

Fire breaks out near Sealdah, no casualties reported

A massive fire broke out late at night near Sealdah Station, creating panic in the area. According to local sources, flames were first spotted around 10:30 PM near the fruit market adjacent to Platform No. 1. The fire department was alerted immediately, and within moments, five fire engines arrived at the scene to bring the situation under control. Sources indicate that the fire department received the first call at 10:45 PM. The fire is believed to have started in a shop before spreading to nearby eateries and other establishments. Given the area's congested layout, the risk... PG 3



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Indo-US trade ties to be doubled to USD 500 billion by 2030

MI News Service, Washington (DC) : In his maiden face to face meeting with US President Donald Trump after he assumed office for the second term this January, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emphasised on further strengthening of US-India bilateral ties, with Washington agreeing to supply F-35 fighter jets and more US oil to New Delhi.

Addressing a joint press conference after the hour long crucial meeting of the two leaders at the White House on Friday, Trump said that from 2025 itself the US will increase military sales to India by manifold and will eventually will also provide F-35 fighter jets.

He also said that the US will sell energy to India, and they will work on a trade deal. "We have reached an agreement that includes India importing more US oil and gas to narrow the trade deficit between the two countries", said President Trump.

The two leaders also agreed to discuss a trade deal, and announced that a new defence framework will be arrived at soon, adding that the US administration has approved extradition of 26/11 Mumbai terror attack accused Tahawwur Rana to India.

Prime Minister Modi said the United States and India have set a target of doubling their bilateral trade to USD 500 billion by 2030. "We have set ourselves the target of more than doubling our bilateral trade to attain USD 500 billion by 2030... our teams will work on concluding very soon, a mutually beneficial trade agreement."

He said "In order to ensure India's energy security, we will focus

on trade in oil and gas. Investment in energy infrastructure will also increase in nuclear energy. We also discussed increasing cooperation on small modular reactors."

"Starting this year, we'll be increasing military sales to India by many billions of dollars. We're also paving the way to ultimately provide India with the F 35 stealth fighters," Trump said, after the meeting with Modi.

Explaining about what transpired during the meet, the US President said: "As we deepen our defence partnership, we will also strengthen our economic ties and bring greater fairness and reciprocity to our trading relationship as a signal of good faith. Prime Minister Modi recently announced the reductions to India's unfair very strong tariffs that limit us access into the Indian market, very strongly. And really, it's a big problem."

"I must say, India imposes a 30 to 40 to 60 and even 70 per cent tariff on so many of the goods, and in some cases, far more than that. And as an example, a 70 per cent tariff on US cars going into India, which makes it pretty much impossible to sell those cars today, the US trade deficit with India is almost USD100 billion and Prime Minister Modi and I have agreed that we'll be getting negotiations to address the long running disparities that should have been taken care of over the last four years, but they didn't do that in the US India trading relationship," he added.

Battling for a level playing field, Trump said, "We can make up the trade difference very easily with the sale of oil and gas. LNG, of which we

have more than anybody in the world. The prime minister and I also reached an important agreement on energy that will restore the United States as a leading supplier of oil and gas to India. It will be, hopefully, their number one supplier."

The issue of illegal immigration also came up, as Prime Minister Modi said that this is not limited to India alone, and that they will work on cracking down on the "ecosystem" which is involved in "human-trafficking".

On Tahawwur Rana's extradition, Trump said, "I'm pleased to announce that my Administration has approved the extradition of one of the plotters and one of the very evil people of the world, and having to do with the horrific 2008 Mumbai terrorist attack to face justice in India. So he's going to be going back to India to face justice."

Modi also said that India and the US will stand strongly together in the fight against terrorism. "We agreed that in order to eliminate cross border terrorism, we need concrete actions," the PM said in reference to Rana's extradition.

Trump, too, spoke of nuclear cooperation. "In the ground breaking development for the US nuclear industry, India is also reforming its laws to welcome US nuclear technology, which is at the highest level, into the Indian market. This will bring safe, clean and affordable electricity to millions of Indians and tens of billions of dollars to the US civilian nuclear industry in India." On defence preparedness, Modi said,

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'MAGA, MIGA unite for MEGA partnership for prosperity,' says PM Modi after meeting Trump in US



In this handout image, Prime Minister Narendra Modi with US President Donald Trump during a meeting at the White House, in Washington, DC, USA.

MI News Service, Washington (DC) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi has coined a new term 'Make India Great Again' (MIGA) inspired by President Donald Trump's motto 'Make America Great Again' (MAGA) and said the two visions together form the "MEGA partnership for prosperity" and gives new scale to bilateral partnership.

His comments came during a joint press conference on Thursday with President Donald Trump, who hosted him for wide-ranging talks focusing on charting a new pathway for broadening the bilateral partnership, including in the areas of defence, energy, and critical technology. "Americans are familiar with President Trump's motto, Make America Great Again, or 'MAGA.' The people of India are also moving towards development at a fast pace by the determination of 'Viksit Bharat 2047' on the track of heritage and development," Prime Minister Modi said. "If I say in the language of

America, developed India means Make India Great Again, i.e. "MIGA". When the United States and India work together, i.e. "MAGA" plus "MIGA", the "MEGA" Partnership for prosperity is formed. And this mega spirit gives new scale and scope to our goals," he said during the joint conference. Modi coined the 'MIGA' acronym in the presence of Trump as the two leaders addressed the media after wide-ranging bilateral talks. During their meeting at the Oval Office, Trump warmly welcomed Modi with a long hand-shake, and a bear hug and said "We missed you a lot." He also called Modi "a great friend" and "a terrific man". In his remarks, Modi congratulated Trump for becoming the president for a second term and recalled the upward trajectory of India-US relations during the American leader's first stint at the White House. "I firmly believe that in your second term, we will work with more speed," Modi said. Modi

also mentioned that like Trump "keeps the national interest of the US supreme", "I will also keep the national interest of India at the top." "President Trump always keeps the national interest of the US supreme and like him, I also keep the national interest of India at the top of everything else," he added. Prime Minister Modi also posted on X, "President Trump often talks about MAGA. In India, we are working towards a Viksit Bharat, which in the American context translates into MIGA. And together, the India-USA have a MEGA partnership for prosperity!" "The Prime Minister then invoked the term 'MAGA', a moniker given by Trump which became a rallying cry during his election campaign that culminated in his remarkable comeback to power and a second term at the White House. Trump in his speeches and social media posts often used 'Make America Great Again' or 'MAGA' to reach out to his supporters. Also, President Trump presented a special gift - a coffee table book 'Our Journey Together' inscribed with the message: "Mr Prime Minister, you're great!", signed by Trump. The book features unforgettable moments of their friendship and shared milestones. It also has a compilation of photos, including Donald Trump and Melania Trump's visit to the Taj Mahal in 2020 and the Howdy Modi event when the Prime Minister visited Houston in 2019. The Prime Minister's visit comes nearly three weeks after the January 20 inauguration of Trump. Modi is also among the first few world leaders to visit the United States following the January 20 inauguration after Trump's victory in the US elections last November.

India is on the side of peace to end Russia-Ukraine conflict, says PM Modi in the US

MI News Service, Washington (DC) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi has welcomed US President Donald Trump's initiative to end the war in Ukraine, insisting that a solution to the three year long conflict cannot be found on the battlefield and that dialogue and diplomacy is the only way to bring peace.

After his wide-ranging talks with Trump at the White House on Thursday (Friday India time), Modi said India has not been neutral on the war and that it is on the side of peace.

"I have always been in close contact with Russia and Ukraine. I have met the leaders of both coun-

tries. The world somehow feels India has been neutral, but I want to reiterate that India has not been neutral," he said at a joint media briefing with Trump.

"In fact, India has been on the side of peace," he said, adding "I support Donald Trump's efforts towards finding a possible solution to end the war."

Modi also recalled his message to Russian President Vladimir Putin that it is not the era for war.

"When I met President Putin, I had even said that 'this is not the era for war'. I had also said that solutions cannot be found on the battlefield. They can only come when all parties

sit at the table for dialogue," the prime minister said. "India believes that the solution to the war can be found only when the issue is discussed in a forum where both countries (Russia and Ukraine) are in attendance."

On Wednesday, Trump said he held a lengthy and productive phone call with Putin and that they agreed to move forward towards negotiations to end the war in Ukraine.

The US president even said he and Putin "agreed to have our respective teams start negotiations immediately".

India has all along been pressing for resolution of the Ukraine conflict

through dialogue and diplomacy.

In his summit talks with Putin on July 9 last year in Moscow, Modi told the Russian leader that a solution to the Ukraine conflict is not possible on the battlefield and peace efforts do not succeed in the midst of bombs and bullets.

Weeks later he travelled to Ukraine and in his talks with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Modi said both Ukraine and Russia should sit together without wasting time to end the ongoing war since 2021 and that India was ready to play an "active role" to restore peace in the region.

Five militants arrested from three Manipur districts after President's rule



MI News Service, Imphal : A day after the President's Rule was imposed in the strife torn North-Eastern state of Manipur, five militants belonging to proscribed outfits have been arrested from the Imphal West, Imphal East and Thoubal districts, police said on Friday.

Two active cadres of the banned Kangleipak Communist Party (Noyon) were apprehended from Thangmeiband and Keishampat in Imphal West on Thursday, they said.

Police also arrested another member of the KCP (Noyon) from Khurai Thoudam Leikai in Imphal East. The arrested militant was "directly involved in extortion activities from the general public, government officials, hospitals, schools and petrol pumps", a police officer said. In another operation, two cadres of KCP (PWG) were also arrested from Sangaiyuphal in Thoubal district, he said adding that a large cache of sophisticated arms and ammunition have also been

recovered from the arrested militants.

Meanwhile, in another joint operation security forces have arrested four more militants from Imphal West and Tengnoupal districts. Both the militants of the banned outfit Kangleipak Communist Party (Apunba) were apprehended from Rupmahal Tank area in Imphal West district on Monday, police said.. They were involved in extortion activities in the Rupmahal Tank area.

In another operation, security forces arrested

two militants belonging to the banned outfits United National Liberation Front (Koireng) and PREPAK from boundary pillar 85 in Tengnoupal district.

Police apprehended a man from Kawnpui area in Churachandpur district for weapons trafficking on Sunday. One Colt 7.65mm revolver, one 9mm country-made pistol along with three magazines, 16 different ammunition and other articles were seized from his possession.

Earlier on Sunday Manipur Chief minister N Biren Singh stepped down from his post hours after his meeting with Union home minister Amit Shah following days of discord within the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) state unit and the threat of a no-confidence motion in the assembly.

Incidentally, nearly 21 months of ethnic violence in this land locked state saw the killing of at least 250 people and displacement of several thousand families besides many cases of arson and looting. Singh submitted his resignation to

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Relation with Bangladesh hopefully moves forward in constructive and stable way, remarks Foreign Secretary Misri

MI News Service, Washington DC : Prime Minister Narendra Modi had shared concerns over the recent developments in Bangladesh with US President Donald Trump during his meeting with him at the White House on Friday. Addressing a press briefing after a meeting between Prime Minister Modi and the US President, Indian Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri stated that the present political turmoil came up for discussions between the two leaders at the hour long meeting where they however, expressed hope that the situation in Bangladesh would gradually improve for the pursuit of "stable and constructive" relations between the two neighbouring countries.

"This was a subject that was discussed between the two leaders. And the Prime Minister shared his views and, indeed, his concerns with regard to recent developments in Bangladesh and how India sees the situation... We hope that the situation in Bangladesh will also move forward in a direction where we can pursue relations in a constructive and stable way with them. But there are concerns about that situation. And the Prime Minister shared those views with President Trump," the Foreign Secretary said in response to a reporter's question.

Earlier, while giving their remarks in the White House after meeting with PM Modi, President Trump stated that the situation in Bangladesh was not related to the US "deep state," noting that he would leave the matter to the Prime Minister.

"There was no role for our deep state... This is something that the Prime Minister has been working on for a long

time... Frankly, I've been reading about it, I will leave Bangladesh to the Prime Minister," Trump said.

In August 2024, a student-led movement ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in August 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. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri visited Bangladesh in December last year. India and Bangladesh agreed to maintain "good working relations."

Meanwhile, during his bilateral meeting with PM Modi on Thursday (local time) at the White House, Trump stressed that the ties between the two nations are going to get closer.

PM Modi told US President Donald Trump that he

is delighted to see him back at the White House for a second term and expressed confidence that the two countries will continue to advance the India-US strategic partnership with the "same bond, trust and excitement."

In his remarks, PM Modi said the people of India had also given him the opportunity to serve them for a third successive term, and this has happened after 60 years in the country's history.

This is Prime Minister Modi's first visit to the United States since President Donald Trump's inauguration of the second presidential term last month.

PM Modi is among the first few world leaders to visit the United States following the inauguration of President Trump and has been invited to visit the US barely three weeks after the new administration took office.

Bring all perpetrators of 26/11 Mumbai attacks to justice, says President Trump

MI News Service, Washington (DC) : With Pakistan announcing its approval for the much sought after extradition of Tahawwur Rana, a key plotter of the 26/11 Mumbai attacks, to India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump have asked Pakistan to "expeditiously" bring to justice all perpetrators of the dastardly act 'soon'.

The US president who hosted Modi at the White House on Thursday in their first bilateral meeting after Trump became the US president for a second term, said at a joint media briefing with Modi, that his administration had approved the extradition of one of the "very evil people" of the world to India.

"He is going to be going back to India to face justice," he said. "We're giving him back to India immediately" and more such extraditions could follow as we have quite a few requests (from New Delhi), the US president announced.

On his part, Modi thanked Trump for the decision.

"I am thankful to the President that he has decided to hand over the culprit who committed the mass killings in India in 2008, to India now. Indian courts will now take appropriate action," he said.

Modi said India and the US have stood "firmly together" in the fight against terrorism and both sides agreed that concerted action is necessary to "eradicate" cross-border terrorism. A joint statement issued at the conclusion of the two day visit of Prime minister Modi to the US said the two leaders committed to strengthening cooperation against terrorist threats from groups, including Al-Qaeda, ISIS, Jaish-e-Mohammad, and Lashkar-e-Tayyiba to prevent heinous acts like the Mumbai attacks. It said the leaders reaffirmed that the "global scourge" of terrorism must be fought and terrorist safe havens eliminated from every corner of the world. "They committed to strengthen cooperation against terrorist threats

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SAKSHAM 2024-25 Inaugurated in West Bengal: A Call for Energy Conservation

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Sanrakshankshamta Mahotsav (SAKSHAM) 2024-25 was formally inaugurated in West Bengal by Shri Parwez Ahmad Siddiqui, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Food & Civil Supplies, Govt. of West Bengal, at a grand event in Science City, Kolkata aimed at reinforcing the message of fuel conservation and sustainability.

Senior officials from IndianOil, GAIL, HPCL, BPCL and industry leaders joined the event.

Shri Parwez Ahmad Siddiqui in his keynote address, stressed the need to reduce fossil fuel dependency and shift towards renewable energy. He highlighted the historical evolution of energy, from steam power to fossil fuels, and emphasized how energy conservation directly impacts the environment and economy. He also underscored the critical role of children in spreading awareness, calling them ambassadors of change in the movement toward sustainability.



Shri Atul Priyadarshi, CGM (RS), IndianOil, spoke on behalf of the State Level Coordinator, and shared details of the extensive activities planned under SAKSHAM across West Bengal. He reaffirmed IndianOil's commitment to promoting fuel efficiency and clean energy adoption. Representatives from GAIL, HPCL, and BPCL

also addressed the gathering, outlining their initiatives to embrace sustainable and greener energy solutions.

The event's highlight was the flagging off of a Walkathon and a Campaign Van by the Chief Guest, symbolizing the collective pledge towards fuel conservation. The campaign van will travel

across the state, engaging communities and spreading awareness about energy conservation.

Over 300 participants, including students, teachers, industry officials, channel partners and locals actively took part in the event, demonstrating their enthusiasm and commitment to a greener future.

TRSL secures Rs 537 cr order from Adani Cement

MI News Service, Kolkata: Titagarh Rail Systems Limited (TRSL) has secured a ₹537.11 crore order from Ambuja Cements and ACC Limited, subsidiaries of Adani Cement. The contract involves manufacturing 16 BCFCM rakes with BVCM wagons, enhancing TRSL's freight rolling stock portfolio.

These specialized wagons will facilitate efficient fly ash and cement transportation. TRSL will execute the order between January 2026 and March 2027, using its advanced manufacturing facilities. This deal further cements TRSL's expertise in customized freight solutions, ensuring high-quality, cost-effective transport for key industrial materials.

Bangladeshi Barge breaks apart following collision in river

MI News Service, South 24 Pgs: A Bangladeshi cargo barge, MV Banglar Shanti, carrying fly ash from Haldia to Bangladesh, has collided with a reef near Ghoramara island with the Hooghly River and is currently sinking. The incident occurred when the barge, loaded with fly ash, was unable to adjust its direction and hit the reef, resulting in significant damage.

Fortunately all 13 sailors on board were rescued by the Sagar police station, who responded promptly to provided with food and shelter at a nearby cyclone center. A sinking barge has raised concerns among local residents and fishermen, who fear that the fly ash could contaminate the river, causing environmental pollution and disrupting their livelihoods. The district administration has alerted the Kolkata Port Authority and the Indian agent of the barge has been instructed to take immediate action to mitigate the situation. The incident bears similarities to a previous accident four years ago, where a Bangladeshi barge loaded with fly ash sank in the Hooghly River, resulting in the rescue of eight crew members near Kulpi in South 24 Parganas.

Alleged Children Exploitation Case Uncovered

MI News Service, Baruiipur: A disturbing case of child abuse has come to light in the Baruiipur police station area, where a minor girl was allegedly raped repeatedly by a neighbor youth over a period of four months. The accused who threatened to throw acid on the girl's face and kill her parents is she spoke out, also circulated nude pictures of the victim. The girl's parents who work outside the home were unaware of the abuse until home accused made the nude photos viral. The girl a class IX student was allegedly harassed by the accused on the streets who would threaten to kill her and her parents. The victims family filed a complaint with the Baruiipur police station, leading to the arrest of the accused youth. The police have registered a case under the POCSO against the accused. In a statement, the minor victim recounted the horrific experience, saying, "He threatened to throw acid in my face. He said that if I told anyone, he would kill my parents too. I could not say anything until now out of fear." The victim's mother expressed her outrage, stating, "We want strict punishment for the young man. He would come to our house when my daughter was alone, threaten to kill her, and rape her. He also sent nude photos of my daughter to his friends and our relatives." The accused is set to be produced in the Baruiipur Subdistrict Court. This case highlights the need for increased awareness and vigilance to prevent child abuse and ensure justice for victims.

Job Fair for Ex-Servicemen

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: Directorate General of Resettlement, Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, Ministry of Defence organised a Job Fair for Ex-Servicemen on 14 Feb 2025 at Bhubaneswar to bring the Ex-Servicemen seeking re-employment and the Employment providers on a common platform. The event received an overwhelming response from the Ex-Servicemen from Orissa & nearby regions. 850 plus Ex-Servicemen from Army, Navy and Airforce registered for seeking employment. 46 companies participated in the Job Fair offering 1500 plus Job Vacancies & 100 Plus entrepreneurship opportunities.



The shortlisted ESM would be interviewed/screened and subsequently employed in appointments ranging from Senior Supervisors, Mid/Senior level managers to Strategic Planners and Project Directors. The event was beneficial for both Corporates and the Veterans. The veterans got a platform to showcase their technical and administrative prowess acquired during their years in service and the Corporates benefitted by screening the group of experienced, disciplined and trained Ex-Servicemen. Entrepreneurship models were also presented by various Companies during the Job Fair. The Job Fair was inaugurated by Maj Gen SBK Singh, SM, DG(R), Directorate General Resettlement along with Brig BKS Basera, VSM, *Secy KSB & Cmde Ghanshyam Ojha (Retd), Dir RSB.

Dr Prabodh Mohanty, President, Utkal Chamber of Commerce, was the Corporate Guest of Honour. ADG, DRZ (East) was also present at the event. Job Fair is a DGR initiative providing Ex-Servicemen with second career options.

Cancer awareness prog

MI News Service, Kolkata: Cancer awareness campaigns were recently held across Kolkata at different public and private hospitals. B P Poddar hos-

pital recently held a seminar regarding this. According to the cancer experts there, advanced cancer care treatment is always available here in Kolkata. Time-

ly check-ups, screenings and specific tests at regular intervals help in fighting against cancer. Leaving smoking and alcohol consumption habits, including avoiding junk foods can also help fighting against cancer, said the experts.

Forum for Film Studies & Allied Arts to host Intl Film Fest

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Forum for Film Studies and Allied Arts, in collaboration with NEZ Foundation, is set to host an international film festival from February 16 to 20, 2025, at Satyajit Ray Auditorium, ICCR, Kolkata. Forum's Secretary R.N Banerjee informed that the festival will feature 16 feature films and five short films from countries including Finland, Venezuela, France, Iran, Mexico, Israel, Poland, Belgium, Brazil, the USA, Germany, Australia, Sri Lanka, and India. Three

screenings will be held daily between 2:45 PM and 9:00 PM.

The inaugural ceremony, scheduled on February 16, will be graced by Aparajita Adhya, an eminent Bengali actor. Poet Sriyaji will be the Chief Guest, while diplomats and cultural leaders, including Iiris Maata (Embassy of Finland), Goutam De (ICCR), and Samik Bandyopadhyay (Forum Vice-President), will attend as Guests of Honour.

The festival opens with Agra (2023), directed by Kanu Behl, which premiered at Cannes. High-

lights include Ashis Avikunthak's Vidhastha (Rotterdam International Film Festival) and Sudeep Ranjan Sarkar's Grassan (World Premiere). Other notable screenings include Venezuelan films Los Herederos and El Salto de Los Angeles (Asian Premieres) and Asoka Handagama's Alborada, exploring Pablo Neruda's time in Sri Lanka.

The festival closes on February 20 with the screening of Grassan, attended by Venezuelan Ambassador Cpaya Rodriguez and First Secretary Alfredo Caldera.

Medical break through at Burdwan Medical Collage

MI News Service, Burdwan: In a remarkable feat of medical ingenuity, a team of doctors at Burdwan Medical College Hospital has successfully removed a pen cap lodged in the airway of a 7-year-old child using a novel, minimally invasive procedure. This pioneering approach avoided the need for open lung surgery, which would have posed significant risks to the child's health.

On February 7, the child, Babul Hossain, was rushed to Arambagh Medical College after accidentally inhaling a pen cap, which became stuck in his trachea. After initial attempts to remove the foreign body failed, the child was transferred to Burdwan Medical College Hospital. A team of doctors, led by Dr. Ritam Roy, Dr. Asim Sarkar, Dr. Shubhdeep Sarkar, and Dr. Vikas Vishy, devised an innovative plan to remove the pen cap using a nasal endoscope. By making a puncture in the trachea, the doctors were able to successfully retrieve the pen cap without resorting to open lung surgery.

This groundbreaking procedure marks a significant milestone in medical science,

as it demonstrates a new, less invasive approach to removing foreign bodies from the airway. The medical team is considering publishing their innovative technique in a medical journal, which could potentially benefit patients worldwide.

According to Burdwan Medical Superintendent Tapas Kumar Ghosh, "This type of surgery is a first for Burdwan Hospital, and we are proud of our team's innovative approach, which has saved the child's life without resorting to open lung surgery."

Special Lecture organised by Department of Sanskrit, Utkal University on Concept of Brahma and Creation

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: Department of Sanskrit, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar organized a special session on Shrii Shrii Anandamurti's contribution to concept of Brahma and creation on Feb 14th. Dr. Manoranjan Senapati, HoD Department of Sanskrit, introduced Acharya Divyachetananda Avadhuta, Central Public Relations Secretary, Ananda Marga Pracharak Samgha and also briefed multifarious contribution of Shrii Shrii Anandamurti.

Acharya Divyachetananda Avadhuta explained the concept of Brahma saying that the combination of Shiva and Shakti is Brahma. Here Brahma means the entity which is great and makes all other entities great. Relation between Shiva (Purush) and Shakti (Prakriti) is just like a sheet of paper, whiteness of milk and thermal value of fire, which can not be separated. He further elaborated that there are two stages of Brahma; Nirguna Brahma (non qualified) and Sadguna Brahma (qualified).

The fulfillment of Shiva and Shakti is in the process of centrifugal (Sanchar) and centripetal (PratiSanchar). Here centrifugal movement means extroverted phase of creation, from subtle to crude or from one to many. Where as centripetal means introverted phase of creation from crude to subtle or from many to one. He further said that in this cosmic factor there are two forces; centrifugal (Avidya Maya) means force of ignorance and centripetal (Vidya Maya) means force of knowledge.

Later, he highlighted that there are three evolution process which comes within the unit structure. First is physical force emanated from physical clash, second is psychic force resultant of psychic clash and third is spiritual force emanated from attraction of great.

This talk was organized by Department of Sanskrit on a very short notice. Prof. Braj-sundar Mishra, Dr. Niranjana Sabar, Dr. Dharmendra Das were present during session along with 30+ students.

In Indian philosophy there are four elements; ontology, ethics, epistemology and metaphysics. Shrii Shrii Anandamurti has also enriched Indian philosophy by adding two more elements; spiritual cult (meditation) and psychology.*

10th Pranab Rath Yatra and Centennial Celebration of Har Guru Shankar Shiva Shambhu

MI News Service, South 24 Pgs: On the occasion of the 130th birth anniversary of Yugacharya Srmat Swami Pranavanandaji Maharaj, the 10th Pranab Rath Yatra was held in the Rabindra Gram Panchayat area under Dhola Hat Police Station, South 24 Parganas district. Organized by the rural service center Manmathpur Pranab Temple of Bharat Sevashram Sangha, the Rath (chariot) traveled through several nearby villages. Swami Pranavananda Maharaj was worshipped as the

main deity of the Rath, with Lord Shiva depicted as the charioteer.

This colorful Rath Yatra included children's Bratachari performances, karate displays, women drummers, tribal dances, Bengali and English bands, and kirtan groups. Participants also dressed as living deities, creating an atmosphere of great enthusiasm.

As part of the centennial celebration of the sacred name "Om Haro Guru Shankar Shiva Shambhu," 130 mothers wore garlands with

the sacred name and participated in the procession. Devotees and disciples, along with large crowds of people on both sides of the road, gathered to touch the chariot and its ropes as it passed.

The Rath procession began at Manmathpur Hindu Milan Temple and traveled through areas such as Bashtala Bazaar, Manasa Temple, and Manmathpur Pranabananda Vidya Mandir before returning to Manmathpur Pranab Temple, covering a distance of approximately 5 kilometers.

MASA Awards 2025 – A Grand Celebration of Excellence in MSMEs & Startups



MI News Service, Kolkata: The MSME & Startup Accelerator Awards (MASA) 2025 – Kolkata Edition was a night of inspiration, honoring exceptional entrepreneurs and industry leaders at Silpo Sadan, Camac Street. The event brought together visionaries, business pioneers, and changemakers, recognizing 10 outstanding startups that are shaping the future of India's business landscape.

The prestigious evening was graced by eminent dignitaries, including IAS Rajesh Pandey (Chief Guest), Sushil Ji Poddar (President, MASA), Shri Rajnish Kumar (Head of MSME Segment, SBI), CS Mamta Binani, Pragna Jhunjhunwala (program Coordinator- MASA), Vibhor Tandon (Vice President, MASA), Praveen Khemka, Manish Goyal, Om

Prakash Jhajharia, Ina Bose, Ira Saha, Ekta Khemka, guest of honors Mr. C. K. Varadarajan, Mr. J. L. Bardia, Mr. N. Kapadia, Mr. S. K. Choraria, Mr. Pradeep Luhariwala, Mr. Prakash Sashidhan, Mr. Rajesh Bhatia, and Mr. G. D. Bagri.

Their invaluable insights and presence added grandeur to the event, inspiring the next generation of entrepreneurs.

Awardees Who Made an Impact:

The MASA Awards 2025 recognized exceptional business leaders and startups for their innovation, resilience, and excellence:

Ravi Gupta, Director, RG Cellulars Pvt. Ltd. – Excellence in Retail & Distribution

Varun Biyani, Co-Founder, SuperProcure – Digital Transformation in Supply Chain

Vibhor Agrawal – Leadership in EPC Industry

CEO Alok Kumar, Thore Network – AI & Technology Innovation

SMIFS Limited – Excellence in Financial Services

CA Rajev Harlalka, R Harlalka & Co. – Pioneering Compliance & Business Support Services

Arun Kothari, Manilal & Brothers Group – Industrial Innovation & Growth

Pawan Agarwal, Eko Infratech – Infrastructure & Urban Development Excellence

Susmita Dhar – Contributions to the Art & Cultural Sector

An Evening of Knowledge & Collaboration: The MSME & Startup Accelerator Conclave featured an engaging panel discussion on 'Fuelling MSME Growth: Finance, Technology & Management as Pillars', where industry experts shared insights on sustainable business growth and leveraging technology.

The event was made possible by the generous support of State Bank of India (SBI), Skyking, and other esteemed partners like CWBTA, who played a key role in making this vision a reality.

A Grand Conclusion with New Opportunities:

The evening concluded with an exciting lucky draw, a heartfelt vote of thanks, and a networking session, fostering meaningful connections and future collaborations. MASA Awards 2025 was not just a celebration—it was a movement towards empowering businesses and fostering innovation.

Govt Hospital doctor allegedly forces patient's family to clean vomit; Inquiry committee formed

MI News Service, Shantipur: A man had taken her minor daughter to a Government hospital for treatment. But the ill minor vomited in hospital. Allegedly the on duty physician compelled the man to clean her vomit. It happened at Shantipur State General hospital in Nadia on early on Friday. Subsequently the man submitted a written complaint addressing hospital super on Friday. The hospital Super Tarak Barman has formed a 3 member- committee to investigate the matter.



was on duty at the time. He allegedly forced the minor's father to clean the vomit.

While the doctor had told him to clean the vomit, he stated that he would do that after completion of injection of her daughter. Shil said, "Then I took my daughter Snigdha to take injection. As she, who had been suffering from fever, nausea and loose motion, was crying after injection, I took her to the open

space. Soon doctor sent a person to call me to clean the vomit and the person supplied me cottons to clean it. I got compelled to do so. The behaviour of the doctor was very bad."

A local sources said that the video of the incident gone viral. In the video, the minor's father was seen bending down in front of the doctors' table and cleaning the floor. The doctor is heard saying in the video that there was no cleaning staff in the hospital at that time. So the minor's father was asked to clean it.

The hospital management has come under criticism as the incident spread on social media.

The minor's father alleged that he was harassed in the hospital. Samir claimed that his honor was also hurt. He had submitted a written complaint in the complaint box addressing the Super on Fri-

day morning. The supor got it on Friday and stepped up.

In this regard, Shantipur State General Hospital Superintendent Tarak Barman stated that after receiving the complaint he has formed an inquiry committee to inquire the matter. The committee will submit the report within 3 days. Side by side the doctor Tanmay Sarkar was showcased. He more said, "If this incident is true, it is condemnable. However we will investigate the matter based on the complaint. If the truth of the incident comes to light, then we will take appropriate action."

However, according to sources, the accused doctor Tanmay claimed that false allegations were being made against him. The doctor said, "He (the minor's father) expressed his interest in cleaning the vomit himself. I did not force him to clean it in any way."

Soma Mukherjee honoured with International Award at 6th World Meet in Indonesia

MI News Service, Kolkata: Soma Mukherjee (48) from Kolkata, West Bengal, was honored with the prestigious 6th World Meet 2025, held in Jakarta, Indonesia. The event, hosted at Tavia Heritage Hotel, brought together participants, royal guests, and dignitaries from across the globe. Soma Mukherjee, who has previously won several awards in Dubai and India, received this esteemed recognition for her outstanding contributions.



The 6th World Meet 2025 was organized by the World Martial Artist Council under the leadership of HRH Prince Dr. M.A. Ali and supported by the Padjadaran Kingdom Nusantara Land, Indonesia. The event, known for promoting peace, humanity, and cultural exchange, witnessed participation from over 50

countries, including the USA, UK, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Italy, Argentina, Singapore, Malaysia, and many more. The presence of kings, queens, princes, and princesses from various provinces of Indonesia added grandeur to the occasion.

Speaking about Soma Mukherjee's achievement, Tony Taylor from USA, Vice President of World Meet, stated, "It is always a proud moment when individuals

like Soma Mukherjee receive global recognition. Her dedication and hard work serve as an inspiration to many. The World Meet is honored to celebrate such talented individuals who contribute towards a better and more connected world."

HRH Princess Mufida Rayya Mubarak from Indonesia, Chairman of the 6th World Meet 2025, also praised Soma Mukherjee's accomplishments, saying, "The purpose

of this event is to recognize those who have made an impact in their respective fields. Soma Mukherjee's contributions have been remarkable, and this award is a testament to her achievements."

Indo-US trade ties to be...

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"America plays an important role in India's defence preparedness as strategic and trusted partners, we are moving forward actively towards joint development, joint production and transfer of technology in the times to come... new technologies and equipment will enhance our capacities."

He added that they have "decided to launch the Autonomous systems industry Alliance and a defence cooperation framework for the next decade will be prepared. Defence interoperability, logistics, repair and maintenance will also be its key components." Stating that the 21st century is a technology-driven one and close cooperation in the area between countries that believe in democratic values can give new direction, strength and opportunities to the entire humanity, Modi said that "India and the US will jointly work in areas of artificial intelligence, semiconductors, quantum biotechnology and several other technologies today. We also agreed on TRUST, which stands for 'transforming relationships utilizing strategic technology'."

He added that their focus will be on "establishing strong supply chains for critical minerals, advanced materials and pharmaceuticals". "We have also decided to launch a recovery and processing initiative for strategic minerals like lithium and rare earths," he added.

On space cooperation, he said, "We have had close cooperation with the US in the area of space, the Nisar satellite, developed with mutual cooperation between ISRO and NASA, will soon

be flying into space on an Indian launch vehicle."

Modi, when asked about whether the action on the Adani Group was discussed with Trump, said, "Firstly, India is a democratic country, and our culture and our philosophy means that the entire world is a family. Every Indian is my own family member. And when it comes to such personal matters, two leaders of two countries will not get together on that topic and discuss anything on an individual matter."

On the Indo-Pacific, he said that "partnership between India and the US strengthens democracy and strengthens democratic values and systems. We will work together to enhance peace, stability and prosperity in the Indo Pacific, the Quad will play a special role in this. During the Quad summit scheduled to be held in India this year, we will expand cooperation in new areas with our partner countries." He also mentioned the India-Middle-East Europe Economic Corridor, "under the IMEC and I2U2, we will work together for the development of economic corridors and in the area of connectivity," he said.

Trump said, "we agreed to work together to help build one of the greatest trade routes in all of history. It will run from India to Israel to Italy and onward to the United States, connecting our partners by ports, railways and undersea cables. Many, many undersea cables. It's a big development. It's a lot of money going to be spent, and we spent some, but we're going to be spending a lot more in order to stay advanced and stay the leader."

Five militants arrested from...

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Bangladesh was not related to the US "deep state," noting that he would leave the matter to the Prime Minister.

"There was no role for our deep state... This is something that the Prime Minister has been working on for a long time... Frankly, I've been reading about it, I will leave Bangladesh to the Prime Minister," Trump said.

In August 2024, a student-led movement ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in August 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. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri visited Bangladesh in December last year. India and Bangladesh agreed to maintain "good working relations." Meanwhile, during his bilateral meeting with PM Modi on Thursday (local time) at the White House,

Trump stressed that the ties between the two nations are going to get closer.

PM Modi told US President Donald Trump that he is delighted to see him back at the White House for a second term and expressed confidence that the two countries will continue to advance the India-US strategic partnership with the "same bond, trust and excitement."

In his remarks, PM Modi said the people of India had also given him the opportunity to serve them for a third successive term, and this has happened after 60 years in the country's history. This is Prime Minister Modi's first visit to the United States since President Donald Trump's inauguration of the second presidential term last month. PM Modi is among the first few world leaders to visit the United States following the inauguration of President Trump and has been invited to visit the US barely three weeks after the new administration took office.

46 Arrested in 'Operation Cyber Shakti'

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a major success against cyber crime, the West Bengal Police has arrested 46 cyber fraudsters in a 15-day-long operation named 'Operation Cyber Shakti'. The arrested individuals are believed to be associated with the infamous Jamtara gang from Jharkhand, a syndicate notorious for online frauds. Authorities have termed this one of the biggest cyber crime crackdowns in the state's history.

ADG (South Bengal) Supratim Sarkar revealed that over the past month, more than 250 cyber fraud complaints were filed in districts like Birbhum, Asansol-Durgapur Police Commissionerate, Chandannagar, East Burdwan, and Hooghly. "The most common

scam involved tricking people with fake digital arrest notices," said Sarkar. "Other scams included low-interest loan offers, fake airport job recruitment, and reopening of lapsed insurance policies."

To tackle the growing menace, a special 10-member team led by DIG Cyber Crime Wing Amit Kumar Rathore was formed. The operation first saw success in Birbhum's Khayrasol police station area, where three cyber fraudsters were arrested. Their interrogation led to the revelation of links with the Jamtara gang, prompting further crackdowns.

Over the next 15 days, police apprehended a total of 46 fraudsters, who were collectively responsible for scams worth several crores of rupees.



(Right) A fire breaks out in the Sealdah area of Kolkata on Thursday night. (Left) Shopkeepers and residents inspect the shops and surrounding area after the fire is brought under control in Sealdah, Kolkata, on Friday.



Fire breaks out near Sealdah, no casualties reported

MI News Service, Kolkata: A massive fire broke out late at night near Sealdah Station, creating panic in the area. According to local sources, flames were first spotted around 10:30 PM near the fruit market adjacent to Platform No. 1. The fire department was alerted immediately, and within moments, five fire engines arrived at the scene to bring the situation under control. Sources indicate that the fire department received the first call at 10:45 PM. The fire is believed to have started in a

shop before spreading to nearby eateries and other establishments. Given the area's congested layout, the risk of further spread remains high. Firefighters are using hose pipes from the bridge to spray water and bring the situation under control.

As the fire spread rapidly, panic ensued among locals and shopkeepers. The cause of the fire remains unknown. Although five to six shops have already been affected. The fire department operated in emergency mode, and the

number of fire engines at the site were increased to ten. As per report, initially, fire engines were stationed near the bridge over Sealdah Station before firefighters deployed large pipes to douse the flames. As soon as the fire was reported, Muchipara police and railway police rushed to the spot. So far, no casualties or injuries have been reported.

Eyewitnesses claim that the fire initially broke out in a tea shop, quickly spreading to adjacent stalls. The sudden outbreak

led to a state of high tension in the area. While locals were seen fleeing for safety, many residents and shopkeepers also stepped in to assist the firefighters.

Authorities are investigating the cause of the fire. Meanwhile, the fire department and police have taken precautionary measures by evacuating nearby areas to prevent any injuries or further property damage. The situation remains tense as firefighting operations continue late into the night.

Bring all...

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from groups, including Al-Qaeda, ISIS, Jaish-e-Mohammad, and Lashkar-e-Tayyiba in order to prevent heinous acts like the attacks in Mumbai on 26/11 and the Abbey Gate bombing in Afghanistan on August 26, 2021," it said.

Recognising a shared desire to bring to justice those who would harm our citizens, the US announced that the extradition to India of Rana has been approved, according to the statement.

"The leaders further called on Pakistan to expeditiously bring to justice all other perpetrators of the 26/11 Mumbai, and Pathankot attacks and ensure that its territory is not used to carry out cross-border terrorist attacks," it said.

On November 26, 2008, a group of 10 Pakistani terrorists went into a rampage, carrying out a coordinated attack on a railway station, two luxury hotels and a Jewish centre, after they sneaked into India's financial capital using the sea route in the Arabian sea.

As many as 166 people were killed in the nearly 60-hour assault that sent shockwaves across the country and even brought India and Pakistan to the brink of a war.

The two leaders also pledged to work together to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems and to deny access to such weapons by terrorists and non-state actors, the statement noted.

Body recovered from apartment in Anandapur

MI News Service, Kolkata: A man's body was recovered from a residential apartment in Anandapur's Nonadanga area, creating a stir in the locality. The deceased, identified as a 35-year-old man named Ligar, was found inside a flat in the Bhai Bhai Colony housing complex on Thursday night around 9:30 PM.

Upon receiving information from local residents, who reported a foul odor, the Anandapur police arrived at the scene. They discovered Ligar's lifeless body in an unconscious state. According to police sources, the body had already begun to decompose.

Preliminary reports suggest that the deceased was known to be addicted to substances. However, the exact cause of death remains unknown at this stage. Authorities have already initiated a post-mortem examination, and further investigation is underway to determine the circumstances leading to his death.

State forms expert committee to address tilting buildings in Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata residents are increasingly anxious as reports of tilting buildings emerge across the city. The issue has placed the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) and local councillors under scrutiny, while also affecting the state government's public image. Investigations reveal that in many cases, the land quality is poor, while in others, illegal construction is a significant factor. Many homebuyers, after investing their savings in apartments, now find themselves in a difficult situation. To tackle this crisis, the West Bengal government has formed a high-level Building Committee comprising experts from IIT Kharagpur. This move signals the Mamata Banerjee administration's strict stance against unauthorized construction. According to sources from Nabanna, this state-level Building Committee will now oversee all key decisions regarding building safety and regulation.

The Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Department has already issued a notification regarding tilting buildings and unauthorized construction. The government has formed an eight-member expert panel, chaired by Arup Ratan Mukhopadhyay, Additional Secretary of the Department. The committee includes: The department's Law Officer, The Chief Town Planner, The Chief Engineer of the Municipal Engineering Directorate, Biplab Kanti Sengupta, Former Head of the Department of Architecture and Regional Planning, IIT Kharagpur and Two additional expert architects. To ensure thorough assessments, the Superintending Engineer of the Planning Circle (South) of the Municipal Engineering Directorate has been appointed as the Member Convenor of this committee. Under the West Bengal Municipal Building Rules (2007), any construction deviating from the approved building plan can now be referred to this expert committee by the Board of Councillors of the respective municipal-

ity. The committee will examine unauthorized and unapproved buildings and determine necessary actions to address safety concerns. Additionally, it will provide technical guidance to municipal commissioners, executive officers, and technical officers, who may be called for discussions as required.

The issue of tilting buildings and illegal construction has already stirred political debates in West Bengal. Even Mayor Firhad Hakim faced public complaints during a recent "Talk to Mayor" session regarding unauthorized constructions. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has also expressed her displeasure over the matter, instructing the Mayor to find a resolution.

In response, Firhad Hakim has held multiple meetings with officials and declared that such incidents will not be tolerated. The formation of this state-level expert committee marks a significant step towards ensuring safer and legally compliant urban development in Kolkata.

Elderly woman's house robbed, investigation underway



Police at the crime scene of robbery at Madhumita Mitra's house, at CR Avenue.

MI News Service, Kolkata: A 68-year-old woman living alone in Central Kolkata fell victim to a robbery on Wednesday night, with the miscreants fleeing with 15,000 in cash and a substantial amount of gold jewellery. The incident has raised concerns about senior citizen safety in the city.

The robbery took place at the residence of Madhumita Mitra (68), a resident of 326/A

Central Avenue. She lives alone, assisted by a caretaker and a domestic help, while her daughter resides in Bengaluru. A few days ago, Mitra suffered a femur fracture after a fall at the airport and is currently bedridden. According to sources, the robbery occurred between 11:30 PM and midnight. The caretaker rang the doorbell, prompting the elderly domestic help to remotely unlock the

main gate. As the caretaker entered the premises, an armed intruder forced his way inside, threatening the elderly woman and looting valuables before escaping. Police have launched a detailed investigation, questioning the caretaker and domestic help to determine their potential involvement. The domestic help, during interrogation, stated, "The caretaker asked for water, so I opened the gate using the remote. After that, I fell asleep and know nothing more." Police officials are reviewing CCTV footage from the area and interrogating those involved. The incident has sparked concerns over senior citizen safety in Kolkata. Residents in the area have expressed alarm, urging authorities to strengthen security measures to prevent such crimes in the future.

Three convicted, sentenced to life imprisonment in 2017 gang rape and robbery case

MI News Service, Kolkata: After eight years of legal proceedings, justice has finally been served in the 2017 Budgebudge gang rape and robbery case. On Thursday, the Second Fast-Track Court in Alipore, presided over by Judge Ayan Majumdar, sentenced three accused to life imprisonment. The case initially involved four accused, but one of them died in custody during the trial. The horrifying crime took place on January 30, 2017, at around 1 AM in Budgebudge's Bishukhara village under the Buita Gram Panchayat in Dia-

mond Harbour police district. A gang of armed robbers stormed into the victim's house with the intention of looting cash and valuables. When the residents resisted, the assailants broke down the door and forcefully entered. According to the police, the robbers held the family at gunpoint, looted cash and gold jewellery, and then brutally gang-raped the woman in front of her husband and six-year-old child. After committing the heinous crime, they fled the scene with the stolen valuables.

Mohan Bhagwat's Burdwan rally gets conditional approval from Cal HC

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Calcutta High Court has granted conditional permission for RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's rally in East Burdwan. The event is scheduled for Sunday at the Sai Complex Ground in Burdwan. Justice Amrita Sinha ruled that the rally must comply with several conditions, ensuring that students appearing for exams do not face any inconvenience.

One of the primary conditions set by the court is that the rally must be conducted with minimal noise levels. The Pollution Control Board's noise regulations must be strictly followed. Additionally, the event must be concluded within 1 hour and 15 minutes. The responsibility of ensuring that no student is disturbed lies with the petitioner.

The district administration had previously denied permission for the use of microphones, citing ongoing secondary school examinations. Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO) of Burdwan North, Tirthankar Biswas, had refused to allow loudspeakers, stating that it could disrupt students' concentration. The police were also informed of this decision. During the court proceedings, lawyer Dheeraj Trivedi, repre-

senting the petitioner, argued that the rally venue covers 50 highas of land and no schools or colleges exist within a 1-2 km radius. He stated that no official silence zone was declared there. The administration had verbally denied permission for loudspeakers but had not issued a written notice.

The court questioned the state's stance, asking, "If the rally does not use microphones and schools are over 500 meters away, where is the issue?" The judge also asked the government about the estimated number of attendees and whether the rally location had been clearly marked.

Advocate General Kishore Dutta, representing the state, argued that the area has three schools and that a government notification issued in June 2024 prohibits loudspeakers during the entire examination period. He claimed that RSS had planned the rally despite being aware of these restrictions. Justice Amrita Sinha, however, dismissed the objections and allowed the rally to take place on the scheduled date and time. Bhagwat is currently on a state-wide tour, holding meetings across Bengal.

Mystery surrounds meat chunks found in bag at Joka ESI hosp

MI News Service, Kolkata: A suspicious bag containing a chunk of meat was discovered on the premises of Joka ESI hospital on Friday morning, triggering panic among hospital authorities. Upon spotting the bag, hospital staff immediately alerted the police, who arrived at the scene to investigate.

Authorities are now examining whether the meat belongs to a human or another animal. The sample has been sent for forensic examination, and the post-mortem report will provide further clarity.

The bag was found behind the boys' hostel of the hospital, near the canteen area. The discovery has left hospital staff and students puzzled, as no one seems

to have witnessed how or when the bag was placed there.

A medical student residing in the hostel said, "I stay on the 13th floor. A friend informed me about the incident in the morning. This is the back side of the canteen, and many people pass through this area daily."

The circumstances surrounding the bag's appearance remain unclear, (at the time of writing this report) and police are actively investigating the case.

Authorities are reviewing CCTV footage and questioning hospital personnel to determine who left the bag and why. Until further details emerge, the area remains cordoned off for security reasons.

More buses for Salt Lake and New Town: Relief for office-goers

MI News Service, Kolkata: Salt Lake, New Town, and Sector V are major business hubs where thousands commute daily for work. Despite the increasing number of office-goers, the availability of buses has not kept pace with demand. However, there is now good news for daily commuters—the number of buses will soon be increased on these routes. To improve connectivity between New Town and North & South Kolkata, the transport department has identified 12 new bus routes. These new services are expected to be operational by March.

Initially, seven routes have been finalized: Eco Space to Belgachia, Eco Space to Kolkata Station, Eco Space to Kudghat, Salt Lake (Baishakhi) to Howrah and Salt Lake to Madhyamgram. Additionally, the number of trips for existing buses from Salt Lake and New Town will be increased to accommodate growing demand. Salt Lake Sector V is a hub for IT professionals, and many employees have long complained about inadequate bus services. Often, they have to wait for long periods, and when a bus does arrive, it is overcrowded.

Name Change

I, SWAPAN KUMAR BISWAS (Old Name) S/O NIMAI BISWAS Residing at Debipur Kulgachi, Kamgachi, District - Nadia, Pin - 741254, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SWAPAN BISWAS (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Govt of India at Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 13-02-2025. SWAPAN KUMAR BISWAS (Old Name) and SWAPAN BISWAS (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Arup Kumar Maity S/o Bishnu-pada Maity Residing at Vill - Turanga, Po - Thakurhak, Ps - Belda, District - West Medinipur Pin- 721424 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Arup Maity. I declare that Arup Kumar Maity and Arup Maity is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 12-02-2025.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) MD RAFIQUE AHMED and MAOLANA RAFIK AHAMMAD S/o RUSTAM, Residing at, Vill- Bhadiswar, Post- Murarai, Ps- Murarai, Dist- Birbhum, Pin- 731219, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MD RAFIQUE AHMED and MAOLANA RAFIK AHAMMAD To MAOLANA RAFIK AHAMMAD (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MAOLANA RAFIK AHAMMAD in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 29 January 2025. MAOLANA RAFIK AHAMMAD and MD RAFIQUE AHMED and MAOLANA RAFIK AHAMMAD both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) KRISHNA PRASAD JAISWAL S/o CHUNILAL JAISWAL, Residing at, Mayurakshi sarani Ward No 05, Post-Sainthia, Ps- Sainthia, Dist- Birbhum, Pin- 731234, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from KRISHNA PRASAD JAISWAL To KRISHNA PRASAD JAISWAL (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) KRISHNA PRASAD JAISWAL in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 29 January 2025. KRISHNA PRASAD JAISWAL and KRISHNA PRASAD JAISWAL both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) MASUD MIYA S/o ANSAR MIAN, Residing at, Vill- Suryadighi(Hatimari), Post- Surya Dighi, Ps- Gazole, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732124, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MASUD MIYA To MASUD MIAN (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MASUD MIAN in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 29 January 2025. MASUD MIAN and MASUD MIYA both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) NARGIS BIBI & NARGIS BEGUM W/o- MASUD MIAN, Residing at, Vill- Suryadighi(Hatimari), Post- Surya Dighi, Ps- Gazole, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732124, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from NARGIS BIBI & NARGIS BEGUM To NARGIS BEGUM (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) NARGIS BEGUM in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 29 January 2025. NARGIS BEGUM and NARGIS BIBI & NARGIS BEGUM both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, MD. RIZWAN AHMED son of Late Shaikat Ali, residing at 10, Alam Mistri lane, Bikhaana, P.S. Ghobar, District. Halkhata, PIN- 711101 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my actual and correct name is MD. RIZWAN AHMED WHICH is recorded in my Aadhaar card vide No. 9876 5575 7113 and PAN CARD both issued government of India. But in the Birth certificate registered on 23.09.2024 at Kumar Maternity Home of my daughter name RAFIA RIZWAN wherein my name has been wrongly recorded on as RIJNWAN AHMED instead my actual & correct name MD. RIZWAN AHMED and in the Certificate of the Board of Secondary of my daughter name RAFIA RIZWAN where in my name has been wrongly recorded as SHRI RIZWAN AHMED instead of MD. RIZWAN AHMED. By an affidavit in the Court of the Ld. 1st Class Magistrate at Howrah on 12.02.2025 that MD. RIZWAN AHMED, RIJNWAN AHMED and SHRI RIZWAN AHMED are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, KAM GINTHANG, resident of SMQ 79/01, Air force Station Kalaikunda, P.O. Kalaikunda, P.S. Kharagpur (Local), Dist. paschim Medinipur, Pin.721303, have changed my Name from Kam Ginthang to Kamginthang Khongsai vide affidavit No. 466/25 dated 11/02/2025 before Notary, Medinipur. Kam Ginthang & Kamginthang Khongsai both are same, one & identical person.

Name Change

I, Shahid Perwez S/o Late Rabbudin Ansari, residing at Islampara, Shankhanagar, P.O- Bansberia, P.S- Mogra, Dist- Hooghly Pin- 712502 W.B declare that in my daughter's Passport my name has been mentioned as Mohammad Shahid Perwez instead of my actual name Md. Shahid Perwez as mentioned in my Aadhaar Card and in my daughter's Birth Certificate. That Md Shahid Perwez and Mohamad Shahid Perwez is same and one identical person i.e., myself vide affidavit dated 10.02.2025 before Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Hooghly at Chinsurah.



School students pay tribute to the martyred soldiers of 2019 Pulwama terror attack, in Jammu.

New IT clarifies online gaming taxation, differentiates it from gambling

MI News Service, New Delhi: The new income tax bill brings much needed clarity to the taxation of online gaming, distinguishing it from lotteries and gambling, unlike the Income Tax Act of 1961. According to tax experts, the new bill ensures that income from online gaming is taxed appropriately, removing ambiguities that led to interpretation challenges. One of the key changes in the new bill is the explicit definition of an 'online game'. The bill defines it as a game offered on the internet and accessible through a computer resource, including any telecommunication device. This distinction is a major departure from the 1961 Act, which grouped online gaming with lotteries and gambling, creating uncertainty in taxation and compliance. The new classification acknowledges the rapid expansion of the gaming industry. Under the previous tax law, winnings from online gaming were taxed at a flat 30 percent, with TDS applicable if winnings exceeded ₹10,000 per transaction. However, there was no clear definition of online gaming, leading to interpretational disputes. Income Tax Bill, 2025, introduces the concept of net winnings, meaning the tax will be levied after adjusting for entry fees or bets.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SATYRANJAN PAUL S/o- GHITYARANJAN PAUL, Residing at, Vill- Ranjanpally, Post- Chakdaha, Ps- Chakdaha, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741222, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SATYRANJAN PAUL To SATYA RANJAN PAUL (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) SATYA RANJAN PAUL in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 29 January 2025. SATYA RANJAN PAUL and SATYRANJAN PAUL both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, ANUSREE DALUI GUPTA (Old Name) W/O INDRAJIT DALUI Residing at Rajdanga Purbha Para, P.O.-E.K.T.P., P.S.-Kasba, District -Kolkata, Pin - 700107, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as ANUSREE DALUI (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Govt of India at Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 13-02-2025. ANUSREE DALUI GUPTA (Old Name) and ANUSREE DALUI (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Anil Pradhania (Old Name) S/o Kalidas Pradhania Residing at Salua Colony, Vtc & P.o - Chakdaha, District - Nadia, Pin - 741222 India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Anil Pradhania (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 11/2025 Dated 14-02-2025. Anil Pradhania (Old Name) and Anil Pradhania (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mithun Pradhania (Old Name) S/o Anil Pradhania Residing at Dudhkanthi Kalony, Chakdaha, Po - Chakdaha, District - Nadia, Pin - 741222 India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mithun Pradhania (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 23/2025 Dated 13-02-2025. Mithun Pradhania (Old Name) and Mithun Pradhania (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Bandhan Life launches Flexi Cap fund with i Invest ULIP products

MI News Service, Kolkata: Bandhan Life Insurance, a leading life insurance company, recently launched its new Flexi Cap Fund, with Bandhan Life invest II and invest Advantage ULIPs (unit-linked insurance plans). New Fund Launch is open till February 24, 2025. Ghosh, Chief Investment Officer at Bandhan Life Insurance, said, "The fund strategy is designed to offer flexibility in building a portfolio, regardless of a stock's market cap." Bandhan Life invest II and invest Advantage are ULIP products that offer market-linked returns along with a substantial life cover of up to 20 times the annual premium. With monthly premiums starting from just ₹3,000, customers can tailor their investment strategy to suit their needs; and get the option to access their funds through partial withdrawal after five years. In addition to the new fund launch, both products give customers access to Bandhan Life's other top-performing 5-star and 4-star rated funds that have outperformed industry benchmarks, so customers can achieve their financial goals with confidence.

Boeing expects Indian, South Asian airlines to add over 2,800 jets in next 20 yrs

MI News Service, New Delhi: Indian and South Asian airlines are likely to add 2,835 new commercial aircraft to their fleet over the next 20 years to meet the ever-increasing demand for air travel, according to US planemaker Boeing. In its Commercial Market Outlook (CMO) announced, Boeing expects demand for 2,835 new aeroplanes over 20 years propelled by Indian carriers India's robust economy and rapidly growing domestic market support region's annual traffic growth of more than 7 per cent. "Boeing forecasts India and South Asia's commercial airplane fleet will grow nearly four-fold over the next 20 years, building on sustained fleet growth throughout the last decade," according to Boeing's current Commercial Market Outlook (CMO). Continued growth will be fueled by greater demand and a rise in the region's air traffic, which will grow more than 7 per cent annually through 2043 driven by sustained economic growth.

Labour Min seeks Cabinet nod for pension scheme covering 1 Cr gig workers

MI News Service, New Delhi: The labour ministry will soon seek the Union Cabinet's approval for a pension scheme for one crore gig workers engaged with online platforms, where social security contribution will be made from their income for every transaction, said an official source. This assumes significance in view of the Budget announcement earlier this month by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman about rolling out of a social security scheme for one crore gig workers engaged with online platforms. Sitharaman had said in her Budget speech that the government will provide them identity cards and facilitate their registration on the e-Shram portal. She had further said that these workers will be provided healthcare under the PM Jan Arogya Yojana. This measure is likely to assist

Generation next E-vehicles now in Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: The electric vehicles do have a huge market in Bengal and its increasing. The next generation electric vehicles are now in Kolkata to boost the market. The much-anticipated launch of Mahindra's Next Generation Electric Origin SUVs, the XEV 9e and BE6, took place at NR AUTOS at their Chowringhee and Saltlake outlets. The grand unveiling was graced by renowned actress Priyanka Sarkar; KM Siabuddeen, Regional Business Manager, Mahindra & Mahindra; Joyshubha Mukherjee, Area Sales Manager, Mahindra & Mahindra; Rahul Kamani, Managing Director, NR AUTOS; and Subrata Banerji, Director, NR AUTOS. This event introduced customers to Mahindra's cutting-edge innovation in electric mobility, powered by its advanced INGLO platform and the MAIA Mahindra Artificial Intelligence Architecture (MAIA).

Valentine's Day: Kolkata's love for frozen snacks grows, says Report

MI News Service, Kolkata: Come Valentine's Day and Kolkata's love for food, which is always there, once again soars high. Food has a unique power to connect people and it works so well. At this juncture, Vikhroli Cucina aimed to offer its audience a chance to experience the essence of love, connection, and convenience—all at once. According to the STTEM 2.0 India's Frozen Snacking Report by Godrej Yummiez, 1 in 5 Indians (20%) enjoy frozen snacks during romantic moments or dates. The trend is particularly strong among the 36-40 age group, with 27% choosing frozen snacks for such occasions.

Chandmari ROB Redevelopment: A landmark project to improve connectivity and safety in Howrah

MI News Service, Kolkata: The redevelopment of the Chandmari Road Over Bridge (ROB) is a significant step forward in modernizing Howrah's transportation infrastructure. Replacing the existing 1933 Bow-string girder bridge, the new 4-lane Cable-Stayed Bridge is set to enhance connectivity, reduce traffic congestion, and improve safety for both commuters and pedestrians. This state-of-the-art structure is designed to meet current and future transportation needs, ensuring efficient movement of goods and vehicles in one of Howrah's busiest areas.



The new Chandmari ROB will feature a 134-meter main span, the longest of its kind in the region, and a back span of 66 meters. The central pylon will stand at an impressive 81.381 meters, supported by 27 cables on each side, ensuring the bridge's strength and durability. The total width of the bridge will be 26.41 meters, including footpaths for pedestrian safety, while the carriageway will be 15 meters wide, accommodating four lanes of traffic. Additionally, the increased vertical clearance of over 6.5 meters will provide ample space for the safe passage of vehicles and goods beneath the bridge, a significant improvement over the existing clearance of 5.1 meters. Construction work on the new bridge is progressing as planned, with night blocks scheduled for the launching of each segment. A total of 36 night blocks will be used for launching, and the project is expected to be completed by May 2025. The segments are being launched in stages, with non-block days allotted for stressing cables and placing bearings to ensure the bridge is built to the highest standards of safety and quality. The construction process is designed to minimize disruption to traffic, with careful planning to ensure smooth operations throughout the project. The remaining work includes the final installation of the steel deck, crash barriers, and wearing course to improve road safety. At both ends of the bridge, the Salkia and Maidan approach roads will be re-structured, including the dismantling of the old viaducts, ground improvement, and the construction of RCC retaining walls. The approach roads will be expanded, with 250 RM of new road at the Salkia end and 150 RM at the Maidan end, ensuring easy and efficient access to the new bridge. Once completed, the new Chandmari ROB will provide numerous advantages, including reduced traffic congestion, improved safety features, and increased capacity for future expansion. This project is set to improve the overall flow of both road and rail traffic, enhancing Howrah's transport infrastructure and supporting long-term development in the region.

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Metro staff help an indisposed lady passenger

MI News Service, Kolkata: On 13.02.2025 at about 11.35 hrs., a male commuter aged about 74 years suddenly started to feel unwell at Rabindra Sadan Metro station. His grandson, who was accompanying him, sought help from the station staff and RPF. They immediately rushed to his help. Considering the seriousness of the situation, he was brought to the Station Master's Office in a stretcher and given first-aid. He was later sent to S.S.K.M. Hospital with his grandson. RPF and station staff also accompanied them to the hospital. He and his grandson thanked Metro Railway authorities for the kind co-operation and help.

Two EMU locals rescheduled on 16.02.2025 for Track & Signal maintenance work over Howrah Division

MI News Service, Kolkata: In connection with Track & Signal maintenance work over Howrah Division, 37749 Bandel - Katwa local will leave Bandel at 12:45 hrs. instead of its schedule departure time at 12:15 hrs. and 53009 Katwa - Azimganj local will leave Katwa at 12:30 hrs. instead of its schedule time at 12:00 hrs. on 16.02.2025.

Regulation of trains for construction of Subway in Malda Division

MI News Service, Kolkata: For construction of Subway in lieu of Level Crossing Gate No. 8 between Ghogha & Lailakh Mamalkha stations and Level Crossing Gate No. 52 between Karanpurato & Maharajpur stations, 06 hours Traffic & Power Block have been planned in Bhalgalpur - Sahibganj - Barharwa section on 16.02. 20.25. Consequently, 73420 Bhalgalpur-Sahibganj passenger & 53411/53412 Barh arwa - Sahibganj- Barharwa passenger will remain cancelled and 53416/53415 Jamalpur -Sahibganj - Jama lpur passengers will be short terminated at / short originated from Kahaalgaon on 16.02. 2025. Moreover, 53403 Rampurhat - Gaya passenger will be rescheduled by 04 hours from Rampurhat and 53022 Sahibganj - Azimganj passenger will leave Sahibganj at 16:30 hrs. on 16.02.2025.

Railways' Bonanza for Maha Kumbh Mela Devotees: 1 more special train

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Maha Kumbh Mela, a once-in-12-years celestial event, holds immense spiritual and cultural significance for millions of devotees from across the globe. Recognized as the largest human congregation on Earth, the Maha Kumbh is a celebration of faith, devotion, and tradition. To ensure seamless travel and accommodate the massive influx of pilgrims attending this grand spiritual gathering, Railway is delighted to announce the operation of 03 pairs of Kumbh Mela Special trains which will run between Kolkata and Agra Cantt. This initiative will generate more berths, providing safe, comfortable, and convenient travel options for devotees embarking on their sacred journey. 01903 Agra Cantt - Kolkata Kumbha Mela Special will leave Agra Cantt at 20:00 hrs. on 17.02.2025, 20.02.2025 and 24.02.2025 to reach Kolkata at 22:00 hrs. on the next day. 01904 Kolkata - Agra Cantt Kumbha Mela Special will leave Kolkata at 05:00 hrs. on 19.02.2025, 22.02.2025 and 26.02.2025 to reach Agra Cantt at 08:00 hrs. on the next day. The train will stop at Fatehabad, Bah, Etawah, Govindpur, Fatehpur, Prayagraj Jn., Mirzapur, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Jn., Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patna, Bakhtinourpur, Mokama, Kiul, Jhajha, Jasidih, Madhupur, Chittaranjan, Asansol, Durgapur and Bardhaman stations in both directions enroute. The train will have General Second Class, Sleeper Class and Air-Conditioned accommodations. 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Only equation that counts is Modi plus Adani...: Jairam Ramesh takes dig at PM Modi's 'MEGA' remark

MI News Service, New Delhi: Congress MP Jairam Ramesh on Friday took a dig at Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his "MEGA" remark after meeting US President Donald Trump, saying that the only equation that counts is 'Modani', referring to businessman Gautam Adani.

In a post on X, Ramesh said, "This is Prime Minister Modi's first visit to the United States since President Donald Trump's inauguration for his second presidential term last month. Now, he says, in the context of India and the USA, that MAGA + MIGA = MEGA. Actually, the only equation that counts is Modi + Adani = Modani."

Earlier in the day, PM Modi drew a parallel between India's "Viksit Bharat" vision and the "Make America Great Again" (MAGA) slogan in the United States, coin-

ing the term "Make India Great Again" (MIGA). Taking to social media platform X, PM Modi noted that India and the US have formed a "MEGA" partnership to drive prosperity for both nations.

"President Trump often talks about MAGA. In India, we are working towards a Viksit Bharat, which in the American context translates into MIGA. And together, India and the USA have a MEGA partnership for prosperity!" the Prime Minister said in a post.

This is Prime Minister Modi's first visit to the United States since President Donald Trump's inauguration for his second presidential term last month.

PM Modi is among the first world leaders to visit the United States following the inauguration of President Trump and has been invited to the US within

barely three weeks of the new administration.

Following the bilateral meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Donald Trump, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri provided a detailed overview of the key initiatives launched during the visit and said that the leaders launched Mission-500 in the sector of trade and investment, aiming to more than double two-way trade to USD 500 billion by 2030.

He added that the leaders unveiled the US-India Compact for the 21st Century, aimed at accelerating military partnerships, commerce, and technological advancements. Modi also displayed his knowledge of algebraic equations, acquired during his training in political science. He first likened Indo-Canada relations to "(a+b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + 2ab".

RBI supersedes New India Cooperative Bank board for 12 months

MI News Service, Mumbai: Reserve Bank of India superseded the Board of Directors of New India Cooperative Bank Ltd, Mumbai, for a period of 12 months, the central bank said in a statement on Friday, a day after it imposed several restrictions on the lender.

Consequently, the RBI has appointed Shreekanth, former Chief General Manager of State Bank of India (SBI) as 'Administrator' to manage the affairs of the bank during this period.

The RBI has also appointed a 'Committee of Advisors' to assist the Administrator in discharging his duties. The members of the Committee of Advisors are Ravindra Sapra (former General Manager, SBI) and Abhijeet Deshmukh (Chartered Accountant).

The action was necessitated "due to certain material concerns emanating from poor governance standards observed" in the Mumbai-headquartered New India Cooperative Bank Ltd.

This morning, customers gathered in hundreds outside Mumbai-headquartered New India Co-operative Bank Limited branches to withdraw their hard-earned savings, soon after the Reserve Bank of India imposed several restrictions on the lender.

Panicky account holders converged outside the bank branches spread across Mumbai city, worried over the fate of their bank savings and lockers.

The people ANI spoke to said that bank officials have assured them access to their lockers.

Late on Thursday, the RBI directed New India Co-operative Bank Limited, Mumbai that it shall not, without prior written approval of the central bank, grant or renew any loans and advances, make any investment, incur any liability including borrowing of funds and acceptance of fresh deposits, disburse or agree to disburse any payment whether in the discharge of its liabilities and obligations or otherwise, enter into any compromise or arrangement and sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any of its properties or assets except as notified by the RBI.

Considering the cooperative bank's present liquidity position, the RBI has directed not to allow the

withdrawal of any amount from savings bank or current accounts or any other account of a depositor but is allowed to set off loans against deposits subject to RBI conditions.

The bank can incur expenditure in respect of certain essential items such as salaries of employees, rent, electricity bills, -- but only as specified by the RBI.

These directions against the Bank were necessitated due to supervisory concerns emanating from the recent material developments in the bank, and to protect the interest of depositors of the bank, the RBI said, while slapping the restrictions.

The eligible depositors would be entitled to receive deposit insurance claim amount of their deposits up to a monetary ceiling of Rs 5 lakh in the same capacity and in the same right, from the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC), as applicable under the provisions of the DICGC Act, 1961, based on submission of willingness by the depositors concerned and after due verification.

The depositors have been advised to contact bank officials for further information and details can be accessed on the DICGC website.

"The issue of the above Directions by the RBI should not per se be construed as cancellation of banking license by RBI. The bank will continue to undertake banking business subject to restrictions specified in the said Directions till its financial position improves. The RBI continues to monitor the position of the bank and will take necessary actions including modifications of these Directions, as warranted, depending upon circumstances and in the interest of the depositors," the RBI said in its Thursday order.

These directions against New India Co-operative Bank Limited, Mumbai is set to remain in force for a period of six months from the close of business on February 13, 2025 and are subject to review.

During the past four decades of its operations, the Bank has established 30 branches, which are located in Mumbai, Thane, Surat and Pune, according to its website. The bank achieved a "scheduled bank" status on November 1, 1990. The bank achieved a "multi-state status" on October 22, 1999.

Nursing college students suspended: Kerala health minister Veena George on ragging incident

MI News Service, Thiruvananthapuram: Kerala health minister Veena George on Friday said that the five students arrested for allegedly ragging their juniors have been suspended from Kottayam Nursing College and that the state government will ensure maximum action against them.

As per police, the ragging incidents had begun last November, shortly after classes of the first-year batch commenced. Health Minister Veena George said, "DME has received a preliminary report from the nursing school, and this (ragging) happened in their hostel. The students belong to the general nursing school. I asked DME to send a team of higher officers, and they are now in Kottayam. The nursing school has already suspended these students. It is very brutal. The government will ensure maximum action. When the second or third-year students

enter the hostel of the juniors then the warden should know that. They, too, have responsibility." Meanwhile, another case of brutal ragging has emerged from Kannur district in the State in which a Class 11 student was allegedly subjected to torture by senior students of the same school, Kannur city police said. The student from PRM Higher Secondary School in Kolavallur, was reportedly beaten up by five senior students from the same school resulting in a fracture of the student's left arm.

A case has been filed against the senior students at the Kolavallur police station. The incident occurred on February 12.

The boy has been admitted to Cooperative Hospital in Thalassery. The family has filed a police complaint against five Plus two students in the incident.

Kolavallur police have registered a case against the 5

students in the incident. As per the FIR, the senior students beat him up alleging he was not showing respect to seniors. They gathered in a group and thrashed him.

Meanwhile, ABVP workers staged a protest in front of the Government Nursing College over the alleged Kottayam Government Nursing College incident. The police have detained the protesters.

The Gandhinagar Police said that the five college students arrested on Wednesday have been sent to two days' police remand.

Further probe is being conducted to investigate if more students were involved in the case.

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Unnao Custodial Death Case: Delhi HC issues notice to CBI on Jaideep Sengar's plea for bail

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Friday issued a notice to CBI on the plea moved by Kuldeep Singh Sengar's brother Jaideep Singh Sengar. He sought suspension of his sentence in the Unnao custodial death case.

Justice Vikas Mahajan issued notice to the CBI and sought a response on the bail plea. The next date of hearing is fixed for March 11, 2025.

Meanwhile, the High Court has extended the interim bail granted till the next date of hearing. His interim bail was scheduled to expire on February 18.

Jaideep Singh Sengar has moved a plea through advocate SPM Tripathi. He has sought bail on the medical grounds that he is

suffering from mouth cancer and is still undergoing treatment.

Earlier he was granted interim on medical grounds on July 3, 2024. The same was extended on November 18, 2024.

Kuldeep Singh Sengar, his brother Jaideep Singh Sengar and others were sentenced to 10-year imprisonment by a CBI Court at Tis Hazari Delhi in 2019. Their appeals are pending before the Delhi High Court.

This case is related to the custodial death of the father of Unnao Rape victim. Her father was arrested in April 2009 in a case of Arms Act.

On the other hand, Kuldeep Singh Sengar was convicted and sentenced in Unnao Rape case. He is serving a life sentence awarded for raping the minor victim. This appeal is also pending before the High Court.

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e-Tender Notice No.: DYCENGSIUWAT ENGG2025002, Dated: 08.02.2025

NAME OF WORK: CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD OVER BRIDGE WITH (1X60 MTR BOW STRING GIRDER + 2X18.0 MTR COMPOSITE GIRDER + 1X24.0 MTR T BEAM GIRDER) AND APPROACHES OF EXISTING SPECIAL CLASS (MANNED AND INTER-LOCKED) LEVEL CROSSING-463 AT KM. 821/9-11, 821/10-12 UP AND BETWEEN VIZIANAGARAM-KORUKONDA STATION OF WEST TRAIN DIVISION.

Approximate Cost of the Work: ₹ 35,70,20,079.26, EMD: ₹ 19,35,100/-

Completion Period of the Work: 24 (Twenty Four) Months.

Tender Closing Date & Time: At 2:00 hrs. of 04.03.2025.

No manual offers sent by Post / Courier / Fax or in person shall be accepted against such e-tenders even if these are submitted on the firm's letter head and received in time. All such manual offers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected summarily without any consideration.

Complete information including e-tender documents of the above e-tender is available in website: www.ireps.gov.in

Note: The prospective tenderers are advised to visit the website 15 (Fifteen) days before the date of closing of tender to note any changes / corrigenda issued for this tender. The tenderers/bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate and must be registered on IREPS Portal. Only registered tenderer/bidder can participate on e-tendering.

The tenderers should read all instructions to the tenderers carefully and ensure compliance of all instructions.

Dy. Chief Engineer (GSUY) PR-163/CH/24-25

KKR IPL Trophy Tour marks grand beginning

MI News Service, Guwahati: The Kolkata Knight Riders' first-of-its-kind Trophy Tour began in Guwahati on Friday, bringing the excitement of the Indian Premier League (IPL) to the cricket-loving state of Assam.

The coveted IPL trophy made its presence felt at several landmark locations, starting with the Kamakhya Temple before moving to the Brahmaputra Riverfront in Panbazar.

The team rounded out their tour of the city at the City Center Mall, drawing enthusiastic crowds and cricket fans, showcasing the deep connection between KKR and its fanbase in Northeast India.

Fans had the opportunity to capture memorable moments with the prestigious trophy as they engaged in fun games and giveaways. This symbolised a perfect blend as it celebrated the team's achievements while strengthening the bond between the franchise and its supporters in Northeast India.

This is the first time that an IPL franchise is organising a Trophy Tour beyond their home city. The initiative aims to give the nationwide KKR fans a chance to interact with the trophy and witness their favourite team's achievement in all its glory.

Ahead of the new season, the extensive tour will see the prestigious IPL trophy journey across nine cities, starting from February 14 in Guwahati and finally making a return to the City of Joy in Kolkata by March 12 & 16. The tour will cover multi e regions including Guwahati, Bhubaneswar, Jamshedpur, Ranchi, Gangtok, Siliguri, Patna, Durgapur and Kolkata.

Through this initiative, KKR aims to create memorable experiences for the fans who have constantly shown their support for the team through-out the years. The franchise wants to invite them to be a part of the celebration with the Knight Riders' family. The engagement will give the fans a first-hand experience of the trophy, while also allowing them an opportunity to create their own memories with the ultimate prize.

BSF Meghalaya foils illegal infiltration attempts, apprehends 14 Bangladeshi and 3 Indian touts



MI News Service, Shillong: The Border Security Force (BSF) Meghalaya, in a well-coordinated joint operation with sister agencies, successfully intercepted and apprehended multiple individuals attempting to illegally cross the international boundary, according to a release.

BSF troops, during the operation, intercepted eight Bangladeshi nationals along with an Indian national (the driver). They were apprehended near the international boundary while attempting to enter Bangladesh from India, the release stated.

In another swift and decisive operation, BSF Meghalaya troops nabbed six more Bangladeshi nationals along with two Indian nationals near the international boundary. These operations were carried out as part of BSF Meghalaya's ongoing efforts to curb illegal infiltration and other trans-border crimes, the release added.

During the course of the operations, vigilant BSF personnel from Tura and the 4th Bn detected suspicious movements along the border and promptly took action, leading to the successful apprehension of

garding implementation of the three new criminal laws. Those states include Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Haryana.

Implement new criminal laws across all commissionerates in Maharashtra ASAP: Shah to Fadnavis

MI News Service, New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday directed Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis to implement the three new criminal laws across all commissionerates in the state as soon as possible.

Shah's directive came during a review meeting on the implementation of the three new criminal laws in Maharashtra, attended by CM Fadnavis, officials from the Maharashtra government, and the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Chairing the meeting, Shah also urged the Maharashtra government to establish an ideal Directorate of Prosecution system in accordance with the new criminal laws—the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023; Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023; and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA), 2023; that replaced the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), and the Indian Evidence Act, respectively.

The meeting reviewed the implementation and present status of various new provisions relating to police, jail, courts, prosecution and forensics in Maharashtra.

During the discussion, the Home Minister said that the essence of the three new criminal laws introduced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi lies in the provision of delivering justice within three years, from the filing of an First Information Report (FIR) till the Supreme Court's verdict in any case.

Shah has held similar meetings with other states in the past few months re-

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Statement of Unaudited financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Company at the Meeting held on February, 14, 2025 approved the Unaudited financial Results of the Company for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2024.

The results, along with the Auditors' Limited Review Report, have been posted on the Company's website at http://www.lincoln-industries.net / Lincoln / Lincoln_Result_31_12_2024.pdf and can be accessed by scanning the QR Code.

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Date : February, 14, 2025

Notes : The above intimation is in accordance with Regulation 33 and read with Regulation 47(1) of the SEBI (Listing Obligation & Disclosure requirements) Regulations, 2015

RESCHEDULING OF TWO TRAINS

For Track and S&T Maintenance work in various sections over Howrah division, Traffic Block will be necessary on **16.02.2025 (Sunday)** during day time. Consequently, the following trains will be rescheduled on **16.02.2025 (Sunday):** (i) 53009 Katwa - Azimganj Passenger will be rescheduled at 12.15 hrs. instead of 12.00 hrs. from Katwa. (ii) 37749 Bandel-Katwa Local will be rescheduled at 12.45 hrs. instead of 12.15 hrs. from Bandel. **Special Note:** Special or late running trains & any further newly introduced train/parcel train/TOD during block period, if any, will be suitably controlled/diverted enroute. Passengers are requested to follow the public address system at stations. Inconvenience is regretted.

Divisional Railway Manager, Howrah

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Regulation of trains for Developmental work over Sealdah Division

For various developmental work, Traffic and Power block will be necessary over Sealdah Division as under: (1) For removal of Permanent Speed Restriction, Traffic and Power block at Gobardanga station Limit on Down line from 22.45 hrs. on 15.02.2025 (Saturday) to 05.45 hrs. on 16.02.2025 (Sunday) and on UP line from 22.45 hrs. on 15.02.2025 (Saturday) to 08.45 hrs. on 16.02.2025 (Sunday); (2) For Placement of R.C.C. boxes & base slabs across the Railway tracks for Limited Height Subway at Level Crossing Gate no. 112(E) in Krishnanagar City-Lalgola section, Traffic & Power block on both UP & Down line for 06 hours 30 minutes (from 10.15 hrs. to 16.45 hrs.) on 16.02.2025 (Sunday); (3) For conversion of point no. 158A/159 on Down Suburban Line at Km. 38/10-14 between Hailsahar & Naihati stations, Traffic block from 22.30 hrs. on 15.02.2025 to 05.30 hrs. on 16.02.2025. Consequently, following arrangements have been made in train running: ● CANCELLATION OF TRAINS ON SATURDAY (15.02.2025): Sealdah-Bangaon: UP 33851, 33859, 33861, 33863/Down 33854, 33856, 33858, 33860. Naihati-Bandel: UP 37557/Down 37558. Sealdah-Gede: UP 31929/Down 31928. Sealdah-Shantipur: UP 31539/Down 31542. ● CANCELLATION OF TRAINS ON SUNDAY (16.02.2025): Barasat-Bangaon: UP 33369/Down 33368. Sealdah-Habra: UP 33651, 33653/Down 33652, 33654. Naihati-Bandel: UP 37521/Down 37522. Sealdah-Gede: UP 31911/Down 31912. Sealdah-Shantipur: UP 31511/Down 31512. Naihati-Ranaghat: UP 31711/Down 31712. Sealdah-Ranaghat: UP 31611/Down 31612. Krishnanagar City-Lalgola: UP 31861/Down 31864. Lalgola-Sealdah: Down 53178/UP 53175. Ranaghat-Lalgola: UP 31773/Down 31774. Krishnanagar City-Azimganj: Down 53092/UP 53091.

● SHORT TERMINATION AND SHORT ORIGINATION OF TRAINS: (i) 33857 UP Sealdah-Bangaon Local will be short terminated at Habra on Saturday (15.02.2025), (ii) 33811, 33813, 33815 & 33817 UP Sealdah-Bangaon Locals will be short terminated at Habra on Sunday (16.02.2025) and 33812, 33814, 33816, 33818 & 33822 Down Bangaon-Sealdah Locals will be short originated from Habra on Sunday (16.02.2025). (iii) 31192 Down Kalyani Simanta-Naihati Local will be short terminated at Kalyani (Platform No.4) instead of Naihati on Saturday (15.02.2025) and 31191 UP Naihati-Kalyani Simanta Local will be short originated from Kalyani (Platform no.4) instead of Naihati on Sunday (16.02.2025). (iv) 63107 UP Sealdah-Lalgola MEMU Passenger will be short terminated at Rejinagar on Sunday (16.02.2025) and 63104 Down Lalgola-Sealdah MEMU Passenger will be short originated from Rejinagar instead of Lalgola and will be re-scheduled at 14:00 hrs (from Rejinagar) on Sunday (16.02.2025). (v) 31769 UP Ranaghat-Lalgola Local will be short terminated at Rejinagar on Sunday (16.02.2025) and 31770 Down Lalgola-Ranaghat Local will be short originated from Rejinagar instead of Lalgola and will be re-scheduled at 15:00 hrs (from Rejinagar) on Sunday (16.02.2025). (vi) 31819 UP Sealdah-Krishnanagar City Local will be short terminated at Ranaghat on Sunday (16.02.2025) and 31840 Down Krishnanagar City-Sealdah Local will be short originated from Ranaghat instead of Krishnanagar City on Sunday (16.02.2025).

● RE-SCHEDULING OF TRAINS ON SUNDAY (16.02.2025): (i) 33819 UP Sealdah-Bangaon Local will be re-scheduled for 30 min i.e. will leave from Sealdah at 07:42 hrs instead of 07:12 hrs. (ii) 33361 UP Barasat-Bangaon Local will be re-scheduled for 30 min i.e. will leave from Barasat on 08:15 hrs instead of 07:45 hrs and will be controlled up to Habra till cancellation of Block. (iii) 53180 DN Lalgola-Sealdah Passenger will be re-scheduled for 75 min, i.e. will leave from Lalgola at 16:00 hrs instead of 14:45 hrs. There may be delay in service during block period. Inconvenience is regretted.

Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah

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NOTICE INVITING E-AUCTION

Awarding contract of Commercial Publicity Rights over Howrah Division

E-Auction Notice No. COM/PUB/HWH/Station Beautification/24, Dated: 14.02.2025. E-Auction is invited by Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, 4th Floor, Rail Yatri Niwas Building, near Howrah Station, Pin-711101 for the following work: **Name of Work:** Awarding contract of Commercial Publicity Rights. The Auction Catalogue have been uploaded in www.ireps.gov.in Catalogue No.: PUB-HWH-25-7. **Auction start date & time:** 03.03.2025 at 12.00 hrs. **Seq. No.-AAV1. Lot No.:** ADVT-HWH-UPA-OH-141-25-1 (Advertising - Out of Home). **Description:** Beautification of stations through Installation & Maintenance of Illuminated Board displaying "I LOVE <Name of Station>" with photos of famous places of respective cities in one part (50% area) and advertisement in another part (rest 50% area) at UTTARPARA, DANKUNI, CHANDANNAGAR, BANDEL, KAMARKUNDU, ARAMBAG, BARDHAMAN & RAMPURHAT stations at the location earmarked for this purpose as per sketch plan for a period of 03 years. (HWH-608/2024-25) **Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Howrah**

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e-Auction for Leasing of Parcel Space over Howrah Division

No. : COM/PARCEL/LEASING/Long term e-AUC/HWH/2024/PE-II Dt. 12.02.2025

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, 4th Floor, Rail Yatri Niwas Building, near Howrah station, Howrah-711101 invites e-Auction in two phases for 16 Nos. of SLRs in 09 passenger carrying trains originating from Howrah Division for two years through e-auction module of IREPS website. Non-transferable Auction catalogue containing detailed terms and conditions are available at www.ireps.gov.in The bidding for the instant e-Auction is to be submitted through e-Auction module on www.ireps.gov.in For participation in e-Auction process, one time Registration of merchants through e-Auction module in website www.ireps.gov.in is mandatory. Merchants are also required to take digital signature of Class-III. **Auction Catalogue Details:** (1) Auction Catalogue No.: PCL-HWH-L25-2D. Train: FSLR1 of 13023 UP Howrah-Gaya Express. **Auction start date & time:** 24.02.2025, 13.00 hrs. (2) Auction Catalogue No.: PCL-HWH-L25-2E. Train: 15 Nos. of SLRs in 08 passenger carrying trains. **Auction start date & time:** 26.02.2025, 13.00 hrs.

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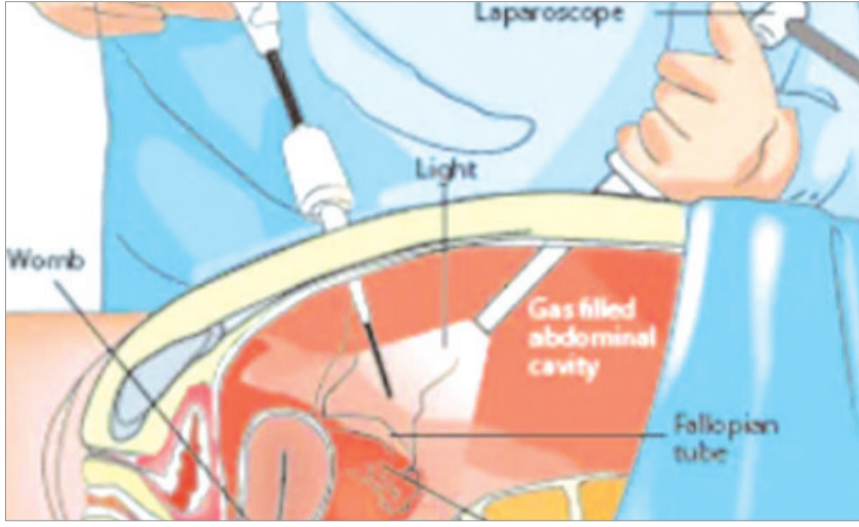
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Intestinal-womb connection successfully repaired through innovative endoscopic surgery

New Delhi : In a groundbreaking medical achievement, a team of doctors at New Delhi Private Hospital has successfully treated two women suffering from complex fistulas, an abnormal connection between the large intestine and womb—using an innovative cardiac occluder fistula closure device. Using a novel approach, the medical team employed a cardiac occluder device, typically used in heart surgeries, to seal the fistulas, offering a new treatment option for this challenging condition.

The patients, both in their 60s, had been experiencing severe symptoms, including the passage of stool from the vagina, due to radiation therapy and previous surgeries. Despite undergoing multiple surgeries, they found no relief until they were referred to Dr Anil Arora and Dr Shivam Khare.

"The first patient, a 61-year-old woman, had been suffering from the passage of stool from the vagina due to a rectovaginal fistula for years, following radiation therapy for cervical cancer. The second patient, a 65-year-old woman, was experiencing the passage of stool from the vagina because of an abnormal connection between the small intestine and the vagina, known as an enterovaginal fistula. Both patients had pre-



viously undergone unsuccessful surgeries and faced limited treatment options until they were referred to Anil Arora and Shivam Khare," said the hospital in a statement. The innovative procedure was performed by Dr Arora and Dr Khare, with the assistance of Dr Neeraj Agrawal, a pediatric

cardiologist. By adopting the cardiac occluder device, the team successfully sealed the fistulas using a minimally invasive approach, ensuring a quicker recovery and a high likelihood of long-term success.

"The procedure was performed by Dr Anil Arora and Dr Shivam Khare, with the

assistance of Dr Neeraj Agrawal, pediatric cardiologist at the Hospital. For these complex fistula cases, Agrawal played a crucial role in adapting the cardiac occluder device, which is typically used in heart patients. Together, the Gastro Endoscopy team successfully sealed both fistulas minimally invasively, offering the patients a quicker recovery and a high likelihood of long-term success." It said.

This pioneering achievement marks a significant advancement in the field, offering new hope to patients who had previously run out of options. Shivam Khare, Consultant, Gastroenterologist, SGRH said, "Using a cardiac occluder device in these cases is a novel approach that minimizes risk and recovery time while providing an effective solution to complex fistulas. This marks a major advancement in the field, especially for patients who have previously run out of options."

Anil Arora, Chairman, of the Institute of Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Pancreatobiliary Sciences, added, "The ability to adapt this device to treat fistulas is an example of the collaboration between multiple specialities and the role of collaborative innovation in modern medicine."

New drug may help restoring vision for people with nerve damage: Study



Colorado [US] : Researchers at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus found a promising therapeutic candidate that could aid in the restoration of vision in those suffering from multiple sclerosis (MS) and other neurodegenerative diseases.

The medicine, LL-341070, improves the brain's ability to repair damaged myelin—the protective sheath that surrounds nerve fibers. Myelin damage is a hallmark of disorders such as MS, as well as a normal consequence of aging, and it frequently causes visual loss, loss of motor abilities, and cognitive decline.

The research, focused on vision, demonstrated that while the brain has some ability to repair itself when myelin is damaged, the process can be slow and inefficient. Researchers observed that LL-341070 significantly accelerated the repair process and improved brain function related to vision in mice, even after severe damage.

"This research brings us closer to a world where the brain has the capacity to heal itself" said Ethan Hughes, PhD, co-lead author and associate professor in the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology at the CU School of Medicine. "By harnessing this potential, we hope to help people with dis-

eases like MS by potentially reversing some of the damage, offering people the opportunity to regain their vision and cognitive function."

Researchers discovered that the treatment makes the repair process much more effective following serious damage, highlighting the importance of intervention with severe injury. Even partial repair of myelin was found to significantly improve vision-related brain functions.

"We've known for years that myelin plays a crucial role in brain function," said Daniel Denman, PhD, co-lead author of the study and assistant professor in the Department of Physiology and Biophysics at the CU School of Medicine. "This study highlights the role of cortical myelin in visual function. The drug could be a game-changer because it accelerates the brain's natural repair mechanisms."

The researchers plan to test the drug in other areas of the brain and refine the treatment, hoping to make it even more effective and eventually accessible to patients.

"This discovery is just the beginning," Hughes said. "We are optimistic that LL-341070 and similar therapies could one day provide real, tangible benefits to patients by improving overall brain function and quality of life."

Immune cells found to boost cancer treatment in acute myeloid leukemia: Study



New York [US] : A research team from Columbia Engineering and the Irving Institute for Cancer Dynamics achieved a significant finding in cancer immunotherapy.

The team discovered a unique population of immune cells that is important to the successful treatment of relapsed acute myeloid leukemia (AML). This investigation was done in partnership with the Dana Farber Cancer Institute (DFCI).

AML, which affects four out of 100,000 patients in the U.S. every year, according to the National Cancer Institute, is a type of cancer that first attacks the bone marrow before moving to infect the blood. The current treatment plan includes targeted chemotherapy followed by a stem cell transplant. Unfortunately, up to 40% of these patients relapse after transplant and have a median survival of six months. At that stage, the only hope for remission is through immunotherapy.

Led by Elham Azizi, associate professor of biomedical engineering at Columbia Engineering, the research explores how coordinated immune networks in leukemia bone marrow microenvironments influence responses to cellular therapy, raising the question: why do some patients benefit from immunotherapy while others do not? The current treatment for relapsed AML, donor lymphocyte infusion (DLI)—a therapy involving donor immune cells—has a 5-year survival rate of only 24 per cent, according to research conducted by Pfizer.

This new study finds that a unique population of T cells found in patients who are responding to DLI might be the key. These cells fight leukemia by boosting the immune response.

Additionally, the study shows that patients with a healthier, more active and diverse immune environment in the bone marrow are better able to support these cells and their cancer-fighting abilities.

Utilizing the team's proprietary computational DIISCO approach, the researchers discovered key interactions between the unique T cell population and other immune cells may lead to patient

remission. They also traced these T cells back to the donor product. However, it was discovered that the donor's immune cell composition has little to no effect on the patient's success. In fact, the success of this treatment is determined by the patient's immune environment. DIISCO is a machine learning method used to analyze how cell interactions change over time with a focus on cancer and immune cells profiled in clinical specimens.

The study's findings can lead to new intervention options such as improving the immune environment before starting the standard DLI treatment and exploring combinations of immunotherapies. This will help patients who don't typically respond well to find a personalized option that works for them.

"This research exemplifies the power of combining computational and experimental methods through close collaboration to answer complex biological questions and uncover unexpected insights," said Azizi, who is a member of the Irving Institute for Cancer Dynamics, the Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center, and Columbia's Data Science Institute. "Our findings not only shed light on mechanisms underlying successful immunotherapy response in leukemia, but also provide a roadmap for developing effective treatments guided by innovative machine learning tools."

"Seeing our findings validated through functional experiments is incredibly exciting and offers real hope for improving cancer immunotherapy," said Cameron Park, a PhD student in the Azizi lab, who co-lead this study with Katie Maurer at the Catherine Wu Lab at Dana Farber-Cancer Institute. Park was also a co-developer of the DIISCO algorithm.

In this particular research's future, the team plans to explore interventions that enhance the effectiveness of DLI while focusing on modulating the tumor microenvironment. Although exciting, much more work has to be done before the team can head to clinical trials with the hope of improving outcomes for patients with relapsed AML.

IDFC FIRST Bank Introduces Exclusive package designed for Senior Citizens

Mumbai : IDFC FIRST Bank has unveiled an exclusive and specialised range of banking products and services specifically curated to address the unique financial requirements of the elderly members of the society.

These offerings, include the Senior Citizen Savings Account and Senior Citizen Fixed Deposits, reaffirming the bank's commitment to provide superior, secured and customised financial solutions for this important customer segment.

Under this program, the Bank has introduced a dedicated feature on its Mobile Banking App called 'Senior Citizen Specials'. This feature offers to senior citizens

a. Safe, secure, and customised investment solutions as applicable to senior citizens' needs based on their life-stage.

b. Additional 0.5% interest rate on fixed deposit

c. No penalty on premature closure of the FDs

d. Cyber Insurance Coverage of ₹2 lakhs to protect



our senior citizens from rising cyber threats.

e. Complimentary one-year MediBuddy health membership with unlimited complimentary doctor video consultations for up to 4 family members

f. Up to 15% discount in network pharmacies, a full body health checkup covering 50+ parameters, and a ₹500 wallet balance to avail.

g. The mobile banking app also provides access to a simplified mutual fund investment

experience which is backed by innovation and research. The MF offers are conservative, and can be modified by the senior citizen based on their own risk-reward appetite.

Commenting on the Bank's offerings for Senior Citizens, Mr.ChinmayDhoble, Country Head - Retail Liabilities & Branch Banking said, "We want to treat our Senior Citizens special and we are happy to announce specialised and innovative offerings for Senior Citizens."

Early Detection of Cervical Cancer Is Key to Saving Lives

Kolkata: Cervical cancer is one of the leading causes of death among women. However, timely diagnosis can be life-saving. Medical laboratories aid in providing essential screening and diagnostic tests that help detect the disease in its earliest stages. With timely intervention, cervical cancer is treatable. The expert highlights the importance of regular check-ups and early screening to be able to improve the quality of life of the patients.

Dr. Abhik Banerjee, Zonal Technical Chief East and Pathologist at Apollo Diagnostic in Kolkata said, "Cervical cancer happens due to the abnormal cells in the cervix that grow uncontrollably. The causes are persistent infection with high-risk strains



like HPV 16,18 of the human papillomavirus (HPV). In its early stages, the disease may not lead to symptoms, making screening crucial. As it progresses, symptoms such as abnormal vaginal bleeding, pelvic pain, and pain during intercourse can be experienced by women. If left untreated, cervical cancer can lead to severe complications, including metastasis to other organs, which reduces treatment success rates. Hence,

women are advised to go for timely screening."

"Medical laboratories play a critical role in the early detection of cervical cancer through screening tests like the Pap smear and HPV Molecular testing. A Pap smear identifies abnormal cervical cells before they become cancerous. HPV testing detects the virus responsible for most cervical cancers. If abnormalities are detected in women then a colposcopy and biopsy will be advised to confirm the diagnosis and initiate timely treatment. Detecting cervical cancer at an early stage will help with prompt treatment options, including minimally invasive procedures that can prevent the disease from advancing."

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

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

This is the first study to comprehensively investigate the effects of fatty muscles on heart disease. The new finding adds evidence that existing measures, such as body mass index or waist circumference, are not adequate to evaluate the risk of heart disease accurately for all people. The new study was led by Professor Viviany Taqueti, Director of the Cardiac Stress Laboratory at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Faculty at Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA. She said: "Obesity is now one of the biggest global threats to cardiovascular health, yet body mass index -- our main metric for defining obesity and thresholds for intervention -- remains a controversial and flawed marker of cardiovascular prognosis. This is especially true in women, where high body mass index may reflect more 'benign' types of fat. "Intermuscular fat can be found in most muscles in the body, but the amount of fat can vary widely between different people. In our research, we analyse muscle and different types of fat to understand how body composition can influence the small blood vessels or 'microcirculation' of the heart, as well as future risk of heart failure, heart attack and death." The new research included 669 people who were being evaluated at the Brigham and Women's Hospital for chest pain and/or shortness of breath and found to have no evidence of obstructive coronary artery disease.

Discovering the genetics of climate adaptation

Vienna [Austria] : As climate change accelerates, plants are under increasing pressure to adapt to changing habitats and environmental conditions.

This challenge is especially urgent for crops, as drought and heat-resistant plants are critical to ensuring food security in an unpredictable future. Fortunately, plants can adapt astonishingly well to a variety of settings and temperatures: Arabidopsis thaliana, for example, thrives in climates as disparate as Sweden and Italy.

The study, by the labs of Liam Dolan and Frederic Berger at the Gregor Mendel Institute (GMI) of Molecular Plant Biology, as well as Kelly Swarts, former GMI group leader and now at the Umea Plant Science Centre, and Masaki Shimamura at Hiroshima University.

Understanding how plants naturally adapt to different local conditions is key to predicting their response to climate change, and can help produce more resilient crops. A recent study provides new insight into the genetic underpinnings of plant climate adaptation. By combining population genetics and global climate data, the researchers identified genetic variants underlying climate adaptation in Marchantia polymorpha.

Genetic variants underlying certain traits, like enhanced heat resistance or different seed sizes, are often selected in environments where they provide a survival or reproductive edge. However, which genetic variants are responsible for climate adaptation is mostly unknown.

To uncover these variants, the researchers compared the genetics of different regional subpopulations of



Marchantia polymorpha collected across Europe, America and Japan, creating a population genomics database. By integrating this database with a worldwide climate dataset, the scientists correlated each subpopulation's genetic profile with its local climate. "Comparing populations in Europe and Japan, we found genetic variants associated with warmer and colder summer temperatures, as well as with the amount of summer precipitation," explains Liam Dolan. "These adaptations could be crucial for optimizing reproduction in different conditions." The study also revealed that genetic variability differs notably between populations of Marchantia polymorpha. Populations collected from different areas in Europe were similar to each other but presented high genetic variability among their individuals. In contrast, geographically isolated Japanese populations exhibited more uniform genetic profiles, distinct from those in Europe. These patterns suggest that climate adaptation may favor different reproductive strategies in Europe and Japan, as Marchantia and other bryophytes can famously reproduce both sexually and asexually. The new population genomics database - the first of its kind for Marchantia polymorpha - offers scientists worldwide a powerful platform to study genetic variability. "We're eager to expand this database with samples from around the globe, enhancing the robustness of future research," Liam Dolan points out. "Our platform opens up exciting possibilities for addressing a wide range of biological questions related to plant growth and development."

Russian drone strikes Chernobyl Nuclear disaster zone, says Ukrainian President

MI News Service, Kyiv: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Friday, February 14 revealed that a Russian drone hit the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant, the site of the infamous 1986 nuclear disaster.

The drone hit occurred on the night of February 13, and Zelensky shared footage of the aftermath on the social media platform X, drawing attention to the devastating implications of this strike.

Zelensky stated, "Last night, a Russian attack drone, armed with a high-explosive warhead, struck the shelter that protects the world from radiation at the destroyed fourth reactor of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant. This shelter was a collaborative effort built by Ukraine alongside European countries, the United States, and the global community—all of whom are committed to ensuring real security for humanity." He went on to condemn Russia's actions, asserting, "The only country in the world that would attack such sites, occupy nuclear power plants, and wage war with no regard for the consequences is today's Russia. This is not just an attack on Ukraine, but a terrorist threat to the entire world."

The Chernobyl shelter, which houses the remains of reactor number 4, was significantly damaged by the drone strike. However, Zelensky confirmed that the fire caused by the explosion had been extinguished.

"Radiation levels remain stable, and they are being constantly monitored," he reassured, though he noted that initial assessments indicated considerable damage to the facility.

In his post, Zelensky also highlighted the ongoing nature of Russia's aggression: "Every night, Russia continues to carry out attacks on Ukraine's infrastructure and cities. Russia's actions reveal its increasing militarisation and continued disregard for human life. These actions demonstrate that President Putin is not preparing for negotiations; instead, he is preparing to deceive the world further. The international community must unite in its pressure on the aggressor—Russia must be held accountable for its actions."

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) also shared this on the social media platform 'X'. The IAEA team stationed at the facility confirmed hearing an explosion emanating from the New Safe Confinement, the structure that envelops the remains of Reactor 4, designed to prevent further radiation exposure.

The IAEA shared on social media that an unmanned aerial vehicle (drone) had struck the roof of the confinement, leading to the explosion and fire.



In this image released by @manipur_police via X, Security personnel conduct a search operation in the fringe and vulnerable areas of hill and valley districts of Manipur.

Saudi Arabia to host leaders of 4 Arab countries, PA president at summit on Trump's Gaza plan next week

MI News Service, Riyadh: Saudi Arabia will host the leaders of four Arab countries at a summit on February 20 to discuss Donald Trump's proposal for a US takeover of Gaza, a source with knowledge of the preparations says. The leaders of Egypt, Jordan, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates will attend the summit, which will take place ahead of an Arab League meeting in Cairo on February 27 on the same issue, the source says. Speaking on condition of anonymity, another source says Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas will also attend Prime Minister Ben-



jamin Netanyahu will meet US Secretary of State Marco Rubio at 10 a.m. on Sunday in his Jerusalem office. The two will give statements after the meeting, says Netanyahu's office.

Rubio is also scheduled to meet Opposition Leader Yair Lapid at 4:15 p.m. at the David Citadel Hotel in Jerusalem. He will also visit the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem with Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar on Sunday. Israel will release 369 Palestinian security prisoners tomorrow as part of the sixth hostage-prisoner exchange, says the Hamas prisoners' media office, including 36 serving life sentences. The remaining 333 prisoners slated for release in the first phase of the deal were detained in the Gaza Strip after October 7, over the course of the war.

US nod for extradition of Tahawwur Rana



MI News Service, New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Donald Trump, during their discussions, reaffirmed their commitment to combating terrorism globally. The Ministry of External Affairs in a statement also said that the US has announced the approval of 26/11 Mumbai terror attack accused Tahawwur Rana's extradition to India.

The leaders further pledged to strengthen cooperation in addressing threats from terrorist groups, including Al-Qa'ida, ISIS, Jaish-e-Mohammad, and Lashkar-e-Tayyiba, aiming to prevent further attacks like the 26/11 Mumbai attacks and the Abbey Gate bombing in Afghanistan. Both leaders also called on Pakistan to bring the perpetrators of the 26/11 and Pathankot attacks to justice.

The MEA in a joint statement said, "The leaders reaffirmed that the global scourge of terrorism must be fought and terrorist safe havens eliminated from every corner of the world. They committed to strengthen cooperation against terrorist threats from groups, including Al-Qa'ida, ISIS, Jaish-e-Mohammad, and Lashkar-e-Tayyiba in order to prevent heinous acts like the attacks in Mumbai on 26/11 and the Abbey Gate bombing in Afghanistan on August 26, 2021."

The statement added, "Recognising a shared desire to bring to justice those who would harm our citizens, the US announced that the extradition to India of Tahawwur Rana has been approved. The leaders further called on Pakistan to expeditiously bring to justice the perpetrators of the 26/11 Mumbai, and Pathankot attacks and ensure that its territory is not used to carry out cross-border terrorist attacks. The leaders also pledged to work together to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems and to deny access to such weapons by terrorists and non-state actors."

Switzerland exposes China's repressive influence on Tibetans and Uyghurs in new report

MI News Service, Geneva: The Swiss Office of Tibet has raised concerns regarding China's increasing influence and meddling since 2019. During Sikyong Penpa Tsering's official visit to Switzerland, multiple requests were made to the Swiss Federal government to resolve these issues. According to a report by the Central Tibet Administration (CTA), China's worldwide repression of Tibetans and Uyghurs was officially confirmed by the Swiss Federal Government on February 12, 2025.

CTA reported that the Federal Council report in fulfillment of the postulate 20.4333 APK-N report comprises 10 chapters with 36 pages, titled "Situation of Tibetans and Uyghurs in Switzerland" by the Swiss Parliament. The main topic of discussion is the condition of Tibetans in Switzerland, namely concerning freedom of speech and its relationship to surveillance. This official report was created in response to a resolution that was approved by the parliament on March 15, 2021.

The CTA report revealed that the legal position of Tibetans in

Switzerland, deportation procedures, and refugee recognition are all examined in Chapter 3 together with Switzerland's refugee policies for Uyghurs and Tibetans. China's massive monitoring efforts against Uyghur and Tibetan exile populations overseas are described in detail in Chapter 4. Chapter 5 looks at how transnational repression limits Tibetan and Uyghur people's basic rights, especially when it comes to freedom of expression. The current international and foreign legal safeguards against transnational persecution are examined in Chapter 6. The Swiss Federal Government's actions to combat and stop transnational persecution are described in Chapter 9. CTA reported. CTA highlighted that the University of Basel's research served as the basis for this official government report. According to the article, Switzerland will take diplomatic measures at the international level to address China and any other nations that support transnational repressive activities to protect Tibetans and Uyghurs in the future.

Holy Shab-e-Barat celebrated

Nurul Islam Khan

Thursday was a great holy night or the night of Shab-e-Barat. For thousands of years on this blessed night Allah forgives the sins of his servants and gives them new life. The story of this night is in the Hadith. That is why on this night, millions of people from the devout Muslim community purify themselves and reach the graveyards for the purpose of pilgrimage. The crowd of devotees was also noticeable in the holy mosque for worship. Many stayed up all night and worshipped the Almighty Allah by staying at home. On this night, there was a huge crowd of common people in the Hatibagan, Bagmari, and Gobra graveyards in Kolkata. There was also a crowd at the Hazrat Shah Fateh Ali



Owaisi Darbar in Maniktala, Kolkata. On the other hand, there was a huge crowd of people at the shrine of Pir Mujaddide Zaman Hazrat Dada Huzur in Furfura Darbar Sharif. As the evening progress, the queues of

devotees turned into a sea of people. In the glory of the holy night, various shrines and mosques were flooded with a flood of light breaking through the darkness of the night. It was a special night.

Quetta-Karachi highway blocked as protest erupts over enforced disappearance in Balochistan

MI News Service, Mangochar: The main roadway in Mangochar has been blocked for several hours by a sit-in protest against a man's enforced disappearance. Mangochar residents in Balochistan's Kalat area have blocked traffic on the Quetta-Karachi National Highway by staging a sit-in. Long lines of cars have consequently developed on the roadway, according to a report by The Balochistan Post (TBP). The family and locals of Abdul Hameed Bangulzai, who was purportedly the victim of an enforced disappearance by Pakistani law enforcement, have organized the rally, TBP reported.

Frontier Corps (FC) men arrived in Mangochar Bazaar on Thursday night in seven cars and arrested Abdul Hameed Bangulzai, since then, he's missing, according to Kalat sources as cited by TBP. TBP highlighted that the demonstrators are calling on the government and security forces to ensure Abdul Hameed Bangulzai's release and to produce him right away. Abdul Hameed owns a bakery in Mangochar Bazaar, the protesters said. They claim that after assaulting him during a raid on his store, Pakistani forces took him by force and vanished him.

They reiterated that until he is freed, they will keep blocking the Quetta-Karachi National Highway. Authorities have not yet released a comment regarding the situation, and as of late at night, the route was still blocked.

Earlier, the Baloch Women Forum strongly denounced the recent spike in "state-sponsored terrorism, extrajudicial killings, and enforced disappearances" in Balochistan, especially in the Makran region. The group demanded immediate international intervention and has referred to these acts as part of a continuing genocide campaign against the Baloch people.

ER Reconstructed platform no 15 of Howrah to increase Platform Length



Platform no. 15 of Howrah will be capable to accommodate 24 coach trains

MI News Service, Kolkata: The construction work for extension of length of Platform No. 15 of Howrah station has been completed as a step further towards capacity augmentation and increasing operational flexibility.

Eastern Railway has taken an initiative to reduce the waiting time of long-distance trains approaching Howrah station by reconstructing and extending Platform No. 15 of Howrah station. The massive extension work of Platform No. 15 of Howrah station has been completed where the existing length of 312 meters has been extended to near 600 meters along with widening of the platform by 2 metres on an average. This will increase the capacity of Platform No. 15, where at present only 12 coach EMU can be accommodated, will be capable of dealing with 22 to 24 coach long distance trains after completion of the extension work.

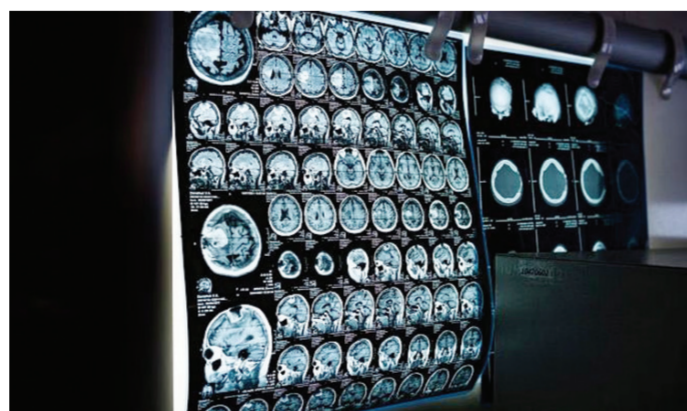
Moreover, the platform

shed has been extended at this platform from existing 50 per cent cover to 100 per cent. This full length covering of platform with the shed will bring more comfort to the passengers shielding them from natural extremities like rain or intense sunlight. The width of the platform has been increased providing more free space for the passengers to board or alight comfortably from the trains as well as moving on the platform hassle free. Associated with this, the necessary work for shifting of lines has also been completed. Eastern Railway always explores possibilities of bringing more operational flexibility and punctuality. The extension work of platform no. 15 of Howrah will not only add to the passenger comfort but at the same time its extension work will enable this platform to receive 24 coach trains which will in turn facilitate reducing waiting time of long-distance trains especially mail/express trains from both South Eastern and Eastern Railway routes while approaching Howrah station.

No Incisions, No Pain—AIIMS Delhi becomes 1st Govt hospital to treat Neuro conditions with ultrasonic beams

MI News Service, New Delhi: The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Delhi has become the first government hospital in the country to introduce cutting-edge neurotechnology that offers a non-invasive alternative to brain surgeries to treat neurological conditions like essential tremors and Parkinson's disease. The MRgFUS (Magnetic Resonance-guided Focused Ultrasound) technology combines real-time magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)—a non-invasive imaging technique for detailed internal scans—with precise ultrasound targeting, allowing doctors to treat neurological disorders without a single incision. Doctors said it has the potential to treat movement disorders, epilepsy, substance abuse and obsessive-compulsive disorder. It can also facilitate drug delivery by disrupting the blood-brain barrier.

Dr Manjari Tripathi, head of the neurology department at AIIMS Delhi and head of the project, called the procedure a "game-changer". The biggest advantage is that, unlike the earlier Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) procedure, which requires electrodes to be placed in the brain, the new technology offers a completely non-invasive alternative. The facility is expected to become fully operational in the next 6 to 7 months and AIIMS expects to treat around 100 patients a year initially. With AIIMS making the facility available, the cost for patients is expected to be significantly lower—at least less than half the Rs 12 lakh required for a DBS procedure. Dr Tripathi said the procedure at AIIMS will be significantly more affordable compared to private hospitals, and the primary cost will be the consumable kit, which includes an ultrasonic cap and other essential components. "In the pri-



mate sector, this procedure costs around Rs 20 lakh. At AIIMS, while the final pricing is still under review, it will certainly be cheaper than private hospitals," Dr. Tripathi said. Some private hospitals including Apollo Hospitals, Fortis Hospital in Bengaluru, Medanta and Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, offer MRgFUS treatment.

However, doctors said the treatment may not be required for all Parkinson's disease (PD) patients. "Careful case selection is essential," said Dr. Tripathi. AIIMS currently performs three to five DBS procedures per month, but not all DBS candidates will be eligible for this treatment.

According to a study published in The Lancet, Parkin-

son's disease has a relatively low prevalence in India, with about 70 cases per 100,000 people. However, due to the country's large population, the total number of PD patients is estimated at around 7 million. The procedure, which lasts about two hours, begins with fitting the patient with an ultrasonic cap and helmet. As the patient lies inside the MRI scanner, real-time imaging precisely identifies the target area in the brain.

These target areas, according to Dr Tripathi, have already been well-studied and documented. And after just 2 hours, the patient gets up and walks out tremor-free. "It's truly revolutionary, not just in terms of treatment but also patient comfort. There's no need for an operation theatre or anaesthesia," she said. The new system requires no incisions, no implanted hardware and no general anaesthesia. Patients

remain fully conscious and feel no pain during the procedure with a neurologist, a neurosurgeon, and a neuroradiologist working together to ensure precision. "The MRI guides us, pinpointing exactly where to direct the ultrasonic beam. Using stereotaxy—precision targeting—the beam is delivered through the helmet to the brain," Dr. Tripathi explained. "In DBS, needle-like electrodes are inserted into the brain through a burr hole, requiring drilling into the skull. These electrodes remain in place, connected by a wire to a battery implanted in the upper chest, which delivers electrical stimulation to targeted brain areas," she added. "It's an invasive procedure with surgical risks." Tripathi explained that the system is highly compact, allowing for a seamless patient experience. "The patient is either evaluated a day before or arrives in the morning for the

procedure. They walk into the MRI room, where the treatment takes place," she said. Dr Tripathi added that many patients were covered under government health insurance schemes designed for lower-income groups such as Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) and Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN). "Patients classified as Below Poverty Line (BPL) will receive the treatment free of cost," she said. At AIIMS, Dr Tripathi will be assisted by Dr Rupa Rajan, Assistant Professor in the Department of Neurology, and Dr P. Sarat Chandra, a neurosurgeon, along with several other faculty members.

According to Dr Tripathi, the MRgFUS equipment itself costs around Rs 30 crore. However, it is being donated by the Vattikuti Foundation, a leading organisation dedicated to advancing medical technology.

DELHI OPEN: POONACHA-LOCK REACH FINALS IN MEN'S DOUBLES EVENT

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : India's Niki Kaliyanda Poonacha and Zimbabwe's Courtney John Lock reached the final of the Delhi Open 2025 men's doubles event, defeating third seeds Jay Clarke and Johannes Ingildsen 6-2, 7(7)-6(1) at the DLTA Complex on Friday.

The second-seeded pair dominated the opening set before Clarke and Ingildsen mounted a challenge in the second, forcing a tiebreaker. However, Poonacha and Lock held firm to close out the match in an hour and 24 minutes, as per a press release from DLTA.

Organised by the All India Tennis Association (AITA) and the Delhi Lawn Tennis Association (DLTA), the Delhi Open 2025 is an ATP Challenger 75 tournament played on hard courts with USD 100,000 as prize money on offer. The winner of the singles tournament also rakes in 75 crucial ATP points.

Poonacha and Lock will now compete for the title against the unseeded Japanese pair, Masamichi Imamura and Rio Noguchi, who staged an impressive comeback win against Hynek Barton and Vit Koprivá. After losing the first set 1-6, Imamura and Noguchi rallied to win the second set 6-4 and then triumphed in a nail-biting 12-10 final set to secure their place in the final.

The singles quarterfinals provided plenty of action for fans, with all four matches extending beyond 90 minutes. Top seed Vit Koprivá continued his dominant run, dispatching sixth seed Shintaro Mochizuki 6-2, 6-4 in a high-quality contest. Meanwhile, second seed Billy Harris was pushed to the limit by Elias Ymer, eventually prevailing 6-2, 4-6, 7(7)-6(1) in a three-set battle.

Third seed Tristan Schoonaker progressed after a demanding battle against qualifier Andre Ilagan that lasted two hours and 44 minutes. The match included tiebreakers in the opening two sets, but Schoonaker surged ahead in the final set, clinching a 6(2)-7(7), 7(7)-6(1), 6-2 victory.

Completing the semifinal lineup, Frenchman Kyrian Jacquet held off Michael Geerts, securing a 6-3, 7(7)-6(3) victory to book his spot in the last four. Jacquet will now square up against Koprivá in the penultimate round while second and third seeds, Harris and Schoonaker, will go head to head for a spot in the final.



38th National Games: Jharkhand secures 25 medals

RANCHI : Jharkhand finished Uttarakhand National Games journey with 25 medals including 7 gold 6 silver and 12 bronze, which concluded at Dehradun with bang.

Interestingly, in the 37th National Games, Goa, 2023 also, the state's athletes won 06 gold, 05 silver, 14 bronze and a total of 25 medals while the number of medals in Uttarakhand also remained equal. There was an increase in gold and silver medals.

Lawn bowl players performed brilliantly in the Uttarakhand National Games and bagged 5 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals whereas state Archer clinched 2 gold, 2 silver, 2 bronze. For the first time Modern Pentathlon athletes also contributed with 1 Silver, 3 Bronze medals while Wushu player won 1 Silver and 2 Bronze medals. For the first time Swimming- 2 Bronze and in ocky- 1 Bronze.

On the last day of the 38th National Games, Uttarakhand, Deepanshu and Aarti won bronze medals in the Mixed Triathlon event of Modern Pentathlon. The medal winning players of Jharkhand state who won gold medal Lovely Choubey, Rupa Rani Tirkey, Kavita Kumari, Reshma Kumari- Lawn Balls Women



Force. Basanti Kumari- Lawn Ball- Girls Under 25 Category, Dinesh Kumar, Sunil Bahadur - Lawn Ball - Men Double, Abhishek Lakra, Wasim Akram, Alok Lakra, Dinesh Kumar - Lawn Ball Men Force, Sunil Bahadur - Lawn Ball Men Single, Deepika Kumari- Archery Women Single, Goldy Mishra, Vishnu Chaudhary. Shreya Bhardwaj, Guru Charan Besra - Archery Men

Recurve Team *Silver Medal* Shreya Kumari - Wushu, Sarita Tirkey - Lawn Ball - Women's Singles. Prince Kumar, Abhishek Lakra, Alok Lakra- Lawn Ball - Men's Triple Deepika Kumari, Ankit Bhagat, Komolika Bari, Tamanna Verma - Archery Women's Recurve

Madho Biruwa, Manisha Kumari Archery Indian Round Mix.

Tanu Kumari, Shobha Mahato, Anu Kumari Modern Pentathlon Laser Run Women's Team.

Bronze Medal: Nishant Tirkey - Wushu, Geeta Khalko - Wushu. Rana Pratap -Swimming - 200 m. Breast Stroke, Rana Pratap -Swimming - 100 m. Breast Stroke.

Komolika Bari - Archery Singles, Deepika Kumari, Goldie Mishra - Archery Mix.

Lovely Choubey, Rupa Rani Tirkey - Lawn Ball Women's Doubles. Sarita Tirkey, Reshma Kumari, Kavita Kumari - Lawn Ball Women's Triples.

Priya Oraon, Monika Kumari, Chandni Kumari - Modern Pentathlon Women's Team, Prem Kishore Mahato - Modern Pentathlon Individual, Dipanshu Kumar, Aarti Kumari- Mixed Triathlon.

Women's Hockey - Sonal Minj, Sanjana Horo, Parvati Topno, Mahima Tete, Rupni Kumari, Neeru Kullu, Adeline Bagay, Deepti Topno, Priya Durgdung, Reshma Soreng, Roshni Aind, Nirali Kujur, Albel Rani Topno, Samay Bara, Pramodini Lakra, Binima Dhan, Rajni Kerketta, Rashmi Horo.

Media Cup Cricket 2025: Mayurakshi would clash with Amanat in finals



RANCHI : Imran's brilliant all-round performance (90 runs & 2 wicket) and Shamim Raja's swas buckling knock put Mayurakshi team to play Media Cup finals scheduled on Sunday against Amannat at JK International ground. In the first semi-final at JK Cricket Ground, Mayurakshi defeated Swarnarekha by 23 runs. In the second semi-final, Amanat defeated Bhairavi by 7 wickets. During the semi-final match, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Minister Shilpi Neha Tirkey and Kanke MLA Suresh Baitha encouraged the players as the chief guest in the state government. Ranchi Press Club Committee welcomed the chief guest by giving a bouquet, memento and angavastra.

The first match of the semi-finals was played between Mayurakshi and Swarnarekha. After losing the toss and batting first, Mayurakshi scored (209/3). Imran scored 90 runs in 48 balls from Mayurakshi's side and also took 2 wickets in bowling. Shamim Raja played an innings of

78 runs and supported Imran. Sandeep Mishra took 2 wickets from Swarnarekha's side. Swarnarekha's team could only score (186/3) while chasing the target. Prince played the highest innings of 87 runs. Imran was selected as the Player of the Match in this match.

The second semi-final match was played between Bhairavi and Amanat. Bhairavi scored (166/4) after winning the toss and batting first. Rajesh Singh played a quick innings of 54 runs in 27 balls and Asif Naeem played a quick innings of 45 runs in 17 balls. Sameer Srujan took 2 wickets from Amanat's side. Amanat had a very good start while chasing the target. The opening pair of Sushil Kumar Singh (unbeaten 53) and Amit Singh (61) laid the foundation of victory by adding 82 runs for the first wicket. Asgar Khan contributed 21 runs and Bhairavi contributed 24 runs in extras. Sushil Kumar Singh was selected as the Player of the Match for his match winning innings in this match.

KKR IPL Trophy Tour marks grand beginning in Guwahati



GUWAHATI (ASSAM) : The Kolkata Knight Riders' first-of-its-kind Trophy Tour began in Guwahati on Friday, bringing the excitement of the Indian Premier League (IPL) to the cricket-loving state of Assam.

The coveted IPL trophy made its presence felt at several landmark locations, starting with the Kamakhya Temple before moving to the Brahmaputra Riverfront in Panbazar. The team rounded out their tour of the city at the City Center Mall, drawing enthusiastic crowds and cricket fans, showcasing the deep connection between KKR and its fan-base in Northeast India.

Fans had the opportunity to capture memorable moments with the prestigious trophy as they engaged in fun games and giveaways. This symbolised a perfect blend as it celebrated the team's achievements while strengthening the bond between the franchise and its supporters in Northeast India.

This is the first time that an

IPL franchise is organising a Trophy Tour beyond their home city. The initiative aims to give the nationwide KKR fans a chance to interact with the trophy and witness their favourite team's achievement in all its glory.

Ahead of the new season, the extensive tour will see the prestigious IPL trophy journey across nine cities, starting from February 14 in Guwahati and finally making a return to the City of Joy in Kolkata by March 12 & 16. The tour will cover multiple regions including Guwahati, Bhubaneswar, Jamshepur, Ranchi, Gangtok, Siliguri, Patna, Durgapur and Kolkata. Through this initiative, KKR aims to create memorable experiences for the fans who have constantly shown their support for the team throughout the years. The franchise wants to invite them to be a part of the celebration with the Knight Riders' family. The engagement will give the fans a first-hand experience of the trophy, while also allowing them an opportunity to create

their own memories with the ultimate prize.

As part of this special celebration, the fans can participate in exciting cricket-themed games including Cricket Rock Paper Scissors and Cricket Pong. Each visitor will have a chance to win fantastic prizes and take home special KKR giveaways, making their trophy-viewing experience even more memorable.

Upcoming Tour Trophy cities and dates: 16th February: Bhubaneswar, Esplanade Mall Nexus 21st February: Jamshepur, P&M Hi Tec Mall 23rd February: Ranchi, JD Hi Street Mall 28th February: Gangtok, West Point Mall 2nd March: Siliguri, City Center Mall 7th March: Patna, City Center Mall 9th March: Durgapur, Junction Mall 12th March: Kolkata, City Center Mall 16th March: Kolkata, South City Mall.

BABAR EQUALS AMLA'S WORLD RECORD, COMPLETES 6,000 ODI RUNS

KARACHI [PAKISTAN] : Pakistan's star batter Babar Azam levelled Hashim Amla's world record to become the joint-fastest player to complete 6,000 runs in ODI cricket.

He completed the 6,000-run mark in 123 innings, the same number of innings taken by Amla. In 126 ODIs, Babar has made 6,019 runs at an average of 55.73, a strike rate of 88.13. 19 centuries and 34 fifties have come out of his bat, with the best score of 158.

Babar reached this milestone during the final of the tri-nation series against New Zealand at Karachi.

During the innings after Pakistan won the toss and opted to bat first, Babar looked fluent in his 34-ball knock of 29 runs. His knock had four boundaries and a six and runs came at a strike rate of 85.29. But like most of his recent knocks, he could not carry on for long and gifted his wicket to Nathan Smith in a soft dismissal. He has not been able to hit an ODI ton, matter of fact, an international ton since August 2023 when he smashed 151 against Nepal in Asia Cup. In this series, he has not been able to hit a half-century.

Earlier, Pakistan captain Mohammad Rizwan won the toss and opted to bat against New Zealand in the ODI tri-nation series final.

It will be a rehearsal for both sides before squaring off against each other in the Champions Trophy tournament opener on Wednesday. Winning the tri-nation would certainly lift the morale of the players before fighting for the mega prize from next week.

Pakistan (Playing XI): Fakhar Zaman, Babar Azam, Saud Shakeel, Mohammad Rizwan(w/c), Salman Agha, Tayyab Tahir, Khushdil Shah, Faheem Ashraf, Shaheen Afridi, Naseem Shah, Abrar Ahmed.

New Zealand (Playing XI): Will Young, Devon Conway, Kane Williamson, Daryl Mitchell, Tom Latham(w), Glenn Phillips, Michael Bracewell, Mitchell Santner(c), Nathan Smith, Jacob Duffy, William O'Rourke.

Indian Men's Hockey team ready for litmus test at FIH Pro League 2024-25

BHUBANESWAR (ODISHA) : The Indian Men's Hockey Team, currently ranked fifth in the world, is all set to kickstart their highly anticipated FIH Pro League 2024-25 campaign at the iconic Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar.

Led by Major Dhyean Chand Khel Ratna awardee Harmanpreet Singh, the Indian squad will open their campaign with two thrilling matches against World No. 7 Spain on February 15 and 16, followed by intense clashes against World No. 4 Germany on February 18 and 19.

India's campaign will open at home, thus offering a prime opportunity for the team to showcase their recent momentum. Following their encounters with Germany, India will take on Ireland on February 21 and 22, before facing the formidable World No. 2 England on February 24 and 25.

With their Bronze medal triumph at the 2024 Paris Olympics, the Harmanpreet Singh-led side

has proven their mettle on the international stage. The team was last seen in action during a two-match Test series at home against Germany in October 2024, where India bounced back from a 2-0 defeat in the first game to defeat the visitors 5-3 in the second.

Though Germany won the series via shootout, the competitive performances added confidence to India's preparations for the FIH Pro League.

Earlier, India showcased their prowess by successfully defending their title at the Asian Champions Trophy 2024 in September, winning all their matches and cementing their position as one of Asia's strongest teams.

Harmanpreet Singh will be joined by Vice Captain Hardik Singh as they lead a well-balanced squad filled with both experience and youthful talent. Senior players such as Manpreet Singh, Mandeep Singh, Lalit Kumar Upadhyay, Sumit, Sanjay Jugraj Singh, and Vivek Sagar

Prasad will form the backbone of the team while emerging stars like Arajjeet Singh Hundal, Angad Bir Singh, and Arshdeep Singh bring fresh energy and skill to the lineup.

"The team is fresh from some fantastic performances in the recently concluded Hockey India League. I am particularly happy to have seen Jugraj winning the top scorer award and this only means well for the Indian team as we have more firepower in our dragflick," Harmanpreet was quoted in a release from Hockey India as saying.

With a mix of seasoned campaigners and promising youngsters, India will be eager to make a strong start and challenge some of the world's top teams in the tournament. Moreover, after finishing seventh in last year's edition of the FIH Pro League, India will be determined to make a strong comeback this season. The team will aim to deliver an improved performance and clinch the top spot, a feat that carries the added reward of automatic

qualification for the 2026 World Cup.

He further elaborated, "This is an important year for us and Pro League truly marks the start of our new Olympic cycle and the international season. It's an important year for us with World Cup qualification (Asia Cup 2025) coming up and Pro League gives us a great opportunity to test where we stand. We are upbeat about our campaign, Spain, Germany and England are strong teams and will take it match-by-match."

Shedding light on the high-stake competition, Chief Coach Craig Fulton said, "The next few days will be more like the Olympic Games, with back-to-back matches which is why we have chosen a bigger squad. Since we are starting our campaign here, performance will be on our mind more than ranking points. The other teams are coming here already having played a few matches in Europe, so our focus will be on doing well and winning matches."

