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Mamata Banerjee takes new initiative for centralised and coordinated cleaning of garbage across Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: In the wake of regular complaints about not cleaning of garbage in urban areas of West Bengal and the lack of proper management of their safe disposal in various municipal areas for a long time, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has taken a new initiative and asked the concerned authorities to ensure regular cleaning of garbage in a centralised and coordinated manner across the state to over come the dual problems.

The Chief minister said she received regular complaints that garbage was not being cleaned regularly in many localities and dirt was accumulating on roads causing unhealthy situation in the neighbourhood and heath hazard specially for senior citizens. In addition, most municipalities have failed to implement the modern system of recycling solid

Keeping this situation in mind, Mamata Banerjee has ordered necessary steps for cleaning of garbage centrally and in a coordinated manner across the state, sources at Navanna, the state Secretariat, said on Tuesday. However, many are inter-preting that this order of the Chief Minister is politically biased. They said since, a large section of the urban voters had reportedly extended their support to the BJP in the last Lok Sabha elections,



the CM had taken this step in order to win back their hearts before the next year's state Assembly polls.

Accordingly, she has directly given the responsibility of everyday garbage cleaning and their safe disposal in all municipal areas to the Municipal and Urban Development Department.

According to administrative sources, the Municipal and Urban Development Department has immediately swung into action and started taking necessary steps in accordance with the Chief minister's directives.

Accordingly, from now on the Municipal Department will directly take the responsibility of executing this work in a centralised manner. Till now, each municipality used to manage this work independently. But due to complaints of inconsistencies and laxity in that system, this time it has been decided to plan and clean the garbage on a centralised manner. As a result, the cities will not only remain beautiful and clean, but with the introduction of the process of recycling

be done much faster. According to informed sources, recently a former minister of the state complained to the Chief Minister about the accumulation of garbage in Barasat municipality area. There were complaints of non-regular cleaning not only in Barasat, but also

of solid waste, the work will also

areas too including Kolkata. After these complaints came to her notice, the Chief Minister inquired about the garbage management in various municipal areas. After that, she ordered that no municipality should perform its duty separately, but rather the state government would supervise this work centrally.

Meanwhile, speculation is rife in political circles about this decision of the Chief Minister. Experts believe that this unique initiative of the Chief Minister is to give a positive message to the public about the steps to revamp the city's civic services. Cleanliness is an important issue, especially among the middle and upper class voters of the city. The ruling party is trying to win back the votes of this section. According to the administrative circles, if this work is carried out in a centralised manner, transparency and speed can be brought in garbage management. However, no clear instructions have been given yet about the role of local municipalities about this new initiatives. The government has assured that the new plan will be implemented quickly. Time will tell whether this order of the Chief Minister can change the face of the city towards better and how much political impact it will be able to garner in the 2026 elections.

As World considers India as trusted partner, industry must take its advantage, says PM Modi

MI News Service, New Delhi :As the world is looking at India as a trusted partner who can produce quality goods, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has asked the Indian industry to take "big steps" as well as the global advantage of widespread opportunities

Addressing a post-Budget webinar on Regulatory, Investment and Ease of Doing Business Reforms on Tuesday, Modi also said that amid supply-chain disruptions caused by economic uncertainties globally, the world today needs a trusted partner which can produce high-quality products and have a reliable supply chain.

"Our country is capable of doing this, all of you (industry) are capable, this is a great opportunity for us. I want that our industry should not look at these expectations of the world as a mere spectator. We cannot remain spectators, you will have to look for your role in this, you will have to seek opportunities for yourself," Modi told the industry players.

The Prime Minister said the government is working together with the industry for the last 10 years and has shown its commitment for undertaking reforms, financial discipline, transparency and inclusive growth.

"Today, India is a growth engine for the global economy. India has proved its resilience even in difficult times... Today every country wants to strengthen its economic partnership with India. Our manufacturing sector should take advantage of this partnership," Modi

The Prime Minister said industry has gained new self confidence due to the government's consistency and assurance

"I want to assure the stakeholders in manufacturing and exports sectors that this will continue in the coming years. I urge you to move ahead with confidence, take big steps. For the country's manufacturing and exports sectors new avenues have been opened," Modi said.

Stressing that India's manufacturing is the backbone for industrial growth, Modi asked the stakeholders to identify new products which have demand in the world, and whose manufacturing can happen in India. This can then be pitched for exports.

Highlighting the role of R&D, the Prime Minister said industry should focus on manufacturing innovative products and do value addition through research and development.

"The world knows our capability in toy, footwear and labour intensive sectors. Combining traditional craft with modern technology can help achieve success. We can become global champions in these sectors and increase exports manifold. This will also create jobs in labour intensive sectors and entrepre-

neurship," Modi said.

He said at a time when the world is passing through geopolitical uncertainties, India is being looked at as a 'growth centre".

Nudging states to undertake ease of doing business reforms, Modi said states play an important role to increase investments. More investments will come in as states push ease of doing business reforms.

"States should compete amongst themselves... The states which come forward with progressive policies, companies will find them as attractive destination for investment," Modi said.

India's security apparatus must remain adaptive to emerging threats: Rajnath Singh

DelhiI: India's security apparatus must remain adaptive to emerging threats such as cyber and hybrid warfare as well as "space-based espionage", Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Tuesday.

He said internal security is not just about managing conventional threats like terrorism, separatist movements, and left-wing extremism but it is also about preparing for unconventional threats that can destabilise the nation's economic and strategic in-

The defence minister was speaking at a conference on 'Advanced Techfor Internal nologies Security and Disaster Relief Operations' organised jointly by the Defence Research and Development Organisation and the Ministry of Home Affairs .

The adversaries of today do not always come with traditional weapons; cyber-attacks, misinformacampaigns, and space-based espionage are emerging as new-age threats that require advanced solutions," he said.

In his address, Singh highlighted the growing complexities in global security and the increasing overlap between internal and external threats.

"Security challenges in the modern world are evolving rapidly, and the overlap between internal and external security is increasing," he said adding "It is imperative that our institutions break silos and work collaboratively to ensure a strong, secure, and self-reliant India."

The Defence minister said India's national security must be viewed holistically, integrating efforts across different security agencies and leveraging the latest technological advancements.

"The DRDO has played a pivotal role in enhancing India's defence capabilities, and its contributions to internal security are equally commendable," he

"From small arms and bulletproof jackets to surveillance and communication systems, DRDO's innovations are empowering our security forces," he underlined.

Singh urged DRDO and MHA to work together to create a common list of

MI News Service, New scalable products that can be jointly developed and deployed in a time-bound

"Our security forces require the best tools and technologies to remain ahead of the curve," he

It is encouraging to see DRDO's focus on modernisation, with products like small arms, surveillance equipment and drone systems either inducted or undergoing evaluation for deployment in internal security agencies," he high-

lighted. Singh recalled his previous tenure as the Home minister, highlighting how the collaboration between security agencies and scientific institutions led to significant technological advancements.

He cited examples of DRDO-developed technologies such as the corner shot weapon system, INSAS rifles, IED jammer vehicles and riot control vehicles, which were effectively integrated into the operations of Central Armed Police Forces.

Singh also spoke about the importance of leveraging technology not just for security but also for disaster management and humanitarian relief.

"The role of technology is not just in defence but also in ensuring peace and social welfare. Advanced systems like bulletproof jackets, drones, surveillance equipment and antidrone technologies must be leveraged not only for security operations but also for disaster management and humanitarian relief." he said.

Singh said the increasing frequency of natural calamities like cyclones, avalanches, earthquakes and cloud bursts underscored the critical need for advanced rescue tools.

He mentioned that the use of technologies such as thermal imaging cameras, drone-based detection systems, and victim locating devices can significantly reduce casualties and damage.

Referring to the recent avalanche at Mana in Uttarakhand, the defence minister lauded the use of advanced rescue equipment in saving lives and reducing the impact of the disaster. He said the

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'Administrative negligence' to blame for deaths in Uttarakhand avalanche, feel experts

MI News Service, Shimla: Social activists have blamed the alleged "administrative negligence" for the death of eight Border Road Organisation (BRO)workers in a massive avalanche at Mana village in Chamoli district of Uttrakhand last week, and said the victims could have been saved had the authorities paid heed to a snowslide warning.

They also blame "reckless construction" works in avalanche-prone areas for the rise in snowslide incidents.

The Chandigarh-based Defence Geoinformatics Research Establishment (DGRE) issued an avalanche warning for a 24-hour period at 5 pm on February 27 for places located above the height of 2,400 metres such as Chamoli, Uttarkashi, Rudraprayag, Pithoragarh and Bageshwar districts of Uttarak-

The avalanche hit the BR O camp in Chamoli between 5.30 am and 6 am on February 28,

trapping 57 workers. While 49 of them were rescued alive, eight were found dead.

Atul Sati, a social worker and the convener of Joshimath Bachao Sangharsh Samiti said "administrative negligence" led to the death of eight hapkess workers. "There was an avalanche warning and authorities should have acted on time," he

Following the incident, the Uttarakhand government issued an advisory for tourists staying in the popular skiing destination Auli which has, however, no history of avalanches, Sati said and alleged that it looks like an attempt to divert people's attention from the state's other failures.

"When there was a warning and the authorities were aware that such a large number of workers were in Mana, why weren't they advised to move to safety?" asked another social ac-

weather office in

Dehradun had issued a yellow alert for February 27, two days in advance, predicting isolated heavy rain and snowfall in locations situated at 3,500 metres and above. However, the State **Emergency Operations Centre** here alerted the district magistrates concerned on February 28 when the avalanche had already

hit the camp. Over the last four years, two dwelling units of BRO workers have been destroyed by avalanches in the Chamoli district alone. An avalanche in April 2021 destroyed a settlement of workers in Niti Valley adjoining the Indo-Tibet border, killing as many as eight labourers.

Experts feel that snowslides are a result of reckless construction being carried out in avalanche-prone areas.

Renowned geologist MPS Bisht, an expert on weather movements in the Kedar Valley, said the entire area is vulnerable to avalanches that keep coming Construction activities are

being carried out recklessly even in areas identified for vulnerability without thinking over the consequences, he said. "Disasters are the result of this.

The latest avalanche has once again brought into focus the "failure" of authorities to learn from past experiences, said social activist Mangala Kothiyal.

"On April 22-23, 2021, a BRO camp at Rimkhim in the Niti Valley area was hit by an avalanche, killing eight labourers. This time, it was the Mana Valley's turn. The victims once again were BRO workers. We are not learning lessons from our past experiences, Kothiyal said.

Avalanches occur more during winters in the valleys of the upper Himalayan region where Badrinath and Mana are situated, but they can occur in any season in the snow-clad moun-

Surveyors or mountaineers

visiting these areas stay alert about such disasters. It is also true of the army and paramilitary forces. Winter defence posts are built at such places where the danger of avalanches is less, Kothiyal said.

An example of this is an army camp built at a distance of less than two hundred meters from the accident site in Badrinath, which is evacuated in winter due to the danger of avalanches.

Pitambar Molfa, the village head of Mana, said "Earlier, even the labourers used to leave their container houses during winters to live in relatively safe houses in Badrinathpuri. It did not happen this time as authorities felt there was not enough snow in the area "The avalanche should serve as a wake-up call. Permission to go to these areas should be given only when it is absolutely necessary. When the weather department issues an alert, people

living in these areas should be

alerted," Molfa said.

Fresh snowfall in Kashmir once again disrupts life

MI News Service, Srinagar: Heavy rains accompanied by fresh snowfalls lashed several parts of the Kashmir valley once again, severely disrupting life and movement of surface transport on the highways, official sources here said on

Few areas in the higher reaches of Kashmir however, received continuous heavy snowfall since Monday night as predicted by the MET office the previous day.

As a result popular tourist spots like Gulmarg, Pahalgam, Sonamarg and Kokernag, besides parts of Kupwara and Baramulla, and other areas in the higher reaches of Kashmir were covered with thick blanket of snow once again after receiving fresh snowfall during the past sev-

In addition, during the past 24 hours, widespread rain was recorded in the valley, including in Srinagar.

The wet and snowy weather lowered the day temperatures in the Kashmir valley by several degrees. "As a result of this inclement weather normal temperature in almost in the entire Union Territory was reduced by three to nine degree Celsius since last night ", official sources

The meteorological department said the weather is likely to improve only later in the week, and would stay mainly dry after March 10.

Moreover, as rain lashed large parts of Kashmir on Monday and the higher reaches received fresh snowfall, the overall temperatures has severely come down across the region, officials here said. The precipitation brought down the rainfall deficit from over 80 per cent to 40 per

Several places in the mountainous re-

gion of south Kashmir, including Pahalgam, received snowfall. Parts of Baramulla district also received fresh snowfall.

It may be recalled that earlier this week the rail, air and road connectivity is most parts of Kashmir valley came to a halt for a couple of days as strong layer of fresh incessent snow covered the entire region as a white envelop.

The situation took a turn for the worse as reports of landslides, mudslides and shooting stones also came from various places along the Srinagar-Jammu na-

While the plains were lashed with rains accompanied by chilly winds, the higher reaches of the valley, including the tourist resorts of Gulmarg, Sonamarg, and Pahalgam apart from Srinagar received heavy snowfall causing severe disruption

The inclement weather affected traffic on the Srinagar-Jammu national highway, and disrupted rail connectivity, as well as flight operations at the Srinagar airport

Parts of Srinagar-Jammu national highway were blocked due to snow accumulation between Ramsoo and Qazigund, while repeated landslides, and mudslides took place at multiple locations along the arterial road - which is the only allweather road between the Srinagar and Leh. Several other roads, including the SSG Road, and Mughal Road — the alternate road link between Kashmir and Jammu — were also closed. All flights to and from Srinagar were either delayed or cancelled due to bad weather for a day on Friday, the officials said. Flight operations were however,resumed after

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President Trump suspends all military aid to Ukraine in a serious blow to its self defence

MI News Service, Washington (DC): Days after the unprecedented showdown with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in the Oval Office, US President Donald Trump has temporarily suspended the delivery of all American military aid to Ukraine with immediate effect, providing a serious blow to its self defence in the ongoing war with Russia.

A report in The New York Times quoting a senior administration official as saying that Trump temporarily suspended the de-livery of all US military aid to Ukraine and that the order takes effect immediately, affecting the supply of "more than USD 1 billion worth of arms and ammunition in that country in the coming days"..

report said The Trump's decision to halt military aid "resulted from a series of meetings" at the White House between the US leader and his senior national security advisors.

Meanwhile the decision of the US asministration is being seen as President Donald Trump's pressure tactics on the Ukrainian President and his bid to bring him to the negotiations table to end the war with Russia without further delay.

Trump's order to pause



military aid to Kyiv comes days after the heated Oval Office meeting with Zelenskyy last Friday. The American President along with Vice President J.D. Vance tore into the Ukrainian President for, what they believe, has been insufficient gratitude for Washington's military aid to the Eastern European nation.

White House officials, according to media reports, have said that Trump believes the suspension in the military aid will continue until Zelenskyy shows that he is ready to negotiate with Russia for peace. The suspension would affect roughly a little more than USD 1 bilin arms ammunition, which was

set to be transferred to

Trump also slammed Zelenskyy overPresident's) statements in London on Monday that peace with Russia is "very, very far

away."
"This is the worst statement that could have been made by Zelenskyy, and America will not put up with it for much longer! It is what I was saying, this guy doesn't want there to be Peace as long as he has America's backing and, Europe, in the meeting they had with Zelenskyy, stated flatly that they cannot do the job without the US," said Trump in a social media post on Tuesday.

The move to fully suspend the transfer of arms and ammunition widens the rift between the two leaders-Trump and Zelenskyv—at a critical moment in the war, which could allow Russia to push for more territorial gains on the battlefield. The American President has shifted the burden to end the war on Ukraine, despite the conflict being started by Moscow. In fact it was Russian President Vladimir Putin, who announced the "special military operation" in the

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Woman killed, three injured in axe attack

MI News Service, Jhargram : A gruesome incident occurred in Dhudhupal village, Ergoda area, under Binpur police station in Jhargram, resulting in the death of a woman and injuring three others. The deceased, Radharani Patar, was attacked with an axe by her brotherin-law, Ranjit Patar, following a heated family dispute on Monday night. According to police and local sources, the altercation escalated when Ranjit began assaulting his daughter-in-law with an axe, striking her on the head and hand. Radharani's daughter and granddaughter attempted to intervene, but Ranjit attacked them as well, striking them on the head with the axe. A neighboring woman who tried to stop him was also hit on the head with the sharp weapon. The victims were rushed to Shilda Primary Medical Center, where Radharani was pronounced dead. The three injured individuals, Anjali Das, Joyita Patar, and Champa Sabar, were transferred to Jhargram Medical College Hospital in critical condition. Police officials, including Additional Superintendent of Police Vishal and the IC of Binpur Police Station, arrived at the scene to investigate. Ranjit Patar was arrested and taken into custody, along with the axe used in the attack.

Tragic accident claims life of student's mother en route to exam hall



Shyamnagar: A devastating incident occurred in Shyamnagar, North 24 Parganas, on Tuesday morning, leaving a family in shock and grief. A student, who was on her way to take her ICSE 10th class exam, witnessed a horrific accident that resulted in the death of her mother, Shiuli Sengupta. Te accident occurred when the autorickshaw carrying the student, her mother and two other parents collided with a van, causing the vehicle to overturn, Shiuli Sengupta was pronounced dead at the hospital while the two other parents sustained injuries and are currently undergoing treatment it Bhatpara State General Hospital. Despite the tragic circumstance, arrangements were made to transport the students to the examination hall, where she was able to take her exam. However, the incident has left the family reeling in shock and grief. The autorickshaw driver has been taken into custody, and investigation into the incident is underway. Eyewitness reported that the autorickshaw was overloaded with passengers, which may have contributed to the



Congress activists took part in a protest against Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Kolkata on

Bangladeshi delegation arrives at **Farakka Barrage amid tight security**

A Bangladeshi delegation, led by Joint River Commission Abul Hossain, inspected the Farakka Barrage and surrounding areas on the Padma River on Tuesday. This visit comes ahead of a crucial meeting on the water agreement between India and Bangladesh, scheduled to take place in Kolkata from March 3 to 8. The delegation's inspection of the barrage and river areas is a significant step, as it aims to assess the current ber 2026, making this state of the waterway meeting a crucial mile-



future of water sharing between the two nations. The agreement has been a topic of discussion for decades, with Bangladesh seeking a more equitable share of the Ganges River's water. The meeting will bring together representatives both countries to discuss the renewal of the water-sharing treaty. With the expiration of the current agreement looming, this meeting is seen as a vital opportunity for India and Bangladesh to work towards a mutually bene-

Cow smuggling Ring Busted: Mastermind and Accomplice Arrested

A significant break though, the Jaipur police station in Bankura has arrested the ringleader of a notorious cow theft ring in South Bengal, Sourav Ghosh and his associate, Sheikh Amir Hossain. The arrests were made on Monday in the Chandipur police station area of East Medinipur district. The investigation revealed that Sourav Ghosh , a resident of Nodakhali in South 24 Parganas, was

cow smuggling operation. He would hire professional thieves from Maheshtala, Nadekhali, and steal cows, paying them Rs.500 per cow. The stolen cows were then transported to various district in South Bengal and sold at slaughterhouses for Rs. 30,000 to Rs.35,000 each. The police also seized a truck used for transporting the stolen cows and recovered several stolen cows and recovered cows. Sourav Ghosh's luxurious lifestyle

smuggling business, was also uncovered. He would frequently visit famous hotels in tourist destinations across the state using multiple SIM cards to evade detection. The arrests mark a significant milestone in the investigation which began in January after several complaints of cow theft were filed in Kotulpur and Jaipir police stations in Bankura. The police had previously arrested nine members of the gang but Sourav Ghosh

Panagarh incident: Driver arrested for culpable homicide after giving conflicting statements

News Service, claimed that the white car, suggesting a possible race. development following the tragic accident in Panagarh that claimed the life of event manager Sutandra Chatterjee, police have arrested on charges of culpable homicide. This follows the earlier arrest of Bablu Yadav, the owner and driver of the white car involved in the in-

Rajdeo Sharma's arrest comes after he allegedly provided inconsistent statestances leading up to the accident. Initially, Sharma

Panagarh: In a significant driven by Bablu Yadav, had The footage shows the white narassed and made lewd gestures toward Sutandra and her colleagues. However, in a later statement, he alleged that Sutandra Rajdeo Sharma, her driver, instructed him to chase the white car after it allegedly struck their vehicle. He admitted to driving at speeds exceeding 100 kmph in an attempt to catch up with the other vehicle when the accident occurred.

Confidential from Sutandra's colleagues, ments regarding the circum- along with CCTV footage analysis, indicate a rivalry between the two vehicles,

car moving anead, iollowed closely by Sutandra's vehi-

Bablu Yadav, the driver of the white car, was arrested on Thursday from Andal. Police investigations revealed that Yadav was driving a white Creta with at least three other passengers on board along NH-19 at the time of the accident. He has been charged with rash driving, endangering lives, culpable homicide not amounting to murder, and causing damage or wrongful

Chaos erupts over molestation allegation at Dum Dum School

Kolkata: A massive uproar broke out at a school in Dum Dum after an eighth-grade student accused the headmaster of molestation. The incident and demanding justice. led to protests by parents, who also allegedly van-dalized school property, demanding immediate ac-

tion against the accused. According to sources, the alleged incident took place on March 3 when the student attended school.

Service, informed her family about had been made in the past the ordeal. Enraged by the revelation, parents and guardians gathered outside the school on Tuesday morning, raising slogans

> Eyewitnesses reported that the protests turned chaotic, with some individuals damaging school property. The agitated parents insisted that this was not the first instance of misconduct by the

but were ignored. The victim's family has

filed a formal complaint at the Dum Dum police station, urging strict action against the accused.

A fellow student, expressing her anger, called the headmaster a "shameless man." A parent alleged, "Girls have been facing harassment here for a long time, but no action was taken despite headmaster. They claimed repeated complaints." sions that similar complaints The victim, demanding area.

the harshest punishment, stated, "He grabbed my shirt and violated my dignity. Now he is hiding at

Another student stepped forward, revealing that she had also been a victim. "He touched me inappropriately," she said.

Authorities have yet to issue an official statement on the matter. Meanwhile, police are investigating the allegations, and tensions remain high in the

implementation in the

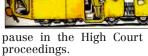
The state also highlight-

tram sector.

Kolkata tram's future uncertain as case reaches SC

Kolkata: The future of trams in Kolkata remains uncertain as the Calcutta High Court hearing has been deferred following the West Bengal government's appeal to the Supreme Court challenging the High Court's previous

The Calcutta High Court had earlier directed the state to immediately halt tramline dismantling and submit a photo-documented report on the matter. However, the state government has now moved the Supreme Court against this directive, leading to a



During discussions in court, the state advocated for a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model for trams, citing financial constraints as a major obstacle to independent tram restoration. The

Chief Justice's bench acknowledged that tram revival was impossible without state support, emphasizing that PPP models require prior government funding approval. The

bench further suggested

that a public notice could

be issued to explore PPP

ed its past attempt to introduce a PPP model for buses, stating that without fare hikes, the experience was disastrous. While the Chief Justice agreed on fare issues, he suggested introducing higher fares in tourist-heavy areas as an initial experiment for trams.

As the matter is now pending in the Supreme Court, the High Court clarified that further hearings will only proceed once the apex court reaches a de-

Mysterious red packet brings tears to Woman 's eyes



Jalpaiguri: A shocking discovery was made in Phulbari, Jalpaiguri, when a woman stumbled upon a mysterious red packet while walking along the canal bank. Her curiosity got the better of her, and upon opening the packet, she was startled to find a country-made knife and four rounds of bullets inside. The incident occurred on the canal bank of Amai Dighi village in Gram Panchayat No. 2 of Fulbari, Jal-paiguri. The woman's discovery sparked widespread excitement and fear in the area, with local residents and panchayat members expressing concerns about the presence of outsiders and daily thefts. The police were promptly informed, and a team from the New Jalpaiguri Police Station, under the Siliguri Police Commissioner, arrived at the scene to recover the firearms and bullets. Local panchayat member Shamsul Haque described the recovered gun as a pipe gun, accompanied by four bullets. The authorities are urged to conduct a thorough investigation into the incident and take necessary actions to address the concerns of the local community. Opposition parties are complaining about easy availibility of fire arms all over the

Sebaashray opens its account in Maheshtala



South 24 Pgs : With #Sebaashray opening its account in Maheshtala, we enter the final leg of an extraordinary jour-ney that has redefined last-mile healthcare delivery. But the mission remains unchanged. The same resolve, rigour and relentless commitment that marked Day 1 continues to drive us on Day 61.Since inception, we have taken professional healthcare to the doorsteps of 8,86,704 patients, completely free of cost. Today, in Maheshtala, our health camps catered to 5,371 patients, ensuring timely medical intervention. 4,226 patients underwent diagnostic tests, 5,254 received essential medicines and 22 critical cases were referred for advanced care.

Seminar on Shrii Shrii

Anandamurtiji thoughts MI News Service, Purulia: According to Shrii Shrii Anandamurtiji, there are three evolution processes- Physical force emanated from the physical clash, Psychic force emanated from the psychic clash and spiri-tual force emanated from attraction of the great. Professor Gopalchandra Misra, former VC of University of Gour Banga was the Chairperson. Professor Gopalchandra Misra, former VC, University of Gour Banga and Professor Rajkumar Modak, Dept. of Philosophy, Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University, delivered their talk on the above mentioned topic. Prof. Bhupendra Chandra Das, retired professor of Department of Philosophy and the Lifeworld, Vidyasagar University chaired the 1st session. Professor B.N. Bhattacharya, Director, School of Vedic Studies, Rabindra Bharati University spoke on Yoga and Shrii Shrii Anandamurti. Dr. Buddhadev Bhattacharya, Associate Prof, Dept. of Philosophy, Nava Mahavihara, Nalanda Nalanda. Spoke on Shrii Shrii Anandamurtijii's Indian knowledge system. Prof. Jhadeswar Ghosh, Department of Philosophy, Vidyasagar Universi-

ty chaired the session.



Additional Director General & HoD, GSI, Eastern Region, Varsha Ashok Aglawe, Joint Commissioner of Police (HQ) Bidhannagar Badana Varun C. Shekhar and other officers of GSI during the celebra-tion of 175th GSI Foundation Day at Salt Lake in Kolkata

Yatri Sathi brings back yellow taxis, But does Bengal govt's app-cab service work?

Kolkata: Finding a cab Kolkata on weekday mornings can be a bit like the Indian share markets in the time of Donald Trump. On some days, there's a cab two minutes from your location, and on others it is like finding an oasis in the Sa-

While the city has a fleet of application-based cab services — like Uber, Ola and in-Drive, the travel predicament is real. Not to forget the flat refusals from the good old 'No Refusal' taxis, or quoting exorbitant fares.

The emerging app-based cab service Yatri Sathi, managed by the Bengal government, has a USP to offer — availability of yellow and white taxis (AC and non AC). Yes, the Bengal government is reportedly set to introduce 3,000 yellow taxis – to replace the iconic yellow Ambassadors of yore - and last week a fleet of 20 such vehicles was inaugurated by the transport minister. These are not Ambassadors, but Maruti vehi-

This caught our attention, and I decided to give it a try. While I did not get any yellow taxi - there is no option to choose - I did get three white and blue ones

What I experienced was a mix bag of commendable look spick and span from out-

But let's start with the primary factor — are Yatri Sathi cabs easily available, and how are the navigation skills of the drivers? Are Yatri Sathi cabs easily

available?

I first tried to book a cab on March 3 around 10 am, followed by two more trials on the evening of the same day, and on March 4. I was pleasantly surprised. The map shows the number of cars available in my location.

There have been no refusals so far either, and the drivers have been able to reach the location on time.

One good practice that the Yatri Sathi drivers follow is, they call as soon as the trip is booked to understand the location and know the land-

The three experiences that I had involved minimum phone calls. And I reached on time. Plus for navigation, minus for cleanliness

Like some other cab services such as Uber and Ola, each booked ride on Yatri Sathi gets a unique One Time Password (OTP). The navigation works smoothly too, which is another plus for Yatri

Among the minuses, the first and foremost is the condition of the cabs. While they had the seats torn, the springs didn't work.

For someone like me, who suffers from bouts of nausea, uncomfortable seats add to

The second minus is cleanliness. The cabs are dusty enough to make you sneeze.

Do Yatri Sathi cabs have safety measures? The cabs have SOS buttons on both sides. Pressing on the SOS button alerts the primary contacts set by the rider and the police. An SOS button (blue with a white plus sign) is also available on the app that

at the count of five seconds blows a siren and informs the trusted contacts and the police, as well as the security team of Yatri Sathi. A rider can also record audio and call the safety team from the app. Between pressing the siren button, there is a buffer time of a minute before the Yatri Sathi safety team reacts. They keep calling until

the reason behind pressing A rider is also given the option to click on 'Mark Ride As

the rider receives and informs

As a woman who travels around the city for work, this was a huge plus for me, especially because of a harrowing incident from another app-

2,500 ISKCON Devotees denied Visa by Bangladesh, **Sparking religious discrimination allegations**

Kolkata: Nearly 2,500 ISKCON devotees from Bangladesh have denied visas to attend the 539th appearance anniversary of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu at ISKCON's Mayapur headquarters. The festival, running from February 10 to March 16, attracts thousands globally, but Bangladeshi devotees, a key pilgrim-age group, have allegedly been blocked.

Despite months in advance for Group Tourist Visas, their applications were rejected, raising allegations that Bangladesh's caretaker government, led by Mohammad Yunus, is deliberately suppressing Hindu religious participation. The ISKCON community condemned the move as an attack on religious freedom.

Prominent

monk Chinmoy Krishna Das remains imprisoned in Bangladesh for alleged sedition, sparking international protests. Religious leaders in India have criticized the visa denial, with Swami Paramatmananda Ji Maharaj calling May-



national devotees joined the festival, Bangladesh's absence is notable. MP Jyotirmoy Singh Mahato vowed to raise the issue with India's External Affairs Ministry. The situation underscores growing concerns over religious apur a sacred site and defreedom in Bangladesh, nouncing the restrictions. where Hindus face in-While over 10,000 inter-

Heat wave intensifies as rain remains elusive

News Kolkata: The scorching heat of spring has already begun making its presence felt across West Bengal, with temperatures steadily rising. The sun's intensity is increasing, and the lack of rain has left both southern and northern Bengal dry. According to the Alipore Meteorological Department, there is no immediate possibility of rain in the coming days. While temperatures are expected to remain stable for the next two to three days, a slight drop of 2-3°C may be observed afterward.

The city of Kolkata recorded a minimum temperature of 22.7°C on Tuesday, which is 1.7°C above normal. While some districts of southern Bengal are still experiencing a mild spring, the heat has become more pronounced in Kolkata. Other districts in the region are also experiencing an increase in daytime temperatures, and with no rain in sight, the warmth is expected to persist.

March, mercury levels have southern Bengal. Meteorologists predict that temperatures will remain steady for the next two days, but thereafter, the heat is likely to intensify further. With March approaching mid-month, the impact of the heat is expected to become more promi-

According to the Meteorological Department, there is no forecast of rain across any districts of southern Bengal for the next few days. The maximum temperature is expected to remain stable, but after a couple of days, it will start rising again. Weather experts believe that from mid-March onward, Bengal will begin to experience more intense summer-like condi-

Currently, Kolkata enjoys pleasant weather, but meteorologists caution that temperatures will begin to rise soon. Though no rain is ex-

Since the beginning of pected in the city in the near future, by mid-March, the been rising consistently in mercury is likely to climb significantly, leading to increased discomfort.

The weather in North Bengal remains relatively pleasant, with only light rain expected in Darjeeling. However, the rest of North Bengal will remain dry, with no significant precipitation expected.

Meteorologists confirm that the region will experience stable temperatures, but by mid-March, northern districts may also start feeling the heat more prominently.

As spring transitions into summer, West Bengal is bracing for hotter days ahead. While March usually brings occasional showers, this year, the absence of rain has heightened the impact of the rising temperatures. The dry spell is expected to continue for the foreseeable future, with heat levels increasing as the month progresses.

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saw a decline from 8.2%

to 5.8%. Despite a global

push for renewables, he

emphasized coal's contin-

ued dominance in India's

energy sector, supported by modern technology

and emission control

Kolkata, Wednesday 5 March 2025



Members of West Bengal College & University Professors' Association (WBCUPA) and other organizations took part in a protest rally against leftist students organization over Jadavpur University incident issue in Kolkata.

Kolkata introduces late-night bus service to ease commuting woes

MI News Service, Kolkata: To address the long-standing complaints of night commuters, the West Bengal Transport Corporation (WBTC) has introduced a late-night bus service across 20 key routes in Kolkata. The last buses will depart at 10:45 PM, ensuring that passengers can find buses on the road until midnight or later. This initiative aims to benefit office-goers, shopkeepers, and others who travel late at night.

Previously, both government and private buses became scarce after 9 PM,

leaving many commuters struggling to find affordable transport options. The new night bus service will cover important areas such as Esplanade, Exide, Rashbehari, Tollygunge Metro, Kamalgazi, Ruby, Beleghata, Ultadanga, Shyambazar, Dunlop, Girish Park, Taratala, Science City, Khidderpore,

Park Circus, and PTS. The routes covered under this initiative include: AC 24A, AC 5, AC 50A, AC 12D, AC 39, EB 14, E1, S24, S7, S3A, S30, S12D, AC 37, AC 47, AC 54, S12, S10A, S31, E32,

The service will be available Monday to Friday, providing much-needed relief to daily

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had earlier instructed Transport Minister Snehasis Chakraborty to increase the frequency of government buses. Following this directive, the number of public buses on the streets has risen significantly. Officials from the transport corporation assure that with this initiative, complaints about

limited bus availability at

night will no longer per-

Additionally, the state government is purchasing six new Volvo buses for long-distance These 43-seater luxury buses, each costing around 1.25 crore, will add to WBTC's fleet of 70 Volvo buses, many of which are currently undergoing maintenance.

This initiative marks a significant step towards improving Kolkata's latenight public transport and ensuring a safer, more convenient commute for

India's security apparatus...

impact of disasters can be minimised with the use of advanced technology. "Today, India is a prospering nation, and disaster management must become an integral part of our preparedness." "It is not enough for security agencies and technology developers to take the lead; we must also educate the general public. Every citizen should know how to respond in times of crisis," he said. Singh also talked about varied security threats facing different regions of the country. "Security threats in India are not uniform. The issues faced in the Northeast due to insurgencies are different from those in Naxal-affected areas or border regions. "Similarly, urban security concerns are different from those in rural areas. We need to organise dedicated conferences that focus on region-specific challenges and solutions," he said.

Fresh snowfall in...

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weather improved, they said. Train services on the Budgam-Baramulla section were also affected due to accumulation of heavy snow along the tracks in many areas of the valley.

Moreover, the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway (NH-44) was blocked due to snow accumulation between Ramsoo and Qazigund, while shooting stones and landslides between Nashri and the NAVYUG Tunnel have further exacerbated the situation. The Batote-Doda road is also closed following a landslide at Ragi Nalla. Several other arterial roads including the SSG Road, Bhaderwah-Chamba Road, Mughal Road, and Sinthan Road also remained shut.

President Trump suspends...

early hours of 24 February, 2022, which started the open conflict between the Eastern European nations. However, since 2014, Ukraine and Russia have been in conflict with one another, after Moscow's annexation of Crimea.

The dramatic escalation by Trump, further puts the US on opposite sides with his European allies. A number of American allies including the UK, France and Germany Sunday pledged to further support Kyiv, even as ties between the US and Ukraine remain strained. However, it is yet to be seen if the European nations have enough arms stockpiles to make a considerable difference for Ukraine to de-

Tragic triple suicide in Kasba: Financial struggles suspected

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata has been shaken once again by the tragic deaths of an entire family. Days after the shocking triple murder in Tangra, another distressing incident has come to light in Kasba, where a family of three was found hanging inside their home. The deceased have been identified as Somnath Roy (40), his wife Sumitra Roy (35), and their two-and-a-half-year-old son Rudranil Roy.

The Kolkata Police, led by Kasba Police Station, has launched an investigation into the case. A suicide note was reportedly recovered from the scene, adding to suspicions that financial distress may have been a key factor behind the tragic decision. Somnath, an auto-rickshaw driver by profession, was allegedly under severe financial strain, with mounting debts that had escalated in recent weeks.

According to sources, Somnath had accumulated significant debt, struggling to repay loans taken for personal and medical expenses. Reports indicate that just days before the incident, on February 28, creditors had visited his house, demanding repayment. Some even allegedly

Neighbors grew suspicious when no movement was detected from the household on Tuesday morning. They alerted the police, who forcibly entered the house, only to discover the lifeless bodies of the couple and their child. The tragic discovery has left the local community in shock.

The incident bears similarities to a recent case in Tangra, where three members of a family were murdered, allegedly by a relative who later attempted suicide. Investigations revealed that the Tangra family was struggling under heavy financial burdens. The Haltu case now

Local residents shared their observations, stating that Somnath owned his own auto-rickshaw but had been under immense pressure. "His child was unwell and had undergone surgery recently. The financial strain from medical expenses and daily survival might have pushed him into severe distress," said a neighbor.

Sumitra's father, devastated by the loss, added, "My daughter and son-in-law were good people. Somnath drove an auto for a living. However, there were ongoing disputes over property within the family, which led to frequent arguments.

Police are investigating multiple angles, including financial troubles and possible family disputes. Initial reports suggest that the family had ongoing conflicts over property matters, adding another layer of stress to their already strained situation.



Devidatta Satapathy, an IRSME officer (2009 batch), has assumed charge as Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) of Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMP), Kolkata, effective March 3, 2025. SMP Kolkata Chairman Rathendra Raman formally welcomed him in an introductory session with department heads. Satapathy, a recipient of the GM's Medal (2015), holds degrees from UCE Burla, Sambalpur University, and Nagaoka University, Japan. With 20+ years of experience, including roles at ONGC and the Ministry of Steel, he specializes in policy, railway operations, and energy management. The Chair-man extended his best wishes

93 meds fail quality tests: Alarming findings in CDSCO report

MI News Service, Kolkata: A recent report by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) has sent shockwaves through the pharmaceutical industry and the healthcare sector. According to the report, 93 medicines, including widely used antibiotics, pediatric syrups, and essential drugs for high blood pressure, nausea, and pain relief, have failed quality tests conducted across India.

The CDSCO, responsible for ensuring the safety and efficacy of medicines, conducted extensive testing across various states. The results from December and January revealed that a total of 144 medicines failed to meet quality standards, with 93 of them being flagged in January alone. These findings have raised serious concerns about the safety of medicines consumed by patients

Judicial inquiry ordered into JU incident

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Jadavpur University administration has finally stepped in following Saturdav's turmoil, with acting Vice-Chancellor Bhaskar Gupta ordering a judicial inquiry into the matter. On Tuesday, he held a meeting with faculty associations, urging everyone to restore peace on campus. He also emphasized the need for collective efforts to maintain order.

The meeting was attended by representatives from JUTA (Jadavpur University Teachers' Association), WBCUPA, and two other faculty organizations. Senior university officials were also present. Discussions primarily revolved around the incidents of Saturday and their aftermath. Due to health concerns, the acting Vice-Chancellor could not attend in person but participated virtually.

Several critical issues were addressed during the meeting, including the demand for student union elections. However, the administration stressed that any electoral process must comply with existing regulations. During Tuesday's discussions, some faculty members demanded an FIR be lodged against the minister's vehicle for allegedly injuring students. However, WBCUPA opposed this move, instead calling for an investigation into the fire at the 'Shikshabandhu' office.Amid these conflicting demands, the administration decided to launch a judicial inquiry into Saturday's events. Additionally, the university has requested additional security personnel from the state government to restore order

Dr. N. G. Khaitan highlights India's economic growth at Bharat Chamber of Commerce's AGM

MI News Service, Kolkata: The 124th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Bharat Chamber of Commerce was held on Tues-Kolkata, inaugurated by G. Kishan Reddy, Minister for Coal and Mines, Government

emphasized India's robust economic growth. He noted that while the IMF projects global growth at 3.3% for 2025-26, India remains a standout performer, recording 8.2% growth in 2023-24, driven by private consumption and public investment.Dr. Khaitan highlighted key industrial performances, stating that coal production surged by 11.8% in 2023-24, while the steel sector grew by 12.5%. How-



and Mines, Government of India. Themed "Driving India's Economic Growth," the event focused on India's ecoment of India, Dr.N.G.Khaitan expressing optimism for nomic trajectory amid President Bharat Chamber Of Com- the upcoming auction of global uncertainties.De- merce, P.M Prasad Chairman and 27-30 coal blocks, which

livering the Welcome Address, Dr. N. G. Khaitan, President of Bharat Chamber of Commerce, Complexized India on Tuesday, 4th March 2025 Kolkata. 27-30 coal blocks, which will prioritize eco-friendly extraction methods. He also welcomed the Coal-to-Synthetic Natural Gas

project in West Bengal, a CIL-GAIL joint venture, advocating greater investment under the Purvodaya Scheme.Dr. Khaitan addressed India's electoral reforms, particularly the "One Nation, One Election" initiative. While acknowledging its historical precedent before 1967, he emphasized the need for a clear roadmap to synchronize

Lok Sabha and State Assembly elections,

ensuring effective implementation.

CISF launches first-ever coastal Cyclothon to strengthen security

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a historic first, the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is set to launch the CISF Coastal Cyclothon on March 7, commemorating its 56th

Raising Day with an ambitious 6,553-kilometer cycling expedition along India's coastline. Under the theme (Secure Shores, Prosperous India), the initiative aims to raise awareness about coastal security and the threats posed by smuggling, including

narcotics, weapons, and explosives. Union Home Minister Amit Shah will virtually flag off the event on March 7, emphasizing the significance of coastal security and national vigilance. "A total of 125 CISF personnel, including 14 women, will embark on this 25-day journey, starting simultaneously from Lakhpat, Gujarat on the West Coast and Bakkhali, West Bengal on the East Coast," said IG CISF Eastern Region SikharSahai at a press conference. The cyclists will cover 3,775 km on the western route and 2,778 km on the eastern route, passing through key coastal cities such as Mum-

bai, Goa, Mangalore, Kochi, Visakhapatnam, Chennai, Pondicherry before concluding at the Swami Vivekananda Memorial

Kanyakumari on

March 31. The press conference was also attended by DIG CISF K. Pratap Singh and Ajay Kumar, Deputy Inspector General (Chief Airport Security Officer - CASO). Recognizing the physical and mental demands of cycling between 95 to 180 km per day, CISF implemented a rigorous selection process to ensure participants possess the necessary stamina, agility, and discipline. The officers underwent month-long training, focusing on endurance-building, nutrition, road safety, and high-performance cycling techniques to prepare them for the challenging expedition. The event will also feature: Swachh Bharat drives and tree plantation campaigns, Cultural performances by local artists and schoolchildren, Patriotic dramas, traditional dance performances, and band displays, Live demonstrations by CISF's fire and dog squads.



Eastern Railway's Bonanza Holi Special Trains

Between Howrah & Raxaul, Sealdah & Gorakhpur, Kolkata & Patna Jn. Kolkata & Jaynagar, Howrah & Khatipura and Howrah & New Jalpaiguri

To clear extra rush of passengers, Holi Special Trains will run between Howrah & Raxaul, Sealdah & Gorakhpur, Kolkata & Patna Jn., Kolkata & Jaynagar, Howrah & Khatipura and Howrah & New Jalpaiguri as per following abstract timings days of run, stoppages and composition :—

HOWRAH-RAXAUL-HOWRAH HOLI SPECIAL							
03043 &			03044	& 03046			
Howrah-	Stations	ns Raxaul-Howrah					
Day	Arr.	Dep.		Arr.	Dep.	Day	
Sat (03043)	-	23.00	↓ Howrah	10.45	-		
Mon & Thurs (03045)	23.53	23.55	Bandel	08.05	08.07	Wed & Sat (03046)	
	02.37	02.42	Asansol	05.15	05.20	Mon (03044)	
Sun (03043)	04.48	04.50	Jasidih	03.36	03.38		
Tue & Fri (03045)	11.00	11.05	Samastipur	22.00	22.05	Tue & Fri (03046)	
	16.10	-	Raxaul †	-	17.30	Sun (03044)	

These special trains will also stop at Barddhaman, Durgapur, Chittaranian. Madhupur, Jhajha, Kiul, Barauni, Darbhanga, Janakpur Road, Sitamarhi & Bairagania stations enroute in both directions. Dates & Days of Run From Howrah: 03043 on 08.03.2025 (Saturday) = 1 trip & 03045 on 10.03.2025 (Monday) & 13.03.2025 (Thursday) = 2 trips. From Raxaul **03044** on 09.03.2025 (Sunday) = 1 trip & **03046** on 11.03.2025 (Tuesday) & 14.03.2025 (Friday) = 2 trips. Composition: 03043/03044: Composite AC 2-tier cum AC 3-tier - 2, AC 3-tier - 1, Sleeper Class - 9, General 2nd Class (GS) - 4, SLRD - 2 = 18 coaches. 03045/03046 : AC 2-tier - 1, AC 3tier - 4. Sleeper Class - 10. General 2nd Class (GS) - 3. SLRD - 2 = 20 coaches, Category: Mail/Express

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SEALDAH-GORAKHPUR-SEALDAH HOLI SPECIAL							
Sealdah-Gorakhpur			03132 03133	3133 Gorakhpur-Sealdah			
Day	Arr.	Dep.	Stations	Arr.	Dep.	Day	
	-	18.15	↓ Sealdah	07.30	-		
Sat,Mon,Thu	21.33	21.35	Asansol	02.50	02.55	Mon,Wed,Sat	
	23.15	23.17	Jasidih	00.42	00.44		
Sun.Tue.Fri	02.50	03.00	Patna Jn.	19.55	20.05	Com Tora Cai	
Suri, ide, Fri	10.15	-	Gorakhpur †	-	13.00	Sun,Tue,Fri	
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- 2 = 20 coaches. Category: Mail/Express.

KOLKATA-PATNA JNKOLKATA HOLI SPECIAL						
Kolkata-Patna Jn.			03135 03136	Patna JnKolkata		
Day	Arr.	Dep.	Stations	Arr.	Dep.	Day
Tue	-	23.50	↓ Kolkata	23.45	-	
	02.50	02.55	Asansol	18.55	19.00	Wed
Wed	05.00	05.02	Jasidih	16.50	16.52	vved
	10.45	_	Patna Jn. t	_	12.00	

These special trains will also stop at Barddhaman, Durgapur, Chittaranian Madhupur, Jhajha, Kiul, Mokama, Bakhtiyarpur & Patna Saheb stations enroute in both directions. Dates & Days of Run: From Kolkata: 03135 on 11.03.2025 (Tuesday) = 1 trip. From Patna Jn.: 03136 on 12.03.2025 (Wednesday) = 1 trip. Composition: AC 2-tier - 1, AC 3-tier - 4, Sleeper Class - 10, General 2nd | LSLRD - 1, Power Car - 1 = 21 coaches. Category: Mail/Express. Class (GS) - 3, SLRD - 2 = 20 coaches. Category: Mail/Express.

KOLKATA-JAYNAGAR-KOLKATA HOLI SPECIAL						
Kolkata-Jaynagar			03187 03188	Jaynagar-Kolkata		
Day	Arr.	Dep.	Stations	Arr.	Dep.	Day
Fri	-	23.55	↓ Kolkata	05.15	-	Sun
	02.50	02.55	Asansol	01.02	01.07	Suii
Sat	05.00	05.02	Jasidih	23.08	23.10	
	07.43	07.45	Kiul	20.45	20.47	Sat
	13.50	-	Jaynagar †	-	15.00	

These special trains will also stop at Barddhaman, Durgapur, Chittaranjan Madhupur, Jhajha, Barauni, Samastipur, Darbhanga & Madhubani stations enroute in both directions. Dates & Days of Run: From Kolkata: 03187 on 07.03.2025 (Friday) = 1 trip. From Jaynagar: 03188 on 08.03.2025 (Saturday) = 1 trip. Composition: AC3-tier-1, ACChair Car-1, Sleeper Class-2, 2nd Class Seating -4, General 2nd Class (GS) -5, GSLRD -2 = 15 coaches. Category: Mail/Express.

HOWRAH-KHATIPURA-HOWRAH HOLI SPECIAL						
Howrah-Khatipura			03007 03008	Khatipura-Howrah		
Day	Arr.	Dep.	Stations	Arr.	Dep.	Day
	-	18.00	I Howrah	15.15	-	
Sun	21.05	21.10	Asansol	10.10	10.15	Wed
	23.08	23.10	Jasidih	08.18	08.20	******
Mon	03.25	03.35	Patna Jn.	04.30	04.40	
	23.30	-	Khatipura †	-	05.30	Tues

These special trains will also stop at Barddhaman, Durgapur, Chittaranjan Madhupur, Jhaiha, Kiul, Mokama, Bakhtiyarpur, Danapur, Ara, Buxar, Pt. Deer Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Prayagraj Jn., Govindpuri, Etawah Jn., Fatehabad Shamsabad Town, Agra Cantt. Jn., Bharatpur Jn., Bandikui Jn. & Dausa station enroute in both directions. Dates & Days of Run: From Howrah: 03007 or 09.03 & 16.03.2025 (Sunday) = 2 trips. From Khatipura: 03008 on 11.03 & 18.03.2025 (Tuesday) = 2 trips. Composition: AC 2-tier - 1, AC 3-tier - 4, Sleepe Class - 10, General 2nd Class (GS) - 3, SLRD - 2 = 20 coaches. Category: Mail,

HOWRAH-NEW JALPAIGURI-HOWRAH HOLI SPECIAL								
Howrah-New Jalpaiguri			03027 03028	New Jalpaiguri-Howra				
Day	Arr.	Dep.	Stations	Arr.	Dep.	Day		
Wed	-	23.55	↓ Howrah	00.10	-	Fri		
	00.55	0.57	Bandel	23.08	23.10			
Thurs	03.30	03.35	Azimganj Jn.	19.30	19.35	Thurs		
	06.25	06.30	Malda Town	17.10	17.15	mars		
	10.45	-	New Jalpaiguri 🛊	-	12.45			

These special trains will also stop at Nabadwip Dham, Katwa, Jangipur Road Barsoi, Kishanganj & Aluabari Road stations enroute in both directions. Dates & Days of Run: From Howrah: 03027 on 12.03 & 19.03.2025 (Wednesday = 2 trips. From New Jalpaiguri: 03028 on 13.03 & 20.03.2025 (Thursday): 2 trips. Composition: Composite AC 1st cum AC 2-tier - 1, AC 2-tier - 1, AC 3tier - 5, AC 3-tier Economy - 1, Sleeper Class - 7, General 2nd Class (LS) - 4

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Miscellaneous

Name Change

Bikash Mandal (Old Name) S/o Debendra Nath Mandal Residing at G-24/4, Karunamoyee Housing Estate, Salt Lake, Sector 2, Sech Bhaban, District - North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, Pin - 700091 India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bikas Chandra Mandal (New Name) as declared before the No-tary Public Kolkata vide affidavit 14/2025 Dated 04-03-2025 Bikash Mandal (Old Name) and Bikas Chandra Mandal (New Name) both are same and one identical person

Name Change

Montu Mallick S/o Late Soleman Mallick Residing at Vill - Chengail Sekh 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, Kamala Chakrabarty (old name) W/o. Sukumar Chakraborty, R/o. Rabindranagar Paschimpara, Rabindranagar, Chinsurah, Hooghly-712103, W.B., have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kamola Chakraborty (new name) vide an affidavit no. 1729 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 03/03/2025. Kamala Chakrabarty & Kamola Chakraborty W/o. Suku-mar Chakraborty both are the same & one identical person Mangal Chakraborty is my son.

Name Change

I, Soma Chakrabarty (old name) W/o. Mangal Chakraborty, R/o. Rabindranagar Paschimpara, Rabindranagar, Chinsurah, Hooghly 712103, W.B., have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Soma Chakraborty (new name) vide an affidavit no. 1728 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 03/03/ 2025. Soma Chakrabarty & Soma Chakraborty W/o. Mangal Chakra borty both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change

Amit Bidyut Banerjee & Amit Bidyut Kumar Banerjee R/o. Akshay Nilayam, 75 Tewaripara Lane, Chinsurah, Hooghly-712 103, W.B., all are the same & one identical person vide an affidavit no. 147, before Notary Public, no. 147, before Notary Public, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 04/03/ 2025. Raunak Banerjee is my son & Shriya Banerjee is my daughter & Nabamita Banerjee is my wife.

Name Change

Puspita Mondal W/o. Buddhadeb Mondal & Puspita Nandan D/o. Tarun Kumar Nandan R/o Keota Kultala, Sahaganj, Chinsurah, Hooghly-712104, W.B., both are the same & one identical person vide an affidavit no. 1778 before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar Hooghly Court on 04/03/2025 Ayush Mondal is my son.

Name Change

Rudra Chaudhury, S/o Rupak Chaudhuri residing at 47A, Lake East 3rd Road, Santoshpur, PS Survey Park, Kolkata - 700075 shall henceforth be known as Rudra Chaudhry as declared be-fore the Notary Public at Alipur Court, South 24 Parganas vide Affidavit No. 11 dated 01.03.2025 that Rudra Chaudhury and Rudra Chaudhry are same and identical

Name Change

I, Rupam Sarkar S/o Narayan Sarkar by Faith Hindu, Nationality Indian, Service R/A - D/22, Bapu jinagar, P.S. - Jadavpur, P.O. - Re gent Estate, Kolkata - 700092 (WB) have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Abhisek Sarkar as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Court a Alipore, South 24 PGS. vide Affidavit No - 9415 dated 04.02.2025 That henceforth, I intend to change my name as Abhisek Sarkar at every place instead of Rupam Sarkar. That I want to be known as Abhisek Sarkar.

Name Change

Sant Bijay Kumar Singh S/O Late Shesh Nath Singh, of 33/18, Nabin Chandra Das Road, Baranagar, North 24 Parganas, 700090, W.B., Hereby declare that I have changed my names from Sant Bijay Singh & Bijay Singh to Sant Bijay Singh Kumar and hereafter be known as Sant Bijay Kumar Singh, Vide the Affidavit No. 1477 Dated 28.01.2025 before Hon'ble 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore Court, Kolkata.

NAME CHANGE I, Ritika Prasad, D/O- Bankim Prasad, R/O- 155, S.N. Roy Road, P.O. Sahapur, P.S. New Alipore, Kolkator 700038. My actual name is Ritika Prasad & DOB is 22/10/2007, but in Prasad & DOB is 22/10/2007, but in my Addhar Card my name as Niharika Prasad & DOB as 22/04/2004 I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ritika Prasad DOB is 22/10/2007 as declared before the Notary Public Alipore Court, West Bengal vide affidavit no.89, dated 01/03/2025 pittles Prasad and Niharika Prasad Ritika Prasad and Niharika Prasad both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Agnes Kakoli Rahman (Old Name) daughter of Francis Gomes, residing at 1, Komedan Bagan Lane, P.S.- Taltala, Kolkata-700016, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kakoli Rahman (New Name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, dated 04/03/2025. Kakoli Rahman (New Name) and Agnes Kakoli Rahman (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Rahala Mandal (Old Name) daughter of Tafajjel Mondal, residing at Vill.- Goalbagi, P.O.- Anishmali, P.S.- Bagdah, Dist- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 741253, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rahala Mondal (New Name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, dated 04/03/2025. Rahala Mondal (New Name) and Rahala Mandal (Old Name) both are same and identi

Name Change

I, Anthony Rahman (Old Name) son of Mujibar Rahman, residing at 1, Komedan Bagan Lane, P.S. Taltala, Kolkata- 700016, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Anthony Rohit Rahman (New Name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, dated 04/03/2025. Anthony Rohit Rahman (New Name) and Anthony Rahman (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

, Priya Das (old name) wife of Abhjit Nath, residing at Tower-33, Flat-7C, Genexx Valley Joka, Kolkata- 700104, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Priya Nath (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 04/03/2025. Priya Nath (New Name) and Priya Das (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Chameli Laskar (old name) wife of Basir Ahmed Laskar, residing at Vill.- Goran Bose, P.O.- Bharatgarh, P.S.- Basanti, Dist.- South 24 Pgs, Pin- 743312, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Chameli Sardar (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 04/03/2025 Chameli Sardar (New Name) and Chameli Laskar (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Sk Ansar Ali (old name) son of Naba Dhali, residing at Chandpur, Badehugli, Sonarpur, S 24 GPS, Pin- 700145, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Md Ansar Ali (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 04/03/2025. Sk Md Ansar Ali (New Name) and Sk Ansar Ali (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

. Rumela Paul (old name) wife of Kaustav Basu and daughter of Kohinoor Paul (father) & Ruma Paul (mother), residing at D/20 Ramgarh, PO Naktala, Kolkata - 700047, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall hence-forth be known as Rumela Basu (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 04/ 03/2025, Rumela Basu (New Name) and Rumela Paul (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

,Tahara Khatun (Old Name) W/O Afsar Ali Residing At S.B.V.Patel Road,Titagarh,Ps- Kharda,Dist-North 24 Parganas,Pin-700119 West Bengal,India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Tahera Begam (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 04/03/2025. That Tahara Khatun (Old Name) And Tahera Begam (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

Anand Pasari (Old Name) S/O 1, Aland Pasari (old Name) S/O Late Biswanath Pasari Residing At Fd-371,Salt Lake City,Sector-lii,Ps-Bidhannagar South,Dist-North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700106, Vest Bengal,India, Have Change My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Anand Kumar Pasari (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 04/03/2025 That Anand Pasari (Old Name) And Anand Kumar Pasari (New One Identical Person.

Name Change

Soumita Das (Old Name) W/O Sudipta Das, Residing At Vill-Andul Dakshin Para, Po-Andul Mouri,Ps - Sankrail,Dist -Howrah, Pin-711302,West Bengal,India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Soumita Santra Das (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 04/03/2025. That Soumita Das (Old Name) And Soumita Santra Das (New Name).Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

Aditi Chakrabartty (Old Name) D/o Somnath Ajaykumar Chakra bartty Residing at Flat No-7D, Block No-1, Sugam Sudhir Pre No-444, Southkumrakhali, Mahamayatala District - Kolkata, Pin - 700103 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Aditi Somnath Chakrabartty (New Name) as de-clared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Date 04-03-2025. Aditi Chakrabartty (Old Chakrabartty (New Name) both as ame and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Jahir Ali SK S/O- Anowar Sekh resident of Khagragarh Dakshin Para, P.O.- Rajbati, P.S.-Burdwan, Dist- Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal, PIN-713104, have chan ged my name and shall hence forth be known as 'JAHIR SEKH vide an affidavit before the Notary Public at Purba Bardhaman on 04/03/2025. That Jahir Ali SK and Jahir Sekh both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

, Shyamali Sarkar D/O- Narendra Nath Bose resident of Udayan-palli, P.O.- Shripalli, P.S.-Burdwan, Dist- Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal, PIN-713 103, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as 'SHYA-MALI BOSE' vide an affidavit be-fore the Notary Public at Purba Bardhaman on 04/03/2025. That Shyamali Sarkar and Shyamali Bose both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, SK AMIR ALI s/o SK AKHTAR ALI residing at V-131/A, S.A. Farooque Road, PO-Bartala, PS-Rajabagan, Kolkata-700018 Inadvertently my father's name 'AKHTAR ALI' has been printed in my old Passport M1111349). On 28/02/2025 before the Notary Public at Alipore, Dist. South 24 PGS my father's name is treated as 'SK AKHTAR ALI' every where. That SK AKHTAR ALI and AKHTAR ALI are the same one identical person indicating my fa-ther only. Affidavit no. 03AC

Name Change

I, Dinesh Das (old name) son of Na gendra Chandra Das, residing a Banipur College Sarani, P.O.- Ban-ipur, P.S.- Habra, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743233, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Dinesh Chandra Das (New Name) as declared before the Notary Pub-lic at Kolkata, dated 04/03/2025 Dinesh Chandra Das (New Name) and Dinesh Das (old name) both re same and identical person.

Name Change

Mousumi Ghosh (old name) wif f Sankar Ghosh, residing at Vill-Sripur, Habra, P.S.- Habra, Dist.-North 24Pgs, Pin- 743263, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mausumi Ghosh (New Name) as declared before the No tary Public at Kolkata, dated 04/03/2025. Mausumi Ghosh (New Name) and Mousumi Ghosh (old name) both are same and

Name Change

Sankar Kumar Ghosh (old name) son of Bhakta Ranjan Ghosh, re-siding at Vill- Sripur, Habra, P.S.-Habra, Dist.- North 24Pgs, Pin-743263, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sankar Ghosh (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 04/03/2025. Sankar Shosh (New Name) and Sankar Kumar Ghosh (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Ranjan Sarkar (Old Name) son o Late Kalipado Sarkar, residing at 106, Dr. P.C Lahiri Sarani, Sinthi, PS - Baranagar Kolkata- 700050 West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ranjan Kumar Sarkar (New Name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, dated 04/03/2025. Ranjan Kumar Sarkar New Name) and Ranjan Sarkar (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Rahala Mandal (Old Name) daughter of Tafajjel Mondal, re-siding at Vill.- Goalbagi, P.O.- Anshmali, P.S.- Bagdah, Dist- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 741253, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rahala Mondal (New Name) as declared before the Ld A.C.J.M 1st class magistrate at Bongaon, affidavit no 2578,dated 27/02/2025 Rahala Mondal (New Name) and Rahala Mandal (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Kalam Mandal (Old Name) so of Khalek Mondal, residing at Vill.- Goalbagi, P.O.- Anishmali, P.S.- Bagdah, Dist- North 24 Parranas, Pin- 741253, West Bengal, NDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kalam Mondal (New Name) as declared before the Ld A.C.J.M 1st elass magistrate at Bongaon, affi davit no 2578,dated 27/02/2025 Kalam Mondal (New Name) and Kalam Mandal (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Sabina Mandal (Old Name) daughter of Rabiul Shekh, residing at Vill.- Goalbagi, P.O.- Anishmali, P.S.- Bagdah, Dist- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 741253, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sabina Mondal (New Name) as declared before the Ld A.C.J.M 1st class magistrate, affi-davit no 2578, dated 27/02/2025 Sabina Mondal (New Name) and Sabina Mandal (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Monika Thapa (Old Name) wife of Robin Thapa, residing at Kholishamari, Parangarpar, Falakata Jalpaiguri, Alipurduar, Pin 735211, West Bengal, INDIA nave changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Monika Chhetri Thapa (New Name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, dated 04/03/2025 Monika Chhetri Thapa (New Name) and Monika Thapa (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

ER facilitates joyous **Holi Celebrations With Special Train Services**

MI News Service, Kolkata: Sadar stations over Eastern Railway jurisdiction in both Holi, the festival of colors, directions enroute. The train embodies the vibrant spirit will have General Second of unity and joy, celebrated with fervor across India. In Class, Sleeper Class & Airkeeping with the tradition of conditioned accommodabringing communities totions.03135 Kolkata -Patna gether, Eastern Railway has Holi special will leave decided to run Seven (07) Kolkata at 23:50 hrs. on Holi special trains in differ-11.03.2025 (01 trip) to reach ent directions, catering to the increasing demand of Patna at 10:45 hrs. on the next day and 03136 Patna passengers traveling to pop-Kolkata Holi special will ular destinations during this leave Patna at 12:00 hrs. on festive season as well as 12.03.2025 (01 trip) to reach catering to the need of the Kolkata at 23:45 hrs. on the people returning home to unify with family members same day. The train will stop at Barddhaman, Durgapur, on this joyous occasion. To Asansol, Chittaranjan, Madalleviate this issue and enhupur, Jasidih, Jhajha, Kiul, sure hassle-free travel for Mokama, Bakhtiyarpur and passengers, the special Patna Saheb stations in both trains will run between the directions enroute. The train will have General Sec-Howrah & Raxaul, Sealdah & Gorakhpur, Kolkata & ond Class, Sleeper Class & Patna, Kolkata & Jaynagar, Air-conditioned accommodations. 03187 Kolkata -Howrah & Khatipura and Howrah & New Jalpaiguri. Jaynagar Holi special will These special trains will leave Kolkata at 23:55 hrs. on 07.03.2025 (01 trip) to offer additional capacity and reach Jaynagar at 13:50 hrs. flexibility to accommodate the extra rush of passengers during the Holi festival peon next day and 03188 Jaynagar - Kolkata Holi special riod. More than 22,300 will leave Jaynagar at 15:00 berths and 500 Seats will be hrs. on 08.03.2025 (01 trip) generated by running these to reach Kolkata at 05:15 hrs. on the next day. The train will stop at Bard-dhaman, Durgapur, Asansol, Chittaranjan, Madhupur, Jasidih, Jhajha, Kiul, Barauni, Canacting Pophhagas and Holi festival specials. 03043 Howrah – Raxaul Holi Special will leave Howrah at 23:00 hrs on 08.03.2025 (01 trip) to reach

Raxaul at 16:10 hrs on the

next day and 03044 Raxaul

- Howrah Holi Special will

Kiul,

both the directions enroute.

The train will have General

Second Class, Sleeper Class

& Air-conditioned accommo-

dations. 03132 Sealdah -

Gorakhpur Holi Special will

leave Sealdah at 18:15 hrs.

on 08.03.2025, 10.03.2025

& 13.03.2025 (03 trips) to

reach Gorakhpur at 10:15

hrs. on the next day and

03133 Gorakhpur - Sealdah

Holi Special will leave

Gorakhpur at 13:00 hrs. on

09.03.2025, 11.03.2025 &

14.03.2025 (03 trips) to

reach Sealdah at 07:30 hrs.

on the next day. The train

will stop at Barddhaman,

Durgapur, Asansol, Chit-

taranjan, Madhupur & Ja-

sidih,Jhajha, Kiul, Mokama,

Bakhtiyarpur, Patna jn.,

Patliputra, Chhapra Gramin,

Chhapra, Siwan and Deoria

10.03.25 (Monday)

Jhajha,

Samastipur.

leave Raxaul at 17:30 hrs on train will have General Sec-09.03.2025 (01 trip) to reach ond Class, Second Class Seating, AC- Chair Car, Sleeper Class & Air-condi-Howrah at 10:45 hrs on the next day. The special train will stop at Bandel, Bardtioned accommodations. 03007 Howrah dhaman, Durgapur, Asansol, Khatipura Holi Special will Chittaranjan, Madhupur, Jaleave Howrah at 18:00 hrs. sidih, Jhajha, Kiul, Barauni, Samastipur, Darbhanga, on 09.03.2025 & 16.03.2025 Janakpur Road, Sitamarhi (2 trips) to reach Khatipura and Bairagania stations in at 23:30 hrs. on the next day and 03008 Khatipura both the directions enroute. The train will have General Howrah Holi Special will Second Class, Sleeper Class leave Khatipura at 05:30 hrs. on 11.03.2025 & & Air-conditioned accommodations. 03045 Howrah – Raxaul Holi Special will 18.03.2025 (2 trips) to reach Howrah at 15:15 hrs. on the leave Howrah at 23:00 hrs next day. The train will stop on 10.03.2025 & 13.03. at Barddhaman, Durgapur, 2025 (02 trip) to reach Rax-Asansol, Chittaranjan, Madaul at 16:10 hrs on the next hupur, Jasidih, Jhajha, Kiul, day and 03046 Raxaul -Mokama, Bakhtiyarpur, Patna, Danapur, Ara, Buxar, Howrah Holi Special will leave Raxaul at 17:30 hrs on Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, 11.03.2025 & 14.03.2025 Prayagraj, Govindpuri, (02 trip) to reach Howrah at .Fatehabad. Etawah Shamshabad Town, Agra 10:45 hrs on the next day. The special train will stop at Bharatpur, Cantt Bandel, Barddhaman, Durgapur, Asansol, Chittarantions in both the directions jan, Madhupur, Jasidih, enroute. The train will have Barauni, General Second Class, Sleeper Class & Air-condi-Darbhanga, Janakpur Road, Sitamarhi tioned Accommodations. and Bairagania station in

Samastipur, Darbhanga, and

Madhubani stations in both

the directions enroute. The

03027 Howrah - New Jalpaiguri Holi Special will leave Howrah at 23:55 hrs. on 12.03.2025 & 19.03.2025 (02 trips) to reach New Jalpaiguri at 10:45 hrs. on the next day. 03028 New Jalpaiguri - Howrah Holi Special will leave New Jalpuiguri at 12:45 hrs. on 13.03.2025 & 20.03.2025 (02 trips) to reach Howrah at 00:10 hrs. on the next day. The train will stop at Bandel, Nabadwip Dham, Katwa, Azimganj Jn., Jangipur Road, Malda Town, Barsoi, Kishangani and Aluabari Road stations in both directions enroute. The train will have General Second Class. Sleeper Class & Air-conditioned Accommodations. The date of booking of tickets for the above special trains will be notified shortly.

Complete Block on Green Line on 08.03. 2025 (Saturday) and 09.03.2025 (Sunday)

MI News Service, Kolkata: Metro Railway, Kolkata is going to grant another complete Traffic Block on 08.03.2025 (Saturday) and 09.03.2025 (Sunday) (2 days, Saturday and Sunday) for testing of Communication Based Train Control (CBTC) System on the entire East-West Metro Corridor (Green Line) from Howrah Maidan to Salt Lake Sector V. No services will be available during that period on East-West Corridor only. Services will be partially affected on 07.03.2025 evening and 10.03.2025 morning also as under. Last Metro Service on 07.03.25 (Friday)

Green Line - 1: At 19:03 hrs. from Sealdah to Salt Lake Sector V (instead of 21:35 hrs.) At 19:05 hrs. from Salt Lake Sector V to Sealdah (instead of 21:40 hrs.) Green Line-2: At 19:00 hrs. from Esplanade and Howrah Maidan (instead of 21:45 hrs.) First Metro Service on

Green Line - 1: At 08:05 hrs. from Salt Lake Sector V to Sealdah (instead of 07:05 hrs.) At 08:15 hrs. from Sealdah to Salt Lake Sector V (instead of 06:55 hrs.) Green Line-2: At 08:00 hrs. from Esplanade and Howrah Maidan (instead of 07:00 hrs.) Services on Blue Line will

be operated as usual. Inconvenience caused to the Green

Line Metro passengers is deeply regretted.

MI News Service, Kolkata: It has been decided to change the timings of following trains as per details given below:(i) 68442 Puri-Jaleswar MEMU Passenger (Revised Timings w.e.f. JCO 25.04.2025)

STATION			DEVICED TIME		
		EXISTING TIME	REVISED TIME		
PURI	d	13.15	13.00		
MALATIPATPUR	a/d	13.28/13.29	13.13/13.14		
JANAKIDEIPUR	a/d	13.32/13.33	13.17/13.18		
SAKSHIGOPAL	a/d	13.37/13.38	13.22/13.23		
BIRPURUSOTTOMPUR	a/d	13.42/13.43	13.27/13.28		
JENAPUR ROAD	a/d	13.48/13.49	13.33/13.34		
DELAG	a/d	13.54/13.55	13.39/13.40		
KANAS ROAD	a/d	13.58/13.59	13.43/13.44		
MOTARI HALT	a/d	14.02/14.03	13.47/13.48		
HARIPURGRAM	a/d	14.07/14.08	13.52/13.53		
KHURDA ROAD	a/d	14.15/14.20	14.00/14.05		
RETANG	a/d	14.31/14.32	14.16/14.17		
LINGARAJ TEMPLE ROAD	a/d	14.38/14.39	14.23/14.24		
BHUBANESWAR	a/d	14.45/14.50	14.30/14.35		
BANIBIHAR	a/d	14.54/14.55	14.39/14.40		
MANCHESWAR	a/d	15.00/15.01	14.45/14.46		
PATIA	a/d	15.04/15.05	14.49/14.50		
BHUBANESWAR NEW	a/d	15.08/15.09	14.53/14.54		
BARANG	a/d	15.14/15.15	14.59/15.00		
GOPALPUR BALIKUDA	a/d	15.19/15.20	15.04/15.05		
KATHAJORI	a/d	15.25/15.26	15.10/15.11		
CUTTACK	a/d	15.30/15.35	15.15/15.20		
KENDRAPARA ROAD	a/d	15.41/15.42	15.26/15.27		
MANGULI CHOUDWAR	a/d	15.45/15.46	15.30/15.31		
NERGUNDI	a/d	15.50/15.51	15.35/15.36		
KAPILAS ROAD	a/d	15.55/15.56	15.40/15.41		
SRI JHADESWAR ROAD	a/d	16.00/16.01	15.45/15.46		
BYREE	a/d	16.04/16.05	15.49/15.50		
BARITHENGARH	a/d	16.09/16.10	15.54/15.55		
DHANMANDAL	a/d	16.14/16.15	15.59/16.00		
HARIDASPUR	a/d	16.21/16.22	16.06/16.07		
NEWGARH MADHUPUR	a/d a/d	16.28/16.29	16.13/16.14		
JENAPUR	a/d a/d	16.28/16.29	16.13/16.14		
BRAHMANI	a/d	16.38/16.39	16.23/16.24		
JAKHAPURA	a/d	16.42/16.43	16.27/16.28		
JAJPUR K. ROAD	a/d a/d	16.42/16.43	16.33/16.34		
KORAI HALT	a/d	16.52/16.53			
	a/d a/d	16.52/16.53	16.37/16.38 16.43/16.44		
BAITARANI ROAD	-7-	2000, 2000			
DULAKHAPATNA	a/d	17.04/17.05	16.49/16.50		
MANJURI ROAD	a/d	17.09/17.10	16.54/16.55		
KENDUAPADA	a/d	17.15/17.16	17.00/17.01		
KAPALI ROAD	a/d	17.19/17.20	17.04/17.05		
RANDIA BAUDPUR	a/d	17.25/17.26	17.10/17.11		
BHADRAK	a/d	17.55/18.00	18.00/18.05		
RANITAL	a/d	18.06/18.07	18.12/18.13		
MARKONA	a/d	18.12/18.13	18.18/18.19		
SABIRA	a/d	18.18/18.19	18.24/18.25		
SORO	a/d	18.25/18.26	18.31/18.32		
BAHANAGA BAZAR	a/d	18.33/18.34	18.39/18.40		
PANPANA	a/d	18.38/18.39	18.44/18.45		
KHANTAPARA	a/d	18.43/18.44	18.49/18.50		
NILGIRI ROAD	a/d	18.48/18.49	18.54/18.55		
BALESHWAR	a/d	18.56/18.58	19.03/19.05		
TIKIRAPAL HALT	a/d	19.04/19.05	19.10/19.11		
HALDIPADA	a/d	19.12/19.13	19.18/19.19		
RUPSA	a/d	19.18/19.19	19.24/19.25		
NUAGAON MAYURBHANJ	a/d	19.25/19.26			

Howrah division launches "Plant 4mother" campaign to enhance **Environmental Sustainability**



MI News Service, Kolkata: the opposite side of the Rail Division has launched a significant environmental initiative, "PLANT MOTHER (एक पेड़ माँ के नाम)", aimed at improving the working environment, enhancing passenger amenities, and ensuring safety. With an ambitious target of planting 330,000 trees across the division, meticulous planning was undertaken to utilize vulnerable and abandoned railway land effectively. The plantation efforts were strategically categorized into four key areas like Station Approach Development, Vacant Land in Railway Colonies, Land Recovered from Unauthorized Encroachments and Cess Area for Seeding. To ensure smooth execution without disrupting railway operations, innovative plantation structures were designed, and tree species were carefully selected. The campaign has already achieved remarkable progress, with 292,805 saplings planted at various locations like Station premises, Circulating area, Railway Colonies within the division. One of the most notable achievements of this initiative was the successful replantation of seven old-aged trees from

the proposed Platform 24

site at Howrah Station to

Museum. This was a crucial step in facilitating platform construction while preserving greenery. The replantation process was executed with expert guidance and biochemic fertilizers to ensure tree

survival. Ensuring long-term sustainability, the Howrah Division has taken proactive measures to nurture the saplings and protect them environmental fromthreats. Mass plantation programs have also been organized at multiple stations, encouraging particifrom pation passengers, local residents, and railway staff from different departments. This collaborative approach has strengthened the credibility of the campaign and garnered widespread community support. Through "PLANT4MOTHER", the Howrah Division Engineering Department is not only working towards environmental conservation but also focusing on beautifying railway premises, improving the passenger experience, and fostering community engagement. By continuing this initiative, the Division remains committed to enhancing railway infrastructure while promoting sustainability and ecological balance.

Tata Motors begins landmark trials of hydrogenpowered heavy duty trucks for long haul transportation

MI News Service, New Delhi Tata Motors on Tuesday launched the first-ever trials of hydrogen-powered heavy duty trucks in order to assess their viability for long haul transportation solutions. The trial phase will span up to 24 months and involves deployment of 16 advanced hydrogen-powered vehicles with varying configurations and payload capacities. The trucks, equipped with Hydrogen Internal Combustion Engines (H2-ICE) and Fuel Cell (H2-FCEV) technologies, will be tested on India's most prominent freight routes, including those around Mumbai, Pune, Delhi-NCR, Surat, Vadodara, Jamshedpur and Kalinganagar. "For heavy duty, long haul transportation battery electric doesn't appear to be a viable technology.

Running of Holi Special Trains

MI News Service, Kolkata: It has been decided to run Holi Special Trains between Charlapalli-Shalimar-Charlapalli and Charlapalli-Santragachi-Charlapalli as per following schedule: 07703/07704 Charlapalli-Shalimar-Charlapalli Special: 07703 Charlapalli-Shalimar Holi Special will Charlapalli on 09.03.2025 & 16.03.2025 at 19.45 hrs and will reach Shalimar at 02.00 hrs, the third day. 07704 Shalimar-Charlapalli Holi Special will Shalimar 11.03.2025 & 18.03.2025 at 05.00 hrs and will reach Charlapalli at 08.10 hrs, the next day The Special train will have stoppages at Jaleswar, Kharagpur & Santragachi in SER jurisdic-

tion.
07705/07706 CharlapalliSantragachi-Charlapalli Special: 07705 Charlapalli-Santragachi Holi Special will leave Charlapalli on 07.03.2025 & 21.03.2025 at 07.15 hrs and will reach Santragachi at 10.30 hrs, the next day. In the return direction, 07706 Santragachi-Charlapalli Holi Special will leave Santragachi on 08.03.2025 & 22.03. 2025 at 12.35 hrs and will reach Charlapalli at 16.40 hrs, the next day The Special train will have stoppages at Jaleswar & Kharagpur in SER jurisdic-

Govt sends \$2.81-billion demand notice to Reliance, BP, partners for gas from ONGC block

MI News Service, New

Delhi : The government

has slapped a USD 2.81

billion (about Rs 24,500

crore) demand notice on Reliance Industries Ltd and its partners, including BP Plc for gains made from producing and selling natural gas that may have migrated from neighbouring block of state-owned ONGC. This follows the Delhi High Court's decision on February 14, overturning an international arbitration tribunal ruling that held the duo not responsible for paying any compensation for the gas they produced and sold which had allegedly migrated from adjoining fields. vision Bench judgment, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has raised a demand of USD 2.81 billion on the PSC contractors namely Reliance Industries BP Ltd. Exploration Ltd, BP Exploration (Alpha) Ltd and NIKO (NECO) Ltd," Reliance said in a stock exchange filing. Originally, Reliance held 60 per cent interest in Krishna Godavari basin deep-sea block KG-DWN-98/3 or KG-D6 while BP had 30 per cent and Canadian firm Niko held the remaining 10 per cent. Subsequently, Reliance and BP took over Niko's interest in the production sharing contract (PSC) and now hold 66.66 per cent and 33.33 per cent, respectively. The government had in

2016 sought USD 1.55 billion from Reliance and its partners for the quantum of gas that had migrated to its block KG-D6 from adjoining fields of ONGC. Reliance contested the claims before an arbitral tribunal which in July 2018 upheld that it was not obliged to pay any compensation. The government filed an

appeal and in May 2023, a single judge of Delhi High Court upheld the arbitration award, dismissing the government's appeal. A division bench of the Delhi High Court last month set aside the single judge order, ruling against Reliance and its partners. Reliance said the letter of demand was received by the company on March 3, 2025. "The company is legally advised that the Division Bench judgment and this provisional demand are unsustainable. The company is taking steps to challenge the judgment of the Division Bench of Hon'ble Delhi High Court,'

Indian Railways and Wildlife: A complex relationship

Kolkata: Wildlife is the heartbeat of our planet, ensuring ecological balance and enriching our world in countless ways. To honor its significance, the UN designated March 3rd as World Wildlife Day in 2013, marking the anniversary of CITES, signed in 1973. This annual event serves as a global call to protect endangered species and recognize wildlife's profound impact on nature and humanity.

Despite the efforts launched for conservation & protection of wild life, threats are continuously rising. The vast network of Indian Railways which acts as backbone of national connectivity with over 67,000 km of track length, hasalso led to many unintended consequences for wildlife like fragmentation of habitat, smuggling, illegal trade etc. This article examines the complex relationship between Indian Railways and wildlife with focus onsmuggling &illegal trade of wild life and efforts being taken by Railway Protection Force to curb this growing threat.

Impact of Train Collisions Train collisions pose a significant threat to wildlife, especially in areas where railway tracks intersect migration routes or ecologically sensitive areas. Many animals, particularly elephants and tigers, are unable to evade oncoming trains due to dense vegetation, curved tracks, and night travel further exacerbates the problem.when crossing tracks, leading to tragic and preventable deaths. In India, multiple reports have highlighted the dangers of railway corridors

Habitat Fragmentation and Displacement

Railway lines often cut through forests, wetlands, and grasslands, dividing animal habitat and restricting their movement. This increases the risk of starvation, predation and human-wildlife conflict. Species like tigers, elephants, and leopards are particularly affected as their large home ranges become fragmented, leading to population isolation and genetic

Noise and Light Pollution

Railway operations generate constant noise and artificial lighting, which disturb wildlife behavior. Loud train sounds and vibrations disrupt natural communication, feeding, and breeding patterns, causing stress displacement. Nocturnal animals, such as owls and bats, are particularly affected by the bright lights of passing trains, which interfere with their hunting and navigation abilities.

Wildlife Smuggling via Indian Railways

The extensive reach of Indian Railways has inadvertently made it a key mode of transport for illegal wildlife trade. Smugglers exploit railway networks to transport endangered animals, animal skins, ivory, rare birds, and other prohibited wildlife products. Unchecked booked consignments, vast open network, insufficient surveillance etc. make railway routes vulnerable to trafficking of wild life. Wildlife smuggling not only threatens biodiversity but also fuels organized crime and disrupts ecological balance.

wildlife products via IndianRailways. These methods include:

Concealment in Luggage: Smugglers often hide animal or animal parts in luggage, using false compartments or specially designed containers to avoid detection.

Use of Parcels and Cargo: Wildlife and wildlife products are sometimes shipped as parcels or cargo, often mislabeled to avoid suspicion.

Bribery and Corruption: In some cases, smugglers bribe railway officials to turn a blind eye to their activities, allowing them to transport illegal goods without interference

Commonly SmuggledSpecies

A wide range of species are smuggled via Indian Railways, including:

Exotic Birds: Parrots, mynas, and other exotic birds are often smuggled for the pet trade.

Reptiles: Snakes, lizards, and turtles are smuggled for their skins, as pets, or for use in traitional medicine.

Mammals: Tigers, leopards, and other big cats are smuggled for their skins and bones, while smaller mammals like pangolins are smuggled for their scales and meat.

Marine Life: Seahorses, starfish, and other marine species are smuggled for use in traditional medicine and as curios.

EFFORTS BY RAILWAYS FOR WILD LIFE PROTECTION Indian Railways has implemented several measures to protect wildlife and prevent smuggling. Wildlife corridors, overpasses, and underpasses in areas like Rajaji National Park



have reduced train-animal collisions. Speed restrictions in North Bengal and Odisha further help mitigate accidents. Early warning systems, such as thermal cameras in Bandipur National Park, alert loco pilots & station masters about animal movement. Habitat restoration initiatives, including afforestation along railway tracks and wetland conservation near railway bridges, are being implemented to mitigate environmental impact.

MEASURES TAKEN BY RAILWAY PROTECTION FORCE FOR WILD LIFE PROTECTION

The Railway Protection Force (RPF) plays a pivotal role in curbing wildlife smuggling through India's vast railway network. Operation WILEP (Wildlife

Protection Initiative) - This nationwide operation has been launched by RPF to prevent wildlife smuggling, conducting surprise inspections, and strengthening enforcement at railway stations, parcel offices, and in train routes. Table 1 & 2 shows the recovery of wildlife (Flora & Fauna) from Railway stations & Trains under operation WILEP by Railway Protec-

Surveillance and Technology Deployment - RPF is also using CTV surveillance, X ray baggage scanners to detect suspicious activities. Sniffer dogs have also been trained & deployed at stations & in trains to detect smuggling of wildlife products.

-Agency Coordination - RPF has also collaborated with the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB), forest departments, local police and other law enforcement agencies to conduct frequent raids &track down smugglers to take legal action against them. Joint operations have led to seizure of protected species such as turtles, star tortoises, exotic birds, ivory, and pangolin scales etc. and the ar-

rest of smugglers. Training Programs - To strengthen frontline defense, RPF organizes training sessions and awareness programs for railway staff, educating them on protection of wild life, wildlife aws, smuggling methods, and identification of trafficked spe-

CASE STUDIES OF WILDLIFE SMUGGLING VIA INDIAN

To better understand the role

wildlife smuggling, it is useful to examine specific case studies. These case studies highlight the various methods used by smugglers and the challenges faced in combating this illicit trade.

On 05.01.2024, during surveillance and patrolling by RPF staff at Lucknow Junction of North East Railway, 40 rare species of live Indian tortoises were found in 02 bags lying unclaimed on the platform. The tortoises were safely recovered &handed over to Forest Department for further action. The estimated price of these recovered live tortoises is about Rs. 4 Lakhs in international market.

On 30.01.2024, during joint monitoring and checking by RPF Officer and Train Escort Party of train no. 15716 (Gareeb Nawaz Express), 400 rare species of live turtles found in S-3, S-4 & S-5 coaches in 18 bags and 01 sack lying unclaimed. These were safely recovered and handed over to Wildlife Conservation Department for further action. The estimated price of these recovered live tortoises is about Rs. 6 Lakhs in international market.

On 30.01.2024, during check-

RPF Chhapra Post along with staff found 70 live turtles kept in coach S-5 in 3 unclaimed bags. After successful recovery it was handed over to the Forest department after completing legal formalities. A case was registered in the Wildlife Protection Departmentunder Sections- 9,39,40,48A,49B against unknown dated 30.01.24 Wildlife Protection Act 1972 under FIR No. 01/2024. The estimated price of these recovered live tortoises is about Rs. 5 Lakhs in international market.

CHALLENGES AND LIMITATIONS

The vast and complex network of Indian Railways makes it difficult to monitor every passenger, parcel and booked consignments shipment, allowing smugglers to exploit the system. Wildlife traffickers often use sophisticated concealment tactics &techniques, such as hidden compartments in luggage and mislabeled parcels, making detection more challenging. Additionally, many railway stations lack X-ray baggage scanners, parcels scanners and sniffer dogs etc. and have multiple entry and exits limiting the detection and enforcement capabilities.

Further, Inter-agency coordination & lack of training of railway personnel in wildlife identification and smuggling patterns also makes it challenging to detect illegal activities.Legal challenges also hinder efforts, as weak penalties and lengthy legal proceedings fail to deter traffickers effectively. Moreover, evolving smuggling tactics like encrypted communications, or-

To strengthen the Railway Protection Force's (RPF) efforts against wildlife smuggling, increased use of x ray scanners, specialized training, and advanced surveillance technologies like AI-driven monitoring needs to be adopted. Collaboration with Forest department, local police, Government Railway Police (GRP) and other enforcement agencies can also enhance intelligence sharing and coordinated action. Regular assessments of anti-smuggling measures, backed by data analysis, will help refine strategies and ensure more effective wildlife protection within Indian Railways. Finally, it is important to continue to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of measures to combat wildlife smuggling. This will require the collection of data on wildlife smuggling activities, as well as the impact of enforcement measures. This data can be used to refine and improve measures, ensuring that they are as effective aspossible.

Further, construction and operation of railwaysalso needs to be more sensitive to ecological consideration as it has significant impacts on wildlife, including habitat fragmentation, wildlife mortality, and the disruption of ecosystems etc. By taking these steps, it is possible to balance the need for economic development with the need to protect India's richbiodiversity.

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Tender Documents; Completion period (1); RS-TPKR-CAMC-AC-112753 Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of Air Coditioner unit provided in driving cab in IGBT based 3 phase propulsion system for Electrical Multiple Unit (EMU) for a period of 01 (One) year.; ₹16,29,108.00; ₹32,600.00; ₹2,000.00; 12 Months. (2); RS-TPKR-SC-VI-272113; Sweeping, cleaning, garbage removal and other cleaning works at EMU carshed, Tikiapara; ₹83,43,598.39; ₹1,66,900.00; ₹5,000.00; 24 Months. **Date of opening** : 26.03.2025 (for Sl. No. 1 & 2); **Date of** Submission: up to 15:00 hrs. of 26.03.2025 (for SI. No. 1 & 2). Interested Tender may visit website www.ireps.gov.in for full details, no case manual tender for this work will be

by Divisional Railway Manager Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building, near Railway Station, Howrah-711101 from tenderers having experience of similar nature of work and required financial capabilities including those Registered with Irrigation/CPWD/ SEB/MES or any public sector undertaking for the following work: [Sr.DEN/3/Howrah]. E-Tender No.: 356 2024-25, Date: 28.02.2025. Description of work: Repair & renovation of LC gate lodges with provision of making grill around gate lodges & improvement of platform by increase of PF height with laying tiles at Baghnapara, Samudragarh, Balagarh, Somra Bazar etc. in the section of SSE/W/Nabadwip Dham under AEN/Nabadwip Dham. Approx. Cost: ₹ 1,83,26,984.73. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 2,41,600. Completion Period: 06 (six) months from the date of issue of acceptance letter. In case the date of closing mentioned in the Notice Inviting Tender is declared a holiday/bandh/ strike on any account, the date of closing tender online will not be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit submission of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. However, opening of tender online will be done on next working day. Closing date and time of tender: 21.03.2025 at 14.00 hrs. The details of tender are available at website: www.ireps.gov.in. Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. Payment of EMD and TDC-payment of earnest money deposit [EMD] and tender document cost [TDC] in respect of E-tendering should be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. Note: Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) will not be accepted as EMD for tenders invited on IREPS (e-tender portal). No manual offer will be accepted. (HWH-642/2024-25) Tender Notices are also available at website: ww.er.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.ii

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Metro Railway, Kolkata Notice for E-Auction Sale

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Notice Inviting e-Tender (SI.No 02), Dt-28/02/25 for 11.00 AM. The N.I.eT. Documents

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E-Auction Sale for Disposal of Released and Scrap Materials of Metro Railway, Kolkata has been rescheduled on 17.03.2025 & 29.03.2025 instead of 14.03.2025

contractors/agencies vide NIT pearing memo no. are- 05/A-II GP/ 24-25 (SI.No 01), Dt-28/02/25 for

Construction of Cover Drain under 15th FC Fund & **05/A-II GP/24-25** Construction of Toilet. Bid Submission last dt- 15/03/25 up to and others details is available in the website wbtenders.gov.in.

Ashuti-II Gram Panchayat

Tender Notice No.: PCMM/CLW HWH/E-Procurement/25/11 Dated: 27.02.2025. PCMM/CLW/Howrah on behalf of the President of India invites electronic bids from established reliable manufacturer for supply of the followings. The following E-Tender/s is for supply of materials for manufacture of Electric Locomotive. The Prospective/likely suppliers are requested to look up the instructions. These are E-Tenders only electronic offer bids shall be accepted. [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5%, Item Category Sl. No.; Tender No.; Description of Normal Total PO value variation Permitted: Stores; Quantity; Due On; Tender Cost Max 8 lacs]; As Per Tender/Document are as follows: [038]; 31242681C; 1. EXP. | 20/03/2025; ₹ 0.00. Insulated Tube 30/52 PA As Per PR3/827 PCMM/CLW/HOWRAH

Details See In: www.wbtenders. gov.in Garaimari Gram Panchayat EXP. Insulated Tube 22/35 PA As Per Specification No. CLW/ES/3/ 0154/S; As Per Tender/Document; 17/03/2025; ₹ 0.00. [039]; 30242641E; Lubricant for whee rocessing Axle vide Specification No RDSO/2015 /EL/ TC/ 0132, REV '0' dated 05.10.2015. [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5 % Item Category: Normal Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; As Per Tender/Document; 20/03/2025; ₹ 0.00 [040]; 14252948; High Reach Pantograph For AC Electric Locomotives As Per RDSC website www.ireps.gov.in for detailed Specn. No. RDSO/2007/EL/SPEC.0054, REV '3' Amend, 2 dated 17.01.2025

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Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Malda, Offic Building, PO-Jhaljhalia, Dist-Malda, Pin-732102 (West Bengal) (Auction Conducting Officer) invites e-Auction Catalogue on www.ireps.gov.in for Advertisement lots under Out of Home (OoH), Railway Display Network (Non-Digital & Digital) Policy at different stations over Malda Divisior Auction Catalogue No.: ADVT-MLDT-25-4. Auction Start: 17.03.2025 e-Auction for Out of Home (OoH) over Malda Division. Sl.No.; Seg. no.: Lot no./Category & Station are as follows: 1; AA/1; ADVT-MLDT-BGP-OH-171-23-1. 2; AA/2; ADVT-MLDT-BGP-OH-178-23-1. 3; AA/3; ADVT-MLDT-BGP-OH-214-24-1. 4: AA/4: ADVT-MLDT-BGP-OH-169-23-1 5; AA/5; ADVT-MLDT-BGP-OH-177-23-1 & Bhagalpur (for Sl.No. 1 to 9

E-Auction for Rail Display Network (Digital) over Malda Division. Sl.No. Seq. no.; Lot no./Category & Station are as follows: 1; AB/1; ADVT MLDT-MLDT-OSD-190-23-1. 2; AB/2; ADVT-MLDT-MLDT-OSD-161-23-1 & Malda Town (for SI.No. 1 & 2 each).

E-Auction for Rail Display Network (Non-Digital) over Malda Division SI.No.; Seq. no.; Lot no./Category & Station are as follows: 1; AC/1 ADVT-MLDT-BGP-OSN-147-22-1 & Bhagalpur. 2; AC/2; ADVT-MLDT-BGP-OSN-151-23-1 & Bhagalpur. 3; AC/3; ADVT-MLDT-BGP-OSN-207 24-1 & Bhagalpur, 4: AC/4: ADVT-MLDT-BGP-OSN-209-24-1 & Bhagalpur 5; AC/5; ADVT-MLDT-JMP-OSN-162-23-1 & Jamalpur. 6; AC/6; ADVT-MLDT-BGP-OSN-215-24-1 & Bhagalpur. 7; AC/7; ADVT-MLDT-BGP OSN-150-22-1 & Bhagalpur. 8; AC/8; ADVT-MLDT-BGP-OSN-149-22 I & Bhagalpur. 9; AC/9; ADVT-MLDT-MLDT-OSN-195-23-1 & Malda Town. 10; AC/10; ADVT-MLDT-MLDT-OSN-196-23-1 & Malda Town 11; AC/11; ADVT-MLDT-JMP-OSN-163-23-1 & Jamalpur. 12; AC/12 ADVT-MLDT-NFK-OSN-219-25-1 & New Farakka. 13; AC/13; ADVT MLDT-BGP-OSN-211-24-1 & Bhagalpur, 14; AC/14; ADVT-MLDT-BGP OSN-143-22-1 & Bhagalpur. 15; AC/15; ADVT-MLDT-BGP-OSN-216-24 1 & Bhagalpur. 16; AC/16; ADVT-MLDT-BGP-OSN-213-24-1 & Bhagalpur 17: AC/17: ADVT-MLDT-BGP-OSN-145-22-1 & Bhagalpur. 18; AC/18; ADVT-MLDT-BGP-OSN-148-22-1 & Bhagalpur. Prospective bidders are requested to visit IREPS e-Auction module for further details.

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OFFICE OF THE JAGATBALLAVPUR-I GRAM PANCHAYET Naikuli Munshirhat Jagatballavour Howrah Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref Memo No-JBpur-I/054/NIT-20/15th
CFC(T)8 SBM/2024-25 Dt-5.03.2025

CFC(T)& SBM/ Dt-5.03.2025 Bpur-I/055/NIT-21/15th Tenders are invited in the web site http:// wbtenders.gov.in for above reference no Last Date of submission of bid-11/03/2025 Bid opening date-13/03/2025,12:00 Pm. Sd/-

Pradhan Jagatballavpur-I Gram Panchayet

E-Tenders

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This is to inform you that Mr. Ritura Goswami has purchased land from Mr. Pradip Saha and Mrs. Tapas Saha, acting as Power of Attorney Holders. He is applying for B.L.8 L.R.O. mutation to register the roperty in his name. If any one nas objection notify within seven days. Property details as below Address - A/134, Sonali Park Mouza-Bansdroni, J.L. No.045, Dag Ho.911, Khatian No.241, District South 24-Parganas, Contact Name: Riturai Goswami. Mobile No. 7003746473.

Sd/-SWAPAN MAJUMDAR Advocate, High Court Calcutta **Taxation Accounts & Company** Law Enrolment No 325/96

Annual Conference 2025 of All India Human Rights Council organized in Sarat Sadan Hall, Howrah Deepshikha Bhowmik Chairperson Women Cell West

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আমমোক্তার নিযুক্ত করেন। যার তপশীল-জেলা হুগলী, থানা-ভদ্রেশ্বর, খুঁড়িগাছি মৌজায় ২২০ নং জে.এল. ভুক্ত এল.আর ২৪২৫ নং খতিয়ানে আর.এস. ১১৮ নং হাল এল.আর. ১২৬ নং দাগে ১৪ (চৌদ্দ) কাঠা ১২(বারো) ছটাক ৫.৪ বর্গফুট শালি জমির সম্পত্তি আমমোক্তারকৃত সম্পত্তি হইতেছে।

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১) মালতী সিং তোমার, স্বামী বিদেশ সিং তোমার

সাং- এইচ-৪০৪. বৈশ্বদেবী স্কাই, সুভাষ গার্ডেনে পেছনে, জাগাঙ্গীরপরা, ভিসেনা, জেলা-সরাট গুজরাট, ৩৯৫০০৫, ২) তৃপ্তি রায় মন্ডল, স্বামী প্রদীপ কুমার মন্ডল, সাং-ফ্ল্যাট নং-৩১০, আদ অ্যাপার্টমেন্ট, সেক্টর-৩, পকেট-১৬, দ্বারকা, দক্ষি পশ্চিম দিল্লি, দিল্ল-১১০০৭৮ বিগত ইংরাজী ০৪: ০৩/২০২৪ তারিখে সিঙ্গুর এ.ডি.এস.আর. অফিসে রেজিষ্ট্রিকৃত ১০৭২ নং আমমোক্তারনামা দলিল মূলে শ্রীমতী স্বাগতা সিনহা রায়, স্বামী-সোমদীপ সিং রায়, সাং ও পোঃ- নসিবপুর, থানা-সিঙ্গুর, জেলা হুগলী-কে ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত আমমোক্তার নিযুক্ত করেন যার তপশীল-জেলা হুগলী, থানা-সিঙ্গুর

নসিবপুর মৌজায় ৯০ নং জে.এল. ভুক্ত এল.আর ১০৫৫ ও ২৭৫২ নং খতিয়ান ভুক্ত (১) আরএস এলআর ৪১৫ দাগে ৫.৬৬ শতক সম্পত্তি, (২ আরএস ও এলআর ৪১৬ নং দাগে ০৩ শতক সম্পত্তি (৩) আরএস ও এলআর ৪২৩ নং দাগে ২৭৫২ ন খতিয়ানে ০২ শতক সম্পত্তি, (৪) আরএস ও এলত ৪২৩ নং দাগে ১০৫৫ নং খতিয়ানে ০২ শতক সম্পত্তি (৫) আরএস ও এলআর ৪২৬ নং দাগে ১.৩৪ শত নম্পত্তি আমমোক্তারকৃত সম্পত্তি হইতেছে।

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Members from West Bengal and far off places particpated in this event. Let us isten to what everyone said

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Researchers discover protein that help prevent cancer treatment-related heart damage

WASHINGTON: Blocking the protein CDK7 could prevent caused by chemotherapy can heart damage caused by a routinely used cancer chemotherapy treatment, according to a study conducted by scientists at Washington State University. Importantly, the researchers discovered that blocking CDK7 could improve the medication's cancer-killing efficacy.

Based on an animal model, the study's findings potentially lay the groundwork for future treatment options to decrease chemotherapy-related heart damage and improve treatment efficacy. This has the potential to help people with cancer live

longer lives. Heart damage Despite this toxicity, the drug manifest decades later and lead to heart attacks, heart failure, cardiomyopathy, and other types of heart disease.

The findings of the study were published in the journal Cardiovascular Research, the WSU study focused on doxorubicin, a chemotherapy drug used to treat breast cancer, lymphoma, leukemia and other can-

Capable of killing a wide range of cancer cells, doxoruand other similar chemotherapy medications are known to be toxic to the heart. still sees a lot of use.

"Doxorubicin remains the mainstay treatment for certain cancer types for which targeted therapies or other better treatments are not available," said senior study author Zhaokang Cheng, an associate professor in the WSU College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Cheng has been working to unravel the underlying mechanisms of doxorubicin-induced heart toxicity to make the use of doxorubicin safer for patients who rely on the drug. This new study builds on findings from earlier research that showed

that doxorubicin activates a pro-tein known as CDK2. That protein then activates another known as FOXO1, which causes heart cells to die. Cheng's team collaborated with WSU cancer biology researcher Boyang (Jason) Wu to take a closer look at CDK7, a protein that helps fuel cell growth and has been shown to play a role in the

development of cancer. The researchers found that CDK7 activated CDK2, which set off the chain of molecular signals that eventually led to heart cell death. They also showed that mice that lacked the CDK7 gene were protected from doxorubicin-induced heart toxicity. Next, they used a CDK7 inhibitor drug known as THZ1 to block the protein's activity and examine the impact on heart health and cancer growth. A similar inhibitor is currently being tested as an anticancer drug in clinical trials, but its effect on the heart is still not clear."We are the first to study the effect of THZ1 on the heart and tumour growth in the same model," said study first author Jingrui Chen, a WSU research associate. "And what we found is that this CDK7 inhibitor drug can increase heart function and at the same time inhibit tumour growth."

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to help people with cancer live longer lives. Heart damage caused by chemotherapy can manifest decades later and lead to heart attacks, heart failure, cardiomyopathy, and other types of heart disease.

Though more research is needed, the researchers said their findings suggest that combining doxorubicin and THZ1 could help prevent heart damage and increase the effectiveness of chemotherapy treat-

The researchers' next step is to test the effect of THZ1 on heart damage and cancer growth in younger mice and follow them longer. This would more closely mimic long-term doxorubicin-induced heart toxicity seen in childhood cancer survivors. They also plan to look at other proteins that may somehow be involved in the signaling pathway that underlies doxorubicin-related heart dam-

STUDY FINDS TEMPERATURE CAN INFLUENCE MICROBIAL COM-PETITION IN

LOS ANGELES: Wastewaterderived antimicrobial resistance genes (ARGs) can penetrate and initially join natural biofilms after being injected into a river, a study said. Although, they may not last long, researchers reported this week in mSphere. However, as the river's temperature rises, the frequency of invasive ARGs reduces considerably, indicating that the preexisting microbial community is removing the resistant intruders. In barely two weeks, the concentration of ARGs in river water at 30 degrees Celsius (86 degrees Fahrenheit) returned to its initial level. The finding suggests that rivers may offer a kind of defence against the spread of ARGs in wastewater. It was also contrary to what

the researchers expected. originate in human faeces and thrive at the temperature of the human body, which is higher than most waterways. The microbiologists anticipated that warm rivers would be a welcome environment.

"We thought they should be rather well-adapted to higher temperatures," said microbiologist Uli Klumper, PhD, at Technische Universitat Institute Hydrobiology.

"So if river temperatures are rising with climate change, we wanted to know if these bacteria from wastewater would have an easier time integrating with the natural

Klumper co-led the study with his PhD student Kenyum Bagra, who joined TU Dresden on a DAAD exchange fellowship from the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, who led the study. The work was funded through the ANTIVER-SA project by BiodivERsA, a European biodiversity organization.Klumper, Bagra and their colleagues first immersed 27 glass slides in the Lockwitzbach River, in eastern Germany, for a month. "It's relatively pristine," Klumper said.

They collected the slides, which had amassed a natural biofilm from the river, and immersed them in artificial river systems at 1 of 3 temperatures. After a week, they observed that the abundance of naturally occurring ARGs increased in the warmest water, at 30 degrees Celsius.

Then, they exposed all the test slides to wastewater for 1 day and monitored the abundance of ARGs, both those that occurred naturally and those from wastewater, over the next 2 weeks. The ARGs from the wastewater readily invaded the biofilm in all 3 cases, with temperature.

The introduction seems to be temperature independent,' Klumper said.But that's where the similarities ended. In the warmest water, the abundance of the invasive ARGs dropped significantly over 2 weeks. By the end of the experiment, the overall level of ARGs had returned to its initial, natural abundance, and the invasive ARGs had all but vanished.

In the other 2 groups, the invasive ARGs fared better. In some cooler samples, they were able to establish in the biofilm community, even at abundances far higher than the naturally occurring ARGs.

Those results suggested that the competition between invasive and indigenous microbes was mediated by temperature, Klumper said. were surprised."Researchers often assume that a warming world will promote pathogenic ARGs, he said, but it's likely not so



Graduates pose for a picture during the 56th convocation ceremony of the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, in New Delhi on Tuesday. (ANI Photo/Sanjay Sharma)

Study reveals type of childhood leukaemia originates during foetal development

BARCELONA: Acute myeloid leukaemia is the second most prevalent type of acute leukaemia in childhood, and it can be detected within a few months of life. The disease's early beginning raised the possibility that the cancer originated before birth. However, validating this notion has been difficult due to the scarcity of prena-

tal or newborn samples. The opportunity to study the origin of this leukaemia arose from the case of a five-month-old baby diagnosed with acute myeloid leukaemia at the Hospital Nino Jesus in Madrid,' explained Pablo Menendez, ICREA professor at the University of Barcelona and

the Josep Carreras Institute. 'The parents, who had preserved the umbilical cord blood, opened a line of research that until now had not been possible to address,' added the researcher.

Using precision medicine techniques, researchers analysed the complete genome of the tumour. Unlike tumours in adults, where thousands of mutations are detected, only two chromosomal alterations were identified in this



leukaemia. 'Genome analysis allowed us to design a personalised diagnostic method to monitor the disease,' says Xose S. Puente, Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Barcelona. Puente, Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the University of Oviedo. 'But these data raise new questions, such as

when the tumour arose and in what order these mutations have appeared,' he highlights. These questions are difficult to answer, since such research requires blood samples from the baby before the diagnosis, something that is impossible in the vast majority of cases. However, in this particular case, the existence of a

frozen umbilical cord sample allowed researchers to separate different populations of blood cells at birth and to study whether any of the chromosomal alterations detected in the tumour were already present during foetal development.

The study revealed that a translocation between chromosome 7 and 12 was already present in some haematopoietic stem cells in the umbilical cord. In contrast, the other chromosomal alteration, a trisomy of chromosome 19, was not present in the foetus, but was found in all tumour cells, suggesting that it contributes to increasing the malignancy of the leukemic cells. These data are highly relevant for understanding the development of a devastating disease, and the existence of this umbilical cord sample was crucial to be able for conducting a study that had been impossible until now in acute myeloid leukaemia', adds Talia Velasco, researcher at the Josep Carreras Institute and the University of Barcelona and co-

leader of the study.

ICAI INAU-GURATES RESEARCH **HUB AT COE HYDERABAD**

NEW DELHI: Chartered

accountants' apex body ICAI on Tuesday said it has set up a state-of-theart research hub at its Centre of Excellence (CoE) Hyderabad. The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) has appointed Nupur Pavan Bang as the Director and Dean of CoE. The Centre will conduct in-depth studies on Union and state Budgets, financial literacy, the role of chartered accountants in policymaking and good governance with ease of doing business, among other subjects, the ICAI said in a statement. Further, insights from these research initiatives will be shared with the government, reinforcing ICAI's commitment to become a trusted partner in national progress and development, it added. "Through state-of-the-art research, development, and innovation facilities, ICAI aims to produce impactful research that will help in policymaking, strategic decision making, cultivating professional excellence, creating rewarding opportunities for students and professionals globally and supporting the upskilling and reskilling of ICAI members, students, employees, government officials and other stakeholders," ICAI President Ranieet Kumar Agarwal said. At present, ICAI has two centres of excellence in Hyderabad and Jaipur and is planning to inaugurate the third in Kolkata in January 2025. Also, ICAI is planning to open eight more CoEs across the country in the next three years fostering research, innovation, and skill-building. ICAI is a statutory body set up by an Act of Parliament. The institute functions under the Ministry of Corporate

Study finds how new type of cell therapy help ARDS patients response, perhaps activating

of cell therapy may help patients who are critically ill with acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) brought on by severe COVID-19, according to a study.

Professor Justin Stebbing of Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) is a co-senior author of a recent study that examines the application of agenT-797, an allogeneic, unmodified invariant natural killer T (iNKT) cell treatment developed by MiNK Therapeutics. The work was published in the journal Nature

Communications.

The iNKT cell therapy has the effect of rescuing depleted T cells and inducing an anti-inflammatory cytokine antiviral immunity to assist these patients fight infection while also reducing severe, pathogenic inflammation of the lung. The new research was

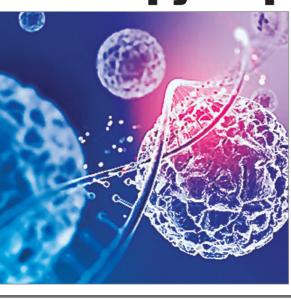
carried out at three medical centres and found that agenT-797, which is also under investigation in cancer trials, could be manufactured rapidly, had a tolerable safety profile and appeared to have a positive effect on mortality among critically unwell COVID-19 ARDS patients receiving intensive

exploratory trial included 20 mechanically ventilated patients with severe ARDS secondary to

in the trial, 14 survived (70 per cent) at 30 days (compared to a control group of 10 per cent), and there was an 80 per cent lower occurrence of bacterial pneumonia amongst those who received the highest dosage of agenT-797, compared to those who

received fewer cells. Twenty-one patients were treated overall (the main trial, plus one under compassionate use), which included five who were also receiving veno-venous extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (VV-ECMO), known as 'the most aggressive salvage therapy' for critically ill patients with ARDS. In VV-ECMO, deoxygenated blood is pumped through a membrane lung and returned to the body via

This trial is believed to be the first immune cell therapy of any type to be used in critically unwell patients undergoing VV-ECMO. Survival of the VV-ECMO cohort was 80 per cent after 30 and 90 days, and 60 per cent after 120 days. This compares favourably to the overall survival of 51 per cent for patients with Covid-19 who were treated with just VV-ECMO at the same institution, during the same timeframe. Joint senior author Justin Stebbing, Professor of Biomedical Sciences at Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge,



small, exploratory study we observed that MiNK's iNKT cell treatment, which is also being advanced for people with cancer, triggered an anti-inflammatory response

in ARDS patients. 'Despite a poor prognosis, critically ill patients treated with this therapy showed favourable mortality rates and those treated at the highest dose also had reduced rates of pneumonia, underscoring the potential application of iNKT cells, and agenT-797 in particular, in treating viral diseases and infections more broadly.

"AgenT-797 was manufactured rapidly and as opposed to using patients'

made from healthy donors cells. The potential of this therapy to be used across a number of severe infections warrants randomised controlled trials.

Dr Marc van Dijk, Chief Scientific Officer at MiNK and co-author of the study said, "These published findings reinforce the unique power and potential of iNKT cells to mitigate severe acute respiratory distress.

The data demonstrate agenT-797's encouraging survival benefit, ability to help clear secondary infections, and tolerable adminis-

tration in ventilated patients and those on VV-ECMO sup-

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Palestine urges Israel to withdraw from Gaza, calls for 'real int'I measures'

MI News Service, Gaza: The Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates called for the Israeli army to withdraw from the Gaza Strip and allow the State of Palestine to assume its duties.

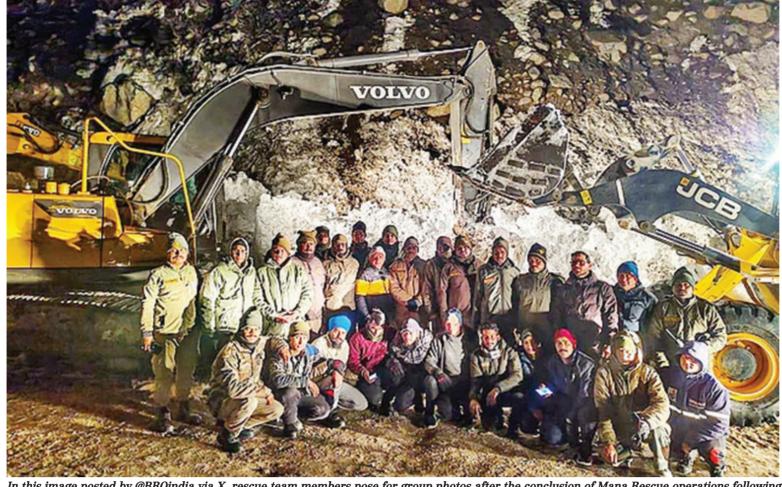
In a press statement, the ministry called for real international measures "to curb the occupation's aggression against our people and their rights in a way that ensures the establishment of a ceasefire and the rapid empowerment of the State of Palestine and its internationally recognized legitimate institutions to carry out their responsibilities and immediately extend their sovereignty over the Gaza Strip and the entire Palestinian territory occupied since 1967." Ear-lier on Saturday, the 42-day initial phase of the threestage agreement between Hamas and Israel expired, with no breakthrough announced for its next phase, Xinhua news agency reported. Israel is seeking to extend the first phase of the Gaza ceasefire agreement for an additional 42 days, while Hamas rejects this and wants to move forward with negotiations for the second phase.

The second phase of the agreement is supposed to focus on the release of the remaining Israeli hostages, the full withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza, and the implementation of a permanent ceasefire. Earlier on Thursday, Israeli officials said that the military would not withdraw from the strategic strip along the Gaza-Egypt border despite a ceasefire agreement that calls for a pullout by Saturday. Israel received the bodies of four hostages in exchange for hundreds of Palestinian prisoners, marking the final swap under the first phase of a three-stage ceasefire deal. Three of the hostages were killed while in captivity, while the fourth died during the Hamas-led attack on October 7, 2023, ac-cording to the Prime Minister's office. Forensic experts in Tel Aviv conthe four bodies after Hamas handed them over.

Israel's Defense **Minister Katz** thanks US counterpart for 'Accelerating shipments of weapons'

Mi News Service, Tel Aviv: Israel Defence Minister Israel Katz spoke with US Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth, whom he thanked, for President Trump's support for accelerating shipments of weapons and security equipment to Israel, and for his commitment to the "strong alliance between the countries." Katz said that Israel had agreed to the outline proposed by the President's Special Envoy for the Middle East, Steve Witkoff, and stressed the need to return all the Israeli hostages still held in Gaza and to destroy the

Hamas regime there. The Minister reviewed with the Secretary Hegseth the IDF's (Israel Defense Forces) activities in Judea and Samaria against terrorism, emphasized the importance of the security areas Israel's military established in Lebanon and Syria, and thanked America for its support. In addition, Katz and Hegseth agreed that Iran is the main threat to the region, and that close cooperation between Israel and the US must continue with the aim of preventing it from obtaining nuclear weapons.



In this image posted by @BROindia via X, rescue team members pose for group photos after the conclusion of Mana Rescue operations following

Uyghur activists to gather in **Munich for summits on human** rights and China's repression

MI News Service, Munich: The World Uyghur Congress (WUC) has announced that the Third Turkistan/Uyghur Summit and the Uyghur Youth Summit will take place in Germany's Munich from May 23-25.

According to the WUC's press release, the events will bring together Uyghur leaders, human rights advocates, community representatives, and activists from around the world alongside allies from the Tibetan, Southern Mongolian, Taiwanese, and Hong Kong communi-

The WUC noted that these summits occur at a pivotal moment, with China's growing authoritarianism and expansionist foreign policy dominating global discussions. It emphasised that the Chinese government's systematic abuses in East Turkistan, including genocide and crimes against humanity, while China grapples with

influenced by China's economic influence and remaining complicit in its actions. WUC also highlighted China's ongoing efforts to reshape the global order in ways that undermine international law, especially in light of its human rights abuses. The organisation also pointed out that China's transnational repression, particuthrough surveillance technologies, continues to target Uyghur refugees globally. These individuals face mounting fear of forced repatriation, imprisonment, torture, or worse. Recent incidents, such as the deportation of at least 40 Uyghur refugees from Thailand, have underscored the urgency of addressing this issue. As mentioned in the press release, the shifting global dynamics create both challenges and opportunities for the Uyghur movement. WUC said that



been well-documented by 11 parliaments and the Uyghur Tribunal. However, despite this recognition, international responses remain weak, with many nations being internal economic struggles and growing opposition to Xi Jinping's regime, the international community must do more to address China's human rights violations.

Trump hints Zelenskyy "won't be around very long"



MI News Service, Washington. DC: The Trump administration has paused military aid to Ukraine following a verbal clash between US President Donald Trump and his Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelenskyy in the Oval Office Trump warned that the Ukrainian leader "won't be around very long" if progress was not made on a peace deal. Without taking names, Trump hinted that the Ukrainian leader 'won't be around very long" without a ceasefire deal with Russia.

"It should not be that hard a deal to make. It could be made very fast," Trump told reporters, referring to a ceasefire. "Now, maybe somebody doesn't want to make a deal, and if somebody doesn't want to make a deal, I think that person won't be around very long." During an event with Taiwan Semiconductor Manufac-turing Co (TSMC) chief executive CC Wei at the White House on Monday, Trump criticized Zelensky for say-ing the war could go on for

a long time and said Ukraine's president should be "more appreciative" of billions of dollars of military aid in Kyiv's fight against Russia. When asked about what he needs to see from Zelenskyy to restart negotiations, Trump

"Well, I just think he (Zelenskyy) should be more appreciative because this country has stuck with them through thick and much more than Europe, and Europe should have given more than us, because, as you know, that's right there. That's the border. This country really was like the fence on the border. It was very important to Europe. And I'm not knocking Europe, I'm saying they're just -- they were a lot smarter than Joe Biden, because Joe Biden didn't have a clue. He just gave money hand over a fist, and they should have been able to equalize with us." "In other words, if we gave a dollar, they should have given. Well, we gave

USD 350 billion.

of 4-month old in Abu **Dhabi** executed

Indian woman on

death row for murder

MI News Service, New Delhi: An Indian woman on death row in Abu Dhabi for the alleged murder of a four-month-old child has already been executed on February 15, the Delhi High Court hearing her fa-ther's plea about her well-being was informed on Monday. On being in-formed about the development, Justice Sachin Datta termed it "very unfortunate". "It is over. She was executed on February 15. Her last rites will be held on March 5," Additional Solicitor General Chetan Sharma told the court. The submission was made in a hearing on a petition by the 33-year-old woman's father seeking to know her well-being. Shahzadi Khan was handed over to the Abu Dhabi police on Feb-



ruary 10, 2023 and she was sentenced to death on July 31, 2023. She was lodged in the Al Wathba jail. Shabbir Khan, a resident of Uttar Pradesh's Banda, said there was "profound uncertainty" regarding his daughter Shahzadi's situation and his repeated applications to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) for clarification were fruitless. The plea further alleged that Shahzadi was inade-quately represented before the local courts in the case over the alleged murder of employer's fourmonth-old child and she was pressured into confessing, leading to the imposition of the death

penalty on her. During the hearing, the petitioner's counsel said his limited prayer was to know whether his daughter was alive or she had been hanged. He said on February 14, Shahzadi had called the family from the prison saying that she would be executed in a day or two and this would be her last call. Since then, they were unaware of her well-being, he said. The Centre's counsel told the court that the Embassy officials and the petitioner were in touch and arrangements were being made so that the family could attend their daughter's last rites in Abu Dhabi. "We did our best. We hired a law firm there to represent her in court. But the laws there deal with the murder of an in-

fant very severely," he sub-

China hits back on Trump's new tariffs; levies duty on food, other US imports

MI News Service, Beijing: China on Tuesday said it is imposing tariffs as much as 15 per cent on a range of food imports from the United States as Donald Trump-imposed latest tariffs came into force today.

China's finance ministry announced 15 per cent tariffs on imports of chicken, wheat, corn and cotton from the United States, as well as 10 per cent tariffs on imports of sorghum, soybeans, pork, beef, aquatic products, fruits, vegetables, and dairy products," Chinese state media said. Further, China has also added several US firms to its "unreliable entity or export control lists.

On Monday, the United States announced that it would impose an additional 10 per cent tariff on all products imported to the US from China, effective from March 4. This follows an additional 10 per cent tariffs imposed by the United States on products imported from China in February this year. China's Customs Tariff Commission of the State Council said that an additional 15 per cent tariff

will be imposed on US chicken, wheat, corn, and cotton, plus 10 per cent tariff on soybeans, pork, beef, and dairy from March 10. A spokesperson from the Chinese Commerce Ministry said that Beijing "will take countermeasures to firmly safeguard its own rights and interests," Chinese state news agency Xinhua reported. The spokesperson said US' "typical act of unilateralism and bullying in disregard of facts, international trade rules and the voices of all parties." As per a report in the New York Times, China's Ministry of Commerce has also singled out 15 companies from the United States, including the drone maker Skydio, for punitive trade measures to "safeguard national security and interests." The NYT reported that Beijing has has added 10 other American companies to what it calls an "unreliable entities list," preventing them from doing business in China. The steps include levies on US food imports and halting the sale of Chinese goods to 15 American companies.

Historical Islamic Jalsha in Dhola



Nurul Islam Khan

At the auspicious arrival of the Pir Sahibs of Furfura Sharif, the historical Mahafil of Pir-e-Kamel Shahe-Sufi Ashiq-e-Rasool Al-Hajj Late Fakir Sahib (Rah) was held on MondayThis meeting of the Darbar Sharif of Late Fakir Sahib (Rah) of Madarpara Dholahat, South 24 Parganas is one of the most important meetings in the state. The crowd of people in this meeting, scheduled on 18 Falgun every year, was meeting started after Zuhr and continued throughout

eye-catching.The the night.Pirzada Maulana Sawban Siddiqui, grandson of Pir Baro Huzur (Rah), the great-grandfa-ther of Furfura Sharif, was

ĥoly Isale Sawab in memory of the late Fakir Sahib (Rah).Among the invited speakers, Pirzada Syed MaulanaHammad Hossain Bukhari (Furfura Sharif), Maulana Sahanur Alam Sahib, Marhum Fakir Sahib Huzur Pir Qibla (Rah) and Maulana Md Abul Qasim Sahib andMaulana Abdul Qadir Fatehi Sahib and many others gave sermons. Maulana Abu Hossain Sahib andMaulana Qari Amin Uddin Sahib were present. The convenor Fakir Sahib (Rah) and his children, the Mahfil Isale Sawab Committee and the villagers conducted the event. Maulana Mufti Nurullah Sahib was the main supporter.

present at the traditional

Baloch Liberation Army claims responsibility for attack on FC Wing Commander's vehicle

MI News Service, Quetta: The Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) on Monday announced that it successfully carried out a special operation targeting the vehicle of the Wing Commander of the 61st Frontier Corps (FC) in Kalat city. The attack, executed by a dedicated fighter, Watan Nadrig of the BLA's Majeed Brigade unit, was aimed at the Wing Commander and nine personnel traveling from the FC headquarters to the FC Officer's Mess in Kalat. The BLA took responsibility for the assault through its official media channel, Baloch Liberation Voice. In its statement, the BLA emphasised that this was neither the first nor the last such attack by the organisation. It said that the first attack of its kind was carried out in December 2011, when Majeed Brigade Darvesh Baloch targeted a Death Squad base on Arbab Karam Khan Road in Quetta.

The BLA affirmed that this long-standing philoso-

phy of resistance would continue until the independence of Balochistan is achieved. According to the BLA, its fighters, including Watan Nadrigs, possess the capability to strike at will, selecting the time and place of their choosing. The BLA statement also criticised the Pakistani state, accusing it of disregarding international war laws and legal frameworks in its ongoing war against the Baloch people. The group claimed that Pakistan only responds to force, thus justifying the

cupying forces Balochistan. Highlighting exploitation Balochistan's vast natural resources, the BLA reiterated that these resources rightfully belong to the Baloch nation. The statement accused Pakistani military generals and the Punjabi elite of looting Balochistan's wealth for their own benefit at the expense of the Baloch people.

BLA's continued use of mil-

itary tactics to expel the oc-

Balochistan: Sit-in against enforced disappearances continues for fourth Day, CPEC Road remains blocked

MI News Service, Surab: Demonstrators have continued their sit-in in the Surab district of Pakistan's Balochistan for the fourth consecutive day, blocking the key China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) road in protest against enforced disappearances and alleged human rights violations in Balochistan, The Balochistan Post reported.

The protest, organised by the Baloch Yakjehti Committee (BYC) Jhalawan region and the families of the missing persons, demanded justice and an end to systematic repression by the state. During a press conference held at the protest site, demonstrators accused security forces of forcibly disappearing Baloch youth, describing enforced disappearances as a state policy. "Every day, another Baloch youth is taken away without any accountability. The state institutions are not only responsible for these abductions but are also using violence and intimidation to suppress voices that speak against this oppression," The Balochistan Post quoted a protest as saying. The protesters emphasised the presence of families of 12 indi-



viduals who have been forcibly disappeared, drawing attention to their plight. They also condemned the excessive use of force by authorities to break up the demonstration, claiming that security forces, including police, Levies, and Frontier Corps (FC) personnel, were deployed from across the Kalat Division to dismantle the sit-in. Enforced disappearances of Baloch people in Pakistan have been a longstanding and alarming issue, particularly in Balochistan. The Baloch population, seeking

greater autonomy and rights, has been targeted by state security forces, including the military and intelligence agencies.

Since the early 2000s, thousands of Baloch activists, political leaders, journalists, and students have been forcibly disappeared, often accused of separatism or militancy. These disappearances are linked to Pakistan's efforts to suppress Baloch nationalist movements and maintain control over the resource-rich re-

MAJOR SHUFFLE BEGINS IN PAKISTAN; **RIZWAN, BABAR** DROPPED FROM T20IS IN NZ, **SALMAN AGHA NAMED CAPTAIN**

LAHORE [PAKISTAN]: Premier batter Babar Azam and captain Mohammad Rizwan have been dropped from Pakistan's squad for the T20I series in New Zealand. With the skipper out of the fray, Salman Ali Agha has been named Pakistan's T20I captain, with Shadab Khan acting as his deputy.

Rizwan will continue to lead Pakistan in the ODIs; however, pace spearhead Shaheen Shah Afridi and tearaway Haris Rauf have been dropped from the for-

The major shuffle comes in the aftermath of Pakistan's diabolical title defence in the ongoing Champions Trophy campaign. The defending champions suffered humiliation on their home turf and crashed out of the title race in the

group stage.
The Pakistan Cricket
Board (PCB) confirmed the changes in the T20I format have been made with two major upcoming tournaments in mind: the ACC Men's T20 Asia Cup 2025 (September 2025) and the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 (February/March 2026).

Salman led the Men in Green in a T20I series against Zimbabwe last year, which Pakistan clinched with a 2-1 series win. Abdul Samad, Hasan

Nawaz, and Mohammad Ali are among the new faces in Pakistan's T20I squad. Akif Javed and Mohammad Ali have also been added to the ODI squad.

The explosive opening duo, Fakhar Zaman and Saim Ayub, were not considered for either format on medical advice. Fakhar suffered a left lower intercostal muscle sprain during Pakistan's Champions Trophy 2025 opener against New Zealand

Meanwhile, Ayub is recovering from a right ankle fracture sustained on the first day of the Cape Town Test against South Africa in January. Both are expected to be fully fit for the Pakistan Super League 10, starting in Rawalpindi on April 11 2025.

Agib Javed will continue as interim head coach for the New Zealand tour. His original term was to expire after the ICC Champions Trophy 2025. However, he has been asked to extend his tenure while the search for a permanent head coach begins. Notably, Mohammad Yousuf has been added to the management as batting coach.

Pakistan's five-match T20I series against New Zealand will be held from March 16 to 26. The T20I series will be followed by three ODIs, beginning from March 29

T20I squad: Salman Ali Agha (captain), Shadab Khan (vice-captain), Abdul Samad, Abrar Ahmed, Haris Rauf, Hasan Nawaz, Jahandad Khan, Khushdil Shah, Mohammad Abbas Afridi, Mohammad Ali, Mohammad Haris, Muhammad Irfan Khan, Omair Bin Yousaf, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Sufyan Mogim and Usman Khan

ÖDI squad: Mohammad Rizwan (captain), Salman Ali Agha (vice-captain), Abdullah Shafique, Abrar Ahmed, Akif Javed, Babar Azam, Faheem Ashraf. Imam-ul-Haq, Khushdil Shah, Mohammad Ali, Mohammad Wasim Jnr. Muhammad Irfan Khan. Naseem Shah, Sufyan Moqim and Tayyab Tahir.



Shami extends his dominance in ICC ODI tournaments, breaks Harbhajan's record with scorching spell against Australia



er Mohammed Shami lived up to his title of 'Mr ICC' and took another step towards extending his era of dominance in the ODI marquee events with a scorching spell on Wednesday.

Shami flexed his clinical record in ICC ODI knockout matches in the pulsating Champions Trophy semi-final clash between India and Australia, two cricketing behemoths.

He became the third-highest wickettaker for India after his searing spell rocked Australia and forced the Baggy Greens to bundle out on 264. With another clinical outing, Shami returned with figures of 3/48, taking his tally to 13 scalps in five ICC ODI knockout matches at a staggering average of

Former left-arm speed gun Zaheer Khan holds the record for scything most scalps for India in ICC ODI knockout games. In 11 matches, Zaheer bagged 17 wickets at an average of

'Master Blaster' Sachin Tendulkar firmly holds the second spot with 15 wickets in as many matches at an average of 26.66. Former ball tweaker Harbhajan Singh slipped to the fourth spot, boasting 11 scalps while averaging 29.27.

In the high-stakes semi-final encounter, Shami drew the first blood by dismissing youngster Cooper Connolly for a nine-ball duck after fumbling the chance to dismiss Travis

He maintained his sublime form against Australia captain Steve Smith and cleaned up his stumps on 73(96). Shami capped off his impressive spell with Nathan Ellis's scalp. In ODIs, Shami has dismissed Smith five times and split 123 runs at an average of 24.60. Besides Smith's valiancy, Alex Carey provided an indispensable 61 to propel Australia to a fighting total of 264. His impressive knock was laced with eight fours and a towering maximum. Apart from Shami, mystery spinner Varun Chakravarthy (2/49) and leftarmer Ravindra Jadeja (2/40) also trapped Australian batters in their spin web. Axar Patel and Hardik Pandya chipped in with a wicket each.

Men's world number two, current national champion to feature in India Paddle Festival

MANGALORE (KARNATAKA) : The India Paddle Festival, the country's only international stand-up paddling event, returns for its second edition with a powerhouse line-up, featuring world number two Christian Andersen, former World Champion Daniel Hasulyo, and four-time World Champion and the Defending Women's Champion Esperanza Barreras.

Leading India's charge will be the formidable Sekar Patchai, the current national champion and 25-time title-holder. The second edition of the India Paddle Festival is set to take place from March 7 to 9, 2025, at the scenic Sasihithlu Beach, Mangalore, and Karnataka, as per a press release.

The three-day international event is organized by the Surfing Swami Foundation and Mantra Surf Club, in collaboration with WrkWrk, and is proudly presented by Incredible India (Ministry of Tourism, Government of India) and Karnataka Tourism. Sanctioned by the Association of PaddleSurf Professionals (APP) World Tour, the official World Championship Tour for stand-up paddling, the festival will feature elite-level SUP racing, live music performances, and vibrant cultural festivities, making it a milestone event for non-motorized water sports in

The Women's category will see the return of defending champion Esperanza Barreras from Spain, a four-time International Surfing Association (ISA) SUP World Champion. She will be joined by South Africa's rising star Chiara Vorster and Korea's SUP champion Lim Sujeong, among others in a bid for supremacy on Indian waters.

The Men's category at the India Paddle Festival promises an intense contest, featuring top global athletes like Spain's Antonio Morillo, who narrowly missed the title last year, and Denmark's Christian Andersen, the current World No. 2, better known as the "Polar Bear." Adding to the competition's depth, Hungary's former World Champion Daniel Hasulyo brings his wealth of experience, while the UK's Will Keetley prepares to make his mark on the waters of



Sasihithlu Beach.

Local favorite and India's top-ranked stand-up paddler, Sekar Patchai, will spearhead the Indian contingent. A 25-time National SUP Champion, Patchai is determined to make a mark on his home waters. He will be joined by Manikandan, one of India's fastest-rising stand-up paddler, as they take on the international competition. The event will also feature strong contingents from Thailand and Indonesia.

The India Paddle Festival 2025 will feature multiple SUP race formats, including sprint, technical, and distance races, pushing the endurance and agility of the athletes. Over 40 stand-up paddlers will be competing across four different categories - Men's Open, Women's Open, Junior U-16 Boys, and Girls. With India's recent breakthrough in securing its first-ever surfing quota for the Asian Games, the festival marks another milestone in the country's evolving water

Set against the stunning backdrop of Sasihithlu Beach, the India Paddle Festival 2025 promises an unforgettable experience for athletes and spectators

"They have got all aspects covered...": NZ skipper **Santner on SA ahead of CT 2025 semifinal**

LAHORE [PAKISTAN] : Ahead of the ICC Champions Trophy semifinal against South Africa at Lahore, New Zealand captain Mitchell Santner feels that the pitch at Lahore would not spin as much as the Dubai International Stadium.

Santner's men will take on South Africa at the Gadaffi Stadium in Lahore in the second semifinal of the ICC Champions Trophy. After succumbing to Indian spin during their last league stage match in Dubai, Proteas will be challenged by a solid Proteas spin attack, featur-ing Keshav Maharaj, Tabraiz Shamsi and Aiden Markram.

Speaking at the pre-match press conference about plans against Proteas' spinners, Santner said, "I think like our squad, they have got all aspects covered. They have obviously been going in with four seamers recently and I think Lahore will probably be more accustomed to that kind of setup, probably not spinning as much as definitely Dubai.'

"We have seen how good Keshav Maharaj has been for a long time and Shamsi's there and also Markram can be tidy with the ball. So, I think they are obviously pretty well-balanced. I do not think we will potentially get as much spin as there was in Dubai. So, I think that is better for our batters if it does not spin that much," he added.

Speaking on how well-planned strategy is as New Zealand have

NEW ZEALAN not won an ICC title for a long while in ODIs ever since their triumph in the ICC Champions Trophy 2000, Santner said that the first goal was to reach the

"We have had some good prep and we have been playing some good cricket. So, I do not think anything has to change. We know South Africa is a great side. They have been playing well, as they always do in these tournaments. So yeah, we know it is going to be a challenge come tomorrow, but I think what we have been doing is been good," he said.

semifinals

"We have been doing a lot of good stuff. Obviously, the last game against India was on a very different surface. So, we know we have got experience here on the surface. We know South Africa shapes up well, but I think it is

obviously a knockout. It is just whoever can turn up on the day and hopefully that is us tomorrow," he added. Squads:

New Zealand Squad: Will Young, Rachin Ravindra, Kane Williamson, Daryl Mitchell, Tom Latham(w), Glenn Phillips, Michael Bracewell, Mitchell Santner(c), Matt Henry, Kyle Jamieson, William O'Rourke, Jacob Duffy, Devon Conway, Mark Chapman, Nathan Smith. South Africa Squad: Ryan

Rickelton, Tristan Stubbs, Rassie van der Dussen, Heinrich Klaasen(w), David Miller, Aiden Markram(c), Wiaan Mulder. Marco Jansen, Keshav Maharai Kagiso Rabada, Lungi Ngidi, Temba Bavuma, Corbin Bosch, Tabraiz Shamsi, George Linde, Tony de Zorzi.

TEAM INDIA WEARING BLACK ARMBANDS IN HONOUR OF PADMAKAR SHIVALKAR

DUBAI [UAE]: The Indian Cricket Team was seen sporting black armbands on Tuesday during the first semi-final of the ongoing ICC Champions Trophy 2025 at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium in honour of the late Padmakar Shivalkar. Padmakar Shivalkar. one of the greatest Indian cricketers who was unlucky not to have played for the national team, passed away in Mumbai on Monday at the age of 84.

A legendary left-arm spinner, Shivalkar was a dominant force in domestic cricket and a key figure in Bombay's Ranji Trophy dominance. He played a crucial role in 10 of Bombay's victorious Ranji Trophy cam-



paigns from 1965-66 to 1976-77, during which the team won

the title in every season except one. He was also part of the

squad that reclaimed the cham-

Remarkably, he made a comeback at the age of 47 and played two matches in the 1987-88 season. Since India won its quarter-final game at the 2011 World Cup, the two sides have faced each other four times in the ICC ODI tournaments. India and Australia have won two games each. India's victories came in the round-robin matches at the 2019 and 2023 World Cups. On the other hand, their heartbreaking defeats unfolded in the 2015 semi-finals and the 2023 final. Since their last encounter on November 19. 2023, there has been a complete difference between the two sides that will line up on

Tuesday in front of a vibrant crowd in Dubai. Speaking of the clash, Australia skipper Steve Smith won the toss and elected to bat first against the Rohit Sharma-led team.

Australia (Playing XI): Cooper Connolly, Travis Head, Steven Smith (c), Marnus Labuschagne, Josh Inglis (wk), Alex Carey, Glenn Maxwell, Ben Dwarshuis, Nathan Ellis, Adam

Teams:

Zampa, Tanveer Sangha. India (Playing XI): Rohit Sharma (c), Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, Axar Patel, KL Rahul (wk), Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, Mohammed Shami, Kuldeep Yadav, Varun Chakravarthy.

India to host 2nd Asian Yogasana Championship in March 2025

NEW DELHI [INDIA]: The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, in collaboration with the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Yogasana Bharat announced the 2nd Asian Yogasana Championship, scheduled to be held from March 29 to 31, 2025, at the Indira Gandhi Arena,

The championship aims to promote Yogasana as a sport on an international platform while embracing its rich heritage and deep-rooted cultural significance. This event will bring together top athletes from across Asia to showcase their skill, agility, and discipline in various competitive Yogasana categories. The aim is to promote Yogasana as a sport globally and create a roadmap towards inclusion into the Olympics as a competitive sport, a press release by SAI

The championship is supported by leading organizations, including the Olympic Council of Asia, World Yogasana, Asian Yogasana, and Yogasana Indraprastha. With a vision to establish Yogasana as a mainstream global sport, the event will offer a display of balance, strength, and flexibility, highlighting the immense potential of

Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya highlighted India's pivotal role in Yoga's global journey, and said the event is a way to showcase not just the athleticism of Yogasanas but also its power to transform lives, both physically and mentally.

"India, the birthplace of Yoga, is honoured to host the 2nd Asian Yogasana Championship. This event is more than just a competition; it is a celebration of our ancient wisdom evolving into a modern competitive sport. We are committed to making Yogasana's a global sporting discipline, and this championship is a significant step toward that goal. Through this event, we showcase not just the athleticism of Yogasanas but also its power to transform lives, both physically and mentally. I look forward to this championship being a grand success and bringing together the principle of holistic well-being across the world spearheaded by India," Mansukh Mandaviya said, as quoted by the SAI press release.

Sanjay Malpani, President of Asian Yogasana, emphasized the championship's impact, saying, "The 2nd Asian Yogasana Championship is a defining moment in our mission to establish

Yogasanas as a globally recognized sport. We are witnessing the fusion of tradition with modern athletic excellence. This championship is proof that Yogasana is not just a practice but a competitive sport that demands precision, endurance, and artistry. With every athlete who competes, we take one step closer to Yogasanas rightful place on the world stage.

Jaideep Arya, Secretary General, World Yogasana, said "emphasized that "the 2nd Asian Yogasana Championship in New Delhi marks a significant milestone in our mission to promote Yogasana as a global competitive sport. This championship brings together exceptional athletes from across Asia, showcasing the strength, flexibility, and discipline that define this ancient practice. We are proud to witness the growing enthusiasm for Yogasana and remain committed to its development as a mainstream sporting discipline. May this event inspire future generations to embrace Yogasana for both excellence in competition and holistic well-being.'

Udit Sheth, President of Yogasana Bharat, expressed his vision for the event, stating, "This championship is a beacon of India's leadership in the glob-



al Yogasana movement. As the world increasingly recognizes the immense benefits of Yogasanas, we stand at the forefront, shaping its future as a sport. Our mission is to provide young athletes with a platform to shine, to elevate Yogasanas to premier sporting events, and to reinforce India's commitment to sharing this invaluable heritage with the

With the increasing recognition of Yogasana as a sport, the championship is expected to draw significant attention from the global sporting community. It serves as a stepping stone toward Yogasana's inclusion in international multi-sport events, fostering awareness and enthusiasm for this ancient practice in a modern sporting framework, the release further added

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