURUDDIN S/O-RUSTAM SEIKH, Residing at, Vill- Khosbaspur, Post- Khosbaspur, P.s- Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742136, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SELURUDDIN To SELURUDDIN SK (New name) and hence forth I shall be known as (New name) SELURUDDIN SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 29 January 2025, SELURUDDIN SK and SELURUDDIN and SELURUDDIN SEKH both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SELURUDDIN S/O-RUSTAM SEIKH, Residing at, Vill- Khosbaspur, Post- Khosbaspur, P.s- Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742136, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SELURUDDIN To SELURUDDIN SK (New name) and hence forth I shall be known as (New name) SELURUDDIN SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 29 January 2025, SELURUDDIN SK and SELURUDDIN and SELURUDDIN SEKH both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Joydeb Kumar Kundu & Jayadeb Kundu, S/O Mukund Kumar, R/O Halisabar, Barendra Goli, North 24 Parganas-743134, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Joydeb Kundu, Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/02/2025. That Joydeb Kumar Kundu & Jayadeb Kundu All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Dipika Agarwal, D/O Nirmal Kumar Agarwal, R/O Flat-12c, Bl-2, Silver Spring 5 Jbs Halden Avenue, Kolkata - 700105, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Deepika Agarwal, Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 12/02/2025. That Dipika Agarwal And Deepika Agarwal All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Nasima Begum (Old Name), Wife Of Sk Golam Kibria, Residing At Vill & Po - Poali, P.s - Nodakhali, Diamond Harbour - 743318, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Nasima Begum (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 12/02/20 25. That Nasima Begum And Nasima Begum Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Renu Lalwani (Old Name), Daughter Of Bhagvandas Lalwani, Residing At Nihon Apt, Block - D, 4th Floor, 26b Dr. Suresh Sarkar Road, Kolkata - 700014, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Renuka Lalwani (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 12/02/2025. That Renu Lalwani And Renuka Lalwani Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Ankita Sonar (old name) W/O Mohammed Shahinawaz, residing at 29, Dr. Sudhir Basu Road, P.S.-Waugunge, Kolkata-700023, West Bengal, INDIA have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ayesha Khatoun (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 12/02/2025. Ayesha Khatoun (new name) and Ankita Sonar (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Clare Maria Gail Marcar (old name) W/O Peter Harold Marcar, residing at 2, Abdul Ali Row, Kolkata- 700016, West Bengal, INDIA have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Clare Marcar (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 12/02/2025. Clare Marcar (new name) and Clare Maria Gail Marcar (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Inzamanul Alam (Old Name) son of Soharab Molla residing at Vill-Duttapara, P.O.- Dutta para, North 24 Pgs, Pin-743286, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Inzamanul Alam (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 11/02/2025. Inzamanul Alam (Old Name) and Md Inzamanul Alam (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Nagma Begum (Old Name) wife of Ali Hussain residing at 12/H/11, Ground floor, Aga Mehdi Street, Park Street, Kolkata-700016, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nagma Begum (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 11/02/2025. Debohrree Singha (Old Name) and Debohrree (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Deboshree (Old Name) wife of Debabrata Ghosh residing at 2162, Flt no.3, fr no3, Chakgaria, Kolkata- 700094, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Deboshree Singha (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 11/02/2025. Debohrree Singha (New Name) and Debohrree (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Kalyan Ghosh (Old Name) son of Anukul Chandra Ghosh, residing at Bose Para Rajbari, P.S.- Dum Dum, Pin-700081, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kalyan Kumar Ghosh (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 12/02/2025. Kalyan Kumar Ghosh (Old Name) and Kalyan Ghosh (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Zakir Hossen Sk, S/O Rahamat Ali Sk, R/O Vill & Po - Dosatina, P.S-Bishnupur, South 24 Parganas - 743503, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Jakir Hossain Sk, Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 12/02/2025. That Zakir Hossen Sk And Jakir Hossain Sk All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Dola De, W/O Late Tushar Kanti Dey, R/O 2/2, South Sealdah Road Tangra, Po-Tangra, P.S-Entally, Kolkata- 700015, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Dola Dey, Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 12/02/2025. That Dola De And Dola Dey All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Tanmoy De, S/O Late Tushar Kanti Dey, R/O 2/2, South Sealdah Road Tangra, Po-Tangra, P.S-Entally, Kolkata-700015, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Tanmoy Dey, Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 12/02/2025. That Tanmoy De And Tanmoy Dey All Are The Same And One Identical Person.



Indian Railways is working day and night to ensure that pilgrims return home without any delay after taking the holy bath on Maghi Purnima : Ashwini Vaishnav

MI News Service, Delhi: Union Railway Minister and Chairman, Railway Board visits the war room to review and monitor the situation, directing officials to run trains in all directions. For the past three days, Indian Railways has been operating an average of 330 trains daily to assist devotees return their home safely. Union Railway Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnav along with CEO & CRB, Shri Satish Kumar today reviewed crowd management situation of Prayagraj Railway stations in the war room at Rail Bhavan. The Minister instructed officials to ensure that trains are made available for pilgrims in all directions. He also mentioned that the Prayagraj division has been directed to run extra trains as needed to ease passenger congestion while ensuring passenger comfort in the holding areas. According to the Mahakumbh Railway Information Bulletin, by 6:00 PM today (12 February 2025), 225 trains had been run for the convenience of passengers, with over 12.46 lakh passengers having traveled. On Tuesday, 11 February 2025, 343 trains were operated, carrying more than 14.69 lakh passengers. Information related to trains is continuously being provided by Indian Railways through various channels including special bulletins, the Mahakumbh area holding zones, railway stations, social media, and other media outlets. For the convenience of passengers, four holding areas near Prayagraj junction railway station (each with a capacity of 5,000) have fully been operational. Additionally, a new holding area at Khusrabagh with a capacity 100,000 passengers has been operational today on the occasion of Maghi Purnima with Special arrangements for lodging, meals, and other essentials have been made so that waiting passengers can stay comfortably until they board their trains. All passengers are advised to obtain information only from official sources and to avoid any unverified reports and misleading information.

Govt to introduce simplified Income Tax Bill 2025, replace 1961 Act in Lok Sabha

MI News Service, New Delhi: A crisper and simplified Income Tax Bill 2025, having 536 sections, and 23 chapters running into 622 pages, is likely to be introduced in the Lok Sabha on Thursday. The Bill once enacted will replace six-decade old Income Tax Act 1961, which over the years became bulkier and complex with amendments. The proposed law replaces the term 'previous year' as mentioned in the Income Tax Act, 1961 with 'tax year'. Also, the concept of assessment year has been done away with. Currently, for income earned in the previous year (say 2023-24), tax is paid in assessment year (say 2024-25). This previous year and assessment year concept has been removed and only tax year under the simplified bill has been brought in. The Income Tax Bill, 2025 comprises 536 sections, higher than 298 sections of the current Income-Tax Act, 1961. The existing law has 14 schedules which will increase to 16 in the new legislation. However, the number of chapters have been retained at 23. The number of pages has been reduced substantially to 622, almost half of the current voluminous Act which includes amendments made over the last six decades. When the Income Tax Act, 1961, was brought in, it had 880 pages. "This increase in sections reflects a more structured approach to tax administration, incorporating modern compliance mechanisms, digital governance, and streamlined provisions for businesses and individuals. The new law introduces 16 schedules and 23 chapters," AMRG & Associates Senior Partner Rajat Mohan said. As per the proposed law, clearer tax treatment on stock options (ESOPs) have been included for reduced tax disputes and includes judicial pronouncements of the last 60 years for more clarity. "A key departure from the Income-Tax Act, 1961, is that previously, the Income Tax Department had to approach Parliament for various procedural matters, tax schemes, and compliance frameworks. Now, CBDT has been empowered to introduce such schemes independently, significantly reducing bureaucratic delays and making tax governance more dynamic," he said. As per new law, the CBDT can now frame tax administration rules, introduce compliance measures, and enforce digital tax monitoring systems without requiring frequent legislative amendments as per the Clause 533. After introduction, the bill is likely to be sent to a parliamentary standing committee for scrutiny. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced in Budget 2025-26 that the new tax bill will be introduced during the ongoing session of Parliament. Sitharaman had first announced a comprehensive review of the Income-tax Act, 1961 in July 2024 Budget. The CBDT had set up an internal committee to oversee the review and make the Act concise, clear, and easy to understand, which will reduce disputes, litigations, and provide greater tax certainty to taxpayers.

Regulation of trains due to Developmental Works in Chakradharpur Division

MI News Service, Kolkata: In view of developmental works in Chakradharpur Division of South Eastern Railway, the following trains will be regulated as under:
Cancellation of Trains: 1) 68043/68044 Tatanagar-Rourkela-Tatanagar MEMU will remain cancelled from 12.02.2025 to 14.02.2025 2) 58659 Hatia-Rourkela Passenger will remain cancelled from 11.02.2025 to 13.02.2025 3) 58660 Rourkela-Hatia Passenger will remain cancelled from 12.02.2025 to 14.02.2025 4) 18175/18176 Hatia-Jharsuguda-Hatia Express will remain cancelled from 12.02.2025 5) 18109/18110 Tatanagar - NSCB Itwari-Tatanagar Express will remain cancelled on 13.02.2025 & 14.02.2025 6) 58151/58152 Birmiritapur-Barsuan-Birmiritapur Passenger will remain cancelled on 14.02.2025
Rescheduling of Train: 1. 22861 Howrah-Titagarh Ispat Express will leave Howrah at 9.00 hours instead of 06.30 hours on 13.02.2025.
Complete Block on Green Line starting from 13.02.2025 to 16.02.2025 and 20.02.2025 to 23.02.2025

MI News Service, Kolkata: On successful completion of tunneling work between Esplanade and Sealdah stations, Metro Railway, Kolkata is going to grant complete Traffic Block in two spells starting from tomorrow i.e. from 13.02.2025 to 16.02.2025 and again from 20.02.2025 to 23.02.2025 (four days each including Saturdays and Sundays) for testing of Communication Based Train Control (CBTC) System on the entire Green Line Metro Corridor from Howrah Maidan to Salt Lake Sector V.

Nokia to give Airtel 5G fixed wireless access, boost high-speed internet across India

MI News Service, New Delhi: Telecom operator Bharti Airtel has awarded a contract to Nokia and Qualcomm for expansion of 5G Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) and Wi-Fi solutions, a move aimed at powering high-speed internet access for users across India. Nokia's 5G Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) and Wi-Fi 6 access point devices will be produced in India, according to a release. The release, however, did not divulge the financial details of the contract. The initiative will enable Airtel to provide superior broadband services in areas where fiber connectivity is either scarce or challenging to implement. Under this contract, Nokia will supply Airtel with its 5G Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) outdoor gateway (receiver) and Wi-Fi 6 Access Point, utilizing Qualcomm Modem-RF and Wi-Fi 6 chipsets. "The deployment of fixed wireless broadband access via 5G networks stands out as a significant application of 5G technology, especially in India, which faces low fiber penetration and a high demand for digital services," the release said.

Airtel will leverage Nokia's FastMile 5G outdoor receivers, geared for multi-dwelling units and capable of serving two households concurrently, thus driving a reduction in connection expenses. "These receivers feature high-gain antennas that enhance broadband access over extended distances while efficiently managing radio resources," the release said. Moreover, the FastMile 5G outdoor receiver utilizes Power-over-Ethernet (PoE) technology, enabling simple installation on various surfaces such as walls, balconies, or poles. Airtel will implement Nokia's Wi-Fi 6 access point within residences to enhance the in-home experience.

Miscellaneous

ER to Install Train Indication Boards (TIB) at Key Stations in Asansol Division

MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway is taking significant strides towards improving passenger services with the ongoing installation of Train Indication Boards (TIB) at key stations in the Asansol Division, including Asansol, Raniganj, Jasidih, and Chittaranjan. This initiative is part of a broader effort to modernize station infrastructure and enhance the overall passenger experience. The provision of TIBs at these stations will provide real-time, accurate information about train schedules, platform numbers, and any updates related to train delays or cancellations. This will help passengers better plan their movements within the station, reducing confusion and improving overall travel efficiency. With clear and up-to-date information displayed at strategic points within the station, passengers will be able to quickly find the details they need without the stress of overcrowded areas or relying solely on station staff. Beyond convenience, the introduction of TIBs is also a key measure to improve safety at these stations. By providing passengers with timely and visible information, the boards will reduce the rush and chaos typically seen during busy travel periods. Passengers will be able to stay informed about train schedules, helping to prevent accidents and allowing for smoother crowd management, especially during peak hours. The installation of TIBs aligns with Eastern Railway's ongoing modernization efforts. This initiative is not only about improving passenger service but also about creating a smarter, more efficient railway network. By providing dynamic, real-time updates, these boards will ensure that the most accurate and current information is available at all times, making rail travel easier and more reliable for passengers. These enhancements will also help reduce station congestion, as passengers will be less likely to crowd around counters or make unnecessary movements searching for updates. The new system will encourage better utilization of space and improve the flow of passengers across the station premises.

Cuttack Railway Station Redevelopment Work



- Temporary Diversion of three long distance trains via Naraj Marthapur.
- Free Bus Service for passengers of diverted trains between Naraj Marthapur & Cuttack Station.
- Construction of Air-Concourse at Cuttack Railway Station.

MI News Service, Cuttack: In view of construction of Air Concourse at Cuttack Railway Station and other safety related modernisation works at Cuttack Railway Station under Khurda Road Division of East Coast Railway, it has been planned to divert three long distance trains for a period of one month. These temporary diverted trains will run via Barang-Naraj Marthapur-Kapilas Road instead of scheduled path via Barang-Cuttack-Kapilas Road. Stoppages of these trains at Cuttack Station will be skipped and temporary stoppage will be provided at Naraj Marthapur Railway Station from 16th February to 17th March 2025. Khurda Road Division of ECoR will provide Free Bus Service between Cuttack Railway Station and Naraj Marthapur Railway Station for the passengers of temporary diverted trains for this modernisation and safety related works. 12515 Coimbatore-Silchar Weekly Super-Fast Express arriving at Cuttack on every Tuesday (Monday Late Night) from 16th February to 16th March 2025; 22643 Ernakulam-Patna bi-weekly Express arriving at Cuttack on Wednesday & Thursday (late night of Tuesday & Wednesday) and 12509 Bengaluru-Guwahati Tri-Weekly Express arriving at Cuttack on Friday, Saturday & Sunday (late night of Thursday, Friday & Saturday) will provide stoppage at Naraj Marthapur Railway Station instead of Cuttack Railway Station. Bonafide passengers who are supposed to entrain or detrain at Cuttack Railway Station for the above trains, will be provided with free Bus service facilities by Railways at Naraj and Cuttack Railway stations in both the directions during the period.

Equity mutual funds see Rs 39,688 crore inflow in January despite volatile market

MI News Service, New Delhi: Investors' confidence in equity mutual funds remains strong with the segment attracting Rs 39,688 crore in January, driven by sharp inflow in small cap and flexi-cap schemes, even as market volatilities continued. However, this was 3.56 per cent lower than the net inflow of Rs 41,156 crore registered in December. The latest fund infusion by investors also marks the 47th consecutive month of inflows into the segment, according to data released by Association of Mutual Funds in India (Amfi) on Wednesday. Moreover, inflows into systematic investment plans (SIP) came at Rs 26,400 crore, a tad lower from December's Rs 26,459 crore. The SIP assets under management stood at Rs 13.2 lakh crore, which is around a fifth of the overall pie. "Despite market volatility, SIP contributions remained robust, totalling Rs 26,400 crore for the month. We will continue to educate investors to stay invested through phases of volatility with a focus on disciplined, long-term approach to wealth creation," Venkat Chalasani, Chief Executive, Amfi, said. Investors' confidence in equity mutual funds remains strong with the segment attracting Rs 39,688 crore in January, driven by sharp inflow in small cap and flexi-cap schemes, even as market volatilities continued.

Centre slashes funding for NIRDPR

MI News Service, New Delhi: The future of a national institution tasked with training officials and public representatives in rural development has come under question as funds allocation to it has nosedived from ₹73.68 crore in the revised estimate of 2024-25 to just ₹1 lakh in the budget of 2025-26.



The employees' association of the NIRDPR has issued a statement expressing shock and concern about the future of its 222 staffers. "The decision has shocked and disheartened the 222 employees and their families who now face an uncertain future. What makes the situation more distressing is that the disengagement decision was taken without consulting the employees, including 54 from the SC, seven from the ST and 56 from the OBC categories.... The unexpected move raises

to the nation if it is closed down," Dey said.

N.K. Sahu, a former economic adviser to the rural development ministry, said the decline in allocation may lead to a collapse of the manpower training ecosystem. "The entire rural development ecosystem of the training of manpower will break down. The government needs to have a rethink at the allocation," Sahu said.

He said every institution had its shortcomings and the government must take steps to revamp them, but such an abrupt and sharp reduction in funds allocation may not be the correct way forward.

An official said the government had asked the Arun Jaitley Institute of Financial Management to evaluate the NIRDPR and SIRDS. "The government's position is that it has been nurturing autonomous institutions for the last 70 years and it cannot be expected to support them further. They have to raise funds," the official said. This could leave the NIRDPR with no option but to hike fees.

Gujarat gov't forms panel for UCC

MI News Service, Vadodhara: The Gujarat government formed a committee under a retired Supreme Court judge to assess the need for the Uniform Civil Code in the state and prepare a draft bill for the same.

The five-member committee, to be headed by former Supreme Court judge Ranjana Desai, will submit its report within 45 days. Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel said. "To assess the need for a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) and to prepare a draft bill for the same, we have decided to form a committee under the former judge of the Supreme Court," he said.

The state government will take a decision about the implementation of the UCC after receiving the report. Other members of the committee include retired IAS officer CL Meena, advocate RC Kodekar, educationist Daxesh Thakar and social worker Gita Shroff.

1984 Anti Sikh riots: Court convicts former Congress MP Sajjan Kumar in murder case

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Rouse Avenue court convicted former Congress MP Sajjan Kumar in a 1984 Anti Sikh riots case. The case is linked with the killing of father son duo in Saraswati Vihar area on November 1, 1984. Sajjan Kumar is serving a life sentence in another anti Sikh riots case of Delhi Cantt.

Special judge Kaveri Baweja pronounced the judgement and convicted Sajjan Kumar.

Sajjan Kumar was produced physically before the court. On January 31, the court had reserved the order after hearing additional submissions by the Public Prosecutor Manish Rawat.

This case is related to the killings of one Jaswant Singh and his son Tarundeep Singh in Saraswati vihar area on November 1, 1984. Advocate Anil Sharma had submitted that Sajjan Kumar's name was not their from very beginning, law of foreign land is not applicable in this case and there was a delay of 16 years in naming Sajjan Kumar by the witness.

It was also submitted that a case in which Sajjan Kumar was Convicted by the Delhi High Court is pending appeal before the Supreme court.

Advocate Anil Sharma had also referred to the case cited by the senior advocate HS Phoolka. He submitted that the law of the land will prevail even in the extraordinary situation and not the international law.

Additional Public Prosecutor Manish Rawat in rebuttal had submitted that the accused was not known to the victim. When she (a family members killed in the riots) became aware that who is Sajjan Kumar she named him in her statement.

Earlier, Senior advocate H S Phoolka had appeared for riots victims and argued that the police investigations were manipulated in the Sikh riots cases. Police investigation was tardy and to save the accused.

It was argued that during riots situation was extraordinary. Therefore, these cases have to be dealt with in this context.

During the arguments senior advocate H S Phoolka had referred to judgement of Delhi High Court and submitted that it is not an isolated case, it was a part of bigger massacre, it is a part of genocide.

It was further argued that as per official figures 2700 Sikhs

were killed in Delhi in 1984. It was an ordinary situation.

Senior Advocate Phoolka had referred to the Delhi High Court judgement in 1984 Delhi cantt case wherein the court called the riots crime against humanity. It was also said that objective of genocide is always targeting of minorities.

There is a delay, Supreme court took it seriously that there is delay and a SIT was constituted, he argued.

Senior advocate had also referred to the judgement delivered by foreign courts in the cases of genocide and crime against humanity. He also referred to Geneva Convention.

It was also submitted that a charge sheet was prepared against Sajjan Kumar in 1992 but was not filed in the court. It shows that the police was trying to save Sajjan Kumar.

On November 1, 2023, the court had recorded the statement of Sajjan Kumar. He had denied all the charges levelled against him.

Initially an FIR was registered in Punjabi Bagh police station. Later on, this case was investigated by the Special Investigation Team constituted on the recommendation of justice G P Mathur committee and filed a charge sheet.

The committee had recommended the reopening of 114 cases. This case was one of them.

On December 16, 2021, the court had framed charges against the accused Sajjan Kumar for commission of the offences punishable Under Section 147/148/149 IPC as well as the offences punishable Under section 302/303/323/395/397/427/436/440 read with Section 149 IPC.

It has been alleged by the SIT that the accused was leading the said mob and upon his instigation and abetment, the mob had burnt alive the above two persons and had also damaged, destroyed and looted their household articles and other property, burnt their house and also inflicted severe injuries on the person of their family members and relatives residing in their house.

It is claimed that during the course of investigation, material witnesses of the case were traced out, examined and their statements were recorded under section 161 Cr.P.C.

The statements of complainant under the above provision was recorded on 23.11.2016 during

EASTERN RAILWAY

E.Tender No. : 340 2024-25, dated 11.02.2025. Following e-Tenders are invited online by Divisional Engineer (4), Divisional Railway Managers' Office, Eastern Railway, Howrah, Pin-711 101 (W.B.) From Tenderers having experience of similar nature of work and required financial capabilities including those registered with Irrigation/CPWD/SEB/MES or any public sector undertaking for the following work for the jurisdiction of DEN/4/Howrah. Description of work: Fabrication of Insitu Glued Joints under the jurisdiction of under DEN/4/HWH. Approx. Cost: ₹ 56,67,986.39; Earnest Money: ₹ 1,13,400/-; Cost of Tender Form: Nil. Completion Period: 12 (Twelve) months from the date of issue of acceptance letter. In case the date of closing mentioned in the Notice Inviting Tender is declared a holiday/bandh/strike on any account, the date of closing tender online will not be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit submission of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. However, opening of tenders online will be done on the next working day. Closing date and time of tender: 26.02.2025 at 14.00 hrs. The details of tender are available at website www.ireps.gov.in Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender document cost (TDC), in respect of E-Tendering, should be accepted through net banking or payment gateway through net banking above website. Note: Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) will not be accepted as EMD for tenders invited on IREPS (E-tender Portal). No manual offer will be accepted. HWH-601/2024-25 Tender Notices are also available at Website www.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at: @EasternRailway @easternrailwayheadquarter

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Chief Engineer (COIN), South Eastern Railway, Garden Reach, Kolkata-700043 invites E-tender for the following work. Following tender has been uploaded on website www.ireps.gov.in. The tender will be closed at 12.00 hrs. on due date. e-Tender Notice No.: 4553-GR-C-CE-01/04-2025, Date: 11.02.2025. Brief Description of works: Composite work for Ilooo-Silli Bypass line avoiding Muri-Execution of Earthwork in Formation & Cutting including Construction of Minor & Major Bridges, P-Way Linking Work with supply of Ballast, Construction of Service Buildings & approach roads work including S&T, Electrical works & other related work in from Ilooo station to Silli station with loop lines etc. of South Eastern Railway. Approx. Cost: ₹ 74.38 Crore. Bid Security: ₹ 38,69,200. Completion Period: 24 months. Closing Date: 12.03.2025. Interested tenderers may visit website www.ireps.gov.in for full details/description/specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for this item will be accepted. N.B.: Prospective bidders may regularly visit www.ireps.gov.in to participate in all other tenders. (PR-1126)

EASTERN RAILWAY E-AUCTION NOTICE

No. : C8-GMU-MPS-ASN-2025 Dated 11.02.2025 Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Asansol Division, Station Road, Asansol, Pin-713301 invites open e-Auction through IREPS portal vide website www.ireps.gov.in for provision of Modular Catering Stalls under General Minor Unit (GMU) and Multipurpose Stalls under Asansol Division. Auction Catalogue No. Catg-GMU-25-1. SI. No.; Seq. No.; Lot No./Category; E-Auctions Date & Time; Description of work are as follows: (1) AA/1; Catg-ASN-KJME-GMU-15-24-1; 25.02.2025, 12.30; Provision of Catering Services through Modular Catering Stall 10'x 6' (60 Sq. ft.) at Kajoragram Railway Station (Category E) on Platform No. 1 near Platform Shed of Andal end under General Minor Unit for a period of 05 years. Earmarked for Women. (2) AA/2; Catg-ASN-LUKA-GMU-14-24-1; 25.02.2025, 12.40; Provision of Catering Services through Modular Catering Stall 10'x 6' (60 Sq. ft.) at Ukhra Railway Station (Category E) on Platform No. 1 near Platform Shed of Sainthia end under General Minor Unit for a period of 05 years. (3) AA/3; Catg-ASN-OYR-GMU-23-24-1; 25.02.2025, 12.50; Provision of Catering Services through Modular Catering Stall 10'x 6' (60 Sq. ft.) at Waria Railway Station (Category E) on Platform No. 3-4 under General Minor Unit for a period of 05 years. (4) AA/4; Catg-ASN-CAM-GMU-67-24-1; 25.02.2025, 13.00; Provision of Catering Services through Modular Catering Stall (Size 10'x 6' = 60 Sq. ft.) at Chhota Ambona Railway Station (Category E) on Down Platform for a period of 05 years. (5) AA/5; Catg-ASN-MNAE-GMU-16-24-1; 25.02.2025, 13.10; Provision of Catering Services through Modular Catering Stall 10'x 6' (60 Sq. ft.) at Mankar Railway Station (Category D) on Platform No. 1-2 under General Minor Unit for a period of 05 years. Auction Catalogue No. ASN-MPS-25-1. Seq. No. AA/1; Lot No./Category : MPS-ASN-KJME-MPS-7-24-1; E-Auctions Date & Time : 25.02.2025, 13.30; Description of work: Allotment of Multipurpose Stall (MPS) (6 ft x 10 ft = 60 Sq.ft.) at Kajoragram Railway Station on Platform No. 1 near Station Master Office for a period of 05 years. Earmarked for Unreserved (Any One). All prospective bidders are advised to visit the website www.ireps.gov.in for full details and to participate against the above mentioned e-Auction as per Schedule given. ASN-327/2024-25 Tender Notice is also available at websites : www.e.in.dianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at: @EasternRailway @easternrailwayheadquarter

Man stabs in-laws as they intervene in fight with wife

MI News Service, New Delhi: A man allegedly stabbed his mother-in-law, brother-in-law and two sisters-in-law after the family members intervened in the altercation between the accused and his wife, said the police on Wednesday.

Police said that the incident occurred in Vasant Kunj South area of southwest Delhi. Following the incident, the brother-in-law is reported to be seriously injured, while the other three victims sustained minor injuries.

The police were informed of the case on Monday, and the injured were quickly taken to hospital.

The accused was arrested on Tuesday, and an investigation into the matter is underway. Authorities revealed that the incident followed a domestic dispute between the accused and his wife, during which the in-laws had intervened.

In another incidence of violence on Tuesday, two minors were detained by the Delhi Police for allegedly killing a minor boy, who used to bully them, officials said. The incident happened on February 9. The police received information at around 9: 45 pm, that an injured person was lying

on Street Number 7 in Gautampuri was received at Seelampur police station. A team of police reached the spot immediately, where they found the victim boy lying in a pool of blood with stab marks and various other injuries.

The crime and forensic teams were called by the police to examine the crime scene, and the boy's body was sent to the GTB hospital. The police also deployed sources, after which they managed to identify and detain two minors aged 15-16. A knife which was used as a weapon to kill the boy was recovered from his possession.

During the interrogation, both minors revealed that the deceased and they belonged to the same locality. The deceased boy was known to them and frequently bullied both the accused. According to the accused, the deceased boy asked the detained CCLs to pay money to him, which they weren't able to pay. Subsequently, they assaulted him. The police are yet to find the third counterpart of the two detained minors, and efforts to nab him are underway.

Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary witnesses 15% increase in revenue collection this season

MI News Service, Marigaon: In the ongoing tourist season, Assam has witnessed a major rise in the tourist footfall in Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, when compared to other years. As per the officials, in the present season, around 23,000 tourists have visited the wildlife sanctuary which is situated in the Morigaon district. These tourists include both Indian visitors as well as foreigners.

As per Pranjal Baruah, who is the Forest Range Officer of Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, there has been a 15 per cent increase in the total revenue collection as compared to other year. Baruah added that the administration has planned a boat safari for the tourists. The boat safari is open until May 15, but it will depend totally upon the weather whether it will function on a given day.

He said while speaking to ANI, "We have seen increase in tourist footfall. The revenue has gone up more than 15 per cent. So far around 23,000 Indian and foreign tourists have visited the Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary and they enjoyed Jeep safari and Elephant safari. The sanctuary will be opened for tourists till May 15, but it will depend on the weather conditions. We are planning to start boat safari also."

Spread across a stretch of 16 sq km, the Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary is home to 107 one-horned rhinos which include 30 females, 70 males and 27 calves. The

administration of the wildlife sanctuary has been able to curb rhinoceroses poaching as the last such incident took place in 2016. In the last nine

Prabir Kumar Tarapdar S/o Mahendra Nath Tarapdar and Lucky Tarapdar both of 271, Wirllesspara, Titagarh, P.O. Nonachandrapukur, PS- Mohanpur, Dist-North 24 Parganas, PIN- 700122, had purchased a land/property, Schedule below, from Power of Attorney Holders 1. Tirtha Banerjee (2) Nayab Ali Molya. 3. Md Golamobi Azad POA No. 11765/2022 A.D.S.R. Bhangar. Deed No. 17975 year2023 and 17976 year 2023 DSR-II. If any body has any objection on mutation of said land property please inform office of BL & LRO, Bhangore Block-2, in writing or over email-biobhr2@gmail.com within one month from the date of this advertisement Land Schedules Mouza KULBERIA J/L. No. 7, Dag Ng 637 Area 23.10 Satak, under LR Khatian No-2539, 2540 and 2541

years, there has been no such case of rhinoceroses poaching that has come to light.

Asadul Gazi S/o Lt. Mojit Gazi of Vill-PO - Joypur, P.S- Koshipur, Dist-North 24 Parganas, PIN- 743502 had purchased a land/property, Schedule below, from Power of Attorney Holders 1. Mokaddes Molla POA No. 6859/2024 A.D.S.R- Bhangar Deed No. 9302/2024 A.D.S.R. Bhangar. If any body has any objection on mutation of said land property please inform office of BL & LRO, Bhangore Block-II, in writing or over email-B.L.R.O.BHN@gmail.com within one month from the date of this advertisement Land Schedules Mouza UTTARAJAPUR J/L. No. 68, Dag Ng 754 Area 6.31 Satak, under LR Khatian No-1242, 1243, 1244 AND 1245

Notice regarding Power of Attorney as per West Bengal Govt Order No. 1000-15/22/2024 dated 27.02.2024

This is to notify MOUNITA PRASAD who of SUNIL PRASAD residing at K.S.Road, Dipu Para P.S. Asansol (North) Dist Paschim Bardhaman has purchased the below mentioned land schedule by virtue of Deed No. 10410 dated-11.12.2023 (ADSR) with the help of Power of Attorney Deed No. 10071, Dated 02.12.2022 ADSR executed by (1) BISWAJIT GHOSAL S/O SAILENDRANATH GHOSAL (2) PRASENJIT GHOSAL S/O SAILENDRANATH GHOSAL Address S.P. Mukherjee Road P.S.-Asansol, Dist.Paschim Bardhaman and the said applicant has applied with the same land schedule for mutation vide mutation case No.MN/2025/2305/1967 Dist Paschim Bardhaman at the office of the S.D.L & L.R.O (EP-1) Dist-Paschim Bardhaman. If there is any objection of mutation in this respect, any concerned principle are requested to submit objection along with relevant documents to the concerned Revenue Officer at the office of the S.D.L & L.R.O (EP-1) within one month from the date of publication of this notice, otherwise law will take it own course.

Land Schedule Block: Asansol: Sub-Divisional Land and Land Reforms Office (EP-1) Mouza: Kankhaya J/L.No: 30 Plot No: 164 Name of the Recorded Owner: 1) Mahimamoy Ghosal S/O Prabhakar Ghosal, Khatian No: 410

Notice regarding Power of Attorney as per West Bengal Govt Order No. 1000-15/22/2024 dated 27.02.2024

This is to notify ANUP RAM S/O of Raghunath Ram residing at K.T.Road, Koiri Mohalla PS, Asansol (North) Dist Paschim Bardhaman has purchased the below mentioned land schedule by virtue of Deed No. 10411 dated-11.12.2023 (ADSR) with the help of Power of Attorney Deed No. 10071, 7247 Dated 02.12.22 & 17.08.2023 ADSR executed by (1) DULAL GHOSAL S/O LI NLIKANTH GHOSAL. (2) BISWAJIT GHOSAL S/O SAILENDRANATH GHOSAL (3) PRASENJIT GHOSAL S/O SAILENDRANATH GHOSAL Address Vill-Adarsha Pally P.O-Kalla (G.H) P.S.-Asansol (North), Dist Paschim Bardhaman and the said applicant has applied with the same land schedule for mutation vide mutation case No.MN/2025/2305/1969 Dist Paschim Bardhaman at the office of the S.D.L & L.R.O (EP-1) Dist-Paschim Bardhaman. If there is any objection of mutation in this respect, any concerned principle are requested to submit objection along with relevant documents to the concerned Revenue Officer at the office of the S.D.L & L.R.O (EP-1) within one month from the date of publication of this notice, otherwise law will take it own course.

Land Schedule Block: Asansol: Sub-Divisional Land and Land Reforms Office (EP-1) Mouza: Kankhaya J/L.No: 30 Plot No: 163, 164 Name of the Recorded Owner: 1) Mahimamoy Ghosal S/O Late Prabhakar Ghosal, (2) Dulal Ghosal S/O Late Nilkant Ghosal Khatian No: 198, 410

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Sapupara Basukati Gram Panchayat

Sapupara, Nishchinda, Howrah - 711 227 Notice Inviting e-Tender e-Tenders are invited from the resourceful and experienced bidders for execution of 2 nos. development work vide Memo No. : 336/NIT/15th CFC UNTIED/SB/24-25, 339/NIT/15th CFC TIED/SB/24-25 & e-NIT No. WB/HOW/HS/BSGP/NIT-30 2nd Call/24-25, WB/HOW/HS/BSGP/NIT-32/24-25, Date: 12.02.2025. Documents Download/Sale & Bid Submission Start Date (Online): 12.02.2025 at 06:00 PM. Bid Submission End Date (Online): 19.02.2025 up to 01:00 PM. Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Online): 21.02.2025 at 01:00 PM. For details visit www.wbtenders.gov.in & undersigned GP Office. Sd/- Prodhon Sapupara Basukati Gram Panchayat

BAGNAN-I PANCHAYAT SAMITY

NIET NO : WB/HZP/BAG-I/NIET-16/2024-25 Dated : 12.02.2025 A-e-Tenders is floated for various construction & development works within Bagnan-I Panchayat Samity jurisdiction. Details are available in https://wbtenders.gov.in portal. Sd/- Executive Officer Bagnan-I Panchayat Samity Bagnan, Howrah

Ashuti-I Gram Panchayat

(Under Thakurpukur Maheshstala Dev. Block) Ganneygangadharpur, Vivekanandapur, South 24 Parganas Notice Inviting e-Tender e-Tenders are hereby invited from bonafied and resourceful Agencies for execution of 8 Nos. works under 15th FC Untied vide NIT Memo no 450A/IGP/2025, dated 12.02.2025. For details log on https://www.wbtenders.gov.in and GP office. Sd/- Prodhon Ashuti-I Gram Panchayat

Nandigram-II Dev. Block

Reapara :: Purba Medinipur Email:- bdonandigram2block@gmail.com :: Phone & Fax No- 03224-271203 E-Tender Executive officer, Nandigram-II Panchayat Samiti, Purba Medinipur invites online Tender Notice against Tender Memo no-119, Dated-12.02.2025 for 1 (One) Nos Scheme. Last Date of application for above Tender is 26.02.2025 upto 02:00 P.M. Details of tender are available in WB Govt.tender site. Sd/- Block Development Officer Nandigram-II Dev. Block

Office of the MAHALANDI GRAM PANCHAYAT

Vill. Mahalandi, P.O.- Mahalandi, PS-Kandi, Dist.- Murshidabad NIET No. 09/MHND-I/GP/2024-25 The Prodhon, Mahalandi-I GP invites e-tender for total 17(Seventeen)Nos. different works. Source of Fund: 15 th CFC(TIED). Bid submission starting from 07/02/2025 from 11.30 AM up to 17/02/2025 up to 5.00 PM. Bid opening date for Technical & Financial Proposals on 21/02/2025 at 10.30 AM. For details visit website https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Prodhon Mahalandi-I Gram Panchayat

Khanakul-II Dev. Block

Senhat, Rajhati, Bandar, Hooghly NOTICE INVITING TENDER The BDO Kh-II, NIET No. - 4/ BDO Kh-II/2024-25, Date: 11.02.2025. Tender ID: 2025 ZPHD_814424_1 to 3 for ACR, Dining shed & Toilet. Last date of bids ends on 01.03.2025 up to 06:00 PM. For detail visit www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Block Dev. Officer Khanakul-II Dev. Block

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আমমোজার পিতা-সুত সুরুল মালিক, সাং-রাজপুর্, থানা জোমজুড়, হাওড়া। বাইগাছিত মৌজায় সনাত পাঁজা ও বিকাশ পাঁজা থেকে কৃশ মালিক জমি আমমোজার গ্রহন করেছেন। যাহার আমমোজা নং- ৫০/২০২২এং দাপ নং-২৩৮,২০২ বর্তমান সূর্য মালিক কে বিক্রয় করেছেন এবং নাম খারিজের আবেদন জমা করেছেন উল্লিখিত দাতাগোবর যদি কোন আপত্তি থাকে তাহলে এক মাসের মধ্যে বি.এল.এড.এল.এস. ও ডোমজুড় অফিসে এসে যোগাযোগ করতে পারেন,অন্যথা আইন অনুষায়ী কার্য হইবে। অনিন্দ্য ঘোষ এডভোকেট

Office of the GARAIMARI GRAM PANCHAYAT

Vill & Post: Garaimari, P.S: Domkal, Dist: Murshidabad, (W.B) Under Domkal Block NIET No: 19/2024-25 & 20/2024-25 Publishing & Bid Submission Start Date: 12/02/2025 from 9.00 AM. Bid Submission Closing Date: 19/02/2025 upto 12.00 PM. Bid Opening Date: 21/02/2025 after 12.00 PM Details See in: www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Prodhon Garaimari Gram Panchayat

OFFICE OF THE AMLAI GRAM PANCHAYAT

BHARATPUR-I DEV. BLOCK MURSHIDABAD N.I.E.T. No.- 10/BAMAIL G/P/2024-25, Dated-12/02/2025 Date of Publication of E-NIT- 13/02/2025 (FROM 11.00a.m.) Document download start Date & Time- 13/02/2025 (FROM 11.00 a.m.) Document upload end Date & Time- 24/02/2025 (11.00a.m.) Pre-bid Meeting (Date & Time)- 20/02/2025 (2.00 pm) Bid submission start Date & Time- 13/02/2025(FROM 11.00 am.) Last date & time of online submission of Technical Bid and Financial Bid:- 26/02/2025 (11.00a.m.) Date & Time of opening Technical Bid in the Office of the Prodhon Amlai Gram Panchayat:- 28/02/2025 (11.00 a.m.) Details see:-www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Prodhon Amlai Gram Panchayat

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Table with 5 columns: Sr. No., Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number, Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession, Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand (Rs), Name of Branch. Row 1: Srijit Kumar Gaudin/ Puri Gurur/ Uttar Subhash Pally Dankuni, Hooghly West Bengal. Residential Flat No. A-303, Third Floor, Block A, Building Union Enclave, R.S. Dag No. 1700, 1691, 1699/2006, R.S. Khatian No. 289, 1293, 1393, 185 Corresponding To L.R. Dag No. 1530, 1531, 2398, 2399, 2400 Under L.R. Khatian No. 6301, 6302 and 6303, J.L. No. 98, Ward No. 9, Side of Durgapur Express Way (Uttar Subhash Pally), Mouja Monoharpur, P.S. Dankuni, Dankuni Municipality, A.D.S.R. Office Janai, District Hooghly, West Bengal, Admeasuring An Area of Residential Flat Measuring 1367 Sq. Ft. Super Built Up Area (I.e. 1139 Sq. Ft. Covered Area) and 20% Super Built Up Area of 228 Sq. Ft. Alongwith One Garage Being Garage Area. CB-6 on Basement of Block C Measuring 246 Sq. Ft. (I.e. 205 Sq. Ft. Covered Area) Plus 20% Super Built Up Area of 41 Sq. Ft. Together With Undivided, Proportionate Share of Land/ Date of Physical 07.02.2025

The above-mentioned borrower(s)/guarantor(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Date: February 13, 2025 Place: Dankuni Sincerely Authorised Signatory For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Study shows stress affects brain, psyche via immune system



ZURICH [SWITZERLAND] : Chronic stress has a wide-ranging impact on our bodies. Many stress-related mental disorders, including depression, are associated with immune system abnormalities. However, the basic mechanisms dictating how these changes affect the brain are largely unknown.

Enzyme from immune cells in the blood affects nerves in the brain

An international research team led by the University of Zurich (UZH), and the University Hospital of Psychiatry Zurich (PUK) and the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, has now uncovered a novel mechanism. "We were able to show that stress increases the amount of the matrix metalloproteinase-8 (MMP-8), an enzyme in the blood of mice. The same changes were found in patients with depression," says first author Flurin Cathomas. MMP-8 travels from the blood to the brain, where it alters the functioning of certain neurons. In the affected mice, this leads to behavioral changes: they withdraw and avoid

"Blood analyses of patients with depression indicate that the findings from the mouse models are also relevant for humans: both the monocytes and MMP-8 were increased in the blood of people with depression in comparison to healthy participants."

social contact. Potential for new treatments for depression According to Cathomas, the findings are novel in two respects: "Firstly, they indicate a new 'body-mind mechanism', which might be relevant not only for stress-related mental illness, but also for other diseases that affect both the immune and nervous systems." And secondly, says the psychiatrist, identification of the specific MMP-8 protein could be a potential starting point to develop new treatments for depression.

Changes to brain extracellular matrix
The researchers were able to use animal models to show that stress increases the

migration of a specific type of white blood cells called monocytes into the vascular system of the brain, particularly into the reward center regions. These monocytes produce MMP-8. MMP-8 is involved in the restructuring and regulation of the net-like frame that surrounds neurons in the brain - called the extracellular matrix. "If MMP-8 penetrates the brain tissue from the blood, it changes the matrix structure and thus disrupts the functioning of the neurons. Mice who are affected by this process display changes in behavior that are similar to those seen in humans with depression," says Flurin Cathomas.

In order to prove that MMP-8 was really responsible for the behavioural changes, the researchers removed the MMP-8 gene from some of the mice. Compared to the control mice, these animals did not display stress-related negative behavioral changes. "Blood analyses of patients with depression indicate that the findings from the mouse models are also relevant for humans: both the monocytes and MMP-8 were increased in the blood of people with depression in comparison to healthy participants."

Clinical studies with patients planned
Many more studies are needed before the results can be implemented in clinical practice. Nevertheless, says Cathomas, "our work once again demonstrates the importance of the interaction between the immune system and the brain in the development of psychiatric disorders. These insights are already being incorporated into psychiatric treatment today." On the PUK's special ward for integrative care led by Cathomas, the clinicians take a holistic mind-body approach based on the latest scientific findings when treating their patients.

The research team is now planning clinical studies to investigate the extent to which the immune system can be influenced by stimulating certain areas of the brain. They will also look at whether any changes in the immune system cells of depressive patients influence their behaviour.

Pregnant women should try to avoid ultraprocessed, fast foods: Study

WASHINGTON DC [US] : According to a study published in the journal Environmental International, pregnant women should think twice before eating a cheeseburger or a boxed pastry. Surprisingly, the report focuses not on the food itself, such as fries, burgers, shakes, and cakes, but on what comes into contact with the meal before it is consumed.

Research shows that phthalates, a class of chemicals associated with plastics, can shed from the wrapping, packaging and even from plastic gloves worn by food handlers into food. Once consumed during pregnancy, the chemicals can get into the bloodstream, through the placenta and then into the fetal bloodstream. The chemical can cause oxidative stress and an inflammatory cascade within the fetus, researchers noted. Previous literature has indicated that exposure to phthalates during pregnancy can increase the risk of low birth weight, preterm birth and child mental health disorders such as autism and ADHD. This is the first study in pregnant women to show that diets higher in ultraprocessed foods are linked to greater phthalate exposures, the authors wrote.

"When moms are exposed to this chemical, it can cross the placenta and go into fetal circulation," said senior author Dr. Sheela Sathyanarayana, a UW Medicine paediatrician and researcher at the Seattle Children's Research Institute. This analysis involved data in the Conditions Affecting Neurocognitive Development and Learning in Early Childhood (CAN-DLE) research cohort, which comprised 1,031 pregnant individuals in Memphis, Tenn., who were enrolled between 2006 and 2011. Phthalate levels were measured in urine samples collected during the second trimester of pregnancy. The researchers found that ultraprocessed food composed 10% to 60% of participants' diets, or 38.6%, on average. Each 10% higher dietary proportion of ultraprocessed food was associated with 13% higher concentration of di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate, one of the most common and harmful phthalates. The phthalate amounts were derived through urine samples taken from the women in the study.

Ultraprocessed foods, according to the researchers, are made mostly from substances extracted from foods such as oils, sugar and starch, but have been so changed from processing and the addition of chemicals and preservatives to enhance their appearance or shelf life that they are hard to recognize from their original form, researchers



noted. These include packaged cake mixes, for example, or packaged french fries, hamburger buns and soft drinks. When it comes to fast food, gloves worn by the employees and the storage, preparation, serving equipment or tools may be the main sources of exposure. Both frozen and fresh ingredients would be subject to these sources, said lead author Brennan Baker, a postdoctoral researcher in Sathyanarayana's lab. This is the first study, researchers say, to identify ultraprocessed foods as a link between exposure to phthalates and the socio-economics issues facing the mothers. The mothers' vulnerability might stem from experiencing financial hardships and from living in "food deserts" where healthier, fresh foods are harder to obtain and transportation to distant markets is unrealistic.

"We don't blame the pregnant person here," said Baker. "We need to call out manufacturers and legislators to offer replacements, and ones that may not be even more harmful."

More legislation is needed, the authors said, to prevent phthalate contamination in foods by regulating the composition of food wrapping or even the gloves that food handlers may use. What should pregnant women do now? Sathyanarayana said that pregnant women should try to avoid ultraprocessed food as much as they can, and seek out fruits, vegetables and lean meats. Reading labels can come into play here, she added.

Pregnancy complications can also affect child's health later in life: Study



LOS ANGELES [US] : Two of the most frequent pregnancy problems are hypertensive disorders of pregnancy (HDP) and gestational diabetes (GDM), which increase pregnant people's risk of developing cardiovascular disease later in life.

A new study to be presented at the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine's (SMFM) annual meeting, The Pregnancy Meeting, suggested that pregnancy problems may lead to poor cardiovascular health for the kid.

The findings were published in the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

In a secondary analysis of 3,317 maternal-child pairings from the prospective Hyperglycemia and Adverse Pregnancy Outcome Follow-up Study (HAPO FUS), researchers examined whether there was a connection between hypertensive disorders of pregnancy and gestational diabetes and a child's cardiovascular health.

On the maternal side, 8 per cent developed high blood pressure during pregnancy, 12 per cent developed gestational diabetes, and 3 per cent developed both high blood pressure and diabetes.

Researchers then examined the child's cardiovascular health 10 to 14 years after delivery. Cardiovascular health was evaluated based on four metrics: body mass index, blood pressure, total cholesterol, and glucose level. Pediatric guidelines categorized each metric as ideal, intermediate, or poor.

Researchers found that before the age of 12 (median age: 11.6), more than half of the children (55.5 per cent) had at least one metric that was non-ideal, which puts them at greater risk of heart disease and stroke.

"These findings are important because traditionally, the thinking has been that a person's risk of developing cardiovascular disease starts after birth -- that everyone starts at the same point," said the study's lead author Kartik K. Venkatesh, MD, PhD, a maternal-fetal medicine subspecialist and assistant professor of obstetrics and gynaecology and assistant professor of epidemiology, and Director of the Diabetes in Pregnancy Program at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center in Columbus.

Researchers find how fatty acids plays key role in creating memories

WASHINGTON DC [US] : Researchers at the University of Queensland have demonstrated the vital role that saturated fatty acids play in the brain's storage of memories.

A new cure for neurodegenerative illnesses may now be possible, thanks to research conducted by Dr Isaac Akefe of the Queensland Brain Institute at the University of Queensland. He has also discovered the genes that underlie the process of memory creation.

The findings were published in the EMBO Journal.

"We've shown previously that levels of saturated fatty acids increase in the brain during neuronal communication, but we didn't know what was causing these changes," Dr Akefe said.

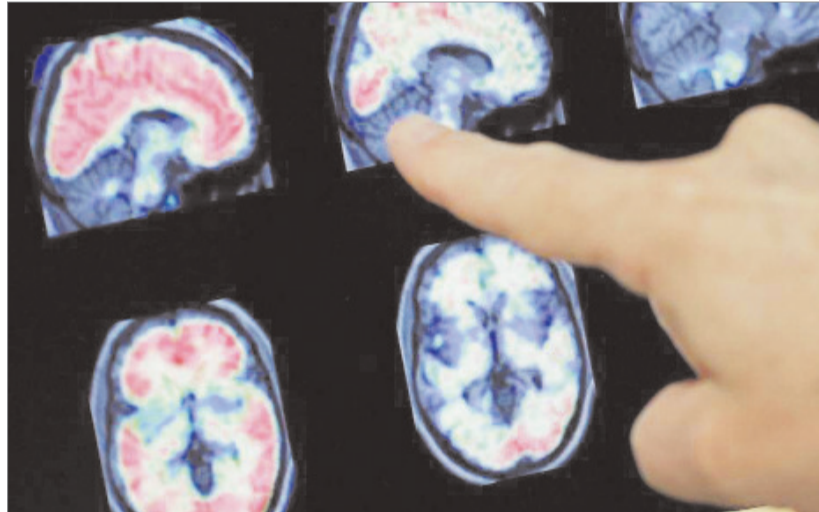
"Now for the first time, we've identified alterations in the brain's fatty acid landscape when the neurons encode a memory."

"An enzyme called Phospholipase A1 (PLA1) interacts with another protein at the synapse called STXB1 to form saturated fatty acids."

The brain is the body's fattiest organ, with fatty compounds called lipids making up 60 per cent of its weight. Fatty acids are the building blocks of a class of lipids called phospholipids.

The work done in Professor Frederic Meunier's laboratory has shown that STXB1 controls the targeting of the PLA1 enzyme, coordinating the release of fatty acids and directing communication at the synapses in the brain.

"Human mutations in the PLA1 and



STXB1 genes reduce free fatty acid levels and promote neurological disorders," Professor Meunier said.

"To determine the importance of free fatty acids in memory formation, we used mouse models where the PLA1 gene was removed. We tracked the onset and progression of neurological and cognitive decline throughout their lives. We saw that even before their memories became impaired, their saturated free fatty acid levels were significantly lower than control mice. This indicates that this PLA1 enzyme, and the fatty acids it releases, play a key role in memory acquisition."

The research has important implications for understanding of how memories

are formed. "Our findings indicate that manipulating this memory acquisition pathway has exciting potential as a treatment for neurodegenerative diseases, such as Alzheimer's," Professor Meunier said.

The research team acknowledges the contributions of PhD candidates Saber Abd Elkader from the Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology, and Benjamin Matthews from the Queensland Brain Institute.

This is a collaborative study with the University of New South Wales, University of Strasbourg, University of Bordeaux, the Scripps Research Institute and the Baylor College of Medicine.

Does physical activity reduce pain intensity in cancer survivors?

WASHINGTON DC [US] : People who have had cancer frequently feel persistent pain, but a new study suggests that staying physically active may help reduce its intensity.

The study is published by Wiley online in CANCER, a peer-reviewed journal of the American Cancer Society.

Although physical activity has been shown to lessen various types of pain, its effects on cancer-related pain are unclear. To investigate, a team led by senior author Erika Rees-Punia, PhD, MPH, of the American Cancer Society, and first author Christopher T.V. Swain, PhD, of the University of Melbourne, in Australia, analyzed information pertaining to 51,439 adults without a history of cancer and 10,651 adults with a past cancer diagnosis. Participants were asked, "How would you rate your pain on average," with responses ranging from 0 (no pain) to 10 (worst pain imaginable). Participants were also asked about their usual physical activity.

U.S. guidelines recommend 150 minutes (2 hours 30 minutes) to 300 minutes (5 hours) a week of moderate-intensity, or 75 minutes (1 hour 15 minutes)

to 150 minutes (2 hours 30 minutes) a week of vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity.

Based on participants' responses, the investigators found that, for individuals who had cancer in the past as well as for those without a history of cancer, more physical activity was linked with lower pain intensity. The extent of the association was similar for both groups of individuals, indicating that exercise may reduce cancer-related pain just as it does for other types of pain that have been studied in the past.

Among participants with a past cancer diagnosis, those exceeding physical activity guidelines were 16% less likely to report moderate-to-severe pain compared to those who failed to meet physical activity guidelines. Also, compared with people who remained inactive, those who were consistently active or became active in older adulthood reported less pain.

"It may feel counterintuitive to some, but physical activity is an effective, non-pharmacologic option for reducing many types of pain. As our study suggests, this may include pain associated with cancer and its treatments," said Dr. Rees-Punia.

Plant-based diet linked to better sexual health in males treated with prostate cancer: Study

WASHINGTON DC [US] : According to a new study, a diet low in meat and dairy but high in fruits, vegetables, grains, and nuts is associated with lower rates of erectile dysfunction, urinary incontinence, and other frequent side effects in prostate cancer patients.

Led by researchers at NYU Grossman School of Medicine and Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, the analysis of more than 3,500 men with prostate cancer explored whether eating a more plant-based diet was associated with quality-of-life issues that often arise after treatment. Sorting patients into five groups (quintiles) based on the proportion of plant versus animal foods the men said they eat, the authors found that the quintile that consumed the most plants scored 8% to 11% better in measures of sexual function compared with the group that consumed the least.

Similarly, the results revealed up to 14% better scores for urinary health, with fewer instances of incontinence, obstruction, and irritation. The authors further found up to 13% better scores in hormonal health (which assesses symptoms like low energy, depression, and hot flashes) among the highest quintile of plant-based diet compared with the lowest.

"Our findings offer hope for those looking for ways to improve their quality of life after undergoing surgery, radiation, and other common therapies for prostate cancer, which can cause significant side effects," said study lead author and urologist Stacy Loeb, MD. "Adding more fruits and vegetables to their diet, while reducing meat and dairy, is a simple step that patients can take," added Loeb, a professor in the Departments of Urology and Population Health at NYU Langone Health.

Prostate cancer is among the most common and deadliest forms of cancer among American men, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Previous research by



the same team had already found that eating a plant-based diet may reduce the risk of developing the disease in the first place. Other investigations have connected this diet to a lower risk of sexual dysfunction in general but not specifically for those with prostate cancer, who are at particularly high risk for such issues.

The new study, publishing online Feb. 13 in the journal Cancer, is also believed to be the first of its kind to show better urinary health in these patients based on nutrition, says Loeb.

For the research, the team analyzed data from the Health Professionals Follow-Up Study, an ongoing investigation begun in 1986 and sponsored by Harvard Chan School. The data set is composed of information on more than 50,000 male dentists, pharma-

cists, optometrists, osteopaths, podiatrists, and veterinarians. The project was designed to better understand how nutrition influences risks related to cancer, heart disease, and other serious illnesses. As part of the project, men with prostate cancer answered a questionnaire every four years about the kinds of foods they ate and in what proportions. Another survey, which was administered every two years, assessed frequency of incontinence, difficulties maintaining an erection, and problems with bowels, energy, and mood, among many other health concerns. Most of the patients (more than 83%) had received prostate cancer treatment, Loeb notes, and all included in the current study had early forms of the disease that had not yet spread to other organs. She adds that when searching for potential connections between plant-based diet and health, the research team took into account weight, physical activity, and many other factors that could affect quality of life.

Among the findings, the researchers say, eating high amounts of any plant-based food was linked to better sexual health, urinary health, and vitality scores, regardless of demographic factors, lifestyle differences, or history of other medical issues such as diabetes. Eating more healthy plant-based food was also associated with better bowel function, which, Loeb says, may be explained by the dietary fiber found in plants.

"These results add to the long list of health and environmental benefits of eating more plants and fewer animal products," said Loeb. "They also clearly challenge the historical misconception that eating meat boosts sexual function in men, when in fact the opposite seems to be the case." Loeb cautions that the men assessed in the study were mostly White healthcare professionals. As a result, she says the team next plans to expand their research to a more diverse group of patients and to those with more advanced stages of the disease.

Elon Musk slams judge's decision on gender ideology web pages, calls it "absurd"



MI News Service, Washington DC: After a federal judge ordered the restoration of web pages removed under President Trump's executive order on gender ideology, US Senator from Utah, Mike Lee criticised the decision, calling it an "unprecedented assault on legitimate presidential authority" and labelling it "absurd" for judges to dictate which government web pages should exist. Tesla CEO Elon Musk also responded to the senator's post, calling the development "truly absurd."

"These judges are waging an unprecedented assault on legitimate presidential authority, all the way down to dictating what webpages the government has. This is absurd," Lee's post read. Responding to Lee's post, Musk wrote, "Truly absurd. Judges as website editors!? We should at least ATTEMPT to fire this junky jurist. The notion of having a judge job for life, no matter how bad the judgments, is ridiculous! Enough is enough." This comes after US District Judge John Bates agreed to grant a temporary restraining order sought by the group, Doctors for America, which argued that its members used the websites when treating patients and conducting research. The nonprofit organization said that the removal of the webpages by the Department of Health and Human Services and its components violated federal law, CBS News reported.

"If Hamas doesn't return hostages...": Israeli PM Netanyahu warns to end ceasefire, resume "intense fighting"

MI News Service, Tel Aviv: Following Hamas' recent announcement that it will not release Israeli hostages citing a 'violation' of the ceasefire-hostage deal, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu threatened to pull out of the whole agreement if Hamas doesn't release the hostages within Saturday's deadline.

The Israeli PM also said that the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) forces have been mobilised inside and around the Gaza Strip, and will resume intense military action to 'finally defeat' Hamas if ceasefire falls. Sharing a post on X on Tuesday, the office of the Prime Minister of Israel said, "In light of Hamas's announcement regarding its decision to violate the agreement and not release our hostages, last night I instructed the IDF to amass forces inside - and surrounding - the Gaza Strip. This action is being carried out at this hour and will be completed very soon." In another post, it said, "The unanimous decision that I passed in the Cabinet is as follows: If Hamas does not return our hostages by Saturday noon, the ceasefire will end, and the IDF will resume intense fighting until the final defeat of Hamas."

"On Monday, United States President Donald Trump had said that Israel should end the ceasefire in Gaza and resume military action if all hostages are not released by the end of the week. Speaking with the reporters, Trump said that Israel might choose to disregard his ultimatum and the Saturday noon deadline, adding that he might speak to PM Netanyahu.

Aero India 2025: Defence Secy meets with leading global aerospace firms

MI News Service, Bengaluru: Amid the ongoing Aero India 2025 in Bengaluru, Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh held discussions with delegations from leading aerospace companies such as GE Aerospace, Safran, Leonardo S.p.A., Dassault Aviation, and BAE Systems.

These meetings focused on advancing strategic partnerships, technology transfer, and future opportunities in the aerospace and defence sectors. In a series of posts, the Ministry of Defence posted about Rajesh Kumar Singh's engagements during the show, the country's India's premier aerospace and defence exhibition. "Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh today met delegations from GE Aerospace and Safran in Bengaluru. The meetings focused on advancing #aerospace collaboration, strengthening strategic partnerships, and enhancing defence technology cooperation," the Ministry of Defence wrote on X.



Another post said, "Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh held a meeting with delegations from Leonardo S.p.A. and Dassault Aviation in Bengaluru. Discussions focused on strengthening defence collaborations, enhancing technology transfer, and exploring new opportunities in #aerospace and security sectors." "On the sidelines of #AeroIndia2025, Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh met the delegation from @BAESystemsInc Systems, a leading British aerospace company, to discuss collaboration in aerospace technologies and defence capabilities. The meeting focused on advancing innovation, strategic partnerships, and future opportunities in the sector," MOD wrote on X. Additionally, discussions with international defence officials, including from Nepal, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, and the Maldives, emphasised on strengthening of bilateral defence ties. "On the sidelines of Aero India 2025, Secretary Defence Production Shri Sanjeev Kumar met CTO, SAMI, Saudi Arabia Dr Mohammed AlKahtani and discussed defence industry cooperation between both countries," the Ministry of Defence wrote. "Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh carried out bilateral meeting with Nepal Defence Secretary Shri Rameshwar Dhangal on the sidelines of Aero India 2025 in Bengaluru on 11 Feb 2025 and reviewed range of bilateral defence aspects," another post said. In another post, MOD wrote, "On the sidelines of Aero India 2025, Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri @SethSanjayMP held productive discussions with Deputy Defence Minister, South Africa Maj Gen (Retd) Ban-tubonke Harrington Holomisa on 11 Feb in Bengaluru."



Army personnel carry the mortal remains of a soldier who was killed in a suspected IED blast near LoC, in Jammu's Akhnour.

New Goods Shed commissioned at Murshidabad to boost freight capacity - incentives announced for local entrepreneurs



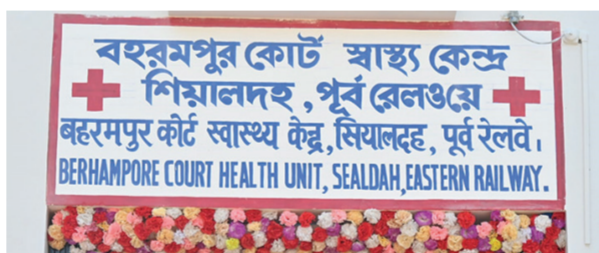
MI News Service, Kolkata: Indian Railways is relentlessly pursuing "Hungry for Cargo" policy to enhance Goods transportation from the current upto 45%. To achieve this steep target, Business Development Units are set up in Zonal & Divisional levels, which in turn has helped capturing new streams of goods like salt, sand, stone, agricultural products etc. The National Transporter is also focusing on commodities like coal, cement, iron ore etc. where Railways hold a bulk market share.

As a part of that endeavour, Eastern Railway, under the dynamic leadership of Shri Milind Deuskar, General Manager/ Eastern Railway, is accelerating "Hungry For Cargo" mission, making significant strides in enhancing freight loading capacity and improving customer service. In a major development in this direction, a new goods shed has been commissioned at Murshidabad today (12.02.2025) by Shri Deepak Nigam, DRM/Sealdah, which is designed to bolster logistics and trade in the region. The newly operational Murshidabad Goods Shed represents a substantial investment in infrastructure, strategically

positioned to meet the increasing demand for commodity transport. This ultra modern facility will handle a variety of goods, including cement, fertilizers, food grains etc., offering businesses a more viable and reliable shipping option. Critically, the new goods shed will alleviate pressure on the existing Cossimbazar Goods Shed, streamlining operations and significantly reducing transit times for customers. Today, DRM/Sealdah alongwith senior Divisional officials met with local businessmen and traders to promote the new facility and discuss its benefits.

This outreach effort is aimed at catering a larger customer base and stimulate economic growth in the Murshidabad area. In order to facilitate local merchants to utilize the Murshidabad Goods Shed, Sealdah Division has announced a special offer. Terminal charges, normally Rs. 20 per ton, will be completely waived for the first year of operation. This significant incentive is expected to encourage greater participation from local businessmen and drive economic activity within the region by promoting Rail Freight more accessible and efficient.

A new Health Unit for Railway Employees opened at Berhampore



MI News Service, Kolkata: A new health unit dedicated to the well-being of railway employees and their families was inaugurated at Berhampore court station today (12.02.2025). The facility will serve the needs of a large number of railway personnel and their families residing in Berhampore court station and the surrounding areas. The Inauguration ceremony was graced by Principal Chief Medical Director /Eastern Railway, Dr. Aniruddha Kirtania in august presence of Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah Sri Deepak Nigam along with Chief Medical Superintendent, Smt. Kalpana Mandal. Their presence underscored the commitment of the railway administration to the health and welfare of employees, their family and wards and also for retired employees.

The new health unit is equipped with state-of-the-art medical facilities and will be staffed by qualified medical professionals.

Taiwan detects 30 Chinese aircraft; says 2 US naval vessels sailed through Strait

MI News Service, Taipei: The Ministry of National Defense (MND) detected 30 People's Liberation Army (PLA) aircraft, seven People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) vessels, and one official ship detected by 6 am today (UTC+8) around Taiwan's territory. Of the 30 aircraft, 23 crossed the median line into Taiwan's northern, southwestern, and eastern Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ). Additionally, the MND said that two US naval vessels sailed through the Taiwan Strait from north to south on February 10. Sharing a post on X, MND wrote, "30 PLA aircraft, 7 PLAN vessels and 1 official ship around Taiwan were detected up until 6 a.m. (UTC+8) today.

Bangladesh Foreign Adviser likely to meet Jaishankar in Muscat next week

MI News Service, Dhaka: Bangladesh Foreign Affairs Adviser Md Touhid Hossain is likely to meet External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar in Muscat next week, foreign ministry officials from Bangladesh said. This bilateral meeting between the two leaders will be held on the sidelines of the 8th Indian Ocean Conference, according to the officials. "Our Foreign Affairs Adviser will hold a bilateral meeting with the India External Affairs Minister in Muscat on February 16," a Bangladesh Foreign Ministry Official told ANI.

Jaishankar and Touhid met in September last year in New York on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). "The Bangladesh interim government is uncomfortable with Sheikh Hasina's speech on social media while staying in India. Touhid Hossain may convey the concern of Bangladesh to the India External Affairs Minister during the upcoming meeting," the official said. Bangladesh Foreign Adviser might convey Bangladesh's political situation and interim govt desire to hold free, fair and credible election by December this year, the official said.

"A discussion is going on in the diplomatic channel whether a meeting between the Chief Adviser of Bangladesh interim government, Muhammad Yunus, and Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, can take place in April in Bangkok," the official said. The official further said that PM Modi and Chief Adviser Yunus may visit Thailand to participate in the BIMSTEC summit on April 4 in Bangkok. Also, the border guards of the two countries will meet on February 17 in Delhi.

Notably, the 8th Indian Ocean Conference is being organised by the India Foundation in association with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Oman on February 16-17 in Muscat, Oman. The theme of this year of the conference is Voyages to New Horizons of Maritime Partnership. The Indian Ocean Conference was started by India Foundation in 2016 in Singapore, with participation from 30 countries.

In August last year, a student-led movement ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina after weeks of protest and violence that resulted in over 600 deaths. Hasina, 76, fled to India, and an interim government led by Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus was subsequently formed. Indian Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri visited Bangladesh in December last year. India and Bangladesh agreed to maintain "good working relations" between two neighbours.

AI Action Summit calls for human-centric approach



MI News Service, Paris: The AI Action Summit in Paris underscored the need to reinforce a diverse AI ecosystem, emphasising a human-centric, rights-based, and ethical approach to artificial intelligence.

With a focus on safety, and security, the summit called for urgent action to address inequalities and support capacity-building in developing countries. A total of 58 countries, in addition to the European Union and African Union, are the signatories of the joint statement released following the Action Summit co-chaired by India and France. It is pertinent to note that two big names who refused to sign the statement are the United States and the United Kingdom. The statement on 'Inclusive and Sustainable Artificial Intelligence for People and the Planet' released after the Paris AI Summit stated, "This Summit has highlighted the importance of reinforcing the diversity of the AI ecosystem. It has laid an open, multi-stakeholder and inclusive approach that will enable AI to be human rights-based, human-centric, ethical, safe, secure and trustworthy while also stressing the need and urgency to narrow the inequalities and assist developing countries in artificial intelligence capacity-building so they can build AI capacities." The summit also acknowledged the significance of current initiatives on AI, such as the UN General Assembly Resolutions, the Global Digital Compact, and the work of organisations like UNESCO, the G7, and G20. "Acknowledging existing multilateral initiatives on AI, including the United Nations General Assembly

Resolutions, the Global Digital Compact, the UNESCO Recommendation on Ethics of AI, the African Union Continental AI Strategy, and the works of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the Council of Europe and European Union, the G7 including the Hiroshima AI Process and G20," the statement said. The summit also set some priorities, including - promoting AI accessibility, ensuring ethical development of AI, innovation, and making AI sustainable. "We have affirmed the following main priorities: Promoting AI accessibility to reduce digital divides; Ensuring AI is open, inclusive, transparent, ethical, safe, secure and trustworthy, taking into account international frameworks for all; Making innovation in AI thrive by enabling conditions for its development and avoiding market concentration driving industrial recovery and development; Encouraging AI deployment that positively shapes the future of work and labour markets and delivers opportunity for sustainable growth; Making AI sustainable for people and the planet; and Reinforcing international cooperation to promote coordination in international governance," the statement added. Prime Minister Modi is currently on a visit to France from February 10-12. He co-chaired the AI Action Summit with French President Emmanuel Macron in Paris on Tuesday. Following this, PM Modi will visit the United States on February 12-13 and hold a meeting with US President Donald Trump and other senior leaders of the US administration.

RPF Retrieves 17 Left-Behind Luggage Worth 7.79 Lakh



MI News Service, Kolkata: The Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Eastern Railway continues to play a pivotal role in ensuring the safety and security of passengers and their belongings across its jurisdiction. As part of the ongoing initiative "Operation Amanat," RPF successfully retrieved 17 pieces of left-behind luggage from railway premises in Howrah, Sealdah, Asansol, and Malda Divisions on 11.02.2025. The recovered

luggage contained valuable articles and cash, with a total estimated value of ₹7.78,908/- After proper verification, the luggage was returned to its rightful owners. Grateful passengers expressed their heartfelt thanks to the RPF and Eastern Railway for the safe return of their belongings, further strengthening trust in the railway's commitment to passenger security and welfare.

JHARKHAND GIRLS LOST SEMI ENCOUNTER AGAINST HARYANA

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RANCHI : Jharkhand women hockey team failed to qualify for gold medal race in the 38th Dehradun National Games in Hockey event as Haryana defeated Jharkhand by 2-1 on Wednesday.

Jharkhand women's hockey team could not reach the final after losing to its arch rival Hockey Haryana by 2-1 goals in the semi-final match*

Jharkhand team will now play its last match with Hockey Maharashtra tomorrow for the bronze medal

In the 38th National Games organized in Devbhoomi Haridwar, Uttarakhand from 28 January to 14 February 2025, Jharkhand women's hockey team could not win its semi-final match today and was deprived of making it to the final after losing to its arch rival Hockey Haryana by 2 to 0 goals.

In today's match, Haryana took a 2-0 lead over Jharkhand in the 08th minute and 26th minute till the interval, but Jharkhand team tried to make a comeback by scoring a goal through Albelia Rani in the 42nd minute after the interval, but Haryana's strong defense did not give

Jharkhand any chance to score more goals and did not let Jharkhand's dream of reaching the final come true. Now Jharkhand has to play a match with Hockey Maharashtra tomorrow for the bronze medal.



England's Gus Atkinson gets clean bowled by India's Axar Patel during the 3rd ODI match, at Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on Wednesday.

(ANI Photo)

Sanju Samson undergoes finger surgery, expected to be fit for IPL 2025

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Indian wicketkeeper-batter Sanju Samson underwent a surgery for his finger injury, but is likely to be fit ahead of the Indian Premier League (IPL) season this year, where he will captain Rajasthan Royals, reported ESPNcricinfo on Wednesday.

As per ESPNcricinfo, it is understood that Samson's recovery will take around a month after he went under the knife on Tuesday. This will give him enough time to recover for the IPL, starting from March 21-22-23 weekend. Samson picked up an injury during the fifth and final



T20I of the series against England this month, when he was hit by a delivery by Jofra Archer. He scored 16 runs in seven balls before being dismissed. Later in the second innings, Dhruv Jurel was called in to keep wickets and he took three catches in India's

150-run win.

The series was a horrific affair for Samson, as he could score just 51 runs in five innings at an average of 10.20, with a strike rate of 118.60. This came after a hot run against Bangladesh and South Africa, during which he scored three centuries.

This injury caused Samson to miss out on Kerala's Ranji Trophy quarterfinal against Jammu and Kashmir in Pune, which started on February 8.

His last ODI appearance was in December 2023, during which he made a century against South Africa away from home. He was

left out of Kerala's squad for the Vijay Hazare Trophy last year due to not being able to attend the preparatory camp leading up to the competition.

His next assignment will be leading Rajasthan Royals in the IPL 2025. Samson has been prolific as a captain for RR, helping his side make it to the playoffs last year, where they were defeated by Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in the second qualifier. He was team's best batter last year and ended up as fifth-highest run-getter, with 531 runs in 15 innings at an average of 48.27, five fifties and strike rate of 153.46.

Sonam, Neeraj, win at Rifle/Pistol National Selection Trials

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Railway shooter Sonam Uttam Maskar and Army shooter Neeraj Kumar emerged victorious on day four of the Rifle/Pistol National Selection Trials (Group A), currently underway in Delhi's Dr. Karni Singh Shooting range (DKSSR).

Sonam, who picked up three ISSF medals last year, shot 253.2 in the women's 10m air rifle T1 final to boss national champion Ananya Naidu of Maharashtra, who finished 1.3 behind in second, a press release by the National Rifle Association of India stated.

On the other hand, Neeraj Kumar caused an upset of sorts in the men's 25m rapid-fire pistol (RFP) T2 final, getting the better of the Paris Olympics duo of Anish and Vijayveer Sidhu, relegating them to silver and bronze positions respectively, according to a release from NRAI.

Earlier in the day, Sonam showcased good form in the 60-shot qualification round itself, topping it with a score of 633.9. Two Olympians, Elavenil Valarivan (2nd with 632.6) and Ayonika Paul (7th with 630.4) joined her in the final eight, along with national champ Ananya (5th with 632.1).

That did not deter Sonam who began the decider with a near-perfect 10.7 and never looked back. Ananya was the only shooter to threaten her dominance and was just 0.4 behind at the 16-shot stage before Sonam pulled away



for good. Maharashtra had a double podium as another in-form shooter Arya Rajesh Borse finished third.

In contrast, nothing seemed amiss in the men's RFP T2 qualification as undisputed India number one Anish topped it with a sublime 590, looking on course for a back-to-back trials win. Raajwardan Patil of Maharashtra was way behind in second with 584, while Vijayveer qualified third with a 580. Neeraj was fourth with a non-too impressive 579, according to the release.

In the final though, Neeraj shot like a man possessed, shooting a perfect 5 in each of the first three

series of five rapid-fire shots. Another perfect 5 in the sixth, meant he would not drop a point in half the final. He backed up a stellar showing with three scores of 4 to stun Anish, who ended three behind in 31. Vijayveer held on for bronze.

Double Olympic bronze medalist Manu Bhaker extended a stellar run of form on return to competitive shooting, staying in pole position after round one of qualification in the women's 25m pistol T2 event, with a brilliant 297 out of 300 in the first precision round. The second rapid-fire round and finals come up on Wednesday, the release added.

Gill reaches close to dethroning Babar in ICC ODI Men's Rankings

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Indian batter Shubman Gill moved to second place among batters in the latest ICC Men's ODI Rankings issued on Wednesday and is just five rating points away from topping number one ranked batter Babar Azam of Pakistan following his back-to-back half-centuries during the ongoing ODI series against England.

Azam maintains a narrow lead at the head of proceedings but a pair of India players are closing in following good efforts during the ODI series against England.

Gill gained one place to move to second on the latest ODI batter rankings and is just five rating points adrift of Babar after back-to-back half-centuries against England, while India skipper Rohit Sharma is within 13 rating points of the Pakistan right-hander following his splendid century in Cuttack, sitting at third spot, as per ICC.

With just one week remaining until the start of the Champions Trophy event in Pakistan and the UAE, it sets up a tight race for the premier position for batting in 50-over cricket during the eight-team tournament.

Fakhar Zaman (13th), Kane Williamson (29th), Jos Buttler (38th), Devon Conway (equal 40th) and Joe Root (51st) are among the big names to re-enter the rankings for ODI batters following a recent return to 50-over



cricket, while things are equally as tight near the top of the bowling ranks.

Just 18 rating points separates Rashid Khan, Maheesh Theekshana, Bernard Scholtz, Shaheen Afridi and Kuldeep Yadav inside the top five for ODI bowlers, while India duo Ravindra Jadeja (11th) and Mohammed Shami (13th) sit just outside the top 10 following a recent return against England.

Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championships 2025: India hammer Macau 5-0 to begin campaign in style

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Last edition's bronze medallists, India, kicked off their Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championships 2025 campaign with a thumping 5-0 victory over Macau in Group D at the Qingdao Sports Centre Conson Gymnasium in China on Wednesday.

The dominant victory also confirmed India's passage to the knockout stage. To determine the group winner, India will face two-time runners-up South Korea in the second Group D clash on Thursday, according to a press release from BAI. National Games mixed doubles gold medallists Sathish Karunakaran and Aadya Variyath began India's march with a 21-10, 21-9 win over Leong Lok Chong and NG Weng Chi in the tie's opening mixed doubles match.

Lakshya Sen then made it 2-0 with a 21-16, 21-12 victory over Pui Pang Fong in the men's singles, while Malvika Bansod then

confirmed India's passage to the knockout stage by beating Chan Hao Wai 21-15, 21-9 in the women's singles.

India fielded a scratch combination of MR Arjun and Chirag Shetty in the men's doubles and had no trouble defeating Macau's pairing of Pui and Vong Kok Weng 21-15, 21-9 to make it 4-0.

The women's doubles pairing of Gayatri Gopichand and Treasa Jolly completed the 5-0 score line with a 21-10, 21-5 triumph over Ng Weng Chi and Pui Chi Wa, applying the icing on the cake.

Result: India bt Macau 5-0 (Sathish Karunakaran/Aadya Variyath bt Leong Lok Chong/NG Weng Chi 21-10, 21-9; Lakshya Sen bt Pui Pang Fong 21-16, 21-12; Malvika Bansod bt Chan Hao Wai 21-15, 21-9; MR Arjun/Chirag Shetty bt Pui Chi Chon/Vong Kok Weng 21-15, 21-9; Gayatri Gopichand/Treasa Jolly bt NG Weng Chi/Pui Chi Wa 21-10, 21-5).



ICC CHAMPIONS TROPHY: TOM BANTON REPLACES INJURED JACOB BETHELL IN ENGLAND'S SQUAD

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : England have called up Tom Banton to replace young Jacob Bethell in the 15-member Champions Trophy, according to ICC.

Bethell was named in England's provisional squad but ended up sustaining a left hamstring strain during the first ODI defeat against India on February 6 in Nagpur.

Banton isn't like a like-for-like swap for left-handed all-rounder Bethell. Banton is a right-handed star who keeps the wicket. The 26-year-old wicketkeeper has earned a place in the squad after his scintillating performances during the recently concluded IIT20 in Dubai.

With the bat, Banton ripped apart the opposition bowlers and garnered 493 runs in 11 innings at an average of 54.77, including two centuries and three fifties.

Banton was also called in on Wednesday for England's ongoing third ODI against India in Ahmedabad. He made his ODI debut for the Three Lions back in 2020 and has 134 runs from six appearances.

Before being named in the England playing XI in Ahmedabad, Banton made his last appearance against Ireland in August 2020 at Southampton.

England isn't the only side that tweaked their squad before the Champions Trophy. On Tuesday night, India announced that star pacer Jasprit Bumrah has been ruled out of the Champions Trophy due to a lower back injury. Harshit Rana has been named to fill the absence of India's premier speedster. Another prominent change in India's 15-member squad includes youngster Yashvi Jaiswal being dropped for mystery spinner Varun Chakaravathy. Jaiswal was initially named in the provisional squad, while Chakaravathy was left aside.

The young opener made his ODI debut in the three-match series opener against England in Nagpur. After taking a stunning catch in the field, Jaiswal failed to deliver with the bat and flopped with a knock of 15(22).

"Domestic cricket is important, but freshness matters too": Shikhar Dhawan on BCCI's new guidelines

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Following India's disappointing 1-3 loss to Australia in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) introduced a 10-point disciplinary guideline aimed at addressing key concerns within the team. Among the directives, a major focus has been on players returning to domestic cricket to regain form. Former Indian cricketer Shikhar Dhawan shared his views on the matter, supporting the idea but also stressing the need for managing player workload effectively.

Dhawan agreed that domestic cricket plays a crucial role in helping players find form, particularly after an injury or poor performances.

"Absolutely, you should go and play," Dhawan said, speaking exclusively to ANI.

"If someone is coming back from an injury, they must prove their match fitness in domestic cricket. Take Shami

[Mohammed], for example. He played a full domestic season to prove his fitness before returning to international cricket. That match sharpness is crucial," he added.

However, he also pointed out the need to balance game time with adequate rest.

"If a player is out of form, then yes, domestic cricket is the best way to regain rhythm but if someone has just finished an intense international tour and only has a five-day gap before the next one, playing in that short break could affect his freshness. It's important to manage that carefully," he said.

The introduction of these new rules has also led to speculation about potential internal conflicts within the team, especially with Gautam Gambhir taking over as head coach. One of the guidelines emphasised better teamwork, fewer support staff, and restrictions on families travelling with the squad.

"This has happened before,"

Dhawan remarked.

"These rules have existed in the past as well. There have always been restrictions on how long family members can stay. After a certain period, they leave, and players focus solely on cricket," he added.

One of the most debated points in the new guidelines is the restriction on players' wives accompanying them during tours. While Dhawan acknowledged the importance of discipline, he also stressed the need for emotional balance.

"Cricketers live a very disciplined life. Having a companion is important because it helps a player relax in a comfort zone. If you're constantly in an intense mindset, you will burn out faster. Switching off is as important as switching on," Dhawan emphasised.

India's heavy defeat in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy cost them a place in the World Test Championship final.

