

Mamata Banerjee appoints Kalyan Banerjee as legal counsel in defamation case filed by Guv

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant legal maneuver, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has appointed senior advocate and Trinamool Congress MP Kalyan Banerjee to represent her in the defamation lawsuit filed by Governor C.V. Ananda Bose. The transition was confirmed in the courtroom of Justice T.S. Sivagnanam at the Kolkata High Court on Wednesday by the esteemed legal firm Fox & Mandal. However, though Kalyan Banerjee was present in the court, the scheduled hearing did not proceed.

This legal reshuffle comes with notable political undertones, as the case was previously being handled by distinguished advocate Sanjay Basu, who is widely recognized for his close professional association with Trinamool Congress General Secretary and Diamond Harbour

MP Abhishek Banerjee. His removal from the case has fueled speculation regarding internal strategic realignments within the party's legal framework.

The defamation suit, filed by Governor Bose, stems from a contentious episode concerning the oath-taking ceremony of two newly elected legislators - Sayantika Banerjee and Reyat Hossain. The Governor had directed the Deputy Speaker to administer the oath; however, the latter refrained from doing so in presence of Assembly Speaker Biman Banerjee. Eventually, the Speaker himself officiated the swearing-in process, an act that the Governor has legally challenged as a breach of constitutional protocol. The lawsuit names Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee as the primary respondent, alongside Trinamool leader and party



spokesperson Kunal Ghosh, Sayantika Banerjee, and another party functionary. With the case carrying significant constitutional and political ramifications, the Chief Minister's decision to bring senior TMC

leader and her close confidant Kalyan Banerjee on board reflects a strategic recalibration in legal representation.

Fox & Mandal, a prestigious legal firm, has been entrusted with handling the case, with Kalyan Banerjee now leading the defence. This transition is being interpreted as a shift in legal strategy, reinforcing the Chief Minister's position in the ongoing legal battle. Kalyan Banerjee's expertise and stature in both legal and political spheres are expected to add substantial weight to the defence.

The move has also drawn attention due to Sanjay Basu's longstanding association with Abhishek Banerjee, leading to conjecture over whether this change signals a broader realignment within Trinamool Congress's legal and political apparatus. Given Basu's

deep-rooted connections within the party, his removal from such a high-profile case is viewed as a development of considerable political significance.

The controversy surrounding the oath-taking process had already intensified tensions between the Raj Bhavan and the state government. Governor Bose's legal action underscores the ongoing constitutional tussle, with the state's executive and gubernatorial authority at odds over procedural adherence.

The Chief Minister's legal strategy, now under the stewardship of Kalyan Banerjee, is poised to challenge the allegations robustly. With the case expected to have far-reaching implications on the state's political and administrative landscape, the courtroom battle ahead is set to be closely watched by legal and political observers alike.

Govt nod to over ₹7,500 crore ropeway projects for Kedarnath, Hemkund Sahib

MI News Service, New Delhi: In a major decision to meet a long standing demand from lakhs of pilgrims and others, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved a 4,081.28 crore project for constructing a 12.9 km ropeway from Sonprayag to Kedarnath, Minister for Information and Broadcasting, and Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw announced on Wednesday. Developed through a public-private partnership, the ropeway will incorporate advanced tri-cable detachable gondola (3S) technology, with a design capacity of 1,800 passengers per hour per direction (PPHPD), facilitating the transport of 18,000 passengers daily. The project is expected to significantly enhance the pilgrimage experience by providing an environment-friendly, comfortable, and rapid mode of transport, reducing the one-way travel time from the current 8 to 9 hours to approximately 36 minutes, Vaishnaw stated. Additionally, the committee, chaired by Prime minister Narendra Modi, approved the construction of a 12.4 km ropeway from Govindghat to Hemkund Sahib Ji, with a total capital cost of 2,730.13 crore. Currently, the journey to Hemkund Sahib Ji involves a strenuous 21-km uphill trek from Govindghat, covered on foot or using ponies and palanquins. The proposed ropeway aims to offer a more convenient travel option for pilgrims visiting Hemkund Sahib Ji and tourists heading to the Valley of Flowers, ensuring all-weather last-mile connectivity between Govindghat and Hemkund Sahib Ji. The project will be developed through a public-private partnership and will feature a monocable detachable gondola (MDG) system from Govindghat to Ghangaria (10.55 km), seamlessly integrated with the advanced tri-cable detachable gondola (3S) technology from Ghangaria to Hemkund Sahib Ji (1.85 km). It will have a design capacity of 1,100 passengers per hour per direction, facilitating the transport of 11,000 passengers daily. The Kedarnath ropeway project will connect Sonprayag to Kedarnath and will be developed under the Design, Build, Finance, Operate, and Transfer (DBFOT) mode. The project is being executed through a public-private partnership enabling the transport of up to 18,000 pilgrims daily.



Damaged suspension motor bridge connecting Govindghat and Hemkund Sahib following a landslide, in Chamoli district.

Trump announces reciprocal tariffs against India, China and other countries from April 2

MI News Service, Washington (DC): Criticising both India and China along with some other countries for their high tariffs on export items, US President Donald Trump has called them "very unfair" and announced his decision to impose 'reciprocal tariffs' on them from early next month.

In his address to a Joint Session of the US Congress here on Wednesday (Indian time), Trump said the reciprocal tariffs on India, China and others will commence from April 2.

"Other countries have used tariffs against us for decades and now it's our turn to start using them against those other countries. On average, the European Union, China, Brazil, India, - Mexico and Canada - Have you heard of them - and countless other nations charge us tremendously higher tariffs than we charge them. It's very unfair," Trump said in his usual tone at the Congress. Their trade policies are "unfair to Americans", he said.

Trump's pledge of reciprocal tariffs came a day after his new 25 per cent tariffs on Canadian and Mexican imports took effect, along with the doubling of duties on Chinese goods to 20 per cent. As a result, the US's three largest trading partners have announced retaliatory measures against the US.

"India charges us tariffs higher than 100 per cent, China's average tariff on our products is twice what we charge them and South Korea's average tariff is four times higher. This is happening by friends and foe. The system is not fair to the US; it never was. On April 2, reciprocal tariffs kick in. Whatever they tax us, we will tax them," Trump said, while noting that he did not want to make



the announcement on April 1 since it is April Fool's Day.

He further asserted that if the trading partners "use non-monetary tariffs to keep us out of their market, then we will use non-monetary barriers to keep them out of our market".

"We will take in trillions and trillions of dollars and create jobs like we have never seen before" and noted that "we've been ripped off for decades by every country on earth, and we will not let that happen any longer," the President added.

Last month, Trump called on his administration to investigate plans for reciprocal tariffs on all the US's trading partners, expected to be completed on April 1.

On the campaign trail as well, he vowed to address what he called unfair trade practices by foreign countries. Just after midnight on Tuesday, Trump imposed 25 per cent taxes, or tariffs, on Mexican and Canadian imports, though he limited the levy to

10 per cent on Canadian energy. Trump also doubled the tariff he slapped last month on Chinese products to 20 per cent.

While Canadian Prime minister Justin Trudeau announced that his government would impose tariffs on more than USD100 billion of American goods over the course of 21 days, Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum said she would respond to the new taxes with its own retaliatory tariffs on Sunday.

Meanwhile, China not only retaliated with tariffs of up to 15 per cent on American farm exports, but also expanded the number of US companies subject to export controls and other restrictions by about two dozen.

During the first address of his second term in a joint session of the Congress, United States President Donald Trump defended his harsh tariff policy, reiterating that the US has been facing high tariffs from several countries across the world, including India.

"If you don't make your product in America under the trump Administration, you will pay a tariff, and in some cases, a rather large one," Trump said during his address.

Singling out India during the speech, Trump said, "India charges us auto tariffs higher than 100 per cent."

"China's average tariff on our products is twice what we charge them and South Korea's average tariff is four times higher," he further said. Trump announced that the United States will impose reciprocal tariffs on several nations, starting April 2 and not April 1, since he didn't want it to coincide with "April Fools Day".

Rs 12.56 cr worth of smuggled gold seized from Kannada actress at Bengaluru airport: DRI

MI News Service, Bengaluru: 33 year old popular Kannada film actress Ranya Rao has been arrested at Bengaluru International Airport for allegedly smuggling 14.2 kg of gold worth Rs 12.56 crore, from Dubai

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) said on Wednesday that after calculation it was estimated that the value of the gold bars seized from the Kannada actress at Kempegowda International Airport here on Tuesday night was not less than Rs 12.56 crore.

Rao is the stepdaughter of senior IPS officer Ramachandra Rao, who is currently serving as Director-General of Police, Karnataka State Police Housing Corporation, a senior police officer said.

The total seizure in the case, however, stood at Rs 17.29 crore, which included assets worth Rs 4.73 crore, marking a significant blow to organised gold smuggling networks. A day after Kannada film actress Ranya Rao was arrested at Bengaluru International Airport for allegedly smuggling 14.2 kg of gold

worth Rs 12.56 crore, the DRI said on Wednesday that a raid at her residence has led to the seizure of jewellery worth 2.06 crore and 2.67 crore in cash. Rao, 33, who is the step-daughter of a senior Karnataka IPS officer of the Director General of Police rank, was intercepted at the airport on Tuesday when she was returning from one of her frequent trips to Dubai. "Acting on specific intelligence, DRI officers intercepted an Indian lady passenger

India will be USD 5 trillion economy soon, says PM Modi

MI News Service, New Delhi: Urging the Indian industry and all stakeholders to invest in people, economy, and innovation to create jobs and boost growth, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday exuded confidence that the day is not far off when India will become a USD 5 trillion economy, the third largest in the world.

Speaking in a post-Budget webinar on employment, PM Modi said the government has provided skill training to 3 crore youth since 2014 and decided to upgrade 1,000 ITIs and set up five centres of excellence.

Referring to an IMF report of February 2025, Modi noted that between 2015 and 2025, India grew by 66 per cent, making the country a USD 3.8 trillion economy.

Reiterating his vision that the country will soon become the third largest economy of the world after the USA and China, Prime Minister said India is poised to become the growth engine of the world in the coming years.

He said the "mission-mode" reforms has improved the ease of doing business in India and invited all types of businesses to be part of the country's development journey. While mentioning about the strides made by India on the digital payments front, Modi said there are many possibilities for using the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for BRICS. He also said that Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) together can contribute significantly to global welfare, particularly of the Global South.

The prime minister further stated that despite the turmoil in the global economy, India today is the



fastest growing major economy in the world.

"Soon, India will become a USD 5 trillion economy. There is no doubt that India will be the growth engine of the world in the years to come," Modi said and added that the country converted disasters and hardships into opportunities for economic . The reforms that we have done in the mission mode in the last few years have resulted in continuous improvement in the ease of doing business in India," he said.

Highlighting the reforms undertaken, including technology-based solutions to address the social and economic challenges, as well as the efforts to reduce the compliance burden, Modi said India is now rolling out the red carpet by removing the red tape.

Investor confidence has increased due to the implementation of Goods and Services Tax (GST), and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, the prime minister said and asserted that the people of India have taken a pledge to become a developed nation by 2047.

Inviting businesses to join India's development journey, Modi said New Delhi has opened up sectors like defence and space for private investments,

and that manufacturing sector is becoming competitive due to reduction in logistics cost. < . . .

Further, the prime minister said his government is taking steps to make India a global manufacturing hub in areas like solar energy, wind energy, electric vehicles, green hydrogen, green ammonia. "It is natural that this will create a big market for renewable technology in India," he said.

With the use of technology, Modi said India has taken a giant leap towards financial inclusion, and rural women have benefited the most.

Direct Benefit Transfers (DBT) worth more than USD 360 billion have been done, resulting in increased transparency in service delivery, and reducing corruption and middlemen, he said.

Referring to the UPI platform, Modi said it is used in India from street vendors to big shopping malls.

Countries like UAE, Singapore and France are joining the UPI platform and there are many possibilities of working on this with BRICS countries as well, PM Modi said.

Large scale investments are being made in infrastructure that will lay a strong foundation for a new India of the future.

Two moderate earthquakes rock Manipur

MI News Service, Imphal / Shillong: Two consecutive earthquakes, including one of 5.7 magnitude, rocked Manipur on Wednesday morning even as the shock of both the tremors were felt across the entire Northeastern region, official sources said.

According to the Regional Seismological Centre in Shillong, the first earthquake of 5.7 magnitude struck Manipur at 11.06 am. Its epicentre was found 44 km east of Yairipok in Imphal East district, and at a depth of 110 km. A second earthquake of 4.1 magnitude once again struck Manipur at 12.20 pm. This time it struck the Kamjong district of the state, at a depth of 66 km, they added. Both the tremors of moderate intensity were also felt in

DRDO conducts high-altitude integrated life-support system trials for IAF pilots

MI News Service, New Delhi: In a major breakthrough, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully conducted high-altitude trials of an indigenous life support system for pilots onboard Tejas light combat aircraft.

The defence ministry said cutting-edge life support systems have been designed to generate and regulate breathable oxygen for pilots during flight, eliminating dependence on traditional cylinder-based oxygen.

The trials which were conducted on Wednesday proved that DRDO has successfully conducted high-altitude trials of an indigenous life support system for pilots onboard Tejas light combat aircraft.

With appropriate modifications, the system can also be adapted for use in

MiG-29K and other aircraft, the ministry said. "The Defence Bio-Engineering and Electro Medical Laboratory, a Bengaluru-based lab under the DRDO successfully conducted high-altitude trials of the Indigenous On-Board Oxygen Generating System (OBOGS)-based Integrated Life Support System (ILSS) for the LCA Tejas aircraft on March 4," it said.

The ILSS underwent rigorous testing on the LCA-prototype vehicle-3 aircraft of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) meeting stringent aeromedical standards in varied flight conditions, including altitudes of up to 50,000 feet above mean sea level and high-G maneuvers, it added. "Following flight clearance from Centre for Military

Minor raped in Tollygunge: Family demands justice

MI News Service, Kolkata:

A harrowing incident of sexual assault on a seven-year-old girl in Tollygunge has sparked outrage in the locality. The minor's family has filed a police complaint, leading to the detention of a 20-22-year-old local youth suspected of the crime. The accused is currently being interrogated, while the incident has triggered widespread condemnation.

According to sources, the victim, a resident of Sahab Para in Tollygunge, lived with her parents and younger sister. The alleged assault occurred when the house was empty, and the accused took advantage of the situation. Initially, the terrified child did not disclose the incident. However, after her family noticed bloodstains on her clothing, she revealed the ordeal.

Following this, the family rushed to the police station to file a complaint. Shockingly, they alleged that the police were initially reluctant to register the case and only agreed after repeated requests. Authorities are now verifying the suspect's documents to determine whether he is a minor.

The victim's mother, in a heart-wrenching statement, demanded the strictest punishment for the accused. "I found out about the incident at around 11:30 PM. Her pants had bloodstains, and she was bleeding. My daughter told me this was not the first time—it happened a month ago as well. I want the accused to be hanged," she said. The case has drawn the attention of a local NGO working for underprivileged children, with activists demanding severe punishment for the perpetrator.

HS candidate admitted to hospital

MI News Service, Murshidabad:

A higher secondary examinee felt ill in the examination center. As soon as exam question paper came she suddenly fell ill. Severe stomach pain started, accompanied by vomiting. She was quickly rescued and admitted to the hospital. It was found that the girl's body was dehydrated. It is learnt that a candidate suddenly felt unwell at the beginning of the exam on Wednesday. The candidate was immediately rescued and taken to the Baharan Primary Health Center. After receiving first aid there, the candidate sat on the bed and gave the exam. According to school sources, the candidate's name is Nurefa Khatun. She is a student of Mahishamara Ghoramara Higher Secondary School. Her seat was at Khidirpur Colony Netaji Higher Secondary School. Finally, Nurefa completed the remaining English exam sitting on the hospital bed amidst tight security.

State to launch 'where is my bus' app for real-time tracking

MI News Service, Kolkata:

Kolkata's daily commuters will soon be able to track their buses in real time, eliminating the uncertainty of long waits at bus stops. The West Bengal Transport Department is set to introduce a new mobile application, 'Where is My Bus', which will provide live updates on bus locations, estimated arrival times, and other essential travel information. This digital initiative will allow passengers to monitor bus movements from their homes or workplaces before heading to the bus stop. In addition to the app, digital display boards will be installed at major bus stops across the city to provide real-time bus schedules. Both government and private buses, as well as minibuses, will be integrated into the system. To operate this system, bus drivers will need smartphones, which prompted bus owners to request government support in providing devices. Responding to this demand, the state government, in collaboration with an advertising agency, has

agreed to supply smartphones to bus drivers. In return, the advertising agency will be permitted to display advertisements on the buses, funding the cost of the devices. A meeting between the Transport Department and bus owners' association was recently held to finalize the implementation. During the discussions, officials confirmed that each bus driver would be equipped with a smartphone, enabling real-time location updates. The Transport Department will also conduct training sessions for drivers to familiarize them with the app's functionalities. Before starting their trip, bus drivers must scan a QR



code, which will automatically send the bus's location and route details to the Transport Department's IT division. This data will then be uploaded to the app, ensuring passengers receive real-time tracking information. Additionally, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation will soon install electronic display boards at key city intersections. These boards will display real-time information, including bus arrival times, route details, and service availability, offering commuters greater convenience. Transport Minister Snehasis Chakraborty emphasized the initiative's importance, stating, "This project aims to enhance passenger convenience and improve Kolkata's public transportation system. We will ensure proper monitoring for smooth implementation. If all preparations go as planned, the 'Where is My Bus' app will be launched in April 2025, marking a significant step toward a more organized and commuter-friendly public transport system in West Bengal."

Population surge in Malda's English Bazaar over the last two years

MI News Service, Malda:

Population explosion in the English Bazaar municipality area in the last two years! The population structure has changed. The image of Malda city has changed radically in two years. The opposition says. The Trinamool Municipal Board is also worried. The Trinamool is not ruling out the possibility of Bangladeshis presence. It is also known that the entire issue will be drawn to the attention of the Chief Minister. Also, suddenly, rows of shops have been opened everywhere with trade licenses of foreigners. And the opposition alleges that they are almost all minorities. The same tone is shared by the Merchant Chamber of Commerce and the general public.

According to the 2025 municipal survey, the population is 2 lakh 99 thousand. That is, about three

lakh. Although there has been no census after 2011. But judging by the situation, it is claimed that at least more than four lakh people are living in the municipal area. The question arises about this one lakh or more people. Based on a survey, a report on the population growth in the municipal area is prepared. Where an estimate is made of what the population will be until 2031.

How many people are there every year? But all those calculations are getting confused. The rate at which the number of people is increasing in a single year is making everyone scared. On the other hand, there is also a proposal to increase the municipality to a corporation. But even in the sector, the rules are the same as those who are the ghosts. Because the question is the same: who are the people who are flock-

ing?

Amlan Bhaduri, the opposition leader of the English Bazaar Municipality, said, "We have been seeing this for the past few years. Not residents of the city, and in some cases not even Bengalis, they are doing business in different places. They are doing this with valid trade licenses from the municipality. I have been raising questions about this for a long time, how do they get trade licenses?"

In this regard, English Bazaar Municipality Chairman Krishnandunaranjan Chowdhury said, "It cannot be said that people from Bihar will not come and do business here. People from Bengal also go to Bihar. We have asked the councilors to keep an eye on their own areas. If tenants suddenly come, we have asked them to check who they are and whether they have the correct identity cards."

Mysterious animal ailments hit Burdwan Zoo: Crocodile dies, three Leopards contract skin disease

MI News Service, Burdwan:

Burdwan Zoological Park Under Scrutiny Following Crocodile Death and Leopard Skin Disease Outbreak*

Concerns have been raised regarding the wildlife management system at the Zoological Park in Ramnabagan, Burdwan, after the death of an adult male crocodile and the simultaneous infection of three leopards with a skin disease.

An autopsy has been performed on the deceased crocodile, and tissue samples have been sent to a

laboratory for further analysis to determine the exact cause of death. Measures have been taken to prevent the spread of infection within the park.

Zoological Park doctor Tapan Kumar Ghosh explained that the fight that led to the crocodile's injury was a natural occurrence among wild animals. The park is cooperating with a regional laboratory in Kolkata to investigate the incident and ensure the health and well-being of the animals in its care.

Regarding the leopards, two of the three affected animals have already recovered, while the third, an elderly leopard named Kali, is taking longer to recover due to its age.

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Patient admitted with stomach pain found dead outside hospital gate

MI News Service, Howrah:

A shocking incident has unfolded at Sankaril Rural Hospital in Howrah, where the body of an elderly woman was discovered outside the hospital gate just a day after she was admitted with stomach pain. The woman, who complained of stomach pain around 8 pm on Tuesday, was initially taken to Sankrali treatment. The next morning locals were stunned to find the woman's body lying on the roadside, next to a shop sparking widespread outrage and allegation of hospital negligence. Despite the presence of security guards, it remains unclear how the patient managed to exit the hospital premises and end up deceased on the roadside. Hospital doctors initially denied any involvement but the District Health Department has since launched an investigation into the matter. The body has been sent for autopsy and local authorities have been informed. The District Health Department is working to determine the circumstances surrounding the patient's death and how she ended up outside the hospital gate.

Farmers discovered charred humans remains amidst burning crops residues

MI News Service, South 24 Pgs:

An empty field, with a pile of burning straw in the middle. Everyone thought someone might be burning the crop residue. But as they walked past the field, many people smelled the strong smell of burning skin. That made the villagers suspicious. They went closer. Realizing the danger, they brought buckets of water from their houses and started pouring it on them. As soon as the fire was partially extinguished, they were shocked. A charred body of a woman was seen in the pile of burning straw!

The charred body of a woman was recovered from a burning haystack in the middle of an empty field. The incident took place in Srichada-Buda area of Belsinha No. 2 Gram Panchayat under Falta police station in South 24 Parganas. The identity of the woman who was recovered is not known. On Wednesday morning, local residents saw a fire burning in a haystack in an empty field between two villages. After receiving information from locals, the Falta police station reached the spot, recovered the body and sent it to the Diamond Harbour Medical College Hospital morgue for an autopsy. However, questions are being raised about how the woman's body ended up in the burning haystack in the empty field. The police have started an investigation to identify the woman and determine whether she was sexually assaulted before her death.

A three-day workshop organized by Linguistic Research Unit of the ISI

MI News Service, Kolkata:

A three-day workshop organized by the Linguistic Research Unit of the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) from today to March 7 was formally inaugurated by ISI Director Professor Sanghamitra Banerjee. Dr. Swarna Lata, former Director, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and Advisor, Bhasini Project, Government of India, Professor Deepti Prasad Mukherjee, Deputy Director ISI, Professor Bishwabrat Pradhan, Dean of Studies, ISI, Professor Niladri Shekhar Das, Head Linguistic Research Unit, ISI and other eminent personalities were also present. More than 80 students and researchers participated in the workshop on the topic of "Translation and Annotation of Scientific, Technical and Knowledge Texts". How Indians will translate from one regional language to another using machines and current technology, and how necessary it will be in the future, will be discussed in this three-day workshop.



The teaching and non-teaching staff of Jadavpur University took part in a protest rally over the Jadavpur university incident, at University campus in Kolkata on Wednesday.

Mother, an ex BSF worker arrested for attempting to kill her 11 year old son

MI News Service, Krishnanagar:

A woman was arrested for attempting to kill her 11-year-old son by strangulation. The incident took place in Krishnanagar's Ghurni area of Nadia on Wednesday. She was pronounced at Krishnanagar Court on the same day, a police sources said.



The woman is a former BSF worker. Her husband was killed by burnt in BSF camp a few years back. The woman's in-laws alleged that the woman was behind the death of her husband. Allegedly, the woman killed her husband due to extramarital affairs. But she was not arrested at that time. However, the Krishnanagar Kotwali police arrested the woman on Wednesday after she complained of attempting to kill her son.

According to police sources, the accused woman is known as Manasi Biswas. She was previously dismissed from her job.

In 2011, Manasi fell in love with a man named Supada Biswas and married him. They have an 11-year-old

son. He lived with his father Supada. Supadar's family claims that after marriage, Manasi started working in the BSF. She went to Malda following her posting.

Allegedly, she got involved in extramarital affairs there. She started living with her boyfriend Ranjit Roy who also was a BSF worker.

Meanwhile, Supada went to Malda taking his son to meet his wife. But when he went to the BSF camp, he found out that Manasi did not live there. He came to know she was living in a separate rented house with Ranjit Roy whom the locals described as her husband. Listening it Supada got perplexed.

After that, he went to Manasi's rented house. There he saw her with Ranjit. After that, Supad returned to the

camp. Later on, he died of burns there mysteriously.

After the unnatural death of Supada, his sister, Unnati Biswas, filed a complaint at the Malda police station. A complaint was also filed with the BSF. Based on that complaint, Manasi and Ranjit were dismissed from their jobs.

Although the deceased's family claimed that the police didn't arrest anyone in this incident.

Later on, the guardian of Supad moved to Krishnanagar with Supad's child. The son studies at school at the BSF campus.

Recently, this news reached to Manasi. She wants to bring her son back on Wednesday. However, it is alleged that the child was threatened to be killed by his mother, because he did not want to stay with his mother. It is alleged that she tried to kill her son by beating and strangling him.

Then Supad's mother filed a complaint with the Kotwali police station in Krishnanagar. In the wake of that incident, the police arrested the accused mother.

Businessman critically injured in unprovoked attack

MI News Service, Bankura:

A shocking incident occurred in Hajaldih Bazar, Jaipur Police station, Bankura, where a local businessman, Debasis Ghosh was stabbed multiple times in a brazen daylight attack. The incident took place in front of a crowded marketplace leaving onlookers stunned. According to eyewitnesses,

Debasis was engaged in conversation with a lottery seller when a young man, identified as Banamali Majhi, suddenly appeared and launched a vicious attack. Without warning, Banamali pulled out a sharp knife from his clothing and stabbed Debasis three times in rapid succession. Local businessmen rushed to Debasis' aid, rescuing

him and transporting him to the Jaipur Block Primary health Center. Due to the severity of his injuries, Debasis was later shifted to another medical facility for further treatment. The accused, Banamali Majhi was promptly arrested by the Jaipur Police Station. An investigation into the incident is currently underway

Desperate farmer on brink of collapse as potato prices plummet

MI News Service, Garhbeta:

Potato Farmers in Paschim Medinipur district particularly in areas such as Shalbani, Garbeta and Chandrakona are struggling to make ends meet due to low potato prices and high production costs. Despite investing production coast. Despite investing significant amounts of money, including wage, in cultivating potatoes farmers are incurring substantial losses. According to farmers, the coast cultivating potatoes per bigha is approximately Tk 40,000 to Tk

45,000 including the cost of seeds, chemical fertilizers, and labor. However, with the current market price of potatoes, farmers are only earning Tk 30,000 to Tk 35,000 per bigha, resulting in losses for Tk 10,000 to Tk 15,000 per bigha. Farmers are expressing frustration and desperation, stating that they are struggling to repay loans taken from cooperatives, banks and moneylenders at exorbitant interest rates. The government's decision to control potato prices has also led to traders turning away,

further reducing the price farmers receive for their produce. A local farmer, Kalipada Pal highlighted the dire situation stating "The cost of labor is high, the cost of seeds is high. How will we repay the debt? There is no other option but to commit suicide. How will we survive if potatoes are sold at this price?" The government's announcement to purchase potatoes at a support price has not been effectively implemented at the grassroots level, leaving farmers without a visible solution to their financial woes.

IGNOU Regional Centre Kolkata organized 38th Convocation for the learners of West Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata:

The 38th Convocation of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) was held at IGNOU Hq, New Delhi and through digital mode at 36 selected Regional Centres (including Kolkata) across the country on 5th March 2025. Sh. Dharmendra Pradhan, Education Minister Govt. of India, was the Chief Guest at University Campus, IGNOU New Delhi and delivered the convocation address. Regional Centre Kolkata organized its convocation programme for the learners of West Bengal at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Auditorium, NITTR, FC Block, Sector- III, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700106.

Professor Ranjan Chakrabarti, former Vice-Chancellor, Netaji Subhas Open University and Vidyasaagar University was the Guest of Honour at Kolkata Regional Centre and delivered the convocation address. The Guest of Honour in his convocation address congratulated the recipients of the Degree commending for their perseverance and dedication in pursuing their academic goals. He encouraged them to continue their quest for knowledge and to strive for excellence in their chosen fields. While lauding the University's mission of 'democratization of education' and 'reaching the unreached' Prof. Chakraborty in his address mentioned that Open and Distance Learning (ODL) made knowledge acquisition accessible to many learners, who otherwise were unable to attend regular institutes of higher learning. In his address, he also observed that Education is the best tool towards creating peaceful and sustainable societies. He emphasized the importance of being a responsible citizen in the fullest sense of the term.

Dr. Sujata Dutta Hazarika, Senior Regional Director IGNOU Regional Centre Kolkata in her address highlighted the importance of education to uphold the society, its cultural heritage which can give us a wealth of knowledge and strength for self management. She elaborated that Open and Distance Learning (ODL) system has the capacity to mobilize educational resources and provide learning opportunities for diverse populations. She pointed out that over the years; IGNOU has lived up to the country's expectations of providing education to the marginalised sections of society. IGNOU uses emerging and innovative technologies to provide access and opportunities to differently able, tribal, women and jail inmates across the country by adopting the best practices from successful models from India and abroad. IGNOU serves the educational aspirations of over 3 million students in India and abroad through 21 School of Studies and a network of 57 Regional Centres around 2257 Learner Support Centres, 59 Jail Study Centres and 25 overseas institutions including the Pan Africa Network, SAARC Tele-Education Network and UNESCO. Today, IGNOU offers more than 333 (offline) and 43 (online) programmes at various levels from certificates to doctoral degree. There are around 35,000 Academic Counselors interacting with our learners on a part time basis.

She also highlighted the

important role of Regional Centre Kolkata providing access to higher education to the prospective learners of West Bengal with 34 active Learners Support Centres under the Regional Centre Kolkata. She expressed her willingness to introduce more innovative and technology driven programmes of the University which are available in other regions of the country for the learners of West Bengal with the active support of the educational institutions of West Bengal with the University's vision to reach the unreached.

She mentioned that in the 38th convocation, IGNOU has conferred Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates to a total of 3,13,770 learners at all India level and at Kolkata Region alone the number is 11,519. She further informed that the three learners from Regional Centre Kolkata namely Joydeep Das, MAPY programme, Riya Choudhary, MEC Programme and Sayanti Das, of BSCBCH Programme respectively have received the University Gold medalist for scoring the highest marks.

Sebaashray has found a place in the hearts of the people: Abhishek



Abhishek Banerjee visits Sebaashray Model Camp at Bata Newland, Maheshkala on Wednesday.

MI News Service, South 24 Pgs:

Inspired by the ideals of Swamiji and committed to the welfare of the Gonodebota, I dedicated myself to ensuring that quality healthcare reaches every doorstep. Today, after visiting two model

camps and an additional health camp in Maheshkala, I am reassured that #Sebaashray has found a place in the hearts of the people. With a resolve to restore health and well-being, I remain committed to breaking every barrier that

stands in the way of accessible medical care. To serve people, to wipe away their tears, is a responsibility I hold sacred. The overwhelming love, blessings, and faith of the people of Maheshkala have left me deeply moved.

DRDO conducts high...

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Airworthiness and Certification (CEMILAC), the system successfully met all specified parameters," the ministry said in a statement.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh congratulated the DRDO, the Indian Air Force, public sector undertakings, and industry partners on the "remarkable achievement".

Singh emphasised that this development reinforces India's commitment to cutting-edge defence technologies and aligns with the vision of 'Viksit Bharat 2047'.

The system has been manufactured by L&T as a

development cum production partner of the DRDO, reflecting a significant collaboration between the premier defence research institution and defence industries.

The ILSS has 90 per cent indigenous content, furthering India's self-reliance in aerospace technology, according to the ministry.

Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO, Samir V Kamat lauded the DRDO team, the IAF, and industry partners for their contributions towards the successful high-altitude trial of the Indigenous ILSS for LCA Tejas.

West Bengal Govt to introduce digital content to ease students' math anxiety

MI News Service, Kolkata: Mathematics has long been a subject of fear among students, especially up to the higher secondary level. Many struggle to pass, often relying on rote learning for other subjects, but failing to apply the same strategy to math. In a significant step, the West Bengal School Education Department is introducing digital content aimed at alleviating students' fear of mathematics and enhancing their learning experience.

Experts suggest that students often face severe anxiety during math exams, which can lead to panic and underperformance. To address this, the state government has planned to implement digital learning tools from the 2025-26 academic session. Education Minister Bratya Basu is expected to present

this initiative in the upcoming budget session of the state assembly on March 10. The Initiative, outlined in the budget documents, highlights the enhancement of digital content for math education at the higher secondary level. The program will be supervised by the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) and will be accessible via the official website (<https://sekhascert.wb.gov.in>). Students will have access to interactive learning modules under the initiative named "NijePora, NijeShekha" (Self-Learning), designed to help them understand and practice mathematical concepts independently.

Previously, a similar initiative was launched for English, and now mathematics has been included in the digital learning platform. This

move aims to encourage self-paced learning while also providing a support system where students can seek help from teachers when needed. Teachers, in turn, can consult educators for guidance on teaching methods.

A senior official from the education department stated, "The objective is to generate interest in mathematics among students, ensuring they do not face undue stress during exams. By making math more engaging and accessible, we aim to boost confidence and performance in the subject."

With this initiative, the state government hopes to create a positive learning environment where students can overcome their fear of math and develop a stronger foundation in the subject.

Snehasish Chakraborty stresses safety kits for accident prevention

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a bid to enhance road safety, Snehasish Chakraborty, Minister-in-Charge, Transport, Government of West Bengal, distributed safety kits to Uber Moto drivers in Kolkata. The initiative, launched in collaboration with Uber, aims to equip bike taxi riders with essential protective gear, reinforcing the state's commitment to reducing road accidents.

The move is aligned with the government's flagship "Safe Drive, Save Life" initiative, which has contributed to a significant decline in road accidents since its inception in 2016.

Snehasish Chakraborty said, "We are committed to making roads safer and initiatives like 'Safe Drive, Save Life' have played a crucial role in reducing accidents and saving lives. Ensuring that two-wheeler riders have access to proper protective gear is

an essential step toward making our roads safer. We appreciate Uber's commitment to road safety through the distribution of safety kits and its continued investment in rider and driver protection."

As part of this effort, the company will distribute 600 safety kits over the next two months. Each kit includes helmets, reflective vests, safety stickers, and elbow and knee pads, ensuring better protection for both riders and drivers.

Bike taxis have become a preferred mode of transport due to their affordability and convenience, but safety remains a concern. A KPMG report estimates that bike taxis could generate over 5.4 million livelihood opportunities in India by 2030. Minister Chakraborty emphasized the importance of protective gear and commended Uber for its proactive approach in enhancing road safety.

Two moderate earthquakes...

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Assam, Meghalaya and other parts of the region, they said. Meanwhile, cracks were seen in several buildings in Manipur following the dual tremors. Videos shared on social media showed cracks at a school building in Wangjing Landing in

Thoubal district where a relief camp for the ethnic strife hit people was being run.

"We are confirming the reports of the damage," an official in Imphal said.

No damage was, however reported so far from any other state of the region.

Cal HC declines urgent hearing on JU unrest

MI News Service, Kolkata: Jadavpur University has been witnessing intense student protests in recent days, disrupting academic activities. A public interest litigation (PIL) was filed seeking the Calcutta High Court's intervention in the matter. On Wednesday, a request for an urgent hearing was also submitted. However, Chief Justice T.S. Sivagnanam declined the plea, emphasizing that the university and the state government have their own legal frameworks and authority to manage the situation.

The unrest erupted on Saturday during the annual meeting of Web Cooper, leading to violent clashes. Education Minister Bratya Basu's car was vandalized, and he sustained injuries. Two student leaders from the left-wing faction were also wounded. Following this, a PIL was filed, urging judicial intervention.

During Wednesday's proceedings, advocate Arka Nag informed the Chief Justice about the ongoing disruption, stating that the vice-chancellor could not even enter the university premises. In response, the Chief Justice remarked, "This is a law-and-order issue. Let the police handle it. The state has the authority to act."

While rejecting the plea for an expedited hearing, the court hinted that the matter might be heard on Thursday.

Tangra: Mystery deepens as police reconstruct crime scene

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Tangra triple murder case continues to unravel, revealing chilling details with each phase of the investigation. According to police sources, PrasunDey, the younger son of the Dey family, has confessed to the murders. However, investigators are not entirely convinced that his statements tell the whole truth. To verify his claims, police officers took him to Atal Sur Road on Wednesday afternoon to reconstruct the crime scene.

The case first surfaced when Pranay and PrasunDey—the two brothers of the deceased family—claimed they were under immense financial stress and had planned to die by suicide. Later, Pranay alleged that he was too mentally weak to carry out the killings, so he ordered his younger brother Prasun to execute the murders. Following their arrests, police interrogations led to Prasun's reported confession, stating that he had committed the murders on his elder brother's command.

When produced in court, Prasun made no effort to defend himself. In fact, he refused legal representation. When the judge asked, "Do you want a lawyer? Do you have anything to say?" Prasun remained silent. A government-appointed lawyer later remarked, "He does not want a defense lawyer. He intends to go through the trial alone."



Stars of Khakee: The Bengal Chapter—Prosenjit Chatterjee, Jeet Madhani, Saswata Chatterjee, Chitrangada Singh, Ritwik Bhowmik, and Aadi Zafar Khan—along with Neeraj Pandey and Debatma Mandal, gathered at the Esplanade Depot to celebrate the city's legendary tram, in Kolkata, on Wednesday.

Kolkata Police intensifies scrutiny on arms dealers amid cartridge smuggling probe

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a decisive move to tighten surveillance on arms dealers, Kolkata Police has prepared detailed files on all licensed firearms traders operating within its jurisdiction. The Arms Act division has compiled individual records for each of the city's 14 authorized arms dealers, following a crackdown by the Bengal Special Task Force (STF) on an illegal cartridge smuggling network.

According to sources, these files have been created by cross-referencing weekly sales reports submitted by dealers, ensuring that every transaction is accounted for. The initiative was prompted by the recent STF operation in the Dalhousie area, where cartridges were allegedly trafficked from a licensed dealer. In response, Kolkata Police's Arms Act division has been instructed to conduct a thorough review of all dealers' records. The directive for file preparation was issued verbally, and reports indicate that the process has already been completed.

The move comes amid mounting concerns over regulatory lapses, particularly in light of the cartridge smuggling network operating within the city.

The proximity of such illicit activities to Lalbazar, Kolkata Police headquarters, had raised serious questions regarding oversight and enforcement. Law enforcement agencies are now taking corrective measures by scrutinizing past transactions of all registered arms dealers.

The investigation gained momentum follow-

ing the mid-February seizure of 190 rounds of ammunition from the Ishwaripur area under Jibantala police station. Four individuals were arrested, and subsequent interrogations led to further revelations, including the arrest of Jayanta Dutta from Shantipur. Dutta was identified as an employee of a licensed firearm store in Kolkata, linking the case directly to the city's legal arms trade.

Amid ongoing inquiries, another licensed arms dealer, located on BB Ganguly Street, has come under the scanner. The Bengal STF has already sealed the shop, alleging the dealer's involvement in unauthorized cartridge sales. One employee from the store has been detained, and intensive questioning is underway.

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SMP Kolkata inaugurates 54th National Safety Week



Rathendra Raman, Chairman, SMP Kolkata during the inaugural ceremony of the 54th National Safety Week, in Kolkata, on Wednesday.

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata's Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMP Kolkata) inaugurated the 54th National Safety Week on March 4, 2025, at Netaji Subhas Dock, marking the beginning of a week-long safety awareness initiative from March 4 to March 10, 2025. The event was inaugurated by Rathendra Raman, Chairman of SMP Kolkata, who also unfurled the safety flag.

The ceremony saw the presence of Shri SamratRahi, Deputy Chairman, Smt. RuchiAnand, Chief Commandant of CISF (SMP Kolkata Unit), and senior officials from Kolkata Dock System (KDS). Dock workers, CISF personnel, and port users actively participated, reinforcing the col-

lective commitment to safety. This year's theme is "Safety & Well-being Crucial for Viksit Bharat."

Addressing the gathering, Chairman Rathendra Raman emphasized the importance of strong safety measures, continuous training, and proactive risk management at ports, stating that workplace safety is essential for fostering a secure and efficient environment.

Various programs, including safety quizzes, fire mock drills, free medical camps, and awareness seminars, will be held across Kolkata Dock System and Haldia Dock Complex throughout the week, culminating in a valedictory ceremony on March 10, 2025.

Rs 12.56 cr worth of...

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aged around 33 years, who had arrived from Dubai to Bengaluru via Emirates flight on March 3, 2025. Upon examination, gold bars weighing 14.2 kg were found ingeniously concealed on (her) person," the DRI said in an official statement on Wednesday.

Following the arrest, Rao was remanded to DRI custody till March 18 by a special court for economic offences. A search was also carried out at her residence.

"Following the interception, DRI officers conducted a search at her residential premises located at Lavelle Road, Bengaluru, where she resides with her husband. The search resulted in the seizure of gold jewellery worth Rs 2.06 crore and Indian currency amounting to Rs 2.67 crore," the DRI said. The total seizure in the case stands at Rs 17.29 crore, according to the DRI.

"The lady passenger has been placed under arrest under the relevant provisions of the Customs Act, 1962 and remanded to judicial custody," the DRI said.

Rao, who entered the Kannada film industry in 2014 at the age of 22, played the lead role in three Kannada films. She had been trying to make a

mark in other southern language films.

Rao's step-father has had a controversial career and was linked many years ago in Mysuru to a suspicious robbery of a gold consignment that was being transported to Kerala from Karnataka on a bus by a jeweller. Several lower-level police officers were accused of being hand-in-glove in the robbery case that occurred over a decade ago. The senior police officer was transferred from his posting but no official or legal action was initiated against him in the gold robbery case.

Last year, the son of the police officer was questioned by a Karnataka Police special investigation team over his alleged association with international hacker Srikrishna Ramesh alias Sriki as part of investigations into the hacker's transactions and with specific reference to the purchase of a Porsche Macan bought by associates of the hacker in January 2018 by paying Rs 57 lakh. The car was later returned to the showroom for a refund.

The DGP's son married the daughter of a renowned former Kannada film actress-turned-politician last month. Rao is also reported to have been associated with senior politicians in Karnataka.

CBI summons senior doc in R.G. Kar case



MI News Service, Kolkata: The CBI has intensified its probe into the murder and rape of a young medical student at R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital by summoning a senior doctor for questioning. After interrogating several police officers and personnel, the central investigative agency has now summoned Dr. Sumit Ray Tapadar, a visiting professor from the Chest Medicine Department.

According to CBI sources, Dr. Tapadar appeared at the CGO Complex on Tuesday for questioning. Alongside him, several police officers were also interrogated regarding the incident. Dr. Tapadar was reportedly the first medical professional to examine the victim's lifeless body and

confirm that she was deceased. However, it was four hours later that Dr. Polly Samaddar, the emergency medical officer, officially declared the victim dead.

It has been revealed that Dr. Tapadar immediately informed the then-principal of R.G. Kar Medical College, Sandeep Ghosh, about the victim's death via a phone call. The victim's parents, who recently met the CBI Director in Delhi, had specifically requested a fresh round of questioning for both Dr. Tapadar and Dr. Samaddar. Following this request, the CBI recorded Dr. Tapadar's statement, while also summoning 11 Kolkata Police personnel for interrogation.

The CBI has informed the Sealadh Court that the investigation is in its final stages, and a comprehensive report will soon be submitted. Given this, the latest round of questioning for medical professionals and police personnel is considered highly significant as investigators piece together the final details of this high-profile case.



Members of Congress Chitra Parishad staged a protest at the Jadavpur University' gate, in Kolkata.

Deceased dancer's mother moves HC, seeks probe into eve-teasing claim

MI News Service, Kolkata: Despite police dismissing allegations of eve-teasing, Tanushree Chatterjee remains firm in her claim that her daughter, Sutandra Chatterjee, was a victim of harassment before her tragic death in a car accident. Refusing to accept the police's conclusion, she has now approached the Calcutta High Court, seeking a thorough investigation into the circumstances leading to her daughter's demise. Justice Tirthankar Ghosh has granted permission for the filing of the case.

On February 24, noted dancer and event management entrepreneur Sutandra Chatterjee lost her life in a fatal car accident in Panagarh. Initial accounts from her driver and co-passengers suggested that their vehicle was being chased and harassed by unidentified individuals in another car. According to their claims, the alleged eve-teasers deliberately hit their car and pursued them, forcing them onto the service road, where the vehicle ultimately crashed. However, the police later ruled out the eve-

teasing angle. Subsequently, Sutandra's driver, Rajdeo Sharma, contradicted earlier statements, claiming that Sutandra herself had instructed him to chase a white car at high speed, leading to the accident.

Despite the police's dismissal of the harassment allegations, Tanushree Chatterjee maintains that her daughter was subjected to eve-teasing before the crash. She had lodged a complaint at Chandannagar Police Station, explicitly mentioning the incident.

Kasba tragedy: Two arrested amid investigation

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a shocking turn of events, the uncle and aunt of deceased Somnath Roy have been arrested in connection with the unnatural deaths of an entire family in Haltu. On Tuesday, police discovered the bodies of Somnath Roy, his wife Sumitra Roy, and their three-year-old child under mysterious circumstances. While a suicide note was recovered from the scene, the cause of the child's death remains under investigation.

According to sources, the Kasba Police Station has taken over the investigation. Neighbors claim that Somnath had been struggling with financial debt, and creditors frequently visited his home, which allegedly pushed him into severe depression. However, Sumitra's family has made serious allegations against Somnath's uncle, Pradip Kumar Ghosal, and aunt, NilimaGhosal, accusing them of harassment over family property disputes. Reports suggest that a recent disagreement over pending tax payments further escalated tensions within the family. Some locals also mentioned that the couple had ongoing conflicts with Somnath's relatives, which may have played a role in the tragedy.

Kolkata - Puri - Kolkata Holi Special Train

To clear extra rush of passengers, 03101/03102 Kolkata-Puri-Kolkata Holi Special Train will run as per following abstract timings, stoppages, dates of run and composition :-

| Kolkata - Puri | | 03101 | 03102 | Puri - Kolkata | | |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------------|----------------|-------|------------|
| Day | Arr. | Dep. | Stations | Arr. | Dep. | Day |
| Tue, Thurs | -- | 23.50 | Kolkata | 02.00 | -- | Thurs, Sat |
| Wed, Fri | 02.35 | 02.40 | Kharagpur | 22.35 | 22.40 | |
| | 07.40 | 07.45 | Bhubaneswar | 17.05 | 17.10 | Wed, Fri |
| | 09.35 | -- | Puri | -- | 15.30 | |

These special Trains will also stop at Andul, Balasore, Bhadrak, Cuttack & Khurda Road stations enroute in both directions. **Dates & Days of Run : From Kolkata - 03101** on 13.03.2025 (Thursday), 18.03.2025 (Tuesday) & 20.03.2025 (Thursday) = 03 trips. **From Puri - 03102** on 14.03.2025 (Friday), 19.03.2025 (Wednesday) & 21.03.2025 (Friday) = 03 trips. **Composition :** AC 2 tier-01, AC 3 tier-04, Sleeper Class- 10, General 2nd Class (GS)-02, SLRD -02 = 19 Coaches. **Category :** Mail/Express.

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High Passenger Patronization of ER Trains

MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway is a passenger-friendly railway which always looks after the comfortable journey by the passengers. This railway also runs several special trains on festive occasions...

The Passenger Revenue of Eastern Railway has also recorded a 7.36% growth in this fiscal recording a revenue earning of ₹ 3517.64 crores during April 2024 to February 2025 compared to ₹ 3276.52 crores earned during corresponding period of FY2023-24...

Inspired with this high patronage of passengers, Eastern Railway has also put thrust on various passenger amenities works like raising of station platforms, beautification of station area, installation of new Foot Overbridges...

MI News Service, Kolkata: To clear the expected rush of passengers during ensuing Holi, Eastern Railway has decided to run seven (07) more Holi special trains in different directions...

Due to Non-Interlocking work at Katangi Khurd in connection with Jhalwara - Katangi Khurd Chord line over West Central Railway, 19414 Kolkata - Ahmedabad Express (journey commencing on 10.03.2025) and 13025 Howrah - Bhopal Express (journey commencing on 10.03.2025) will be diverted via Garwa Road - Son Nagar - Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya - Prayagraj Chheoki - Satna - Katni Murwara route...

Diversion Of trains

MI News Service, Kolkata: It has been decided to run Holi Special Trains between Santragachi-Darbhanga-Santragachi as per following schedule: 02827/ 02 828 Santragachi-Darbhanga-Santragachi Holi Special: 02827 Santragachi-Darbhanga Holi Special will leave Santragachi on 12.03.2025 at 07.30 hrs and will reach Darbhanga at 19.05 hrs...

Running of Holi Special Trains

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One pair Amarnath Express cancelled

MI News Service, Kolkata: In connection with Jammu station redevelopment work, 15098 Jammu Tawi - Bhagalpur Amarnath Express (journey commencing on 04.03.2025) and 15097 Bhagalpur - Jammu Tawi Amarnath Express (journey commencing on 06.03.2025) will remain cancelled...

Camps to facilitate commuters for recharging Smart Cards Online and promote UPI Payment-Based Ticketing System



MI News Service, Kolkata: In order to make different digital payment modes introduced in Metro Railway familiar to the commuters and enhance the share of digital transactions in ticketing, Special Camps were organised today on 05.03.2025 by Metro staff at all stations of Blue Line, Orange Line, Purple Line, Green Line-1 and Green Line-2. In these camps, Metro users were made aware about 'Metro Ride Kolkata' app and how to download it from Google Play Store (Android) and App Store (iOS). Metro staff also showed them the proce-

ER'S Bonanza for Holi Festival: Seven More Holi Special

MI News Service, Kolkata: To clear the expected rush of passengers during ensuing Holi, Eastern Railway has decided to run seven (07) more Holi special trains in different directions. To alleviate and ensure hassle-free travel for passengers, the special trains will run between Howrah and Anand Vihar (T), Malda Town & Udhna, Kolkata & Puri, Malda Town & Anand Vihar (T), Malda Town & Pune and Malda Town & Delhi. These special trains will offer additional capacity and flexibility to accommodate the extra rush of passengers during the Holi festival period. Additional 36,500 berths and 800 Seats will be generated by running these Holi festival specials. 03009 Howrah - Anand Vihar Holi Special will leave Howrah at 17:40 hrs on 06.03.2025, 16.03.2025, 20.03.2025 & 24.03.2025 (04 trips) to reach Anand Vihar at 22:30 hrs on the next day and 03010 Anand Vihar - Howrah Holi Special will leave Anand Vihar at 00:30 hrs on 08.03.2025, 18.03.2025, 22.03.2025 & 26.03.2025 (04 trip) to reach Howrah at 03:00 hrs on the next day. The special train will stop at 18 stations including Bandel, Bardhaman, Durgapur, Asansol stations over Eastern Railway jurisdiction in both directions enroute. The train will have General Second Class, Sleeper Class & Air-conditioned accommodations. 03417 Malda Town- Udhna Holi Special will leave Malda Town at 12:20 hrs on 16.03.2025 & 22.03.2025 (02 trips) to reach Udhna at 00:45 hrs on the 3rd day and 03418 Udhna- Malda Town Holi Special will leave Udhna at 12:30 hrs on 18.03.2025 & 24.03.2025 (02 trips) to reach Malda Town at 02:55 hrs on the 3rd day. The special train will stop at 28 stations including New Farakka, Barharwa, Sahibganj, Kahalgaon, Bhagalpur, Sultanganj, Jamalpur & Abhaipur stations within Eastern Railway jurisdiction in both directions enroute. The train will have General Second Class, Sleeper Class & Air-conditioned accommodations. 03101 Kolkata - Puri Holi special will leave Kolkata at 23:50 hrs. on 13.03.2025, 18.03.2025 & 20.03.2025 (03 trips) to reach Puri at 09:35 hrs. on the next day and 03102 Puri - Kolkata Holi special will leave Puri at 15:30 hrs. on 14.03.2025, 19.03.2025 & 21.03.2025 (03 trips) to reach Kolkata at 02:00 hrs. on the next day. The train will stop at Andul, Kharagpur, Balasore, Bhadrak, Cuttack, Bhubaneswar & Khurda Road stations enroute in both directions. The train will have General Second Class, Sleeper Class & Air-conditioned accommodations. 03425 Malda Town- Pune Holi Special will leave Malda Town at 17:30 hrs. on 21.03.2025 (01 trip) to reach Pune at 11:35 hrs. on the 3rd day and 03426 Pune - Malda Town Holi Special will leave Pune at 22:00 hrs. on 23.03.2025 (01 trip) to reach Malda Town at 16:30 hrs. on the 3rd day. The special train will stop at 27 stations including New Farakka, Barharwa, Sahibganj, Kahalgaon, Bhagalpur, Sultanganj, Jamalpur & Abhaipur stations within Eastern Railway jurisdiction in both directions enroute. The train will have General Second Class, Sleeper Class & Air-conditioned accommodations. 03435 Malda Town- Anand Vihar (T) Holi Special will leave Malda Town at 09:30 hrs. on 17.03.2025 (01 trip) to reach Anand Vihar (T) at 13:30 hrs. on the next day and 03436 Anand Vihar (T) - Malda Town Holi Special will leave Anand Vihar (T) at 15:45 hrs. on 18.03.2025 (01 trip) to reach Malda Town at 23:30 hrs. on the next day. The special train will stop at 19 stations including New Farakka, Barharwa, Sahibganj, Pirpainti, Kahalgaon, Bhagalpur, Sultanganj, Jamalpur & Abhaipur stations within Eastern Railway jurisdiction in both directions enroute. The train will have General Second Class, Sleeper Class & Air-conditioned accommodations. 03413 Malda Town- Delhi Holi Special will leave Malda Town at 07:00 hrs. on 15.03.2025 & 18.03.2025 (02 trips) to reach Delhi at 10:35 hrs. on the next day and 03414 Delhi - Malda Town Holi Special will leave Delhi at 13:35 hrs. on 16.03.2025 & 19.03.2025 (02 trips) to reach Malda Town at 17:30 hrs. on the next day. The special train will stop at 27 stations including New Farakka, Barharwa, Sahibganj, Kahalgaon, Bhagalpur, Sultanganj, Dharbaha, Abhaipur & Kajra stations within Eastern Railway jurisdiction in both directions enroute. The train will have General Second Class, Sleeper Class & Air-conditioned accommodations.

Barrier between Safety And Disaster: Adhering to Height Gauge Regulations at LC Gates Or LHS is a must

MI News Service, Kolkata: Height gauges are silent guardians of railway safety, preventing oversized vehicles from entering railway underpasses or passing through Level Crossings. The height gauge prevents road vehicles from contact or entangling with overhead electric wires, railway bridges, or other fixed structures. These sturdy structures serve as the first and final warning for vehicles that exceed the prescribed height limit, ensuring the safety of railway infrastructure and the smooth operation of train services.



Train service disruptions, causing inconvenience to passengers and delays in freight movement. • Costly infrastructure damage, requiring extensive repairs and increasing maintenance costs. • High-risk situations, where collisions could result in injury or even loss of life. A single miscalculation in vehicle height can have catastrophic consequences. Transport operators and truck drivers must take responsibility by verifying the height of their vehicles before passing through railway crossings.

Accidents Due to Oversized Vehicles: Despite clear regulations and warning signs, accidents involving height gauge collisions continue to occur due to driver negligence, lack of awareness, and failure to follow rules. These incidents lead to: • Road traffic disruption. •

However, negligence and unauthorized movement of oversized vehicles through Level Crossings or Subways continue to jeopardize railway safety, leading to serious consequences such as train delays, infrastructure damage, and even life-threatening accidents. One reckless mistake can put lives at risk and cause major disruptions. Understanding the Height Gauge: A Critical Safety Structure A railway height gauge is a pre-installed structure designed to regulate the passage of vehicles near railway tracks and crossings. It ensures that only vehicles within the allowed height can safely pass without causing damage. The standard specifications of a railway height gauge are as follows: • Height from

rail level (In level Crossings gate) : 4.875 meters. • Distance from the level crossing gate boom: 8 meters. • Visibility markings: The height gauge rail bar is painted in black and white for maximum visibility. • Warning sign: A danger board is fixed at the centre of the height gauge rail bar. • Speed control: A speed breaker is installed before the height gauge passage to slow down approaching vehicles and prevent accidents. For limited-height subways (LHS), the clearance distance is measured based on road conditions to ensure that vehicles can pass safely.

Centre seeks to cut state's share of federal taxes from 2026

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Indian government is seeking to cut the federal tax revenues that states receive, three sources with the direct knowledge of the matter said. The suggestion will be made to the constitutionally-appointed Finance Commission of India, which makes recommendations on tax sharing along with other aspects of federal-state fiscal relations, and could lead to a flaring of tensions between the two tiers of government. The panel, headed by economist Arvind Panagariya, will submit its recommendations by October 31 to be implemented from fiscal year 2026-27. The recommendations are binding. The federal government will recommend the share of taxes going to states be reduced to at least 40% from the current 41%, said one of the sources. The proposal is likely to be cleared by the cabinet of ministers headed by Modi by the end of March and then be sent

to the Finance Commission, said a second of the sources. A 1% swing in the states share of tax revenues could give the federal government about 350 billion rupees (\$4.03 billion), based on the expected tax collections for the current year. The final number will vary based on the individual year's tax collections. An email sent to the Ministry of Finance and the Finance Commission did not get any response. The share of taxes going to the state government has jumped from 20% in 1980 to 41% now. But spending requirements for the federal government, particularly in years of economic slowdown, have increased, the first source said. This has led to calls for a lower share of tax revenues going to states, the sources said. India's federal government fiscal deficit is estimated at 4.8% of gross domestic product for 2024-25, while the states have a fiscal deficit of 3.2% of the national GDP.

India to remain fastest-growing major eco with 6.5% GDP growth: IMF

MI News Service, New Delhi: Multilateral financing agency International Monetary Fund (IMF) has said that India will retain its position as the fastest-growing major economy by clocking a GDP growth of 6.5 per cent in 2025-26, on the back of robust private investment and macroeconomic stability. India's strong economic performance, the IMF said, provides an opportunity for the country to advance critical and challenging structural reforms to realise the ambition of becoming an advanced economy by 2047. "Real GDP is expected to grow at 6.5 per cent in 2024-25 and 2025-26, supported by robust growth in private consumption on the back of sustained macroeconomic and financial stability. According to the second advance estimate released by the Indian government, the country's economy is expected to clock a growth rate of 6.5 per cent during 2024-25.

ICICI Bank PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET
Branch Office: ICICI BANK LTD, Regional Processing Centre BP-4, Technopolis Building, 13th Floor, Sector V Salt Lake, Kolkata, West Bengal- 700091.
[See proviso to rule 8(i)] Notice for sale of immovable assets
E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

NAME CHANGE

I Ritu Goyal daughter of Suresh Kumar Goyal residing at 16, Radhanath Chowdhury Road, Tangra, Kolkata-700015 have changed my name after marriage and shall henceforth be known as Ritu Jindal as declared before the First Class Magistrate South 24 Parganas, Sealadh Court vide affidavit no. 219 dated 27.02.2025. Ritu Goyal and Ritu Jindal are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Subodh Hazra S/O- Krishna Das Hazra resident of Vill- Bhandardih, P.O.- Bhandardih, P.S.-Debandhingi, Dist- Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal, PIN-713426, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as 'SUBODH KUMAR HAZRA' vide an affidavit before The LD. Executive Magistrate, Purba Bardhaman on 03/03/2025. That Subodh Hazra and Subodh Kumar Hazra both are same and one identical person.

Railway Board Decides on Centralized CBT for Departmental Promotions, Ensuring Transparency

MI News Service, Bengaluru: A high level meeting was conducted by the Railway Board on Wednesday. It has been decided that all departmental promotion examinations will be done by RRB / centralised examination through CBT.

All zonal railways will make a calendar for the examination. All the examinations will be conducted on the basis of a calendar only.

This has been decided after a long experience of transparent, fair, and highly appreciated examinations conducted by RRB in recent years.

How RRB used to conduct examination without any complaints, with all the transparency: From 2015 to till date more than 7 crores candidates have been examined through computer based tests without any Paper leakage, Impersonation, Remote Log-in, and use of Spy devices.

How is it possible? Selection of exam conducting agency Open tender Criteria QCBS ISO certifications, financials, CERT-IN certifications, CMMI certification

Minimum eligibility criteria - number of centers, past experience, Examination centre auditing by Railway team Auditing checklist for all the available facilities - bathroom

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (G) Santragachi, South Eastern Railway, Khargapur Division acting on behalf of President of India invites open tender, through e-Tendering in www.ireps.gov.in website as per details mention below:
SI. No.: Tender Notice No.: Name of work: Tender value: EMD/Bid security: (1);

EASTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: EL/HWH/25/21 (Notice)/646, Date: 28.02.2025. Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building, near Railway Station, Howrah-711001 invites open e-Tender for the under-mentioned electrical works.

E-AUCTION NOTICE

e-Auction Notice No.: Comml-1/Parking/03/25 Dated: 04.03.2025. For and on behalf of the President of India Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Adra, South Eastern Railway invites e-Auction for: Category: PARKING; Auction Catalogue No.:

EASTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No.: NIT/02/25/13, Dated: 03.03.2025. The Principal Chief Materials Manager, Eastern Railway, 17, Netaji Subhas Road, 2nd Floor, Fairlie Place, Kolkata - 700001 invites e-tenders for supply of the following items: SI.No.: Tender No.; Description; Tender Cost; EMD & Tender Opening Date & Time are as follows: 1; 10255010;

Rajhatali Gram Panchayat

Rajhatali Bandar, Khanakul, Hooghly, 712417 NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER NIT No.: RAJ-I/21 (Fund: 15th FC TIED) Date: 05.03.2025 e-Tender is invited from the experienced and resourceful bidders for execution of the work(s) mentioned below:
SI. Name of Work Estimated Amount Earnest Money

not allowed, 100% CCTV coverage and recording starts 2 hours pre-exam and 1 hour post exam

IP based CCTV surveillance for better resolution, reliable and uninterrupted connection.

Isolation from commercial and other residential area, minimum 250 nodes capacity centers are being taken.

Infrastructure with power backup Technical specification - Server: CPU speed should be 1.5 GHz or higher, RAM should be 4 GB or higher, screen resolutions should be 1024x768

Nodes: RAM should be 2 GB or higher, rest same as server, USB disabled, proxy disabled, internet disabled and keyboard disabled after login

Proprietary Operating System

Following E-tenders are invited online by Sr. DEN/2, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building, near Railway Station, Howrah-711001 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 works: [Sr.DEN/2/Howrah], SI.No.-1. NIT No.:

04.03.2025, Description of work: Re-Girdering of Bridge no. 3D/ROR (2x40'x160') Semi between at Km. 12/18-19 in between station Belanagar-Dankuni in Accl section and Br.no. 2/ RUB combined (2x1x40') at km. 6/8-9 in between station Naihati-Bandel in Naihati-Bandel section of Howrah Division. Approx. Cost: ₹ 4,71,14,725.09. Earnest Money: ₹ 3,85,60,000. NIT No.:

04.03.2025, Description of work: Improvement of water supply, drainage & height gauge in the section of IOW/Dankuni/IOW/Bardhaman under AEN/Dankuni & AEN/Bardhaman and improvement of LC Gate lodge in the section of IOW/Dankuni & IOW/Bardhaman under AEN/Dankuni & AEN/Bardhaman. Approx. Cost: ₹ 7,60,12,946.58. Earnest Money: ₹ 5,30,100. Cost of Tender Form: Nil (for SI.No. 1 & 2 each). Completion Period: 12 months (for SI.No. 1 & 2 each). 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: 26.03.2025 at 14.00 hrs. (for SI.No. 1 & 2 each). The details of tender are available at website: www.ireps.gov.in. Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. No manual offer will be accepted. (HWH-648/2024-25) Tender Notices are also available at website: www.er.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at: @EasternRailway easternrailwayheadquarter

(PR-1206) Eastern Railway Tender Notice No.: EL/HWH/25/21 (Notice)/646, Date: 28.02.2025. Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building, near Railway Station, Howrah-711001 invites open e-Tender for the under-mentioned electrical works.

(1) Electrical (G) work in connection with Construction of Limited height subway (By cut and cover method) in lieu of Level crossing no. 18/C at Km. 16/1-2 in Bardhaman-Balgona section in Howrah Division. (2) Electrical (G) work in connection with Construction of Limited height subway (By cut and cover method) in lieu of Level crossing no. 6/C at Km. 11/12-13 in Bardhaman-Balgona section in Howrah Division. (3) Electrical (G) work in connection with Construction of Limited height subway (By cut and cover method) in lieu of Level crossing no. 4/C at Km. 9/4-5 in Bardhaman-Balgona section in Howrah Division. (4) Electrical (G) work in connection with Construction of Limited height subway (By cut and cover method) in lieu of Level crossing no. 14/C at Km. 23/7-8 in Bardhaman-Balgona section in Howrah Division. (5) Electrical (G) work in connection of Limited height subway (By cut and cover method) in lieu of Level crossing no. 13/C at Km. 21/8-9 in Bardhaman-Balgona section in Howrah Division. Tender value: ₹ 52,28,320. Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit): ₹ 1,04,600. Completion Period: 180 days. Closing date and time of tender: 24.03.2025 at 15.00 hrs. 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 tenders online will be on any convenient day after closing date and time of the tender. The details of tender are available at website: www.ireps.gov.in. Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. (HWH-647/2024-25) Tender Notices are also available at website: www.er.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at: @EasternRailway easternrailwayheadquarter

Bandipur Gram Panchayat

Bandipur, Haripur, Hooghly Notice Inviting e-Tender e-Tenders are invited by Pradhan, Bandipur Gram Panchayat, from the experienced and resourceful bidders for execution of the work(s) mentioned below:
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Ashuti-I Gram Panchayat

Ashuti-I Gram Panchayat (Under Thakurpukur Maheshkala Dev. Block) Ganeygangadharpur, Vivekanandapur, South 24 Parganas Notice Inviting e-Tender e-Tenders are hereby invited from bonafide and resourceful Agencies for execution of 7 Nos. works under 15th FC Tied Fund vide NIT memo no.: 495/A-I/GP/2025, dated 04.03.2025. For details log on https://www.etenders.gov.in and GP office. Sd/, Pradhan Ashuti-I Gram Panchayat

Rajhatali Gram Panchayat

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Safety Fencing Works Over East Coast Railway to Enhance Track Safety

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: In a significant move to enhance railway safety and to facilitate increased train speeds, East Coast Railway (ECOR) has initiated safety fencing projects in various railway sections across its jurisdiction.

A total of 2792 kms of safety fencing works at a cost of ₹865 Crores along Railway Tracks over ECoR has been undertaken to enhance safety. These works aim to ensure Safe Train Operations, Prevent Unauthorized Trespassing, and Restrict the Movement of Cattle and Wild Animals near Railway Tracks.

Inside the centre, the allotment of lab and the nodes including buffer nodes, all are automated, randomized generated. Conducting team and the centre people get the information about the candidate just two hours before the examination.

In the examination centers, checking & frisking of candidates is done with Hand-held metal detectors. Biometric attendance (both LTI and digital) is taken before entry & mid of exam and after every bio break. Also a hand-writing sample is taken. This process is repeated at all the stages of examination and at the time of document verification.

Adhaar based Authentication is done at exam centre. N:N comparison - comparison of across shifts, across events for identifying solvers gangs for identifying solvers gangs

Question paper is in highly encrypted form (256-bit encryption). Last minute decryption happens only when the candidate actually logs in. No two candidates get the same sequence of questions and options for each question. Everything is randomized and shuffled.

There is a complete log maintained for each activity performed by the candidate which determines how he has attempted the questions. Three separate layers of investigation: ECA team investigation, Railway investigation by Officers and Supervisors Surprise check by Railway vigilance team

1st and 2nd teams are shuffled periodically between labs and centers. As a result, a number of candidates involving in some kinds of malpractice/unfair means are being regularly caught. Eligibility criteria: all the critical data of eligibility e.g. caste, certificate number, mobile number, marks of identifications, photograph and signature, date of birth, and qualification clearly defined and captured. Application will have QR code to detect fake applications. Admit cards will have a barcode to establish the genuineness of the candidate. In Computer Based Tests (CBTs), candidates are shown their Question paper, Answer Booklets along with correct Answer Keys. They are also given an opportunity to raise objection regarding correctness of questions and answer keys.

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797.3 kms in Bhadrak-Palasa & Khurda Road-Puri Rail Line Sections and 228 Kms in Nergundi-Kerajang Rail Sections.

In the next phase, a proposal is in place for safety fencing in the Jakhapura-Kendujhargarh-Nayagarh Railway Section and other sensitive locations over Khurda Road Railway Division.

Sambalpur Division: 288.045 Crores has been sanctioned for Track Safety Fencing Works for 468.23 KMs stretch that include 124.15 kms in Sarla Road-Balangir Rail Line Section and 344.08 kms in Jharsuguda Road-Sambalpur City-Kerajanga Rail Section out of total 830 Kms stretch of Rail Line. The contract for this work is under finalization. Apart from this, 188.89 kms be-

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at level crossings, ROBs, RUBS and Bridges, ensuring smooth train movement and improved safety measures.

Work has already commenced on two pilot sections near Bhubaneswar and Palasa Railway Stations, along with the Brahmapur-Golantnara Rail Section and in some sensitive locations over Sambalpur Division. As of now, 30 kms of fencing has been completed. To ensure efficiency and minimize disruptions, the Ministry has decided to construct boundary walls closer to the tracks while maintaining necessary access for maintenance and future expansion. This location has been identified for fencing as the bank height is almost at rail level and where cattle are frequently crossing the track.

The Ministry remains committed to advancing railway safety and infrastructure to meet the evolving demands of modern train travel in India. This safety fencing initiative marks a significant milestone in ensuring a safer and more efficient railway network.

Fixed Knot Fencing and Double W Metal Beam Crash Barriers are being installed to enhance safety. Safety fencing will facilitate train operations at speeds of 130 kmph and beyond in multiple sections. This initiative will prevent unauthorized trespassing and restrict cattle and wild animal entry onto railway tracks. It will also seal access

India's millionaire popu grows 6% in 2024; billionaire count reaches 191

MI News Service, New Delhi: Number of Indian high-net-worth individuals (HNWIs), those having assets more than USD 10 million, rose 6 per cent last year to 85,698, according to Knight Frank.

Global property consultant Knight Frank on Wednesday released its 'The Wealth Report 2025', which estimated the HNWI population in India at 85,698 in 2024, as against 80,686 in the preceding year.

The number is expected to rise to 93,753 by 2028, reflecting India's expanding wealth landscape, the consultant said.

The increasing trend of HNWI population highlights the country's strong long-term economic growth, increasing investment opportunities, and evolving luxury market, positioning India as a key player in global wealth creation.

India's billionaire population has also seen a strong year-on-year growth in 2024. "India is now home to 191 billionaires, of which 26 joined the ranks in just

mism, global integration, and emerging industries." Shishir Bajjal, Chairman & Managing Director, Knight Frank India, said.

This expansion is not just in scale but also in the evolving investment preferences of India's elite, who are diversifying across asset classes, from real estate to global equities, he added.

"In the decade ahead, India's influence in global wealth creation will only strengthen," Bajjal said.

PWD (GOVT OF WB) TENDER NOTICE eNIT No.: 87/City(M) of 2024-25 of The E.E.-I, City Dvn., P.W.D. for different works related to 18th edition of IPL T20 Cricket matches 2025 are invited from bonafide agencies having credential for similar urgent nature of works. Bid submission closing date (online) will be on 13.03.2025 at 14.00 hrs. Tender ID: 2025 PWD 823410 /12/3. Other details may be seen from the web site: http://etender.wb.nic.in & http://wbppwd.in . Sd/ Executive Engineer-I City Division, P.W.D

E-Tender Notice Memo No.:250 /I(12) Dated : 05.03.25 NIT No.-WB/EO/KH-1/36/2024-25 Tender ID: 2025 ZPHD 823500 1-11. E-Tender is invited by the Executive Officer, Khejuri-I Panchayat Samity, of 11 nos. Different Scheme etc. Details may be had in website-https://wbtdenders.gov.in & https://purbamedinipur.gov.in. Sd/ Executive Officer Khejuri -I Panchayat Samity

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Notice On behalf of my clients name Sharmila Ta, W/o Goutam Ta, aged about 61 years by Resident of Muratmohal, Town, P.O and Ps Burdwan District Purba Bardhaman, Pin- 713101 Notice is hereby given to all concern that Upendra Pashoyan, S/o Janoli Pashoyan, resident of Borehat, Town, PS Burdwan, PO Natunganj, Dist Purba Bardhaman Pin 713101 is the registered owner of Vehicle No. WB42AX6910 Engine No. MA33CFB3SL729607 Chassis No. K12N9065220. He purchased the said vehicle by taking financial help by way of Hypothecation Agreement from Cholamondalam Finance Co. Ltd. But subsequently he, being unable for paying regular EMI due to his financial problem, entered with an agreement with my client on 08.12.2022. After that, as per terms of that agreement, my client has paid all due EMIs to the finance. Now as per terms of the said agreement he is under obligation to transfer the ownership in favor of my client. On the other hand on the date of execution the said Upendra Pashoyan delivered the possession of the vehicle in favor of my client on receipt of consideration amount as payable to him. Now I hereby intimate to all that if anybody has any right, objection or claim in respect of the vehicle no. WB42AX6910 are hereby requested to lodge/raise that right, objection or claim to the undersigned with 15 dates from the date of this publication. In spite of that if anybody will purchase the said vehicle No. WB42AX6910 that will be done at his/her own risk. Saurav Kumar Mitra Advocate, Mob 9932268424

Merari-II Panchayat Samity Paharhati, Purba Bardhaman e-Tender Notice e-Tender is invited vide NIT No.: 89/2024-25 & Memo No.: 301, Date: 05.03.2025, for 02 nos. scheme under Merari-II Panchayat Samity. Documents download till end date (Online) for Bid Submission up to 13.03.2025 for detail information please contact with Merari-II PS office notice board/SAE Section and go through e-Tender site www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/ Executive Officer, Merari-II Panchayat Samity

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Bharat cancer genome atlas mapping started by IIT

CHENNAI: Ahead of World Cancer Day, The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras on Monday launched Bharat cancer genome atlas.

Bharat cancer genome atlas will "help identify cancer-specific biomarkers in India to enable early detection of breast cancers and identify novel drug targets for developing better treatment strategies specific to the Indian population."

The cancer genome program was initiated by IIT Madras in 2020. Under this program, the 960 whole exome sequencing from 480 breast cancer patient tissue samples collected across the country has been completed.

The institute has made this database publicly accessible at bcga.iitm.ac.in to researchers and clinicians in India and abroad.

Speaking about it in detail, Prof. V. Kamakoti, Director, IIT Madras told ANI, "So today we are making a very big move in releasing the data of breast cancer atlas, genomic atlas for India...So what we have done here is that we have collected more than around 1,000 samples across 500 patients. And this data basically will tell us what are the changes in the DNA, specifically with respect to breast cancer. Our strong belief is that every region of India, the reason for a breast cancer, the type of mutation it will bring out would be different. And that, to a large extent, they are seeing it. And the medicine that is necessary for a particular mutation is different from medicine that will be needed for another mutation."

"So we are now looking at specific three important things that could come out of this data. One thing is we have 1.4 billion population. We are around now thousands of samples, and this can be probably a few more thousands can be added, which will be a representative of all possible sequences for all the genomes that we could have and all the mutations that are possible. So first and foremost, we can start doing, as a part of a master health checkup, probably we can do this and check for this mutation, especially among mid-age ladies. And then if we find out that there is some mutation, this can be a prevention before cure. Because the mutation, the strong belief that we see as a part of this research is the mutation may start much before the actual cancer is seen out, where you can detect it through a mammogram or through a biopsy, et cetera. This is number one. So this can lead to a prevention before cure."

As per Sridhar Sivasubbu - Chief Diagnostics and Research Officer, "this data set is a preliminary indication of what is ailing our population."

"Second, what does it do when you find a mutation? You create a diagnostic kit. Now there is a discussion about costing. Doing genomes for everybody in Indian population is probably not the solution. But a diagnostic kit becomes much cheaper. We have seen in COVID, from 5000 rupees RT-PCR, we came down to 150 rupees. So, lot of mechanisms can be built in where you can bring down the cost of the diagnosis. Once the diagnosis is there, you can do mass scale screening," he shared.

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, in

partnership with leading institutions around the world, have devised an innovative multi-stage clinical trial method that aims to revolutionise personalised medical care.

This cutting-edge approach customises treatment regimens in real time based on each patient's individual responses during trials, resulting in highly customised and effective healthcare solutions, as per the press release.

The research aims to enhance patient-specific treatment plans, improve outcomes, reduce trial-and-error in medication, and foster a more efficient, personalised healthcare approach.

The research, conducted in partnership with Duke-NUS Medical School, the National University of Singapore, Singapore, and the University of Michigan, USA, focuses on Dynamic Treatment Regimes (DTRs) designed through Sequential Multiple Assignment Randomised Trials (SMARTs).

Together, these frameworks tackle the critical challenge of optimising treatment strategies, a sequence of treatments, for patients with varying responses to therapies over time. DTRs are advanced decision rules that adapt treatments dynamically as a patient's condition evolves. For example, if a diabetes patient does not respond well to an initial medication, the DTR might recommend switching drugs or combining therapies. By incorporating intermediate outcomes, such as changes in blood sugar levels, DTRs move beyond the one-size-fits-all model, tailoring care to individual progress and needs.

Multi-stage clinical trials are essential for developing effective DTRs, and SMART methodology enables researchers to test various treatment sequences to find the best fit for each patient. Unlike traditional trials, SMART involves multiple stages of treatment, where patients are reassigned based on their responses to earlier interventions.

Traditional SMART trials assign patients to treatment arms in equal numbers, even when some treatments prove less effective, based on interim data. This often leads to unnecessary treatment failures. Dr Palash Ghosh and his team have developed an adaptive randomisation method that dynamically assigns patients to treatment arms based on real-time trial data by optimally changing the patient allocation ratios in favour of a better-performing treatment sequence at that point time of the trial.

This innovation ensures that more patients receive effective treatments while maintaining scientific rigour. By focusing on both short-term and long-term outcomes, the method improves the entire treatment process, reducing failures and enhancing patient care.

Speaking about the research Dr. Palash Ghosh, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, IIT Guwahati, said in a statement, "Adaptive designs like this would encourage more patient participation in clinical trials like SMART. When patients see they are receiving treatments tailored to their needs, they are more likely to stay engaged. This approach also has vast potential for public health interventions, such as tailoring substance abuse recovery plans.



Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee supporters burn an effigy during a protest against the Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann-led government, at the Golden Gate in Amritsar on Wednesday. (ANI Photo)

INDIA'S DOMESTIC WORKERS: WHY ARE THEY MARGINALIZED?

While domestic work should be socially valued and remunerated appropriately, the law may also require respectable working conditions. Taking into account programs such as the National Health Insurance Scheme and Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan Yojana, a specific legal framework for domestic workers should be created. This will ensure better safety at the workplace, enforce minimum wages, and provide necessary social protection. This law will empower domestic workers by resolving power inequalities, improving working conditions, and ultimately enhancing their economic stability and human dignity.

DR. SATYAWAN SAURABH

In India, the majority of domestic workers are women, who form a large part of the unorganized labor force. According to recent estimates, the number of domestic workers varies from official estimates of 4.2 million to unofficial estimates of over 50 million. In January 2025, the Supreme Court drew attention to the widespread exploitation of domestic workers and the lack of legal protections for them and ordered the central government to examine the possibility of passing a separate law to protect their rights. The Supreme Court ordered the central government to enact a separate law for domestic workers. The Minimum Wages Act and the Equal Remuneration Act, among other labor laws, do not apply to domestic workers. A separate law could offer organized regulation. Because there is no official framework, domestic workers often work without any set wages and are subject to arbitrary treatment.



Employers do not consider their homes a "workplace" or themselves an "employer," making domestic work largely informal and unregulated. Since their work is not officially recorded, workers cannot be granted basic rights such as social security or minimum wages. Women now make up the majority of those employed in domestic work, which is feminized and undervalued in society. This inequality on the basis of gender can be addressed by a special law. Due to social undervaluation, women are often paid less for domestic work than men. Domestic work conditions vary by region. A committed law can take into account regional issues and solutions. Regulations in Kerala and Delhi have attempted to address regional issues such as wage rates and employment registration in different ways. Clear procedures to uphold workers' rights and provide legal recourse in case of violations could be mandated by a separate law.

Without employment documentation, domestic workers may find it difficult to receive their wages, which can result in exploitation. Exploitation of domestic workers in India through low wages is one of their challenges. The low wages that domestic workers often receive are inadequate for the amount of labor they perform. The absence of minimum wage regulation makes this problem even worse. Domestic workers in Mumbai may struggle to meet their basic living expenses despite long workdays if their pay falls below the minimum wage. Due to the lack of legal protection from harassment or unfair treatment, domestic workers are particularly susceptible to abuse. The worker in Delhi may face physical or verbal abuse, but since there is no formal contract, they have no legal protection.

Since domestic work is performed in private homes, regulations become more complex, and the power differential between

employers and employees increases. Since employees are often laid off without warning, there is a lack of job security, which exacerbates financial instability. After years of service, an employee can be suddenly fired without pay, leaving them with no financial support or legal options. Since domestic work is socially undermined as "women's work" and often associated with marginalized communities, it renders workers voiceless and invisible. Rural migrant women may face social stigma and struggle to be accepted as legal employees. A specific legal framework can help address vulnerabilities. A specific law can set a minimum wage, guaranteeing that workers receive fair compensation commensurate with their working hours and duties.

A national law could establish a uniform minimum wage for workers across all states, guaranteeing that cooking, cleaning, and caregiving tasks are consistently

paid for. A well-defined legal framework, with processes for resolving grievances, would enable workers to receive protection from harassment and abuse. The law could make employment contracts mandatory to prevent exploitation and provide workers with a legal basis to resist abuse. A national framework could improve workers' financial and health security by providing health insurance, pensions, and other social benefits. Workers in Kerala currently receive some benefits, but national legislation could guarantee consistent access to social protection for all domestic workers in India. To ensure that both parties are aware of their rights and responsibilities and to prevent exploitation, a law could require employers to register their workers.

Unions representing domestic workers have pushed for registration as a way to prevent termination and provide legal aid when needed. Domestic work and care can be valued and acknowledged by a specific legal framework, increasing social recognition of domestic workers. Apart from ensuring that domestic work is socially valued and fairly remunerated, the law can also require respectful working conditions. Taking into account programs such as the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana and the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan Yojana, a specific legal framework for domestic workers should be created. This will ensure better safety at the workplace, enforce a minimum wage, and provide necessary social protection. Through resolving power inequalities, improving working conditions, and ultimately advancing their economic stability and human dignity, this law will empower domestic workers.

New insights into how cancer evades the immune system

AMSTERDAM: Immunotherapy research primarily focuses on improving the body's immune system's recognition of cancer cells. However, researchers at Amsterdam UMC and Moffitt Cancer Center have taken a different approach.

They explored how cancer impacts the energy management of a patient's T cells and discovered, for the first time, that contact with chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) cells causes a severe energy crisis in these cells.

CLL is the most common type of leukaemia in the Western world and mainly affects the elderly. Despite new therapies, the disease remains incurable, and treatments are becoming increasingly expensive.

Some cancers, like acute B-cell leukemia, can now be treated by redirecting a patient's own T cells against cancer cells, known as CAR-T cell therapy. However, immune cells fail to eliminate tumours effectively in many others, including chronic B-cell leukemia (CLL). While it can be lifesaving, it works in only 15% of CLL patients and costs more than \$250,000 per patient.

"Our research revealed two things to us: firstly, that healthy T cells greatly increase their absorption of cholesterol and fats after they have identified their targets. Without this fuel, they are unable to proliferate. Secondly, and crucially, that this doesn't happen when T cells come into close contact with leukemia cells,"

says Arnon Kater, professor of Translational Haematology at Amsterdam UMC. This second finding is in line with the results of another study, published last month in Blood Advances, by the Amsterdam UMC research team and Moffitt Cancer Center. In that study, researchers found that the 'engine' of T cells - the mitochondria, small structures in the cell that provide energy - does not function properly in CLL patients. In CLL, these mitochondria become damaged, causing T cells to lose their power to attack cancer cells.

"Just like when a battery is overcharged, we tried to rejuvenate T cells. This was very successful. We demonstrated that an existing drug, which affects ener-

gy management, greatly improved the effectiveness of CAR T-cell therapy. We hope this discovery will lead to improved success of CAR T-cell treatment in the future," says Javier Pinilla-Ibarz, MD, Ph.D a senior member at Moffitt Cancer Center.

"This discovery brings us one step closer to making CAR T-cell treatment more successful for a greater number of patients. More importantly, it opens the door for exploring similar strategies in other cancers where immune cells struggle to sustain their attack. By addressing the energy crisis in T cells, we hope to enhance immunotherapy across a wider range of cancers," he adds.

The researchers are now working on ways to modify specif-

ic genes so that T cells become more resistant to the disruptive effects of CLL on the uptake, processing and use of fuel and building materials. This should ensure that both the fuel supply and the engine of T cells continue to function properly. If this approach is successful, it may also be possible to apply it to other forms of cancer, as immunotherapy with the body's own immune cells does not yet work optimally in many types of cancer. In addition, an international clinical trial (HOVON study) is underway, in which the first results show that combining a drug that weakens and reduces the number of leukaemia cells greatly improves the effectiveness of a treatment that attracts T cells to cancer cells.

Ongoing conflict in Eastern DRC disrupts over 2,500 schools, affecting one million students

MI News Service, Kinshasa: The ongoing conflict in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has severely impacted more than 2,500 schools, leaving over one million students without access to education, a senior official has confirmed.

The prolonged conflict between the M23 rebels and the DRC government has led to severe infrastructure damage and a growing humanitarian crisis. Many schools have been destroyed, benches have also been destroyed and used as firewood, and even the doors of latrines, she stated.

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) reported that over 414,000 Congolese have been forcibly displaced in the past four weeks alone. The crisis has worsened after M23 rebels ordered internally displaced people (IDPs) in camps to return to their hometowns, leaving many vulnerable to renewed violence and instability.

Israel's anti-terror agency release key findings from its investigation of October 7 failures

MI News Service, Tel Aviv: On Tuesday night, Israel's anti-terror General Security Service (GSS) released a document of the important sections from its investigation into the security failures around the October 7th terrorist massacre.

The organization explained, however, given the "magnitude of the disaster, we see great importance in reflecting the main findings to the public." As such it decided to publish parts of the investigation in a way that the organization hopes will provide "as balanced and complete a picture as possible, without compromising matters that must be kept secret for reasons of national security."



Security personnel cordon off the area after militants hurled a grenade at a police post, in Baramulla district, Jammu & Kashmir.

Former Peruvian President Pedro faces trial for attempted coup



MI News Service, Peru: Former Peruvian President Pedro Castillo (2021-2022) has gone on trial for his attempted coup d'état, facing charges of rebellion and other crimes for his failed bid to dissolve Congress in December 2022.

The trial hearing against former President Pedro Castillo and six others accused of #Rebellion and other crimes. The Special Criminal Chamber of the Supreme Court is overseeing the proceedings.

Andina, underscores Castillo's continued defiance against the judiciary and the government. Earlier on Tuesday, a group of Castillo's supporters gathered outside the Barbadillo prison, demonstrating their backing for the former President.

The trial is taking place within a police base, where Castillo has remained since his failed attempt to dissolve Congress and call for fresh elections.

CDC responds to growing measles outbreak in Texas as cases surge to 159

MI News Service, Washington: The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has deployed a team of experts to Texas in response to a rapidly expanding measles outbreak.

ment to public health," said Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services. "By working together—parents, healthcare providers, community leaders, and government officials—we can prevent future outbreaks and protect the health of our nation."

India-Russia ties under scrutiny amid reports of Indian Nationals in Russian Military

MI News Service, New Delhi: In a concerning development, 12 Indian nationals have been killed while serving with the Russian military, while another 16 remain missing, according to an official statement from the Indian government in January.



of Indians serving in the Russian military has become a contentious matter, especially following reports that many were allegedly lured under false pretences of high-paying jobs but were instead forced into combat roles.

of Indian citizens into active military service, India and Russia share strong historical ties, with Russia being one of India's largest defense suppliers.

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Steve Smith announces ODI retirement after 170 matches



MELBOURNE [AUSTRALIA] : Aussie star batsman Steve Smith has officially bid farewell to One-Day International (ODI) cricket, bringing an end to a distinguished 50-over career following Australia's four-wicket loss to India in the ICC Champions Trophy semi-final in Dubai.

Despite stepping away from ODIs, the 35-year-old will be available to represent Australia in Test

and T20I cricket. His decision to be there for the shortest format could be influenced by a potential opportunity to compete in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, where cricket will feature in the form of T20Is.

"It has been a great ride and I have loved every minute of it," Smith said in a release, as quoted from the official website of cricket.com.au.

Smith informed his teammates about his decision following the semi-final defeat and later explained that the timing felt right.

"It feels like the right time to make way," Smith said.

"There have been so many amazing times and wonderful memories. Winning two World Cups was a great highlight along with the many fantastic teammates who shared the journey," he added.

"Now is a great opportunity for people to start preparing for the 2027 ODI World Cup so it feels like the right time to make way," he said.

"Test cricket remains a priority and I am really looking forward to the World Test Championship final, the West Indies in the winter and then England at home. I feel I still have a lot to contribute on that stage," Smith noted.

Smith's ODI career spanned 170 matches, making him Australia's 16th most-capped player in the format. With 5,800 runs at an average of 43.28 and a strike rate of 86.96 per 100 balls faced, he leaves the game as the country's 12th-highest run-scorer in ODIs. His tally includes 12 cen-

turies and 35 fifties, with a career-best knock of 164 against New Zealand at the SCG in 2016.

Of the 11 Australian players who have scored more ODI runs than Smith, only David Warner (strike rate 97.26) and Adam Gilchrist (96.89) have done so at a quicker pace.

Smith also captained Australia in 64 ODIs, maintaining a 50% win record. Under his leadership, Australia secured series victories against England and India in his first year as full-time captain, won the Chappell-Hadlee Trophy, and triumphed in a tri-series featuring South Africa and West Indies in 2016. More recently, he led Australia to a 3-0 series sweep over West Indies in Pat Cummins' absence during the 2023-24 home season.

A proven performer on the biggest stages, Smith was a vital part of Australia's World Cup-winning squads in 2015 and 2023. In the 2015 final against New Zealand at the MCG, he sealed the victory with the winning runs. Four years later, he played a key role in the 2019 World Cup, marking his return to international cricket alongside David Warner after a 12-month ban.

His contributions in ICC tournaments were fittingly highlighted in his final ODI match, where he top-scored for Australia with 73 off 96 balls before being bowled by Mohammed Shami.

While Smith's only World Cup century came in the 2015 semi-final against India at the SCG, he holds the record for the most World Cup half-centuries by an Australian batter, with 10—surpassing Michael Clarke and Adam Gilchrist's tally of eight.

Defensively, he was also one of Australia's most reliable fielders, taking 90 catches in ODIs at an average of 0.53 per innings. Among Australian players with at least 70 ODI catches, only Glenn Maxwell (0.61) and Mike Hussey (0.57) have better ratios. His remarkable one-handed catches, including a stunning effort to dismiss BJ Watling in the same match where he scored his career-high 164, remain etched in memory.

Smith's retirement marks the beginning of a transition for Australia's ODI setup as they prepare for the 2027 World Cup in South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Namibia. His long-time teammate David Warner has already stepped

away from international cricket, and several key players from the 2023 World Cup-winning squad were missing from the Champions Trophy semi-final, including Cummins (ankle), Josh Hazlewood (hip), Mitchell Marsh (back), and Mitchell Starc (personal reasons). Additionally, Marcus Stoinis announced his ODI retirement last month.

With veterans like Glenn Maxwell (36), Alex Carey (33), and Adam Zampa (32) approaching the later stages of their careers, Australia is in the midst of a rebuilding phase.

National Selection Panel chair George Bailey acknowledged Smith's contributions, stating, "We fully understand and support Steve's decision to retire from One-Day International cricket," as quoted from the official website of cricket.com.au.

"Steve has said on many occasions he is approaching the remainder of his playing career on a series-by-series basis, a position which hasn't changed and one Cricket Australia supports," Bailey said.

"His record as a batter across 170 games is exemplary and to leave the format as a two-time

World Cup winner cements his legacy as one of the great Australian ODI players," the statement added.

"From an NSP standpoint, Steve remains fully committed to Test cricket and is an integral member of and leader within that team," the statement noted.

Cricket Australia's CEO Todd Greenberg also congratulated Smith on his achievements, highlighting his impact on Australian cricket.

"Congratulations to Steve on an amazing One-Day International career during which he has made a vast contribution to Australia's performances in the 50-over format," he said, as quoted from the official website of cricket.com.au.

"Right up until his final ODI innings Steve exhibited an incredible ability to accumulate runs in all conditions and his astute leadership has been crucial in the team's ongoing success including the 2015 and 2023 ICC World Cup victories," he added.

"We're fortunate Steve still has much to offer in the Test and T20 arenas and I look forward to witnessing the next stage of one of cricket's great careers," he noted.

SRI LANKAN N THANGARAJA TAKES ROUND ONE LEAD COURTESY HIS 65 AT AHMEDABAD OPEN 2025

AHMEDABAD (GUJARAT) : Sri Lankan N Thangaraja took the round one lead courtesy his brilliant seven-under 65 at the INR 1 crore Ahmedabad Open 2025 being played at the Kensville Golf & Country Club near Ahmedabad, according to a release by Ahmedabad Open.

Italy's Michele Ortolani was second at four-under 68. The Delhi duo of Anshul Kabthiyal and Kapil Kumar and Chandigarh's Harendra Gupta were tied third with scores of two-under 70.

N Thangaraja, who finished third at last week's PGTI event in Raipur, continued his good form on Tuesday. Starting from the 10th tee, Thangaraja collected an eagle and two birdies at the expense of a bogey on the back-nine.

The 43-year-old four-time winner on the PGTI then had an even better front-nine where he scored four birdies. Thanga sank two 30-footers and landed a chip within inches on the front-nine. However, the highlight of his round was the extraordinary punch shot from the trees on the seventh that stopped three feet from the flag.

Thanga said, "It was a very windy day but I handled it well. I hit 13 greens in regulation and my putting was excellent. The best moment of the day was the punch shot from the trees on the seventh where I did not have a full swing and was just looking to find the edge of the green. However, that incredible shot saw the ball stop merely three feet from the pin," as quoted from Ahmedabad Open.

"I'm carrying the confidence from last week's performance. Scoring a 65 in such tough conditions adds to my self-belief going forward in the tournament," he added.

Michele Ortolani's short-game held his round together as he made several up and downs. Ortolani, fresh from a runner-up finish on the Asian Development Tour (ADT) recently, made five birdies and a bogey on Tuesday. His round featured a great bunker shot on the 14th that landed inches from the hole and led to a birdie.

Varun Parikh's 73 made him the highest-placed among the Ahmedabad-based players as he occupied tied 14th place.



Shreyas Iyer receives 'Fielder of the Match' medal following win over Australia in CT semis



DUBAI [UAE] : India batter Shreyas Iyer received the 'Fielder of the Match' medal from former India head coach and all-rounder Ravi Shastri following Men in Blue's win over Australia in the semifinal of the ICC Champions Trophy on Tuesday.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) posted a video of the medal ceremony. Iyer made a crucial fielding contribution by cutting short Alex Carey's threatening knock at 61 runs with a fine direct hit in the 48th over, preventing Australia from adding a lot of runs in the death overs and restricting them to a competitive 264 runs in 49.3 overs.

Before presenting the medal, India's fielding coach T Dilip highlighted how the knockout matches require "presence" and "awareness".

"It demands a unit that does not just react, but makes things happen. The way we cut the angles, made second runs difficult, made them earn every run, that is proof of top-notch fielding effort," added the coach.

Following that, he introduced the contenders for the medal, Iyer, Ravindra Jadeja, Shubman Gill (for taking Travis Head's catch) and Virat Kohli (for plucking catches of Josh Inglis and Nathan Ellis).

After that Shastri arrived in the dressing room, to the delight of the Men in Blue, majority of who have played under his tenure as head coach. Shastri's charismatic and roaring voice was met with cheers from the team as he said, "individual brilliance will take you to a certain level. It will be a collective team effort that will take you across the finishing line, when champions

play." Shastri finally presented the medal to Iyer.

Coming to the match, Australia won the toss and elected to bat first. After an early wicket of Cooper Connolly, Travis Head (39 in 33 balls, with four boundaries and two sixes) had a 50-run stand with Steve Smith. Smith carried on, with half-century stands against Marnus Labuschagne (29 in 36 balls, with two fours and a six) and Alex Carey (61 in 57 balls, with eight fours and a six).

Carey was there till the 48th over, until a fine direct hit from Shreyas Iyer ended his knock. Australia was skittled out for 264 in 49.3 overs.

Shami (3/48) was the top bowler for India, while Varun Chakravarthy (2/49) and Ravindra Jadeja (2/40) also unleashed a spin web. Axar Patel and Hardik Pandya took a wicket each.

During the run chase, India lost skipper Rohit Sharma (28 in 29 balls, with three fours and a six) and Shubman Gill (8) early and were reduced to 43/2. From then on, a 91-run partnership between Virat and Shreyas Iyer (45 in 62 balls, with three fours) brought India back into the game. Virat also had a brief 44-run stand with Axar Patel (27 in 30 balls, with a four and six) and a 47-run stand with KL Rahul (42* in 34 balls, with two fours and two sixes).

Hardik delivered a brief and fiery cameo, scoring 28 in 24 balls, with a four and three sixes, helping India seal a win. India finished at 267/6 in 48.1 overs.

Nathan Ellis (2/48) and Adam Zampa (2/60) were the top bowlers for Australia.

SOGF Grandmasters Series: Rahane, Humpy hail West Zone champions, advocate for mind sports' move to mainstream

MUMBAI (MAHARASHTRA) : The West Zone Finals of the inaugural SOG Grandmasters Series, hosted by the Skillhub Online Games Federation (SOGF), concluded on Tuesday, marking a milestone as the first-ever on-ground competition in the series. Over two days of intense gameplay, the tournament highlighted strategy, skill, and cognitive excellence across three mind sports categories.

The event saw exceptional performances, with 12 finalists being awarded the prestigious Major Dhyana Chand Scholarship of Rs 60,000 per year. Among the standout finalists, Akshita Jain (ICM Women), Jval Saurin Patel (ICM Men), Darpan Inani (ICMB), and Tanaji Gargote (IRG) emerged victorious in their respective disciplines, earning their spots in the highly anticipated National Finals set to take place in New Delhi later this year, as per a press release from SOGF.

The Grandmasters Series West Zone Finals held at Sahara Star, Vile Parle, Mumbai witnessed a glittering ceremony graced by esteemed dignitaries, including the Minister of Information Technology of Maharashtra Ashish Shelar, former India Test Captain Ajinkya Rahane, and Youngest ever Women Grandmaster Padma Shri Koneru Humpy. Together they felicitated the winners across the three categories and supported mind sports in the country.

The tournament also witnessed Swera Bragance and Dnyanada Unmesh Gujarathi clinching the Silver and Bronze medals in the ICM Women's category, while Md Nubairshah Shaik and Wagh Suyog secured silver and bronze in the ICM Men's category. In the ICMB category, Aryan B Joshi and Kakade Atul earned silver and bronze, respectively, showcasing their exceptional skills and strategic mastery in mind sports.



Additionally, in the IRG discipline, Manish Shahre and Mangesh Machhi took home the silver and bronze medals, further highlighting the depth of talent and competition at the tournament.

Reflecting on the event's success, Koneru Humpy stated, "The SOG Grandmasters Series is a game-changer for mind sports in India. It is heartening to see such enthusiasm among young players, and I am proud to be associated with an initiative that nurtures skill-based gaming at such a grand scale with Chess being at the forefront." Ajinkya Rahane, known for his strategic mindset on the cricket field, echoed similar sentiments, he said "Mind sports require discipline, patience, and strategy—qualities that are essential for any athlete and for playing any sport. Witnessing the passion and commitment of these competitors especially in Blind Chess was an eye-opener at the West Zone Finals." Shankar Aggarwal, President, Skillhub Online Games Federation (SOGF), emphasized the event's broader impact, he said "With stalwarts like Koneru Humpy and Ajinkya Rahane backing the series, Mind Sports in India is receiving the recognition they truly deserve. We are thrilled by the response and look forward to elevating this platform further."

The action now shifts to the North and East Zonal and South Zone 2, culminating in the SOG Grandmasters National Finals in New Delhi. With increased participation and growing engagement, the initiative is set to redefine the landscape of competitive gaming in India.

The SOG Grandmasters Series continues to solidify its reputation as India's premier skill-based gaming championship, bridging the gap between traditional and digital formats.

ICC RANKINGS: AFGHAN STAR OMARZAI AT NUMBER ONE AMONG ODI ALL-ROUNDERS, VIRAT RISES TO 4TH IN BATTERS' LIST

DUBAI [UAE] : In the latest ICC ODI Rankings, two massive moves involved Afghanistan all-rounder and ICC ODI Cricketer of the Year 2024, Azmatullah Omarzai reaching the number one spot among all-rounders and star India batter Virat Kohli moving to number four among batters.

The emergence of world-class talent Azmatullah Omarzai has been fast and furious. The Afghanistan all-rounder, who will turn just 25 later this month, is now at the top. Following a blistering ICC Champions Trophy 2025 campaign, which included a maiden five-wicket haul against England and a fifty against Australia, Omarzai has become the world's top-ranked all-rounder.

In the CT 2025, Omarzai scored 126 runs in three innings at an average of 42.00, with an attacking 41 and five-wicket haul against England and a resilient 67 against Australia in the rain-hit final league stage match being the



standouts. He scored his runs at a strike rate of over 104. He also took seven wickets in three matches at an average of 20.00, with best figures of 5/58.

He also dethroned teammate Mohammad Nabi in the process, who drops to second on the list.

Omarzai was also one of the key climbers in the latest ODI batter rankings, off the back of his 126 total runs in the Champions Trophy. He moved up 12 spots to 24th (598 rating points).

Afghanistan's Champions Trophy campaign allowed a number of their stars to blossom, as Ibrahim Zadran also made a bold climb up the batting rankings. The 23-year-old smashed 177 runs against England in Lahore, moving up 13 spots into 10th (676 rating points).

Australia's Steve Smith also collected a good dose of rating points, climbing six spots to 16th after his batting contributions at the Champions Trophy, which included a half-century against India.

Another high-profile veteran, Kiwi Kane Williamson, also made a move, climbing eight spots to 29th, following a gutsy 81 against India at Dubai.

India opener Shubman Gill remains in the number four rank-

ing for ODI batters, with teammate Virat Kohli moving up to fourth following his Player of the Match heroics against Australia in the Champions Trophy semi-final in Dubai.

In the ongoing Champions Trophy, Virat is the third-highest run-getter, with 217 runs in four innings at an average of 72.33, with a century and a fifty.

New Zealander Matt Henry has been rewarded for his superb tournament, rising three spots and onto the podium of the bowling rankings.

Henry is now in third (649 rating points), behind Sri Lankan spinner Maheesh Theekshana (first) and South Africa's Keshav Maharaj (second).

The resurgence of Indian seamer Mohammed Shami at the Champions Trophy sees him move up three spots to 11th (609 rating points), while South Africa's Marco Jansen (up nine spots to 18th) and England's Jofra Archer (up 13 spots to equal 19th).

RUN-FEST IN GURUGRAM AS SUPREME SPARTANS, DYNAMIC DAREDEVILS, MIGHTY MAVERICKS SECURE WINS



GURUGRAM (HARYANA) : An Elite Cricket Tournament being played in Gurugram witnessed a high-scoring spectacle this weekend, as Supreme Spartans, Mighty Mavericks and Dynamic Daredevils registered thrilling victories in their respective matches, according to a release from Servotech Sports Elite Cricket Tournament.

The Servotech Sports Elite Cricket Tournament has been delivering intense cricketing action with young and seasoned players competing at the highest level. The opening match of the weekend saw Dynamic Daredevils clinch a four-wicket win over Royal Rangers in a high-scoring chase. Batting first, Royal Rangers posted a formidable 227/4 in 20 overs, but the Daredevils successfully chased down the target with two balls to spare, showcasing their batting firepower. The second match turned into a run-fest as Supreme Spartans put up a staggering 296 runs in 20 overs, powered by a breath-taking century from Garv Dhingra, who smashed 140 runs off 53 balls. Chasing the mammoth total, Victory Vipes put up a valiant effort, with openers Keshav (146 off 62 balls) and Sandeep Mehra (123 off 47 balls) scoring remarkable centuries. However, their efforts fell just short, handing Supreme Spartans a hard-fought win. In the third match on Sunday, Mighty Mavericks defeated Victory Vipes by 98 runs. Batting first, Mighty Mavericks scored 230/6 in the allotted 20 overs and then folded Victory Vipes for 132 inside 19 overs. With the tournament heating up, Mighty Mavericks currently lead the points table with six points, followed closely by Dynamic Daredevils and Supreme Spartans, who have four points each. Travel Unravel and Royal Rangers have secured two points, while Elite Eagles, Victory Vipes, and Thunder Strikers are yet to register a win. The Servotech Sports Elite Cricket Tournament, which commenced on February 15, is set to run through March. Through Servotech Sports Elite Cricket Tournament, young and budding cricketers are getting a chance to play matches with Ranji players. There are also many experienced players featuring in the tournament. Notably, Servotech Siliguri Strikers, made waves in the Bengal Pro T20 League 2024, impressing fans with performances and showcasing the depth of talent nurtured by the organization.