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Sonia Gandhi charges govt with 'systematically undermining' rural employment under MGNREGA

MI News Service, New Delhi: Accusing the BJPled Central government of systematically undermining the rural employment guarantee scheme MGN-REGA for long, Congress leader Sonia Gandhi has demanded raising of minimum wage under it to Rs 400 per day and the number of guaranteed workdays to 150 a year.

Raising the issue through a Zero Hour mention in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday, Sonia Gandhi said the UPA government under former late Prime minister Manmohan Singh enacted the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural **Employment Guarantee** Act (MGNREGA) in 2005. "This landmark legislation has been a crucial safety net for millions of rural poor. However, it is deeply concerning that the present BJP government has systematically undermined the scheme," she said.

Strongly criticising the central government's 'meagre budgetary allocation' for MGNREGA during a post-budget debate in Parliament, Sonia Gandhi argued that the current administration has weakened the programme. "I am deeply concerned that the present BJP government has systematically undermined the scheme, and the budget allocation remains stagnant at Rs. 86,000 crore for long," Gandhi stated.

She further said that the actual allocation has decreased by Rs. 4,000 crore. Moreover, estimates suggest that nearly 20 per cent of the allocated funds will be used to clear pending dues from previous years," she added.

The Congress MP also highlighted several challenges facing the MGN-REGA scheme, including the mandatory Aadhaarbased payment system, the National Mobile Monitoring System, persistent delays in wage payments, and wage rates that fail to keep pace with inflation. She called for increased funding to sustain and expand the program, demanding a minimum wage of Rs. 400. Additionally, she urged the government to eliminate mandatory requirements such as the Aadhaar-based payment system and the National Mobile Monitoring System. She also advocated for

increasing the guaranteed

workdays under MGN-REGA from 100 to 150 per year. She asserted that these measures are essential to ensure the programme provides dignified employment and financial security to millions of rural

Meanwhile, as the Lok Sabha was briefly adjourned amid opposition protests after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's statement on the Mahakumbh, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi said the LoP should be allowed to speak according to the democratic structure but is not given permission in "new

Gandhi also said the prime minister should have paid homage to those who lost their lives in the January 29 stampede at the Mahakumbh in Praya-

graj.
The Lok Sabha was briefly adjourned till 1 pm on Tuesday following protests by opposition members over Modi's remarks on the success of the Mahakumbh, which was held from January 13 to February 26.

"I wanted to support what he(PM) was saying. Kumbh is our tradition, history and culture. There was also a complaint that he did not pay homage to those who lost their lives in the stampede in the Ma-hakumbh," Gandhi told reoutside Parliament.

"The other thing I wanted to say is that the youth that went to the Kumbh need another thing from the PM, they need employment. The prime minister should speak on employment," the Con-gress leader said.

Asked if he was not allowed to speak, Gandhi said, "We are not allowed to speak. According to the democratic structure, the LoP should be permitted to speak, but is not given permission, but this is new

Earlier, describing the Mahakumbh as an important milestone, Modi told the Lok Sabha that the sponse to those who questioned India's capability to organise such a large congregation. He said the entire world witnessed the grandeur of India during the Mahakumbh and the religious gathering reflected the spirit of rising

4.3 magnitude earthquake jolts western Nepal; no loss of life reported

MI News Service, Kathmandu: An earthquake measuring 4.3 on the Richter scale shook parts of western Nepal on Tuesday morning, causing huge panic among the general public as well as the state

administration.. However, there was no immediate report of any damage or causality by the tremor, which was described as of moderate intensity.

The National Earthquake Monitoring and Research Centre said that an earthquake of 4.3 magnitude was recorded at 6.33 a m in Western Nepal with its epicentre located at Batulasain of Achham district, 450 km west of Kathmandu.

Like on previous occasions, many people rushed out from their homes in panic to open spaces in a bid to save their lives. .

However, there was no immediate report of any damage or causality by the tremor, they said.

Earlier this month two earthquakes of moderate intencity, measuring 5.7 and 4.1 on Richter scale were recorded near Kathmandu and in Baglung district also in western Nepal causing minor damages. However in both the occasions there was no loss of human life, though some buildings developed cracks, official sources

34 cops injured, 45 arrested and curfew imposed in Nagpur after violence:

MI News Service, Nagpur: the Intensive Care Unit At least 45 persons have been arrested in connection with the violence in Nagpur in which 34 police personnel and five other civilians suffered injuries, forcing the authorities to clamp curfew in several areas of the city, official sources said here on Tuesday. Two of the injured people were admitted to

(ICU) in a local hospital, the sources said adding that a number of top government officials have arrived here to review the situation following the incident on Monday. In addition, 45 vehicles were also vandalised during the violence, the sources said

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West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee interacts with Mayor Firhad Hakim's granddaughter during the 'Dawat-E-Iftar' event organized by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation at Park Circus Maidan in Kolkata on Tuesday.

Mahakumbh is a symbol of unity in diversity, PM Modi said in the Lok Sabha

MI News Service, New Delhi: Describing the recently-concluded cently-concluded Ma-hakumbh at Prayagraj as an important milestone, Prime Minister Narendra Modi told the Lok Sabha on Tuesday that the grand event is a befitting response to those who questioned India's capability to organise such a large congregation.

Making a statement in the Lok Sabha, Modi said the entire world witnessed the grandeur of India during the Mahakumbh and the religious gathering reflected the spirit of rising

"I bow to the crores of people of the country who contributed to the success of the Mahakumbh in Prayagraj," he said, adding that it showcased the unity of the people.He also described it as a fine example of the 'sabka

saath' philosophy.

He said the Mahakumbh proved that unity in diversity runs deep

in India's culture. India's new generation connected with the Mahakumbh, embracing traditions and faith with pride, Modi said in his re-

However, the Lok Sabha was briefly adjourned till 1 pm on Tuesday following protests by opposition members over Prime Minister Modi's remarks on the success of the Mahakumbh in Prayagraj.
Many opposition mem-

bers rose from their seats in protest after the prime minister spoke. Lok Sabha Speaker Om

Birla repeatedly urged the protesting members to return to their seats. When they refused to comply, he adjourned the House till 1

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Referring to the ongo-

ing war of words over languages, Prime Minister Modi said Mahakumbh also presented a fine example of India's unity in diversity as people speaking varied languages gathered at the Triveni Sangam to chant 'Har Har Gange'.

"The strength of Indian unity is such that it shatters all attempts to undermine this unity," said the PM, describing the Mahakumbh as a celebration that showcased India to the world.

About the presence of over 66 crore pilgrims from India and abroad, the PM said when a society begins to take pride in its culture and civilisation, we see magnificent pictures of unity of the scale seen in

Prayagraj.
"This raises the sense of fraternity and the confidence in national capacities to achieve great goals. Mahakumbh was a celebration which united everyone. People sacrificed 'aham for vayam',

the feeling of 'main nahi hum'," PM Modi said, congratulating all those who participated in the festival.

He also compared it to other landmark civilisational events, such as Swami Vivekananda's efforts to elevate collective Hindu consciousness. PM Modi emphasised

that unity in diversity is India's greatest strength. "We have always said it is our responsibility to constantly power this feeling of unity. Mahakumbh has inspired us on multiple fronts," said Modi, proposing a new tradition of river festivals in India to raise awareness and appreciation for water conservation. In his remarks, PM Modi also said that youth of India had participated in large numbers in Mahakumbh and had signalled a pride in their heritage and civilisation.

He also referred to his recent Mauritius visit and recounted the festive spirit he saw when he immersed Sangam waters in the

PM's Maha Kumbh statement is a 'damage-control speech', says TMC leader Derek O'Brien

MI News Service, New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's statement in the Lok Sabha on the Maha Kumbh was a "damage-control speech" aimed at distracting attention from issues such as tariffs imposed by the US, TMC
Rajya Sabha MP Derek
O'Brien said on Tuesday.
He also said there were
enough precedents in both

Houses of Parliament where members have sought clarification on ministers' statements.

O'Brien, the TMC's Parliamentary Party leader in the Rajva Sabha, was re-

ifications.
"Why were members of the opposition not allowed to seek clarifications? There are enough precedents to suggest in both Houses, when a minister makes a statement, some clarifications can be asked," O'Brien said.

"Parliament is not 'Mann ki Baat', it is a twoway communication," he added.

PM Modi on Tuesday said the Maha Kumbh has strengthened the spirit of unity in the country and gave a befitting response to those who questioned



acting to the Prime minister's brief statement in the Lower House on the recently-held Maha Kumbh. Opposition MPs were not allowed to ask for clarifications, leading to protests and adjournment of the Lok Sabha.

"Prime Minister Modi's speech is a damage-control excercise. He is in damagecontrol mode in the international scenario ... He wants his MPs to do 'tareef (praise)' but Trump has imposed tariffs," O'Brien told reporters. "This is the same

Prime minister who has not answered even one question on the floor of Parliament. This is the same Prime minister who has not done a proper press conference. The Bengal Chief minister does press conferences at least once a week," he added.

The TMC leader also slammed the government over opposition MPs not India's capability to organise such a large congrega-

Making a statement in the Lok Sabha, Modi said the success of the Maha Kumbh which was attended by over 66 crores people from the country and abroad, was a result of the contributions of countless people from the government and society.

Meanwhile, another Congress Trinamool leader and the party's other Rajya Sabha MP Saket Gokhale has demanded Bharat Ratna for former Chief Election Commissioner TN Seshan, saying he upheld the independence and dignity of the Election Commission.Raising the issue in the Rajya Sabha through a Zero Hour mention, the TMC leader said Seshan was the 10th Chief Election Commissioner and he redefined the way the Election Commission of India

Parliament clears Rs 51,463 cr extra spending for FY25 and Manipur Budget for FY26

MI News Service, New Delhi: Both Houses of Parliament on Tuesday approved the supplementary demands for grants, which entails Rs 51,463 crore additional spending in the current fiscal and the Manipur Budget for 2025-26 with the Rajya Sabha returning four bills to the Lok Sabha.

Parliament also approved the Rs 1,291 crore demands for excess grants for 2021-22 fiscal and the Rs 1,861 crore supplementary demands for grants for Manipur in 2024-25.

The Lok Sabha had passed the supplementary demands for grants and the Manipur Budget for 2025-26 on March 11..

Incidentally, the Rajya Sabha has in the meantime returned the Appropriation Bill, 2025; The Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2025; The Manipur Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 2025; and The Manipur Appropriation Bill, 2025, after the reply by Fi-

nance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to a discussion on the four

The second batch of supplementary demands for grants entails a gross additional spending sought by the government was over Rs 6.78 lakh crore, of which Rs 6.27 lakh crore would be matched by savings and re-

The net additional spending by the government would be Rs 51,462.86 crore in the current fiscal, as per the second batch of supplementary demands for grants. The demands for grants include a technical supplementary of Rs 5.54 lakh crore, which goes towards repayment of debt.

The Manipur Budget provides for a total receipts of Rs 35,368 crore, while total expenditure was estimated at Rs 35,104 crore. The state's own tax is about Rs 2,634 crore and nontax is about Rs 400 crore. It is a Vote on Account asking for 6

months and at this stage for an amount of Rs 17,947 crore. The Vote on Account pro-

vides for a Rs 500 crore corpus for the creation of a contingency fund for Manipur, which is currently under President's Rule. Consequent to the Proclamation issued under Article 356 of the Constitution on February 13, 2025, the powers of the Legislature of the State of Manipur are exercisable by or under the authority of Parliament.

President Trump's 'America First' policy is not America alone, claims Tulsi Gabbard



MI News Service, New **Delhi:** Emphasising that the present Indo-US ties in different sectors is 'rock solid', the US Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard said here on Tuesday that President Donald Trump's policy of 'America First' should not be misunderstood as of America alone.

In an address at the Raisina Dialogue this morning at the conclusion of her two day maiden visit to India after taking over as the supremely important position as the Direcof the USA, Gabbard underlined that still there is a "huge opportunity" for further expanding the India-US relationship, and said Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Trump had laid out their vision for boosting the overall bilateral ties in their meeting in Washington DC last Gabbard said just like

Trump's 'America First' policy, PM Modi is also committed to the 'India First' approach, which we all welcome' ...

of two old friends".Delving into the ongoing global geopoliti-Russia- Ukraine conflict

occasional

downs"

But at the same time it

cal turmoil, Gabbard said President Trump is committed to ensuring peace and security across the universe and cited the examples of the US President's sincere efforts to end the three year long

and bringing a permanent peace to Gaza. "Trump is

unwavering in securing

peace with strength", she

said. Earlier on

stood that 'America First'

means America alone, she

ing relationships between

the two great democratic

nations of the world, Gab-

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an event and requested that this letter from him and the people of India must reach her. Wishing her strength and a safe return, the PM reaffirmed India's deep bond with its illustrious daughter. Sunita, in turn. touched by the gesture, expressed her gratitude to PM Modi and India, Jitendra Singh said.

Looking forward to seeing you in India,"

says PM Modi to astronaut Sunita Williams

PM Modi in his letter mentioned that 1.4 billion Indians have always taken pride in her achievements and he looks forward to her safe return home.

"I convey to you greetings from the people of India. At a programme today, I met the noted astronaut, Mike Massimino. During the course of our conversation, your name came up and we discussed how proud we are of you and your work. Following this interaction, I could not stop myself from writing to you," PM Modi wrote in his letter to Sunita.

He further said that he inquired about her well-being during his visits to the United States.

"When I met President Trump or President Biden during my visits to the United States, I inquired about your wellbeing. 1.4 billion Indians have always taken

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Bird flu: Murshidabad on high alert as virus spreads in Jharkhand

Murshidabad: Panic has been growing for quite some time. The news of bird flu spreading in other states had already made headlines. But now the virus is breathing near the neck of Bengal. It can enter Bengal at any time! Due to this fear, surveillance has been increased. The district administration is keeping a close eye on the 'epicenter'. It has been learned that traces of the avian influenza (H5N1) or bird flu virus have been found in several places in Jharkhand. The virus is mainly found in Pakur village of Pakur district of Jharkhand. Therefore, experts believe that the 10-kilometer area adjacent to Pakur village could be the epicenter. For that reason, special surveillance has been arranged by the Murshidabad district administration in Bahutali of Suti block number 1, Umarpur Shamsherganj, Paikar, Dhulian, Nowpara of block number 2 and Mamrezpur Mahadevnagar of Farakka. In addition, a surveillance

Service, team has been formed by the Murshidabad district administration. Special surveillance is being conducted there every day. It has also been said that a report will be prepared . It has been said that biosecurity protocols should be strictly followed in every poultry farm. Along with this, awareness messages are also being given to the public. Care is being taken to ensure that chickens from Jharkhand do not enter Murshidabad. A government official said, "Avian influenza has been detected in the neighboring state of Jharkhand. In accordance with the instructions of the Government of India, instructions have been given to prevent chickens from coming to our district from Jharkhand. In addition, check posts are being set up in the Jharkhand border areas and surveillance is being carried out. Instructions have also been given to ensure that chickens do not go to the other side of the district." However, he said, there is no ban on eating

Police investigate suspicious death of mother, son arrested

Alipurdur: A disturbing incident has unfolded in the fitter's line of the satali tea garden in Alipurduar's Kalchini Block. The lifeless body of 60 year old Somali Tirki was found locked in an adjacent room. According to local residents, Somail and Abir were last seen on Sunday, when a heated argument between the two was reportedly heard. Fol-lowing two altercation, the mother and son remained unaccounted for, sparking concerns among neighbours. The situation took a grim run on Monday night, when a strong stench emanated from the residence, promoting locals to alert the

Service, authorities. Police from the Hasimara outpost arrived at the scene to find Somali's lifeless body and Abir locked in the adjacent room. Abir, who workers at the garden has been taken into custody by the police. While the exact circumstances surrounding Somali's death remain unclear, investigators are probing the possibility of the foul play. The body has been sent for autopsy and the police gave initiated questioning to determine the events leading up to Somali's death. As the investigation unfolds, authorities are working to piece together the sequence of events and established the facts surrounding this dis-

Bakchitri's "Colorful Sensations"



Nurul Islam Khan Recently, six new audio plays were staged at Sujata Sadan. Under the auspices of Swapna Guha, her students underwent a 6-month workshop on writing an exceptional audio play. The topic was "Relationship". The 6 plays of this evening are the result of that workshop. Swapna Guha performed one play written by rhetoric.

her. And one play written by her was performed by her students. The organization's acting officer, journalist and writer Dr. Rafiq Anwar, was present. Other officials were present. The audience was crowded in the auditorium that day. Everyone enthusiastically praised the play and praised the organization's

Sphulinga Literary Magazine Launched



Nurul Islam Khan The Sphulinga Literary Magazine was recently unveiled in Sonarpur, commemorating International Mother Language Day with a vibrant celebration. The launch event showcased a rich collection of poetry, essays, and short stories, reflecting the depth and diversity of Bengali literature.

Several distinguished literary personalities graced the occasion, including Brindaban Das, Galib Islam, Sukhendu Majumdar, Subhash Acharya, Shambhunath Mandal, Bipadtaran Naskar, and Surajit Chattopadhyay.

In its editorial, Sphulinga voiced concerns over the status of Bengali as an official language, stressing that without its full implementation in administrative work, the language could weaken over time. The magazine emphasized that the preservation and promotion of indigenous dialects and cultural traditions are essential to strengthening the linguistic identity of Bengal.

A standout moment of the event was the recitation by Tandra Naskar, who captivat-

ed the audience with her stirring rendition of "Amar Bhaiyer Rokte Rangano Ekushe February." The performance added emotional depth to the gathering, resonating with the theme of language and cultural heritage.

The event also saw the active participation of several little magazine editors and literary enthusiasts, making it a significant platform for contemporary literary discussions. Among the notable publications present were Suchetna, Ra, Abad, Talpukur, and Suryakiran.

program featured poetry recitations, musical performances, and engaging discussions, transforming the event into a dynamic cultural gathering. It paid tribute to the martyrs of the Bengali Language Movement, reinforcing the importance of preserving and nurturing linguistic and literary traditions.

The event was presided over by Ramesh Chandra Nath, who highlighted the crucial role of literature in safeguarding the Bengali language and cultural heritage for future generations.

State govt cracks down on middlemen in hosps MI News Service, Kolkata: Securing a middlemen to extort money from

bed in hospital facilities has become increasingly challenging, often leading patients to rely on middlemen who charge hefty amounts for admission, proper care, and even extended visiting hours. Allegations of such illicit activities frequently surface but rarely get officially recorded. Many patients and their families avoid filing complaints, either due to fear or because they believe grievance boxes remain unchecked or deliberately placed out of reach.

The West Bengal Health Department has taken note of these persistent issues and is now implementing strict measures to curb harassment and middleman networks in government hospitals. According to sources, the department has issued directives to all district hospitals to install multiple complaint boxes, ensuring they are regularly monitored and reviewed.



transparent and accountable system for patient grievances.

Reports suggest that in several cases, doctors, nurses, and other healthcare workers fail to adhere to duty guidelines, leading to delays in treatment. Allegations have also surfaced about some medical professionals directing patients toward private hospitals, further complicating the healthcare crisis. Additionally, certain hospital staff mem-

patients, tarnishing the reputation of government healthcare services.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who also heads the Health Department, has expressed her determination to eliminate such malpractice. Over the past few months, she has introduced multiple reforms, including the installation of CCTV cameras in hospitals and stricter surveillance of medical staff. She recently reminded doctors of their mandatory eight-hour shifts and issued a stern warning that negligence in duty will not be tolerated.

This latest move to enhance direct communication with patients and their families is part of the government's broader effort to restore trust in the public healthcare system. By cracking down on middlemen and ensuring accountability, the state aims to provide fair and accessible medical services to all, free from corruption and exploita-

arrest 22-yr-old groom

Diamond Harbour MP and TMC leader Abhishek Banerjee

Uluberia: A dramatic sequence of events unfolded in Uluberia, where 22 year old man was arrested for attempting to marry a 16 years old minor girl. The incident began on Dol day, when the two met in Takaeswar Hoogly, and the young man proposed marriage. The minor girl accepted, and the wedding was hastily arranged within two days. According to sources, the minor girl of class 10 student from Chanditala, left her home on Sunday and traveled to Uluberia, where the secret wedding ceremony took place in a local temple. However, when the news of the marriage reached the family, they

arranged a formal wed-



ding ceremony unaware of the legal implication. The Uluberia police station received a tip-off about the child marriage, promoting a joint raid with officials from the Uluberia BDO office and the Social Welfare Department. The police intervened arresting the 22 years old groom and rescuing the minor bride. The family members were counseled about the adverse consequences of child marriage, and the minor girl was sent to a shelter home for her safety and well-being. The incident highlight the need for the continued vigilance and awareness about prohibition of child marriage in

TMC counters BJP's slogan with satirical posters

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal's political battleground has intensified with a new poster war between the ruling Trina-mool Congress (TMC) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Following the BJP's slogan "Hindu Hindu Bhai Bhai" (Hindus are brothers), counter-posters questioning the practical benefits of Hindu unity appeared across the state on Tuesday.

Several posters, carrying slogans such as "If Hindus are brothers, why no relief on gas prices?" and "If Hindus are brothers, why pay Aadhaar linking fines?", were spotted in Bidhan-nagar. The campaign, al-

legedly initiated by TMC's oned Hindutva as a core IT and social media wing, is being seen as a direct response to BJP's Hindutva-driven election strategy. With the 2026 West Bengal Assembly elections approaching, the saffron party has been actively promoting Hindutva sentiments to consolidate its vote bank. The posters, prominently

displayed at key locations like Karunamoyee and opposite BikashBhavan, carried the signature of TMC's digital cell. Similar banners were also seen in parts of North and Central Kolkata, further escalating the political discourse. BJP has long champi-

pointing out that religious identity does not bring financial relief.

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However, TMC's count-

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the 1,000 fine imposed

for failing to link Aadhaar,

absence of a Bengali Union Minister from the state, despite BJP's presence in the central government and multiple MPs from Bengal. TMC's IT cell chief, Debangshu Bhattacharya, er-campaign has turned has actively participated in the discourse, reinforcing the party's stance against ers question why, despite BJP's Hindutva narrative. With the poster war Hindu solidarity, gas prices remain high for Hindus gaining momentum, politas well. They also criticize

ical analysts believe that Bengal's electoral battle is shifting towards a deeper ideological confrontation, where both parties are striving to control the narrative ahead of the crucial

Another significant point

National Capacity Building Competition for SDRFs (E & NE Region) Hosted by 2 Bn NDRF

MI News Service, Kalyani: For the first time in India, the second batallion of National Disaster Response Force NDRF) hosted the National Capacity Building Competition for the State Disaster Response Force of the East and North East Regions at Headquarters of West Bengal and Sikkim, Kolkata, established at Haringhata in Nadia on Tuesday, said Bharat Bhusan Vaid, the DIG, NDRF of the two mentioned re-

In a significant step towards enhancing disaster response preparedness, the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) is organizing the Inter-State Capacity Building Urban Search And Rescue (USAR) Competition for the State Disaster Response Forces (SDRFs) of the Eastern and North-Eastern (E & NE) region. The prestigious event was hosted by 2 Bn. NDRF, which aims to strengthen the operational capabilities of SDRF teams in Collapse Structure Search & Rescue (CSSR) operations.

With India's rapid urbanization and a substantial portion of the country lying in earthquake-prone zones IV and V, the risk of structural collapses remains a critical concern. This competition serves as a vital platform to assess, refine, and enhance the rescue competencies of SDRF teams, ensuring they are well-equipped to handle disaster situations. The event



NDRF's underscores unwavering commitment to capacity building, fostering innovation, and strengthening inter-agency coordination in disaster

Shri Piyush Anand, IPS, Director General, NDRF, highlighted the importance of continuous skill development for first responders, stating that a well-prepared and efficient disaster response force is crucial for minimizing loss of life and property during emergencies.

The competition has brought together leading disaster response SDRF teams from the Eastern and North-Eastern region, including Sik kim, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Tripura, Meghalaya, Assam, West Bengal, Bihar, and the Disaster Management Group (DMG) Kolkata. Their participation reflected a collective commitment to enhancing operational excellence, strengthening regional collaboration, and advancing disaster preparedness efforts.

Adding to the event's significance,

Shri Bharat Bhushan Vaid, DIG, PPM, E & NE Zone, NDRF has specially arrived to witness the competition and interact with participating teams. His presence underscores the need for regional cooperation and a synchronized approach in large-scale emergency response operations.

The competition features realistic rescue challenges, including victim extrication from collapsed structures, emergency medical response, and disaster communication, aimed at assessing and improving the overall readiness of SDRF teams. The event is set to establish a benchmark for enhancing disaster response frameworks and ensuring a more effective and coordinated emergency manage-

However around 150 NDRF personnel from 10 SDRFs took part in the contest. There was only one female out of 150 in the competition and she was leading Nagaland team.

There is the prize money for first , second and third positions and the amount is Rs 1 lakh, 75 thousand and 50 thousand. Informing it B.B. Vaid added that there will be the National Competition of the event in Delhi- Gaziabad in April and 8 regional teams from 4 regions will compete there.

An exhibition of equipments, those are used in disasters, also took place.

The investigation were conducted on March 16 by

the Baguihati police station

and the person was arrest-

ed from the area under

During interrogation, it was learned that many

types of jewelry were sold in Shambhu Karmakar's

gold shop in the Chakdaha

area. The Baguihati police

then also arrested Shambhu

Karmakar for buying stolen

jewelry.

They were taken to the

Baguiĥati police station that

night. The Baguihati Police

has started an investigation

into who else is involved in

Chakda police station.

led to delays in removing the Service, Kolkata: A shocking sight greeted residents of Dum body. Authorities from Sinthee Police Station, Dum Dum Dum's Bediapara on Monday

Dead body found hanging in Dum Dum

late night when they discovered a body hanging from a tree near the railway tracks. Despite immediate reports to the police, no action had been taken even by Tuesday afternoon, leaving the body still hanging in place.

Local residents suspect foul play, believing the individual was murdered and then hanged to make it appear as a suicide. However, the truth can only be uncovered once the body is retrieved and a proper investigation is conducted. Frustration is mounting as no significant police intervention has been observed

The body was found suspended from a tree near the No. 1 railway track, between the 30A bus stand and Dum Dum station. However, confusion over jurisdiction has authorities.

Government Railway Police (GRP), and Nagerbazar Police Station are reportedly engaged in a dispute over which department is responsible for handling the case. Residents claim that the body has been hanging there since 6 PM on Monday, yet due to the unresolved juris-

dictional conflict, no officers have taken responsibility for removing it. The ongoing delay has further fueled public outrage While some police personnel are initially treating the case as a suspected suicide, local residents insist that the possibility of murder cannot be ruled out. With the investigation stalled due to administrative disagreements, the truth remains uncertain, leaving the community demanding immediate action from law enforcement

BRC and IIT Mandi Sign MoU to **Promote Education and Research in** Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)

Service, Kolkata: In a significant step towards advancing research and education in Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), the Bhaktivedanta Research Centre (BRC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi (IIT Mandi), a leading research and educational institution under the Ministry of Education, Government of India. This collaboration aims to facilitate interdisciplinary research, curriculum development, and manuscript preservation, particularly in the study of the Bhagavad Gita, Puranas, and key Vaishnava

As part of the esteemed IIT system, IIT Mandi has a

strong tradition of academic excellence and interdisciplinary research. This partnership highlights the institute's commitment to integrating traditional Indian Knowledge Systems with modern academic frameworks, fostering deeper engagement with Indian philosophical traditions

within structured education. The MoU aims to enhance scholarly exchange between faculty, students, and researchers from both institutions while advancing research in IKS. Key areas of collaboration include manuscript preservation, AI-driven Sanskrit textual analysis, and the development of academic programs in IKS, including online courses in Vedic phi-

Merchants' Chamber of Commerce & Industry organised a Special Session on CRACK THE PASSPORT CODE

Shri Ashish Middha, IFS Regional Passport Officer West Bengal, Tripura, Sikkim & Andaman and Nicobar Island Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India was the Chief Guest . The Central idea of the Session was to discuss about e-passport and newer experiences in passport processing. DigiLocker Passport service is a secure and government-backed platform which allows citizens to store, access, and share digital documents, including passports, streamlining the passport application process and verification. GSR 570(E) is a notification issued on August 25, 1993, by the Ministry of External Affairs, India, regarding the issuance of passports to individuals facing criminal proceedings, allowing for short-validity passports under specific conditions. To



Regional Passport Officer, West Bengal, Tripura, Sikkim, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India. at the Special Session on 'Crack the Passport Code' with Shri Ashish Middha, IFS, Regional Passport Officer, West Bengal Tripura, Sikkim, Andaman & Nicohar Islands Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India

get verified Passport, the applicant should provide latest version of all the documents and should mention similar credentials in all the docu-

Theft at Kali temple in Kolkata's Baguihati, 2 arrested in Nadia

Chakdaha: Cops from Kolkata Baguihati Police station arrested two people from Nadia, following the theft in a Kali Temple at Baguihati.

A Kali temple in Baguihati Bazar on the outskirts of Kolkata was robbed on the night of February 23. The miscreants escaped with many valuables. To solve the case of the theft, the Baguihati police arrested two people from Madanpur and Rabindranagar areas of Chakdah police station in Nadia. The arrested are Rajesh Dey and Shambhu Karmakar. Rajesh's house is in Rabindranagar area

police station and Shambhu limandir in Baguihati Bazar Karmakar's house is in Purba Para of Madanpur under same police station.

Rajen Dey had sold the stolen goods to Shambhu Karmakar of Madanpur. The police have recovered several lakhs of rupees worth of goods from his custody.

Meanwhile, the police had announced a reward of ten thousand rupees for the arrest of the thief.

However, the police are counting it as a great success in recovering the thief and the stolen goods.

According to police sources, this daring theft took area. Then on the 24th, a written complaint was filed with the police station by Baguihati Bazar committee. Later, on the 25th, the market traders surrounded the police station.

On the other hand, the police launched an investigation. The investigation was conducted and the footage of more than 100 CCTV cameras was examined. Along with this, the police also announced a reward of Rs. 10 thousand to the per-

son who found this theft. In the mean time, the picture of a person from Chakdaha was found in the CCTV

the incident, a police source

Judicial recruitment impasse resolved: **Cal HC clears PSC process** ty and job seekers, ensur-

News Kolkata: The legal deadlock over judicial appointments in West Bengal has finally been resolved. On Tuesďay, the Calcutta High Court upheld the integrity of the Public Service Commission's (PSC) recruitment process, ruling that the examinations were conducted properly. Following extensive legal arguments, the court lifted the interim stay on judicial appointments in various lower courts, clear-

ing the way for pending recruitments. In a significant ruling,

Justice Arindam Mukherjee dismissed the petition challenging the 2022 re-cruitment process, ef-fectively giving the PSC a clean chit. This means that there are no longer any obstacles to appointing judges in the state's lower courts. The case was originally filed by an OBC candidate, alleging that reservation policies were

not followed in the recruitment process. This led to the interim stay in September 2024, halting judicial appointments for nearly two years. The delay resulted in a severe backlog of cases, and many law graduates were left without job opportunities.

Now that the petition has been dismissed, 29 vacant judicial positions will finally be filled. The court's decision is expected to bring relief to the legal communi-

ing that pending cases in lower courts move forward more efficiently. Following the verdict, the PSC's legal counsel con-

firmed that recruitment, which had been stalled since 2022, can now prowithout hindrance. This development is expected to accelerate legal proceedings in lower courts and provide employment opportunities for young legal professionals.

President Trump's 'America...

Monday the US Director of National Intelligence held bilateral talks with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh focusing on boosting defence and security ties between the two coun-

Several other issues relating to intelligence gathering were also discussed during the hour long meeting between Singh and Gabbard, Defence sources said.

Gabbard who arrived in New Delhi early Sunday for her maiden visit, also met India's, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and held a one on one meeting with him for detailed discussion on several facets of the India-US relationship.

Tulsi Gabbard is visiting India as a part of her multination trip. The Asia leg of Gabbard's visit was culminated today with her address at the Raisina Dialogue, a multinational gathering of security offi-

cials in Delhi, to which Prime Minister Narendra Modi has invited her.

During the meeting be-

tween Doval and Gabbard, the two leaders reportedly discussed on how to improve and better the intelligence sharing between the US and India. Discussions were also carried out on how New Delhi and Washington can work together more closely on security. The key meet also covered security in the Indo-Pacific region, efforts to fight terror funding and money laundering, and topics related to extradition and immigration. The intelligence leaders also reportedly talked about various global issues, including the impact of the Russia-Ukraine war and the conflict in the Middle East. Moreover, Indian officials expressed concerns about anti-India groups including pro-Khalistan groups, operating from other countries and stressed the need for their demolition

Looking forward to seeing....

great pride in your achievements. Recent developments have yet again showcased your inspirational fortitude and perseverance," he added.

PM Modi further said, "Even though you are thousands of miles away, vou continue to remain close to our hearts. The people of India are praying for your good health and success in your mission."

Prime Minister Modi said that Sunita's mother, Bonnie Pandya must also be keenly awaiting her re-

turn.
"Ms. Bonnie Pandya must be keenly awaiting your return and I am sure that Late Deepakbhai's blessings are with you as well. I fondly remember meeting him along with you during my visit to the United States in 2016,": he

"After your return, we are looking forward to seeing you in India. It will be a pleasure for India to host one of its most illustrious daughters. I send my warm regards to Michael Williams. Best wishes to you and Barry Wilmore for a safe return," PM Modi

NASA's Boeing Star-liner astronauts Sunita 'Suni' Williams and Barry 'Butch' Wilmore, along ready undocked from the International Space Station (ISS) on Tuesday afternoon(IST) and are scheduled to splash down

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clamped in several parts

of the city as a preventive

measure to stop recur-

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During the curfew period,

the movement of people

and vehicular traffic will

be restricted in the af-

fected areas as per the

requirements, the police

central Nagpur on Mon-

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were pelted at police

force amid rumours that

the holy book of a com-

munity was burnt during

an agitation by a right-

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34 cops injured, 45 arrested...

on Earth by early Wednesday morning. Williams and Wilmore are accompanying SpaceX Crew 9 astro-Nick Hague and Russian astronaut Alexander Gorbunov.

Willams and Wilmore were launched to the ISS on June 5 2024 on a Boeing Starliner spacecraft, on an eight mission at the ISS. But after the aircraft developed technical snags, NASA sent the Starliner craft back to Earth, unscrewed in September

Now, after nine months Williams and Wilmore are set to return to Earth on the capsule of the Elon-Musk owned Space X.

As NASA went live, Nick Hague, Suni Williams, Butch Wilmore, and cosmonaut Aleksandr Gorbunov were seen packing up and closing the hatches as Crew9 prepared to depart from the Space Sta-

"It's been a privilege to call the Space Station home, to play my part in its 25-year legacy of doing research for humanity, and to work with colleagues, now friends, from around the globe. My spaceflight career, like most, is full of the unexpected," said Nick Hague. The launch came after US President Donald Trump urged Elon Musk to nauts sooner than NASA had planned. He has repeatedly accused former US President Joe Biden of abandoning them in space.

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mours. All out efforts

were also being made to

find out who had spread

rumours on Monday,

which led to the violence.

"The government's stand is that members of

both the Hindu and Mus-

lim communities have al-

ways lived together in

harmony, and such an

unfortunate incident had

never happened in Nag-

pur," a top government official said and reiter-

ated that strict action

would be taken against

the anti-social elements

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Earlier in the day, the

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, along with Bengal Chief Secretary Manoj Pant, Mayor Firhad Hakim, and Pirzada, attended the 'Dawat-E-Iftar' event organized by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation at Park Circus Maidan in Kolkata

Mayor Firhad intervenes to restore water taps in ward 107 after public outcry

MI News Service, Kolkata: Under direct orders from Kolkata Mayor Firhad Hakim, Ward 107 Councillor Lipika Manna was compelled to backtrack on the controversial removal of water taps in the Rajdanga-Purba Para area. On Monday morning, local residents raised complaints alleging that several public taps had been dismantled or removed, leaving them without access to a crucial water source. The matter quickly escalated, prompting the Mayor to step in.

Upon learning about the situation, Mayor Hakim immediately consulted Borough Chairman Sushanta Ghosh before engaging in a discussion with Councillor Lipika Manna. According to municipal sources, the Mayor issued strict instructions to reinstall and reactivate the dismantled taps without delay. Furthermore, he directed the Director General of the Water Supply Department to ensure that any future requests for tap removals from councillors must first be approved by the Mayor, given the sensitive nature of water supply issues.

A new directive has now been enforced, mandating that official approval must be granted before any alteration to public water supply infrastructure can take place. On Tues-day morning, Councillor Lipika Manna visited the affected area, engaging with residents and assuring them that the taps would be reinstated. Consequently, officials from the Kolkata Municipal Corporation's Water Supply Department arrived at the location and began restoration

The controversy erupted after several residents along the canal banks in Ward 107 alleged that four community water taps had been removed and relocated elsewhere. Frustrated locals claimed that when they approached Councillor Manna for answers, she not only refused to help but also misbehaved with them. Some residents even accused her of targeting them because they did not participate in political rallies or cast votes in favor of the ruling party.

Defending herself against the allegations, Councillor Manna refuted the claims, stating, "This is completely baseless and illogical. I have installed 12 to 24 taps across four different locations. If I had any intention of depriving the residents, why would I ensure 24 new taps were installed? There was no such situation as being alleged. I have personally visited the area, assessed their concerns, and ensured that water pipelines were laid to provide comprehensive service.

Following the Mayor's firm intervention, the restoration of the water taps is now underway, bringing relief to the affected residents and reinforcing the importance of municipal oversight in critical infrastructure

Affairs Minister, explained

the party's stance, saying,

"We made it clear to him

that he remains part of the

party. He may have griev-

complaints, but there are

appropriate avenues to ex-

press them. Publicly airing

such sentiments is unac-

ceptable. I asked him

whether he considers him-

self accountable to the

Constitution. He affirmed

that he does, and we re-

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Bratya Basu addresses JU incident in education budget discussion

The controversy surrounding Jadavpur University once again took center stage during the Education Department's budget discussion on Tuesday. Edu-cation Minister

BratyaBasu addressed the issue, responding to remarks made by legislators, including İSF Naushad Siddiqui.

At the very beginning of the discussion, Siddiqui expressed his strong disapproval of the incidents at Jadavpur University. He stated, "Just as it was wrong for people to hang onto the Education Minister's car, it was equally unacceptable for what happened underneath his vehicle. None of this is desirable." Jadavpur's turmoil was also referenced by MLA ShyamalMondal, prompting BratyaBasu to break his silence on the matter during his response speech. Since the March 1 incident, the ruling party has repeatedly empha-sized the importance of campus democracy, and BratyaBasu echoed the same sentiment in his statement.

"Every political ideology has the right to exist in

MI News Service, Kolkata: universities," Basu asserted. "Just as SFI and other leftist organizations are active in Jadavpur, so too should other groups have the right to participate. It is unacceptable that we are attacked whenever we attempt to speak.'

The minister further stated, "ABVP, TMC, and even ISF can be present on campus-we have no objections. We firmly believe in this democratic space."

The March 1 Jadavpur incident, in which a student was injured, has significantly intensified political unrest across the state, according to political analysts. A specific image from the incident went viral, fueling controversy in political circles. Meanwhile, BratyaBasu personally called the injured student's father, expressing concern over his son's well-being. Despite this, Basu reiterated his stance against the lef", saying, Educational institutions should accommodate all ideologies. However, the CPM-affiliated newspaper published an AI-generated image of the Jadavpur incident. Vandalizing vehicles is unacceptable.

Fire breaks out in luxury high-rise in South Kolkata MI News Service, Kolkata: Flat 16G of Tower 1 when

A fire broke out in a luxury high-rise apartment complex in South Kolkata, triggering panic among residents. Firefighters rushed to the scene and brought the blaze under control using two fire engines. The exact cause of the fire remains unclear as investigations are un-

The incident occurred on Tuesday afternoon at Diamond City, a residential complex in the Karunamoyee area of Tollygunge. Flames erupted on the 16th floor of the building, prompting an immediate alert to the fire department. Firefighters swiftly responded with two fire tenders and managed to contain the blaze before it could spread fur-

According to one of the residents, welding work was being carried out in the fire started. Preliminary reports suggest that the fire originated from the welding activity and quickly spread to neighboring apartments.

Initially, residents at-tempted to extinguish the flames using the building's internal fire suppression system. However, fire department personnel had to step in to bring the situation under control. Some residents have expressed concerns over the effectiveness of the apartment's fire safety measures, questioning whether they were adequately maintained.

Authorities are currently conducting a thorinspection to determine the cause of the fire and assess fire safety compliance in the building. Fortunately, no casualties or injuries have been reported.

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TMC's Disciplinary Comm warns Humayun **Kabir for Controversial Remarks**

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Trinamool Congress (TMC) Disciplinary Committee has issued a stern warning to Bharatpur MLA HumayunKabir after his recent remarks caused unease within the party. The decision followed an official summons from the committee, fueling speculation about potential disciplinary action. However, sources confirm that the party has opted for cautionary measures rather than punitive action at this stage. Following his meetwith the committee, Kabir addressed the media outside the West Bengal Assembly, stating, "For details on what transpired in the meeting, you may ask SovandebChattopadhyay. He will provide the an-

swers." Criticizing the media's portrayal of his statements, he added, "The remarks I made on the 12th were in response to the Leader of the Opposition's comments on the 11th. However, certain electronic media outlets have been airing them since the 13th. That matter is now closed. The Disciplinary Committee called me for a discussion, provided guidance, and I also presented my concerns. They have assured me that my points will be considcommitted to being more

pline going forward." According to party insiders. Kabir has been explicitly warned against making statements that

vigilant about party disci-

harmony. He has been advised to address grievances through appropriate party channels rather than public platforms. The committee reinforced that as a party member, he must adhere to TMC's principles and avoid comments that place the party in a difficult position.

Political analysts interpret this warning as a broader message to all TMC legislators, signaling that controversial remarks will not be tolerated in the lead-up to the 2026 elections. Party leaders want to prevent any statements that could provide ammunition to the opposition or create internal discord.

So van deb Chattopadhyay, TMC's Parliamentary

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[No. 1203] NEW DELHI, MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025/PHALGUNA 26, 1946 **MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

[Eastern Railway (Construction Department)] **NOTIFICATION**

Kolkata, the 13th March, 2025

S.O. 1216(E).- Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the ministry of the Railways vide no. S.O. 1613 (E) dated 28.03.2024 published in Gazette of India, Extraordinary, part II – section 3 - Sub-section (ii) vide No. 1099 dated 04.04.2024 issue under sub-section (I) of section 20A of the Railways (Amendment) Act. 2008 (11 of 2008) (here in after referred to as the said Act), the Central Governmen declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the schedule annexed to the said notification is required for the purpose of execution, maintenance, management and operation of the special Railway Project, namely, Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor, (now called Multi tracking of Son Nagar Andal), in the District of Dhanbad in the State of Jharkhand, hereby declares its intention to acquire

And whereas the Substance of the said notification has been published in the "Dainik Jagran (Hindi). and "The Times of India (English)" on 09.04.2024 under sub-section (4) of section 20A of the said Act And whereas no objection has been received from any person by the competent authority.

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 20E of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government

Now, therefore, upon receiving of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (1) of section 20E of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose And further, in pursuance of Sub-section (2) of section 20E of the said Act, the Central Government nereby declares that on publication of this notification in the official Gazette, the land specified in the said

Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances. **SCHEDULE 20E**

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[F. No. CAO/Con/L/312/EDFC]

P. K. SHARMA Chief Administrative Officer/Con

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Consumer Rights Day inaugurated at Kreta Suraksha Bhavan,

Heightened security in Sundarbans as Bangladesh unrest sparks terrorist infiltration concerns

MI News Service, Kolkata: Amid growing instability in Bangladesh, concerns have emerged over potential terrorist infiltration into India via the waterways of the Sundarbans. The expansive riverine border in this region, spanning approximately 68 kilometers, has become a key area of vigilance for Indian security agencies. Acting on credible intelligence reports, the Director General (DG) of the Border Security Force (BSF), Daljit Singh Chaudhary, has issued stringent directives to enhance surveillance along this critical stretch.

According to high-level intelligence inputs shared during a recent meeting at the Ministry of Home Affairs. India's external intelligence agency, RAW, warned that infiltrators and individuals linked to terrorist networks might exploit the Sundarbans' water routes instead of traditional land entry points like Malda or Murshidabad. Given the volatile political situation in Bangladesh, security forces anticipate an increased risk of unauthorized crossings via these remote waterways. In response, DG Chaud-

hary personally visited the Sundarbans, conducting high-level discussions at key BSF outposts, including Hingalganj and multiple stations under the South Bengal Frontier. He instructed officers to ensure that no segment of the riverine border remains unguarded. Additionally, BSF commandants overseeing other sectors of Malda and Murshidabad were briefed on potential threats, with Chaudhary emphasizing that additional forces would be deployed to the Sundarbans if necessary.

Kolkata Police enforces mandatory license renewal for businesses selling food and beverages MI News Service, Kolkata:

Starting April 1, businesses in Kolkata must ensure they have a valid police license. as per a directive issued by Police Commissioner Manoj Verma. This applies to a wide range of establishments, from tea stalls and paan-cigarette shops to restaurants, hotels, and bars. The city police have warned that legal action will be taken against those operating without the necessary documentation. To streamline the process, the Kolkata Police has integrated the license application system with its "Bandhu App", allowing business owners to apply online. This move aims to raise awareness and compliance among traders, many of whom were previously unaware that a police license is mandatory for selling food items. According to Lalbazar police sources, all businesses involved in food and beverage sales must obtain a police license. While hotels and liquor-serving establishments have traditionally been required to possess one, many small-scale vendors and shop owners remain uninformed about the regulation. The confusion is widespread, with numerous traders believing that having only a trade license or a food safety license suffices for operation.

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Name Change

, Vidya Chhatri (old name) W/o Arnab Roy, R/o. 59, Thakurgoli, Chinsurah, Hooghly-712101, W.B., have changed my name and Vidya Chhatri Roy (new name) vide an affidavit no. 2135 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 18/03/2025. Vidya Chhatri & Vidya Chhatri RoyW/o. Arnab Roy both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change

I, Ridhi Jain (old name) D/o. Jitendra Kumar Jain, R/o. Manushpur Basti, Bandel, Chinsurah, Hooghly-712123, W.B., have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Riddhi Jain (new name vide an affidavit no. 2136 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 18/03/2025. Ridhi Jain & Riddhi Jain D/o. Jitendra Kumar Jain both are the same

Name Change

Binode Behari Das alias Binod Behari Das (Old Name) S/o Nandalal Das Residing at Nahapar, Nahapur, Khatnagar, District Paschim Medinipur, Pin - 72145 West Bengal India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Binod Bihari Das (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 96/2025 Dated 18-03-2025 Binode Behari Das, Binod Behari Das (Old Name) and Binod Bihari Das (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

Mukhtar Ahmed alias Muktar Ahmed (Old Name) S/o Kamruddin Residing at 1/5H, J.K Ghosh Road, Belgachia, Vtc - Belgachia S.O, District- Kolkata, Pin - 700037 West Bengal India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md. Mukhtar Ahmad (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 95/2025 Dated 18-03-2025. Mukhtar Ahmed, Muktar Ahmed (Old Name) and Md. Mukhtar Ahmad (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Farida Begum wife of Sk Pavar residing at Gheedaha Rastapara, Telinipara, PO- Nilganj Bazar, PS-Mohanpur, Dist: North 24 Par-ganas, Pin: 700121, West Bengal, hereby declare vide affidavit before at Ld. Executive Magistrate 1st Class Barasat Court SL No. 2495/05-03-2025. That my original name is Farida Begum as per my Voter ID – XZP2119600, Pan Card - BYBPB2828M and my husband's name Sk Payar as in my Voter ID and my husband's Death Certificate. But it has been wrongly written as Farida Begam and Piyar SK in my old passport No. M1189451. I declare that Farida Begum and Sk Payar is the correct spelling of our name.

Name Change

, Mohammad Wadood Hassan (old name) son of Syad Masud Hassan, residing at I. G. Colony, P.O & P.S Kulti Dist Paschim Bardhaman Pin: 713343, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Wadood Hassan (new name) as declared before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Asansol dated 18/03/2025. Mohammad Wadood Hassan (old name) and Md Wadood Hassan (new name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Kartick Roy, on behalf of my Father Mohadeb Roy, R/o- Vill: Banglani, P.O.- Bagangram, P.S.: Bongaon, North 24 Parganas, Pin.-74251, was previously known as Amar Roy, as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Bongaon vide affidavit (No.3178) Dated 10.03.2025Mohadeb Roy, & Amar Roy both is the same and identical person.

Name Change

Prodip Dutta s/o Proshanta Dutta. Residing at Vill-Rupdaha, P.O-Naba Rupdaha, P.S- Hanskhali. Dist- Nadia Vide an Affidavite Sworn before the Court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st class), At Ranaghat, on- 18/03/25 That I Prodip Dutta and Pradip Dutta. am the Same and one identical Person.

Name Change

I. BANASHREE BIJALI, D/O Rat nakar Bijali,R/o Dakshin Ramkr ishnapur,South 24 Parganas,W.B .-743351,declare vide affidavit before 1st class judicial magis trate at Alipore on 05.03.25,that due to an inadvertent mistake in my addhar being no 392605510 793 place of my name,my father name and address,it is wrongly written name of my sister "JOYOSRI SAMANTA" and other personal details of her,as such I say that in my Aadhaar card my name,my father name and ad dress will be BANASHREE BI JALI,D/O Ratnakar Bijali, R/O Dakshin Ramkrishnapur, South 24 Parganas, W.B. -743351

Name Change

I, Rajesh Bhattacharjee son of Mirganka Sekher Bhattacharjee residing at Natunpally,Po & PS-Burd Dist-Purba Bardhaman,Pin-713101 west Bengal, India, have changed my son Soumyabrata Bhattacharjee's DOB 27/05/2006 instead of 27/05/2004 as declared be fore the Executive Magistrate Purba Bardhaman dated 13/03/2025.

Change of Name

I, Shri SYED MOHAMMAD TARQUE, F/o SYED TABISH IRFAN residing at Vill.-Inda, Vidyasagarpul P.O.- Inda, P.S. - Kharagpur (Town) Dist.- Paschim Medinipur, shall henceforth be known as Syed Md. Tarik as declared In the Court of the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Midnapore, Dist. : Paschim Medinipur vide Affidavit No. 5658 Dated 07/03/2025. Shri SYED MOHAMMAD TARQUE and Syed Md. Tarik both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I. Kumari Durgawati Jha Mona (Old ing at 3016, Rajdanga Main Road, P.S.- Kasba, Kolkata- 700107, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my known as Mona Jha (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 18/03/2025. Mona Jha (New Name) and Kumari Durgawati Jha Mona (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

, (Old Name) RAM PAUL and RAM CHANDRA PAUL S/o- AKSHAY PAL, Residing at, Vill- Pakhiura, Post - Kumari ramnagar, Ps- Hanskhali, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741502, West Bengal. Do hearby declare that I have Changed my name from RAM PAUL and RAM CHAN-DRA PAUL TO SHRI RAM PAUL (New name) and hence forth Shall be Known as (New name) SHRI RAM PAUL in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murad On 18 March 2025, SHRI RAM PAUL and RAM PAUL and RAM CHANDRA PAUL both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

, (Old Name) MD HALIM SHAKE S/o- MD IMAJUDDIN SHAKE, Residing at, Vill- Madhupur Saku-Dist- Murshidahad Pin- 742121 West Bengal. Do hearby declare that I have Changed my name from MD HALIM SHAKE To MO-HAMMED HALIM SHAKE (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MO-HAMMED HALIM SHAKE in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 18 March 2025, MOHAMMED HALIM SHAKE and MD HALIM SHAKE both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

(Old Name) MANOJ and MANOJ BHAGAT S/o- Late KALI SANKER BHAGAT, Residing at, Vill- School Para, Post - Mangalbari, Ps-Malda, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732142, West Bengal. Do hearby declare that I have Changed my name from MANOJ and MANOJ BHA-To MANOJ KUMAR BHA-GAT (New name) and hence forth Shall be Known as (New name) MANOJ KUMAR BHAGAT in all ourpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 18 March 2025, MANOJ KUMAR BHAGAT and MANOJ and MANOJ BHAGAT both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

(Old Name) SIBEN ROY an SHIBEN ROY S/o- Late SARAT KUMAR ROY, Residing at, Flat no-IA Monmohon Bhaban B.D.G Road, Post - Mokdumpur, Ps- English-bazar, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732103, West Bengal. Do hearby declare that I have Changed my name from SIBEN ROY and SHIBEN ROY To SIBEN RAY (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SIBEN RAY in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Mur-shidabad On 18 March 2025, SIBEN RAY and SIBEN ROY and SHIBEN ROY both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

(Old Name) SARMISTHA ROY W/o- SIBEN RAY, Residing at, Flat no- IA Monmohon Bhaban B.D.G Post - Mokdumpur, Psoazar, Dist- Malda, Pin-732103, West Bengal. Do hearby declare that I have Changed my name from SARMISTHA ROY To SARMISTHA RAY (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SARMISTHA RAY in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 18 March 2025, SARMISTHA RAY and SARMISTHA ROY both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

Ratna Suchit Nag W/o Late Suhit Nag Residing at 2nd Floor Flat No. 2B, 1/94, Jodhpur Park, P.o - Jodhpur Park, P.s - Lake, Disrict - Kolkata, Pin- 700068 West Bengal India that my deceased Husband who previously known as Suchit Kumar Nag shall henceforth be known as Suchit Nag. I de-clare that my deceased Husband Suchit Kumar Nag and Suchit Nag is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Alipore vide affidavit no 14368 Date 20-02-2025.

Name Change

Asha Jain (old name) W/o. Jitendra Kumar Jain, R/o. Manushpur Basti, Bandel, Chinsurah, Hooghly 712123. W.B., have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ashadebi Jain (new name) vide an affidavit no. 2137 sworn before Judicial Magistrate Sadar, Hooghly Court on 18/03/ 2025. Asha Jain & Ashadebi Jain W/o. Jitendra Kumar Jain both are the same & one identical person Riddhi Jain is my daughter.

Name Change

Jeetendra Jain (old name) S/o Surendra Jain, R/o. Manushpur Basti, Bandel, Chinsurah, Hooghly 712123, W.B., have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jitendra Kumar Jain (new name) vide an affidavit no. 2138 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 18/03/2025. Jeetendra Jain & Jitendra Kumar Jain S/o. Surendra Jain both are the same & one identical person. Riddhi Jain is my daughter.

Name Change

Asok Datta (old name) S/o. Parinal Dutta R/o. Shyam Master Lane. Bagbazar, Chandannagar, Hooghly-712136, W.B., have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ashok Kumar Datta (new name) vide an affidavit no. 29 sworn before Notary Public, Chan-dannagar, Hooghly Court on 17/03/ 2025. Asok Datta & Ashok Kumar Datta S/o. Parimal Dutta both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change

I, Sima Pramanick (Old Name) wife of Abhijit Pramanik, residing at Fl-401,180 Nandan Nagar,VTC - Kamarhati,P.S.- Belghoria, Barrackpore, 700083, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sima Pramanik (New Name) as leclared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 18/03/2025 Sima Pramanik (New Name) and Sima Pramanick (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Abhijit Pramanick (Old Name) son of Late Santosh Kumar Pramanik residing at 180,Nandan Nagar,Madhva Para.P.S.- Belghoria, Barrackpore, 700083, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Abhijit Pramanik (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 18/03/ 2025. Abhijit Pramanik (New Name) and Abhijit Pramanick (Old Name) both are sam

Name Change

Raju Knight (Old Name) son o Michael Sen, residing at 12A & 12B, Prasanna Kumar Dutta Lane, P.S.- Shibpur, Howrah-711102, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Raju Sen (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 18/03/2025. Raju Sen (New Name) and Raju Knight (Old Name) both are same and identi-

Name Change

Arunava Pramanick (Old Name son of Abhijit Pramanik, residing at 180, Flat-401, 3rd Floor, Nandan Nagar, P.S.- Belghoria, Barrackpore, 700083, West Bengal INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Arunava Pramanik (New Name as declared before the Notar Public at Kolkata, dated 18/03 2025. Arunava Pramanik (New Name) and Arunava Pramanick Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Chharoyar Gazi (Old Name) son of Roup Gazi, residing at Vill & P.O.- Sarapul, P.S.- Swarupnagar, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743286, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Golam Saroar Gazi (New Name) as de-clared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 18/03/2025. Golam Saroar Gazi (New Name) and Chharovar Gazi (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Minati Bhakti (Old Name) wife of Late Ashutosh Bhakta, residing at 2/5/H, 6, N.G. Basak Road, Dumdum, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700080, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Minati Bhakta (New Name) as de-Kolkata, dated 18/03/2025. Minati Bhakta (New Name) and Minati Bhakti (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Ashok Kumar Mandol & Ashok Mandol (Old Name) son of Gourhari Mandal, residing at Jagul Gopinathpur, P.S.- Kotwal, Dist.- West Medinipur, Pin-721149, West Bengal, INDIA, anged my name and sha henceforth be known as Ashok Mandal (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 18/03/2025. Ashok Mandal (New Name) and Ashok Kumar Mandol & Ashok Mandol Old Name) both are same and dentical person.

Name Change

Tanvi Kamal Ghelani (Old ame) daughter of Dinesh Chandra Doshi, residing at Amardeep Appartment, 1st Floor, Flat No 1B, 1, Sarat Bose Road, P.S. Bhawanipore, Kolkata- 700020, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Tanvi Ghelani (New Name) as declared pefore the Notary Public at olkata, dated 18/03/2025. Tanvi Ghelani (New Name) and Tanvi Kamal Ghelani (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Manasvi Ghelani (Old Name daughter of Kamal Ghelani, residing at Amardeep Appartment, 1st Floor, Flat No-1B, 1, Sarat Bose Bhawanipore Kolkata- 700020, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Manasvi Kamal Ghelani (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 18/03/2025. Manasvi Kamal Ghelani (New Name) and Manasvi Ghelani (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

,Madhab Kumar Pradhan(Old Name),Son Of Dhirendra Nath Pradhan @ Dhirendra Pradhan, Residing At Vill - Gopalpur,Po -Khalisabhanga,Ps - Contai,East Medini pur, Pin - 721433,West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Madhab Pradhan(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 18/03/20 25.That Madhab Kumar Pradhan And Madhab Pradhan Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Tariqul Hak (Old Name), Son of Amirul Haque residing at Kankra-suti, Nayabastia, Ps-Baduria, suti, North 24 Parganas Pin-743401 West Bengal , Shall henceforth be known as Tarikul Haque Mondal New Name) vide an Affidavit worn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 18/03/2025. That Tariqul Hak and Tarikul Haque Mondal both are the same and one Identical Person.

Fire Fighting Training organised for Metro Staff at Howrah

and Esplanade Stations

MI News Service, Kolkata: ensure commuters safety, Metro Railway al-

ways takes all possible measures. In order to avoid any untoward incident like fire, different safety measures are adopted and reviewed on regular basis. Regular trainings of Metro staff of different departments are also conducted on different Corridors to check their preparedness and improve their skills in order to tackle any fire emergency inside the tunnels or on the viaducts. Fire Frighting Training Programmes for field staff were conducted

today i.e. on 18.03.2025 at Howrah and Esplanade Metro stations under the supervision of senior officers. Through the simulation of different fire and smoke conditions, Metro staff were imparted the training on how to douse the flames. Staff from Traffic, Electrical, RPF and other departments attended these programmes. It is expected that such trainings will sharpen the skills and knowledge of Metro staff as well as minimise the rescue time and restore normalcy at the earliest in case of any emergency.

Empowering young Indian women in STEM

MI News Service, Kolkata: 'vivo KanyaGyaan', a nationwide initiative to empower young women from underserved communities in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathlaunched. The program provides mentorship, skill development, and industry

Name Change

Babar Javid (Old Name) son of I, Babar Javid (Old Name) son of Javed Hanif, residing at 1, Ismail Madan Lane, Kolkata-700073, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Babar Javed (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 18/03/2025. Babar Laved (Naw Name) and Baba Javed (New Name) and Babar Javid (Old Name) both are same

Name Change

Meera Giri wife of Arvind Giri declare that my previously name Mira Bibi (old name) residing at C.P.W.D. QWT , Flat No .121, Graham Road , Jadavpur ,Kolkata :700040 , India and presently residing at 15 , Loudon Street , P.O Circus Avenue Kolkata : 700017 ,India changed my name and I shall henceforth be known as Meera Giri (new name) as declared before the Ld . Judicial Magistrate , 1st Classaffidavit no 2526 at Calcutta on 13/03/2025 Meera Giri (new name) and Mira Bibi (old name) both are same and one identical person. If any objection please contact my lawyer, AL Maktoom C Batasi, Reg no F/2475/22 Mobile no 9564790254

Name Change

Arvind Giri husband of Meera Giri declare that my previously Arbind Biri (old name) residing at C.P.W.D. QWT, Flat No .121, Graham Road , Jadavpur ,Kolkata :700040 , India and presently residing at 15 , Loudon Street , P.O -Circus Avenue Kolkata : 700017 changed my name and I shall henceforth be known as Arvind Giri (new name) as declared before the Ld . Judicial Magistrate 1st Classaffidavit no 2525 at Calcutta on 13/03/2025 .Arvind Giri new name) and Arbind Biri (old name) both are same and one dentical person . If any objection please contact my lawyer Maktoom C Batasi , Reg F/2475/22 Mobile 9564790254

Name Change Sebastian Shyamal Bagh (Old Name) son of Prahallad Bagh, residing at Lakshikantapur, Magrahat-1, South 24 Pgs, Pin- 743355, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shyamal Bagh (New Name) as declared be-fore the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 18/03/2025. Shyamal Bagh (New Name) and Sebastian Shyamal Bagh (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

, Mary Bijaya (Old Name) daugh er of Kesta Mondal, residing at Lakshikantapur, Magrahat-1, South 24 Pgs, Pin- 743355, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bijaya Bagh (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 18/03/2025. Bijava Bagh (New Name) and Mary Bijaya (Old Name) both are sam and identical person.

Name Change

, Amiya Ghosh (Old Name) son of Late Tulsidas Ghosh, residing at Kolorah, P.S.- Domjur, Howrah-711411, West Bengal, INDIA, have hanged my name and shall henceorth be known as Amiya Kumar Ghosh (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 18/03/2025. Amiya Kumar Ghosh (New Name) and Sebastian Amiya Ghosh (Old Name) both are ame and identical person

exposure, breaking financial and societal barriers. So far, it has positively impacted 150 women, with over 60% coming from families earning less than ₹1 lakh annually. Alongside the initiative, vivo also launched a digital campaign emphasizing the importance of gender diversity in STEM. The campaign film, crafted by FCB India, portrays the inspiring journeys of young women determined to shape their own futures.

Name Change

Gauranga Das (Old Name) so of Late Panchanan Das, residing at Vill. & P.O.- Patharghata, P.S.-Techno City, Bidhannagar, Pin-700135, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Gouranga Das (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 18/03/2025. Gouranga Das (New Name) and Gauranga Das (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Jayanta Ghosh & Jayanta Ghosh(Old Name) S/O Late Prakash Chandra Ghosh,Residing At 42,R.N. Tagore Road,Po & Ps-Dakshines war, Dist -North 24 Parganas,Pin-Changed My Name And Shall Hence forth Be Known As Jayanta Kumar Ghosh(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 18/03/ 2025. That Jaya nta Ghosh And Jayanto Ghosh(Old Name) And Jayanta Kumar Ghosh (New Name) All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

Somenath Basak(Old Name) S/C Manindra Basak,Residing A 64/10c,Suren Sarkar Road,Po 8 Ps-Beliaghata, Kolkata-700010 West Bengal,India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Re Known As Somnath Basak (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/03/2025. That Somenath Basak(Old Name) And Somnath Basak (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

Arun Thakur (Old Name) S/O Baidyanath Thakur, Residing At Sadananda Smriti Path,Po-Baltikuri,Ps-Dasnagar, Dist Howrah,Pin-711112west Bengal India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Arun Kumar Thakur(New Name Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 17/03/2025. That Arun Thakur(Old Name) And Arun Kumar Thakur (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person

Name Change

Abhik Jaiswal S/O Deepak Kumar Jaiswal on behalf of m minor son Devesh Jaiswal (Olo Name), residing at 173/A, Vivekananda Road, Beadon Street, Kolkata-700006, W.B, INDIA, hav changed my son name and he shall henceforth be known as Atharva Jaiswal (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrat at Alipore, dated 28/02/2025. Atharva Jaiswal (New Name) and Devesh Jaiswal (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Zarina Khatoon (Old Name) wife of Khokon Das, residing at Vill-Baniyakhari, Alfa, Alfa, Dist-Nadia, Pin-741124, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as PINKI DAS (New Name) as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Kolkata, dated 18/03/2025. PINKI DAS (New Name) and ZARINA KHATOON Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Nation First, Always First Hon'ble MR Ashwini Vaishnaw

 49 out of 68 railway divisions have over 80% punctuality, with 12 divisions achieving 95%. • 5 lakh jobs created in the last decade; recruitment for 1 lakh more underway. • Global Railway Exporter, supplying rail coaches and equipment to Australia, UK, France, Germany and more. • Rail Projects advancing in Sikkim, Assam and other NE states, strengthening regional connectivity. MI News Service, Kolkata:

New Delhi: Addressing the Lok Sabha today, Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & IT, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, highlighted the remarkable progress of Indian Railways, focusing on key areas such as punctuality, employment, safety, exports and infrastructure development. The Union Minister informed the House that there has been a significant improvement in railway punctuality. Currently, out of 68 divisions, 49 divisions have recorded over 80% punctuality. Notably, 12 divisions have achieved an impressive 95% punctuality. He emphasised that Indian Railways is striving to match the standards of major global nations, marking this as a significant achievement in service quality. Speaking on employment, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw highlighted that Indian Railways has generated 5 lakh jobs over the past decade, marking a significant milestone in job creation. Additionally, recruitment for another 1 lakh positions is currently underway, with strict adherence to all legal reservation norms, without any deviation, reaffirming the Government's commitment to providing opportunities for the underprivileged.

dian Railways has prioritised safety implementing several technological advancements. Measures such as longer rails, electronic interlocking, and fog safety devices significantly enhanced railway travel safety. He highlighted that 50,000 km of old tracks have been replaced with new ones, leading to remarkable improvements in safety. Additionally, 34,000 km of new railway tracks have been constructed, which is more than the entire railway network of Germany. India has also emerged as a leader in locomotive production. The Minister proudly announced that India now produces 1,400 locomothe U.S. and Europe.

tives annually, surpassing the combined production of Indian Railways is making a strong presence on the global stage, exporting railway equipment and infrastructure support to multiple countries. The Minister informed the House that India is now a major railway exporter, supplying metro coaches to Australia, rail coaches to the UK, Saudi Arabia, and France and operational equipment to Mexico, Spain, Germany and Italy. He also announced that locomotives manufactured in Bihar will soon gain global recognition and wheels manufactured in Tamil Nadu will be used in trains worldwide. The Railway Minister stated that the Kolkata Metro Rail Project has witnessed historic progress. From 1972 to 2014, only 28 km of work was completed in 42 years, whereas in the last 10 years under the current government, 38 km of work has been completed. Highlighting the remarkable progress of railway projmentioned that the rail project from Sevok to Rangpo in Sikkim is progressing steadily, new works have commenced in Assam and in Tripura, a broad-gauge line has been introduced for the first time since independence. Notably, the central government has allocated a historic budget for railway development in every state, aiming to connect every corner of the country through a robust rail network and provide worldclass facilities passengers. Additionally, India is currently executing the world's largest railway redevelopment station project under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

Shri Vaishnaw emphasised that Indian Railways has not increased passenger fares since 2020. India continues to have the lowest railway fares globally. He provided a comparative analysis, stating that a 350 km train journey in India costs just ₹121, whereas the same distance costs ₹436 in Pakistan, ₹323 in Bangladesh and ₹413 in Sri Lanka. In European nations, railway fares are nearly 10-20 times higher than in India. Additionally, India has now become one of the top three freightloading countries in the world. This year, Indian Railways is set to transport 1.6 billion tons of cargo, marking a historic milestone. In his concluding remarks, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw highlighted that Indian Railways is a driving force behind the Nation's development, steadily advancing towards a modern, efficient and globally competitive infrastructure. He called upon everyone to embrace the ethos of "Nation First, Always First" to drive thecountry's

ER Enhances Passenger **Safety and Comfort** through LHB Coach conversion in Bhagalpur -Danapur -Bhgalpur Intercity Express

a steadfast commitment to passenger safety and comfort, Eastern Railway has undertaken a significant initiative to convert conventional ICF (Integral Coach Factory) coaches to LHB (Linke Hofmann Busch) coaches. LHB coaches bring a myriad of benefits to passengers, ensuring a superior travel experience. These coaches are renowned for their increased spaciousness. upgraded passenger amenihave been completed. ties, and enhanced comfort. The features of LHB coaches include wider windows, providing passengers terminals there. panoramic views, and an anti-telescopic mechanism designed to prevent piercing into other coaches during unstructed in 60 years. foreseen accidents. Eastern Railway's initiative aligns built—almost four times the previous total. with its unwavering commitment to passenger safety and reflects the organization's dedication to fostering a hassle-free travel environment.

Keeping in view of passengers comfort, Railway has decided to convert the ICF rake of 13401/13402 Bhagalpur - Danapur - Bhagalpur Intercity Express into LHB rake leaving Bhagalpur and Danapur with effect from 23.03.2025. Passengers traveling on the converted Mail/Express trains can now look forward to a journey marked by enhanced safety measures and a heightened level of comfort. Eastern Railway remains resolute in its pursuit of excellence, continually striving to elevate the overall travel experience for world's largest station redevelopment program is underway.

its valued passengers. This

accomplishment is a result of

Eastern Railway's commit-

ment to continuous improve-

ment and investment in

cutting-edge technologies.

The upgraded berth capacity

will not only bolster our op-

erational efficiency but also

contribute to meeting the

growing demands of our val-

ued customers.

Hon'ble MR on Infrastructure **Infrastructure Developments**

MI News Service, Kolkata: The long-standing dream of connecting Jammu with Srinagar has finally been realized under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji. Two iconic bridges—Anji and Chenab—have set new engineering benchmarks. The Chenab Bridge is 35 meters taller than the Eiffel Tower, making it an engineering marvel. A new train will soon operate between Jammu and Srinagar. The CRS (Commissioner of Railway Safety) inspection is complete, and the report has been received. The suggestions given in the report are being implemented, and once finalized, approval will be obtained for train operations between Jammu and Srinagar, fulfilling a major national dream. Freight Corridor: For years, a dedicated freight corridor was just a vision, but no real progress was made. Under the UPA government, it remained only a name without actual development. By 2014, not a single kilometer of the freight corridor was completed. Today, the freight corridor is operational. Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals: 97 Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals

257 new terminals are currently under development. I invite all MPs to propose locations in their respective areas where cargo demand is high, and we will build Gati Shakti

Tunnel Construction Growth: Comparing 60 years of work vs. 10 years of Modi Government:

Before 2014: Only 125 km of railway tunnels were con-

Since 2014: 460 km of new railway tunnels have been

A Global Engineering Achievement: The world has recognized India's engineering capabilities and Modi Ji's vision of an Atmanirbhar Bharat. A new tunneling method—Himalayan Tunneling Method—has been developed, further enhancing India's expertise in infrastructure

Four bridges constructed over the Ganges: Prayagraj, Ghazipur, Patna, and Munger. Three more bridges under construction. Hooghly Bridge completed, Pamban Bridge in Tamil Nadu completed. Bogibeel Bridge over Brahmaputra completed, and a new bridge under construction at Saraighat, Sikkim: Sivok to Rangpo project progressing well. **Assam:** Several new railway projects initiated. Arunachal Pradesh: Naharlagun station operational near Itanagar. Nagaland: 31 km railway project completed. Manipur: Railway extended from Jiribam to Imphal (Khongsang). Mizoram: 17 km stretch from Hortoki completed. Tripura: First-ever broad gauge line since inde-

pendence completed under Modi Ji's leadership. Station Development - A Historic Redevelopment Pro**gram:** Fast-paced station modernization. 7 stations already inaugurated, 129 stations completed and awaiting inauguration. More stations will be completed by 2025-26. The

Kolkata Metro: The Kolkata Metro project started in 1972. From 1972 to 2014—a span of 42 years—only 28 kilometers were completed. In contrast, under Modi Ji's leadership in the past 10 years, 38 kilometers have been completed. This clearly shows the difference in progress— 42 years vs. 10 years!

Bullet Train: Regarding the bullet train, I want to emphasize that it is about a shift in mindset. Many esteemed MPs have expressed the need for a bullet train. Unfortunately, during Congress rule, there was a persistent attempt to instill a sense of inferiority about such ambitious projects. This is a result of that outdated mindset.

IndianOil expands its transformative initiatives for Prison Inmates and Correctional Homes

Haridwar: A Chairman, IndianOil launched Phase X of IndianOil's 'Parivartan - Prison to Pride' and Phase VII of 'Nayi Disha -Redefining the Future' today across various locations of India in the presence of State Government and Prison offi-

initiatives, launched on August 15, 2021 and January 26, 2023 respectively, by IndianOil is aimed towards transforming the lives of incarcerated inmates of prisons and correctional homes through the power of sports.In the new phase, IndianOil will touch the lives of over 1000 individuals across 22 prisons and 5 Children's correctional homes.

At the launch ceremony, Chairman, IndianOil said "Our biggest achievement of this programme is the belief that there is always a second chance. By exposure to assimilated into society with



coaching in various sports followed by their participation in national and international sports tournaments, the beneficiaries are also getting an opportunity to showcase their talent and channelize their energy positively. Through our small attempt, we hope to instill a sense of discipline, purpose, and hope in the inmates so that they are

On the occasion, the participating State government officials and prison authorities thanked IndianOil for this unique intervention that will help the inmates and children in correctional homes build a better life and contribute fruitfully to society.

Since inception, the initiatives havetouched over 200

29 states and UTs of India. Thesuccessof these two programmesis reflected in the various accolades won by the players at various tournaments including goldand bronze medals won at World Federation (FIDE) chess tournament last year. Further, the Sportstar Aces Chairperson Award 2023 for sports for social good and the prestigious Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards was conferred on IndianOil for such initiatives. It was also acknowledged by the World Chess Federation (FIDE) at the Chess for Freedom Conference at Chicago in

IndianOil is also collaborating with State Prison Departments through our Umeed - A Hope project, whereby 63 fuel stations operated by current and former inmatesfostering a sense of belonging and pride among inmates through social

Panchayat Samiti, described the

events of the fateful night. "On

Monday night, a swing festival

was taking place in the village,

and everyone was attending.

Bhaskar Ğiri and his wife were

at home. Bhaskar's son came

home at night and saw that the

door of the house was closed

He looked through the window

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মক্কেল গত ইং- ১৬*।* ১০*।* ২০০৩ তারিখে দলি

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BSF foils secretive border activity, Bangladeshi army forced to retreat

CoochBehar: A fresh wave of protest has erupted in Cooch Behar, West Bengal over the construction of a Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) sentry post near the international border. The BFGB allegedly built the sentry post within 150 yards of the border, disregarding objection from the Border Security force (BSF). The situation took a turn for the worse when Indian villagers attempted to erect a barbed wire fence at the zero line of the border. However, they were confronted by BGB personnel and Bangladeshi citizens, leading to a heated exchanges. The BSF jawans on duty were reportedly attacked with sticks, promoting a swift response from the BSF,

exact circumstances surround-

ing the incident. This tragic

incident has sent shockwaves

through the community, and the

police are working to piece to-

gether the events leading up to

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Richard Subrojit Gomes

the double tragedy

which dispatched four vehicles to the scene. The incident highlights the ongoing tensions and disputes between Indian and Bangladesh Over border security and fencing. The India-Bangladesh Border Guidelines prohibit the construction of defense structures within 150 yards of the international border, which has been a point of contention between the two coun-

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আমমোক্তার নামা ১) ওবায়েদ উল হক, পিতা - মরহুম মহঃ সইদুল হক,ু সাংু – মহাদেবপুর, পোঃ ওু থানাু পাভুয়া, হুগলী, পিন নং - ৭১২১৪৯ । বিগত ইংরাজীর ২১/০১/২০২৫ তারিখে এ. ডি. এস. আর. পাভুয় ম্পিটিস রেজিস্ট্রীকৃত I - ০৩২৯/২০২৫ নং আমমোক্তার দলিল মূলে আমাকে (মহম্মদ সেলাম, পিতা-ুমরহুম মহম্মদ আলম) সাং হুলামপুর, গোঃ-তিন্না, থানা- পাভুয়া, জেলা হুগলী, পিন নং ৭১২১৪৯ ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত আমমোক্তার নিযুক্ত করেন নিম্ন তপশীল সম্পত্তি আমমোক্তার নিযুক্ত করেন নিম্ন তপশীল সম্পান্ত উক্ত আমমোক্তারনামা দলিল বলে আমি এ এ.ডি.এস.আর পান্তুয়া অফিসে ১১/০১/২০১৫ তারিখে রেজিস্ট্রীকৃত ০৬৯৬/২০১৫ নং দলিল মূলে তামান্না পারভিন, পিতা মহঃ মুন্তাক, সাং মহাদেবপুর, পোঃ ও খানা - পান্তুয়া, হগলী, পিন নং - ৭১২১৪৯ । ২) এ. ডি. এস. আর পাুন্তুয়া মফিসে ১১/০২/২০২৫ তারিখে রেজিস্ট্রীকৃ ০৬৯৮/২০২৫ দলিল মূলে **চাদ মহম্মদ**, পিতা চামালউদ্দিন, মহাদেবপুর, পোঃ ও থানা - পান্ডুয়া হুগলী, পিন নং - ৭১২১৪৯ । ৩) এ. ডি. এস. আর পাভুয়া অফিসে ১১/০২/২০২৫ তারিখে রেজিস্ট্রীকৃত ০৬৯৫/২০২৫ দলিল মূলে সায়ের বিবি, স্বামী- মহম্মদ কলিম, মহাদেবপুর, পোঃ ও থানা - পাভুয়া, হুগলী, পিন নং - ৭১২১৪৯। ৪ এ. ডি. এস, আর পাভুয়া অফিসে ২২/০১/২০২৫ তারিখে রেজিস্ট্রীকৃত ০৩৮৫/২০২৫ দলিল মুলে সামিনা খাতুন, স্বামী – সেখ সামিম হোসেন্ মহাদেবপুর, পোঃ ও থানা - পান্ডুয়া, হুগলী, পিন নং - ৭১২১৪৯। মহাশয়গনুকে একুনে ৪ টি পৃথব কোবালা দলিল মূলে সম্পত্তি বিক্রয় করি। ত<u>পশীল:</u>- জেলা হুগলী, থানা পান্ডুয়া, মৌজা <u>ত্র্যান্ন, ব্রাজা</u> মহাদেবপুর, জে. এল. নং ৪২, হাল. এল. আর. ৯২৩ খতিয়ানে ১) সাবেক তথা হাল ৪৮৪ দাগে ণ্ডনা বর্তমানে ভিটি জমি ১_৲ আনায় ১৯ শতকের মধ্যে ৩.৩২ শতক । ২) সাবেক তথা হাল ৪৫৮ দাগে খামার বর্তমানে ভিটি জমি ১১ আনায় ৫৯ শতকের মধ্যে ৭.০৩ শতক । ৩) সাবেক তথ হাল ৪৯৫ দাগে ভিটি জমি ১৲ আনায় ১৭ শতকের মধ্যে ৩.১৩ শতক ।একই খতিয়ানে ৪৯৬ দাগে ভিটি ১৲ আনায় ৩৩ শতকের মধ্যে ২.৬৬ শতব

মোট - ৫.৭৯ শতক । ৪) সাবেক তথা হাল ৪৮৪ শতকের মধ্যে ৪.৯৮ শতক । একুনে ৪ টি পৃথব দলিল মূলে ২১.৩৯ শতক আমমোক্তার নাম দলিল মূলে বিক্রয়কৃত সম্পত্তি হইতেছে এতদ্বারা স্কুলকে অবগত করা যাইতেছে যে ১১ এতধারা সকলাকে অবস্থাত করা বার্যভের্টের বি চারারা পারভিন, পিতা – মহঃ মুন্তাক, ২) চাঁদ মহম্মদ, পিতা - কামালউদ্দিন, ৩) সায়েরা বিবি, স্বামী - মহম্মদ কলিম, ৪) সামিনা খাতুন, স্বামী -সেখ সামিম হোসেন, উক্ত খরিদা জমি নিজ নিজ নামে নাম পত্তন কবিবাব জন্য বি. এল. এয়ান্ড এল আর. ও পাভুয়া অফিসে আবেদন করিয়াছেন ইহাতে কাহার ও কোন আপত্তি থাকিলে বিজ্ঞা প্রচার হইবার ১ মাসের মধ্যে সংশ্লিষ্ট অফিসে আপত্তি জানাইতে পারিবেন অন্যথায় নিয়ম অনুসারে কার্য্য হইবে। ইতি- মহম্মদ ইসলাম

Notice e-Tender

chayat invites e-Tender through e-Procurement System from the bonafied and resourceful Contractors for NIeT No.: 14/ PRODHAN/ GARIBPUR GP/2024-25. (FOR-7 Nos WORKS) Dated: 12.03.2025. Last date of Bid submission 28.03.2025 upto 02:00 Hours. For com within one month from the date of Advertisement On behalf of Ramganga Gram Panchayat, Patharpratima Wetenders.gov.in

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to all **Buddhadeb Ghosh** S/o. Gopal Ghosh of Sainya, Pawnan, Polba, Hooghly-712305, W.B. is interested property to Mr. Subir Ghosh S/o Gobinda Ghosh of Sainya Pawnan, Polba, Hooghly-712305 W.B. against Rs. 11,75,00,000/-My said client is the present owne of the property that piece and parcel Sali land lying and situated under Dist. Hooghly, P.S. Polba JI No 48 Mouza Bonseve Ha Dag No. 61 & an area of land 17 Satak respectively and the same recorded in the BL&LRO Polba-Dadpur Block, as against Khatiar No. 448. If any person and/or persons having any claim share right, title or interest whatsoeve over and in respect of said property or any objection to the sale of the same must notify the undersigne thereabout thereabout with supporting documentary evidence within 1 days from this date, there after t claim, if any shall be deemed to nave been waved and no further

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আমার মক্কেলদ্বয় মহম্মদ সিরাজউদ্দিন পিড

মহম্মদ সিরাজউদ্দিন উভয়ের সাং ৫৬, ডা অবনি দত্ত রোড. পোঃ ও থানা গোলাবাডি.জেল হাওড়া,অতঃপর আব্দুল সালাম ওরফে মহম্ম নালাম এদের পক্ষে নিজক্ত আম<u>মোক্তা</u> ইমতিয়াজ আলম এর নিকট হইতে এ.ডি.এস আর.-১ হাওড়া অফিসে রেজেস্ট্রীকৃত ০৪৪৫৪/২০২৩ নং আমমোক্তারনামা দলি দ্বারা জেলা-হাওড়া, থানা-ডোমজুড়, মৌজা বাঁকড়া, জে.এল.নং ৫৫, এল.আর হাল খতিয়ান ১২৫৭৪ নং আর.এস.দাগ ৩০৮৭ ও এল.আ দাগ ৩০৮৯ হাল নং দাগে ২৪৮ শতক ম্পত্তি ১০০৮২৩/২০২৪ নং দলিল মূলে ক্রয় করিয়া নাম পত্তনের আবেদন করেন।উত্ত বিষয়ে দাতাগনের বা স্বার্থ সংশ্লিষ্ট কাহারো কোন আপত্তি থাকিলে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের দিন হইতে : মাসের মধ্যে বি এল.এন্ড.এল.আর.ও ডোমজু অফিসে আপিল করতে পারেন।অন্যথা

Mrs. Anusuya Basu Dutta

simultaneously amid fears, students' education in jeopardy A controversy has erupted in students. The school's acting Bankura, West Bengal after the principal, Mrityunjay Mukheradministration issued noticed jee, attributes the decline in to close seven secondary edustudents numbers to the lack cation centers due to low stuof teachers and poor education dents enrollment. The moves quality. The closer notices have has been met with widespread sparked protests from local criticism from students, parresidents, who argue that the school should be revived by ents and local residents, who claim that government neglect appointing more teachers and is responsible for decline in stuimproving infrastructure. Fordent numbers. The secondary mer Union Minister of State for education centers, established between 2004 and 2006, were intended to provide education

7 Institutions closed

Education Subhash Sarkar criticized the state government for its handling of education system, citing the lack of teacher recruitment, poor infrastructure and rising dropout rates. The controversy highlights the challenges faced by rural education centers in West Bengal and the need for urgent government intervention to ad-

dress the issues plaguing the

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW Engagement of Sr. Residents at B. R. Singh Hospital, Sealdah

for closure, had 210 students state's education system.

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A Walk-in-Interview will be held for selection of the following Sr. Residents (Academic) in Medical Director's Office. B. R. Singh Hospital, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, Kolkata-700014 on 03.04.2025 at 11 AM on the terms & conditions as given below: Name & address of the Hospital: B. R. Singh Hospital, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, Kolkata-700014. Discipline & Vacancy position: General Medicine - 01 + Panel, General Surgery - 02 + Panel, Anesthesiology - 02 + Panel, Pathology - 01 + Panel, Gynae. & Obstt. - 01 + Panel. (Community break up : UR-02, SC-02, OBC-02, EWS-01).

Applications with CV and Three recent passport size photographs (self signed) - one of which should be pasted on the proforma (to be collected from this office) are invited from the eligible candidates. One set of all the following documents (photocopied & selfattested) should be produced during interview with original for verification: 10th Level Admit Card (as age proof), Higher Secondary or equivalent Mark sheet, MBBS Mark sheets (1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Professional), Degree Certificates, Attempt Certificate, Caste Certificate, Conference attended, Papers published in Journals (if any), MCI/State Registration Certificate, Experience Certificate, NOC from the present employer, stating that the candidate (if selected) will be spared immediately.

• Terms & Conditions: (1) Minimum professional qualification: Post Graduate Degree/DM/MD/MCh/DNB or Diploma in the concerned specialty from University recognized by State/Central Government. If such candidates are not available in particular specialty, those candidates without PG qualification having at least three years experience after MBBS, out of which one year Junior residency from a Government Hospital or MCI recognized private hospital in the specialty can be considered for a period of one year only subject to the condition that fresh selection process has to be done by end of one year. Extension of another one year will be allowed to these MBBS doctors with three-year experience if again no candidate with Diploma/PG/DNB/DM applies. The total period of such extension will be limited to three years of total senior residency as in senior residency scheme (As per Railway Boards order no . E800/GAZ/Med/Sr.Residents Dt. 28.06.2018). (2) Age limit – As per National Medical Council Rules : 37 years as on 03.04.2025 for General candidates. Relaxation of age will be admissible for candidates of reserved communities as per extant rules. (3) Emoluments will be paid in scale of ₹ 15,600 - 39,100/and other allowances as admissible under Central Govt. Total amount will be paid ₹ 1,21,000/- (approx.) p.m. (4) Tenure of Sr. Residency: Initially the engagement would be for a period of one year. The Sr. Residentship may be renewed further in two terms of one year each with administrative approval. Total duration of the Sr. Residentship shall be for a maximum period of 03 (three) years. The termination of contract can be done on one month's notice from either side or surrender of one month's salary by the candidate if he/she desires to resign with less than one month's notice. (5) Reporting time of candidates: 10 AM for registration & documents verification. (6) No TA/DA will be admissible for interview and joining purpose. (7) Suppression of any fact at any stage will make the candidature liable to be terminated forthwith. N.B.: Candidates who have appeared in DNB Final Practical Examination this year are eligible to appear in the Walk-in-Interview, provided they furnish proof of passing the Final Examination at the time of joining after selection.

Detailed advertisement with terms & conditions are available on Eastern Railway's website http://www.er.indianrailways.gov.in under Head Notification.

Medical Director, B. R. Singh Hospital, Sealdah

Eastern Railway

Walk-in-Interview For Engagement of Contract Medical Practitioners at B.R. Singh Hospital, Sealdah

CORRIGENDUM

In reference to the above captioned advertisement published in this newspaper on 14.03.2025 regarding engagement of Contract Medical Practioners at B.R. Singh Hospital, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, it is to be stated that the 'Walk-in-Interview' will be held on 26.03.2025 (Wednesday) from 12.00 Noon onward at B.R. Singh Hospital, Sealdah. All other particulars will remain unchanged.

Medical Director, B.R.Singh Hospital

EASTERN RAILWAY

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Ranch Office: ICICI BANK LTD, BP-4, Technopolis Building, 4th Floor, Sector V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata West Bengal-700091. CIN No: L65190GJ1994PLC021012, www.icicibank.com The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement

of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs) Date of Symbolic Possession Property(1)- Sabek (C.S.) Dag No 297, R.S. & L.R. Dag No 2509, L.R. Khatian No 2676, Sabek (C.S.) Khatian No 169, R.S. Khatian No 793, R.S. 16/04/2024 Habra (Guarantor) Subhajit Kundı 1,20,25,878/-& Tulsi Kundu & Samir Kumar Kundu & (Mortgagor) Tulsi Kundu & Samir Kumar Kundu/ Touji No 14, Mouza Hijal Pukuria, Collector Bahadur, Thana, A.D.S.R.O & Municipality Habra, District North 24 Parganas, (13 Satak) & Represented By Partners Subhajit Kundu, Tulsi Kundu Property(2)- Sabek (C.S.) Dag No 297, R.S. & & Samir Kumar Kundu 162, L.R. Dag No 2509, L.R. Khatian No 2676, Sabek Sreepur Road North 24 Parganas West Bengal No 312, J.L. No 80, Sabek Touji No 2167, Hal Sreepur Road North 24 Parganas West Bengal Habra- 743263/

Date Of Symbolic: 13/03/2025 The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Date: March 19, 2025, Place: Habra Sincerely Authorised Signatory, For ICICI Bank Ltd

Touji No 14, Mouza Hijal Pukuria, Collector Bahadur, Thana, A.D.S.R.O & Municipality

Habra, District North 24 Parganas (2 Satak)/

Husband accused of murdering wife before taking own life are underway to determine the MI News Service, East light in Ramnagar, Purba Meknife placed on her body. The the land officer of Ramnagar 2

Minapore: A shocking and disturbing incident has come to

EASTERN RAILWAY Tender Notice No. : EL/HWH/25/21 (Notice)/652 Dated: 13.03.2025. (Notice)/652 Dated: 13.03.2025. Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, DRM Building, near Howrah Station, Howrah-711101 invites Open e-Tenders for the under mentioned electrical work/s : SI, No : (1): Tender No. : EL-HWH-25-21-3354-R1; Name of work: Upgradation of electrical

or work: Upgradation of electrical assets for fire safety at Eastern Railway HQ Building, Fairlie Place; Tender Value (Rs.): ₹ 2,45,48,293; Bid security (Earnest Money Deposit) (Rs.): ₹ 2,72,800; SI. No.: (2); Tender No.: EL-HWH-25-21-3307; Name of Security 15 Electrical (Control) work in Security 15 Electrical (Control) work in work: 1) Electrical (General) work in connection with "Provision of new FOB (6m width) at Agradwip under the jurisdiction of AEN/KWAE". 2) Electrical (General) work in connection with Provision of new FOB (6m width) a Dainhat under the jurisdiction of AEN/KWAE". 3) Electrical (General) new FOB at Bishnupriya Halt (6m width) under the jurisdiction of AEN/KWAE". 4) Electrical (General) work in connection with "Provision of the case now returning to new FOB at Sahebtala Halt (6m the Calcutta High Court. As width) under the jurisdiction of per the Supreme Court 's ₹ 32,76,270; Bid security (Earnest Money Deposit) (Rs.): ₹ 65,500; Ghosh will preside over the Completion Period: 180 Days for Sl. No. 1 & 2 each; Closing Date & Time: 07.04.2025 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 that the agency will now be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit under pressure to deliver submission of any offer after closing justice. Tilottam's parents 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

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on the above website.

Tender Notice No.SBP-ELECT-2025-T-237 NAME OF WORK : COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR MAINTENANCE OF RMPU WITH CONTROL PANEL IN SELF GENERATING (SG) RMPU AC COACHES AT SAMBALPUR COACHING DEPOT FOR A PERIOD OF 02 YEARS. Approx. Cost of the Work :

Completion Period of the Work: Two years from the date of issue of LOA Tender Closing Date and Time

At 1530 hrs. of 07.04.2025 No manual offers sent by Post / Courier/ Fax or in person shall be accepted against such e-tenders even if these are submitted on firm's letter head and received in time. All such manual offers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected

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

Note: The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website fifteen (15) days before the

date of closing of tender to note any changes, corrigenda issued for this tender. The tenderers, bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate and must be registered on IREPS Portal. Only registered tenderer/ bidder can

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (G) PR-1099/P/24-25

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Abridged e-Tender No. 05-DCE-CON-ROB-SDAH-24-25, Dated: 17.03.2025 The Tender Notice for e-tendering invited by Dv. Chief Engineer (Con)/ROB Eastern Railway, RMS Building (2nd 8 3rd Floor), Sealdah, Kolkata-700014 for the following work: Name of the Work : E-Tender No. 05-DCE-CON-ROB-SDAH-24-25 : Providing technical consultancy for feasibility study, master planning, urban designing, engineering and preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) including Geo-Technical Investigation for Development of maintenance infrastructure and maintenance facilities for Vande Bharat Trains at NDD Yard/Chitpur/Easterr Railway. Approx Value (Rs.): ₹ 25.55 Lakh (Approx); Cost of Tender Documents (Rs.): Nil; Earnest Money (Rs.): ₹ 51,100/-; Completion Period 02 (Two) Months. Date of Opening: 04.04.2025 at 15.00 hrs. The Tender Document and other details can be obtained from the website www.ireps.gov.in The bidding for the tender is to be submitted through the etendering on above website. Manual offers are not allowed against this tende and any manual offer if received shall not be accepted and will be summarily rejected.

CON-93/2024-25 Tender Notice is also available at websites : www.er.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.ir

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dinipur, where a woman was police have launched an invesfound brutally murdered with tigation into the incident, which a knife, and her husband was appears to be a case of murdiscovered hanging from the der-suicide. The exact circumceiling fan in their home. The stances leading to the tragedy are still unclear, but it is alleged deceased have been identified as Bhaskar Giri (49) and his that the couple had a heated argument over family matters wife Durga Giri (43), residents of Ramchandrapur village in Manearlier in the evening. "We are investigating the incident, and it darmani Coastal Police Station area. According to preliminary appears that the husband, Bhaskar Giri, murdered his wife, investigations, the couple's son Durga Giri, with a knife before discovered his father's lifeless taking his own life," said a pobody hanging from the ceiling fan at around 11:30 pm on Monlice official. "We are looking into the possibility of a family disday. The police were immediately informed, and upon arrival, pute or other factors that may they found Durga Giri's body have contributed to this trag-

lying in a pool of blood with a ic incident." Swapan Patnaik, Tilottima's parents return from Delhi, claim "CBI will be under pressure" in ongoing case

MI News Service, Titagarh: The BCI investigation into the Titagarh case has taken a significant turn, with per the Supreme Court 's Ghosh will preside over the case from this point onward. Tilottama's parents, who have been vocal about their dissatisfaction with the that the agency will now be under pressure to deliver expressed their gratitude to the Chief Justice of the

Supreme Court and their legal team. They stated the

CBI will have to be more transparent and truthful in their investigation and that they will finally get answer to the questions they have been seeking. Tilottama's father also revealed that he has been in touch with assistant director of the CBI who has assured him that they will get justice. However, the also expressed concerns department following the

verdict. The case has been ongoing for some time, with Tilottama's parents filing a case in the High Court ini-

Office of the Principal DEBRA THANA SAHID KSHUDIRAM SMRITI MAHAVIDYALAYA remment Aided, Autonomous, NAAC Accredited "A" Grade College, affiliated to Vidyasagar University) P.O.- Chakshyampur, Dist.- Paschim Medinipur. PIN-721124. W.B. INDIA

NOTICE INVITING TENDER Tender Reference No. NIT68/dtsksm/2025 dated 13/03/2025 Tender ID 2025_DHE_828158_1

ed from eligible Licensed Contractor/ aving suitable credentials and financial capabilities. Intending bidder nay download the tender documents from the website https://wbtenders.gov.in

Name of the work

Annex building within the compound of Debra Thana Sahid Kshudiram Smriti Mahavidyalaya

Bid Submission Start Date. Bid Submission End Date.

Construction of shaded hall in the 3rd floor of

Information about the work:

17/03/2025 at 6.00 P.M 27/03/2025 at 6.00 P.M

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

PKS GOLD PVT LTD CIN: U36109WB2021PTC243800
CERTIFIED TRUE EXTRACT COPY OF EXTRACT OF BOARD
MEETINGHELD ON 15TH FEB, 2025 OF THE PKS GOLD PVTLTD AT, CITY
PLAZA. SHOP, NO.7, 2ND FLOOR, OPP. PAYEL HALLSEVOK ROAD, SILLIGURI-734001.DARJEELINGAT 11.30 A.M.

SHIFTING OF REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE COMPANY The board discussed the need for shifting of registered office of the company from the Silliguri to Kolkata. An unanimously agreed for shifting of Registered office of Company and passed the following

'RESOLVED THAT The registered office of the company at present City Plaza, Shop No. 7, 2nd Floor, Opp. Payel Hall, Sevok Road, Silliguri -734001, Darjeeling " to the new Address

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the board autorise Sh. PRITOMKAR, Diector, DIN- 09104295, to sign all the documents and take necessary action for shifting of registered office of the company and file neces

> For and on behalf of applicant PKS Gold Private Limited Chairman

Lease

The Undersigned is hereby publishing Lease notice for Ferry services, Public Toilet, Bus Stand etc.

1. Lease Notice number- 353/PS/Lease/2025, dated 17/03/2025 Last Date of submission of application is 24/03/2025, Boat Measurement on 25/03/2025 lease on 26/03/2025 For more details please visit office notice board

Executive Officer Patharpratima Panchayat Samiti Ramganga, South 24-Parganas

Office of the Municipal Councillors Serampore Municipality S. Avenue, Serampore, Dist.: Hooghly, Pin: 712201

e-Auction of the following work is invited by Chairman, Serampor Municipality from experienced and resourceful, GST registered pidders for execution the works vide e-Auction No:- WBMAD/ULB/ SRMP/e-Auction-02/2024-25. Date: 18/03/2025. Name of work axmi (Jagannath) Ghat Ferry Service within Serampore Municipality Document Submission Start date: 18.03.2025 at 17:00 Hours. Bid Submission end: 26.03.2025 at 15:00 Hours. Auction start date 28.03.2025 at 15:00 Hours. Auction end date : 28.03.2025 at 17:00 Hours. For details of the project go through http://eauction.gov.in Sd/-

> Chairman Serampore Municipality

সফিসে উক্ত ক্রয়কৃত সম্পত্তি নিজ নামে রেকর্ড করিবেন। হৈাতে সকলকে অবগত করা যাইতেছে যে, কাহারৎ যদি কোন আইনানুগ আপত্তি বা অধিকার থাকে তাহার ন্যে সঠিক পদক্ষেপ গ্রহন করে অদ্য দিবস হইতে ৩০ দিনের মধ্যে ঘাটাল বি এল এক্ড এল আব অফিসে বাটাল, পশ্চিম মেদিনীপর) জানাইতে হইবে। সুব্রত কুলার্ Enrollment No-F/1818/2014 It is here by notified that a Notice dated 02/11/2024 legal notice published in the Morning India Daily News Paper claim as No Objection whatever may be in manner same notice Line 16 (Page No-5) Late Bibhuti Sinha written as which is to be read as "Late Bibhuti Bhusan Sinha" and Line No-81 One Kanti Share in 36 satak written as which is to be read as "One Kanti Share out of 36 Satak" and in 91 line J.L. No-65. Mouza-Radhakrishnapu which is to be read as "J.L. No-65.

We oppoloze for unintentional error E Tenders e-tenders are invited by prodhan, Ramnagar gram panchavat under Aushgram- II Dev. Block, Dist-Purba Bardhaman from resourceful /bonafide contractors with experience and requisite credential from 15th FC Fund vide memo no -345/RGP/2025, NIT NO-26/RGP/2024-25, Date closing of submission of Tech-nicial Bid & Financial Bid on 28/03/2025 up to 3.00 P.M. For Details visit the Website http://wb-

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statement shall remain unchanged.

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Abridged Tender Notice NIT Memo No. 310, Dated-.03.2025 (e-NIT No- 15/Aus-II/EO/5th SFC/2024-25). NIT Memo No. 311, Dated-17.03.2025 (e-NIT No- 16/Aus-II/EO/2024-25).

Date of Closing of Submission Technical and Financial Bid-SI. No. 01. - 26.03.2025 at 09.00 IST. SI. No. 02.- 09.04.2025 at 09.00 IST. For any more details contact the office of the undersigned or visit website: http/ wbtenders.gov.in

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Advocate

Researchers demonstrate new technique for boosting plant growth with bacteria

 $\label{lem:north} \textbf{North Carolina[US]}: Researchers \ have \ successfully \ demonstrated \ a \ technique \ for encapsulating \ bacteria, which can subsequently be preserved and applied to plants$ to promote their growth and protect them from pests and infections. The technique paves the way for a variety of crop applications that will enable farmers to use these beneficial bacteria in conjunction with agrochemicals.

Many of the beneficial bacteria we know of are fairly fragile, making it difficult to incorporate them into practical, shelf-stable products that can be applied to plant roots or leaves," says John Cheadle, co-lead author of a paper on the work and a Ph.D. student at North Carolina State University. "The technique we demonstrate here essentially stabilizes these bacteria, making it possible to develop customized

At issue are plant growth-promoting bacteria (PGPBs), which are microbes that benefit plant health and growth, helping plants extract nutrients from the environment and protecting them from pests or pathogens.

"A longstanding challenge for making use of these bacteria has been that if you tried to come up with a single application that combined them with agrochemicals, like pesticides or fertilizers, the bacteria would die," says Saad Khan, co-corresponding author of the paper and INVISTA Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at NC State. "We wanted to develop a solution that would allow bacteria to be used in conjunction with chemicals already in widespread use by growers."

"By the same token, a healthy plant microbiome allows the plants to make better use of nutrients available in the soil and more resistant to pathogens," says Tahira Pirzada, co-corresponding author and a research scholar at NC State. "This may allow growers to use less fertilizer and pesticides without hurting crop production.

The new technique revolves around a custom-made emulsion, with only a handful of ingredients. One part of the emulsion consists of a saline solution that contains PGPBs. For the proof-of-concept demonstration, the researchers used the bacteria Pseudomonas simiae and Azospirillum brasilense. P. simiae acts as a biopesticide by promoting pathogen resistance; A. brasilense acts as a biofertilizer by fixing nitrogen. The second part of the emulsion consists of a biodegradable oil and a biodegradable polymer derived from cellulose. The polymer can be loaded with agrochemical active ingredients, which means the emulsion can incorporate these ingredients without relying on environmentally harmful organic solvents, which are typically



er, the oil is broken into droplets that are distributed throughout the saline solution. The cellulose polymer sticks to the surface of these droplets, preventing the droplets from merging back together.

Essentially, the emulsion is a salad dressing with the oil droplets held in suspension throughout the saline solution. In practical terms, this would allow the PBPGs to be applied simultaneously with agrochemicals using the same emulsion.

To see how well the emulsion worked, the researchers did two tests. First, the researchers compared the survival of PBPGs in the emulsion to the survival of PBPGs in the saline solution alone. Samples of each were stored at room temperature. After four weeks, the population of P. simiae in the emulsion was 200% higher than the population in saline; the population of A. brasilense in the emulsion

Second, the researchers wanted to see how well pesticides would work when incorporated into the emulsion. For this, the researchers incorporated the pesticide fluopyram into the emulsion. They also added fluopyram to the saline solution by itself. The researchers then introduced C. elegans nematodes - which serve as a proxy for pests - into the emulsion and the saline solution.

Not surprisingly, the pesticide in saline solution killed the pest very quickly - all of the pests were killed within an hour," says Mariam Sohail, co-lead author of the paper and a recent Ph.D. graduate from NC State. "The emulsion worked more gradually, killing 95% of the pests within 72 hours. This is valuable to know, since it suggests our technique could be used strategically to provide sustained protection against specific pests or pathogens.

"Ultimately, we found our technique allows us to incorporate multiple active ingredients into a single delivery system and allows the PGPBs to survive and thrive,"

"We also demonstrated that the emulsion improved the survival and reproductive success of these bacteria when applied to soil, as compared to applying the bacteria to the soil without the emulsion," Cheadle says.

'Next steps will involve greenhouse testing and, later, microplots," says Khan. "We will likely want to evaluate different PGPBs and other active ingredients to see how they perform with different targeted plant species."

EC UIDAI experts to soon begin technical consultations on Aadhaar-voter card seeding

linkage of voter cards with Aadhaar would be done according to the prevailing law and the Supreme Court's directions and added technical consultations between its experts and UIDAI for the exercise would "begin soon". The Election Commission (EC) on Tuesday held a meeting with the Union home secretary, legislative secretary (in the law ministry), MeitY secretary and the UIDAI CEO on the issue of voter card-Aadhaar seeding.

The government told the Rajya Sabha in a written reply in April 2023 that linking Aadhaar details with voter identity cards had not started and noted that the exercise was "process driven" and no target or timelines was set for the proposed

Names of those who do not link



list will not be struck off the electoral rolls, the government had asserted. In a statement on Tuesday, the poll authority said that while voting lished

rights could only be granted to a citizen of India, according to Article 326 of the Constitution, Aadhaar establinking of elector photo identity card (EPIC) with Aadhaar will be done only as per the provisions of Article 326 of the Constitution, sections 23(4), 23(5) and 23(6) of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, and in line with the Supreme Court judgment (of 2023), it said. Accordingly, technical consultations between UIDAI and the EC's technical experts "are to begin soon",

The law allows voluntary seeding of voter rolls with the Aadhaar

Section 23 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, as amended by the Election Laws (Amendment) Act, 2021, provides for electoral registration officers to require an existing or prospective elector to provide Aadhaar for establishing identity on a

Sikkim LS MP asks Centre to hold AI event in state

Gangtok: Sikkim Lok Sabha MP Indra Hang Subba has asked the Union Electronics and Information Technology minister Ashwini Vaishnaw to hold a large-scale artificial intelligence (AI) event in the Himalayan state. A press release issued by the Sikkim Lok Sabha MP

said that this initiative aims

to highlight Northeast India's potential in the AI-driven future and advocate for its active inclusion in India's AI policy. "The Union Minister Electronics Information Technology has responded positively to the proposal, acknowledging the strategic significance of such an event in fostering innovation, skill development, and economic growth in the region. The minister has assured further discussions and collaboration to assess the feasibility of hosting the

event, in line with the gov-

ernment's vision of inclusive



India 'Northeast immense talent and potential to contribute to India's AI landscape. A dedicated AI platform in the region will empower youth, entrepreneurs, and researchers, ensuring their active participation in the country's digital transformation." "Sikkim

pivotal role in shaping India's Al revolution. With one of the highest literacy rates in the country, the state is wellpositioned to embrace AI and provide its youth with the necessary training to become part of India's future-ready workforce," the release

Deaths inside manholes: NGOs call for stricter adherence to ban scrutiny on contractors



New Delhi : Despite a nationwide ban on manual scavenging, workers continue to be hired for cleaning sewers often at great risk to their lives, the NGOs working for such workers' rehabilitation

In a tragic incident earlier on Sunday, a 43year-old worker died and two others were injured while cleaning a sewer in southeast Delhi's New

The victim, Panth Lal Chandra, was working on a Delhi Jal Board (DJB) sewer around 5.45 pm on Sunday when the accident occurred, police said in a statement earlier. Yogendra Jha, secretary of the NGO Centre for Social Security Action and Research (CSSAR), called for strict action against those hiring labourers for manual scavenging.

'Manual scavenging is banned in India, yet people continue to do this work without proper protective equipment, risking their lives just to support their families," he said.

Jha said the government departments often outsource sanitation work to contractors, who, in turn, employ daily wage workers for sewer clean-

ing. "The government must establish a dedicated committee to monitor such incidents and take necessary action to prevent further loss of life." he

Centre for Holistic Development (CHD) Executive Director Sunil Kumar Aledia stressed the need for better enforcement of the ban.

There are machines available for cleaning sewers, yet workers are still being sent into manholes to cut costs. Constant monitoring is essential because manual scavenging continues in the open despite the law," he said.

Manual scavenging is banned and mandates rehabilitation for those engaged in the practice, according to the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and Their Rehabilitation Act.

Emergency response teams, including the fire brigade and local police, pulled out the three workers from a manhole in an unconscious state on Sunday. Chandra was declared dead at the hospital. The police have registered a case under Section 105 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and Sections 7 and 9 of the Manual Scavenging

There was no immediate response from the Delhi Jal Board regarding the incident.

According to a Rajya Sabha data, approximately 377 people died in various states and Union Territories between 2019 and 2023 due to hazardous cleaning of sewers and septic tanks.

A report by the Press Information Bureau states that around 22 manual scavengers lost their lives in Delhi between 2019 and 2022

Hungary's parliament passes law banning Pride events in new assault on LGBTQ+ rights



Budapest: Hungarian lawmakers on Tuesday passed a law banning Pride events and allowing authorities to use facial recognition software to identify attendees, continuing a crackdown by Prime Minister Viktor Orban's rightwing populist party on the country's LBGTQ+

community. The measure passed in a 136-27 vote. The law, supported by Orban's Fidesz party and their minority coalition partner the Christian Democrats, was pushed through parliament in an accelerated procedure after being submitted only a day earlier. It amends Hungary's law on assembly to make it an offense to hold or attend events that violate Hungary's contentious "child protection" legislation, which prohibits the "depiction or promotion" of homosexuality to minors under 18. Attending a prohibited event will carry fines up to 200,000 Hungarian forints (USD 546), which the state must forward to "child protection," according to the text of the law. Authorities may use facial recognition tools to identify individuals attending a prohibited event.

IIT-B study opens up possibility of using magnets to treat cardiovascular diseases

Mumbai: Magnetic fields can effectively manipulate blood flow in the body, opening up the possibility of using magnets to treat cardiovascular diseases, a study by researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay) researchers has revealed.

The institute, in a statement on Tuesday, said a theoretical study researchers found that magnetic force lowers blood pressure fluctuations and stabilises flow, setting the stage for advanced cardiovascular

therapies. This opens up possibilities for using magnets in treatment of heart diseases and provides insights for creating advanced drug delivery

systems, it said "Wall shear stress (WSS) is the force per unit area exerted by the blood flow along the inner walls of blood vessels. It is a critical factor in vascular health, as abnormal WSS can contribute to the development of diseases like atherosclerosis.



WSS is influenced by the blood's velocity and viscosity along the vessel walls," said Prof Abhijeet Kumar, who led the study at the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

The researchers used a computation framework to simulate and analyse the

blood flow pattern.

The research found that stronger magnetic fields facilitated smoother blood

The study revealed that magnetic force stabilises flow and pressure fluctuations in the stenosis shapes, reducing the risk of plaque

The results showed that the magnetic field influences blood flow, pressure, and WSS, which can further help control high blood pressure and prevent damage to arterial walls.

Prof Kumar, however, said there are many challenges in transforming this research into practical treatments, like the complex interactions between magnetic fields and biological tissues, which can impact cellular structures, blood viscosity, and vessel walls.

.. Given the complexities and challenges mentioned, including the need for extensive research, clinical trials, and regulatory approvals, it might take several years before such treatments become widely available," he said.

Apple launches 'Surveyor' app for improved mapping accuracy

Cupertino (California) [US] : Apple has introduced a new app called 'Surveyor', designed to collect real-world mapping data to enhance the accuracy and detail of Apple Maps.

According to Mac Rumours, the app focuses on gathering information such as street signs, traffic signals, and roadside details to ensure Apple Maps remains precise and up to date. Unlike Apple's standard consumer apps,

Surveyor is not publicly available. Instead, it appears to be intended for partner companies tasked with mapping assignments. Upon downloading the app, users are prompted

to "Open Partner App," which redirects them to another application called Premise. Premise, a third-party platform, allows users to earn rewards by completing various tasks, including surveys, reporting local details like construction

updates, and photographing specific locations. Based on app strings found in Surveyor, it appears that once a mapping task is assigned via



Premise, users will be instructed to mount an iPhone, switch it to landscape mode, and capture images along a designated route while driving

According to Apple, the Surveyor app captures data on road infrastructure and transmits it to Apple, where it helps "precisely place objects on the

This approach suggests that Apple is leveraging crowdsourced data collection to refine its mapping system and keep small but crucial map details cur-While Premise is not officially listed as an Apple

Maps partner, the integration of the two apps indicates a collaboration for continuous Apple Maps With this move, Apple seems to be embracing community-driven data collection to strengthen its

mapping ecosystem, potentially rivaling similar strategies used by Google Maps and Waze. As Apple continues to refine Apple Maps, the Surveyor app may represent a broader push toward AI-driven, real-time map enhancements, ensuring users receive more accurate and detailed

navigation assistance.

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Furfura Pirsaheb congratulate Mamata Banerjee

Nurul Islam Khan

The market is absolutely hot over Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's participation in the Iftar Majlis of Furfura Sharif. Most of the Pirsahebs are happy about this issue. Again, Nimitra Pirsaheb is unhappy. However, in general, along with most of the people, the Pirsahebs are very happy about Mamata's third visit to Furfura. Mamata Banerjee listened to the Pirsahebs sincerely. She assured that the bus stand and the polytechnic college will be opened soon. A modern hospital in the name of Pir Abu Bakar Siddiqui will also be opened soon. Many are happy to say that the anger and dissatisfaction that had been suppressed for 9 years was in the minds of the Pirsahebs. Some say that most of the Pirsahebs used to be in the dark about various issues. They are happy to say every-



thing with the arrival of Mamata. Many Pirsahebs of Furfura Sharif and the general public, including Pirzada Tamim Siddiqui, Pirzada Imran Siddiqui, Pirzada Minhaj Siddiqui, Pirzada Tahbib Siddiqui, Pirzada Syed Aftab Uddin Hossain, Pirzada Saferi Siddiqui, Pirzada Uzayer Siddiqui and Syed Sajjad Hossain, congratulated and thanked Mamata. Pirzada Hozaifa Siddiqui, Pirzada Mosfekin Siddiqui, Pirzada Mehrab Siddiqui, Nazim Uddin Hossain, Pirzada Syed Hammam Hossain Bukhari and many other Pirsa-hebs have said that this Iftar Majlis, which was organized by the government, has broken the veil of the past and given a new direc-

The fact that such a large government institution is not owned by local MLA Minister Snehashis Chakraborty has made the people

Diversion of Howrah -Amritsar – Howrah Mail for doubling work over **Northern Railway**

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to Non- Interlocking work in connection with doubling work in Lucknow Division over Northern Railway, 13005/13006 Howrah – Amritsar - Howrah Mail (journey commencing on and from 19.03.2025 to 25.03.2025) will be diverted via Zafarabad - Sultanpur -Lucknow instead of Varanasi - Maa Belha Devi Dham Pratapgarh - Lucknow.

World Uyghur Congress exposes China's repression at UN Human Rights **Council session**

MI News Service, Geneva: At the 58th session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, the World Uyghur Congress (WUC) organised an exhibition aimed at exposing China's ongoing repression of Uyghurs.

In a post shared on X, WUC highlighted that the exhibition shed light on critical issues such as transnational repression, including the forced deportation of Uyghurs from Thailand, forced labour, the detention of Uyghur intellectuals, and forced abortions.

WUC stated that the organisation, through this initiative, aims to raise global awareness and called on the international community to take meaningful action.

Moreover, during the session, WUC President TurgunjanAlawdun delivered a speech, emphasising the denial of religious freedom to Uyghurs, the widespread translational repression, including forced deportations, and the continuous persecution Uyghurs are subjected to. He urged the international community to act decisively to hold China accountable for its grave human rights violations, highlighting the urgency of addressing these atroci-

The World Uyghur Congress (WUC) is an international organisation rights and freedoms of the Uyghur people, an ethnic group primarily living in the Xinjiang region of China.

The WUC was founded in 2004 and serves as a representative body for Uyghur people worldwide, particularly on issues of human rights, cultural preservation, and political autonomy.

The Uyghur issue in China centres around the ongoing human rights violations faced by the



Turkic ethnic group in Xinjiang. Reports emerged of over a million Uyghurs detained in so-"re-education camps," where they face forced indoctrination, physical abuse, and cultural suppression.

The Chinese government justifies these actions as measures to combat extremism, but human rights groups describe them as crimes against humanity, including genocide. Additionally, Uyghurs are subto surveillance, forced labour. and religious repression. Their language and cultural practices are increasingly restricted, reports of forced sterilizations and family separations have surfaced.

RPF, Eastern Railway Recovers a huge amount of Unaccounted Cash



MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant achievement aimed at curbing illeactivities enhancing security across railway premises, the Rail-Protection Force (RPF) of Howrah Division, Eastern Railway, has successfully recovered a substantial amount of unaccounted cash under "Operation Satark." On 17th March 2025, RPF of-ficials apprehended an individual identified as Prasun Banerjee (M/43) at Bolpur Railway Station,

leading to the recovery of unaccounted cash amounting to Rs. 19,11,680/- from his possession. The accused failed to provide any valid documents or explanation regarding the recovered cash. The seized amount has been secured at the RPF Post for further legal proceedings. Eastern Railway remains committed to ensuring the safety and security of passengers and railway property through intensified operations like "Operation Sa-

Despite heavy rush, passenger demand & special trains during Holi, Diwali, Chhath, Summer and Maha **Kumbh, Most Railway Divisions Maintain Over 90% Punctuality**

MI News Service, Delhi: Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting, and Electronics & Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, addressed the Lok Sabha today. He highlighted various aspects of Indian Railways, including infrastructure development, punctuality, environmental sustainability, exports, employment and financial position. He reaffirmed the government's commitment to making Indian Railways a modern, efficient, and environmentally sustainable transport system, enhancing both passenger experience and economic growth. While speaking about punctuality of trains operation in the Lok Sabha today, the Union Railway Minister stated that Indian Railways has achieved an on-time performance of over 90% through the adoption of advanced signaling systems, real-time monitoring, AI-driven scheduling, and predictive maintenance. As highlighted by the Minister, out of 68 railway divisions, 49 have already surpassed 80% punctuality, while 12 divisions have impressively reached 95%. This enhanced efficiency has resulted in smoother train operations, benefiting both passengers and freight services. Currently, Indian Railways operates more than 13,000 passenger trains, including 4,111 Mail and Express trains, 3,313 Passenger trains, and 5,774 Suburban trains. Notably, the total number of trains in operation has now exceeded pre- COVID levels, reflecting the railway's commitment to reliability and improved service delivery. To manage passenger demand during peak festive seasons, Indian Railway has operated a record number of special trains. Last vear, during Holi, 604 special trains were operated to accommodate the surge in travelers. During the summer vacation period, around 13,000 special trains were introduced to facilitate smooth travel. Similarly, for Chhath and Diwali, 8,000 special trains were deployed. A remarkable effort was made during the Mahakumbh, with 17,330 special trains running to ensure seamless travel for devotees from across the country. This year, for Holi alone, 1,107 special trains have been arranged, reflecting the unwavering commitment of Indian Railways to passenger convenience and efficient travel management. While talking about historic infrastructure expansion taking place across the railway network, the Minister emphasized the fulfillment of long-standing projects, such as connecting Jammu to Srinagar through engineering marvels like the Anji and Chenab bridges, with the latter standing 35 meters taller than the Eiffel Tower. With the completion of the CRS inspection and implementation of recommendations, train services between Jammu and Srinagar will soon commence. He also underscored the transformation of the Dedicated Freight Corridor, which has gone from being a mere proposal to an operational reality under the present government. Today, 350 freight trains run daily, reducing transit time from 24 to just 12 hours, significantly improving logistics. The Gati Shakti initiative has further bolstered freight operations, with 97 cargo terminals completed and 257 more under development. Tunnel construction in the railway network has seen a fourfold increase since 2014, with 460 km of new tunnels built, and innovations such as the Himalayan Tunneling Method and domestic production of Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs) in Tamil Nadu showcasing India's growing self-reliance in infrastructure technology. The Minister also highlighted the modernization of railway stations, with 129 stations already completed and many more to be operational by 2025-26 as part of the world's largest station redevelopment program. Bridges across major rivers like the Ganga, Brahmaputra, and Kosi have been constructed, improving connectivity in key regions. The Northeast has witnessed unprecedented rail expansion. with new lines in Sikkim, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, and Tripura. Indian Railways has also taken steps to address waterlogging in underpasses through extensive corrective measures. Shri Vaishnaw reiterated the government's commitment to equitable development, emphasizing record budget allocations for all states, in line with the Prime Minister's vision of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas.' However, he pointed out challenges such as slow land acquisition in states like Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal, which continue to hinder progress. He further highlighted the significant expansion of the Kolkata Metro, where 38 km of metro lines

have been added in just a decade, compared to 28 km in

the previous 42 years. He also emphasized on the ambi-

tious Bullet Train project as a transformative step toward

modern, high-speed rail connectivity, ensuring world-

class infrastructure for future generations.

Bangladesh Interim Govt expresses concern over Tulsi **Gabbard's remarks**

MI News Service, Dhaka: The Bangladesh interim government has expressed deep concern over US Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard's remarks on an "Islamist caliphate," stating that her comments are both "misleading and damaging" to the country's image and reputation. "We note with deep concern and distress the remarks made by DNI TulsiGabbard, in which she alleged "persecution and killing" of religious minorities in Bangladesh and that "the threat of Islamic terrorists" in the country is "rooted" in the "ideology and objective" to "rule and govern with an Islamist caliphate.'

This statement is both misleading and damaging to the image and reputation of Bangladesh, a nation whose traditional practice of Islam has been famously inclusive and peaceful and that has made remarkable strides in its fight against extremism terrorism", Bangladesh's interim government said in a statement late on Monday. Gabbard remarked during an interview on an Indian television channel, where she explained the ideology of the "Islamic Caliphate" and how extremist elements influenced various Condemning Gabbard's statement, the Bangladesh government said her comments were not based on any evidence and unfairly generalised an

entire nation. "Gabbard's comments are not based on any evidence or specific allegations. They paint an entire nation with a broad and unjustified brush. Bangladesh, like many countries around the world, has faced challenges of extremism, but it has continuously worked in partnership with the international community, including the US, to address these issues through law enforcement, social reforms, and other counterterrorism efforts", the statement read. The Bangladesh government emphasised that linking the country to the idea of an "Islamist caliphate" undermines the hard work of its citizens, who are committed to peace, stability, and progress. "Bangladesh strongly condemns any efforts to link the country to any form of "Islamist caliphate"." The statement added.

The government urged Gabbard and other political leaders to base their statements on "actual knowledge" when discussing sensitive issues, warning that such remarks could reinforce harmful stereotypes.

MR on Export

○ Indian Railways has become a major exporter. O Metro coaches from India are being exported to Australia. O Railway bogies manufactured in India are being exported to the UK, Saudi Arabia, France, and Australia. O Propulsion equipment is being sent to France, Mexico, Romania, Spain, Germany, and Italy.

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India Emerging as a

mania, Spain, Germany, Italy Passenger coaches: Mozambique, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka Locomotives: Mozambique, Senegal, Sri Myanmar, Bangladesh In near future: Locomotives from Marhowra, in Saran disfrom trict of Bihar and Wheels from Tamil Nadu Trains, tracks and consultancy services from India to the

world

Bogies: UK, Saudi Arabia,

France, Australia Propul-

sion: France, Mexico, Ro-

● Sydney - 46 trains of 6 car 2021 to 2023 ● Montreal REM project - 106 Trains of 2021-24 Perth Metro - Car body shell -250 cars- 2023- till date. ● Vienna and Graz, Austria flat packs for car body shell (500 car) - 2024-till date. Bogie frames - Aventra (UK), Riyad metro (Saudi Arabia), SNCF (France), Victoria (Australia) Propulsion - TGV (France), Train Maya (Mexico), Trenitalia (Italy), ARF (Roma-

nia), Renfe (Spain), Enno (Germany), RER (France) ● Malasia, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Algeria loco export, rail track construction & maintenance, loco services and

consultancy service. O Construction of Jaynagar-Bardibas rail line (Nepal) Operation and Maintenance of DMU rack (Nepal) ○ Construction of Khulna-Mongla Port rail line (Bangladesh) O Loco and coaches and EMUs (Mozambique O Locomotive services (South Africa)

Supply and export of spare parts, Diesel loco, Power back service, (Sri Lanka) O Rail track construction (Myanmar)

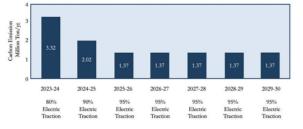
Net Zero

Minister has said about net Zero: "Scope 1 Net Zero achieve scope one net zero target, target 2025 way achieve

• Net Zero for IR means Carbon reduction or offset to

o Diesel of railway traction change to electric or offset o Non traction and manufacturing Offset by modal shift and afforestation o Vehicle fleet Offset by modal shift and afforestation o Colonies, hospitals and others Offset by modal shift and afforestation o Tree planted on railway land during 2014-15 to 2023-24 9 Cr o Carbon emission offset due to existing tree cover in railway area

5 lakh tonnes per year o Carbon emission offset due to incremental freight traffic during 2021-22 to 2023-24 17 lakh tonnes o Total projected emission (2024-25) 20 lakhs ton and offset available is 22 lakhs ton (tree cover 5 lakhs ton and offset due to incremental freight 17 lakhs ton) • Indian Railways (IR) is committed to achieve Net Zero Carbon Emitter Status ahead of commitment for Bharat. Carbon emissions are categorized into 'Direct Emissions' (Scope - I) and Indirect emissions (Scope-II & III) • IR has made significant strides in reducing direct emissions by way of game changer step of shift from diesel traction to electric traction. IR is implementing various energy efficiency measures in its operation and maintenance. • Already, 90% traction is on electric, which is further increasing with the completion of minor balanced electrification (i.e. 3% only).



• This enables IR to achieve Net Zero (Scope -I) target within the year 2025, as minuscule direct emissions are already lesser than carbon off set available with IR in terms of model shift (from road to rail) and afforestation.

 In addition, to that Indian Railways is progressively sourcing power from non-fossil fuel-based sources instead of fossil fuel based, which will further reduce even the indirect emissions. • IR is leading and highest contributor in making Indian transportation sector greener by way of providing not only less carbon emitter transportation option compared to road sector but also by feeding this green transport through green power

Israel resumes airstrikes in Gaza, citing ceasefire violations

MI News Service, Israel: Israel launched a series of intense airstrikes across the Gaza Strip early Tuesday (March 18, 2025), targeting what it described as Hamas military positions. The attacks mark the most extensive Israeli assault on Gaza since a ceasefire was brokered in January. According to the Hamas-run government media office in Gaza, at least four senior officials—including two top police officers—were killed in the strikes. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated that the airstrikes were a response to Hamas's failure to make progress in ceasefire negotiations, particularly regarding the return of Israeli hostages. "Israel will, from now on, act against Hamas with increasing military strength," Netanyahu's office announced. Israeli officials have reiterated their stance that military operations will continue until all hostages are released.

MR's speech at LS 18.03.2025

Hon'ble Speaker, I sincerely thank you for conducting such a detailed, well-organized, and comprehensive discussion on the Demand for Grants for Railways. Many Hon'ble MPs participated, and the discussion continued until around 11:30 PM last night. I would especially like to thank you for allowing all MPs to express their views. Some MPs spoke about their respective regions, some addressed national issues, some highlighted their achievements, and many put forth demands for their constituencies. I am grateful to all Hon'ble MPs for engaging in such a meaningful discussion. • If the same enthusiasm were shown while listening to the replies, it would be even more enjoyable. But as per your wish, we must move forward. The nation will keep progressing; it will not stop. • I extend my gratitude to Hon'ble Prime Minister for his deep emotional connection with the Railways. He has given special attention to the Railways and presented a historic budget for it. • Allocating ₹2.52 lakh crore as Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) for Railways is a historic decision, and I thank the Hon'ble Prime Minister for this. • I would also like to thank the Hon'ble Finance Minister, who carefully understood and addressed every challenge faced by Railways in the budget. Allocating ₹2,52,200 crore as GBS is a significant step, and I am grateful to her for this support. • I appreciate all Hon'ble MPs for maintaining continuous communication throughout the year, frequently discussing issues related to their regions. Many of these issues have been resolved, and others will be addressed soon. This constructive dialogue is the essence of democracy, ensuring that we work together to advance the coun-

Financials: • The Railways faced significant difficulties during COVID-19, but despite those challenges, it has now reached a healthy financial position. The current situation is such that Railways is now able to meet almost all its expenditures through its own income, covering both major and minor costs. • The largest expenditure component in Railways is staff cost, which amounts to ₹1,16,000 crore. There are nearly 15 lakh pensioners, and their pension cost is around ₹66,000 crore. The energy cost stands at ₹32,000 crore, while financing costs amount to ₹25,000 crore. • Adding all expenses together, the total expenditure of Railways is ₹2,75,000 crore, whereas the total income is approximately ₹2,78,000 crore. • Since COVID-19, Railways has been able to meet all its expenses through its own revenue every year. It is steadily moving towards a healthy financial position, and efforts will continue to improve it further in the coming years. • Passenger Subsidy: Railways provides a significant subsidy to passengers. • The cost of transporting a passenger per km is ₹1.38. • However, the fare charged by Railways is only ₹0.71 per km. • This means Railways recovers only 53% of the cost, while the remaining 47% is subsidized. • The total value of this subsidy amounts to ₹60,000 crore annually. • Railways considers this subsidy as a social obligation. • Additionally, passenger fares have not been increased since 2020 and have remained constant. Compared to neighboring coun-

tries, Indian railway fares are significantly lower. • For example, for a 350 km journey: • India (General Class) → ₹121 • Pakistan → ₹436 • Bangladesh → ₹323 • Sri Lanka → ₹413

 This highlights the highly subsidized travel in India, which is an important aspect of public welfare.

Performance Parameters: Today, India is among the top 3 countries in the world in terms of freight loading. • This year, Indian Railways will carry 1.6 billion tonnes of cargo, a record achievement. • Now, China, the US, and India are the top 3 freight-loading nations globally. • This is a major milestone, and I extend my gratitude to the citizens of India, railway employees, and Hon'ble MPs for their contribution to this success. • In the last 10 years, track construction has crossed 34,000 km, which is more than the entire railway network of Germany. • Since 2014, 50,000 km of track has been replaced, leading to significant improvements in safety. • More than 12,000 flyovers and underpasses have been constructed. • Indian Railways will carry over 720 crore (7.2 billion) passengers this year, which is a remarkable achievement. • Earlier, only 400-500 LHB coaches were manufactured annually, but now 5,000-5,500 coaches are produced per year. In the last 10 years, 41,000 LHB coaches have been built. • Locomotive production has reached 1,400 per year. If we combine the production of the USA and Europe, India's locomotive production still surpasses them. • More than 2 lakh (200,000) wagons have been added to the fleet. • 14,000 bridges have been rebuilt. • 3,300 stations have been brought under digital control. • India Emerging as a Global Railway Exporter: • Indian Railways has become a major exporter. Metro coaches from India are being exported to Australia. • Railway bogies manufactured in India are being exported to the UK, Saudi Arabia, France, and Australia. Propulsion equipment is being sent to France, Mexico, Romania, Spain, Germany, and Italy. • Passenger coaches are being exported to Mozambique, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka. • The entire nation should take pride in this—this is a huge testament to Prime Minister Modi's "Make in India" initiative. • This year, Indian Railways will achieve Scope 1 Net Zero emissions. • Achieving Scope 1 Net Zero is a major milestone, and Indian Railways is set to accomplish this by 2025. Employment Generation: • Over 5 lakh (500,000) people have been provided jobs through Indian Railways. • Additionally, the recruitment process for another 1 lakh (100,000) jobs is currently underway. Freight Corridor: The Dedicated Freight Corridor is nearly complete. Safety Enhancements: • Railways has placed a major focus on safety by implementing several technological advancements, such as:

National Women's Hockey League

Haryana, Odisha & MP earn full points

RANCHI: Hockey Haryana, Hockey Association of Odisha and Hockey Madhya Pradesh had a successful outing as they registered wins in their respective matches in the opening day of the final phase of the National Women's Hockey League at Morhabadi Astroturf stadium here in Ranchi.
On the expected line, in the

first match of the day, Hockey Haryana defeated Manipur Hockey 7-1 in Pool A. Saavi (32', 37') and Kirti (45', 56') scored a brace each for Hockey Haryana. Khasa Shashi (11'), Supriya (54') and Kirty (58') also scored one goal each for their side. In response, Deena Devi Naoram (2') scored the consolation goal for Manipur Hockey.
In the next match, Hockey



Jharkhand was that senior Women's Team Captain, Salima Tete attended a formal meet and lunch with Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, and Prime Minister of New Zealand, Christopher Mark Luxon.

Association of Odisha defeated Hockey Bengal 1-0 in a closely contested game. Dipika Barwa (3') scored for Hockey Odisha in the first quarter of the match.

In the third match, Hockey Madhya Pradesh defeated Hockey Maharashtra 2-0 in Pool A. Bhumiksha Sahu (4') and Captain Soniya Kumre (58') scored for Hockey Madhya Pradesh in the first and final quarter of the game to take the game away from Hockey

"Wherever I come here in Banglore I feel as if I am at my second home": Rajat Patidar at RCB unbox event

BENGALURU (KARNATAKA): The air buzzed with excitement as Royal Challengers Bengaluru's (RCB) fans enjoyed an unforgettable day of fun and frolic alongside their cricketing superstars at the RCB Unbox. RCB captain Rajat Patidar at the event appreciated the crowd saying, "I am at my second home.

Patidar, who is from Indore and plays for Madhya Pradesh in domestic cricket, also compared the unboxing event and IPL matches, saying fans gather in almost the same numbers in both events and "it is a very motivating" for the RCB players

Wherever I come here in Banglore I feel as if I am at my second home, fans here always stay in my heart. The matches and unbox events are pretty much similar here because the numbers are the same in both events. we all know how fans support RCB, they see Banglore as their team and it is a very motivating thing for us." Rajat Patidar on RCB unbox events.

He also told about his goosebumps moment when he got onto the stage and the whole stadium was chanting, he felt it was an unforgettable moment for him.

"It was a goosebumps moment for me as the fans were chanting in the ground it is unforgettable. I want your support and love I will do everything to make you (fans)happy." he added.

RCB Unbox is an exciting initiative that gives fans an experience like none other - it not only brings them closer to their favourite cricketers but also gives them a top-notch entertainment experi-

The proceedings began with the team's open training session, and RCB legend Virat Kohli was in dazzling form as he struck a flurry of massive hits into the stands, much to the joy of the capacity crowd. As the sun began to set in Bengaluru, the players battled it out in a series of fun challenges that had the fans at the edge of



"My goal is to lift the trophy": Shreyas lyer expressed his desire ahead of IPL 2025

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Shreyas Iyer spoke about his goal as Punjab Kings captain, Iyer who took Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) to the glory of Indian Premier League (IPL) last year was released by by KKR ahead of IPL 2025 Speaking to Jie Hotstar Iyer 2025. Speaking to Jio Hotstar, Iyer said he is ready to lead his new team Punjab Kings this season, he expressed his desire to win the IPL title for Punjab.

He said from the moment he was picked by Punjab in the auction his vision was clear that Punjab had not won the IPL title yet, he wants to lift the trophy for them. He felt it would be a historic achievement for Punjab Kings and he wants to give Punjab Kings fans a reason to celebrate, Shreyas Iyer on Jio Hotstar.

'From the moment I was picked in the auction, my desire has been clear--Punjab Kings haven't won the IPL yet, and my goal is to lift the trophy for them. That would be a historic achievement, and I want to make the fans happy and give them a reason to celebrate. A Punjabi celebration at the end of the season would be something special!" Shreyas Iyer on Jio Hotstar.

Iyer, who led Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) to their third title



and first in 10 years last year and also led Delhi Capitals to the finals, will be aiming to replicate the same magic with PBKS when they kickstart their campaign against Gujarat Titans at Narendra Modi Stadium on March

Iyer shared his thoughts on commentary in regional languages, he said we all enjoy these regional languages, and he told about his starting days in cricket where he used to talk in his language in the dressing room. He

also said that Mumbai has different names for shots and in different regions people have their names for shots.

"We do enjoy it. When we started playing cricket, we used to talk in our languages in the dressing room. In Mumbai, we even have different names for shots. In different regions, people have their way of describing how a shot was played. When we hear it for the first time, it's a bit of a culture shock--like, wow, these are the words used in cricket! As you progress to the international level, you get to learn about these different expressions." he added. Since his debut in 2015, Iyer

has scored 3,127 runs at an average of 32.23, with a strike rate of 127.47, with 21 fifties. His best score is 96. During his first season in 2015 with Delhi Capitals, he won the 'Emerging Player' award for scoring 439 runs in 14 matches at an average of 33.77, with four fifties. In 2018, Iyer got his first taste of captaincy with DC and in 2020, he led the team to the finals, where they lost to Mumbai Indians (MI). In 2022, he was moved to KKR and he won the 2024 season with them under the mentorship of Gautam



BCCI likely to ease rules on families travelling with players on tours: Sources

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is reportedly considering a more flexible approach to its policy regarding players' families accompanying them on international tours. According to BCCI sources, players who wish to have their families with them for an extended period during overseas assignments will now be able to apply for special permission from the board. This potential relaxation of rules comes after Indian cricket stalwart Virat Kohli speaking at the Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) Innovation Lab Indian Sports Summit highlighted the emotional toll of being away from family during demanding tours.

Speaking about the importance of a support system, Kohli remarked that no player would like to "sit alone and sulk" after a poor showing during a tour," reported ESPNCricinfo.

His comments shed light on the mental challenges athletes face when travelling for long durations without their families. Virat said as quoted by

ESPNCricinfo, "It is very difficult to explain to people how grounding it is to just come back to your family every time you have something intense, which happens on the outside."
"I do not think people have

an understanding of what value it brings to a large extent. And I feel quite disappointed about that because it is like people who have no control over what is going on are kind of brought

into conversations and put out at the forefront that, 'oh, maybe they need to be kept away'," he added. The Indian stalwart said that he would not like to miss any opportunity to spend time with family. "Like, there could be different situations happening in your life all the time. And that allows you to be absolutely normal. Not in a vague sense, but in a very real way that you finish your commitment, your responsibility, and then you come back to your house, you are with family, and there's absolutely normalcy in your house and normal family life goes on. So, for me, that is absolutely a day of immense pleasure. And I would not miss any opportunities to go out and spend time with my family whenever I can," he concluded. The current BCCI policy allows limited family presence during tours, with restrictions often varying based on the series, venue, and scheduling demands. However, as conversations around mental well-being in sports gain prominence, the board appears to be reassessing its stance. While there is no official confirmation yet, sources suggest that under the new framework, players will have to submit requests to the BCCI. With the international cricket

calendar packed with fixtures, including the upcoming ICC events and bilateral series, this potential shift in policy could provide much-needed balance for players navigating the

"We need to be better in the powerplay": Pakistan skipper Salman Ali Agha after losing second T-20 against New Zealand

DUNEDIN [NEW ZEALAND] : New Zealand secured a five-wicket win over Pakistan in the second T20I of the fivematch series at Dunedin on Tuesday. After losing the first two matches Salman Agha said in the post-match presentation that Pakistan needs to bat well in the

He said it was a good game compared to the first, he admired Pakistan's fielding in the match and also praised his bowlers. He spoke about Haris Rauf who took three wickets in the second innings, he felt that Pakistan has to improve in the powerplay with both bat and bowl.

"It was freezing. It was a good game compared to the last game. We batted batter. Fielding was outstanding. Bowling in patches was good. The bounce we need to understand is different. After the powerplay, we bowled well. Haris bowled well. We need to be better in the powerplay. As a batting unit, we need to have



better powerplay. And same as a bowling unit as well." Salman Ali Agha said. NZ won the toss and opted to bowl,

Pakistan's top order struggled again facing the Kiwi bowlers only Salman Agha managed to score 46 runs all the other batters failed to score again.

Shadab Khan (26 in 14 balls, with two fours and two sixes) and Shaheen Afridi (22* in 14 balls, with two fours and a six) contributed some useful runs down the order, bringing Pakistan to 135/9 in 15 overs during the rain-curtailed match. Ben Sears was the pick of the bowlers for NZ he picked with two wickets giving

away just 23 runs in his three overs. During the run-chase of 136 runs, Seifert and Finn started by unleashing carnage, with Allen striking Mohammed Ali for three sixes in the second over and Seifert belting Shaheen Shah Afridi for four sixes in the next over. Both the opener played well but after Seifert and Finn NZ lost wickets quickly until Mitchell Hay scored a vital 21 runs and took NZ to a win with 11 balls and five wickets in hand. Haris Rauf (3/20) was the top bowler for Pakistan. Seifert was given the

'Player of the Tournament' award for his

Pakistan would take solace from the fact that they have done better than the last game. The next game will have the series on the line for Pakistan as New Zealand is leading 2-0 in the thefivematchh T-20 series.

New Zealand squad: Michael Bracewell, Finn Allen, Mark Chapman, Jacob Duffy, Zak Foulkes Mitch Hay, Matt Henry, Kyle Jamieson Daryl Mitchell, Jimmy Neesham, Will O'Rourke, T im Robinson, Ben Sears, Tim Seifert, Ish

Pakistan squad: Salman Ali Agha (c) Shadab Khan, Abdul Samad, Abrar Ahmed, Haris Rauf, Hasan Nawaz, Jahandad Khan, Khushdil Shah Mohammad Abbas Afridi, Mohammad Ali Mohammad Haris, Muhammad Irfan Khan, Omair Bin Yousaf, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Sufyan Moqim and Usman Khan.

"Khelo India Para Games is lifting standards, making us more competitive": 2024 Paralympics gold medallist Harvinder Singh

ond edition of Khelo India Para Games (KIPG 2025) is set to begin from Thursday (March 20) and the 2024 Paralympics gold-medal winning archer Harvinder Singh can't be more excited. The 34-year-old archer believes KIPG has brought international standards of competition and has become a prominent platform for youngsters to showcase their talent, according to a release from

Harvinder praised the format and selection procedure of Khelo India Para Games and explained how it boosts the performance of all para athletes across India.

'The top 16 athletes at the national level are selected for the Khelo India Para Games. It motivates all athletes to win medals at the national level. If an athlete is unable to win a

medal, then they try their best to finish in top 16 to be eligible to compete in the KIPG. This kind of procedure and system inspires athletes to perform to the best of their abilities. This is the second edition of KIPG 2025, so it feels good to see para sports growing in India, Harvinder told SAI Media, as quoted from a release by KIPG

Harvinder finished first in the rankings stage and then went on to win the gold medal in the inaugural edition of the Khelo India Para Games which took place in December 2023. After his remarkable performance, he went on to become a double Olympic medallist in Paris last year, adding a gold medal in individual recurve open, the same event in which he had won the bronze medal in Tokyo Paralympics.

Now, Harvinder is eager to compete once again at the



upcoming KIPG 2025. He explained why the tournament is setting a benchmark for

sporting events in India. "I was very happy that a tournament of this level is organised. Last time when I competed in KIPG, it felt like we were in an international level event. The set-up, schedule and the arrangements were of the highest quality. Since then, I knew that India is capable of hosting any international tournament. This time around, I am expecting a similar scale and I am eager to return to the field,' Harvinder said.

The World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2025 recently concluded in New Delhi, and the nation's capital will also host the World Para Athletics 2025 in August. The surge of domestic tournaments for para athletes in India and the government's continued patronage for ing a more inclusive society, Harvinder said.

The top schemes of the government are putting focus on para sports. There is also growing interest in para athletes among private organisations. They are supporting para athletes and society is becoming more inclusive. India is now adopting and recognising para sports and our performances. In tournaments such as KIPG 2025, the participation of athletes is constantly increasing which is a sign that India is developing overall in the sports sector," he said.

The KIPG 2025 will see over 1200 athletes will participate across six disciplines in the seven-day tournament at three venues - Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Indira Gandhi Stadium and the Dr Karni Singh shooting range -- in New Delhi.