



TMC Supremo and Chief Minister of West Bengal Mamata Banerjee in a commanding gesture as she addresses a mega TMC Workers' rally at Netaji Indoor Stadium in Kolkata on Thursday.
Pic: Prabir Bhattacharya

Mamata Banerjee sets target of winning over 215 seats in 2026 Bengal assembly polls and reducing BJP's tally further

MI News Service, Kolkata: Setting an ambitious target of securing more than 215 seats of the 294-member West Bengal Assembly in the 2026 elections, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has asserted that the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) would ensure a significant reduction in the BJP's tally after the poll.

The BJP bagged 77 seats in the 2021 assembly elections.

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215 seats out of 294, in the next Bengal assembly polls and make sure the BJP's numbers decline further," the Chief minister said while addressing a party meeting at the sprawling Netaji Indoor Stadium in the city on Thursday.

"TMC would ensure a significant reduction in the BJP's tally. The BJP bagged 77 seats in the 2021 assembly elections. "We will win more than 215 seats out of 294, in the next Bengal assembly

polls and make sure the BJP's numbers decline further," Banerjee said.

Taking a dig at the BJP, the TMC supremo recalled the saffron party's slogans in the past elections. "In the 2021 assembly polls, BJP leaders said '200 paar' but were defeated hands down. In the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, they claimed '400 paar' but they could not even secure a majority. What Abhishek (Banerjee) said is ab-

solutely correct. We will achieve a two-thirds majority, but you must ensure an even bigger victory. This time, BJP nominees must lose their deposits," she said. Echoing Mamata Banerjee's sentiments, TMC All India General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee called upon party workers to ensure a decisive win for the party. "The fight to secure Bengal's future has

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Industry players should be bold and put focus on competition, asserts Piyush Goyal

MI News Service, Mumbai: Union Commerce and Industries Minister Piyush Goyal has asserted that industry players should be bold on their approach to performance and focus their energies on turning competitive, rather than depending on the government for support.

Speaking at an event organised by the IMC Chamber of Commerce here on Thursday, Goyal also advised the industry not to depend anymore on "crutches" of government subsidies for high import duties and other similar protectionist measures and try to solely stand on their own feet.

"Till when can we look up to the government for support? Or, till when can we win on crutches of subsidies and support, incentives, high import duties, the protectionist mindset, and being very defensive in our engagement with the world?" "We as a nation will have to decide to get out of this protectionist mindset and weak-kneed thinking", Goyal said, wondering if Michael Porter's seminal work on competitive advantage is relevant only till industry leaders are in business schools. Competitiveness will come from the industry's ability to

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World is surprised how Maha Kumbh draws 65 cr people, as it concludes, says PM Modi

MI News Service, New Delhi: The massive congregation at the Maha Kumbh has awakened the country's consciousness of a nation breathing freely after breaking the shackles of a slavery mindset, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday after the successful conclusion of the mega religious event.

"The Maha Kumbh has concluded. The 'mahayagna' of unity has concluded," he wrote in a blog, a day after the mega religious exercise concluded.

Modi said more devotees than were ever imagined took the holy dip in Triveni Sangam, asserting that India is now forging ahead with new energy and that this points to a change of era which will write a new future for India. The prime minister offered apology to "Mother Ganga, Mother Yamuna, Mother Saraswati" as well as people, who he said are

a form of God to him, for any shortcoming in the services rendered because making such a massive arrangement was not easy.

At least 30 devotees had died during a stampede at the Maha Kumbh, which drew devotees in huge numbers from across the country and even abroad since the beginning of this massive event on January 13.

"The Uttar Pradesh government has said that over 65 crore people visited the sacred site in Prayagraj since the Maha Kumbh began on January 13", the Prime minister said. PM Modi, who also took a dip at Sangam on February 5, said the Maha Kumbh event has become a subject of new study for modern management professionals, including planning and policy experts. "Today, there is no comparison to such a huge event in the entire

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Pak intruder shot dead along Punjab border

MI News Service, Amritsar: In a major operational success, the Border Security Force (BSF) jawans foiled an infiltration attempt from across the Indo-Pakistan International Border in Punjab and shot dead an intruder on Wednesday.

Informing this BSF in a statement here on Thursday said "During a pre-dawn operation, BSF border guards observed a

suspicious movement across the international border near Tashpatan border outpost in the Pathankot sector." As an intruder was observed crossing the border, he was immediately challenged by the troops, but without paying any heed he kept on moving forward. Sensing a threat the troops opened fire to

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Abhishek Banerjee denies any rift with Mamata as he is a "loyal soldier of TMC"

MI News Service, Kolkata: Describing himself as a "loyal soldier of the Trinamool Congress", TMC All India General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee has categorically denied reports in a section of media that he has developed wide differences with party supremo Mamata Banerjee on various issues over the years.


"I am a loyal soldier of the

TMC, as well as of my leader is Mamata Banerjee and will remain so," he said at a party conference here on Thursday. Dismissing speculation that he might cross over to the BJP, he said, "Those who are saying that I am joining BJP are only spreading canards. "I know those people who are spreading such fake news. They have vested interests ahead of the

next year's assembly polls," he while clarifying his position absolutely clear. The Diamond Harbour MP also asserted that he would "continue to expose traitors within the party, just as he did during the last assembly elections". Meanwhile, at the Netaji Indoor Stadium where Mamata Banerjee has convened the TMC's expanded state conference this af-

ternoon, was watched with keen interest amid speculations on the presence of their apparent Abhishek Banerjee and his role in the meet. Although sources in both the old guard who are fiercely loyal only to the Chief minister and the new, Team Abhishek have repeatedly asserted that Abhishek

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Suman Kumar takes over as Indian Oil's Director

MI News Service, New Delhi: Suman Kumar has assumed charges Director (Planning & Business Development) on the Board of IndianOil.



A Mechanical Engineer from MIT Muzaffarpur with an MBA and advanced management training...

management training, Mr Kumar has held leadership positions across LPG operations, petroleum product sales, energy conservation, and carbon emission mitigation.



EASTERN RAILWAY Following e-tender is invited online by the Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building near Railway station, Howrah-711011

TMC Workers' in the meeting at Netaji Indoor Stadium in Kolkata on Thursday. In this meeting Mamata Banerjee discussed the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of adding fake voters from 'Haryana and Gujarat'...

Indian Railways Set Record by Operating Over 15,000 Trains in 42 Days for Maha Kumbh Pilgrims

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: Indian Railways set a remarkable record during the Maha Kumbh 2025 by operating over 15,000 trains in just 42 days...



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special trains, along with regular services, reflected Indian Railways' unwavering commitment to providing safe, efficient, and seamless travel...

In addition to regular train services, the railway administration ensured that pilgrims from every corner of Odisha could board trains from near-by localities and important stations...

To accommodate the growing number of pilgrims, Indian Railways made additional arrangements, including extra rakes stationed near Prayagraj that could be deployed as needed.

The railways also focused on enhancing the passenger experience by offering easy ticketing options, ensuring robust security measures, and providing shelter for pilgrims during their journey.

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