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EU Commission leaders visit to India will enhance global ties

MI News Service, New Delhi : In the first ever visit of the EU College of Commissioners together to India, a high power EU delegation led by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen will visit to India on February 27 and 28 at the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

This visit of the EU Commission to India next week will pave the way for further strengthening growing convergence in key areas, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Saturday. On their arrival Prime Minister Modi will hold delegation-level talks with Leyen, the MEA said in a statement. EU Trade and Technology Council (TEC) and bilateral ministerial meetings between the European Commissioners and their Indian counterparts will also be held, it said.

However, personally it will be von der Leyen's third visit to India. She had earlier visited India for a bilateral trip in April 2022, and to attend the G20 Leaders' Summit in September 2023. But "This will be the first ever visit of the EU College of Commissioners together to India and among the first such visits since the start of the mandate of the current European Commission in December 2024 after the European parliamentary elections held in June 2024," the MEA said.

India and the European Union have remained strategic partners since 2004 and their bilateral ties have expanded and deepened across a wide range of areas. "As the two sides enter the third decade of the strategic partnership, the visit of Ursula von der Leyen and the EU Col-



European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen

lege of Commissioners will pave the way for further strengthening of bilateral relations based on growing convergences," the MEA said.

"The unprecedented visit, one of the first by the College of

Commissioners early in the new mandate, highlights the strong momentum in EU-India relations," the Delegation of the European Union to India said in a statement. The two day visit of the Commission in New Delhi "follows President von der Leyen's announcement of a new strategic agenda with India to be presented this year at the EU-India Summit. The visit emphasises the importance of strengthening ties in key areas vital to the prosperity and security of both Europe and India," the statement said. During the visit, the College of Commissioners and the Indian government will also hold a plenary session jointly chaired by President von der Leyen and Prime Minister Modi, it said. Members of the College will also meet their counterparts individually, while von

der Leyen and Modi will "hold a bilateral meeting followed by a press point", the statement said.

"In this era of intense geostrategic competition, Europe stands for openness, partnership, and outreach. We seek to deepen ties with one of our most trusted friends and ally -- India. Europe and India are like-minded partners, bound by the shared conviction that democracy best serves the people. That's why one of the first visits of the new Commission is to India," von der Leyen was quoted as saying in the statement. "We are committed to strengthening our strategic partnership to advance trade, economic security, and resilient supply chains, along with a common tech agenda and reinforced security and defence cooperation," she said.

PM will attend Mauritius' National Day celebrations as 'Guest of Honour'

MI News Service, New Delhi : Reflecting the testimony of close bilateral relations with the Island nation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the Mauritius' National Day celebrations next month as the country's Guest of Honour.

Announcing this Mauritius Prime minister Navin Ramgoolam said on Saturday that the presence of Prime minister Modi at our National Day celebrations on March 12 shows the testimony of a close bilateral ties between our two countries. Addressing the National Assembly, Mauritian Prime Minister Ramgoolam said it is indeed a singular privilege for our country to host

such a distinguished personality despite his very tight schedule.

Mauritius commemorates its National Day on March 12th every year. The day marks the anniversary of Mauritius' independence from British rule in 1968. It also commemorates the country's transition to a republic within the Commonwealth in 1992. "In the context of the celebrations of the 57th anniversary of the Independence of our country, I have great pleasure in informing the House, that following my invitation, His Excellency, Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, has kindly agreed to be the

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Cooperative sector gained momentum due to Centre's efforts: Amit Shah



MI News Service, Pune : Union Home minister Amit Shah who also holds the portfolio of Cooperatives, said on Saturday that the cooperative sector received a boost in the last three years due to efforts of the Centre. Addressing the concluding ceremony of the diamond jubilee celebrations of Janata Sahakari Bank in Pune, Shah said the Modi government made India's cooperative sector marketable.

The Union Home Minister who also chaired the 27th meeting of the Western Zonal Council in Pune appealed to the cooperative banking sector to embrace technology. "In the last three years, the Centre has worked to give momentum to the cooperative movement in the country. We have made the model of India's cooperative sector marketable. We are empowering the cooperative education by bringing a cooperative university bill," said Shah. He said PM Modi has given a direction to the cooperative sector and underlined the introduction of innovation in the cooperative sector. Shah credited Pune MP and MoS for Cooperation, Murlidhar Mohol, for the establishment of the first regional branch of the Central Register of Cooperative Societies in the city.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta during a meeting, in New Delhi.

Atishi seeks to meet Delhi CM to discuss women's monthly aid payment

MI News Service, New Delhi : AAP leader and former Chief minister Atishi has sought the appointment of a meeting of AAP MLAs with Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta 'soon' to discuss the Rs 2,500 monthly aid to women as promised by the ruling BJP during the election campaign. In a letter to the newly elected Chief minister Gupta on Saturday, Atishi questioned why a scheme on providing the financial aid to women was not approved in the new government's first cabinet meeting on Friday when the Prime minister had promised it in an election



rally. Gupta and her council of (six) ministers took oath of office on Thursday, following a victory over the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in the assembly polls held earlier in the month on February 5. AAP leader Atishi on Friday ques-

tioned why the Delhi government did not pass a scheme to provide an honorarium of Rs 2,500 to the city's women at its first cabinet meeting. Atishi, a former Delhi chief minister, accused the newly formed BJP government of "failing to fulfill Prime Minister Narendra Modi's promise of providing financial assistance to women under the Mahila Samridhi Yojana.

Addressing a press conference, Atishi said before the Delhi elections, PM Modi and BJP National President JP Nadda had assured that in the very

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Security forces bust Maoist dump in Chhattisgarh seize many weapons, explosive materials

MI News Service, Raipur : In a major success in their ongoing anti-Maoist operations, security forces unearthed a Maoist dump inside a deep forest in Sukma district of Chhattisgarh on early Saturday and recovered a huge cache of weapons and explosive materials from the dump, police said.

They said acting on a tip off a joint team of security forces launched a well coordinated search operation inside the forest area. They found the well hidden arms and ammunition dump and seized the weapons from near the Chintavagu River, adjacent to one Gundrajgudem village in the remote tribal area under Chintagufa police station limits, an official said. As per the prior information the security forces also knew the presence of several Naxalites in the area. Accord-

ingly, the 131st battalion of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), 203rd battalion of CoBRA (Commando Battalion for Resolute Action — an elite unit of CRPF) and district force had launched the operation from their newly set up camp in Mettaguda on Friday evening, the police said. The official said after the seizure the security forces cordoned off the entire forest area on a hill where the Maoist dump was spotted. They seized weapons include several Insus rifles, a number of double barrel guns, a few revolvers and country made pistols and several hundred rounds of live cartridges besides a huge quantity of explosive powder and other materials and a pair of binoculars. Several medical equipment, Maoist uniforms, literature, diaries and some electronic

items were also recovered from the spot, the police said. Earlier this month in another similar operation security forces recovered another cache of explosives, including mortar bombs and detonators, from a Maoist dump in the forests of Kanker district in this Naxalite affected state, police said. The recovery was made from another similar Maoist dump located between Manhakal and Hethle villages under Durgkondal police station limits by a joint team of the BSF and District Force, Kanker Superintendent of Police K L Dhruv informed. The seized materials included two mortar bombs (51 mm), three grenades, one country-made pistol, 30 electric detonators, live cartridges of AK 47, SLRand 315 bore rifles and Maoist-related materials, he said.

Kash Patel takes oath as FBI director on Bhagwat Gita

MI News Service, Washington (DC) : Indian-origin Kash Patel on Friday was sworn in as the ninth Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) of the US, taking oath on the sacred Hindu text of Bhagavad Gita.



Kash Patel was sworn in as the Director of FBI by US Attorney General Pam Bondi. (Bloomberg). Kash Patel's girlfriend and family members were present at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building as he was sworn in following his confirmation as the FBI director by the US Senate. He succeeded Christopher Wray. Kash Patel is not the first Indian-American to have taken his oath of office on the Gita. Earlier, Congressman Subash Subramaniam also took his oath on the Gita. Kash Patel called this opportunity to lead the nation's premier federal law enforcement agency as the "greatest honour" of his life. He also said he was living

the American dream, "and anyone who thinks the American dream is dead, look right here. You are talking to a first-generation Indian who is about to lead the law enforcement agency of the greatest nation on earth. That can't happen anywhere else". Patel also made a strong commitment towards his work within the FBI and

promised that there would be accountability both inside and outside of the federal agency.

After Patel's oath ceremony, the White House posted on its X account, "It's time we restore integrity and justice at the FBI. MAKE AMERICA SAFE AGAIN!" US President Donald Trump, while speaking to reporters ahead of

Patel's swearing in, said, "I think he'll go down as the best ever at that position," adding that the "agents love this guy". "Turned out he was very easy to get approved. He is a tough and strong guy. He has his opinions. Trey Gowdy came out with an incredible statement and said that Kash is an incredible person and people's don't realise it. When he said that, there was no doubt left. It was a big statement made by someone who is respected and is on the moderate side," Trump added.


However, the Democrats did not seem very happy with Patel's appointment, sounding alarms that they fear he will work as a Trump loyalist and abuse the FBI's powers to go after the adversaries of the President. They even cited past comments from before Patel's nomination where he had said

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Trinamool Factional Clash Turns Deadly: Party Worker killed

MI News Service, Birbhum: A violent clash between two factions of the Trinamool Congress in Khairashole, Birbhum, has resulted in the death of a party worker, Sheikh Niamul. According to local sources, Niamul was associated with the Ujjwal Haque Quaderi group and was allegedly beaten up by members of the Swapan Sen group using an iron rod, which resulted in severe injuries, including a broken waist. The incident occurred in Barara village, where Niamul was severely assaulted, and was later rescued and taken to the Nakrakonda Primary Health Center. Despite receiving treatment, his condition deteriorated, and he was transferred to the Suri Super Specialty Hospital. Unfortunately, he succumbed to his injuries and died while being taken to another hospital. This incident is the latest in a series of violent clashes between rival factions of the Trinamool Congress in the region. Just a day ago, a similar clash occurred in Krishnanagar Municipality, resulting in injuries to several people, including a councillor. The police have removed the officer-in-charge of the Kankartala police station in connection with the murder of a Trinamool Congress leader, Dipak Ghosh, who was shot dead by unidentified miscreants on Sunday. The incident has created tension in the area, with local political leaders calling for action against those responsible.

Teenage Girl Found Unconscious in Jungle, Boyfriend Detained Amid Suspicion of Foul Play

MI News Service, Bakreshwar: A shocking incident has occurred in Bakreshwar, Dubrajpur, where a teenage couple, Supriya Bagdi and Gopal Bagdi, were found hanging from a tree in a nearby forest. The couple, who were in a relationship, were discovered by locals on Saturday morning, leaving their families and the community in a state of distress. According to reports, 17-year-old Supriya was a Class 12 student, while 20-year-old Gopal worked as a migrant laborer in other states. The couple's families, who reside in the same area, were aware of their relationship and had not expressed any objections. The circumstances surrounding the incident are unclear, and the police are investigating the matter. The bodies of the couple have been sent to Suri Super Specialty Hospital for autopsy. The incident has sent shockwaves through the community, with many struggling to comprehend the reasons behind the tragic event. The police are working to determine the cause of death and are speaking with family members and witnesses to gather more information.



The 33rd convocation ceremony of the College of Astrology was held at the Town Hall of Dum Dum Nagerbazar. The program was inaugurated by the lighting of the lamp by the royal astrologer Pandit Animesh Shastri. Astrologer Acharya Shivani Ganguly, Principal of the College of Astrology Acharya Chandrani Bhattacharya, Acharya Dr. Shefali Chakraborty and other guests were also present. Then garlands were offered to the idols of Ganeshji and Maa Saraswati and the photo of Acharya Somnath Chakraborty. The book 'Jyotibarta' was formally inaugurated by the honorable guests. Many people interested in practicing astrology from different districts and states participated in today's program. Also, a quiz was organized among the students on practicing astrology. Principal Acharya Chandrani Bhattacharya said that about 300 people participated in the program. Convener of the program Acharya Benimadhav said, "We have tried to organize such a conference so that the common people as well as the learned astrologers can easily understand all the issues from the perspective of science along with astrology. They can explore the underlying science in Indian culture and tradition." The main mantra of the College of Astrology is to be able to use astrology on a large scale for the welfare of people in the coming days.

Police Officer Tridib Raj buys books for remote tribal students at Ausgram Book Fair



MI News Service, Ausgram: Tridib Raj, the in-charge of Chora Fanri under Ausgram Police Station, took the tribal children to the book fair and bought them books of several thousand rupees. A section of local residents applauded his initiative. According to local sources, the book fair is held at 'Barosati Danga' besides the fanri. There are some tribal inhabited areas like Fanri Jangal, Hatmadhabpur etc. in that area. On this day, the students of that area were roaming around the book fair square. Seeing that, the police officer bought different kinds of books for the children on his own initiative and asked them to read. Some of the locals said that the police officer had done various developmental works for the tribals like buying sports equipment, installing lights in the area and providing drinking water. Students of class III & IV like Raj Murmu, Ajay Baski, Barsha Hansda, Manisha Murmu residents of hatmadhabpur & other village, are happy to get new books. They said, "We came to visit the book fair. Police uncle bought us new books and asked us to read them. We are very happy". The officer said, this book fair in

the remote areas will make everyone interested in reading books, from eight to eighty years old. Many people are addicted to mobile phones from childhood, they bought books to make people interested in books from mobile". Ausgram book fair has started from last Thursday. It will last 6 days. About 50 publishing houses have appeared with their stalls in this book fair. There are also various handicraft and food stalls. The district police and Indian postal department have also set up stalls at the fair. Aadhaar related work is being done at the postal department stall. Literary Sayantani Puttundu, BDO (Ausgram-2) Chinmoy Das, Ausgram-2 Block Trinamool President Sk Abdul Lalan and many others were present at the inauguration ceremony. Every day there are some events. Local school students are participating in quiz, dance, song. Apart from this, there are various types of discussion meetings including folk culture, antiquity. Every day there are various folk cultural programs like folk drama, Bahurupi, Fakir song, Baul song, Bolan song, tribal folk dance, Raibenshe, Jhumur, drama.

Sebaashray has set a benchmark in healthcare services

MI News Service, Kolkata: Sebaashray has set a benchmark in healthcare services, a legacy that will be etched in golden letters. Yesterday, 14 patients, referred from the Model #Sebaashray Camp in Satgachia, underwent successful, free cataract surgeries at Drishti Eye Care Centre. For them, the world had long been fading into a blur - shadows replacing shapes, darkness creeping over clarity. But today, as the bandages come off, so does the weight of uncertainty. Their first glimpse of a world restored is a reaffirmation of what Sebaashray stands for: RESTORING NOT JUST VISION, BUT HOPE.

West Bengal Board revises calculator ban policy for HS exams

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education (WBCHSE) has revised its policy on calculator usage in the newly introduced semester-based examination system. Initially, the council had issued a directive banning calculators for students in Classes 11 and 12, citing the need to maintain uniformity in assessments. However, following concerns from students and educators, the council has now decided to allow basic calculators for practical examinations starting from the 2025-26 academic session. Under the new semester system, students will take four examinations across Classes 11 and 12. The council initially prohibited calculators in subjects with practical components, arguing that complex calculations should be done manually. However, this led to widespread concern among students who feared it would make calculations more time-consuming and difficult. In response, WBCHSE President Chiranjib Bhattacharjee announced, "We have revised the directive. From the 2025-26 academic session, students will be allowed to use calculators during practical examinations. However, only basic calculators will be permitted—scientific calcu-

lators remain prohibited." The decision has received mixed reactions from the academic community. Some teachers welcomed the revision, stating that practical examinations often require speedy and accurate calculations, making calculator usage necessary for student efficiency. However, some educators believe that theory-based exams also include complex numerical problems, where calculators could be beneficial. They argue that the council should reconsider its stance for written exams as well. A section of educators, however, supports the council's reasoning, claiming that the new semester system is structured in a way that minimizes the need for calculators in theory exams. Jadavpur Vidyapith Principal Parthapratim Baidya welcomed the decision, stating, "Initially, the council decided to impose a complete ban on calculators. However, reconsidering student concerns and allowing them in practical exams is a positive move. We support this decision." Meanwhile, several teachers emphasized that while the policy revision is helpful, the council should monitor its impact and make further adjustments if needed.

SMC marks three years of progress

MI News Service, Siliguri: The Trinamool Congress-led Siliguri Municipal Corporation (SMC) marks three years under mayor Goutam Deb's leadership tomorrow. To commemorate the occasion, the SMC has organised a cultural programme at Dina-bandhu Mancha, with renowned Bengali singer Subhamita Banerjee as the guest artist.

This milestone is particularly significant as Trinamul secured a majority in the SMC for the first time in 2022, ending years of Left dominance. Although the Left was initially dislodged in 2009 when the Congress and Trinamul allied, the Congress later formed the board with Left support, making Gangotri Datta the Mayor. Even after Trinamul came to power in Bengal in 2011, the Left-Congress alliance continued to control the SMC until 2023, with Asok Bhattacharya serving as mayor in 2015.

To mark the occasion, the SMC will release a three-year report card tomorrow, along with a documentary highlighting its achievements. Mayor Deb has also felicitated several Siliguri residents, including meritorious students and top-ranking candidates in national exams like the UPSC. In the run-up to the anniversary, mayor Deb attended multiple events, including International Mother Language Day, and held meetings with the Mayor-in-Council and officials to discuss a draft notification on expanding the eco-sensitive zone of the Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary. The celebrations underscore the SMC's efforts and progress under the current administration.

Bengal

Poet Joy Goswami launches monthly English magazine 'Ayomoy'



Nurul Islam Khan

On Friday, renowned poet Joy Goswami launched the English monthly magazine 'Ayomoy' at the Oxford Bookstore on Park Street, an elite institution in Kolkata. The only English monthly magazine has started its journey in this state. It is worth mentioning that this magazine came into being with the aim of investigative journalism, in-depth analysis, problems of rural Bengal, and bringing out the news inside the news, said chief journalist Golam Rashid. It is known that before this, the magazine was published as Bengali Littlemag for five long years. Poet Joy Goswami has shed a very informative light on the human mind. He said that although Hindutva has been established in the country, it has not been the case in the field of art. Everyone in this country is inclined to listen to poet Nazrul Islam's Shyama Sangeet. He has composed countless pagan songs. He also said that Ustad Ali Akbar Khan's birth anniversary is celebrated in the Ram Krishna Mission. Along with this, he presented a bold picture of exemplary harmony by highlighting the stories of Bachcha Qawwal Kanhaiya and Farid. This typical mindset is required in the publication of the magazine. In this way, sincerity, love and humanity will be promoted. This magazine will work with the minds of people. It will speak the truth. He talked about the power of power. He reviewed many knowledges by citing the example of Einstein. He gave a beauti-

ful explanation of his knowledge of cosmological constant. He highlighted a powerful idea and said that poet Shankh Ghosh admitted his mistake. On the other hand, Ustad Ali Akbar Khan admitted that he could not play the sarad well at a certain event. The poet was emotional about their greatness. He told that their love was true. Although there are many writers in Bengal, Jibananda shared the real truth why people love him more. Therefore, he gave valuable opinions about a beautiful outline of where the magazine will reach. A discussion titled 'What Rural Bengal Thinks Today' was also held. The discussion was given by

Eminent poet Professor Angshuman Kar, Professor Moidul Islam, and writer Sumita Das. All of them admitted in one sentence that the people of Bengal and their problems are not being covered in the newspapers. This newspaper was started to fill that gap. There are many representatives outside the country as well. They hope that news from all over will enrich this magazine. Saptadiga Madhukar Chand Sa d a g a r, A b b a s u d d i n, Jasimuddin, Achen Lalon said that we would take care of Bengal as the guardians; we will spread the glory of rural Bengal to the world; India will be at the top of the world assembly. This is their goal. The day was February 21, the International Mother Language Day. On that occasion, several people including poet Lopa Mudra Kundu paid tribute to the Day by reading poems.

Trinamool Leader's Husband in Court Over Dispute with Couple Building Five-Storey Home in Bagnan

MI News Service, Bagnan: A couple in Bagnan, Howrah, is facing obstacles in constructing their five-storey building, despite having obtained the necessary permission from the Zilla Parishad. The couple, Sheikh Sabir Ali and Tahura Khatun, residents of Bagnan Kacharipara, have alleged that Mehboob Khanare, the husband of the deputy head of Bagnan Panchayat No. 1, has been demanding a large sum of money, totaling 25 lakh taka, and has been vandalizing their property and abusing them. However, Mehboob Khan has denied all allegations, stating that there is a ban on construc-

tion in the area and that he has informed the relevant authorities. He also claims that there was no discussion of money and that a case was filed against him in the High Court on the 22nd. The incident has raised concerns about the involvement of local authorities in extortion and vandalism. The couple's allegations suggest that they are being targeted by Mehboob Khanare due to his position of power and influence in the area. The denial of allegations by Mehboob Khan raises further questions about the circumstances surrounding the incident and the role of local authorities in resolving the dispute.

Spurious drugs worth Rs 17 lakh seized by state drug control

MI News Service, Howrah: Officials of the West Bengal Directorate of Drug Control (WBDDC) along with police seized spurious drugs worth around Rs 17 lakh from a godown, storing medicines in the Amta police station area of Howrah district on Friday. Acting on tip-off, the WBDDC officials raided the godown owned by Babu Manna and found huge quantities of fake medicines lying stored there. Mr Manna has been arrested on the spot. The storage has also been sealed. Sources in the state directorate of the drug control said that he used to bring the fake medicines from Patna regularly and supply them to chemists' shops. The officials probing

the case felt that there might be an inter-state racket of fake drugs in Bihar and West Bengal. "We are expecting to get more details about the racket after interrogating the owner of the storage house. We will also track the Patna-based agency that supplies him the spurious drugs," one of the investigating WBDDC officials said, requesting anonymity. Hardly, three months ago one woman was arrested in Kolkata on charge of supplying fake drugs in open markets. Fake drugs worth Rs 6 crore were seized from her godown. These drugs were manufactured in foreign countries like the US, Turkey and Bangladesh.

Illegal arms supply network uncovered: STF raids firearms shop in Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata's Special Task Force (STF) has intensified its probe into an illegal arms supply network following the recent seizure of cartridges and firearms in Jibantala, Canning in South 24 Parganas. The investigation has led to a licensed firearms store in B.B.D. Bagh, where two employees have already been arrested.

On Saturday morning, an STF team conducted another raid at the firearms shop, continuing its search operations with the two arrested employees, Shantanu Sarkar and Jayanta Dutta, in custody. Sources reveal that the shop's registers are under intense scrutiny to verify the stock and sale records of car-

tridges and weapons over the past few years. The investigators suspect discrepancies in the store's inventory records.

The case first came to light on February 14, when the STF raided the house of a 70-year-old man, Haji Rashid Molla, in Ishwaripur, Jibantala, and seized around 200 cartridges and a double-barrel shotgun. Rashid Molla was immediately arrested. Further interrogations revealed the names of several individuals, including Ashik Iqbal Gazi and Abdul Selim Gazi from Hasnabad, North 24 Parganas, and Jayanta Dutta from Santipur, Nadia. All were subsequently arrested.

As the investigation progressed, on February 17, the



STF arrested Shantanu Sarkar from Champahati, under Baruipur police jurisdiction. Au-

thorities have since discovered severe irregularities in the B.B.D. Bagh firearms stores in-

ventory records. Reportedly, the number of cartridges mentioned in the stock register does not match the actual stock.

Each licensed firearm store is allotted a specific number of bullets, which are to be sold only against valid licenses. However, investigators suspect that a portion of these legally allocated bullets was being illegally diverted to arms traffickers. The role of the B.B.D. Bagh store employees in this illicit trade is now a primary focus of the probe.

Following these revelations, the firearms store has been sealed, and STF officers are conducting repeated inspections to uncover further links in this suspected arms smuggling operation.



State Minister Chandrima Bhattacharya, along with TMC dignitaries, unveils dossier at the South Kolkata TMC Mahila Conference held at Kasba Rathtalla Math, in Kolkata on Saturday.

TMC accuses EC officials of collusion over voter list manipulation

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Trinamool Congress (TMC) on Saturday alleged that a section of Election Commission (EC) officials were conspiring with the BJP to illegally add names of outsiders to the voter list across various assembly segments in West Bengal to benefit the saffron party. TMC state general secretary Kunal Ghosh claimed that certain EC officials were including names without proper physical verification, particularly in border areas. He asserted that preventing infiltration is the responsibility of the Border Security Force (BSF), and any irregularities in the electoral rolls should be addressed by the Centre, which controls the BSF and, according to him, remotely controls the EC. Ghosh pointed to Champahati under Baruipur assembly in South 24 Parganas district, where the number of voters has allegedly increased suspiciously. He said, "If illegal voters have been tracked, the credit goes to the local administration and police, not the EC, which had allowed their inclusion without proper verification." Ghosh further accused the BJP of deliberately manipulating the electoral process to alter the voter ratio in its favor, as the party has consistently failed to secure power in Bengal's assembly elections. He reiterated that Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had recently warned against such collaborative efforts between BJP and EC to introduce bogus voters. In response, BJP Rajya Sabha MP and spokesperson Samik Bhattacharya dismissed the allegations, calling them baseless and an act of desperation. With West Bengal's elections approaching, the political battle over voter list integrity has intensified. While TMC continues to accuse the BJP of electoral malpractices.

Kolkata's Ayan Chakraborty becomes World Karate Judge

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kyoshi Ayan Chakraborty, President and Chief Instructor of Traditional Karate-Do Okinawa Kobudo Indo Kyo Kai, has etched his name in history by clearing the prestigious World Karate Federation (WKF) judge examination. The event took place in Fujairah, UAE, during the championship from February 16 to 23. A Seventh Dan Black Belt, Ayan had earlier passed the Asian judge examinations for Kata and Kumite in Uzbekistan and the UAE. However, qualifying as a WKF judge remained his ultimate goal. Ayan described the journey as challenging yet fulfilling, emphasizing the role of perseverance, confidence, and self-belief in achieving success. His triumph stands as a testament to dedication and passion. His achievement brings immense pride to Bengal and India, showcasing the nation's growing stature in the martial arts world. Ayan's success serves as inspiration for aspiring karatekas worldwide.



Ayan Chakraborty, President and Chief Instructor of Traditional Karate-Do Okinawa Kobudo Indo Kyo Kai, has etched his name in history by clearing the prestigious World Karate Federation (WKF) judge examination.

4 pilgrims from Bengal killed in road accident

MI News Service, Kolkata: A horrific road accident occurred near Rajganj in Dhanbad, Jharkhand, as a group of pilgrims from West Bengal was en route to Prayagraj for the Mahakumbh Mela. The accident took place when their vehicle collided with a stationary truck on the roadside. The impact was severe, killing four pilgrims on the spot, while several others sustained serious injuries and were rushed to the hospital. The incident happened on the National Highway 2 in Rajganj police station area around 1.30 am, sources said. There were eight people in the four-wheeler, Rajganj police station in-charge Alisha Kumari said. "Four people were killed on the spot, while four others were injured," she said.

Atishi seeks to meet Delhi CM to discuss women's monthly aid payment

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At the press conference on Friday, when asked about the new government's decision to table 14 CAG reports in the next assembly session, Atishi dismissed it as "routine work." "When I was CM, I also sent the CAG report to Ram Niwas. It is part of the process," she said. The BJP government said it will table the CAG reports "against the performance of AAP government" in the assembly in the session that will begin on Monday. BJP's Rekha Gupta was sworn-in as Delhi CM and six other MLAs were inducted into her cabinet on Thursday. At its maiden meeting on Friday, the newly-formed Delhi Cabinet approved the implementation of the Ayushman Bharat health insurance scheme in the capital, discussed Mahila Samridhi Yojna, and also decided to table 14 pending CAG reports in the first session of the eighth Assembly. However, speaking to newsmen soon after the oath-taking ceremony on Thursday, Rekha Gupta had reiterated that her government's top priority would be to pay the first instalment of the monthly Rs 2500 aid to every Delhi woman resident by March 8, as promised by the Prime minister and said the necessary funds had already been allocated for this purpose.

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Tangra case: Minor's statement sheds light on family tragedy

MI News Service, Kolkata: A crucial breakthrough has emerged in the Tangra family murder case, as the minor son of Pranay Dey, who is undergoing treatment at a hospital, has finally spoken to investigators. Police believe his testimony could play a key role in unraveling the mystery. Until now, due to physical and emotional distress, the child had been unable to provide any details. However, with his condition stabilizing, officers have managed to question him. According to police sources, officials from Lalbazar's Homicide Department recorded the minor's statement, which reportedly aligns

with his father's account. The boy claimed that on Tuesday night, after leaving their home in Tangra, his father and uncle, Prasun Dey, considered multiple suicide methods. Besides crashing their car into a pillar, they allegedly discussed jumping in front of a train, drowning in the Ganges, or colliding with a truck on Kona Expressway. However, they abandoned the truck collision plan, fearing harm to the driver. In a chilling revelation, the minor denied the involvement of any third party in the murders of his mother, aunt, and cousin sister. He claimed that his uncle, Prasun

Dey, personally slit their wrists, believing that they would die quickly from blood loss. Despite their plans, Pranay, Prasun, and the boy himself survived. A senior officer said that the husbands of the two women are likely to be arrested. The decision to apprehend the husbands, who were also siblings, was taken after post-mortem reports suggested that the two women and the girl were murdered, dismissing speculations that the three died by suicide. A post-mortem report has revealed injury marks on the minor girl's body, raising further suspicions. However, neither Pranay

nor Prasun has addressed this detail, avoiding police questions on the matter. The forensic team of Kolkata Police has collected samples from the bathroom, the washbasin, and rooms from where the bodies of the two women and the girl were found, the officer had said. Despite several unanswered questions, investigators believe the minor's cooperation could be instrumental in piecing together the events that led to the horrific deaths in the Dey household. The probe continues, with police focusing on motive, timeline, and inconsistencies in the accused brothers' statements.

Two fraudsters arrested for job scam and impersonation

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a shocking case of fraud, New Town police have arrested a man for allegedly cheating a domestic worker out of ₹8 lakh under the pretense of securing a bank job for her specially-abled husband. The accused, identified as Saurav Kumar, was apprehended in Jatragachi, New Town, following a police complaint lodged by the victim, Dipali Mandal. According to reports, Saurav had falsely claimed to be a central government official and used this identity to deceive Dipali and her husband, Tarun Mandal. Dipali had been employed at Saurav's residence since 2022. Over time, he coaxed the couple into paying ₹8 lakh, promising Tarun a secure job in a bank. However, months passed, and no job materialized, nor was the money returned. When Dipali demanded her money back, Saurav allegedly threatened and assaulted both her and her husband. Unable to endure further harassment, Dipali approached New Town police, who swiftly arrested Saurav and seized his vehicle bearing a 'Government of India' logo—a likely tool used to deceive victims. Additionally, several fake documents were confiscated. A case has been registered against Saurav under multiple sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), including financial fraud and assault. The victimized couple is

now demanding strict punishment, highlighting the risks of fraudulent job scams targeting vulnerable individuals. In another major crackdown on job fraud, Kolkata Police arrested a man who had been masquerading as an Indian Army officer to scam young job seekers. The accused, Sheikh Nazir Hossain, was apprehended from Elliot Lane on Park Street by the Kolkata Police Anti-Gang Unit, following a tip-off. Nazir had been operating a fake army training center in Kolkata, where he allegedly duped NCC cadets by promising them defense jobs. During the raid, the police recovered: A khaki uniform with three-star insignia, a fake identity card labeled "Captain Nazir Hossain", a leather belt with the Gorkha Rifles emblem and other military gear. Police investigations revealed that Nazir frequently changed his identity, sometimes posing as a high-ranking army officer and other times as a Gorkha Rifles soldier. He even set up a training center, where he convinced NCC cadets that he could help them secure positions in the Indian Army. Once they were lured in, he extorted money from them under false job promises. Nazir has been charged with impersonation, fraud, and extortion. He is set to be produced before Bankshall Court, where further legal proceedings will follow.



State Ministers Sovandeb Chattopadhyay and Bratya Basu, along with other dignitaries, attend the Foundation Day celebrations of Sister Nivedita University, in Kolkata.

Violence Erupts at Presidency Univ

MI News Service, Kolkata: A violent clash broke out between two student organizations—Students' Federation of India (SFI) and Independent Consolidation (IC)—at Presidency University, Kolkata, during Mother Language Day celebrations. The altercation occurred on Friday evening when a student interrupted singer Abhijit Barman, popularly known as Pata, during his performance. The student snatched the microphone, objecting to the song being sung, which led to a heated argument. The situation quickly escalated into a physical confrontation, resulting in campus-wide chaos that lasted until midnight. Adding to the turmoil, several students have been accused of molestation, leaving the university community in shock and distress. Musician Pata expressed his disappointment over the incident, stating, "We sing songs to celebrate Mother Language Day, and the way this program was disrupted is deeply upsetting." Educationist Pavita Sarkar also condemned the violence, emphasizing that such behavior is unacceptable, especially on a day meant to honor language and culture. The incident has sparked concerns about campus safety and highlighted the urgent need for dialogue between student organizations.

Sajjan Jindal honored as 'Business Leader of the Decade'

MI News Service, Kolkata: JSW Group Chairman Sajjan Jindal has been awarded the prestigious 'Business Leader of the Decade' at the 15th AIMA Managing India Awards, recognizing his visionary leadership in transforming JSW into a global powerhouse. The award was presented in the presence of Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Minister Jitin Prasada. Under Jindal's leadership, JSW's revenue doubled to \$24 billion, and steel production nearly tripled to 39 million tonnes. The award acknowledges his role in advancing India's infrastructure, renewable energy, and defense sectors through strategic global partnerships.

PM will attend Mauritius' National Day celebrations as 'Guest of Honour'

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guest of honour for our National Day celebrations," Ramgoolam said. He also mentioned Modi's recent visits to Paris and the United States to highlight the Indian leader's busy schedule. "The visit of Shri Modi is a testimony of the close relations between our two nations," Ramgoolam said. President Droupadi Murmu attended Mauritius' National Day celebrations last year as the chief guest. The invitation from Mauritius to Indian leaders reflects the strong ties between the two countries.

Kash Patel takes oath as FBI director on Bhagwat Gita

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that he would "come after" anti-Trump "conspirators" in the government and media. At his confirmation hearing, Patel sought to clarify all these concerns and said that he intended to follow the Constitution, with no intention in pursuing any retribution. Patel also said at his oath ceremony that some reports about him were "fake, malicious, slanderous and defamatory". Notably, Patel has also expressed his desire to implement severe changes at the FBI, including a reduced footprint in Washington and renewing emphasis on the bureau's traditional crime-fighting duties rather than the intelligence-gathering work that has come to define its status over the past two decades. On Friday, Patel also said that the FBI's "national security mission" was as important as its efforts to fight violent crimes and drug overdoses. "Anyone that wishes to do harm to our way of life and our citizens, here and abroad, will face the full wrath of the DOJ and FBI," Patel said, adding that "if you seek to hide in any corner of this country or planet, we will put on the world's largest manhunt and we will find you and we will decide your end-state". Patel, a former Justice Department counterterrorism prosecutor, was nominated to replace Christopher Wray as the FBI director in November. FBI directors are given a 10-year term as a way to insulate them from political influence and keep

them from becoming a loyalist to a particular president or administration. However, Trump fired the FBI director that he inherited, James Comey, after the latter spent over three years on the job and replaced Wray after over seven years in the position. Earlier the President Trump officially signed the commission to confirm Indian-origin Kash Patel as the ninth director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Kash Patel was confirmed to be the director of the FBI following a close vote in the US Senate, with 51 votes in his favour and 49 votes against him. Republican Senators Susan Collins and Lisa Murkowski joined all 47 Democrats in voting no on Kash Patel's nomination. After his nomination, Kash Patel had vowed that he would lead the FBI to investigate the US President's political enemies. After his confirmation, Patel, a staunch Trump loyalist, also said he would rebuild the agency into one that is "transparent, accountable, and committed to justice". In a post on X, the White House wrote, "Kash Patel's confirmation as FBI Director is a crucial step in executing President Trump's agenda to restore integrity and uphold the rule of law." Patel also posted on X and said, "To those who seek to harm Americans—consider this your warning. We will hunt you down in every corner of this planet. Mission First. America Always. Let's get to work. Kash Patel was born to Gujarati parents in New York on February 25, 1980, in Garden City, New York.

App cab drivers call for 12-hour strike in Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata is set to witness a 12-hour app cab strike next week, as the CITU-led Ola-Uber Operators and Drivers' Union has announced a protest demanding fare hikes and better infrastructure. The strike, scheduled for February 27, will begin at 6 AM and continue until 6 PM, disrupting daily commuters relying on app-

based taxi services. The strike decision comes amid rising fuel prices and evolving market conditions, which, according to the union, have not been met with corresponding fare adjustments or government interventions. The union has repeatedly appealed to the transport department for fare revisions, but their requests

have gone unheard. Sohaag Khan, the union's joint secretary, stated, "The state government has not fixed a minimum fare for app cab drivers, despite soaring fuel prices. It has become increasingly difficult for drivers to operate under these conditions. On February 20, we held a meeting where we decided to call for an offline strike

on February 27. During this period, cabs under Ola, Uber, InDrive, and Rapido will not ply on the roads." The app cab industry, known for its 24/7 availability, has become an essential mode of transport in Kolkata. However, in recent times, there have been rising instances of cab drivers refusing rides, a problem attributed to the lack of

proper government support in building a sustainable operational infrastructure. The strike is expected to cause significant inconvenience to passengers, particularly those traveling during peak hours. The union hopes that the protest will compel the authorities to take immediate action to address their concerns.

NAME CHANGE

I, Ria Das wife of Amit Das, D/o Late Bijan Mandal R/A 224 B, Lotus Park, Naktala, P.O. Naktala, PS former Jadavpur now Netaji Nagar, Kolkata-700047 (WB) 24 PGS South permanent address 7/1, E Block Baghatin Station Road, P.O.- Baghatin, P.S.-Patuli, Kolkata 700086 (WB) have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Reya Das as declared before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Court at Alipur, Kolkata vide Affidavit No 10926 dated 10.02.2025. Reya Das and Reya Das both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Dilip Kumar Paul S/o. Nimal Kanti Paul R/o. Flat No. 3A, Block-A, Gokhuldhara, 36, Iswar Gupta Road, PO+PS-Dum Dum, 24 Pgs(N), Kolkata-700028, W.B. declare that my name has been wrongly mentioned as Dilip Paul in my son's Siddhartha Paul's Passport (M8064467) and birth certificate also. So, Dilip Paul & Dilip Kumar Paul are same & one identical person as per affidavit of Notary Public at Barasat Court dated 15/02/25.

NAME CHANGE

I, Suranjana Sengupta (Old Name) wife of Anindya Chakrabarti, residing at BA 22, Prafulla Kanan BLK-A, Flat, No-E3, P.S.- Baguiati, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700101, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Suranjana Chakrabarti (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 21/02/2025. Suranjana Chakrabarti (New Name) and Suranjana Sengupta (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Soma Devi (Old Name) wife of Arvind Kumar Singh, residing at 374/376/1, Bellious Road, Howrah- 711011, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Soma Singh (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 21/02/2025. Soma Singh (New Name) and Soma Devi (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Mohibul Tarafdar (Old Name) son of Rejaul Karim Tarafdar, residing at Purbu Puthali, Gangnapur, P.O.- Aismali, Nadia, Pin- 741235, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mahibul Tarafdar (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 21/02/2025. Mahibul Tarafdar (New Name) and Mohibul Tarafdar (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Asutosh Bala (Old Name) son of Ananda Bala, residing at Ghosh Para, Kalyani Ward No-3, P.O.- Kalyani, Dist.- Nadia, Pin- 741235, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Asutosh Bala (New Name) as declared before the Executive Magistrate at Kalyani, Nadia, dated 21/02/2025. Asutosh Bala (New Name) and Asutosh Bala (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Sk Mehebub Hasan (Old Name) son of Sk Mahabub Rahman, residing at Vill.- Joynagar, P.O.- Dorojogaynar, P.S.- Durgachak, Dist.- Purbu Medinipur, Pin- 721635, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Mehebub Hassan (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 21/02/2025. Sk Mehebub Hassan (New Name) and Sk Mehebub Hasan (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Rajesh Gupta (Old Name) son of Chhedil Lal Gupta, residing at 104, 2nd Floor, Vidyasagarpoly, P.O.- Podra Haldarpara, P.S.- Podra, Howrah- 711109, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rajesh Kumar Gupta (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 21/02/2025. Rajesh Kumar Gupta (New Name) and Rajesh Gupta (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Kalavati Devi (Old Name) wife of Rajesh Kumar Gupta, residing at 104, 2nd Floor, Vidyasagarpoly, P.O.- Podra Haldarpara, P.S.- Podra, Howrah- 711109, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kalavati Devi (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 21/02/2025. Kalavati Devi (New Name) and Kalavati Devi (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Emran Ali Dewan (Old Name) son of Asraf Ali Deoyan, residing at Khmar Para, P.O.- Kaswara, P.S.- Polba, Dist.- Hooghly, Pin- 712102, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Emran Ali Deoyan (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 20/02/2025. Emran Ali Deoyan (New Name) and Emran Ali Dewan (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Bina Debi (Old Name) wife of Satya Narayan Jaiswal, residing at 3/16, Kuchil Sarkar Lane, Kadamtala, Howrah- 711101, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bina Devi Jaiswal (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 21/02/2025. Bina Devi Jaiswal (New Name) and Bina Debi (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Monoti Mondal (Old Name) wife of Late Haradhan Mondal, residing at N0074, Domjur Sasitalla Road, Domjur Sasitalla Mukherjee Para, Howrah-711405, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Minati Mondal (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 21/02/2025. Minati Mondal (New Name) and Monoti Mondal (Old Name) both are same and identical person.



Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav took detailed information regarding various trains for Vendor Mahakumbh in the Railway Board War Room and instructed Railway Board Chairman-cum-Chief Executive Officer Satish Kumar to take all necessary measures for the convenience of the passengers.

SAI to organise Fit India Morning Maidan Olympics

MI News Service, Kolkata: Sports Authority of India (SAI) Regional Centre, Kolkata, in collaboration with Khelo Rugby, Future Hope, and Make Calcutta Relevant Again, successfully organized the Fit India Morning Maidan Olympics at Kolkata's iconic Maidan.



The event featured a variety of activities, including Track & Field Races – Sprint, Relay, and Cross Country, Fun Challenges – Tug of War, Obstacle Race, and Piggy Back Race, as well as Football & Rugby Drizzle Contests. The young athletes, divided into 10 teams of 30 children each, displayed remarkable energy, enthusiasm, and team spirit.

Doshisha University, Japan, attended the Fit India Morning Maidan Olympics. They interacted with the young athletes, shared experiences, and enthusiastically participated in the celebrations, fostering international friendship and community bonding.

Ms. Sujata Sen, CEO of Future Hope, and Mr. Paul Walsh, Founder of Khelo Rugby, expressed their excitement in being part of the Fit India Morning Maidan Olympics, calling it a unique initiative that celebrates and promotes sporting culture at the grassroots level.

NAME CHANGE
I, Mohammed Shamim Hashmi, S/O Late Mohammed Mustaqim, Residing At Fe-506/1, Sector-3, Saltlake Bidhannagar, Kolkata-700106. Declare That My Name Is Mohammed Shamim Hashmi, S/O Mohammed Mustaqim, My Name Had Been Recorded Inadvently As Md. Shamim S/O S.M. Mustaqim Instead Of Mohammed Shamim Hashmi S/O Mohammed Mustaqim, In School Final Examination Certificate Issued By Board Of Secondary Education West Bengal Vide SI No-23248. That Mohammed Shamim Hashmi S/O Mohammed Mustaqim And Md. Shamim S/O S.M. Mustaqim Is The Same And One Identical Person. I Am Declaring It For The Purpose To Avoid Future Complication Before Any Authority/ Department/Institute Etc.vide Affidavit No 94A/452230 Sworn Before Ld. Metropolitan Magistrate, 1st Class At Kolkata.

NAME CHANGE

I, Md Aslam Ali & Mohammad Aslam (Old Name) S/O Late Md Asgar & Mohammad Asgar, Resident Of Vill-Bandipur Dopena, Po-Bandipur, P.S.-Rahara, Dist-North 24 Parganas, Pin-700119, West Bengal, I Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Aslam (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld.1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Barrackpore On 15/02/2025. Md Aslam Ali And Mohammad Aslam (Old Name) And Md Aslam (New Name) All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Sanjay Mandal (Old Name), S/O Gopal Chandra Mandal, Residing At 12/6, Tansen Road, B-Zone, Durgapur, Dist-Paschim Bardhaman, Pin-713205, West Bengal, I Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sanjay Kumar Mandal (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 21/02/2025. Sanjay Mandal (Old Name) And Sanjay Kumar Mandal (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person

NAME CHANGE

I, Sabina Bibi (Old Name) wife of Hafizul Molla, residing at Z-179/B, DR. A. K. Road, P.O.- Badartala, P.S.- Rajabagan, Kolkata-700044, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sabina Begum (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 21/02/2025. Sabina Begum (New Name) and Sabina Bibi (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

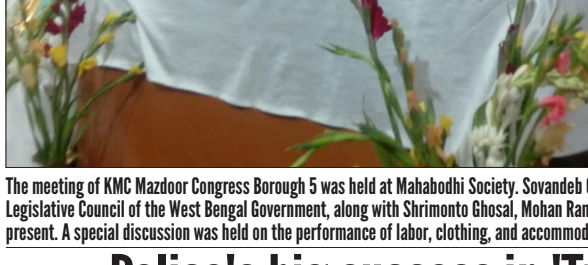
NAME CHANGE

I, Md Zubair Ahmed S/O Late Hafiz Nazir Ahmad, declare that my father said name Najir Mohammad (old name), residing at Raipar K T Road, Jahangir Mohalla Near Dubai Building Asansol, P.O.- Dakshin Dhaka, P.S.- Asansol North, Dist-Paschim Bardhaman, Pin-713302, West Bengal, India, have changed my father name and he shall henceforth be known as Hafiz Nazir Ahmad (new name) vide an affidavit sworn before the Notary public at Kolkata on 21/02/2025. Hafiz Nazir Ahmad (new name) and Najir Mohammad (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Dr. Andrew Fleming, British Deputy High Commissioner, praised the Fit India Movement and the Morning Maidan Olympics for promoting a balanced lifestyle among young people. He noted, "Initiatives like Fit India encourage children to balance studies and physical activity, fostering discipline, teamwork, and sportsmanship."

Mr. Meghdut Roy Chowdhury, CIO of Techno India and Founder of Make Calcutta Relevant Again, highlighted that the Fit India Morning Maidan Olympics beautifully captures the spirit and cultural essence of Kolkata's Maidan, a place deeply cherished by every Kolkatan.

The Fit India Morning Maidan Olympics successfully promoted fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship, inspiring young athletes to embrace a healthier and more active lifestyle. The event beautifully celebrated Kolkata's love for sports and the legacy of Maidan, bringing together communities and encouraging children to participate in physical activities.



The meeting of KMC Mazdoor Congress Borough 5 was held at Mahabodhi Society. Sovande Chattopadhyay, Minister of Agriculture in the Legislative Council of the West Bengal Government, along with Shrimonto Ghosal, Mohan Ram, Md Salim, and Dhaneashwar Paswan, were present. A special discussion was held on the performance of labor, clothing, and accommodation.

Police's big success in 'Triple Murder'
MI News Service, Siuri: Within 24 hours, murder in Mohammadbazar. The deceased's lover Nayan Bittar has been arrested. His house is in Mathmahala under Mallarpur police station area. Incidentally, a day ago, the bloody bodies of a mother and two children were recovered from Mohammadbazar in Birbhum. While there was a lot of noise about the brutal murder of Tangra, this incident created a new sensation in the entire state. However, the police took strong action after the incident. Along with Nayan Bittar, his accomplice Sunil Mirधा has also been arrested. He is accused of hiding the

Lost bag returned to Metro commuter

MI News Service, Kolkata: On 16.02.2025 at about 13:52 hrs., an on-duty RPF staff posted at Kavi Subhash Metro station while conducting a routine patrolling recovered an unclaimed bag from a DN Metro train and deposited it to the Station Superintendent's Office of this station. After opening the bag, some valuable items were found inside it.

After sometime, at about 14:36 hrs., a commuter came to the Station Superintendent's Office of Kavi Subhash Metro station and claimed the ownership of the recovered bag and the items containing therein. After proper verification and fulfilling all official formalities, the bag along with all other items were handed over to him.

He expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Metro Railway authorities for helping him to get back the lost bag along with all items.

Regulation of trains due to devp wrks in Adra division

MI News Service, Kolkata: In view of developmental works in Adra Division, the following trains will be regulated as under:

- Cancellation of Trains:
(1) 68090/68089 Adra-Midnapore-Adra MEMU will remain cancelled on 24.02.2025, 28.02.2025 & 02.03.2025
(2) 68045/68046 Adra-Asansol-Adra MEMU will remain cancelled from 24.02.2025 to 02.03.2025
(3) 63594/63593 Asansol-Purulia-Asansol MEMU on 24.02.2025, 28.02.2025 01.03.2025 & 02.03.2025
(4) 18019/18020 Jhargram-Dhanbad-Jhargram Express will remain cancelled on 24.02.2025 & 27.02.2025
(5) 13504/13503 Hatia-Bardhaman-Hatia MEMU Express will remain cancelled on 24.02.2025, 27.02.2025 & 01.03.2025

Diversion of Train:
(1) 18601 Tanagar-Hatia Express, Journey commencing on 26.02.2025 & 28.02.2025 will run on diverted route via Chandil-Gunda Bihar-Muri. Short-termination/Short origination of Trains:
(1) 68056/68060 Tatanagar-Asansol-Barabhum MEMU, Journey commencing on 24.02.2025, 28.02.2025 & 01.03.2025 will be short-terminated at/short originated from Adra.
(2) 63594/63593 Asansol-Purulia-Asansol MEMU, Journey commencing on 25.02.2025 will be short-terminated at/short originated from Adra.

SMFG India Credit sets Guinness World Record for cattle welfare initiative

MI News Service, Samastipur: SMFG India Credit set a Guinness World Record for the largest cattle welfare lesson in multiple venues during its 7th PashuVikas Day. The event, held across 500 locations in 16 states, benefited around 1.9 lakh rural beneficiaries, including 1.5 lakh cattle and 40,000 cattle owners. SMFG India Credit is committed to improving financial access for underserved communities through socio-economic initiatives.



MI News Service, Kolkata: 22861 New Jalpaiguri-Chennai Central Express was detained between Soro and Markona of Kharagpur Division due to Loco trouble from 14.45 hrs today on 22.02.2025. There was no derailment and no injury of passengers. The Loco (engine) of the train was hit by the rail on the track

Stay Safe: Avoid life-threatening activities on Railway tracks! Railway track is not a courtyard-stay at a safe distance to avoid injury

MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway strongly urges residents to avoid performing daily chores on railway tracks, emphasizing the grave dangers associated with such actions. Railway tracks are strictly meant for train movement, and any unauthorized presence on them can lead to fatal accidents. Activities such as drying clothes, washing utensils, or even crossing negligently pose a severe risk to life and disrupt train operations, leading to unnecessary delays and dangers to both pedestrians and train passengers.



Residents are also advised against placing cow dung cakes, or allowing vendors to sit near railway tracks, as these activities pose serious safety hazards. Walking along railway tracks is highly dangerous, as impact with metal fittings and loose rocks can cause severe injuries, including life-threatening tetanus. Additionally, pedestrians must avoid using mobile phones while walking near tracks, as high wind speeds can make train sounds inaudible, increasing the risk of accidents. Spreading awareness about these dangers is crucial to preventing unfortunate incidents. The consequences of misusing railway tracks are often tragic, resulting in severe injuries or loss of life. Trains operate at high speeds and cannot halt instantly, making it nearly impossible for locomotive pilots to prevent accidents when individuals are present on the tracks. Additionally, unauthorized activities not only jeopardize personal safety but also violate railway laws, leading to legal

Eastern Railway runs several special trains for Kumbh mela for the convenience of pilgrims

MI News Service, Kolkata: The MahaKumbhMela, a celestial event, holds immense spiritual and cultural significance for millions of devotees across the country. Recognized as the largest human congregation on Earth, the Maha Kumbh is a celebration of faith, devotion, and tradition. To ensure seamless travel and accommodate the massive influx of pilgrims attending this grand spiritual gathering, Eastern Railway is pleased to announce the

operation of 57 special trains as Kumbh Mela Special from various cities across its jurisdiction from 01.01.2025 to 28.02.2025. This initiative aims to provide additional berths, ensuring safe, comfortable, and convenient travel options for devotees on their sacred journey. The occupancy of these special trains has exceeded 100%, reflecting the high demand among passengers. In response, additional trains are being considered to accommodate the growing number of travellers. Apart from these, several Mail/Express trains, including Rajdhani Express, operated by Eastern Railway and passing through the Prayagraj area, witness a significant number of pilgrims traveling to attend the Kumbh Mela. These special trains are expected to offer significant relief to pilgrims traveling to the Maha Kumbh Mela, ensuring a hassle-free and spiritually enriching experience.

The list of Kumbh Mela Special Trains announced from the various cities of Eastern Railway's jurisdiction are given below.

Kumbha Mela Special trains originated from Kolkata

Sl No.	Date	Train No.	Train Name	No. of Trips
1	01.01.2025	3021	Howrah - Tundla Special	1
2	01.01.2025	3021	Howrah - Tundla Special	1
3	02.01.2025	3021	Howrah - Tundla Special	1
4	03.01.2025	3021	Howrah - Tundla Special	1
5	04.01.2025	3021	Howrah - Tundla Special	1
6	05.01.2025	3021	Howrah - Tundla Special	1
7	06.01.2025	3021	Howrah - Tundla Special	1
8	07.01.2025	3021	Howrah - Tundla Special	1
9	08.01.2025	3021	Howrah - Tundla Special	1
10	16.01.2025	3021	Howrah - Tundla Special	1
11	18.01.2025	3031	Howrah - Bhirid Special	1
12	20.01.2025	3023	Howrah - Tundla Special	1
13	20.01.2025	3021	Howrah - Tundla Special	1
14	22.01.2025	3023	Howrah - Tundla Special	1
15	23.01.2025	3029	Howrah - Tundla Special	1
16	23.01.2025	3023	Howrah - Tundla Special	1
17	24.01.2025	3021	Howrah - Tundla Special	1
18	26.01.2025	3033	Howrah - Bhirid Special	1
19	05.02.2025	3021	Howrah - Tundla Special	1

Kumbh Mela Special Trains originated from Malda

Sl No.	Date	Train No.	Train Name	No. of Trips
1	02.01.2025	1409	Malda Town - Prayagraj Ranthambh Special	1
2	04.01.2025	1409	Malda Town - Prayagraj Ranthambh Special	1
3	09.01.2025	1409	Malda Town - Prayagraj Ranthambh Special	1
4	18.01.2025	1409	Malda Town - Prayagraj Ranthambh Special	1
5	23.01.2025	1409	Malda Town - Prayagraj Ranthambh Special	1
6	25.01.2025	1409	Malda Town - Prayagraj Ranthambh Special	1
7	26.02.2025	1409	Malda Town - Prayagraj Ranthambh Special	1
8	08.02.2025	1409	Malda Town - Prayagraj Ranthambh Special	1
9	15.02.2025	1409	Malda Town - Prayagraj Ranthambh Special	1
10	16.02.2025	1411	Malda Town - Jhal Special	1
11	17.02.2025	1429	Malda Town - Jhal Special	1
12	18.02.2025	1413	Malda Town - Jhal Special	1
13	20.02.2025	1409	Malda Town - Prayagraj Ranthambh Special	1
14	23.02.2025	1409	Malda Town - Prayagraj Ranthambh Special	1
15	23.02.2025	1417	Malda Town - Jhal Special	1
16	24.02.2025	1429	Malda Town - Jhal Special	1

Kumbh Mela Special Trains originated from Asansol

Sl No.	Date	Train No.	Train Name	No. of Trips
1	18.02.2025	3505	Asansol - Tundla Special	1
2	21.02.2025	3561	Asansol - Tundla Special	1

Kumbha Mela Special Trains originated from Bhalgalpur

Sl No.	Date	Train No.	Train Name	No. of Trips
1	07.01.2025	4154	Bhalgalpur - Kanpur Central Special	1
2	21.01.2025	4154	Bhalgalpur - Kanpur Central Special	1
3	04.02.2025	4154	Bhalgalpur - Kanpur Central Special	1
4	11.02.2025	4154	Bhalgalpur - Kanpur Central Special	1
5	18.02.2025	4154	Bhalgalpur - Kanpur Central Special	1

Stationwise train services

#	Station	No of trains
1	Prayagraj	5,332
2	Naini	2,017
3	Cheuki	1,993
4	Subedarganj	4,313
5	Jhusi	1,207
6	Prayagraj - Rambagh	764
7	Prayag JN	1,326
9	Prayagraj - Sangam	515
9	Phaphamu	1,010

#	State	Trains for Kumbh
1	Uttar Pradesh	6,436
2	Delhi	1,343
3	Bihar	1,197
4	Maharashtra	740
5	West Bengal	560
6	Madhya Pradesh	400
7	Gujarat	310
9	Rajasthan	250
9	Assam	180

MI News Service, New Delhi: In the grand event of Mahakumbh at the holy confluence of Prayagraj, many departments and agencies played their respective roles, but the railways played an undeniably leading role. The way the railways facilitated the travel of devotees from all over the country to the sacred land of Prayagraj was not only unprecedented but also set multiple records in train operations. As Mahakumbh is now nearing its conclusion, an estimate suggests that 12 to 15 crore devotees availed train services during the one-and-a-half-month-long event. In other words, one-fourth of the total pilgrims relied on trains to reach Prayagraj or nearby cities. Railways' Preparations for a Grand and Divine Mahakumbh To ensure that the 2025 Prayagraj Mahakumbh was grand and divine, Indian Railways took proactive measures. Given the immense pressure on India's railway network, the planning for Kumbh began well in advance. Based on expected pilgrim turnout from different parts of the country, the railway authorities formulated a detailed operational strategy, including contingency plans to manage any unexpected surge in passengers. To avoid congestion at any single route, train, or major station, special measures were adopted. Based on demand and passenger load, special trains were introduced one after another to facilitate smooth travel. Key Statistics on Train Operations

Since the start of Mahakumbh, a total of 13,667 trains transported devotees to Prayagraj and its adjoining stations. These included: 3,468 special trains originating from the Kumbh area. 2,008 special trains arriving from outside the Kumbh area. 8,211 regular trains operating during this period. Prayagraj has nine railway stations, and train movement was efficiently managed across all of them. Prayagraj Junction alone handled 5,000 trains, benefiting millions of pilgrims.

Loco trouble of New Jalpaiguri-Chennai Central Express between Soro and Markona stations

MI News Service, Kolkata: 22861 New Jalpaiguri-Chennai Central Express was detained between Soro and Markona of Kharagpur Division due to Loco trouble from 14.45 hrs today on 22.02.2025. There was no derailment and no injury of passengers. The Loco (engine) of the train was hit by the rail on the track

and could not move any further. An alternative loco was arranged and the train departed at 18.23 hrs. All necessary safety measures were taken by Railways and thorough checking of the Loco was done before the departure of the train. As a result of the incident, the following trains were regulated:

12245 Howrah-SMVT Bengaluru Express was detained between Soro-Markona 68051 Baleswar-Bhadrak MEMU was detained at Soro 18045 Shalimar-Hyderabad East Coast Express was detained at Baleswar 20889 Howrah-Tirupati Express was detained at Rupsa



Former BCCI President and Cricketer Sourav Ganguly poses for a group picture during a cricket match between High Court Judges and Lawyers, at Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Saturday.

"Coalition building is very important": EAM Jaishankar draws parallels between Hanuman's diplomacy and modern-day foreign policy

MI News Service, New Delhi: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Saturday shed light on the timeless wisdom of Indian mythology, drawing parallels between Hanuman's legendary diplomacy and modern-day foreign policy.

He highlighted the importance of coalition building at the Delhi University Literature Festival. Jaishankar narrated the story of Hanuman's mission to Lanka, where he was sent by Lord Rama to gather intelligence and meet Sita.

He emphasised how Hanuman's strategic approach in understanding the dynamics of Ravana's court, mirrors the essence of diplomacy today -- maximising allies, managing diverse groups, and working towards common goals.

Jaishankar highlighted Hanuman's remarkable diplomatic skills, from gathering information about the enemy's territory to winning over allies and navigating the complexities of Ravana's court.

Addressing the gathering, Jaishankar said, "Hanumanji, just look at it, he is

being sent by Prabhu Shri Ram to a hostile territory. Say, go there, kind of figure out the lay of the land. The most difficult part of it is actually going and meeting her and keeping up her morale. But he is able to actually get into Ravana's court by surrendering himself. He is able to understand the dynamics of the court. When you say foreign policy diplomacy, what is it about? It's a common sense thing, in a way. How do you maximize your friends? How do you propose them for a job or a task at hand? How do you manage, because sometimes you have a large group of people, how do you manage all of them to create a coalition?"

The EAM emphasised that Hanuman's approach to diplomacy offers valuable lessons for modern-day foreign policy. Jaishankar noted that India is currently engaged in a similar effort, seeking to build coalitions and partnerships with countries around the world.

"Now, what are we trying to do today at Bharat? We are trying to increase our number of friends. We are

trying to get different countries, all of whom may be a little bit, you know, they may not all be on the same page, but we are trying to get them all together and work towards an end. Now, this kind of coalition building is very important," said the EAM.

By drawing parallels between Hanuman's legendary diplomacy and modern-day foreign policy, Jaishankar underscored the enduring relevance of India's rich cultural heritage.

As India navigates the complexities of global politics, Jaishankar's insights offered a unique perspective on the art of diplomacy and the importance of building strategic partnerships.

Jaishankar also praised the strong rapport between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump, noting that their shared nationalist ideologies created mutual respect.

Reflecting on PM Modi's visit to Washington, Jaishankar highlighted the positive chemistry between the two leaders, emphasising how their national interests aligned, in contrast to

Trump's sometimes strained relationships with other world leaders.

"The Prime Minister was in the US and Washington. He was among the earliest world leaders to be invited by President Trump in his second term to meet with him. I've been doing this all my life, so I have some reference points and some experiences as a comparative assessment," said Jaishankar. He said, "I would say with all objectivity, I thought it went very well and for a variety of reasons. PM Narendra Modi is a very strong nationalist, and he sort of radiates that. Now, Trump is an American nationalist, and I think, in many ways, Nationalists kind respect each other. Trump accepts that Modi is in it for India. Modi accepts that Trump is in it for America." "The second I felt was the chemistry was good. Because again, you know, Trump being somewhat unusual, there are a lot of other leaders in the world who, with whom he has not necessarily a positive history and the case of Modi ji, it's not the case," he added.

Former RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das appointed Principal Secretary II to Prime Minister

MI News Service, New Delhi: Former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has been appointed as Principal Secretary II to Prime Minister Narendra Modi as per an official notification issued by the secretariat of the Appointments Committee.

"The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Shaktikanta Das, IAS (Retired) (TN:80) as Principal Secretary-2 to Prime Minister with effect from the date he assumes office," said the notification.

"His appointment will be co-terminus with the term of the Prime Minister or until further orders, whichever is earlier," it added.

Shaktikanta Das, IAS Retd served as the RBI Governor for six years, from December 2018 to December 2024. He assumed charge as the 25th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India effective December 12, 2018.

He was former Secretary, Department of Revenue and Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India.

Shaktikanta Das has vast experience in various areas of governance in the last 38 years. Shri Das has held important positions in the Central and State Governments in the areas of Finance, Taxation, Industries, Infrastructure, etc.

During his long tenure in the Ministry of Finance, he was directly associated with the preparation of as many as 8 Union Budgets. Das has also served as India's Alternate Governor in the World Bank, Asian Development Bank (ADB), New Development Bank (NDB) and Asian Infra-

structure Investment Bank (AIIB). Shaktikanta Das is a postgraduate from St. Stephen's College, Delhi University.

Pramod Kumar Mishra, is the Principal Secretary I to the Prime Minister. He is a 1972-batch Indian Administrative Service officer belonging to the Gujarat cadre.

Sunil Bharti Mittal honored with Honorary Knighthood by British High Commission

MI News Service, New Delhi: Sunil Bharti Mittal, founder and chairman of Bharti Enterprises, was on Saturday presented with the Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (KBE) medal.

He was presented the medal at a special investiture ceremony in the presence of friends and family at the British High Commissioner's residence in New Delhi. The ceremony follows the announcement in 2024 that The King has been graciously pleased to confer Mittal the Honorary Knighthood for services to UK-India business relations, according to British High Commission New Delhi.

Lindy Cameron, British High Commissioner to India, expressed her delight

in presenting the KBE medal to Mittal and said, "I was delighted to present Sunil Bharti Mittal the KBE medal on behalf of the King. Mittal is a great friend of the UK - with significant investments, including BT, Gleneagle, Norlake Hospitality, and OneWeb."

"Mittal's leadership has made a lasting impact on the UK-India partnership, including through his work with the India-UK CEO Forum. Most recently, he led a senior Indian business delegation to the UK to meet with Prime Minister Starmer, the Foreign Secretary, the Chancellor, and other Cabinet Ministers to identify opportunities for accelerating economic growth across both nations. I look forward to continuing to work closely with Mittal and congratulate him once

again," she added.

Sunil Mittal, on receiving the honour, expressed his gratitude. "It is an honour to have received the KBE from King Charles III.

"As India and the United Kingdom continue to chart remarkable scale in our bilateral relations, I acknowledge this recognition both as a privilege and a responsibility. I remain committed to working with stakeholders in our nations towards advancing India - UK business relations," he further said.

"On the occasion of this very special milestone, I extend my gratitude to all for their support through this journey," he added.

The KBE is among the highest honours awarded to foreign nationals for preeminent contributions in various fields.

Medical community to participate in HPV vaccine distribution after inclusion in national program: Cancer expert

MI News Service, Varanasi: India is gearing up to launch a nationwide HPV vaccination program, providing women vaccines to combat cancer a year after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced it in Parliament.

Girls aged 9-16 years will be priority group for inoculation. The planned drive is part of the government's efforts to combat rising cancer rates in the country.

Medical community is poised to play a crucial role in its distribution. Dr Sudeep Gupta, Director of Tata Memorial Hospital and renowned cancer expert, revealed that the medical community would actively participate in the distribution of the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine after it will be included in the national program.

When asked if vaccines to fight cancer in women will be available in five to six months, reports suggest that research on the vaccine is almost complete and trials are underway.

To this, the doctor replied, "The vaccine, aimed at preventing HPV infections that could lead to cancer, is administered to girls aged 9-16. Once the vaccine is included in the national program, the medical communi-

ty will actively participate in its rollout," said the doctor.

The HPV vaccine is a significant development in the fight against cancer, particularly cervical cancer, which is the second most common type of cancer affecting women in India.

The vaccine has undergone rigorous testing, and its inclusion in the national program is expected to significantly reduce the burden of cervical cancer in the country.

He also discussed significant advancements in the fight against cancer, highlighting improvements in blood tests, upcoming vaccines, and the role of artificial intelligence (AI) in treatment.

When asked how far we have reached in the accuracy of blood tests for detecting cancer and whether the accuracy of blood tests for pancreatic cancer is 85 per cent, the doctor replied, "If we talk about accuracy, then the new tests for pathology are called molecular pathology and these include sophisticated techniques like PCR or NGS. It is done through these, which are sub-classifications of cancer. The accuracy of this has reached 90-95 per cent.

We will include more tests on this and extend it."

The expert noted ongoing discussions in national committees in response to queries about making cancer treatment tax-free. This comes after the Union Budget by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman recently announced exemptions on basic customs duty on 36 lifesaving drugs against cancer. "Cancer treatment options such as medicines, chemotherapy, and diagnostics are being reviewed for possible tax reductions to make them more affordable for patients," said the doctor.

This move aims to make cancer treatment more affordable for patients, who often face significant financial burdens. Furthermore, research has identified genetic variants that increase the risk of gallbladder cancer, particularly in women.

On the prevalence of gallbladder cancer in North India and the Purvanchal region, the doctor revealed that while there is no conclusive answer, research at Tata Memorial Cancer Hospital identified genetic variants (SNIP) in two genes-ABC1 and ABC4--that increase the risk of gallbladder cancer, particularly in women and said that a detailed study on this matter has been published.

In addition to the HPV

vaccine, India has made significant advancements in cancer treatment, including improvements in blood tests, upcoming vaccines, and the role of artificial intelligence (AI) in treatment.

The doctor explained that AI is being used in two key areas: image-based diagnostics, such as X-rays and CT scans, where AI assists in preparing preliminary reports, and natural language processing, which helps identify symptom patterns for early diagnosis. These technologies are already in use at medical units in Mumbai. Finally, when asked about the potential cancer risks from polluted water, particularly Sangam water, the doctor clarified that no direct evidence links water pollution to cancer.

"Current reports from Sangam Water do not show any connection to cancer risk, though water pollution remains an ongoing area of research," he said.

Overall, India's efforts to combat cancer are multifaceted and comprehensive, with a focus on prevention, treatment, and research. The nationwide HPV vaccination program is a significant step forward in this effort, and the medical community is poised to play a vital role in its success.



Sagar Kalsi, Additional CP Eastern Range, Delhi Police presents a memento to Sub Inspector Shalini during the closing ceremony of 'Lakshya-2025 Delhi Police Sports Carnival' at Sports Complex, East Vinod Nagar Kalyanpuri, in New Delhi on Saturday.

Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri criticizes Punjab Minister for running non-existent dept

MI News Service, New Delhi: Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri did not hold back in his criticism of Punjab Minister Kuldeep Singh Dhalwal, condemning him for running a "non-existent" department for 20 months under the AAP government's leadership.

Puri criticized Kuldeep Singh Dhalwal, saying, "He was heading a department for 20 months which is 'non-existent'. Such a thing can happen only under the leadership of AAP government."

Puri's remarks came after it was revealed that the Department of Administrative Reforms, which Dhalwal was allocated, does not exist according to the Punjab government's Gazette notification.

JP leader Fatehjung Singh Bajwa said that the Mann government has taken Punjab back by 50 years.

"Kuldeep Singh Dhalwal is one of the most senior

leaders of the Cabinet and he was leading a non-existent Department, which means no meeting was ever taken... What kind of administrative reforms are being taken? People are going abroad through dunki routes and no agent or tout who sent them was ever caught... The biggest industry in Punjab is immigration offices and out of 100, only 10 might have a proper license... This state government has taken Punjab back by 50 years... Punjab just to stand ahead once and now stands at 14th or 15th position because of these 'clowns'," he said.

According to the notification released on February 21, Dhalwal who holds the portfolio of the NRI Affairs department was allocated the charge of the Department of Administrative Reforms, which the Government now says does not exist.

"In partial modification of Punjab Government Notifi-

cation No. 2/1/2022-2Cabinet/230 dated September 23, 2024, regarding allocation of portfolios amongst the Ministers, the Department of Administrative Reforms earlier allotted to Kuldeep Singh Dhalwal, Cabinet Minister is not in existence as on date," the notification read.

Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann defended his government saying, "We changed its name and created a new department. Earlier it was just for the name, there was no staff or office. Now, it has been created to bring reforms, whether it is in bureaucracy or other areas... We are also looking at merging several departments with similar functions into one department..."

Punjab Minister Kuldeep Singh Dhalwal said that the department was not important for him the state was.

"They have now abolished the department. We have all come to save Punjab. For me, the department is not important, Punjab is important. (Whether this department exists or not) is not an agenda for us," he said.

J-K: Security forces bust militant hideout in Reasi; recovers arms, ammunition

MI News Service, Reasi: In a significant success against anti-national elements, security forces busted a militant hideout in the Simbli Shajroo area of Mahore in Reasi district and recovered a huge cache of arms and ammunition, officials said on Saturday.

Acting on specific intelligence inputs, a well-coordinated search operation was launched, leading to

the recovery of four magazines, 268 rounds of AK-47 rifle ammunition, four UBGL (Under Barrel Grenade Launchers), and four packets of detonators.

The successful operation is a major setback to militant activities in the region and highlights the unwavering commitment of security forces to ensuring peace and security.

A search operation in the

area is ongoing to rule out any further presence of militant elements.

On February 17, the White Knight Corps commander Lt Gen Navin Sachdeva reviewed the security aspects of Rajouri and Reasi sectors during his visit. He commended the alertness and dedication of the troops who have ensured peace and security in the region.

On February 13, Jammu

and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha chaired a security review meeting. The main agenda of the meeting was a series of security reviews which were held in the past which included strengthening intelligence networks, countering cross-border infiltration, and accelerating development initiatives in the region.

Union Home Minister Amit

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11 বিজ্ঞপ্তি

আমোক্তার নামা
শ্রী অভিজিৎ সুদী পিতা অনুরাগ সুদী সাকিম ইয়োগুর, গোপালপুর, ধনেশাশালী, হঙ্গলী-৭১২৪০১ মহাশয় বিয়াত ইং ০৩/০৩/২০২৫ তারিখে ডি.এস.আর.-I, চুড়া, হঙ্গলী, অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত I-2079/2023 নং আমোক্তারনামা

দিলিমুলে আনার মজলৈ শ্রী গনেশ চন্দ্র সুদী পিতা কালিদাস সুদী সাকিম ইয়োগুর, গোপালপুর, ধনেশাশালী, হঙ্গলী-৭১২৪০১ মহাশয়কে ক্ষমতাগ্রাণ্ড আমোক্তারনামা ও হয়ঃ ক্ষমতা বলে আনার মজলৈ অপর সাকিমের সহিত যৌথ ভাবে নিম্নোক্ত তপশীল বণিত সম্পত্তি বিণত ইং ১৬/০১/২০২৫ তারিখে ডি.এস.আর.-II, চুড়া, হঙ্গলী, অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত I-0837/2025 নং বিক্রয় কোলালা দিলিমুলে Sheikh Sarwar Alam S/o. Lt. Shaikh Janu সাকিম ১৫, বংশী দহ রোড, এটলী, কোলকাতা-৭০০০১৪ মহাশয়কে ১১ শতক সম্পত্তি বিক্রয় করেন।

তপশীল - জেলা হঙ্গলী, থানা বালদপুর, দৌজা গোয়ে, ১৬২ নং জে.এল. ভুক্ত, এল.আর. ৬৭৯ নং খতিয়ানে, সাবেক ১৫৪/৩৫৫ তথা হাল এল.আর. ৬৭৬ নং দাগে শালি জমি ৬ শতক অত্র দিলিমে আমোক্তারনামা বলে বিক্রয়কৃত সম্পত্তি ইহাচ্ছে। এতদ্বারা সকলকে অবগত করা যাইতেছে যে, শ্রী Shikhar Sarwar Alam S/o. Lt. Shaikh Janu তাহার উক্ত খরিদা সম্পত্তি নিজ নামে নাম পত্র করিবার জন্য বি.এল.এ.আর.ও পোলার-দাদপুর, রুক অফিসে আবেদন করিতেছেন/করিবেন। ইহাতে কার্যের কোন আনিয়ম আপত্তি থাকিলে বিজ্ঞিত প্রেরণ ইহার আণাণী ১ মাসের মধ্যে সক্রিয় অফিসে আপত্তি জানাইতে পারিবেন, অন্যথাঃ নিম্ন অনুসারে কার্য করা হইবে।

ইতি-সংঃ স্থানীয় শীল (উকিলবাণী), জেলা জজ আদালত, চুড়া, হঙ্গলী।

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আমোক্তার নামা
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দিলিমুলে এবং অপর শরিক ৯) শ্রীমতী আনিমা ঘোষ স্বামী শ্রী সুব্রাহ্মণ্য ঘোষ পিতা ৩) শ্রী চন্দ্র ঘোষ, সাকিম ইলমোবা মজলৈ, গাড়ায়া, হঙ্গলী-৭১২৪০৬ মহাশয়া বিয়াত ইং ১৬/০৩/২০২০ তারিখে ডি.এস.আর.-I, চুড়া, হঙ্গলী, অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত I-0090/2019 নং আমোক্তারনামা দিলিমুলে, একুনে দুইটি আমোক্তারনামা দিলিমুলে, আনার মজলৈ ১) সাজনা বেগম স্বামী তানবীর আহমেদ, ২) সরফারাজ আহমেদ আনাসরি পিতা মহম্মদ হাফিজ আনাসরি সাকিম মানসপুর বধী, নিয়ার ব্রহ্মস্থান গ্রামেশ্বরী কুল, বাবেল, চুড়া, হঙ্গলী-৭১২১২০ মহাশয়/ মহাশয়কে ক্ষমতাগ্রাণ্ড আমোক্তারনামা বলে আনার মজলৈ নিম্নোক্ত তপশীল বণিত সম্পত্তি বিণত ইং ১৬/০১/২০২৫ তারিখে ডি.এস.আর. চুড়া, হঙ্গলী, অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত I-0552/2025 নং বিক্রয় কোলালা দিলিমুলে মহম্মদ হাফিজ পিতা সালমত সিদ্দিক, সাকিম মানসপুর বধী, নিয়ার ব্রহ্মস্থান গ্রামেশ্বরী কুল, বাবেল, চুড়া, হঙ্গলী-৭১২১২০, মহাশয়কে বিক্রয় করেন।

তপশীল - জেলা হঙ্গলী, থানা চুড়া, দৌজা কুলপুর চন্দনপুর, ১ নং জে.এল. ভুক্ত, হাল এল.আর. ৬৫৫, ৬৫৬, ৬৫৭, ৬৫৮, ৬৫৯, ৬৬০, ৬৬১ ও ৬৬২ নং খতিয়ানে, সাবেক ৪২২ তথা হাল এল.আর. ৬৩১ নং দাগে শালি জমি সোল আনার ৯৩ শতক আমোক্তারনামা সম্পত্তির মধ্যে ১ কঠা ৬ ছত্ৰক ২৯ পয়সি বিক্রয়কৃত সম্পত্তি ইহাচ্ছে। ওতদ্বারা সকলকে অবগত করা যাইতেছে যে, মহম্মদ হাফিজ পিতা সালমত সিদ্দিক তাহার উক্ত খরিদা সম্পত্তি নিজ নামে নাম পত্র করিবার জন্য বি.এল.এ.আর.ও মগরা-চুড়া, রুক অফিসে আবেদন করিতেছেন/করিবেন। ইহাতে কার্যের কোন আনিয়ম আপত্তি থাকিলে বিজ্ঞিত প্রেরণ ইহার আণাণী ১ মাসের মধ্যে সক্রিয় অফিসে আপত্তি জানাইতে পারিবেন, অন্যথাঃ নিম্ন অনুসারে কার্য করা হইবে।

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IN THE COURT OF CIVIL JUDGE (JR. DIV.) 2ND COURT AT CHANDENAGORE Ref :- T.S. 44 OF 2019

Plaintiff. RAMA BHAKAT **Defendant.** RAJU YADAV

Notice
This is inform that the above named RAMA BHAKAT filed the above suit against Raju Yadav for ejectment from the one Brick field and tiles shed chala ghar on R.S. Kh. no. 544, 585 Hal Plot no. 1548 Mouja Sahapur, P.S. Tarakeswar, Dist. Hooghly against the above defendant before the Ld. Court of Civil Judge (JR. Div.) 2nd Court at Chandernagore.

It is further informed that with 30 days from the date of publication written objection will be filled failing which the suit will be heard expart.
By the order of Nilima Chatterjee SERESTADAR LAWYER OF THE PLAINTIFF (PRABHAT KR. BAG) Advocate

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Harirajpur, Daspur, Paschim Medinipur
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Opposing arrows of time emerge from certain quantum systems: Study

Washington DC [US]: 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, published in Scientific Reports, 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 -- suggesting that time's arrow may not be as fixed as we experience it.

Thomas Guff, a postdoctoral researcher who led the calculations, said:

"The surprising part of this project was that even after making the standard simplifying assumption to our equations describing open quantum systems, the equations still behaved the same way whether the system was moving forwards or backwards in time. When we carefully worked through the maths, we found that this behaviour had to be the case because a key part of the equation, the "memory kernel," is symmetrical in time.

"We also found a small but important detail which is usually overlooked -- a time discontinuous factor emerged that keeps the time-symmetry property intact. It's unusual to see such a mathematical mechanism in a physics equation because it's not continuous, and it was very surprising to see it pop up so naturally."

The research offers a fresh perspective on one of the biggest mysteries in physics. Understanding the true nature of time could have profound implications for quantum mechanics, cosmology and beyond.

Even with reduced duty, the cheapest Tesla car will cost Rs 35-40 lakhs in India



New Delhi: As Tesla is soon planning to enter India, even after the reduction in the import duty to below 20 per cent, the cheapest car of Tesla will cost around Rs 35 to 40 lakh, says a report by CLSA, a global capital market company.

The report highlighted that currently, Tesla's cheapest Model 3 in the U.S. costs around USD 35,000 (approx. Rs 30.4 lakh) at the factory level. With an expected reduction in import duties to 15-20 per cent in India, along with additional costs such as road tax and insurance, the on-road price would still be around USD 40,000, or approximately Rs 35-40 lakh.

It said "The cheapest Model 3 for Tesla in the US is c.USD35k. With tariff lowered to c.15- 20 per cent in India, along with road tax, insurance and other costs, on-road price would be c.USD40k, which is close to Rs3.5-4m".

If Tesla positions the Model 3 at a price 20-50 per cent higher than domestic EV models like Mahindra XEV 9e, Hyundai e-Creta, and Maruti Suzuki e-Vitara, the report added that it is unlikely to disrupt the Indian EV market significantly. Even if Tesla decides to launch an entry-level model priced below Rs 25 lakh on-road and gains market share, the report believes that the recent decline in Mahindra & Mahindra's stock is already factoring in this scenario.

However, the report suggests that Tesla's entry would not have a significant impact on major Indian automakers, as the overall penetration of EVs in India remains lower than in China, Europe, and the U.S. Tesla in the coming months would be launching its models in Delhi and Mumbai. Tesla Inc. has officially begun its hiring process in India, marking a significant step towards its long-anticipated entry into the domestic market. On 18th February, the electric vehicle (EV) giant posted a job listing on LinkedIn for the position of Consumer Engagement Manager in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region.

The report also outlined that Tesla would need to set up a manufacturing facility in India to make its cars more affordable and scale up its operations, even if import duties are reduced to below 20 per cent. The report highlighted that under India's electric vehicle (EV) policy,

Tesla could benefit from a lower import duty of 15 per cent on up to 8,000 units per year if it invests over Rs 4150 crore billion in setting up a local facility. The report draws a comparison with the Indian motorcycle market, where Harley-Davidson's X440, priced 20 per cent higher than the Royal Enfield Classic 350, sells only around 1,500 units per month, whereas the Classic 350 sells about 28,000 units monthly. This suggests that Indian consumers are highly price-sensitive, making it challenging for Tesla to gain traction without competitive pricing. Overall, Tesla's entry into the Indian market depends on whether it is willing to make a significant investment in local manufacturing. Without it, even with reduced import duties, Tesla's cars may remain out of reach for a large portion of Indian buyers.

India's First User Research Conference, IGNITE 2025, Concludes Successfully

Hyderabad (Telangana): User Connect Consultancy (UCC), a global leader in user research, proudly concluded IGNITE 2025, India's first-ever user research conference, held last week at T-Hub, Hyderabad. The two-day event brought together industry leaders, researchers, and policymakers to explore the evolving role of user research in shaping products, services, and governance.

The conference featured IAS Jayesh Ranjan, Special Chief Secretary of I&C and IT, Telangana Government, as the Chief Guest, alongside Keynote Speaker Uday Dandavate and experts from Microsoft, Google, Flipkart, and premier institutions such as NID, IIT Hyderabad, IIT Kanpur, and BITS. Their discussions emphasized the impact of user research on innovation, design and strategy-building.

Speaking at the event, IAS Jayesh Ranjan announced the government's vision for integrating user research into policymaking. "At Telangana, we are soon launching CODE (Center of Design Excellence), and I would like it to become



the fulcrum of design in Hyderabad and in Telangana and possibly in the entire country to. This will help us promote User Research in order to bring more professionalism and science into this particular domain and I would like to very seriously

engage with this community present here."

IGNITE 2025 was more than a conference--it was a collaborative platform for knowledge exchange and partnerships. Reflecting on the event's impact, Shipra Bhutada, Founder of UCC & IGNITE,

shared, "The conversations sparked at IGNITE on how User Research can shape policy, societies, businesses, education, and governance are not just ideas but opportunities waiting to be realized. The path forward is clear: User Research must play a bigger role in shaping our future. And together, we can make that happen."

Attendees also participated in four hands-on workshops, covering topics like The Art & Science of UX, Mastering the Art of Decoding Users, and User Research for Product Success. One of the participants shared their experience: "The workshops provided practical insights that I can immediately apply in my work. It was inspiring to engage with experts and peers who are just as passionate about user research."

IGNITE will continue as a thriving community for user research, hosting workshops, online and offline, across India. The second edition of the conference is set to return next year, building on this year's momentum to drive meaningful change in the field. For further updates and upcoming events, visit <https://ignitecon.in>.

Seals can essentially act as 'smart sensors': Study

California [US]: A new study by marine biologists reports that seals can essentially act as 'smart sensors' for monitoring fish populations in the ocean's eerily dim "twilight zone."

Over the past 60 years, marine biologists at UC Santa Cruz have monitored the behaviour of northern elephant seals that journey to nearby Ano Nuevo Natural Reserve.

With the seals gathering on the beach by the thousands to breed and moult, generations of researchers have been able to amass more than 350,000 observations on over 50,000 seals.

Roxanne Beltran is next in line to lead the project, and her new study being published on February 14 as the cover story for Science reports that seals can essentially act as "smart sensors" for monitoring fish populations in the ocean's eerily dim "twilight zone."

This is the layer of water between 200 and 1,000 meters below sea level, where sunlight penetration all but stops, and which today's ocean monitoring tools cannot easily reach. Ships and floating buoys



only allow measurements of a tiny fraction of the ocean, while satellites can't measure below the surface where fish occur.

Importantly, this zone holds the majority of the planet's fish biomass. Because this is also where the seals feed, seals whose foraging success is tracked can provide a previously impossible way to measure the availability of fish populations across a vast ocean.

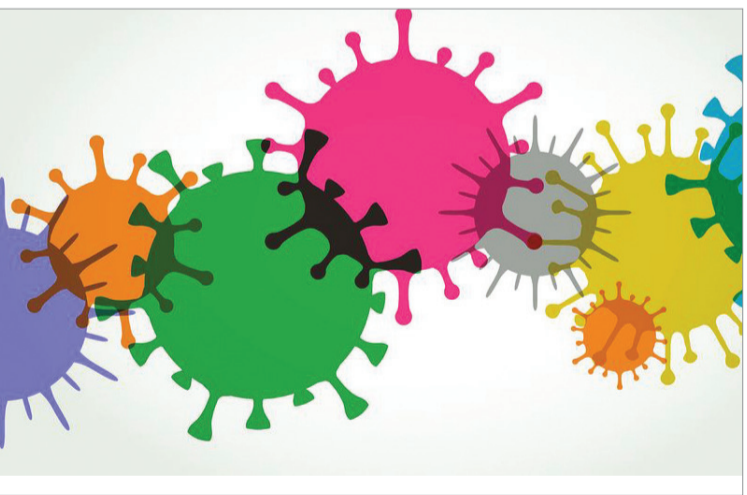
This, Beltran said, represents a significant discovery because humans are considering harvesting these fish populations to satisfy humanity's ever-increasing need for protein-rich foods.

COVID-19 severity may be predicted by White Blood Cell count: Study

Washington DC [US]: A COVID-19 diagnosis is no longer as frightening as it used to be, thanks to developments in treatment choices. However, a new study reveals that leukocyte (white blood cell) count may now be used to identify who is more likely to develop more significant disease symptoms.

"As the authors highlight, post-acute sequelae of severe acute respiratory coronavirus 2 infection significantly affects quality of life, often leading to severe disability. This effect is particularly pronounced in women, who already experience higher rates of cognitive impairment after menopause. By understanding underlying factors, we can better address these challenges and work to mitigate the cascade of symptoms that follow," says Dr Monica Christmas, associate medical director for The Menopause Society.

Millions of people worldwide suffer from the ongoing effects of Covid-19--which is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus--even months after the initial diagnosis. Cognitive impairment and



fatigue are the most common lingering symptoms, with cognitive impairment affecting 70% of patients. Older adults--especially women--are the most at risk.

Although healthcare professionals know a lot more about Covid-19 than they did at the start of the pandemic

in 2020, there are still many lingering questions regarding its effect on the human body. Although it is primarily a respiratory disease, sustained effects on multiple organ systems have been documented. Previous studies have shown an excessive immune response to a Covid-19

infection.

Researchers in this latest study, based on secondary analysis of data from the Women's Health Initiative, sought to better understand preexisting risk factors that may make certain adults--especially older postmenopausal women--more vulnerable to more serious ongoing symptoms. Specifically, they examined whether leukocyte count (a widely available clinical marker of systemic inflammation) was associated with COVID disease outcomes.

Based on the results, the researchers concluded that leukocyte count is an independent predictor of COVID symptom severity in postmenopausal women. These results extend the evidence that low-grade inflammation is not only an outcome of COVID symptom severity but may also precede the acute Covid-19 infection. Additional research in this area is necessary, but the initial work is promising because leukocyte count represents an easily accessible, inexpensive clinical marker.

Prabhat Arts International Presents '18 Days'- The Greatest Dance Musical of India

Bengaluru (Karnataka): Prabhat Arts International: The Temple of Art, India's premier performing arts institution, is set to enthral audiences with its groundbreaking drama in the form of classical dance musical format, '18 Days - Dusk of an Era,' at Ravindra Kalakshetra, Bengaluru, on the evenings of February 22-23. Indian performing arts attain a new pinnacle with "18 Days," a spectacular dance musical that brings the Kurukshetra war to life and redefines storytelling on stage. This production is a spectacle of dance, music, elaborate costumes, and breathtaking special effects, offering a deeply moving portrayal of dharma (righteousness) and adharma (unrighteousness). Created by Bharat Prabhath and Sharat Prabhath of Prabhat Arts International, this 90-minute theatrical masterpiece sets a new benchmark in Indian theatrical history. With its unparalleled scale, deep-rooted storytelling, and cutting-edge stagecraft, this production blends Indian contemporary classical dance and Natyashastra vocabulary with world-class visuals, standing as India's answer to the grandest global musicals. Beyond their creative vision, Bharat and Sharat also

take on lead roles in this production, bringing an unmatched depth and authenticity to the performance.

Blending ancient Indian mythology with modern stagecraft, the two-day theatrical event '18 Days' features aerial sequences, levitation, AV animations, and an original musical score with over 1,300 tracks. The production seamlessly weaves Sanskrit verses from Sage Vyasa's Mahabharata with English and Kannada narration and dialogues. Incorporating Kannada ensures a deeply immersive experience for regional audiences. This bilingual presentation enhances accessibility while preserving the authenticity of the epic's storytelling. Sharing his enthusiasm, Bharat R Prabhath, the Creative and Technical Director, and an accomplished artist said, "This is more than just a performance--it's a journey into the heart of India's cultural legacy. Through '18 Days,' we are not just narrating a story; we are reviving centuries-old artistic traditions in a way that resonates with modern audiences."

"The dance musical aims at communicating the story of Kurukshetra in the most appealing fashion, answering the unanswered questions. We are hoping



to entertain small children, thump the spirit of youngsters, inspire artists and creative groups, satiate the learned and move the aged connoisseurs," added Bharat. This grand production has

received unwavering appreciation from cultural icons, film stars, and thought leaders. Last year, Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan attended a Prabhat production and praised Bharat and

Sharat's visionary contributions to Indian art and culture. Praised as a "compelling and authentic retelling of the Mahabharata" by Union Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar, the production has also earned high accolades from renowned personalities, Film Director Vivek Agnihotri, Former Union Minister Meenakshi Lekhi, Kannada Actor, Director, and Producer 'Real Star' Upendra, Legendry Danseuse Dr. Padma Subrahmanyam, and Renowned Dance Critic Ashish Mohan Khokar, who lauded its cinematic brilliance, immersive storytelling, and larger-than-life stagecraft that redefines Indian performing arts on a global scale. Their words reinforced the duo's commitment to pushing artistic boundaries while preserving the essence of India's rich performing arts heritage.

With a stellar ensemble of professional dancers, actors, and martial artists, '18 Days - Dusk of an Era' promises to be a theatrical phenomenon that will captivate audiences of all ages.

About Prabhat Arts International
Prabhat Art International is a premier artistic institution that has redefined stagecraft by blending India's rich clas-

sical heritage with contemporary performance techniques. With a legacy dating back to 1930, Prabhat has become a hub for artistic excellence, training and nurturing generations of performers in dance, music, theatre, and storytelling. The institution's productions are known for their authenticity, intricate choreography, and grand visual appeal, making them a landmark in the world of performing arts. Carrying forward this illustrious tradition, Bharat R Prabhath and Sharat R Prabhath have emerged as the new-age torchbearers of Prabhat's artistic vision. Bharat, a Kathak dancer and a technical genius, has played a key role in innovative productions like Kathaastha, which set new benchmarks in dance and theatre. Meanwhile, Sharat, a master story teller, an acclaimed Carnatic musician and composer and Kathak dancer & choreographer, continues to elevate the classical arts, receiving accolades such as the Uday Shankar Award for Choreography, Rajyotsava from Rotary for his contributions. Together, they bring a dynamic energy to Prabhat's legacy, merging tradition with contemporary storytelling to captivate audiences worldwide.

Assam Assembly discontinues 'namaz break' for first time

MI News Service, Guwahati: During the current Budget session, the long-standing Assam Assembly custom of taking a two-hour break to allow Muslim lawmakers to offer namaz on Fridays was abandoned for the first time.

The House decided to eliminate the break at its most recent session in August of the previous year, but it went into effect this sitting.

Rafiqul Islam, an AIUDF MLA, expressed displeasure with the decision, arguing that it was made based only on the strength of the numbers.

In the legislature, there are roughly 30 Muslim MLAs. Islam stated that the BJP is enforcing it because

they have the numbers. According to Debabrata Saikia, leader of opposition, the arrangements can be made for Muslim MLAs to conduct Friday namaz in the area.

"As they went to offer namaz today, a number of my party colleagues and AIUDF MLAs missed crucial conversations. I believe a provision can be made for it nearby, since it is a special prayer requirement only for Fridays," Saikia said.

In August of last year, the Speaker-led Rules Committee of the House decided to terminate the nearly 90-year-old practice.

The Rules Committee unanimously approved Speaker Biswajit Daimary's proposal that the Assam Legislative Assembly hold

its sessions on Fridays, just like any other day, in light of the Constitution's secular orientation.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma had welcomed the decision, stating that it was a practice introduced by the Muslim League's Syed Saadulla in 1937, and the decision to discontinue the break prioritised productivity and shed another vestige of colonial baggage.

The Assam Assembly starts at 9.30 a.m. in the morning on Monday to Thursday and on Friday, it begins at 9 a.m. giving the two-hour break for the Namaz.

However, since this has been changed from now on, the Assembly will begin its functioning at 9.30 a.m. every day.

STF of Assam Police detains Mahbulul Hoque, founder Chancellor of USTM

MI News Service, Guwahati: Mahbulul Hoque, the Chancellor of the University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya (USTM), was detained by a police team in Guwahati, Assam, on Saturday morning at around 2 AM.

According to reports, the arrest was carried out by a joint team comprising personnel from the Panbazar Police and the Special Task Force (STF) of the Assam Police. While details regarding the specific charges against him remain unclear, the development has sparked significant reactions, particularly in light of previous allegations against USTM by Assam's Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma.

A Pattern of Targeting USTM? Mahbulul Hoque's detention comes in the wake of sustained accusations and allegations against USTM, a Muslim-owned institution. Last year, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma accused USTM of engaging in "flood jihad," suggesting that the university's activities were responsible for floods in Guwahati. These statements were widely criticized as being baseless and communal in nature.

Sarma had previously alleged that USTM was distributing fake degrees and that Hoque had fraudulently obtained an OBC certificate. However, none of these claims have been substantiated with credible evidence, and the university has strongly denied all allegations.

Meghalaya Government and USTM Categorically

Deny Allegations

In response to Sarma's accusations, both the Meghalaya government and USTM have categorically denied any wrongdoing. Meghalaya's Chief Secretary, Donald P Wahlang, reaffirmed that USTM is recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and operates under the guidelines of the Meghalaya Private University Regulatory Board (MPURB). "All degrees awarded by USTM are recognized by the UGC. So the charges of fake degrees do not arise," he stated.

USTM's public relations officer also issued a strong rebuttal against Sarma's claims. "USTM, with all statutory credentials, has been contributing immensely to higher education, research, and social welfare since its inception in 2011. Such statements not only defame the university but also question the credibility of the highest statutory and accreditation bodies of the Government of India, which have recognized the quality and educational standards of the university over the years."

USTM's Academic Credentials and Achievements Despite the accusations, USTM has established itself as a prominent institution in the field of higher education. The university received an 'A' grade from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in 2021. It is also the only private institution in the North East to be ranked among the top 200 universities in India by the Union Ministry of Education



for three consecutive years.

USTM has been ranked 52nd in the 'Nature Index,' an indicator of the quality of research and scientific output. The university's research credentials include numerous patents, publications in reputed journals, and prestigious fellowships awarded to students. The PhD programme at USTM follows a stringent and transparent research process, often exceeding the standards set by premier institutions.

"USTM adheres to the guidelines of the University Grants Commission and maintains its own rigorous internal regulations. The PhD programme involves multiple levels of scrutiny, quality assurance, and every level of evaluation is conducted in the presence of external experts from premier institutions," the university's PRO explained.

Calls for Fair Investigation

USTM officials and faculty members have condemned the targeting of their institution and have urged the Assam govern-

ment to engage in a fact-based discourse rather than making unfounded accusations. "We categorically reject the baseless allegations against USTM. Such statements not only tarnish the image of a credible educational institution but also demoralize thousands of students, faculty members, and researchers striving for excellence," the PRO emphasized.

The university has further stated that it is open to any inquiry or investigation by competent authorities to verify the facts. "We welcome any inquiry or investigation by any authority for cross-verification of facts and figures," the statement read.

A Broader Political Context Observers note that the persistent targeting of USTM and its chancellor aligns with a broader trend of political rhetoric against Muslim-owned institutions in Assam. Sarma's administration has been accused of using communal narratives to marginalize certain communities, particularly in the context of education

and land rights. The allegations of "flood jihad" and "fake degrees" appear to be part of a larger strategy aimed at undermining minority-run institutions in the state. The arrest of Mahbulul Hoque has drawn widespread attention, with many questioning the intent and timing of the action. While the Assam Police have yet to clarify the grounds for his detention, critics argue that this move could be politically motivated, especially given the history of allegations against him and USTM.

Assam CM's wife is planning to build a University. Sources say that Chief Minister's wife runs a private school is planning to build a University, the attack on USTM by CM Sarma is seen in the dame background. Mahbulul Hoque's detention has once again put the spotlight on USTM and the Assam government's approach towards minority-run institutions. With Meghalaya's government backing USTM and the university's strong academic credentials, the allegations against it appear increasingly questionable. The demand for a transparent and fair investigation into the matter is growing, as stakeholders emphasize the need to uphold the integrity of educational institutions against politically motivated attacks. Whether this detention leads to any substantial legal action or is merely part of a continuing pattern of harassment remains to be seen.

Hamas to free 6 more Israeli hostages from Gaza Strip in latest step of ceasefire

MI News Service, Jerusalem: Hamas is set to free six more Israeli hostages from the Gaza Strip, but the exchange for hundreds of Palestinian prisoners is shadowed by heightened tension between the adversaries that clouds the future of the fragile ceasefire deal.

As preparations moved forward Friday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed revenge for "a cruel and malicious violation" of the agreement centred on the wrong identification of a body released by Hamas.

The family of Shiri Bi-

bas said Israeli forensic authorities had confirmed that the remains released overnight are those of Israeli mother of two small boys. Her body had been released by militants Friday after one set of remains handed over Thursday had been misidentified as hers but later determined to be an unidentified Palestinian woman.

Three other bodies returned were confirmed as those of Bibas' sons and Oded Lifshitz, who was 83 when all were taken hostage during the Oct. 7, 2023, attack by Hamas that killed 1,200 in Israel and ig-

nited the war. Israel said its tests determined that the three hostages had been killed by their captors. Hamas has claimed Lifshitz and the members of the Bibas family were killed in Israeli airstrikes on Gaza.

Hamas said it would "conduct a thorough review" of information regarding the body and suggested that Israeli bombing of the area where hostages were held might have caused a mix-up of remains. The group's military wing, the Al-Qasam Brigades, said it would go ahead with the release of the six Israeli hostages.

President Putin, Zelenskyy have to get together to stop the war: Donald Trump

MI News Service, Washington DC: US President Donald Trump called for an end to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict, urging Presidents Vladimir Putin and Volodymyr Zelenskyy to "get together to stop the war and stop killing millions of people."

Trump said, "President Putin and President Zelenskyy have to get together because we want to stop the war and stop killing millions of people. I want to see a ceasefire, and I want to get the deal done. It doesn't affect the US very much since it is on the other side of the ocean; it does affect Europe."

Trump further expressed concern over the financial burden on the United States, which has contributed USD 300 billion to the conflict, compared to Europe's USD 100 billion and criticised former President Joe Biden for involving the US in the war.

He added, "We have put in much more money. We are in for USD 300 billion, and they (Europe) are in for USD 100 billion. Biden just gave them money, there was no loan or security. We have to sign a deal to get security. We are spending our treasure on a country that is very far away. We have to be treated the same way Europe is being treated. Biden should have never gotten us into this mess..."

Trump had accused Zelenskyy of persuading the United States to invest billions of dollars in a war he believed could not be won, questioning the allocation of resources and Europe's lack of equal financial contribution. Trump also called Zelenskyy a dictator without elections.

Sharing a post on the social media platform Truth Social, Trump wrote, "Think of it, a modestly successful comedian, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, talked the

United States of America into spending \$350 billion dollars, to go into a war that couldn't be won, that never had to start, but a war that he, without the US and "TRUMP," will never be able to settle."

The post added, "The United States has spent \$200 billion dollars more than Europe, and Europe's money is guaranteed, while the United States will get nothing back. Why didn't sleepy Joe Biden demand equalization, in that this war is far more important to Europe than it is to us -- We have a big, beautiful ocean as separation. On top of this, Zelenskyy admits that half of the money we sent him is "MISSING." He refuses to have elections, is very low in Ukrainian polls, and the only thing he was good at was playing Biden "like a fiddle." A Dictator without Elections, Zelenskyy better move fast or he is not going to have a country left."

Arab leaders discuss alternative to Trump Gaza plan at Saudi Arabia meet



MI News Service: In response to U.S. President Donald Trump's proposal to evacuate and take control of the Gaza Strip, Arab leaders convened in Riyadh to formulate an alternative plan that emphasizes reconstruction without displacement.

The meeting, hosted by Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, included leaders from Egypt, Jordan, Qatar, the United

Arab Emirates, Kuwait, and Bahrain. Egypt presented a three-phase proposal focusing on recovery and rebuilding efforts, estimating the reconstruction cost at \$53 billion, with funding expected from Gulf nations.

A key aspect of the discussions was determining Gaza's governance during reconstruction, with a consensus to exclude Hamas and restore the Palestinian Authority's control.

The leaders plan to finalize a joint strategy at a summit in Cairo in March, reaffirming their commitment to a two-state solution and opposing any forced displacement of Gaza's residents.

Councillor Wasim Ansari Defrauded of ₹45 Lakh, Accused Arrested



MI News Service, Kolkata: An alleged huge financial fraud involving Kolkata Municipal Corporation's Ward No. 137 councillor, Wasim Ansari, has come to light. During a press conference, he revealed that Kaushik Basai, who was responsible for managing the GST portal of his company (WA), defrauded him of 44.65 lakh. This not only affected his financial condition but also created serious difficulties for his company.

According to the councillor Ansari, Kaushik Basai had been handling the financial affairs of his company for the past ten years. However, in 2021, while Ansari was engaged in election campaigns, Basai, along with another staff member, began a scheme of deception. He regularly withdrew amounts of 6-7 lakh via cheques or online transactions from the company's office and provided fake receipts.

In 2022, the situation worsened when the Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) withheld a payment of ₹1.65 crore due for work completed by Wasim Ansari's company. Investigations revealed that a significant amount of GST

remained unpaid. Further inquiries uncovered that Kaushik Basai had not only embezzled funds collected under the pretense of GST payments but had also altered the mobile number and email linked to the company's GST account. By registering his own details, he ensured that all official notices and messages were redirected to him. This prevented Wasim Ansari from discovering the fraud until GRSE informed him of the outstanding dues.

Upon uncovering the fraud, Wasim Ansari immediately filed an FIR against Kaushik Basai with the Metiabruz police station. Acting on the complaint, the police took him into custody. According to police sources, the accused was arrested on charges of fraud and produced him before Alipore Court which remanded him to police custody until March 1.

This financial fraud has not only caused huge losses to Wasim Ansari and his company but also resulted in financial damage to both the central and state governments. Police investigations are ongoing to identify other individuals who may have been involved in the scam.

UN chief condemns Hamas parading coffins in Gaza as "abhorrent and appalling"

MI News Service, United Nations: UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres condemned on Thursday as "abhorrent and appalling" the parading in Gaza of coffins bearing the remains of four hostages during a transfer to Israel.

"We have seen how Hamas handed over the bodies of a mother and two children from the Bibas family, as well as that of an 84-year-old man," said Stephanie Dujarric, the chief spokesman for Guterres. "I can tell you that the secretary-general condemns the parading of bodies and displaying of the coffins of the deceased hostages in the manner seen this (Thursday) morning, which is abhorrent and appalling."

The staged transfer to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) was before a crowd of onlookers in Khan Younis in southern Gaza. The black coffins, draped in white sheets by the ICRC, contained the remains of Shiri Bibas, her two children, Kfir, 9 months, and 4-year-old Ariel, and Oded Lifshitz, all killed while being held as hostages, were then handed over to Israel.

Dujarric said that under international law, any handover of the remains of the deceased must comply with the prohibition of cruel, in-

human or degrading treatment, ensuring respect for the dignity of the deceased and their families.

"The secretary-general reiterates his appeal to the parties to abide by their commitments and continue the full implementation of the ceasefire and hostage release deal," the spokesman said. "He urges the two parties to the conflict to respect the remains of the dead and to return them to their relatives, consistent with applicable obligations under international humanitarian law and human rights law."

Dujarric added that the United Nations has long been calling for the release of all hostages, a permanent ceasefire and irreversible progress toward a two-state solution.

Also in southern Gaza, the spokesman said, Director-General Amy Pope of the International Organization for Migration visited several areas to speak with residents needing shelter support.

Dujarric said she was accompanied by Muhammad Hadi, the world body's humanitarian coordinator for the Occupied Palestinian Territory, when meeting with humanitarian partners of the United Nations and the staff and heads of UN

agencies to discuss the ongoing response.

"Our humanitarian colleagues tell us that the scale-up of humanitarian assistance in Gaza continues," the spokesman said.

"Since the ceasefire came into effect, we and our partners have reached nearly everyone in Gaza with food parcels, with most families receiving more than one month of rations." He said the United Nations is preparing to support the third polio vaccination campaign across Gaza, which is set to resume on Saturday. Dujarric said that the World Health Organization (WHO) and the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) have warned that the current environment in Gaza creates ideal conditions for the further spread of the poliovirus, as transmission can happen in overcrowded shelters and when water, sanitation and hygiene infrastructure is damaged. "Also, we and our partners are helping health facilities across Gaza restore their services and increase capacity," he said.

"WHO is supporting with supplies and equipment, ensuring a three-month stock." Dujarric said that the Kamal Adwan Hospital has opened an outpatient department in North Gaza.

Pakshi's historic Isale Sawab concludes



Nurul Islam Khan

Bangladesh's historic Pakshi Mahfil ended on Saturday. The final prayer was offered by Furfurur's Gaddinshin Pir Shaykhul Hadith Shaykh Mishkat Siddiqui. He prayed for the welfare and peace of the people of the entire world. Lakhs of religious devotees from numerous districts attended the meeting. The meeting began on Wednesday. This four-day Mahfil entered its

73rd year this time.

The historical Islamic Jalsah of Pakshi, established by Furfura, was preached by Pir Abdullah Siddiqui, Pirzada Mujahid Siddiqui, Ayatullah Siddiqui, Pirzada Sawban Siddiqui, Pirzada Madani Siddiqui and Pirzada Miftahul Siddiqui and many others.

This famous gathering of the subcontinent was established by Pir Hazrat Baro Huzur Sahib. Then Pir Anzar Siddiqui and Pir Abu

Ibrahim Siddiqui and all the children of Baro Huzur enriched this gathering. Lakhs of listeners turned towards Allah during these four days. Renowned speakers of the subcontinent appeared in the gathering. Various educational institutions are running here for orphan children free of cost. There is also a system of higher and modern education. Various people-oriented social service works are going on here.

Qirat Competition and Islamic Jalsah in Banharishpur



Nurul Islam Khan

A two-day Islamic meeting was held in Banharishpur Khanpara, Howrah Panchla. The 53rd annual meeting of the Islamic Jalsah and the high-quality Qirat competition under the guidance of the youth leadership was completed on Saturday. Famous reciters from all over

Hafizhullah. Out of a total of 20 competitors, Qari Munshi Nizamuddin (Hooghly) won first place. Qari Md Ays Karni (Howrah) won second place. The third, fourth and fifth place winners also received prizes. On the last day, there was a gathering of Islamic culture including Ghazals and quizzes. Valuable prizes were given to the successful winners. Finally, in the Islamic Jalsa, Furfurur Ustazul Hadith Maulana Syed Amjad Hossain Bukhari offered the final prayer. Pirzada Maulana Mehrab Siddiqui and Pirzada Maulana Shafullah Siddiqui delivered sermons. Hafiz Maulana Shafiqul Islam Khan, Qari Syed Abdullah were present. The meeting was conducted by teacher Qari Shahruzzaman Khan.

Bengal participated in this meeting. The first prize of this grand competition was a big fridge, the second, third, fourth and fifth prizes were respectively washing machine, Geyser, and special attractive prizes were awarded for the fourth and fifth places. The judges were famous reciters Masudul Hasan, reciter Saiful Haque, reciter Moinuddin Saheb

Shubman Gill on India's mindset ahead of crucial clash against Pakistan



DUBAI [UAE] : As India prepares to take on Pakistan in the ICC Champions Trophy, vice-captain Shubman Gill shared his thoughts in a pre-match press conference. The highly anticipated encounter will see two fierce rivals battle it out, with history suggesting that anything can happen when these two teams meet.

Gill acknowledged the magnitude of the match but emphasized that the team remains focused on delivering their best performance.

"First of all, I think it is a big match, but I think the biggest match would obviously be the final that the team plays. And definitely, we have been playing some good ODI cricket. Pakistan, unfortunately, have lost some of the matches that they have played recently, but by no means are we going to take them as a lesser side. I think they have got a good side, and it is important for us to bring our A-game tomorrow," Gill said in the pre-match press conference.

The India-Pakistan rivalry has long been a topic of discussion, with many experts debating whether the match receives too much attention. Gill, however, believes that the hype is justified.

"I don't believe that over-hype or under-hype is a thing. India-Pakistan has a long history. It's an exciting contest when both these teams play. Everyone enjoys watching it. If so many people are happy to watch the match, then who are we to say that it is underhyped or overhyped? We go there to play cricket. Our effort is to play for the team I am playing for, to represent my country, and to win with all my heart," he said.

When asked about Pakistan's bowling attack, Gill refrained from singling out any specific threats but stressed the importance of adapting during the match.

"There is no such particular bowler, but every bowler has a day. Like a batsman has a day, so the day when it feels like someone is bowling well, we play him by taking less risk, I think we will assess them during the match," he noted.

Since taking on the role of vice-captain, Gill's on-field performance has seen a noticeable rise. He credited his responsibilities and interactions with the bowlers for this improvement.

"Whenever I am on the field, I think more so whenever we are out there fielding, having that talk with the bowlers to make sure that they are thinking the right way. And, bowlers, bowling in that heat, it's not easy for them, especially the fast bowlers. And Rohit has given me the responsibility whenever I am there at mid-off or covers to just have a word with them, see what they're thinking, and if they're thinking right. We as a team always have certain game plans that we try to follow throughout the match, and I just make sure that they are following those game plans," Gill said.

When asked if this responsibility has affected his batting, Gill dismissed the notion.

"I don't really think about that responsibility when I'm going out there as a batsman. Whenever I'm playing there, I just want to play as a batsman and do the best for my team," he remarked.

Gill has been in exceptional form. He was named Player of the Series against England in the ODI series recently and also scored a century against Bangladesh in India's opening match of the 2025 Champions Trophy in Dubai. As India prepares for the high-stakes encounter against Pakistan, all eyes will be on Gill and the rest of the squad as they aim to maintain their dominance over the Men in Green.

InBL Pro U25: Chennai Heat dominate Mumbai Titans with 86-69 win

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : The Chennai Heat delivered a commanding performance, overpowering the Mumbai Titans 86-69 at the Thyagraj Indoor Stadium in the InBL Pro U25 league on Friday.

Tad Dufelmeier was the star of the night, lighting up the scoreboard with 23 points and 9 rebounds to avenge the 70-85 loss to the Titans. While Malak Majak and Jack Stanwix combined for 30 points to fuel the Heat's explosive offense.

The Titans got off to a strong start, racing to a 6-0 lead as Elijah Puna and Gurwinder Singh found early buckets. The Heat struggled to get going, missing their first few shots until Stanwix broke the drought. But just as they started to find their rhythm, foul trouble set them back, allowing Lokendra Singh and Aaron Verghese Blossen to attack the rim and extend the Titans' lead. Then came the turning point. With Jaideep Rathore, Dufelmeier, and Majak drilling back-to-back threes, the Heat launched a blistering 14-0 run to steal the lead. Majak stayed hot, knocking down another deep three to start the second quarter, but Gurwinder Singh answered right back in a thrilling exchange of baskets.

As the Titans pushed the pace, the Heat tightened up on defence, forcing turnovers and converting fast breaks through Sejin Mathew and Stanwix. By half-time, the Heat had built a commanding 14-point lead.

The intensity only escalated in the third quarter. Liam Judd drained a corner three for the Titans, but the Heat responded with crucial defensive stops and buckets from Dufelmeier to maintain their cushion.

Durrell McDonald tried to spark a comeback with another three-pointer, cutting the deficit to eight, but the Heat refused to back down.

FC Goa look to finish second, as Kerala Blasters FC's playoff finish gets tough

FATORDA (GOA) : FC Goa will play Kerala Blasters FC at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Goa in the Indian Super League (ISL) 2024-25 on February 22, Saturday, at 7:30 pm IST, as per an ISL press release.

The Gaurs, who have already qualified for the playoffs, will be aiming to secure a second-placed finish, with four games remaining, having 39 points from 20 matches on the back of 11 victories and six draws. They are in promising form with four triumphs in the last five encounters, whereas Kerala Blasters FC are posi-

tioned eighth with 24 points in 20 encounters, having lost twice in their preceding three clashes.

The sixth-placed Bengaluru FC have 31 points, and Kerala Blasters FC will want to bridge this gap given that the Blues have been defeated thrice in their last four matches.

FC Goa have defeated Kerala Blasters FC in each of their last five games here, last losing a home game in front of the Kochi-based side way back in October 2016. Overall, the Gaurs have not faced a defeat in any of their previous seven clashes in

Fatorda, emerging victorious six times in the meantime.

Kerala Blasters FC were scoreless in their last away game as they faced a 0-3 setback against Mohun Bagan Super Giant. The last time they couldn't find the back of the net in successive away encounters was way back in December 2023, a feat they would not want to repeat anytime soon.

The Gaurs have made 131 high turnovers in ISL 2024-25, as their tally of 41 shot-ending high turnovers and eight goal-ending ones being the highest among all teams in 2024-25.

This allows them to unsettle the opposition in their own half and dictate the flow of the game in the adversary's final third.

FC Goa have notched 38 strikes, the fourth-most in the league so far, with Armando Sadiku (9) and Brison Fernandes (7) leading the charts, complemented by Iker Guarrotxena and Borja Herrera, scoring five times each.

The Kochi-based team have recorded the most goals by any team (77% - 23 out of 30) in the second-half of games, showing FC Goa can-

not let their guards down even if they secure a lead early on.

Kerala Blasters FC have produced the fifth-most goal-scoring opportunities (206) in ISL 2024-25, led by Adrian Luna (45) and Noah Sadaoui (38). The two sides have played each other in 21 games, with FC Goa and Kerala Blasters FC winning 12 and five times respectively, with four games producing draws.

FC Goa head coach Manolo Marquez heaped praise on Kerala Blasters FC's collective quality ahead of the game.



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