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Mamata Banerjee forms a Task Force of ministers, secretaries and police to manage state affairs during her London visit

MI News Service, Kolkata: On the eve of her week-long visit to London from Saturday, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has announced the formation of a 'Task Force' and sharing the responsibilities and work of the state administration among ministers, secretaries and police officers.

Announcing the formation of this Task Force at a Press Conference at Nabanna on Thursday, the Chief Minister said it comprised Additional Chief Secretary of the Land Department Vivek Kumar, Finance Secretary Prabhat Mishra, Home Secretary Nandini Chakraborty, DG Rajiv Kumar and Kolkata Police Commissioner Manoj Verma.

Moreover, the responsibility of coordinating the entire administrative work have been distributed among five ministers. They are Chandrima Bhattacharya, Shashi Panja, Sujit Basu, Arup Biswas and Firhad Hakim.

The Chief minister, however, said this Task Force will perform in accordance with her advice and only after talking to her, if anything serious happens during her ab-

During her week long

trip to London the Chief Minister will participate in a number of programmes there including the one in which she will deliver a lecture at the Oxford University on the issue women development. Among others, the Chief Minister is accompanied by Chief Secretary Manoj

Further detailing the work and responsibilities of the Task Force, the Chief Minister said that it will meet regularly. They will also be in touch with her and with the Chief Secretary if necessary. They will also remain in contact with the district administrations. , "The task force will coordinate among themselvs in case of any incident or policy decision.

About her itrinary during her trip, Mamata Banerjee said after reaching London on March 22, she will attend a number of programmes including a function at the Indian High Commission there on the 24th, a trade conference on the 25th, a government-level meeting on industry on the 26th, a finally she will deliver a speech in Oxford University on the 27th before departing London the



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is speaking to media at Nabanna, on Thursday, 48 hours before her departure for London.

next day to return home on March 28. "It is a very brief visit. Britain is our partner, we have trade ties with them. That is why I am getting invitations. It is a matter of pride for the government."

The Chief Minister also said that she had received an-

other invitation from another country to visit along with Great Britain. But she has shortened the visit. Asked about the reason (for not visiting that country), Mamata Banerjee said, "Yid and Bas-anti Puja are also coming up. I want to be here during that

time. So I will return after completing all the work

There has been a stir in Bengal's political circles regarding Mamata's visit to London. The opposition camp is constantly criticizing the Chief Minister. The Chief Min-

ister gave a message to them on Thursday. She said, "There are public enemies in Bengal. Bad things are being written on WhatsApp. Emails are being sent. It is being said that we are bad. But we have received those emails. Bengal is being insulted. Insult me,but don't insult Bengal. None of our leaders go abroad and defame the country." In a series of incidents, Trinamool spokesperson Kunal Ghosh claimed in a post on X handle on Thursday that a conspiracy is being hatched to create chaos dur-ing the Chief Minister's visit to London in the name of protests and spread false propaganda about Bengal. In response to a related query, the Chief Minister said, "If anyone wants to protest, do it. It is better for me. I will get the publicity." In the post on X handle, Kunal claimed that this is a conspiracy to defame Bengal. The Chief Minister sarcastically called those who were targeted by Kunal 'public enemies'. He said, "I received all those mails from abroad. What do the public enemies think? Don't we know anyone there? There is

no medicine for jealousy.

It is also clear that the Leftists were the target of the Chief Minister. Mamata said, 'Those who are empty (in the state assembly) are the ones shouting. There is no difference between the Left, the ultra-Left, and the communal parties." Mamata did not stop criticizing the main opposition BJP either. She said, 'The central government gave me permission to travel abroad. Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself said in the NITI Aayog meeting, 'You go abroad, bring investment." The foreign trip is undertaken to honour his words." The Chief Minister also thanked Gayatri Chakraborty Spivak at the press conference. Gayatri, a professor at Columbia University, gave a letter to Chief Minister Mamata on Wednesday. That letter has been made public. It is seen that Gayatri has praised the Chief Minister in the letter. She thanked Mamata for mentioning the honour of her recently receiving from the University of Bergen and the Norwegian government in her post on X Handle. She also praised the Chief Minister's efforts in

poverty alleviation.

Mamata condemns violence in Nagpur, asserts India is known for unity in diversity

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has severely condemned the recent violence in Nagpur in Maharashtra, asserting that India is known for its unity in diversity.

Speaking to reporters at the state secretariat Nabanna on Thursday, the Chief minister, however, refrained from making a detailed statement on the issue, saying, "I don't want to comment on it. But we condemn this violence. Our country is known for its unity in diversity. After the demolition of Babri Masjid, I hit the streets to protect communal harmony. I don't want to make any comment on the Nagpur situation.'

To a query Mamata Banerjee said her INDIA alliance partner Uddhav Thackeray, the President of Shiv Sena (UBT), will comment on the situation.

central Nagpur on Monday evening, when stones were pelted at police force amid rumours that the holy book of a community was burnt during an agitation by a right-wing body for the removal of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb's tomb, located in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar district.

At least 45 persons were arrested in connection with the violence in which 34 police personnel and five other civilians suffered injuries, forcing the authorities to clamp curfew in several areas of

Altogether 45 vehicles were also vandalised during the violence, official sources said and appealed to members of all communities to maintain peace in the city and not support any anti-social elements. As a preventive meas-

ure a round the clock cur-

Violence erupted in few was clamped in several parts of the city to stop recurrence of any such violence in the coming days. During the curfew period, the movement of people and vehicular traffic were restricted in the affected areas as per the requirements, the po-

Earlier this week kMa-mata Banerjee visited Fur-fura Sharif in Hooghly district to attend an Iftar gathering, marking her first visit to the prominent Islamic shrine in nine years. This visit coincided with the 86th death an-niversary of the revered Sufi saint, Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique, also known as Dada Huzur, making the occasion particularly significant for the local Muslim community. In her address, the Chief Minister announced several developmental initiatives for Furfura Sharif:

Healthcare Infrastructure: She inaugurated a 100-bed hospital named after Abu Bakr Siddique, aiming to enhance medical facilities in the region.

Educational Facilities: Banerjee committed to establishing a polytechnic college to provide vocational training and im-prove employment prospects for local youth.

Transportation provements: She promised the construction of a bus stand to improve connectivity to and from Furfura

Sharif. Additionally, the clerics requested that the death anniversary of Dada Huzur be recognized as a state holiday to commemorate his contributions to socienal unity. They also urged the Chief Minister to oversee the activities of

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Inclement weather likely in several South **Bengal districts** for two days

Service, Thunder-MI News Kolkata: squalls, accompanied by gusty winds and hailstorms, are likely to lash several districts of South Bengal on Thursday and Friday due to a developing weather system over

the Bay of Bengal.

According to a bulletin issued by the Regional Meteorological Centre, Kolkata, thundersqualls with gusty winds of 50to 60 km per hour along with powerful lightning and hail are likely to occur in several areas of Jhargram, Bankura, West Midnapore, East Midnapore and Hooghly districts on Thursday evening. For Kolkata and neighbouring areas, Thursday's forecast is for "rain or thundershowers with strong gusty winds", with maximum and minimum temperatures likely to be around 34 degree Celsius and 24 degree Celsius, respectively.

The weather system will further intensify on Friday, extending to districts Gangetic West Bengal, the IMD bulletin said.

Thunder squallswith gusty winds of 50-60 kmph and lightning accompanied with hail are once again likely over East Burdwan. Howrah, Jhargram, Bankura, West Midnapore, East Midnapore and Hooghly districts, while other districts in South Bengal could experience thunderstorms with less powerful gusty winds of 40-50 kmph, it said.

Rain or thunder-showers with strong gusty winds are likely in the City of Kolkata on Friday, with temperatures expected to drop to between 32 degree Celsius and 22 degree Celsius, the bulletin said.

However in total contrast, North Bengal will largely remain dry on Thursday, with light rain or thunder expected only in the hilly areas of Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts. By Friday, thunderstorms with gusty winds of 30-40 kmph and lightning are likely at one or two places across Sub-Himalayan West Bengal, it

Modi govt moving forward with ruthless approach against Naxalites, claims Amit Shah

MI News Service, New Delhi : Hailing the success of the security forces in combating the Naxalites in different parts of the country, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has stated that they (security forces) have achieved another big success in its march to free the country from Naxal menace by eliminating 22 members of the CPI (Maoists) in

Chhattisgarh. "The Narendra Modi government is moving forward with a ruthless approach against the Naxalites, and adopting a

zero tolerance policy against those extremists who are not surrendering despite all the facilities being offered to them ",

"Today our soldiers have achieved another big success in the direction of a 'Naxal Mukt Bharat Abhiyan'. Twenty-two Naxalites were killed in two separate operations by our brave heart security forces at Bijapur and Kanker in Chhattisgarh', the Home minister asserted in a post in his X handle.

The Union Home Minister stressed the zero-tolerance policy against Naxals who fail to surrender, and reiterated that the country would be "Naxal-free" before March 31 next year. "The Modi government is moving forward with a ruthless approach and the country is going to be Naxal-free before March 31 next year," he added. Security forces have killed a total

of 22 Naxalites in two separate operations in Bijapur and Kanker districts of Chhattisgarh, police said on

The security forces neutralised 18 Maoists during an encounter in the forest area at the Bijapur-Dantewada border, Inspector General (IG) Bastar P Sundarraj One personnel of the Bi-

japur District Reserve Guard also lost his life during the encounter, police added. According to the police, the encounter got underway at 7 am on Thursday. In the other encounter at the Kanker-

Narayanpur border area, security forces gunned down four Naxalites near village Koroskodo in the police station area of Chhotebethiya, Inspector General (IG) Bastar P Sundarraj said.

The security forces have also recovered several automatic weapons while the Intermittent firing continued till late in theafternoon, police added.

The simultaneous search operations in both areas are also underway, police

Last week, as many as 17 Naxalites surrendered in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district, a police officer said. In February, a total of 18 Naxalites were arrested and explosives were recovered from them in an operation carried out by security forces in three different locations in the Maxalite affected Bijapur district.

64,000 acres of land recovered in **UP from land** mafia since 2017

MI News Service, Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has claimed that following his government's crackdown on land mafia through the Anti-Land Mafia Task Force, they have been able to recover as much as 64,000 acres of illegally occupied land in the state since 2017.

Speaking at the inauguration of the new tehsil building in Mihipurwa (Motipur), on Thursday he emphasized with vastly improved law and order, Uttar Pradesh has now become a major destination for invest-

Highlight his govern-ment's achievement Yogi Adityanath said they had also resolved 33 lakh pending revenue-related cases in Uttar Pradesh since 2017, bringing relief to thousands of citi-

In his address the UP Chief minister also emphasized the importance of an efficient administrative system in ensurjustice transparency in land-related matters. He said 2017, Uttar Pradesh had over 33 lakh unresolved revenue disputes, including cases of land mutation.

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22 Naxalites and one cop killed in fierce encounters in Chhattisgarh forest



MI News Service, Raipur: In two separate massive and well coordinated operations against Left Wing Extremism, security forces killed 22 Naxalites following fierce encounters in the forested areas of Bijapur and Kanker districts in Chhattisgarh on Thursday, a top District police official said. According to preliminary reports, one police personnel also died during the marathon encounter.. Today's operation was conducted after a similar encounter in Bijapur's Indravati National Park area last month, when 31 Naxalites and two security personnel were killed. The reports said the first encounter began at around 7 am in a forest area along the border of Bijapur and Dantewada districts when a joint team of

the state police and the Rapid Action Force was taken out in an anti-Naxalite operation in Gangaloor police station area in Bijapur district on the basis of prior information about the assembly of several armed insurgents in the area. After the joint team was able to locate the Naxalites, they were asked to surrender. But instead they opened indiscriminate fire on the Security personnel forcing them to retaliate. In the subsequent encounter 18 Naxalites were killed whose bodies were recovered along with a huge cache of firearms, ammunition and explosives from the spot, the reports quoting senior police officials said. A jawan of the state police's District Reserve Guard (DRG) unit was also killed in the gun battle, the reports said adding that the anti Naxalite operation in the area however continued till late in the afternoon. Incidentally in a similar operation in Kanker district, also in Chattisgarh early this morning,4 Naxalites were hunted down and shot dead by the security forces, while one police personnel was

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'Two anti-farmer parties' have joined hands against farmers, alleges Kharge

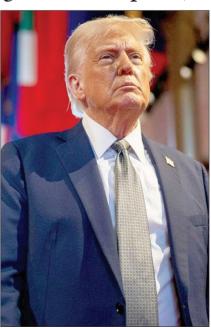
MI News Service, NewDelhi: Lambasting both the BJP and AAP and blaming them for the eviction of farmers from Shambhu and Khanauri protest sites, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said on Thursday that it appears "two anti-farmer parties" have now joined hands against the country's food providers.

Both the BJP and the AAP were appeared to be "intoxicated" with the arrogance of power and are guilty for their

actions against farmers, Kharge alleged "It also appears that two anti-farmer parties have now joined hands against the country's food providers! First the Punjab government called the farmers for talks and then forcibly removed them from the protest site," the Congress president said in a post in Hindi on X. There is no word that forcible detention of senior farmer leaders Jagjit Singh Dallewal and Sarwan Singh Pandher by the Punjab Police should be protested and cannot be condemned enough, he said. "The country has not forgotten - Mandsaur, Madhya Pradesh, when farmers were fired

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'We believe India will lower tariffs on US goods from April 2', says US President Trump



MI News Service, Washington (DC): While reiterating his threat to impose reciprocal US tariffs on India from April 2, President Donald Trump has said that he believes that the country (India) is going to lower its tariffs on American

In an interview with Breitbart News, an American news, opinion, and commentary website, Trump discussed

in dertail the US' relationship with

Asked about his summit with Prime Minister Narendra Modi last month, Trump said "he is a very good friend and we have very good relationship" with India. To another query, President Trump however, said that he believes India would certainly lower tariffs on U.S. goods, but added that but from from April 2, US will impose the same tariffs on India as India does on its products.

"I believe they are going to probably going to be lowering those tariffs substantially, but on April 2, we will be charging them the same tariffs they charge us," Donald Trump was quoted as saying.

Tariffs are government-imposed import duties that companies must pay to bring foreign goods into a country.

Last week, the Centre had informed Parliament that, as of now, the United States has not imposed reciprocal tariffs on India. The clarification came after Trump criticised India and other nations for imposing high tariffs on American goods, calling them "very unfair". He also announced that from April 2, the US would implement reciprocal tariffs on countries that impose levies on American products including India . On February 13, the US

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Water pipe burst in Howrah, water problems in many wards, chairman assures of war-scale pipe repair

MI News Service, Howrah: Water was seen being wasted due to a big crack underground the pipeline in the Belgachhiya area under Howrah Municipality. Due to which water supply has been affected in most areas. As a result, the residents of Howrah Shibpur assembly constituencies have to face water shortage along with the heat. However, the Chairman of the Municipal

Shibpur assembly constituencies. It is not clear what caused the burst in the pipeline, but it is initially believed that the disruption was due to high water pressure and landslides. Senior engineers from Howrah Municipality and KMDA reached the spot early that morning. In addition, high officials including the chairman of the administrative council of Howrah Municipality arrived. Repair work on the



Board of Administrators, Sujoy Chakraborty, said that the repair work of the pipeline is going on on a war-scale. However, it is not yet clear when this work will be completed. To deal with the water crisis, drinking water tanks are being provided to all these areas. It has been learned that on Thursday night, big cracks appeared in two underground pipelines in Ward No. 8 Belgachhiya Bhagaar of Howrah Municipality. This resulted in the interruption of water supply from the underground reservoir of the Padma Pokhar Water Project. This pipeline supplies water to a large area of Howrah

pipeline has been started on a war footing. However, it is not yet clear how long it will take to complete the work. It was initially said that it may take more than two days to control the situation. The chairman of the municipality said, 'Water tankers are being sent to the areas to deal with the drinking water crisis of the residents. Vehicles are also being brought in from Kolkata Municipality for this." On the other hand, residents say that they are facing difficulties due to lack of water. People in the areas of Shibpur faced significant difficulties in the evening when they were preparing for Iftar.

Emerging Bengal: Job Fair for Engineers in Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal is changing and changing very fast and the change is only for the betterment of the city and the state in holistic term.

As part of its 75th year Anniversary Celebrations, The Institute of Indian Foundrymen (IIF)-Eastern Region and Kolkata Chapter in association with Swami Vivekananda Institute of Technology (SVIST) and Aliah University, Kolkata organised a Job Fair in Baruipur, at Southern fringe of Kolkata. Representatives

renowned companies located in Howrah and Kolkata areas interviewed a number of engineering students. This phenomenon clearly shows that the proactive education and industrial policies of the West Bengal government is giving resources of the state.

GTA opts for App scan for teacher's attendance

MI News Service, Darjeeling: The Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) has decided to use a mobile app to take the attendance of primary school teachers under the hill body.

Rajesh Chauhan, the deputy chairman of the GTA Sabha who is also in charge of the primary education department, stated that all primary school teachers had been asked to download the Notecam app.

"Starting from April, all teachers will have to click their pictures in school using the app every day as soon as school starts and just before it ends," said

The photographs taken through the app will have to be submitted to the sub-inspector of schools of the respective circle. There are 13 education circles within the

Notecam is a mobile app designed to take photographs that contain details such as time, date, location, coordinates and other data.

The app can be downloaded for free on both Android and iOS platforms.

"These days everyone has an Android phone and there should be no issues in submitting photographs," said Chauhan.

The GTA wanted to use a biometric system for teachers' attendance.

"However, the system was not feasible for schools as the number of teachers in a school is often too few," said a source.

There are 778 primary schools in the GTA's jurisdiction with around 2,300

The GTA, however, has introduced biometric attendance at its headquarters at Lal Kothi, the primary education department at Lewis Jubilee and Shiksha Bhavan in Darjeeling.

'We will introduce biometric attendance in circle offices too," said Chauhan. Asked if low teacher at-

tendance prompted the hill body to introduce the appbased attendance system, Chauhan had a different take. "Many teachers attend classes regularly but allegations are still made about poor attendance. This system will clear such doubts,' said Chauhan. Even though the hill body plans to introduce the system in April, teachers are being informed about the nitty-gritty of the system in an ongoing workshop on teaching methodology in each education circle. Lecturers from primary teacher training institutes are resource persons.



MG Comet EV 2025 launched with enhanced features and smart pricing

Bhubaneswar: Motor India has launched the MG Comet EV 2025, an urban electric vehicle with new features. The vehicle is available in five variants: Executive, Excite, Excite Fast Charge, Exclusive, and Exclusive Fast Charge. Key upgrades include a Rear Parking Camera and Power-folding ORVMs in the Excite and Excite FC variants, premium leatherette seats, and a 4-speaker audio sys-

said, "The Consulate office

in Kolkata is a landmark

decision. It without any

ambiguity marks a new

chapter in Indo-Slovalk relationship where West Ben-

gal holds a prime position, both politically and eco-nomically. This consulate

office will play a crucial role in fostering trade, in-

vestment and cultural ties

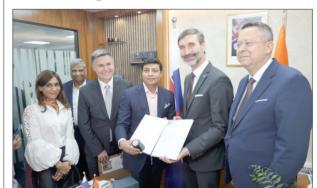
between two nations. Bengal is an engineering and manufacturing hub. With

its strategic position and

abundant quality human

resource, days are not very

Slovakia's industrial prowess & Bengal's favourable business ATM will create magic: Consul Gen of Slovak Rep



MI News Service, Kolkata: A new era begins in the Indo-Slovak relationship as Republic of Slovakia officially inaugurates Honorary Consulate in Kolkata on March 20. This endeav-

MI News Service, Kolkata: Jupiter Wagons

Ltd (JWL) envisages investment in

Kolkata. JWL, a giant in terms of heavy

industries related to railway oriented

manufacturing, commercial vehicles, con-

tainers and other heavy engineering prod-ucts are all set to investment in West

JWL has headquarters in Kolkata it-

self and it wants more and more invest-

our would certainly enhance the betterment of industrial scenario in West Bengal in holistic terms.

Vivek Lohia, the new Honorary Consul general of Slovak Řepublic, Kolkata

far for a complete metamorphosis in industrial scenario of West Bengal and Jupiter mulls investment in Bengal According Vivek Lohia, MD- JWL, "We are contemplating big investment in West Bengal in terms of electric vehicles, batteries and other heavy engineering products. We would be working very closely with Slovak Republic regarding technical collaboration and manufacturing and au-

tomation prowess with us. The current

state government's pro active nature is

also acting as a catalyst in changing the

industrial scenario of West Bengal ment in West Bengal and East India. **CCC & CCCLF celebrate International**

Women's Day with 'icons'& 'masters'



MI News Service, Kolkata: The Calcutta Chamber of Commerce (CCC) and the Calcutta Chamber of Com-Ladies Forum (CCCLF) recently hosted an inspiring event to cele-International Women's Day. The event, titled "Icons of Change – Masters of Resilience," brought together trailblazing women leaders who significantly impacted their respective fields with resilience and determination.

The event featured a

distinguished panel of speakers, including Mona Sengupta, Founder-Director of Ahava Communica-Shivani Agarwalla, Agarwalla, a six-time Woman World Champion six-time in Kettlebell Sports.

The panel discussion was moderated by Dr. Tania Chakravertty, Dean of Students Welfare at Diamond Harbour Women's University. The event was graced

by the presence of Hari Shankar Halwasiya, President of the Calcutta Chamber of Commerce, who emphasized the importance of celebrating the achievements of women across all sectors. Also in attendance was Manjula Jain, Chairperson of the Calcutta Chamber of Commerce Ladies Forum, who expressed her gratitude for the remarkable contributions women have made in various fields.

The discussions centered on how women continue to evolve as powerful forces of change and resilience, overcoming personal and professional obstacles to emerge as icons of success. The event served as a platform for recognizing the power of women's leadership and the impact of their resilience in shaping a more inclusive future.

The gathering was a reminder of the strength and determination of women, reaffirming the CCC and CCCLF's commitment to supporting and empowering women in their professional and personal pursuits.

Political fracas: NBU without key heads for long

MI News Service, Siliguri: Once a beacon of higher education in north Bengal, the University of North Bengal (NBŬ) is now struggling with administrative vacuum.

The university set up in 1962 neither has a vice-chancellor nor a controller of examinations. It also lacks an audit officer

and a college inspector. Additionally, a single dean is overseeing the science, arts, commerce and law faculties

Many universities in Bengal are without a vicechancellor after the row between the TMC-led state government and Bengal governor C.V. Ananda Bose over their appointments.

Auguably, NBU has been hit the hardest. The university has been functioning without

a VC for nearly a year,

leaving crucial decisionmaking in limbo. As key administrative positions are lying vacant, no executive committee meeting has been held since 2023. A senior administrator of the varsity said that the absence of a VC has created a leadership crisis that has rippled through every aspect of university operations.

"Without a proper head, critical policy deci-

sions remain stalled, affecting both academic and administrative affairs. The situation has put immense burden on the acting registrar and the other officers who have been trying hard to maintain order and keep the institution running," he

"Officers are bound to take responsibilities other than their work," he

State Govt appoints two new Information Commissioners

RCB's practice session ahead of the IPL opening match against RCB at Eden Gardens, Kolkata.

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal government has appointed two new information commissioners to the West Bengal Information Commission, a decision that has sparked debate. Among the appointees is Sanchita Kumar, a retired Indian Revenue Services (IRS) officer and wife of West Bengal Director General of (DGP) Rajeev Kumar. The second nomi-

nee, Mriganko Mahato, is a former Trinamool Congress MP and an ex-member of the West Bengal Public Service Commission.The appointments were finalized during a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Mamata Baner-jee, attended by Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay. However, Leader of the Opposition Suvendu Adhikari boycotted the

meeting, alleging political favoritism in the selection process. The appointments have drawn criticism from the opposition, which has raised concerns over conflict of interest and politiaffiliations. Meanwhile, the state gov-

ernment has defended the decision, asserting that the selections were made in adherence to legal procedures and administrative



The Iftar organized by the West Bengal Legislative Assembly Mosque Committee saw the presence of Speaker Biman Banerjee, Ministers Firhad Hakim, Chandrima Bhattacharya, and Siddiqullah Chowdhury, along with other MLAs, officers, and employees at the Legislative Assembly campus.

Hydrogen generation: NBU inks deal with Singapore research institute

MI News Service, Siliguri: The Laboratory of Structural Engineering & Sustainable Catalysis which functions under the chem-North Bengal University (NBU) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Hydrogen Innovation Pte Ltd of Singapore to research into "low-cost electro-catalyst for hydrogen generation and storage". The research, which is aimed at extracting hydrogen as a fuel from water, has been taken up by a group headed by Bhaskar Biswas, head of the department.The foreign firm, sources said, will also collaborate with the research team to explore possibilities commercial production.Biswas said the project would run from March 2025 to February 2027. The firm, he said, operates an incubation centre at the National University of Singapore."In the research. we will focus on the development of low-cost electrocatalysts for hydrogen production, a critical step in enhancing the sustainability and efficiency of renewable energy systems. This partnership will bring together experts from academia and industry," he said. "The idea is to improve the affordability and scalability of hydrogen generation and storage

technologies as the fuel is considered as a sustainable and greener source of enadded.Sources in the department said they wanted to come up with electro-catalvsts that would have significantly lower production costs and high efficiency for hydrogen production from water. "The challenge is to make the process simpler and more sustainable. So far, we have developed around 20 catalysts and five of them show significant promise. One such innovation has even been named 'NBU-4' in recognition of the university's contribution," said a faculty member.



ister Aroop Biswas at Nawa Mahakaran and presented him with a KKR jersey as a memento on Thursday.

BJP's Samik pleas to Centre for Taslima's return

MI News Service, Kolkata: MP Samik Bhattacharya demanded in the Rajya Sabha that the Union government ensure safe return of Bangladeshi writer

Taslima Nasrin to Kolkata. Bhattacharya, who was elected to the Upper House from Bengal, said Nasrin had to leave Bangladesh following protests by fun-

damentalist forces. Nasrin wrote the famous novel Lajja on violence against minorities in Bangladesh. She came to Kolkata in 2004 and left the city in 2007 following protests.

Bhattacharya said Nas-

rin liked Calcutta verv much and wanted to go back to the city.

"I urge the government to ensure the safe return of Nasrin to Calcutta. She wants to focus on writing,

The MP alleged that a former Congress leader had mobilised people against Nasrin in the past. After the leader was expelled from the Congress, he joined the Trinamul Congress, said Bhhatacharya. Nasrin has been staying in India on a temporary residence permit. In October 2024, the Union home ministry extended the permit.

Rejuvenation of twin Senchal Lakes: State govt approves Rs 30 Cr

MI News Service, Darjee**ling:** The state government has approved a sum of 30 crore to rejuvenate supply to the twin Senchal lakes in Darjeeling. Water is collected through 22 streams in the two Senchal lakes which is then distributed to Darjeeling town. The north and south lakes at Senchal have storage capacities of 20 million gallons and 13 million gallons, respectively. "The water in the lake goes through a total 22 hilly streams through pipelines. But over the decades there has been no renovation of pipelines. It has been decided to renovate the

pipelines and rejuvenate the lake by spending the fund," Chittaranjan Barman, the chief engineer of the municipal engineering directorate (MED), north zone, said. The MED works under the department of urban development and municipal affairs. A source said the lake on the hill was situated over 8,000 feet above sea level in Senchal Wildlife Sanctuary, located some 10km from Darjeeling town. The lake was built during the British era. The northern part of the lake was constructed in 1910 and the southern part of it was built in the early 1930s.

Mamata condemns violence...

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the Furfura Sharif Development Board to ensure the timely completion of

ongoing projects. The Chief Minister's participation in the Iftar and her developmental promises underscore her administration's commitment to the welfare of all communities in West Bengal. By honoring the legacy of Dada Huzur and addressing the needs of Furfura Sharif, Banerjee seeks to promote communal harmony and socio-economic development in the state. .

The Chief minister emphasized that she has alparticipated in

religious gatherings across communities. "When I celebrate Durga Puja or Kali Puja, no one questions me. Why should my presence at Iftar be scrutinized?' she asked, highlighting her commitment to religious harmony. Mamata Banerjee said, "Remember, just as I attend Christian celebrations, I also participate in Eid. I personally take part in Iftar, visit Punjab's Gurudwaras, and join every religious event. I believe that the soil of Bengal represents harmony. That's why, just as I extend Holi greetings, I also pray for everyone's blessings during Ramadan.

64,000 acres of land...

demarcation, and usage rights. "Such a backlog led to frequent disputes, vio-lence, and illegal land grabbing, making life difficult for common citizens," he said.

govern-"Previous ments allowed corruption and dishonesty to thrive, leaving the poor without hope for justice. How-ever, we set strict timelines for resolving cases at all administrative levels, from sub-divisional magistrates to tehsildars and revenue officers, ensuring accountability,' the Chief minister said.

Referring to the re-covery of 64,000 acres of illegally occupied land, Adityanath stressed that village-level governance has been strengthened through the establish-Gram Sachivalayas with internet connectivity.

"Now, villagers can

obtain essential documents like income and certificates residence without having to visit distant offices. This initiative has ensured timely services at the grassroots level," he

He also announced the digitization of land records to eliminate manipulation in land demar-

"Now, land measurement will be conducted digitally, ensuring transparency and fairness. No poor person will lose even an inch of their land due to fraudulent practices," he assured.

During the event, Adityanath also inaugurated residential quarters for tehsil officials and employees, emphasising that government officers should reside near their workplaces to facilitate efficient service delivery.

'The goal is to ensure that officials are accessible to the people at all times," he said.

Reflecting on his previous visit to Bahraich after the monsoon, the

chief minister recalled how a pack of wolves had created panic in the re-

"Although wild animals generally do not harm people under normal circumstances, the situation had worsened, leading to tragic incidents, including the loss of a few children's lives. The state government had already categorized human-wildlife conflict as a disaster, and we promptly provided lakh in compensation to affected families from the disaster relief fund," he

Adityanath highlighted Bahraich's historical and geographical significance, calling it a land rich in resources, located between two rivers, with fertile soil and vast forests.

Bahraich has immense tourism potential. A medical college has already been established here, and the victory meof Maharaja morial Suheldev is also ready for inauguration," he an-

He stressed that while Bahraich once suffered from administrative disorder, the current government has ensured that law and order prevail.

"No one can create chaos in the district anymore," he asserted.

Linking heritage with development, the chief minister announced that Kartaniya Ghat Bahraich would be developed as an eco-tourism hub, enhancing the region's tourism potential.

He also confirmed the approval of a bypass road for Bahraich, aimed at improving infrastructure.

Adityanath also highlighted Bahraich's economic progress, noting that before 2017, the district's GDP stood at 6,924 crore, whereas by 2023-24, it had surged to 25,000 crore."This is the new Uttar Pradesh, where development and cultural pride go hand in hand," he added.

'Two anti-farmer parties'...

upon during BJP rule. How the son of a minister of the Modi government crushed the farmers in Lakhimpur Kheri by his car. How a farmer from Rajasthan hanged himself in Kejriwal's rally in 2015 and he remained a silent spectator," Kharge said.

"Whether it is Modi Ji's promise of MSP to farmers or Aam Aadmi Party's swift implementation of the three black laws in Delhi, both these parties have betrayed our farmers of the country," he further alleged.

Kharge said the 62 crore farmers of the country will never forgive these "anti-farmer parties", d.

Following the eviction of protesting farmers from the Shambhu border, Haryana security personnel on Thursday morning started removing cemented barricades, which were erected to prevent the Punjab farmers from heading to Delhi.

At the Shambhu border, JCB and other machines have been deployed to remove the concrete blocks to clear the Shambhu-Ambala road, which remained closed for

Haryana security officials had fortified the state border with Punjab with cement blocks, iron nails and barbed wire to scuttle any attempt by the farmers from Punjab to move towards the capital as part of their 'Delhi Chalo' pro-

Punjab Police also resumed its operation to dismantle the remaining temporary structures on the Punjab side of the Shambhu border Thursday to clear the

Meanwhile, Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and the Kisan Mazdoor Morcha have announced their plans to hold dharnas outside the offices of Deputy Commissioners in protest against the Punjab Police crackdown

Both the bodies, which spearheaded the farmers' stir at Shambhu and Khanauri border points, slammed the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Punjab for evicting the protesters and detaining farmer leaders on Wednes-

State Govt announces ad-hoc bonus for its employees

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal government has announced an ad-hoc bonus for its state government employees, offering financial relief ahead of upcoming festivals. The state government declared that employees not covered under productivitylinked bonus schemes and earning a monthly salary below 44,000 as of March 31, 2025, will receive a maximum bonus of 6,800. The Finance Department's directive further clarifies that the 44,000 salary cap applies regardless of whether employees are under the old or new pay

structure. Employees earning above 44,000 per month will not be eligible for this ad-hoc bonus. The bonus amount is determined based on the employee's total eligible months of service, divided by 12, and multiplied by their salary as of March 31, 2025. However, under no circumstances will the bonus exceed 6,800, even if the calculated amount is higher. For contractual employees who have worked for at least 120 days during the 2024-25 financial year, the bonus will be based on their total earnings divided by 12, ensuring eq-

uitable distribution. Again, the maximum bonus amount remains capped at 6,800. The government has ensured that Muslim employees will receive their bonus before Eid-ul-Fitr, which falls at the end of March. For employees of other religions, the bonus will be distributed before Durga Puja, between September 15 and 19, 2025. The announcement comes at a time when West Bengal government employees have been demanding an increase in Dearness Allowance (DA). Currently, under the Sixth Pay Commission, employees receive a DA rate of

central employees.While the state government aims to provide financial relief through this ad-hoc bonus, employee unions continue to demand a DA revision, arguing that inflation has significantly impacted their purchasing power.This move by the state

government is expected to offer temporary respite, but whether it satisfies long-standing demands for higher DA remains uncertain. The issue continues to be a key point of contention between the government and state employees.

Home Turf, Home Roar: Kolkata Knight Riders fans paint the city in passion, giving an electrifying welcome to KKR on their homecoming to Kolkata on Thursday.

Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak extends heartfelt response to CM Mamata

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee recently extended her congratulations to renowned literary scholar and professor GayatriChakravortySpivak on her latest accolade. The prestigious award was conferred upon Spivak by the Norwegian government and the University of Bergen. In response to Banerjee's message, Spivak expressed her gratitude through a heartfelt letter. In her letter, Spivak acknowledged Mamata Banerjee's efforts in poverty alleviation and her commitment to safeguarding secularism in West Bengal. Having worked in the state's underprivileged districts for over four decades, Spivak emphasized her deep dedication to democratic education. She lauded the Chief Minister's initiatives to eradicate poverty and extended her appreciation for the recognition she had received.

Furthermore, Spivak highlighted her ongoing efforts to introduce Bengali literature to the global stage. She noted that

the Chief Minister's support for this initiative would be invaluable, emphasizing the importance of official endorsement for such cultural projects. Expressing her concerns about the future of both West Bengal and India, she reaffirmed her support for Mamata Banerjee's secular

Responding to Spivak's letter during a press conference, Mamata Banerjee shared her emotional reaction. "I received her letter today, and I am truly touched. She has been working tirelessly for marginalized communities, and we must continue collaborating on such efforts," Banerjee stated. The exchange of letters between these two influential figures underscores a shared commitment to social justice, education, and cultural enrichment. Spivak's recognition on an international platform further highlights Bengal's rich literary and intellectual contributions, reinforcing its presence on the

Mystery surrounds death of couple in Garia

MI News Service, Kolkata: A tragic and mysterious death of a married couple has once again shaken Kolkata. The bodies of Tarun Das (45) and his wife Asha Das (35) were discovered in their rented house in Adarshanagar, Narendrapur, on Thursday. Police from Narendra-Police Station retrieved the bodies and have sent them for postmortem examination as part of an ongoing investi-

According to police sources, the couple had been living as tenants in the residence of Gurupada Mandal for the past six months. Both were employed and had two children—a son and a daughter. Neighbors reported that everything seemed normal on afternoon Wednesday when the couple returned from work. They were seen chatting casually with

residents of the area, showing no signs of dis-

However, the situation took a grim turn on Thursday morning when Tarun's nephew arrived at their home and received no response. Upon peering through the window, he was met with a horrifying sight—Tarun's body was found hanging from the ceiling fan with a towel, while Asha was lying mo-tionless on the bed. Authorities were immediately alerted, and police officials arrived at the scene to recover the bodies.

Initial investigations have revealed injury marks on Asha's neck, along with traces of blood on her face. This has led the police to suspect that Tarun may have strangled his wife before taking his own life. However, the exact cause of the incident remains unclear. Law enforcement officers are now piecing together the events that led to this tragedy.

Local sources indicate that the couple had ongoing conflicts, allegedly due to Tarun's struggles with substance abuse. While preliminary findings point to a murder-suicide, investigators are keeping all possibilities open, including potential external foul play. The police are carefully analyzing forensic evidence and statements from neighbors to determine whether this was a case of domestic violence turned fatal or if there is a deeper mystery behind

their untimely deaths. The shocking incident has left the community in distress, with many guestioning the circumstances leading to the couple's demise. Authorities have assured that a thorough investigation will be conducted to bring clarity to the case and deliver justice if foul play is detected.

RG Kar case: Victim's parents urge Cal HC for speedy hearing

MI News Service, Kolkata: The parents of thorough probe, including questioning key the RG Kar victim have sought an urgent hearing at the Calcutta High Court, directing their plea to Justice Tirthankar Ghosh. Their appeal follows a recent Supreme Court ruling that allows a single bench of the Calcutta High Court to hear the case. Justice Ghosh has scheduled the hearing for the victim's parents' petition on Monday. In the high-profile RG Kar rape and murder case, the Sealdah Court sentenced Sanjay Roy to life imprisonment on January 20. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has already appealed against this verdict at the Calcutta High Court. However, the victim's parents insist that the matter goes beyond just Roy's sentencing—they demand the identification and punishment of all conspirators involved. They argue that the CBI's investigation has left several crucial aspects unexplored and have called for a more

Initially, the victim's parents had approached the Calcutta High Court for justice, but the court referred the case to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court, in a directive issued earlier this week, permitted the Calcutta High Court to hear their petition. On Monday, Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna's division bench reaffirmed this decision, clearing the way for the High Court proceedings.

The victim's parents have long expressed dissatisfaction with the CBI's handling of the case. Their concerns led them to file a petition in the Calcutta High Court, but since the matter was under Supreme Court review, the High Court had deferred its hearing. Now, with the Supreme Court's explicit approval, Justice Tirthankar Ghosh will preside over the case on Monday (24th March).

Inauguration of Advanced Navigational Simulator at SMPK

MI News Service, Kolkata: Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMPK) marked a significant milestone today with the inau-State-of-the-Art Navigational Simulator at SubhasBhavan. The simulator was inaugurated by Ra-thendra Raman, Chairperson, SMPK, in the presence of Dy. Chairperson and Professor Murali K of IIT Madras, along with senior SMPK officials.

play a crucial role in research and development related to port operations and vessel movement. Its introduction is expected to bolster SMPK's standing as a leader in maritime training and navigational safety in the region.

Speaking on the occa-sion, Rathendra Raman emphasized the long-term advantages of the facility, stating, "This simulator is a crucial step toward ensuring safer and more effi-



the State-of-the-Art Navigational Simulator at Subhas Bhavan, operational headquarter of SMPK

This cutting-edge simulator, the first of its kind in India for river pilotage, is designed to provide high-fidelity, real-time training for maritime professionals, including pilots and vessel masters. The facility enables trainees to gain hands-on experience in navigating diverse and challenging conditions without physically boarding vessels, thereby enhancing decision-making skills and reducing the training period for new re-

Developed at a cost of 60 lakh by Applied Research International (ARI) under the guidance of IIT

cient maritime operations. River navigation, particularly at night, poses unique challenges, and this facility will bridge the gap between theoretical knowland practical experience, allowing our pilots to train intensively in complex scenarios.'

SMPK, India's only major riverine port, operates a 232-km-long navigational channel, one of the longest in the world. The Hooghly River's estuarine nature presents unique challenges, requiring continuous scientific monitoring and R&D efforts to maintain safe nav-Madras, the simulator will dredging operations.

Bandhan Bank partners with Salesforce to revolutionize digital banking



Arundhati Bhattacharva, President & CEO, Salesforce, South Asia, Ratan Kumar Kesh, Executive Director & Chief Operating Officer, Bandhan Bank, Bandhan Bank Collaborates with Salesforce to Drive Digital Transformation in Kolkata.

MI News Service, Kolkata: Bandhan Bank has announced a strategic collaboration with Salesforce, the global leader in AI-powered CRM, to drive its digital transformation and redefine loan origination systems (LOS). With a vast network of 6,300+ outlets across 35 states and union territories, Bandhan Bank has been a frontrunner in financial inclusion and banking innovation. This partnership represents a major step in enhancing efficiency, customer experiand AI-driven decision-making in financial services. Following its Core Banking System transition in October 2023, Bandhan Bank has accelerated its digital-first approach, consolidating multiple LOS into cuttingedge AI-powered platforms built on Salesforce's Lightning Platform for Housing Finance and Sales Cloud for Commercial Loans.

Arundhati Bhattacharya, President & CEO, Salesforce South Asia, remarked, "Banking is undergoing a seismic shift becoming more intelligent, automated, and deeply customer-centric. Bandhan Bank's transformation showcases AI's power in redefining speed, agility, and trust in financial services. Together, we are shaping a smarter, more connected lending ecosystem that sets new benchmarks for operational excellence and customer experience.

Ratan Kumar Kesh, Executive Director & COO, Bandhan Bank, added, "By consolidating multiple LOS into world-class AI-driven systems, we are optimizing decision-making, accelerating loan approvals, and ensuring a seamless experience for customers and employees alike."

A key component of this transformation is Salesforce Agentforce, which empowers banks to deploy Al agents capable of autonomously handling operations across various functions.

22 Naxalites and one cop...

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Naxalites were also neutralised by the security forces during an encounter in the forest area neart the Bijapur-Dantewada border in Chhattisgarh earlier this month, police said on Thursday. While several weapons and ammunition were recovered from the spot, search operations were conducted to trace other members of the insurgent groups in the Bijapur-Dantewada border

In another development last week, as many as 17 Naxalites surrendered in the state to join the national mainstream, a police officer said.

Bijapur Superintendent of Police (SP) Jitendra Kumar Yadav told reporters that "17 Naxalites have surrendered in Bijapur district. All the surrendered Naxalites were active in different capacities in the Gangaloor area committee of the outlawed Maoist organisation."

In February, a total of 18 Naxalites were arrested and some explosives were recovered from them in an operation carried out by security forces in three different locations in the Bijapur district. According to the police, 10 Naxalites were arrested from the forests of Gunjeperti in the Usur police station area, along with explosives., while, seven were arrested from the forests of Rajpenta in the Basaguda police station area, along with explosives. Additionally, a joint operation by the District Reserve Guard (DRG) and Bhairamgarh Police station led to the arrest of one Maoist with explosives.

Meanwhile, on Tues-Chhattisgarh CM Vishnu Deo Sai met PM Narendra Modi and presented him the master plan for Bastar's development, outlining the strategy to transform the Naxal-affected areas into hubs of infrastructure, industries, and tourism.

CM Sai informed the Prime Minister that naxalism in Chhattisgarh is in its final phase. With coordinated security forces' strategies and public participation, significant transformation has been achieved in affected regions. The joint efforts of the police and central opment to several Naxal strongholds, strengthening public trust in government initiatives.

'We believe India will....

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issued a memorandum on reciprocal trade and tariffs, directing the commerce secretary and the US trade representative (USTR) to assess the impact of non-reciprocal trade arrangements on the US economy. They are required to investigate potential harm and submit a report with proposed remedies for each trading partner. During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Washington last month, India and the US pledged to more than double their bilateral trade to USD 500 billion by 2030. They also agreed to finalise the first phase of a multi-sector Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) by fall 2025. In 2023, trade between

the two nations reached USD 190.08 billion, comprising USD 123.89 billion in goods and USD 66.19 billion in services. India exported USD 83.77 billion worth of goods to the U.S. while importing USD 40.12 billion, resulting in a trade surplus of USD 43.65 billion for India.

From 2021 to 2024, the U.S. emerged as India's largest trading partner and remains one of the few nations where India maintains a trade surplus. Now it remains to be seen what will happen on and after April 2 as stated by President Trump.

Name Change

I, Hanif Molla (Old Name) son of Late Sofikul Molla, residing at Harpara, Beraberia, P.S.- Amdanga, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin-700121, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Abdul Hanif Molla (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 20/03/2025. Abdul Hanif Molla (New Name) and Hanif Molla (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Jayanti Debnath (Old Name) wife of Syamal Debnath, residing at Flat No-I/103, VIP Enclave VIP Road, P.O.- Deshbandhu Nagar, Noad, P.O.- Desnaandni Nagar, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 700059, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jayanti Ray (New Name) as declared be-fore the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 20/03/2025. Jayanti Ray (New Name) and Jayanti Debnath (Old Name) both are same and

Name Change

, Hemanto Kheto (Old Name) so of Late Jagannath Kheto, residing at Natungram, Tarakeswar, Hooghly, Pin- 712410, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Hemanta Kheto (Nev Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 20/03/2025. Hemanta Kheto (New Name) and Hemanto Kheto (Old Name) both are same and identi

Name Change

I, Bablu Rani Ghosh (Old Name) wife of Late Debdas Paul, residing at B9/6, Uttarayan Housing Estate 102, B.T Road, Baranagar, Dist.-North 24 Pgs, Pin- 700108, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bablu Rani Ghosh Paul (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 20/03/2025. Bablu Rani Ghosh Paul (New Name) and Bablu Rani Ghosh (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Soumitra Banerjee (Old Name son of Bhanucharan Banerjee, re siding at Ghoshpara Chanditata, Chanditala Hooghly, Pin- 712702, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Saumitra Banerjee (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 20/03/2025. Saumitra Banerjee (New Name) and Soumitra Baner-jee (Old Name) both are same and

Name Change

I, Nargis Khatun (Old Name) wife of Molla Fozlul Haque, residing at 4th Floor, 22 Ripon Lane, Park Street, Kolkata- 700016, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nargis Begam (New Name) as de-clared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 20/03/2025. Nargis Begam (New Name) and Nargis Khatun (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Sakshi Agarwal W/o Shrestha Lokesh Residing at 89, Salkia School Road, P.o - Salkia, P.s - Go-labari, District - Howrah, Pin-711106 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Sakshi Gupta. I declare that Sakshi Agarwal and Sakshi Gupta is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 20-03-2025.

Name Change

Sukdev Ghorui (Old Name) S/o Badal Ghorai Residing at ward no 11, Chiranjibpur, Vtc - Haldia, P.o - Haldia, District - East Midnaore, Pin - 721604 West Bengal India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sukdev Ghorai (New Name) as de clared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 86/2025 Dated 20-03-2025. Sukdev Ghorui (Old Name) and Sukdey Ghorai (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

Badal Chandra Ghorui alias Badal Ghoroi (Old Name) S/o Nagen Ghorai Residing at Chiranjibpur, Vtc - Haldia(M), P.o - Hal dia. District - Purba Medinipur, Pin 721604 West Bengal India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Badal Ghorai (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 85/2025 Dated 20-03-2025. Badal Chandra Ghorui Badal Ghoroi (Old Name) and Badal Ghorai (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I. Kailash Khater (Old Name) S/o Thanmal Khater Residing at D-152. 2nd Floor, Ramprastha. Uttar 201011 India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kailash Kumar Khater the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 20-03-2025. Kailash Khater (Old Name) and Kailash Kumar Khater (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

SANKAR SARKAR s/o Lat Surendranath Sarkar, by faith Hindu,residing at- 46/3,Kali Kumar Mukheriee Lane, Howrah Municipal Corporation, Shibpur,P Shibpur, Howrah, West Bengal, Pin-711102 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SANKAR CHANDRA SARKAR as declared before the TheLd Execuive Magistrate (Ist Class) Court at Howrah (W.B) vide affidavit no 2004 dated 06/03/2025. SANKAR SARKAR and SANKAR CHANDRA SARKAR both are same and identical person. That my son name is SOUVIK SARKAR.

Name Change

I,Partha Goswami, Son Of Late De baprasad Goswami, Residing At Vill-Kumardanga,Po & Ps-Onda, Dist-Bankura, Pin-722144, West Bengal I Have Changed My Father's Name Debprasad Goswami (Old Name) Shalll Hence forth Be Known As Debaprasad Goswami (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 20/03/2025. Debprasad Goswa mi (Old Name) And Debaprasad Goswami(New Name).Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

Ansari Md Jiauddin (Old Name) son of Zorar Ahmed, residing at 28/1 Giri Babu Lane Kolkata-700012, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Ziauddi Ansari (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 20/03/2025. Md Ziauddin Ansari (New Name) and Ansari Md Jiauddin (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Md Nazim (Old Name) son of Md Ziauddin Ansari, residing at 28/1 Giri Babu Lane, Kolkata- 700012 West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Nazim Ansari (New Name) as de-clared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 20/03/2025. Md Nazim Ansari (New Name) and Md Nazim (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change I, REJAUL KARIM SK (Old Name) son of SK OLY MAHAMMAD , re siding at VILL- PALTA PARA, P.O. SHYAMNAGAR, DIST-NORTH 24 PARGANAS -743127, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SK REJAUL KARIM (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 20/03/2025. SK REJAUL KARIM (New Name) and REJAUL KARIM SK (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, MANISH FOMRA (Old Name) son of SHREE BALLABH FOMRA SALTLAKE, P.O. -BIDHANNAGAR CC BLOCK, BIDHANNAGAR, NORTH 24 PARGANAS-700064, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall nenceforth be known as MANISH KUMAR FOMRA (New Name) as declared before the 1st Class Ju-Magistrate at Kolkata, 20/03/2025. MANISH KUMAR FOMRA (New Name) and MANISH FOMRA (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Freda Sandra Williams (Old Name) wife of Desmond Ignatius Williams, residing at 39/C, Dr. Suresh Sarkar Road, P.O.- Entally, P.S.- Beniapukur, Kolkata- 700014, W.B., INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Freda Sally Williams (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 20/03/2025. Freda Sally Williams (New Name) and Freda Sandra Williams (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Subal Chandra Kundu (Old Name) son of Khushi Gopal Kundu, residing at 31/1, Post Office Road, P.O. & P.S.- Dumdum. Dist-North 24 Pgs, Pin-700028, W.B, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Subal Kundu (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 20/03/2025. Subal Kundu (New Name) and Subal Chandra Kundu (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Mousumi Roy Kundu (Old Jame) wife of Suman Kundu, reiding at 31/1, Post Office Road, P.O. & P.S.- Dumdum, Near Narendra Cinema Hall, Dist-North 24 Pgs. Pin-700028, W.B. INDIA. have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mousumi Roy (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata. dated 20/03/2025. Mousumi Roy (New Name) and Mousumi Roy Kundu (Old Name) both are sam and identical person.

Name Change

, Maitreye Nag (Old Name) wife of Sambit Nag, Date of Birth 01/11/1964,residing at 33/1/2, K.B Sarani Mall Road, Dumdum, Dist.-North 24 Pgs, Pin- 700080, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Maitreyi Nag (New Name) as declared before the No-tary Public at Kolkata, dated 20/03/2025. Maitreyi Nag (New Name) and Maitreye Nag (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Bidya Samanta (Old Name) son of Lakkhi Samanta, residing at Vill-Durgapur, P.O.- Kaiba, P.S.-Khanakul, Hooghly, Pin- 712412, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be nown as Vidyasagar Samanta (New Name) as declared before the xecutive magistrate at Hooghly(Sl 3411), dated 07/03/2025. Vidyasagar Samanta (New Name) and Bidya Samanta (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Sk Rouson Ali (Old Name) son of ate Sk Foku Mahammad, residing at Ajangachi, Kasmali, P.S.-Joypur, Howrah- 711303, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Rowson Ali (New Name) as declared before the No tary Public at Kolkata, dated 20/03/2025. Sk Rowson Ali (New Name) and Sk Rouson Ali (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Over 30.68 Cr unorganised workers registered on e-Shram

Portal: Centre

MI News Service, New Delhi: More than 30.68 crore unorganised workers are registered on e-Shram Portal while women constitute 53.68 per cent of the registrations, the Lok Sabha was informed. The Ministry of Labour and Employment launched portal e-Shram (eshram.gov.in) on August 26, 2021 for a comprehensive National Database of Unorganised Workers (NDUW) seeded with Aadhaar. The portal will register and support the unorganised workers by providing them a Universal Account Number (UAN) on

a self-declaration basis. "As on March 3, 2025, over 30.68 crore unorganised workers have already registered on e-Shram portal, with more than half of them being female (53.68 per cent)," Union Minister of State for Labour & Employment Shobha Karandlaje said in a written reply in the Lok Sabha. In keeping with the vision of the Budget Announcement on developing e-Shram as a One-Stop-Solution for unorganised workers to have access to various social security Ministry schemes, Labour and Employment launched the e-Shram-"One-Stop-Solution" October 21, 2024.

e-Shram – a "One-Stop-Solution" – entails integration of different social security/ welfare schemes at a single portal i.e. e-Shram. It enables the unorganised workers to register on e-Shram to access social security schemes and see benefits availed by them so far,



through e-Shram. So far, 13 schemes of different Central Ministries/ Departments have already been integrated/ mapped with the e-Shram including Pradhan Mantri Street Vendors Atmanirbhar (PM-SVANidhi), Nidhi Bima Yojana (PMSBY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Bima Yojana Jvoti (PMJJBY), National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS). Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G), Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana -Urban (PMAY-U) and Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana (PM-

To enhance the accessibility of the e-Shram portal, the Ministry of Labour and Employment launched multilingual functionality on the e-Shram portal on January 7, 2025, using the Bhashini platform. This enhancement now allows workers to interact with e-Shram portals in 22 Indian languages, improving accessibility and promoting inclusiveness for all.

To make e-Shram and associated services readily available to unorganised workers, the Ministry of Labour & Employment launched the e-Shram mobile application on Febru-24, 2025. This ary application provides realtime access to welfare schemes integrated with e-Shram, significantly improving accessibility and convenience.

Name Change

I, Jaswana Adhikari, wife of Jc-201477L Rank Ex Sub Name Biswanath Adhikary resident of vill –Murundi, P.O-Banwaribad raj,PS-Ketugram,Dist – Purba Bardhaman,(W.B),Pin -713123 have change my name from Jaswana Adhikari to Jaswana Adhikary vide affidavit dated 12.03.2025 before the Court of sub-div executive magistrate katwa, purba Bardhaman.

Indian Railways Strengthens Crowd Management and Infrastructure to Enhance Passenger Safety Following New Delhi Stampede

velopment of stations on a MI News Service, Delhi: Each railway station has continuous basis with a unique operational challong-term approach. This lenges due to varying passcheme involves preparasenger movement patterns tion of Master Plans and during the festivals. For the their implementation in security arrangements and phases to improve the to streamline passenger amenities at the stations flow, station specific plans like improvement of station are made involving all the access, circulating areas, stakeholders that include waiting halls, toilets, Government Railway Police (GRP), Local Police and

Local Civil

Administration and ac-

cordingly action is taken to

manage the influx of pas-

sengers. To handle the rush

of passengers during Maha

Kumbh 2025 at Prayagraj,

new infrastructure was cre-

ated building seven addi-

tional platforms, bringing

the total to 48 platforms

across 9 stations in the

Prayagraj area. The ap-

proach roads to these sta-

tions have also been

widened to ensure smooth

movement of pilgrims. In

total, 17 new permanent

Yatri Ashryas were con-

structed, increasing the

holding capacity of these

shelters from 21,000 to over

1,10,000. Additionally, 21

new Road Over Bridges

(ROBs) and Road Under

Bridges (RUBs) have been

built, eliminating all level

crossings in the region. A

well-coordinated train op-

eration plan was deployed

to ensure smooth trans-

Kumbh. Each station was

having its own control

room, with a central master

control room at Prayagraj

Junction. Standard Operat-

ing Procedures (SOPs) were

developed for train opera-

tions and crowd manage-

facilitate smooth rush of

passenger's flow, extensive

measures have been put in

place, including single entry

and exit points at stations

on major Snan days and

unidirectional movement on

platforms, foot over bridges

(FOBs), and ramps. Security

arrangements for Ma-

hakumbh-2025 were com-

emphasis on surveillance

and real-time monitoring.

A total of about 1200 CCTV

cameras, including 116

Face Recognition System

(FRS) cameras and Drone

cameras were also deployed

and crowd management at

approach roads to stations.

Additional deployment of

15,000 personnel from the

Railway Protection Force

(RPF), Government Railway

Police (GRP) and para-mili-

tary forces were done to en-

security.

additional deployment was

made at other sensitive rail-

way stations where high

rush of passengers was ex-

pected i.e. Varanasi, Avod-

hya, Pandit Deen Dayal

Upadhyaya, Danapur and

New Delhi etc. New Delhi

Railway Station has ade-

quate infrastructure. It has

16 nos. of platforms, three

foot over bridges (FOBs), ac-

cess from both Paharganj

and Ajmeri gate side, large

open spaces in front of the

station etc. Large rush of

passengers during festivals

and events like Kumbh,

Chatth, Holi etc. are being

handled regularly on New

Delhi Railway Station. Fur-

ther, redevelopment of New

Delhi Railway Station has

been sanctioned under

Bharat

Scheme. Amrit Bharat Sta-

tion Scheme envisages de-

Amrit

with

prehensive,

ment at stations.

during the

lift/escalators as necessary, cleanliness, free Wi-Fi, kiosks for local products through schemes like One Station One Product, better passenger information systems, executive lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping etc. keeping in view the necessity at each such station. The scheme also envisages improvement of building integrating the station with both sides of the city, multimodal integration, ameni-Divyangjans, for sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballast less tracks etc. as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term. The plan for redevelopment of New Delhi Railway station, envisages larger new station buildings at both sides, spacious Air Concourse with modern amenities for passenger, Multi Modal Transport Hub connecting different mode of transportation and providing parking and other facilities. The redeveloped station envisages a network of surface and elevated roads to provide access at two levels and to decongest surrounding areas of

New Delhi railway station. Adequate security measures like CCTV cameras, access control, moveregulation ment waiting space etc are also envisaged. The details of allocation of funds for development and maintenance of stations are maintained Zonal Railway- wise and not footfall-wise or Work-wise or Station-wise. Passenger amenities are generally funded under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities'. An allocation of ₹12,994 Crores (Revised Estimate) has been made for the financial year 2024-25 under Plan Head-53. New Delhi railway sta-Northern Railway Zone and the fund allocation to Northern Railway for development and maintenance of stations under Plan Head-53 'Customer Amenities' for the year (RE 2024-25) is ₹ 1531.24 Cr. To handle heavy rush of passengers at stations, following decisions have been taken by railways -

holding Permanent areas at 60 stations:

a. During the festival season of 2024, holding areas were created outside

stations. These waiting areas were able to hold large crowds at Surat Udhna, Patna and New Delhi. Passengers were allowed only when the train came to the platform. b. Similar arrangements were made during Mahakumbh at nine stations of Prayag area. c. Based on the experience of these stations, it has been decided to create permanent waiting areas outside stations at 60 stations across the country which periodically face heavy

Indian Railways Advances Hyperloop Technology with MoU Between RDSO and IIT Madras, Secures Rs. 20.89 Crore Funding

Station

MI News Service, Delhi: Hyperloop is an emerging technology and is at nascent stage of development. The technical and safety parameters of Hyperloop are yet to be framed worldwide. Hyperloop is expected to be faster, more energy efficient and sustainable than other transportation modes. As an initiative, Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO), a unit under Ministry of Railways, has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IIT/Madras with a funding of Rs.20.89 crores for setting up a Centre of Excellence for Hyperloop technology with the objective of development of sub scale model of Pod, Test Track & Vacuum Tube facility of the futuristic full-scale Hyperloop at IIT/Madras for validation of this technology. This information was given by the Union Minister of Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & Information Technology Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw in a written reply in Lok Sabha today.

Indian Railways Accelerates Infrastructure Development in Northeast with Over 74,000 Crore **Investment and New Projects**

MI News Service, Delhi: Railway projects are surveyed/sanctioned/executed Zonal Railway wise and not Statewise as the Railway projects may span across State boundaries. Railway projects are sanctioned on the basis of remunerativeness, traffic projections, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives, Railway's own operational requirement, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds. As on 01.04.2024, across Indian Railways, 488 Railway infrastructure projects (187 New Line, 40 Gauge Conversion and 261 Doubling) of total length 44,488 Km, costing approx. `7.44 lakh crore are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which, 12,045 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of approx. `2.92 lakh crore has been incurred upto March, 2024. The summary is as under: -

| Category | No of Projects | Total Length NL/GC/DL (in Km) | Length Commissioned till Mar'24 (in Km) | Total Exp upto Mar'24 (' in Cr) |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| New Lines | 187 | 20199 | 2855 | 160022 |
| Gauge Conversion | 40 | 4719 | 2972 | 18706 |
| Doubling / Multitracking | 261 | 19570 | 6218 | 113742 |
| Total | 488 | 44,488 | 12,045 | 2,92,470 |

Zone-wise/year-wise details of all Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railway's website.

Railway infrastructural Projects in the State of Assam and Northeast are covered by Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) Zone of Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details of Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railway's website. As on 01.04.2024, 18 projects (13 New Lines and 5 Doubling), of a total length of 1,368 km, costing `74,972 crore, falling fully/partly in Assam and NE Region, are in planning/approval/construction stage, out of which 313 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of `40,549 crore has been incurred upto March 2024. The summary is as under: -The details of

| Category | No of Projects | Total Length NL/GC/DL (in Km) | Length Commissioned till Mar'24 (in Km) | Total Exp upto Mar'24 (' in Cr) |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| New Lines | 13 | 896 | 81 | 34616 |
| Doubling / Multitracking | 5 | 472 | 232 | 5933 |
| Total | 18 | 1368 | 313 | 40549 |

| $Budget \ allocation \ for \ Infrastructure \ projects \ and \ safety \ works, \ falling \ fully/partly \ in \ Assam \ and \ North \ east \ regions a under:$ | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Period | Outlay | | |
| 2009-14 | `2122 crore/year | | |
| 2024-25 | `10376 crore (More than 4 times) | | |

commissioning/laying of new track falling fully/partly in Assam and North east region during 2009-14 and 2014-24 is as under: -

| Period | New Track Commissioned | Average Commissioning of new tracks 66.6 Km/year | | |
|---------|------------------------|--|--|--|
| 2009-14 | 333 Km | 66.6 Km/year | | |
| 2014-24 | 1728 Km | 172.8 Km/year (More than 2 times) | | |

In last 3 years (2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and current Financial Year i.e. 2024-25), 933 No. Surveys (299 New line, 14 Gauge Conversion and 620 Doubling) of total length 65,488 km have been sanctioned across Indian Railways, out of which 21 surveys (17 New line & 04 Doubling) of total length 2,499 km fall fully/partly in the North East Region including the State of Assam. As the Railway network straddles across State boundaries, trains are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries. However, Indian Railways (IR), makes consistent efforts to cater to the needs of travelling passengers by introducing new trains, extending and increasing the frequencies of existing trains and accordingly to cater to the needs of passengers of State of Assam, IR, on originating/terminating basis have introduced 24 new services, extended 20 services and increased the frequencies of 14 services during the period 2019-20 to 2024-25 (February, 2025). This information was given by the Union Minister of Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & Information Technology Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw in a written reply in Lok

Black Diamond Express upgraded with LHB Coaches

MI News Service, Kolkata:

Showcasing its commitment to passenger safety and comfort, Railway has undertaken a major initiative to upgrade conventional ICF (Integral Coach Factory) coaches to modern (Linke Hofmann Busch) coaches. Designed for a superior travel experience, LHB coaches offer enhanced spaciousness, upgraded amenities, and improved riding comfort. Key features of LHB coaches include wider windows for panoramic views and an advanced anti-telescopic mechanism that enhances safety by preventing coaches from crumpling into one another during accidents. This transition underscores Railway's dedication to providing a safer, more comfortable, and hassle-free travel experience for passengers. Keeping in view of passengers comfort, Railway has decided to convert the ICF rake of 22388/22387 Howrah -Dhanbad – Howrah Black Diamond Express into LHB rake leaving Dhanbad with effect form 25.03.2025 and leaving Howrah with effect from 26.03.2025. 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. Railway remains resolute in its pursuit of excellence, continually striving to elevate the overall travel experience for its valued passengers. This accomplishment is a result of Railway's commitment to continuous improvement and investment in cuttingedge technologies

Additional stoppage of two Express Trains at Dheena Station

MI News Service, Kolkata:

Railway has decided to provide additional stoppage of 13005/13006 Howrah – Amritsar - Howrah Mail and 15733/15734 Balurghat -Bhatinda - Balurghat Express at Dheena station over East Central Railway on an experimental basis. 13005 (journey commencing on and from 23.03.2025) and 13006 Amritsar – Howrah Mail (journey commencing on and from 22.03.2025) will arrive Dheena station at 06:21 hrs. & 18:24 hrs. respectively. The train will stop at Dheena station for 02 minutes. 15733 Balurghat -Bhatinda Express (journey commencing on and from 24.03.2025) and 15734 Bhatinda - Balurghat Express (journey commencing on and from 22.03.2025) will arrive Dheena station at 08:15 hrs. & 18:40 hrs. respectively. The train will stop at Dheena station for 02

Special Mid-Night Metro Services For Ipl T-20 Cricket Lovers After The Match To Be Played On 22.03.2025 (Saturday)

MI News Service, Kolkata: Responding to the requests of the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) and M/s Game Plan Sports Pvt. Ltd. (on behalf of Kolkata Knight Riders), Metro Railway is pleased to announce to operate special Metro services in Blue Line

and Green Line-2 after the IPL T-20 match of Kolkata Knight Riders, which will be played at Eden Gardens on 22.03.2025 (Saturday) night for the benefit of the cricket lovers of Kolkata and suburbs.

The booking counters will remain open only at

Old Esplanade Metro station and New Esplanade Metro station for the sale of Smart Cards, Tokens and Paper Based QR Tickets. A surcharge of Rs. 10/- per ticket will be levied in addition to the normal fare for these special services.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE Branch Office: ICICI BANK, Plot No. 23, Shal Tower, Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi - 110005

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 belowmentioned 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.

| Sr. No | Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number | Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession | Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs) | Name of Branch |
|-----------|---|--|---|---|
| 1. | Anurag Bhaumik/ Shipra Tewary/ LBGUR00005920404 | Unit/ Flat No.05, 12A Floor, Tower No. T- 02, Situated at Paras Tierea, Constructed Upon Plot No. GH-01, Sector- 137, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida, Uttar Pradesh- 201301/ 17 March 2025 | November 26, 2024 Rs. 26,06,512.28/- | Tamluk (West Bengal)/ Noida/ Delhi |

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 21, 2025, Place: Tamluk (West Bengal)

EASTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender No. W_2_623_12_11_2024-25. Date: 18.03.2025. E-tenders are invited by Principal Chief Engineer, Eastern Railway, 17, Netaji Subhas Road, Fairlie Place, Kolkata-700001 from reputed and eligible contractors for the following work. E-Tender No.: W_2_623_12_11_ 2024-25. Name of the Work: Improvement work of DGA/E.Rly CD & TA, FA & CAO/CON, PCSC/E.Rly., Other related Officers of New Koilaghat Building and Railway Board (I & S), Other related offices at Old Koilaghat Building
Approximate Cost of the Work .33,81,368.28; Earnest Money 2,16,900.00; Period of Completion 08 Months. Date & Time of Closing of **Tender:** 09.04.2025, 14.00 hrs. The details of tender documents are available at website https://www.ireps.gov.in Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. No manual offer will be accepted.

Tender Notice is also available at websites : www.er.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at : X @EasternRailway

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@easternrailwayheadquarter

EASTERN RAILWAY The Following E-Tenders are invited by the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineerin General)/Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd Floor, Remote Control Building, Kolkata works: (1) Tender No.: ELEG-OT-1204 2024-25, Dated : 18.03.2025; Particular of the Work: Operation and maintenance (A-Check) of Cummins, Greaves & KOEL make 500 KVA,750 V.D.A. (Diese Alternator) sets of Power cars & LSLRD of different rakes originating from Sealda & Kolkata terminals for one (01) year and Outsourcing of operation and maintenance of 500KVA DG sets (Cummins, Greaves & KOEL make rovided in power car of LHB rakes of urisdiction of SSE/TL&AC/ MLDT & BGF Cost of Tender Document : ₹ 10,000.0 Tender Value: ₹ 4,46,13,978.00 Earnest Money: ₹ 3,73,100.00/-Completion Period: 12 Months. Tende Publication Date: 18.03.2025; Tender Closing Date & Time: 09.04.2025 a 15:00 Hrs. **Tender Bid Opening Date & Time:** 09.04.2025 after 15:00 Hrs. **Tende** Bidding Start Date: 26.03.2025. Details of Tender Notice and Corrigendum issued om time to time are available at website ww.ireps.gov.in SDAH-385/2024-25 Tender Notice is also available at websites : www.er.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in

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S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER Tender Notice No. : e-Tender/2025/09 dated 19.03.2025. e-Tenders are invite by Divisional Railway Manager (Engg) S.E.Railway, Kharagpur-721301 for and on behalf of the President of India for the following works before 15.00 hrs. on the date mentioned against items and will be No.; Description of work; Tender Value Earnest Money:(1) E-KGP-WEST-09-2025: Execution of works of (i) Balichak Kharagpur: TRR(P)-5.555 Tkm, Kharagpur Tatanagar: TRR(P)-1.664 Tkm, (ii) Balichak Kharagpur: TRR(S) - 8.527 Tkm (iii) Balichak-Nimpura: TFR- 7.1 Tkm and iv) Balichak-Tatanagar: TBR-8.587 Tkn under the jurisdiction of Divisional Enginee West/Kharagpur: ₹ 2.09.34.459.24 ₹ 2,54,700/-. (2) E-KGP-WEST-10-2025; Balichak-Rakhamines : TTR - 130 sets and Kharagpur Yard : TTR - 73 sets under the haragpur; ₹ 2,89,23,923.25; ₹ 2,94,600/-(3) E-KGP-WEST-11-2025; Hiring of 04T capacity truck for 15 months and 10T capacity truck for 90 days for the use to transport of men and materials for Sr. Section Engineer (P. Way) under Assistant visional Engineer/Jhargram, (2nd call): ₹ 12,69,767.10; ₹ 25,400/-. (4) E-KGP-WEST-12-2025; Hiring of 04T capacity truck for 15 months and 10T capacity truck for 90 days for the use to transport of mer and materials for Sr. Section Engineer (F Way) under Assistant Divisional Engineer W/Kharagpur. (2nd call); ₹ 12,69,767.10 ₹ 25,400/-. **(5) E-KGP-HQ-09-2025**; Execution of Through Rail Renewal (Primary) i.e., TRR(P) of 8.25 Tr. Km. in the section of Panskura - Haldia section under the jurisdiction of Assistant Divisional Engineer/Tamluk (2nd Call): (6) E-KGP-EAST-23-2025; Execution of work of Through Ballast Renewal (TBR) 40.566 KM in Howrah-Kharagpur sectio under the jurisdiction of Divisional Engineer East/Kharagpur: ₹ 3.73.21.609.68 ₹ 3,36,600/-. (7) E-KGP-EAST-24-2025; Execution of work of Through Turnou Renewal (TTR) - 371 sets in Howrah Kharagpur section under the jurisdiction o Divisional Engineer/ East/Kharagpur ₹ 2.53.51.613.36; ₹ 2.76.800/-. (8) E-KGP EAST-25-2025; Manufacturing and Supply of Alumino Thermic welding portions of 60Kg/60EI-R260 grade rails (3035 Nos. as approved by RDSO and welding in-situ with single shot crucible as per IR Specification in connection with track renewal and maintenance work in Kharagpur division under the iurisdiction of Divisional Engineer/East/Kharagpur (Total 3485 Joints); ₹ 78,78,926.34 ₹ 1,57,600/-. **(9) E-KGP-EAST-26-2025**; Execution of work of Through Turnou Renewal (TTR) - 87 sets & Derailing Switch (DS)- 15 sets in Howrah-Kharagpur section under the jurisdiction of Divisional Engineer East/Kharagpur; ₹ 2,76,99,310.78 ₹ 2,88,500/-. **(10) E-KGP-EAST-27-2025**; Execution of work of painting of Rails

68.088 Tr. Km in Howrah-Kharagpur section

under the jurisdiction of Divisional Engineer

East/Kharagpur; ₹ 85,64,322.90;

₹ 1,71,300/-. Tender Document Cost

0.00 for each. Date of opening

08.04.2025 for sl. no. 1 to 4 and 10.04.2025

for sl. no. 5 to 10. Completion period of the work: 12 Months for sl. no. 1, 2, 6, 8 & 9: 15 Months for sl. no. 3 & 4: 08 Months

for sl. no. 5 and 06 Months for sl. no. 10.

Bidding start Date: From 25.03.2025 and upto 15.00 hrs. on 08.04.2025 for sl. no. 1 to 4 and From 27.03.2025 and upto 15.00 hrs. on 10.04.2025 for sl. no. 5 to 10.

Interested Tenderers may visit website www.ireps.gov.in for full details/descrip-

tions/specifications of the Tenders and

submit their bids online. In no case manual

tenders for these works will be accepted

N.B. Prospective Bidders may regularly

risit "www.ireps.gov.in" to participate

all tenders.

Prayers and Iftar on the death anniversary of Pir Ibrahim Siddiqui in Furfura

Mohammad Nurul Islam

zoor's

Furfura Darbar Sharif on Thursday. Like every year, an Iftar Majlis is held on this day. A large crowd gathered on the occasion of the death anniversary of Pir Saheb in a colorful atmosphere. Pir Hazrat Abdullah Siddiqui prayed for the repose of his soul. Once again, the Israeli leader has killed thousands of innocent children exploding inhuman bombs in the Gaza Strip! Expressing strong condemnation, Pir prayed for the helpless Palestine. Prayers were also offered for the welfare, peace and harmony of all the people of the world. Pir Zada Sawban Siddiqui, Pir Zada Mujahid Siddiqui, Pir Zada Minhaj Siddiqui and numerous Pir Sahebs attended the meeting. In addition to prominent figures of the society and education enthusiasts, countless students were present. Pir Saheb was very fond of orphans, helpless and poor students.

Four years ago, Pir Sahib

passed away on this day.

Iftar and Prayer Majlis held in

Kulpir Srinagar, South 24 Parganas

Mohammad Nurul Islam

A large crowd gathered at the Iftar Mahfil under the ini-

tiative of Pirzada Maulana Mosfekin Siddiqui. Pirzada

Muntakim Siddiqui, Maulana Mufti Mujahid Islam Sahib,

Maulana Mufti Sajidur Rahman Sahib, Maulana Mufti

Amanullah Sahib, Maulana Abu Hossain Sahib, Maulana

Abu Ansari Sahib, Maulana Ziaur Rahman Sahib,

Maulana Kalimullah Jihadi Sahiband, Maulana Abdul-

Odisha govt marks shock-free

zone to curb poaching in HWD

MI News Service, Cuttack: Odisha government's Hirakud

Wildlife Division (HWD) has declared the 100km contin-

uous boundary of the Debrigarh sanctuary located in

western Odisha as a "shock-free and zero electrocution

zone". The step was possible with the help of the eco-de-

velopment committees of 68 villages located near the

sanctuary. With this, the wildlife division hopes no more

animals die at the hands of poachers due to electrocution

the western part of Debrigarh. "The rest of the boundary

is flanked by the Hirakud Reservoir and the wetlands.

This 100km is flanked by 68 villages (with a population

ranging from 200 to 1000 in each village) bordering the

sanctuary and fully dependent on Debrigarh for day-to-

day activities. The people have joined hands together and

have agreed to make this critical area shock-free." Divi-

sional Forest Officer (DFO) Hirakud Wildlife Division (De-

brigarh Sanctuary), Anshu Pragyan Das told. She said:

"Several poaching incidents of Schedule One species in-

cluding the Bengal Tiger and leopards died in this zone

due to electrocution in the last decade. Sixty-eight vil-

lages are predominantly agriculture-oriented and have

put electric hooks for saving crops from depredation as

well as for the poaching of wild boar for meat." The DFO

maintained, "As there is regular movement of animals

from the sanctuary outside during dawn and dusk, mak-

ing this zone free from electrocution was essential. Metal

detectors and live wire detectors are in regular use by 12

patrolling teams comprising 72 squads with six vehicles

engaged for this purpose. The DFO said, "The Debrigarh

boundary (western side) is flanked by villages and this

area is prone to traps/snares/electric hooking for poach-

ing wild animals. Traps, snares, and electric hooks,

sometimes 500 metres long, have also been recovered

from the sanctuary boundary. So, with the support of 68

villages and Debrigarh patrolling units, we have made it

a Zero-Eletrocution Zone and Shock-Free Zone. We will

maintain this boundary area as well."She said, "When

one animal in a herd (Deer or any other animal) falls in

a trap/snare or electric hook, it also causes stress/shock

to other animals of the herd. Zero poaching will increase

the animal population in the sanctuary by 20 to 30 per

cent." To involve the people in the movement to protect

the animals, the EDC elections in 68 villages were con-

ducted during February 2025 and new presidents were

elected in the presence of Debrigarh authorities, with a

vision to make this border shock-free for animals.

The zone covers a 100km continuous boundary on

lahil Maroof Sahib were in support

in the sanctuary



Pir Abdullah Siddiqui, the eldest son of Pir Baro Huzoor, prayed at the meet-Pirzada Sawban Siddiqui and Pirzada Mujahid Siddiqui and numer-Pirsahebs were present at the meeting. Prominent figures of the society, educationists and students were present. Akhlake Rasul Hazrat Pir Sahib was a social reformer. He himself built about 70 educational institutions and served the common people by establishing various social welfare organizations. He also built Mohabbatun Nesa Madrasah for women. He was an infantry soldier following the footsteps of Pir Hazrat Dada Huzoor. He

managed hundreds of educational institutions established by Pir Baro Huzoor smoothly along with that vast empire. He spoke little in an elegant manner. He always spoke to people with a smile. He was a dedicated soul for the poor and helpless. The devotees used to sit in a circle due to his love. It goes without saying that the handsome man with a radiant face attracted people. He used to offer the last prayer in the threeday historic meeting of Furfura. He used to conduct the Zikr Majlis. The Islamic thinker and famous Pir Saheb of the subcontinent passed away at the age of 72. Abul Yatim,

who was not interested in self-promotion, advised the common people to follow the right path of the Quran. He used to speak in a short and elegant manner. On the occasion of his death anniversary, meetings and prayer meetings were held in different parts of the state along Furfura. Prayer meetings have been held in many places in the subcontinent for him. Many of his miracles in life are spread by word of mouth. Suddenly one day he had a attack. He was

rushed to the hospital. A pacemaker inserted.He was in complete rest. One day when he went to attend a meeting to hold a small prayer . He rose up on the stage and gave a long 4-hour sermon. The doctors were surprised! They said, is this a human being? Or something else! The doctors were overwhelmed with gratitude. But the Pir Sahib smiled and paid his respects. Pirzada Saifullah

Siddiqui, Pirzada Minhaj

Siddiqui, Pirzada Mehrab

Siddiqui, Syed Sajjad Hos-

sain and many other Pir

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<u>আমুমোক্তার নামা</u>

শ্রী শান্তি রুইদাস পিতা ৺হারাধন রুইদাস, সাকিম

নাকিড়াপাড়া, পোড়াবাজার, ধনিয়াখালী, হুগলী ৭১২৩০৫, মহাশয় বিগত ইং ২৩/০৮/২০২৩

রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত I-8076/2023 নং আমমোক্তা দলিলমুলে আমাদেরকে (ক)জহির বক্স পিড

মরহম জাহান বক্স, সাকিম আলিপুর, দাদপু

গলী-৭১২৩০৫ ও খ**)শ্রী শুকদেব ধাড়া** পিঁ

কাুনাই ধাড়া সাকিম ধেমুয়া, মাকালপুর, দাদপুর

গলী-৭১২৩০৫) ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত আমমোক্রা

যুক্ত করেন ও নিম্ন তপশীল বর্নিত সম্পত্তি উত্ত

া মামমোক্তার নামা বলে আমরা দুইটি পৃথক পৃথক

বিক্রয় কোবালা দলিল মূলে যথাঃ ক)বিগত ই ০৫/০৪/২০২৪ তারিখে ডি.এস.আর.-I, সদর

ালী, অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত I-3198/2024 ন

বিক্রয় কোবালা দলিল মূলে **শ্রী রহিত কুমার সাং** পিতা শ্রী নন্দু লালু সাহু সাকিম মঙ্গলগড়

হাসানপুর, সমস্তিপুর, বিহার-৮৪৮২০৮ মহাশয়ে ১ কাঠা এবং খ)বিগত ইং ১৯/০৬/২০২৪ তারিং

ডি.এস.আর.-II, সদর, হুগলী, অফিরে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত I-1612/2024 নং বিক্রয় কোবাল

লিল মূলে **শ্রী রোশন কুমার** পিতা শ্রী ক্রান্তি শা

নাল্য বুলো প্রাপ্তেশন বুলার দিও প্রাথনিত না সাকিম বিকটিয়া, মহেশকুঠ, খাগাড়িয়া, বিহার ৮৫১২১০ মহাশয়কে ১ কাঠা ১১ ছটাক সম্পধি বিক্রয় করিয়াছি। <u>তপশিল</u> - জেলা হগলী, থান ধনিয়াখালী, মৌজা নাকিড়াপাড়া, জে. এল ন

২০৯ হাল এল আর ১০৫৮ নং খতিয়ানে

সাবেক ৪৭৭ তথা হাল এল.আর. ৬১৬ নং দার্বে

শালি জমি ষোল আনায় ৩৯ শতক তন্মং

০.৫০০০ অংশে ১৯.৫০ শতক আমমোক্তারক

ম্পত্তির মধ্যে উক্ত দুইটি কোবালা দলিলে (

২.৭৮৪৪ শতক) বিক্রয়কৃত সম্পত্তি হইতেছে

এতদ্বারা সকলকে অবগত করা যাইতেছে যে

এতথারা সকলকে অবগত করা খাবতেছে যে, ক)প্রীরহিত কুমার সাহ পিতা প্রী নন্দ লাল সাহ ও খ)প্রী রোশন কুমার পিতা প্রী ক্রান্তি শাহ তাহাদের উক্ত খরিদা সম্পত্তি নিজ নিজ নামে নাম পত্তন করিবার জন্য বি.এল এ্যান্ড এল.আর.ও ধনিয়াখালী ব্লুক অফিসে আবেদন করিয়াছেন/

করিতেছেন, ইহাতে কাহারও কোন আইনানুগত আপত্তি থাকিলে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রচার হইবার ১ মাসের

াধ্যে সংশ্লিষ্ঠ অফিসে আপত্তি জানাইতে

ারিবেন, অন্যথায় নিয়ম অনুসারে কার্য্য হইবে।

া৷ বিজ্ঞপ্তি ৷৷

<u>আমমোক্তার নামা</u>

১)শ্রী প্রশান্ত ঘোষ ওরফে প্রশান্ত শেখর ঘোষ পিতা ৺সুধাংশু শেখর ঘোষ, ২)শ্রীমতী রত্না ঘোষ

স্থামী ৺শশাঙ্ক শেখর ঘোষ, ৩)শ্রীমতী সোমা ঘোষ স্থামী শ্রী কৌস্তভ ঘোষ, ৪)শ্রীমতী জয়ন্তী

মিত্র স্বামী শ্যামসুন্দর মিত্র, ৫)শ্রীমতী মৌমিতা

নাথা স্থামী প্রী দেবরাজ নাগ, ৬) গ্রী সুপ্রতিক বাসু পিতা ৺অজিত কুমার বাসু, ৭) গ্রীমতী অঞ্জলি ঘোষ স্থামী ৺হর প্রসাদ ঘোষ, ৮) গ্রী চন্দন কুমার দেব পিতা ডঃ প্রশান্ত কুমার দেব, ৯) গ্রীমতী স্থপা কর স্থামী প্রী আশীষ্ট কুমার কর মহাশয়/

মহাশয়াগণ বিগত ইং ২০১৬ সালে এ.আর.এ. III, কলকাতা অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত IV

06200/2016 নং আমমোক্তার দলিল মূর্বে

আমাকে (শ্রী সুশান্ত ঘোষ ওরফে সুশান্ত শেখর ঘোষ পিতা ৺সুধাংশু শেখর ঘোষ, সাকিম

FE466, সেক্টর-III, সল্টলেক, বিধাননগর

ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত আমমোক্তার নিযুক্ত করেন ও নম্নবর্ণিত তপশীল সম্পত্তি উক্ত আমমোক্তারনাম

9 স্বয়ং ক্ষমতা বলে আমি বিগত ইং ১৯/০৩/২০২১ তারিখে ডি.এস.আর-II, সদর, হগলী, অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত I-1951/2021 নুং

বিক্রয় কোবালা দলিল মূলে **রূপা খাতুন** স্বামী আব্দুল লহিল বাকি খন্দেকর সাকিম দাড়পুর

নাদপুর, হগলী-৭১২৩০৫ মহাশয়াকে ৩০ শতব সম্পত্তি বিক্রয় করিয়াছি।<u>তপশীল</u> – জেলা হগলী

ধানা দাদপুর, মৌজা দাঁড়পুর, জে.এল. ৬৪, হা

এল. আর ৯২, ১২৪, ১৩৩, ১৩৪, ১৫০, ১৬১ ২৪৯, ২৮৮ ও ২৮৯ নং খতিয়ানে, সাবেক ৫৩

তথা হাল ৫৭৩ দাগে শালি জমি ষোল আনায়

০.৬৫ একর তন্মধ্যে ০.৩০ একর বা ৩০ শতব অত্র দলিলে আমমোক্তারনামা বলে বিক্রয়কৃত

সম্পত্তি হইতেছে। এতদ্বারা সকলকে অবগত ক

যাইতেছে যে, **রূপা খাতন** স্বামী আব্দল লহি

াকি খন্দেকর উক্ত খরিদা সম্পত্তি নিজ নামে না

পত্তন করিবার জন্য বি.এল এ্যান্ড এল.আর.৬

পোলবা-দাদপুর ব্লক অফিসে আবেদন করিয়াছেন/

করিতেছেন, ইহাতে কাহারও কোন আইনানুগর

পত্তি থাকিলে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রচার হইবার ১ মাত্রে

মধ্যে সংশ্লিষ্ঠ অফিসে আপত্তি জানাইতে

পারিবেন, অন্যথায় নিয়ম অনুসারে কার্য্য হইবে।

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ওরফে সুশান্ত শেখর ঘোষ

কলকাতা-৭০০১০৬

মার্কেট,

ইতি- ক) জহির বক্স, খ) শ্রী শুকদেব ধাড়া

কাঠা বা ০৮.২৫ শতক ও ১ কাঠা ১১ ছটাক

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।। বিজ্ঞপ্তি ।। আমমোক্তার নামা এবং ২) শ্রীমতী মৌমিতা নাগ স্বামী শ্রী দেবরাজ নাগ, মহাশয়/মহাশয়াগণ বিগত ইং ২০১৬ সালে এ.আর.এ.-III, কলকাতা অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত IV-06200/2016 নং আমমোক্তার দলিল মুন্তে ামাকে (শ্রী সুশান্ত ঘোষ ওরফে সুশান্ত শেখর ঘোষ পিতা ৺সুধাংশু শেখর ঘোষ. সাকি FE466, সেক্টর-III, সল্টলেক, বিধাননগর মার্কেট. আমমোক্তার নিযুক্ত করেন নিম্নবর্ণিত তপশীল সম্পত্তি উক্ত আমমোক্তারনায লিল বলে আমি বিগত ইং ২৫/১০/২০২১ রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত I-11697/2021 নং বিক্রয় কোবালা দলিল মূলে Sravasti Udyog Viniyog Pvt. Ltd.-এর পক্ষে ভাইরেক্টর শ্রী সাকিম $4^{
m th}$ ফ্লোর, শ্রী ভিনায়ক এপার্টমেন্ট, ং রোল্যান্ড রোড, এলগিন রোড, বালিগঞ্জ লকাতা-৭০০০২০ মহাশয়কে ২৮ শতক ম্পত্তি বিক্রয় করিয়াছি।তপশীল – জেলা হুগলী, থানা দাদপুর, মৌজা দাঁড়পুর, জে.এল. ৬৪, হাল এল. আর ১২৪ ও ১৩৪ নং খতিয়ানে, সাবেক তথা হাল ৫ নং দাগে শালি জমি ২৮ শতক অন্ত দলিলে আমমোক্তারনামা বলে বিক্রয়কৃত সম্পত্তি হইতেছে। এতদ্বারা সকলকে অবগত কর যাইতেছে যে, Sravasti Udyog Viniyog Pvt. Ltd.-এর পক্ষে ভাইরেক্টর শ্রী আয়ুষ **গাল্যান** পিতা রাজেশ কুমার আগরয়াল উত্ ু প্রিদা সম্পুত্তি নিজ নামে নাম পুত্রন কবিবাব জন্য i.এল এ্যান্ড এল.আর.ও পোলবা-দাদপুর ব্লক মফিসে আবেদন করিয়াছেন/করিতেছেন, ইহাতে চাহারও কোন আইনানুগত আপত্তি থাকিলে বজ্ঞপ্তি প্রচার হইবার ১ মাসের মধ্যে সংশ্লিষ্ াফিসে আপত্তি জানাইতে পারিবেন, অন্যথায় ায়ম অনুসারে কার্য্য হইবে। ইতি-

গ্রী সুশান্ত ঘোষ ওরফে সুশান্ত শেখর ঘোষ আমমোক্তার

।। বিজ্ঞপ্তি ।।

<u>আমমোক্তার নামা</u>

ে)শ্রী প্রশান্ত ঘোষ ওরফে প্রশান্ত শেখর ঘোষ

তা ৺সুধাংশু শেখর ঘোষ, **২)শ্রীমতী রত্না ঘো**ষ স্বামী ৺শশাঙ্ক শেখর ঘোষ, ৩)শ্রীমতী সোমা ঘোষ স্বামী শ্রী কৌন্তভ ঘোষ, ৪)শ্রীমতী জয়ন্তী মিত্র স্বামী শ্যামসুন্দর মিত্র, ৫)শ্রীমতী মৌমিতা নাগ স্বামী শ্রী দেবরাজ নাগ, ৬)শ্রী সুপ্রতিক বা পিতা ৺অজিত কুমার বাসু, ৭)শ্রীমতী অঞ্জনি ঘোষ স্বামী ৺হর প্রসাদ ঘোষ, ৮)শ্রী চন্দন কুমার দেব পিতা ডঃ প্রশান্ত কুমার দেব, ৯)শ্রীমতী স্বপ্না কর স্বামী শ্রী আশীষ কুমার কর মহাশয় মহাশয়াগণ বিগত ইং ২০১৬ সালে এ.আর.এ. III, কলকাতা অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত IV 06200/2016 নং আমমোক্তার দলিল মুৰে আমাকে (শ্রী সুশান্ত ঘোষ ওরফে সুশান্ত শেখর ঘোষ পিতা ভসুধাংশু শেখর ঘৌষ, সাকিম FE466, সেক্টর-III, সল্টলেক, বিধাননগর আই.বি. মার্কেট, কলকাতা-৭০০১০৬) ক্ষমতাপ্রার্থ আমমোক্তার নিযুক্ত করেন ও নিম্নবর্ণিত তপশীল সম্পত্তি উক্ত আমমোক্তারনামা ও স্বয়ং ক্ষমত বলে আমি বিগত ইং ১৮/০৩/২০২১ তারিখে ডি.এস.আর-II, সদর, হগলী, অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত I-1869/2021 নং বিক্রয় কোবালা দলিল মূলে **আব্দুল লহিল বাকি খন্দেকর** পিত রুহল আমিন খন্দেকর সাকিম দাঁড়পুর, দাদপুর হুগলী-৭১২৩০৫ মহাশয়াকে ৩৫ শতক সম্পতি বিক্রয় করিয়াছি। <u>তপশীল</u> – জেলা হুগলী, থান দাদপুর, মৌজা দাঁড়পুর, জে.এল. ৬৪, হার্ল এল. আর ৯২, ১২৪, ১৩৩, ১৩৪, ১৫০, ১৬১, ২৪৯, ২৮৮ ও ২৮৯ নং খতিয়ানে, সাবেক ৫৩৫ তথা হাল ৫৭৩ দাগে শালি জমি ষোল আনায় ০.৬৫ দলিলে আমুমোক্তারনামা বলে বিক্রয়কত সম্পত্তি হইতেছে। এতদ্বারা সকলকে অবগত করা যাইতেছে যে, **আব্দুল লহিল বাকি খন্দেকর** পিতা ভ্ৰুল আমিন খন্দেক্ব উক্ত খবিদা সম্পত্তি নিজ নামে নাম পত্তন করিবার জন্য বি.এল এ্যান্ড এল.আর.ও পোলবা-দাদপুর ব্লক অফিসে আবেদন করিয়াছেন/করিতেছেন, ইহাতে কাহারও কান আইনানুগত আপত্তি থাকিলে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রচার হুটুবার ১ মাসের মধ্যে সংশ্রিষ্ঠ অফিসে আপ্রতি জানাইতে পারিবেন, অন্যথায় নিয়ম অনুসারে

কাৰ্য্য হইবে।

E-tender Notice

The sealed tenders are invited from the agenecies for the NIT no NIT REF NO- 30/ CH-II PS/ 2024-25 DT. 19.03. 2025 (Tender ID:- 2025_ZPHD_829202_1 1) for more details please log into www. wbtenders. gov.in or contact with office of the Chanditala II Panchayat Samiti.

Executive Officer Chanditala-II Panchayat Samiti Hooghly

KULTALI PANCHAYAT SAMITY

Tenders are here by invited by the

undersigned for différent works vide Tender ref. no- 08/KUL/S24PGS 2025, 09/KUL/S24PGS/2025 & 10/ KUL/S24PGS/2025, Dt.- 20/03/ 2025. Last date of submission- 29 03/2025, 04/04/2025 & 29/03/2025 up to 6:55 PM For More details please visit www.wbtenders.gov.ir & Kultali Panchayat Samity.

Executive Officer Kultali Panchayat Samity

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION REGARDING ENERGIZATION

Notice is hereby given to all users of Railway lines and premises situated on the completed sections of the undernoted section of the Eastern Railway that the 25000 volts, 50 Hz., A.C. overhead traction feeder wire will be energized on or after 25.03.2025. On & from 25.03.2025 the overhead traction feeder line shall be treated as live at all times and no unauthorized person shall approach or work in the proximity of the said overhead line.

Section: Commissioning of converted SSP to SP at Gocharan to segregate the feed of Hotar/TSS and Lakshmikantapur/TSS with UP and DN Line feeder wire for erection of neutral section, for UP Line from Gocharan (Km. 35.994 from Sealdah) to Gocharan (Km. 36.784 from Sealdah) and for DN Line from Gocharan (Km. 36.000 from Sealdah) to Gocharan (Km. 37.268 from Sealdah) in Sealdah-Lakshmikantapur section of Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway for public carriage of Goods & Passengers Traffic (Electrified Section). Date of Energization: 25.03.2025

'WARNING TO ROAD USERS'

It is notified for information of the Public that in connection with introduction of 25000 Volt. AC. Electric Traction over the above mentioned section of Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway, height gauges have been erected at the level crossing No. 11E/A-3 with clear height of 4.78 m above road level with a view to prevent loads of excessive height from coming into contact or dangerous proximity to live traction wire. Public are hereby notified to observe the height specified above for the purpose of loading vehicles and to see that the loads carried n road vehicles do not infringe the height gauges under any circumstances. The dangers of a load of excessive height are as follows: (i) Danger to the height gauge and consequent obstruction to the road as well as the railway line. (ii) Danger to the materials or equipment carried or the vehicle itself. (iii) Danger of fire and risk of life due to contact with or dangerous proximity to the conductors.

Chief Electrical Engineer/Con/Kolkata

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আইনানুগ পারেন,অন্যথায Alok kumar Bhattacharya

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মাসের মধ্যে B.L & LRO ডোমজড

Advocate

অফিস এর নিকট আপিল

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

Notice inviting e-Tender 2 (Two) no wor of 15th FC Fund FY-2024-25 & 3 (Three no work of 5th FC Fund FY-2024-2 Within Bargachia-I Gram Panchayat Wibe available at https://wbtenders.gov.in.) 2025 ZPHD 828805 1 (15th FC) 1) 2025_ZPHD_8288U5_1 (15th FC) 2) 2025_ZPHD_8288H_1 (15th FC) 1) 2025 ZPHD_828843_1 (5th SFC) 2) 2025_ZPHD_828845_1 (5th SFC) 3 ZPHD_828845_1 (5th SFC) 3 2025_ZPHD_8288_52_1 (5th SFC) Bic Submission Start Date (online) End Date (online): 25/03/2025 at 04:00 P.M. Bid Opening Date (online): 28/03 2025 at 11:00 A.M.

Sd/-Prodhan Bargachia-I Gram Panchayat

Metro Railway, Kolkata

E-Auction Sale is invited by Principal Chief Materials Manage for disposal of Released and Scrap Materials of Metro Railway Kolkata for the month of APR/25 on 11.04.2025 & 23.04.2025 MAY/25 on 14.05.2025 & 28.05.2025, JUNE/25 on 12.06.2025 & 25.06.2025.

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আমমোক্তারনামা

মৌজা- ইসমালপুর, জে.এল. নং- ৭৬। ইসমালপুর মৌজায় সমস্ত সম্পত্তি আমমোক্তারনামা দলিল মলে হস্তান্তরের ক্ষমতা প্রদান করিয়াছেন আমমোক্তার দলিল নং- IV- 467, 2011 সাল।

(১) আমমোক্তার দাতা- ১) পশুপতি ফৌজদার, ২) লক্ষ্মী ফৌজদার উভয়ের পিতা- তুষ্টুপদ ফৌজদার, ৩) কুব্জা ফৌজদার, ৪) গোপাল ফৌজদার, ৫) মধুসুধন ফৌজদার, উভয়ের পিতা- বলরাম ফৌজদার ৬) মতিলাল ফৌজদার, পিতা- কৃষ্ণধন ফৌজদার, ৭) কুন্ধা ফৌজদার, স্বাঃ-ভূতনাথ ফৌজদার।

আমমোক্তার প্রহীতা - পরাগ ফৌজদার, পিতা - শৈলেন্দ্রনাথ ফৌজদার, সকলের সাং + পোঃ- নয়াচক, থানা- পাঁচলা, জেলা- হাওডা। মৌজা- সিদ্ধেশ্বর, জে.এল. নং- ৬৪। দাগ নং- 1316, খতিয়ান নং- 869 পরিমাণ- II শতক, শ্রেণি- বাঁশকাড়।

আমমোক্তার দলিল নং- 050800691, তারিখ- 28.02.24 (A.D.S.R.

(২) আমমোক্তার দাতা- ১) বিশ্বনাথ ঘড়া, ২) নিমাই চন্দ্র ঘড়া, উভয়ের পিতা- মাখম ঘড়া, ৩) কল্পনা ঘড়া, স্বামী- জনদেব ঘড়া, ৪) রেবতী ঘড়া স্বামী-কাশীনাথ ঘড়া. ৫) নাকেশ ঘড়া. স্বামী-কাশীনাথ ঘড়া. ৬) সন্ধ্যারানী মালা, স্বামী- সঞ্জীব মালা, ৭) মালতী মন্ডল, স্বামী- কাজল মন্ডল, ৮) শম্প দাস, স্বামী- সমীর দাস, ৯) আরতী চৌধুরী, স্বামী- অস্টপদ চৌধুরী

১ থেকে ৬ এবং ৯ নং-এর সাং + পোঃ- জুজারসাহা, থানা- পাঁচলা হাওড়া- ৭ নং'এর সাং- শ্রীরামপুর, হুগলি, ৮ নং'এর সাং- আমবাগান দূর্গাপুর, বর্ধমান।

উক্ত দু'টি আমমোক্তার দ্বারা মিউটেশন করিলে যদি কারও কোনওরূপ আপত্তি থাকে তা হইলে প্রমাণ-সহ এক মাসের মধ্যে বি.এল এভ এল.আর অফিসে যোগাযোগ করিবেন।

ইতি- শ্রী সুশান্ত ঘোষ BDO Kh-II/2024-25 (2nd Call), ওরফে সুশান্ত শেখর ঘোষ Date: 19.03.2025. Tender ID: আমমোক্তার 2025_ ZPHD_828885_1 to 3 **Nij Narajole Gram Panchayat** for ACR, Dining Shed & Toilet.

Under Daspur-I Dev. Block Harirajur, Daspur, Paschim Medinipur Notice Inviting e-Tender

elopment work under BEUP Fund vide e-Tender No. WBPMID/NGP/GP/NIT-27/2024-25, Date 19.03.2025. Bid submission Start Date (Online) : 19/03/2025 at 05.00 P.M. Bid submission Closing Date (Online): 25/03/2025 up to 06.55 P.M Bid Opening Date (Online): 28/03/2025 at 11.00 A.M. For all other deails visit website www.wbtenders.gov.in and undersigned G.P. office

> Pradhan Nij Narajole Gram Panchayat

Additional EMU Special Trains on the night of **IPL T-20 Cricket Matches at Eden Gardens**

To clear the anticipated rush of spectators witnessing IPL T-20 (Dav & Night) cricket matches to be held at Eden Gardens, two additional EMU Special trains will run between Prinsep Ghat & Barasat and B.B.D. Bag & Baruipur on the intervening night of 22/23.03.2025, 23/24.05.2025 & 25/26.05.2025 as per timings mentioned below

| Station | Prinsep Ghat-Barasat | BBD Bag-Baruipur | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| | EMU Special Train on | EMU Special Train on | |
| | 22.03.25, 23.05.25 & 25.05.25 | 23.03.25, 24.05.25 & 26.05.25 | |
| Barasat | 01.00 | _ | |
| Madhyamgram | 00.53 | _ | |
| Birati | 00.44 | _ | |
| DumDum Cant. | 00.38 | _ | |
| Dum Dum Jn. | 00.32 | _ | |
| Kolkata | 00.19 | _ | |
| Bagbazar | 00.11 | _ | |
| B.B.D. Bag | 23.59-00.00 | 00.02 | |
| Eden Gardens | 23.55-56 | 00.06-07 | |
| Prinsep Ghat | 23.50 | 00.12 | |
| Majerhat | _ | 00.23-25 | |
| New Alipur Kolkata | _ | 00.28 | |
| Mile-5B Cabin | _ | 00.33 | |
| Ballygunge | _ | 00.50-01.00 | |
| Sonarpur | - | 01.17 | |
| Baruipur | _ | 01.32 | |

The above EMU Speical trains will stop at all stations en-route. Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah

Eastern Railway

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| Sr. No | | Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession | Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs) | Name of Branch |
| 1. | Biplab Das/ Surekha Biswal/ 4/39, Kumar Para Road Near Liluah Police Station District Howrah West Bengal Howrah- 711204/ LBCAL00005518267/ LBCAL00005639798/ LBCAL00005639798/ LBCAL0000607097 | Holding No. 90/5, Rabindra Sarani, "Tirupati Apartment", Ground Floorone Complete Shop Room Being Shop No. 2, R.A. and L.R. Dag Nos. 2182 And 2183, R.S. Khatian No. 840, L.R. Khatian No. 5905, J.L. No. 12, Ward No. 28, Bally Municipality, P.S. Liluah, Mouza Liluah, District Howrah, West BengaL (Admeasuring an area of 500 Square Feet Including Super Built Up Area Together With Undivided Impartible Proportionate Share of Land/ Date of Symbolic 15.03.2025 | November 20,2024 Rs. 28,95,822.60/- | Howrah/ Bhuba- neswar |
| 2. | Suman Dhar/ Dola Rani Dhar/ 2/153A Bijaygarh, P.O. Jadavpur Univerity Police Station Jadavpur, Dist. South 24 Parganas, Kolkata- 700032/ LBCAL00006001260 | Flat No. 22, 2nd Floor, Premises No. 74/1/36, Jadavpur Central Road Postal Address 1/25, Bijoygarh, Municipal Ward No. 96, Kolkata Municipal Corporation, E.P. No. 34, S.P. No. 214, C.S. Plot No. 1810P, 6908P, J.L No. 39, 36, Mouza Arakpur, P.S. Jadavpur, District South 24 Parganas, Kolkata 700032, West Bengal Admeasuring an area of Flat Measuring About 472 Sq. Ft. Super Built Up Area Alongwith Undivided Proportionate Sahe And Interest of Land And Common Areas./ Date of Symbolic 17.03.2025 | December 19, 2024 Rs. 12,67,103.70/- | Kolkata |
| 3. | Anthony Dilip Rozario/ Clare Rikta Rozario/ 17 Serang Lane, Entaly Near Taltala Bazar West Bengal Kolkata- 700014/ LBCAL00001096151 | Flat No. 5A on The 5th Floor, Block No. II , Premises No. 84A, A. J.C Bose Road, Holding No. 151, Calcutta Municipal Corporation, Ward No. 53, P.S. Taltala South Division of Town of Calcutta, Registration Office Kolkata, West Bengal. Admeasuring an area of Area 1392 Sq. Ft. Super Built Up Area Be The Same A Little More or Less Together With One Car Parking Space on The Ground Floor./ Date of Symbolic 17.03.2025 | 24/10/2024 Rs. 15,02,371.74/- | Kolkata |

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 21, 2025 Place: Howrah & Kolkata

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Study reveals possible new cause of stomach cancer

carefully examined somatic mutations in stomach lining tissue to uncover mutational mechanisms that can lead

The scientists also discovered evidence of a possible new cause of stomach cancer, which warrants further

Researchers at the Wellcome Sanger Institute, Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, the University of Hong their collaborators sequenced the whole genomes of normal stomach lining samples from people with and without gastric cancer.

The team found that despite regular exposure to the acidic contents of the stomach, the gastric lining is protected from any toxic effects. They discovered that cells with 'driver' mutations in cancer genes occupy almost 10 per cent of the gastric lining by age 60. Plus an unusual discovery that some individuals, but not all, had mutations resulting in three copies of certain chromosomes, hinting towards exposure to an unknown mutagen.

The results add to a map of mutations in normal tissue from the gastrointestinal tract. This work enables researchers to explore fundamental mutational processes, compare mutation rates across the body, and further understand the earliest stages of cancer development.

Stomach cancer, also known as gastric cancer, is the fifth most common cancer worldwide, with nearly one milleading cause of cancer-related deaths globally,2 with the highest number of cases in East Asia and South America.

Factors that increase the risk of developing stomach cancer include being overweight, smoking and infection with the bacterium, Helicobacter pylori, which can trigger inflammation and stomach ulcers. H. pylori infection causes around 40 per cent of stomach cancers in the UK.

The stomach contents are acidic, as it acts as a reservoir at the first stage of processing food for digestion. The layer of cells that line the stomach - the gastric epithelium - form gastric glands, or pits, and these contain the cells that can give rise to stomach cancer.

The cells in our body acquire genetic changes, known as somatic mutations, throughout our lifetime. With new DNA sequencing technologies, researchers can now analyse these mutations in normal tissues and trace them back over time, providing insights into ageing and the earliest stages of cancer development.

In a new study, Sanger Institute researchers and their collaborators set out to investigate somatic mutations within the gastric epithelium to explore the transition between normal agerelated mutations, and those that go on to form stomach cancer.

The team sequenced the whole genomes of 238 samples of normal, non-cancerous gastric gland tissue from the stomachs of 30 people from



Hong Kong, the United States and the UK, of whom 18 had gastric cancer and 12 did not.4 With laser capture microdissection, they used a laser to precisely dissect individual cells, or glands, from the stomach lining samples for genome sequencing.

The researchers found that despite regular exposure to the acidic contents of the stomach, mutations in normal gastric glands were generated at a similar rate to most cells of the body. This suggests the cells in the gastric epithelium are protected against any toxic effects of the acidic stomach contents.

However, in people with gastric cancer, some of the glands from the normal, non-cancerous stomach lining showed changes under the microscope that resembled the early stages of transitioning to cancer. These normal glands had increased numbers of mutations, which may have conmutations were much higher, showing that gastric cancers massively accelerate mutations later during their development. An unusual finding was that some of the stomach lining cells carried three copies of certain chromosomes - chromosomes 13, 18 and 20 known as trisomy. This has not been seen in other tissues in previous studies, suggesting it is unique to the stomach. Trisomies were found multiple times in some of the individuals, but not present in others. This implies these individuals may have been exposed to an unknown, external

The team also found that 'driver' mutations5 in cancer genes, many of which are known to be mutated in gastric cancer, occupy almost 10 per cent of the stomach lining by age 60. This proportion increases when patients experience severe chronic inflammation, a known risk factor for gastric cancer. Therefore this provides a question for further research into the mechanism by which chronic inflammation increases the risk of gastric cancer.

Dr Tim Coorens, first author previously at the Wellcome Sanger Institute and now at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, said, "By studying somatic mutations in normal tissues, which we acquire over our lifetimes, we can explore the earliest stages of cancer development. We found that despite constant exposure to acidic stomach cer, we see higher numbers of mutations in normal cells, resembling the earliest stages of stomach cancer. This research adds to a mutation map of the gastrointestinal tract, including the oesophagus, stomach, small intestine and colon, to compare mutation rates and mutational processes across the body." Professor Suet Yi Leung, co-lead author at the University of Hong Kong shared, "We discovered an unusual phenomenon, where some individuals had three copies of certain chromosomes - known as trisomy - whereas others did not. We've not seen this in any other tissue, and it hints towards an unknown, external mutagen that only some of these people may have been exposed to.

Professor Sir Mike Stratton, co-lead author at the Wellcome Sanger Institute, said, "Ten years ago, we knew very little about the fundamental processes of mutations that are occurring in our bodies. Now with advanced genome sequencing technologies, we can investigate somatic mutations in all cell types, across various normal tissues. This enables us to look back at the evolution of our cells over a lifetime, to understand the key mutational processes that can lead to cancer. At the Sanger Institute we are leading the way in investigating the causes and consequences of somatic mutations, and exploring the possibility that somatic mutations may also contribute

Air pollution makes it difficult for bees to find flowers: Research

Washington DC [US] : According to a new study, air pollution prevents bees from finding flowers because it degrades the scent.

A research team comprising the UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (UKCEH) and the Universities of Birmingham, Reading, Surrey and Southern Queensland, found that ozone substantially changes the size and scent of floral odour plumes given off by flowers, and that it reduced honeybees' ability to recogniseodours by up to 90% from just a few metres away.

Ground-level ozone typically forms when nitrogen oxide emissions from vehicles and industrial processes react with volatile organic compounds emitted from vegetation in the presence of sun-

Professor Christian Pfrang University Birmingham who collaborated on the research said: "Our study provides robust evidence that the changes due to ground-level ozone on floral scent cause pollinators to struggle to carry out their crucial role in the natural environment also with implications for food security.'

The findings suggest that ozone is likely to be having a negative impact on wildflower abunand crop yields. ional research has dance International already established that ozone has a negative impact on food production because it damages plant growth. Dr Ben Langford, an atmospheric scientist at UKCEH who led the study said: "Some 75% of our food crops and nearly 90% of wild flowering plants depend, to some extent, upon animal pollination, particularly by insects. Therefore, understanding what adversely affects pollination, and how, is essential to helping us preserve the critical services that we reply upon for production of food, textiles, biofuels and medicines, for example.

The researchers used a 30-m wind tunnel at Surrey University to monitor how the size and shape of odour plumes changed in the presence of ozone. As well as decreasing the size of the odour plume the scientists found that the scent of the plume changed substantially as certain compounds reacted away much faster than Honeybees were trained to

recognise the same odour blend and then exposed to the new, ozone-modified odours. Pollinating insects use floral odours to find flowers and learn to associate their unique blend of chemical compounds with the amount of nectar it provides, allowing them to locate the same species in the future.

The research showed that towards the centre of plumes, 52% of honeybees recognised an odour at 6 metres, decreasing to 38% at 12 m. At the edge of plumes, which degraded more quickly, 32% of honeybees recognised a flower from 6 m away and just a tenth of the insects from 12 m away. The study indicates that ozone could also affect insects other odour-controlled behaviours such attracting a mate. The research was funded by the Natural Environment Research Council, part of UK Research and Innovation, and was published in journal Environmental Pollution. Professor Christian Pfrang concluded: "We know that air pollution has a detrimental effect on human health, biodiversity and the climate, but now we can see how it prevents bees and other pollinating insects from carrying out their key job.

CEAT introduces global tyre technologies in India for luxury and high-performance cars

Mumbai (Maharashtra) : Tyre manufacturer CEAT has introduced global tyre technologies in India with its SportDrive range.

The new range includes ZR-rated tyres, CALM Technology for noise reduction, and Run-Flat Tyres (RFT), making it a significant milestone in India's tyre industry. Run-Flat Tyres (RFT) will be priced between Rs15,000 and Rs20,000 and 21-inch ZRrated Ultra-High-Performance CALM Technology tyres will cost between Rs25,000 and Rs30,000.

With this launch, CEAT

becomes the first Indian company to produce Run-Flat Tyres and 21-inch ZR-rated tyres capable of handling speeds beyond 300 KMPH. The SportDrive range introduces three major innovations aimed at enhancing the driving experience- ZR-Rated 21inch Tyres, CALM Technology, Run-Flat Tyres (RFT). CEAT's latest tyre range has undergone rigorous testing at international automotive testing facilities in Germany, ensuring compliance with the highest safety and performance standards. The new premium tyre range will be available from April in key Indian markets, including Delhi NCR, Kolkata. Mumbai. Pune. Bangalore, Hyderabad, Chennai, Ahmedabad, and more. Arnab Banerjee, MD and CEO of CEAT, emphasized the company's commitment to innovation, stating, "These innovations reflect our commitment to enhancing safety, comfort, and performance for luxury and high-performance vehicle owners. We are proud to be the first Indian company to introduce Run-Flat Tyres, reinforcing our leadership in the fourwheeler tyre segment.

Moral reasoning displays characteristic patterns in brain: Research

California [US]: Every day, we come across situations that we believe to be wrong: a starving child, a dishonest politician, an unfaithful spouse, or a dishonest scientist. These instances draw attention to a number of moral issues, such as those involving fairness, loyalty, and compassion But what links them all together?

Philosophers, psychologists and neuroscientists have passionately argued whether moral judgments share something distinctive that separates them from nonmoral matters. Moral monists claim that morality is unified by a common characteristic and that all moral issues involve concerns about harm. Pluralists, in contrast, argue that moral judgments are more diverse in nature.

Fascinated by this centuriesold debate, a team of researchers set out to probe the nature of morality using one of moral psychology's most prolific theories. The group, led by UC Santa Barbara's René Weber, intensively studied 64 individuals via surveys, interviews and brain imaging on the wrongness of various behav-

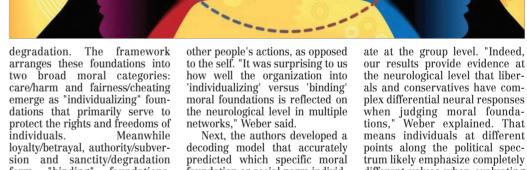
They discovered that a general network of brain regions was involved in judging moral violations, like cheating on a test, in contrast with mere social norm violations, such as drinking coffee with a spoon. What's more, the network's topography overlapped strikingly with the brain regions involved in theory of mind. However, distinct activity patterns emerged at finer resolution, suggesting that the brain processes different moral issues along different pathways, supporting a pluralist view of moral reasoning. The results, published in Nature Human Behaviour, even reveal differences between how liberals and conservatives evaluate a

given moral issue. "In many ways, I think our findings clarify that monism and pluralism are not necessarily mutually exclusive approaches, said first author Frederic Hopp, who led the study as a doctoral student in UC Santa Barbara's Media Neuroscience Lab. "We show that moral judgments of a wide range of different types of morally relevant behaviors are instantiated in shared brain

That said, a machine-learning algorithm could reliably identify which moral category, or "founda tion," a person was judging based on their brain activity. "This is only possible because moral foundations elicit distinct neural activations," Hopp explained.

The group was guided by Moral Foundations Theory (MFT), a framework for explaining the origins and variation in human moral reasoning. "MFT predicts that humans possess a set of innate and universal moral foundations," Weber explained. These are generally organized into six

Issues of care and harm, Concerns of fairness and cheating, versus Liberty oppression, Matters of loyalty and betrayal, Adherence to and subversion of authority, and sanctity versus



"binding" foundations, which primarily operate at the Researchers created a model based on MFT to test whether the framework - and its nested cate-

gories - was reflected in neural activity. Sixty-four participants rated short descriptions of behaviours that violated a particular set of moral foundations, as well as behaviours that simply went against conventional social norms, which served as a control. An fMRI machine monitored activity across different regions of their brains as they reasoned through the vignettes. Certain brain regions distin-

guished moral from non-moral judgment across the board, such as activity in the medial prefrontal cortex, temporoparietal junction and posterior cingulate, among other regions. Participants also took longer to rate moral transgressions than non-moral ones. The delay suggests that judging moral issues may involve a deeper evaluation of an individuals actions and how they relate to one's own values, the authors

are intuitive at first, deeper judgment requires responses to the six 'W questions,'" said senior author Weber, director and lead researcher of UCSB's Media Neuroscience Lab, and a professor in the Departments of Communication and Psychological and Brain Sciences. "Who does what, when, to whom, with what effect, and why. And this can be complex and takes time." Indeed, moral reasoning recruited regions of the brain also associated with mentalizing and theory of mind.

that transgressions of loyalty, authority and sanctity prompted greater activity in regions of the to the self. "It was surprising to us how well the organization into 'individualizing' versus 'binding' moral foundations is reflected on the neurological level in multiple networks," Weber said.

Next, the authors developed a decoding model that accurately predicted which specific moral foundation or social norm individuals were judging from finegrained activity pattern across their brains. This would not have been possible if all moral categories were unified at the neurological level, they explained.

This supports MFT's prediction that each moral foundation is not encoded in a single 'moral hotspot,'" the authors write, "but (is instead) instantiated via multiple brain regions distributed across the brain." This finding suggests that the distinct moral categories proposed by Moral Foundations Theory have an underlying neurologic basis.

In this way, moral reasoning is similar to other mental tasks: it elicits characteristic patterns across the brain, with nuances based on the specifics. For instance, looking at pictures of houses and faces activates a brain region known as the ventral temporal cortex. "However, when looking at the pattern of activation in this region, one can clearly discern whether someone is looking at a house or a face," Hopp explained. Analogously, moral reasoning activates certain regions of the brain, "yet, the activation patterns in those same regions are highly distinct for different classes of moral behaviors, suggesting that they are not unified." Far from merely an esoteric exercise, MFT provides a robust framework for understanding group identity and political polarization. Mounting evidence from survey and behavioral experiments suggests that liberals (progressives) are more sensitive to the categories of care/harm and fairness/cheating, which primarily protect the rights and freedoms of individuals. Conservatives, in contrast, place greater emphasis on the loyalty/betrayal, authority/subversion, and sanctity/degradation categories, which generally operthe neurological level that liber als and conservatives have complex differential neural responses when judging moral founda-Weber explained. That means individuals at different points along the political spectrum likely emphasize completely different values when evaluating

a particular issue. This paper is part of an avenue of research that the Neuroscience embarked on in 2016, aiming to understand how humans make moral judgments, and how the underlying processes vary across more and less realistic scenarios. "the observation that we can reliably decode which moral violation an individual is perceiving also opens exciting avenues for future research: Can we also decode if a moral violation is detected when reading a news story, listening to a radio show, or even when watching a political debate or movie?" Hopp said. "I think these are fascinating questions that will shape the next cen-

tury of moral neuroscience.' The study's co-investigators include renowned neuroscientist and moral philosopher Walter Sinnott-Armstrong from Duke University and Scott Grafton, a professor in UC Santa Barbara's Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences. Jacob Fisher and Ori Amir also contributed as coauthors, and were, respectively, a Ph.D. student and a postdoctoral fellow in Weber's Media Neuroscience Lab at the time the work was conducted.

Ultimately, the researchers say, our ability to cooperate in groups is guided by systems of moral and social norms, and the rewards and punishments that result from adhering to or violating them. "For millennia, fables and fairy tales, nursery rhymes, novels, and even 'the daily news' all weave a tapestry of what counts as good and acceptable or as bad and inacceptable, Weber said. "Our results contribute to a better understanding of what moral judgments are, how they are processed, and how they can be predicted across different groups.'

Hyundai Motor announces raising car prices following other auto manufacturers



New Delhi: Hyundai Motor India will raise car prices by 3 per cent effective April 2025, the carmaker announced Wednesday.

The company announced the price increase owing to rising input cost, increased commodity prices and higher operational expenses, amongst "other rea-

The quantum of price increase will vary basis the variants and models, the carmaker said in a statement.

TarunGarg, Whole-time Director and Chief Operating Whole-time Officer, Hyundai Motor India Ltd, said, "At Hyundai Motor India Limited, we strive to absorb rising costs to the extent possible, ensuring minimal impact on our cus-

"However, with the sustained increase in operational expenses. it has now become imperative to pass on a part of this cost escalation through a minor price adjustment. The price increase will be effective in April 2025," Garg added.

"We remain committed to making consistent internal efforts to minimise any future impact on our valued customers.

Earlier, Tata Motors, Maruti Suzuki, and Kia India decided to raise car prices across its entire product range.

on Tuesday Kia India announced a 3 per cent price hike. The premium carmaker had said in a statement that the price hike, effective from April 1, 2025, is primarily due to rising commodity prices and escalating supply chain-related costs.

On Monday, Maruti Suzuki had announced a price hike of up to 4 per cent on its vehicles, effective April 1, 2025. According to Maruti Suzuki,

the company cited rising input costs and operational expenses as the primary reasons for this decision. The price increase will vary across different models. Hours later, on Monday, Tata

Motors announced a price hike. The carmaker proposes to increase prices up to 2 per cent across its commercial vehicle lineup. Tata Motors has also decided to raise prices across its passenger vehicle range, including electric vehicles.

According to Tata Motors, the price increase was necessary to partially offset the impact of rising nput costs, with the extent of the hike varying based on the specific model and variant.

The researchers also found brain associated with processing

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Regulation of Trains for Doubling Work **Over South ER**

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to Interlocking/Non-Interlocking work in connection with Doubling work of Purulia – Kotshila section over South Eastern Railway 20.03.2025 22.03.2025, following trains will be regulated as under:

Cancellation of trains on 22.03.2025: 63598/63597 Asansol - Ranchi - Asansol MEMU 68056 Tata- Asansol **MEMU**

Diversion of trains: 15630 Silghat – Tambaram Express (journey commencing on 21.03.2025) will be diverted via Joychandi Pahar – Adra – Midnapore – Hijli instead of Joychandi Pahar - Purulia - Tatanagar

Short Termination/Short Origination: 68055 Asansol – Tatanagar MEMU will be

short terminated at Adra Moreover, 63597 Ranchi – Asansol MEMU (journey commencing on 20.03.2025 & 21.03.2025) and 18184 Buxar - Tatanagar Express (journey commencing on 22.03.2025) will be rescheduled by 60 minutes.

ER provides additional EMU Trains for IPL T-20 Cricket Matches at **Eden Gardens**

MI News Service, Kolkata: Good news for cricket lovers. Midnight special Circular Railway trains will be available for IPL T-20 spectators. Eastern Railway, in anticipation of the upcoming IPL T-20 cricket matches at Eden Gardens, Kolkata, will run two additional EMU trains to facilitate the movement of spectators. Cricket holds a special place in the hearts of millions of fans across the country, and with the excitement surrounding the IPL matches at Eden Gardens, Eastern Railway is committed to ensuring seamless transportation for cricket enthusiasts. To accommodate the surge in passenger traffic during match days, Eastern Railway will operate two additional EMU trains between Princep Ghat and Barasat, as well as between Baruipur and B. B. D. Bag. These special trains will provide convenient and efficient transportation options

their destination. Princep Ghat - Barasat EMU Special will leave Princep Ghat at 23:50 hrs. on 22.03.2025, 23.05.2025 & 25.05.2025 to reach Barasat at 01:00 hrs. (midnight) on the next day and B. B. D. Bag - Baruipur EMU Special will leave B. B. D. Bag at 00:02 hrs. (midnight) on 23.03.2025, 24.05.2025 & 26.05.2025 to reach Baruipur at 01:32 hrs. on the same day.

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Indian Railways' Commitment to Cleanliness & Hygiene for passengers' comfort



MI News Service, Kolkata: Shri Mannu Goel, Additional Member of Environment and Housekeeping Management (EnHM), Railway Board, conducted a comprehensive inspection at Howrah Station today, focusing on cleanliness, hygiene, and On Board Housekeeping Services Housekeeping (OBHS) as Indian Railways continues to prioritize cleanliness and passenger comfort. He was accompanied by Shri Saurish Mukherjee, Additional Divisional Railway Manager/Operation/Howra h, Shri Satyendra Kumar

DEnHM/Howrah, Shri Abhinav Bansal, Sr. DME/Chg & Train Set/Howrah, Shri Uday Shankar Thakur, ACM/HG/Howrah, other senior officials. During the inspection, Shri Mannu Goel thoroughly inspected platforms, payand-use toilets, the food plaza, base kitchen, and other passenger amenities provided at Howrah Station. He also offered valuable suggestions for further upgrading and improving cleanliness and hygiene within the station premises. After completing the inspection, he expressed his satisfaction with the efforts made to maintain cleanliness and hygiene. The officials also reviewed the perresponsible for ensuring cleanliness on trains, and appreciated their efforts in keeping the trains clean and well-maintained. Shri Mannu Goel stated, "Providing a clean and comfortable travel experience for our passengers is of utmost importance, and the Railways are committed to continuously improving our services by addressing any issues that arise to ensure that our passengers enjoy a seamless and enjoyable

Special attention was given to the Rail Madad complaints redressal system, aimed at resolving passenger concerns effectively. Shri Mannu Goel emphasized that Rail Madad serves as a valuable tool to assess operations, with passenger feedback playing a crucial role in enhancing service quality. Indian Railways remains dedicated to delivering safe, efficient, and comfortable transportation to millions of passengers nationwide. The inspection Howrah Station reflects the organization's unwavering commitment to enhancing the overall passenger expe-

New Foot Over Bridge at Jhargram Station to enhance Com-muter Safety and Convenience



MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant move to improve commuter safety and convenience, the Kharagpur Division has successfully completed the construction of a new 6meter-wide Foot Over Bridge (FOB) at Jhargram Railway Station. This project was undertaken in collaboration with RVNL and the Railway authorities, with an estimated cost of Rs. 4 Crore (approx). The newly constructed Foot Over Bridge is equipped with modern amenities, including wide walkways, non-slip flooring, improved lighting, and lift facilities. The bridge now connects all six platforms at Jhar-

gram Station, allowing seamless access for passengers. The FOB is further enhanced by two lift facilities: one located on the south side of the station, which also serves as the main exit, and the other is situated between platforms No. 1 and 2. The FOB provides passengers with a safe and convenient way to cross between platforms without having to navigate busy track crossings, significantly reducing the risk of accidents. This new addition will also help in decongesting the platforms, creating a smoother and more organized flow of foot traffic, particularly during peak hours.

Eastern Railway Upholds the Motto of "Mahila Suraksha" with Zero Tolerance Towards Misuse of Women-Reserved Coaches

MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway is committed to ensuring the safety and security of women passengers, and as part of this ongoing mission, the "Mission Mahila Suraksha" continues to be a vital initiative. With the strong motto of "Safety for Women, Safety for All," Eastern Railway remains steadfast in its resolve to create a secure travel environment for women across all its zones. The Railway Protection Force (RPF) under the Eastern Railway's jurisdiction upholds a zero-tolerance policy towards any form of misuse of coaches reserved exclusively for women passengers. In line with this mission, the RPF officials of Howrah, Sealdah, Asansol, and Malda Divisions of Eastern Railway have been actively patrolling and enforcing the law in coaches reserved for women, ensuring that only eligible, Bonafide female passengers are allowed to travel in these coaches. The Eastern Railway has arrested and prosecuted numerous individuals who were found violating this policy. • On 12.03.2025, 36 individuals were apprehended under the provisions of the Railway Act. • On 15.03.2025, 14 persons were caught in violation. • On 16.03.2025, 20 persons were arrested. • On 17.03.2025, 59 individuals were detained. • On 18.03.2025, 77 people were apprehended. • On 19.03.2025, 68 persons were arrested for violating the reserved coach provisions.

Kavach: India's Cutting-Edge Automatic Train Protection System **Reaches New Milestone with**

MI News Service, Delhi:

Kavach is an indigenously

developed Automatic Train

Protection (ATP) system. Kavach is a highly technolintensive system, which requires safety certification of highest order (SIL-4). Kavach aids the Loco Pilot in running of within specified speed limits by automatic application of brakes in case Loco Pilot fails to do so and also helps the trains to run safely during inclement weather The first field trials on the passenger trains were started in February 2016. Based on the experience gained and Independent Safety Assessment of the system by Independent Safety Assessor (ISA), three firms were approved in 2018-19, for supply of Kavach Version 3.2. Kavach was adopted as National ATP system in July 2020. Implementation of Kavach System involves following Key Activities: a. Installation of Station Kavach at each and every station, block section. b. Installation of RFID Tags throughout the track length. c. Installation of telecom Towers throughout the section. d. Laying of Optical Fibre Cable of Optical Fibre Cable along the track. e. Provi-sion of Loco Kavach on each and every Locomotive running on Indian Rail-ways. Based on deployment of Kavach version 3.2 on1465 RKm on south central Railway, lot of experience was gained. Using that further improvements made. Finally, Kavach specification version 4.0 was approved by RDSO on 16.07.2024. Kavach version 4.0 covers all the major features required for the diverse railway network. This is a significant milestone in safety for Indian Railways. Within a short period, IR has developed, tested and started deploying Automatic Train Protection System. Major improvement in Version 4.0 includes increased Location Accupects in bigger yard, Station to Station Kavach interface on OFC and Direct Interface to existing Electronic Interlocking System. With these improvements, Kavach Ver.4.0. is planned for large scale deployment

over Indian Railways. Next phase of Kavach implementation is planned as under: - a. Project for equipping 10.000 Locomotives has been finalized. 69 number of loco sheds have been prepared for equipping with Kavach. b. Bids for track side Works of Kavach for approximately 15,000 RKm have been invited covering all GQ, GD, HDN and identified sections of Indian Railways, out of which works of 1865 RKm have been awarded.

Currently, 3 OEMs are approved for supply of Kavach System. To increase capacity and scale of implementation, trials and approval of more OEMs are at different stages. Specialized training programme on Kavach are being conducted at centralized training institutes of Indian Railways to impart training to all con-cerned officials. By now more than 20,000 technicians, operators and engineers have been trained on Kavach technology. Courses have been designed in collaboration with IRISET. The cost for provision of Track Side including Station equipment of Kavach is approximately Rs. 50 Lakhs/Km and cost for provision of Kavach equipment on locomotives is approximately Rs. 80 Lakh/Loco. The funds utilized on Kavach works so far is Rs. 1950 Crores. The allocation of funds during the year 2024-25 is Rs. 1112.57 Crores. Requisite funds are made available as per the progress of works. This information was given by the Union Minister of Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & Information Technology Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw in a written reply in Lok Sabha today.

Viksit Rail Viksit Bharat -"World class" to "Best in class"

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Crouching Tiger of India's growth story, is one of the world's most remarkable and little discussed stories of how strategic investments in infrastructure and connectivity minded public policy can have exponential divinational \mathbf{for} growth.The progress IR has made during the last decade (2014-2024) could well be its golden period of growth and development, and the system is today, one of the fastest growing Railway networks globally. So, what did set India's story apart and makes it a lesson for countries and regions with similar ambitions for growth? The key was a public policy approach that can be best summarised by saying planning for the railways has been done with Bharat and for Bharat. This meant recognising that the system must remain both world class and affordable in its essential role as theRailway for the common person, hand in hand with the daily efforts of Bharat's 22.4 million people who use the service daily as a part of their economic lives - and that it must grow in parallel as a system that supports India's industry, commerce, and the ambition of a \$5 trillion economy. This required revolutionizing the way business is conducted. In the past the railways came under classical criticism for its slow rate of growth, and modernisation and infrastructure capacity saturation etc. It still comes from those who are stuck to the classical archaic mind without adequate knowledge e. g. the network growth is often criticised for gradual increase to only

68000 km since 1950, with-

out knowing that the crucial



growth for capacity augmentation is of the track kmswhich have grown to a massive over 132000 km today. A ten-year broad comparison of its performance with that of the preceding decade proves the point. During 2014-2024, a total of 31000 km of new tracks were laid against 14900 during 2004-2014. Similarly cumulative Freight Loading increased to 12660 million tons viz 8473 million tons, IR generated revenue of Rs 18.56 lac crore against 8.64 lac crore, Electrification, saving on carbon foot prints of over 44000 km against 5188 km, world class **Dedicated Freight Corridors** of 2741 km against nil in the preceding decade, Production of Locos increased to 9168 from 4695 and manufacturing of Coaches to 54000 from 32000. In all parameters of productivity and indices of performance IR has set new records. Major reform came with merger of the Railway Budget with main budget which many boomers with the steam age mind set still miss for no obvious reasons. The Railways which suffered on account of lack of finances causing thin spread of resources with huge shelf of pending sanctioned projects, witnessed a focussed inflow of GBS to the tune of Rs 8.25 lac crore during the last decade compared to only Rs.1.56 lac crore in the preceding ten years.

Significant Progress in Railway Infrastructure **Projects and Recruitment in North East India, with Increased Budget and Faster Track Commissioning**

MI News Service, Delhi: Survey for construction of new line from Jogighopa -Guwahati via Barpetta, Sarthebari (136 Km.) has been completed. The project could not be taken forward due to low traffic projection. Proposals/requests/suggestions/representations, both formal and informal for Railway projects/Works across the country are received on the basis of demands raised by State Governments, Members of Parliament, Ministries of Central Government, elected representatives, Railways' own requirements, organizations/rail users etc. at various levels including Railway Board, Zonal Railways, Division Office etc. As receipt of such proposals/complaints/suggestions is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such requests is not maintained. However, these are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken from time to time. In last 3 years (2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and current Financial Year i.e. 2024-25), 21 surveys (17 New line & 04 Doubling) of total length 2,499 km falling fully/partly in the North East Region including the State of Assam, have been sanctioned. Further, as on 01.04.2024, 18 Railway projects (13 New Lines and 05 Doubling), of total length of 1,368 Km, costing Rs.74,972 crore falling fully/partly in the North East Region including the State of Assam, are at various stages of planning and implementation, out of which 313 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of Rs.40,549 crore has been incurred up to March 2024. The status of work is summarized as under: -

| Plan Head | No. of projects | Total Length (in Km) | Length Commissioned (in Km) | Expenditure upto March, 2024 (Rs. in Cr.) |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| New Lines | 13 | 896 | 81 | 34,616 |
| Doubling | 5 | 472 | 232 | 5,933 |
| Total | 18 | 1368 | 313 | 40,549 |

Zone-wise/year-wise details of all Railway projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railway's website. Average Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and other works, falling fully/ partly in North East Region including the State of Assam is as under: -

| Period | Outlay |
|---------|----------------------------------|
| 2009-14 | Rs.2,122 Crore/year |
| 2024-25 | Rs.10,376 Crore (Nearly 5 times) |

Commissioning of infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the North East Region including the State of Assam is given below

| Period | New Track Commissioned | Average Commissioning of new tracks |
|---------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2009-14 | 333 Km | 66.6 Km/year |
| 2014-24 | 1728 Km | 172.8 Km/year (Nearly 3 times) |

The completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, deposition of cost share by State Government in cost sharing projects, priority of projects, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project(s) site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. Various steps taken by the Government for speedy approval and implementation of Railway projects include (i) setting up of Gati Shakti units (ii) prioritization of projects (iii) substantial increase in allocation of funds on priority projects (iv) delegation of powers at field level (v) close monitoring of progress of project at various levels, and (vi) regular follow up with State Governments and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forestry and Wildlife clearances and for resolving other issues pertaining to projects. This has led to substantial increase in rate of commissioning since 2014.

(d) Occurrence and filling up of vacancies are a continuous process on Indian Railways considering its size, spatial distribution and criticality of operation. Adequate and suitable manpower is provided to cater to the regular operations, changes in technology, mechanisations and innovative practices. The vacancies are filled up primarily by placement of indents by Railways with Recruitment agencies as per operational and technological requirements. After easing of restrictions imposed on account of COVID 19, two major examinations involving more than 2.37 crore candidates have been conducted success-

| Exam | Candidates | Cities | Centres | Days | Shifts |
|---------|------------|--------|---------|------|--------|
| L2 - L6 | 1.26 cr | 211 | 726 | 68 | 133 |
| L1 | 1.1 cr | 191 | 551 | 33 | 99 |

Based on these exams, 130581 candidates have been recruited in Railways. The RRB examinations are quite technical in nature entailing large scale mobilization of men and resources and training of manpower. Railway overcame all these challenges and successfully conducted the recruitment in a transparent manner following all laid down guidelines. No instance of paper leakage or similar malpractice has occurred during the entire process.

Ministry of Railways Advances Infrastructure with Dedicated Freight Corridors, Modernization Initiatives, and Enhanced Freight Capacity

MI News Service, Delhi: Ministry of Railways has taken up construction of two Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFC) viz. Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) from Ludhiana to Sonnagar (1337 Km) and the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) from Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal (JNPT) to Dadri (1506 Km). Out of total 2843 Km, 2741 Route Kilometers (96.4%) has been commissioned and operational. The work in balance section has been taken up. Ministry of Railways has undertaken the work of preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPR) for following three (03) new Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs).

(i) East-Coast Corridor: Kharagpur to Vijayawada (ii) East-West corridor: (a) Palghar-Bhusawal-Nagpur-Kharagpur-Dankuni (b) Rajkharsawan - Kalipahari - Andal (iii) North-South Sub-corridor: Vijayawada-Nagpur-Itarsi DPRs of above three corridors are under examination. None of the above three DFCs have been sanctioned yet. The DFC Projects are highly capital intensive and the final decision regarding the sanction of any DFC Project depends upon many factors such as technical feasibility, financial & economic viability, traffic demand and availability of funds & financial options etc. Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) Project will have positive impact on transportation and logistics sector as it will enable enhanced movement of Double Stack Container (DSC) trains, higher axle load trains, faster access of northern hinterland by Western Ports and development of new terminals/linkages with industries along the DFC. The Eastern DFC will mostly cater to mineral traffic from Eastern India. These developments will enable reduction in logistic cost. DFC has contributed to creating additional paths on the conventional network by diverting freight traffic to EDFC and WDFC. Traffic on DFC has increased from 247 average trains per day in 2023-24 to 352 average trains per day in 2024-25 (till Feb.2025). In Feb. 2025, 371 average trains per day were run. As a result, Railways have been able to run additional goods and coaching services over its network with better punctuality. Due to the increase in services, both freight and coaching, Indian Railways' earnings from train services have gone up. Modernisation and upgradation of railway infrastructure is a need based and ongoing process subject to operational requirement, technical feasibility, commercial viability, resource availability, etc. A number of works have been taken up to modernize and upgrade railway infrastructure including rolling stock and signaling system. Some of them are as under: 1. Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh (RRSK) has been introduced in 2017-18, for replacement/renewal/upgradation of critical safety assets, with a corpus of ₹1 lakh crore for five years. Currency of the Fund has been extended for another fiveyear term beyond 2021-22 with GBS support of ₹45,000 Cr. An outlay of ₹ 12800 Cr has been provided in RE 2024-25. 2. Electrical/Electronic Interlocking Systems with centralized operation of points and signals have been provided at 6623 stations up to 28.02.2025. 3. Interlocking of Level Crossing (LC) Gates has been provided at 11089 level Crossing Gates up to 28.02.2025 for enhancing safety at LC Gates. 4. Block Proving Axle Counters (BPACs) systems have been provided on 6126 Block Sections up to 28.02.2025. 5. Automatic block Signaling (ABS) has been provided at 5221 Route Kms up to 28.02.2025. 6. Indian Railway has also gone for implementation of advance technology system 'Kavach' as an Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system.

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IPL 2025: SALIVA BAN REVOKED AFTER CAPTAINS' MEETING IN MUMBAI

NEW DELHI [INDIA]: Bowlers will be allowed to use saliva on the ball in IPL 2025. The decision was made by IPL following a meeting on Thursday at the BCCI headquarters in Mumbai, where most of the franchise captains expressed support for the change to the decision-makers of the tournament, as per a report by ESPNcricinfo.

Several captains agreed to revoke the saliva ban adopted by the ICC in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic. Several fast bowlers have opined that the ban impedes their effectiveness by not allowing reverse swing, which has become uncommon in whiteball cricket, including ODIs, where two new balls are uti-

The rule against use of saliva was introduced in May 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, as a temporary measure, but ICC made it permanent in September 2022, the report said.

Bowlers were only allowed to use sweat to shine the bowl. From time to time, bowlers have raised their voice for revoking saliva ban.

Following India's win over Australia in the Champions Trophy in which Mohammed Shami starred with a threewicket spell, the bowler had called upon ICC to let bowlers use saliva on the ball again to bring reverse swing back into

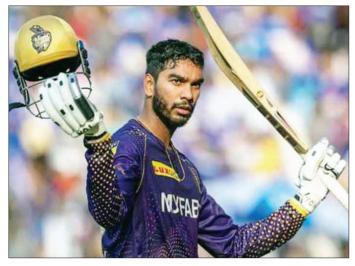
"We are trying [to get reverse swing], but using saliva on the ball is not allowed. We keep appealing that we should be allowed to use saliva so that we can bring reverse swing back into the game and it becomes interesting," Shami had said, according to ESPNCricinfo.

Southee, who also feels the absence of reverse swing in the game, especially in bat-ting-friendly conditions, had backed Shami. Southee said on ESPN Cricinfo's Match Day programme during the semifinal between New Zealand and South Africa that, as a bowler, one wants some advantage.

"That was a rule brought around COVID-19 with the virus going around the world, but I think as a bowler, you want to have a slight advantage. We see the game going way it is sides score 362, more often than not over 300 in this format. I think there needs to be something in the bowlers' favour, and whether that's a little bit of saliva, then yeah, I do not see why they could not afford to get that back in,' Southee had said, according to ESPNcricinfo. Fast bowlers feel that using saliva will also help add to their craft in the



IPL 2025: KKR's Venkatesh recalls Shah Rukh Khan's advice, says he focuses on the present



Indian all-rounder Venkatesh Iyer, who will be the vice-captain of defending champions Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL) season, recalled how he learnt a lesson to focus on the present to deliver results.

KKR will kickstart their title defence journey in IPL 2025 with a clash against Royal Challengers

Bengaluru (RCB). Iyer will be one of the players in the spotlight as the deputy to skipper Ajinkya Rahane was bought back by KKR for a whopping Rs 23.75 crore. Over the years, he has delivered several notable performances for the Knights ever since his debut in

He recalled a valuable lesson imparted to him by the team owner and Bollywood actor Shah

"In 2022, there were talks about me being in the [T20] World Cup squad. Instead of focusing on my present matches, I started thinking about the World Cup. In the end, I missed out on both. That experience was a turning point. It taught me the value of focusing on the present, a lesson reinforced when an injury sidelined me for six to eight months. That phase taught me a lot about being grateful. Sometimes, in the pursuit of something extraordinary, we forget to appreciate what we already have. And these are not my

this," Iyer said to Boria Majumdar on Backstage with Boria season 6.

Venkatesh had a fantastic IPL season 2021, making his debut for KKR. In 10 matches, he made 370 runs at an average of 41.11 and a strike rate of 128.47, with four fifties. He also took three wickets with his useful medium pace.

A fine IPL season brought Venkatesh to the senior team as he made his debut in November 2021 as star all-rounder Hardik Pandya struggled through injuries and needed someone to back him up. In nine T20Is and seven innings, he made 133 runs at an average of 33.25, with a strike rate of over 162 and best score of 35*, picked up five wickets. In two innings, with best score of 22. He has not played a game for India since February 2022. In 51 matches for KKR, he has

made 1,326 runs at an average of 31.57 and a strike rate of over 137, with a century and 11 fifties in 49 innings to his name. His best score is 104. He has also taken three wickets. During the title-winning season of 2024, Venkatesh played a key hand with his 370 runs in 13 innings at an average of 46.25 and a strike rate of 158.79, with four half-centuries. His best score was 70. He was the third-highest run-getter for KKR and scored half-century in playoffs and the final against Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH).

ATHLETES WILL GET OPPORTUNITIES TO ADVANCE IF SPORTS GET RIGHT PLATFORM: MADAN LAL

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : The former Indian cricketer Madan Lal said that sports getting the right platform will help in growth of athletes and interest among the

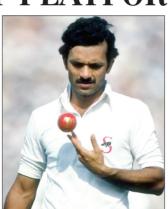
The 1983 World Cup-winning all-rounder was speaking at an event of Billion Sports, an initiative towards grassroots sports development, which has taken a major step forward with the launch of its OTT platform and the announcement of Spocobook.

Madan Lal said, "I feel every

sport should grow and the more the sport grows, more will be

people interested in taking up the sport. So I feel this is a brilliant initiative. When sports get the right platform, athletes will have opportunities to advance, and people's interest will also

The event was held in Delhi. World Cup-winning Indian Cricketer Madan Lal, former General Secretary of the Paralympic Committee of India, Gurusharan Singh, graced the occasion along with guests from the German Football Delegation. Pythian Games founder Mr Bijender Goel also graced the



occasion with his presence. As part of the event, the German Football Delegation was

contribution to global football The high-level delegation was honoured for their role in pro-

also honoured, recognizing their

moting the sport and fostering international collaborations. Madan represented India in

39 Tests from 1974-86, scoring 1,042 runs at an average of 22.65, with five half-centuries in 62 innings and best score of 74. With his medium pace, he also took 71 wickets at an average of

40.08, with best figures of 5/23. In 67 ODIs, Madan represented India from 1974-87, scoring 401 runs in 35 innings at an average of 19.09, with one halfcentury. He also took 73 wickets at an average of 29.27, with best

figures of 4/20. Madan was also one of the stars of India's 1983 WC win, taking 17 wickets at an average of 16.76, with best figures of 4/20 and scored 102 runs in six innings at an average of 34.00, with best score of 27.

He also took 3/31 in India's

IPL'S "ECOSYS-TEM" FOR INDIA'S TWO SUCCESSIVE WHITE-BALL **TITLE WINS** MUMBAI (MAHARASHTRA) :

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Ahead of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 season, former Indian cricketer Lakshmipathy Balaji said that the league and "its franchise owners, leadership groups and ecosystem" had a key role in India's two successive white-ball title wins, the T20 World Cup 2024 and ICC Champions Trophy 2025.

The 2025 season of the league will kickstart with a clash between defending champions Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) and Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB). Balaji, a one-time IPL winner who took 76 wickets in 73 matches at an average of 26.68 and represented franchises like Chennai Super Kings (CSK), KKR (one title) and Punjab Kings (PBKS) in his career, spoke on impact of the cash-rich league.

Lakshmipathy Balaji, JioStar expert, addressed the media prior to the 18th edition of the IPL said, "Within just six months, India has won two major trophies, and a lot of credit goes to TATA IPL-its franchise owners, leadership groups, and the ecosystem they have built. Their collective efforts have shaped the league into what it is today. IPL is no longer just an Indian tournament; it has become a global brandwatched, followed, and admired by people across the world. Much like Formula 1 and the English Premier League, IPL has positioned itself as one of the most significant sporting spectacles. As a former player, coach, and now commentator, I have had the privilege of witnessing IPL's journey firsthand. From its early days of bilateral series and ICC events to becoming a global sporting phenomenon, the IPL's rise has been truly remarkable.

Also, the Indian middleorder veteran Hanuma Vihari, has represented Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) and Delhi Capitals (DC) in the league, said that the competition has stayed true to its tagline- 'Where Talent Meets Opportunity'

If you look at how the league has evolved from its first season to now, so many talented players have been given the platform to excel and represent their countries-not just India, but across the world. There are players who were not wellknown domestically, but after proving themselves in IPL, they earned a spot in their national teams and lived their dream. Financially, too, the IPL has transformed the lives of many cricketers. The way we look at sport has changed. IPL is no longer just cricket; it's a festival. It's two months of non-stop entertainment that captivates fans. Last season was incredible, but this year, I'm sure it will be twice as entertaining. The 18th season is always special, and I have no doubt that it will break numerous recordswhether it is in terms of runs, wickets, or new milestones," Hanuma Vihari, JioStar expert, told the media prior to the 18th edition of

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BCCI secretary Saikia reveals breakdown of Rs 58 crore cash prize to India's CT 2025 winning contingent

Each player in the squad of the ICC Champions Trophy winning team will be given Rs 3 crore, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary Devajit Saikia said.

BCCI on Thursday announced a cash prize of Rs 58 crore for the ICC Champions Trophy-winning Indian team, with the contributions of all players, coaching staff, support staff and members of men's selection committee to be recognised.

Speaking to ANI, Saikia revealed the breakdown of the cash prize, saying, "Rs 3 crore each will be given to every player. Rs 3 crore will be given to the head coach (Gautam Gambhir), Rs 50 lakh will be given to the remaining coaches (assistant coaches Ryan Ten Doeschate, Abhishek Nayar, batting coach Sitanshu Kotak, bowling coach Morne Morkel), remaining supBCCI officials will get Rs 25 lakh

Team India continued its monstrous white-ball run after the 2023 ICC Cricket World Cup final heartbreak, winning their second successive white-ball trophy after ICC T20 World Cup 2024, beating New Zealand by four wickets in the final of CT 2025 at Dubai on

A press release from BCCI announced, "The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is delighted to announce a cash reward of INR 58 crore for Team India following their triumph at the ICC Champions Trophy 2025. This financial recognition honours the players, coaching and support staff and members of the Men's Selection Committee.

Under the able and astute leadership of captain Rohit Sharma, India dominated the tournament, registering four



the final. The team began their campaign with a solid six-wicket win over Bangladesh, then secured a convincing six-wicket triumph against Pakistan. They continued their momentum with a 44-run victory over New Zealand before ultimately overcoming Australia by four wickets

Roger Binny, President, BCCI:

"Winning back-to-back ICC titles

is special and this reward recognizes Team India's dedication and excellence on the global stage. The cash award is a recognition of the hard work that everyone puts in behind the scenes. This was also our second ICC Trophy in 2025, following the ICC U19 Women's World Cup triumph and it highlights the strong cricketing ecosystem in place in our country." Devajit Saikia, Honorary Secretary, BCCI said, "The BCCI

nance in world cricket is a result of years of hard work and strategic execution. This victory has justified India's top ranking in white-ball cricket, and we are sure the team will continue to excel in the years to come. The dedication and commitment shown by the players have set a new benchmark, and we are confident that Indian cricket will keep raising the bar on the global stage." Rajeev Shukla, Vice-President, BCCI said, "This cash reward is a tribute to the outstanding performances delivered by the team throughout the tournament. The players exhibited remarkable composure under pressure, and their success is an inspiration to aspiring cricketers across the country. The team has once again proved that Indian cricket is built on a strong foun-

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dation of skill, mental toughness, and a winning mentality. Prabhtej Bhatia, Treasurer, BCCI said, "The BCCI takes immense pride in acknowledging the hard work and dedication of our players and support staff, and this cash prize reflects our commitment to encouraging excellence in Indian cricket. We remain committed to providing the best resources and infrastructure to help Indian cricket continue its dominance on the global stage. This triumph further underscores the strength and depth of talent available at all

Rohan Gauns Dessai, Honorary Joint Secretary, BCCI said, "Team India looked solid throughout the tournament and the final against New Zealand was a spectacular game. It brought a lot of joy and cheer to the nation and Team India fans across the globe.

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