

'Orange' warning issued in parts of Himachal for heavy rain and snow

MI News Service, Shimla : Following the possibility of heavy snow and avalanche at isolated places in Lahaul and Spiti districts of Himachal Pradesh, the authorities issued an 'orange' warning on Monday, prompting the local police to advise the people to stay away from sensitive areas and avoid unnecessary travel. The Met office has issued an 'orange' alert for intermittent heavy snow at isolated places in Lahaul and Spiti district, heavy rain, thunderstorms and lightning in Chamba and Kangra districts, and hail in Bilaspur, Hamirpur and Solan districts.

The Mandi administration has advised the public to avoid travel to the higher reaches.

Amid severe inclement weather in upper reaches of North India hills, the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted rain and snowfall in for Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand on Monday, citing a western disturbance.

The weather department stated that a fresh western disturbance was likely to cause fairly widespread rainfall and snowfall over the Western Himalayan region and its adjoining plains. This will bring isolated to scattered moderate to heavy rain and snowfall to Jammu-Kashmir-Ladakh-Gilgit-Baltistan-Muzaffarabad, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand for at least two days from today.

Isolated light to moderate rainfall and snowfall are also expected over Punjab, Haryana, and Chandigarh. The forecast also included a rise in maximum temperatures of around 2 degrees Celsius which will fall in the next few days gradually.

The IMD has also predicted isolated rainfall in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Assam and Meghalaya on Monday. The Himachal Pradesh regional meteorological department has issued an orange alert for heavy rain and snow, along with thunderstorms and lightning, at isolated places. The orange alert has also been issued for Chamba, Kangra and Lahaul and Spiti on March 3 over heavy snowfall and rain. The department has predicted light to moderate rain or snow at isolated places in the state and moderate rain or snow at many places on Tuesday with dry weather expected from March 5 to 8.

PM Modi announces lion census at National Wildlife Board meet in Gujarat

MI News Service, Sasan /Ahmedabad : Presiding over the National Board for Wildlife's seventh meeting here on the occasion of the World Wildlife Day on Monday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the Asiatic lion population estimation will be conducted in May this year.

Soon after completing his lion safari at Gir National Park in the morning, Modi headed for the NBWL meeting, at Sasan in Gujarat's Junagadh district, which was also attended by Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav and other members of the wildlife fraternity.

laying the foundation stone for the National Referral Centre-Wildlife at Junagadh, PM Modi announced the 16th Asiatic lion population estimation to be carried out after two months in May this year.

He also announced the setting up of a Centre of Excellence for Human-Wildlife Conflict Management, SACON, at Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu, and unveiled a book on river dolphins.

The NBWL, a statutory body that advises the government on wildlife conservation has 47 members, including the Chief of the Army Staff, members from different states, representatives from NGOs working in this field, chief wildlife wardens and secretaries from various states.

The prime minister is the ex-officio chairperson of the NBWL, and the Union environment, forests and climate change minister is the board's vice-chairperson.

After the safari, Modi in a post on X said the population of Asiatic lions has seen a steady rise due to collective efforts, and commended the contribution of tribals and women living in surrounding areas in preserving the Asiatic lion habitat.

"This morning, on #WorldWildlifeDay, I went on a Safari in Gir, which, as we all know, is home to the majestic Asiatic Lion. Coming to Gir also brings back many memories of the work we collectively did when I was serving as Gujarat CM," he said.

"In the last many years, collective efforts have ensured that the population of Asiatic Lions is rising steadily. Equally commendable is the role of tribal communities and women from surrounding areas in preserving the habitat of the Asiatic Lion," Modi said.

"Over the last decade, the population of tigers, leopards, rhinos have risen too, indicating how deeply we cherish wildlife and are working to build sustainable habitats for animals," the PM said in another tweet. The central government has approved more than Rs 2,900 crore for Project Lion, meant for the conservation of Asiatic lions for which Gujarat is the only abode, stated a government release. Currently, the Asiatic lions inhabit nearly 30,000 square kilometres across 53 talukas in 9 districts of Gujarat, it said. Additionally, as part of a national project, a National Referral Centre for Wildlife is being established on over 20.24 hectares of land at New Pipalya in Junagadh district, it said.

Mamata Banerjee announced the formation of a Synergy Committee for attracting new industry in Bengal



MI News Service, Kolkata: In order to attract more investment in West Bengal faster, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee

has announced the formation of a synergy committee for industry.

In the inaugural meeting of the committee at Nabanna on Monday, the Chief minister made it clear that there should be no laxity at the government level regarding any investment-related proposal. Besides, as a subsequent step after the last month's successful Bengal Global Business Summit (GBS) here where investment proposals worth more than Rs 4.4 lakh crores had come, a synergy portal was launched by the Chief minister on Monday, where investors can directly give their

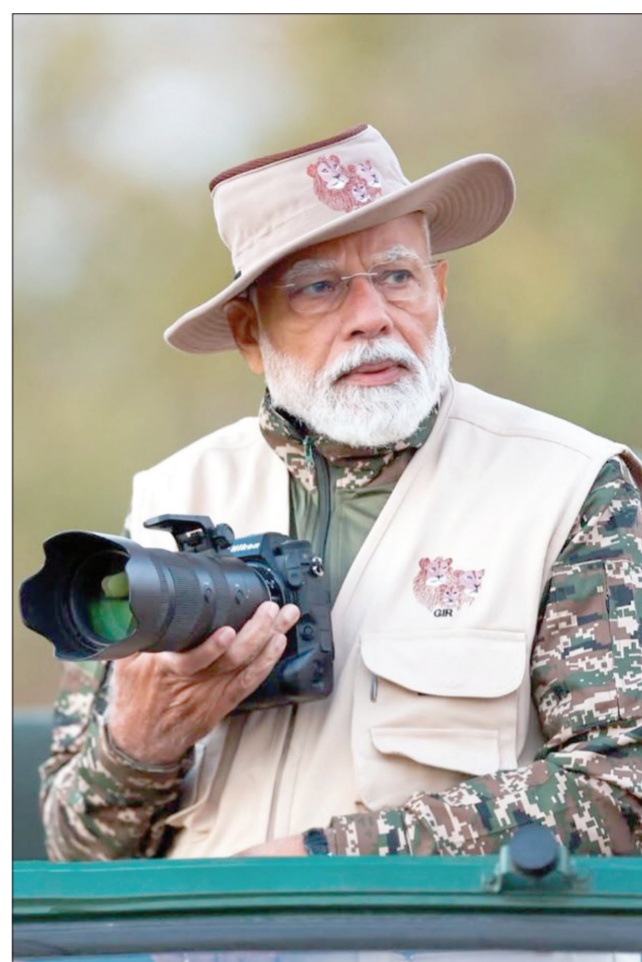
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'EC must accept error within 24 hours', says TMC and charges Commission on duplication of voter card numbers

MI News Service, Kolkata / New Delhi: The ruling Trinamool Congress in West Bengal has expressed its strong reservations and dissatisfaction with the Election Commission's response on the duplication of voter card numbers, saying the poll panel must accept the error within 24 hours. Addressing a press conference in the National capital on Monday, TMC Rajya Sabha Parliamentary Party Leader Derek O'Brien said if the EC fails to do it, the party would

come out with more documents on the issue by Tuesday morning. O'Brien, along with TMC Rajya Sabha deputy leader Sagarika Ghose and Lok Sabha MP Kirti Azad, displayed lists with details of voter ID cards with the same EPIC number, and said most of them were from states ruled by the BJP. "We want only residents of a state to vote in that state. Only voters of Bengal to

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi captures moments at Gir National Park on World Wildlife Day, on Monday.

India takes pride in contributing towards preserving and protecting wildlife, says PM Modi

MI News Service, New Delhi / Ahmedabad : On the occasion of World Wildlife Day on Monday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasised India's dedication to safeguarding the planet's rich biodiversity, highlighting the essential role of every species in maintaining ecological balance.

He also reiterated the commitment to protect and preserve the incredible biodiversity of the planet.

On December 20, 2013, the 68th session of the United Nations General Assembly decided to proclaim March 3 as World Wildlife Day to celebrate and raise awareness about the

world's wild fauna and flora.

In a post shared on the social media platform X, Prime Minister Modi urged citizens worldwide to renew their commitment to protecting the planet's diverse life forms.

He stated, "Today, on #WorldWildlifeDay, let's reiterate our commitment to protect and preserve the incredible biodiversity of our planet. Every species plays a vital role—let's safeguard their future for generations to come!" The Prime Minister also expressed pride in India's ongoing efforts to conserve wildlife.

He noted, "We also take pride in India's contributions towards preserving and protect-

ing wildlife." India's diverse ecosystems are home to a vast array of species, and the nation has implemented numerous initiatives to ensure their protection. World Wildlife Day, celebrated annually on March 3rd, raises awareness about the world's wild fauna and flora. It underscores the intrinsic value of wildlife and the critical need for conservation efforts to maintain ecological balance and support sustainable development. Prime Minister Modi's message serves as a reminder of the collective responsibility to protect the

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Renewed push for a liberal global order after failure of USA-Ukraine talks

MI News Service, Washington (DC) : The dramatic and unprecedented Oval Office showdown between US President Donald Trump and his Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelenskyy on February 28 sent shivers through the transatlantic alliance and increasing the possibility of breaking down diplomatic efforts and economic negotiations in real time.

According to many global experts, such deepening transatlantic discord could also open the door for authoritarian powers to reshape international norms in their favour and its fallout draws attention to a larger crisis for the

rules-based liberal international order. As Washington D.C. has traditionally positioned itself as the defender of democracy, free markets, and security alliances, the Trump administration's mercurial approach to foreign policy, coupled with the divisive rhetoric surrounding Ukraine, could tend to weaken this image.

The widening rift with Kyiv not only affects Ukraine's survival but also signals that America's international commitments may be subject to domestic political calculations. Trump's refusal to offer

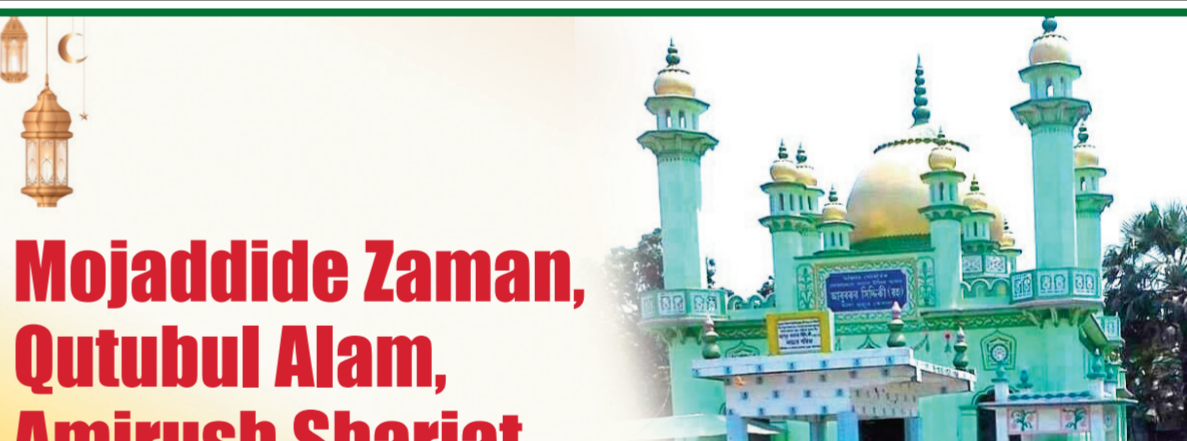
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Resolution on special status in J-K Assembly not rejected, says CM Omar Abdullah

MI News Service, Jammu : Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has asserted that there is no need to bring any other resolution on Article 370, which was abrogated in August 2019, as the resolution on special status passed by the J-K Assembly in its first sitting last year has not been rejected by the Central government which is a big thing.

Speaking to newsmen outside the Assembly building here on Monday, the Chief minister said in view of this all legislators need to work together to help the government to fulfill its poll priorities for public welfare. "What we have to do was done in the first (assembly) session (in November, 2024). The resolution is still holding after passed by the House. The PDP and others helped us in passing the resolution and it is still holding is a big thing," Abdullah told reporters while responding to a question that some members are planning to bring a fresh resolution to condemn abrogation of Article 370. Please note that the resolution on Article 370, which was passed by assembly was expected to get rejected by some, but in fact it still exists, he said. Speaking to media on the sidelines of the Budget Session, CM Omar Abdullah said, "We have done what we needed to do in the first session. All parties, including the PDP, supported the bill, which was passed by the House."

He further added, "It is the same bill that everyone expected to be rejected, but it was passed by the House. Today, the resolution still exists, and that is a big thing." Responding to a question on the speculation of a National Conference (NC)-BJP alliance, Omar said, "There are no talks about any alliance with the BJP, nor is there any need or scope for it. Our thoughts do not align.



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Student found hanging just hours before exam

MI News Service, Bankura: A devastating incident occurred in Karkberia village of Jaipur in Bankura, where a 17-year-old high school student, Barsha De, took her own life just hours before her Higher Secondary examination. The

incident has sent shockwaves through the community, highlighting the pressing issue of exam-related stress and its catastrophic consequences. According to reports, Barsha had been preparing for her High Secondary examination,

which was scheduled to take place on Monday. Her family members recalled that she had been feeling anxious and lacked confidence in the lead-up to the examination, despite performing well in her tests. Barsha's mother had been

trying to reassure her, but the student's anxiety had been escalating. On Sunday, Barsha's condition deteriorated and she complained of vomiting. Her uncle visited her and took her to the doctor, who examined her and sent her home. Tragically, on Monday morning Barsha's mother discovered her daughter hanging from the ceiling fan in her room. Barsha was pronounced dead at Kotulpur Rural Hospital. The incident has raised concerns about the immense pressure and stress that students face during examination periods. The family claims that Barsha's death was a direct result of mental stress caused by exam anxiety. The police have recovered Barsha's body and sent it for autopsy. The incident is being investigated, and counseling services are being offered to students and families affected by the tragedy.

Cal HC denies pension benefits to Left-era contractual civic workers

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant ruling, the Calcutta High Court has denied pension and other retirement benefits to contractual employees hired during the Left Front regime in various municipalities across West Bengal. Justice Kaushik Chanda, while delivering the verdict, stated that contractual employees recruited without state government approval are not entitled to post-retirement financial benefits.

The court ruled that employees hired solely on the basis of municipal board approvals, without subsequent regularization by the state, do not qualify for pensions or other financial perks. The verdict effectively blocks thousands of municipal contractual workers from receiving retirement benefits, reinforcing that state approval is a mandatory criterion for such entitlements under municipal laws.

During the Left Front's tenure before 2011, numerous contractual employees were recruited in municipalities across the state. According to legal experts, these appointments were made in large numbers, but the crucial requirement of state government approval was overlooked. Without this approval, the court ruled, the benefits cannot be granted.

The case in question was filed by the wife of a deceased contractual employee from a primary school under Rajganj Municipality. She had approached the court seeking pension and other retirement benefits for her

late husband. However, the court dismissed her petition, stating that the employment lacked the necessary state sanction.

Legal representatives for the municipalities, including senior advocates Shirshanya Bandyopadhyay and Arka Nag, clarified that employees recruited after 2011 under the Trinamool Congress government were granted state approval and additional safeguards. This ensured that their employment was recognized under the necessary legal framework, unlike those hired during the Left Front's administration.

The ruling is expected to impact thousands of similar cases, setting a precedent for municipal contractual employment disputes in West Bengal.

Hearing Protection Walk on World Hearing Day to Reduce Hearing Problems



MI News Service, Kolkata: According to a report by the World Health Organization, 1.5 billion people worldwide suffer from hearing problems. By 2050, this number is expected to reach 2.5 billion. More than 1 billion young people are at risk due to listening to loud music and excessive use of headphones. In India, approximately 1.17 lakh children are born with congenital hearing impairment every year. However, with proper awareness and timely consultation with doctors or hearing specialists, many hearing and speech-related problems can be effectively addressed.

Keeping this in mind, World Hearing Day is observed globally on March 3 every year. On this occasion, a hearing awareness walk was organized in Kolkata by the West Bengal Branch of the Speech and Hearing Association of India, covering the stretch from Rashbehari Crossing to Gariahat. Alongside speech and hearing specialists, children suffering from such conditions and their parents also participated in the walk.

Joint Secretary of the Association, Dr. Md. Sahidul Arefin, stated that this year's World Hearing Day theme is: Changing mindsets: Empower Yourself, make ear and hearing care a reality for all. He emphasized that Universal Newborn Hearing Screening (UNHS) is a simple test used to diagnose hearing problems in infants. In developed countries, over 98% of newborns undergo this test, whereas in India, only 5-15% of infants receive this screening. He urged that awareness must be increased to ensure early intervention.

Dr. Babul Basu, former president of the Indian Speech-Language and Hearing Association, mentioned that excessive noise exposure, unnecessary honking, and loud sounds can damage hearing, and people must avoid such practices.

Dr. Amrita Bhattacharya, from Shishumangal Hospital, pointed out that excessive use of headphones is also increasing hearing problems, and people need to be cautious about it.

Parents of children who have overcome hearing difficulties shared their experiences, encouraging others not to panic but to seek help from specialists immediately for effective solutions.

Zupee and STAN bring 10,000+ fans together for LudoFest 2025

MI News Service, Kolkata: Zupee, India's leading skill-based gaming platform, partnered with STAN to host LudoFest 2025, a unique event featuring 10,000+ attendees and India's largest 500-player Ludo tournament. The event featured interactive sessions with gaming influencers, cosplayers, and celebrities like Elvish Yadav and Jisshu Sengupta. Participants received prizes and giveaways worth ₹10,00,000. STAN's Co-Founder and COO, Numan Mulla, emphasized the event's commitment to empowering India's gaming community.



Students of Presidency University participated in a protest over the Jadavpur University incident, in Kolkata on Monday

Worker succumbs to burns after transformer explosion

MI News Service, Durgapur: A devastating incident occurred at a private carbon black manufacturing factory in Durgapur, resulting in the death of a contract worker and injuring two others. The incident took place at the power plant of the PCBL factory, located in the Coke Oven police station area.



According to reports, a transformer explosion occurred on Monday afternoon, causing severe burns to 50-year-old Sadhan Bauri, a resident of Kalipur. Despite efforts to save him, Bauri succumbed to his injuries at the scene.

Two other contract workers, who were also injured in the blast, received primary treatment and were discharged. The police from the Coke Oven police station arrived at the scene and recovered Bauri's body, which was sent to the Durgapur Subdistrict Hospital for autopsy.

The incident has sparked widespread concern among the workers' community, with Bauri's family demanding compensation from the factory authorities. As the sole earner of

the family, Bauri's death has left his loved ones in a state of distress, and they are seeking a job for at least one family member to ensure their financial stability.

The incident highlights the need for enhanced safety measures and protocols in industrial settings to prevent such tragic accidents. An investigation into the incident is likely to be conducted to determine the cause of the transformer blast and to identify measures to prevent similar incidents in the future.

Elderly woman abandoned by sons in Malda City, rescued by District Library Secretary

MI News Service, Malda: A heart-wrenching incident has come to light in Malda city, where a 78-year-old woman, Shivani Das, was allegedly abandoned by her sons. The woman, a resident of Kandi, Murshidabad, claimed that her sons forced her to sell her house and subsequently threw her out.

The woman was left stranded in Malda city, waiting for someone to pick her up, but to no avail. Fortunately, District Library Secretary Prosenjit Das intervened, providing her with temporary shelter at a local old age home. Legal action is being initiated against the woman's sons.

This incident highlights the alarming issue of elder abuse and abandonment, emphasizing the need for stringent laws and social support systems to protect vulnerable elderly individuals.



On Monday, Minister Aroop Biswas met the guardians of candidates outside the TI Higher Secondary Examination Centers under the Tollygunge Assembly. At his initiative, arrangements were made for the guardians to sit comfortably with access to fans, water, and tea outside each examination center. Municipal representatives Sandeep Nandi Majumdar, Bishwajit Mandal, and Prosenjit Das were present.

Presence of Stars at Kumud Literary Fair



Nurul Islam Khan Kumud Mela was held in memory of village poet Kumud Ranjan Mallick on Monday at Kogram, Mangalkot, East Burdwan. This was the 15th year of the fair. The editor of the fair, Molla Jasimuddin, started this literary fair in 2010. The fair went on from 9 am to 4 pm. On this day, Mr. Anwar Mandal (AGP - Calcutta High Court) and Mr. Siddharth Mukherjee (General Secretary - Rabindra Bharati Society) were the joint inaugurators. Padma Shri recipient folk singer Mr. Ratan Kahar was present. Sri Dilip Biswas (Deputy Secretary - State Youth Welfare and Sports Department) and Mr. Shaiful Islam Dulal (Journalist and Broadcaster) presided over the meeting. The distinguished guests were Shri Samarendu Chakraborty (Chief Law Instructor - Security Training School Kolkata Police), Shri Madhusudan Ghosh (IC - Mangalkot), Shri Sanjay Ghosh (Vice Chairman - Burdwan District Bar Association),

Shri Sameer Majumdar (Inspector of Secondary Schools - Kolkata 17th Circle), Musician Sonali Kazi, Dr. Ramzan Ali (Author), Shri Madhu Sudan Kowar (social worker), etc. On Monday, 15 people were given a distinguished reception by the said committee. This time, Shri Sameer Goswami (Former Chief Public Relations Officer - Indian Railways), Shri Chandrashekhar Bagh (Lawyer - Calcutta High Court), Shri Uttal Ghosh (Veteran Journalist), Shri Satyakam Bagechi (Nazrul Researcher), Shri Biswaroop Sinha (Cultural Entrepreneur), Shri Tirthankar Dey (Educator), Mr. Abdul Jabbar (poet and social worker), Prosenjit Samanta (Journalist), Sahana Khatun (Court Worker), Rishi Gopal Mandal (Journalist), Sheikh Ansar Ali (poet), Shri Radhamadhav Mukherjee (poet), Shri Shantimoy Ghosh (lyricist), Shri Jayant Kumar Dhara (former Forest Officer), Mr. Rezaul Haque (businessman), International painter Dipankar Samaddar were present.



Councillor Sushanta Kumar Ghosh of Ward 108, along with the Gulshan brothers, spreads Ramadan joy by distributing special Ramadan kits to residents of Panchannogram at an event near Gulshan Colony auto stand.

Police co-operates candidates to sit for HS exams

MI News Service, Kanchrapara: When an ASI of Traffic Police observed a HS candidate to sit outside the Examination Centre of Kanchrapara Harnett High school in North 24 Parganas with anxiety, he proceeded to the girl and asked about her problem. The student replied that she had forgotten to bring her admit card.



The ASI Mithun Ghosh got active. He came to know that the guardian of the girl was coming with Admit Card. Subsequently he came to know that by mistake, her guardian went to a different centre.

So, the ASI took the student on his bike and rushed to that centre. He met the guardian there, collected the Admit card and took the student to his centre at Kanchrapara Harnett High School in North 24 Parganas on Monday.

While the ASI was on verge to leave the centre after taking the admit card and the girl, another student was found who came to that centre by mistake. Her centre was also Kanchrapara Harnett High school.

So the ASI took that student too and helped reaching both of them at Harnett School centre in time. For the help of the ASI, both of the students were able to enter the examination centre in time.

All the concerned persons praised the act of cooperation by Mithun Ghosh, an ASI of traffic police. It was the second biggest exam of life. So there was profound tension in her. Under the pressure of that tension, the student forgot to bring the admit card from home, the student said.

Woman attacked with hammer inside Cal Med Hosp

MI News Service, Kolkata: A shocking incident unfolded inside Calcutta Medical College, where a woman was brutally attacked with a hammer by another woman. The victim, identified as Priyanka Baidya, was left bloodied and rushed for immediate medical treatment. She is currently in a stable condition.

The assault is allegedly linked to an extramarital affair. According to Priyanka, the attacker is her husband's lover, who, despite being married with a child, is in a relationship with her husband. She further claimed to possess evidence of their affair.

When I called the woman outside to talk, she started abusing me and suddenly hit me with a hammer."

Describing the attack, Priyanka said, "I caught them red-handed. On Monday, I came to the hospital to confront them. But they refused to speak to me.

She also alleged that her husband, Saurav, was involved in the assault and fears further attacks. She has demanded justice and stricter action against both accused.

Priyanka lamented that her seven-year marriage had deteriorated due to the influence of her husband's lover. "Saurav was not a bad person, but he changed under her influence. Now, he does not even speak to me," she said. Hospital authorities have launched an investigation, assuring stricter action if needed. Meanwhile, Priyanka received treatment in the hospital's ENT department following severe injuries from the attack.

Unified Hindu brotherhood imperative for India's physical existence: Kartik Maharaj

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kartik Maharaj, the revolutionary Hindu Sanyasi from West Bengal has candidly mentioned that if India has to physically exist in this earth, unified Hindu brotherhood is imperative. Kartik Maharaj was speaking at Press Club on Monday as he attended a press conference organized by renowned Hindu organization, Hindu Samhati.

Kartik Maharaj said, "Many people think that secular characters of Hindus are their weakest point. Hindus are not against any one, but why the Hindus will not be given to speak or live with dignity in India and also in Muslim majority Bangladesh or any other nation?" "Swami Vivekananda advocated tolerance but he never asked Hindus to become weak,

meek, and submissive. Swamiji never mentioned that Hindus should enjoy slavery." He added.

In the mean time Santanu Sinha, President of Hindu Samhati vociferously mentioned, "We are not against any Muslim or Muslims for that matter. But we are against Islamic ideology and aggression which has taken over entire India along with en-

tire Asia, Africa, Europe, and entire American continent. Islamic aggression has jeopardized the very physical existence of Hindus, Buddhists, Christians and Jews in this earth. Time has come for unity and solidarity of these communities against Islamic aggression because the physical existence of the Non-Muslims are now at stake.



Kartik Maharaj and Santanu Sinha at a press conference organised by Hindu Samhati at Kolkata Press Club in Kolkata on Monday.

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advice, suggestions, and proposals. Announcing that the synergy committee is headed by Chief Secretary Manoj Pant, Mamata Banerjee said this committee will meet every 15 days. She also announced the formation of similar committees at the district level under the leadership of the respective District Magistrate within the next three days. Land is a key issue in setting up industries and we are very sensitive but pro active about allocating land from the beginning, the Chief minister said adding that an inventory of unused land held by various government departments should be made within three days. "The land that is lying around is being encroached upon. We

will have to inform which department has how much unused land in the next three days", she said. The Chief minister also emphasized on small and medium industries. In her words, "Small and medium industries are very important. A big industry may provide employment opportunities to many people in one place, but in the case of small and medium industries, there are many more employment opportunities in different places." Mamata's clear instructions to the meeting were that if any proposal comes, it must be resolved within a month. It cannot be left indefinitely. However, in today's meeting, the Chief Minister was in full praise of the work of the Environment Department and the Pollution Control Board.

TMC to organize meeting against 'phantom voters' on Mar 6

TMC alleges EC's clarification confirms voter list anomalies

MI News Service, Kolkata: Following Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's directive, the Trinamool Congress (TMC) has launched an intensified drive to identify 'phantom voters.' To expedite this process and ensure full participation from district leaders, state president Subrata Bakshi has called for an organizational meeting on Thursday commonly observed as Lakshmi Baar in Bengal. The meeting, to be held at Trinamool Bhavan, will focus on scrutinizing voter lists and strategizing efforts to detect fraudulent entries. Leaders from all districts, including district presidents and chairpersons, have been instructed to attend the meeting on March 6. Reports of 'phantom voters' have already emerged from several locations, including Champahati, Raninanagar, and

Gangarampur, where multiple individuals have been found sharing the same EPIC (Elector Photo Identity Card) number. Highlighting these discrepancies, Mamata Banerjee had previously formed a core committee at Netaji Indoor Stadium to oversee the investigation. This committee will now conduct district-wise reviews before taking further action. The ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) in West Bengal has asserted that the Election Commission's (EC) clarification on duplicate voter card numbers validates its claims of non-resident voters being added to the state's electoral roll to favor a "particular party." Amid reports highlighting identical voter card numbers assigned to electors in different states, the EC issued a statement

on Sunday, explaining that while some Elector Photo Identity Card (EPIC) numbers "may be identical," other key details, including demographic information, assembly constituency, and polling booth, remain distinct. "Irrespective of the EPIC number, any elector can cast a vote only at their designated polling station in their respective constituency," the EC said. TMC state general secretary Kunal Ghosh welcomed the EC's clarification, stating, "This confirms our claims that names were added to the electoral roll post previous elections to help the BJP." He alleged that these names do not correspond with permanent residents of constituencies and were included to benefit the ruling party at the Centre. "Our supreme, Mamata Banerjee, had flagged this anomaly

days ago," he added. Ghosh further said that TMC leaders and workers were actively verifying voter lists in their respective areas. "Despite all efforts, the BJP will fail to gain ground in Bengal. They will be rejected by the people once again," he asserted. Meanwhile, Mamata Banerjee has already set a 10-day deadline for identifying and verifying these 'phantom voters.' A detailed report will then be submitted to the Election Commission (EC). The Chief Minister's allegations have sparked strong reactions from opposition leader Suwendu Adhikari, who has written to the Chief Election Commissioner. However, the EC has acknowledged the existence of duplicate EPIC numbers in different constituencies but clarified that these cannot be

classified as 'phantom voters' since their assembly segments are distinct. This partial validation of Banerjee's concerns has provided a morale boost to the TMC. To prevent out-of-state voters from illegally participating in Bengal's elections, booth-level workers will receive specific instructions from Subrata Bakshi. The framework for this will be laid out in Thursday's meeting. Meanwhile, the TMC has responded to the EC's clarification. Party state general secretary Kunal Ghosh took to social media, stating, "Mamata Banerjee's allegations stand validated. The presence of voters with identical names across multiple states has been officially acknowledged. Our scrutiny process will continue to identify 'phantom voters'."

'EC must accept error...

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vote in Bengal. Voters will not be allowed to vote as their votes will be cast by people with identical EPIC numbers," O'Brien said. "These people will be sneaked in from other states to vote. This is unacceptable," he added. Amid reports flagging issuance of identical voter card numbers to electors in two different states, the EC on Sunday said it would rectify the issue and also update its technology-driven platform. The poll authority asserted that while the elector photo identity card (EPIC) numbers of some of the voters "may be identical", the other details, including demographic details, assembly constituency and polling booth, are different.

Termining it an "Epic Scam", O'Brien alleged that the poll panel issued the statement after the TMC announced that it was going to hold a press conference on the issue. "Limited appreciation to the EC. I say limited because EC is admitting the error but not accepting the error," he said. "In the next 24 hours, we humbly ask the EC to also accept the error. If not, we will share a document at 9 am on Tuesday," he said. The TMC leaders also demanded an in-depth probe into this. The EC on Sunday said identical EPIC numbers or series were allotted to some electors from different states and Union territories due to a "decentralised and manual mechanism" being



Sex workers with their children participate in a rally on International Sex Workers' Rights Day in Kolkata on Monday.

JU clash reaches Cal HC, student slapped with non-bailable sects

MI News Service, Kolkata: The recent clashes at Jadavpur University have escalated to the Calcutta High Court, with multiple public interest litigations (PILs) filed over the incident. Reports indicate that Chief Justice T.S. Sivagnanam and Justice Chaitali Chattopadhyay's bench has been approached by several petitioners. Additionally, Justice Tirthankar Ghosh's bench has also received requests for hearings on the matter. Initially, Chief Justice Sivagnanam suggested that the petitioner approach the university's administrator, stating, "I am not Jadavpur University's administrator." However, after hearing the details of the March 1 incident, he granted permission for the case to proceed. One of the key demands in the petitions is the establishment of a police outpost on campus to ensure student safety. The petitioners argue that the vice-chancellor has failed to protect students and have called for central security forces to be deployed at the university. The issue of the student union elections was also raised in court, with permission granted for a related case. On the other hand, Indranuj Ray, a first-year student of Jadavpur University currently undergoing treatment at a Kolkata hospital after allegedly being hit by the vehicle of West Bengal Education Minister Bratya Basu, has been charged under non-bailable sections by the Kolkata Police.

According to sources, Ray and several other protesting students have been booked under three separate cases for physically heckling the minister, unlawfully blocking his vehicle, and attempting to snatch his wristwatch. Additionally, they have been accused of vandalism and setting fire to property within the university premises. Kolkata Police Commissioner Manoj Kumar Verma confirmed that a total of seven cases have been registered regarding the violence on the university campus last Saturday. "Of these, two cases were filed suo motu by the police. In total, 48 individuals have been named in the cases," Verma told the media. Meanwhile, Clashes were reported between members of the TMC's students' wing and Leftist activists of AIDS0 and SFI in Medinipur town in Paschim Medinipur district, Siliguri in Darjeeling district, Cooch Behar district and Panskura in Purba Medinipur district. Campuses of Presidency and Jadavpur universities were desolated as common students, faculty members and other staffers stayed away while SFI members gathered on the campuses to enforce the day-long strike that began at 10 am. Campuses such as Calcutta University, Rabindra Bharati University, North Bengal University and Burdwan University were partially affected as some classes were not held even though semester examinations were conducted, officials said.

India takes pride in...

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planet's biodiversity. By acknowledging the vital roles that various species play, individuals and nations alike are encouraged to engage in conservation efforts. This unified approach aims to ensure that future generations inherit a world rich in biodiversity and ecological health. Meanwhile, in order to celebrate the day closely from the Nature, Prime Minister Narendra Modi went on a lion safari at Gir Wildlife Sanctuary in Gujarat's Junagadh district on Monday morning. Modi had a night halt at Sinh Sadan, a forest guest house managed by the state forest department, in Sasan after his arrival from Somnath where he offered prayers at the Lord Shiv temple, the first among 12 jyotirlingas, on Sunday evening. PM Modi was seen donning a safari outfit and holding a camera to capture glimpses of Gir's Asi-

atic lions. Currently, Asiatic lions inhabit in approximately 30,000 square kilometers across 53 talukas in 9 districts of Gujarat. The state government has undertaken numerous initiatives to conserve these majestic creatures and protect other wildlife species. Additionally, as part of a national project, a National Referral Center for Wildlife is being established over a total of 24 hectares of land at New Pipalya in the Junagadh district. Moreover, official sources said, a high-tech monitoring center for wildlife tracking and a state-of-the-art hospital have also been set up in Sasan to strengthen conservation efforts. The Gujarat government has taken various measures for the conservation of Asiatic lions. In 2024, 237 beat guards (162 men and 75 women) were recruited in Gir to patrol protected areas and safeguard lion habitats.

Renewed push for a liberal...

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assurances to Ukraine, coupled with his broader scepticism towards NATO, suggests that Washington may be turning toward a more pragmatic approach to transatlantic relations. This uncertainty has spurred European leaders to consider bolstering their own defence initiatives. According to former German ambassador Wolfgang Ischinger, history has shown the dangers of leaving Europe to handle Russia alone. The failures of the Minsk process and Normandy talks, along with Europe's ineffective handling of the Bosnian war, showed the need for strong US leadership. When Washington disengages, Russia escalates—as seen in the

annexation of Crimea and the 2022 Ukraine invasion. However, Europe cannot remain a passive player. Ischinger calls for a European Defence Union (EDU) to enhance military cooperation, joint procurement, and strategic decision-making. At the same time, European policymakers are uncomfortable with the possibility of a US-Russia realignment. Trump's rhetoric suggests that he may seek to de-escalate tensions with Moscow, potentially at Ukraine's expense. This might alarm NATO allies in Eastern Europe, particularly Poland and the Baltic states, who view sustained US military presence as essential for deterring Russian strategies.

Tangra family tragedy: Police probe shocking confession

MI News Service, Kolkata: A chilling confession has emerged in the Tangra family murder case, as Pranay Dey, the elder son of the well-known Dey family, recounted a horrifying sequence of events from his hospital bed. He claimed that he sat on the staircase for an hour and a half while his younger brother, Prasun Dey, carried out the gruesome killings. According to Pranay, Prasun returned with blood-stained clothes and declared, "It's done." The police believe that Prasun took around 90 minutes to murder their two wives and a teenage girl while attempting to kill a minor boy. The investigation suggests that before cutting the victims' veins, Prasun studied techniques on social media, learning how to use a knife effectively. To confirm this theory, forensic experts are examining both Pranay and Prasun's mobile phones. However, inconsistencies in their statements have raised further questions. Prasun initially claimed that he killed only the two women by slitting their wrists and throats but denied killing his daughter, Priyambada. Instead, he suggested that Pranay may have suffocated her with a pillow. Pranay, on the

other hand, firmly stated that his brother was responsible for all three murders, claiming Prasun "freed" them. Once discharged from the hospital, both brothers will be arrested. Meanwhile, the Child Protection Commission is working to place Pranay's minor son in the care of a responsible couple. During interrogation, Pranay revealed that he had told Prasun their family needed to be "freed." Taking the words literally, Prasun fetched a paper cutter knife from the third floor, assuring Pranay that he would "take care of it." While Prasun carried out the murders upstairs, Pranay remained seated on the first-floor staircase. Police believe that Prasun's lack of experience caused the murders to take longer. According to him, the two women initially attempted to slit their own wrists, but when they did not die immediately, he "helped" them. Pranay later saw the aftermath—three lifeless bodies, while a minor miraculously survived. Forensic analysis of their mobile devices will be key in determining the full extent of the crime.

Kunal Ghosh slams Salim's visit to injured Indranuj at hosp

MI News Service, Kolkata: The political storm over the Jadavpur University violence has intensified, with Trinamool Congress leader Kunal Ghosh launching a fresh attack on CPM state secretary Mohammad Salim. His criticism centers around Salim's hospital visit to injured far-left activist Indranuj Roy, who was wounded in Saturday's clash between SFI and Web Cooper supporters. Ghosh questioned Salim's move, reminding the public of Indranuj's controversial social media post following the death of

former West Bengal Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharya. In his post, Indranuj dismissed any sorrow over Bhattacharya's demise, branding him a "faithful servant of the ruling class" and arguing that state honors were not meant for communists. This post had sparked widespread outrage among CPM loyalists. Taking to social media, Kunal Ghosh wrote, "Look at CPM's condition. The same person who attacked Buddhadeb Bhattacharya right after his death is now being visited by Moham-

mad Salim for political mileage. Read Indranuj's post, observe Salim's body language—he has discarded Buddhadeb Babu's legacy just to stay relevant." Ghosh further questioned how Salim, despite CPM's reverence for Bhattacharya, could meet and sympathize with a far-left student leader who had made derogatory remarks about the late leader. Photographs of Salim leaning in attentively to listen to Indranuj at the hospital have fueled debate over his stance.

State govt gears up for free school uniform distribution

MI News Service, Kolkata: Since assuming office, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has ensured that government school students receive free uniforms up to Class 8, with two sets provided annually. Now, preparations are in full swing to distribute the first set in March, following directives from Nabanna. To expedite implementation, state administrative officials are working at full capacity. The stitching of these uniforms is undertaken by self-help groups (SHGs), and the fabric is produced within the state, reducing dependence on external sources. According to sources, Nabanna has instructed district administrations to complete the process swiftly. Some districts are reportedly progressing well, while others have been lagging. Strict directives have been issued to slower districts to accelerate their work. Among the districts nearing completion are Kolkata, Howrah, North 24 Parganas, Jhargram, Malda, and Cooch Behar. However, several other districts are yet to make significant progress, prompting the government's urgent call for swift action. The timeline for distribution remains a key concern. West Bengal has 82,906 government schools, with a student population of 1.07 crore. Each student is entitled to two sets of uniforms. The state government is aiming to distribute the first set by March, followed by the second. As of now, reports indicate that 45% of the first set has been completed. To ensure timely execution, district administrations have been instructed to monitor the production process closely. With time running short, block-level officers will conduct inspections every 15 days to push for faster progress, while district-level officials will visit once a month to assess the timeline for completion. Updates on the SHGs' progress will be reported to the state administration regularly. As a result, the production pace has intensified, with self-help groups working tirelessly to meet the deadline.



Students strike at Jadavpur University, organized by a Leftist student organization, in Kolkata on Monday.

State ensures safe passage for HS examinees

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Higher Secondary examinations have commenced across West Bengal, with authorities implementing various measures to ensure the safety and convenience of students. From urban centers to rural areas, police and administration are actively working to facilitate smooth and secure travel for examinees. Following the model set for Madhyamik students, the state government has arranged free transportation for Higher Secondary candidates as well. In jungle-covered regions, forest department officials have been deployed to mitigate risks posed by wildlife, particularly elephants. Learning from past incidents, the forest department has taken proactive measures to ensure the safety of Higher Secondary examinees. This year is no exception. Multiple security arrangements have been implemented along the jungle routes of North and South Bengal. According to the forest department, "Special security measures have been put in place for jungle routes on examination

days. The 'Airavat Force' will be deployed at multiple locations to monitor the roads. Additionally, in collaboration with the administration, buses will be arranged to transport students safely through forested areas to their examination centers." The forest department has issued high-alert directives to all ranges of Buxa and Jaldapara National Parks. Key elephant-prone areas include Bardighi, Targhera, Damdin, Patharjhora, Dhupjhora, Indong, and Bamon Danga in Nagarkata. Reports also indicate increased elephant movement in Purulia, Jhargram, and Bishnupur. Moreover, recent tiger sightings in Purulia have prompted additional caution. The administration has deployed large buses in high-density student zones and smaller vehicles in areas with fewer examinees. Districts bordering forests—Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Jalpaiguri, Alipurduar, and Cooch Behar—have received special transportation arrangements to ensure students reach their exam centers safely and on time.

Behala tragedy: Father-daughter suicide confirmed in autopsy report

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a shocking incident in Behala, Swajan Das was found hanging along with his daughter, Sreeja Das. The autopsy report has now revealed that Swajan first strangled his daughter before taking his own life. According to sources, he orchestrated the act so that their bodies would bear each other's weight, ensuring death. Sreeja, 22, was autistic, and police have registered an unnatural

death case. Reports state that their bodies were found hanging from a nylon rope tied to a ceiling fan hook in Swajan's office on February 28. His wife and neighbors have been questioned by the police. Investigations reveal that Swajan left home with his daughter around noon that day. He informed his wife at 1:15 PM that he had reached SSKM Hospital.



Indian Navy East Coast organized a Car Rally for spreading awareness about the Navy's role in safeguarding the nation. The event highlights the indomitable spirit of women in the armed forces, showcasing their contributions and encouraging greater participation in national service in Kolkata on Monday.

Name Change I, Deepa Chettri (old name) wife of Mahesh Pradhan, residing at Babu Goan Nahori Tea Garden Balasom, P.O.- Sonada, Darjeeling, Pin- 734209, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Deepa Chettri Pradhan (New Name) as declared before the Executive Magistrate at Darjeeling (affidavit No. 1250) dated 24/02/2025. Deepa Chettri Pradhan (New Name) and Deepa Chettri (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change I, Omprakash Bishwash (old name) S/O Late Narayan Biswas, resident of Dutta Para, Shriniker, P.S.- Baruiapur, Baruiapur, 700144, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Omprakash Biswas (new name) vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 03/03/2025. That Omprakash Biswas (new name) and Omprakash Bishwash (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Madhurima Rudra (Old Name), Wife Of Ramanuj Ghosh, Residing At 3/39, Jain Das Nagar, Po - Belghoria, Barrackpore - 700056, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Madhurima Rudra Ghosh (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 28/02/2025. That Madhurima Rudra (Old Name) And Madhurima Rudra Ghosh (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, Sanjoy Ghosh (old name) son of Aswini Ghosh, residing at Vill. - Teahata, P.O.- Kharupala, P.S.- Shasan, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743425, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sanjay Ghosh (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 03/03/2025. Sanjay Ghosh (New Name) and Sanjoy Ghosh (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change I, Alok Roy (old name) S/O Saranan Roy, resident of Room No-204, B-Wing Vastu Hills Chs, Loda Hevan, Shirgaon Thane, Maharashtra- 421503, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Alok Saranan Roy (new name) vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 03/03/2025. That Alok Saranan Roy (new name) and Alok Roy (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Pradip Ray (old name) S/O Satyashankar Ray, resident of Ray Para, Mallasari Galsi, Purba Burdwan, Pin- 713428, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pradip Kumar Ray (new name) vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 03/03/2025. That Pradip Kumar Ray (new name) and Pradip Ray (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Swapna Kumar Sadhukhan (old name) son of Narayan Sadhukhan, residing at Kallita Purba Para, Alaipur, Madanpur, Dist.- Nadia, Pin- 741245, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Swapna Sadhukhan (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 03/03/2025. Swapna Sadhukhan (New Name) and Swapna Kumar Sadhukhan (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change I, Prodyut Mondal & Pradyut (Old Name) S/O Late Akshay Kumar Mondal Residing At 172, Satchasi Para, Baidyabati (M), Po-Chatra, Ps-Serampore, Dist-Hooghly, Pin- 712204, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Prodyut Kumar Mondal (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 03/03/2025. That Prodyut Mondal & Pradyut Mondal (Old Name) And Prodyut Kumar Mondal (New Name) All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, Shruti Devi Kajaria (Old Name), Wife Of Niraj Kumar Kajaria, Residing At 12 Diamonds, 10th Floor, 46A, Alipore Road, Alipore, Kolkata-700027, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shruti Kajaria (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 03/03/2025. That Shruti Devi Kajaria (Old Name) And Shruti Kajaria (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, Swapna Mridha (old name) wife of Samir Mridha, residing at Vill.- Ballavpur, P.O.- Chakla, P.S.- Deanga, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743424, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Swapna Mondal Mridha (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 03/03/2025. Swapna Mondal Mridha (New Name) and Swapna Mridha (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change I, Binod Singh (old name) son of Raj Narayan Singh (father) and Phuleeswari Devi (mother), residing at 21/1F Ostad Amir Khan Sarani, Haridevpur, Kolkata-700082, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Binod Kumar Singh (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 03/03/2025. Binod Kumar Singh (New Name) and Binod Singh (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change I, Niraj Kajaria (Old Name), Son Of Kamla Prasad Kajaria, Residing At 12 Diamonds, 46A, Alipore Road, Alipore, Kolkata-700027, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Niraj Kumar Kajaria (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 03/03/2025. That Niraj Kajaria (Old Name) And Niraj Kumar Kajaria (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, Archana Gope (Old Name) W/o Shiv Shankar Gope D/o Anek Lal Ghosh Residing at 4th floor, Block -C, 4B, 3ree Krishna Garden, 10 Italgacha Road, Kolkata, Dum Dum (M), North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700028 India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Archana Ghosh (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata vide affidavit no. 32/2025 Dated 03-03-2025. Archana Gope (Old Name) and Archana Ghosh (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Parimal Seal (old name) son of Adhir Sil, residing at Netaji Block Rajpur Sonarpur (M) Chowhat, South 24 Parganas, Pin- 700149, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Parimal Sil (New Name) as declared before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore, dated 03/03/2025. Parimal Sil (New Name) and Parimal Seal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Kalim Mohammed (Old Name), Son Of Md Nabi @ Md Nabi Bux, Residing At 15, Abdul Rahaman Street, Po - Park Street, Kolkata - 700016, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Kalim (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 03/03/2025. That Kalim Mohammed (Old Name) And Md Kalim (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, DEBASIS DEB (Old Name) S/O RAMESH KRISHNA DEB Residing at AC-51/2, Arjunpur, P.S.- Baguati, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700059, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as DEBASIS DEB (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Govt of India at Kolkata vide affidavit dated 03-03-2025. DEBASIS DEB (Old Name) and DEBASIS DEB (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Sk Saana Hossain (old name) wife of Sk Abul Hossain, residing at Malancha Mahinagar, VTC; Chandpur, P.O.- Malancha Mahinagar, Pin- 700145, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Mampi Seal (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 28/02/2025. Sk Mampi Seal (New Name) and Sk Saana Hossain (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change I, Kalim Mohammed (Old Name), Son Of Md Nabi @ Md Nabi Bux, Residing At 15, Abdul Rahaman Street, Po - Park Street, Kolkata - 700016, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Kalim (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 03/03/2025. That Kalim Mohammed (Old Name) And Md Kalim (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change I, Montu Mallick S/O Late Soleman Mallick Residing at Vill - Chengail Roy Para, P.O.- Chengail, P.S.- Uluberia, District - Howrah, Pin- 711308 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Mantu Mallick. I declare that Montu Mallick and Mantu Mallick is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 03-03-2025.

Name Change I, Manish Pradhan (old name) son of Kaji Pradhan, residing at Babu Goan Nahori Tea Garden Balasom, P.O.- Sonada, Darjeeling, Pin- 734209, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mahesh Pradhan (New Name) as declared before the Executive Magistrate at Darjeeling, (affidavit No. 1249) dated 24/02/2025. Mahesh Pradhan (New Name) and Manish Pradhan (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change I, Bishnu Chananani (old name) S/O Prayag Chand Chananani, resident of CK-209, Salt Lake City, Sector-II, P.O.- Sech Bahawan, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700091, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bishnu Kumar Chananani (new name) vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 03/03/2025. That Bishnu Kumar Chananani (new name) and Bishnu Chananani (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Sri Tanmoy Ghosh S/O TARUN KUMAR GHOSH residing at 40/1 Panchanan Tala Road, P.O.+ P.S.- Bhatpara, North 24 parganas, Pin - 743123, changed my father's name from TARUN GHOSH to TARUN KUMAR GHOSH before the court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate, 1st class, Barrackpore vide affidavit no 99 dated 25/02/2025. That TARUN KUMAR GHOSH and TARUN GHOSH is one and same identical person.

Name Change I, Rajesh Goel (old name) son of Ramswaroop Goel, residing at 87, Block-B, Bangur Avenue, P.S.- Lake Town, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700055, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rajesh Kumar Goyal (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 03/03/2025. Rajesh Kumar Goyal (New Name) and Rajesh Goel (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change I, Madhumita Nath Ghosh & Madhumita Ghosh (old names) wife of Suvro Ghosh, residing at Arghya Apartment, 26 C Santosh Roy Road, Barisha, Purba Barisha, Kolkata- 700008, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Madhumita Nath (New Name) as declared before the Ld 1st class judicial magistrate at Kolkata, dated 03/03/2025. Madhumita Nath (New Name) and Madhumita Nath Ghosh & Madhumita Ghosh (old name) all are same and identical person.

Name Change I, Prosoon Bose, son of Late Sachindra Nath Bose and father of Ritam Basu, a Hindu by faith and an Indian citizen, residing at MIG(2R) 3/17, Phase - IV A, Golf Green, Kolkata - 700095 (WB), have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Prosoon Kumar Bose, as declared before the Notary Public at Alipore Court (WB), vide Serial No. 10, dated 25.02.2025. For clarification, Prosoon Kumar Bose, Prosoon Kumar Basu, and Prosoon Bose refer to the same and identical person.

Name Change I, Md Elias (old name) son of Fazlur Rahman, residing at Magura Mondal Para Aka Station Road, Meheshtala, Kolkata- 700141, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Elias (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 03/03/2025. Md Elias (New Name) and Md Elias (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change I, Madhumita Nath Ghosh & Madhumita Ghosh (old names) wife of Suvro Ghosh, residing at Arghya Apartment, 26 C Santosh Roy Road, Barisha, Purba Barisha, Kolkata- 700008, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Madhumita Nath (New Name) as declared before the Ld 1st class judicial magistrate at Kolkata, dated 03/03/2025. Madhumita Nath (New Name) and Madhumita Nath Ghosh & Madhumita Ghosh (old name) all are same and identical person.

Name Change I, SUKANYA BASU, Daughter of Debranj Basu, residing at Gopdrey Prakrity - BL-H12, Fr FL, 1207, sukhara, North 24 parganas, Kolkata-700015, West Bengal do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my son's actual and correct name is SAMAY BASU son of Amaresh Basak and Sukanya Basu which is recorded in my son's Birth Certificate issued by Kolkata Municipal Corporation vide Registration No. H09/2014/06406, date of Registration 02.09.2014 as well as in his Aadhaar Card vide no. 6584 0185 1951. Due to inadvertently in my said son's Passport vide No. 89109057 wherein my son's name has been mentioned and recorded as SAMAY BASAK instead and place of his actual name i.e. SAMAY BASU. By an affidavit (no. 5605) BEFORE THE LD. JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE (1ST CLASS) AT KOLKATA ON 25.02.2025 that SAMAY BASU and SAMAY BASAK is the same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Nazma Bagam (old name) wife of Jiaul Hoque, residing at Vill.- Ankipur, P.O.- Rajendrapur, P.S.- Matia, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743291, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nazma Bagam (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 03/03/2025. Nazma Bagam (New Name) and Nazma Bagam (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change I, Hasan Mohammad (old name) S/O Abdur Rajjak Mondal, resident of Vill.- Amdanga, P.O.- Arkhal Amdanga, P.S.- Amdanga, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743221, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Hasan Mondal (new name) vide an affidavit sworn before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Barasat (SL No- 538) on 03/03/2025. That Hasan Mondal (new name) and Hasan Mohammad (old name) both are the same and one identical person.

Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) becomes the 25th Navratna CPSE!

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Government has approved the upgradation of Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) to Navratna CPSE, making it the 25th #Navratna among CPSEs! IRCTC is a Ministry of Railways CPSE with an annual turnover of ₹4,270.18 Cr. PAT of ₹1,111.26 Cr and a net worth of ₹3,229.97 Cr for FY 2023-24. The Government has approved the upgradation of Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) to Navratna CPSE, making it the 26th #Navratna among CPSEs! IRFC is a Ministry of Railways CPSE with an annual turnover of ₹26,644 Cr. PAT of ₹6,412 Cr and a net worth of ₹49,178 Cr for FY 2023-24.

Enhancing Safety & passenger convenience: Successful FOB Launching at Jasidih and LHS construction over Asansol Division



MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant step towards improving passenger convenience and enhancing safety, Asansol Division of Eastern Railway successfully completed the launching of a Foot Over Bridge (FOB) at Jasidih Station (between Platform No. 1 & 2) and the construction of two Limited Height Subways (LHS) at different locations on 02.03.2025 (Sunday). FOBs play a crucial role in ensuring safe and seamless passenger movement across railway platforms, reducing congestion and minimizing the risk of accidents. Meanwhile, Limited Height Subways serve as an efficient alternative to level crossings, eliminating potential rail-road conflicts and providing an uninterrupted passage for vehicles and pedestrians.

Construction of Limited Height Subway and Other Infrastructure Works Completed in Jamalpur - Kiul Section of Malda Division

MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway's Malda Division continues its commitment to infrastructure modernization, prioritizing safety, efficiency, and passenger convenience. In a significant step towards eliminating level crossings and enhancing operational safety, the division has successfully completed the construction of a Limited Height Subway (LHS) in lieu of Level Crossing Gate No. 31 between Kajra and Uren stations in the Jamalpur - Kiul section. The critical work was executed within a brief block period of just six hours, ensuring minimal disruption to train services.



efficient operations. In addition to the subway construction, several key infrastructural works were successfully executed during the block period, ensuring optimal utilization of resources and time: 1. 6m-wide Foot Over Bridge (FOB) Launching at Abhaipur Station - A major step towards enhancing passenger mobility and safety by providing a convenient crossing facility. 2. Track Maintenance through Dressing, Welding, and Greasing (4.5 TKM Total) - This maintenance work improves track stability and durability, ensuring smoother train operations. 3. Platform Shed Launching at Maheshi Station - Enhancing passenger convenience at Maheshi station in the Bhagalpur - Jamalpur (BGP-JMP) section. These crucial infrastructure developments will bolster safety, enhance passenger amenities, and improve overall operational efficiency in the Jamalpur - Kiul section. Malda Division remains steadfast in its commitment to infrastructure advancements, reinforcing Eastern Railway's vision of a modern and efficient railway network.

One Pair EMU Local cancelled in Bandel-Katwa Section

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to track maintenance work on UP Main Line in between Dhatrigram & Dainhat stations in Bandel - Katwa section, 210 minutes Traffic Block has been planned for 10 days from 05.03.2025 to 14.03.2025. Consequently, the following arrangements in train running have been made as under :- Cancellation of EMU trains from 05.03.2025 to 14.03.2025

Two Limited Height Subways successfully completed in the Krishnanagar-Lalgola Section over Sealdah Division



MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of its ongoing commitment to enhancing passenger safety, structural integrity, operational efficiency, and accessibility, Eastern Railway's Sealdah Division has successfully executed a significant infrastructure upgrade by constructing two Limited Height Subways (LHS) in place of Level Crossing (LC) Gates No. 105 and 116 in the Krishnanagar-Lalgola section. This was achieved through the planned and successful insertion of Reinforced Cement Concrete (RCC) boxes and slabs. During the block period from 10:30 hrs to 17:00 hrs on 02.03.2025, a total of 10 RCC boxes and 9 slabs were inserted for each Limited Height Subway, replacing Level Crossings No. 105 and 116 as part of this critical infrastructure enhancement. The construction of the subways was completed at 16:32 hrs and 16:45 hrs, respectively, well ahead of schedule, ensuring the smooth resumption of railway operations.

From Bandel: 37741 From Katwa: 37742 Block will commence after passing of 13033 Howrah - Katihar Express and after cancellation of block first train will be 37743 Bandel - Katwa Local.

Three passenger trains rescheduled for Track Maintenance Work over Malda Division

MI News Service, Kolkata: For Track maintenance work in Poradanga - Sujnigara section, 04 hours (from 13:00 hrs. to 17:00 hrs.) Block has been planned on UP line between Mahipal Road & Manigram on every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday between 06.03.2025 & 22.04.2025 (21 days). Consequently, 53053 Katwa - Nimtita passenger, 53027 Azimganj - Malda Town passenger & 53029 Azimganj - Bhagalpur passenger will be rescheduled by 120 minutes, 60 minutes & 30 minutes respectively from Katwa/Azimganj.

Signaling & Electrical Work: Distance signal cable shifting was carried out at LHS 105. Contact Line Periodic Overhaul (POH) was completed for four units. Track Stress Management: Dressing of tracks over 600 meters between Rejinagar and Palassey and over 2.5 km between Beldanga and Rejinagar was completed to mitigate thermal stress and enhance track stability. Rail Maintenance: ERC greasing and thorough fastening renewal were conducted over 2.5 km between Beldanga and Rejinagar. Essential welding works were completed at four locations in the same section. Additionally, rail replacement over 70 meters at Beldanga Station, along with 9 rail weldings, was executed to maintain track integrity. Track Drainage Improvement: Ballast Cleaning Machine (BCM) work was carried out over 670 meters between Jiaganj and Bhagwanga to enhance track drainage and stability. These infrastructure upgrades significantly strengthen railway operations, enhance safety, and improve overall efficiency. Eastern Railway remains committed to continuous improvement and modernization to ensure a seamless travel experience for passengers.

India looking for a prospective blending of petrol & ethanol: HS Puri

MI News Service, New Delhi: India is looking at increasing its target to blend ethanol with petrol to more than 20 per cent and has formed a committee under the NITI Aayog to look into it, Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep S Puri said. "We will be looking at more than 20 per cent blending of biofuel.

Metro's basketball team wins the 14th Yuva Basketball Tournament, 2025



MI News Service, Kolkata: Metro Railway's Basketball team has made all Metromen proud again! This team has won the 14th Yuva Basketball Tournament, 2025, held from 28th February to 02nd March, 2025 at Imfa Park, Bhubaneswar, Odisha. Total 16 teams participated in this prestigious tournament. In the final Metro basketball team defeated Yuva Basketball Club, Bhubaneswar. Shri P Uday Kumar Reddy, General Manager, Metro Railway has congratulated all the team members for winning this tournament.

Liquor tariffs: India-EU to assess stalled free trade negotiations

MI News Service, New Delhi: India and the European Union will this week assess their stalled free trade negotiations, with liquor tariffs emerging as a key flashpoint amid Brussels' push for deep duty cuts on European spirits. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen will meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and top ministers in a bid to accelerate trade talks, which have dragged on since 2007 due to sharp differences over tariffs and market access. While the EU seeks an "ambitious" and "commercially meaningful" deal, a senior official acknowledged that tariff disputes over wine and spirits remain a major sticking point. "For us, speed is less important than substance," the official said, declining to set a deadline for FTA. The EU has repeatedly demanded drastic cuts to India's high import duties on European liquor, which currently faces tariffs of 150 per cent. However, Indian liquor manufacturers warn that an abrupt slash in duties could devastate domestic brands while flooding the market with cheap imports.

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IRCTC, IRFC get Navratna status and; Railway Minister Congratulates All Railways listed PSUs got Navratna status after 2014

MI News Service, New Delhi: Government has approved the upgradation of Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) & Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) as Navratna companies. Announcing this good news through a X Post, Department of Public Enterprises on its handle wrote that IRCTC has become 25th & IRFC 26th Navratna company among CPSEs. Union Minister of Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw congratulate both team of IRCTC and team IRFC on their feat of being upgraded to the Navratna status. Hon'ble Minister says we are happy to share that all



The 7 listed PSUs of Railways are now Navratna status and this has happened after 2014. CONCOR : July 2014, RVNL: May 2023, IRCON and RITES in Oct 2023, Railtel: Aug 2024 and now IRCTC and IRFC . This is a major achievement and this reflects our Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi ji's very focussed attention on transforming Railways . He also thanked Hon'ble Finance Minister on this occasion. IRCTC:

IRCTC is a Ministry of Railways CPSE with an annual turnover of ₹4,270.18 Cr, has a Profit after Tax, ie PAT of ₹1,111.26 Cr and a net worth of ₹3,229.97 Cr for FY 2023-24. IRFC is also a Ministry of Railways CPSE with an annual turnover of ₹26,644 Cr, PAT of ₹6,412 Cr and a net worth of ₹49,178 Cr for FY 2023-24. The Navratna recognition marks a momentous achievement as IRCTC is celebrating 25 years of excellence in catering, tourism, and online ticketing services in 2025. This is a testament of the operational excellence of the Corporation in the Hospitality, Travel & Tourism Sector achieved over the years.

Navratna PSUs play a crucial role in nation building by driving economic growth through enhancing India's position in the global competitive market. The upgraded status allows IRCTC to expand its footprint and enhance its service offerings in the travel, tourism and hospitality sectors.

IRFC: Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC), a key fi-

decisions, enabling them to compete with private sector companies.

- They have greater flexibility in HR management, including hiring professionals at market-linked salaries. Global Expansion • They can enter international markets, form strategic alliances, and expand globally without strict bureaucratic constraints. Better Market Position • Navratna companies are considered financially stable and attract more investor confidence. • Their strong financial performance allows them to generate better returns for shareholders. Government has approved the upgradation of Indian

Logo of Lok Udyam Vibhag, Department of Public Enterprises. Text: Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) becomes the 25th Navratna CPSE!

as one of the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE) supporting India's railway infrastructure.

Established on December 12, 1986, as a 100% government-owned entity, IRFC has been instrumental in financing the expansion and modernization of Indian Railways. With a revenue of over Rs 26,600 crore and a profit after tax exceeding Rs 6,400 crore as of March 31, 2024, IRFC is now the third-largest government NBFC in India.

Benefits of Navratna Status: Navratna PSUs enjoy several advantages, such as: Financial Autonomy • They can form joint ventures, subsidiaries, and enter into mergers or acquisitions without needing direct government intervention. Operational Freedom • They can make independent business and investment

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India moving towards 'Coal Revolution'

MI News Service, Kolkata: It would not be a misnomer to say that India is quite certainly moving towards a 'coal revolution'. The Indian Coal markets conference which is currently going on at Kolkata has given plenty of insights regarding developments in coal industry.

According to sources, 20,000 plus coal consumers have bought 760 million tons of coal in last 20 years with mjunction . India's largest B2B e-commerce company being one of the prime players in this game.

Coal Spot Exchange. The Indian coal sector is also collaborating with foreign nations like South Africa and Mozambique regarding different aspects of coal business. The participation in coal auction has also increased in the month of January and February. The coal industry has also informed the centre regarding GST related issues regarding coal and it was intimated that some regulations are hampering the competitiveness in the business.

SC permits Ranveer Allahbadia to resume 'The Ranveer Show' subject to 'morality' standards

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday permitted YouTuber and Podcaster Ranveer Allahbadia to resume his podcast 'The Ranveer Show', subject to maintaining standards of decency and morality.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and N Kottiswar Singh allowed Allahbadia to resume the show after taking into note that livelihood of around 280 employees depends on the telecast of his show.

"As of now, petitioner was restrained from airing any shows. Subject to the petitioner furnishing an undertaking that his podcast shows will maintain the desired standards of morality and decency so that viewers of any age group can watch, the petitioner is permitted to resume 'The Ranveer Show,'" the bench added in its order.

Earlier, it had also directed Allahbadia and his associates to be "off from show business from sometime". The apex court further asked the Centre to propose measures to regulate content for YouTube channels and social media.

controversial remarks made by him and others who were part of an episode of India's Got Latent.

During the hearing, the top court observed that everyone has the right to watch what they want but just because you have commercial interests it cannot be your say something.

The Solicitor General said free expression should be protected, but vulgarity and perversity should not reach our children. With regard to Allahbadia's prayer to allow him to travel abroad as guest in foreign countries, the bench said this prayer shall be considered after he joins probe and is no longer required for the said purpose.

Earlier, the top court came down heavily on Allahbadia for his inappropriate comments during his guest appearance on the show India's Got Latent and described it as "dirty and perverted."

The bench had also directed no further FIR shall be registered against him on the basis of episode aired on show India's Got Latent. It had also asked him to deposit his passport with police and he can't leave country without permission of the court.

The top court had also asked the Centre if it wanted to do something about obscene content on YouTube and other social media and sought the Attorney General and Solicitor General's assistance in the matter.

Mayawati expels nephew Akash Anand from BSP

MI News Service, Lucknow: Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati on Monday expelled her nephew Akash Anand, saying that the response given by him after he was relieved of his duties was "selfish and arrogant".

"In the interest of the self-respect and self-esteem movement of the most revered Babasaheb Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar and following the tradition of discipline of the venerable Kanshiram, Akash Anand, like his father-in-law, is expelled from the party in the interest of the party and the movement," Mayawati posted on X.

Mayawati, former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, stated that the remarks made by Anand after his removal from the posts were "not a sign of political maturity". She accused him of being under the influence of his father-in-law, Ashok Siddharth.

"The lengthy response given by Akash is not a sign of remorse and political maturity but is mostly selfish and arrogant...under the influence of his father-in-law, which I have been advising people in the party to avoid," the BSP supremo added.

Mayawati said that it was expected of Akash Anand to accept the decision of his removal from key positions in the BSP "maturely". "In the All-India meeting of BSP yesterday, Akash Anand was relieved from all responsibilities, including the post of National Coordinator, due to him being under the continued influence of his father-in-law Ashok Siddharth, who was also expelled from the party. For this, he should have repented and shown maturity," she added.

The decision to relieve him of his duties came during the All-India meeting organised by the party.

A day after being removed from all key positions, Anand on Monday said that he remained undeterred, drawing strength from the Bahujan Movement's ideals. He added that this struggle is not a career but a fight for the self-respect and self-esteem of marginalized communities. He said that he would continue to devote himself fully to the party and fight for society's rights as a true worker of the Bahujan movement. He also termed the decision as an emotional one and said the "test is difficult".

"The decision of respected sister Ms. Mayawati ji to relieve me from all the posts of the party is personally emotional for me, but at the same time, it is a big challenge now, the test is difficult, and

the fight is long," he posted on X.

Anand further said, "Patience and determination are the true companions in such difficult times. As a true worker of the Bahujan Mission and Movement, I will continue to work with full devotion for the party and the mission and will fight for the rights of my society till my last breath".

"This is an idea, a movement, which cannot be suppressed. Lakhs of Akash Anands are always ready to keep this torch burning and sacrifice everything for it," he added.

Earlier, Mayawati, after removing Akash, appointed Anand Kumar and Ramji Gautam as the National Coordinators of the party while expelling Ashok Siddharth, who is also the father-in-law of Akash Anand, for "factionalism."

Bahujan Movement is not a career but a fight for self-respect...: Akash Anand after his expulsion from all posts of BSP

MI News Service, New Delhi: A day after being removed from all BSP party posts, Akash Anand said on Monday that he remained undeterred, drawing strength from the Bahujan Movement's ideals. He added that this struggle is not a career but a fight for the self-respect and self-esteem of marginalized communities.

In a social media post on X, Anand said, "Some people from the opposition party are thinking that my political career is over because of this decision of the party. They should understand that the Bahujan Movement is not a career but a fight for self-respect and self-esteem of crores of Dalits, exploited, deprived and poor people."

He said that, as a true worker of the Bahujan movement, he would continue to devote himself fully to the party and fight for society's rights. He also termed the decision as an emotional one and said the "test is difficult".

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Akash Anand said that he learned invaluable lessons of sacrifice, loyalty, and dedication under Mayawati's leadership, considering these principles not just an idea but a way of life. He also acknowledged that every decision made by Mayawati is binding, and they respect and stand by each one.

"I am a cadre of the most revered sister, Ms. Mayawati ji, and under her leadership, I have learnt unforgettable lessons of sacrifice, loyalty, and dedication. All these are not just an idea for me but my life's purpose. Every decision of respected sister ji is like a line of stone for me. I respect her every decision and stand by that decision."

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Notice to all concern that one original Sale Deed vide Deed No. 62/03/1987 dated 28/09/1987 in the name of Lt. Sisir Kumar Bhattacharya Purchaser, Registered at D.S.R., Hooghly, concern to the 'Bastu' Land of 1 Katha 15 Chatak 37 Sq.Ft. lying under Kodalia G.P., P.S. Chinsurah, District Hooghly, Mauza Simla, J.L. No. 16, under R.S. 966, L.R. 7480 No. Khaitan, Dag No. R.S. 1778/2740 and Hal L.R. 1881, which was lost. In this regard a missing GDE No. 1337, dated 24/02/2025 under P.S. Chinsurah, Hooghly is lodged. At present my clients Sri Bhaskar Bhattacharya S/o. Lt. Sisir Kumar Bhattacharya & also Shripa Bhattacharya W/o. Lt. Sisir Kumar Bhattacharya R/o. SA, Chinsurah Station Road, Chinsurah R.S., Chinsurah, Hooghly-712102, both are the present owner of the above property. If any person, Bank or Financial Institution having any objection, claim, demand or information against the above property or about above original lost Sale Deed please intimate the undersigned in writing with supporting within 7 days from this publication. No claim and demand shall be entertained after the stipulated period. If any transaction is made with any persons and authority by the strength of this lost sale deed, shall be deemed to be null and void.

Sanat Kumar Sil (Advocate) Judges' Court, Chinsurah, Hooghly

Howrah Municipal Corporation Borough-V

107/C, Kashinath Chatterjee Lane, Howrah-711012, Ph: 033-2678-0031

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender No.: TN/005/AE/B-V/24-25, Date: 01.03.2025 For details of N.I.T, please refer to Notice Board of Borough-V. Visit the sites: www.wbtenders.gov.in (for tender submission) and also refer to www.myhmc.in . Bid submission starting date 04.03.2025 at 6:00 P.M. (ON-LINE). Bid submission closing date 10.03.2025 at 6:00 P.M. (ON-LINE). Sd/- Assistant Engineer Borough-V, H.M.C.

Tender Notice

Proddhan, Bharatgarh Gram Panchayat, Basanti Block, South 24 Pgs invited online e-Tender from 5th SFC and BEUP fund.NIT No. 31/e-Tender/ BGP/BEUP/2024-25 and 32/e-Tender/BGP/5th SFC/2024-25. For details pls visit the website www.wbtenders.gov.in and office Notice Board on and from (for NIT31) 03/03/2025 to 10/03/2025 till 5 P.M. (For NIT.32) from 03/03/2025 to 10/03/2025 till 5 PM.

Sd/- Proddhan Bharatgarh GP, Basanti Block, South 24 Pgs.

His response comes a day after Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) supremo Mayawati announced significant changes in the party leadership on Sunday during a high-level meeting in Lucknow. Mayawati removed her nephew Akash Anand from all party posts and appointed her brother Anand Kumar and Ramji Gautam as national coordinators to oversee party affairs across the country. Earlier, too, Mayawati had removed Akash from all the important posts of the party on May 7, 2024, in the middle of the Lok Sabha elections 2024, calling him immature.

Simlagarh Vitasin Gram Panchayat

Notice Inviting e-Tender e-NIT are invited by the Proddhan SVGP, from reliable and bonafied Tenderer for work vide NIT No: NIT/39/2024-25/SVGP (4th SC) (03 Nos. Scheme) & NIT/40/2024-25/SVGP (1st SC) (01 No. Scheme), Dated 28/02/2025. Tender fees & EMD deposited through E-procurement system from 01/03/2025 at 09:00 AM to 08/03/2025 up to 10:00 AM and NIT No: NIT/41/2024-25/SVGP (1st SC) (07 Nos. Scheme), Dated 03/03/2025. Tender fees & EMD deposited through E-procurement system from 04/03/2025 at 09:00 AM to 10/03/2025 up to 10:00 AM under 15th FC Fund. For details visit https://wbtenders.gov.in. Proddhan Simlagarh Vitasin Gram Panchayat

Badla Gram Panchayat

Notice Inviting e-Tender e-Tender are invited from bonafied resourceful contractor for execution of 2 nos. development work under 15th SFC-2024-25 (Untied) Fund vide Memo No.: 95/ENIT/LUN (24-25)/BGP/2025, Date: 28.02.2025. Bid Submission Start Date (Online): 01.03.2025 at 11:00 AM. Bid Submission End Date (Online): 08.03.2025 up to 06:00 PM. Bid Opening Date: 11.03.2025 at 10:00 AM. For details please visit www.wbtenders.gov.in & undersigned GP office. Sd/- Proddhan Badla Gram Panchayat

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Table with 2 columns: RELEVANT PARTICULARS and details. Includes information about the corporate debtor, date of incorporation, and insolvency proceedings.

Notice is hereby given that the NATIONAL COMPANY LAW APPELLATE TRIBUNAL PRINCIPAL BENCH NEW DELHI has ordered the commencement of a corporate insolvency resolution process of the Roofers Infrastructure India Private Limited on 11.02.2025.

The creditors of ROOFERS INFRASTRUCTURE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED, are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on or before 17.03.2025 to the interim resolution professional at the address mentioned against entry No. 10.

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Table with 4 columns: Sr. No., Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number, Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession, Date of Demand Notice Amount in Demand Notice (Rs), Name of Branch. Includes details for Borrower Shakuntala Metal Works & Co-Applicant Ashok Sharma & Guarantor Mrs Rina Sharma.

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: March 04, 2025, Place: Howrah (West Bengal) Sincerely Authorised Signatory, For ICICI Bank Ltd.

EASTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No.: SWHWH RCC DUCT/01/24-25, dated: 28.02.2025. Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Project/HQ, Eastern Railway, 3rd Floor, Fairlie Place, 17, Netaji Subhash Road, Kolkata-700001 invites 'OPEN' e-Tender from the experienced & established contractors having sufficient experience in similar work and satisfying minimum eligibility criteria on the prescribed form for the under noted work: Name of work with its location: Supply of material and manufacturing of RCC duct as per approved drawing at Signal Workshop, Howrah. Approximate cost of the work: ₹ 4,98,00,252.72. Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹ 3,99,000. Completion period of the work: 12 (Twelve) months. Last date and time of online submission (closing) of tender document: 28.03.2025 up to 12.30 hrs. Validity of offer: 90 days from the date of opening of tender. Website address, time and date from which tender documents will be available: On Indian Railway's website i.e. www.irps.gov.in from 28.02.2025. Date and time of opening: 28.03.2025 at 01.00 hrs. Website where tender bid can be submitted: (1) Bids are to be submitted online only. (2) Tenderers must register on Indian Railways E-Procurement System (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in e-tender system. Necessary changes, Corrigendum/ Addendum if required would be posted on this site only. (3) Bidders will be able to submit their original/ revised bids up to closing date & time only. (4) Manual bids/offers are not allowed against this tender. Any manual offer received shall be ignored. (5) Electronic Reverse Auction (e-RA) for Works Contracts (Rs. 50.00 crores & above) is applicable as per Railway Board Letter No. 2017/Trans/01/Policy/ Pt-S, dated 28.03.2018.

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E-Tender Notice No.: W_LLH_21_2024-25, date: 24.02.2025. E-Tender (Open tender) is invited online by the Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/ Elect, C&W Workshop, Eastern Railway, Liluah, Howrah, Pin-711204 from tenderers having technical capabilities for the following work. Name of the work: Liluah- Provision of energy efficient BLDC fan at staff quarters, offices and service buildings with necessary allied work over Railway Colony, Liluah. Approx cost of the work: ₹ 79,62,418. Earnest money: ₹ 1,59,300. Tender Closing Date & time: 19.03.2025 & 14.00 hrs. Website where complete details of tender is available: www.ireps.gov.in.

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EAST COAST RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. ST-OT-LHS-SOUTH-WORK-455, Dt. 25.02.2025. NAME OF WORK: SIGNAL & TELECOM WORK FOR (1) CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD OVER BRIDGE BETWEEN KHURDA ROAD - KAIAPADAR ROAD & BHUSANPUR - KALUPARAGHAT), (2. PROVISION OF LHS BETWEEN NHRAKARPUR - BHUSANPUR, KHALLIKOT - RAMBHA, GANJAM - CHHATRAPUR, CHHATRAPUR - JAGANNATHPUR, KHURDA ROAD - KAIAPADAR ROAD & PALASA - PUNDI), (3. RE-BUILDING OF ARCH BRIDGES AT CHHATRAPUR - JAGANNATHPUR SECTION), (4. REPLACEMENT OF BGML IN GANJAM - CHHATRAPUR SECTION).

Tender Value in (₹) : 2,99,53,759.63, EMD (₹) : 2,99,800.00 Bidding Start Date : 04.03.2025. Date and Time of Closing of Tender: 18.03.2025 at 1100 Hrs. No manual offers sent by Post/ Courier/ Fax or in person shall be accepted against this tender. The tender submitted on firm's letter head and received in time. All such manual offers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected summarily without any consideration.

Complete information including e-tender documents of the above e-tender is available in website: https://www.ireps.gov.in

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Divisional Railway Manager (S&T) Khurda Road PR-1035/P/24-25

Metro Railway, Kolkata

e-Tender is invited by Principal Chief Engineer, Metro Railway for the following work: Name of work: 'Rehabilitation and Strengthening of girder support system with rectification of seating surface of bearings under running traffic between Joka-Majherhat section of Metro Railway, Kolkata'. Approx Cost of Work : Rs. ₹9,41,88,982.48; Earnest Money : ₹6,21,000.00; Completion Period: 12 (Twelve) Months; Date and Time of Closing : 25.03.2025 at 12:00 Hrs. The Tender Document and other details can be obtained from the website www.ireps.gov.in. Amendments/Corrigendum, if any, would be uploaded only on the website. Abridged e-Tender Notice No. : Civil-2491-2024 (Open)

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A meaningful effort to make Jharkhand a developed state

GYAN RANJAN

Finance Minister Radhakrishna Kishore presented the first budget of Hemant 2.0 in the House on Monday. The government has made several announcements in this budget of Rs 1 lakh 45 thousand 400 crore. The budget of the Jharkhand government for the financial year 2025-26 is a meaningful effort to bring Jharkhand at par with economically developed states. The Chief Minister has set a target of making Jharkhand's economy Rs 10 trillion by 2030. Obviously, for this, work will have to be done on how to

increase the growth rate continuously. Even after the Corona epidemic, the government has shown its strong will by ensuring an average growth of 14.2 percent in the state's growth rate. The imprint of the India Alliance's election promise is also clearly visible in the budget. Especially, more funds have been provided in the budget on schemes related to social security including the Mainiya Samman Yojana. The provision of more funds in the social sector than in the general sector and economic sector shows this. The government is also focused on the economic development of the state. The state government

has given top priority to keeping the fiscal deficit under control and at a low level. By continuously increasing the plan expenditure as compared to the establishment expenditure, the government has given priority to the development works of the state.

The highest amount has been provided in the budget for welfare and social welfare. This is 17.47 percent of the total budget. Obviously, the maximum amount has been allocated in this item to compensate for the announcement made by Chief Minister Hemant Soren before the elections to increase the amount of Mainiya Samman

Yojana from Rs 1,000 per month to Rs 2,500 per month. Rs 13,363 crore has been allocated for the Mainiya Samman Yojana in the budget. Education is in the second priority list of the government. 12.11 percent of the total budget has been allocated for the education department. Many important schemes have also been mentioned in the budget regarding tourism development in the state. The government's thinking towards the development of infrastructure in the state is also commendable. This is the reason why the state government is constantly emphasizing on increasing the capital expen-

diture in its budget. Keeping the fiscal deficit to 2.02 percent of GDP reflects the efficient financial management of the Finance Minister. Many announcements have also been made in the budget towards increasing the income of farmers.

The government is committed to income and employment generation in rural areas. In the field of higher education, the Jharkhand Student Research and Innovation Policy will prove to be a major initiative of the government in the future. The proposal to establish three state universities and three new technical universities is an effort by the government

to improve higher education. The proposal to open medical colleges in five other districts along with a new medical college in Ranchi is also commendable. The people of the state will also benefit from the Chief Minister Abua Health Security Scheme.

The government has decided to strengthen the rural economy by deciding to increase the support price of lac, tassar, karanj, tamarind, mahua, chironji along with paddy to the farmers. Chief Minister Hemant Soren is continuously working towards establishing the economy of Jharkhand on the national level. This is the reason why the bud-

get has set a target of making Jharkhand an economy of Rs 10 trillion by 2030. Jharkhand's growth rate is growing at a rate of about 14.2 percent. In such a situation, the government can achieve the target it has set for the economy. This time the child budget has been prepared keeping in mind the proper development of the children of the state. To put it simply, the state government has brought the budget keeping in mind how to make the state at par with other developed states of the country along with social security. The dynamic and continuous growth of the state's economy reflects this.

EXPERT OPINION

The development of tourism circuits at the divisional level in Jharkhand will not only bring global recognition to neglected sites but also empower local communities by creating new employment opportunities. This initiative will be a milestone in establishing Jharkhand as a key tourism destination.



Dr. Bhupesh Kumar
Principal, IHM, Ranchi

This budget is a living embodiment of the aspirations of the people: Supriyo Bhattacharya

PC JHA

RANCHI: Praising today's budget, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) General Secretary and spokesperson Supriyo Bhattacharya said that the budget presented in the House by Finance Minister Radha Krishna Kishore meets the aspirations of the state people.

He said, "A concrete list of the promises made by our government to the people on the massive mandate of 2024 was placed among the common people today, the most important of which was social security, education, employment, health, agriculture, welfare of farmers and promotion of small scale industries."

Yesterday I had told that this budget would be a 3D budget which will make the dream of developed Jharkhand come true.

"Today's budget is of Rs 1.45 lakh crore, all the subjects have been included in it. The promise of providing good education and high quality life to the children is given priority in this budget," Bhattacharya said.



He said that according to the need the government has included a new policy of Student Research and Innovation 2025, which will be a benchmark in the field of research in the coming times due to which self-employment will also increase. The government will work to promote tourism by bringing it on a mission mode.

"Not only will we implement the old pension scheme but a fund has also been created for it so that there is no hindrance in continuing the scheme. A separate fund has been dedicated for the elderly," said the JMM speaker.

BJP CRIEF FOUL PLAY

BJP's state spokesperson Pratul Shah Dev said that the government should clarify how the budget details got leaked. The Congress chief spokesperson had told the size of the budget to be 1,45,000 crores a day before and had also discussed the details of the budget. And that is what happened. This is a very serious matter. While preparing the budget, the officers and employees are not allowed to go home for weeks. The whole matter is top secret. Then how did the Congress know all these things? How did the Congress spokesperson get to know the minute details like how much tax will be levied on which item in the budget or whether tax will be increased or not? The whole thing seems fishy. The Chief Minister should order a high level investigation by the CBI or ACB.

This budget will accelerate the pace of development of state: Mahato

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RANCHI: The budget of Rs 1,45,400 crore presented by the Jharkhand government is a budget made in accordance with the hopes and dreams of the people of Jharkhand. This is an Abua budget, in which the government has shown its farsighted thinking by including all sections of the society. In making this Abua budget, the people of Jharkhand had put their views before the government making it the budget of the people. Expressing his reaction

on the budget, State Congress President Keshav Mahato Kamlesh said that a budget of about 13% more than the previous financial year will definitely keep the pace of development of the state fast. The financial balance of the income and expenditure of the state without imposing any additional tax is clearly visible in the budget.

"The ratio of 37:63 of establishment and plan expenditure in the budget itself clearly shows that the government is giving priority to development works.

Provision of 95 crores in the crop expansion scheme for farmers, increase in the budget for construction of agricultural machinery plant, milk production crop insurance scheme, warehouse for storage of agricultural products will help in the development of the farmer community. The provision of 4587 crores for the agriculture sector shows that the government is concerned about the farmers. The Valmiki Scholarship Scheme shows the government's vision for the development of students and the formation

of the Scheduled Caste Advisory Committee shows the government's vision for the all-round development of the Scheduled Castes. The formation of the Scheduled Caste Advisory Committee is a big step taken towards fulfilling the long-standing demands of the Scheduled Castes," state Congress president explain. He said that the budget of 22000 crores for women, children and social security is an example of the government's far-sighted thinking.

State media in-charge Rakesh Sinha said that the



future of farmers, women, youth and students has been made the basis of the budget. The coming time is of a golden future for Jharkhand.

Media Chairman Satish Paul Mujni said that the Centre owes an amount equal to the budget size of the Jharkhand government. When the government can bring so many public welfare schemes on the basis of its resources in the Abua budget, then Jharkhand will achieve a faster growth rate than other states by getting the central share at the right time.

The Jharkhand government on Monday tabled a Rs 1.45 lakh crore budget for the financial year 2025-26 in the state assembly.

Presenting the first budget of the Hemant Soren-led government after it retained power in Jharkhand following the assembly elections last year, Finance Minister Radhakrishna Kishore said the state's economy is expected to grow at a rate of 7.5 percent in the financial year 2025-26. "I lay on the table of the House a budget of Rs 1.45 lakh crore for the 2025-26 financial year," the

finance minister said in the assembly. He said that the fiscal deficit in the budget for the upcoming fiscal is estimated to be at Rs 11,253 crore. The budget provides for an outlay of Rs 62,844 crore for the social sector and Rs 13,363 crore for Maiyan Samman financial aid to women, Kishore said. The budget will meet the aspirations of every section of the society, including the poor, farmers, tribals and women, he said. The JMM-led coalition government had presented a budget of Rs 1.28 lakh crore.

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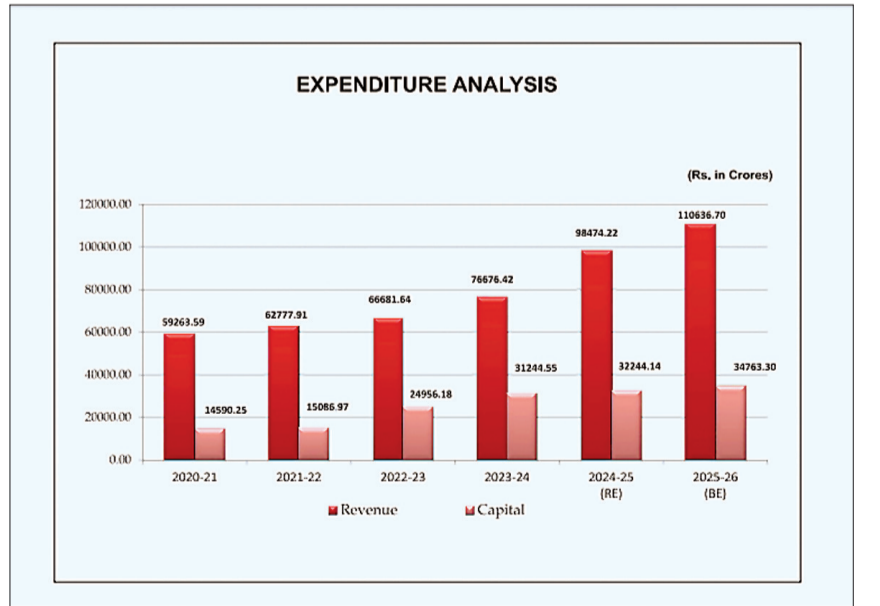
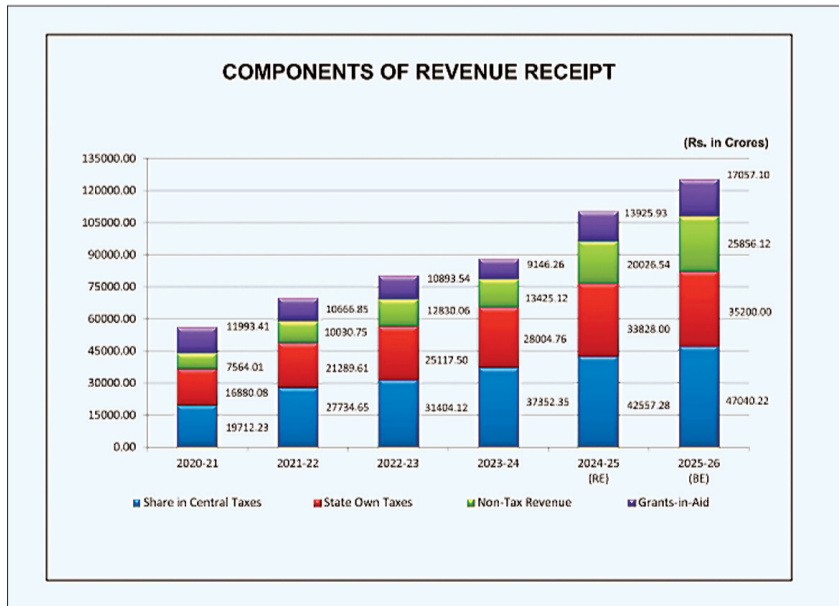
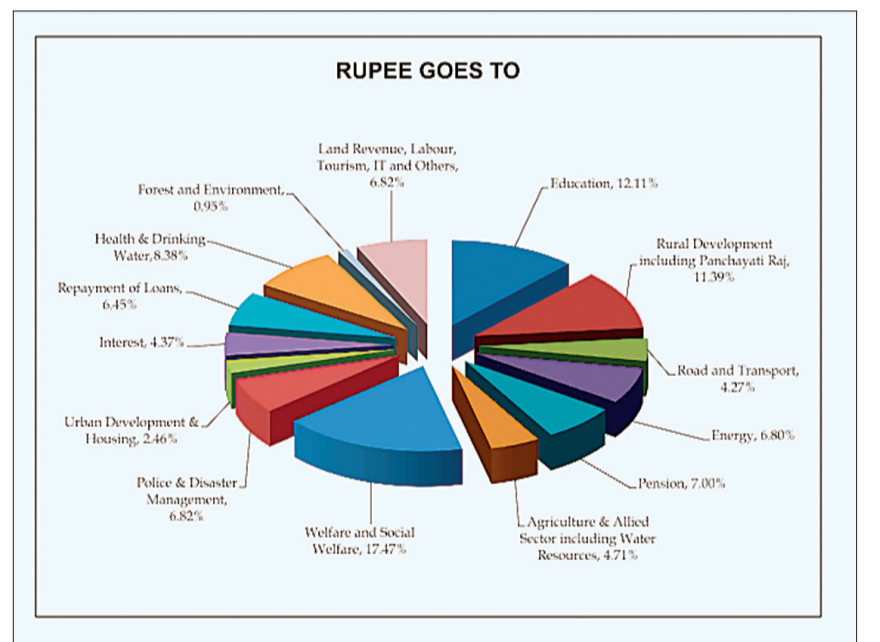
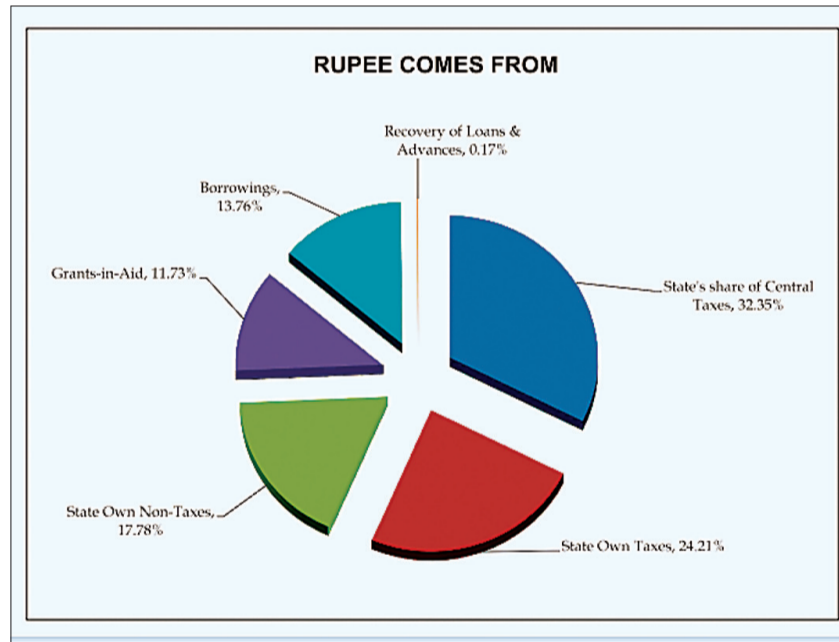
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People rally in support of Zelenskyy outside White House, London Summit talks of peace plan



MI News Service, Washington DC: Several people stood outside the White House on Sunday, calling for justice for Ukraine. The supporters rallied in the wake of a heated exchange between Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and U.S. President Donald Trump last week.

The crowd was seen waving Ukraine's flag while chanting slogans in support of Ukraine. Many of them told ANI they were outraged by Friday's meeting in the Oval Office, which was cut short with Zelenskyy being asked to leave the White House. In support of Ukraine, a woman said, "I am out here because Ukraine has been a loyal ally. They gave up their nuclear weapons because we made them to. That made them vulnerable to an evil enemy. Who attacked without provocation and we have stood by them until recently. Our behaviour is disgraceful. I need to do everything to demonstrate my support. I am here, and others are here to demonstrate and change that behaviour. Because as of Friday, the interview with Zelenskyy, I have never been so embarrassed being an American in my life. So if I can do something showing that the character of American people hasn't changed, I am doing that"

A Ukrainian citizen said, "I am here today to thank my American friends for standing with Ukraine after everything that happened in the Oval office. We want this support to continue. We want to find a way to negotiate. We want the support of the US and Europe to get lasting peace; otherwise, Russia will rearm and invade again, and all our efforts to make this peace negotiation with Russia will go in vain, without security guarantees."

She further added, "Basically, when everything happened, me and my fellow Ukrainians were sending our greeting to the US president, as he was support and sign a deal. Ukraine is actually ready for negotiations. We need peace more than anyone as we have lost so many people, and we don't want to lose more. We want our kids, POWs to return. We want them to leave our territory, and then there will be peace" The future of the United States' support for Ukraine stands fluid after the high-profile meeting between Zelenskyy and Trump failed to reach any conclusion. Trump supporters view the encounter differently, saying it was a necessary show of American power toward an ungrateful ally.

ETGE President criticises new report on Uyghur repression for avoiding genocide label on China's actions

MI News Service, Washington DC: Dr Mamtimin Ala, the President of the East Turkistan Government in Exile, recently expressed his strong critique of a report titled "Eight years on, China's repression of the Uyghurs remains dire: How China's policies in the Uyghur region have not changed," published by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Taking to social media platform X, Dr Mamtimin Ala, voiced his concerns over the limitations of the report's analysis and stated, "This report attempts to illustrate, evaluate, and summarise the ongoing Uyghur crisis, yet it falls short of capturing the full essence, prevalence, and severity of this dire situation. The following



excerpt from its conclusion highlights a reluctance among re-

searchers to label this crisis as genocide. By avoiding direct terminology, it significantly overlooks the critical issues at hand."

Dr Ala argued that while the report provides important insights into the grave conditions faced by the Uyghur people, it ultimately falls short of acknowledging the full extent of the atrocities taking place.

He stated, "In their totality, the policies described in this report threaten to erase Turkic minority cultures and lifeways, interrupt cultural transmission across generations, dispossess indigenous populations, reduce the proportion of minority populations in the region, break apart families, and subordinate survivors to Han Chinese colonial goals. Evidence

from the last two years suggests that the state's progress toward these ends continues, at the cost of immense suffering for millions of members of the targeted groups."

One of the most striking criticisms that Dr Ala raised was the report's conclusion, which despite aligning with the United Nations' definition of genocide, stops short of directly calling the situation in East Turkistan what it truly is.

He stated, "Although this conclusion aligns with the UN's definition of genocide, the research stops short of explicitly naming it as such. A diluted and misrepresenting analysis of an ongoing genocide can be more detrimental than having no analysis at all! It only aids the genociders but betrays the genocided."

Former Pak Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah alarms, 'armed groups could seize control of Balochistan'



MI News Service, Balochistan: Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) leader and former Federal Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah has sounded the alarm on the deteriorating security situation in Balochistan, warning that armed groups could seize control of the region if security measures aren't strengthened, according to The Balochistan Post.

Sanaullah described the situation as "alarming" and emphasized the need for strict action against militants. He also stressed the importance of bolstering the military presence to preserve national security and counter potential threats. However, his remarks have drawn mixed reactions from political figures and the public, with some analysts suggesting they reflect broader political and law-and-order issues in Balochistan. There was no immediate response

from other Pakistani officials, reported The Balochistan Post. The warning comes amid a surge in armed attacks in Balochistan, with Baloch "pro-independence" groups intensifying operations against Pakistani security forces, government installations, and Chinese-backed projects. In a significant development, the Baloch Raji Aajoi Sangar (BRAS) alliance has announced a major restructuring of its military and diplomatic strategy, reported The Balochistan Post. The alliance, which comprises groups like the Baloch Liberation Army (BLA), Baloch Liberation Front (BLF), Baloch Republican Guards (BRG), and the Sindhu Desh Revolutionary Army (SRA), plans to merge into a single military entity called the Baloch National Army.

This new force aims to escalate attacks against Pakistani and Chinese targets, seeking to form a more "organized, coordinated, and decisive force" against Pakistan, reported The Balochistan Post. BRAS believes this strategic shift will make Baloch national liberation an "inevitable reality," marking a "decisive phase" of increased intensity and innovation in their movement. The situation in Balochistan remains volatile, with far-reaching implications for regional stability and security.

UK PM announces new 1.6-bln-pound deal for Ukraine to buy missiles

MI News Service, London: The summit took place amid diplomatic tensions, following a heated exchange earlier this week between Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and U.S. President Donald Trump at the White House, which led to the cancellation of an anticipated raw materials agreement between the two countries.

LONDON, March 2 (Xinhua) -- British Prime Minister Keir Starmer announced on Sunday that Britain will allow Ukraine to use 1.6 billion pounds (2 billion U.S. dollars) of British export finance to purchase more than 5,000 air defense missiles. "This will be vital for protecting critical infrastructure and strengthening Ukraine," Starmer told a press conference following a summit with Western leaders in London.

The goal is "to put Ukraine in the strongest position" so the country can negotiate from a position of strength, he added. Western leaders, including more than a dozen European heads of state and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, gathered in London on Sunday for a de-



fense summit aimed at advancing a peace plan for Ukraine.

Starmer said leaders at the summit had agreed on a four-step plan to guarantee peace in Ukraine: to maintain military aid to Ukraine while the conflict continues and increase economic pressure on Russia; to ensure that any lasting peace guarantees Ukraine's sovereignty and security, with Ukraine at the table for any negotiations; to deter

"any future invasion by Russia" in the event of a peace deal; and to establish a "coalition of the willing" to defend Ukraine and uphold peace in the country.

The leaders also agreed to meet again soon to sustain the momentum behind these efforts, Starmer said. The prime minister reaffirmed Britain's commitment to supporting the peace plan with "boots on the ground, and planes in the air."

Twelve more abductions reported in Balochistan, pushing enforced disappearances to alarming levels

MI News Service, Balochistan: The disappearing spree continues in Pakistan's Balochistan province as twelve more individuals are reported missing, from the areas of Quetta, Nushki, Mashkay, and Winder.

The Balochistan Post reported, "The wave of enforced disappearances continues across Balochistan, with reports that Pakistani forces have forcibly disappeared twelve more individuals in the regions of Quetta, Nushki, Mashkay, and Winder. According to local sources, two brothers -- Adnan and Abrar Jamaliddini, sons of Akbar Jamaliddini -- were abducted from the Killi Jamaliddini area of Nushki on the night of February 28. Their whereabouts remain unknown."

The article highlighting the role of raids by the military added, "In Quetta, a student was reportedly taken into custody. In addition, nine individuals were forcibly disappeared during raids in various parts of Tehsil Mashkay in the Awaran district between 28 February and 1 March. The missing have been identified as Momin (son of Aslam), Kamran (son of Muhammad Alam), Meraj (son of Niyaz Muhammad), Zaheer (son of Niyaz Muhammad), Saif (son of Comrade Latif), Safdar (son of Inayat), Qamaruddin (son of Dostain), Washdil (son of Qadir Dad) and Dostain (son of Qadir Dad)". "Another individual, Allah Bakhsh (son of Jumma Khan), was reportedly taken from the Winder area in the Lasbela district. Local sources said that he had moved from the Jhao region in Awaran to escape repeated military harassment", the article said. The article concluded that "These incidents come as the number of enforced disappearances in the region has sharply increased. Since January 2025, nearly 200 cases have been reported, with Baloch political parties warning of a 'dangerous increase' in abductions by Pakistani forces.



New Delhi: Muslims take part in 'iftar', the fast-breaking meal, on the first day of the holy month of Ramadan, at the Jama Masjid in New Delhi.

Israel widely condemned for blocking aid to Gaza

MI News Service, Gaza: Israel's decision to block humanitarian aid to Gaza since early Sunday has sparked fierce condemnation from Palestinian factions, regional countries, and international organizations. At the start of a cabinet meeting on Sunday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the decision "to prevent any entry of goods and supplies into Gaza" was made to pressure Hamas into accepting a new proposal to extend the first phase of the ceasefire and hostage release deal, which he said was put forth by U.S. Mideast envoy Steve Witkoff. He warned that Hamas would face "additional consequences" if it did not agree to the proposal.

In response, Hamas condemned the decision, calling it in a statement a "blatant attempt to renege on the agreement and evade negotiations for its second phase." The group said blocking aid to Gaza's 2 million residents



was "cheap blackmail and a war crime" and urged mediators and the international community to press Israel to reverse the decision. Mahmoud Meedawi, a senior Hamas official, said in a press statement that the group refused

to extend the first phase of the agreement with Israel, stressing the need to implement all its phases as originally signed. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine called the decision "a flagrant violation of the cease-

fire" and an indication that Israel seeks to evade the second phase of the agreement.

The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine also condemned the decision, calling it an escalation of Israel's "starvation warfare" against Gaza's population, which will only deepen the already dire humanitarian crisis in the enclave. Islamic Jihad called the decision "a crime against humanity" in a press statement. It accused the United States of shielding Israel as it continues to provide military aid and political cover for it.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty said Sunday that using aid as a weapon of collective punishment and starvation in Gaza is unacceptable and impermissible, affirming that this act represents a blatant and explicit violation of international humanitarian law. At a joint press conference in Cairo with European Commissioner for the

Mediterranean Dubravka Suica, Abdelatty reaffirmed the importance of fully and faithfully implementing the ongoing ceasefire agreement between Hamas and Israel in Gaza.

Israel's decision constitutes a flagrant breach of the ceasefire agreement and a blatant violation of international law, and poses a serious threat of renewed escalation in the region, Jordan's Foreign Ministry said Sunday in a statement. According to a UN statement posted Sunday on social media platform X, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called for "humanitarian aid to flow back into Gaza immediately and for the release of all hostages," and urged "all parties to make every effort to prevent a return to hostilities in Gaza." Tom Fletcher, UN under-secretary-general for humanitarian affairs and emergency relief coordinator, called Israel's decision "alarming" on X.

Israel halts humanitarian aid to Gaza until Hamas agrees to US-backed ceasefire extension

MI News Service, Tel Aviv: Israel announced on Sunday (local time) that it has stopped the entry of all humanitarian aid into Gaza until Hamas agrees to a US-backed extension of the ceasefire deal, following the expiration of phase one of the agreement on Saturday, Al Jazeera reported. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office confirmed that he supported a US proposal to temporarily extend the ceasefire during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan and the Jewish holiday of Passover. The proposal includes the release of half of the hostages held in Gaza when the deal begins.

However, Hamas, which is demanding Israel's withdrawal from Gaza, immediately rejected the proposal, saying that Netanyahu and his government was carrying out "a blatant coup against the ceasefire deal" that had already been agreed, as per Al Jazeera. The situation escalated quickly after Hamas' rejection, intensifying the stand-off over the ceasefire that had ended months of fighting in Gaza. Netanyahu's office said Sunday that "in light of Hamas' refusal to accept the (US envoy Steve) Witkoff framework for continuing the talks -- which Israel had agreed to -- Prime Minister Netanyahu has decided that as of this morning, all entry of goods and supplies into the Gaza Strip will be stopped." The Israeli Prime Minister's office (PMO) warned of "addi-

tional consequences" if Hamas continues to refuse to accept the proposal. Israel would not allow a ceasefire without the release of the remaining hostages, the statement added.

According to Al Jazeera, Hamas has condemned Israel's decision to halt humanitarian aid to Gaza, calling it "cheap blackmail" and a "war crime." The group appealed to mediators to pressure Israel into ending what they described as "punitive and immoral measures." There has been no response from Witkoff or the Trump Administration regarding the revised plan, nor confirmation of Israel's claim that the suspension of aid was agreed upon with Washington.

Egypt, one of the mediators in the ongoing hostage-ceasefire deal, also condemned Israel's actions. The Egyptian government stated it "unequivocally rejects the politicisation of humanitarian aid and its use as a tool of blackmail." The first phase of the ceasefire, which saw the release of dozens of Israeli hostages and hundreds of Palestinian prisoners, expired on Saturday. The Israelis want phase one to continue - the exchange of hostages, alive and deceased, in return for the continued release of Palestinian prisoners and detainees, and the flow of higher volumes of aid into Gaza. There are thought to be 24 Israeli hostages still alive in Gaza.

Israeli army kills 4 Palestinians across Gaza

MI News Service, Gaza: The Israeli army killed at least four Palestinians across the Gaza Strip on Sunday, according to Palestinian health authorities and medical sources. "The Israeli army killed two Palestinians by attacking a group of locals with a military drone in the town of Beit Hanoun in the north of Gaza Strip," Gaza-based health authorities said in a press statement. The Israeli army said in a press statement that its forces had spotted several individuals engaging in "suspicious activities" near military positions in northern Gaza, alleging that they were planting an explosive device, Xinhua news agency reported. The statement added that the Israeli Air Force launched an attack to "eliminate the threat" and reiterated the military's commitment to removing any perceived dangers to Israeli soldiers and citizens. Meanwhile, local sources and eyewitnesses reported a mass displacement of hundreds of families from the eastern areas of Beit Hanoun due to the airstrikes.

In a separate incident, medical teams recovered the body of a woman and treated two wounded people following an Israeli bombardment on the town of Al-Farahin, east of Khan Younis in southern Gaza, according to Gaza-based health authorities. In Rafah, a young man was shot dead by Israeli gunfire while standing on the roof of his home in the city centre, according to Palestinian medical sources at Gaza's European Hospital in Khan Younis.

"Focus on what we need to do as group...": Rohit backs India's strengths ahead of semi-final clash against Australia



DUBAI [UAE] : After securing a comprehensive 44-run victory over New Zealand in their final Group A match in Dubai, India is set to face Australia in the semi-finals of the ICC Champions Trophy on Tuesday. Skipper Rohit Sharma, addressing the media in the pre-match press conference, acknowledged Australia's strong history in ICC knockouts but emphasized that his team's focus remains on executing their plans effectively.

When asked whether facing Australia in the semifinal adds 'extra motivation, given the Men in Blue's heartbreaking defeat to the same opponents in the 2023 World Cup final, Rohit dismissed any external factors influencing India's approach.

"No, look, it's a great opposition to play against. All we had to

do is what we've been thinking about last three games. And we have to approach that game in a similar fashion," Rohit stated in the pre-match press conference.

He acknowledged Australia's pedigree in high-pressure matches but stressed the importance of India concentrating on its own strengths.

"We understand the opposition and how they play and stuff like that. But I think the more and more we focus on what we need to do as a group, as a player, as a batting unit, as a bowling unit, that helps us a lot," he added. The Indian captain also highlighted the challenges expected in a high-stakes knockout match, recognizing Australia's resilience and ability to fight back. "I said it, yes, but look, Australia have been such a

great team over the years. So, we will expect some fight backs. We will expect some nervy times as well in the middle. But that is how the game is being played these days," Rohit noted.

With a spot in the final on the line, both teams will be under immense pressure. However, Rohit reiterated that India's success will depend on their ability to stay focused on their own game.

"You're talking about semi-final. Obviously, the pressure will be on both teams to win that game. But I think it's important for us to just keep focusing on what we need to do, keep doing our things and keep doing those things right. And then result will come if we keep doing the things that we are supposed to," he concluded.



CT 2025: Gaffaney, Illingworth announced as on-field umpires for India-Australia semi-final clash

DUBAI [UAE] : The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced the match officials for the semi-finals of the ongoing Champions Trophy 2025. The semi-final line-up was finally unveiled after New Zealand fell to India's spin play in Dubai on Sunday. India topped the Group A, unbeaten with six points, while the Kiwis slipped to the second spot with four points in their kitty.

Following the conclusion of the group stage, India will take on Australia in the first semi-final in Dubai, while New Zealand will square off against Group B toppers South Africa in Lahore for a spot in the final. New Zealander Chris Gaffaney and England's Richard Illingworth will take charge of the first semi-final in Dubai between India and Australia on Tuesday, with Michael Gough serving as third umpire and Andy Pycroft on match referee duties.

Illingworth continues in Dubai, having overseen the final Group A clash between India and New Zealand, while Gaffaney had been due to umpire Australia's meeting with South Africa in Group B before the weather intervened. For the second semi-final in Lahore on Wednesday, Sri Lanka's Kumar Dharmasena will work alongside Australia's Paul Reiffel as the on-field umpires for the highly anticipated clash between the Proteas and the Blackcaps.

Joel Wilson will operate as the third umpire, while Ranjan Madugalle is the match referee for this encounter. Dharmasena took charge of New Zealand's group stage win over Bangladesh, while Reiffel was in the middle during the high-stakes clash between India and Pakistan.

A look at match officials for semi-final 1: India vs Australia:
 On-field Umpires: Chris Gaffaney and Richard Illingworth
 Third Umpire: Michael Gough
 Fourth Umpire: Adrian Holdstock
 Match Referee: Andy Pycroft

A look at match officials for semi-final 2: South Africa vs New Zealand
 On-field Umpires: Kumar Dharmasena and Paul Reiffel
 Third Umpire: Joel Wilson
 Fourth Umpire: Ahsan Raza
 Match Referee: Ranjan Madugalle.

AIZAWL FC KEEP HOPES FLICKERING WITH A COMEBACK WIN OVER SC BENGALURU

BENGALURU (KARNATAKA) : Aizawl FC rallied to beat Sporting Club Bengaluru 2-1 in the I-League 2024-25 at the Bangalore Football Stadium on Monday, March 3, 2025. The victory also ended SC Bengaluru's five-match unbeaten run in the league, as per the AIFF Media Team.

Lalawmpuia Sailo and Lalrinzuala Lalbiaknia were the scorers in what was a hard-fought win for the visitors. Henry Kissekha had given SC Bengaluru the lead in the first half from the penalty spot.

The win would boost Aizawl FC's confidence even though it did little to improve their position in the league standings. In a stop-start season, Aizawl FC remain a rung above the bottom-placed Delhi FC at 11th spot with 16 points from 17 games. They have four wins, four draws and suffered nine losses. They would want to build on this win if they harbour hopes of beating the drop. For SC Bengaluru, it was a missed opportunity.

They led the game till the 70th minute before a five-minute spell from Aizawl completely undid their good work. They now remain a position above Aizawl in the ninth spot with 17 points from 17 games. Playing at home, SC Bengaluru were the favourites. They were also the in-form team and took control of the proceedings from the outset. Their dominance translated into a goal when Kissekha was brought down in the penalty box. The Uganda forward stepped up to send Mohammed Rafique Ali Sardar the other way as he converted from the spot to give the hosts the lead in the 28th minute. SC Bengaluru, who didn't concede a goal in the last two matches, focused on defending the slender lead. But the match changed dramatically after Aizawl brought on a few substitutes.

KKR announce Ajinkya Rahane as captain, Venkatesh Iyer as vice-captain for 2025 IPL

KOLKATA (WEST BENGAL) : Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) announced Ajinkya Rahane as captain and Venkatesh Iyer as vice-captain for the upcoming 2025 season of the Indian Premier League (IPL) on Monday.

Making the announcement, Venky Mysore, CEO of KKR, said that the seasoned batter brings experience and maturity as a leader. "We are delighted to have someone like Ajinkya Rahane, who brings his experience and maturity as a leader. Also, Venkatesh Iyer has been a franchise player for KKR and brings a lot of leadership qualities. We are confident that they will combine well as we start the defense of our title," he said. Accepting the leadership role, Rahane said it's an honour to lead KKR, and he is looking forward to defending the title.

"It's an honour to be asked to



lead KKR, which has been one of the most successful franchises in the IPL. I think we have an excellent and balanced squad. I look forward to working with everyone and taking up the challenge of defending our title," Rahane stated.

KKR will begin their IPL 2025 campaign with the season opener against Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) at the Eden Gardens on Saturday, March 22.

Earlier, Venkatesh Iyer, who has been assigned the role of Rahane's deputy for the upcoming season, was asked in an interview about his captaincy aspirations.

"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 Iyer as quoted by ESPNcricinfo. Iyer said that one does not need the tag of captain 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," he said.

"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.

WPL: UP Warriorz win toss, opt to bowl against Gujarat Giants



LUCKNOW (UTTAR PRADESH) : UP Warriorz captain Deepti Sharma won the toss and opted to bowl against the Gujarat Giants in the ongoing Women's Premier League (WPL) 2025 on Monday.

UP Warriorz and Gujarat Giants have each secured two victories from their first five WPL games. With Delhi Capitals already through to the playoffs, only two spots are left in the tight race for qualification. A victory for any side will help their chances of keeping their hopes of a title alive.

UP Warriorz are in the third spot and could go

level with second-placed Mumbai Indians on points. On the other hand, the Gujarat Giants have the same points as UP Warriorz (4); however, their negative net run rate has kept them at the bottom of the table.

After winning the toss, UP Warriorz skipper Deepti Sharma said, "We are going to bowl. Feel like there will be help for bowlers early on. Feels good, and we got a good welcome. It's a different kind of motivation to play at home. We had a couple of net sessions, and our preparation has been good. Two changes - McGrath and Saima out. Voll and Gouher are playing."

Gujarat Giants captain Ashleigh Gardner said during the time of the toss, "Looks like a nice batting track tonight. Expecting a high-scoring game. You've got to be able to adapt quickly (to conditions). Hopefully, we can do that as a batting unit and put up a good score. Anything 170-plus is what we're going to be striving for. No changes in the team."

UP Warriorz (Playing XI): Kiran Navgire, Georgia Voll, Vrinda Dinesh, Deepti Sharma(c), Shweta Sehrawat, Grace Harris, Chinelle Henry, Uma Chetry(w), Sophie Ecclestone, Kranti Goud, Gouher Sultana

Gujarat Giants (Playing XI): Beth Mooney(w), Dayalan Hemalatha, Harleen Deol, Ashleigh Gardner(c), Phoebe Litchfield, Deandra Dottin, Kashvee Gautam, Bharti Fulmali, Meghna Singh, Tanuja Kanwar, Priya Mishra.

Rishabh Pant nominated for Laureus World Comeback of the Year Award after inspiring return to cricket



MADRID [SPAIN] : Rishabh Pant's unforgettable comeback from a life-threatening car crash to Test glory for India has been recognised with a nomination for the prestigious Laureus World Comeback of the Year Award, a release stated.

Pant will represent both India and the sport of cricket as the world's biggest sports awards celebrates its 25th anniversary.

Nominees for the 2025 Laureus World Sports Awards are decided after a vote by the world's sports media.

The ceremony will take place in Madrid, Spain, on April 21 and be a celebration of the greatest athletic achievements of 2024 and the best sporting moments from the 25 years since the first Laureus World Sports Awards, in 2000.

"Rishabh Pant's story has more drama than any sports movie script: a national hero and a sporting icon who almost lost everything in an accident; a long and testing road to recovery; and finally a heroic comeback on the biggest stage, cheered on by millions of Indian cricket fans," the release stated.

"I felt my time in this world was up," said Pant about the accident in December 2020 on the Delhi-Dehradun highway, in which he had to be pulled from his vehicle before it burst into flames.

Pant was fortunate not to

lose a leg and suffered multiple critical injuries before beginning a 629-day journey back to Test cricket. The movie script ended in the perfect finale - on his comeback Test, he scored a match-winning century against Bangladesh, equalling MS Dhoni's record for the most Test hundreds by an Indian wicketkeeper.

Reflecting on his nomination for the Laureus World Comeback of the Year Award, Rishabh Pant said, "I have always believed that the biggest virtue of life is to be grateful for everything God has blessed you with. Over the course of my life, I have focused on being positive and happy in every situation, trusting the power of self-belief and resilience to deal with every challenge. When I survived the near fatal car crash, I realised that I have been fortunate to be a blessed soul, which inspired me to work extremely hard to undo everything and return to the pitch as a better version of myself with greater motivation. I knew that my return to normal life was only half the circle of my comeback and I needed to complete the circle by being committed towards my dream of playing for India again. In 2024, I returned to play for the Indian Test team 629 days after the car crash, the year where we also won the ICC T20 World Cup."

"My journey back to com-

petitive cricket was incredibly challenging, so when the moment eventually arrived, the culmination of a long mental and physical battle, was extremely fulfilling. It felt like a deeply personal moment, which was a victory of faith and rigorous routines. Being nominated for the Laureus World Comeback of the Year Award is very special to me and an acknowledgement to the efforts of everyone involved in my comeback, right from my family, the BCCI, doctors, medical team, support staff, trainers and the fans. This Award is a symbol of inspiration and commitment, represented by some of the greatest stories in sports. Hence, it's an honour for me to be nominated this year. I hope my story and those of the other nominated athletes can inspire sports fans and individuals across the world to never give-up, have self-belief and always be grateful and happy in life," he added.

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Australia-India Sports Excellence Forum to be held in Gujarat from March 5-6

GANDHINAGAR (GUJARAT) : The Australia-India Sports Excellence Forum, a joint initiative between the Australian and Gujarat Governments, will be held on 5 and 6 March 2025 in GIFT City, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The first of its kind, the forum will bring together key Australian and Indian decision makers from across the sports ecosystem to advance Australia-India sports cooperation, according to a release from the Australian High Commission in India.

The agenda will include discussions on the key to successful Olympics and Paralympics bids, fostering elite sports talent, paralympic sports development, sports science and technology, and hosting major events. The two-day forum will bring together leaders from across India and Australia, as well as Indian and Australian premier sporting institutions, higher education providers and companies invested in advancing both countries' standing in sport.

With Australia to host the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Brisbane, and India's ambitions to host the 2036 games, the forum will present an

important opportunity to discuss the synergies and wealth of opportunities in Australia-India sports cooperation. Australian High Commissioner to India, Philip Green said, "Australia and India have always shared a passion for sport and so it is only natural that we partner with the Government of Gujarat for the Australia-India Sports Excellence Forum. The forum will present an opportunity for both countries to come together to share our experiences and expertise to further develop our sporting cooperation and capabilities. Australia is committed to supporting India's sports ecosystem, which is reflected by the calibre of the Australian delegation at the forum, led by former Olympian and CEO of the Australian Sports Commission, Kieren Perkins OAM," as quoted from a release by Australian High Commission in India. Gujarat Minister for Sports, Harsh Sanghavi said, "India and Australia share a rich history of sporting excellence, and the Australia-India Sports Forum provides an exceptional platform to further strengthen our sporting ties. We are proud to witness the collaboration of these two great



nations, which not only fosters deeper mutual understanding but also creates opportunities for athletes, coaches, and enthusiasts alike. This forum marks an exciting new chapter in our shared commitment to elevating sports, empowering youth, and promoting healthy competition on the global stage."

The Australia-India Sports Excellence Forum builds on the commitment by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, and the Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP at the 2nd

IndiaAustralia Annual Summit in 2024, where they underlined the significant opportunities that sports presents to foster bilateral ties and enhance our people-to-people links. The leaders further agreed to engage on capacity building, focusing on training and workforce development, sports science and medicine, and major sporting event management.

The Australia-India Sports Excellence Forum in Gujarat will mark a significant step forward in fostering collaboration, innovation, and excellence in sports between the two nations.