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Nirupam alleges Bangladesh link to Nagpur violence

MI News Service, Mumbai: Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Nirupam has alleged the involvement of individuals with links to Bangladesh in the recent violence in Nagpur.

Speaking at a press conference here on Sunday, Nirupam also claimed the violence was "pre-meditated" and was part of a larger conspiracy.

The violence erupted in Maharashtra's Nagpur city on March 17, after rumours spread that a 'chadar' with religious inscriptions had been burnt during protests led by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) demanding the removal of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb's tomb in Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar. The clashes resulted in widespread stone-pelting and arson across several parts of the city, leaving 33 police personnel, including three Deputy Commissioner of Police-rank officers, injured.

"The involvement of miscreants in the Nagpur violence can be traced to Bangladesh," Nirupam claimed and alleged that one of the individuals arrested in connection with the unrest was using social media to fund "Mujahideen activities". Criticising the opposition Shiv Sena (UBT) for its perceived alignment with groups he deemed as instigators of the violence, Nirupam asked, "Is the Sena aligning itself with the Mujahideen? Are the Thackerays and (Sanjay) Raut supporting them?" This will not be accepted in Maharashtra, the leader of the ruling ally Shiv Sena asserted. Nirupam further expressed concerns about the broader implications of the stance of the Shiv Sena (UBT), suggesting the Uddhav Thackeray-led party has shifted to an "anti-Hindu" position.

Matoshree, Uddhav Thackeray's residence in Mumbai, will soon have a photo of Aurangzeb near the picture of Shiv Sena founder Balasaheb Thackeray and Shivaji Maharaj," he claimed, highlighting his disapproval of the opposition party's current leadership and its political strategies. Nirupam condemned actions of the Shiv Sena (UBT) and urged strong measures against those involved in similar activities. "No one in the state henceforth should indulge in any violence," he added.

On Saturday, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis said it was too early to comment on a foreign or Bangladeshi link to the Nagpur violence as the probe was underway. Fadnis said 104 individuals have been identified so far, following an analysis of CCTV footage and video recordings. Action has been initiated against 92 persons, as per the law. He also asserted that the cost of the damage of government property would be recovered from the perpetrators of violence in Nagpur.



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee received warm wishes from State Governor C.V. Ananda Bose, conveyed through his representative, as she departed for London from Kolkata on Saturday.

CPI(M) Councillor joins Trinamool Congress ahead of 2026 Assembly elections

MI News Service, Kolkata: As West Bengal gears up for the 2026 Assembly elections, political maneuvering has intensified, with all major political parties striving to strengthen their positions. The ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) is particularly focused on consolidating its power by attracting leaders from rival factions. Following BJP MLA Tapasi Mandal's defection to the TMC in Haldia a few days ago, the Left Front suffered a significant setback as CPI(M) councillor of North Dum Dum Municipality, Sandhya Rani Mondal, switched allegiance to the ruling party on Sunday afternoon, in presence of local MLA and West Bengal Minister of State for Finance Chandrima Bhattacharya and North Dum Dum Municipality Chairman, Bidhan Biswas.

Sandhya Rani Mondal represented Ward No. 15 of North Dum Dum Municipality and was the sole

CPI(M) councillor in the 34-ward civic body. Her departure effectively eliminates Left representation from the municipality, rendering it an opposition-free stronghold for the TMC. She formally joined the Trinamool Congress, with state minister Chandrima Bhattacharya handing her the party flag in a public event. During the 2022 municipal elections, the TMC secured control over 33

out of 34 wards, with Mondal emerging as the only victorious CPI(M) candidate. For three years, she remained with the Left, but citing difficulties in carrying out her duties, she decided to shift allegiance. Speaking on her decision, Mondal stated, "It was becoming increasingly difficult for me to work effectively. Inspired by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's vision, I have joined Trinamool to better serve the people."

Two Maoist ammunition dumps in Chhattisgarh unearthed with huge firearms and explosives

MI News Service, Raipur : Providing a massive blow to the strength of the Maoist forces, the security forces have recovered a huge cache of firearms and explosives from two hideouts of the extremists in Chhattisgarh's Sukma district, police said on Sunday.

Acting on a tip-off, separate teams of security forces unearthed Maoist dumps on a forested hill of Markanguda village near Durd security camp and in a forest near a new camp at Mettaguda village on Saturday, an official said.

He said the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), its elite unit CoBRA (Commando Battalion for Resolute Action) and the district force were involved in these actions. Describing it as a major success, the official said they recovered 16 single-barrel muzzle-loading rifles, several 12-bore rifles, 5 country-made rifles, 200 live shells of barrel grenade launcher (BGL), 12 detonators, splinters, cordex wires, safety fuses, huge live ammunition, gun powder, 100 plus country made bombs, 80 pieces of iron angles, equipment used in making BGL shells, some Maoist uniforms and several other explosive items.

The materials were kept hidden deep inside the forest areas as a part of Maoists' plan to launch attacks on security forces

during patrolling in the areas, he added. Incidentally, only on last Thursday in two separate well coordinated operations against Left Wing Extremism, security forces killed 30 Naxalites during a couple of fierce encounters in the forested areas of Bijapur and Kanker districts in Chhattisgarh. One police personnel also died in one of the encounters, official sources confirmed. These two operations were the sequel of a similar encounter in Bijapur's Indravati National Park area last month, when 31 Naxalites and two security personnel were killed. According to reports, 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 Ganga-lor 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 26 Naxalites were killed whose bodies were recovered along with a huge cache of firearms, ammunition and explo-

sives 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. Two Naxalites were also neutralised by the security forces during an encounter in the forest area near the Bijapur-Dantewada border in Chhattisgarh earlier this month. 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 areas. 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 Ganga-lor

CJI sets up in-house inquiry panel to probe cash-discovery row of Delhi HC judge

MI News Service, New Delhi : Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna has constituted a high power committee to conduct an in-house inquiry into the allegations against Delhi High Court Judge Yashwant Varma after a video shared by the Police Commissioner of burnt wads of cash at Justice Varma's residence and preliminary findings of the Delhi High Court chief justice calling for a "deeper probe".

In an unprecedented move, the Apex court, late on Saturday evening, uploaded on its website the inquiry report of Delhi High Court Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya -- complete with photos and videos -- regarding the alleged discovery of a substantial amount of cash from the residence of Justice Varma, a judge in the high court.

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Mamata Banerjee reaches London amid cold weather

MI News Service, London / Kolkata: Ending all doubts West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee finally reached London on Sunday morning amid a chilly weather and light drizzle. The Chief minister who is staying at the St. James Court Hotel near the Buckingham Palace has, however, no official engagement on Sunday.

Disruption of travel schedule of thousands of passengers in every country including in India.

Accordingly, Mamata Banerjee and her entourage who were supposed to leave Kolkata in the wee hours of Saturday, had to depart from the city for London only on Saturday night via Dubai where they made a brief stopover. Finally, she and her team landed at the Heathrow airport in the morning (local time) amid inclement weather and cloudy sky.

The nearly week-long visit of the Chief Minister to London this time was delayed by about 12 hours on Saturday because of a total closure of the Heathrow Airport following a power outage near the Europe's largest and the busiest airport on Friday. As a result of the 18 hour long closure of the airport, more than 2,000 incoming and outgoing flights to and from Heathrow from all corners of the globe were either cancelled or diverted to other cities causing huge

State Chief Secretary Manoj Pant, Industries Secretary Vandana Yadav, Chief Minister's Security Chief Piyush Pandey and Chief Minister's Principal Secretary Gautam Sanyal are accompanying the Chief minister during this visit along with Industrialists Satyam Roychowdhury and Umesh Chowdhury from Kolkata. Abhishek Banerjee's mother Lata Banerjee also came with Mamata Banerjee, while two other Industrialists-Ujjwal Sinha and Mehul Mohanka joined her 'team

Bengal' from Dubai. As Mamata Banerjee has a packed schedule during her five day stay in London, in her own words, "it has become very hectic."

Because only after a day's rest, the Chief Minister will attend a function at the Indian High Commission on Monday, before participating in a trade conference on Tuesday. There will also be a government-level trade and business meeting on Wednesday where a number of other Indian industrialists from London will also join. Finally before winding up her trip and departing for Kolkata on Friday, the Chief Minister who has been invited by the world famous Oxford University, will deliver a lecture before the students and academics of the (Oxford) University on Thursday. The topic of her lecture is "Social Development". On her return journey from London the Chief minister and her team will once again come via Dubai.

Election Commission is a 'failed institution', remarks Kapil Sibal

MI News Service, New Delhi : Alleging that the Election Commission of India (ECI) has now become "dysfunctional" and a "failed institution, Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal claimed that most of the electors do not have faith in the present poll body anymore.

Congress' and TMC's allegations about voters list irregularities. The Election Commission as it stands today is a "failed institution" and there is no confidence in the Election Commission among a large section of the people of this country, he reiterated.

The ECI is not discharging its functions in accordance with its constitutional responsibilities, he said on Sunday during an interview.

The Independent Rajya Sabha MP further stated that "the quicker we deal with this issue, the greater is the chance of saving democracy." "The message to the opposition is that apart from the EVMs, there are some really serious issues which in fact suggest that the process of elections is polluted," he said. The results that have come about may have been the result of manipulations at many levels, Sibal claimed and emphasised that "We need to address that issue together"

Sibal said the quicker the issue of lack of faith in the Election Commission is dealt with, the greater is the chance of saving democracy. "The Election Commission is now a dysfunctional body. It does not discharge its functions in accordance with its responsibilities which are expected of it under the Constitution," he said when asked about the

backdrop of the Congress and INDIA bloc parties, particularly the Trinamool Congress, repeatedly raising issues of voter lists, including abnormally high additions, unexpected deletions and duplicate voter ID numbers. The Election Commission on Saturday said over 4,000 of its electoral registration officers are holding all-party meetings to resolve pending polling booth level issues in their respective assembly seats. The meetings are in line with the poll body's recent decision to hold interactions with parties at multiple levels in the state to resolve complaints. The ECI has also decided to explore the possibility of linking voter cards with Aadhaar and involve birth and death registration authorities to clean up voter rolls.

China's PLA deploys AI tool 'DeepSeek' in military hospitals

MI News Service, New Delhi : The People's Liberation Army (PLA) of China has reportedly launched Chinese AI tool 'DeepSeek' for non-combat support functions, especially in military hospitals, to assist doctors in devising very useful treatment.

Also, DeepSeek overtook ChatGPT as the top-ranked free app on Apple's Appstore, as the US tech industry - that has long justified injecting billions of dollars into AI investments -- watched in sheer disbelief. In the longer run analysts expect the AI models to find imminent application in battlefield intelligence surveillance and decision-making by the Chinese military. Besides treatment plans in military hospitals, China is promoting AI integration across industries, including healthcare, manufacturing, and urban development, and some Chinese government agencies are increasingly utilising DeepSeek models, including for anti-corruption efforts.

DeepSeek's open-source large language models (LLMs) are also being used in PLA hospitals, People's Armed Police (PAP), and national defence mobilisation organs, said the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post reported on Sunday. Earlier this month, the general hospital of the PLA Central Theatre Command announced that it had authorised "embedded deployment" of DeepSeek's R1-70B LLM, saying it could provide treatment plan suggestions to support doctors, according to the Post. The hospital also emphasised patient privacy and data security, noting that all data was stored and processed on local servers.

Similar deployments have been seen in other PLA hospitals nationwide, including the elite PLA General Hospital in Beijing, also known as "301 Hospital", where senior Chinese officials and military officers receive treatment and highly sensitive personal data is believed to be stored. Earlier, the PLA, which is investing heavily in modernisation, cautioned its armed forces against banking heavily on artificial intelligence, saying that AI should be a tool to guide but not a replacement for human decision-making on the battlefield because it lacks self-awareness capability.

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China is abuzz with DeepSeek's latest AI offering which has drawn global at-

As AI evolves, it must remain a tool guided by human judgment, ensuring accountability, creativity, and strategic adaptability remain at the forefront of military decision-making," an article published in the People's Liberation Army Daily, the official media of the Chinese military, said in January. "AI must work in tandem with human decision-makers to optimise command effectiveness, enhancing rather than replacing human agency," it said.

tion for its low-cost model. Further, DeepSeek's R1 used a fraction of compute power as compared to established AI models like ChatGPT. Also, DeepSeek overtook ChatGPT as the top-ranked free app on Apple's Appstore, as the US tech industry - that has long justified injecting billions of dollars into AI investments -- watched in sheer disbelief. In the longer run analysts expect the AI models to find imminent application in battlefield intelligence surveillance and decision-making by the Chinese military. Besides treatment plans in military hospitals, China is promoting AI integration across industries, including healthcare, manufacturing, and urban development, and some Chinese government agencies are increasingly utilising DeepSeek models, including for anti-corruption efforts. Some units of PAP (People's Armed Police), a paramilitary police force under the Central Military Commission (CMC), the overall high command of the Chinese military, started the AI app for daily physical training and psychological counselling. The political work department of the Hainan paramilitary force shared an example of soldiers using DeepSeek to address anxiety and create an exercise plan on its official media account. Sam Bresnick, a research fellow at Georgetown University's Centre for Security and Emerging Technology who focuses on military AI applications, said that the use of DeepSeek's models in settings like hospitals and soldier training programmes offers the PLA a controlled environment for experimentation. By initially deploying LLMs in non-combat scenarios, the PLA could try to address technical and operational challenges before expanding into more sensitive, high-risk areas, Bresnick told the Post. The PLA had long highlighted the potential utility of AI for military decision-making, he said, adding that "the emergence of an advanced model like DeepSeek's R1

Bangladesh Army denies student-led NCP leader's allegation of political interference

MI News Service, Dhaka : The Bangladesh Army has flatly rejected allegations made by a newly formed student-led party that the military was hatching a plan to rehabilitate deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina's Awami League, calling them "hilarious and an immature array of stories." The National Citizen Party (NCP) staged protest rallies at the premier Dhaka University campus on Saturday, vowing to thwart any "military-backed plot" to rehabilitate the Awami League, at any cost. The mili-

tary headquarters, in a statement issued to Sweden-based Bangladesh-centric news outlet Netro News on Sunday said, "It was nothing other than a political stunt." The Army also called the claims "hilarious and an immature array of stories." The statement, however, said Army chief General Waker Uz Zaman met with two NCP leaders Hasnat Abdullah and Sarjis Alam on March

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Jayashree Sengupta Nominated for Thailand International Award 2025



MI News Service, Kolkata: Renowned cultural ambassador and dedicated social worker Jayashree Sengupta has been nominated for the Thailand International Award 2025 in recognition of her outstanding contributions to cultural preservation and social service. She will be honored at the 7th World Meet 2025, scheduled to take place on May 8, 2025, at the Royal Thai Army Club in Bangkok. Jayashree Sengupta has been actively involved in promoting and preserving India's rich cultural heritage. Through her extensive work in the arts, she has helped revive traditional performances, bringing them to the global stage. Alongside her cultural initiatives, she has also played a crucial role in social service activities, organizing welfare programs, and advocating for underprivileged communities. Her contributions have had a profound impact on numerous lives, making her a respected figure in both cultural and humanitarian circles. She has previously been honored with several prestigious international awards,

including the International Award at the 6th World Meet 2025 in Indonesia and other accolades recognizing her dedication to cultural excellence and social welfare. Additionally, she was conferred the Veer Naari Samman 2025, acknowledging her efforts in empowering women and making significant contributions to society. At the World Meet 2025, Jayashree Sengupta will also present a special cultural dance performance, showcasing India's artistic legacy to an international audience. The World Martial Artists Council and the International Diplomatic Cooperative Organization, which organize the World Meet, have expressed their admiration for Jayashree Sengupta's contributions. In a statement, HRH Prince Dr. M.A. Ali, the Director of World Meet 2025, stated, "Jayashree Sengupta's tireless dedication to both cultural preservation and social service is truly inspiring. Her nomination for the Thailand International Award 2025 is a recognition of her unwavering efforts to bring positive change to society."

Ninth Tribal Summit at Mayapur ends, 2500 Tribals from 10 States attended

MI News Service, Nadia : The 3 day long ninth year Tribal Convention (Tribal Conference) organised by ISKCON at Nadia's Mayapur ended on Sunday, said the ISKCON PRO Rashik Gouranga Das. Around 2,500 Tribals from 10 Indian States attended the convention, PRO added. Dr. Yishnu Dev Varma, the Governor of Telangana is scheduled to appear as the Chief Guest of the convention on Sunday evening. However, during the 3 days, the tribals (indigenous, backward people) exhibited their cultural, Educational and traditional activities in the said convention. Special attention was given to their stay, food and security during the convention. "Inspired by the ideals that Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu showed towards the Lord, that to remain compassionate to all the creatures in the world, the theme of the convention was to aware the tribals about their right and to move with the mainstream of the society. The tribals should also go together with the mainstream of the present society, they are not behind



them. They are all the real objectives of this meeting, so that they can feel they are also the important part of the society. This was the main theme of the convention, "ISKCON's Ramesh Das said. In order to improve the tribes in different States in India, the experienced people who have been working in the concerned fields, themselves delivered their experienced speeches before the gathered tribal people. There were the seminars on various topics related to Tribals. Allegedly the tribals are left behind in the 10 States in India such as West Bengal, Gujarat, Ma-

harashtra, Jharkhand, Manipur, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Tripura, Nagaland and Mizoram. Ramesh the ISKCON PRO stated that the ISKCON has been working for the tribals throughout the year in the fields of Education, Health, Social Security, drinking water etc. While ISKCON works for the Tribals in ten mentioned States, it also has set up 121 Primary Schools for Tribal Children here. There are such eight schools which hold 5,500 students and 280 Teachers. In West Bengal ISKCON has established schools for the backward districts like Purulia

Bankura and Jhargram. There are 123 schools where 152 teachers impart education to 3 thousand students, mostly tribals. The schools are known as 'Nimai Pathshala' which provide residential and food facilities to the students. Last year ISKCON has provided free Health Services to about 6 thousand people. Side by side the Tribal people are given winter cloths at every winter. ISKCON constantly works for the Tribals. During flood in Assam, ISKCON distributed foods to 36 thousand tribals for consecutive 12 days through Ashray Haasta (Trust). Even ISKCON provided Ambulance Services, during Emergency Health Services. All these were discussed in the convention. In the initiative of ISKCON, the tribals of the said States, are supported with the medical camps, health awareness camps, social protection and drinking water. Dr. Yishnu Dev Varma, the Governor of Telangana is scheduled to present at the Tribal Convention as the Chief Guest on Sunday.

Three young lives lost, while delivering wedding invitation

MI News Service, Malda: A devastating road accident has cast a pall of grief over a family in Malda, West Bengal, just days before a wedding celebration. Three young men including an uncle of bride, lost their lives in tragic collision while returning from delivering wedding invitations. The incident occurred at Nakkti Bridge under Ratua Police Station in Malda, where the victims' motorcycle crashed into a stationary tractor. The deceased have been identified as Biswajit Karmakar (25), Bhola Karmakar (23) and Enaful Rahman (18). According to reports, Biswajit and Bhola were brothers-in-law, while Enaful was a friend of Bhola's. The trio had been invitation for Biswajit's niece's upcoming wedding and were returning from Balunka on their motorcycle when the accident occurred. Eyewitnesses described the scene as gruesome with the motorcycle's front portion severely damaged. Local residents claimed that the impact of the collision was so severe that there was no chance of saving the victims. The police were promptly informed, and a team from Ratua police station rushed to the spot to recover the bodies. The bodies were sent for autopsy, and a formal investigation into the incident has been initiated. The tragedy has sent shockwaves throughout the community, with friends and family members mourning the loss of the three young lives. The incident serves as stark reminder of the importance of road safety and the need for vigilance while driving. The family, who were eagerly anticipating the wedding celebration, are now grappling with the unexpected loss of their loved ones.



On the occasion of World Forest Day and World Water Day, saplings were planted in Akulia, Aushgram, on Saturday under the joint initiative of the Forest Department and the Police. Pinaki Bhattacharya, officer of Aduria Bit of the Forest Department, said that saplings of various types of trees including mahogany and black cherry were planted on this day. Tridiv Raj, officer of the firing post, was present. Along with this, the message was given to the local residents to protect the forest from fire. Recently, a forest fire broke out in the Akulia area under Aduria bit of Aushgram. A part of the forest was damaged in the fire.

Moist attack claim life of CRPF jawan from West Midnapore

MI News Service, Bakura: A recent attack has resulted in the death of CRPF jawan Sunil Kumar Mandal from West Midnapore, while another jawan, Partha Pratim Dey another Bakura, was seriously injured. The incident occurred on Saturday afternoon in the Chhota Nagpur police station area of West Singhbhum district, Jharkhand where the two jawans were on duty. According to reports the

Maost had planted an IED explosion which critically injured the two jawans. They were rescued and taken to a hospital in Ranchi by air ambulance. Unfortunately, Sunil Kuamr Mandal succumbed to his injured during treatment. Partha Pratim Dey, the injured jawan from Bakura, is currently undergoing treatment at the same hospital n been worried since received the news, and they have spo-

ken to him news and they have spoken to him over the phone. Partha Pratim Dey is scheduled to undergo surgery on his knee. The incident has cast a shadow of grief over the jawans' house in Mednipore, while the family of Partha Pratim Dey is in a state of anxiety and worry. Local councillor Aparan Chatterjee visited the injured soldier's family and assured them of her support.

'Flower Vally' decimated by hailstorms and Unseasonal rains

MI News Service, Bakura: A prolonged spell of hailstorms and continuous low-pressure rains has devastated Panardange village in Bishnupur block, Bankura, known for its vibrant flower cultivation. The village, aptly dubbed the "flower vally" has witnessed widespread destruction of flower fields, leaving thousand of farmers reeling under the impact. The region's economy heavily relies on flower cultivation, with hectares of land

dedicated to growing marigolds and other varieties. The produce is supplied not only to local market but also to neighboring districts. However, the recent hailstorms and unseasonal rains have severely damaged the crops, causing significant financial losses to farmers. Farmer have expressed concerns about the damage to their fields, which were cultivated using substantial loans. The fear of being unable to recover from

this loss is haunting them, and demands for compensation are gaining momentum. The situation has highlighted the vulnerability of farmers to climate-related disruption and the need for adequate support systems to mitigate their losses. As the affected farmers struggle to come to terms with devastation, the local terms with the devastation, the local administration's response will be crucial in determining the extent of relief and rehabilitation efforts.

Trinamool and BJP engage in war of words

MI News Service, Bishnupur: A fresh controversy has erupted in Bishupur, Bankura after the discovery of ghost voters in the electoral roll. The incident has sparked a heated exchange between the Trinamool Congress and the BJP with each side trading balm over the fake voter entries. According to reports, local Trinamool leaders, acting on party instructions, conducted a door-to-door verification of voter information in Muninagar village. The exercise revealed two suspicious entries: one with an EPIC number but no name or father's name, and another with a name, Anuradha Bera, the locals



claimed did not exist in the village. Trinamool has pointed fingers at the Election Commission, allegation that the BJP has manipulated the voter list. Samer Murkherjee, Trinamool booth president accountability from the Election Commission. The BJP on the other hand, has denied any wrongdoing and shifted the balm to the state government employees assigned as Booth Level Officers (BLOs). Debapriya Biswas, BJP spokesperson for Bishunupur organizational district, claimed that the allegation were an attempt to divert attention and that the Trinamool Congress was trying to cover up its own misdeeds. The controversy has generated significant pressure in political circles, with both parties engaging in a war of words. The incident has raised questions about the integrity of the electoral process and the need for robust mechanism to prevent voter fraud.



Mohun Bagan clinched the championship title in the Calcutta Premier Hockey League by defeating arch-rivals East Bengal 3-1. The prestigious trophy was presented to the winning team by Sports Minister Aroop Biswas. Also present at the event were Bengal Hockey Association President and Minister Sujit Bose, along with legendary hockey player Gurbux Singh.

A teenage boy dies after eating shrimp

MI News Service, Nadia: A teenager died after eating shrimp fish. The incident took place at the Gazna Uttarpara under Hanskhali police limits in Nadia on Sunday afternoon, police said. Police have taken the body from the hospital for post-mortem. Family sources said that around 3 pm on Sunday, Sujoy Biswas (15) took rice with shrimp fish at their own home. After eating, he fell ill. He started to suffocate. On his way to the hospital, his illness increased drastically. He allegedly was suffering from respiratory problem. The family quickly took the boy to local Krishnaganj Rural Hospital. The doctor on duty declared Sujoy brought dead. The family stated that Sujoy had



breathing problem since back. Eating Shrimp fish made the problem deepen. It caused the death. However, the, on duty, physician said the teenager was brought to the hospital after his expiry. "The post-mortem report will clear the reason of death," the physician added. Krishnaganj

police came and took the body from the hospital to the police station. On Monday, the cops of Krishnaganj police station would send the body of Sujoy to the morgue of Shaktinagar District Hospital for autopsy. After his death, the shadow of mourning came down in the area.

Alleged Child Abduction and Attempted Murder Rocks Nabadwip

MI News Service, Nadia: A disturbing incident has shaken the community in Nabadwip, Nadia, where a five-year-old child, Subrata Biswas, was allegedly thrown into the Ganges River from a boat by his step-brother, Suman Dutta. The horrific event occurred on Saturday night, when the boat stopped at Nabadwip Baralgat. Eyewitnesses claim that a masked youth, later identified as Suman Dutta, threw the child into the water and fled the scene. The boatman and passengers searched for the child but were unable to locate him. According to family sources, Suman Dutta, a resident of Kalna, had arrived in Nabadwip to meet his mother and had taken his half-brother Subrata on a boat ride to get a birthday cake.

Pond Dispute Turns Violent in Bankura's Kotalpur, RAF Deployed After Petrol Attack

MI News Service, Bakura: A shocking incident has unfolded in Shahana Raghunathpur Dakshinpara of Kotalpur police station in Bankura, where a dispute over pond renovation between five brothers escalated into violence. Faridur Rahman Bhuiyan, one of the brothers, allegedly poured petrol on his brother Hasibul Rahman Bhuiyan and set him on fire during a clash. The incident occurred when Faridur sat down before

the pond renovation work started, sparking a dispute with his brother Hasibul. The situation quickly turned violent, resulting in Hasibul suffering serious injuries. Local residents rushed him to Korulpur Rural Hospital, but due to his deteriorating condition, he was referred to another medical facility. The attack has sparked widespread outrage in the area, with agitated villagers vandalizing Faridur's

shop and house. The accused's properties were demolished, and the police have arrested Faridur, who is currently being questioned. To maintain order, police patrolling is ongoing in the area. The Hasipur family is demanding strict action against the accused, seeking a disciplinary hearing. The incident highlights the escalating tensions within the family over the pond renovation dispute, which has now turned violent.

Mysterious Water Reactions Spark Alarm in Kamarhati, Administration Issues Warning

MI News Service, Kamarhati: A mysterious waterborne illness has struck Kamarhati, West Bengal, leaving at least 25 people hospitalized and several in critical condition. The outbreak, which occurred in ward number 29, has prompted the Kamarhati Municipality to issue a warning against the use of drinking water in the area. According to reports, the symptoms began with one or two individuals, who complained of vomiting and diarrhea. However, the illness quickly spread to multiple families, with several

members displaying similar symptoms. Doctors suspect that the illness may be waterborne, and water samples have been sent for testing. A temporary health center has been set up in the area, where several locals have sought medical attention. Patients described symptoms of severe weakness, vomiting, and diarrhea, with one patient stating, "My body is very weak. I have been vomiting and defecating so much. After taking medicine, it stops, but I can't even lift my

head and sit up. My eyes feel heavy..." Doctor Sudipta Sarkar, who is attending to the patients, confirmed that an infection is spreading, but the exact cause is still unknown. "Water samples have been sent. The report is pending. Around 50 patients have come here in the last three days," she said. Councillor Nirmala Rai, who is coordinating the relief efforts, assured that the situation is under control. "The situation is already under control. It was a terrible situation for three days. We don't understand what happened, no water or food!" she said.

CJI sets up in-house inquiry...

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Saturday. In the probe report, Justice Varma, vehemently denied all the allegations levelled against him. He claimed that the room which caught fire and where cash was allegedly found was an outhouse and not the main building where the judge and family resides.

"I state unequivocally that no cash was ever placed in that storeroom either by me or any of my family members and strongly denounce the suggestion that the alleged cash belonged to us. The very idea or suggestion that this cash was kept or stored by us is totally preposterous. The suggestion that one would store cash in an open, freely accessible and commonly used storeroom near the staff quarters or in an outhouse verges on the incredible and incredulous. It is a room which is completely disassociated from my living areas and a boundary wall demarcates my living area from that outhouse. I only wish that the media had conducted some enquiry before I came to be indicted and defamed in the press," Justice Varma, said, in his reply.

Justice Varma was also asked not to dispose of his mobile phone. The probe

report also contains the documents and pictures and videos of burnt currency notes and others as shared by the Delhi Police to Delhi HC CJ.

In an emotional reply, he clarified that as a judge, nothing matters more than reputation and character. That has now been severely tarnished and irreparably damaged.

However, Supreme Court Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna has constituted a three member Committee for conducting an inquiry into the allegations against Justice Yashwartha Varma.

The inquiry committee consists of Justice Sheel Nagu, Chief Justice of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana, Justice G S Sandhawalia, Chief Justice of the High Court of Himachal Pradesh, and Anu Sivaraman, Judge of the High Court of Karnataka.

The Chief Justice of the High Court of Delhi for the first time has been asked not to assign any judicial work to Justice Varma, as per the Supreme Court release.

The CJI has constituted the committee after receiving the report submitted by Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya, Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court of Delhi in this matter.

Two Maoist ammunition...

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China's PLA deploys AI...

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might help in that area". The PLA has called for the incorporation of high-end technology, particularly AI, to strengthen its combat capabilities in previous years.

This would include boosting the effectiveness of drone swarm tactics, improving the efficiency and realism of pilot training, and battlefield decision-making support.

The Chinese state-run Guangming Daily said last month that DeepSeek "is playing an increasingly crucial role in the military intelligence process, ushering in a new chapter in the evolution of military intelligence".

It said DeepSeek was

capable of processing massive amounts of battlefield data in real-time, enabling precise situational awareness during combat.

Fu Qianshao, a Chinese military analyst, said DeepSeek's applications in routine physical training and logistical support "demonstrate the PLA's commitment to 'staying up-to-date and fully utilising AI technology to enhance comprehensive combat capabilities'."

"It cannot be ruled out that DeepSeek has been used for other combat functions," Fu said, adding that "the integration of AI into command systems has been underway for a considerable time".

Bangladesh Army denies...

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11 at his Dhaka Cantonment residence as they had long sought a "courtesy meeting" with him. It said the Army chief's office had asked them to come to the Army headquarters but the pair instead went to his official residence 'Sena Bhaban'. They waited there until the Army chief came there after completing his official duties. The Army statement came as tensions started gripping Bangladesh after the NCP, which was floated last month with widely assumed blessings of Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus, accused the military of political interference. Abdullah, one of the key leaders of the party, on Saturday claimed that the military was trying to rehabilitate a "refined" Awami League. As NCP staged protest rallies at the Dhaka University campus, several hundred followers of Abdullah chanted slogans against the Army chief and demanded that Hasina and her 'cohorts'

be hanged after trial. In a Facebook post two days ago, Abdullah claimed that a "conspiracy is afoot to rehabilitate the Awami League" in the name of "refined Awami League at the behest of India". "Those who are supposed to discharge their work inside cantonment, should stay there... in the post-revolution Bangladesh' no interference in the political landscape from the cantonment will be accepted," Abdullah said in a press briefing at the NCP office on Saturday.

Abdullah was a key organiser of the now-defunct Students Against Discrimination (SAD) that led last year's violent mass uprising, toppling Hasina's 16-year regime and installing Muhammad Yunus as the Chief Adviser of the interim government.

NCP convener Nahid Islam backed Abdullah, saying the Army or any other state institution had no "authority to propose or make decisions" about politics.

West Bengal CID to investigate fake QR code scam in pharma ind

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a shocking revelation, counterfeit medicines worth lakhs of rupees have been seized from fraudsters allegedly forged the QR codes of a reputed pharmaceutical company's drugs. The scam has now come under the scrutiny of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), which will conduct a joint investigation alongside the State Drug Control Authority following a court directive.

Authorities are probing the extent of the counterfeit drug network

and identifying those involved in the illicit trade. The financial transactions behind the scam are also under investigation. Concerned by the gravity of the situation, the State Drug Control Authority had petitioned the court, seeking the assistance of an expert investigative agency. The Uluberia Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate (ACJM) granted the request and directed CID to collaborate with drug control officials to uncover the full scope of the fraudulent operation. The

issue came to light when a leading pharmaceutical company discovered that the QR codes on its hypertension medication had been tampered with. Upon realizing the fraud, the company promptly lodged a complaint with the State Drug Control Authority. Subsequent investigations revealed that the counterfeit drugs had entered West Bengal from Bihar and were being distributed across multiple districts by a supplier based in Amta, Howrah. A raid on the supplier's warehouse

led to the seizure of fake medicines worth 17 lakh.

With the case now under CID's purview, investigators are working to determine the extent of the counterfeit drug trade and identify potential kingpins behind the operation. The involvement of high-profile entities in the racket remains a key question.

Notably, the state health department recently imposed bans on several medicines after they failed to meet safety and efficacy

standards. Against this backdrop, the alarming spread of counterfeit drugs across districts has raised concerns about public health risks. The CID's probe is expected to shed light on the distribution channels and regulatory lapses that enabled the illicit trade to flourish.

As the investigation unfolds, authorities remain vigilant to prevent further circulation of spurious medicines, ensuring stringent actions against those responsible for endangering public health.



RCB players Virat Kohli, Rajat Patidar, Devdutt Padikkal during jersey launch in Kolkata.

Sourav Ganguly on uncertainty surrounds KKR vs LSG IPL match

MI News Service, Kolkata: The April 6 IPL fixture between Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) and Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) at Eden Gardens has become the subject of intense speculation due to its clash with Ram Navami. Security concerns have prompted discussions about a possible venue change, though no final decision has been made.

Initially, Kolkata Police informed the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) that they might be unable to provide adequate security on the day of the match due to large-scale Ram Navami processions in the city. In response, CAB requested Kolkata Police to reconsider the issue. However, shortly after, Kolkata Police issued an official statement asserting their readiness to ensure security for the game.

Amid the ongoing debate, former Indian cricket captain and ex-BCCI President Sourav Ganguly has urged patience. Speaking in an interview, he remarked, "Let's wait and see what happens. Have you seen the statement from Kolkata Police? I don't think the match will be moved from Kolkata." His comments have added a new dimension to the controversy, especially since his elder brother and CAB President, Snehasish Ganguly, had previously indicated that shifting the match to Guwahati was being considered due to the

unavailability of an alternative date in Kolkata. Despite Sourav Ganguly's optimism, uncertainty remains. BCCI has yet to officially comment on whether the match will be held at Eden Gardens as planned or relocated elsewhere. If a venue change does occur, Guwahati has been speculated as a possible alternative.

Meanwhile, Kolkata Police has reiterated their commitment to ensuring public safety. A statement from them read, "Some misleading posts are circulating regarding the rescheduling of the IPL match on April 6. Kolkata Police is committed to ensuring the security of all citizens."

The situation continues to develop, with cricket fans eagerly awaiting clarity on whether the high-profile clash will remain in Kolkata or move elsewhere. Given the logistical challenges and potential public unrest surrounding Ram Navami celebrations, the final decision will likely hinge on further discussions between CAB, BCCI, and security officials.

With just weeks to go before the scheduled match, all eyes are now on BCCI's next move. For now, the possibility of a venue change remains open, but Kolkata Police's assurances have kept hopes alive for Eden Gardens hosting the much-anticipated contest.

KMC completes demolition of tilting building in Bagha Jatin

MI News Service, Kolkata: Nearly two months after a four-story (G+3) building in Kolkata's Bagha Jatin made headlines due to its dangerous tilt, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has completed its demolition. The building had been leaning precariously, relying entirely on a boundary wall for support, leaving no alternative but complete demolition to ensure public safety.

The risk was heightened by the fact that the top portion of the tilting structure was dangerously suspended over a neighboring single-story house, posing an imminent threat of collapse. Any structural failure could have resulted in severe casualties.

Meanwhile, another five-story (G+4) building in Christopher Road, Tangra, exhibited similar tilting issues, causing structural strain on an adjacent building. As a precautionary measure, KMC authorities dismantled the top floor to prevent further instability. A source from KMC's Building Department stated that a final decision regarding the complete demolition of the Tangra

building is pending. Structural engineers are currently assessing the risks, and KMC will act upon their recommendations. For now, authorities are monitoring the situation closely. A senior KMC official commented, "A structural engineer will submit a report regarding the building's condition. Based on this assessment, we will determine whether to demolish the remaining floors or retain them in their current state."

Sources suggest that in the interest of safety, partial demolition of the top floors may be necessary to prevent further damage to adjacent buildings. However, no definitive decision has been reached yet.

In the aftermath of the Bagha Jatin incident, displaced residents were assured support by KMC. Authorities had previously indicated that a legally compliant residential building would be constructed on the same plot, with financial assistance for affected families. However, residents are still awaiting temporary shelter arrangements from the civic body.

Kolkata Police bolsters security measures for Ram Navami processions

MI News Service, Kolkata: To prevent any untoward incidents during the upcoming Ram Navami processions, Kolkata Police's Lalbazar headquarters has instructed local police stations to assess the operational status of CCTV cameras along the designated routes. Authorities have also inquired whether additional surveillance cameras are necessary to ensure a smooth and secure event. Police sources confirm that station heads have been asked to provide this information without delay.

In addition to enhanced surveillance, orders have been issued to videograph the entire procession. A senior police official stated that officers deployed along the route will be equipped with body cameras to record events in real time. This measure

is aimed at ensuring accountability and immediate response in case of any disturbances. Sensitive areas will be covered with extensive CCTV monitoring to strengthen vigilance.

The Ram Navami processions, scheduled for April 6, will traverse multiple areas of the city. Taking previous instances of unrest into account, Kolkata Police is taking proactive steps to maintain law and order. Police Commissioner Manoj Verma recently addressed the issue at an event in Park Circus, revealing that multiple high-level meetings have been conducted to finalize the necessary security arrangements. He assured that all essential measures are being implemented to prevent disruptions. Historically, Ram Navami processions have been politically charged in

various parts of West Bengal, leading to sporadic clashes and unrest. In light of these past incidents, authorities are on high alert to ensure Kolkata remains peaceful during the event.

Police sources indicate that in recent years, extensive CCTV installations have been made at religious sites and key city intersections. Officers have now been tasked with reviewing the status of these surveillance systems. If deficiencies are identified, additional cameras will be installed on a temporary basis ahead of the processions. By intensifying security efforts and leveraging technology-driven surveillance, Kolkata Police aims to ensure a peaceful and incident-free Ram Navami celebration, reinforcing public confidence in law enforcement's preparedness.

Hindu Dharma Cultural Grand Conference and World Peace Yajna organized by Bharat Sevashram Sangha

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Hindu Dharma Cultural Grand Conference and World Peace Yajna were organized by the South 24 Parganas District Hindu Milan Mandir, under the management of Bharat Sevashram Sangha, and initiated by the Swami Pranabananda Thought Propagation Council. The event took place at Natter Maidan in Lakshmikanatapur, South 24 Parganas.

The grand yajna was inaugurated at 25 yajnakundus by Swami Purnatmanandajimahaaraj, Executive President of

Bharat Sevashram Sangha. More than a hundred monks and several thousand devotees participated. Notable attendees included Mathurapur Lok Sabha MP Bapi Halder and local MLA Jaydeb Halder.

In celebration of the 130th birth anniversary of Yugavata Acharya Srmat Swami Pranabananda Ji Maharaj, 130 young men and women circumambulated the field while chanting the twelve-letter sacred mantra Om Haro Guru Shankar Shiva Shambhu. Additionally, 51 women recited the Sri Sri Chandi Path

and Sri Sri Gita Path. Enthusiastic devotees from nearly 60 locations gathered at Natter Maidan for the event.

The presence of sacred elements, including the divine ashes of Kashi Vishwanath, water from the MahaKumbh, and sacred Bel wood from Bajitpur, enhanced the spiritual ambiance. The concluding ceremony featured an extraordinary ritual where 25 yajnas were performed simultaneously, with women circumambulating the yajna altars and collectively igniting the sacred fire.

State assures no forced land acquisition at Deocha Pachami

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal government has reassured that no land will be forcibly acquired for the Deocha Pachami coal mining project. In a meeting with representatives of the Santal organization, Bharat JaktMajhiPargana Mahal, state officials clarified that land will only be purchased from willing sellers, and there will be no forced eviction.

Since open-cast mining is not planned in the region, there is no requirement for displacement. To address concerns, a 30-member coordination committee was formed at the Mohammadbazar block office. The committee, which includes local village representatives, will work towards resolving any arising issues related to the project. This decision follows last month's temporary halt in operations due to local demands in Sagarbandi village.

To further dispel concerns, a high-level meeting was conducted by P.B. Salim, Chairman and Managing Director of the West Bengal Power Development Corporation, and Bidhannagar District Magistrate Bidhan Ray. Following the meeting, Salim emphasized that misinforma-

tion about the project has led to confusion, prompting the government to clarify its stance.

He stated, "There has been misinformation in the media regarding land acquisition. We have assured the Santals, the largest tribal group in the area, that land will be purchased only from willing sellers. Those satisfied with the compensation package can inform the government in writing, and their land will be acquired. No land will be taken from those who do not provide written consent."

Additionally, Salim confirmed that the government opposes any form of forced eviction, reiterating that underground mining, not open-cast mining, is planned. He also addressed concerns about deforestation, stating that no Mahua or Arjun trees—highly valued by the Santals—will be cut down; instead, they will be relocated elsewhere.

To ensure transparency, the state will hold meetings every one to two months. Santal leaders, including Baidyanath Hazra and Sukhchand Soren, acknowledged that misunderstandings had arisen due to rumors spread by local and social media.

Regarding the newly formed coordination committee, Dishom Gaonta's state president, Robin Soren, welcomed the move, stating that the committee would meet with the administration twice a month to discuss local issues and development needs. Similarly, Hinglo Gram Panchayat Deputy Chief Shiddas Das stressed that while villagers support the project, external influences have caused confusion, preventing clear communication with the administration.

Local committees comprising selected representatives from various villages, including Hinglo, Chanda, Bharakata, Sagarbandi, and Mathura Pahari, have also been formed to ensure seamless coordination between residents and officials. These committees will swiftly address issues such as Aadhaar card and caste certificate concerns, facilitating the project's smooth implementation.

Senior leader Anubrata Mondal stated that the government is committed to maintaining peace, ensuring development, and preventing external interference, aligning with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's vision.

NAME CHANGE

I, Navita Devi, D/O- Late Sita Ram Chaudary, presently R/O- Flat 3B Lokenath Apartment, Kolupukur Extention East, opp. to Shree Apartment, P.O- Hatia, P.S- Ecopark, Kolkata-700157 & permanent address is Ward No. 03, Phulaha, Samastipur, Bihar- 848209, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Devta Devi as declared before the 1st class Judicial Magistrate Alipore Court, Kolkata, West Bengal vide affidavit no. 19025 dated 21/03/2025 Navita Devi and Devta Devi both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Sk Taj mahammed s/o of SK Islam (father's old name) & Kamrunessa bibi (mother's old name) residing at vil. Moshia. P.O- Naul. PS-Shyampur, Dist-Howrah, pin - 711312 W. B have changed my father's & mother's name and shall henceforth be known as SK Amirul Islam (father's New name) & Mst kamrunessa (mother's New name) as declare before The Notary at uluberia, Howrah on 27.01.2025 SL No JA-674/25 that Sk Taj Mahammed s/o Sk Islam & s/o kamrunessa bibi and SK Taj Mahammed s/o SK Amirul Islam & s/o Mst kamrunessa are the same and identical person

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I, Rabindra Nath Jha, S/O- Late Babu Narayan Jha, presently R/O- Flat 3B Lokenath Apartment, Kolupukur Extention East, opp. to Shree Apartment, P.O- Hatia, P.S.- Ecopark, Kolkata- 700157 & permanent address is Ward No. 03, Phulaha, Samastipur, Bihar- 848209, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ravindra Nath Jha as declared before the 1st class Judicial Magistrate Alipore Court, Kolkata, West Bengal vide affidavit no. 19026 dated 21/03/2025 Rabindra Nath Jha and Ravindra Nath Jha both are same and identical person.

Change of Name

I, Nohar Kumar Sahu s/o Shankar Lal Sahu, residing at Kharida, Bidhanpally, Ward No.- 17, P.O.- KGP- 721301, P.S.- KGP (L), Dist.- Paschim Medinipur, hereby solemnly affirm and declared that **Nohar Kumar Sahu s/o Shankar Lal Sahu, Nohar Kumar Sahu @ Thakur s/o Shankar Lal Sahu @ Thakur and Nohar Kumar Thakur s/o Shankar Lal Thakur** is same and identical person as declared in the Court of the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Kharagpur vide Affidavit No. 1679 Dated 18/03/2025.

Change of Name

I, Arun Kumar Das C/o Praphulla Das Residing at Vill-Jagadishpur, P.O-Purba Madhabpur, P.S-Ramnagar, District-Purba Medinipur, Pin-721453 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Arun Das. I declare that Arun Kumar Das and Arun Das is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 21-03-2025.

Change of Name

I, Kamal Kumar Das S/o Late Satish Das Residing at Vill -Chickrand Jala Para, P.O-Chickrand, P.S- Chanditola, District-Hooghly, Pin-712304 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Kamal Krishna Das. I declare that Kamal Kumar Das and Kamal Krishna Das is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 21-03-2025.

Name Change

I, Shambhu Sharma & Shumbhudee Sharma (Old Names) son of Late Bajrang Lal Sharma, residing at Natural Heights, Block-11, Flat-7B, VIP Road, Airport, Kolkata- 700052, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shambhu Dayal Sharma (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 21/03/2025. Shambhu Dayal Sharma (New Name) and Shambhu Sharma & Shumbhudee Sharma (Old Names) all are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Annu Radha Sharma & Anuradha Sharma (Old Names) daughter of Late Pankaj Nagarmal Sharma, residing at Natural Heights, Block-11, Flat-7B, VIP Road, Airport, Kolkata- 700052, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Annapurna Sharma (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 21/03/2025. Annapurna Sharma (New Name) and Annu Radha Sharma & Anuradha Sharma (Old Names) all are same and identical person.

Change of Name

I, Sunil Mandal (old name) son of Gopal Chandra Mandal, residing at Vill: Shitalgram, P.O- Shitalgram, P.S- Nalhathi, Birbhum, Pin: 731237, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sunil Mandal (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 21/03/2025. Sunil Mandal (old name) and Sunil Mandal (new name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name

I, Amal Mandal (old name) son of Sunil Mandal, residing at Vill: Shitalgram, P.O- Shitalgram, P.S- Nalhathi, Birbhum, Pin: 731237, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Amal Mandal (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 21/03/2025. Amal Mandal (old name) and Amal Mandal (new name) both are same and one identical person.

Burst water pipe in Amtala submerges roads, causes distress for residents

MI News Service, Amtala: A burst water pipeline in the Amtala Pipe Line Road area of Ward No. 37 has resulted in severe water logging, leaving roads submerged and creating immense difficulties for local residents. The persistent flooding has not only disrupted daily life but has also made commuting a hazardous ordeal.

According to local reports, the pipeline rupture occurred several days ago, yet no repair work has been initiated. The continuous water overflow has led to stagnant pools, making it nearly impossible for pedestrians and vehicles to navigate safely. The problem has been exacerbated by the presence of potholes, which remain hidden under the water, causing frequent accidents. Motorists, cyclists, and even pedestrians have reported multiple instances of slipping or falling due to the deteriorated condition of the road.

Residents have voiced their frustration over the repeated failures in addressing the problem. They claim that the pipeline has burst multiple times in the past, and although the Municipal Corporation had undertaken repairs on previous occasions, the issue continues to recur. The lack of a long-term solution has only intensified their woes.

One of the affected residents, speaking to the media, remarked, "We have reported the matter multiple times, yet no corrective action has been taken. The stagnant water has turned into a breeding ground for mosquitoes, raising serious health concerns."

Despite repeated complaints to the local Ward Councilor, no concrete steps have been taken to resolve the crisis. Locals fear that if the situation persists, it may lead to further infrastructural damage and increased health hazards due to waterborne diseases. Many are now demanding immediate intervention from municipal authorities, urging them to not only fix the current damage but also implement a permanent solution to prevent future occurrences. With rising concerns over civic negligence, pressure is mounting on the administration to take swift action before the situation worsens.

In response, Ward Councilor Alok Bhakta stated over the phone that the matter has been reported to the Municipal Corporation and assured that the repair work would be carried out soon. As the monsoon season approaches, residents worry that the ongoing water logging will only aggravate the problem, making it even more difficult for them to navigate through their own neighborhood.

Five-year-old allegedly thrown into river by elder brother

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a shocking incident in the Swarupganj Ghat area of Nabadwip, Nadia, a five-year-old child was allegedly thrown into the Ganges by his elder brother. The accused, a 19-year-old youth, reportedly lured the child with the pretext of buying a birthday cake but instead took him to the riverbank and pushed him into the water from a boat. The police have launched an extensive search for the accused, who fled the scene immediately after the incident.

According to reports, Bandana Biswas, the mother of the victim, had remarried Jaydeb Biswas after the death of her first husband. From her first marriage, she had a 19-year-old son, Subrata Biswas, who lives away due to work commitments. On Saturday, Subrata returned home to visit his mother and half-brother on the occasion of his birthday. He then took his younger brother out, allegedly to buy a cake, but instead headed toward the riverbank.

At around 8:30 PM, witnesses saw Subrata board a boat near the ferry ghat with his younger brother. Moments later, he allegedly threw the child into the river. Onlookers rushed to apprehend him, but Subrata managed to escape by jumping into the water and disappearing into the darkness.

South Eastern Railway crosses 200 mt in freight loading during financial year 2024-25



Freight train over SER jurisdiction

MI News Service, Kolkata: South Eastern Railway (SER) has achieved a major milestone in freight transportation by crossing 200 Million Tonnes mark in current Financial Year. Till date, SER has loaded 204 MT of freight in the current fiscal. This is a stellar performance by South Eastern Railway.

The four divisions of SER has contributed remarkably in this spectacular Freight loading performance. Chakradharpur division has loaded 148.6 Million Tonnes, Adra division has loaded 27.7 Million Tonnes, Kharagpur division has loaded 24.3 Million Tonnes and Ranchi division has loaded 3.3 Million Tonnes so far.

During April, 2024 to March, 2025 till now, the revenue generation from originating freight loading has been Rs. 18359.38 crore.

Sealdah station gets new entry/exit gate



MI News Service, Kolkata: In an endeavour to facilitate lakhs of commuters with easier access to the platform and to reduce huge congestion in the existing entry/exit gate, Sealdah station is now equipped with another entry/exit gate at Sealdah South Station. The new gate at Sealdah is strategically located to reduce walking distance for passengers in reaching Sealdah station, the busiest transportation hub of the City of Joy.

Augmentation of new entry/exit gate at Sealdah will make it convenient to manage huge crowd, particularly during rush hours and festive season, thereby reducing the risk of stamped like situation. Moreso, it will embedden Sealdah Station authority in faster evacuation of the passengers during emergency situation. Further, new gate will be beneficial from security point of view as it provides additional surveillance points and enhanced monitoring.

The new entry gate through the West Canal Road will enable quick dispersal of the crowd. Passengers coming from Belaghata Road, Shyambazar or Salt Lake can now proceed to Sealdah station directly from West Canal Road, avoiding the busy APC Road.

The newly constructed entry/ exit gate will be beneficial for 15-18 lakhs passengers to Sealdah Station everyday. The construction work of the new gate has been accomplished by Sealdah Division in record time under the dynamic and inspiring leadership of Shri Deepak Nigam, DRM/Sealdah. Shri Nigam has stated that, "the newly established entry/exit gate will certainly improve overall accessibility and this state-of-the-art passenger amenities at Sealdah Station will in turn stimulate local economic growth".

Lost bag returned to a lady commuter by Metro staff

MI News Service, Kolkata: On 22.03.2025, at around 13:58 hrs an on-duty RPF staff posted at Howrah Maidan Metro station while conducting a routine checking recovered an unclaimed bag from a rake and deposited it to the Station Master's Office after proper security checking. After opening the bag, some valuable items were found therein.

Thereafter, Station Master made repeated announcements requesting the owner of the bag to collect it from the Station Master's Office and a control message was also communicated to all the stations.

After sometime, a lady commuter came to the Station Master's Office of Howrah Maidan Metro station and claimed the ownership of the recovered bag and the items containing therein. After proper verification and fulfilling all official formalities, the bag along with all other items were handed over to her.

She expressed her heartfelt gratitude to Metro Railway authorities for helping her to get back the lost bag along with all other items.

TMC Councillor obstructs TMC Municipality's development works, Locals hinder Councillor



MI News Service, Kalyani: The Gayeshpur Municipality under Kalyani sub division in Nadia, came up to news again. A TMC Councillor of this TMC run Municipality has obstructed the development works launched by the said Municipality. Then the locals protested the view of the councillor. It led to an unrest and police rushed the spot and took the situation under control. Subsequently the works continued.

A police officer said, "There was a tension following the development works and we rushed the spot. We controlled the situation and works went on." A source said that a complaint may be lodged against the Councillor in near future. The municipality was working on the lights and footpaths on Friday to beautify the road. It was going on at a place at ward 18. The councillor tried to stop the works. The councillor's claim that the municipality was illegally conducting this work without any government documents or tenders. But a sources said that the allegation of councillor was not right. The councillor came to protest on Friday morning. On the other hand, the locals rushed to protest against the obstruction to the development works by the councillor.

East Coast Railway Sports Association (ECoRSA) Holds Annual General Body Meeting

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: The Annual General Body Meeting of the East Coast Railway Sports Association (ECoRSA) was held with a focus on reviewing sports infrastructure development, promotion of sports at grassroots level, and all round excellence in sports administration. The meeting was chaired by ECoR General Manager Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal, along with ECoRSA President Dr. Hemant Kagra (Principal Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer/ECoR) and senior officials of head quarters and Divisional Railway Managers of all divisions.

Key Highlights of the Meeting: Creation of Centre of Excellence for popular Sports; Infrastructure suiting to required standards should be established to train and nurture emerging sportspersons.



Grassroots Sports Promotion: ECoRSA emphasized the promotion of sports at the grassroots level to scout and nurture young talents. New Multipurpose Indoor Stadium at Mancheswar: Another state-of-the-art Multipurpose Indoor Stadium is being constructed at a cost of ₹8.44 Crore, catering to

Badminton, Gymnastics, Kabaddi, Volleyball, and Weightlifting. Academies to run by ECoR for public and students: ECoRSA announced that ECoR's sports infrastructure will be opened to the public through its Sports Academies, offering training and facilities in Cricket, Volleyball, Tennis, Badminton, Table

Tennis, Basketball, Swimming, and shooting. Recognition of ECoR's Sporting Achievements: ECoR GM Parmeshwar Funkwal lauded the National and International athletes from ECoR who have brought laurels to the country. ECoRSA also highlighted its role in organizing various National-Level Sports Meets and Events.

Future Infrastructure Plans: ECoRSA is planning new infrastructure projects to enhance sports facilities further, ensuring better coordination with sports authorities and personalities for the development of sports in the region. The meeting concluded with a strong commitment to enhancing sports culture, nurturing young talent, and upgrading infrastructure for the benefit of railway employees and the public.

Eastern Railway commissions converted SSP to SP at Gocharan to enhance operational efficiency and safety: Local inhabitants to follow safety rules to avoid unwanted electrocution

MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway has decided to commission the conversion of the Sub-Sectioning Post (SSP) to a Sectioning Post (SP) at Gocharan to ensure better power segregation and reliability in the Sealdah-Lakshmikanapur section on 25.03.2025. This critical infrastructural upgrade aims to streamline power distribution by segregating the feed of Hotar Traction Substation (TSS) and Lakshmikanapur TSS with separate feeder wires for the Up and Down lines, facilitating improved efficiency in train operations. The project involves the instal-

lation of a neutral section for both Up Line & Down line around Gocharan. Safety Measures Implemented for Public Awareness: With the introduction of 25,000 Volt AC Electric Traction over the specified section, Eastern Railway has taken significant safety measures to prevent accidental contact with high-voltage overhead equipment. As part of these measures, height gauges have been installed at Level Crossing No. 11E/A-3 with a clear height of 4.78 meters above the road level. These height gauges serve as a precautionary mechanism to prevent loads of excessive height from coming into contact or reaching dangerous proximity to live traction wires. All road users and transport operators are advised to adhere strictly to the prescribed height limitations while loading vehicles to ensure safety and prevent disruptions. The potential risks associated with exceeding the permissible height include: Obstruction Risks - Damage to height gauges could lead to obstructions on both the road and railway lines. Vehicle and Load Damage - Excessive-height loads may pose a danger to the materials carried, the vehicle itself, and railway infrastructure. Risk of Fire and Electric Shock - Any contact or close proximity to overhead conductors could result in serious electrical hazards, endangering lives. Eastern Railway urges the public and transporters to exercise caution while crossing the Railway line and comply with safety guidelines to ensure smooth railway and road operations. The cooperation of local residents, businesses, and transport operators is crucial in maintaining safe and uninterrupted rail traffic in the region.

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Howrah division organizes an awareness program on cleanliness, hygiene, and garbage-free India

MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway's Howrah Division has once again demonstrated its dedication to cleanliness and environmental awareness through a special cleanliness and garbage-free awareness program held at Howrah Station. The event, conducted under the leadership of Divisional Railway Manager Shri Sanjeev Kumar, aimed to promote a cleaner and healthier environment while contributing to the national mission of a garbage-free India.



The program was organized by Shri Satyendra Kumar Tiwari, Sr. DENHM/Howrah, along with other officers and officials, showcasing Eastern Railway's commitment to cleanliness, hygiene, and maintaining a garbage-free environment. The day's activities included a clean-up drive, street theatre, dance drama, awareness film screenings, and a live art installation, all designed to engage and educate passengers and the general public. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Sanjeev Kumar, Divisional Railway Manager, stated, "As you all know, Howrah Station is one of the busiest stations in India, facing immense

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create a lasting impact. Let's take pride in Bengal and make Howrah Station a model of cleanliness and civic responsibility."

He also expressed his gratitude to Smt. Shruti Ghose, Director, Garbage Free India (GFI), Techno India, students from Sri Sri Academy, P.P. Memorial Academy, Theater Zone, Samik, Railway Scouts, and other officials for their enthusiastic participation and support. Indian Railways remains dedicated to providing clean, hygienic, and comfortable transportation to millions of passengers nationwide. The recent awareness program at Howrah Station reflects the organization's unwavering commitment to enhancing the overall passenger experience through cleanliness and environmental awareness.

Tragic road accident claims three friends returning home for eid

MI News Service, Vaishnavnagar: In a heart-breaking incident, three friends lost their lives in a fatal road accident while returning home from another state to celebrate Eid. The accident occurred in the 18 Mile area under Vaishnavnagar Police Station in Malda on Sunday morning. The deceased have been identified as Sabir Alam (24), Ramzan Sheikh (19), and Sadikatul Islam (20). The three youths were traveling on a motorcycle towards Meherapur in Malda when they were hit by a speeding truck on the national highway near

Farakka. All three were killed on the spot due to the impact. According to reports, the victims were residents of Nutanpur village in Meherapur, under the Mothabari police station jurisdiction. Family members revealed that Sabir Alam was a migrant worker employed in Kerala. He had taken a train home for Eid, and on Sunday morning, his two friends set out on a motorcycle to pick him up from Farakka railway station. However, tragedy struck on their way back when a truck rammmed into their bike, killing all three instantly. Local residents and passersby rushed them to the nearest hospital, but doctors declared them dead on arrival. The accident has cast a shadow of grief over the entire region, as families who had been eagerly awaiting the return of their loved ones for Eid are now mourning an unimaginable loss. Sabir Alam's relative, Rintu Sheikh, expressed the family's devastation, stating that they were informed about the accident on Sunday morning. The sudden demise of the three young men has plunged the community into mourning just days before the Eid celebrations.

The police have registered a case and launched an investigation into the accident. Authorities are also working to trace the truck and its driver, who reportedly fled the scene after the collision. The incident highlights the growing concerns over road safety, particularly during festive seasons when many migrant workers undertake long journeys to reunite with their families. This tragic accident serves as yet another reminder of the urgent need for stricter traffic regulations and better enforcement to prevent such devastating losses.

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Supreme Court delegation attends duodecennial celebrations in Imphal

MI News Service, Imphal: A delegation of Supreme Court judges, which is on a visit in Manipur attended the duodecennial celebrations in Imphal on Sunday. Supreme Court Judge Justice BR Gavai inaugurated the Secretariat of Chief Justice of High Court of Manipur and other Court buildings and projects. At the event, the delegation of the judges met and interacted with the officials present. On Saturday, a five-member Supreme Court Judges' delegation, led by Justice BR

Gavai, arrived in Imphal, Manipur. The delegation comprising Justices BR Gavai, Surya Kant, VikramNath, MM Sundresh, KV Viswanathan and N Kotishwar arrived in Manipur. The delegation of Supreme Court Judges also visited a relief camp in Churachandpur, Manipur. Justice BR Gavai, the Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), on Saturday inaugurated legal services camps and medical camps across all districts of Manipur, as well as

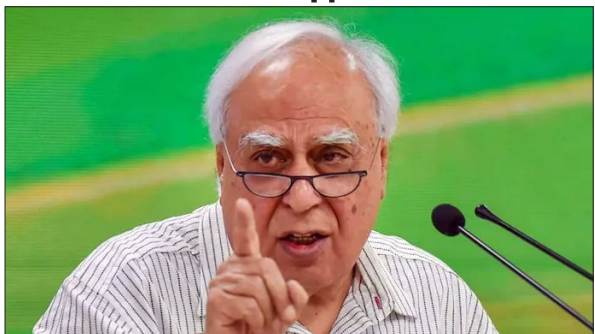
new legal aid clinics in Imphal East, Imphal West and Ukhrul districts. After the inauguration, Justice Gavai said that the delegation was here for this event and would transfer the legal aid for the benefit. "For the principle of justice and also access to the health care is important. I along with the team assure you that we stand with you. It's our responsibility to work together for the society. The whole nation will come together so that this problem will be sorted," he said.

President's Rule was imposed in Manipur on February 13 under Article 356 of the Constitution, five days after Chief Minister N. Biren Singh resigned from his post. The violence in Manipur between the Hindu Meiteis and the tribal Kuki, who are Christians, erupted after a rally by the All Tribal Students Union of Manipur (ATSUM) on May 3, 2023. Violence had gripped the entire State and the Central government had to deploy paramilitary forces to bring the situation under control.



Hyderabad: A view of the illuminated Charminar surrounded by a bustling night bazaar during the ongoing month of Ramadan, in Hyderabad on Sunday.

INDIA bloc should 'unblock' itself: Kapil Sibal on future of opposition alliance



MI News Service, New Delhi: Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal stated Sunday that the INDIA bloc should outline their vision, converge on a stage and move ahead with a programme for the future and only then can it face the challenge of taking on the BJP-led government.

"Why are you asking me, ask those who want to strengthen it. They are unblocking their bloc. First of all, they should maintain their bloc and present themselves like a bloc in front of the public and present their views about what they think. It should have a spokesperson, a secretariat, a policy, a minimum program...I do not understand such politics. I am far away from it," he told ANI.

Asked about the future of the INDIA bloc in view of the Bihar Legislative Assembly elections later in the year and State assembly elections in Assam, West Bengal.

Kapil Sibal stressed that the opposition has to touch upon the issues related to the public to take on the BJP-led Union government. He also criticised the DMK government, without naming them, over the issue of language.

"If they have to seriously face this government, then the opposition parties will have to come on one platform

and move forward with one program. They should raise such issues which are really related to the public..." Sibal told ANI.

"Today what is in front of the janta? There are issues, which are coming to the fore which does not have anything to do with the lay public. Take for example the language issue, in which our Home Minister gave a heavy speech. I want to ask that they had said they will make engineering books in Tamil when they come to power, does it have anything to do with the future..." Sibal said.

The Rajya Sabha MP also voiced his unconditional support for the INDIA bloc, which was formed to take on the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led BJP government in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

"We keep speaking in their favour, we protect them every day. We give our statements in their favour and if they don't need us, it doesn't matter, we will still support them because we are against this kind of politics (politics of BJP) and if they (the INDIA bloc) also do such politics then we will be against them too..." Sibal said.

There were also calls for change in leadership after the bloc lost a string of elections in States like Haryana, Maharashtra and New Delhi.

All India Muslim Personal Law Board announces nationwide 'agitation' against Waqf Amendment Bill

MI News Service, New Delhi: All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) on Sunday announced a nationwide agitation against the proposed Waqf Amendment Bill.

A statement issued by Mohd Vaquar Uddin Latifi, Office Secretary of the (AIMPLB) said, "Following a massive and successful protest in Delhi on March 17, the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) has announced a nationwide agitation against the proposed Waqf Amendment Bill.

SQR Ilyas, spokesperson of AIMPLB and Convener of the Action Committee Against the Waqf Bill, expressed gratitude on behalf of the Board to all Muslim organizations, civil society groups, and leaders from Dalit, Adivasi, OBC, and other minority communities.

"Without the grace of Allah and the united support of these groups, the success of the Delhi

demonstration would not have been possible," he said. He also extended thanks to the opposition parties and Members of Parliament who not only participated in large numbers but also firmly rejected the proposed legislation.

The statement stated that the AIMPLB's 31-member Action Committee has resolved to adopt all constitutional, legal, and democratic means to "oppose" what it has termed a "controversial, discriminatory, and damaging" bill. "As part of the first phase of the agitation, large protest sit-ins have been planned in front of the state assemblies in Patna on March 26 and Vijayawada on March 29"

It said that the senior leadership of the AIMPLB, along with representatives of national and state-level religious and social organizations, will participate in these demonstrations. "Leaders from civil soci-



ety, prominent personalities from other minority communities and key figures from Dalit, Adivasi, and OBC sections have also confirmed their participation."

"Despite the issuance of whips by various political parties requiring MPs to attend the ongoing Parliament session, invitations have been extended to opposition members of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) to attend the sit-ins," the statement said.

"In Patna, leaders from JD(U), RJD, Congress, and Lok Janshakti Party, including the Chief Minister

of Bihar, have been invited. Similarly, in Andhra Pradesh, invitations have been sent to the ruling Telugu Desam Party (TDP), YSR Congress, Congress, and left parties," as per the statement.

Ilyas said the "purpose of these protests is to send a clear message" to the BJP's alliance partners: "either withdraw support for the Bill or risk losing our support."

The statement added that the Board has prepared a detailed nationwide agitation plan under which protest will be organized in all state

capitals. "Major rallies are scheduled to be held in Hyderabad, Mumbai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Malerkotla (Punjab), and Ranchi. The campaign will include sit-in demonstrations, human chains, and social media campaigns, especially hashtag drives on X (formerly Twitter), the AIMPLB said.

Public conferences, seminars, symposiums, and dharnas will be organized at the district level, and memorandums will be submitted to the President of India through District Magistrates, the statement added.

BJP, DMK playing politics for their own benefit: AIADMK on JAC meet on delimitation

MI News Service, Chennai: Following the Joint Action Committee (JAC) meeting on delimitation issue, All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) National Spokesperson Kovai Sathyan said that the BJP and DMK were staging a drama for political mileage ahead of 2026 elections.

Kovai Sathyan said, "Yesterday's meeting was nothing but a big drama. The letter which CM Stalin wrote to them extending invitations stated that they are not against delimitation whereas in Tamil Nadu DMK's propaganda is delimitation is detrimental to TN."

"The AIADMK said that the proportion of Tamil Nadu MPs at present is 7.18 percent, and it should not change. This resolution was intentionally left out by DMK when we attended the all-party meeting. They are desperate to set this issue as the tone for the upcoming 2026 elections. The BJP and DMK are playing politics to their own benefit to the political gallery of their own followers," he

further said.

Earlier Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on Saturday stated that the opposition parties are aiming to raise awareness among the public on the proposed issue of delimitation.

His remarks came hours after Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin hosted the first meeting of the Joint Action Committee (JAC) on delimitation in Chennai.

The meeting was attended by various political leaders, including Telangana Chief Minister

Revanth Reddy, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, Odisha Congress President Bhakta Charan Das, and Biju Janata Dal leader Sanjay Kumar Das Burma, among others.

Stalin has said that the next meeting on the delimitation of constituencies will be held in Hyderabad, Telangana.

"We will take up this issue up to Delhi level... The second meeting is going to be organised in

Hyderabad...A closed-door meeting and a public meeting will be organised...We want to make the public aware of this issue," CM Reddy told reporters after attending the meeting.

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Sambhal Violence: Jama Masjid Chief Zafar Ali brought to Chandausi Court by SIT

MI News Service, Sambhal: Jama Masjid Sadar Chief and Shahi Mosque Committee head, Zafar Ali, was brought to Chandausi Court on Sunday in connection with the November 24 Sambhal violence.

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) of Sambhal Police took him into custody earlier today for questioning regarding the incident. He was also taken for a medical examination in Chandausi.

In a statement to the media, Zafar Ali categorically denied any involvement in inciting violence, emphasizing, "I did not incite violence."

Following his detention, a group of his supporters staged a protest demanding his immediate release. The police have yet to issue an official statement regarding Zafar Ali's role in the case.

Earlier today, Zafar Ali and his son were summoned to the Sambhal Police Station for questioning. Security has been tightened outside the

Chandausi Court, where both are to be presented as part of the legal proceedings in the case.

Circle Officer Anuj Chaudhary said, "There are no new arrangements made... Forces have been

deployed to maintain peace... There is peace in the area..."

The violence had resulted in the deaths of four individuals and injuries to several others, including officials and locals.

As local Muslims gathered outside the mosque and tensions escalated, police resorted to force and opened fire on the protesters, killing at least four men and several injured, including officials and lo-

cal. The Uttar Pradesh Police's Special Investigation Team (SIT) had earlier filed a chargesheet of over 4,000 pages in six of the 12 cases in the November 24 Sambhal violence that erupted during the ASI's examination of the Mughal-era mosque. The violence resulted in 12 FIRs and 80 arrests for allegedly pelting stones at police from rooftops. According to the charge sheet, there were 159 total accused in the case. It also mentioned that the weapons recovered from the site of violence and other places were manufactured in the United Kingdom, USA, Germany, and Czechoslovakia. Since November last year, no further incidents of violence have been reported in the area. During Holi celebrations, the police maintained tight security, conducting flag marches to ensure peace. To protect the mosque from any colours or vandalism, a tarpaulin sheet was also placed over the Jama Masjid at that time.



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"Way he insulted national anthem had never happened before": Congress leader Pawan Khera on Nitish Kumar

MI News Service, Patna: Days after a video clip of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar went viral apparently showing him "gesturing" and apparently "talking" while the national anthem was being played, Congress leader Pawan Khera on Sunday expressed concern over Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's health while also criticizing the state's leadership and the BJP.

He questioned the BJP's commitment to the state, alleging that they only prioritize Bihar during election seasons.

"We are worried for the health of the Chief Minister, but we are more worried about Bihar. If Bihar has such a leadership, how safe is the state? They (BJP) only worry about any state until the

elections. After the elections, they forget Bihar or any other state," Khera told ANI.

Khera also questioned the safety of Bihar under its current leadership, citing the recent shooting of a hospital director in Patna as evidence of the state's deteriorating law and order situation.

"Why is Bihar in such a condition today that just today, a hospital director was shot in Patna? What vision did they (BJP) have for Bihar?... The way he insulted the national anthem had never happened before," added Khera.

The victim was diagnosed with several gunshot injuries, after which she was referred to AIIMS, where she succumbed to her injuries.

Following this, the father of the deceased demanded a high-level inquiry into the case, alleging a conspiracy in her death. He also emphasised the significance of the Congress party, highlighting its widespread support and legacy.

Replying to a query about the upcoming Bihar Legislative Assembly elections months after the drubbing of the party in the Delhi assembly elections, the Congress leader said, "Can anyone ever ignore the Congress in this country? It is such an old party that has at least one supporter on every street.

There is a supporter in every house. How long can we ignore such a party? We will give a reply at the right time..." said the Congress leader.

Meanwhile, a poster targeting the Janata Dal-United supreme appeared outside the residence of former Chief Minister Rabri Devi in Patna. The poster read, "The non-serious Chief Minister, Jan Man Adhinay Jay Hai, Nahi Kursi Kursi Kursi Jay Hai." Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Tejashwi Yadav on Thursday shared a video on social media platform X of Nitish Kumar at an event in which he seen to be gesturing and apparently talking while the national anthem was being played. Yadav posted on X, "At least please do not in-

sult the national anthem, Hon'ble Chief Minister. You insult youth, students, women and elderly people every day. Sometimes they clap on Mahatma Gandhi's martyrdom day and mock his martyrdom, and sometimes they clap on the national anthem!"

He alleged that the Bihar CM was "not mentally or physically stable" and called his condition a matter of great concern for the State. "PS: Let me remind you that you are the Chief Minister of a big state. You are not mentally and physically stable even for a few seconds and your being in this position in such an unconscious state is a matter of great concern for the state. Do not insult Bihar like this again and again," he added in a post on X.

Those who advocate Ganga-Jamuni culture never thought of bringing Dara Shikoh forward": Dattatreya Hosabale

MI News Service, Bengaluru: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) General Secretary Dattatreya Hosabale on Sunday slammed the advocates for the Ganga-Jamuni culture, which promotes harmony between different cultures, but never considered Aurangzeb's brother Dara Shikoh a hero.

"This, he argued, raises questions about who India should associate with its ethos. He stressed that this is not a matter of religion, but rather about identifying with individuals who worked according to India's traditions.

Addressing a press conference, Hosabale questioned the iconization of historical figures who were against India's ethos. He cited the example of Aurangzeb Road in Delhi being renamed Abdul Kalam Road, highlighting that there was a reason behind this change.

"... There have been a lot of incidents in the past. There was an 'Aurangzeb Road' in Delhi, which was renamed Abdul Kalam Road. There was some reason behind it. Aurangzeb's brother, Dara Shikoh, was not made a hero. Those who advocate the Ganga-Jamuni culture never thought of bringing Dara Shikoh forward. Are we going to iconize someone who was against the ethos of India, or are we going to go with those who worked according to the traditions of this land?" said the RSS General Secretary.

Dara Shikoh (1615-1659) was the eldest son of Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan and a pioneer of interfaith understanding in India. He is described as a "liberal Muslim" who sought to find common ground between Hindu and Islamic traditions.

Dara Shikoh was declared Crown Prince in 1655 but was defeated by Aurangzeb in 1657. He was eventually assassinated by Aurangzeb in 1659 at the age of 44. His works, such as Majma-ul-Bahrain and Sirr-i-Akbar, aimed to establish connections between Hinduism and Islam.

He translated the Upanishads and other Hindu texts from Sanskrit to Persian, introducing Indian culture and spirituality to Europe and the West. Unlike his brother Aurangzeb, Dara Shikoh was inclined towards philosophy and mysticism, rather than military pursuits.

The RSS leader also distinguished between fighting against the British and fighting against those who came before them. He noted that Maharana Pratap's fight was indeed a freedom movement and that people with an "invader mentality" pose a danger to the country.

"If the freedom fighting is done against Britishers, then it is a freedom fight. The fight against those who were before them (Britishers) was also a freedom movement. What Maharana Pratap did was fight for freedom. If there are people with an invader mentality, then they are a danger to the country... We have to decide whom we are going to associate with the ethos of our country..."

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A copy of the Deed of Partition dated 5th June 1990, registered before the Registrar of Assurances, Calcutta, recorded in Book No. 1, Volume No. 237, pages 434 to 445, Being No. 88082 for the year 1990.
A copy of the Building Sanction Plan No. 110 dated 5th October 1955, issued by the Building Department of the Calcutta Municipal Corporation (D.I.I.).
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STUDY REVEALS WHY FAMILY BUSINESSES HAVE MORE WOMEN LEADERS

WASHINGTON DC [US] : Family firms account for more than 70 per cent of the global GDP, and poll statistics reveal that they are significantly more accepting of female leadership: up to 55 per cent have at least one woman on their board, and 70% are considering a woman as their next CEO. Experts attribute the outlier gender parity to a focus on long-term plans or family values.

But a new study, published in the Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal, suggests that women's success as leaders in family businesses is deeply rooted in how employees interpret their leadership style.

"Family firms tend to focus on being inclusive and supportive of internal stakeholders, extending the sense of 'family' and community," says Remedios Hernandez-Linares of the Universidad de Extremadura in Spain and one of the study's authors. "This culture creates a moderating effect for women leaders -- their leadership is perceived as relationship-building and values dissemination." This leadership style aligns more closely with Western gender norms that characterize women as more empathetic and cooperative and men as more competitive and aggressive. The authors note, however, that women leaders at family businesses are not necessarily more impactful because they conform to gender norms. They thrive because their businesses' strategies emphasize areas where women are traditionally seen as competent.

"CEOs influence employees' behaviors via modeling, and leaders who are more credible and legitimate are more effective role models," says Maria Concepcion Lopez-Fernandez of Universidad de Cantabria in Spain, another of the study's authors. "Perceived incongruity between female gender roles and leadership roles can lead to prejudice and bias against female leaders."

The authors specifically dug into how CEOs foster entrepreneurship, a highly masculinized business behavior, within their business culture. They conducted regression analysis on survey data from 322 Spanish small businesses, 198 classified as family firms and 133 as nonfamily. Women represented 20 percent of the CEOs. CEOs ranked their business's performance on five entrepreneurial traits: risk-taking, innovation, proactiveness, competitiveness, and autonomy. The survey also measured key aspects of social learning at each business, including commitment to learning, shared vision, and open-mindedness.

The analysis showed no direct effect of CEO sex on entrepreneurial orientation, and all aspects of social learning were positively related to entrepreneurship. However, there were marked differences based on CEO sex and whether the organization was a family business.

"It is not male or female leadership per se that predicts a firm's entrepreneurial orientation, but rather, whether the male or female CEO is leading a family or nonfamily business," says Kimberly A Edlestone of Northeastern, the study's third author. "Women leaders at family firms better leverage their business's commitment to learning and open-mindedness to support entrepreneurship than women leaders at nonfamily firms."

"Our study therefore suggests that while women have an advantage leading family businesses, gender biases hamper female leaders' ability to transform learning into greater entrepreneurial orientation in non-family business," added Franz Kellermanns of UNC Charlotte, the study's final author.



CONSECRATION CEREMONY

Devotees perform rituals Tapasthali temple's silver jubilee, Prayagraj on Sunday.

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Ice age may help predict oceans' response to global warming

WASHINGTON DC: A team of scientists led by a Tulane University oceanographer discovered that deposits deep beneath the ocean floor provide a means to estimate ocean oxygen levels and their relationship to carbon dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere during the last ice age, which ended more than 11,000 years ago.

The findings, published in Science Advances, help explain the role oceans played in past glacial melting cycles and could improve predictions of how ocean carbon cycles will respond to global warming.

Oceans adjust atmospheric CO2 as ice ages transition to warmer climates by releasing the greenhouse gas from carbon stored within the deep ocean. The research demonstrates a striking correlation between global ocean oxygen contents and atmospheric CO2 from the last ice age to today -- and how carbon release from the deep sea may rise as the climate warms.

"The research reveals the important role of the Southern Ocean in control-



ling the global ocean oxygen reservoir and carbon storage," said Yi Wang, lead researcher and an assistant professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Tulane University School of Science and Engineering. Wang specializes in marine biogeochemistry and paleoceanography.

"This will have implications for understanding how the ocean, especially the Southern Ocean, will

dynamically affect the atmospheric CO2 in the future," she said.

Wang conducted the study with colleagues from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, the world's leading independent nonprofit organization dedicated to ocean research, exploration and education. She worked for the institute before joining Tulane in 2023.

The team analyzed seafloor sediments collect-

ed from the Arabian Sea to reconstruct average global ocean oxygen levels thousands of years ago. They precisely measured isotopes of the metal thallium trapped in the sediments, which indicate how much oxygen was dissolved in the global ocean at the time the sediments formed.

"Study of these metal isotopes on glacial-interglacial transitions has never been looked at before, and these measurements allowed us to essentially recreate the past," Wang said.

The thallium isotope ratios showed the global ocean lost oxygen overall during the last ice age compared to the current warmer interglacial period. Their study revealed thousand-year global ocean deoxygenation during abrupt warming in the Northern Hemisphere, whereas the ocean gained more oxygen when abrupt cooling occurred during the transition from the last ice age to today. The researchers attributed the observed ocean oxygen changes to Southern Ocean processes.

STRESS HAS TENDENCY TO INCREASE INFLAMMATION IN BODY

COLUMBUS [OHIO] : Lifestyle and genetics, as well as a range of other factors both within and outside of our control, have all been connected to the development of metabolic syndrome, a set of conditions that increase the risk of serious health problems.

A new study showed that stress, because of its inclination to raise inflammation in the body, is also connected with metabolic syndrome, prompting researchers to argue that affordable and extremely easy stress-management measures could be one strategy to assist improve biological health outcomes.

"We were specifically examining people in midlife -- a time that is critical to determine those who will experience accelerated aging. Stress is an important contributor to several negative health outcomes as we age," said senior author Jasmeet Hayes, associate professor of psychology at The Ohio State University.

"There are many variables that influence metabolic syndrome, some we can't modify, but others that we can. Everybody experiences stress," Hayes said. "And stress management is one modifiable factor that's cost-effective as well as something people can do in their daily lives without having to get medical professionals involved."

The research was published recently in Brain, Behavior, & Immunity - Health.

Links between stress and biological health are established, but few previous studies had looked specifically at the involvement of inflammation in stress's connection to metabolic syndrome. People with metabolic syndrome are diagnosed with at least three of five factors that increase the risk for heart disease, diabetes and other health issues - excess belly fat, high blood pressure, low HDL (good) cholesterol, and high levels of fasting blood glucose and triglycerides, a type of fat in the blood. The condition is also referred to as insulin

resistance syndrome. Using data from a sample of 648 participants (average age 52) in a national survey titled Midlife in the United States, first author Savana Jurgens built a statistical model to gauge how inflammation may fit into the relationship between stress and metabolic syndrome. Information from respondents' reported perceived stress, blood biomarkers for inflammation, and physical exam results indicating risk factors for metabolic syndrome was used for the analysis.

"There's not much research that has looked at all three variables at one time," said Jurgens, a psychology graduate student in Hayes' lab. "There's a lot of work that suggests stress is associated with inflammation, inflammation is associated with metabolic syndrome, and stress is associated with metabolic syndrome. But putting all those pieces together is rare."

Inflammation composite scores were calculated using biomarkers that included the better-known IL-6 and C-reactive protein as well as E-selectin and ICAM-1, which help recruit white blood cells during inflammation, and fibrinogen, a protein essential to blood clot formation.

The statistical modeling showed that stress does indeed have a relationship with metabolic syndrome, and inflammation explained over half of that connection - 61.5%, to be exact.

"There is a small effect of perceived stress on metabolic syndrome, but inflammation explained a large proportion of that," Jurgens said. The results made sense - stress is just one of many factors that can launch health markers into a state of disarray. Other factors include a range of behaviors including inactivity, unhealthy eating habits, smoking and poor sleep, as well as low socioeconomic status, advanced age and being female. But considering that an estimated 1 in 3 American adults has metabolic syndrome, knowing how to lower risk or prevent it altogether.

Bacterial meningitis may cause neurological impairment

STOCKHOLM [SWEDEN] : One out of every three children who suffer bacterial meningitis has irreversible neurological impairments as a result of the infection.

This is according to a recent epidemiological study done by Karolinska Institutet and published in the top medical journal JAMA Network Open.

For the first time, researchers have determined the long-term health consequences of bacterial meningitis. The bacterial infection is currently treatable with medications, although it frequently results in irreversible neurological disability. And since children are frequently affected, the

repercussions are severe.

"When children are affected, the whole family is affected. If a three-year-old child has impaired cognition, a motor disability, impaired or lost vision or hearing, it has a major impact. These are life-long disabilities that become a major burden for both the individual and society, as those affected need health care support for the rest of their lives," said Federico Iovino, associate professor in Medical Microbiology at the Department of Neuroscience, Karolinska Institutet, and one of the authors of the current study.

By analyzing data from the Swedish quality register on bacterial meningitis



between 1987 and 2021, the researchers have been able to compare just over 3,500 people who contracted bacterial meningitis as children

with just over 32,000 matched controls from the general population. The average follow-up time is over 23 years. The results

show that those diagnosed with bacterial meningitis consistently have a higher prevalence of neurological disabilities such as cognitive impairment, seizures, visual or hearing impairment, motor impairment, behavioral disorders, or structural damage to the head.

The risk was highest for structural head injuries - 26 times the risk, hearing impairment - almost eight times the risk, and motor impairment - almost five times the risk.

About one in three people affected by bacterial meningitis had at least one neurological impairment compared to one in ten among controls. "This shows that even if the

bacterial infection is cured, many people suffer from neurological impairment afterwards," said Federico Iovino.

With the long-term effects of bacterial meningitis identified, Federico Iovino and his colleagues will now move forward with their research.

"We are trying to develop treatments that can protect neurons in the brain during the window of a few days it takes for antibiotics to take full effect. We now have very promising data from human neurons and are just entering a preclinical phase with animal models. Eventually, we hope to present this in the clinic within the next few years," said Federico Iovino.

Antibody-based therapy several notches closer to treat mucormycosis

CALIFORNIA : Mucormycosis, a fungus infection caused by Mucorales, has a high mortality rates in those with weakened immune systems and those who have suffered severe trauma, such as burns, blast injuries, or natural disaster victims.

The condition caused significant infection among COVID-19 patients treated with high doses of corticosteroids, with mortality rates approaching 60 per cent.

In the United States,

there are approximately 4,000 cases per year with a rate of 200,000 in Southeast Asia where the disease is endemic to India. While vaccines and immunotherapies are available for viruses and bacteria, effective antifungal immunotherapies for mucormycosis, specifically, are lacking.

Ashraf Ibrahim, PhD, an investigator at The Lundquist Institute for Biomedical Innovation at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center for more than 33

years, and Research Scientist, Yiyu Gu, PhD, at TLI for more than eight years, have been conducting research using monoclonal antibodies to address this gap.

Ibrahim's research focuses on advancing the understanding of the pathogenic mechanisms and virulence factors of fungal and bacterial infections, and on translating this knowledge into novel immunotherapeutic strategies to combat infectious diseases.

Their paper, "A humanized antibody against

mucormycosis targets angiogenesis and augments the host immune response," was recently accepted and published in the Science Translational Medicine journal. In it, they discuss the use of monoclonal antibodies to target a key fungal cell surface protein, CotH, which enables the fungus to invade human cells and cause mucormycosis. Their findings will increase the efficiency of the current treatment options and thus will improve the outcome of

treatment of lethal mucormycosis.

"Mucormycosis is a devastating disease that usually occurs in patients who suffer from weakened immune system such as patients with poorly controlled diabetes, cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, and transplant patients," said Ibrahim, adding that the disease has had a steady increase over the last four decades due to an increase in people with diabetes and cancer, as well as advancement in transplant

procedures. The infection is aggressive and considered a medical emergency that needs immediate attention, often with disfiguring surgery to remove infected tissues. The damage to blood vessels is concerning because it's how antifungal drug therapy is delivered to the infection site. "Our humanized monoclonal antibody allows antifungal drug therapy to reach to infected tissues because it prevents fungal cells from damaging human cells and blood vessels," Ibrahim said.

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As a result, Ibrahim and Gu developed an antibody called VX-01, a humanized antibody that has proven more effective

at binding to the fungus compared to the original antibody. Although both protect from infection, the humanized antibody reduces immunogenicity and enhances therapeutic effect when used in humans, a major translational step.

Early tests show that VX-01 is safe, with no harmful effects on healthy cells, suggesting that VX-01 could be a promising treatment to help fight mucormycosis in people with weakened immune systems.



An Iftar Majlis was organized on Saturday by Editor Pirzada Maulana Mehrah Siddiqui's Jamiat-e-Uluma-e-Assam Bangla. In this meeting, clothes were distributed among the poor of the area at the branch office of Pancha Thana Committee, Sepaipara. One of the officials of the organization, Pirzada Maulana Minhaj Siddiqui, was present. The organization, founded by Pir Mojaddide Zaman Ala Hazrat Dada Huzur of Furfura Sharif, is doing philanthropic work in the area. Apart from Nazim Molla, Ashiqui, Sabdul Khan, Babai Molla and Afat Sepai, many others were present on the day. There was a large crowd of common people from the region on the occasion of the meeting. PIC: Nurul Islam Khan

Uttar Pradesh: Sambhal's Shahi Jama Masjid president Zafar Ali arrested

MI News Service, Sambhal: Zafar Ali, a prominent lawyer and the Sadar Chief of Shahi Jama Masjid in Sambhal, was arrested by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the Uttar Pradesh Police on Sunday in connection with the 2024 protests against the mosque's survey and the subsequent police violence. Prior to his arrest, the SIT had taken Zafar Ali into custody to record his statement regarding the case.



Zafar Ali would testify truthfully, as he had done in a prior press conference.

The police claim that Zafar Ali was among the first to receive advance information about the official survey scheduled in Sambhal. On November 19, 2024, he allegedly learned of the survey, prompting a gathering of local Muslims to protest. According to the police, this led to unrest and violence.

Zafar Ali's elder brother, Advocate Mohammad Tahir, stated to reporters that Zafar Ali was scheduled to appear before a commission the following day to provide his statement. However, Tahir claimed that the police were attempting to prevent him from doing so, and despite his arrest, he expressed confidence that

Sanhita (BNS), 2023, including Sections 191(2), 191(3), 190, 221, 132, 125, 324(5), 196, 223(b), and 326(F). He also faced charges under Section 3 of the Indian Evidence Act, 2023, and Section 5 of the Public Property Damage Prevention Act, 1984.

The arrest occurred a month after the UP Police's SIT submitted charge sheets in six cases related to the November 24, 2024, protest against the mosque survey. That day, Sambhal witnessed violent clashes when an ASI team arrived to survey the Shahi Jama Masjid, accompanied by a Hindutva mob chanting "Jai Shri Ram." As tensions rose, local Muslims gathered outside the mosque, and police responded with force, opening fire on the protesters.

including four women, have been arrested for allegedly throwing stones at police from rooftops. Eight FIRs have been filed in connection with the violence. Many believe the administration is targeting prominent Muslim figures who have been vocal against police killings and violence, and Zafar Ali, who was among the first to speak out, is now facing arrest.

Zafar Ali had previously been detained by the police after holding a press conference in which he accused senior district officials of orchestrating the police firing on Muslim youth during protests.

He claimed that he had witnessed high-ranking officials discussing firing orders against protesters and refuted claims that the violence was initiated by the public. His allegations included the use of country-made guns by police and the mishandling of the situation by local authorities.

Zafar Ali's arrest has sparked anger among the local Muslim community, with residents asserting that the authorities fear his efforts to fight for justice.

According to the FIR filed by Jitendra Deepak Rathi, a senior divisional official of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), Zafar Ali was accused of inciting violence. Rathi alleged that after a survey team visited Sambhal, local Muslims protested and attacked the VHP team.

Zafar Ali was charged under multiple sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya

BJP aader Dilip Ghosh sparks outrage after threatening women protesters with choking

MI News Service, Kharagpur: Senior BJP leader Dilip Ghosh from West Bengal is facing severe backlash after a video emerged showing him threatening a woman protester during an event in Kharagpur on Friday. Ghosh had visited Ward 6 to inaugurate a newly constructed road when the confrontation took place.

In the viral footage, Ghosh can be heard saying, "Don't scream. I will choke you," while engaging with local protesters.

The incident unfolded when a group of women confronted Ghosh, questioning his absence during his tenure as a Member of Parliament. One woman pointed out that the road was built by Trinamool Congress (TMC) councillor Pradip Sarkar, asking, "Where were you all this time? We never saw you as an MP. Now that our councillor has built the road, you show up?"

Ghosh reacted aggressively, labeling the protesters as TMC supporters. "I have built it with my money, not your father's money. Go and ask Pradip Sarkar about it," he retorted. The heated exchange escalated when one of the women challenged his behavior, asking, "You were an MP, can you talk like this?"

In response, Ghosh threatened, "I will bring up your fourteen generations." The tension escalated further when Ghosh ominously said, "Don't scream. I will choke you," before calling the protesters "Trinamool's dogs." The altercation drew attention, and a police team from the nearby Kharagpur Town station had to intervene.

As the situation grew more intense, a woman allegedly attempted to hit Ghosh's vehicle, forcing him to leave under police protection.

After the incident, Ghosh claimed that the protest was orchestrated by the TMC, accusing the protesters of being "opportunists" seeking money from a government scheme. He also emphasized that the road was built at a cost of Rs 2.6 lakh from his MPLAD fund and blamed the local municipality for failing to do the job. Ghosh criticized the TMC for being disruptive and misleading the public.

Pradip Sarkar, the TMC councillor, condemned Ghosh's actions, saying he disrespected the women and insulted their families. Sarkar also claimed that Ghosh had insulted his father and demanded an apology.

Israel govt to establish New Administration for Voluntary Emigration of Gaza Residents

MI News Service, Tel Aviv: Israel's Political-Security Cabinet approved Defense Minister Israel Katz's proposal to establish a "voluntary transition administration" for Gaza residents who express an interest in emigrating to other countries, subject to the provisions of Israeli and international law, and in accordance with the proposal of US President Donald Trump.

This administration will work, among other things, to prepare for and enable safe and controlled passage of Gaza residents for their voluntary departure to third countries, including securing their movement, establishing a traffic lane and checking pedestrians at designated crossings in

the Gaza Strip, as well as coordinating the provision of infrastructure that will enable passage by land, sea, and air to the destination countries.

It will be subordinate in its activities to the Minister of Defense and will be authorized to act in coordination with international organizations and other entities, in accordance with the directives of the political echelon, and will coordinate the activities of all relevant government ministries.

Defense Minister Israel Katz: "We are working by all means to implement the vision of the US President, and we will allow any Gaza resident who wishes to voluntarily move to a third country to do so."

Israel proposes two-phase hostage release plan to Hamas: Report

MI News Service, Cairo: Israel has proposed a two-phase plan to the Hamas movement, through Egyptian mediators, for the release of hostages held in Gaza, Egyptian sources told media.

The initial phase of the proposal involves Hamas releasing 11 living hostages and the bodies of 16 deceased individuals. This would be followed by a 40-day truce, Xinhua news agency reported on Saturday.

Subsequently, in the second phase, Israel's proposal calls for Hamas to release all the remaining hostages in a single batch.

The US backs Israel's proposal, which leverages "the current military pressure," according to the sources.

Israel resumed strikes in Gaza on Tuesday, effectively ending a ceasefire with Hamas brokered by Egypt, Qatar, and the US that began on January 19.

Israel forces subsequently launched ground operations across southern, northern, and central Gaza.

with US guarantees. They noted that Washington signaled initial approval, while Israeli officials said they haven't received any US-backed mediation proposal.

"Communication channels with the mediators remain open," an Israeli official said.

"No Egyptian mediation proposal has been presented to us. We're not aware of such a proposal."

Meanwhile, Israel's Security Cabinet is set to convene Saturday evening to approve Defense Minister Israel Katz's proposal to establish an administration within the Defence Ministry to coordinate government efforts for the "voluntary relocation" of Gazans to other countries.

If approved, the administration would oversee cooperation between government ministries, the military, Shin Bet and police.

Security sources claimed that surveys conducted among Gaza residents indicate that about 50 per cent wish to leave, with nearly 90 per cent of those with higher education expressing a desire to emigrate if given the opportunity. On Wednesday, Katz published a direct message to Gazans, which was posted on the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT) page and sparked online discussion.

"Population evacuation will begin soon," Katz told Gazans, urging them to "expel Hamas".



At the inauguration of the Bayat-al-Noor Guest House on Coln Street in Kolkata, an Iftar party was organized, where prominent businessman Rafiqul Hasan, prominent journalist Firaz Hossain, Doctor Nayeb Siddiqui, professor Anupa Chakraborty, social worker Sandipa Nandi and Mohammad Mahataashim and many others were present. PIC: Nurul Islam Khan

Waqf Bill assault on Constitution, BJP's strategy to damage social harmony: Cong

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Congress has termed the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024 an "assault" on the Constitution and alleged that the proposed legislation was "part of the BJP's strategy to damage the centuries-old bonds of social harmony".

In a detailed statement issued on Sunday, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh accused the BJP of demonising the minorities.

"The Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024 is part of the BJP's strategy and continuing attempts to damage the centuries-old bonds of social harmony in our uniquely multi-religious society; demonise minority communities by spreading false propaganda and creating prejudices; defaming traditions and institutions of minority communities to

keep our society in a state of permanent polarization for electoral gains," the statement read.

The Congress party accused the BJP of "diluting Constitutional provisions that guarantee equal rights and protections to all citizens, regardless of religion".

The statement listed five specific points to show that the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024 was deeply flawed.

These five reasons given are: All the institutions created by previous laws to administer waqfs (national council, state boards and tribunals are actively sought to be reduced in stature, composition and authority so as to deliberately deprive the community of the right to administer its own religious traditions and affairs.

Deliberate ambiguity has been introduced for



determining who can donate their land for waqf purposes thus altering the very definition of waqf itself.

The waqf-by-user concept developed by the nation's judiciary on the basis of long, continued and uninterrupted customary usage is being abolished.

Provisions in the existing law are being removed without any reason just to weaken the administration of the waqf. Enhanced defences are now being introduced in the law to protect those who have encroached on waqf lands.

Far-reaching powers have been given to the

Collector and other designated state government officers on matters related to disputes concerning waqf properties as well as their registration. Officers of the state governments will now have the power to derecognize any waqf on anyone's complaint or on a mere allegation of the waqf property being a government property till a final decision is taken.

The Congress also accused the JPC of not discussing the bill clause by clause.

"It bears recall that a 428-page report was literally bulldozed through the JPC without it ever having gone through a detailed clause-by-clause discussion. It thus violates all Parliamentary practices. Most fundamentally, the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024 is an assault on the Constitution of India itself," the statement adds.

Muslim organizations announce boycott of Iftar and Eid gatherings hosted by Naidu and Nitish

MI News Service, New Delhi: The All India Muslim Personal Law Board has taken a firm stand against the Waqf Amendment Bill and has decided to strongly confront BJP's allied parties. Sources indicate that preparations for this are already underway, and the impact of these actions is becoming visible.



and other Muslim organizations are organizing a major protest in Patna on March 26, modeled after the Jantar Mantar demonstrations. This protest will include all Muslim organizations affiliated with the Board, like-minded Members of Parliament, and various political and social groups.

Other Muslim organizations have also decided to boycott Nitish Kumar's Iftar party scheduled for March 23. According to NDTV, Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind President Maulana Arshad Madani declared in a statement that the organization will not participate in any programs—whether Iftar parties, Eid gatherings, or other events—hosted by those who claim to be secular but remain silent on the oppression and injustices against Muslims while being part of the ruling government.

Maulana Arshad

Madani further stated that the ongoing injustices and oppression against minorities, especially Muslims, are no secret. He emphasized that a systematic conspiracy is underway to push Muslims backward, hurt their religious sentiments, drag religious sites into controversies, and incite communal riots targeting them. Despite all this, so-called secular leaders continue to turn a blind eye to these issues.

The decision by Jamiat and other Muslim organizations has left JD(U)'s Muslim leaders deeply concerned, and there is growing unease within Nitish Kumar's camp. Some Muslim leaders are even suggesting that Muslims who attend these Iftar parties and Eid gatherings should also be boycotted.

It is reported that almost all Muslim organi-

zations agree that BJP's allied parties should be held accountable, especially since elections are approaching in Bihar. This is seen as the best time to exert pressure. Jamiat has taken the lead by officially announcing its stance.

Meanwhile, there is significant movement surrounding the upcoming protest in Bihar. Additionally, a campaign to boycott the Telangana government's Iftar party has also begun, initiated by the Welfare Party. Notably, Telangana's Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's cabinet does not include a single Muslim minister, which has caused widespread resentment among the Muslim community.

If this boycott campaign is successful and is not undermined by government-backed Muslim leaders, it could severely impact the political prospects of Nitish Kumar, Chirag Paswan, and Chandrababu Naidu. It would also send a clear message to all political parties that pretend to sympathize with Muslims while simultaneously serving as lifelines for their political adversaries.

Israel launches military operations in Gaza; Hamas leader killed in airstrike

MI News Service, Tel Aviv: The Israel Defence Forces launched a ground operation in Gaza's Beit Hanoun town on Sunday morning, while Hamas confirmed the death of its politburo member in the airstrike, Israeli news agency, Tazpit Press Service (TPS) reported on Sunday.

Israeli airstrike in Khan Yunis, the report added.

In another update, CNN reported that Israel's military carried out multiple waves of airstrikes across Lebanon targeting suspected Hezbollah sites on Saturday.

Citing the Lebanese Health Ministry, the report said that at least seven people have been killed, including a child, and 40 others injured in Saturday's strikes.

The day's barrages marked the most significant eruption of violence between Israel and Hezbollah since the ceasefire, which brought about an uneasy calm to the border.

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said that its latest strikes targeted "Hezbollah command centers, infrastructure sites, terrorists, rocket launchers, and a weapons storage facility." It said it was responding to at least five projectiles fired from within Lebanon toward Israel; three were intercepted by the Israeli air force and two did not cross the border.



On Sunday, an Iftar Majlis was held in Alipore by 74 Block Trinamool and Youth Congress. Minister Firdah Hakim, MP Mala Roy, Councillor Kajri Banerjee, Deblina Biswas, Prabir Mukherjee, MNC Babu Bakshi and former MLA Dr. Abul Qasim Mollah and many others were present. PIC: Nurul Islam Khan



A workshop of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board was held at a hotel in Kolkata on Sunday. Officials from the Muslim Personal Law Board, as well as the Bharatiya Bahujan Alliance and the Sikh Personal Law Board were present. Social activist Sujayto Bhadra was giving speech in the picture. PIC: Nurul Islam Khan

IPL 2025: 'The Ahmed Show' at Chepauk restricts MI to 155/9 against CSK

CHENNAI : A four-wicket haul from Noor Ahmed and a sensational powerplay spell by Khaleel Ahmed helped Chennai Super Kings (CSK) restrict Mumbai Indians (MI) to 155/9 in 20 overs during their highly-anticipated Indian Premier League (IPL) campaign opener at Chepauk Stadium on Sunday.

A 51-run stand between skipper Suryakumar Yadav and Tilak Varma for the fourth wicket after being reduced to 36/3 and a fine cameo by Deepak Chahar pushed MI to a respectable total, while spinner Noor impressed in his debut outing in yellow.

After CSK won the toss and opted to field first, pacer Khaleel Ahmed got a dream start as he got the big wicket of Rohit Sharma for a four-ball duck as he attempted a flick which landed into Shivam Dube's hands. MI was 0/1 in 0.4 overs.

Ryan Rickelton and Will Jacks did collect some boundaries as they pummelled Sam Curran for three boundaries in the second over. But Khaleel made a mess out of Rickelton's stumps, removing him for 13 in seven balls. MI was



24/2 in 2.2 overs. Ravichandran Ashwin celebrated his homecoming with the scalp of Will Jacks for just 11. MI was 36/3 in 4.4 overs.

Skipper Suryakumar Yadav and Tilak Varma took MI through the remainder of the powerplay, with MI at 52/3 in six overs and

Suryakumar (19*) and Tilak (8*) unbeaten. MI reached the 50-run mark in 5.3 overs.

Tilak was navigating well

against spinners, collecting a couple of sixes. MI was 82/3 in 10 overs, with Tilak (27*) and Suryakumar (29*) unbeaten.

A game-changing spell from Noor Ahmed choked MI with spin, as he removed Suryakumar (29 in 26 balls, with two fours and a six), Robin Minz (3) and Tilak (31 in 25 balls, with two fours and two sixes). MI was 96/6 in 10 overs.

MI reached the 100-run mark in 14 overs, with all-rounders Naman Dhir and Mitchell Santner holding the fort. Noor got the scalp of Naman Dhir for 17 in 12 balls, making him his fourth wicket. MI was 118/7 in 16.1 overs. He ended his figures at 4/18 in four overs. Mitchell Santner was trapped leg-before-wicket by Nathan Ellis for 11 in 13 balls, with MI at 128/8 in 18 overs. Khaleel removed Trent Boult for 1, but Deepak Chahar put up a fight with the bat, scoring a valuable 28* in 15 balls, with two fours and two sixes, taking MI to 155/9 in their 20 overs.

Noor (4/18) and Khaleel (3/29) were top wicket-takers for CSK, while Ellis and Ashwin got a wicket each.



State women's Taekwondo kicks off

RANCHI: The Ranchi District Taekwondo Association is organizing the Fourth Jharkhand State Women's Taekwondo Championship at Y.B.N. Public School, Dhurva Sector - 2 here on Sunday.

About 360 female Taekwondo players, coaches, managers from all over Jharkhand are participating in this competition. This competition was jointly inaugurated by the Chairman of Jharkhand State Youth Board and Chief Guest Kumar Gaurav, Special Guest Executive President of Mahila Kshatriya Mahasabha Manisha Singh, Vice President of Rashtriya Janata Dal Anita Yadav, General Secretary of Indian Taekwondo Federation Prabhat Kumar Sharma, President of Jharkhand Taekwondo Association Gopal

Kumar, General Secretary of Jharkhand Taekwondo Association Sanjay Kumar Sharma and Vice President of Jharkhand Taekwondo Association and General Secretary-cum-Organizing Secretary of Ranchi District Taekwondo Association Mithilesh Kumar Singh.

Ranchi district was in the first place and East Singhbhum was in the second place in the medal table till the time of writing the news. Anantnag Chandan conducted the stage management in today's inaugural ceremony. The players who win gold medals in this competition will participate on behalf of Jharkhand team in the upcoming national competition to be held in Dehradun.



Junior category Hockey Simdega and Hockey Hazaribagh in the finals of Jharkhand State Asmita Hockey League

RAVIKANT MISHRA

SIMDEGA: Junior category Hockey Simdega and Hockey Hazaribagh reached the finals in Jharkhand State Asmita Hockey League, while in the sub-junior category Hockey Simdega and Hockey Ranchi teams are in the finals. It is known that today on the 7th day, the semi-finals of both junior and sub-junior categories were played. Simdega and Hazaribagh in the junior category and Simdega and Ranchi teams in the sub-junior category have won. In collaboration with the Sports Authority of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Hockey India, the semi-final matches of both the categories of Jharkhand Asmita Hockey League 2025 Sub Junior and Junior Women were played today on the seventh day in Ranchi by Hockey Jharkhand from 17 to 24 March 2025.

In the junior category, Hockey Hazaribagh defeated Hockey Palamu by 4-0 and Hockey Simdega defeated Hockey Khunti by 5-0. In the semi-final of sub-junior category, Hockey Simdega defeated Hockey Khunti 3-1 and Hockey Ranchi defeated Hockey Palamu 5-0 to enter the final. The final matches of both the categories will be played for the third and fourth positions. In the matches to be played on Monday:

Junior category final match Simdega vs Hazaribagh For 3/4th position Khunti vs Palamu Sub-junior category final match Simdega vs Ranchi

3/4th position Khunti and Palamu Earlier today, Hockey Jharkhand Vice President Manoj Konbegi, Hockey Ranchi Secretary Jayant Kerketta, Hockey Coach Sudhir Gola introduced themselves to the players and started the various semi-final matches played on the seventh day. The above information was given by Hockey Jharkhand Vice President Manoj Konbegi.

"What an amazing inning": Shikhar Dhawan on Virat Kohli's 400th T20I match

NEW DELHI : In the IPL 2025 season opener between Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) and Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB), Virat Kohli played a masterful innings, scoring an unbeaten 59* that not only anchored RCB's innings but also marked a significant milestone—his 400th T20I match. Shikhar Dhawan, a former cricketer and commentator, was on commentary during the match and couldn't help but applaud Kohli's remarkable performance. "What an amazing inning Virat has played, such a big match for him playing in his 400th T20. Ishaq mai jeetane ke liye kaafi hu, mai akela hi Zamane ke liye kaafi hu. Dil khol kar tum mujhe kharch karo bacho, mai akela hi run banane ke liye kaafi hu," Shikhar Dhawan said while doing commentary on JioHotstar.

This served as a heartfelt tribute to Kohli's achievement. The line emphasized Kohli's ability to make a significant impact and carry the team with his brilliance.

Shikhar's words were more than just praise; they highlighted Kohli's consistency and immense contribution to T20 cricket. The Shayari perfectly captured the respect Shikhar has for Kohli, not only as a fellow cricketer but also as a constant source of inspiration in the game.

Royal Challengers Bengaluru kicked off the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 with a statement 7-wicket win against the defending champions Kolkata Knight Riders on Saturday at the Eden Gardens. Rajat Patidar began his RCB captaincy reign with the sweet taste of victory, while Ajinkya Rahane had to settle for defeat in his first game as KKR skipper. KKR batted first and posted a target of 175 for RCB, captain Rahane was the top scorer for KKR with 56 runs, and KKR struggled in the first three overs where they lost De cock. After losing the first wicket Rahane and Narine built a strong partnership of 103 runs which was later broken by Rasikh Salam. Josh Hazlewood and Krunal Pandya then took wickets at regular intervals and restricted KKR to 174 runs.

In the quest for 175, Phil Salt (56) and Virat Kohli (59*) gave an explosive beginning to Bengaluru. The Englishman took on the role of the aggressor, while Kohli was fierce with the few deliveries he faced during the powerplay. With Salt's merciless batting, RCB surged to 80 by the end of the powerplay without losing a wicket, marking their second-highest score in the history of the lucrative league.

Kohli remained not out and finished the game along with Liam Livingstone in the 17th over. Brief Score: Kolkata Knight Riders 174/8 (Ajinkya Rahane 56, Sunil Narine 44; Krunal Pandya 3-29) vs Royal Challengers Bengaluru 177/3 (Virat Kohli 59*, Phil Salt 56; Sunil Narine 1-27).

New Zealand's Duffy, Foulkes demolish Pak batting, register massive win in 4th T20I



MOUNT MAUNGANUI : Seamers Jacob Duffy and Zakary Foulkes's exceptional bowling performance guided New Zealand to victory over Pakistan by 115 runs in the fourth T20I of the five-match series at the Bay Oval on Sunday.

With this victory, the Kiwis took an unassailable 4-1 lead in the five-match T20I series. The fifth and last T20I of the series between the two teams will be played at Wellington on Wednesday, March 23.

Chasing a mammoth total of 221 runs in the match, the Men in Green were bowled out for 105 runs. The visitors were bowled out in the 17th over of the innings.

The highest scorer for the side was Abdul Samad who scored 44 runs off 30 balls which came with the help of four boundaries and

two sixes in his innings. Irfan Khan also score some runs (24 runs from 16 balls, with 4 four and a six) but that were not enough for the side.

Other than these two players, no one was able to touch the double digit mark. Players like Mohammad Harris, Hasan Nawaz, team skipper Salman Agha, Khushdil Shah, and Shadab Khan failed to make their mark in the game. For the Blacaps, the pick of the bowler was Duffy who snapped four wickets in his spell of four overs where he conceded 20 runs in his spell of four overs.

Three wickets were grabbed by Foulkes in his four overs where he gave away 25 runs. Earlier in the first innings, batting first, the hosts smashed 220 runs with the loss of six wickets in their 20

overs. The scorers for the side in this innings were Finn Allen (50 runs off 20 balls, six fours and three sixes), Michael Bracewell (46 runs from 26 balls, five boundaries and two maximums), Tim Siefert (44 runs in 22 balls, three fours and four sixes), and Darryll Mitchell (29 runs off 23 balls with one four and six each).

For Pakistan, three wickets were snapped by Haris Rauf (3/27), two wickets were grabbed by Abrar Ahmed (2/41), and one wicket was bagged by Abbas Afridi (1/38) in their respective spells.

Brief Score: New Zealand 220/6 in 20 overs (Finn Allen 50, Michael Bracewell 46*, Haris Rauf 3/27) vs Pakistan 105 all out in 16.2 overs (Abdul Samad 44, Irfan Khan 24, Jacob Duffy 4/20).

From drawing faces to drawing bowstrings: Payal Nag's inspiring Para-Archery journey

NEW DELHI : When Sheetal Devi won India's first medal in archery at the Paris Paralympics without hands, the world was amazed. Everyone wondered how this was possible, and she became a star overnight, as per a release from SAI Media.

Enter Payal Nag - an archer without hands and feet who has already defeated Sheetal once to win the title at the recently held 6th National Para Archery Championship in Jaipur. She has learned the tricks of the trade from the same academy that made Sheetal a star - the Maata Vaishno Devi Shrine Archery Academy.

Despite the competition on the archery field, Payal considers Sheetal her elder sister. And like her elder sister, she also dreams of winning a Paralympic medal for the country.

In conversation with SAI Media during the ongoing Khelo India Para Games, she said, "My dream is to win a gold medal for the country. If I can come from an orphanage in Balangir, Odisha and defeat Sheetal didi, then my



goal can be nothing less than winning gold for the country."

The story of Payal, the world's only archer without hands and feet, closely resembles that of Italy's great para-fencer Beatrice Maria Vio. Beatrice lost her hands and feet due to meningitis, but this adversity did not bog her down. Instead, she set an example for the likes of Payal by winning two gold medals in the Foil-B event at the Rio and Tokyo Paralympics. Now, Payal appears to be follow-

ing the same path, and she is sure to prove that the future belongs to her. Kuldeep Vedwan, her coach at the Academy in Jammu, discovered Payal in Balangir, Odisha, and introduced her to the sport. He believes that Payal has extraordinary talent, with this same confidence instilled in the youngster.

Along with her coach, Sheetal Devi also admires Payal's talent.

During the Khelo India Para Games 2025, Sheetal told SAI



Elite Women's National Boxing C'ship: Nitu leads the charge with win

GREATER NOIDA : World Champion and Arjuna Awardee Nitu Ghanghas (Haryana) delivered a statement performance on Day 2 of the 8th Elite Women's National Boxing Championship 2025 on Sunday, securing a dominant unanimous victory over Rajasthan's Anjali Choudhary in the Minimumweight category (45-48kg) to storm into the next round.

Elsewhere, Jaismine Lamboria, one of only two competitors from the Services Sports Control Board (SSCB), comfortably defeated Uttar Pradesh's Ice Prajapati Sakshi, the second SSCB boxer, displayed similar dominance with a 5:0 victory over Punjab's Sandeep Kaur, reinforcing the Services' strong presence in the competition, as per a press release from the Boxing Federation of India (BFI).

Hosted by the BFI in collaboration with the Uttar Pradesh Boxing Association, the championship takes place at Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Sports Complex, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, from March 20 to 27, 2025. Approximately 200 boxers from 24 state units will compete across ten weight categories in this week-long tournament, which follows the World Boxing Technical & Competition Rules, featuring three three-minute rounds with one-minute rest intervals.

Anamika Hooda (Railways) continued her ruthless form, following up her opening-round knockout with another first-round stoppage victory against Andhra Pradesh's Manasa Veni Anakapalli, underlining her title credentials. Youth World Champion Devika Ghorpade (Maharashtra) also impressed, overpowering Sumayya M of Karnataka with a knock-out win to advance. In the 54-57kg category, Kunjarani Devi (Manipur) edged out Monika Mehta (Uttarakhand) with a hard-fought 4:1 split decision, while Poonam (Railways) proved too strong for Karnataka's K Yoogarsi. The 60-65kg division saw UP's Sarita Rai secure a well-earned victory over Delhi's Shivani.

Media, "When Payal shot an arrow for the first time, I wondered whether it would be possible, but she did it excellently. I was happy. Payal is talented and like my younger sister. She is hard-working. She can bring glory to the country."

In 2015, Payal's hands and feet were rendered useless after coming in contact with an 11,000-volt power line passing over a roof. She was five years old at that time.

The youngster was not too keen on recollecting this incident, but her coach Kuldeep said, "It became difficult for her family to take care of her. Then, with the help of the District Collector, Payal was placed in 2019 in Parvatigiri Balniketan - an orphanage in Balangir. Payal stayed there for three years, and in 2022, I brought her to Jammu," as quoted from SAI Media.

Her journey from Balangir to Jammu is nothing short of inspiring. Coming from a poor family in Odisha, Payal has parents and siblings at home. Her father is a farmer, while her elder sister Varsha Nag stays with her at the

academy hostel and takes care of everything - from bathing to feeding her.

Payal said that she used to draw pictures with her mouth, and one day someone posted one of these pictures on Twitter, which went viral. Coach Kuldeep saw this and then contacted Payal for the first time.

"I used to draw with my mouth before. I could draw anyone's face by looking at them. One of my pictures went viral on social media. My guru (coach Kuldeep) also saw this, and then came to me at my orphanage and brought me to Jammu," she said.

To prove how talented Payal is, Kuldeep mentioned that the National Para-Archery Championship in 2025 was her first competition. She secured the top spot in the presence of many of India's para-archery legends, including Payal's state-mate and Paralympic medallist Sheetal Devi as well as Paralympian Jyoti Balyan. Additionally, Payal also defeated Sheetal in the Olympic round to become the National Champion.