



With Eid-ul-fitr knocking the door, women flock at New Market on Monday where variety of bangles are at display in a shop. Pic: Prabir Bhattacharya

BJP uproar & opposition protests: Both houses of Parliament adjourned

MI News Service, New Delhi: Minutes after starting its business on Monday, the Lok Sabha was adjourned till 12 noon due to protests by some opposition members who were carrying posters that invited strong disapproval from Speaker Om Birla. When the House met at 11 am after the weekend break, opposition members, mostly Samajwadi Party MPs, started protests over certain crimes in Uttar Pradesh. The protesting SP members were carrying some posters.

The speaker strongly disapproved of the display of the posters, saying it was against the rules and hurt the dignity of the House. "You can't bring posters to the House. Please cooperate. If you show the posters in the House, I will be forced to take action against you," he said. Birla said the Lok Sabha had in the past decided against any member carrying any kind of posters to the House. "The House had already taken a decision against the display of posters. If you violate the decision, I will take action against

you," he said. The speaker told the Parliamentary Affairs Minister to bring a motion against it. "Or else I will take action," he said and adjourned the House till 12 noon.

Rajya Sabha proceedings were adjourned on Monday in the pre-lunch session without transacting any business as treasury and opposition benches sparred over the issue of reservations to Muslims in Karnataka public contracts. While ruling BJP MPs created a ruckus, alleging that a Congress leader has vowed to change the Constitution to provide reservation to Muslims, Congress president and Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge asserted that no force can change the Constitution made by B R Ambedkar. Amid slogan shouting, mostly by the ruling side, Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar adjourned the proceedings till 2 pm. BJP MPs started moving into the aisle raising slogans just as the House met for the day. Dhankhar gave Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju the floor to speak on what they

were agitating about. Rijiju said a senior Congress leader who holds a constitutional post has said the party will change the Constitution to provide reservation to Muslims. Though he did not name the leader, he was apparently referring to D K Shivakumar. "We cannot take this statement lightly," the minister said, adding that the statement has not come from any ordinary party leader but from someone holding a constitutional post. Stating that it is "extremely serious", he said changing the Constitution to provide religion based reservation "cannot be tolerated". Congress leaders carry the Constitution book in their pockets but are doing everything to undermine it, he said.

When Dhankhar asked what he and his party wanted, Rijiju said the Congress president should make the party position clear and "tell the House and the nation why Congress wants to change the Constitution to provide reservation to Muslims". Leader of the House and Union minister Jagat Prakash Nadda alleged that

Congress was shredding the Constitution to pieces. Ambedkar while framing the Indian Constitution clearly stated that "reservation will not be done on the basis of religion... his is an accepted principle of the Constitution of India", he said. Now, the Karnataka government has provided 4 per cent reservation in public contracts to minorities, he said, demanding a statement from Kharge. Dhankhar asked the ministers to authenticate the statements that were attributed to the Karnataka minister. Kharge said "no one can change the Constitution provided by Ambedkar". "We are the people protecting the Constitution. We are the ones who did Bharat Jodo Yatra from Kanyakumari to Kashmir (and) these are the ones who believe in Bharat Todo (break India)," he said referring to BJP. He tried to speak further but was repeatedly interrupted by the sloganeering by BJP MPs. "We are the savers of Indian Constitution," Kharge said before Dhankhar adjourned the proceedings till 2 pm.

Mamata's London mission calls for 'Make Bengal Great Again'

MI News Service, London: Mamata's third London visit as chief minister, after 2015 and 2017, began with a bang. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee attended an event at the Indian high commission on Monday and led her team at a raft of business-government meetings on Wednesday. More events are being worked out to get the maximum out of the trip, a source said. Mamata is determined to make her trip a grand success with a sole mission that evokes the conscience of every inhabitants of West Bengal, "Make Bengal Great Again".

According to political experts, Mamata Banerjee will leave no stone unturned to paint Bengal as an attractive investment destination.

The other hallmark of her governance she is likely to underline during her trip, which ends



on March 28, is the wide welfare coverage for the poor and disadvantaged, especially women, Dalits, tribal communities and religious minorities.

A business conclave will be

organised jointly by the Ficci and the UK-India Business Council on March 25, where Mamata will meet industrialists and invite them to invest money in Bengal.

Representatives of more than

100 Indian and British companies are expected at the event, whose thrust will be on large-scale investment in the manufacturing sector and collaborations in the field of emerging technologies, a source said.

The West Bengal chief minister will also participate in a discussion, titled "Social Development - Girl, Child and Women Empowerment", at Kellogg College, Oxford, on March 27.

The college, which has students from about 90 countries, is one of the 36 colleges that make up the University of Oxford.

"She is very excited about the Oxford event as it will give her an opportunity to highlight the human face of her government, which is at the core of her politics," a source close to the chief minister said. "It will also be a personal milestone for her."

Suicides in education institutions: SC sets up NTF

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday took note of the recurring cases of student suicides in higher educational institutions and formed a National Task Force (NTF) to address the mental health concerns of students and prevent such incidents.

A bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and R Mahadevan directed Delhi Police to register an FIR on the complaints of the family members of two students who died by suicide while studying at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT),

Delhi, in 2023. Noting a "disturbing pattern" of student suicides were being reported from various educational institutes, the apex court said these tragedies underscored the urgent need for a more robust, comprehensive and responsive mechanism to address various factors which compel students to resort to taking their own lives.

"The recurring instances of student suicides in higher educational institutions, including private educational institutions, serve as a grim reminder of the inade-

quacy and ineffectiveness of the existing legal and institutional framework in addressing mental health concerns of students on campuses and to prevent the students from taking the extreme step of committing suicides," the order said. While the order said former apex court judge Justice S Ravindra Bhat would be the chairperson of the NTF, secretaries of a state's higher education departments, social justice and empowerment and legal affairs aside from the ministry of women and child development would be its ex-

officio members. The bench said the NTF would prepare a comprehensive report that includes, identification of the predominant causes that lead to suicides by students, analysis of existing regulations and recommendations for strengthening protections. In the process of preparing its report, the court said, the NTF would have the authority to conduct surprise inspections of any higher educational institution. "Additionally, the task force shall be at liberty

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J&K: Anti-terror operation intensifies in Kathua

MI News Service, Kathua: The search operation against a group of infiltrating terrorists in the dense jungles of Kathua district of Jammu region entered the second day on Monday, officials said. The operation led by Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat was intensified with additional deployment of commandos, drones and sniffer dogs this morning as security forces carried out searches in the dense nursery where the terrorists are believed hiding after infiltrating from across the border, they said.

The operation was launched following an intelligence input regarding the presence of terrorists inside a 'dhok' — a local term for an enclosure — located within the nursery in Sanyal village, approximately five km from the International Border with Pakistan.

A police team from the Special Operations Group initiated the search operation after receiving the input and when the personnel entered the area, they came under heavy fire from the terrorists, leading to an intense gunfight which lasted for more than half-an-hour.

Reinforcements were swiftly dispatched to aid in the operation, as a manhunt was launched to apprehend the terrorists, believed to have infiltrated on Saturday via either the ravine route or through a newly created tunnel. There has been no report of any casualty in the initial firing and the area was kept under tight security cordon throughout the night before the security forces moved in from different directions with the first light of the day on Monday, the officials said. They said there was no fresh contact with the terrorists so far.

Centre announces 24% salary hike, pension revision for MPs

MI News Service, New Delhi: The law makers go cash rich as the Centre on Monday notified a 24-per cent hike in the salaries of members of Parliament with effect from April 1, 2023 on the basis of the Cost Inflation Index.

The notification, issued by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, also increased the daily allowances for sitting members and pension and additional pension for every year of service in excess of five years for former members.

A member of Parliament will now get Rs 1.24 lakh per month as salary as against Rs 1 lakh per month they received earlier.

The daily allowance too has been increased from Rs 2,000 to Rs 2,500, the notification said.

The pension for former members of Parliament has been increased from Rs 25,000 per month to Rs 31,000 per month.

The additional pension for every year of service in excess of five years has been increased from Rs 2,000 per month to Rs 2,500 per month.

The increase in the salary has been notified in exercise of the powers granted under the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament Act on the basis of the Cost Inflation Index specified in the Income Tax Act of 1961.

One of the inputs also suggested that two groups of five-six terrorists each infiltrated on Saturday. According to the officials, some village women collecting firewood reported seeing around five terrorists who had sought refuge in the expansive nursery area. A seven-year-old girl sustained minor injuries when a stray bullet passed close to her arm and was shifted to a local hospital. A villager identified as Anita Devi (48) said heavily-armed terrorists caught hold of her husband when they had gone to the nursery to collect firewood. "The terrorists were holding my husband at gunpoint and also asked me to come near. But my husband signalled me to escape and I started running away. One of the terrorists vainly tried to stop me but I started shouting, which attracted the attention of two more persons who were cutting grass," Devi told media reporters.

She said the incident occurred around 4.30 pm on Sunday and all of them returned home and informed the police. They were five in number and were wearing beards and commando dress, Devi said. District Development Councillor Karan Kumar also said heavy gunfire was heard in the region. "An atmosphere of fear has gripped the village by the terrorist presence. We heard around 250 rounds of intense gunfire," Kumar said, adding security forces have encircled the entire area to flush out the terrorists.

Kathua has emerged as a major infiltrating route for Pakistan-based terrorists to reach the higher reaches of Udhampur, Doda and Kishtwar districts and further to Kashmir over the past year, which is evident from a series of terror incidents.

After carrying out deadly attacks in the twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch over the past four years, terror activities spread to six other districts in the Jammu region in 2024, leaving a total of 44 people, including 18 security personnel and 13 terrorists, dead. Though the Pir Panjal districts of Rajouri and Poonch witnessed a considerable drop in terror activities in 2024 compared to the previous years, the series of incidents in Reasi, Doda, Kishtwar, Kathua, Udhampur and Jammu from April-May onwards last year came as a concern for the security agencies. To counter the threat and thwart the attempts of Pakistan-based terror handlers to spread terrorism to peaceful areas, the officials said, the security forces have started relentless operations.

According to official data, Doda, Kathua and Reasi districts recorded nine killings each followed by Kishtwar (five), Udhampur (four), Jammu and Rajouri (three each) and Poonch (two) in 2024. Those killed included 18 security personnel and 13 terrorists. This year, Kathua was also rocked by protests after the mysterious death of five people in the remote Billawar tehsil.

The bodies of 15-year-old Varun Singh, his paternal uncle Yogesh Singh (32) and maternal uncle Darshan Singh (40) were found in the Ishu nullah in the remote Malhar area in the higher reaches of Kathua on March 8. They had gone missing on March 5 while attending a wedding ceremony. On February 16, the bodies of Shamsheer (37) and Roshan (45) were found in Kohag village in Billawar. The post-mortem examination revealed that they were strangled.

First in India: Darj zoo to preserve DNA of rare Himalayan wildlife

MI News Service, Darjeeling: Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park in West Bengal's Darjeeling has become India's first zoo to preserve DNA samples of wildlife found exclusively in snowy regions, officials said.

Chief Wildlife Warden Debal Roy told PTI on Monday that 60 DNA samples from indigenous animals have already been collected for profiling.

"Tissues from animals, including red pandas, snow leopards and other indigenous species—killed in road accidents or in captivity—have been collected to preserve their DNA," Roy said.

"We started working on the project in 2023, and it is an ongoing process," he added.

The cryogenic conservation initiative, in collaboration with the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, aims to ensure that if these species face extinction, their preserved genetic material can aid in research and future conservation efforts.

Another senior zoo official said the zoo will carry on research on the rich biodiversity of the Himalayan region.

A zoo official added, "A dedicated laboratory has been set up inside the zoo, where DNA samples are stored in steel containers filled with liquid nitrogen at freezing temperatures." Spread across 67.8 acres at an altitude of 2,150 metres (7,050 feet), the zoo is India's highest-altitude zoological park.

NMC demolishes house of Nagpur violence key accused Fahim Khan

MI News Service, Nagpur: Amid heavy police security, civic authorities on Monday morning demolished a two-storey house of Nagpur violence key accused Fahim Khan over unauthorised construction, officials said.

Khan, a leader of the Minority Democratic Party (MDP), has been booked for sedition. He is among the over 100 persons arrested for the violence in Maharashtra's Nagpur city on March 17.

A few days back, the Nagpur Municipal Corporation issued a notice to Khan, citing various lapses and lack of the building plan approval (for his

house), sources said. At around 10.30 am on Monday, three JCB machines of the Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) started demolishing the house, located at Sanjay Bagh Colony in Yashodhara Nagar area here, amid heavy security and drone surveillance in the entire area.

The area where the demolition work was being done was completely barricaded. The house, registered in the name of Khan's mother, was located on a plot of Nagpur Improvement Trust (Lease) and the lease ended

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Minister Aroop Biswas joined the Daawat-e-Iftar with 4,000 fasting people in 94 wards under the Tollygunge Assembly. Representatives of all communities, including Chief Entrepreneur Municipal Representative Sandeep Nandi Majumdar and all the municipal representatives of Tollygunge were present.

Loan pressure & lost crops put rice farmers in deep trouble

MI News Service, Dantan: Farmers cultivate their crops with loans worth thousands of rupees. And if the crop is damaged, they will be in deep trouble. The paddy farmers do not know what to do. This damage was caused by the heavy storm and hailstorm that occurred two days ago, the effects of which are still being felt by thousands of farmers in various villages of Dantan assembly constituency. Not only paddy, but also almond, sesame and vegetable cultivation have suffered huge losses in various fields. Farmers say that they had just started harvesting paddy, and at that time this storm and hailstorm completely ended the farming work. Area MLA Vikram Chandra Pradhan visited various areas of Dantan 1, Dantan 2 and Mohanpur blocks including Sautia, Zenkapur, Chakaisampur in Dantan assembly area and inspected everything throughout the day. According to the MLA, the farmers in all these areas are 100 percent affected. So, he also stood in front of the farmers and contacted the agriculture officer on



the phone. He said that he would stand by the common people. The MLA assured that he would also see how the government can help the people. The farmers claim that they had cultivated on loans. They have demanded that the loans be waived and compensation be provided through agricultural insurance. A farmer said, "I had cultivated on loans and everything is gone. There is nothing left on the land. I am appealing to the government for help. At least the loan amount should be paid off."

Meeting of Biswabanga Sanskriti Mancha



Nurul Islam Khan A Bengali language practice session was held at the Wisdom Tree Cafe in South Kolkata under the initiative of Biswabanga Sanskriti Mancha. The title of the program was, 'Bangla is the language of my life'. The audience enjoyed the three-hour long program combining songs, poems and Shreeti drama. The bureaucrats or former bureaucrats surprised everyone by performing cultural programs. Eminent artists were also present. At the be-

ginning of the program, eminent journalist Shankar Lal Bhattacharya shed light on the issue of Bengali language practice by Bengalis. After this, many people like Indrani Bhattacharya, Lajbanti Roy, former bureaucrat Yadav Mandal, Tapas Chowdhury, journalists Prabal Gangopadhyay, Dipankar Raptan, Anup Chakraborty performed music. The voice dramas of Somesh Nath and Madhuchanda Bhattacharya were appreciated by everyone. Firoz Hossain, editor of

Biswa Banga Sanskriti Mancha, said, "We are trying to bring culture-minded Bengalis from all over the world under one umbrella." Additional Secretary and Writer Sudipto Padel, Professor Azizul Biswas, Joint Secretary and writer Rajiv Shrawan were present at the event. Professor Rajkumar Kothari, Vice Chancellor of Sanskriti University, was present as chief guest. The entire event was beautifully conducted by Srabani Chatterjee and Madhuban Chakraborty.

Book release- titled 'Bharater Bishwa Oitihyasthal'



MI News Service, Kolkata: A book titled 'Bharater Bishwa Oitihyasthal- Ananya Sanskriti, Ananya Prakriti' about World Heritage Sites within India, was launched on March 19, 2025, at the Paschim Bangla Academy Auditorium in Kolkata. The event featured discussions on India's recognized World Heritage Sites and the launch of the book authored by Dr. Sutapa Joti and Sudipto Bhattacharya. The program was moderated by Soma Das Bose, Public Relations Officer, South Eastern Railway. The Chief guests: Dr. Rajendra Yadav, Superintendent Archaeologist, ASI(Archaeological Survey of India), Kolkata Circle; included Dr. Sanghamitra

Basu, former professor at IIT Kharagpur, Ananya Bhattacharya, ICOMOS(International Council on Monuments and Sites); and Mr. G. M. Kapoor, INTACH(Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage), Kolkata Chapter. The moderator began the event with a brief welcome speech, followed by the formal launch of the book 'Bharater Bishwa Oitihyasthal- Ananya Sanskriti, Ananya Prakriti' (World Heritage Sites of India - Unique Culture, Unique Nature) by the dignitaries. The book is published by Signet Press an imprint of Ananda Publishers Private Limited. During the discussion on India's recognized World Heritage Sites, the speak-

ers emphasized that this book is the only one of its kind in Bengali and is much needed to raise awareness about heritage. The book provides comprehensive information on World Heritage Site selection, recognition, systematic rules and regulations, criteria for recognition, protection, and conservation, as well as India's 43 recognized heritage sites. The authors shared their thoughts on publishing the book, and Dr. Sutapa Joti presented a slide show on World Heritage Sites, providing insightful information that captivated the audience. The event concluded with the authors answering questions from the audience and thanking everyone.

Police arrest 3 youths for raping house wife, 1 still absconding

MI News Service, Cooch Behar: Three youths have been accused of attempting to rape a ninth-grade student in front of her mother in Malda. The mother herself was attacked while trying to save her daughter. They were allegedly threatened on the street even when they went to file a complaint at the police station. Meanwhile, four youths have been accused of raping a housewife in Cooch Behar. The police have arrested three of them. One is still absconding. A search has been launched in full force to find him. Interrogation is underway.



This sensational incident

took place in Nishiganj-2 Gram Panchayat area of Cooch Behar on the day of Dol. On Sunday, the victim housewife filed a complaint of rape at the Nishiganj police station. The police took action after receiving the complaint. Three people were arrested. Since the incident, there has been a huge stir in the area. The victim says that her husband works as a laborer in a foreign state. Four youths took advantage of that opportunity. She alleged that four youths from the area found her alone at home on Holi and raped her. However, she has not been able to speak out since the incident due to fear. The husband went straight to the police as soon as he returned home. A complaint was filed on Sunday. The three youths were produced in court on the same day.

Jagannath Temple Digha scheduled to be inaugurated by end of April

MI News Service, Digha: The Jagannath Temple in Digha is scheduled to be inaugurated by the end of April. Last-minute preparations are underway in full swing. This time, the district administration has taken the initiative to build a big gate. That is why the administration is rushing traffic on several important roads in Digha. Due to this, tourists coming to Digha may face problems for the next 20 days. The administration also made a mike today, informing in advance that there may be problems. For the next 20 days, the bypass will have to be used to go from Old Digha to New Digha. Because 'Jagannath Dham' is being built in the area adjacent to Digha station. And a huge 'Chaitanya Dwar' is being built on the road in front of it.

The work will continue for more than two weeks. That is why there is a rush in traffic. Tourists coming to Digha will have to bypass Digha during this period and go from Old Digha to New Digha. They will have to bypass New Digha station and come to Old Digha. On this day, the district administration announced this by miking it all over Digha. The temple will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. Mamata has already held a meeting with the trust. According to sources, a three-day festival has been organized in the beach city on April 28, 29 and 30 to celebrate the temple's inauguration. The festival will even be broadcasted across the state. It has been decided that this will happen.



Daawat-e-Iftar org by Jb Jamil Manzar at Hotel Anokha Bagicha at Park Circus. Naushad Momin, Professor Aasim Shah Nawaz Shibli, Zameer Yusuf and others person were present in this Iftar Majlis. PIC: Sajid Parwez

Land sinks in Belgachia, residents left without roof, water and power



While repairing the underground water pipeline, a large area of Howrah Belgachia collapsed

MI News Service, Kolkata: Nine kilometres from Kolkata lies the Belgachia Vagar area, (garbage dumping ground), in Howrah district, resembling an earthquake-ravaged zone. Cracked roads and over 100 collapsed houses have left residents, including women and children, stranded on the streets with their belongings, and without access to food,

water, or electricity for the past four days. A significant land subsidence took place in the area on Thursday morning, damaging critical infrastructure, including a 1-km-long water pipeline, crucial for the water supply in the region. The rupture led to an acute water shortage in several wards of Howrah Municipal Corporation, affect-

ing thousands of residents, sources said. Power supply has also been affected as several electricity poles have either collapsed or are at risk of falling. A disaster response team has been kept on standby for assistance. According to the residents of Belgachia Vagar, there was a major road cave-in on Thursday that triggered a landslide at the nearby garbage dump, due to which the water pipeline in the area burst. This led to widespread cracks in multiple houses, including the local anganwadi centre. Residents, who are either ragpickers or engaged in odd jobs and are struggling to secure rental homes, claimed that nearly 100 houses have been damaged or partially damaged due to the land subsidence. Quoting officials, the PTI reported, that the administration has relocated 350 residents from 18 severely damaged houses to a local school for temporary shelter.

Trinamool at BDO's door against charges of corruption on Trinamool-run Panchayat Samiti

MI News Service, Beldanga: Not the opposition. The Trinamool Congress has raised corruption allegations against the Trinamool-ruled Panchayat Samiti. Not only did it raise the allegations, it also submitted a memorandum to the BDO. A rift has started within the ruling party in Beldanga, Murshidabad over this. The two factions of the ruling party have been firing at each other. A section of the Trinamool submitted a memorandum to BDO Tuhinkanti Ghosh on Monday, alleging corruption against the Beldanga No. 2 Panchayat Samiti. Among them was Golok Banerjee, Trinamool Block

President of the West Chakra of Beldanga No. 2 Block. Why did they raise corruption allegations against their own party? Golok Banerjee said, "The distribution of various things including rice seeds, fish seedlings is not being done properly. That is why we have submitted a memorandum to the BDO against the Panchayat Samiti." He also said that local contractors are not getting tenders for various works in this area. Outside contractors are getting tenders. Tenders are being given to contractors from Jalangi and Berhampur through manipulation. He further alleged that this block is the most



A section of Trinamool submitted a memorandum to the BDO

backward in the state. Ataur Rahman, a local Trinamool leader and husband of the Panchayat Samiti president, has dismissed the allegations of corruption. He said, "Some people have submitted a memorandum to the BDO. One of them is the Trinamool

block president. He has complained that ducks, chickens, cows, and goats are not being distributed properly from the Panchayat Samiti. I want to tell him that you are ending the Trinamool party in this area. In the Lok Sabha elections, Trinamool got only 21 votes in his own booth. He has strengthened the BJP in the area. I condemn him. He is in the contracting business. He is doing all this to get contracting work. If you want any evidence, if you have the courage, do not give a deputation to the BDO, but give a deputation to the Panchayat Samiti president. I will show you appropriate evidence and prove that there has been no corruption."

Tufanganj: Cold storage issue hot up

MI News Service, Tufanganj: Potatoes of strange shapes are growing in the fields due to fake potato seeds. Due to this, farmers are facing problems in selling potatoes. Several farmers from Arambagh and Purshura in Hooghly have complained about this. They are not getting the price. In this atmosphere, there is unrest over keeping potatoes in cold storage. It can be said that Tufanganj in Cooch Behar is in a 'war' mood. Tension spread in the area due to a clash between van drivers over keeping potatoes in cold storage. Two injured in the clash. Three arrested.

Allegedly, they were waiting on the road in front of the cold storage all night to store potatoes in the cold storage. However, allegedly, a van driver suddenly came in front of them with his vehicle loaded with potatoes. When they protested, the accused van driver and his companions allegedly came and beat them up. Van driver Monwar Hossain was attacked in the attack. When his brother Noor Hossain came to save him, he was also beaten up. The incident has created a lot of tension in the Chamta area of Tufanganj. The two injured brothers are undergoing treatment at Tufanganj Hospital. The Tufanganj police station said that the police have arrested three accused after investigating. One party said, "We have been standing in line since then. But they came later and stood in line first. When we protested, they started beating us."

The incident took place in front of Chamta Hinghar under Tufanganj police station. The unrest has been spreading in the area since Sunday afternoon. It is learnt that two van drivers were attacked by the accused van drivers. One is named Monwar Hossain and the other is Nur Hossain.



Ward 63 Councillor and Borough 7 Chairperson, Sushmita Bhattacharya distributed clothes and sarees to all the poor, weak and disabled people at 90 Cullen Street-Kalinga Bazar at Trinamool Party Office, 90 Collin Street Nearby (Kalinga Bazar) Ward 63, Kolkata, and was also present senior Trinamool leader Abdul Qayyum, Ex-Youth President Seikh Ali Jan, And Raja Warsi with All Ward Trinamool workers to help the needy people

Meghdut Digital Platform launches Digital Shopping Mall for Shopping, Entertainment & Services

MI News Service, Kolkata: As cities continue to see the rise of shopping malls filled with branded products, Kolkata-based startup Syspedia Technology Pvt. Ltd. has launched a digital shopping mall named "Meghdut Digital Platform" in the online world. According to Sumit Bagchi, Director of Syspedia, this platform is not just about selling products but also provides a variety of services. It includes cloud kitchens, restaurants, and even opportunities for customers to win rewards through en-

tertainment features. In the near future, the platform is also planning to introduce content-based services. By logging in to www.meghdut.online, customers can conveniently order essential services and products from home. This initiative is particularly beneficial for senior citizens who have financial resources but often struggle to find people to provide necessary goods and services. Meghdut aims to solve this problem by offering access to service providers for everything from household repairs to religious rituals.



Renowned pre-School group Kidzee opened yet another branch at Radhanath Chowdhury Road in Kolkata's Tangra area on 23rd March. It will operate from Pre-school till Upper Kg. There's a separate play area for the toddlers too. This new branch which opened under the tutelage of owner and Principal; Deboleena Mitra, will cater to the different aspects of the kids' well-being, like their personal development, their mental health, communication skill etc. This will ensure their easy admission in esteemed institutions later. The school timing is from 8am to 11.30 am. To grace the inaugural ceremony; were present eminent personalities like MLA; Swarnakamal Saha, Member, Mayor in council; Sandipan Saha, Popular TV Serial Actress Runa Bandyopadhyay and Zee learner's regional head; Akash Chatterjee. Also present were Branch Co-ordinator Anindita Ghosh Chakraborty, teacher Poulomi Nath Nayak, Suman Mitra and few other noted guests. Admission procedure has already started.

Suicides in education...

From PG 1
To make further recommendations beyond the specified mandate, wherever necessary, to ensure a holistic and effective approach towards addressing mental-health concerns of students and eliminating the incidence of suicides in higher educational institutions," the order added.

While the NTF would furnish an interim report within four months, a final report would preferably be filed within eight months, it said.

The apex court's verdict came on an appeal filed by the parents of two deceased students against a January 2024 order of the Delhi High Court which refused to direct the police to register an FIR in connection with the suicide by the two students.

While Ayush Ashna was found dead on July 8, 2023 in his hostel room, Anil Kumar was found dead on September 1, 2023 in his hostel room at IIT Delhi.

It was alleged that both the students, who belonged to the scheduled castes, were murdered and they had earlier confided in their parents being subjected to caste discrimination.

The bench noted it was not in dispute that the police for some reason or the other declined to register an FIR on the complaints on the ground that no one could be said to have abetted the commission of suicide. "This litigation is an eye-opener not just for the police but also for the parents whose children are studying in different educational institutions, more particularly those students residing in a hostel far from their respective homes, and also the man-

agement of the educational institutions across the country," it said.

The bench said such incidents were not isolated, one-off occurrences but only a few of the several instances that have taken place over a period of time owing to reasons such as ragging, academic pressure, caste-based discrimination, sexual harassment, etc.

The bench said data provided by the Union Minister of State for Education to the Rajya Sabha in 2023, 98 students died by suicide in higher educational institutes since 2018, out of which 39 were from IITs, 25 from NITs, 25 from central universities, four from IIMs, three from IISERs and two from IIITs.

Dealing with the appeal, the bench referred to the scope of Section 174 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), which deals with police to enquire and report on suicide, etc.

It said an investigation under Section 174 of the CrPC focuses on ascertaining the apparent cause of death in cases of unnatural or suspicious deaths.

When an informant approaches the police with information regarding the commission of a cognisable offence, the court said, the police owes a duty to promptly register an FIR and initiate investigation in accordance with section 154 of the CrPC.

The bench said in the present case, the appellants had approached the territorial police station on July 21, 2023 and September 9, 2023 respectively for registration of an FIR, alleging foul play and commission of offence under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.



Students of Aliah University protest in solidarity with Palestine, at their college in Kolkata.

TMC cracks down on absenteeism, over 50 MLAs face Disciplinary action

MI News Service, Kolkata: The TMC has taken a stern stance against absenteeism in the West Bengal Assembly, with over 50 MLAs facing disciplinary action for their unexplained absences despite a party whip being issued. The decision, taken by TMC's Assembly Discipline Committee, aims to maintain discipline and decorum within the party's legislative ranks. According to party sources, the absent MLAs

will be required to appear in person before the Discipline Committee will seek an apology from those who failed to attend the session and Parliamentary Minister Shobhandeb Chatterjee has already sat in a meeting to discuss the matter. The party's leadership views the repeated absences as "childish behavior" emphasizing the MLAs are expected to adhere to the party whip and attend session without fail. The

TMC has the Assembly on March 19 and 20, during the second part of the budget session. However, a significant number of MLAs—approximately 215—were absent on March 19, when chief Minister Mamta Banerjee was present. In contrast, around 90 TMC MLAs attended the assembly chamber on March 20. The party's chief convenor of the Assembly, Nirmal Ghosh, along with Parliamentary Minister

Shobhandeb Chatterjee, is currently investigation the identities of the absent MLAs. This disciplinary action is reminiscent of the party's response to Humayun Kabir's controversial remarks, where the MLA was required to appear in person before the committee. The maintain discipline and accountability within its ranks, ensuring the MLAs adhere to party protocols and attend session without exception.

High Court grills CBI in Tilottama case, Demands answer on gang rape

MI News Service, Kolkata: The High Court in Kolkata has posed tough questions to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) regarding the Tilottama case, seeking clarity on whether the crime was a gang rape or a single-person offense. Justice Tirthankar Ghosh questioned the CBI about the nature of the crime and the suspects involved, emphasizing the need for

transparency in the investigation. The court has ordered the CBI to produce the case diary, seeking to understand the current stage of the investigation. The judge expressed concerns about the possibility of evidence destruction and the framing of charges against the convicted person. The CBI was asked to provide details on further investigations conducted

after the initial charge sheet, with the judge emphasizing that no report is needed, only the case diary. Tilottama's family has been vocal about their dissatisfaction with the investigation, claiming that the crime could not have been committed by one person alone. They have alleged that the real culprits are being protected and that the CBI has not

included all relevant individuals in the investigation process. The court has scheduled the next hearing for March 28, giving the CBI time to gather the necessary information and respond to the court's queries. The case has sparked widespread outrage, with various organizations and citizens demanding justice for Tilottama and her family.

NMC demolishes house of...

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In 2020, a civic source said. There was no sanction plan for the building and the entire construction was unauthorised, the source said, adding the action was being taken under the MRTTP Act. A notice of demolition was given 24 hours prior to the action, the source said. MDP city chief Khan is currently lodged in a jail. The violence erupted in Nagpur 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 Aurangzeb's tomb in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar. 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.

Suwendu Adhikari Makes Explosive Allegation: Hindu Voters Being Told They're Bangladeshi

MI News Service, Kolkata: Leader of the Opposition Suwendu Adhikari has raised concerns over alleged voter suppression in West Bengal, claiming that Hindu voters are being disproportionately targeted. Adhikari alleged that names of Hindi-speaking and Hindu Bengali voters are being removed from voter lists under the guise of deleting "fake" voters. The BJP leader claimed that voters are being asked to prove their citizenship, with some receiving calls asking them to verify their Indian nationality. Ad-

hikari demanded the Election Commission take action, including sacking the Block Development Officers (BDOs) of Krishnanagar and Bagda. The BJP has announced plans to hold peaceful protests in Bagda and Krishnanagar against the alleged voter suppression. The party has also reiterated its demand for biometric identification to prevent fake voting. The allegations come amid an ongoing survey by the Trinamool Congress and the state government to remove "fake" voters from the electoral rolls.

'Welcome Kolkata Campaign': Members of Wales' largest youth org comes to Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: A team of ten young women from Wales completed a truly inspirational two-week volunteering trip in Kolkata, India. As part of Urdd Gobaith Cymru, Wales' largest youth organization, the volunteers worked with nonprofit organizations dedicated to aiding and educating children, youth, and women from some of the city's most marginalized communities.

hundreds of girls from Kolkata's largest slum. The volunteers organized interactive and engaging activities to create a fun and supportive learning environment for the children.

They conducted language exchange sessions as part of the Urdd's "Chwarae yn Gymraeg" (Play in Welsh) program. This initiative encouraged a cross-cultural dialogue, with participants exchanging knowledge in six different languages in a single session, fostering valuable learning experiences for all involved.

The collaboration between the Urdd and Kolkata-based charities has been ongoing for over two decades, with continuous support from the Welsh Government.

Court orders AC comfort for 'Kalighat er Kaku'

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Calcutta High Court has granted an extension of interim bail to Sujoy Krishna Bhadra, also known as "Kalighat er Kaku", until the end of April. This decision comes after Sujoy Krishna Bhadra was released from jail due to his deteriorating mental and physical health. Sujoy Krishna Bhadra, who was acquitted in ED case, is still pending trial in the CBI case. Last month, the division bench of Arijit Banerjee granted him interim on March 31. Sujoy Krishna Bhadra's application for an extension was successful, providing him with temporary relief. However Sujoy Krishna Bhadra's legal team raised concerns about the central forces deployed outside his residence, alleging that they were being used as a "weapon"



by the CBI in disregard of court orders. The court was informed that the forces had taken over the second floor of Bhadra's house, running the air conditioning continuously, and using the house's toilet despite the availability of a toilet downstairs. The court addressed these concerns on Monday, ordering the hanging of a tarpaulin for the central forces outside the house and directing forces outside the house and directing the seating and fans be provided in the temporary shelter. The next hearing in case is scheduled for April. This development highlights the ongoing complexities surrounding Sujoy Krishna Bhadra's case with the court striving to balance his right with need for ongoing investigation and security measures.



Doctors, Nurses took part in a protest rally against the barbaric rape and murder case at RG Kor Hospital for justice during their march to CGO complex at Salt Lake in Kolkata on Monday.

Woman and biker injured in collision

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata, West Bengal - A tragic accident occurred on the Maa Flyover in Kolkata when a bike, booked through an online app, collided with another vehicle, injuring both the rider and the woman passenger. According to eyewitnesses, the accident took place when the bike, traveling on the flyover, lost control and crashed into another vehicle. The impact of the collision left both the biker and the woman passenger severely injured. Emergency services were quickly sum-

moned, and the injured duo was rushed to a nearby hospital for treatment. Fortunately, after receiving primary medical attention, both the biker and the woman passenger were released from the hospital, reported to be in stable condition. The authorities are investigating the cause of the accident, and it is unclear at this time whether any charges will be filed. The incident serves as a reminder of the importance of road safety and the need for caution when traveling on the city's busy thoroughfares.

Partha Chatterjee's Troubles mounts in Recruitment Corruption Case

MI News Service: In a significant development, Krishna Chandra Adhikari, a relative of former West Bengal Education Minister Partha Chatterjee, has testified against him in court. Adhikari claimed that he was unknowingly made a director of a company, which was used to purchase land for Pingla School. According to Adhikari, he was not informed about the land purchase or financial transactions, and was merely asked to sign documents. He stated that he trusted Kalyanmoy Bhattacharya, Partha Chatterjee's son-in-law, and signed the documents without questioning. This testimony comes on the heels of Bhattacharya's decision to turn royal witness against his father-in-

law. Bhattacharya was previously named as an accused in the ED chargesheet but has since been acquitted of charges after agreeing to testify against Partha Chatterjee. The case against Partha Chatterjee stems from a recruitment corruption scandal, in which a large sum of money was seized from the flat of his close friend, Arpita Mukherjee. Partha Chatterjee's lawyer has applied for bail in the CBI case, claiming that there is insufficient evidence to support the allegations. The next hearing in the case is scheduled for March 27. As the investigation unfolds, Partha Chatterjee's troubles continue to mount, with multiple relatives and associates testifying against him.

Hindi-speaking vote emerges as key factors in TMC-BJP dynamics

MI News Service, Kolkata: Bird's eye view of the 26th assembly elections. Before that, Hindi-speaking voters are in the spotlight. Trinamool-BJP are in the field with their waists tied. The mercury in politics is already rising on this. Kunal Ghosh said, "Anyone who speaks Bengali also knows the essence of Lakshmi Bhandar. Anyone who speaks Hindi also knows it. BJP repeatedly tries to create differences on the basis of religion and language. Standing on the soil of Bengal, these will not succeed." On the other hand, Dilip Ghosh said, "Those who say that people from Bihar-UP are goons, they come here and create riots and beat up people. Those who are trying to exclude them from the voter list as outsiders, what will the people of Bihar-UP vote for. According to political circles, the focus of the 26th election is on Hindi-speaking voters. The Hindi heartland in the country is the BJP's stronghold."

And the Padma Shibir claims that a large portion of the Hindi-speaking people in Bengal are BJP voters. The 24th Lok Sabha election has clearly shown that the BJP's Hindi-speaking vote bank has collapsed. The number of Hindi-speaking voters in Lok Sabha constituencies like Asansol, Burdwan-Durgapur, Barrackpur and Medinipur is relatively high, and the BJP will go to all these constituencies in 2019. And in 2024, Trinamool snatched these four constituencies from the BJP. The votes of Hindi-speaking voters in the BJP's box in 24th has decreased. However, it is not that Trinamool's influence among Hindi-speaking people has increased significantly. In terms of the results of the Lok Sabha election, Trinamool was lagging behind in assembly constituencies like Siliguri, English Bazaar, Asansol North and South, Durgapur West, Bidhannagar, Shyampur, Jorasanko.

Rituparna Pakhira Granted Bail After Virat Kohli Incident, Faces Restrictions

MI News Service, Kolkata : Rituparna Pakhira, the 19-year-old Burdwan resident who breached security at Eden Gardens to meet Virat Kohli, has been granted bail by the Bankshall Court. However, the court has imposed conditions on her bail, prohibiting her from visiting Eden Gardens and its adjacent areas during the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) season. The incident, which occurred on Saturday, raised concerns about the security arrangements at the stadium. Judge Kausthav Mukherjee remarked that the incident had exposed the shortcomings of the Kolkata Police's security measures. During the bail hearing, the public prosecutor

emphasized the seriousness of the incident, highlighting that Pakhira had climbed over the fencing and entered the field, causing a disturbance. The prosecutor also mentioned that Virat Kohli, an international cricket figure, had been affected by the incident. Pakhira's lawyer argued that his client had acted out of admiration for Virat Kohli and had not intended to cause any harm. The court, while granting bail, cautioned Pakhira against repeating such behavior in the future. In a statement to TV 9 Bangla after her release on bail, Pakhira expressed regret for the incident and stated that she had only wanted to pay her respects to Virat Kohli.

Ship rocket launches same-day delivery in Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata : Shiprocket, India's leading e-commerce enablement platform, has launched Same Day Delivery (SDD) in Kolkata. This will enable every seller in India to benefit from enterprise-grade, fast delivery. Traditionally, fast delivery has been a luxury that only large e-

commerce brands could afford. Shiprocket is changing this by democratizing fast delivery. This will ensure MSMEs deliver faster and stay competitive. The service is already available in Delhi NCR, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Hyderabad. SDD has given Kolkata.

Name Change
I, Rupak Kumar Chatterjee (Old Name) son of Sanjoy Ranjan Chatterjee, residing at 5/1/D Bir Ananta Ram Mondal Lane, P.O.-Sinthi, P.S.- Baranagar, Dist.-North 24 Pgs, Pin- 700050, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rupak Chatterjee (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 24/03/2025. Rupak Chatterjee (New Name) and Rupak Kumar Chatterjee (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Arabinda Bhattacharjee (Old Name) S/O Late Prafulla Kumar Bhattacharjee, Residing at Umesh Apartment, Flat-GA, 1 Ganesh Mondal Road, Haltu, Kolkata-700078, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Arabinda Kumar Bhattacharjee (New Name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata on 24/03/2025. Arabinda Bhattacharjee (Old Name) Arabinda Kumar Bhattacharjee (New Name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rojena Khatun (Old Name) W/o Hafizul Gazi Residing at Vill+Po - Ghuni, Ps - Eco Park (Previously New Town), District- 24 Pgs(N), Pin- 700157 West Bengal shall henceforth be known as Rojena Bibi (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Executive Magistrate (1st Class) at Barasat, North 24 Parganas, vide affidavit no 2975 Dated - 17-03-2025. Rojena Khatun (Old Name) and Rojena Bibi (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Samir Maiti (Old Name), Son Of Jagannath Maiti, Residing At Khagadajalpai, Khagda, Narghat, Purba Medinipur - 721633, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Samir Maiti (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 24/03/2025. That Samir Maiti And Samir Maiti Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Maitreyee Chatterjee W/o Bandhu Chandra Banerjee Residing at 296, 1st Floor, Sai Saran Taramoni Ghat Road, Vidya Sagar Park, P.O - Paschim Putiari, P.S - Haridevpur, District - Kolkata, Pin- 700041 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Maitreyee Banerjee. I declare that Maitreyee Chatterjee and Maitreyee Banerjee is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 24-03-2025.

Name Change
I, Bijoy Kumar Kulthia S/O Late Matadin Kulthia Residing at 28/3, Bhaibar Dutta Lane, P.O - Salkia, P.S - Golabari, District - Howrah, Pin- 711106 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Vijay Kulthia. I declare that Bijoy Kumar Kulthia and Vijay Kulthia is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 24-03-2025.

Name Change
I, Jagdish Rajotia S/O Udaib Ram Rajotia Residing at Siddha Pines FL-C 706, Rajarhat Main Road, P.O - Rajarhat Gopalpur, P.S - Narayanpur, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700136 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Jagdish Rajotia. I declare that Jagdish Rajotia and Jagdish Rajotia is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 24-03-2025.

Name Change
I, Nadeem Zahra (Old Name) W/O Syed Faiyaz Ali Naqvi, Residing At 8/L, Topsis Road, P.S-Tiljala, Kolkata-700039, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Syed Nadeem Zahra (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 24/03/2025. Nadeem Zahra (Old Name) And Syed Nadeem Zahra (New Name) Both Are Same And Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Chamru Shaw (Old Name) S/O Sube Lal Shaw Residing at Vic - Radhadasi, P.O - Radhadasi, District - Howrah, Pin - 711317 West Bengal India have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Chamru Shaw (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 116/2025 Dated 24-03-2025. Chamru Shaw (Old Name) and Chamru Shaw (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Arfina Begum (Old Name) daughter of Sekh Hemmat Ali Moulavi, residing at 7, Chandney Approach, Panchap Street, Kolkata- 700072, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name, and shall henceforth be known as Kulsan Bibi (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 24/03/2025. Kulsan Bibi (New Name) and Arfina Begum (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Aftab Mondal, S/O Late - Hazi Youchop Mondal, DOB-01.01.1950, residing at Vill- Mahstap, P. O.-Ambikapur, PS-Gopainagar, Dist:N 24Pgs in W.B.P.PIN-743251 do hereby solemnly affirm & declare that my actual name is Aftab Mondal, it has been recorded my Aadhar Card no.7698 3174 0306 and other documents. In my Voter I.D Card being no. WB/13/084/432677 where in my name has been written as Akthar Mondal, and my son Fajul Mandal and his international Passport beig no. K4912746 wherein my name has been written as Aftab Hossain Mandal in place of Aftab Mondal. By an affidavit in the Court of Ld. A.C.J./1st Class Bongaon that Aftab Mondal, Akthar Mondal and Aftab Hossain Mandal are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Zulekha Bibi (old name), W/O Rahamat Ali Molla, residing at Z3/221 Mistry Ghat Road, Bada Bazar, S.O. Badartala, P.S. Nadial, Kolkata 700044, West Bengal, India, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Zulekha Khatoun (new name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata on 24/03/2025. Zulekha Bibi (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Rupa Khatun Bibi W/O Rejalul Sekh residing Vill- Sahazadpur, P.O.+P.S.- Nadanghat, Dist- Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal, RA-BIUL SK is my son who hold a birth certificate being No HKGP/469/2013 Dated 30.11.2013 where in my name wrongly recorded as SORIFA BIBI in place of RUPA KHATUN BIBI and my husband's name wrongly recorded as REJAUL SK in place of REJAUL SEKH. That actual my name is RUPA KHATUN BIBI. My husband's Name is REJAUL SEKH and My son is RABIUL SK vide an affidavit before The Executive Magistrate at Purba Bardhaman on 25/02/2025

Name Change
I, Mir Roushan Ali (old name), S/O Mir Roushan Ali, residing at Ranisai Ramnagar, Purba Medinipur, Pin-721446, West Bengal, India, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mir Firoj Ali (new name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata on 24/03/2025. Mir Firoj Ali (old name) and Firoz Ali (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, PRATHANA PRASAD, daughter of Ajay Kumar Prasad, residing at 13, Dr. P. K. Banerjee Road, P.O. & P.S.-Howrah, District- Howrah, Pin-711101, declare that my father's name is wrongly recorded as AJAY PRASAD instead of AJAY KUMAR PRASAD in my educational documents and my father's actual and correct name is AJAY KUMAR PRASAD. That both AJAY PRASAD and AJAY KUMAR PRASAD are one and same identical person.

Name Change
I, Allaraka Ali Firoz Ali (old name), S/O Mir Firoj Ali, residing at Ranisai Ramnagar, Purba Medinipur, Pin-721446, West Bengal, India, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Allaraka Ali (new name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata on 24/03/2025. Allaraka Ali (new name) and Allaraka Ali Firoz Ali (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, SWAYAM PRASAD, son of Ajay Kumar Prasad, residing at 13, Dr. P. K. Banerjee Road, P.O. & P.S.-Howrah, District- Howrah, Pin-711101, declare that my father's name is wrongly recorded as AJAY PRASAD instead of AJAY KUMAR PRASAD in my educational documents and my father's actual and correct name is AJAY KUMAR PRASAD. That both AJAY PRASAD and AJAY KUMAR PRASAD are one and same identical person.

Name Change
I, Manisha Amit Mehta (Old Name) wife of Amit Subodh Mehta, residing at 2/8B Sarat Bose Road L.R.Saranj, Kolkata-700020, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Manisha Mehta (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 24/03/2025. Manisha Mehta (New Name) and Manisha Amit Mehta (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sunita Chakraborty D/o, Late Tarapada Chakraborty of 63, Narendra Nath Banerjee Sarani, Konnagar, Hooghly, 712235, W.B., Hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sunita Karmakar to Sunita Chakraborty and hereafter be known as Sunita Chakraborty, Vide Affidavit No. 4921 dated 13/3/25 Before the Hon'ble 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Chinsurah, Hooghly (Sadar).

Name Change
I, Prabir Mondal (Old Name) son of Golake Chandra Mondal, residing at P-107, Garia Park, Garia, Sri-rampur, P.O.- Garia, P.S.- Patuli, Dist.- South 24 Pgs, Pin- 700084, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Prabir Kumar Mondal (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 24/03/2025. Prabir Kumar Mondal (New Name) and Prabir Mondal (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Manoj Kumar Jain (Old Name) son of Manohar Lal Jain, residing at 1020(Old-883/12) Jessore Road, Bangur Avenue, North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700055, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Manoj Jain (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 24/03/2025. Manoj Jain (New Name) and Manoj Kumar Jain (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Manoj Kumar Jain (Old Name) son of Manohar Lal Jain, residing at 1020(Old-883/12) Jessore Road, Bangur Avenue, North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700055, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Manoj Jain (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 24/03/2025. Manoj Jain (New Name) and Manoj Kumar Jain (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

India's manufacturing sector growth slips to 14-month low in Feb: PMI

MI News Service, New Delhi: India's manufacturing sector growth fell to a 14-month low in February amid softer increase in new orders and production, a monthly survey said. The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) registered 56.3 in February, down from 57.7 in January, but remained firmly within the 'expansionary' territory. In PMI parlance, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below 50 denotes contraction. "Although output growth slowed to the weakest level since December 2023, overall momentum in India's manufacturing sector remained broadly positive in February," said Pranjal Bhandari, Chief India Economist at HSBC. Although softer than January's near 14-year high, the pace of expansion was sharp, adding that new export orders rose strongly in February, as manufacturers continued to capitalise on robust global demand for their goods, the survey said. Moreover, favourable domestic and international demand prompted firms to increase purchasing activity and hire extra workers. "Business expectations also remained very strong, with nearly one-third of survey participants foreseeing greater output volumes in the year ahead," Bhandari said. On the job front, manufacturers continued to expand their workforce numbers in February. The rate of job creation was the second-best in the series' history, behind only that recorded in January. "One in ten firms signalled greater recruitment activity, while 1 per cent of companies shed jobs," the survey said. According to the survey, February witnessed the slowest rise in cost burdens in a year, but demand buoyancy kept charge inflation at an elevated level.

SEBI extends deadline till Jul 1 for complying with industry standards
MI News Service, New Delhi: Markets regulator Sebi extended the deadline for listed entities by three months to July 1 for complying with the industry standards on minimum information to be provided for review by the audit committee and shareholders when seeking approval of a related party transaction. Earlier, the industry standards were set to become effective from April 1, 2025. "Sebi has received feedback from various stakeholders requesting an extension of the timeline for the applicability of the industry standards. Accordingly, it has been decided that the effective date of the circular shall be July 1, 2025," the regulator said in a circular.

RPF ER's Notable Achievements Under Operation "SEWA"



MI News Service, Kolkata: The Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Eastern Railway has been actively working towards ensuring the safety and comfort of passengers through various initiatives. One such remarkable effort is Operation "SEWA", launched with the objective of providing assistance to elderly persons, women, sick or injured individuals, infants, and others in need of help. During the month of March 2025 (up to 24.03.2025), RPF successfully assisted a total of 60 needy persons across different divisions. The division-wise breakdown is as follows: Howrah Division: 32 persons Sealdah Division: 20 persons Asansol Division: 04 persons Malda Division: 04 persons This commendable effort by RPF highlights their unwavering dedication to passenger welfare and safety. Eastern Railway remains committed to enhancing passenger experience and ensuring a safe and comfortable journey for all.

Engineering Department of Sealdah Division Achieves Milestone in Track Renewal and point Conversion Work

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a remarkable achievement aimed at enhancing rail safety and operational efficiency, the Engineering Department of Sealdah Division, Eastern Railway, has successfully completed critical track renewal and point conversion work at Bangaon Jn. Station Year. The project, meticulously executed during a planned single block on 22/23-03-2025 (Saturday/Sunday Night) signifies a major step forward in strengthening track infrastructure and ensuring smoother train operations. The engineering team undertook essential track improvement tasks including: 1. **Diamond Crossing Conversion:** Conversion of Points No. 57 & 58 for enhancing track durability and structural integrity. 2. **Diamond Crossing Renewal:** Renewal of Points No. 55 & 56 to ensure safe and efficient train movements. The entire operation was meticulously completed within a well-coordinated single block from 23:05 hours to 06:05 hours, providing a total of 7 hours for the successful execution of the tasks. Traffic Block at Points No. 55 & 56 was



Cleared at 06:05 hours, adhering to the scheduled timeline. The renewal work of Points No. 57 & 58 was successfully completed at 07:30 hours. This significant accomplishment underscores the unwavering commitment and expertise of the Engineering Department in enhancing track infrastructure to ensure safe, reliable, and efficient train operations. The successful execution of this project will greatly contribute to improved passenger safety and convenience, while also supporting seamless train operations across the Sealdah Division.

ED issues notice to Paytm parent company FEMA violation

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate on Monday said it has issued a notice to Paytm's parent company, its MD and linked entities for "contravention" of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) involving Rs 611 crore. According to Paytm's annual report for the financial year 2024, the fintech major's founder, Vijay Shekhar Sharma, is its chairman, managing director (MD) and chief executive officer. The notice has been issued by a special director of the federal agency after the completion of an investigation and before the initiation of adjudication proceedings under the said law. A Paytm spokesperson said the company was working to resolve the matter in accordance with applicable laws and regulatory processes. The show cause notice has been issued to Paytm's flagship company One 97 Communication limited (OCL), its managing director and other Paytm subsidiaries such as Little Internet Pvt Ltd and Nearby India Pvt Ltd for "contraventions" of the provisions of the FEMA to the tune of around Rs 611 crore, the ED said in a statement. Investigations found that OCL made foreign investments in Singapore and "did not" file necessary reporting to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the creation of an overseas step-down subsidiary, it said. The company had "also received foreign direct investment (FDI) from overseas investors without following proper pricing guidelines stipulated by the RBI", it alleged. The ED said OCL's subsidiary company in India -- Little Internet Pvt Ltd-- received FDI from overseas investors "without following" the pricing guidelines stipulated by the RBI. The other subsidiary -- Nearby India Pvt Ltd -- "did not" report the FDI received by the company within the time frame prescribed by the RBI, it said. In a regulatory filing made on Saturday (March 1), Paytm said it received a notice from the ED for alleged violation of certain FEMA rules by the company and its two subsidiaries-- Little Internet and Nearby -- with respect to certain investment transactions.

Metro Railway shows humane face again

MI News Service, Kolkata: On 23.03.25 at about 17.14 hrs, an on-duty RPF staff posted at Kavi Subhash Metro station during his routine check found an indisposed passenger in a coach of a Metro rake. Thereafter, he brought the passenger to the Station Master's office and Station Master administered him first aid for early recovery. After sometimes, he started feeling well and intended to leave the station. He gave a phone number of his friend to the Station Master. His friend came to the Station Master's office after being called over phone. After complying with all official formalities, he was allowed to go with his friend at 19.40 hrs. Before leaving the station, the passenger and his friend expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Metro Railway Authority for the timely help.

Sealdah Station is all set to get a Renovated Subway Connecting Metro Network



MI News Service, Kolkata: Sealdah division is ready to operate one more subway for the sake of passenger convenience and seamless connectivity. The new subway will connect Sealdah station with Sealdah Court, B. R. Singh Hospital area and Metro Railway network by underground passageway enabling commuters to move safely and efficiently. Opening of this all important subway will eliminate the need of passengers to walk through congested concourse area of Sealdah, thereby reducing the risk of accidents and near-misses. It will effectively separate pedestrian traffic from Rail traffic and road traffic. Rail users can now access platforms of Sealdah station and Metro Rail with reduced travel time and stress. This state-of-the-art subway is loaded with accessibility features like ramps making it easier for passengers with

disabilities to navigate the station. The all new subway is designed with ventilation system that will improve air quality and minimize the impact of air pollution on passengers. Moreover, the subway is designed with clear signage and way finding system, improving the overall passenger experience. Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager/Eastern Railway has recently took stock of the condition of subway and directed Sealdah Divisional Authorities to accelerate the residual works for expeditious opening of the same for common people. He said that, opening of this renovated subway will enhance connectivity and embolden commuters to reach Green Line stretch of Kolkata Metro connecting Howrah & Sealdah easily. Shri Deouskar has hailed the progress of ongoing infrastructure development projects at Sealdah Station and circulating area.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI BANK LTD, BP-4, Technopolis Building, 4th Floor, Sector V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata, West Bengal - 700091
CIN No: L65190G1994PLC021012, www.icicibank.com

A Housing Loan Facility was granted, pursuant to a Loan Agreement entered into between ICICI Bank Limited ('Secured Creditor', which includes its successors and assigns) and the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) mentioned below ('Borrower(s)', which includes his/ her/ their respective successors, assigns and heirs).

The undersigned, being the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor ('Authorised Officer') under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ('Act') and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12), read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, ('Rules'), has issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the Act, calling upon the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) mentioned below to repay the amount payable, pursuant to the Loan Agreement and as mentioned specifically in the Demand Notices, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notices.

As the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s), has/ have failed and neglected to repay the amount as mentioned in the Demand Notices, a Notice is hereby issued to the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) and to the public in general, that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the properties described below, in exercise of the powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the Act, read with Rule 8 of the Rules. The details, including the date of Symbolic Possession of the properties are mentioned below:

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Ratan Kumar Chatterjee/ Namita Chatterjee/ C/o Bijan Kumar Laha Boro Kaberipara, P.O. Chandannagar District Hooghly West Bengal Chandannagar 712136/ LBCAL00000366378	Holding No. 554, 556, Saoli Bye Lane Mohalla, Dag No. 324, 474, 1 No. Jurisdiction List Revisional Settlement In The Name of Harinath Roy Chowdhury Khatian No. 186, Hal L.R. Settlement In The Name of Parul Bala Roy Chowdhury Khatian No. 141, Ward No. 6, Sheet No. 3, Mouza Chandannagar, Thana Chandannagar, Sub Registry Serampur Joint Singur And Candannagar, District Hooghly, West Bengal (Admeasuring An Area Of 4 Katha/ Date of Symbolic 19.03.2025	November 05, 2024/ Rs.1,68,205,11/-	Hooghly

The Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) is/ are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount. Otherwise, the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of the 30 day period, from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Date: March 25, 2025
Place: Hooghly
Authorised Officer
Secured Creditor



The Spring Festival and Musical Chairs was held on March 23, 2025 at the initiative of Deshapriya Nagar Welfare Society under Kamarhati Municipality in collaboration with Milan Tirtha Sporting Club. Kamarhati MLA Madan Mitra and other dignitaries were present on the occasion. Convener of the Prog is Bimal Saha a Municipal Representative of Kamarhati Municipality

Major boost to state economy: Haldia Petrochem mulls \$1 billion investment in Bengal

MI News Service, Haldia/Kolkata: Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd (HPL) is considering a proposal to build a polycarbonate plant in Bengal, entailing an investment upward of \$1 billion (\$8,700 crore). The company plans to use spare land available at its existing manufacturing location at Haldia for the project, signalling further diversification in the chemical downstream business. Polycarbonate is a key thermoplastic compound which finds use in many industries, especially automobile and packaging because of its durability under heat, impact and chemicals. However, India meets the requirement of the material by import. The basic raw material for polycarbonate is phenol and acetone, which will be available to HPL internally by the middle of 2026. The company, led by New York-based industrialist

Purnendu Chatterjee, is in the midst of setting up a phenol plant at Haldia, in a major pivot towards the chemical downstream sector. "India is a large consumption centre for chemicals, many of which are still being imported. One such item is polycarbonate, which is a downstream product for phenol, which you are aware HPL is putting up a capacity for. We are now exploring to build a unit for polycarbonate as well," Navanit Narayan, whole-time director and CEO of HPL, told. He did not hazard a guess on the investment required but industry estimates pegged it at about a \$1 billion. Apart from tying up funds for the project, which is likely to be taken up in a new company of The Chatterjee Group (TCG) or subsidiary of HPL, the management has to find a partner to get the technology for polycarbonate, which is closely held worldwide. The HPL management is now

focusing their energy to execute the phenol plant in record time (under 36 months) while simultaneously working on the polycarbonate project. The \$5,000 crore phenol and acetone plant will be a major boost to Bengal's economy and encourage proliferation of downstream units creating employment opportunities, just as HPL did a quarter of a century ago with the polymer business, the company had earlier hoped. A major user of phenol will be the plywood industry, which has a base in the state with some of the largest producers based in Bengal. HPL's phenol plant will be the largest in India when it goes on stream by the middle of 2026 and reduce dependence on imports and cut logistics cost. Phenol and acetone, which HPL will produce, are two key ingredients for a chemical compound called Bisphenol A (BPA) whose single largest application is to make polycarbonate.

"Does BJP even know how to run a govt?": Atishi slams Delhi Govt for not presenting economic survey

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the Legislative Assembly of the National Capital, Atishi, on Monday criticized the BJP-led Delhi government for not presenting the Economic Survey ahead of the budget, questioning its "ability" to govern and calling the move a break from established tradition. Addressing a press conference, Atishi expressed surprise at the absence of the Economic Survey, which typically precedes the budget presentation. "It is surprising how the budget was made without an economic survey. To date, we have not seen any government making a budget without an economic survey.

Why is the BJP government of Delhi not presenting an economic survey, and how was the budget made without it? Today, the question arises--does the BJP even know how to run a government?" she said. Atishi emphasized the necessity of the economic survey, saying that the previous surveys presented by the AAP government had all important data such as GDP, per capita income, tax collections, and overall economic performance. "In every assembly of the country as well as in the Parliament, the Economic Survey is presented a day before the budget. This tradition exists because the survey has the main figures of the country or state's economy. If you look at the previous Economic Survey of Delhi, it had compre-

hensive figures on GDP, per capita income, tax revenue, needs of the people, and whether the government was in profit or loss," Atishi said. Speaking to ANI, Atishi claimed that when AAP raised the issue in the assembly, they were not allowed to speak and questioned why the Economic Survey was being "hidden." "In the last 10 years, it has never happened that the Economic Survey was not presented before the budget. What the Chief Minister said is wrong...When we tried to raise the issue in the Assembly, we were not allowed to speak...This is a big question: why the Economic Survey is being hidden," she said. The first budget of the newly elected Delhi government is set to be presented today.

EASTERN RAILWAY Tender Notice No.: 222-S/1W-II, Dated 20.03.2025. Following e-Tenders are invited online by Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd Floor, Control Building, DRM Building, Kaizer Street, Kolkata - 700 014 for the following works: Tender No.: TN-269-24-25. Name of the Work: At Ghosapur Railway Colony: Raising of low height boundary wall, provision of new boundary wall and provision of Concertina coil over the entire boundary wall with all other ancillary works under Senior Section Engineer [Works]/New Alipore area under the jurisdiction of Assistant Engineer/Works/2/Sealdah. Tender value: Rs. 2,02,03,301.72. EMD: Rs. 2,51,000/-. Cost of Tender Document (Non-Refundable): Nil. Completion period for the work: 08 (Eight) months. Date & Time of Closing of Tender: 17.04.2025 at 15.00 hrs. Date & Time of Opening of Tender: 17.04.2025 at 15.30 hrs. The Tender Documents and other details are available at website www.irps.gov.in. The bidding is to be submitted through the e-tendering on above website. Manual offers will be summarily rejected.

EASTERN RAILWAY Tender No.: SDSTE-ETN-eDAS-ER-HQ-2025, dated 21.03.2025. Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building near Railway Station, Howrah-711011 invites Open e-Tenders against Tender No. SDSTE-ETN-eDAS-ER-HQ-2025 for the following work. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Name of Work: Provision of e-Drawing Approval System and Upgradation of S & T Drawing Office at Eastern Railway HQ. Bidding System: Single packet, Advertised Value: Rs. 75,56,736.11. Earnest Money (Bid Security): Rs. 1,51,100/-. Cost of Tender Document: Rs. 0.00. Period of Completion: 4 months, Validity of Offer: 60 Days, Date and Time of uploading Tender: 21.03.2025 at 17:26 hrs., Bidding Start Date: 31.03.2025. Tender Closing Date & Time: 14.04.2025 at 11:00 hrs. The details are available at website www.irps.gov.in

OFFICE OF THE BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICER Katwa-II Development Block Dainhat, Purba Bardhaman Notice Inviting e-Tender No. WB/PURBA-BWN/KAT-II/24-25/048, Date: 24th March, 2025 by the BDO, Katwa II Dev. Block, Dainhat, Purba Bardhaman. Intending bidders are requested to visit the website www.wbtenders.gov.in for details. Last date of Tender submission 04.04.2025 upto 18:00 hours. Sd/- B.D.O. Katwa-II Development Block

EASTERN RAILWAY Tender Notices are also available at Website www.easternrailway.gov.in

Howrah Municipal Corporation 28, Shree Aurobindo Road-711006 Ph: 033-2655-7187 TENDER NOTICE

Legal Notice ALREADY PURCHASED LAND: 4 Cottah SMT. BISHAKHA DEWAN W/O Sri Raghunath Dewan resident of Chowbaga Dakshina Para, PO-Chowbaga, PS-Anandpur, Kolkata-700105 had purchased a land/property schedule stated below from power of attorney Holder Sri Raghunath Dewan S/o-Late Banshi Badan Dewan, POA Number 2675/2018 Appointed by (1) Pasani Golder (2) Batu Pramanik (3)Sumi Dewan (4) Sabita Rudra (5)Radha Patra (6)Tuku Patra (7)Palani Dewan (8)Ananta Dewan (9)Jayanta Dewan (10)Bharti Mondal (11)Putal Das (12)Arati Sarkar (13)Gopal Mondal (14) Samir Mondal (15)Gour Patra (16) Nilai Patra (17) Bharti Mondal (18) Sarathi Mondal (19)Minati Giri (20)Madan Pramanik (21)Ratan Pramanik (22)Sadan Pramanik (23) Kalyani Bera (24) Mita Mondal. Deed Number 2056 dt 04/03/2025

EASTERN RAILWAY Abridged Tender Notice No.: EL-ASN-CON-PSI-169-2025-NIT, Tender No.: EL-ASN-CON-PSI-169-2025, Date: 20.03.2025. Open Tender is invited through e-tendering procedure by Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer (Con), Eastern Railway, Asansol Division, Station Road, Asansol, Paschim Burdwan, Pin-713301 from experienced Electrical Contractors, Partnership firms etc. with adequate financial capability and sufficient experience for the following work: Name of work: Design, Drawing, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 132 KV Traction Substation, Sectioning post (SPs), and Sub sectioning post (SSPs) in 2X25KV System with V-Connected Transformer including SCADA and Automatic Fault Locator (AFL) across various locations in Andal-Pradhankhunta Section in Asansol Division of Eastern Railway in connection with New Andal - Pradhankhunta multi tracking work. Tender Value: Rs. 54,49,19,877.50. Earnest Money: Rs. 28,74,600/-. Cost of Tender Document: Nil. Completion period: 36 months. Date and time of closing: 21.04.2025 at 15.00 hrs. Tender documents can be downloaded and bids can be submitted at www.irps.gov.in after online payment of "cost of Tender Document" and "Earnest Money" as mentioned above against this tender on or before the tender closing date and time mentioned above. Tenders complete in all respects and with all documents as stated above should be uploaded at www.irps.gov.in against this tender. Bidding for the tender is to be submitted through e-tendering on above website. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any manual offer if received shall not be accepted and will be summarily rejected. Tender Documents, details of tender notice, corrigendum(s) issued from time to time (if any) and other basic information are available at www.irps.gov.in. This tender notice can also be seen in the notice board of Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer /Con, Asansol, Paschim Burdwan, Asansol-713301 CON-95/2024-25 Tender Notices are also available at websites: www.easternrailway.gov.in

Digsui Hoerah Gram Panchayat Vill.+P.O.: Digsui, P.S.- Mogra, Dist.- Hooghly, Pin - 712148 Notice Inviting e-Tender e-Tender is invited from the experienced and resourceful bidders for execution of 2 nos. development works vide e-NIT No.: 087/DHGP/2024-25 & 088/DHGP/2024-25, Date: 24.03.2025, Fund: 5th SFC (Tied) & MPLADS. Bid Submission Start Date: On any working day from 25.03.2025 at 10:00 AM. Bid Submission End Date: 09.04.2025 up to 05:00 PM. Date of Opening of Tender: 11.04.2025 at 02.00 PM. For more details please visit https://wbtenders.gov.in & undersigned GP Office. Sd/- Pradhan, Digsui Hoerah Gram Panchayat

Notice Inviting e-Tender Ref e-NIT No.: 2025 ZPH_830709_1. An e-Tender (Notice Memo No. - 250, Date: 24.03.2025) containing One number of scheme for construction work under Kalna-II Panchayat Samity, Purba Bardhaman has been floated amounting to Rs. 1.60000 lakhs. Fund- SBM (G) & 15th CFC (Tied Grant) 2024-25. Bid Submission End on: 08.04.2025 at 06:00 PM. Log on Gov. Website: www.wbtenders.gov.in Please look for details in the undersigned office notice board. Sd/- Executive Officer Kalna-II Panchayat Samity Singerkone, Purba Bardhaman

Kolkata hosts Karate training camp

MI News Service, Kolkata: An Advanced Karate Training Camp was held at Salt Lake BD Block, Kolkata recently under the expert guidance of renowned karateka Hanshi Premjit Sen. The intensive training session, attended by over 250 karate instructors from across West Bengal, aimed to upgrade and update their knowledge and skills. Huge number of boys and girls and also men and women participated in this elite camp.

UCC to give equal rights to all citizens: Uttarakhand CM

MI News Service, Rudrapur: Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) will give equal rights to every citizen of the state regardless of their religion or caste and end the oppression of Muslim women. Addressing the gathering at a function held at Gandhi Park here to felicitate him on the completion of three years of his second term as chief minister, Dhami said

his government is living up to the expectations of the people of Devbhoomi, who have given their mandate to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for a second consecutive term. "The UCC, which was implemented on January 27, making Uttarakhand the first state in independent India to implement the law, will give equal rights to everyone. It will end the oppression of our Muslim sisters," he said.

Modi to inaugurate Hisar airport on Apr 14

MI News Service, Chandigarh: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Haryana on April 14 to inaugurate the Hisar airport and lay the foundation stone of a new 800-MW unit thermal power plant in the Yamunanagar district. Giving details of the visit, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini told reporters here that PM Modi will be the chief guest in a state-level function to be organised on the occasion of Dr B R Ambedkar's birth anniversary on April 14.

Whenever PM Modi has visited Haryana, he has given gifts to the state, said Saini, who was flanked by his ministers Krishan Kumar Bedi, Krishan Pal Panwar and Vipul Goel. He sharply criticised the rival Shiv Sena faction, saying, "Eliminate Satyamev Jayate and make Gaddameev Jayate." The UBT Sena Chief further stated that his unit of the Shiv Sena has nothing to do with the vandalism that happened at the Habitat Comedy Club and

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MI News Service, Mumbai: Shiv Sena (UBT) Chief Uddhav Thackeray on Monday threw his weight behind stand up artist Kunal Kamra amid the controversy over his remarks, asserting that Kamra's statements were truthful and reflective of public sentiment. Thackeray said that calling a 'gaddar' a 'gaddar' was not an attack on anyone. "I don't think Kunal Kamra said anything wrong. Calling a 'gaddar' a 'gaddar' is not an attack on anyone. Kunal Kamra has said the truth; he has expressed what people feel," Thackeray said while addressing the media. Defending Kunal Kamra's freedom of expression, Thackeray added, "He has said the truth, so there is no question of infringement of freedom of expression. Hear the full song (from Kunal Kamra's show) and make others hear it too."

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stating that such acts can't be justified as "freedom of speech". Fadnavis stressed that while there is freedom to perform stand-up comedy, it does not extend to making "unchecked statements". He further demanded that Kamra apologise. "There is freedom to do stand-up comedy, but he cannot speak whatever he wants. The people of Maharashtra have decided who the traitor is. Kunal Kamra should apologise. This will not be tolerated," he asserted. Fadnavis criticised Kamra's actions as an intentional

OFFICE OF THE SAGAR PANCHAYAT SAMITY Rudranagar, South 24 Parganas E-Tender Notice Notice No. 148 (50) & 498 (50) Dated 21.03.2025 E-Tenders are hereby invited from Govt. Contractor for constructing Class Room of Rudranagar Debendra Vidyapith and Sundarban Janakalyan Sangha Vidyaniketan from Hon'ble MPLAD Fund, and Culvert & Concrete Road, Rest Shed, ICDS School Repairing & School Laboratory construction from the Fund of 15th State Finance Commission. Last Date of E-Tender Submission: 04/04/2025 at 2PM For details please contact at the Office of the Executive Officer, Sagar Panchayat Samity, Website: www.etender.wb.nic.in Sd/- Executive Officer Sagar Panchayat Samity

KATHGODAM-THAKURNAGAR-KATHGODAM SPECIAL TRAIN To clear extra rush of passengers, 05030/05029 Kathgodam-Thakurnagar-Kathgodam Special Train will run as per following abstract timings, stoppages, days of run & composition: Kathgodam - Thakurnagar (05030) (05029) Thakurnagar - Kathgodam Days of run Arr. Dep. Station Arr. Dep. Days of run 26.03.2025 18.00 18.10 Lucknow 23.15 15.00 30.03.2025 Wednesday 11.15 11.25 Malda Town 14.50 19.00 27.03.2025 Thursday 13.20 13.25 Rampurhat Jn. 16.17 16.22 17.18 17.20 Bandel 13.42 13.44 17.48 17.50 Naihati 13.18 13.20 20.40 - Thakurnagar - 10.20 The above special trains will also stop at Haldwani, Lalkuan, Kichha, Bareilly City, Bareilly, Gorakhpur, Chhapra, Barauni Jn., Kathar Jn., Kumedpur, Ekliakhi, Sainthia, Bolpur Shantiniketan & Bardhaman stations enroute in both directions. Date/Days of run : From Kathgodam - 05030 on 26.03.2025 (Wednesday) = 01 trip and From Thakurnagar - 05029 on 29.03.2025 (Saturday) = 01 trip. Composition : Sleeper Class - 08, Second Class (GS) - 05 & SLRD - 02 = 15 coaches. Category : Mail/Express. Chief Passenger Transportation Manager Eastern Railway Follow us at: @EasternRailway @easternrailwayheadquarter

Appointment of Station Ticket Booking Agent (STBA) and Halt Contractor over Kharagpur Division

On behalf of President of India, Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur invites application for awarding of Station Ticket Booking Agent (STBA) at 61 locations of 58 stations in NSG-4, NSG-5, NSG-6 & SG-3 category stations and Halt contractor at Sitalpur (Bengal) Railway Passenger Halt in between Kanthi-Sujalpur in Tamluk-Digha section for sale of tickets to passengers as per following schedule: 1. For STBA: Notification No.: Com/G30/STBA/Corres/PT.I, dated: 21.03.2025. SI.No.; No. of stations; No. of locations; Category of station & Contract period are as follows: 1; 06; 06; NSG-4. 2; 43; 45; SG-3 & Up to 21.02.2026 (for SI.No. 1 & 2 each). 3; 06; 07; NSG-5 & 4; 03; 03; NSG-6 & 03 (three) years (for SI.No. 3 & 4 each). Date of dropping application/tender: 01.04.2025 (11.00 hrs.) to 16.04.2025 (until 11.00 hrs.) on Working days (Monday to Friday) [for SI.No. 1 to 4 each]. Date of opening application/ tender box: At 11.30 hrs. on 16.04.2025 [for SI.No. 1 to 4 each].

2. For Halt Contract: Notification No.Com/G30/PH/Corres/PT.I dated 21.03.2025. Name of Railway Passenger Halt station: Sitalpur (Bengal)-STLB. Stations in between: Kanthi-Sujalpur. Contract period: 05 (five) years. Date of dropping application/tender: 10:00 hrs. to 15:00 hrs. on 11.04.2025. Date of opening application/ tender box: At 15:30 hrs. on 11.04.2025. Venue of dropping application/tender: Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager's Office/Kharagpur, South Eastern Railway [for both STBA & Contract Railway Passenger Halt Station]. Eligibility criteria, location, format of application and other details are available at website www.ser.indianrailways.gov.in. Any query pertaining to this Tender may be obtained from Sr.DCM's Office, Kharagpur during working hours on any working day (Monday to Friday). NB: It may please be noted if leading of normal life/activities is disturbed by any order of National/State Authority on the date of dropping/date of opening of Application/tender Box, then it shall be postponed. Then date of dropping/opening the Application/tender box shall be rescheduled on the next usual working day. (PR-1267) Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), Kharagpur

EMU Special trains during Maha Matua Mela

To clear extra rush of pilgrims expected at Thakurnagar during Maha Matua Mela, following additional EMU special trains will be run on 26.03.2025 & 27.03.2025 as under :- ADDITIONAL EMU SPECIAL TRAINS TO THAKURNAGAR ON 26.03.2025 Special Trains from Gede & Lalgola to Thakurnagar Station Arr. Dep. Station Arr. Dep. Gede - 06.45 Lalgola - 04.50 Ranaghat 07.43 07.45 Ranaghat 08.05 08.06 Majhergram 08.05 08.11 Majhergram 08.26 08.47 Bongaon Jn. 08.38 08.45 Bongaon Jn. 09.12 09.16 Thakurnagar 09.00 - Thakurnagar 09.31 - Special Trains from Canning & Namkhana to Thakurnagar Station Arr. Dep. Station Arr. Dep. Canning - 06.35 Namkhana - 05.00 Ballygunge 07.37 07.38 Ballygunge 07.40 07.50 Dum Dum Jn. 08.11 08.12 Dum Dum Jn. 08.30 08.31 Thakurnagar 09.35 - Thakurnagar 09.55 - ADDITIONAL EMU SPECIAL TRAINS FROM THAKURNAGAR ON 27.03.2025 Special Trains from Thakurnagar to Gede & Lalgola Station Arr. Dep. Station Arr. Dep. Thakurnagar - 16.35 Thakurnagar - 15.45 Bongaon Jn. 16.50 16.54 Bongaon Jn. 16.00 16.01 Majhergram - 17.17 Majhergram - 16.24 Ranaghat 17.37 17.40 Ranaghat 16.45 16.46 Gede 18.40 - Lalgola 19.55 - Special Trains from Thakurnagar to Canning & Namkhana Station Arr. Dep. Station Arr. Dep. Thakurnagar - 17.00 Thakurnagar - 16.05 Dum Dum Jn. 18.22 18.23 Dum Dum Jn. 17.25 17.26 Ballygunge 18.50 18.58 Ballygunge 17.53 17.54 Canning 20.15 - Namkhana 20.45 - The above special trains will also stop at all stations enroute. Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah

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KLH Hyderabad Hosted Kala Utsav 2025 Celebrating India's Cultural Heritage



Patna : KLH Hyderabad proudly hosted KALA UTSAV 2025, a grand celebration of culture and creativity that set a new benchmark for artistic expression in India. Held on March 21 and 22 at the KLH Bachupally campus, this prestigious national-level festival was organized by the KLH Student Activity Centre (SAC) in collaboration with the Department of Language & Culture, Government of Telangana. Bringing together thousands of students, artists, and performers from across the country, KALA UTSAV was more than just an event—it was a vibrant movement dedicated to reviving and honouring India's rich artistic heritage.

With a vision to rekindle interest in India's fading art forms and create a dynamic platform for young talent, KALA UTSAV

witnessed a grand confluence of music, dance, visual arts, literature, photography, and filmmaking. The festival featured intense competitions across multiple categories, with participants showcasing their skills in *Nrutya-Sankranti (Dance)*, *Kala-Sparddh (Arts)*, *Drishyantarah (Filmmaking)*, *Pratibimb-Yuddham (Photography)*, *Sangeet-Samraag (Music)*, *Vani-Sangharsah (Literature)*, and *VadaSangrama (Debate)*.

The KLH campus was transformed into a vibrant cultural hub as over 3,000 attendees immersed themselves in two days of electrifying performances, live musical acts, and celebrity appearances. Adding to the festival's allure, renowned movie teams from the Indian film industry visited the campus, pro-

viding students with a unique opportunity to engage with leading figures in cinema and performing arts. The event also expected to welcome an esteemed lineup of dignitaries, including *ShriMamidiHarikrishna*, Director, Department of Language & Culture, Government of Telangana; *Shri Naveen Kumar (IAS)*, Secretary, Irrigation and Water Resources, Government of Uttar Pradesh; acclaimed actor *PranavKaushik*; and *Kishore Indukuri*, Founder & CEO of Sid's Farm. Their presence further elevated the festival's significance, highlighting its impact on the cultural and creative landscape.

The driving force behind KALA UTSAV 2025 was a visionary leadership team committed to fostering artistic excellence. Chairpersons *Er. P. Sai Vijay*, Director-SAC; *Dr. L. KoteswaraRao*, Principal; *Dr. Ramakrishna Akella*, Principal; and *Dr. G. RadhaKrishn*, along with Convener *Mr. G. PremSathish Kumar*, meticulously curated an event that celebrated both traditional and contemporary artistic expressions. Their dedication to promoting cultural heritage and providing a platform for young artists was at the heart of this festival's success.

As excitement peaked at the KLH Hyderabad campus over these two days, KALA UTSAV 2025 unfolded as a defining moment for India's cultural scene. The festival seamlessly merged the past and present in a spectacular showcase of talent and creativity. With its grand scale, esteemed guest lineup, and unwavering commitment to artistic excellence, KALA UTSAV made history, inspiring future generations of artists and cultural enthusiasts alike.

Bajaj Finserv Large and Mid Cap Fund Celebrates First Anniversary, Steady Amid Market Shifts

Backed by a Moat-Investing Strategy, the fund delivers a cumulative alpha of 8.07% in the direct plan and 6.45%* in the regular plan*

Ranchi : Bajaj Finserv AMC has marked the first anniversary of its Bajaj Finserv Large & Mid Cap Fund. In its inaugural year, the fund outperformed its benchmark, the Nifty Large Midcap 250 TRI, delivering a cumulative alpha of 8.07% in the Direct Plan and 6.45% in the Regular Plan.

In its inaugural year, the fund delivered outperformance, maintaining a steadily rising cumulative alpha. As on February 28, 2025, the fund outperformed its benchmark by 8.07% in Direct Plan and 6.45% in Regular Plan.

*Past performance may or may not be sustained in the future.

Bajaj Finserv Large and Mid cap fund is an open ended equity fund investing in large and mid cap stocks, that sets itself apart with its MOAT investing strategy. The stock selection largely focuses on quality-oriented companies with strong economic moats - distinct competitive advantages that can give companies a long-term edge over their peers. The fund currently focuses



on 69 high-quality stocks with strong economic moats such as management strength, cost advantages, economies of sale, switching costs, brand strength, and patent. The fund seeks to stay resilient to market fluctuations and keep its focus on high quality businesses that can sustain profitability over time. This helps the fund create a well-diversified portfolio built for long-term wealth creation.

Speaking on the milestone, *Ganesh Mohan*, Chief Executive Officer, Bajaj Finserv AMC, said, "Our Large and Mid-Cap Fund was launched last year with a vision to balance stability and growth. The fund has navigated dynamic market conditions while staying true

to its core philosophy of investing in quality businesses with strong long-term potential. We are grateful for the trust of our investors and remain committed to delivering sustainable value through disciplined and research-driven investing. *NimeshChandan*, Chief Investment Officer, Bajaj Finserv AMC said, "Bajaj Finserv Large and Mid-Cap Fund is uniquely positioned for quality oriented long-term investors. Our focus on moat-based investing allows us to identify companies with strong, sustainable competitive advantages, providing a resilient foundation for long-term growth, and allows us to maintain a balanced risk profile."

CBSE examining proposal to allow use of calculator in class 12 accounts exams



New Delhi : The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is examining a proposal to allow use of basic non-programmable calculators in class 12 accountancy exams to ease cognitive load associated with lengthy calculations, according to board officials.

A panel will be formed to formulate guidelines on their use to ensure uniformity, they added.

While CBSE allows students with special needs in both classes 10 and 12 to use calculators, the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISEC) allowed class 12 students

to use calculators in 2021. "The board's curriculum committee had proposed that basic, non-programmable calculators be allowed in class 12 accountancy examination, limited to functions necessary for typical financial calculations, such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and percentage calculations," a senior board official said.

"A panel will be formed to provide clear guidelines regarding acceptable calculator models to ensure uniformity and prevent the use of advanced or programmable devices. The curriculum commit-

tee has argued that the move will allow students to allocate more time to analytical responses and case study assignments," the official added. The curriculum committee has also argued that allowing calculators will ease the cognitive load of lengthy calculations and help students by reducing

their stress and improving exam performance. With the move, the board also aims to enhance analytical responses, align with international standards, and support the National Education Policy (NEP)'s focus on higher-order thinking skills.

Other key proposals being considered by the board include piloting an On-Screen Marking (OSM) system for small-volume subjects and implementing a new re-evaluation process in board exams. "To reduce the time spent on sending answer books to evaluation centres physically, the examination committee of the board proposed implementing On-Screen Marking (OSM) which will entail scanning and uploading answer sheets for digital evaluation, ensuring a faster and more efficient evaluation process.

Tech Mahindra Foundation Launches 'The Ability Network' an Ecosystem for Persons with Disabilities

A collaborative ecosystem of credible organizations across civil society and private sectors committed to providing reliable information, resources, and support to caregivers and persons with disabilities

New Delhi : At PURPLE FEST 2025, Tech Mahindra Foundation, the CSR arm of Tech Mahindra Ltd., a Mahindra Group company, unveiled "THE ABILITY NETWORK" (TAN). This pioneering initiative will provide verified information and essential guidance to persons with disabilities and their primary caregivers, enabling them to lead lives of dignity and independence, through a collaborative network of credible partners from both civil society and the private sector.

According to a 2023 World Health Organization (WHO) report, over 15% of the global population—approximately 1 in 6 individuals—experiences significant disability. In India, an estimated 70-80 million people live with various disabilities. Despite this substantial population, an accessible, on-demand ecosystem providing timely information and support for persons with disabilities and their caregivers remains largely non-existent, particularly in marginalized communities.

The absence of early and timely interventions often results in persons with disabilities facing discrimination, educational exclusion, and denial of their fundamental right to a dignified life. Meanwhile, caregivers frequently report feeling isolated, unsupported, and financially burdened, despite their deep commitment to helping their loved ones thrive.

The Ability Network is spearheaded by Tech Mahindra Foundation in collaboration with expert partners including Enable



India, Ujwal Impact Advisors, NayDisha, and Ekstep Foundation. In addition, Tech Mahindra Ltd.'s Maker's Lab is lending tech support to the initiative. Together, they are developing solutions to empower persons with disabilities across India to lead independent, fulfilling lives.

In its initial phase, the initiative will focus on individuals with visual impairments, hearing impairments, and intellectual disabilities across Telangana and Bengaluru. The Ability Network will be accessible through both a web-based application and a mobile app, launching in the coming months. Users will be able to communicate their needs in their preferred language via text or audio. The platform aims to build a comprehensive community connecting experienced solution providers, product innovators, and grassroots organizations with those seeking information and services. On the occasion of the launch, *Mr. Rajesh Aggarwal*, Secretary - Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, MSJE (GOD), stated, "Initiatives like The Ability Network can enable the entire

ecosystem and bring about a change not only at the grassroots level but also at the policy well. We are glad that a corporate like Tech Mahindra Foundation has taken the leap in this regard and we urge other corporates and organizations to join hands in this endeavour." *Mr. Chetan Kapoor*, CEO of Tech Mahindra Foundation, emphasized the significance of The Ability Network, "Access to information and guidance about services and products for persons with disabilities and their caregivers has been scarce at best and for far too long. The Ability Network enables the discovery of verified information and guidance that is crucial for primary caregivers of children with disabilities and opens a new paradigm in mainstreaming inclusion in India—benefiting not only those directly involved but the entire Indian economy. We are grateful to the Hon'ble Union Minister *Dr. Virendra Kumar* of Social Justice & Empowerment and *Mr. Rajesh Aggarwal*, Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, for their presence and support to this initiative."

'PrachandPaanch' 5th Battalion of Rajput Regiment turns 200

New Delhi : The 5th Battalion of the Rajput Regiment that has participated in active operations, both before and after Independence, and honoured with four consecutive citations in recent times for its exemplary dedication to the nation has turned 200.

Raised in 1825 in Kanpur (then Cawnpore), the 5th Battalion is among the few units of the Indian Army to achieve two centuries of continuous service. A commemorative postal stamp was unveiled by former Army Chief General (Retd.) *V K Singh*, currently the Governor of Mizoram, at a ceremony held at Delhi Cantonment on March 22 to mark the bicentenary of the battalion, a senior official said on Monday.

"Having participated in active operations, both before and after India's Independence, this illustrious battalion has also been honoured with four consecutive citations in recent times for its exemplary dedication to the nation," an Army official said.

As part of the bicentenary celebrations, numerous ceremonial and outreach activities were conducted along with the release of the special postal stamp and tribute paid by veterans at the war memorials in Jammu and Kashmir, the official said. During

the unveiling ceremony, General (Retd.) *Singh* lauded the battalion's achievements and wished them continued success.

The event brought together veterans and serving officers among others, a testament to the battalion's enduring legacy and the camaraderie that underpins its formidable reputation, the official said.

In a solemn ceremony held later at the Cariappa Parade Ground, Lt Gen *M K Katiyar*, General Officer Commanding in Chief of the Western Command, presented new Colours to the 5th Battalion, he said.

"These new Colours are a replica of those already held by the Battalion and symbolise the rich heritage and unbroken tradition of bravery that have defined 'PrachandPaanch' over the two centuries," the official said.

During the ceremony, Lt Gen *Katiyar* also interacted with the veterans of the battalion, acknowledging their immense contributions in shaping the unit into one of the most distinguished infantry formations in the Indian Army, he said. "This milestone underscores the battalion's unwavering commitment to duty -- a steadfast legacy that the current generation proudly upholds," the official said.



Dun Bradstreet India and NSIC Collaborate to Empower MSMEs in India

This strategic partnership is designed to enhance the visibility of Indian MSMEs and identify new growth opportunities, with access to Dun & Bradstreet's comprehensive suite of data and analytics solutions delivered through the globally recognized D&B D-U-N-S® number.

MUMBAI, India, March 24, 2025 (PRNewswire) -- Dun & Bradstreet India, a global leader in business data and analytics, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC), a Mini Ratna enterprise under the Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). This partnership aims to strengthen the MSME ecosystem by enhancing their visibility, expanding access to global markets, and providing critical insights to drive growth.

Speaking about the partnership, *PreetiMisra*, Senior Director - Credibility & Business Insights Group, ESG and SME, Dun & Bradstreet India said, "Dun & Bradstreet has been closely engaged with Indian MSMEs for almost three decades, providing critical business intelligence to help them grow and succeed. We identified access to

finance, limited global visibility, and lack of credibility as major challenges for MSMEs. Through our partnership with NSIC, we aim to equip them with the tools and insights needed to enhance their export potential, connect with global buyers, and gain a competitive edge. By adopting this ecosystem, we strive to accelerate MSME growth as they play a key role in India's journey toward becoming a US\$ 5 trillion economy by 2027-28."

ShriKartikyaSinha, Director - planning and Marketing, NSIC said, "At NSIC, our mission is to empower MSMEs with the resources and opportunities they need to thrive in a competitive market. This collaboration with Dun & Bradstreet India will enable small businesses to strengthen their credibility, access global markets, and leverage data-driven insights to drive sustainable growth. By combining NSIC's extensive reach with Dun & Bradstreet's expertise in business intelligence, we aim to create new avenues for MSMEs to expand and contribute to India's economic progress."

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India is also the home to Dun & Bradstreet Technology & Corporate Services LLP, which is the Global Capabilities Center (GCC) of Dun & Bradstreet supporting global technology delivery using cutting-edge technology. Located at Hyderabad, the GCC has a highly skilled workforce of over 500 employees, and focuses on enhanced productivity, economies of scale, consistent delivery processes and lower operating expenses.

Pakistan: Islamabad High Court restores biweekly meetings for Imran Khan in Adiala Jail

MI News Service, Islamabad: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has restored bi-weekly meetings for Pakistan's former Prime Minister Imran Khan in Adiala Jail, The Express Tribune reported. However, the court has ordered visitors from making political statements following the meetings. The HC order issued on Monday allows Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan to meet his family and lawyers on Tuesdays while he can meet his friends on Thursdays. However, only those permitted by Imran Khan's coordinator, lawyer Salman Akram Raja will be able to meet Khan. During the hearing, the court voiced concerns over visitors using jail meetings to make political statements. The Acting Chief Justice of Islamabad High Court Sarfaraz Dogar said that visitors should "meet and leave" and emphasised that speaking to reporters was unnecessary. The court directed visitors to sign an undertaking ensuring that they would not make public statements following the meetings. Jail authorities defended previous measures citing security threats and said that they had consolidated Khan's meetings into one day instead of two to manage risks. The court rejected the argument, stressing that biweekly visits for Imran Khan were approved in a previous ruling. Meanwhile, Imran Khan's legal team claimed that scheduled meetings were being denied arbitrarily. PTI founder's lawyer, Zaeer Abbas, said a scheduled meeting on March 20 did not take place despite requesting it repeatedly, as reported by The Express Tribune. Justice Dogar directed Imran Khan's lawyers to move trial court separately if they seek permission for his children to visit him. The court's decision comes amid legal battles for Imran Khan who has been incarcerated in prison since August 2023 after being convicted in corruption cases. Khan's legal status changed from under-trial to convicted prisoner, impacting his privileges in prison. Jail authorities stated that meetings should be restricted due to security reasons. However, the court emphasized that political debates should not be held during or following meetings with Imran Khan.

Baloch National Movement protests outside Downing Street, spotlighting human rights violations in Pakistan

MI News Service, London: The Baloch National Movement's United Kingdom chapter staged a protest outside the British Prime Minister's office at 10 Downing Street, London, on Sunday, drawing attention to a series of grave human rights violations against the Baloch people. According to a statement released by BNM on social media platform X, the demonstration aimed to highlight the ongoing Quetta Massacre, the arbitrary detention of activist Mahrang Baloch, and the brutal murder of Shahjan Baloch by state-backed death squads. The protest also marked the anniversary of the enforced disappearances of Zahid Baloch and Asad Baloch, who have been missing for 11 years after being abducted by Pakistani security forces. The protesters, a mix of Baloch diaspora and human rights advocates, raised their voices in a passionate call for justice and accountability. The protesters called on British officials to press for the safe release of Mahrang Baloch and other detained Baloch activists, and to work toward the resolution of the growing list of forced disappearances affecting the Baloch people.



INDIA alliance student organisations supporters protest against National Education Policy, at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi.

Planned, provocative nuclear war rehearsal: N Korea condemns US-S Korea military drills

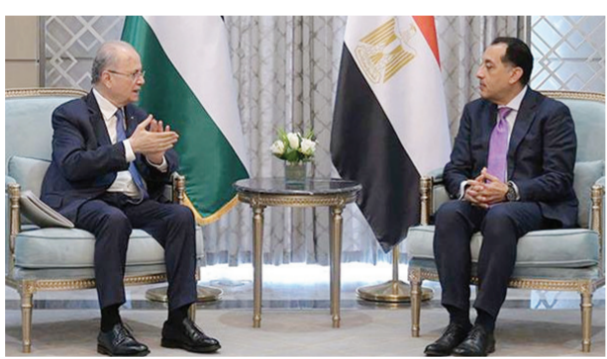


MI News Service, Seoul: North Korea on Monday criticised the annual joint military drills by the United States and South Korea, calling them a "planned and provocative nuclear war rehearsal." Pyongyang warned that it will continue to strengthen its striking power to overwhelm any threats from its enemies, the state-run Korean

Central News Agency (KCNA) was cited by South Korea's Yonhap. The Disarmament and Peace Institute at North Korea's foreign ministry issued the condemnation after Seoul and Washington wrapped up their 11-day annual 'Freedom Shield exercise' on Thursday. North Korea said the aggressive and offensive nature of this

year's drills was the highest in history, according to the KCNA. Towards the beginning of this month, North Korea fired unidentified ballistic missiles. Pyongyang released back-to-back statements denouncing the latest joint drills of Washington and Seoul, threatening that Seoul and Washington will pay a "horrible" price for their "dangerous provocative act." Earlier this February, North Korea launched strategic cruise missiles in waters off its west coast to demonstrate the potential of its nuclear deterrence, local media reported adding that its leader Kim Jong-un has called for thorough war preparedness with the country's nuclear forces and readiness for their use. The United Nations Security Council has adopted multiple resolutions sanctioning North Korea over its illegal missile and nuclear programs since 2006. Earlier on March 22, Yonhap reported that North Korean leader Kim Jong-un reaffirmed his willingness to "invariably" support Russia's war against Ukraine during his meeting with a top Russian security official.

Egypt, Palestine discuss efforts to uphold Gaza ceasefire



MI News Service, Cairo: Egyptian Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly and his Palestinian counterpart Mohammad Mustafa met here to discuss ongoing efforts to revive the ceasefire in Gaza and advance its reconstruction. During the meeting, Madbouly stressed the need to maintain the ceasefire in Gaza and begin the process of early recovery and reconstruction in the territory, reaffirming Egypt's unwavering support for the Palestinian people and their right to remain on their land, according to a statement from the Egyptian cabinet released on Sunday. He said that the Egypt-proposed Gaza reconstruction plan, which was approved by an emergency Arab summit earlier this month, will witness further coordination with various regional and international parties, including the Palestinian side, to push forward its implementation. Xinhua news agency reported.

Mustafa, in turn, underscored the importance of upholding the ceasefire to facilitate recovery and rebuilding efforts. He also briefed Madbouly on Palestine's ongoing diplomatic engagements with Arab, Islamic, and international actors to address the situation in Gaza, and its prepara-

ETGE condemns Turkiye-China security pact, calls it a 'Historic Betrayal'

MI News Service, Washington DC: The East Turkistan Government-in-Exile (ETGE) vehemently opposed the Turkiye-China Joint Security Cooperation Mechanism and its recent meeting in Ankara on March 20. ETGE argued that this collaboration is a deceptive alliance aimed at undermining, infiltrating, and suppressing the East Turkistani people's rightful fight for independence and freedom. According to ETGE, Turkiye is acting as the soft covering for China's oppressive tactics, willingly serving as a proxy in Beijing's campaign to eradicate the East Turkistani nation under the guise of "coun-



terrorism" and "security". The meeting, which was led by Turkish Deputy Foreign Minister Nuh Yilmaz and Chinese Deputy Foreign Minister Qin Xiaodong, was noted by the ETGE to be a part of a larger initiative to expand China's worldwide agenda of repression. The ETGE claims that it aims to manipulate, co-opt, and dominate diaspora institutions, leadership, and political movements, ultimately dismantling East Turkistan's quest for national independence. Salih Hidayar, Minister for Foreign Affairs

and Security of the ETGE issued a stark warning stating, "Turkiye has abandoned its Turkic-Islamic principles and become a tool of China's imperialist ambitions. While Beijing commits genocide in East Turkistan, Turkiye is helping extend China's tyranny beyond East Turkistan. It is actively working hand-in-hand with China to infiltrate and control our global diaspora communities and organizations, silence legitimate voices, and sabotage our struggle to restore our national independence. This is a historic betrayal of the East Turkistani people one that will never be forgotten" as

quoted by ETGE. The ETGE report emphasized that the Turkish state, which claims ties with the Turkic community, is being used to silence Uyghur activists and undermine East Turkistan's resistance to China's colonization, genocide, and occupation. The ETGE gave a call to Turkiye for immediately and unequivocally cease all security and intelligence collaborations with China. It urged the international community to acknowledge and denounce Turkiye's role as a proxy for China in global repression against East Turkistan.

Israel attacks southern Gaza's largest hospital

MI News Service, Tel Aviv: An Israeli military attack on the largest hospital in southern Gaza killed two people, injured several, and sparked a large fire, according to the enclave's Ministry of Health.



The attack on Sunday night hit the surgical building of Nasser Hospital in the city of Khan Younis, the ministry reported. The attack came just days after the facility was overwhelmed with the dead and wounded, as Israel resumed its war in Gaza with a surprise wave of air raids last week. Among those killed on Sunday was a 16-year-old boy who had undergone surgery two days earlier. Also killed was Ismail Barhoum, a member of Hamas's political bureau who was receiving medical treatment at the hospital. Hamas said in a statement. Israel's military confirmed the attack, stating it

had hit a member of Hamas. Israeli officials have repeatedly blamed civilian casualties on the armed Palestinian group that governs Gaza, arguing it deliberately operates in densely populated areas. Like other medical facilities across Gaza, Nasser Hospital has suffered damage from Israeli raids and air attacks throughout the conflict. Israeli forces have killed more than 600 people since resuming the assault on the enclave, including dozens within the past 24 hours, according to Palestinian health officials. On Sunday, the official death toll in Gaza since the beginning of the war exceeded 50,000, according to the Health Ministry. However, many experts believe this figure is likely a far undercount of the actual number. — With AJ Inputs



A prayer Majlis was held at the Amgram Hifzul Quran Khareji Madrasah in Harinkhola, Hooghly on Sunday to mark the inauguration of roof molding. The presence of Pirzada Hazrat Maulana of Furfura Sharif and Madrasah President Sanaullah Siddiqui and Hafiz Qari Sebgatullah Sahab and other prominent figures of the area were present.

U.S., Ukraine conclude "productive" talks in Riyadh: Ukrainian DM

MI News Service, Riyadh: Ukrainian Defense Minister Rustem Umerov announced Sunday that the talks between U.S. and Ukrainian delegations have concluded in Saudi Arabia's capital Riyadh, saying the discussion was "productive and focused," with "key points including energy" addressed. In a post on social media platform X, Umerov, who led the Ukrainian delegation, emphasized that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky's goal is "to secure a just and lasting peace" for Ukraine and Europe at large, claiming, "We are working to make that goal a reality." The Ukrainian and U.S. teams met earlier in the day in Riyadh.

According to the Ukrinform news agency, the Ukrainian delegation also included State Secretary of the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry Oleksandr Karasevych, deputy heads of the President's Office, Pavlo Palisa and Ihor Zhovkva, as well as Deputy Energy Minister Mykola Kolisnyk. The talks came almost two weeks after a previous meeting between the two sides in the Saudi port city of Jeddah saw Ukraine okay a U.S.-proposed 30-day ceasefire plan in exchange for Washington lifting its pause on military aid to and intelligence sharing with Ukraine. Notably, the meeting precedes the talks between U.S. and Russian delegations scheduled for Monday. Media reported late Sunday that the Russian delegation has arrived in Riyadh.

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Two-time champion Chawrasia confirmed for Indian Open



GURUGRAM (HARYANA) : Two-time winner and one of India's golfing legends, SSP Chawrasia is all set to tee off at the upcoming Indian Open that will be held this week at the DLF Golf and Country Club.

The 2025 edition of the tournament, with a prize purse of 2.25 USD million, will be held from March 27 to March 30.

Chawrasia is one of the only three players to have won the Indian Open title back-to-back

when he achieved the feat in 2016-2017. For the 2025 edition of the Indian Open, SSP Chawrasia has been granted a special invitation by Pawan Munjal, Executive Chairman of Hero MotoCorp.

Chawrasia has an amazing record at this tournament, having finished runner-up on four occasions (2015, 2013, 2006, and 1999) at HIO, apart from his two wins in 2016 and 2017. Notably, he was second or better each time

between 2013 and 2017--the HIO was not held in 2014 because of scheduling changes.

Chawrasia, 46, also has the distinction of winning a DP World Tour event at the DLF on two different occasions - he won the 2014 Avantha Masters and then the 2017 Indian Open. His two other DPWT wins came in 2008 at Emaar Masters at the DGC and the HIO at the Delhi Golf Club in 2016, for a total of four wins on the DP World Tour. Overall,

Chawrasia has six international titles.

Chawrasia is one of the three past champions playing in the 2025 edition, with the others being Keita Nakajima (2024) and Marcel Siem (2023).

The field of 138 includes two other players, who have won titles in the last two weeks - Richard Mansell, who won the Porsche Singapore Classic on Sunday and Joshua Berry, who won the Kolkata Challenge on the

HotelPlanner Tour, to earn a passage into the HIO.

One of the strongest fields to have ever assembled on Indian soil at the Hero Indian Open, the tournament will see five players who have won on the DPWT in the 2025 season - Mansell (Singapore Classic), Callum Hill (Joburg Open), John Parry (AfrAsia Bank Mauritius Open), Johannes Veerman (Nedbank Golf) and Ryggs Johnston (ISPS Handa Australian Open).

National Women's Hockey League (Final Phase) Jharkhand defeat Manipur by 8-0



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RANCHI : On day-5 of the Final Phase of the National Women's Hockey League 2024-2025, Hockey Association of Odisha, Hockey Mizoram, Hockey Maharashtra and Hockey Jharkhand registered win in their respective matches, here at the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh AstroTurf Hockey Stadium in Ranchi, Jharkhand.

Jharkhand defeated Manipur in a one-sided match by 8-0 in Pool A. Both Sangita Kumari (2', 21', 48') and Sweety Dugdang (20', 35', 51') scored hattricks for Hockey Jharkhand. Pinki Kumari (23', 37') also scored a brace to take the game further away from Manipur Hockey. Hockey Jharkhand now hold the fourth position in the pool standings whereas Manipur finished at the seventh position with one win in the tournament.

Earlier, in the first match, Odisha defeated Haryana 2-0 in Pool A. Prativa Kindo (9') and Shibani Lugun (59') scored for their team to take the game away from table toppers Haryana. Odisha has now moved to the second spot in the pool standings.

In the other match, Mizoram defeated Madhya Pradesh 2-1 in Pool A. Lalitachungi (42') and Manglamsang (58') scored for Hockey Mizoram whereas on the other hand Suneeta Kumari (54') scored the consolation goal for Madhya Pradesh. With this win, Mizoram is now at the third position in the pool standings whereas Hockey Madhya Pradesh slipped to fifth position.

In the third match, Maharashtra defeated Bengal 4-2 in Pool A to secure first win in the tournament. Sanika Chandrakant Mane (18'), Tanushree Dinesh Kadu (29'), Nikku Gurjar (54') and Khushi (56') scored for Maharashtra in the second and fourth quarter of the game. In response, Jamuna Ekka (3') opened the account for Hockey Bengal joined by Captain Subila Tirkey (48') also scored one goal. Hockey Maharashtra is at the sixth position whereas Hockey Bengal is yet to open their account in the pool standings.

4th State Women's Taekwondo Competition Ranchi emerges champion with 31 gold medals

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RANCHI : The Jharkhand Taekwondo Association organized the fourth Jharkhand State Women's Taekwondo Competition 2024-25 at YBN Public School, Dhurva Sector - 2. 360 Girls Taekwondo players from all over Jharkhand participated in this competition.

Executive President of Jharkhand Taekwondo Association Gopal Kumar was present at the closing ceremony of the competition. Organizing Secretary of this competition was Vice President of Jharkhand Taekwondo Association and General Secretary of Ranchi District Taekwondo Association - Mithlesh Kumar Singh.

In the medal table of the competition, Ranchi district clinched first position with 31 gold medals while East Singhbhum ranked second and West Singhbhum team finished third. The players who won gold medals in this competition will participate on behalf of the Jharkhand team in the upcoming National Competition 2025-26 to be held in Dehradun.

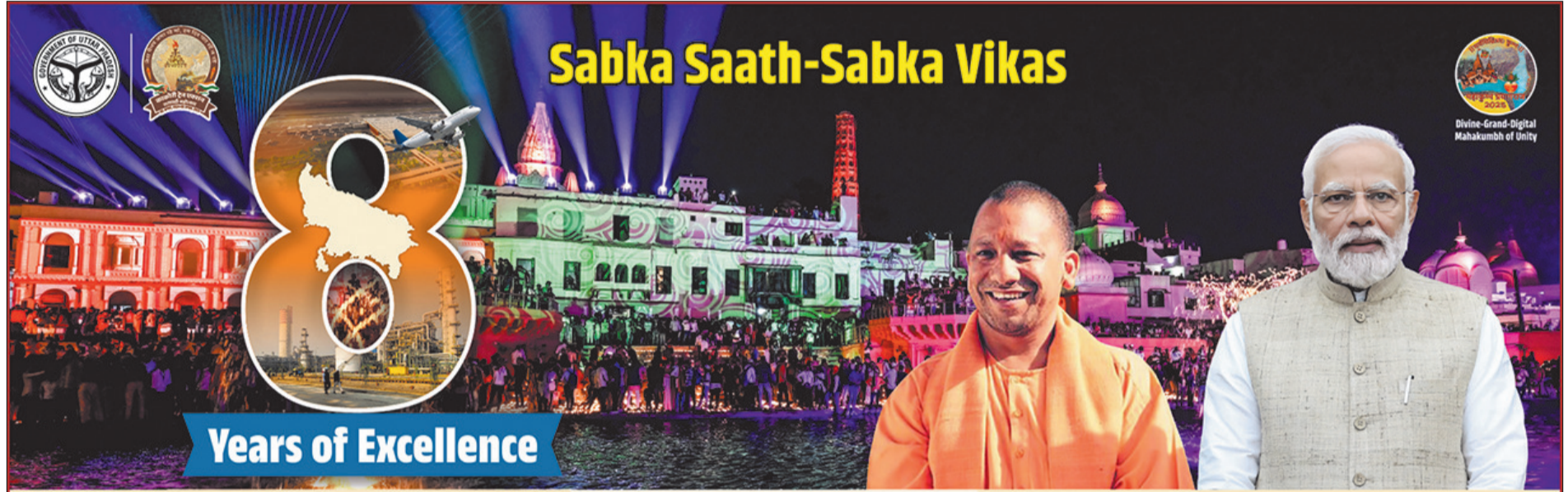
The names of the senior players who brought gold medals are Sakhi Bangar, Ankita Kumari, Ladli Pandey, Arohi Aastha Minj, Siddika Raj, Siya Shukla, Riddhima Singh, Shreya Nandi, Sanskriti Gurung, Ritika Kumari Anushka Khalko Kripalani Kachhap, Babita Kumti, Sanjana Kumari, Isha Kumari, Shivani Kumari, Dhanmuni Kumari, Isha Kujur Babita Kumari. Children from various colleges, schools, open clubs of Ranchi district participated in this competition. Ranchi was the biggest team in this competition.

PANKAJ'S BRILLIANT CENTURY AS RANCHI WINS

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RANCHI : Ranchi defeated Jamtara by a margin of 93 runs in the HP Bodhan Wala Trophy 2024-25 being played in Ranchi today. Batting first, Ranchi scored 308 runs for the loss of 8 wickets in the stipulated 50 overs. Pankaj played a brilliant century innings of 119 runs. Nazim Siddiqui scored 65, Mohit Kumar scored 61 runs. Sonu and Mukesh got 2-2 wickets.

In reply, Jamtara's team could score only 215 runs for the loss of 6 wickets in 50 overs. Wilfred Bang scored 60 runs, Krishna Patel scored 43*. Sankat Mochan and Pankaj got 2-2 wickets. Pankaj Kumar was selected as the Player of the Tournament.



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- Free ration to 15 Crore individuals
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- 9.57 Crore individuals with Jan Dhan bank accounts
- Gharani certificates to 1 Crore families

Nurturing Farmers, Cultivating Prosperity

- Inaugural Cabinet's First Decision: ₹36,359 Crore crop loan waiver, 94 Lakh farmers benefitted
- Foodgrain Production: Increased from 557.46 Lakh MT in 2016-17 to 668.39 Lakh MT (20% rise) in 2023-24
- Irrigation Capacity: Increased from 82.58 Lakh hectares in 2017 to 131 Lakh hectares, 976 projects completed
- Record Sugarcane Payment: ₹2.80 Lakh Crore paid since 2017, which is ₹66,000 Crore more than the total payments made in the last 22 years
- Sugar Mills: 3 new sugar mills, 6 mills revamped and expansion of 38 sugar mills
- Grain Procurement: Middlemen removed, ₹43,424 Crore disbursed for wheat procurement and ₹88,746 Crore for paddy procurement
- Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana : ₹80,000 Crore+ transferred to 2.86 Crore farmers
- 73,924 solar pumps installed under PM KUSUM Yojana

Uttar Pradesh on the Fast Track to Development

- 6 expressways operational, 11 under construction, Uttar Pradesh will account for 55% of the country's expressway network upon completion of Ganga Expressway
- Expressway length increased by 491 kilometers till 2017 to 1,225 kilometers by 2024
- 32,000 kilometers+ new roads constructed, 25,000 kilometers of roads widened/strengthened
- Number of Airports increased from four till 2017 to 21 Airports till 2024, including 5 international airports
- India's largest Jewar Airport nearly complete, set to become the nation's biggest air cargo hub
- Inland waterway operational from Haldia to Varanasi, expansion work ongoing from Prayagraj-Ayodhya

Empowering Women, Elevating Nation

- 20% reservation for women in police force with 1.38 Lakh+ women secured Govt. jobs
- 1 Crore+ women employed through 10 Lakh+ self-help groups
- Women Workforce: Increased from 14.2% in 2017 to 35.1%
- Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana: Free LPG connections to 1.86 Crore families, along with free LPG cylinder refills during Holi and Diwali
- Mukhyamantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana : 22.11 Lakh girls benefitted
- Nirashrit Mahila Pension Yojana : 33.55 Lakh women benefitted
- Mukhyamantri Samuhik Vivah Yojana: 4.22 Lakh couples tied the knot, financial assistance increased from ₹51,000 to ₹1 Lakh
- Increase in honorarium for Anganwadi workers and helpers, 3.73 Lakh women benefitted
- B.C. Sakhi: 39,000+ women facilitated transactions worth ₹31,626 Crore, earned ₹85.81 Crore dividends

Powering Progress

- Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana: Free electricity connections to 1.58 crore homes
- 24-hour power supply to district headquarters, 22-hour at tehsil level and 20-hour power supply in villages
- 100% waiver on power bills of farmers with private tubewells
- 4000 MW capacity plant under the Green Energy Corridor in Bundelkhand
- Establishment of 53 compressed biogas/bio coal/bio diesel and bio ethanol plants

Driving Progress through Inclusive Growth

- 3,213 Annapurna Bhawans constructed, while work underway on 1,630 bhawans
- ₹708.49 Crore scholarships to 32,49,854 Scheduled Caste (Pre-Matric) students
- ₹9,662.25 Crore scholarships to 89,31,203 Scheduled Caste (Post-Matric) students
- ₹1,28,627.48 Crore scholarships to 62,79,519 Backward Class (Pre-Matric) students
- ₹7,62,524.03 Crore scholarships to 1,31,05,263 Backward Class (Post-Matric) students
- ₹221.95 Crore scholarships to 8,58,750 General Category (Pre-Matric) students
- ₹5,499.86 Crore scholarships to 48,13,347 General Category (Post-Matric) students

Ensuring Basic Amenities, Enhancing Lives

- Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana: Free ration to 15 Crore individuals
- Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana : 56 Lakh+ houses constructed
- PM SVANidhi Yojana : ₹3000 Crore+ loan to 1,80,000+ street vendors
- Har Ghar Jal Yojana : Access to potable tap water provided to 2.36 Crore+ families
- MGNREGA : Leads in providing 100 days of employment by generating 200 Crore mandays

Building a Healthier Future

- Ayushman Bharat: Free treatment up to ₹5 lakh for 9 crore people
- 80 medical colleges operational, MBBS seats increased by 11,300
- AIIMS in Gorakhpur and Raebareilly, and Atal Medical University in Lucknow
- Mahayogi Guru Gorakhnath AYUSH University in Gorakhpur
- 22,681 Arogya Mandirs

Nurturing Young Minds

- Construction of Atal Residential Schools in 18 divisional headquarters
- CM Model Composite Schools in 57 districts
- State Universities operational in Aligarh, Azamgarh, Saharanpur, Mirzapur, Balrampur, and Moradabad
- Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University in Prayagraj
- Sainik School, Forestry College, and NCC Training Academy in Gorakhpur
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