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Mamata Banerjee slams UP govt over Maha Kumbh stampede, hits out at DVC and boosts potato MSP

the last month's tragic incident of a huge stampede at the Maha Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj, resulted in the loss of 30 lives and injury to over 60 others, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has criticized the Uttar Pradesh government for its inept handling of the event.

She referred to the festival as "Mrityu Kumbh" (Death Kumbh) festival and emphasized the need for proper planning and management to prevent such incidents.

During a press conference on Tuesday, Banerjee expressed her condolences to the families of the victims and called for immediate compensation for all the victims and their families.. She stated, "Those who have lost their loved ones should receive compensation without delay. Many families have suf-fered due to this tragedy.'

Banerjee also ques-tioned the Uttar Pradesh government's claim that the Maha Kumbh occurs once in every 144 years instead of every 12 years and pointed out that the last such festival was held in 2014. She urged experts to provide accurate information on the festival's frequency, stating, "As far as I know, the Maha Kumbh doesn't occur every 144 years. It was held in 2014 as well.



can provide the correct information, I request them to do so.

Reiterating that her previous remark (about the Maha Kumbh) was misinterpreted, Banerjee clarified that her intention was not to disrespect any religion but to highlight the importance of proper planning for large gatherings.

She drew parallels to the annual Ganga Sagar Mela in West Bengal, noting the extensive preparations were taken to ensure the safety of pilgrims. "When we organize events like the Ganga Sagar Mela, we plan

meticulously. If we invite 400 people, we make arrangements for 500. It's essential to anticipate and prepare for larger crowds to prevent mishaps," she explained.

In light of the recent tragedy, Banerjee announced that the Jagannath Temple in Digha would be inaugurated on April 30, coinciding with Akshaya Tritiya. She emphasized that while the event is significant, the state would focus on ensuring safety and proper arrangements rather than creating unnecessary hype. "I don't want to create hype. We'll do

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capacity. Regardless of

any criticism from oth-

ers, our priority is the

well-being of the people,"

she asserted. Baneriee

also addressed issues

concerning tea planta-

tions in North Bengal, re-

futing claims of changes

to land laws. She accused

certain political groups of

spreading misinforma-tion and clarified that the

existing laws remain un-

changed. "Some ghostly

political parties are spreading false propa-

ganda about the tea in-

dustry. The land laws for

tea plantations remain

Assam will become USD 143 bn economy by 2030, says CM **Himanta Biswa** Sarma

News Service, Guwahati: Urging investors from homer and abroad to <mark>join the state's</mark> growth trajectory, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has claimed that this North Eastern state will become a USD 143 billion economy by

Speaking at the in-auguration of the twoday 'Advantage Assam 2.0 Investment and Infrastructure Summit' here on Tuesday, Biswa Sarma emphasised that Assam has now emerged from being the "most disturbed" state <mark>to the "most peaceful"</mark>

one.
"As the state's GDP growth this year is poised to grow to 15.2 per cent, the overall economy of Assam is set to touch the USD 143 billion mark by 2030," the Chief minister claimed.

"I can assure you today that we will ensure the best working and congenial atmosphere for establishing industries in Assam. Please come and invest here," Buswa Sarma said, in the presence of heads of missions and ambassadors of over 60 nations, apart from various foreign business delegations and industry leaders of the country. The state has seen a resurgence since 2014, when the BJP-led

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Assam becomes a preferred destination for start-ups and manufacturing hub for NE, says PM Modi

MI News Service, Guwahati: Assam which is turning into a destination for start-ups, will soon become a hub of manufacturing in the Northeastern region, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi here on Tuesday

After formally inaugurating the two day 'Advantage Assam 2.0 Investment and Infrastructure Summit' here on Tuesday morning, the Prime minister said "Assam has emerged as a land of limitless opportunities" with accords being peace signed with various insurgent groups and resolving the border disputes. "Assam is now a land

of limitless opportunities with peace accords and resolved border disputes. The state is moving fast to-wards an all round development. Assam's natural resources and strategic location as a gateway to South East Asia have made the state a preferred destination for investors," PM Modi said in his address.

He added, "Assam is turning into a destination for start-up units and will become a manufacturing hub for the northeast

Modi also asserted that the value of Assam's economy has doubled to Rs 6 lakh crore during the BJP rule, and this is an effect of the 'double-engine' government.

"Amid global instabil-ity, there is certainty of India's economic growth," he said. The hope for India's growth is primarily due to the youth who are getting skilled, the PM

There is also hope in the new middle class, which has come out of poverty and has new aspirations that will take the country ahead in the path

of development, he said.
Political stability, good governance along with reforms raised the world's hope for India, he added.

Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the two day Investment Summit in presence of various industry captains and business delegations from across India and abroad

Assam Governor Laxman Prasad Acharya and Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma were also present on the occasion.

Among the prominent industrialists present in the inaugural programme were Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani, Adani Groups Chief Gautam Adani, JSW Group's Head Sajjan Jindal, Essar's Prashant Ruia and Vedanta Group's Anil

Agrawal, among others.
Ambassadors of 61 countries along with representatives of high-level business delegations from partner countries such as Bhutan, Thailand, Singa-Korea, South Malaysia, Indonesia and Japan were also present.

Later in the day on Tuesday Union ministers S Jaishankar and Jyotiraditya Scindia presided over various sessions to highlight investment potential in different sectors in Asaam in Particular and in the North East region as a whole

While External Affairs minister S.Jaishankar presided over two sessions 'Advancing Indo-Bhutan Economic Partnership' and 'Act East, Act Fast and Act First', the Union minister for communications and DONER Jyotiradiya Scindia presided over the session called 'Way to Viksit Assam'.

The other thematic sessions organised during the day included Assam Tea-200 years of Industry, MSME, Assam tourism, health horizons, and biomanufacturing and biofoundries.

On the second day of the summit on Wednesday, union ministers Ashwini Vaishnaw, Hardeep Singh Puri, Sarbananda Sonowal and Piyush Goyal will be present, while Nitin Gadkari will address a session virtually. Vaishnaw will address the session on 'Advancing semiconductor horizons', Puri on Hydrocarbons, and Goyal on export promotion,

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AAP govt suffered losses of Rs 2,000 cr due to liquor policy in Delhi, reveals CAG report

MI News Service, New Delhi: The zoning laws. This led to a significant non-conforming zones, forcing limuch awaited Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) report tabled in the Delhi Assembly on Tuesday, charged the previous AAP government of Delhi with incurring huge losses of over Rs 2,000 crore due to flaws in the 2021-22 liquor policy.

The report, one of 14 performance reviews of the AAP government, highlighted serious policy lapses, procedural violations, and ignored expert recommendations. It pointed out that then Deputy Chief Minister and Excise Minister Manish Sisodia "disregarded key suggestions" from an expert panel while formulating the now-scrapped liquor policy. "The report, tabled by the new Rekha Gupta-led dispensation, has also flagged violations in the process of issuing licences. It has pointed out that recommendations of an expert panel, formed to suggest changes for the formation of the now scrapped policy, were ignored by then deputy chief minister and excise minister Manish Sisodia"

The CAG report estimated a revenue loss of Rs 941.53 crore, citing failure to obtain timely permissions for opening liquor vends in non-conforming municipal wards -- areas not designated for liquor sales under

MI News Service, New

Delhi: The Congress has

questioned the Narendra

Modi government's diplomatic strategy particularly with regard to the

US, and called for an im-

mediate reassessment of

India's foreign policy pri-

orities to safeguard na-

pointed its fingers to-

wards the Modi govern-

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US President Donald

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the ruling BJP on the

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and publicity department

head Pawan Khera said

on Tuesday that the re-

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USD 397 million for Pak-

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nance raises critical

questions about the Modi

government's diplomatic

efficacy.. his move, remi-

niscent of the 2022 Biden

administration's USD 450

million package for the

same purpose, highlights

a pattern of US military

support to Pakistan, he

tially compromise India's

security interests, espe-

cially given the historical

use of F-16s by Pakistan

During the UPA years

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against India, Khera said.

(2004-2013), India

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said in a post on X.

financial impact on the Delhi government's earnings.

Additionally, the Excise Department lost Rs 890.15 crore due to surrender of licences and the department's failure to re-tender

scam, a hot button issue in the runup to the elections, claimed a loss of revenue to the tune of Rs 941.53 crore, saying timely permissions were not taken for opening the liquor vends in "non-conforming municipal wards". The report also flagged an irregular waiver of Rs 144 crore granted to licence holders, citing Covid-19 restrictions, a decision personally approved by Sisodia despite finance department objections.

The report further stated that the Delhi Master Plan 2021 prohibited liquor vends in non-conforming areas, yet the Excise Policy 2021-22 mandated setting up at least two retail vends in each ward.

Despite tender documents clearly stating that liquor stores should not be set up in such areas, licences were still issued before addressing zoning concerns. On November 16, 2021, the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) disallowed vends in cencees to approach the High Court, which later exempted them from paying Rs 114.50 crore per month in licence fees, resulting in further financial losses.

The CAG report also exposed procedural lapses in policy execution like 19 zonal licensees surrendered their licences before the policy expired in August 2022, No re-tendering was done, leading to complete revenue loss from these zones, the waiver of licence fees was granted despite the finance department's recommendation against it and the Group of Ministers, led by Manish Sisodia, altered expert committee recommendations, favouring private wholesalers, increasing retail outlets per bidder from 2 to 54. In addition major decisions with financial impact were taken without Cabinet or Lt Governor approval, the report stated. The BJP has long alleged corruption and mismanagement in the liquor policy, using it as a major issue against the AAP government. Following a CBI probe recommended by Lt Governor VK Saxena in July 2022, several AAP leaders, including Arvind Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia, and Sanjay Singh, were arrested and spent months in jail.

Leftist forces are true third alternative Cong questions India's diplomatic in Bengal, believes Prakash Karat strategy over US decision to fund

MI News Service, Kolkata : Asserting that the Leftist forces will put up a very tough fight against both the ruling Tri-namool Congress and the BJP in West Bengal in the 2026 s state Assembly elections, CPI(M) leader Prakash Karat believes that they have emerged as the "true third alternative" in the state.

He said neither BJP will be n alternative to the TMC, nor can the latter be an alternative to the saffron party in West Bengal.

The Leftists are the true third alternative in the state," Karat said, addressing a public meeting at Dankuni in Hooghly district at the conclusion of a four-day West Bengal state conference of the CPI(M).

Reiterating the determination of the CPI-M



to oppose both the TMC and BJP, Karat furthercriticized BJP's alleged for promoting Hindu fanaticism. He also called for proper resistance against commuforces corruption. The CPI(M) committed to fighting for rural development and women's safety, he

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Historic Isale Swab 18 Falgun 1 in Madarpara Darbarsharif Founders:

Pir Fakir Saheb Huzoor and his dear friend Ashike Rasool Chote Huzoor Pir. Later, on the appointed day, Fakir Saheb Huzur organized this meeting continuously and then his grandson Abdur Rahim Saheb and the present Rahim Saheb's worthy son Maulana Nurullah Saheb are in charge. This mahfil is the second largest congregation of Furfura in the state.

Attendees:

Pir Kayyumuzzaman of Furfura Sharif who is the great grandson of Hazur Moulana Sauban Siddiqui, Pir Kamel Shah Sufi Asheq a Rasul Hazrat Maulana 'Abdur-Rahim (RAH) and Hazrat Maulana' Abdur-Rahman (RAH) Madarpara Siddiqi Nurullah.

Madarpara Siddiqia Nuria Senior Madrasah and Rahmania Hifzul Qurania Madrasah

→ At present, studies are going on up to Hafez Qari Maulana and Mukhtasar Jamaat. Dholahat Khanka Sharif Madar Para Darbar Sharif. (Held on the first Sunday of every month)

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Lakhs gathered at historic venue. During holy month of Ramzan, Eid-ul-Azha, Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Azha prayers will be offered. In campaign: Maulana Nurullah Saheb, the main responsible on behalf of Madarpara Darbar Sharif.



Trinamool leaders at Netaji Indoor Stadium on Tuesday to review preparations ahead of TMC's key meeting scheduled for February 27 in Kolkata.

Birbhum Blast: Man loses left hand

MI News Service, Birbhum: A terrible explosion occurred in Margram, Birbhum. A bomb was stored inside the house. The bomb exploded as soon as it fell on the hand. As a result, a person's left hand was blown off. The injured person said that he was a Trinamool worker. He used to be a CPM member. He had stored bombs in his

house many years ago.

The injured person's name is Rangalal Mal. Allegedly, the man had stored a bomb in his house. He accidentally touched the bomb. Then his hand flew off. The injured person has been admitted to Rampurhat Medical College and Hospital. Police are present at the scene. How did this incident happen, why was the bomb stored there? The police are investigating.

The injured man said, "I used to be a CPM member. Now I'm a Trinamool member. Many years ago, I planted a bomb inside my house. There was trouble at that time. I had stored the bomb to avoid that trouble. But I can't tell you where this bomb was. It exploded as soon as I touched it. My left hand flew off, sir."

Husband mysteriously dies on wedding night

MI News Service, North 24 Pgs: She had a dream of joining hands to start a family. But all of Beauty Roy's dreams were shattered in one night. She had just gotten married and moved into a friend's house. And there ner nuspana died. Murder or suicide? The police are seeing smoke in front of their eyes surrounding the mysterious death.

The incident took place in the Navapalli area of Ghola in North 24 Parganas district. Abhi Das and Beauty Roy had run away from home and got married on Monday. They stayed at the rented house of one of Abhi's friends. But it was like a death trap. Everything ended for Beauty on the wedding night.

According to local sources, even though she ran away and got married, there was a regret in the beauty's mind. That is why she wants to return to her home. But Lal Abhi gets angry after hearing such demands from his newly married wife. He is unwilling to leave his wife under any circumstances. Then a huge commotion starts. Then everything is in a blur.

The body of husband Abhi Das was recovered in the morning. Eyewitnesses claim that his wife Beauty Das was seen sitting next to the stone-like body with a face of vermilion on her forehead. But what caused the darkness of the night?

Water meters to be installed in commercial areas: Mayor

Service, ister Mamata Banerjee for councilors. Kolkata: From 58 in 2005, the gesture. This year, I have we were 42. 94 and now sanctioned 20,000 unap-135 in 2022. The BJP is now proved houses and brought three, Mayor Firhad Hakim them to their wounds. I have said on the begining of Tues-day meeting. He also said, As Leader of the House, I suggested to the government that there should be one tax and not two taxes. I think 144 councillors are my have applied to the Finance eyes. We will work together Department. When a buildto take Kolkata forward. I ing collapses in the city. We can't take anyone's properreached there at night. We ty. We will take away somewere close to the families of one's land and give it to the the 13 Garden Reach homes Bhratias. We don't have the that were destroyed. The legal right. The work that mayor said that Mala Roy was supposed to give wahas won more than one vote ter to the Left Front for 34 since the house was demolyears. Their chief minister ished. Tell them what you're was an MLA from Jadavpur. left with. Now the mayor is The mayor questioned why talking about the budget. the water had not reached the area. We have provided water to Jadavpur with Rs 700 crore. If water is not wasted in Kolkata, there should be no water problem. 10 million gallons of water is being arranged in Jadavpur area. Mayor Firhad Hakim has slammed Left councillor

Nandita Roy for saying that

she will not have to bathe in

the water of the tube well in

the next 26 years. We have

installed water meters at

some places. But it wasn't

successful. We will install

water meters in commer-

cial areas, "the mayor said.

He said that people should

know that there will be spec-

ifications. How long will the

work take? We are build-

ing roads with plastic. I got

good results. We have to cut

trees and do it unplanned.

We don't have air pollution.

I try to keep the air qual-

ity clean. We have finan-

cial resources. More than

50% of our people are poor.

9.16% increase in revenue.

We tried to make up for

the shortfall. Government

grants have increased by

about 39%. Mayor Firhad

There is no sea like Mumbai.

Deputy Mayor Atin Ghosh said: I have learnt a lot from the budget session. Because the budget refers to the economic, social and infrastructural development and services to the common people. The budget was discussed before it was tabled. But now there is no information about the budget. The number of infections is increasing day by day. Free treatment is being provided for diseases like malaria and dengue. We are providing treatment to about 60% of the 45 lakh people, said Atin Ghosh, mayor council of the health department. Pregnant women are not paid. It is given by the state government. The first prize is Tk 2,000, the second prize is Tk 5,000 and the third prize is Tk 6,000. We don't have any money from the central

government. Monday was the first day budget discussions in the Municipal Corporation. Is the Kumbh Mela being celebrated peacefully and transparently? Or whether the state administration has organized the Gangasagar Mela peacefully, there was a heated argument between

BJP's parliamentary party leader and BJP councilor of ward number 22, Meena Devi Purohit, got up to deliver her speech and brought up the Kumbh issue. She took a dig at the Trinamool municipal administration on how the Uttar Pradesh government is outperforming it in terms of roads and civic

In turn, Trinamool councilor Sandipan Saha of ward number 58, Trinamool councilor Chaitali Chatterjee of ward number 90 and Trinamool councilor Arup Chakraborty of ward number 98, while speaking in favor of the budget, lashed out against the Uttar Pradesh administration over the poor condition of the Mahakumbh Mela, the incident of deaths due to train accidents and the quality of water. The Trinamool councilors also kept explaining how successful Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee was in organizing the Gangasagar Mela. This is

what led to the debate! BJP councilor Sajal Ghosh came down near the well in the meeting room and started shouting. Almost every Trinamool councilor shouted back. The meeting room became lively. Both sides started shouting and mocking each other, calling each other "thief, thief party". It became very difficult for Chairperson Mala Roy to continue working.

But because of the budget, the statements regarding citizen services are ignored. The question arises, was there any need to discuss Kumbh during the budget discussion? Chairperson discussion? Chairperson Mala Roy said, 'No other issue can be discussed except the budget. We will discuss whether these statements can be rejected or not.



Mayor Firhad Hakim addressing the last day of the budget session at Kolkata Municipal Corporation on Tuesday.

New Town to get 300 addl cctv cameras for enhanced security would be a major relief for

MI News Service, Kolkata: 300 additional CCTV camer- buttons across Action Area 1 The panic button system, installed across New Town for resident safety, remains non-operational due to technical glitches. The issue has raised concerns, especially after the recent rape and murder of a teenage girl, allegedly by a rickshaw puller. Following the incident, residents have intensified their demand for enhanced security measures.

With panic buttons yet to be activated, authorities have shifted their focus to CCTV surveillance. To bolster security, the New Town Kolkata Development Authority (NKDA) has decided to install

as across the township.

According to sources, these new cameras will be installed within three months. Currently, New Town is under the watch of approximately 1,000 CCTV cameras. Once the additional 300 units are deployed, the total count will reach 1,300.

The focus will be on crime-prone areas and locations not yet covered by CCTV. Authorities also aim to resolve technical issues associated with the panic button system, which was introduced under the Smart

City Mission.

in New Town began four years ago. Around 400 panic buttons were placed in key areas, but they remain non-functional due to system failures.

The NKDA initially connected the buttons using dongles, but the method failed to work effectively. Now, efforts are underway to integrate the buttons with fiber optic cables, though there is no confirmed timeline for completion.

The New Town Citizens' Welfare Fraternity has raised concerns about inadequate security on several roads. They believe that The installation of panic activating the panic buttons

Once functional, the system will allow residents in distress to press the button and receive immediate police assistance. However, an NKDA official pointed out that no other city in India has implemented such a system yet. Although the initia-

tive is part of a central gov-

residents.

ernment project, the NKDA must independently resolve the technical hurdles. Authorities assure that they are working diligently to address the challenges and ensure that New Town becomes a safer place for all

Earthquake tremors felt across Kolkata and coastal districts

MI News Service, Kolkata: Residents of Kolkata woke up to tremors on Tuesday morning as an earthquake struck several districts of West Bengal. The tremors were felt at 6:10 AM, shaking multiple areas in the

Preliminary reports indicate that the epicentre of the earthquake was in the Bay of Bengal, approximately 175 km east of Odisha's coast and 330 km from Kolkata. According to the Richter scale, the quake measured 5.1 in magnitude, with a depth of 91 km.

Apart from West Bengal, tremors were also reported in Odisha and parts of Bangladesh. While no immediate damage or casualties have been reported, coastal areas experienced stronger tremors due to their proximity to the epicentre.

This seismic activity follows a 7.1 magnitude earthquake in Tibet on January 7, which had also caused tremors across Bengal. Experts highlight that the Himalayan belt frequently experiences seismic movements, often

impacting North Bengal. Despite the underwater epicentre, authorities have not issued any tsunami warning. Seismologists note that while Kolkata is not highly earthquake-prone, several surrounding areas fall within seismic zones, making them susceptible to

Residents remain on alert as experts continue monitoring the situation. Authorities have assured that they are closely assessing any further risks associated with this

latest earthquake. **Bomb scare** at Vidyasagar Setu

MI News Service, Kolkata: A bomb scare gripped the VidyasagarSetu (Second Hooghly Bridge) on Tuesday afternoon after a suspicious tiffin box was spotted near the bridge. Panic spread among commuters, prompting an immediate response from the police and bomb squad. According to police sources, around midday, pedestri-



ans noticed an unattended tiffin box lying near the bridge. Fearing the worst, they quickly alerted the local authorities. As news of the suspicious object spread, panic escalated in the area. Upon receiving the report, a bomb disposal squad rushed to the scene, accompanied by police sniffer dogs and senior officers. The area was cordoned off, and an extensive search was conducted to rule out any potential threat. After a thorough inspection, officials confirmed that the tiffin box contained no explosives or hazardous materials. The police later removed the object, suspecting that it may have accidentally fallen from someone's bag or vehicle. However, authorities have not ruled out other possibilities and are continuing their investigation. This incident comes just a day after a similar bomb scare at Harish Mukherjee Street on Monday night. Residents had alerted police after noticing two abandoned boxes outside an under-construction building. However, upon investigation, no explosive materials were found inside. While both incidents turned out to be false alarms, they have heightened security concerns in the city. Law enforcement officials have urged citizens to remain vigilant and report any suspicious objects or activities immediateľy.

JSW MG Motor India crosses the production milestone of 15,000 units of MG Windsor

MI News Service, Kolkata/ Bhubaneswar: JSW MG Motor India has produced 15,000 units of the MG Windsor, India's first Intelligent CUV, which has been the best-selling EV in India for four months. JSW MG Motor India plans to diversify its portfolio with the launch of the MG Cyberster and MG M9 under the MG Select brand channel.



JU students protest over scholarship rejection

Kolkata: Jadavpur University has once again made headlines as several engineering students failed in mathematics, leading to their disqualification from scholarship eligibility. In protest, a section of students demanded that the university pass them in mathematics, allowing them to apply for financial

On Monday, these students gheraoed Vice-Chancellor (Acting) Bhaskar Gupta and other officials, pressuring them to reconsider their stance. However, Gupta firmly rejected their demand, stating that it was unjustified and unacceptable.

According to university sources, two engineering students recently applied for scholarships. However, it was discovered that both had failed mathematics and had attempted to alter their

increase their scores. Upon detection, the university rejected their applications, and the matter was reported to the Higher Education Department.

Following an investigation, authorities confirmed the mark sheet forgery. The Higher Education Department then warned Jadavpur University about possible academic misconduct, prompting the institution to implement stricter verification procedures. Allegations suggest that the fraudulent activities were influenced by senior students, leading to stricter

As per university rules, students must pass mathematics in their semester exams to qualify for scholarships. Reports indicate that over 100 students received supplementary marks in the subject this year, making them ineligi-

mark sheets fraudulently to ble for scholarships. The administration, adhering to university policies, denied their applications, which

triggered the protests. On Monday evening, 30 to 40 students gathered outside the Vice-Chancellor's office, staging demonstrations late into the night. However, university authorities remained firm, stating that the demand was illogical and could not be accepted.

Vice-Chancellor kar Gupta expressed shock over the situation, saying, "I could never imagine students would protest over failing in mathematics. This demand is absurd and cannot be justified."

The Jadavpur University Teachers' Association (JUTA) also distanced itself from the protest, emphasizing that such actions tarnish the Institution's reputation and provide no real

Md Selim re-elected as CPI (M) state secy

News Service, Kolkata: Md Selim was re-elected as the state secretary of the West Bengal unit of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) [CPI(M)] on Tuesday. The announcement came after a four-day state party conference held in Dankuni, where an 80-member state committee was unanimously elected. Following the committee's first meeting, Selim was officially reappointed as the state secre-

Åmong the 80 members, 14 are women, while six are new entrants to the committee. ıne new members include

Roy, ShukulSikder, KenijRabiul Fatima (Aleya), Goutam Ghosh, and Santanu De. Additionally, five veteran leaders—Biman Bose, SuryakantaMisra, Rabin Dev, Amiya Patra, and Jibesh Sarkar—have been retained in the com-

However, some notable exclusions were made this year. Senior leader Sushanta Ghosh and DYFI's All India Secretary Himaghnaraj Bhattacharya have been left out of the newly formed committee. This marks a significant change in the party's leadership structure.

PijushMisra, Tirthankar charge as the state sec- of future electoral battles.

retary in 2022. Despite his leadership, the CPI(M) faced a significant electoral setback in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, failing to secure a single seat in West Bengal. Selim himself lost from his constituency, Murshidabad, highlighting the party's declining influence

The re-election of Selim signals continuity within the party, even as CPI(M) struggles to regain its political foothold in Bengal. The newly elected state committee is expected to focus on organizational restructuring and grassroots mobilization to strengthen Selim had first taken the party's presence ahead



Indian Anthropology Congress was held in Salt Lake from February 20 to 23, 2025. The event aimed to bring together academicians, scientists, and researcher's to discuss and share their findings. Dr. Sachidananda Joshi, Member Secretary of IGNCA, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, delivered the valedictory address.

Little Magazine Editors' Association Weaves Words and Wonders



News Service, Kolkata: The 41st Sharad Edition Exhibition and Literary Festival, was recently held at *Bharatvarshiya Brahmo Mandir, organized by the **Little Magazine Editors' Association. The event was graced by the presence of former Governor **Shyamal Sen, poet **Anil Dawn, educationist **Banshibadan Chattopad-

hyay, **Tapobrata Brahm-

**Chaitali Mallik, achari, and **Dr. Samarendranath Ghosh. The festival commenced with an inaugural song by **Rabindra Sangeet artist and educator Mahalanobis, Chandra followed by an opening speech by **Professor Dr. Parimal Ghosh*. The event was a significant gathering for over a hundred literary and cultural figures from across Bengal.

On this occasion, *Dr. Prakash Mallick, an internationally renowned homeopathy practitioner and magazine editor, along with **Dhiraj Kumar De, editor of *Agantuk magazine and a key figure in the Little Magazine movement, were honoured with the *Amit Krishna Dey Memorial Award. Additionally, special recognition was given to the editors of *Charupatra, Sunrito, and Aajker Anubhav, as well as to *Shyamsundar Guin, editor of the Salil Chowdhury Centenary Edition.

The event, presided over by *Gautam Kumar Dey* and supervised by *Shankha Bhattacharya, featured a welcome speech by editor **Biswanath Sau*, where it was announced that, as in the past five years, the best magazines from the exhibition would be awarded.

Mamata Banerjee slams...

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affirmed. Regarding unused or fallow land within tea estates, Banerjee proposed utilization of such areas for commercial purposes, including tourism, to generate employment opportunities. She mentioned that six struggling tea gardens would be leased out for three years, with the possibility of extending the lease based on performance. "Our goal is to create jobs by developing tourism around tea estates. We're leasing six ailing tea gardens for three years, and if they perform well, we'll consider extending it step by step,' she explained.

In a move to support potato farmers affected by recent unseasonal rains and water release from the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC), Banerjee announced an increase in the minimum support price for potatoes to 900 per quintal. She criticized the DVC for releasing water with-

government under Prime

Minister Narendra Modi

came to power at the Cen-

tre, he said. "After Inde-

economy started to decline

as trade links were dis-

rupted. Our only mode of

connectivity was through

the 'chicken's neck'. For

decades, Assam witnessed

agitation and insurgency.

After 2014, Assam was re-

born under the leadership

of PM Narendra Modi.

Once the most disturbed

state, Assam became one

of the most peaceful states," he added.

Sarma said the Modi government at the Centre

has been encouraging all

states to attract invest-

competitive federalism and

that is why he had at-

tended seven business

summits in different states

since taking over as the

prime minister for the

third term so that all states

join the growth trajectory

Chief Minister who went to

Japan to attract more in-

vestment from that coun-

try for the second edition

of business summit Advan-

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He said, "During my in-

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together," he said.

"The PM encourages

out prior notice, leading to significant crop damage. "The DVC released water without informing us, and coupled with unexpected rains, it has caused extensive damage to crops, especially potatoes. To assist the affected farmers. we've raised the minimum support price to 900 per quintal," she stated.

The Chief Minister also

revealed the creation of a 321 crore insurance fund to aid farmers in distress. She emphasized the state's commitment to stand by its farmers during challeng-ing times and ensuring they receive the necessary support to recover from losses. In conclusion, Banerjee reiterated her call for the Uttar Pradesh government to provide immediate compensation to the families affected by the Maha Kumbh tragedy and stressed the importance of meticulous planning and management to prevent such incidents in the fu-

nomic powerhouse. Our

USD 12 billion infrastruc-

ture investment plan is a

huge opportunity for global firms. In 2024, we

secured a private invest-

ment of USD 4 billion, the

highest ever in the coun-

thrilled to see the excite-

ment among Japan's busi-

ness community for India

and its huge respect for

Prime Minister Narendra

Modi's leadership. He said

tourism facilities.

Sarma said he was

State Govt compensates over 9 lakh farmers affected by cyclone Dana

MI News Service, Kolkata: The devastation caused by Cyclone Dana last year left several districts of West Bengal grappling with severe floods and heavy rainfall, leading to widespread damage to agricultural lands. Thousands of farmers faced massive financial losses, putting them in a dire situation. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had earlier assured that affected farmers would receive compensation through the Bangla ShasyaBima (BSB) scheme. As per this commitment, the West Bengal government has disbursed 351 crore in financial aid to over 9

lakh farmers impacted by the cyclone. The Kharif season's paddy cultivation suffered the most damage, particularly in Hugli, Howrah, and Bardhaman districts. The crisis intensified due to excess rainfall and the release of water from the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) reservoirs, causing further

To assess the extent of damage, the state government utilized satellite imagery from ISRO, enabling faster and more accurate evaluations of crop losses. This technological approach expedited the compensation process, ensurceived their dues promptly.

A crucial meeting was held at Nabanna, recently, led by Chief Secretary Manoj Pant and attended by senior officials from various government departments. The discussions primarily focused on the Bangla ShasyaBima scheme, including its implementation for the upcoming Rabi and Boro crop seasons.

The review revealed that, to date, 71.98 lakh farmers have registered under the scheme, including 12.13 lakh potato farmers. Notably, this year marks the first time that farmers cultivating potatoes and sugarcane are exempted from paying insurance premiums—a move announced in last year's state budget.

Since the inception of the ShasyaBima scheme, a total of 3,562 crore has been disbursed to 1.12 crore farmers across West Bengal

The state government's proactive measures highlight its commitment to agricultural welfare, ensuring that farmers recover from natural calamities and continue their cultivation without prolonged financial distress.

Leftist forces are true third alternative

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said. Furtehr criticizing both the Trinamool Congress (TMC) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for their respective failures to serve as alternatives to one another and warned against the BJP-led RSS's plans to promote Hindu fanaticism in the state. He emphasized the CPI(M)'s commitment to opposing any divisive actions. The CPI(M)'s former dominance in West Bengal has waned, with the party failing to secure seats in recent elections. Despite facing challenges from the TMC, including alleged false criminal cases, Karat pledged continued against communal forces and corruption, while advocating for rural development and women's safety.

Legislative Panel recommends teacher recruitment in govt schools

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on School Education has recommended the urgent recruitment of teachers in government schools to maintain a proper studentteacher ratio. The committee has also stressed the importance of ensuring that schools have qualified teachers for all streams.

Over the past four vears, a district-wise report has been compiled and recently submitted to the Legislative Assembly. The committee observed that many state-run schools lack a balanced teacherstudent ratio, particularly in science and arts streams.

According to the committee's findings, some schools have excellent science teachers, but lack students opting for the stream. Conversely, other schools have interested students but no subject-specific teachers. The shortage of qualified educators has been identified as a major challenge, requiring immediate attention. To address this, the committee has suggested strategic teacher placements and ensuring a balanced distribution of subjects across schools to prevent student dropouts due to the unavailability of

preferred streams. The issue has been particularly noted in districts such as Birbhum, Hooghly and Nadia, where unequal distribution of teachers and students is prevalent. Kali PadaMondal, MLA from Shyampur and chairman of the committee, emphasized the need for government intervention. He stated, "Despite having well-qualified teachers in various districts, many schools lack higher secondary students. The absence of subject-specific educators prevents students from deep academic en-gagement." The report also highlighted a shortage of science teachers in Birbhum's higher secondary schools, leading to a decline in science stream enrolment. Another key recommendation from the committee was the increased demand for government-run English-medium schools. The report urged the state education department to expand English-medium institutions due to their growing popularity.

Mother-Daughter Duo caught disposing of woman's dismembered body in Ganges



Kolkata Police arrest two women with a trolley bag stuffed with body parts, from Ahiritola area on Tuesday.

he had invited Osaka's vi-MI News Service, Kolkata: brant business community to join Advantage Assam In a shocking incident, a mother and daughter were A statement issued by the directorate of informaapprehended while attempting to dispose of a tion and public relations dismembered body in the said that during a dinner Ganges at AhiritolaGhat. hosted by Speaker of the The accused, Falguni House of Representatives Ghosh and her mother of Japan Fukushiro Nuk-Aarati Ghosh, were carryaga, the two leaders dising a trolley bag containing cussed issues such as development of sports the remains of Sumita Ghosh, a relative of Fal-

"Sarma began his visit The gruesome discovto Japan by offering tribery was made on Tuesday ute to Netaji Subhas Chanmorning when locals nodra Bose at the Indian Embassy. The CM recalled ticed the duo struggling with a heavy suitcase emithis lasting legacy and unting a foul stench. Suspiparalleled contributions to cious onlookers intercepted the freedom movement. them and alerted the poremarking that his preslice. Upon opening the bag, authorities found the body, cut into three pieces, with the head missing. Police investigations reveal that Sumita Ghosh, originally from Jorhat, Assam, had been living with the accused in a rented house in Madhyamgram for the past two and a half years. Sources indicate that a family dispute escalated into a violent confrontation that ended in murder.

On Monday afternoon, an argument broke out between Sumita and Falguni. During the altercation, Falguni allegedly pushed Sumita. When Sumita regained consciousness, the

fight resumed, culminating in Falguni striking her with a brick, leading to her death. In an attempt to cover up the crime, the mother-daughter duo dismembered the body, packed it into a trolley bag, and planned to dispose of it in the Ganges. At AhiritolaGhat, the accused attracted attention while trying to dump the trolley. Initially, they claimed it contained a dog's carcass. However, as the crowd grew suspicious, the police were called, exposing their grim secret. Upon questioning, Falguni initially insisted that Sumita had died

by suicide, and they had

Kolkata hosts first PMIS Mela,

draws 700 cands and ind leaders

body instead of cremating it. However, under intense interrogation, the duo confessed to the murder. Further investigations revealed that the accused

decided to immerse the

had travelled from Kazipara to Park Circus by train on Tuesday morning, carrying the body in the trolley bag. After arriving in Kolkata, they hired a vellow taxi and first visited PrinsepGhat. Unable to find a suitable location, they proceeded to AhiritolaGhat, where they were caught.Failing to find a suitable spot, they moved to KumortuliGhat, looking for an isolated area. Their suspicious behaviour caught the attention of locals, who watched them attempt to dump the trolley bag into a bush near the ghat. Realizing something was amiss, the crowd intervened and informed the police, leading to their arrest.

A neighbour added, "They had been living here for two years but never mingled with anyone. On Durga Puja night in 2023, unknown men them, and loud noises were heard from their house. We informed the councillor and even tried to interact with them, but they ignored us. We submitted a joint

platform to promote the

Prime Minister's Intern-ship Scheme (PMIS) by

registering candidates and

generating internship op-

portunities. Companies

from various sectors ac-

tively participated, rein-

forcing industry involvement in skill development. The initiative seeks to bridge the gap be-

tween academic learning

and real-world employ-

ment, equipping youth with essential skills.

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Hon'ble Finance Minis-

petition from the neighbourhood, requesting their eviction, as we often saw unfamiliar men coming and going.

Neighbours painted a troubling picture of the duo, citing previous inci-dents of theft and violent altercations. Reports indicate that unknown men frequently visited their residence at odd hours.

The local councillor commented on the case. stating, "The mother and daughter lived here, and men from outside frequently visited them. The landlord does not stay here; he resides in Kolkata. Earlier, action was taken, and there were heated discussions with the landlord. Now, I am shocked to see this in the news." As the indeepened, vestigation neighbours recalled an elderly woman visiting the house a few days before the incident. Local resident Shankari Sarkar recalled, 'Two days ago, I helped an elderly woman enter their house. She looked frightened, and the dogs were barking at her. I suspect she was the victim.'

Authorities are investigating whether financial disputes or other hidden motives played a role in the

billion by 2030. Assam is symbol of Japanese reset to be India's next eco-

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and Sonowal will address the session on road transport, railways and ship-

The other thematic sessions on Wednesday will include agarwood processing and value addition, startup ecosystem, renewable energy, bamboo green potential, aerospace and defence manufacturing, space and geospatial, multilateral development bank investment and real estate

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cial day was a moment of

personal honor," the state-

ment said. He also visited

Hiroshima and paid tribute

to Mahatma Gandhi and

the victims of the Hi-

roshima nuclear bomb at-

tack, which he hailed as a

The chief minister had earlier said that the summit was expected to bring in investment proposals of over Rs 120 lakh crore and several important memoranda of understanding (MoUs) were expected to be signed during the two

PMIS Mela and Interaction with Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Harshavardhan Neotia, Chairman, CII Suresh Neotia Centre of Excellence for leadership and Chairman Ambuja Neotia Group, Anuradha Thakur, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, Deepti Gaur Mukerjee, Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India and Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, Confederation of Indian Industry, at the PMIS Mela in Kolkata on Tuesday.

MI News Service, Kolkata: The first PMIS Mela, hosted by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in collaboration with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), aimed to identify talent from diverse backgrounds and integrate them into the workforce, contributing to national development.Deepti Gaur

AIKKMS All India General Secretary Sankar Ghosh during

the AIKKMS gathering to protest against the "Draft policy

framework on Agriculture Marketing System" in Kolkata.

MCA, emphasized that ing the nation's economy.

building a skilled workforce is key to strengthen-The mela served as a

the 2024-25 Union Budget. introduced the Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) schemes to boost hiring. PMIS aligns with this vision by providing structured internships with mentorship, enabling a smoother transition into

professional careers. Mukherjee highlighted the creation of 1.27 lakh

internship opportunities and proposed the establishment of a dedicated PMIS cell for streamlined implementation. MCA also plans to launch an online mentorship platform and host similar internship melas every three to four months.

The event witnessed participation from over 700 candidates and representatives from 30 leading companies. Industry leaders, including CII Director General Chandrajit Banerjee and AmbujaNeotia Group Chairman HarshavardhanNeotia, lauded the initiative as a transformative step toward workforce development.

The mela concluded with the felicitation of students who successfully completed their PMIS internships.

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Nirmala Sitharaman will address the valedictory session of the summit on Wednesday evening.

Cong questions India's...

and the United States significantly deepened their strategic and defence cooperation across multiple domains, including military modernisation, technology transfer, nuclear energy, and counter-terrorism, he pointed out.

The robust diplomatic and strategic initiatives taken during the UPA years deepened India-US relations, strengthening India's defence capabilities and global influence, Khera asserted.

Historically, the Congress has championed a balanced and proactive foreign policy, fostering non-alignment along with strategic autonomy, he

claimed. "Furthermore, recent defence negotiations have

raised concerns. The proposal to acquire F-35 fighter jets from the US has been met with criticism due to its high costs and operational challenges. Elon Musk, for instance, has labelled the F-35 as a 'junk', questioning its efficacy.

"Additionally, Russia has offered to produce its advanced Su-57 jets in India, presenting a potentially more viable alternative," the Congress leader

In light of these developments, it is imperative to question the Modi government's diplomatic strategy, Khera said.

Is there a comprehensive plan to address the implications of US military aid to Pakistan, he

Tangra murder: Shocking details emerge as probe progresses fore the incident, primarily

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Tangra triple murder case is unveiling shocking details with each passing day. According to sources, the rice pudding (payesh) consumed by the Dey family was laced with sleeping pills, along with basil and neem leaves. The police will now visit local pharmacies to trace the origin of the sedative. Investigators have learned that the family had been consuming this particular rice pudding for three days be-

to stimulate appetite. However, on February 17, the sedative-laced pudding was consumed by the family members. Reports suggest that the victims-two women and a minorwere murdered on the morning of February 18. In a gruesome twist, the ac-Prasun cused, PranayDey, allegedly severed the hands of the two women and the minor boy. The child, however, miraculously survived.

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Name Change

I, MD MOHIUDDIN MOLLA (Old Name) S/O RAHIM MOLLA Residing at Ghoradal, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743354, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MAHIUDDIN MOLLA (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Govt of India at Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 25-02-2025 MD MOHIUDDIN MOLLA (Old Name) and MAHIUDDIN MOLLA (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, S Modassir Nazar S/o Syed Irfan Ali Residing at Dharampur Dangal, P.o - Burnpur, P.s - Hirapur District - Paschim Bardhaman, Pin- 713325 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Syed Modassir Nazar. I declare that S Modassir Nazar and Syed Modassir Nazar is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 25-02-2025.

Name Change

I, Shakir Syed Mohammad S/o S Nasim Ahmed Residing at Hutton Road 17/A Hafiz Manzil Asansol, P.s - Asansol South District -Paschim Bardhaman, Pin- 713301 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as S M Shakir. I declare that Shakir Syed Mohammad and S M Shakir is same and one identi-cal person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public Kolkata on 25-02-2025.

Name Change

Moumita Karmakar W/o Arijit Maity Residing at Indira Tower, FL-2A, 2nd Floor, IC-9, Bagui para, P.o - Aswini Nagar, P.s - Baguiati, District - 24 Pgs(N), Pin- 700159 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Moumita Maity. I declare that Moumita Karmakar and Moumita Maity is same and one identical person by virtue of an af-fidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 25-02-2025.

Name Change

Sabina Bibi W/o Yusuf Ali Molla Residing at Vill - Bowsahar, P.o. Sanksahar, P.s - Bhangar, District -Kolkata, Pin- 743502 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Sabina Yasmin Bibi. I declare that Sabina Bibi and Sabina Yasmin Bibi is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 25-02-2025.

Name Change

, Md Sasher Ali S/o Mohammao Sowkat Ali Residing at Vill Kharkiuttarpara, P.o - Bohera, P.s - Duttapukur District - 24 Pgs(N), Pin- 743294 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Mo-hammad Shaser Ali. I declare that Md Sasher Ali and Mohammad Shaser Ali is same and one iden tical person by virtue of an affi-davit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 25-02-2025.

Name Change

Sk Monjur Alom S/o Sk Abdul Malek Residing at Vill - Kharkiut-tarpara, P.o - Bohera, P.s - Duttapukur District - 24 Pgs(N), Pin-743294 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Sk Manjur Ali. I declare that Sk Monjur Alom and Sk Manjur Ali is same and one identical person by virtue of an af-fidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 25-02-2025.

Name Change

I, Devendra Gupta S/o Late Ram Prakash Gupta Residing at 1/13, Girish Ghosh Road, 5th Floor, Flat -5C, P.o - Belur Math, P.s - Belur, District - Howrah, Pin- 711202 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Devendra Kumar Gupta. I declare that Devendra Gupta and Devendra Kumar Gupta is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 25-02-2025.

Name Change

I MUNNI MAHATO Wife of Bija Kumar Mahato residing at 42,B. Chatterjee Street Kamarhati(m) Belghoria North 24 parganas Pin-700056 West Bengal have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MUNNI DEVI as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Kolkata Court vide an affidavit no :5198 Dated:-24/02/25 MUNNI MA-HATO & MUNNI DEVI both are same and identical person.

Name Change Tahera Khatun w/o, Md. Noor Hassan of 133/9, K.G.T. Road. Hind Motor. Hooghly, 712233, W.B. hereby declare that changed my I have from Tahira name Khatoon to Tahera Khatun and hereafter be known as Tahera Khatun, vide Affidavit No. 2132 dated 5.2.2025 before The Hon'ble 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore Court, Kolkata.

Name Change

I, Md. Noor Hassan son of Late Mohammad Muhuddin of 133/9, K.G.T. Road, Hind Motor, Hooghly, 712233, W.B., hereby declare that I have changed my name from Nur Hassan to Md. Noor Hassan and hereafter be known as Md Noor Hassan, vide Affidavit No. 2131 dated 5.2.2025 before The Hon'ble 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore Court, Kolkata.

Name Change

Nirmal Aun (Old Name) son o Panchu Gopal Aun, residing a B.B Bose Road, Dandirhat Am tala, Basirhat-I, P.S.- Basirhat Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin-743712, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shal henceforth be known as Nirmal Kumar Aun (New Name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, dated 25/02/2025. Nirmal Kumar Aun (New Name) and Nirmal Aun (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Lochika Maity (Old Name) wife of Khokan Kumar Maity, residing at Vill & P.O.- Bathuary, P.S.- Egra, Dist.- Purba Medinipur, Pin-721422, West Bengal, INDIA have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Latika Maity (New Name) as declared be-fore the notary public at Contai, Purba Medinipur, dated 10/02/20 25. Latika Maity (New Name) and Lochika Maity (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Mithlesh Singh (Old Name) wife Ombir Singh, residing at 2/41, Mahendra Banerjee Road, Par-nasree Pally, Kolkata- 700060, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mithilesh Singh (New Name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, dated 25/02/2025. Mithilesh Singh (New Name) and Mithlesh Singh (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Ashis Manna (Old Name) son of Kanai Lal Manna, residing at 91/34, Tollygunge Road, P.O.- Tol-lygunge, P.S.- Charu Market, olkata- 700033, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ashis Kumar Manna (New Name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, dated 25/02/ 20 25. Ashis Kumar Manna (New Name) and Ashis Manna (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

, (Old Name) RAHINA BANO W/o-ABUL KALAM, Residing at, Vill-Kaitha, Post- Sundarpur, Ps- Bur-wan, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin-742161, West Bengal. Do hearby declare that I have Changed my name from RAHINA BANO To RAHINA BANU (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) RAHINA BANU in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 24 Feb 2025, RAHINA BANU and RAHINA BANO both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

(Old Name) SAMIR PAL S/o PRAHLAD CHANDRA PAL, Resid-Vill- Dhubulia Bazar colony, Post - Dhubulia, Ps- Dhub ulia, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741139, West Bengal. Do hearby declare that I have Changed my name from SAMIR PAL To SAMIR KR-ISHNA PAL (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SAMIR KRISHNA PAL in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 24 Feb 2025, SAMIR KRISHNA PAL and SAMIR PAL both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

, (Old Name) SUBHAM CHATTAR-JEE S/o- MANIK CHATTERJEE, Residing at, Vill- Malancha Pally Mokdumpur, Ps- Englishbazar, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732103. West Bengal. Do hearby declare that I have Changed my name from SUBHAM CHATTARJEE To SUBHAM CHATTERJEE (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SUBHAM CHATTERJEE in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 24 Feb 2025, SUBHAM CHATTERJEE and SUB-HAM CHATTARJEE HAM CHATTARJEE both as Same and one identical person.

Name Change

(Old Name) MOHAMMAD MUSTAFIJUR RAHAMAN S/o- MD ABDUL GOFUR, Residing at, Vill-Mahalandi Post - Mahalandi Ps-Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin-742136, West Bengal. Do hearby declare that I have Changed my name from MOHAMMAD MUSTAFIJUR RAHAMAN TO MD MUSTAFIJUR RAHAMAN (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MD MUSTAFIJUR RAHAMAN in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 24 Feb 2025, MD MUSTAFIJUR RA-HAMAN and MOHAMMAD MUSTAFIJUR RAHAMAN both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

(Old Name) AKMAL S/o- REHE-SAN ALI, Residing at, Vill-Palashbona, Post - Kumarganj, Ps- Pukhuria, Dist- Malda, Pin-732102, West Bengal. Do hearby declare that I have Changed my name from AKMAL To AKMAL HOSSAIN (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) AKMAL HOSSAIN in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 24 Feb 2025, AKMAL HOSSAIN and AKMAL both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Saha Alam Sheikh S/o Late Saha-jamal Sekh Residing at Vill -Kolorah, P.o - Kolorah, P.s - Domjur, District - Howrah, Pin- 711411 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Saha Alam Sk. I declare that Saha Alam Sheikh and Saha Alam Sk is same and one identical person by virtue of an af-fidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 25-02-2025.

Airtel & Apple enter into strategic partnership

MI News Service, Kolkata: Bharti Airtel and Apple have entered into a strategic partnership to bring the highly ac-claimed Apple TV+ streaming services and Apple Musicto Airtel customers. All Home Wi-Fi customers on plans starting Rs. 999 will get access to the captivating content of Apple TV+ with the option to stream content on multiple devices while on the move. Additionally, postpaid customers on plans starting Rs. 999 will get access to Apple TV+ and can enjoy 6 months of free Apple Music that features a vast catalog of both Indian and global music.

Name Change

Sakina Begum W/o Aftab Hus sain, residing at 14/1C/H/2, Kabitirtha Sarani, P.O- Khiddirpore, P.S- Watgunge, Kolkata – 700023, declare that my nick name Dolly Khatoon was recorded n my Voter Card inplace of my actual and correct name Sakina Begum as mentioned in my Aadhar Card. That Dolly Khatoon and Sakna Begum both are same and one identical person i.e., myself vide affidavit 14970 dated 24.02.2025 before 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Alipore, 24 Parganas (South).

Name Change

Binod kumar singh (Old Name) son of Raj Narayan Singh (father) and Phulleswari Devi (mother), residing at 21/1F OSTAD AMIR KHAN SARANI, HARIDEVPUR, KOLKATA 700082, West Bengal, NDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Binod Singh (New Name) as de-clared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 24/02/2025. Binod Singh (New Name) and Binod kumar singh (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Syed Mohammad Rehan Alam (Old Name) son of Md Jubair Alam, residing at Azad Nagar, Noori Masjid, P.O.- Burnpur, P.S.-Hirapur, Dist.- Paschim Bard-haman, Pin- 713325, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Rehan Alam (New Name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, dated 25/02/2025. Md Rehan Alam (New Name) and Syed Mohammad Rehan Alam (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Pravakar Chettri (Old Name son of Pranay Thapa, residing at Durpin, Longview, Tea Garden, Durpin, Longview, Tea Garden, Kurseong Darjeeling, Pin-734217, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pravakar Thapa (New Name) as declared pefore the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 25/02/2025. Kolkata, dated 25/02/2025. Pravakar Thapa (New Name) and Pravakar Chettri (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Manoj Kashinath Maity (Old Name) son of Kashinath Maity, residing at Talapara Paschim, P.O. Gobindapur, P.S.- Shyampur, Dist-Howrah, Pin-711314, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Manoj Maity (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 21/02/2025. Manoj Maity (New Name) and Manoj Kashinath Maity (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Shoba Sharma (Old Name) wife of Ramakant Sharma, residing at Maa Tara Housing Complex, Block-C, Flat-1, 1/10 Girish Ghosh Road Belur, Bally (M), Howrah-711202, West Bengal, INDIA, have change my name and shall henceforth be known as Shobha Sharma (New Name) as declared before the noary public at Kolkata, dated 25/02/ 2025. Shobha Sharma (New Name) and Shoba Sharma (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Ramkant Sharma (Old Name son of Surendra Kumar Sharma, residing at Maa Tara Housing Complex, Block-C, Flat-1, 1/10 Girish Ghosh Road Belur, Bally (M), Howrah-711202, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ramakant Sharma New Name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, dated 25/02/2025. Ramakant Sharma New Name) and Ramkant Shar ma (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Md Shazada (Old Name) son o Late Md Hanif, residing at 28, Tal-tala Lane Park Street, Kolkata-700016, West Bengal, INDIA, have hanged my name and shall hence forth be known as Md Shahzada New Name) as declared before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at lipore, dated 12/12/2024. Md Shahzada (New Name) and Md Shazada (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Nemai Mitra (Old Name) son of Late Ramani Mohan Mitra, residing at 237/B, Pathak Para Road, Parnasree Pally, P.S.- Behala, Kolkata- 700060, West Bengal, NDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nimai Mitra (New Name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, dated 25/02/2025. Nimai Mitra (New Name) and Nemai Mitra (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Centre extends capital gains reinvestment window under new tax framework

MI News Service, New $\textbf{Delhi:} \ \text{The government has}$ extended the capital gains reinvestment window under the new tax framework, offering greater flexibility to taxpayers. Section 86 of the proposed legislation extends the eligibility period for reinvestment in a new residential property to two years from one year, replacing the previous Section 54F of the Income Tax Act, 1961. The change aims to clarify ambiguities in the existing law, improve tax planning oppor-

sales volume. The survey projects that housing demand could reach 93 million units by 2036, driven by economic stability, urban expansion, and infrastructure development such as metro projects and road network upgrades. Sales across India's top eight cities recorded an 11 per cent year-on-year growth in the first half of 2024, reflecting positive market sentiment and increased homebuying activ-With a longer reinvestment window, ex-



potential litigation, analysts said. Under the current Section taxpayers must reinvest capital gains into a new residential property within one year of selling an asset to claim an exemption. However, confusion

over the interpretation of this provision, particularly regarding multiple residential properties, has led to disputes and legal challenges. The new Section 86(5) and 86(6) address these concerns by offering a clearer framework and an extended timeline, which could impact pending tax disputes. Rajarshi Dasgupta, executive director-tax, Aquilaw, said that while the core exemption remains unchanged, clarity in language and the expanded timeline will allow taxpayers greater flexibility in reinvestment decisions and capital gains tax planning. "The change from one year to two years will help taxpayers structure their tax liabilities efficiently," more added. Vatsal Gaur, partner at King Stubb & Kasiva. advocates attorneys, emphasised that the substance of Section mains the same, but the

54F and new Clause 86 rerefinement in wording eliminates interpretational ambiguities. "The primary difference is the enhanced clarity around reinvestment eligibility," he noted. "This ensures a more precise application of capital gains tax exemptions while maintaining consistency in the law's intent." The extension of the reinvestment period aligns with India's expanding real estate sector, which is seeing record growth in housing

According to Economic Survey 2024-25, released ahead of the Union Budget, the real estate market has reached an 11-year high in

demand.

taxpayers will benefit from capital gains exemptions, potentially stimulating further investment in residenproperties. extension provides a structured approach for investors and homebuyers to make informed decisions without the pressure of a short reinvestment window," said Dasgupta. "It is a welcome move that aligns tax policy with mar-ket realities." Industry alert Demand for residential properties remains "very strong" across major cities but the euphoria seen in the last few years is mellowing down a little bit, said Pirojsha Godrej, the executive chairperson of Godrej Properties, ac-

cording to sources. Godrej Properties is one of the leading real estate developers in the country. It became the largest listed realty firm in 2024 in terms of sales bookings or pre-sales by selling more than ₹28,000 crore worth of properties. Godrej noted that there is no demand slowdown in the housing market, as reflected in the company's pre-sales numbers. "Am I seeing a slowdown in demand. The answer is 'No'. Because we have seen ₹500-crore-plus sales in our new housing project launches in five different cities (during the December quarter) across North. South, West and East India. That to me is pretty indicative of a very strong housing market," he said.

Pirojsha added: "But, I would say that some of that euphoria is perhaps mellowing down a little bit, particularly in Delhi-NCR... It has settled into a more sort of standard strong market." "Euphoria that was there 6-12 months ago seems to have cooled off a little bit, but demand remains very strong," he ob-

India allocates 10K Cr to develop its large language model

MI News Service, New Delhi: India is on track to develop its own large language model (LLM). A large language model (LLM) is an artificial intelligence system that can understand, generate and process human lan-

The AI mission is very important for India. A sum of ₹10,000 crore has been allocated under this mission. We have seen LLMs being developed in America and China and now India has geared up.

"We have got the GPUs which is such an important component for development of LLMs," said Jitin Prasada, Union minister of state for electronics & IT,

commerce and industry. "We will be making that available at very low cost to scientists and students so that India can come up with its own LLM foundation model as far as AI is concerned. You will see it very soon," he said. The IT ministry last month had said that India's AI model is beginning with the computation facility of roughly 10000 GPUs and another 8,693 GPUs will be added.

Compared to global models computation costing \$2.5 to \$3 per hour usage, India's AI model computation will cost less than ₹100 per hour after 40 per cent government subsidy, the ministry had said.

Enhancing Passenger Convenience: Installation of new Coach Indication Boards & train indication Boards at key Stations of Asansol Division



MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway has undertaken a significant initiative to improve passenger convenience and streamline train boarding by sanctioning and initiating the provision of new Train Indication Boards (TIB) and new Coach Indication Boards (CIB) at major stations of Asansol Division.

The installation of new Train Indication Boards and Coach Indication Boards at these stations will provide numerous benefits to passengers, ensuring a hasslefree and efficient travel experience. This system will enable passengers to locate their train as well as reserved coaches in advance, reducing last-minute confu-

sion and rush at platforms. By guiding passengers to designated platform and coach positions, the system will also help in better crowd distribution, minimizing congestion, and ensuring safer boarding and deboarding.

To enhance passenger convenience, Train Indication Boards (TIB) will be installed at all 14 stations, and Coach Indication Boards (CIB) will be installed at 10 stations across the division under the Amrit Bharat Station Development Scheme. As of now, installation and operation of new CIB and TIB have been successfully completed at four stations-Siuri, Deoghar, Dumka, and Sitarampur. The installation work at the remaining sta-

tions is underway and will be commissioned shortly. This initiative aims to improve pas senger information systems and streamline travel experience.

Eastern Railway remains committed to providing world-class passenger ame nities and infrastructure improvements. The installation of new Coach Indication Boards & Train Indication Boards at different stations in Asansol Division reflects its continuous efforts to modernize railway stations and ensure a seamless journey for all travelers. Passengers can look forward to a more convenient and organized train boarding experience as these works progress to-wards completion.

Revised timings of two Mail/Express trains over ER Jurisdiction

MI News Service, Kolkata: Railway has decided to revised the timings of 15658 Kamakhya – Delhi Brahmaputra Mail with effect from 26.02.2025. The revised timings of 15658 Kamakhya – Delhi Brahmaputra Mail at different stations over Eastern Railway are as

Malda Town (Arr.- 04:25 hrs./ Dep:- 04:35 hrs.), New Farakka (Arr.- 05:07 hrs./ 05:09 Barharwa (Arr.- 05:44 hrs/ Dep:- 05:46 hrs.), Sahibganj (Arr.- 06:34 hrs./ Dep:hrs.), Kahalgaon (Arr.- 07:16 hrs./ Dep:-07:18 hrs.), Bhagalpur (Arr.-08:16 hrs./Dep:- 08:26 hrs.), Sultanganj (Arr.- 08:48 hrs./ Dep:- 08:50 hrs.), Jamalpur (Arr.- 09:25 hrs./ Dep:-09:35 hrs.) and Abhaipur (Arr.- 09:56 hrs/Dep:- 09:58 hrs.). Due to revision of 15658 Kamakhya - Delhi Brahmaputra Mail over Eastern Railway system, timings of 15648 Guwahati -Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express will also be changed ove Eastern Railway system and the revised timings at different stations are as under: Sahibganj (Arr.- 06:46 hrs./ Dep:- 06:51 hrs.), Kahalgaon (Arr.- 07:28 hrs./ Dep:- 07:30 hrs.), Bhagalpur (Arr.- 08:30 hrs./ Dep:- 08:40 hrs.), Sultanganj (Arr.- 09:03 hrs./ Dep:- 09:05 hrs.), Bariarpur (Arr.- 09:24 hrs./ Dep:- 09:26 hrs.), Jamalpur (Arr.- 09:41 hrs./ Dep:- 09:51 hrs.) and Abhaipur (Arr.- 10:10 hrs./ Dep:- 10:13 hrs.).

Diversion of Brahmaputra Mail for two days

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to operational reason, 15657 Delhi- Kamakhya Brahmaputra Mail (journey commencing on 27.02. 2025 & 28.02.2025) will be diverted via Ghaziabad -Moradabad - Lucknow -Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya.

of receipt of the said Notice.

ER Women's Welfare Organisation Malda Division, successfully conducts final phase of Nikshay Mitra Campaign



MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant step towards public health and community welfare, the Eastern Railway Women's Welfare Organisation (ERWWO), Eastern Railway's Malda Division, successfully concluded the 6th & final phase of its Nikshay Mitra campaign today (25.02.2025) at the Divisional Railway Hospital, Malda. This initiative, aligned with the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhivan, focused on providing crucial nutritional support to underprivileged tuberculosis (TB) patients, aiding their recovery and overall well-being.

The event was led by Smt. Manisha Gupta, President of ERWWO, along with Smt. Anupa Ghosh, Chief Medical Superintendent of Malda. They were joined by Smt. Niranjana Nagrale, Vice President of ERWWO/ Malda, and Smt. Shilpa Secretary Verma,

ERWWO/Malda, who actively participated in distributing food packets to economically weaker TB patients, reinforcing the organisation's commitment to their care and support. Speaking on the occasion, Smt. Manisha Gupta reiterated the campaign's core message—"TB HAREGA, DESH JITEGA"—emphasizing that under the 100-day TB elimination program, ERWWO/Malda's efforts reflect an unwavering dedication to ensuring adequate nutrition for TB patients. She highlighted that this event marked the culmination of a six-month-long initiative, reaffirming ERW WO's role in supporting the national vision of a TB-free India. With the successful completion of the Nikshay Mitra campaign, ERW WO/Malda remains steadfast in its mission to support TB patients and contribute to a healthier, disease-free

Trains Rescheduled

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to late running of Down link trains, following trains are rescheduled as under:
• 12333 Howrah – Prayagraj Rambag Bibhuti Express will leave Howrah at 22:40 hrs. instead of its schedule departure time at 19:55 hrs. on 25.02.2025. • 13005 Howrah - Amritsar Mail will leave Howrah at 21:05 hrs instead of its schedule departure time at 19:15 hrs. on 25.02.2025.

• 13009 Howrah - Yog Nagari Rishikesh Doon Express will leave Howrah at 22:15 hrs. instead of its schedule departure time at 20:25 hrs. on 25.02.2025.

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Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

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The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Date: February 26, 2025 Place: Calcutta

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India's Hyperloop Vision Moves Forward with IIT Madras Collaboration and Cutting-Edge Test Track

The panic button security measures.

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Guwahati: Ashwini Vaish-

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Investment and Infrastructure

He announced several new

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approximately 1,000 CCTV cameras. Once the additional 300 units are deployed, the total count will reach

The focus will be on crime-prone areas and locations not yet covered by CCTV. Authorities also aim to resolve technical issues associated with the panic button system, which was introduced under the Smart City Mission.

The installation of panic buttons across Action Area 1 in New Town began four years ago. Around 400 panic buttons were placed in key areas, but they remain non-functional due to system failures.

The NKDA initially connected the buttons using dongles, but the method failed to work effectively. Now, efforts are underway to integrate the buttons with fiber optic cables, though residents.

line for completion.

The New Town Citizens' Welfare Fraternity has raised concerns about inadequate security on several roads. They believe that activating the panic buttons would be a major relief for residents.

Once functional, the system will allow residents in distress to press the button and receive immediate police assistance. However, an NKDA official pointed out that no other city in India has implemented such a system yet. Although the initiative is part of a central government project, the NKDA must independently resolve

Authorities assure that they are working diligently to address the challenges and ensure that New Town becomes a safer place for all

were elected unopposed.
Voting was held in 28

Unemployment on large-scale, govt wants to make profit: Akhilesh Yadav

News Kannauj: In a sharp rebuttal to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's speech in the State Assembly during the UP budget session, Samajwadi Party (SP) Chief Akhilesh Yadav slammed Yogi Adityanath and alleged that unemploy-ment is on a "large scale" and accused the BJP leaders

"Farmers are in losses, and the government is not compensating them...There is unemployment on a large scale. The government could not provide employment to the youth in the last nine years. Think, if the youth do not get employment, what will be there future? And if the youth do not have a future, then the future of the state and our country will not be good," Akhilesh told

lies sitting inside the state assembly. They are claiming that there is a 24-hour power supply. But here, locals are telling us that there is no electricity. And if the been made costlier. A lot

from them." He further alleged that "GST is being levied on the agricultural implements of the farmers, therefore making their tools costlier. This inflation is due to profiteering. This government want to make a profit".

Notice Inviting Re-e-Tender (3rd Call)

schemes for construction work under Kalna-II Development Block, Purba Bardhaman has been floated amounting to Rs. 20.55175 lakhs fund RIDF-XXX. Bid Submission end on: 19.03.2025 at 05.50 PM.

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Block Development Officer Kalna-II Development Block Singerkone, Purba Bardhaman

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Block Development Officer Kalna-II Development Block

Singerkone, Purba Bardhaman

Kotalpur Gram Panchayat Prosadpur, Hooghly, 712404

Sealed Tender is invited from bonafied & resourceful contractors f execution of various development works under GP area vide NIT No.: KGP/030/2025 (SI.- 1-2).. Date: 25.02.2025. Last Date of Application 04.03.2025. Last Date of Sale of Tender Form: 25.02.2025 to

Pradhan Kotalpur Gram Panchayat

LDF wins 15 seats out of 30 wards in Kerala local body bypolls, UDF wins 12

Thiruvananthapuram: The CPM-led Left Democratic Front (LDF) on Tuesday won 15 out of 30 wards in local body bypolls held across Kerala, according to the results released by the State Election Commission (SEC).

The SEC conducted the bypolls in local body wards in 13 districts in the State, excluding Wayanad district.

The Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) won 12 wards and three independent candidates won the by-polls, but the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) failed to win a single seat.

by-elections were conducted in 30 wards across 13 districts, excluding Wayanad. In two wards of Kasaragod district--Kolikkunnu in Madikai Grama Panchayat and Pallippara in Kayyur-Cheemeni Grama Panchayat-- CPM candidates

wards on February 24 and votes were counted on Tues-

slams UP govt

of "speaking lies".

He also expressed concern over the future of the youth, alleging lack of un-employment oppurtunities in the state in the last nine years.

reporters here.

I am witnessing that the people of the Bharatiya Janata Party are speaking electricity is supplied, it has of money is being collected

Earlier on Tuesday, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath hit out at SP and stated that the party had left no stone unturned to defame Prayagraj.

MI News Service, New Delhi: AAP leader and former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal "did not take action, delayed or resorted to compro-

Sunil Kumar Gupta, a former Tihar Jail PRO, also said that there were whiskey bottles in the place where the late Sahara Group chief was lodged and he had apprised Kejriwal of all the happenings. He said action could have been taken against the Jail Administration.

He said "ultimately, nothing concrete was done" and Subrata Roy "continued enjoying the facilities".

Gupta alleged that the Tihar Jail Administration buckled before the Sahara chief, who passed away in November 2023, and that the facilities were provided to him on the suggestion of Jail Administration to the

court. "Subrata Roy Sahara (late Sahara Group chief) owed thousands of crores of rupees to several people. So, Supreme Court had sentenced him to jail. He was first kept in regular jail. He then said that he has to sell off hotels and with the money that would be generated, he can pay back lenders. He had sought permission from the court for video conferencing with several buyers of his hotels, who belonged to western countries and that the sale can't go through unless this happens. Supreme Court asked the jail administra-

tion for a solution," Gupta said. "Jail administration said that it is not possible to happen while being in jail...It could be done from outside the jail. He was

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শ্ৰী সুব্ৰত দাস পিতা – শ্ৰী গোপীনাথ দাস সাকি

মহেশপুর, পোঃ সুগদ্ধ্যা, থানা পোলবা, জেলা -হুগলী, পিন-৭১২১০২, বিগত ইং- 24/08/2021 তারিখে ডি.এস.আর-I, হুগলী চুঁচুড়া অফিসে I 6382/2021 নং আমমোক্তার দলিল মুলে আমার মঞ্চেল শ্রী সুরজিৎ দাস পিতা শ্রী গোপীনাথ দাস সাকিম মহেশপুর, পোঃ সুগন্ধ্যা, থানা পোলবা, জেলা – হুগলী, পিন-৭১২১০২ মহাশয়কে ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত আমমোক্তার নিযুক্ত করেন ও নিম্নবর্ণিত তপশীল সম্পত্তি উক্ত আমমোক্তারনামা rলিল বলে আমি 12/12/2024 তারিখে এ.ডি.এস.আর, হুগলী চুঁচুড়া অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত I-4305/2024 নং দলিল মূলে শ্রীমতী সুস্মিতা হাওলাদার স্বামী শ্রী সুজয় হাওলাদার[ঁ] সাকিম রবীন্দ্রনগর পশ্চিমপাড়া, রবীন্দ্রনগর, চুঁচুড়া, হুগলী, পুন-712103 মহাশয়াকে 15 ছটাক 32 বর্গফট বিক্রয় করেন <u>তপশীল</u> – জেলা হুগলী, থানা পোলবা, মৌজা নহেশপুর, জে.এল. নং - সাবেক 178 হাল 76, হাল এল. আর 655 নং খতিয়ানে, আর. এস. তথ এল. আর. 783 নং দাগে পোলট্রী ষোল আনায় 55 শতক আমমোক্তারকৃত সম্পত্তির মধ্যে 15

ছটাক 32 বর্গফুট বা কমবেশী 0.0162 একর, বিক্রয়কুত সম্পত্তি হইতেছে। এতদ্বারা সকলবে অবগত করা যাইতেছে যে, বর্তমান ক্রেতা **শ্রীমতী সুস্মিতা হাওলাদার** স্থামী শ্রী সুজয় হাওলাদার নজ খরিদা সম্পিত্তি নিজ নামে নাম পত্তন করিবার জন্য বি.এল এ্যান্ড এল.আর.ও পোলবা দাদপুর অফিসে আবেদন করিয়াছেন, ইহাতে _{ন কু} কাহারও কোন আইনানুগত আপত্তি থাকিলে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রচার হইবার ১ মাসের মধ্যে সংশ্লিষ্ঠ অফিসে আপত্তি জানাইতে পারিবেন, অন্যথায় নিয়ম অনুসারে কার্য্য হইবে। ইতি- সনৎ কুমার শীল (উকিলবাবু),

জেলা জজ আদালত, চুঁচুড়া, হুগলী



Power Minister Aroop Biswas, through video conferencing at Bidyut Bhahan on Tuesday, thanked the officials and staff of the Power Division for ensuring a smooth conduct of the Secondary Examination. He also appreciated their efforts in maintaining an uninterrupted power supply to examination centers despite natural calamities, storms, and waterlogging. Additionally, the minister issued various instructions to Power Department officials across the state regarding preparations for the upcoming Higher Secondary Examination. Power Secretary Shantanu Bose, Sumit Mukherjee (Director, Distribution, WBSEDCL), Partha Pratim Mukherjee (Director, Projects, WBSEDCL), and Partha Pratim Dutta

"Kejriwal did not act on complaint...air hostesses used to come to Subrata Roy, there were whiskey bottles...": Former Tihar Jail PRO

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not take it well...The then Do

paid no heed and did not take

any action. I was left with no

choice. So, I approached (the

then) CM Arvind Kejriwal...II

the presence of Jail Minister,

told him (the then CM Kejriw

al) everything about the facili

ties of Subrata Roy Sahara and

that these facilities are being

provided in cahoots with jai

if I could shoot a video of it.

told him it wouldn't be right

for me and he could come here

and check it for himself. He

then said that DG Prison is an

IPS officer who comes under

Central government and we do

not know if we can do anything

about him...He also said that

everything is found in the raid

action would need to be taken

against the Superintendent

I told him that when you take

action against the Superin

tendent, he would say that he

was doing everything at the

behest of Director General. He

was fine with it...I was happy.

But two days later, DG told m

that it was not good of me to

approach (the then CM), and

implicated a 'gareeb aadmi'

But nothing was done about it,

Gupta said the Jail Minister

visited the headquarters and

told the concerned DG and

"other officers to not do any-

"Ultimately nothing concrete

was done. He (Subrata Roy Sa-

hara) continued enjoying the

facilities. Jail administration

buckled before him...Then they

started harassing me...I met

(the then) Lt Governor. He told

me to speak with his Secretary,

I did that and explained every-

thing to him...but nobody paid

any heed to whatever I said...

When I was retiring, I was

served a 15-page chargesheet

regarding irregularities in a

10-year-old course...This was

just to harass...I was exoner-

ated after four-five years and

the Government withdrew the

chargesheet. But I was so trou-

thing wrong hereon".

"Arvind Kejriwal asked me

administration," he said.

chaired by DG Prisons.

mise" over complaints about "illegal things happening" while Sahara Group founder Subrata Roy was imprisoned in Tihar Jail, a former jail official has alleged and said that air hostesses of Sahara Airlines "used to come to Roy and remain with him for hours".

Gupta told ANI in an interview that he had first complained to the then DG (Prisons) about the illegal things, but he paid no heed. Gupta said he later went to Kejriwal, who was then the Chief Minister, with the complaint that facilities were being provided "in cahoots with" the Jail Administration.

Gupta recounted his tenure and alleged that late Subrata Roy Sahara was provided special favours by the jail administration when he was an inmate, that Kejriwal didn't take any action when he approached him.

"He (Subrata Roy Sahara) was provided with a video conferencing facility (as allowed by the Supreme Court). But besides that, air hostesses of Sahara Airlines used to come to him and remain with him for hours. I had seen whiskey bottles there...I had told Arvind Kejriwal everything. But I think he might have thought that he wouldn't be able to do anything against an IPS officer, or maybe he compromised," Gupta said.

then shifted to the court com-

undersianed from bonafied, resourceful, Govt.

Contractor for the Construction of various works (01 No.) under Katwa-I Panchayet Samiti Purba Bardhaman Vide NIT No- 29/RIDFXXX/2024-25 (1st Call), Date- 25.02.2025 (Tender ID-2025_ZPHD_ **820319_1).** Details can be available from <u>https://</u> wbtenders.gov.in. Last date of application receiving 13.03.2025 upto 05.00 PM. Sd/-**Executive Officer** Katwa-I Panchayat Samiti

Place: Patashpur (West Bengal)

plex that had video conferenc- bled for those 5 years...I knew this would happen," he said. Subrata Roy had faced controversies and fought legal battles over accusations of his firms circumventing regulations in schemes floated by these companies.

PWD (GOVT OF WB) High Čourt had called me and it **TENDER NOTICE** said that there are several complaints of bribery and extortion eNIT No.: 83/City(M) of at the jail," Gupta added. Gupta said he raised thi

2024-25 of The E.E.-I. City Dvn., P.W.D. for different works related to 18th edition of IPL T20 Cricket Matches 2025 are invited from bonafied agencies credential for similar urgent nature of works. Bid submission closing

date (online) will be on 13.03.2025 at 14.00 hrs. Tender 2025 PWD 820565 1/2.

Other details may be seen from the web site: http://etender.wb.nic.in & http://wbpwd.in .

Executive Engineer-I City Division, P.W.D

NIT No.: JOY2/14 of 2024-25, Date: 20.02.2025. It is here invited by the BDO/EO,

Joynagar-II for e-Tender of no. of Work vide Tender Id: **2025_ZPHD_818755_1** and last Date of Bid Submission is **04.03.2025**. For details visit website https:// wbtenders.gov.in

BDO/EO Joynagar-II Dev. Block/PS Nimpith, South 24 Parganas

e-Tender is invited vide NIT No.: 88/2024-25 & Memo No.: 654, Date: 25.02.2025, for 02 nos. scheme under Memari-II Panchayat Samity. Documents download/sell end date Online) for Bid Submission up to 12.03.2025 for detail information please contact with Memari-II PS office notice board/SAE Section and through e-Tender site www.wbtenders.gov.in

Executive Officer, Memari-II Panchayat Samity

Barijahatty Gram Panchayat ^{Chanditala, Hooghly}

Notice Inviting Tender Sealed Tender is invited fron resourceful experienced bidders for execution of the work(s) vide Memo No.: 130/BGP/15th FC Tied/2025 (SI.-1-3) & 131/ BGP/15th FC Untied/2025 (SI. 1), Date: 24.02.2025. Fund: 15th FC (Tied & Untied). Last date of dropping of Sealed Tender Form : On or before 04.03.2025 up to 04.30 PM Date of Opening of Tender 07.03.2025 at 11.00 AM. For details visit undersigned GF

Prodhan Barijahatty Gram Panchayat

Office.

AUCTION NOTICE

Notice hereby given that auction will be held on 28th February, 2025 at 11.30 AM in the premises of 'Guha Parking' located at Shaktigarh, Uttar Bazar, Burdwan, West Shakugarii, Uttar Bazar, buruwani, west Bengal - 713149 for sale of a vehicle being TATA LPS 4018 having registration number WB35/1918 'as is where is basis' to the highest bidder pursuant to the Award dated 14th February' 2025 passed in Arbitration Case Number SG/R/2 of 2024. Interested parties will be allowed to inspect the vehicle number WB35/1918 two hours before the commencement of the auction.

AUCTION NOTICE

Notice hereby given that auction will be held on 28th February, 2025 at 04.30 PM in the premises of J.S. Parking' located at PO & Vill — Chamrail, PS - Liluah, Howrah, West Bengal - 711227 for sale of a vehicle being TATA LPS 4018 having registration number WB73G/3862 'as is where is basis to the highest bidder pursuant to the Award dated 14th February' 2025 passed in Arbitration Case Number SG/R/1 of 2024. the vehicle number WB73G/3862 two hours before the commencement of the auction.

Barijahatty Gram Panchayat Chanditala, Hooghly Notice Inviting Tender

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Barijahatty Gram Panchayat **NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER** Ref NIeT No: 412/15th F.C./2024-25, Date: 21.02.2025 E-Tender are invited from bonafied resourceful contractors for velopment works. For Scheme details, other Terms and Conditions

please visit www.wbtenders.gov.in
Documents Download Date: From 21.02.2025 at 05:30 PM to 07.03.2025
up to 03:00 PM. Bid Submission Date: 21.02.2025 at 06:00 PM to 07.03.2025 up to 03:30 PM. Date of Technical Bid Opening: 10.03.2025 Sd/-, Executive Officer Chinsurah-Mogra Panchayet Samity at 04:00 PM.

Office of the Concillors of Haringhata Municipality Subarnapur, Haringhata, Nadia. Notice Inviting e-Tender

Chairman, Haringhata Municipality invites e-Tender No.-WBMAD/ ULB/HM/NIT-18e/2024-25, Memo. No-452/HM/2025 Dated: 25/02/2025 .Tender Id: 2025_MAD_820456_1 Date of Publishing- 25/02/2025

Bid Submission Closing Date-29/03/2025, For details please visitwww.wbtenders.gov.in

Sd/- CHAIRMAN

HARINGHATA MUNICIPALITY

E-Tender Notice E-Tender is invited by the

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Office of the Principal DEBRA THANA SAHID KSHUDIRAM SMRITI MAHAVIDYALAYA P.O.- Chakshyampur, Dist.- Paschim Medinipur. PIN- 721124. W.B. INDIA **NOTICE INVITING TENDER** (2nd Call)

E Tender(ID-2025_DHE_819109_1)dated:21/02/2025 E-Tenders are invited from eligible Contractors / Firms/agencies/ having successfully completed similar nature of works with adequate working experience and financial capabilities. Intending bidder may download the tender documents from the website https://wbtenders.gov.in. nformation about the work:

Providing and fixing of 1.8M(6-0) RCC Prestressed Precast Boundary Wall Name of the work Bid Submission Start Date. 22-02-2025-at 12 Noon Bid Submission End Date. 07-03-20255 at 4PM

Sd/- (Dr. Rupa Dasgupta) Principal Debra Thana Sahid Kshudiram Smriti Mahavidyalaya Chakshyampur, Debra, Paschim Medinipur.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE Branch Office: ICICI BANK LTD, BP-4, Technopolis Building, 4th Floor, Sector V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata West Bengal - 700091

CIN No: L65190GJ1994PLC021012, www.icicibank.com The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date

Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-

		ntioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal hthe property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.						
	Sr. No.		Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch			
		Rupan Bera/ Goutam Bera/ Madhabpur, Naipur P.O., Thana And Sub Registry Potashpur, Potashpur 1, Near Bazar District East Medinipur West Bengal Patashpur- 721439/ LBMDE00005679115	[Naipar, Mana Ana Sub-Registry Potastipar,	24/10/2024 Rs. 17,26,668.58/-	Patash- pur (WB)			

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 Date: February 26, 2025

Sincerely Authorised Signatory For ICICI Bank Ltd

Tender Notices are also available at Website www.er.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.ir Follow us at : M @EasternRailway ? @easternrailwayheadquarter

system, installed across New Town for resident safety, remains non-operational due to technical glitches. The issue has raised concerns, especially after the recent rape and murder of a teenage girl, allegedly by a rickshaw puller. Following the incident, residents have intensified their demand for enhanced With panic buttons yet to be activated, authorities have shifted their focus to CCTV surveillance. To bolster security, the New Town Kolkata Development Authority (NKDA) has decided to install 300 additional CCTV cameras across the township. According to sources,

Infrastructure Summit at Guwahati Wagon Workshop at Bashbari in Bodoland area at a cost of

Currently, Bharat is connecting Northeast. One more Vande Bharat will run between Guwahati and Agartala, and two Amrit Bharat trains will run: Guwahati - Delhi and Guwahati

- Chennai Passenger amenities provided since 2014:

Lift: 43, Escalator: 37 Wi-Fi (Number of Stations)

47,000 sq mtr (220 bigha) land for semiconductor ecosystem at Jagi road has been

given to state government. Arunachal, Chaparmukh, Dhemaji, Dhubri, Dibrugarh, Diphu, Duliajan, Fakiragram Jn., Gauripur, Gohpur, Golaghat, Gosai gaon hat, Guwahati, Haibargaon, Harmuti, Hojai, Jagi Road, Jorhat Town, is being converted to a world Kamakhya Jn, Kokrajhar, Lanka, Ledo, Lumding Jn, Majbat, Makum Jn, Margherita, Mariani Jn, Murkongselek, Naharkatiya, Nalbari, Namrup, Narangi, New Bongaigaon Jn, 2 new Intercity trains will New Haflong, New Karimganj be started soon - Guwahati -Jn, New Tinsukia Jn, North Lakhimpur, Pathshala, Rangapara North Jn, Rangiya Jn, Sarupathar, Sibsagar Town, Silapathar, Silchar, Simalugu-

ri, Tangla, Tinsukia, Udalguri, Viswanath Chariali Manipur (1): Imphal

Meghalaya (1): Mendipa-Mizoram (1) : Sairang rup District, Assam Nagaland (1) : Dimapur

Sikkim (1) : Rangpo Tripura (4) : Agartala, Dharmanagar, Kumarghat, Udaipur Bhutan Connectivity Proj-

Kokrajhar (Assam, India) to Gelephu (Bhutan) new line

69 Rkm Bridges: Important – 02 Nos., Major – 29 Nos., Minor

- 65 Nos., Viaduct – 10,913m tracks): 18 projects; 1,368 km; (02 Nos.) ROBs/RUBs : 01 / 39

Stations: 07 Nos. (Assam: 06 Nos.,Bhutan: 01 No.) Stations: 03 Nos. (West Bengal: 02 Nos., Bhutan: 01

Meity: Another semi-conductor hub will be set up in Assam Electronics manufacturing hub will be set up in Kamrup

district India Semiconductor Mission Focus on the entire value

terials and chemicals, fab, assembly and products. Total 5 projects with cumulative investment of 1.5 Lakh

chain from design, tools, ma-

Cr approved. Construction is going at a rapid pace. We shall have

EASTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No. NIT/02/25/10, dated 24.02.2025. Principal Chief Materials Manager, Eastern Railway, 2nd floor, 17, Netaji Subhas Road, Fairlie Place, Kolkata-700001 invites e-tenders for supply of the following items. SI.No., Tender No., Description of Stores, EMD are as follows: - Tender Opening Date: 13.03.2025, Time: 13.30 Hrs. (1)10252317, Spring loaded switch 6A-250V etc., ₹ 1,18,910/-. Tender Opening Date: 17.03.2025, Time: 13.30 Hrs.: (2) 21251460, Pin for BMBS bogie, ₹ 2,04,070/-. Tender Opening Date : 18.03.2025, Time : 13.30 Hrs. (3) 09255004, Procurement of supply installation and commissioning of Fog Pilot Assistance System for Safety (Fog Pass) etc., ₹ 7,56,480/-. Tender Opening Date: 19.03.2025, Time: 13.30 Hrs.: (4) 15255008, Electric Overhead Travailing Crane 40 Ton along with SDL 80 meter, ₹ 2,58,040/-. Tender Opening Date: 24.03.2025, Time: 13.30 Hrs.: (5) 12251063, Single coil spring washer T-10773, ₹ 1,07,240/-. **(6)** 12255009, Running wheel, ₹ 1,47,480/-. **(7)** 21251378, Yoke etc., ₹ 20,00,000/-. Tender Opening Date : 01.04.2025, Time : 13.30 Hrs.: (8) 11252615, Procurement of TPU Ring for secondary suspension etc., ₹ 1,64,400/-. Tender Opening Date : 07.04.2025, Time : 13.30 Hrs.: (9) 10252162, Battery box complete etc., ₹ 1,61,190/-. Tender Cost: Rs. 0/- for all. Note: All above mentioned tenders are e-tenders and all tenderers are requested to submit their bids on-line through the IREPS website at https:// www.ireps.gov.in For more details regarding the above mentioned tenders and 104.03.2025. Date of Opening of Tender: 06.03.2025 at 03:00 PM. For other supply tenders please visit IREPS website. (Stores-81/2024-25) details visit undersigned GP office.

the technical hurdles.

Advantage Assam 2.0 Investment and

We are training 85 thousand engineers. PLI in large scale electron-One of the major success

made an India chip in 2024.

stories of India's economic growth. Electronics manufacturing in 2014: about 1.9 lakh Cr.

Electronics manufacturing in 2024: 9.8 lakh Cr. Mobile manufacturing in 2014: about 19 thousand Čr. Mobile manufacturing in

2024: more than 4.2 lakh Cr.

· Today India manufactures more than 98% of the mobile phones domestically. Mobile manufacturing alone has created more than

In the first 10 months of FY 2024-25, electronics exports have crossed 2.5 lakh Cr. This year, mobile exports alone are expected to cross

1.2 lakh employment.

1.65 lakh Cr.

Tata Electronics Private Limited (TEPL) OSAT Facility in Morigaon. · Investment: ₹ 27,120 Cr

Capacity: 48 million semiconductor units per day Chips will be used in Automotive, Electric Vehicles, Consumer Electronics, Telecom, and Mobile Phones.

Electronic Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) Under EMC scheme, one Greenfield Electronic Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) being developed at Bongora, Kam-

Area: 100 acres Project cost of Rs. 120 Cr. Government of India grant:

70% infra work has been completed. A Grant-in-aid of Rs. 25 crores has been released and utilized. · About 8 electronics companies engaged with projected

investment of about Rs.4,820 crore and potential to generate 4,820 employments.

Skilling Initiatives in Assam Semiconductor · Last month - NIELIT was upgraded to a deemed to be university. NIELIT has signed MoU with Gauhati University to train skilled manpower in Semiconductors. As we speak Technicians from Assam are already undergoing on-the-job apprenticeship training at Tata plants (in Kolar and

Hosur) Soon - Engineers from

Assam will also be trained at PSMC's fab in Taiwan.

Ref e-NIT No.- 2025_ZPHD_820488_1. A Re-e-Tender (Notice: 459, Date: 25.02.2025) containing one number

Sd/-

Ref e-NIT No.- 2025_ZPHD_820463_1. A Re-e-Tender (Notice: 460, Date: 25.02.2025) containing one number schemes for construction work under Kalna-II Development Block, Purba Bardhaman has been floated amounting to Rs. 4.74788 lakhs.

Notice Inviting Tender

Future Generali India Insurance celebrates DEI milestone with an exclusive coffee table book, 'It's a0nederful World'

Company (FGII) has proudly turned a new page in its DEI journey with the launch of It's a Onederful World'-a coffee table book that brings to life stories of inclusion, resilience, and change. Launched at a grand event, this book marks a powerful milestone in FGII's unwavering commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), proving that when every voice is heard, the world truly becomes 'wonderful.' The book brings alive inspirational stories of individuals across various walks of life as well as FGII's PwD employees. It celebrates FGII's milestone of achieving 1% representation of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). The book launch was graced by a distinguished lineup of celebrity guests, including acclaimed producer RanaDaggubati; renowned actress and Bharatanatyam SudhaChandran; Paralympic champion AvaniLekhara and CEO of Bollant Industries, SrikanthBolla. In

2022, FGII embarked on a journey to make

DEI a strategic priority. From introducing

policy changes to conducing sensitization

and awareness sessions to launching truly

inclusive products for the LGBTQIA+ com-



~ It's official!: Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) now account for 1% of FGII's workforce ~

~ FGII launched a special edition book to celebrate this landmark achievement in the presence of RanaDaggubati, ShrikantBolla, AvaniLekhara, SudhaChandran etc.

inclusive employer, insurer and a responsible corporate citizen. FGII had set itself an ambitious goal-to ensure that 1% of its workforce would be made up of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs). Armed with determination, the company has achieved this target, growing its PwD workforce to 41 employees across 16 regional branches in the span of a year. Moreover, nearly 22 per cent of the company's PwD hires are women, once again underscoring its efforts to build a workplace that is inclusive in

Speaking at the launch, Anup Rau, Managing Director and CEO, Future Generali India Insurance Company Ltd. said, "Inclusion cannot be just a policy-it has to be a lived reality. True inclusion means every stakeholder has a seat at the table, ensuring that the solutions we create reflect the diverse communities we serve. We are proud that 1% of our workforce is made up of differently-abled individuals-not as an obligation, but as a commitment to talent, perspective, and potential. An inclusive employer makes for an inclusive - and I dare say, a better provider- with far more

Axis Bank felicitates the winners of SPLASH, a pan-India competition for Art, Craft and Literature in Axis House, Mumbai



Axis Bank, one of the largest private sector banks in India, felicitated the national winners of SPLASH, an annual Pan-India competition on Art, Craft, and Literature for children in the age group of 7-14 years. the age group of 7-14 years. The winners were felicitated by senior Axis Bank officials - Amitabh Chaudhry, MD&CEO; Rajiv Anand, Deputy Managing Director; RajkamalVempati, Head - HR; ArjunChowdhry, Group Executive at Axis House in Mumbai. Each of the six finalists was awarded a scholfinalists was awarded a scholarship of Rs. 1 lakh, along with exciting hampers and electronic gadgets from partners such as Vivo, BSA Cycles, American

as vivo, BSA Cycles, American
Tourister, and BoAt.
Additionally, the runners-up
received Rs. 50 thousand each.
Winners under the age
group of 7 - 10 years:

" Art: S. Tharunika
from Campion Anglo Indian
School, Tamil Nadu

" Craft: P. Yashvi from

" Craft: P. Yashvi from Senthil Public School, Salem,

Tamil Nadu " Literature: SharannyaGhosh from Our Lady Queen of the Mission

School, Kolkata Winners under the age

group of 11 - 14 years:

" Art: KavyaGugale
from Vibgyor High School NIBM, Pune

Craft: Madhav from Neo Learning Padampur, Rajasthan

Literature: Prateek Mishra OdishaAdarshVidyalaya, Puri,

Marking a new milestone,

the competition witnessed entries from over 9 lakh participants from all over the nation, which has increased by almost 40% year on year. By conducting the competition phygitally (both physically and digitally), the Bank ensured that every child has an opportunity to

showcase their talent. Speaking on the occasion, AnoopManohar, Marketing Officer, Axis Bank, said, "Splash is not merely a competition; it is a platform where young minds can express their thoughts and imaginations through arts, drawing, and literature. We are delighted to see such a vast pool of talent come together to make this competition a nationwide success. This initiative has always been about discovering, nurturing, and celebrating the talent of these brilliant minds The grandeur of this competition reaffirms that we are deeply invested in the growth and well-being of our cus-

tomers and communities." These participants were adjudged by jury panel com-prising SavioMascarenhas, Group Art Director at Amar Chitra Katha; SharadTawade, an alumnus from the L.S. Raheja School of Art, Mumbai, and Vikrant Shitole, a revered artist from Art Society of India. With an aim to encourage young participants to reflect on and express the importance of appreciation and thankfulness through their creativity, Axis Bank reached out to over 3.300+ schools and activated its 5500 +branches spread

Study reveals impact of animals as architects of Earth



London [UK] : A new study led by Professor Gemma Harvey from Queen Mary University of London has revealed how hundreds of species shape the landscapes we depend on, from termite mounds visible from space to beavers creating wetlands and hippos carving drainage systems.

Published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS), this first-of-its-kind global synthesis identifies 603 species, genera, or families that influence Earth's surface processes. From tiny ants shifting soil to salmon reshaping riverbeds, the study highlights the diversity and scale of animals' impact across all freshwater and terrestrial ecosystems. By estimating the collective energy of these "natural engineers," the research shows that their geomorphic contributions rival those of hundreds of thousands of major floods

Key Insights from the Study: Unexpected Diversity: Beyond iconic examples like beavers and salmon, the study identifies hundreds of species -- including insects, mammals, fish, birds, and reptiles -- that shape landscapes in remarkable ways.

Freshwater Ecosystems in Focus: Despite covering just 2.4% of the planet's surface, freshwater habitats host over a third of these remarkable species. Impressive Energy Output: Animals collectively contribute at least 76,000 gigajoules of energy annually to shaping the Earth's surface -- a figure comparable to hundreds of thousands of extreme floods. This estimate is likely conservative, as significant knowledge gaps exist, particularly in tropical and subtropical regions where biodiversi-

ty is highest but research is limit-Fascinating Examples: Termites build vast networks of mounds in Brazil, some covering thousands of square kilometres, while salmon spawning can shift as much sediment as annual flooding. Even ants, through their tiny but countless actions, alter soil structure and drainage.

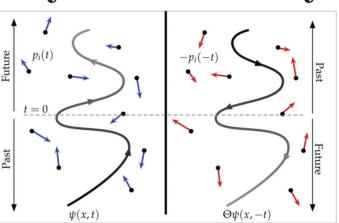
Professor Harvey explains: "This research shows that the role of animals in shaping Earth's landscapes is much more significant than previously recognised From beavers creating wetlands to ants building mounds of soil, these diverse natural processes are crucial, yet we risk losing them as biodiversity declines.'

Nearly 30% of the identified species are rare, endemic, or threatened, meaning vital geomorphic processes could cease before their full significance is understood. This loss could have profound consequences for ecosystems and the landscapes

Opposing arrows of time emerge from certain quantum systems: Study

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 --



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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. though, at the microscopic level, time could theoretically move in both directions. Even after applying 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 equa tion, the "memory kernel," is sym-

metrical 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

Study finds early sensori-motor markers for autism spectrum disorder



the early sensorimotor traits and cognitive capacities of children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The study, directed by Kristina Denisova, a profesof Psychology Neuroscience at the CUNY Graduate Centre and Queens College, is a significant step towards better understanding ASD and developing more accurate, individually customised

therapies. The findings of the study were published in the journal iSCIENCE. Autism Spectrum Disorder, typically diagnosed around the ages of 4 to 5 years, is a neurodevelopmental disorder with complex and varied presentations, including atypical communication and restrictive and repetitive patterns of behavior. Moreover, cognitive abilities are often lower in individuals with ASD. Despite the established link between lower intelligence quotient (IQ) in infancy and a future diagnosis of ASD, not all children with ASD exhibit lower cognitive abilities during infancy. The study addresses the critical gap in knowledge regarding the early features that differentiate children with varying cognitive abilities who later develop ASD. The research team investigated the relationship between movement

during sleep and wakefulness. The study posed two key questions: Do ASD children with lower IQ exhibit altered movement during sleep compared to children with higher IQ? Additionally, are lower motor skills during wake fulness characteristic of lower-IQ children with ASD compared to those of higher-IQ ASD toddlers? The research was conducted in two stages. In the first sample, the team examined sensorimotor features obtained from sleep functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) in 111 toddlers with ASD. In the second, independent sample, they analyzed sensorimotor functioning during wakefulness in over 1,000 toddlers with ASD, categorized by lower vs higher cognitive abilities. The findings revealed that toddlers with ASD and lower IQs have significantly altered sensorimotor features compared to toddlers with ASD and higher IQs Interestingly, the sensorimotor features of higher-IQ ASD toddlers were nearly indistinguishable from typically developing (TD) toddlers. This suggests that a higher IQ may confer resilience to atypical sensorimotor functioning, and conversely, that poor sensorimotor functioning may be a key marker for lower IQ in childhood

and cognitive abilities in toddlers before their ASD diagnosis, both

Scientists describe black hole creation through pure gravity and without singularities

Barcelona [Spain]: Traditional black holes, as predicted by Albert Einstein's theory of General Relativity, contain what are known as singularities, i.e. points where the laws of $% \left\{ 1,2,\ldots \right\}$ physics break down. Identifying how singularities are resolved in the context of quantum gravity is one of the fundamental problems in theoretical physics. Now, a team of experts has described the creation of regular black holes from gravitational effects without the need for the existence of exotic matter required by some previous models.

This discovery, published in the journal Physics Letters B, opens up new prospects for improving our understanding of the quantum nature of gravity and the true structure of space-time

Exotic matter refers to a type of matter with unusual properties not found in ordinary matter. It often has a negative energy density, creates repulsive gravitational effects, and can violate certain energy conditions in general relativity.

These are largely theoretical and have not been observed in nature but are used in models to explore concepts such as wormholes, faster-than-light travel and the resolution of black hole singularities

The new study mathematically demonstrates that an infinite series of higherorder gravitational corrections can eliminate these singularities and result in so-

called regular black holes. Unlike previous models, which required



exotic matter, this new study reveals that pure gravity -- without additional matter -- can generate regular black holes without singularities.

This discovery represents a significant departure from previous theories and simplifies the conditions necessary for regular black holes. "The beauty of our construction is that it is based only on modifications of the Einstein equations predicted naturally by quantum gravity. No other components are needed," says researcher Pablo A. Cano, from the Department of Quantum Physics and Astrophysics at the Faculty of

Physics and ICCUB. The theories deployed by the ICCUB team are applicable to any dimension of space-time greater than or equal to five.

"The reason for considering higher space-time dimensions is purely technical," says Cano, "as it allows us to reduce the mathematical complexity of the problem." However, the researchers say that "the same conclusions should apply to our fourdimensional space-time.

"Most scientists agree that the singularities of general relativity must ultimately be resolved, although we know very little about how this process might be achieved."

He added, "Our work provides the first mechanism to achieve this in a robust way, albeit under certain symmetry assumptions," explains RobieHennigar (UB and ICCUB). "It is not yet clear how nature prevents the formation of singularities in the universe, but we hope that our model will help us to gain a better understanding of this process," says the expert.

The study also explores the thermodynamic properties of these regular black holes and reveals that they comply with the first law of thermodynamics. The theories developed provide a robust framework for understanding the thermodynamics of black holes in a completely universal and unambiguous way. This consistency adds credibility and potential applicability to the findings.

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Regulation of trains for Traffic & Power **Block over Asansol Division**

MI News Service, Kolkata: For launching of Foot Over Bridge at Jasidih Station between Platform No. 1 & 2, construction of Limited Height Subway No. 24 in Mathurapur - Shankarpur Section & Limited Height Subway No. 36 in Simultala - Ghorparan Section and for dismantling of Foot Over Bridge at Simultala Station Limit over Asansol Division, Power & Traffic Block has been planned on 02.03.2025 (Sunday). Confollowing sequently, arrangements in train running have been made as

Cancellation:
• 63209 Deoghar Patna MEMU. • 63561 Asansol - Jasidih MEMU. 63565 Jasidih - Jhajha MEMU. • 63573 Jasidih -Kiul MEMU. • 63545 Andal Jasidih MEMU. • 63298 Jhajha - Deoghar MEMU. • 63570 Baidyanathdham -Asansol MEMU. • 63572 Mokama - Jasidih MEMU • Mokama - Jasidih MEMU • 63571 Jasidih - Mokama MEMU on 01.03.2025. • 63566 Jhajha - Jasidih MEMU. • 63546 Jasidih - Andal MEMU • 63574 Kiul - Jasidih MEMU. Short Termination/

Origination: • 17321 Vasco Da Gama - Jasidih Weekly Express will be short terminated at Madhupur. • 63509/63510 Barddhaman - Jhajha - Barddhaman MEMU will be short terminated/ originated at/from Asansol. • 18183/18184 Tatanagar - Buxar Tatanagar Express will be

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nated at/from Asansol. Diversion: 13331/13332 Dhanbad -Patna - Dhanbad Intercity Express will be diverted via Patna - Gaya - Dhanbad in both directions. • 13508 Gorakhpur - Asansol Express will be diverted via Kiul - Jamalpur - Sahibganj - Sainthia - Andal. • 12326 Nangal Dam - Kolkata Gurumukhi Superfast Express and 12304 New Delĥi - Howrah Poorva Express will be diverted via Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya - Gaya - Dhan-

bad - Asansol. Rescheduling:
• 12317 Kolkata - Amritsar Akal Takht Express will be rescheduled by 2 hours. • 22197 Kolkata -Swatantrata Sangram Superfast Express will be rescheduled by 1 hour 30 Minutes. • 22499 Deoghar
- Varanasi Vande Bharat
Express will be rescheduled by 1 hour 50 Minutes. • 22500 Varanasi - Deoghar Vande Bharat Express will be rescheduled by 1 hour 50 Minutes. • 02023 Howrah - Patna Special will be rescheduled by 6 hours 25 Minutes. 02024 Patna - Howrah Special will be rescheduled by 6 hours 25 Minutes. • 22347 Howrah - Patna Vande Bharat Express will be rescheduled by 3 hours 55 Minutes. • 22348 Patna · Howrah Vande Bharat Express will be reschedexpress will be resched-uled by 3 hours 55 Min-utes.• 17006 Raxaul -Hyderabad Weekly Ex-press will be rescheduled by 2 hours 30 Minutes.

One pair EMU special between Howrah & **Tarakeswar for Shiva** Ratri Mela at **Tarakeswar**

MI News Service, Kolkata: One pair of EMU special train between Howrah & Tarakeswar will run on 26.02.2025 (wednesday) & 27.02.2025 (Thursday) to cope up with the expected heavy rush of visitors during the occasion of "Shiva Ratri Mela" at Tarakeswar. Howrah - Tarakeswar EMU Special will leave Howrah at 14:45 hrs. to reach Tarakeswar at 16:14 hrs. and Tarakeswar – Howrah EMU Special will leave Tarakeswar at 16:40 hrs. to reach Howrah at 18:15 hrs. Both the special trains will stop at all stations enroute.



President Droupadi Murmu during the centenary celebration of Patna Medical College and Hospital, in Patna.

Special Preparations by Railways for Maha Shivaratri Plan to Run more than 350 Trains from Prayagraj Special Vigilance Directed at Stations

MI News Service, Prayagraj: The final Amrit Snan of Mahakumbh 2025 is scheduled for February 26. A large number of pilgrims from various states, including Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bengal, and others, have gathered in Prayagraj to bathe at the Sangam, the confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and Saraswati rivers. Ön Sunday and Monday, there was a high number of passengers at stations such as Patna, Danapur, Muzaffarpur, Gaya, Sasaram, Katihar, Khagaria, Saharsa, Jaynagar, and Darbhanga in Bihar. Similarly, there was an increased number of pilgrims at stations in Uttar Pradesh, such as Gorakhpur, Lucknow, Ayodhya, Varanasi, Kanpur, Gonda, Deen Dayal Upadhyay, and Jhansi, among others. Stations in Madhya Pradesh like Chitrakoot, Jabalpur, Satna, and Khajuraho also saw high footfall, while a significant number of passengers also travelled from Jharkhand's Dhanbad, Bokaro, Ranchi, Garhwa, and Medininagar stations to

After the Amrit Snan, a large number of people are expected to return to their hometowns, which will likely lead to a heavy crowd at railway stations. Keeping this in mind, North Central Railway, North Eastern Railway, and Northern Railway have made extensive preparations, and all officials and staff have been directed to remain vigilant at their Mouni Amavasya, over 360 trains were run, successfully transporting more than 20 lakh people to their destinations. Similarly, arrangements have been made to run additional trains after the Maha Shivaratri Snan, and extra rakes have been stationed near Prayagraj for use as needed. Initially, the railway had planned for the operation of approximately 13,500 trains during the Mahakumbh, and as of the 42nd day, more than 15,000 trains, including a large number of special trains, have already been run. The entire railway operation is being closely monitored by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw. The Chairman and CEO of the Railway Board, Satish Kumar, is also actively involved in monitoring the train operations. The General Managers of the three zonal railways are working with their teams to strengthen railway arrangements. Railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has instructed the Chairman of Railway Board and General Managers of All Zonal Railways to ensure complete care of the Mahakumbh passengers and, if necessary, run additional special trains.

In light of the en masse pilgrims expected on Maha Shivaratri, the railway administration has made arrangements for the convenience of passengers, including security, shelters, easy ticketing apart from run-ning a large number of trains. Over 1,500 commercial department staff and 3,000 Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel have been deployed at all stations in Prayagraj region. Additionally, 29 squads of Railway Protection Special Force, 2 squads of Women Railway Protection Special Force, 22 dog squads, and 2 bomb

disposal squads have been stationed in Prayagraj. Teams from Scouts & Guides, Civil Defense, and other departments are working to provide better travel facilities to the pilgrims. To ensure a smooth journey for pilgrims, internal movement plans have been implemented at all stations in the Prayagraj region, and pilgrims have been sent to their destinations via special trains. At Prayagraj Junction, passengers were directed to o specific shelters based on their destinations and then taken by special trains to their respective locations. When the number of passengers increased, the railway implemented its emergency plan by holding passengers at Khusro Bagh and passengers were directed to enter the station safely through passenger shelters before boarding the trains. All activities were monitored by senior officials of the Prayagraj Division at the control tower at Prayagraj Junction, and timely decisions were made to avoid any disruptions in train operations and ensure the safe departure of pilgrims in special trains.

Medical facilities were also available at various stations, where serious cases of pilgrims were treated in observation rooms. During the Mahakumbh 2025, many pilgrims made use of the digital services offered by the railway. Millions of passengers accessed the website and the Kumbh app for their travel needs. In the final weekend of Mahakumbh, the railway continued to manage regular and spethe railway successfully operated 335 trains, transporting over 16 lakh peo-

ple to their destinations. Pope critical but showing 'slight im-provement': Vatican



UN Security Council adopts

resolution calling for swift

end to Russia-Ukraine conflict

MI News Service, United nations: The UN Security Council on Monday adopted a U.S.-drafted resolution appealing for a swift end to the conflict and urging a lasting peace between Russia and Ukraine, as the world marked the third anniversary since the full escalation of the crisis. The resolution received 10 votes in favor, none against, and five abstentions including France, Britain, Denmark, Greece and Slovenia.

The document reiterates that the principal purpose of the United Nations, as expressed in the Charter of the United Nations, is to maintain international peace and security and peacefully settle disputes. The resolution implores a swift end to the conflict and mourns the loss of life in the war, without blaming Russia. Acting

U.S. Ambassador to the UN Dorothy Shea told the council that this resolution is not a "peace deal," but
"a path to peace." "It is
high time for peace in
Ukraine," UN Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs Rosemary DiCarlo said during the Security Council meeting, while insisting that peace in Ukraine must be "just, sustainable and

comprehensive."

Earlier in the day, the
UN General Assembly rejected the U.S. draft and passed a resolution submitted by Ukraine and European allies, which backs Ukraine's sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity and calls for a just, lasting and comprehensive peace in line with the UN Charter.

Resolutions in the UN Security Council are binding under international

MI News Service, Vatican City: Pope Francis's condition remains critical but has shown a "slight improvement", according to the Vati-can's latest update on the 88-year-old pontiff's health, reported Al Jazeera. In a statement on Monday, the Vatican mentioned that "The clinical conditions of the Holy Father, in their critical nature, show a slight improvement", as per Al Jazeera.

"Today there were no episodes of asthmatic respiratory attacks; some laboratory tests have improved," it said, noting that Francis had worked in the afternoon after receiving the Eucharist in the morning. The Pope was still receiving oxygen, "although with slightly reduced flow and oxygen percentage", the statement said. Pope Francis was admitted to Rome's

ruary 14 with breathing difficulties and his condi tion subsequently worsened. He is battling pneumonia in both lungs as well as kidney issues in what has become the longest hospital stay of his nearly 12-year papacy, as per Al Jazeera. Double pneumonia is a serious infection that can inflame and scar both lungs, making it difficult to breathe. The Vatican has described the pope's infection as "complex" and said it was caused by two or more microorganisms, Al Jazeera reported. The head of the Catholic Church, who has been pope since 2013, has suffered bouts of ill health over the past two years. He is particularly prone to lung infections because he developed pleurisy as a young adult and had part of one lung removed.

Gemelli Hospital on Feb-

South Eastern Railway Organises ZRUCC Meeting



MI News Service, Kolkata: The 104th Meeting of Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee (ZRUCC) was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Anil Kumar Mishra, General Manager, South Eastern Railway at Kolkata on 25.02.2025.

The ZRUCC Meeting was attended by Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi, Hon'ble MP, Shri Jyotirmay Singh Mahato, Hon'ble MP, Shri Khiru Mahato, Hon'ble MP, Shri Kalipada Saren Kherwal Hon'ble MP, Shri Shyamal Mondal Hon'ble MLA and other Hon'ble Members. Altogether 18 Hon'ble Members of ZRUCC attended the meeting.

Shri Anil Kumar Mishra, General Manager, South Eastern Railway apprised the Hon'ble Members of the recent achieve ments and developmental activities of

the initiatives in passenger amenities, progress of construction work, improvement of safety measures, growth in freight loading, Station Redevelopment Amrit Scheme, running of Vande Bharat Express, One Station One Product scheme etc. The Hon'ble Members while appreciating the developmental measures taken by South Eastern Railway, offered their valuable suggesimprovement of train services, passenger amenities and better connectivity. Suggestions and demands of the members included punctuality in train services, extension of train routes, additional stoppages of trains, increase in frequency of trains, restoration of pre-pandemic train services etc. They also mentioned about the need of more passenger amenities at stations like lift, escalator, toilets, platform shed, ramp for passengers etc. General Manager, Shri Anil Kumar Mishra in his address said that all due importance would be given to the suggestions and demands of the Hon'ble Members. General Manager also spoke about the need of co-operation of the Hon'ble Members for speedy implem entation of railway projects. They have also offered their valuable suggestions for development of Railway infrastructure over South Eastern Railway. Shri Soumitra Majumdar, Additional General Manager and other Principal Head of Departments of South Eastern Railway were present in the

GM inspects Jai Hind **Bimanbandar Station** of Orange Line

MI News Service, Kolkata: Shri P. Uday Kumar Reddy, General Manager, Metro Railway inspected the under-construction Jai Hind Bimanbandar station of Orange Line today, i.e. on 25.02.2025. Senior officers of Metro Railway accompanied him during this inspection. Bimanbandar Metro officials explained him the progress of work in recent time and their planning to complete all pending works within the stipulated deadline. Shri Reddy inspected the Passenger Interchanging Points, Platform Level, Concourse Level and Walkalator. He also inspected the Tunnel Ventilation System and Environmental Control System etc. While evaluating the progress of work of this stretch, he emphasized on completing the scheduled

3 infants die in Gaza due to cold, lack of shelter: Medical official

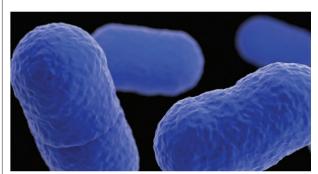
MI News Service, Gaza: At least three Palestinian in-

fants have died in the past

work without any delay.

few hours in the Gaza Strip due to severe cold and the absence of adequate heating in their shelters, a medical official said Tuesday. Saeed Salah, director of the Friends of the Patient Charitable Hospital in Gaza City, told Xinhua that the infants, all under two months old, arrived at the hospital in a state of hypothermia. "Their bodies were like ice cubes," he said, explaining that the children had been living in makeshift tents in Gaza City without any proper heating. The extreme cold caused a sharp drop in their blood circulation, leading to respiratory failure, heart complic ations, and organ dysfunction, and eventually their deaths. Saeed warned of a growing humanitarian crisis, stressing the urgent need for adequate shelter and heating for infants and other vulnerable residents in Gaza. "The number of deaths is rising among children living in tents made of cloth and nylon, especially as the cold weather persists," he added. Gaza has been experiencing a harsh cold wave in recent days, with strong winds, heavy rain, and plummeting temperatures. The extreme weather has uprooted hundreds of tents and flooded many displacement camps, exacerbating the suffering of thousands of families. The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) had previously warned of the increasing risks to newborns

U.S. Listeria outbreak leads to at least 12 deaths



MI News Service, Los an**geles:** At least twelve deaths have been reported in the United States amid a multi-state outbreak of Listeria infections linked to supplemental shakes, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said Monday. At least 38 people in 21 states were infected, with 37 of them hospitalized. Many people in this outbreak lived in long-term care faized before becoming sick, according to the CDC. The CDC said these cases date back to 2018, and over half of the people affected by this outbreak got sick in either 2024 or 2025. It is common for Listeria outbreaks to last several years because it is an incredibly hardy germ that can survive on surfaces for a long time. The CDC has investigated this virus strain several times but never had enough information to identify a food source, be-

yond something being served in long-term care facilities. Environmental testing and whole genome sequencing helped solve the outbreak this year, said the CDC. All Lyons Ready-Care and Sysco Imperial frozen supplemental shakes within shelf life have been recalled. Frozen supplemental shakes under brands Lvons ReadyCare and Sysco Imperial were sold to institutional settings such as long-term care facilities. The CDC requested the public not to eat any recalled products, and to clean refrigerators, containers, and surfaces that may have touched the recalled products. Listeria can survive in the refrigerator and can easily spread to other foods and surfaces. It is especially harmful to pregnant women, people aged 65 or older, and people with weakened immune systems, according to the CDC.

Hossain Bukhari **Huzoor's Meeting**



Nurul Islam Khan

A historic Isale Sawab was held in Bel Para of Furfura Sharif on Monday. This 100-year-old gathering was established by Hazrat Dada Huzoor, the Pir of Furfura Sharif in the new era. In fact, some Islamic gatherings are exceptional and unique. This is one such traditional gathering. This gathering was conducted in memory of Hazrat Syed Shah Hossain Bukhari Gazi by all his sons. Although the first day's meeting was of moderate duration, people from different districts gathered in the second day's meeting. Numerous Pirsahebs were present and delivered speech on the day. Prayers were offered for peace, harmony and welfare. Messages were given from the meeting to come to the Isale Sawab of the historic Furfura Sharif. It is known that this Isale Sawab is held on 9 Falgun every year.

GAME

Venkateshlyer "definitely ready" to lead

Champions Trophy: Incessant rain in Rawalpindi forces Australia-South Africa clash to be called off

highly anticipated Champions Trophy clash between Australia and South Africa has been called off without even the toss taking place due to incessant rain in Rawalpindi on Monday. ICC took to X to confirm the match had been abandoned due to continuous rain in Rawalpindi and wrote, "Incessant rain forces the Group B #ChampionsTrophy contest between Australia and South

Africa to be called off."

It had been raining since the morning, which hardly gave the ground staff any chance to prepare the venue for the match. A relentless downpour washed away the game, and both teams shared a point each. South Africa and



Australia are now on three points each, occupying Group B's first

washout has turned Wednesday's clash between Afghanistan and England into a virtual knockout.

become the third team to be knocked out of the tournament. Bangladesh and Pakistan, the defending champions in Group A. were eliminated from the tournament on Monday. New Zealand orchestrated a comfortable fivewicket win to qualify for the semifinals along with India. Australia will now bolster its preparations to face Afghanistan on Friday at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore. South Africa will play its final group-stage game against England on Saturday at the National Bank Stadium, Karachi. The Baggy Greens began their campaign by pulling off a record 352-run chase against England. On the other hand, South Africa sailed to a 107run victory against Afghanistan in a one-sided affair. Squads:

Australia Squad: Matthew Short, Travis Head, Steven Smith(c), MarnusLabuschagne, Josh Inglis(w), Alex Carey, Glenn Maxwell, Ben Dwarshuis, Nathan Ellis, Adam Zampa, Spencer Johnson, Sean Abbott, Aaron Hardie, Jake Fraser-McGurk, TanveerSangha

South Africa Squad: Ryan Rickelton(w), Tony de Zorzi, Temba Bavuma(c), Rassie van der Dussen, Aiden Markram, David Miller, Marco Jansen, Wiaan KeshavMaharaj, Mulder, KagisoRabada, Lungi Ngidi, TabraizShamsi, Heinrich Klaasen,

to be a top contender for captaincy alongside Indian veteran Tristan Stubbs, Corbin Bosch. AjinkyaRahane.

Iyer, currently 30, has never led in competitive cricket, but he is willing for a captaincy experience. "Definitely. Definitely, I am ready. Again, I have always said this: captaincy is just a tag. I believe in leadership. That is a bigger role to play, being a leader " said lyer as gueted by leader," said Iyer as quoted by ESPNCricinfo. Iyer said that one does not need the tag of captain

MADHYA PRADESH [INDIA]: India and Madhya Pradesh all-rounder Venkateshlyer is "definitely ready" to lead defending champions Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in the Indian Premier League (IPL) this year if the captaincy is offered to him

taincy is offered to him.

The defending champions
KKR will start their trophy

defence in the tournament opener

against Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) on March 22 at

their home arena of Eden Gardens. KKR are yet to appoint

their skipper for new season after

they released ShreyasIyer, who

will be now captaining Punjab Kings (PBKS) coached by Ricky

Ponting. Venkatesh was brought

back by KKR for a massive sum of

Rs 23.75 crores. He is understood

KKR in IPL 2025 if offered captaincy to be a leadership in the dressing room, but one needs to "set examples" and be a "good role model", both on and off the field, something he admits he is doing for his state side, Madhya Pradesh.

"I am not the captain of the MP team, but my opinions are respected and I really love to be in an atmosphere where every individual - again, new or experienced, 20 lakhs, 20 crore, whatever - you just need to have the freedom to voice your opinion. Or you just need to have the freedom to give opinions and give suggestions and them to be taken in the right spirit."

"I have always wanted to be that person. And if captaincy comes my way, I would definitely want to do it. There is no ambiguity surrounded to this. I will definitely do it, if it comes my way. There is no reason not to do it, he added.

Iyer made his IPL debut in 2021 and was important in changing their fortunes after four losses in six games, helping them pull seven wins in the next nine games to make it to the finals. In 10 matches, Iyer made 370 runs at an average of 41.11, with a strike rate of over 1328.

PULLELAGOPICHA ND UNVEILS WINNING TRAITS THAT SET SAINANEHWAL, PV SINDHU APART

NEW DELHI [INDIA]: PullelaGopichand, India's chief badminton coach, opened up about what makes SainaNehwal and PV Sindhu stand out in the world of sports.

In an exclusive conversation with ANI, he reflected on their relentless drive, work ethic, and the impact they've had on Indian badminton.

Speaking about SainaNehwal's early days, Gopichand recalled, "Well, Saina was maybe about 13 years when I started coaching her. At that time, Indian women, they said, were not strong enough. Because at least in the men's side, we had me or Prakash sir or even Dinesh Khanna or Suresh Goel or people in the past who were actually achievers at the world level. But women, we didn't have the same highest level of women. So they would always say, our girls are not strong. That's the kind of language you would get to hear. We needed somebody who actually had the guts to actually go and break the glass ceiling, as they say. And that we needed somebody with a mindset like Saina. She was that kind who would be like go out there and just push and achieve kind of a thing. So once she did this, then I think everybody started to

Nehwal won bronze in the 2012 London Olympics. Her hunger for success, he noted, was unmatched.

'Saina, especially in that initial years...was hungry. She would want more and more and we needed somebody with that attitude because even when she won her first satellite event or a challenger event, she would have been the best Indian woman ever but she wanted more and more and that's the reason I think hats off to her.," he noted.

Speaking about two time Olympic medal winner PV Sindhu, Gopichand highlighted her incredible consistency and longevity in the sport.

'I think Sindhu was one of the only ones. She was there from much younger as well. So she went out there. Both of them are physically very strong, great work ethic," he said.

"Sindhu has been phenomenal because to have a career so long and to perform so well over time, I think both have been fantastic for India," he added

Sindhu won medals in the Olympics on two occasions, in 2016, she won the silver, and in 2020 Tokyo, she received a bronze. Beyond physical endurance, Gopichand emphasized the importance of mental

strength in shaping champions.
"I think one of the key factors is that you have to love what you're doing. That has to be a priority. When they lose, they have to be smart enough to forget it and believe that the next time, they're going to win. That mindset is very important and then trust, belief. For me, I think these components were very important as well. Because both of these girls had blind faith and that really helped. That is necessary. That is important as well. Because especially in strategy wise, you're telling some insane strategies and since you play here, she will play there and you go and tap it and that's like a lot of confidence you need to say that and a lot of belief of the athlete to actually trust you to do that," he emphasized.

He acknowledged that he was fortunate to have players who placed that faith

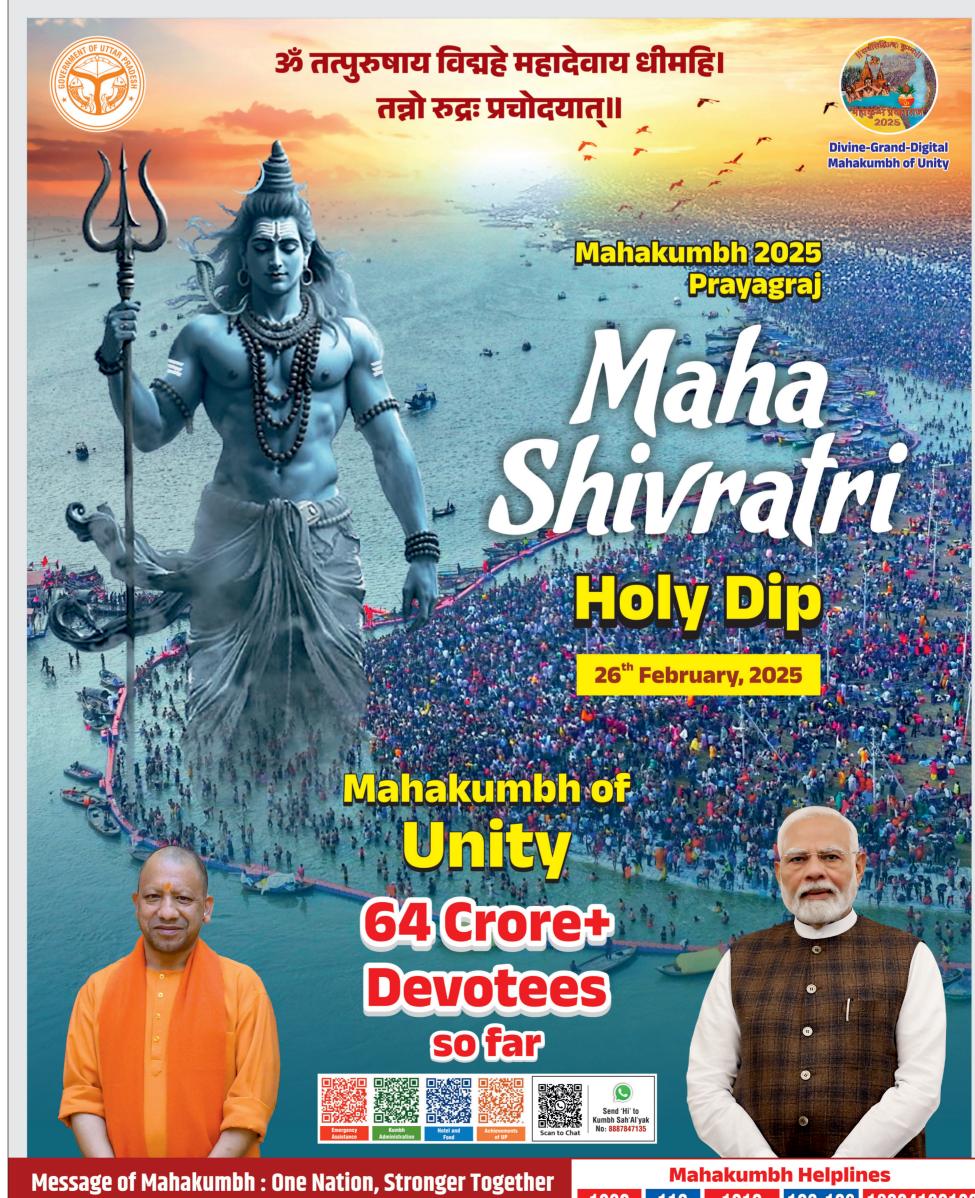
"Luckily for me, God's grace, things delivered, so I could keep that trust going," he added.



IML 2025: Simmons overpowers Watson's masterclass to power West Indies Masters to 7-wicket win

NAVI MUMBAI (MAHARASHTRA): Shane Watson's 48-ball century was overshadowed by an equally aggressive 44-ball undefeated 94 from Lendl Simmons that helped the West Indies Masters outclass the Australia Masters by 7 wickets in the second match of the inaugural International Masters League (IML) at the DY Patil Sports Stadium, as per a release from IML.

Continuing the trend of producing high-scoring matches in the IML, the sizeable crowd at the stadium were treated to Shane Watson's signature strokes, adding a touch of nostalgia after West Indian batting great Brian Lara elected to field on winning the



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