

Landsdown Place now becomes Pratul Mukhopadhyay Sarani: Mayor

The Landsdown Place from now on will be known as 'Pratul Mukhopadhyay Sarani'. On Monday, the Mayor of Kolkata Firhad Hakim mentioned that as a tribute to the iconic personality, the Landsdown Place hence forth would be known as Pratul Mukhopadhyay Sarani. **PG 3**



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World Bank admits that India is the fastest growing economy, says PM Modi

MI News Service, Bhopal: The World Bank has expressed confidence that India will continue to be the world's fastest growing economy in the coming years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said here on Monday. He was speaking after inaugurating the mega 'Invest Madhya Pradesh - Global Investors Summit-2025' in Bhopal to showcase the state's infinite possibilities for investors and industrialists. The World Bank had recently said in its Global Economic Prospects report that India will remain the fastest-growing major economy for next

two years, he said quoting the WB report. Modi also said the Deregulation Commission will help create investment-friendly regulatory ecosystem in the states. India is emerging as the top supply chain for global aerospace firms, he said. Textile, tourism and technology sectors will generate crores of jobs in the years to come, Modi said. The PM also unveiled 18 new policies of Madhya Pradesh Government, aimed at attracting major investment in the BJP-ruled state. "With a strong talent pool and thriving industries, Madhya Pradesh is becoming a preferred business destination," Modi said. "The speed of development in Madhya Pradesh has doubled after the formation of the 'double engine' government in the state," he said adding Madhya Pradesh is among the leading states in India's electric vehicles revolution. Modi said there are also several opportunities in the health and wellness sector in the country, adding, "The world is liking the 'heal in India' mantra". Prime Minister Narendra Modi Monday underscored Madhya Pradesh's rise as a premier business destination, attributing this



growth to the state's skilled workforce and flourishing industrial sectors, making it an attractive hub for investors. Addressing the Global Investors Summit 2025 inauguration here on Monday, the prime minister said, "World Bank has said India will continue to be world's fastest growing economy in years to come." He also emphasised India's increasing prominence in the global supply chain, particularly in the aerospace sector. "Textile, tourism and technology sectors will generate crores of jobs in the years to come, Modi said. Meanwhile, Adani Group Chairman Gautam

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West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee during a Government program on "Chikitsar R Ek Naam Seva" in Kolkata on Monday.

R.G.KAR MEDICAL COLLEGE & H

Mamata Banerjee reiterates her demand for maximum punishment for those behind RG Kar incident

MI News Service, Kolkata: Calling the murdered woman doctor of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital as her "sister" and extending her deepest condolences to the victim's parents, Chief minister Mamata Banerjee has once again reiterated her demand for the strictest punishment for those responsible for the heinous crime.

Speaking at a special gathering of senior and junior doctors and medical students at Dhono Dhanyo auditorium here on Monday, Chief minister Mamata Banerjee highlighted her government's efforts to ensure proper justice for the victim and emphasised the introduction of the Aparajita Bill, which seeks capital punishment for rape convicts.

"I'm not satisfied," Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said after a Sealdah court sentenced Sanjay Roy the lone convict in the rape and murder of the 31 year old lady Post Graduate trainee doctor in the state-run RG Kar Medical College and Hospital — to life imprisonment till death.

"I express my condolences to the family of my sister who was killed in the R G Kar hospital. We demand proper punishment in this case". She said. The sentencing comes two days after Additional District and Sessions Judge Anirban Das found Roy, a 35-year-old civil volunteer attached to the Kolkata Police, guilty of the August 9 rape and murder, which triggered massive protests by junior doctors as well the common

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Mamata Banerjee advices Helath Secretary to take steps to bridge differences with medics

MI News Service, Kolkata : Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who also holds the Health portfolio, has advised state Health Secretary Narayan Swarup Nigam to be more 'serious' in his work and asked him to ensure that there was no differences of opinion at any level. The Chief minister has made this observation after the role of the Health Secretary had repeatedly came under scanner in connection with the R G Kar rape and murder case last year.

In the RG Kar incident following the brutal rape and murder of a 31 year old lady doctor of the government run hospital on August 9, and during the subsequent public movement, one of the main demands of the agitating junior doctors was the removal of Nigam from the post of Health Secretary.

However, the Chief Minister has always stood by Nigam and every time she made it clear that it was not possible to accept the demand for the removal of the Health Secretary. But this time, Mamata's voice was heard on a public platform at the Doctors' conference at the 'Dhandhanya' auditorium on Monday where hundreds of senior and junior doctors and other medical students of the state were present.

In her over half an hour long speech at the conference in presence of Health Secretary Nigam and other top departmen-

tal officials, the Chief minister at the conclusion of her speech made the remark on the work of the Health Secretary asking him to be a little more 'serious'.

The Chief Minister said that 8 to 10 IAS officers have been appointed in the Health Department to help with administrative work. In addition, there are doctors. But still "There is always a disagreement among you. You should improve and intensify communication among yourselves a little more, and do a good job."

In her speech, the Chief Minister also expressed her condolences to the parents of bereaved doctor and the victim in the RG Kar rape and murder case. She also made it clear that the state government is in favor of a stern and just punishment for the culprit of the heinous crime.

Mamata Banerjee also reminded that she herself had taken to the streets demanding stern punishment for the culprit in the RG Kar case. The Chief Minister also advised the officials to be more proactive to prevent the 'defamation' campaign against the Health Department. "A lot of work has been done for the improvement of condition of the Health department. But some people were out to defame us for one or two things." The Chief Minister told the assembled doctors that someone had complained

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Mamata Banerjee announces hike in salaries of Senior Resident Doctors in Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee has announced a major revision of the salaries of senior resident doctors across all levels by Rs 15,000.

As a result, Diploma-holding senior resident doctors will now receive Rs 80,000 instead of Rs 65,000, while Post-Graduate senior resident doctors will get Rs 85,000 instead of Rs 70,000. Additionally, Post-Doctorate senior doctors, who currently earn Rs 75,000, will now receive Rs 1 lakh.

of senior resident doctors across all levels by Rs 15,000."

Therefore, we have decided to raise the salaries

CM Rekha Gupta and others take oath as Delhi's first assembly session begins

MI News Service, New Delhi : The first session of the newly constituted Delhi Assembly commenced on Monday with BJP MLA Arvinder Singh Lovely taking the oath as the pro-tem Speaker and was administered the oath by Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena at the beginning.

After that Chief minister Rekha Gupta was the first to take the oath as an MLA, followed by her six Cabinet ministers. The remaining MLAs were sworn in thereafter. While all other newly elected legislators took oath either in Hindi or English, Kapil

Mishra (BJP) took oath in Sanskrit, Sanjeev Jha (AAP) in Maithili and Manjinder Singh Sirsa (BJP) in Punjabi.

The proceedings began with legislators singing Vande Mataram. Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva was present in the Speaker's gallery to witness the session.

The election for the new Speaker is set to take place later, with BJP MLA Vijender Gupta likely to assume the position.

According to the Delhi Assembly bulletin, Lieutenant Governor (LG) VK Saxena will

address the assembly on February 25, following which the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) reports will be tabled. Later that day, the assembly will open the floor for the motion of thanks on the LG's address.

"The most important thing is going to come. We said that we should put the CAG report on the House table in the first session. This is people's hard-earned money, which the previous government misused. They will have to account for each penny before the people," the chief minister had said.

On Sunday, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLAs chose former chief minister Atishi as the Leader of Opposition in the Delhi Assembly.

With this, Atishi becomes the first woman to hold the post. AAP supreme Arvind Kejriwal was also part of the meeting of the party's 22 MLAs where Atishi was picked.

In a press conference, AAP's Delhi unit convenor Gopal Rai said by consensus all AAP MLAs have chosen Atishi as the Leader of Opposition (LOP).

"AAP will show what a strong opposition's role is in the

House and will raise all issues with full force. AAP will ensure that the BJP fulfils all its promises as the party in power. Specifically, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's promise to provide 2,500 to women in the city by March 8. We promise that we will make the Rekha Gupta-led BJP government fulfil this promise," Atishi was quoted as saying. The BJP ousted AAP from power in Delhi, winning 48 of the 70 seats in the assembly polls held on February 5. Kejriwal, Sisodia and several top leaders of the party lost their seats in the polls.

From Urdu to Sanskrit: MLAs take oath in six languages as Delhi Assembly session begins

MI News Service, New Delhi: Demonstrating the linguistic diversity of the legislature, the newly elected MLAs of both the ruling BJP and the Opposition AAP of the Delhi Assembly took their oaths in six different languages from Hindi and English to Pujabi, Sanskrit, Urdu and even in, Maithili on the opening day of the new session on Monday.

The session also marked the BJP's return to power after 27 long years and its shift to the right side of the Speaker's chair.

However, prior to the formal beginning of the new session, BJP MLA Arvinder Singh Lovely was sworn in as the pro-tem Speaker of the eighth Assembly and administered the oath by Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena at the Raj Niwas. As the senior-most legislator, Lovely, who took his oath in Hindi, later oversaw the swearing-in of all the 69 other newly elected MLAs of the 70 member House. Chief Minister Rekha Gupta was the first to take the oath, followed by her six Cabinet minis-

ters. Delhi PWD Minister Parvesh Sahib Singh Verma and Home Minister Ashish Sood were the next in line and all of them took their oath in Hindi.

Environment Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa took his oath in Punjabi, while Law and Justice Minister Kapil Mishra opted for Sanskrit. Several other MLAs took oaths in different languages. Karnail Singh took oath in Punjabi, while Pradyumn Rajput and Neelam Pahwalwan chose Sanskrit. BJP's Tarvinder Marwah chanted religious slogans after reading the printed text, to which the Speaker objected, reminding him that it was not a Gurudwara. Amanatullah Khan (Urdu), Chandan Chaudhary (Maithili), Ajay Dutt (English), and Gajendra Yadav (Sanskrit) also took their oaths, with the Speaker consistently instructing members to follow the official oath format. Other MLAs who took their oaths in Sanskrit included Sanjay Goel, Jitendra Mahajan, Ajay

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President Droupadi Murmu highlights the need for more women in UN peacekeeping missions

MI News Service, New Delhi: It is essential to induct more women in UN peacekeeping missions as they are better equipped to address gender-based violence, build trust and promote dialogue, President Droupadi Murmu said on Monday.

Addressing a group of women peacekeepers who had called on the president at Rashtrapati Bhavan, she said the presence of women in a peace-

keeping mission made it more diverse and inclusive.

"Women peacekeepers often have greater access to local communities and can serve as role models for women and children. They are better equipped to address gender-based violence, build trust and promote dialogue," Murmu said.

United Nations, India remains a cornerstone of UN peacekeeping and its women

peacekeepers have demonstrated that missions with greater female representation improve operational outcomes and contribute to lasting peace, the United Nations peacekeeping chief has said.

UN Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations Jean-Pierre Lacroix will visit New Delhi this week to attend the conference 'Enhancing the Role of Women in Peacekeeping: A

Global South Experience' being organised by India on February 24-25. "India remains a cornerstone of UN peacekeeping" and "Indian women peacekeepers are redefining peacekeeping itself," Lacroix said here on Monday. Noting that it's a "privilege" to attend the conference in India, Lacroix said the gathering would bring together women officials from about 50 countries in the Global South to

discuss the evolving challenges in peacekeeping and the critical role women play in advancing peace and security. "More women in peacekeeping means a more effective peacekeeping. India has long been a leader in advancing women, peace and security in peacekeeping missions—not only as a top troop and police contributor but

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Kolkata Corporation's budget session was attended by Chairperson Mala Roy, Mayor Firad Hakim, Debashish Kumar and other MIC members reading the budget in the council and members' meeting room, on Monday

Haryana voters cast their votes in Murshidabad too!

MI News Service, Murshidabad: Fake voters were caught again. Voters from North Bengal are in the voter list of Champahati Panchayat. But this is just the tip of the iceberg. More big information came to light in the investigation of TV 9 Bangla. The epic number of a voter from Raninagar in Murshidabad, there are different voters with the same number. It is learned that the epic number of a voter from Raninagar is matching the epic number of a voter in Barwala Assembly constituency of Haryana. The same picture is also in Gangarampur of Dakshin Dinajpur. The question arises, are there Haryana voters in Murshidabad? The epic number of the voter card is the same but the voters are different.

Golam Masum, a voter of Raninagar Block 2 in Murshidabad, has the same EPIC number on his voter card as another person living in Haryana. Meanwhile, Golam claims that he has never been outside the state, let alone Haryana. However, not only Golam, but the EPIC numbers of about fifteen other voters in Raninagar are matching the EPIC numbers of Haryana voters. As soon as the whole issue came to light, voters approached the District Election Commission.

In this context, Mohammad Pintu Sheikh said, "Two names with the same number. It is in Haryana. I have voted many times. The same number is in Haryana too." Another person said, "I went out once for work. But I voted here." Another said, "My EPIC number has matched with people from other states." A local Trinamool leader said, "This is a conspiracy of the BJP. Let the Election Commissioner investigate."

Acting Chief Electoral Officer Dibyendu Das said, "No, it doesn't happen like that. The card number is different. Each unit is different. Such complaints are being investigated. The ERO is responsible for checking the voter card. If there is a mistake, he cancels the card. He is responsible for granting permission or cancellation. Apart from these complaints, if the card is duplicated for any other reason, the administration will look into it. If it will take action."

6 including 5 tourists from Bengal killed in collision with dumper

MI News Service, Burdwan: Went on a trip to Gujarat. There, 6 people, including 5 tourists from Bengal, died in a collision between a car and a dumper. Among the dead are 3 members of the same family, 4 more people were injured in the accident. 4 of the dead live in Burdwan city. One person lives in Asansol. Another deceased is a driver of the car. His home is in Gujarat.

According to police sources, the accident took place on the highway near Navi Morwad village under Chuda police station in Surendranagar district of Gujarat. A dumper hit their car, causing it to overturn. Five people, including two women, died on the spot. Another person died later in the hospital. 9 people from Shyamalal and Badshahi Road areas of Burdwan went on a trip to Gujarat on February 10. The deceased Debabrata Mukherjee, Rita Mukherjee and Ritabrata Mukherjee belong to the same family. Their home is in Badshahi Road Rabinayakan area of Ward No. 1 of Burdwan Municipality.

KMC meeting during budget session transformed into battlefield

MI News Service, Kolkata: A meeting of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) was held over the issue of polluted water on Monday. The budget session was marred by controversies. BJP's ward number 22 councillor and former deputy mayor Mina Devi Purohit was speaking at the meeting. After that, the Trinamool councillor first went to the discussion and reminded Meena Devi Purohit about the efficient management of Gangasagar. Following this, the BJP members walked out of the House.

However, it became a battleground in the Kolkata Municipal Corporation when councillor Arup Chakraborty, who had just been removed from the post of Trinamool spokesperson, started talking about the mismanagement of the Kumbh. Later, BJP councillors Sajal Ghosh, Meena Devi Purohit and Bijoy Ojha protested over the issue. Sajal Ghosh complained to chairperson Mala Roy inside the room that Arup Chakraborty had hurt the religious sentiments of the people of a particular religion. In this way, there is no point in raising the issue of Kumbh in the budget session of Kolkata Municipal Corporation. But the bickering continues. The opposition BJP councillors got infuriated over the incident.

During the session, Sajal Ghosh alleged that many in the ruling party had taken a bath in the Kumbh. Later, Arup Chakraborty, councillor of ward 110, came out of the room and targeted BJP councillor Sajal Ghosh. He alleged that the budget of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) was aimed at communalising the city. Therefore, they are talking about Kumbh in the budget of Kolkata Municipal Corporation, alleged Arup Chakraborty, councillor of 110 ward. He alleged that the Kumbh is BJP's property. Can anyone go there without the BJP? he asked.

Councillor Sajal Ghosh of Ward No. 50 took a dig at Arup Chakraborty. His complaint was that he could not speak for the removal of Arup Chakraborty from the post of mouthpiece. They need to eat the people. Half of the Trinamool representatives have taken a bath in the Kumbh. What diseases do they have? Stomach upset. Arup Chakraborty could not get rid of all the sins. Arup Chakraborty is in the luggage whose responsibility is to protect him. They are constantly discussing the Kumbh Kumbh. Sajal Ghosh also questioned the role of tea baron Mala Roy. His complaint was repeatedly complained to Mala Roy, but he did not pay heed to our complaint, alleged Sajal Ghosh. We will provide it to any testing lab. If there was something in the budget, the budget would have been discussed. There is no difference, there is only a deficit of Rs 2 crore. 14 per annum is paid. Sajal Ghosh complained that the money was not being given for three years. He says there is nothing in the budget. Therefore, they are repeatedly talking about the Kumbh, alleged Sajal Ghosh.

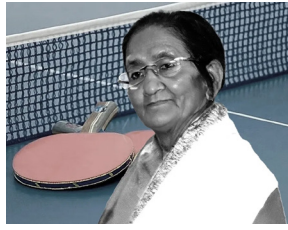
His counter-allegation was that Arup Chakraborty could not speak for his removal from the post of mouthpiece. They need to eat the people. Half of the Trinamool representatives have come to the Kumbh bathing. What diseases do they have? Stomach upset. Arup Chakraborty could not get rid of all the sins. Arup Chakraborty is in the luggage whose responsibility is to protect him. They are constantly discussing the Kumbh Kumbh. Sajal Ghosh also questioned the role of tea baron Mala Roy. His complaint was repeatedly complained to Mala Roy, but he did not pay heed to our complaint, alleged Sajal Ghosh. We will provide it to any testing lab. If there was something in the budget, the budget would have been discussed. There is no difference, there is only a deficit of Rs 2 crore. 14 per annum is paid. Sajal Ghosh complained that the money was not being given for three years.

11 arrested in Nadia for fake docu submission to withdraw SIM

MI News Service, Kalyani: On the basis of information from CID, the cops of Ranaghat Police District in Nadia conducted raids at nine police station areas on Sunday night and arrested 11 persons, police said. They are all sellers of SIMs, police said. Ranaghat Police District conducted raids at all its nine PS and recovered 150 pieces of mobile SIMs. Allegedly, the SIM sellers used other documents to withdraw SIMs for unauthorised persons and some

Legendary TT Coach Bharati Ghosh passes away

MI News Service, Kolkata: Many TT players have emerged from Siliguri at the all-India and international levels. And one of its craftsmen is Bharati Ghosh. Bharati Ghosh, who had repeatedly won on the TT court, could no longer fight the battle of life. She was known as 'Ba' in the sports world. She was 83 years old at the time of her death. She had been suffering from old age-related diseases for several months. Legendary table tennis coach Bharati Ghosh passed away on Monday due to old age. Aroop Biswas the Bengal sports minister said: From Ar-



peace to her departed soul. Siliguri table tennis and Bharati Ghosh are synonymous. However, in terms of coaching, she did not let age be a barrier. She has fulfilled her responsibilities. She has coached many underprivileged and special needs children. She dedicated her life to table tennis. She has hand-picked and developed TT players. Her students have represented the country at the all-India level as well as on the international stage. She entered the world of TT with the help of her brother's friend. There was no coach. She started playing TT with a handful of girls. She learned the game by watching seniors. She was introduced to this game at a very young age. Gradually, she came to the idea that she would give importance to developing players. At least 3,000 TT players have emerged under her guidance.

Release of the Book 'Dharma, Darshan O Samaj' by Philosopher Krishnachandra Bhattacharyya

MI News Service, Kolkata: The unpublished Bengali essays of renowned philosopher Krishnachandra Bhattacharyya have been compiled into a book titled Dharma, Darshan O Samaj, which was released at the H.L. Roy Auditorium of Jadavpur University. Former professor of the Philosophy Department at the University of Calcutta, Prabal Kumar Sen, officially launched the book.

Krishnachandra Bhattacharyya is considered one of the foremost Indian philosophers of the 20th century. He served as the fifth George Professor of the Philosophy Department at the University of Calcutta. In his numerous essays, written in both Bengali and English, he provided a lucid explanation of Hinduism's nature in Indian philosophy, the significance of religious reform, the dynamics of social reform, and the philosophical essence of the Bhagavad Gita. The book has been meticulously edited by Professor Nirmalya Narayan Chakraborty, Vice-Chancellor of Presidency University, by compiling Bhattacharyya's handwritten manuscripts. It has been jointly published by Dey's Publishing and the Bhaktivandana Research Center.

Huge gathering just across Kaliachak -Habibpur! BSF keeping a sharp eye

MI News Service, Malda: Hizb ut Tahrir is active on the border! Preparations are underway to seize the highest state power with the help of various radical organizations! Sources say that they are even moving towards creating an Islamic military force. It is said that this organization is already spreading its net by taking advantage of the unrest in Bangladesh. Intelligence sources say that Malda district is being used as a corridor in that regard.

Chapainawabganj and Shibganj in Bangladesh are located across the border of Malda district. And these militant organizations are most active in these districts and upazilas of Bangladesh. It is alleged that militant infiltration attempts are being made with the help of some extremist fundamentalists from the other side. National Security Advisor Ajit Doval recently visited the state. The topic of Malda district came up. After that, the BSF has been instructed to increase surveillance.

Strict surveillance is being maintained at the borders of Kaliachak, Golapganj, Vaishnavnagar, Habibpur areas of Malda. That surveillance has been further increased at the Sukhdevpur border. It is known that radical fundamentalists have been organizing in Chapainawabganj, on the other side of Sukhdevpur, for the last three days. At a religious event in Chapainawabganj, radical fundamentalists were called to organize. Lakhs of people gathered there.

In that district of Bangladesh, the Language Day was not celebrated on February 21, the slogan of 'Jai Bangla' has been banned, the so-called school textbooks have been thrown away and the demand for compulsory teaching of the Quran and Hadith has been raised. Not only that, anti-India discussions were also held at a function there. Radical fundamentalist leaders were also present there, with whom Zakir Naik is said to have contacts, according to sources. The BSF is also keeping a close eye on this religious function near the Malda border. The BSF has given a report on the situation, which is worrying. The Indian government banned Hizb ut-Tahrir on October 13 last year. But the organization is active again in the unstable situation in Bangladesh.

Sutandra's mother is mourning the loss of everything, wants accused to be punished

MI News Service, Chandannagar: She used to dance very well since childhood. She grew up to become a dancer. The tragic death of Sutandra Chatterjee of Chandannagar has cast a shadow of grief. The mother is unable to accept the fate of her lifeless daughter. She lost her husband to cancer a few months ago. And now her daughter has passed away prematurely. Sutandra's mother is heartbroken after losing everything. The neighbors are demanding strict punishment for the accused youths for whom this incident happened.



Sutandra Chatterjee lives in Nadua Roy Para in Chandannagar. Her father, Sukanta Chatterjee, was a railway contractor. He died of cancer nine months ago. Sutandra's elderly grandmother, great-grandmother and mother live in Nadua. The mother was devastated when she heard the news of her daughter's death. It is learnt that Sutandra and four others left their house at around 10 pm on Sunday. They had rented a small car and left for Gaya from Chandannagar. As soon as they filled up with petrol from a petrol pump in Budbud, Durgapur and entered National Highway 19, some youths started harassing Sutandra. They chased them in a small white car. It is claimed that the accused youths were all drunk. The entertainers started making obscene gestures. They started cursing. Then they chased them in their car. Sutandra's car driver got really scared after this incident. He took the car towards Panagarh in Kankasa. Even then, there was no escape. Sutandra was hit by the white-coloured entertainers' car, which was speeding at high speed, while chasing him. The car overturned immediately. Sutandra died on the spot. The Kankasa police station has started an investigation into the incident. Mohit Nandi, a councillor of Ward No. 2 of Chandannagar Municipality, reached their new home after receiving the news. He said, "Sutandra's father Sukant was my classmate. It hasn't even been a year yet, and he has passed away. I can't accept the news of my daughter's death in the meantime. If what I am hearing is true, then such miscreants should not be forgiven."



The award distribution ceremony was held on Monday after the two-day MLA Cup held at Banskheria Ganges Jute Mill Ground. MLA Tapan Dasgupta can be seen handing over the MLA Cup to the winning team.

Bengal Govt committed to eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis by Year 2027

MI News Service, Howrah: Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal is conducting the Mass Drug Administration (MDA) program for elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) in 11 endemic districts of the state. Alipurduar, Jalpaiguri, Kalimpong, Uttar Dinajpur, Dakshin Dinajpur, Murshidabad, Birbhum, Paschim Bardhaman, Purulia, Bankura, and Howrah District, from Monday, February 24th 2025 to March 2nd, 2025 and then again from April 7th to 12th, 2025.



Top Health Officials in the Department of Health & Family Welfare, along with District Magistrates, inaugurated MDA February round by consuming anti-filarial medicines. Medicines were administered to other dignitaries and beneficiaries present at the event too. During the launch ceremony, Chief Medical Officer of Health of HOWRAH, Dr. Kisanlal Dutta said, "During MDA round, it will be ensured that everyone except children below 2 years, pregnant women and seriously ill people consume the prescribed dosage of the anti-filaria medication in the presence of trained health workers." He also stressed that, "Under this programme, the participation of community is extremely crucial, if beneficiaries in large numbers

consume anti-filaria drugs, it will break the chain of transmission, and we will be able to eliminate LF completely to reach the goal of elimination by 2027." Dr. Sibasis Das, The District Vector Borne Disease Programme Officer (Deputy CMOH II), Howrah, said that "Filaria is a serious public health problem which is transmitted through mosquito bites. Filaria is one of the leading causes of long-term disability worldwide, commonly acquired in childhood but manifested in adulthood; this infection damages the lymphatic system and causes abnormal swelling of the body parts which is irreversible. People with Filariasis often suffer from manifestations such as Hydrocele, lymphoedema. The condition affects livelihoods, opportunities and working capacity of those suffering from Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) and they often become a victim of social stigma. The Mass Drug Administration

Grand Religious Procession in Kolkata on occasion of Swami Pranavananda's Birth Anniversary and Shivratri

MI News Service, Kolkata: A grand and colorful procession was held in South Kolkata to mark the 130th birth anniversary of Swami Pranavananda Maharaj, the founder of Bharat Sevashram Sangha, Kolkata. It then passed through Rashbehari Avenue, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Road, Ashutosh Mukherjee Road, Ramesh Mitra Road, Sarat Bose Road, and Hazra Road before returning to Ballygunge. Swami Bishwatmananda Maharaj, the Principal secretary of the Sangha, inaugurated the procession, with local councillor Sudar-

shana Mukherjee also in attendance. Swami Bishwatmananda Maharaj stated that the event was organized to celebrate both Swami Pranavananda's birth anniversary and Shivratri. A two-day Hindu religious and cultural conference is scheduled at the Sangha's headquarters on Tuesday and Wednesday, featuring speeches from several eminent personalities. Special arrangements are being made to facilitate devotees in worshipping Lord Shiva during Shivratri, with monks and volunteers assisting in the process.

Stellar performance: CLW's All-time Best ever Production



MI News Service, Chittaranjan: In a befitting celebration of Glorious 75 years of CLW & 100 years of electric traction in Indian Railways...

PM Modi releases 19th installment of PM Kisan

MI News Service, New Delhi: In line with his commitment towards ensuring Farmers welfare, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Mo on Monday released the 19th instalment of PM KISAN from Bhagalpur, Bihar.



around 1.25 crore Lakhpati Didis were created across the country, including thousands of Jeevika Didis in Bihar. India's milk production has increased from 14 crore tons to 24 crore tons over the past decade...

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She wasn't properly advised: J&K assembly speaker counters Mehbooba Mufti's "martial law" remark

MI News Service, Jammu: Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather on Monday cited rules of procedure and conduct of business in the assembly and Lok Sabha to counter former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti's "martial law" remark.

Arms supplier of Baba Safidon gang held in Mumbai while trying to flee to Dubai

MI News Service, New Delhi: Delhi Police's crime branch arrested a "Baba Safidon" gang member, identified as Bhola Shankar, 26-year-old Shankar was wanted in relation to various cases in Haryana and Delhi...

Baba, a local from his village, Malar, Jind, Haryana. Monti alias Bunty alias Baba and his associates were involved in an alleged murder in Gohana, Sonapat. "Over time, a rivalry developed between Bhola and Monti..."



OFFICE OF THE BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICER & EGRA-1 PANCHAYAT SAMITY. Memo:277 Date 24.02.2025. 1.e-Tender is hereby invited by the BDO/EO, Egra-1 Dev. Block/Egra-1 PS, Purba Medinipur...

Notice Inviting Tender: Sri Sri Ramkrishna Gram Panchayat Kak-Kalinagar Hp Coastal, Kakdwip. It is hereby notified that a E-Tender is invited as per Memo No 434/RKGP/15th FC/UNTIED/2025 of 15th FC Fund (UNTIED) 1 nos CC/Road at kailashnagar AND ANOTHER E TENDER 435/RKGP/15th FC/TIED/2025 of 15th FC TIED Drain at Matliar Chak, Drain at Daser Chak at Culvert at Hriday Market. Last Date of Submission 03.03.2025 and will be opened on 05.03.2025.

Kodialia-I Gram Panchayat Chinsurah St. Road, Chinsurah, Hooghly. Notice Inviting e-Tender: e-Tender is invited from Reputed, Bonafied Tenderer for execution of 01 no. of development work vide NIT No.: 952/1(8)/25 SL_1, Date: 17.02.2025.

Baruipara Paltagarh Gram Panchayat VIII+ P.O.- Baruipara, P.S.- Singur, Dist.- Hooghly. Notice Inviting e-Tender: Prodhan, Baruipara Paltagarh Gram Panchayat invites e-Tender under NIT No.- 28/BP (SI.- 1-8) & 29/BP (SI.- 1-3), Date: 24.02.2025.

Conversion of UTS Counter into UTS-cum-PRS Counter at Gangnapur Station. For the better convenience of passengers, following existing UTS counter at Gangnapur Station will be converted into UTS-cum-PRS counter in the morning shift to issue Reserved and Unreserved tickets simultaneously from the same counter with the following working time schedule for reserved ticketing (PRS).

EASTERN RAILWAY Tender No. SDSTE-TR-ASTE-TELE-BDC-25 dated 21.02.2025. Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building near Railway station, Howrah-711101 invites open Tender in single packet system against Tender No. SDSTE-TR-ASTE-TELE-BDC-25 closing date 17.03.2025 at 15:00 hrs.

Mirzapur Bankipur Gram Panchayat Mirzapur Bankipur, Singur, Hooghly, 712409. Notice Inviting e-Tender: e-Tenders are invited from bonafied resourceful contractor for execution of 03 nos. development works under 15th FC (Untied) & 5th SFC (Tied) Fund vide Memo No.: 65/MB/2023-24/5thSFC/Tied, 66/MB/2024-25/15th FC/Untied & 67/MB/2024-25/15thFC/Untied, Date: 22.02.2025.

KULTALI PANCHAYAT SAMITY Jamtala, Jalabaria, South 24 PGS. Tender Notice: Tenders are hereby invited by the undersigned for different works vide Tender ref. no.-04/KUL/S24PGS/2025 & 05/KUL/S24PGS/2025, Dt.- 21/02/25. Last date of submission- 03/03/25 up to 6.55 P.M. For more details please visit www.wbtenders.gov.in & Kultali Panchayat Samity.

Conservative CDU/CSU leads German federal election: exit polls

MI News Service, Berlin: Germany's conservative bloc, the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and the Christian Social Union (CSU), has taken the lead in the country's 2025 federal election, according to exit polls released by broadcaster ARD on Sunday evening. The exit polls show that CDU/CSU secured 29 percent of the vote, followed by the Alternative for Germany (AfD) with 19.5 percent and the Social Democratic Party (SPD) with 16 percent. The Greens came in fourth with 13.5 percent, ahead of Die Linke with 8.5 percent. The Free Democratic Party (FDP) and Sahra Wagenknecht Alliance (BSW) are projected to receive 4.9 percent and 4.7 percent, respectively. The election will determine the composition of the next Bundestag, Germany's lower house of parliament. The newly elected parliament will select Germany's next chancellor following coalition negotiations among parties.

Israel to maintain "indefinite" presence in Syria's Mount Hermon, buffer zone: Netanyahu



MI News Service, Jerusalem: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Sunday that Israel will maintain an indefinite military presence at the peak of Mount Hermon and in the buffer zone along the Syrian border. The Israel Defense Forces "will remain at the top of Mount Hermon and the buffer zone indefinitely to protect our settlements and thwart any threat," said Netanyahu at an officers' course graduation ceremony in Holon city, south of Tel Aviv.

Netanyahu called on Syria's new government to implement a "full demilitarization" of southern Syria, including the provinces of Quneitra, Daraa, and As-Suwayda.

He also warned that Israel "would not permit" forces affiliated with Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, a militant group led by Syria's interim President Ahmed al-Sharaa, or the new Syrian army to enter the area south of Damascus. In December, following the fall of Bashar al-Assad's government, Israel deployed ground forces into the buffer zone, a demilitarized area between the Israeli-controlled Golan Heights and Syria. The buffer zone is monitored by the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF), which was established under the 1974 Agreement on Disengagement. Israel later captured the Syrian-controlled side of Mount Hermon.

Iranians commemorate Hezbollah's late leaders

MI News Service, Tehran: Iranians on Sunday held ceremonies in different cities to commemorate Hezbollah's former leaders Hassan Nasrallah and Hashem Safieddine, both of whom were killed in Israeli attacks on Beirut last year.

The ceremony in the Iranian capital Tehran was held at Imam Khomeini's Mosalla, a large prayer hall, and drew a significant crowd. Among the attendees were President Masoud Pezeshkian and Chief Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Hossein Salami. People waved the flags of Hezbollah and Lebanon and chanted slogans against Israel and the United States, while voicing support for the resistance front. Speaking to reporters at the ceremony, the Iranian president said the "enemies" thought that they could stop the resistance by "martyring one or two individuals, but this is impossible." Delivering a speech at the gathering, the IRGC's chief commander described Nasrallah and Safieddine as two "luminous and shining stars" and symbols of resistance in the Muslim world.



He added that during the war between Israel and Hamas in Gaza, Hezbollah entered the scene and single-handedly changed the equation in the conflict. Nasrallah was assassinated on Sept. 27, 2024, in an Israeli airstrike targeting Hezbollah's headquarters in the Haret Hreik neighborhood of Beirut's Dahieh suburb. Safieddine, widely regarded as Nasrallah's successor, was killed in a subsequent Israeli airstrike on Oct. 3, 2024, also in the Dahieh suburb.

Asia's First Global Hyperloop Competition 2025 Concludes, Rly Minister Emphasizes Continued Innovation



MI News Service, Kolkata, New Delhi: The successful conclusion of Asia's first Global Hyperloop Competition 2025 was held by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw participated in the closing ceremony via video conferencing. On this occasion, IIT Madras Director Dr. V. Kamakoti was present at the Rail Bhavan and highlighted the objectives of the competition.

The Railway Minister addressed the participants and students of the Indian Institute of Technology, stating that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision is

to propel the country towards innovation. This is why we are able to collaborate with educational institutions today. He also mentioned that he had been part of the award-winning team, Avishkar. The teams that excelled in the competition were awarded prestigious titles, such as the Best Demonstration Team Award, Demonstration of Braking and Traction System, and Best Sub-system (Mechanical). These awards not only recognize their hard work and innovation but also showcase India's young scientists and engineers' world-class abilities.

Their achievements will play a crucial role in propelling the country toward a future of transportation revolution.

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw also mentioned that IIT Madras had succeeded in establishing 5G technology, with India leading the world in the fastest 5G rollout. In this context, Indian Railways and IIT Madras will collaborate to work on a Vertical Takeoff and Landing Vehicle, which will be funded by Indian Railways. This will be a significant step in promoting modern and innovative changes in travel modes.

During the event, several dignitaries, including Railway Board Chairman and CEO Shri Satish Kumar, were also present. India's first Hyperloop test track is 422 meters long and is located at IIT Madras, Chennai. This partnership between Indian Railways and the education sector strengthens India's position in global railway innovation and advanced travel technologies.

Israel deploys tanks in northern West Bank for first time since 2002

MI News Service, West Bank: The Israeli army deployed tanks in the northern occupied West Bank on Sunday, February 23, for the first time since Operation Defensive Shield in 2002. The move is reportedly aimed at "strengthening military operations in the region."

"IDF forces, the Shin Bet security service and the Border Police continue their operations to thwart terrorism in northern Samaria (the West Bank) and expand their offensive activities in the area," the army said in a statement on the X. "Forces from the Nahal Brigade and the Duvdevan Unit have begun operating in additional towns in the Jenin area, and at the same time a tank platoon will operate in Jenin as part of the offensive effort."

"The forces continue their work in the Jenin and Tulkarm areas," the statement added. According to the Hebrew daily Yedioth Ahronoth, "For the first time since the Second Intifada, Palestinians documented Merkava tanks in the West Bank; and the Israeli army announced the expansion of Operation Iron Wall." This development comes amid escalating Israeli military operations across several northern West Bank governorates, particularly targeting Palestinian refugee camps for the 34th consecutive day. At least 60 people have been killed, and tens of thousands of Palestinians have been forced to flee their homes as Israel continues demolishing residences and infrastructure in the occupied West Bank. On Friday, February 21, the Israeli army announced the deployment of three additional battalions to the West Bank, following orders from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to carry out a "strong operation" in the area. Since the start of the conflict in the Gaza Strip on October 7, 2023, Israeli forces and settlers have intensified attacks across the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. These assaults have resulted in the deaths of at least 923 Palestinians, injuries to approximately 7,000 others, and the arrests of 14,500 people.

Indian Railways Moving Towards 'Net Zero' Carbon: Ashwini Vaishnaw

MI News Service, Bhopal: Indian Railways rapidly moving towards achieving its 'Net Zero' carbon target. Railway Minister emphasized the goal of sourcing more energy from renewable energy sources. New Delhi: While addressing investors and entrepreneurs at the Global Investors Summit 2025 held in Bhopal, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw elaborated on the vision of Indian Railways concerning electrification and the use of alternative energy sources. The Minister, who joined the summit via video conferencing, stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has set the target for Indian Railways to achieve 'Net Zero' carbon emissions. To achieve this, Indian Railways will complete 100% electrification by the fiscal year 2025-26. The next goal is to source as much energy as possible from renewable energy sources. In this regard, the Railways has already tied up with renewable energy sources for 1,500 Megawatts of power. The recently signed 170 Megawatt MoU PPA with Madhya Pradesh



marks an important step in this direction. We are also keen to purchase wind and nuclear power energy. The Railway Minister further appealed to all states through this platform, urging them to supply as much renewable, wind, hydro, or nuclear power energy as possible to Indian Railways. He added that the model under which the Railway Ministry and Madhya Pradesh government are working is based on mutual understanding. Under this model, Madhya Pradesh's power generators and Railways sign a PPA (Power Purchase Agreement). This model can be replicated in other states across the country.

The Minister also mentioned that for the fiscal year 2025-26, the honorable Prime Minister has allocated a historic budget of ₹14,745 crores for Madhya Pradesh's railway development. This is the largest budget allocation ever for the state. Before 2014, around 29 km of railway track was laid annually in Madhya Pradesh. Now, 230 km of track is being laid every year, meaning the pace of work has increased by 7.5 times, and the funding has increased by 23 times. He lauded the efforts of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, who is constantly engaging with officials to boost railway development in the state.

Digital Media's State Conference held



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Currently, the acceptability of digital media has increased significantly. On the other hand, journalists are also facing various problems in collecting and presenting news. Keeping all these things in mind, the Digital Media's (YouTuber) State Conference was held at the Kolkata Press Club on Sunday. Many problems were raised in the meeting. The Digital Media Federation has raised the issues that they do not get even a fraction of the facilities that the mainstream media enjoys. Numerous medias were present at the first state conference initiated by the organization. Some demands for fair yet fundamental rights were put forward. For example: Establishing a separate press club for digital media. They demanded the provision of health insurance and life insurance for digital journalists like traditional journalists. They demanded recognition including press cards and

government approval. The government has highlighted the issue of advertisements and their legal assistance. Trinamool Congress spokes person Kunal Ghosh, lawyer Firdaus Samim, All India Muslim Personal Law Board member Maulana Kamruzzaman, EME chairman Kazi Mohsin Azmi, Debangshu Bhattacharya and Bangla Pakkha general secretary Professor Garg Chatterjee were present at the meeting. Kunal Ghosh and Debangshu Bhattacharya promised to convey the demands to the government with importance. They said that the independent space of digital should be strengthened. The dignitaries invited to the meeting praised the initiative of the organizers. The organization said that it would unite all the media and make the media voice heard and reveal the truth. Journalists from different districts were present at the meeting. The organizers also said that such a conference would be held in every district.

Bangladesh: Miscreants attack air force base in Cox's Bazar, one person killed

MI News Service, Dhaka: One person has died in connection with the violence at the Air Force base in Bangladesh's Cox's Bazar on Monday, The Daily Star reported. A group of miscreants from the nearby Samitipara had attacked the air force base in Cox's Bazar, according to ISPR notification. The deceased has been identified by his family members as Shihab Kabir Nahid (25) from Samitipara. Resident medical officer of Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital, Sabuktagin Mahmud Shohel, said a person aged around 25 was "brought dead" to the hospital, according to a report in Daily Star Bangladesh. Shohel said the victim had suffered deep injuries at the back of his head. He further said that the reason behind his death will be ascertained after autopsy, according to The Daily Star report. In a press release, ISPR assistant director Ayesha Siddiqua said that the air force was taking necessary actions in this regard.

Four Baloch men forcibly disappeared by Pakistani security forces

MI News Service, Barkhan: Four individuals are reported to have been forcibly disappeared by Pakistani security forces in Barkhan, The Balochistan Post reported, citing local sources. The incident allegedly took place on the night of February 20, when the individuals were abducted and taken to an undisclosed location. The missing persons have been identified as Ghulam Fareed, son of Haji Ramzan; Khalid, son of Sardar Khan; Sardar Khan; and Ghulam Rasool, son of Haji Nizamuddin. According to the reports by The Balochistan Post, the families of the missing individuals have urgently appealed for their safe return, while political and human rights organizations have raised alarm over the growing number of enforced disappearances in Balochistan. Earlier, The Balochistan Post had reported new cases of enforced disappearances, with four individuals allegedly abducted in the past few days from Quetta, Turbat, Tump, and Barkhan. Enforced disappearances in Balochistan, a province in Pakistan, have become a significant human rights issue over the past few decades.

Inauguration of Plus Point Nursing Home



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Plus Point Nursing Home was officially inaugurated in Kalikapur, Majer Pole, Metiabruz. There are several beds available for admission of patients on an emergency basis. The head of the hospital, Shakil Sahab, said that services would be provided there at a low cost. Later, the number of beds will be increased. The inauguration was carried out by Maulana Mufti Nurullah Sahab, the head of Madar Para Darbar Sharif, and Qari Ilyas Sahab. Hajji Abu Taleb Mollah, Aftab Uddin Sahib and other dignitaries were present.

Erwoo organizes Annual Sports Day at Arunadaya Ghoshapur School

MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway Women's Welfare Organization (ERWWO) undertakes different noble initiatives aimed at supporting underprivileged and destitute individuals as part of its commitment to social responsibilities. As a part of these endeavours, under the inspiring & able leadership of Smt. Seema Deouskar, President of Eastern Railway Women's Welfare Organization (ERWWO) and with the active participation of executive Members of ERWWO organized the Annual Sports Day 2025 of Arunadaya Ghoshapur School on February 24, 2025, at the school's playground. A total of 138 students from Nursery to Class IV participated in 12 sporting events, showing



enthusiasm and competitive spirit. All participants were

awarded certificates, while the winners received medals and cer-

tificates for their outstanding performances. Smt. Seema Deouskar, President, ERWWO, along with other members of ERWWO, graced the occasion and distributed awards to the winners. Addressing the students, the President of ERWWO emphasized the importance of sports in student life, encouraging them to actively participate in physical activities for overall development. Her motivational words inspired the students to cultivate a spirit of sportsmanship and perseverance. The event concluded with the distribution of food packets, adding to the joy of the young participants. The event was marked by enthusiasm and joy, making it a memorable experience for all the children.

