Bandhan Bank expands presence with 9 new branches across 3 states

Bandhan Bank has announced the opening of nine new branches across West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, and Maharashtra, strengthening its nationwide presence. Among them, one branch has been inaugurated in Kolkata, while six have opened in Uttar Pradesh and two in Maharashtra. The new Kolkata branch, located at Poddar Court, 43 William Carey Sarani, was formally inaugurated by ParthaPratimSengupta, MD & CEO, Bandhan Bank, in the presence of senior back officials and local dignitaries. Additionally, Sengupta virtually inaugurated the remaining eight branches alongside Executive Director Mr. Rajinder Kumar Babbar. PG 3



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Mamata Banerjee lays foundation for 1,100-bed super specialty hospital ensuring healthcare revolution in Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: In her continued efforts to make significant strides in healthcare services in West Bengal, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee laid the foundation of a state of the art super speciality 1,100 bed hospital in New Town area of the city on Thursday evening.

In a major boost to the sector, the state government has allocated 7.26 acres of land for the establishment of the cuttingedge private hospital as part of the national chain of Narayana Hrudayalaya, headed by renowned cardiac surgeon Dr. Devi Shetty.

Speaking after laying the foundation of the unique hospital, to be build at an estimated investment of Rs 1,500 crores in two phases, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, highlighted the state's commitment to healthcare expansion. The initiative for this project was first announced during the recent Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS), where officials of Narayana Health confirmed their plan to set up the facility.

True to her promise at the summit, the Chief Minister attended the ground-breaking ceremony, which took place opposite the New Town Convention Centre this evening.

She said the project involves total investment of 1,500 crore and will be executed in two phases. In the first phase the hospital will have 500 beds, while in the second phase another 600 beds will be added. The facility will provide specialized treatment for cancer, cardiac surgery, and organ transplants. Furthermore, it is expected to generate direct and indirect employment for at least 10,000 individuals, the Chief minister announced..

Highlighting the state's healthcare advancements, Ma-mata Banerjee stated, "West colleges and 42 Super Specialty hospitals. Earlier, critical care units were absent in many districts, but we have expanded services significantly. The number of Sick New born Care Units (SNCUs) has increased from just six to 71. Additionally, 13,392 health centres have been established across the state, along with 117 fair-price medicine shops

The Chief Minister also emphasized the success of govern-ment-led health initiatives. "We have brought a healthcare revolution by offering free medical treatment and medicines. Our Swasthya Sathi scheme benefits 9 crore people, and every family is entitled to enjoy its coverage under a female household member's name. This is a matter of

pride for us," she remarked. Acknowledging Dr. Devi Shetty's contribution, she expressed gratitude for his role in making quality healthcare accessible to the underprivileged.

"Dr. Shetty has assured that this health city will serve the common people. He has rightly said that Bengal is an attractive destination for investment, and I am delighted to hear that.'

Addressing critics, Banerjee stated, "Some people thrive on negativity, claiming that Bengal does not attract investments. However, this project, spanning 7.26 acres, is proof of our commitment. This hospital will be one of the largest multi-specialty medical centres in the country, with world-class infrastructure and facilities." She further elaborated on employment opportunities, stating that the project's strategic location and infrastructure will facilitate medical advancements, including organ transplants. "This 1,500-crore investment will play a crucial role in transforming healthcare in Eastern India." Discussing

Delhi's new BJP govt takes over, Rekha Gupta sworn in as CM along with six ministers

MI News Service, New **Delhi:** Debutant legislator Rekha Gupta was sworn in as Delhi chief minister along with six other ministers on Thursday in a grand show of strength full of colour and spectacle to mark the BJP's return to power in the city after

more than 27 years. The ceremony at the sprawling Ramlila Ground was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home minister Amit Shah, Defence minister Rajnath Singh , BJP All India President J P Nadda, and the entire top brass of the BJP and NDA.

Rekha Gupta has taken over as Delhi's fourth woman Chief minister after her party's Sushma Swaraj, the Congress' Sheila Dikshit and AAP's Atishi. The 50-yearold first time MLA from Shalimar Bagh, who took charge of her office at the Delhi Secretariat in the afternoon, is also the only woman in the NDA team of Chief ministers and the second in the country after TMC supremo Mamata

Banerjee in West Bengal. Lieutenant Governor (L-G) of Delhi Vinai Kumar Saxena administered oath of office and secrecy to the CM and the ministers at

the function. The former student leader presides over an all-male cabinet that ingiant cludes slaver Parvesh Verma, who de-feated Arvind Kejriwal in the elections, Hindutva poster boy Kapil Mishra and the BJP's Sikh face Manjinder Singh Sirsa. Besides, Ashish Sood, Ravinder Indraj Singh and Pankaj Singh were also administered the oath of office by Lt Governor V K Saxena. The portfolios of the ministers are however,

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comes 12 days after the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) was voted back to power in the national Capital after 27 years. Earlier in the day,

President Droupadi Murmu appointed Gupta as the chief minister of Delhi and other six MLAs as ministers in Delhi as per the advice of the CM.

The swearing-in ceremony was a grand show of strength by the NDA. Along with PM Modi and Shah, it was attended by NDA chief ministers, spiritual leaders from different communities, representatives from various citizens groups such as auto drivers, sanitation workers, RWA members, various communities belonging to the OBC category, slum dwellers and roadside ven-

dors. Gupta won from the Shalimar Bagh con-stituency by 29,595 votes after defeating Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) candidate Bandana Kumari.

The results of the assembly elections were declared on February 8. The BJP won 48 seats out of the 70 total seats while AAP won 22 seats.The other major party- the Congress- however, drew blank

Gupta, who rose through the ranks as a student leader, is a three-time councillor. She met Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena to stake claim to form the government Wednesday night after BJP legislators picked her as the chief minister.

Gupta joined ABVP the student wing of BJP's ideological fount Rashtriva Swavamsevak Sangh (RSS), in the 1990s. She becomes the fourth woman chief minister of Delhi after Sushma



Multiple challenges await new **BJP** govt in Delhi

MI News Service, New Delhi : The BJP which returned to power in Delhi after 27 long years with a decisive mandate has its task cut out: it will have to fulfil key election promises, continue welfare schemes of the previous government, fix the city's pollution and infrastructure issues, and deliver on

cleaning the Yamuna. The BJP government will have to get all this done while keeping a check on the financial health of the patienel cap health of the national capital. The Aam Aadmi Party, which will now be in the opposition with 22 MLAs in the 70 member House, will also be breathing down its neck given it has never been out of power in Delhi since its formation just over a decade ago.

ssIn the recently concluded 70-member Delhi Assembly elections, the BJP secured a decisive victory with 48 seats, while the AAP won the mainlining 22 seats ending AAP's decade-long rule in the capital. The other major party in the poll - the Congress- however, drew blank Among the top priorities of Rekha Gupta, who was chosen by the party as the new Chief minister, will have to deliver all its promises including providing a monthly honorarium of Rs 2,500 to women of

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PM Modi congratulates Rekha Gupta, says she will work for Delhi's development 'with full vigour'

MI News Service, New **Delhi** : Congratulating Rekha Gupta for becoming and taking oath as the Delhi Chief minister on Thursday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said she has risen from the grassroots and expressed confidence that she will work hard for the all round development of the capital city and its neigh-bourhood "with full vigour"

A first-time BJP MLA, Gupta was sworn in as Delhi chief minister in a grand show of strength

Delhi women to get Rs 2,500 monthly aid by March 8, announces CM Rekha Gupta

MI News Service, New Delhi : Rekha Gupta, the new Chief Minister of Delhi has assured the women of the National capital that the BJP government would soon fulfill its poll promise of providing Rs 2,500 monthly financial assistance to them. Accordingly, the first installment of the monthly grant would be credited to their accounts by March 8, Gupta said.

Ahead of the polls, the BJP manifesto was aimed to outdo the Aam Aadmi Party's announcement of Rs 2,100 monthly support if it came to power.

Gupta, who was elected as the leader of the BJP legislature party on Wednesday night, emphasised that delivering on their promises is her top priority. "Fulfilling the dream of Prime Minister

Narendra Modi is the responsibility of all 48 BJP MLAs in the capital. We will definitely fulfill all our promises, including financial support for women. Women will



100 per cent get monetary support into

their accounts by March 8," she said as.

March 8 is observed as the International

Women's Day. Earlier on Thursday Rekha

Gupta was administered the oath of office

and secrecy of the Chief minister of Delhi

by Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena in a

brief but grand ceremony at the historic

Ralila Maidan in the heart of the capital

city in presence of a huge gathering

After she took her oath, six of her new

cabinet colleagues were also sworn in by

the LG. They included Parvesh Verma

who defeated AAP supremo Arvind Kejri-

wal in New Delhi constituency by over

4,400 votes. The other ministers are BJP MLAs Ashish Sood, Manjinder Singh

Sirsa, Ravinder Indraj, Kapil Mishra and

Pankaj Kumar Singh, who were also ad-

ministered the oath of office on

by the party which returned to power in the city after more than 27

years. Soon after the swearing-in ceremony of the new Delhi government, Modi said in a congratulatory message, "She has risen from the grassroots, being active in campus politics, state organisation, municipal adminis-tration and now MLA as well as Chief Minister."

He added, "I am confident she will work for Delhi's development with full vigour. My best

wishes to her for a fruitful tenure." The Prime Minister

wrote on X; "Congratula-tions to Smt. Rekha Gupta Ji on taking oath as Delhi's Chief Minister. She has risen from the grassroots, being active in campus politics, state organisation, municipal administration and now MLA as well as Chief Minister. I am confident she will work for Delhi's development with full vigour. My best wishes to her for a fruitful tenure. Along with Gupta,

Parvesh Verma, Ashish Sood, Manjinder Singh Sirak Manginadi Singh Ravinder Indraj Singh, Kapil Mishra and Pankaj Singh were also administered the oath of office by Lt Governor V K Saxena at a grand ceremony at Ramlila Maidan in presence of Prime minister Modi and all other senior leaders of the BJP and its allies at the event including the Union Home minister Amit Shah, Defence minister Rajnath Singh and BJP All India President J P Nadda.

Rahul Gandhi targets Modi government over inflation

MI News Service, Lucknow : Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has once again accused the BJP government at the Centre of diverting attention from real issues and promoting capitalists. Gandhi, who is on a two-day visit to his Parliamentary constituency of Raibereili in Western UIttar Pradeh from Thursday, first visited the Hanuman temple at Churuva border. After spending some time at the temple, he proceeded towards Bachhrawan. At Bachhrawan, the former Congress President addressed a party workers' conference and criticised the Narendra Modi government at the Centre of diverting attention from real issues and promoting capitalists At Bachhrawan, Rahul Gandhi also asked the a party workers to maintain a stronghold at the

booth level across the constituency. Addressing hundreds of party workers he said inflation has risen significantly, and the BJP government is only promoting capitalists, Meanwhile, some BJP workers claimed they have been placed under house arrest during Gandhi's visit. BJP mandal president Pravesh Verma alleged, "Along with 25 workers, we have been confined to the nagar panchayat office. It is the MP's responsibility to stay here, listen to the problems of the people, and resolve them because the people of Raebareli elected him as their representative. 'Raĥul Gandhi is not paying attention to the public," he charged. However, there was no confirmation from the police about the house arrest.

Elon Musk's decision to build Tesla factory in India is 'very unfair' to the US, says Donald Trump

MI News Service, Washington (DC): Expressing his strong reservation against American billionaire Elon Musk's decision to set up a new Telsa car factory in India. the US President Donald Trump has said Musk's decision to built a factory in India to avoid that country's tariffs, would be "unfair to his own country -the US". Trump's comments came amid moves by him to increase tariffs significantly. On February 13, hours before Prime Minister Narendra Modi's bilateral meeting

with President Trump at the White House, billionaire Elon Musk's announcement of his global expansion plans, with Tesla gearing up to enter the Indian market, has made the US President unhappy as he has raised concerns about this move. In an interview with Fox News on Tuesday, Trump said if Tesla built a factory in India to avoid the country's high tariffs, it

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Police cooperate Madhyamik girl to sit for Examination

MI News Service, Shantipur: A Madhyamik Candidate was on the verge of missing her examination on Thursday as by mistake she had left her Admit card in home 7 km. away.But a remarkable cooperation of the police, has helped her to finally sit for her examination.Ankita Bhowmick, a candidate of Madhyamik examination who was scheduled to appear for an exam. at Santipur Baigachi School in Nadia, nearly missed her opportunity due to forgetting to bring her admit card.In a remarkable display of dedication, commit-



ment and compassion, Village Police Toton Ghosh and CVF Bhagirath immediately took action. They rushed to her residence at Gobindapur, located about 7 km. away, and retrieved the admit card just in time. With the assistance of the police, the admit card was delivered to the candidate at the last moment, enabling her to appear the successexamination fully."The commitment that these police personnel have shown to their duty is truly appreciable, " Siddharth Dhapola, the Addi-tional SP, HQ Ranaghat police district, said.



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee inaugurates 'Banglar Haat' at New Town, beside Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, in Kolkata on Thursday.

Industrial parks at Ethelbari & Jaigaon get road funds

MI News Service, Alipurduar: Road construction funds for two industrial parks at Ethelbari and Jaigaon in Alipurduar district have been released following the intervention of chief minister Mamata Banerjee.

Sources said a sum of 15 crore has been sanctioned for the construction of approach roads to these two parks.

During an administrative meeting in Alipurduar last month, the chief minister was unhappy that there was no proper con-

nectivity to these industrial parks so far," said a source in the administration, adtres. mitting that the existing roads were both narrow and short, making commutes to these industrial hubs difficult.

The Ethelbari industrial park is spread over an area of 42 acres and consists of 59 stalls.

The Jaigaon industrial park, which is situated near the India-Bhutan border, is spread over 17.68 acres with 12 stalls.

The approach road at Ethelbari is 908 metres long while the one in Jaigaon is only 615 me-R. Vimala, the Alipurduar district magistrate,

said: "We have received funds to construct the approach road for the two industrial parks at Ethelbari and Jaigaon. We are trying to start the work soon."

Traders maintained that the lack of proper road connectivity to these industrial hubs had hampered their functioning to a great extent.

M.L. Rajoria, the secretary of the Ethelbari industries association, said: "Most of the concretebased industries of the district are in Ethelbari. Even though we have been allotted plots, the lack of a proper approach road was a deterrent for the full operation of the park.

Administrative sources said that some encroachment had come up along the existing approach roads in both the places. 'We will have to clear the encroachments before commencing road construction work," said a source.

Teen's mysterious death uncovered after classmate's inquiry

MI News Service, Uttar Ka**shipur:** A shocking incident has surfaced in Uttar Kashipur, where the body of a secondary school student was recovered six days after her secret burial by her family, without informing authorities.

The deceased, identified as Parveena, daughter of Hannan Hazra, was appearing for her secondary board examinations from Karbala High School. She had completed her Bengali and English exams but was absent from subsequent subjects, raising suspicions among her

classmates. One of her close friends, who had sat beside her during the first two exams, went to her home to ask about her absence. Shockingly, she discovered that Parveena had allegedly died by suicide on Valentine's Day.

According to family members, Parveena was buried in secrecy without informing the police. They cited concerns over an autopsy, fearing her body would be dismembered. However, the police have launched an investigation to verify the claims surrounding her death.

The incident has raised serious questions about the family's actions and the circumstances of her alleged suicide. Authorities from Uttar Kashipur Police Station have confirmed

that the body will be exhumed and sent for au-topsy, pending court approval. Local police officials stated that further legal action would be determined based on the autopsy report. The case has sparked widespread dis-cussion, with many questioning whether there was an attempt to conceal crucial details regarding

Parveena's death. With the investigation ongoing, officials are closely examining the events leading up to the teenager's tragic demise.

Man beaten and threatened at gunpoint over love affair

MI News Service, Canning: A harrowing case of assault and intimidation has surfaced in Satmukhi Moukhali, under Canning police station, where a young man was brutally attacked by assailants posing as police officers.

The victim, Chandan Mandal, had been in a relationship long-term with a girl from a different background. However, their relationship met violent resistance when four to five men, allegedly from the girl's family, attacked him

According to reports, Chandan and his friend Sudhamoy Halder were abducted from near their home in Kailashnagar, Kultali, and forcibly taken to Satmukhi Moukhali. There, they were beaten mercilessly and threatened at gunpoint. The attackers allegedly warned Chandan to stay away from the girl, citing his poor financial background as the reason for their disapproval. Following the incident,

Chandan filed a complaint with Canning police station, detailing his ordeal. He claimed that the girl's father had previously assaulted her and that her grandfather had initially assured support, only for the situation to escalate into physical violence.

Authorities are currently investigating the case, gathering evidence to verify Chandan's allegations. Police sources indicate that the attackers' identities are being traced, and appropriate legal action will follow.

This shocking case highlights the dangers of personal disputes turning violent and underscores the importance of law enforcement intervention in such matters. Experts warn that threats and coercion in relationships often stem from control, possessiveness, and deeply rooted societal biases. Seeking police and legal support in such cases is crucial to prevent further harm.

Madhyamik exam: Board President reviews arrangements in Asansol

MI News Service, Asansol: In a surprise move, Ramanuj Gangopadhyay, President of the West Bengal Board of Secondary Education (WBBSE), conducted an unannounced inspection of Madhyamik examination centers in Asansol on Thursday. His visit aimed to assess the examination arrangements and interact with students and parents

During his visit to Manimala Girls' School in Asansol, Gangopadhyay expressed satisfaction with the conduct of the exams, stating, "The examination process is well-balanced, and the arrangements are excellent. The state and district administrations have done a commendable job. It's a team effort, and I am confident that students will perform well and grow into responsible citizens." Ad-dressing concerns about exam evaluations and result declarations, Gangopadhyay assured that the board will follow its established procedures. He acknowledged the increased workload but emphasized that assessment and result announcements will be conducted as per the standard guidelines. He added, "We will review and notify the public in due time."

Gangopadhyay also highlighted the increased participation of female students in Madhyamik examinations, attributing it to various social welfare schemes implemented by the state govern-ment. He noted, "The initiatives taken by the Hon'ble Chief Minister have encouraged more girls to pursue education. This is a positive outcome of the government's efforts." When asked about absenteeism among students, he stated that the board would analyze the data and take appropriate steps. He added, "Our inspections provide insights into potential improvements, which will help the board implement better policies in the future." During his inspection of multiple exam centers in Asansol and nearby areas, Gangopadhvay assessed whether students faced any difficulties during the examination. He also interacted with parents to gather feedback. His primary objective was to gain first-hand experience and use it to refine future examination processes

By collecting insights from the ongoing exams, he aims to provide valuable input to the board, ensuring that Madhyamik examinations in the coming years are conducted even more efficiently

As the Madhyamik exams near their conclusion, students are increasingly anxious about their results. Addressing this concern, Gangopadhyay reassured, "We understand the stress students go through, but I assure you that result processing will be done with complete fairness and adherence to protocols." The West Bengal Board of Secondary Education remains committed to maintaining transparency and efficiency in conducting and evaluating Madhyamik examinations, ensuring that students receive fair and timely results.

Foresters rescue aged leopard, gaur

MI News Service, Alipurduar: An aged leopard and a gaur that had strayed into human habitats in Alipurduar district were rescuedby the foresters. Sources said that foresters managed to trap a leopard in a cage at Prodhanpara village, which lies adjacent to the

Jaldapara National Park in Alipurduar district. Last week a forester fell and was injured when he tried to chase the leopard from the village. The foresters had then set up cages in the area.

Following a thorough checkup, foresters believe that the leopard

is around 10 years old. Its nails and teeth had become weak due to age

Navojit Dey, assistant wildlife warden, Jaldapara said: "Since it is old, we took the animal to the South Khayerbari animal rescue centre." A gaur entered the Uttar

Mendar village under Kalchini block from the Chilapata forest. On being informed, a forest team arrived at the village with a kunki (trained elephant).

The gaur was tranquillised and released into the Chilapata forest.

Aikyashree: 45 lakh students to get scholarships

MI News Service, Kolkata: The state government is all set to provide scholarships to a total 45 lakh beneficiaries under the within scheme "Aikvashree' March this year.

The state government had earlier received 44 lakh applications out of which 16 lakh applicants were given scholarships under the scheme within December last year. The ruling party Trinamool Congress on social media said that the Chief Minister delivers on her promises and Bengal continues to bring opportunities for the stu-"The Hon'ble Chief Minister dents. of West Bengal, @MamataOfficial, delivers on her promises! By March, 45 lakh applicants in West

Bengal will receive their Aikyashree Scholarship funds. Under the visionary leadership of Smt. Mamata Banerjee, West Bengal continues to make remarkable strides in education!" Trinamool Congress said in a post on X.

The "Aikyashree" scheme provides scholarships to students of minority communities in the state.

The decision to launch the scheme was taken by the Mamata Banerjee government in 2019, after over 16 lakh students had failed to avail a scholarship granted by the Centre. The state had launched the scheme and shoulders the entire cost of providing scholarships to students of minority communities

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee visited stalls at 'Banglar Haat' at New Town, beside Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, in Kolkata on Thursday.

Bird Flu: State zoos ban chicken from animal diets

MI News Service, Kolkata: In the wake of the bird flu outbreak among animals in some zoos, particularly in the Central part of the country, the West Bengal Zoo Authority(WBZA) as a preventive measure has prohibited chicken from the diet of the inmates in the state zoos. There are 11 zoos in the state, including mini zoos. "We have followed the guidelines of the Central Zoo Authority and have withdrawn chicken from the diet of the animals in the state zoos as a preventive measure," said Saurabh Choudhury, Member Secretary of WBZA. According to sources, chicken is being

supplemented with pig, goat and lamb meat. In January, there was confirmation of Avian Influenza (H5N1) in Leopards and Tigers in Gorewada Project, Nagpur, Maharashtra. Following this, the CZA advised all zoos to remain alert for any symptoms among captive animals housed in zoos and incidence, if any, in nearby areas. "Preparedness with specific reference to 'Bio-security' needs concerning Avian Influenza may also be assessed and strengthened in the respective zoo(s)," the directive from CZA stated. There is no poultry of its own in any of the zoos and chicken is procured from

the market, hence the zoo authorities are in no mood to take any risk in its efforts to ensure the best of health for the zoo inmates. Tigers, lion, leopard, jungle cat, jackal, jaguar, hyena among others are offered meat in their daily diet. Predominantly buffalo and chicken meat are provided. Some of the birds are also given meat. Chicken has been prohibited from their diet. The chances of bird flu spread are from birds. Hence, a temporary stop of bird exchange of any sort has been initiated and the zoo keepers are keeping a special vigil on the birds.

Police intercept 140kg of cannabis worth Rs 12 lakh

MI News Service, Murshdabad: Jangipur police in Murshidabad intercepted an ambulance carrying 140kg of cannabis worth ₹12 lakh. Preliminary probe revealed that the vehicle with a blue beacon was originally donated by the state government to a Jalpaiguri-based club.Acting on a tip-off, around 5am, cops led by the Samserganj OC Shibprasad Ghosh intercepted the ambulance on NH12 at the checkpoint near the Chaksapur

crossing in Samserganj.The ambulance, with its siren blaring, was headed towards Ranaghat in Nadia with five sacks of cannabis. The consignment, sent from Cooch Behar's Toofanganj, was meant for delivery in Ranaghat, police sources said.When the speeding ambulance approached the checkpost, the driver initially demanded clearance, persistently honking. But when officers insisted on checking the vehicle, the driver attempted to break through the barricade. The police swiftly blocked the path with barrel containers.On inspection, officers found 140kg of cannabis inside the vehicle. The driver, Anup Sutradhar of Birpara in Alipurduar, and his associate, Aditya Das of Siliguri, were arrested. After the duo's arrest, Farakka SDPO Aminul Islam, Samserganj BDO Sujitchandra Lodh and Jangipur CI Swarup Biswas reached the spot.

Anit Thapa asks state govt to stop land survey in tea garden areas

MI News Service, Darjeeling: Anit Thapa, chief executive of the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA), requested the state government to stop

the land survey in tea garden areas in an apparent move to put the lid on the widespread protests in the tea belt. Thapa met state labour minister Moloy

Ghatak in Kolkata and handed him a letter requesting the government to distribute land to the workers on an "as is where is" basis

2 rare birds sighted during bird census in Dzongu forest

MI News Service, Darjeeling: Two rare winged creatures have been sighted during bird census in Sikkim.

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) was conducted across the Himalayan state. Dibyendu Ash, the coordinator (Sikkim chapter) of the GBBC, said the avian population was counted on the Khecheopalri Lake in the Gyalshing district of the state for the first time during the census

The lake was recently designated as a Ramsar site, which means it is a wetland of international importance.

'During the survey, the birders sighted the rare 'rufous-faced warbler' and 'black-crowned scimitar babbler' in the forest of Dzongu in north Sikkim. The first is also found in Arunachal Pradesh and Bhutan. In this part of the world, the second species is seen only in Sikkim," Ash said. Dzongu has been identified as an area with the highest number of bird species. In north Sikkim, a total of 182 bird species were sighted during the survey and 155 of them were found in the vast areas of Dzongu. In Dzongu, the exercise was carried out in places like Dikchu, Passing Dang, Lingthem, Bee Village, Pentang and Sakyong, which are located at elevations of over 5,000 feet.

The lowest number of species sighted in west Sikkim is 51. Ash said the number of bird species found in the eastern and southern parts of the state were 190 and

105, respectively. Altogether, 59 birdwatchers in 30 groups conducted the count. The census

was organised by Bird Count India, ebird India and Sikkim Birds Tours & Trav-

North Bengal, which shares the border with Sikkim, is also considered one of the hot spots for birds.

"For birdwatchers, north Bengal and Sikkim can be ideal destinations to watch avian species and click their photos," said Animesh Bose, a veteran nature conservationist based in Siliguri.

Yabez Lepcha, who participated in the survey, said birds like bluethroat were seen in Lachen of north Sikkim.

Some other prominent species that were sighted during the count included the blue-throated barbet and the laughing thrush

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the Swasthya Sathi scheme, she added, "Our health initiative has benefited families immensely, without any conditional clauses. So far, we have invested 12,000 crore in this sector. Under the Shishu Sathi scheme, nearly 32,000 children have undergone free surgeries, while over 2.3 crore individuals have received eye care services.

Banerjee concluded by reiterating her govern-ment's commitment to healthcare development.

"Our administration has established 14 medical colleges, 42 super-specialty hospitals, and 71 SNCUs We aim to build 12,000 more health centers next year. Additionally, we have set up critical care units, mother-and-child hubs, fair-price diagnostic centers, and even a cord blood bank to enhance medical

services." With such initiatives, West Bengal is setting new benchmarks in healthcare accessibility and infrastructure, ensuring quality treatment for all, she said.

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Delhi. This was a key commitment in the party's manifesto and was de-signed to outmatch AAP's pledge of Rs 2,100 per month.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, addressing a rally in Dwarka on February 1, had assured that the decision to transfer the amount would be taken in the first cabinet meeting if the BJP came to power.

AAP has already raised doubts about the BJP's commitment to paying the honorarium, with outgoing chief minister Atishi this Friday said she would hold the new government accountable. Another major challenge for the BJP will be to continue welfare schemes initiated by the AAP government, including free electricity up to 200 units, free water connection and free bus rides for women, among others.

While the BJP has assured voters that these benefits will not be discontinued, AAP leaders have questioned the party's long-term commitment.

During campaigning for the February 5 Delhi Assembly polls, PM Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah reassured voters that free schemes

Delhi women to get...

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Thursday afternoon after the Chief minister The BJP secured a landslide victory in the Delhi Assembly elections, winning 48 out of 70 seats and ending the AAP's decade-long rule.

Gupta, a former Delhi University Students' Union (DUSU) president and municipal councillor, was

BJP had promised to introduce the Ayushman Bharat health insurance scheme in Delhi and it had become an electoral issue. The scheme provides free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh per beneficiary, with an additional Rs 5 lakh covered by the state gov-ernment. The AAP governhad ment previously ment had previously refused to implement it, claiming that Delhi's exist-

ing healthcare system was superior and more inclusive. The BJP has also vowed to reform Delhi's Mohalla Clinics, alleging corruption in its function-ing. BJP MLA Manjinder Singh Sirsa from Rajouri Garden said that the clinics will be rebranded as Ayushman Arogya Mandirs" and will deliver

better healthcare delivery. BJP has consistently accused the AAP of corruption, alleging that it was deliberately trying to avoid the tabling of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) reports in the assembly to hide finan-

Nabanna issues strict guidelines to ensure full utilization of project funds

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a bid to ensure that allocated funds for various projects are fully utilized and not returned unspent, the West Bengal government has issued strict deadlines for all departments. Nabanna, the state secretariat, released an official directive on Wednesday, emphasizing the importance of timely and transparent fund expenditure.

Towards the end of every financial year, a rush to spend leftover funds is often observed across government departments. This last-minute expenditure spree not only disrupts financial planning but also increases the likelihood of errors. Taking a firm stance, the state finance department has made it clear that any laxity in fund utilization will not be tolerated. The directive further underscores the necessity of spending funds meant for public welfare efficiently and within the stipulated time frame. Additionally, the government has stressed the need for absolute transparency in the expenditure process.

Alongside the financial directives, the government has also ensured that salaries, pensions, and monthly allowances for government employees, educational institutions, libraries, and panchayat workers for the month of March will be disbursed by April 2. The notification warns that a large influx of pending bills at the end of the financial year could create bottlenecks. To prevent such issues, all departments have been instructed to submit bills systematically and within designated timelines.

A structured schedule has been provided for the submission of bills to the Treasury or the Pay and Accounts Office. This includes clarifications regarding outstanding payments, retirement benefits, and travel allowance (TA) bills, ensuring that no procedural confusion arises. As per the directive, departments will not be allowed to submit any bills to the Pay and Accounts Office or the Treasury after March 28. Moreover, any bills previously returned or objected to by the department must be rectified and resubmitted by March 17, with a prior deadline of March 13 for identifying such cases. In a firm warning, the government has stated that "cheques, nil bills, and PL transfer statements will not be accepted after the financial year ends. No advance payments will be approved unless specifically sanctioned by the finance department." This measure aims to prevent unnecessary financial irregularities and ensure a smooth transition into the next fiscal year.

By implementing these strict deadlines, the state government aims to mainfinancial discipline tain across departments. The move is also expected to reduce last-minute procedural errors and ensure that development funds reach their intended beneficiaries on time.

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Nabanna's directive sends a strong message that fund mismanagement or delay in expenditure will not be tolerated. With the new guidelines in place, the government seeks to enhance financial efficiency, transparency, and accountability in its spending processes.

As the financial year-end approaches, all eyes will be on how efficiently the departments adhere to these deadlines and whether the new measures lead to a more structured financial workflow within the administration. Leaders of employee unions have welcomed the decision to ensure 100% expenditure and maintain transparency in project funds. Similarly, Manoj Chakraborty, President of the All Bengal Pensioners' Association, has praised the initiative regarding retirement benefits.



Activists create graffiti on the road ahead of International Mother Language Day, in Kolkata.

KMC unveils developmentfocused budget for 2025-26

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has presented an ambitious budget for the financial year 2025-26, with a strong focus on affordable housing, local infrastructure, and social welfare. Despite a projected fis-

quality housing for middle-class residents. To expand this initiative, KMC has identified 16 locations across the city where accessible while promoting structured urban development.

accommodate middle-class families under this scheme, including J.K. Ghosh Road, Lalbagan Road, Canal East Road, Raja SubodhMallick Square, and Chittaranjan Colony, among others. These projects will provide quality homes in well-connected

These measures will ensure better infrastructure, cleaner neighbourhoods, and improved public services across Kolkata

KMC has set a bold revenue target of 5,524.84 crore for 2025-26, with focused efforts on increasing earnings from various sources: Property Tax Collection: Expected to grow to 1,581.33 crore, reflecting steady economic growth, Car Parking Fees: Targeted at 21 crore, optimizing urban mobility and Licensing Rev-enue: Set at 80 crore to enhance business-friendly regulations.

With these strategies, KMC aims to improve revenue generation while ensuring that residents continue to receive highquality civic services.

A key highlight of the budget is the significant increase in funding for social wel-fare and urban poverty alleviation, with an allocation of 29.52 crore—up from 1.31 crore in the previous year. This investment will support essential services for underprivileged communities and enhance quality of life across the city.

Bandhan Bank expands presence with 9 new branches across 3 states

MI News Service, Kolkata: Bandhan Bank has announced the opening of nine new branches across West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, and Maharash-Uttar tra, strengthening its na-tionwide presence. Among them, one branch has been inaugurated in Kolkata, while six have opened in Uttar Pradesh and two in Maharashtra. The new Kolkata branch, located at Poddar Court, 43 William Carey Sarani, was formally inaugurated bv

ParthaPratimSengupta, MD & CEO, Bandhan Bank, in the presence of senior back officials and local dignitaries. Additionally, Sengupta virtually inaugurated the remaining eight branches alongside Executive Director Mr. Rajinder Kumar Babbar.

This expansion aligns with Bandhan Bank's strategic vision of diversification, aimed at strengthening its footprint across India and offering innovative banking solutions

Tangra triple murder: Autopsy reveals 'brutal killing'

MI News Service, Kolkata: The shocking deaths of three women from the De family in Tangra were not suicides but calculated murders, as confirmed by the preliminary autopsy report. The victims—SudeshnaDey,



Partha Pratim Sengupta, MD & CEO of Bandhan Bank, inau-gurates a new branch in Kolkata.

closer to customers. With these additions, the bank operates through now 1,720 banking outlets in West Bengal and over 6,300 across India.

Speaking at the inauguration, Sengupta said: "We are excited to expand our presence with nine new branches across three states, including this one in Kolkata. This expansion strengthens our ability to serve customers efficiently.

As we pursue our growth strategy, we will continue to explore new opportunities to enhance our distribution network and extend financial services to a larger customer base

across the country." Currently, Bandhan Bank operates in 35 out of 36 states and union territories, reaffirming its commitment to financial inclusion and nationwide growth.



Heavy rain batters Kolkata on Thursday.

Cal HC seeks State's stand on

and over 15 companies of

paramilitary forces," confirmed a Delhi Police offihighlighting the cer, emphasis on law and order during the high-profile event. More than 5,000 personnel have been positioned strategically in and around the venue in order to the safety of approxi-

cial irregularities.

cal shortfall of 114.72 crore, the budget reflects the city's commitment to growth, better urban planning, and improved public services. In alignment with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's vision, the budget prioritizes the Banglar Bari scheme, ensuring

new housing units will be developed. This initiative will make homeownership more

KMC has designated various areas to

sworn in as the fourth woman C hief minister of Delhi at a grand ceremony at Ramlila Maidan on Thursday afternoon, in presence of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Union Home minister Amit Shah, BJP President J P Nassa and many other dignitaries.. Over 25,000 police personnel and more than 15 paramilitary companies have been stationed across the city. The robust security measures were aimed at maintaining order as top BJP leaders and chief ministers from BJP-governed states attended the ceremony. "We have deployed more than 25,000 police personnel

including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Cabinet colleagues.

mately 50,000 attendees,

Rekha Gupta's rise to the position of chief minister marked the end of a ten-year rule by the Arvind Kejriwal-led Aam Aadmi Party. Gupta was elected as the Leader of the House in the Delhi Assembly following a BJP legislature party meeting. The announcement, made by sen-BJP leader ior Ravishankar Prasad, confirmed the party's return to power in Delhi after 27 years. Gupta subsequently met Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena to officially stake her claim to form the government.

Elon Musk's decision to...

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would be "unfair" to the US. "Every country in the world takes advantage of us, and they do it with tariffs... It is impossible to sell a car, practically, in, as an example, in India," Trump said.

India imposes nearly 100 per cent import duty on electric vehicles (EVs), making it expensive for foreign automakers to sell their cars there. This policy protects local companies like Tata Motors. However, in March, India introduced a new EV policy, reducing import taxes to as low as 15 per cent only if a carmaker invests at least USD 500 million and sets up a factory in the country.

According to a Reuters report, Tesla has already selected locations for two showrooms in New Delhi and Mumbai. It has also posted job listings for 13 positions in the matter.

India. According to the report, Musk has previously criticised India's high tariffs, and during the interview, he confirmed, "It's 100 per cent on auto imports.

Trump, who has been pushing for higher tariffs on imports to the US, insisted that a Tesla factory in India would not be fair." If he (Musk) built the factory in India, that's okay, but that's unfair to us. It's very unfair," Trump said.

During his meeting with Minister Prime Narendra Modi at the White House, Trump among other issues, discussed the issue of tariffs. "Here's what we are going to do: reciprocal. Whatever you charge, I'm

charging," he stated. Musk responded by saying, "It seems fair" India's foreign ministry has not yet commented on

locations, enhancing the city's residential landscape. Understanding the need for continuous urban development, KMC has increased allocations for local projects: Borough Development Fund: Increased from 25 lakh to 30 lakh to accelerate neighborhood improvements. Councillor Development Fund: Raised from 15 lakh to 20 lakh, allowing more investment in ward-level civic projects.

Approval Fee for Residential Construction: Reduced by 50% for homes built on plots between 2 to 3 kathas, making homebuilding more affordable for residents.

Ganja worth Rs 1cr seized in Howrah

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a major crackdown on narcotics, CID and Narcotics Cell officials seized 711 kg of ganja worth 1 crore from a residence in Bauria, Howrah. The operation was conducted late Wednesday night in the KazircharaAshwathtala area, leading to the arrest of Sheikh Majed, who is suspected to be involved in large-scale drug trafficking. According to police sources, Majed allegedly smuggled the ganja from Odisha and stored it at his residence for distribution across Howrah and neighboring districts. In addition to the seized contraband, authorities also confiscated two vehicles and three mobile phones. Investigators believe Majed was part of a

larger drug network, possibly operating across multiple states. The police are now focusing on identifying other individuals linked to the operation. Further interrogation is expected to reveal key details about the extent of the trafficking network and its possible interstate connections.

Despite adjustments in budget allocations, KMC remains committed to strengthening the city's healthcare infrastructure. With an allocation of 180.05 crore, public health programs and medical facilities will continue to receive strong support, ensuring access to essential healthcare services for all residents.

The 2025-26 budget reflects KMC's proactive approach to fostering sustainable growth, improving urban living, and enhancing public services. With a clear focus on housing, infrastructure, and social welfare, this budget lays a strong foundation for a more vibrant and wellplanned Kolkata.



Mayor Firhad Hakim addresses the budget session at KMC House in Kolkata on Thursday.

TMC files privilege notice against Hiran

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Trinamool Congress (TMC) has filed a privilege notice against BJP MLA Hiran Chatterjee following his allegations against the state government during his speech on Wednesday. Chatterjee claimed that the awards received by the state government were granted in exchange for money, triggering strong protests from TMC MLAs.

The notice alleges that Chatterjee's remarks violated the privileges of the state government. The matter has been referred to the Privileges Committee, which will review the evidence and documents

submitted by Chatterjee. The BJP MLA has been

asked to provide supporting evidence for his claims by March 19. In response, Chatterjee stated that he possesses all necessary documents and will submit them to the committee within the stipulated time. This development

comes amid an already heated atmosphere in the assembly, with similar breach of privilege notices recently filed against Leader of Opposition SuvenduAdhikari and BJP MLA Agnimitra Paul. The Privileges Committee will examine the matter and determine further action.

wife of PranayDey; RomiDey, wife of PrasunDey; and their teenage daughter Privamvada—fell prev to a meticulously executed crime, exposing a chilling narrative of violence and deception.

The forensic report confirms that both women were slain with precise brutality, their throats and wrist veins mercilessly severed. Meanwhile, Priyamvada was poisoned, yet multiple injury marks on her body suggest she endured considerable agony before succumbing. Medical examiners discovered semi-digested food with a yellowish-white hue and traces of a medicinal odor in her stomach, indicating that she had been poisoned, with death occurring three to six hours after her final meal. The estimated time of demise for all three victims places the murders between 36 and 48 hours before the autopsy, implying they were killed prior to Tuesday evening. A crucial revelation from the autopsy highlights that the perpetrator was right-handed, as the deep incisions on the victims' throats ran from left to right. The ex-

tent of these wounds suggests the use of a sharp weapon, causing fatal blood loss. The case Initially emerged on Wednesday following a road accident near the EM Bypass, involving PrasunDeyand PranayDey, husbands of Romi and Sudeshna. Their minor son was also in the vehicle at the time. However, as the investigation unfolded, an unsettling timeline surfaced, casting doubt on the circumstances surrounding the murders.

Ref. No.: 565

pvt schools' fee regulation bill

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal govern-ment's proposed Education Bill, aimed at regulating excessive fee hikes and teacher salary structures in private schools, has hit a legal roadblock. The bill, which seeks to introduce checks on arbitrary fee increases, has been awaiting the Governor's signature for over a year. Justice BiswajitBasu of the Calcutta High Court questioned the state government's stance on the bill while hearing a case related to unjustified fee hikes in private schools. The next hearing is scheduled for Friday. During the hearing, Justice Basu re-marked, "Some schools even offer horse riding or camel racing lessons, but a basic fee structure must be maintained. Many schools treat additional charges as a source of extra income."

creases in the name of 'charges' are unfair. Shouldn't there be any con-trol over this?" Responding to the court, state counsel BiswabrataBasuMallick revealed that the Education Bill has been pending with the Governor for over a year. He argued that since the Governor has not approved it, the government has been unable to take further action."If the Governor clears this bill, it will benefit a large section of the public," he added. Justice Basu then questioned why the state education minister was not taking proactive steps to resolve the matter. He also suggested that West Bengal could follow Rajasthan's model for private school regulation, urging the government to review the policy framework used in that state.

Later, Advocate General Kishore Dutta ap-He further stated, "Several petitions have been peared in court and assured that the governfiled against unjustified fee hikes in private schools ment would consult the edacross the state. The state ucation minister and present its position on Fri-day. government must regulate this sector. Arbitrary in-



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Date: 20-02-2025

Tender Notice

Experienced Transport Contractors are invited to visit e-Procurement Portal for participation in the Transport Tender regarding carrying Jute Bales (150 kg) from different centers under Krishnagar Region, JCI to various jute mills in and around Kolkata. Interested bidders may download the tender from the website https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app on all days from 24.02.2025 to 16.03.2025. Last date of tender submission up to 05 PM of 16.03.2025. Tender will be opened at 12PM on 17.03.2025. CBC 41122 / 12 / 0050 / 2425

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Miscellaneous

NAME CHANGE Promila Rani Spouse Of No 6907214A Rank Ex Nk(Ts) Name Haradhan Sutradhan Resident Vill.-College Para Katwa, P.o Katwa, Dist. Purba Bardhaman ,(W.b.), Pin-713130 Have Changed My Name & Date Of Birth From Promila Rani & 12.03.1961 To Pramila Sutradhar & 01.01.1960 Vide Affidavit Dated 06. Feb. 2025 In The Court Of Ld Sub Divisional Executive Magistrate (1st Class),Katwa,Purba Bardhaman.

NAME CHANGE

I, No. 15785573X, Rank–Ex L/NK, Name Sk Kutubuddin resident of Vill– Hatgobindapur, P.O- Hatgobindapur, Dist –Purba Bardhaman, W.B, Pin- 713407 have changed my father's Name and DOB from Md Mahasin & 47 yrs as per DOE to Md Mahashin Sk & 01.02.1960 vide affidavit dated 24.10.24 before Executive Magistrate, Purba Bardhaman.

NAME CHANGE

I, No. 15785573X, Rank – Ex L/NK, Name Sk Kutubuddin S/o Sk Mahasin presently residing at Vill-Hatgobindapur, P.O-Hatgobindapur, Dist-Purba Bardhaman, W.B, Pin-713407 have changed my mother's Name and DOB from Salema Begam & 36 yrs as per DOE to Md Salema Begum Seikh & 11th Jul, 1964 vide affidavit dated 24.10.24 before Executive Magistrate, Purba Bardhaman.

NAME CHANGE

I, Anindita Mazomdar Daughter of Atanu Nag, residing at 116, S.N. Banerjee Road, North Barrackpore, Dist-North 24 Parganas, Pin-700120, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Anindia Nag as declared before the Ld.1st class judicial magistrate at Kolkata,dated 30/01/2025 Anindita Mazomdar and Anindia Nag both are same and one identical person

NAME CHANGE

I, Mohammad Gulam Maiuddin Shekh S/c Late Md. Zahir residing at 11/2, Munshigan Road, P.S- Watgunge, Kolkata - 700023 declare that in the Thika Tenancy records my name was recorded wrongly as Sk. Golam Mohiuddin along with my elder brother Sk. Golam Gouse being the joint thika tenants. Mohammad Gulam Maiudiin Shekh as mentioned in my aadhar Card. That MOHAMMAD GULAM MAIUDDIN SHEKH and Sk. Golam Mohiuddin is the same and one identical person, i.e., myself vide affidavit (No.-12599) dated 15.02.2025 before 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, at Alipore

NAME CHANGE

Arsam Ali Khan S/O, Tasneem Hussa Khan R/o 38/2/2d Mominpur Road, P.S. Ekbalpur, Kolkata-700023, West Bengal, India. Have changed my name to Arsam Hussain Khan.

, Shyamalima De daughter of Swapan De and wife of Pritam Chakraborty residing at 109 East Road, Kolkata - 700075 shall Henceforth be known as Shyamalima De as declared before the First Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore 6th Court, West Bengal vide affidavit no. 13809 dated 19.02.2025 Shyamalima De and Shyamalima Chakraborty both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE

Shakar Bala S/O Netai Chandra Bala residing at 62/A. Purbanchal. K.G.School Road, P.O. Nona Chandanpukur, P.S.-Titagarh, District North 24 Parganas, Kolkata-700122, do hereby solemnly affirm and declared that my daughter's Parna Bala Passport being No N2860454 issued by Government of India, wherein my name has been recorded as Shakar Bala but in her others documents it is mentioned as Shekhar Bala. That I, Shakar Bala and Shekhar Bala are the same and one identical person, Vide an affidavit sworn

Massive platform surface improvement work in Eastern Railway's Howrah division for enhanced passenger experience and safety

News Kolkata: In an ongoing effort to enhance the travel experience of passengers and provide added convenience for elderly persons, lady passengers and children, Eastern Railway has initiated a significant platform surface improvement project across different divisions. This initiative aims to upgrade both the physical accessibility and overall safety of stations, with a focus on passenger convenience and

station beautification. As part of this project in Howrah Division, Éastern Railway has been working on increasing the platform height and resurfacing the platforms using checkered-style and anti-skid materials. This is designed to facilitate smoother movement for passengers,

particularly the elderly, women, and children, while also improving the aesthetics of station premises. The platform elevation and resurfacing work have been

undertaken at several stations under the Howrah division, covering both suburban and non-suburban locations. Such increase in platform height and surface elevation

have been made as under:

NAME CHANGE

I, Paramjeet Singh (Old Name) S/O Jaktar Singh, Resident Of Huchuk Para Lower Chelidanga, Asansol, Pin-713304, Dist-

Paschim Burdwan, West Bengal. I Have

Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Paramjit Singh (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary

Public At Kolkata On 20/02/2025.Paramjee

Singh(Old Name) And Paramjit Singh(New Name)All Are The Same And One Identical

NAME CHANGE

I,Suvashree Bhattacharya Chakraborty(Old Name) D/O Amitava Bhattacharya And W/O

Abhinandan Chakraborty, Resident Of P-24,

Block-B, Lake Town, Po & Ps -Lake Town,

Cancellation

02.03.2025):



form surface elevation and work have already completed at PF 2 & 3 of Rampurhat, resurfacing work is also going PF 1 of Murarai, PF 2 & 3 of on at some other platforms of Nalhati, PF 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & different stations at present 7 of Barddhaman, PF 1,2 & viz at PF 2 of Kamarkundu 3 of Chanchai, PF 1 & 2 of in Tarakeswar branch line, Nabagram, PF 3,4,5 & 6 of PF 1 of Mayapur, PF 1,2 & 3 Masagram, PF 1 of Patuli, PF of Porabazar, PF 1 of Nalhati, of Dhatrigram, PF 2 of Be-PF 1 of Morgram and PF 2 of hula, PF 1 of Lakshmipur, PF Lakshmipur. 3 & 4 of Balarambati, PF 3 & Once completed, this plat-4 of Mirzapur Bankipur, PF 3 form improvement project & 4 of Madhusudhanpur, PF significantly enhance will 1, 2 & 3 of Hazigarh, PF 1,2 the travel experience on the & 3 of Dhaniakhali, PF 2 & 3 of Hindmotor, PF 5 of Liluah and PF 1 of Takipur Halt sta-

Howrah division, ensuring smoother and safer access for passengers. The upgradtion in this financial year as ed stations will also feature a part of Eastern Railway's improved ambience, contributing to a better overall endeavour for improving pasexperience for travelers and senger amenities. Moreover, work for platcommuters alike.

Regulation of trains for devp wrk over Sealdah div News MI

Citv: UP 31721, 31723, 31725/ Service, Kolkata: For commissioning Down 31722, 31726. **RE-SCHEDULING OF TRAINS:** of Hot Stand by Dual Visual Display Unit Electronic In-• 53172 Down Lalgoterlocking system at Krishla-Sealdah Passenger (JCO

nanagar City in Ranaghat-Lal-21.02.2025 to 24.02.2025 and gola section over Sealdah 27.02.2025 to 01.03.2025) will Division, Pre-Non Interlocking be rescheduled for 60 minutes work on and from 00.00 hrs. i.e. will leave from Lalgola at of 22.02.2025 (Saturday) to 23.15 hrs. instead of 22.15 hrs. 27.02.2025 (Thursday) and • 53172 Down Lalgo-Non Interlocking work on and la-Sealdah Passenger (JCO from 10.00 hrs. of 28.02.2025 26.02.2025) will be resched-(Friday) to 00.00 hrs. of uled for 120 minutes i.e. will leave from Lalgola at 00.15 03.03.2025 (Monday) has been planned at Krishnanagar City. hrs. of 27.02.2025 instead of Consequently, following ar-22.15 hrs. of 26.02.2025 and rangements in train running will be controlled enroute up

to Dhubulia. • 53181 Up Sealdah-Lalgola of trains (during Non Interlocking Passenger (JCO 27.02.2025) period from 28.02.2025 to will be rescheduled for 90 minutes i.e. will leave from Sealdah Ranaghat-Krishnanagar at 01.00 hrs. of 28.02.2025

MIDLAND NURSING HOME NORTH

NAME CHANGE

identical person.

instead of 23.30 hrs. of 27.02.2025 and will be controlled enroute up to Badkulla.

• 53181 Up Sealdah-Lalgola Passenger (JCO 28.02.2025) will be rescheduled for 180 minutes i.e. will leave from Sealdah at 02.30 hrs. of 01.03.2025 instead of 23.30 hrs. of 28.02.2025.

Short termination and short origination of trains (during Non Interlocking period from 28.02.2025 to 02.03.2025):

•53092/53091 imganj-Krishnanagar City-Azimganj Passenger will be short terminated at/short originated from Dhubulia instead of

Master's office after some time. She was later sent to M. R. Bangur Hospital along with her son-in-law for further treatment. She and her son-in-law ex-

from her.

pressed heartfelt gratitude for the kind and timely help rendered by the station staff of Metro Råilway.

Continuation of

SER's Special trains MI News Service, Kolkata:

With a view to clear the extra rush of passengers, it has

been decided to continue the

running of Special Trains as

1) 02837 Santragachi-Puri

Special will continue to run till

2) 02838 Puri-Santragachi

Special will continue to run till

3) 08007 Shalimar-Bhanjpur

Special will continue to run till

4) 08008 Bhanjpur-Shalimar

Special will continue to run till

5) 08011 Bhanjpur-Puri Spe-

cial will continue to run till

6) 08012 Puri-Bhanjpur Spe-

cial will continue to run till

7) 02839 Shalimar-Puri Spe-

cial will continue to run till

8) 02840 Puri-Shalimar Spe-

cial will continue to run till

Metro staff help

an indisposed lady

passenger

MI News Service, Kolkata:

On-duty Metro staff and RPF

have once again helped an in-

disposed lady commuter in the

Metro premises at the right

time. On 19.02.2025 at about

18:30 hrs., a lady commuter

aged about 50 years suddenly

started feeling unwell at Mah-

anayak Uttam Kumar Station.

Considering the serious-

ness of the situation, she was

brought to the Station Mas-

ter's office and administered

first-aid. Her son-in-law was

immediately contacted after

getting the phone number

Hearing the news, her son-

per the given schedule:-

27.06.2025

28.06.2025

28.06.2025

30.06.2025

28.06.2025

29.06.2025

29.06.2025

30.06.2025

Cancellation of trains due to operational constraints

24 PGS PIN-700056, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall MI News Service, Kolkata: henceforth be known as Beauty Mukherjee The following trains will remain (New Name) as declared before the Notary cancelled due to operational Public at Kolkata, dated 20/02/2025. Beauty Mukherjee (New Name) and Beauti constraints: 1. 12870 Howrah-CSMT Mumbai

Chowdhury (Old Name) both are same and Express will remain cancelled on 21.02.25 2. 12869 CSMT Mum-Shymal Majhi (Old Name) son of Anadi bai-Howrah Express will remain Majhí, residing at 33/36, Mirpara Kazipara, cancelled on 23.02.25 3. 02837

22808 MGR Chennai-Santragachi Express will remain cancelled on 27.02.25 7. 22853 Shalimar-Visakhapatnam Ex-

press will remain cancelled on 25.02.25 8. 22854 Visakhapatnam- Shalimar Express will remain can-

celled on 26.02.25



The book "Nearness of an Angel" by PS Sreedharan Pillai was officially launched on Thursday at the Raj Bhavan auditorium of West Bengal by Governor of West Bengal Dr. CV Anand Bose, Governor of Goa PS Sreedharan Pillai and other guests.

Massive ticket checking drive in Rampurhat - Sainthia section

News Kolkata: A significant ticket checking drive was successfully carried in Rampurhat - Šainthia section of Howrah division, led by Dr. Uday Shankar Jha, Principal Chief Commercial Manager/Eastern Railway. The operation saw active participation from branch officers of the Howrah division, commercial staff, supervisors, and security personnel. This initiative is part of Eastern Railway's ongoing

commitment to ensure safe passengers travel in a safe, and dignified travel for passengers while maintaining the comfort of bonafide travelers. manner.

The drive focused on encouraging passengers to adhere to proper ticketing norms, thereby fostering a culture of responsible rail ing results were achieved: travel and promoting cleanliness within station premises. It aimed to instill the importance of purchasing a ticket. valid journey ticket, ensuring

luggage were apprehended highlighting the importance of compliance with luggage booking regulations.

• 7 individuals were caught for littering within railway premises. They were immediately counselled on the need to maintain cleanliness and uphold the standards of the station environment.

As a result of this drive, a total fine of Rs. 50,000/- was collected from the individuals found traveling without tickets or with unbooked luggage

Eastern Railway's Comorganized, and comfortable mercial Department under During the extensive tickthe leadership of Dr. Uday et checking operation con-Shankar Jha, Principal Chief ducted along the Rampurhat Commercial Manager con-Sainthia section, the followtinues to conduct such ticket checking drives across different sections, aiming to en- 88 penalty cases were detected for passengers travelhance passenger discipline, improve travel standards, ing without a proper journey and ensure a cleaner envi-• 74 cases of unbooked ronment for all.

be short terminated at Kiul.

• 13241 Banka - Rajendra

Nagar Express (journey com-

mencing on 23.02.2025) will

be short origination from Kiul.

63431/63432 Sahibganj -

Jamalpur - Sahibganj pas-

senger (journey commencing on 23.02.2025) will be short

terminated at/ short originat-

ed from Bhagalpur.

Rescheduling of trains:

Regulation of trains for construction of 3 limited height subway (LHS) over Malda division

News MI Service, Kolkata: In a significant stride towards enhancing and convenience for safety commuters, Eastern local Railway is constructing three (03) Limited Height Subway (LHS) in lieu of Level Crossing Gates No. 2A (between Nathnagar & Akbarnagar), Gate No. 07 (between Akbarnagar & Sultanganj) and Gate No. 11 (between Sultanganj & Kalyanpur Road) in Bhagalpur Jamalpur section over Malda Division. Local residents and commuters using these gates – Dumka. will experience increased Short termination/short origination of trains:

Height Subway, Block has been planned on 23.02.2025. Consequently, following arrangement in train running have been made as under: Cancellation of Train on 23.02.2025 (Sunday) • 63423/63424 Jamalpur Kiul- Jamalpur passenger. 73430/73429 JamaIpur Bhagalpur - Jamalpur passenger.

Diversion of trains • 13334 Patna – Dumka Ex-

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Krishnanagar City. NAME CHANGE I, Beauti Chowdhury (Old Name) wife of Suprio Mukherjee, residing at 9,ANUPOMA ROAD BELGHARIA, BELAVUMI APPARTMENT-1sT FLOOR, NEAR

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Nation

Mayor Firhad Hakim presented budget for the financial year 2025-26 in KMC

Service, Kolkata: Mayor Firhad Hakim presented the budget for the financial year 2025-26 in the Kolkata Municipal Corporation. This year's budget has exceeded the previous year's deficit of Rs 112 crore to Rs 114.72 crore. An additional deficit of Rs 2.72 crore has been estimated in the budget of Kolkata Municipal Corporation. The revised income for the year 2024-25 was Rs. 4008.68 crore. For the financial year 2025-26, the revenue has been Rs. 5524.84 crore. Similarly, Rs. 3657.14 crore for the year 2024-25. The budget outlay for the year 2025-26 is Rs. 5639.56 crore. Mayor Firhad Hakim has set a tar-

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS **Open E-Tender**

No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162 Date: 18/02/2025. The following e-Tenders can be accessed under the link www.ireps.gov.in. Offers for such e-Tender can be submitted only electronically by accessing the link E-Tender Stores/Supply. Vendors may also contact the following officials to obtain clarification regarding particular tender or IREPS related information if any, Dy. CMM/HQ/CLW/Chittaranjan 0341-2525594 or SMM/CON/HQ, 0341-0341-2535631. Office Address: Office of the PCMM/CLW/Chittaranjan Sl. No.: [1]. Tender No.: 73251040 Brief Description of Item: (i) High Tensile Transition C. B. Coupler Without Draft Gear as per RDSO Drg. No: - SK-DL-3430 Alt-8 or Latest except item nos 18 to 20, 24 to 47 along with part Drg. No: - SK-62724 Alt-23 or Latest, SKDL - 2496 Alt-6 or Latest, SK- 69508 Alt-4 or Latest, SKDL-2494 Alt-17 or Latest and SKDL- 2495 Alt-12 or Latest as per RDSO Spec. No: - 56-BD-07 Amendment No: - 02 of Sept 2016 or Latest. [Warranty Period: 48 Months after the date of delivery], (ii) High Tensile Transition CB coupler(Top operated) with Top Lifting hook, Top Lifting Assembly & Link for Top Operation in fitted condition but without High Capacity Draft Gear, Striker Block & Suspension Hook(For TR screw coupling) as per RDSO Drg No:- SK-DL-4809 ALT.NIL or Latest, Item No.1 to 8, 12 to 14, 35 to 40 & 42 except item No. 9 to 11, 15 to 34, 41, 43 to 45 for WAG-9HC Locomotive vide Category No. R/9/0159 as per RDSO Specification No.56-BD-07 Amendment No.2(Sep 2016) or Latest. The Buying unit of CBC is One Loco Set i.e. each set in Tender consists of 02(Two) Nos. of High Tensile CBC. [Warranty Period: 48 Months after the date of delivery]. Quantity: (i) 128.00 Numbers, (ii) 170.00 Set. Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees):

get of Rs 5524.84 crore for from car parking was Rs the fiscal year 2025-26. The 13.46 crore. That is, the inexpenditure target is Rs. come from car parking has 5639.56 crore. On the other increased by Rs 7.54 crore. hand, Mayor Firhad Hakim claimed that the income has for the construction of houses erty tax. Compared to the previous year, the revenue collected from property tax till December 8 in the financial year 2024-25 is Rs 944 crore. In the financial year 2023-24, the property tax collection was Rs 1210 crore. In the current financial year 2025-26, the target of property tax collection has been fixed at Rs 1581.33 crore. Mayor Firhad Hakim presented the deficit amount of Rs 114.72 crore for the current fiscal year compared to the previous one. The estimated deficit has increased

to Rs 2.72 crore compared to the previous year. In the coming financial year, the target of income from trade license has been achieved by Rs 80 crore. Similarly, a target of Rs 21 crore has been set to be collected from the parking lot to the treasury. In www.ireps.gov.in $\rightarrow \text{login} \rightarrow |$ the last budget, the amount budget proposal on the first

increased in terms of prop- on 2 to 3 katha land has been

of income to the treasury day.

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In addition, the approval fee reduced by 50% in this budget proposal by simplifying the building expansion plan. Besides, the amount allocated for the development sector MI for the last time's councillors was increased from Rs 15 lakh to Rs 20 lakh. Similarly, the amount of Boro Fund has been increased from Rs 25 crore to Rs 30 lakh. In the case of that fund, it was kept intact without any additional increase. The first day of the budget session began on Thursday with the state anthem. Låter, Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) chairperson Mala Roy moved the condolence motion. A minute's silence was observed to mark the death of the late Pratul Mukherjee. Chairperson Mala Roy announced the postponement of the budget session until February 24 after the mayor presented the



News

Kolkata: The grand finale of the 44th All India Major Port Basketball Championship concluded with great enthusiasm in Kolkata on Thursday the Feb 20 2024. Hosted by the Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata, the championship saw participation from Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata, Chennai Port Authority, Paradip Port Authority, Visakhapatnam Port Authority, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority, New Mangalore Port Authority, and Murmugao Port Authority, representing determination and sportsmanship over the past two days.

Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata, has emerged victorious at the 44th All India Major Port Basketball Championship, defeating

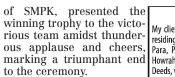
Authority with a decisive Service. score of 107-45 in the final match. The thrilling tournament culminated with a valedictory programme that witnessed enthusiastic participation from players, officials and sports enthusiasts Shri Rathendra Raman,

Chairperson of Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Kolkata (SMPK), presided over the prestigious event, lending his esteemed presence to the ceremony. The occasion drew attendance from all Heads of Departments and senior officers of SMP Kolkata, underscoring its significance. Shri Arindam Batabyal, Ex-Indian basketball play-

er marked his presence at the event. Concluding the ceremonious event, Shri Samrat

V. O. Chidambaranar Port Rahi, Deputy Chairperson





Office of the **Patharpratima Panchayat Samiti** Ramganga, South 24-Parganas

Lease Notice The Undersigned is hereby publishing Lease notice for Ferry services, Public Toilet, Jetty, Market Stall, Bus Stand etc.

Lease Notice number 19/PS/Lease/2025, dated 17/02/2025 Last Date of submission of application is 28/02/2025, Boat Measurement on 03/03/2025 & 04/03/2025 lease on 05/03/2025, 06/03/2025 & 07/03/2025.

For more details please visit office notice board

Patharpratima Panchayat Samiti Ramganga, South 24-Parganas Office of th

Vill+P.O.- GARAIMARI, P.S.- Domkal Dist.-Murshidabad. (W.B.)

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19/02/2025 from 5.00 PM Bid Submission Closing Date: 26/02/202

id Opening Date: 28/02/2025 after 12.00 P Details See In: www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- PRODHAN

GARAIMARI GRAM PANCHAYAT **Notice inviting** Tender

No: 29, P.O & PS: Kharagpur (T The sealed tenders are Dist: Paschim Medinipur (WB).PIN nvited from the agencies for 721301, declare that the name o the NIT no NIT REF NO -27/ mine has been wrongly written as SHARADA PRASAD RAM, in m CH-II PS/ 2024-25 DT. Railway Service records. The actua 20.02.2025 (Tender ID:-2025_ZPHD_818117_1) for **RAM**, which may be amended accordingly vide Affidavit of Notary, more details please log into www.wbtenders.gov.in or Kharagpur dtd. 04.01.2025. contact with office of the Chanditala II Development Block

Sd/-Executive Officer Chanditala-II Panchayat Samiti Hooghly

Notice

This is to inform to the all concern that the landed property of the private debottar in the name of Sri Sri Singhabahini Thakurani in information and respond from e Mouza-Ărasini, J.L. No- 244, under Kharagpur 2 block, Paschim Bid Submission Start Date (Online) 20.02.2025 at 09.00 AM. Bid Submission Closing Date (Online) 28.02.2025 at 03.00 PM Sd/-Medinipur, Plot No-17 was purchased by Abir Bhattacharjee S/o-Alok kumar Bhattacharjee for an area of 02 acres as per the order passed by the Ld. District Judge, Paschim Medinipur in J.Misc case no- 38/2022 in order no 14. If anybody relating to this landed property have any objection then they contact the concern B.L&L.R.O office Kharagpur 2 Abdul Kader Sarkar s/o Lt. Rauph within 15 days since after publication

SOURAV GANGULY Advocate (WB/360/237/2017) Midnapore Judges' Court

NOTICE

My client Sri Arpan Bala son of Sri Asit Bala residing at 46, Friends Club, Library Road, Gupt Para, P.O. GIP Colony, P.S. Jagacha, District Howrah, Pin-711112 has lost two Original Title Deeds, which were registered before i) D.S.R. at Howrah and duly recorded in Book No. 1. CD Volume No.10, Pages from 3369 to 3393, Being No.02640/2008 and ii) D.S.R. at Howrah and duly recorded in Book No. 1, CD Volume No. 20, Pages from 2486 to 2518, Deed No. 8059/2011. This matter has been informed to the O.C Chatterjeehat P.S. on 05-02-2025 by G.D Entry vide G.D.E. No. 204. All Persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transactior with anyone on the basis of the said missing Deeds. If anyone has got the said document kindly return to my above mentioned Client at his address within 10 days from this day. Advocate, Sukeh Kr. Samanta

e-Tender Notice

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2025, Pant/45/2025, Pant/46/2025,

Pant/47/2025, Pant/48/2025 Dated

20/02/2025. Last date of submission of

3 pm. For more information visit https:/

resident of Sonamukhi, Jholi, Ward

Sd/- SHARDA PRASAD RAM

Daspur II Panchayat Samity

(24-25). Tender No.- T-01 to T-25/24-25

The Executive Officer, Daspur

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।। বিজ্ঞপ্তি ।।

শ্রী নীলোতপল দাস পিতা ৺মধুসুদন দাস সাকিম নওপাড়া, নোয়াপাড়া, সিঙ্গুর, হুগলী-৭১২১৩৮ মহাশয় বিগত ইং ০৩/০৪/২০২৪ তারিখে ডি.এস.আর-I., চুঁচুড়া, হুগলী, অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত I-3057/2024 নং আমমোক্তারনামা দলিলমুলে আমাকে শ্রীমতী জ্যোৎস্না চ্যাটার্জী ব্যানার্জী স্বামী শ্রী সোমনাথ চ্যাটার্জী সাকিম সাঁতরাপাড়া, খলিসানী, ভদ্রেশ্বর, হুগলী-৭১২১৩৮) ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত আমমোক্তার নিযুক্ত করেন এবং উক্ত ক্ষমতাপ্রাও আমমোক্তারনামা বলে নিম্নোক্ত তপশীল বর্ণিত সম্পত্তি বিগত ইং ১২/১২/২০২৪ তারিখে ডি.এস.আর-I., চুঁচুড়া, হুগলী, অফিসে রেজিষ্ট্রীকৃত ক)I-10198/2024 নং বিক্রয় কোবালা দলিল মুলে শ্রী ভোলানাথ ব্যানার্জী পিতা Enroll No. WBF526/95, Mob: 9477486138 -সন্তোষ কুমার ব্যানার্জী সাকিম বন্দীপুর, হরিপাল, হুগলী-৭১২৪০৭ মহাশয়কে ০৪(চার) radhan, Pantihal Gram Panchaya under Jagatballavpur Dev. Block Howrah invites e-Tender vide NIT No.

শতক ও খ)I-10199/2024 নং বিক্রয় কোবাল দলিল মুলে **শ্রী শিবকিরন ঘোষ** পিতা শ্রী জয়দেব ঘোষ সাঁকিম ৭৮, বিবেকানন্দ সরনী, বড়বাজার, মেরীপার্ক, চন্দননগর, হুগলী-৭১২১৩৬ মহাশয়কে ১ কাঠা ১১ ছটাক ২১ বৰ্গফুট সম্পত্তি বিক্রুয় করিয়াছি।

<u>তপশিল</u> - জেলা হুগলী, থানা সিঙ্গুর, মৌজ this bid through online 28/02/2025 upto নোয়াপাড়া, ২৯ নং জে. এল. ভুক্ত, হাল এল.আর. ১৮৫১ নং খতিয়ানে, সাবেক তথা হাল ২১১৭ নং দাগে বাঁশবাগান সম্পত্তি কমবেশী ১৬ শতক আমমোক্তারকৃত সম্পত্তির মধ্যে কট Pantihal Gram Panchayat Nizbalia, Howrah ০৪(চার) শতক এবং খ) ১ কাঠা ১১ ছটাক ২১ বৰ্গফট সম্পত্তি বিক্ৰয়কত সম্পত্তি হইতেছে। PUBLIC NOTICE এতদ্বারা সকলকে অবগত করা যাইতেছে যে, ক) শ্রী ভোলানাথ ব্যানার্জী পিতা ৺সন্তোষ কুমা It is for general information that SHARDA PRASAD RAM, S/O Late র্যানার্জী ও ১) শী শিবকিবন ঘোষ পিতা শী জয়দেব ঘোষ তাহাদের উক্ত খরিদা সম্পত্তি নিও SHIV SANKAR RAM, working as নিজ নামে নাম পত্তন করিবার জন্য বি.এল এ্যাং Technician, Ticket No.12325, ERS এল.আর.ও সিঙ্গুর ব্লক অফিসে আবেদন POH Shop No.12, Workshop, Unde কবিতেছেন/কবিয়াছেন। ইহাতে কাহাবও কো Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer আইনানুগ আপত্তি থাকিলে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রচার হইবার Engineer, S.E.Railway, Workshop PO: Kharagpur, Dist: Paschim আগামী ১ মাসের মধ্যে সংশ্লিষ্ট অফিসে আপরি জানাইতে পারিবেন, অন্যথায় নিয়ম অনুসারে Medinipur (WB), PIN-721301 and কার্য্য করা হইবে।

ইতি-শ্রীমতী জ্যোৎস্না চ্যাটার্জী ব্যানার্জী আমমোক্তার

PUBLIC NOTICE

Before the Central Government Registrar o Companies, West Bengal In the matter of sub-section (3) of Section 13 of Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008 and rule 17 of th imited Liability Partnership Rules, 2009. In name of mine is SHARDA PRASAD the matter of the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008, Section 13 (3) AND In the matter of INNVENTIK GLOBAL VENTURES LLP having ts registered office at 61, B L Saha Road South City Garden, Block 6, Tower 5, Flat 6E Kolkata – 700 053. Petitioner. Notice is hereb Office of the Executive Officer given to the General Public that the LLF proposes to make a petition to Registrar of Companies, West Bengal, under section 13 (3) of the Limited Liability Partnership Act Notice Inviting e-Tender Memo No. 136 Dated: 17.02.2025 2008 seeking permission to change its Registered office from the state of "West N.I.E.T. No. WBPMID/DASP2/EO/NIT-122 Bengal" to the state of "Uttar Pradesh". Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the LLP may deliver or cause to be delivered or send by Registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition supported by an affidavit to the Registrar of Companies, West Bengal, within 21(twenty one) days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the petitioner LLP at its registered office at the

ddress mentioned above FOR AND ON BEHALF OF **M/S INNVENTIK GLOBAL VENTURES LLP Executive Officer** LLPIN: AAS -9815 Daspur II Panchayat Samity

(ANKIT GUPTA) DESIGNATED PARTNER DPIN: 08802282

Date: 21.02.2025 Place: Kolkata

NOTICE

Sarkar, of Amriya, Anti, Dadpur, Hooghly, Pin- 712305, appointed my Power of Attorney client namely Sk. Salim s/o Sk. Karim Bikash Mudi s/o Tarak Mudi of Ati, Dadpur, Hooghly, Pin- 712305, appointed my client namely Bishwajit Mudi s/o Tarak Mudi at Vill & P.O.of Chakundi, Dankuni coal complex P.O.- Chanditala-ii, P.S.- Chanditala Dist- Hooghly, Pin- 712310, as his Lawful Attorney (General Power of Attorney Deed No. 7735/22) with Ati, P.S.- Dadpur, Pin- 712305, as his

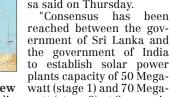
solar power plants trict of Trincomalee, official spokesman and health

MI News Service, New Delhi: Sri Lanka and India have reached an agreement for setting up of solar power plants in the island country's eastern port dis-

EASTERN RAILWAY Tender Notice No. : REHAB-25-26, dated 17.02.2025. e-Tender is invited by Dy. Chie Mechanical Engineer/C, Eastern Railway Workshop, Kanchrapara, Pin-743145, 24 Parganas (North), West Bengal for the following work · Name of work and its location : Rehabilitation/Overhauling of coaches to reduce cycle downtime during najor attention for 106 coaches, agains anction Bulk RSP work vide PB No 752/2024-25 at Carriage Complex Kanchrapara within a period of 01 (one vear. Approx. cost of the work 8.92.35.761.86. Tender Document Cos (TDC) : Nil. Website from where the tender documents will be available

minister Nalinda Jayathissa said on Thursday.

Complete set of tender document is



watt (stage 2) at Sampur in Trincomalee on the basis of construction, ownership, and operation by the Cey-

lon Electricity Board and National Thermal Power Corporation of India as a joint venture between two governments," Jayathissa said.

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Earlier, NTPC of India was to construct a coal power plant at the same site. The new joint venture sees it being converted to a solar power station.

Meanwhile, commenting on the Adani Group's decision to pull out of Sri Cultural Studies. Lanka's green energy project, Jayathissa said the government would be keen to retain the Adani abrated Dancar & Social investment solely on the

Service, fest in Kolkata is likely to Curtain attract at least two lakhs raiser press conference people with six states of the "Purvodaya Literary Îndian union participat-Festival 2025 was held ing in it. The fest will have sessions and workshops in at Kolkata Press Club on blogging, podcast, story-Thursday. The festival is organized by National telling and photography as well. A rare exhibition with Book Trust, Ministry of Education Government of In-19 th century magazines dia and Institute of Social & along with rare stamp collections of eastern India The media interaction at would also be the part of the Press Club was graced the fest. A special 'Éastern by eminent personalities Himalayan language' seslike Alakananda Roy(Celsion will also be organized

in the said fest

Sd/- Executive Officer

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17.02.2025. e-Tenders (Open) are invited	hrs. Offer Submission Period : 15 Jayathissa stressed.	Mukherjee(Director, ISCS).	2025_ZPHD_818409_1. Date: 20.02.2025. Date of Submission of Bid : From 20.02.2025 to 28.02.2025 up to 06.00 PM. Date of Opening of	schedule land or any part thereof, right, title or interest in respect of the schedule land or any part thereof,
by Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern	(Fifteen) days prior to 11.03.2025 till 14.00 President Anura Ku-	The Purvodaya Literary	Tender : 03/03/2025 at 01.00 PM. For details & if any corrigendum	necessary steps within next 15 days hereby requested to take
Railway, Asansol Division, Station Road,	hrs. Date & time of closing of tender : mara Dissanayake, in	Festival 2025 will be in-	regarding Tender ID visit <u>www.wbtenders.gov.in</u> Sd/-	from the date of publication of this necessary steps within next 15 days
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work : 06 months. SI. No. 4. Case No. :	^{4.} Division Division 2025 2025 2025 2025		Bid Submission Closing Date-25/03/2025, For details please visit-	their Attorney.
O-AC-T-203-24-25. Name of the work :	Asansol Asansol 06.03. 11.03. 18.03. 25.03.	Bid submission closing	www.wbtenders.gov.in	Anybody, having any claim, demand, right, title or interest in respect of the schedule
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under Sr.DEN/4/Asansol. Tender Value :	near Howrah Station, Pin-711101 for the following work : Name of Work:		from Railway website www.er.indianrailways.gov.in or may	namely Sazid Hossain s/o Mir Abid Hossain of Vill- Babnan Jotkamal, P.O
₹ 47,43,095.75. Earnest money:	Awarding contract of Commercial Publicity Rights. The Auction Catalogue		also collect from the office of Medical Director, B.R.Singh Hospital,	Babnan, P.S Dadpur, Dist-Hooghly, Pin- 712305, as their Lawful Attorney
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ITCX 2025: India's Largest Temple Convention Brings Together 1,500+ Temples, Political Leaders, and Religious Heads

TIRUPATI: The International Temples Convention & Expo (ITCX) 2025, held in the spiritual heart of Tirupati, served as India's largest and most influential gathering on temple management, concluded with an unprecedented congregation of 1,500+ temples, esteemed political leaders, and revered religious heads from across Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism, and Jainism.

Value-adding to the narrative of honourable Prime Minister NarendraModi'sViksit Bharat 2047, the event served as a transformative platform for shaping the future of temple governance, sustainability, and technological integration while reinforcing the timeless values of Sanatana Dharma. With thought-provoking discussions on temple autonomy, smart temples mission, and global best practices, ITCX 2025 has set a new benchmark in reimagining temples as centres of religious, cultural, and societal progress. Envisioned by Giresh Kulkarni, founder of ITCX and Temple Connect, and Prasad Lad, ITCX Chairman who is also the Chief WHIP of Maharashtra Legislative Council, the platform has created a ripple effect, opening new avenues for temple leaders to reinvent temples as power centres of Hindu society. With India's temple economy valued at ?4-5 lakh



crore, comparable to any major global industry, the discussions emphasized the need to operate temples as professional institutions where the common person's donations directly benefit communities through medical aid, education, healthcare, and large-scale food distribution through langars. In only its second edition, ITCX has solidified its role as the driving force in reshaping temple management. Honourable Prime Minister NarendraModi, in a letter of appreci-

ation, said: "ITCX reflects the inherent unity in diversity of temples globally, and is in a way, a celebration of the spirit of VasudhaivaKutumbakam visualisation of the entire Earth as one family. The 21st century belongs to knowledge-driven societies. It is particularly in this context that the efforts of Temple Connect to document, digitise and share this rich heritage acquire greater significance.

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The first day saw three CMs namely DevendraFadnavis (Maharashtra), N Chandrababu Naidu (Andhra Pradesh) and PramodSawant (Goa) come together on one stage for the first time, as well as Shri ShripadNaik - Central Minister & Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy of India. Day two saw Shri K. Annamalai - State President, BJP Tamil Nadu and Shri MilindParande - General Secretary, Vishva Hindu Parishad power the cause of liberating Hindu temples from government control. The closing day continued to make an impact with Nara Lokesh, Minister for Human Resources Development, AP, who acknowledged that "the time has come for us to pull together a world class convention like ITCX to bring thought leadership, exchange ideas and best practices. We live in an era where we talk about

Zeenat Aman Returns with Her **Music-Conversational LIVE** Show 'Yeh Shaam Mastani' This Women's Day in Kolkata

Cutting funding for science can have consequences for economy US technological competitiveness

TUCSON (US) : America has already lost its global competitive edge in science, and funding cuts proposed in early 2025 may further a precipitous decline.

Proposed cuts to the federal agencies that fund scientific undercut could research America's global competitiveness, with negative impacts on the economy and the ability to attract and train the next generation of researchers. I'm an astronomer, and I have been a senior administrator at the University of Arizona's College of Science. Because of these roles, I'm invested in the future of scientific research in the United States. I'm worried funding cuts could mean a decline in the amount and quality of research published - and that some potential discoveries won't get made

THE ENDLESS FRONTIER : A substantial part of US prosperity after World War II was due to the country's investment in science and technology.

Vannevar Bush founded the company that later became Raytheon and was the president of the Carnegie Institution. In 1945, he delivered a report to President Franklin D. Roosevelt called The Endless Frontier.

In this report, Bush argued that scientific research was essen-

purely exploratory research, has enormous downstream benefits. Quantum computing is a prime example. Quantum computing originated 40 years ago, based on the fundamental physics of quantum mechanics. It has matured only in the past few years to the point where quantum computers can solve some problems faster

than classical computers. Worldwide, basic research pays for itself and has more impact on economic growth than applied research. This is because basic research expands the shared knowledge base that innovators can draw on

For example, a biotech advocacy firm calculated that every dollar of funding to the National Institutes of Health generates US\$2.46 in economic activity, which is why a recent cut of \$9 billion to its funding is so disturb-ing. The American public also values science. In an era of declining trust in public institutions, more than 3 in 4 Americans say research investment is creating employment opportunities, and a similar percentage are confident that scientists act in the public's

best interests SCIENCE SUPERPOWER SLIP-**PING :** By some metrics, American science is preeminent. Researchers working in America have won over 40% of the science Nobel Prizes - three times more than people from any other country. American research universities are magnets for scientific talent, and the United States spends more on research and development than any other country.

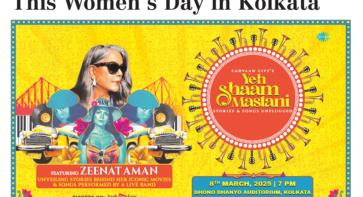
This definition of innovation goes beyond research in labs and the number of scientific papers published to include improvements to outcomes in the form of new goods or new services

Among American educators and workers in technical fields, 3 in 4 think the United States has already lost the competition for global leadership. THREATS TO SCIENCE FUNDING

Against this backdrop, threats made in the beginning of President Donald Trump's second term to science funding are ominous. Trump's first wave of executive orders caused chaos at science agencies as they struggled to interpret the directives. Much of the anxiety involved excising language and programs relating to

diversity, equity and inclusion, or גוֹע. DEI. The Science National Foundation is particularly in the crosshairs. In late January 2025, it froze the routine review and approval of grants and new expenditures, impeding future research, and has been vetting grants to make sure they comply with orders from the U.S. president

The National Institutes of Health announced on Feb 7, 2024 a decision to limit overhead rates to 15% which sent many



Kolkata :After mesmerizing audiences in Mumbai and Delhi, the O.G. diva, Zeenat Aman, is bringing the music-conversational live show-Caravan LIVE's Yeh Shaam Mastani-to the cultural heart of India, Kolkata. Scheduled for March 8 at Dhono Dhanya Auditorium, this one-of-a-kind tribute to the golden era of Bollywood promises an evening of nostalgia, music, and storytelling. A city known for its deep appreciation of art, music, and cinema, Kolkata provides the perfect stage for this immersive experience. Audiences will be transported back in time with ZeenatAman's iconic songs, performed by Pragati Nagpal and Pranav Chandran alongside a LIVE band, interwoven with

will also share candid insights about working with legendary directors such as Raj Kapoor and Feroz Khan, as well as her chemistry with co-stars like Amitabh Bachchan and Dharmendra, including amusing behind-the-scenes stories and on-set rivalries. A trailblazer who redefined Bollywood, challenged conventions, and inspired generations, ZeenatAman is an icon of grace and empowerment. Celebrating Women's Day with her is the perfect way to honor the remarkable women in our lives-whether attending with spouses, children, or friends

ZeenatAman 'YehShaamMastani', "Cinema is

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 - 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.

Under this program, the Commenting on the Bank's offerings for Senior Citizens, Bank has introduced a dedicated feature on its Mobile Banking Mr.ChinmayDhoble, Country Head - Retail Liabilities & Citizen Specials'. This featureoffers to Branch Banking said, "We want to treat our Senior Citizens special and we arehappy to a. Safe, secure, and customised announce specialised and innoinvestment solutions as applicable to senior citizens'

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Seeking Expert Guidance on the Process of IVF

Howrah: Dr. Sonali Mandal is a life-changing process for many couples facing infertility. It involves complex medical procedures, and the emotional journey can be overwhelming. Seeking expert guidance from a fertility specialist is essential to navigate this intricate path. These experts provide critical insights into the IVF process, helping couples understand their reproductive health and explore the most suitable treatment options.

"Seeking expert guidance on the IVF process is essential for navigating this complex and emotional journey. Fertility specialists provide crucial insights into your individual needs, helping to assess your reproductive health, explain treatment options, and guide you through each stage of IVF. From initial consultations to embryo transfer, a knowledgeable team ensures that you understand the process, manage expectations, and receive personalized care," mentions Dr. Sonali Mandal Bandyopadhyay, IVF Specialist at Birla Fertility and IVF. Howrah. Fertility specialists assess the medical history, conduct necessary tests, and help iden-

tify any underlying conditions that may affect conception. Once a personalized treatment plan is developed, they provide thorough explanations of each step, from ovarian stimulation to egg retrieval, fertilization. and embryo transfer.

Dr. Sonali adds, "With the right expert support, you can make informed decisions, reduce uncertainty, and increase your chances of success, all while feeling supported and empowered throughout the IVF experience.

The support and guidance provided by experts also help in managing the emotional aspects of IVF. Emotional wellbeing plays a vital role in the success of IVF, and experts offer reassurance, answering questions and addressing concerns at every stage of the process

Choosing a trusted fertility

tial to the country's economic well-being and security. His advocacy led to the founding of the National Science Foundation and science policy as we know it today. He argued that a centralized approach to science funding would efficiently distribute resources to scientists doing research at universities

Since 1945, advances in science and technology have driven 85% of American economic growth. Science and innovation are the engines of prosperity, where research generates new technologies, innovations and solutions that improve the quality of life and drive economic development. This causal relationship, where scientific research leads to innovations and inventions that promote economic growth, is true around the world. The imporof basic research. tance Investment in research and development has tripled since 1990. but that growth has been funded by the business sector for applied research, while federal investment in basic research has stagnated. The distinction matters, because basic research, which is

But there is intense competition to be a science superpower, and several metrics suggest the United States is slipping. Research and development spending as a percentage of GDP has fallen from a high of 1.9% in 1964 to 0.7% in 2021. Worldwide, the United States ranked 12th for this metric in 2021, behind South Korea and European countries. In number of scientific researchers as a portion of the laboUr force, the United States ranks 10th. Metrics for research quality tell a similar story. In 2020, China overtook the United States in having the largest share of the top 1% most-cited papers. China also leads the world in the number of patents, and it has been outspending the US on research in the past few decades. Switzerland and Sweden eclipse the United States in terms of sci-

ence and technology innovation.

researchers reeling though it has since been temporarily blocked by a judge. The National Institutes of Health is the world's largest funder of biomedical research, and these indirect costs provide support for the operation and maintenance of lab facilities. They are essential for doing research. The new administration has proposed deeper cuts. The National Science Foundation has been told to prepare for the loss of half of its staff and two-thirds of its funding. Other federal science agencies are facing similar threats of layoffs and funding cuts.

THE IMPACT : Congress already failed to deliver on its 2022 commitment to increase research funding, and federal funding for science agencies is at a 25-year low. As the president's proposals reach Congress for approval or negotiation, they will test the traditionally bipartisan support science has held. If Congress cuts budgets further. I believe the impact on job creation, the training of young scientists and the health of the economy will be substantial.

benind-the-scenes stories and personal anecdotes shared by the legendary actress herself. Expect an evening of great conversations and unforgettable melodies. The show will offer a rare glimpse into Zeenat Aman's illustrious career, featuring first-hand accounts of her experiences in films like Manoranjan, Don, Satyam Shivam Šundaram, Qurbani, and many more. She

the journey. I have lived a life full of adventure, music, and moments that have shaped who I am. 'YehShaamMastani' is my way of sharing those experiences with all of you-celebrating the music, the memories, and above all, the power of storytelling. I can't think of a better way to celebrate Women's Day than by coming together for an evening of jov and nostalgia.

specialist allows couples to make informed decisions, reduces uncertainty, and increases the likelihood of a successful pregnancy. With expert care, the IVF journey becomes more understandable, less stressful, and ultimately more empowering for those seeking to start or grow their families.

Opposing arrows of time emerge from certain quantum systems: Study

DC [US], Washington Researchers at the University of Surrey made a thought-provoking discovery. A new study reveals that opposing arrows of time can theoretically emerge from certain quantum systems. Dr Andrea Rocco, Associate

Professor in Physics and Mathematical Biology at the University of Surrey and lead author of the study, said: "One way to explain this is when you look at a process like spilt milk spreading across a table, it's clear that time is moving forward. But if you were to play that in reverse, like a movie,

you'd immediately know something was wrong -- it would be hard to believe milk could just gather back into a glass. "However, there are processes, such as the motion of a pendulum, that look just as believable in reverse. The puzzle is that, at the most fundamental level, the laws of physics resemble the pendulum; they do not account for irreversible processes. Our findings suggest that while our common experience tells us that time only moves one way, we are just unaware that the opposite direction would have been equally possible." The study, pub-

in Scientific Reports, lished explored how a quantum system -the world of the sub-atomic -interacts with its environment, known as an 'open quantum system'. Researchers investigated why we perceive time as moving in one direction and whether this perception emerges from open quantum mechanics.

To simplify the problem, the research team made two key assumptions. First, they treated the vast environment surrounding the system in such a way that they could focus only on the quantum system itself. Second, they assumed that the environment like the entire universe -- is so large that energy and information dissipate into it, never returning. This approach enabled them to examine how time emerges as a one-way phenomenon, even though, at the microscopic level, time could theoretically move in both directions. Even after apply ing these assumptions, the system behaved the same way whether time moved forward or backwards. This discovery provided a mathematical foundation for the idea that time-reversal symmetry still holds in open quantum systems .

The Future of Spine Surgery - Advancing with Robotics and Innovation

BANKURA : Spinal disorders are a significant health concern worldwide, affecting people across different age groups, with the most common issue being low back pain which impacts 60% of men and 80% of women, particularly those aged 50+ years. Spinal stenosis is another common condition among the elderly (50+ years), while lumbar disc issues, including herniation (37%) and degeneration (33%), predominantly affect individuals aged 30-50 years. Scoliosis, seen in 2-3% of children aged 10-18 years, is another prevalent condition, while spinal cord injuries are more common in young adults (20-40 years).

In this regard, Manipal Hospital Old Airport Road, Bengaluru, organized a Manipal Community Care Program at Bankura on 16th February 2025 to raise awareness about spinal health and offer guidance on managing age-related spinal issues. The event featured interactive sessions with leading spine specialists - Dr. S. Vidyadhara, Chairman,

HOD & Consultant - Spine Surgery & Consultant - Robotic Spine Surgery; Dr. Balamurugan T, Consultant - Spine Care; and Dr. Abhishek Soni, Consultant -Spine Care, who addressed all patient care needs, focusing on newer therapies and advanced management. About 65+ members from different associations, Bankura Welfare including the Association, Bankura Chamber of Commerce, Bankura Marwari Association, and Bankura Women Social Welfare Forum, attended the program.

For nearly 2 decades, the Manipal Robotic Spine Care Centre at Manipal Hospital Old Airport Road has been a pioneer in spine care, successfully performing over 20,000+ spinal surgeries and 60,000+ spinal injections, while treating more than 2.5 lakh outpatients. Recently established in 2023, the Manipal Institute of Robotic Spine Surgery, armed with the Mazor X Stealth Edition Spine Robotics system, has already performed close to 1000 robotic



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spine surgeries across all age groups. Notably, 40% of our all spine cases are from West Bengal and Northeast India.

Dr. S. Vidyadhara emphasized the significance of robotics in enhancing surgical outcomes. He stated, "Utilizing robotic guidance, we have achieved

unparalleled precision in scoliosis correction, cervical corpectomy, cervical pedicle screw fixation, vertebroplasty, and kyphoplasty. The AI-powered preoperative planning and real-time intraoperative guidance enable us surgeons to perform these complex procedures

with increased confidence and efficiency. For patients, these techniques ensure faster recovery, less pain, and shorter hospital stays, allowing patients suffering from spinal deformities, herniated discs, and degenerative spinal conditions to regain mobility and lead pain-free lives.'

Dr. Balamurugan T highlighted the impact of these advancements on managing low back pain and spinal stenosis. He stated, "Robotic spine surgery is revolutionizing the field by allowing us to offer tailored surgical solutions, reducing human error and complications. The spinal alignment post-surgery is better in most patients, leading to accelerating rehabilitation and quicker recovery with reduced postoperative discomfort.'

Dr. Abhishek Soni spoke about the transformative impact of minimally invasive techniques, stating, "Another break-through in spine care, MISS and regenerative therapies like stem cell treatments and biologics help reduce tissue trauma by reducing the need for large incision and aiding in spinal repair and regeneration. In cases of lumbar disc herniation and spinal cord injuries, these advancements allow patients to regain mobility and function much sooner and improve long-term outcomes."

The future of spine surgery is being transformed with cutting-edge technologies such as robotic-assisted procedures leading the way. Innovations in minimally invasive techniques, together with artificial intelligence (AI), multimodal neuromonitoring, and navigation systems are leveraging surgical precision and safety, improving patient outcomes and reducing recovery times.

With continued innovation, spine surgery is now becoming safer, more precise, and less invasive. The integration of robotics, AI, and advanced imaging is paving the way for a new era in spinal care, ultimately improving the quality of life for patients worldwide.

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Noida International Airport Partners with Kyndryl for AI-Driven IT Infrastructure and Cybersecurity

News Noida: The Noida International Airport (NIA) has announced a strategic partnership with Kyndryl, the world's largest IT infrastructure services provider, to manage its AI-driven IT infrastructure and cybersecurity operations. Under this collaboration, Kyndryl will leverage its extensive global expertise in airport and airline IT systems to create a seamless, technology-driven experience at NIA.

As a greenfield airport, NIA is focused on providing a world-class passenger experience, with technology playing a central role in ensuring smooth operations. Kyndryl

operates in over 60 coun-bust IT infrastructure at NIA by monitoring real-time syswill support this vision by

Arab states' plan for Gaza calls for European, Egyptian supervision of terror groups' demilitarization

MI News Service, Tel Aviv: A plan for the reconstruction of the Gaza Strip being formulated by Arab countries will be split into two phases, with the first lasting 10 years, according to an Egyptian diplomat cit-ed by the Walla news site.

The first phase will deal with reconstruction as well as the demilitarization of Gaza terror groups, according to the report.

The source is quoted as saying that weapons will be stored under European and Egyptian supervision.

Arab leaders are scheduled to gather in Saudi Arabia tomorrow to counter US President Donald Trump's plan for American control of Gaza and the expulsion of its inhabitants.

Taiwan bans academic ties with two Chinese universities MI News Service, Taipei: Taiwan has barred two Chinese universities from participating in academic exchange programs, citing their direct ties to Beijing's United Front Work Department. Minister of Education Cheng Ying-yao disclosed the decision in an exclusive interview with the Chinese-language Liberty Times (the Taipei Times' sis-

ter paper) reported. The two institutions, Huaqiao University--located in Xiamen and Quanzhou--and Jinan University in Guangzhou, collectively enroll more than 2,000 Taiwanese students. Cheng, referencing national security reports, stated that these universities operate under China's political warfare

assessing the airport's IT tries, specializes in designimplementing, building, and managing architecture, ing advanced security meacomplex IT systems for missures, managing risks, and sion-critical operations. ensuring compliance with Through this partnership, governance and audit pro-Kyndryl will establish a robust IT infrastructure at NIA

Nurul Islam Khan

tem performance, automating infrastructure processes and integrating cutting-edge technology frameworks to prevent operational disruptions. This collaboration is expected to enhance security, optimize asset management, and ensure continuous 24/7 IT support for seamless airport functioning.

By incorporating AI-en-abled solutions, NIA aims to redefine the airport experience, offering efficiency, security, and enhanced passenger services. With Kyndryl's expertise, the airport will set new benchmarks in modern aviation technology, ensuring a secure and technologically advanced environment for travelers.

German Poll: To young Germans ALTERNATIVE FUR DEUTSCHLAND is 'RIGHT' Alternative

A special report from Siddhartha Albertt Majumderr

Whether it is Nick, Thomas, Niklas, Alfred, Jurgen, Klara or Alisa, the young Germans i.e. the German youth are now showing a strong inclination towards far-right social and political movement in Germany. They have come up as the biggest backers or sympathetic to Alternative für Deutschland (AFD)- a party that has been consistently polling second in Germany for more than a year and a half, as the far right here and elsewhere in Europe attracts an increasing number of young people, particularly men, into its orbit. With German National election knocking the door, for those who oppose AFD, it's a

One particular reason why many or most young German men and women have far-right inclination; they say that they are afraid of the number of attacks in Germany involving suspects who were asylum seekers – most recent-ly, the fatal stabbing of a toddler and a man in a park in the Bavarian city of Aschaffenburg, including the very recent Afgan man attacking common people at Bavarian capital of Munich (Munchen). Immigration, especially Muslim immigration is now the principal concern of the German youth, and nation as a whole.

"The people who integrate, who learn, who study here, do their work - I have no problems with them," says Alfred, a student from Berlin university, though he is critical of anyone he sees as taking advantage of the asylum system.

"But these days such statements are seen as hostile," says Alfred. "You're called a Nazi because of Germany's past and this is ridiculous and wrong."

According to many Germans, espe-cially youths, mass immigration has created 'identity crisis' in Germany. To many, ex-Chancellor Angela Merkel's 'faulty' policy of 'mass integration via mass immigration for multi-cultural Germany' is an absolute disaster. It has endangered the very physical existence of the Germans in Germany. Trump's latest policy of 'mass de-

portation' of immigrants is now getting popularity here in Germany as the Germans fervently believe that the idea of multicultural Germany was preposterous and suicidal as well. Many German youths also feel that the phenomenon of so called 'Nazi guilt' has been deliberately and intentionally put upon the German society only to hinder the growth of the German society and it has been done through decades only as a part of 'greater anti-German conspiracy

Alfred, Thomas and others see it (immigration) as their main concern, especially after a series of attacks in Germany allegedly involving asylum seekers who are mostly Muslims.

The AfD - which has long been accused of anti-migrant rhetoric - is celebrating endorsements from tech billionaire, Elon Musk, who owns the

liament in 2024, according to German exit polls the number of under 24-yearolds, both male and female, who voted for the AfD in Germany rose to 16 per cent, up by 11 points from 2019.

This comes at a time of rising general anxiety among young people according to a recent study by the German Institute for Generational Research.

In a sample size of 1,000 Germans aged 16 to 25, anxiety levels were the highest amongst respondents who class themselves as far-right while they were the lowest amongst people who put themselves in the middle of the political spectrum.

Women were more likely to be concerned for their rights and those of minority groups while men were found to be more worried about conservative values that are less based around rights.

AfD supporters often reject the "farright" label, including party leader Al-ice Weidel, who describes the party as a conservative, libertarian movement Dr Rüdiger Maas, from the German think tank the Institute for Generational Research, says parties on the left often focus on themes such as feminism, equality and women's rights.

'Overall, men don't see themselves in these themes," he tells. "That is why they have a tendency to vote further right.'

Hard, populist right parties have also done well in countries such as France, Austria, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain and Italy.

"Sixty per cent of young men under 30 would consider voting for the far right in EU countries and this is much higher than the share among women," says Prof Abou-Chadi, in analysis drawn from a subset of the 2024 Euro-

pean Election Study. MASS MEDIA'S 'RIGHT' MESSAGE As well as gender, migration and economic issues, social media is playing a part in this poll. Platforms like TikTok allow political groups to bypass main-stream, traditional media, which the far right regard as hostile.

It's clear that AfD "dominates" Tik-Tok when compared to other German parties, says Mauritius Dorn from the Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD). It has 539,000 followers on its parliamentary account, compared to 158,000 for the SPD who currently have the most seats in the German parliament. And it isn't just official accounts but

"considerable number of unofficial fan accounts also help to disseminate the party's content", says Mr Dorn.

Through setting up 10 "perso-na-based" accounts with different user profiles, they found, "those users who are more on the right-wing spectrum... see a lot of AfD content whereas users from the leftist spectrum see a more diverse set of political content.

TikTok has said it doesn't "differentiate" between the right, left or centre of politics and works to stay at the "fore-

front" of tackling misinformation. Dorn observes that other parties rec-

to stay at home and stricter border controls.

When I press her about whether her views amount to a rejection of multiculturalism she replied no, but believes people should "integrate."

There are certain people who just don't fit in with us Germans," she added but repeatedly insisted she is not racist and doesn't have "anything against foreigners.

YOUNG GERMANS DEFYING 'SO CALLED NAZI GUILT'

In a shopping mall in the city of Chemnitz in Saxony, a group of young men dressed in black, with uniformly short hair, expressed beliefs that homosexuality is wrong and fear that the German "race" is under threat because of the growing migrant community.

They question narratives about their country's past, seemingly a reference to the Nazi era.

Diana Schwitalla has been teaching history and social studies for eight years. She says she has had to confront a case of Holocaust denial in the classroom and has heard other troubling remarks.

"We hear the Second World War was actually a good thing, and there was a reason people died then - and that this is good. Hitler is described as a good man," says Ms Schwitalla.

She adds, "Many students... very young students, {who} say it doesn't matter who I vote for, they'll do what they want 'up there' anyway. The ques-tion of who's 'up there', I don't get an answer to that.

History and social studies teacher Diana Schwitalla says she has heard pupils deny the Holocaust and describe Hitler as a "good man" MAKE GERMANY GREAT AGAIN

(MGGA)

The concept of 'Make Germany Great Again' (MGGA) has quite naturally cropped up in Germany after a very successful stint of MAGA in USA. The AfD, whose signature issues include security, borders and migrant crime, are now even embracing the concept of "remigration" - a buzz-word in Eu-rope's far right that's widely understood to mean mass deportations.

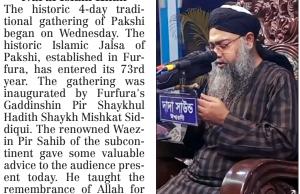
Speaking to people in Germany, it is clear that support for the AfD cannot just be read as some form of protest vote, even if there is frustration with the parties that have traditionally governed Germany. Celina, Dominic Al-fred, Niklas and Nick and many more and others genuinely hope and believe that the AfD could set Germany on the path of radical change. As German origin USA President started the policy of Make America Great Again (MAGA), the present German generations including their predecessors feel that right wing parties like AFD can well initiate 'Make Germany Great Again' (MGGA).

It's still the case that other parties will not go into coalition with the AfD but in January a non-binding motion was passed in the German parliament thanks to AfD votes for the first time.

a while. He prayed for the welfare of mankind in the entire world. He prayed for peace and harmony. People from most of the districts attended the gathering. The sight of people coming in rows to the gathering was remarkable. The Pir

Aviv: The remains of the youngest and one of the oldest captives seized by Hamas during the attack that ignited the war in the Gaza Štrip are expected to be returned on Thursday, an Israeli official said on Wednesday. The handover, part of the

ceasefire agreement that has paused the fighting in Gaza, will include the bodies of a mother and her two young children whose fate was uncertain and a retired journalist in his 80s, said the official who spoke on con- unclear for much of the war,



established the large Majlis. Then Pir Ansar Siddigui was the head of the meeting. In addition, Pir Abu Ibrahim Siddiqui Huzur and his brothers enriched the meeting. Pir Mishkat Siddiqui Sahib is currently performing the entire main



Pirzada Sawban Siddiqui, Pirzada Mujahid Siddiqui, Pirzada Mustafa Siddiqui and Pirzada Ayatullah Siddiqui and other Pir Sahibs gave speeches. All of them spoke in the light of the Quran and Sunnah. Here, various education-

al institutions are running free for the orphan. The Pir Sahib family has made arrangements for higher and modern education. The authorities are also running many social organizations to serve the common people. It is worth mentioning that during this time, the Pir Sahibs are doing various public-oriented social services along with religious

meetings. of Furfura Bado Huzur had Israel confirms 4 dead hostages who will be returned from Gaza include young family

MI News Service, Tel with regulations. along with their mother Shi-

statement on Wednesday It was the first Israeli conasking Israelis to wait for firmation that the bodies of forensic identification of the Ariel and Kfir Bibas, who remains before "eulogising were four years old and nine our loved ones" The body of Oded Lifshitz, months old when they were taken captive on October 7, who was 83 when he was 2023, were being returned abducted, also will be returned, the official said.

ri. A grassroots forum repre-"The heart of an entire senting hostage families also nation breaks," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyaconfirmed the names.

hu said on Wednesday. Hamas has said all four For many Israelis, the family has come to symbolise the plight of those taken were killed in Israeli aircaptive. The fate of the Bistrikes while Israel had prebas mother and boys was viously said it had "grave concern" for the lives of the dition of anonymity in line and the family released a Bibas family.

Two people killed after two small aircraft collided in midair collision at Arizona airport

People flock to Pakshi's historic gathering responsibility. Pir Matiullah and Pir Abdullah Siddiqui all the Pir Sahibs cooperated in the meeting.

branch.

Their connection to the United Front Work Department, known for its influence operations and recruitment efforts, has raised concerns about their role in shaping the political views of Taiwanese students.

A nationwide restriction will prohibit Taiwanese institutions from collaborating with or facilitating programs involving these universities. Cheng stated that the policy would be formally announced at an upcoming meeting with college and university deans. The ban applies to all levels of education, including public and private high schools, colleges, universities, and vocational institutions, as part of broader efforts to counter Beijing's influence in Taiwan's education system.

Educational institutions that violate the order will lose government subsidies, Cheng warned, particularly targeting private schools not directly overseen by the Ministry of Education.

MI News Arizona: two people were killed after two small aircraft collided in midair at an Arizona airport on Wednesday, CNN reported, citing authorities.

A Cessna 172S and Lancair 360 MK II collided near the Marana Regional Airport at 8:28 am (local time), as per the preliminary information from the National Transportation Safety Board.

One of two runways at the airport said that the fixedwing single-engine planes "collided while upwind of runway 12." The NTSB said the Cessna landed "uneventfully" and the Lancair affected terrain near the other runway and "a post-impact fire ensured. The Marana Police De-

partment said two people have died due to the incident. In a news release, the Town of Marana announced that two people were on each plane, CNN reported. However, it did not mention

Service, As many as ing conducted.

Galen Beem said, "On behalf of the Town of Marana and the Marana Regional Airport, our hearts go out to all the individuals and families impacted by this event." Beem said, "This is an unprecedented event, and we are grateful for the swift re-

sponse from the Marana Police Department and Northwest Fire District.' The Federal Aviation Ad-

ministration said the airport was an "uncontrolled field," which does not have an operating air traffic control tower. Pilots often use a Common Traffic Advisory Frequency to announce their

position to other pilots who are near the airport. Pilots operating in uncontrolled fields still need to follow all federal aviation regulations. An NTSB investigator is expected to arrive on Thurs-

up to five years in prison.

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court's jurisdiction.

their conditions. It said that day morning (local time) the airport has been shut to document the scene and while the investigation is beanalyse the aircraft, according to CNN report. In Airport Superintendent addition, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is also responding to the incident.

The incident comes after several aviation incidents which started with midair collision at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport on January 29, which claimed the lives of 67 people due to a collision between a military helicopter and an American Airlines regional.

Since then, four other aviation incidents have highlighted concerns regarding air safety, including the crash of a medevac plane in Philadelphia, an aircraft that crashed near Alaska's Nome, killing 10 people; a private plane that ran off the runway in Arizona's Scottsdale, killing the pilot on board; and a Delta Air Lines regional jet rolled over on the runway after arrival in Toronto.

social media site X. He has hosted a live discussion with party leader Alice Weidel on the platform and dialled into a party rally.

Now, as Germany waits to see just how well the far right does in the upcoming election, the question is why so many young men in particular are being drawn to the far right and what the consequences could be for a country that's deeply conscious of its Nazi past. GERMAN YOUTHS MARCHING 'RIGHT'

Pew research in 2024 found that more than 26% of German men had positive views of the AfD compared to more than 11% of women, and the share of men holding this opinion has risen 10 points since 2022.

In the elections for the European Par-

ognised sites such as Tiklok "too late" which means they're playing catch-up in establishing a strong footprint on the platform.

We've met one AfD influencer, Celina Brychcy - a 25-year-old TikTokker who has more than 167,000 followers - 53% of whom are male, with 76% aged between 18 and 35.

She mainly shares dance, trend and lifestyle videos, but also pro-AfD content. Celina says she has faced insults, threats, and lost friends because of the views she has expressed.

Brychcy says she doesn't make money from promoting the AfD but does it because she believes in the cause and wants to "get a message across".

Her political ideals include wanting the return of military service, more support for mothers who want or need

Prof Abou-Chadi believes in the lon ger term, there could be an even more seismic change.

"And as soon as the more mainstream parties start giving up the 'firewall' or cordon sanitaire the far right will start cannibalising the right.

"It's very likely that, in many or most European countries, the far-right parties will be the main party on the right or already are," he says.

Parties like the Alternative Fur Deutschland (AfD) have worked hard to try and normalise themselves in the eves of the public.

While there are people in Germany and Europe who view the far right as an extremist, even anti-democratic, force - it appears that the 'normalisation' effort is working, not least of all among the young.

JI threatens to hold protest, besiege Pesco offices over loadshedding in Haripur

MI News Service, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa: Jamaat-i-Islami (JI) has threatened to hold protests on the streets and surround the offices of Peshawar Electric Supply Company (PESCO) if it does not provide unin terrupted power supply to the residents of Haripur district of Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Dawn reported. JI Haripur emir Tahir Atiq Siddiqui made the announcement while speaking to reporters on Wednesday Earlier, he hosted a reception in honour of the newly-elected body of Haripur Press Club, which was attended by JI district general secretary Qazi Tanzeelur Rehman and others. Siddiqui said unannounced loadshedding were being conducted by Pesco officials twice a week across the district for the past few months, which had affected small businesses, according to Dawn report. He said, "The daily wagers serving at welding shops grinding machines, marble factories, tailors' shops and other small industries are the worst hit as the eight hours power outage deprives them of daily earning." Tahir Atiq Siddiqui warned the Pesco authorities of taking to the streets and surrounding its offices if they did not stop loadshedding immediately. He condemned the lack of implementation of Minimum Wage Act in the industrial units of Haripur and not giving the workers a monthly salary of Pakistani Rupees

(PKR) 36,000), Dawn reported.

Israel bans entry of those denying October 7 massacre or working with ICC

MI News Service, Tel Aviv: As Israelis prepared to receive the bodies of four hostages, the Israeli Knesset on Wednesday passed legislation barring non-citizens from entering or residing in the country if they or their affiliated organizations deny the October 7 massacre or the Holocaust, or if they support international prosecution of Israeli security personnel.

The legislation, which was approved without opposition, builds on a 2017 amendment that barred providing visas and travel permits to individuals or organizations advocating boycotts of Israel.

Proposed by Michel Buskila of the New Hope-United Right party and originally initiated by New

Hope MK Zeev Elkin, the law aims to strengthen Israel's ability to counteract what it described as "hostile elements" who "seek to harm the state." According to the bill's explanatory notes, existing legal measures were insufficient. The Knesset also advanced an-

other bill targeting cooperation with the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague. That proposal, submitted by Likud MK Amit Halevi, passed its preliminary reading with 25 votes in favor and 10 against.

If enacted, the law would criminalize collaboration with the ICC, making it illegal for Israeli citizens, authorities, and public entities to provide services or resources to the court. Individuals found guilty of doing so could face

would be liable for arrest if they The bill also seeks to prevent travel to countries that are party ICC officials and affiliates from to the ICC.

entering Israel, owning property, The court also issued a waror conducting economic activities rant for Hamas commander Mohammed Deif. Although he in the country without special authorization. Supporters argue was killed in an airstrike in July, that the ICC poses a significant Hamas never confirmed Deif's threat to Israel's sovereignty and death. Israel is not a member of security personnel, reinforcing the ICC and does not recognize its longstanding position jurisdiction. The ICC charter prothat it does not recognize the hibits the court from prosecuting nationals of countries with inde-The International Criminal pendent judiciaries.

Court issued unprecedented ar-At least 1,200 people were rest warrants for Israeli Prime killed, and 252 Israelis and for-Minister Benjamin Netanyahu eigners were taken hostage in Hamas's attacks on Israeli comand former Defense Minister Yoav Gallant in November, the munities near the Gaza border on first time warrants have been October 7. Of the 69 remaining issued against leaders from a hostages, 36 are believed to be democratic country. Both officials dead

on Wednesday, students from Law College Turbat in Kech organized a demonstration to raise their voices against the enforced disappearance of Kamil Sharif and Ehsan Sarwar Baloch. They paraded through the college grounds with ban-

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killings.

ners and placards, calling for the safe return of both missing individuals. Demonstrators assembled

in front of the administration block, demanding prompt measures and claiming that Pakistani officials are engaging in "unconstitutional and illegal acts" by keeping Baloch students in prolonged detention.

TBP reported that the family of Israr Allah staged demonstration close to Gadani Mor on the Quet-

traffic and calling for his re-Demonturn who has been missing strations erupted in various parts of Balochistan with since December 3, 2023. This students, relatives of the marks the fifth protest they missing, and locals marchhave held, following four earing in the streets, calling lier demonstrations that they for an end to purported enclaim produced no outcomes. forced disappearances and Protesters have denounced denouncing extrajudicial the local authorities and political leaders for engaging According to a report by in "false negotiations" and The Balochistan Post (TBP),

making "empty promises." They assert that officials instructed them to showcase the Pakistani flag during a previous protest, assuring them that Israr would be set free, but no advancements have been achieved, the TBP report revealed.

Mass protests erupt in Balochistan over enforced

In Mastung, Mir Ahmed Chiltanwal Sumalani accused Pakistani Forces of forcibly abducting his younger brother, Zahoor Ahmed Sumalani, at the Sinjidi FC checkpoint in Kaanak on Wednesday at 2pm, TBP

report highlighted. He alleged that two weeks prior, the CTD and intelligence agencies conducted a raid on his home, Chiltanwal House, and the entire village of Umarabad Kaanak, purportedly detaining two of his

disappearances, extrajudicial killings Service, ta-Karachi highway, blocking cousins, who were later discovered deceased.

TBP reported that the Voice for Baloch Missing Persons (VBMP) maintained protest camp outside its Quetta Press Club for the the 5,735th day in a row. Members of the Baloch Students Organization (BSO), including Secretary-General Samand Baloch and Zonal President Kabeer Baloch, visited the camp to express

their support. VBMP Vic Vice Chairman Mama Qadeer Baloch said his group is demanding the safe recovery of missing persons and justice for victims of extrajudicial killings. February has been one of the worst months for human rights in Balochistan, with over 60 enforced disappearances and three extrajudicial killings reported," he said.

Mama Qadeer criticized the government's response, saying that despite years of protests and advocacy, "the situation in Balochistan continues to deteriorate," and official policies remain unsatisfactory in addressing the missing persons' crisis.

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"IT'S NICE TO WIN TWO CLOSE ONES," SAYS MEG LANNING AS DC END VADODARA LEG WITH SEVEN-WICKET VICTORY OVER UP

VADODARA (GUJARAT) : With a convincing seven-wicket win over UP Warriorz in their third match of WPL 2025, the Meg Lanning-led Delhi Capitals side finished the Vadodara leg with two victories and one defeat.

After opting to bowl first, Delhi Capitals restricted UP Warriorz to 166/7 in 20 overs. Captain Meg Lanning anchored the chase, with cru-Lanning cial contributions from Annabel Sutherland and Marizanne Kapp's last-over heroics sealing the team's sec-

neroics sealing the team s see ond win of the tournament. Reflecting on the game, skipper Lanning, who struck 69 off 49, expressed her delight on the win and said as quoted by Delhi Capitals press release, "It was nice to bounce back as a team. We probably didn't put our best effort out the other night (against RCB) but we had the opportunity to put our best foot forward in this match and we did that. We still feel like there are areas where we can get better. It's been nice to win two close ones because it shows we're able to hold our composure to an extent and get over the line

Captain Meg Lanning heaped praise on Annabel Sutherland for her match-wincontribution. ning The Australian impressed with both bat and ball, registering figures of 2/26 in four overs before playing a crucial unbeaten knock of 41 off 35 balls to guide Delhi Capitals to

the victory. "Annabel (Sutherland) was Annabel (Sutherland) was outstanding with the ball ini-tially as she got early break-throughs when we were really under pressure. Later, she held her nerves while batting as well. She probably felt that she wasn't hitting them as well as she would have liked but to have that sort of stability at one end allowed Marizanne Kapp to come in and play with freedom. It was a crucial role and it was nice to see her do well," Lanning said as the Delhi Capitals press release added

Lanning along with Shafali Verma provided DC with a quick start as the two chipped in with a first-wicket stand of 65 runs in just 6.5 overs before Verma departed for 26 off The captain lauded the Indian opener for providing a brisk start. "Shafali (Verma) just knows



India's Mohammed Shami and teammates celebrate the dismissal of Bangladesh's Soumya Sarkar during the match in the ICC Champions Trophy, 2025, at Dubai International Cricket Stadium in Dubai on Thursday (ANI Photo)

Game of fine margins, crucial points on cards as NorthEast United FC host Bengaluru FC

SHILLONG (MEGHALAYA) : NorthEast United FC (NEUFC) are set to host Bengaluru FC (BFC) at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Shillong in the Indian Super League (ISL) 2024-25 on Friday. The ISL thus returns to the capital of Meghalaya after the first-ever league game was held there during the fixture between the Highlanders (NEUFC) and Mumbai City FC (MCFC) earlier this month, as per a release from ISL

Bengaluru FC have been winless in their last four games on the road, including two defeats on the bounce. However, the Blues (BFC) have had a promising goal-scoring season, having scored 36 goals, their second-highest in ISL histo-ry, with Sunil Chhetri leading the charts, courtesy of his 11 strikes.

The Blues will be buoyed by the fact that NorthEast United FC have not won against them in their previous five meetings. The two sides have played three draws in a row and another stalemate would mark the third time the Highlanders do so four straight times against a single opponent in the ISL

NorthEast United FC also have their home record to protect, since



they last suffered a 0-2 defeat here against Mumbai City FC and the previous time they faced losses in consecutive matches in their backyard, in a single season, was in February 2023. Further, the Blues have never failed to score on the road against the Highlanders, netting eight times in six matches, and a strike in this encounter will mark their longest such sequence against any oppo-

nent. Both these teams are firmly in contention to qualify for the playoffs, as NorthÉast United FC are positioned fourth with 32 points from 21 games, whereas Bengaluru FC have garnered 31 points from 20 encounters and are

sixth in the table. The tussle is tough with only three points separating the Highlanders from the seventh-placed Odisha FC (29).

The Highlanders have scored the third-most goals in ISL 2024-25 (39), with over 50% of those through Alaaeddine coming Ajaraie. In their last five games, NorthEast United FC have netted eight times - going scoreless in two encounters.

Jithin MS (6 goals and 8 assists) is one goal contribution away from becoming the fourth player to record 15+ goal contributions for NorthEast United FC. Jithin has scored once and assisted five times this season.

Bengaluru FC have kept six

clean sheets this season, the thirdmost amongst all teams. However, they have recorded only one shutout in their previous 15 ISL encounters.

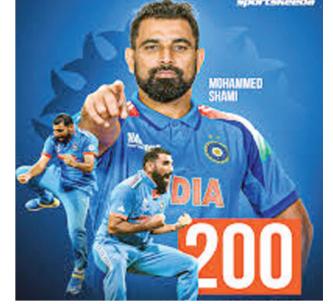
The two sides have played each other 17 times in the league, with NorthEast United FC winning twice and Bengaluru FC emerging victorious in eight games. Seven matches have produced draws. NorthEast United FC head

coach Juan Pedro Benali asked his side to defend collectively in the coming match.

"The whole team needs to defend well because we are playing against a strong side. All of their players are dangerous and we need to take care of that," Benali said, as quoted from a release by ISL.

Bengaluru FC head coach Gerard Zaragoza lamented his team's form last month, but expressed hope following their 3-0 win in the last game against Jamshedpur FC.

"We were not doing well in January and we were not consistent. We bettered our performance in the last game though. We kept a clean sheet and that should be the way we need to play to arrive in the playoffs," he said.



Shami completes 200 **ODI wickets, becomes India's ICC ODI events** top wicket-taker

DUBAI [UAE] : Indian pacer Mohammed Shami completed 200 ODI wickets on Thursday, becoming the fastest to reach the milestone in terms of balls taken.

Shami accomplished this milestone during India's ICC Champions Trophy campaign opener against Bangladesh in Dubai.

During the match, he bowled his full quota of 10 overs and looked in a nice rhythm. He ended his spell with 5/53 in 10 overs, getting wickets of Soumya Sarkar, Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Jaker Ali, Tanzim Hasan Sakib and Taskin Ahmed.

In 104 ODIs, Shami has 202 wickets at an average of 23.63, with best figures of 7/57. He has six five-wicket hauls as well. He is India's eighth-highest ODI wicket-taker.

Also, he has overtaken Zaheer Khan (59 scalps) to become India's leading wickettaker in ICC ODI tournaments, with 60 wickets in total. In the ODI WC, he has 55 scalps in 18 matches at an average of 13.52, with best figures of 7/57 and four five-wicket hauls. In his first ICC Champions Trophy match here, he has taken five wickets This is also the best figures by an Indian pacer in CT history, and overall second next to Ravindra Jadeja, who took 5/36 against West Indies in 2013.

Coming to balls taken, Shami has taken 200 ODI wickets in just 5,126 balls, making him the fastest to do so, outdoing Mitchell Starc, who did so in 5,240 balls.

In terms of matches, Shami is the second fastest to 200 ODI wickets, tied with Pakistan legend Saqlain Mushtaq (104 matches). The fastest to 200 wickets in ODIs in terms of matches is Starc, who reached the landmark in 102 matches.

Coming to the match, Bangladesh won the toss and elected to bat first. India reduced Bangladesh to 35/5 in the first nine overs. Then a 154-run stand between Jaker Ali (68 in 114 balls, with four boundaries) and Towhid Hridoy (100 in 117 balls, with Towhid six fours and two sixes) helped Bangladesh reach 228 in 49.4 overs.

Shami (5/53) and Harshit Rana (3/31) were the top wicket-takers for India, with Axar also getting two for 43 runs in his nine overs.

"Want to win games as a bowler": KKR's Ramandeep Singh eyes bigger role in IPL 2025 Imam-ul-Haq replaces injured Fakhar Zaman in Pakistan's Champions Trophy sauad

one way and that is to give a quick start and this plays a really important role in setting up the innings to get ahead of the run rate a little bit early. It takes a bit of pressure off through the middle and back end," she concluded.

The action will now shift to Bengaluru, where Delhi Capitals will again take on the UP Warriorz on Saturday.



Kolkata Knight Riders' (KKR) allrounder from their title-winning Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 season, Ramandeep Singh has set his sights on making a mark in the 18th edition of the tournament, this time as a bowler. In a heartfelt conversation on Knight Live Adda, the promising all-rounder who made his debut for India in November 2024 - opened up about his journey and aspirations, as per a release from KKR.

Fresh from an impressive showing in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, where he scalped 5 wickets at an economy rate of 8.10 in the seven matches that he played for Punjab, Ramandeep is eager to showcase his bowling prowess alongside his batting capabilities. The conversation from IPL

release by KKR.

2024 was that coaching staff have the same expectations from my bowling as they had from my batting. A couple of impactful overs in the middle of the bowling innings will be very important for the team. So, I am working on the same. I want to win games as a bowler," shared the 27-year-old all-rounder, as quoted from a



His retention by KKR in the mega auction speaks volumes about the faith the franchise has placed in his abilities. Building on his IPL 2024 performance, where he scored 125 runs at a strike rate of 201.61, Ramandeep proved his worth as an aggressive batter in the middle order for the defending champions. This performance put him in the reckoning for a Team India debut, which eventually came during India's T20I series against South Africa at the end of 2024.

"I am extremely grateful to have made my debut for India. I have worked hard to reach this position in my career, and now, l am reaping the fruits of my hard work. It is a dream come true to get retained in a mega auction. Looking forward, my attempt will be to give my 100% to the team once again," he said, while talking about his breakthrough in IPL 2024.

The Punjab-born cricketer's connection with Eden Gardens and its passionate fans runs deep. "We have the most wonderful fans at the Eden Gardens. Their support and their chants ensure that I have a very special connection with the them. I am looking forward to entertaining the fans and making them proud once again," he expressed.

As KKR prepares to kick off their IPL 2025 campaign against Royal Challengers Bengaluru at home on March 22, Ramandeep's evolution as a dual-threat player could prove crucial to the team's aspirations to retain the trophy.

KARACHI [PAKISTAN] : The ICC Event Technical Committee has approved the inclusion of opener Imam-ul-Haq as a replacement for Fakhar Zaman in Pakistan's squad for the ICC Champions Trophy 2025.

Żaman was ruled out of the tournament after suffering an injury while fielding in the first over against New Zealand in Pakistan's opening match, as per Geo News

The decision was made by the ICC Event Technical Committee, which includes Wasim Khan, Usman Wahla, Sarah Edgar, and former South African cricketer Shaun Pollock.

The left-handed batter suffered a muscular strain while fielding in the opening over against New Zealand at Karachi's National Bank Stadium on February 19. The injury occurred when New Zealand opener Will Young drove a delivery from Shaheen Afridi through the covers, evading the infield. Zaman sprinted to intercept the ball and managed to palm it back to Babar Azam for the return throw. immediately However. he appeared in discomfort, clutching



his lower back and signalling for a substitution. Though he walked off the field unaided with the team physio, he was forced to leave the match. Fortunately, he returned to the field after New Zealand lost their second wicket in the ninth over. Fakhar made 24 off 41 balls, with four boundaries

The PCB confirmed that Zaman was undergoing further medical assessment and would provide additional updates in due course. In its latest statement, the board announced that he would not be travelling with the squad to Dubai for their next match.

"Fakhar Zaman's injury is of serious nature. He will not be able

to play the remainder of the tournament," the PCB said, as quoted from Geo News.

Pakistan has already dealt with a similar injury blow, with Saim Ayub ruled out of the tournament. During a Test match against South Africa, Avub twisted his ankle while chasing a ball toward the boundary, suffering a fracture that will sideline him until at least mid-March. Fakhar, who was not initially included in Pakistan's ODI squad, had been called up as Ayub's replacement. He made an immediate impact. scoring 84 off 69 balls and 41 off 28 in his first two matches back in the team.

Teenager Dhamne, experienced Ramkumar, Prajwal Dev to enter Bengaluru Open 2025 singles draw

BENGALURU (KARNATAKA) : India's 17-year-old prodigy Manas Dhamne and seasoned campaigners Ramkumar Ramanathan and SD Prajwal Dev have been awarded wild card entries into the singles main draw of the 2025 Bengaluru Open, as the ATP Challenger 125 event returns its thrilling ninth edition at the Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association (KSLTA) courts in Cubbon Park from February 24 to March 2

Meanwhile, Kriish Tyagi and Niki Kaliyanda Poonacha will compete in the qualifying rounds as wild cards, looking to secure a spot in the main draw, as per a press release from KSLTA.

Dhamne, one of India's most promis-

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ing young talents, has been active on the circuit for two years and recently captured his first significant title at the M15 Monastir in Tunisia. The teenager

has already etched his name in history, becoming the youngest player to win a first-round match at the junior Australian Open and the voungest to play a main-draw ATP Tour match in 2023

Prajwal Dev and Ramanathan, meanwhile, bring decades of experience to the tournament. Ramanathan, a mainstay in India's Davis Cup team, has been active on the circuit since 2009 and is a Bengaluru Open favourite, having added three doubles titles over the years to his burgeoning trophy cabinet. Praiwal Dev, on the other hand, earned his ATP ranking in 2015 and has competed in both singles and doubles throughout his career, winning one ATP

Challenger doubles and several ITF doubles titles, including four in 2024.

Tournament Director Sunil Yajman commented on the occasion: "The Bengaluru Open has always played a key role in giving Indian players a platform to compete at a high level, and this year is no different. Manas Dhamne's rapid progress is exciting for Indian tennis, while Ramkumar and Prajwal Dev bring valuable experience to the field. We look forward to seeing how all our wild card entrants perform in the competition.

Meanwhile, the Bengaluru Open doubles event will feature 16 teams, split between 10 direct entries, four onsite acceptances, and two wild cards.

India's Anirudh Chandrasekar and Chinese Taipei's Ray Ho enter as the highest-ranked duo in the main draw. while Blake Bayldon and Matthew Christopher Romios form the secondhighest-ranked team. Fresh from their Delhi Open final appearance, Niki Poonacha and Courtney John Lock are also expected to contend strongly.

Maheshwar Rao IAS. Hon. Secretary KSLTA and Organising Secretary, Bengaluru Open, said: "Doubles has been a strength for Indian tennis, and this event continues to showcase that legacy. The field is strong, featuring top-ranked pairs and accomplished champions, and we look forward to another thrilling week of doubles action at the Bengaluru Open.'

Among other notable doubles entries, top singles seed Vit Kopriva will partner Marek Gengel in doubles, while former World No. 17 Bernard Tomic teams up with Colombia's Nicolas Mejia. India's Siddhant Banthia and Parikshit Somani are also among the direct entrants, strengthening home representation.

Since its inaugural edition in 2015. the Bengaluru Open has produced four all-Indian winning pairs, while at least one Indian player has claimed the title in six of the past eight editions. India's Saketh Myneni and Ramkumar Ramanathan are the reigning Bengaluru Open doubles champions.