

West Bengal highlights huge investment opportunities at London Industrial Meet

MI News Service, London: Presenting a compelling narrative of the economic resurgence of West Bengal, Chief minister Mamata Banerjee emphasised its robust investment potential at the London Industrial Meet on Tuesday.

The event in presence of captains of several industries, commenced with a captivating visual presentation featuring the state's industrial expansion, cultural vibrancy and flagship welfare schemes, accompanied by Rabindranath Tagore's Dhanilo Aoban in Raag Bhairav. Iconic landmarks such as the Howrah

Bridge and North Bengal's tea estates were prominently displayed, alongside visuals reflecting Bengal's religious harmony and thriving industries in IT, healthcare, and manufacturing. Expressing gratitude to Indian High Commissioner Vikram Doraiswami for facilitating discussions at the High Commission, Mamata Banerjee remarked, "The arrangements have been excellent. Thank you for creating this opportunity for dialogue." She reiterated her demand for reinstating direct flights between Kolkata and London, emphasizing the high occupancy

rate on this route. "This service existed but was discontinued before we assumed office. Following its resumption once again it will significantly enhance trade and commerce. We are ready to offer fuel subsidies and special incentives to early adopters," Banerjee asserted. West Bengal Chief Secretary Manoj Pant inaugurated the event, reaffirming the state's commitment to a business-friendly environment. He invited British investors to explore opportunities, highlighting Bengal's advancements in infrastructure, women's empowerment, and pol-

icy reforms. Industrial stalwarts attending the summit included Harshvardhan Neotia (Ambuja Neotia), Sanjay Budhia (Patton International), Chandramohan Dhanuka (Dhanseri Ventures), and representatives from FICCI. Their discussions centered on Bengal's transformative journey from the stagnation of the Left regime to the dynamic business climate under Banerjee's able leadership. Rudra Chattopadhyay, MD of Lakshmi Group, emphasized Bengal's historic trade ties with Britain, citing the British royal family's affinity for Darjee-

ling tea. Mehul Mohanka announced a 3 crore investment in Kalyani, assuring investors of a seamless work environment. Banerjee promptly instructed officials to expedite the project's implementation. Satyam Roychowdhury, Chancellor of Sister Nivedita University, echoed similar sentiments, citing his experience in establishing two universities in Bengal. He announced that Bengal's first sports school would be launched soon, with a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) being signed at the event. Tarun Jhunjhunwala, President

of Reliance Industries, reaffirmed the company's commitment to Bengal, stating, "Reliance has a deep-rooted presence in Bengal's industrial ecosystem and will continue to play a vital role in its economic transformation." Shashwat Goenka of RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group lauded Banerjee's administrative efficiency, while Tarun Jhunjhunwala (Reliance Industries) reaffirmed the conglomerate's commitment to Bengal's economic landscape. During the industrial summit, the industrialists drew comparisons between the stagnation of the Left

era and the vibrant business environment of today's Bengal. Industrialists Sanjay Budhia and Mehul Mohanka emphasized the drastic improvements, stating, "The hurdles of the Left regime are long gone. This is the new Bengal, the best Bengal, shaped by Didi. It offers an industry-friendly atmosphere and an ideal investment climate." The London summit reinforced West Bengal's emergence as a premier investment hub, with high expectations for increased foreign direct investment and strengthened trade relations with the UK.

Until Parliament gives us back statehood J-K will remain UT, admits CM Omar Abdullah

MI News Service, Jammu: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has lambasted the opposition members for staging a walk out of the Assembly House simply over the use of the term "Union Territory," saying the region will remain so until the Parliament restores its statehood.

The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly on Tuesday passed a bill to amend the Jammu and Kashmir Goods and Services Tax (GST) Act, 2017, amid a walkout by People's Conference member Sajad Gani Lone, who alleged that passing the bill amounts to endorsing the Union Territory status by the house.

Responding to the walkout, Omar Abdullah said "Just because we have mentioned 'Union Territory' here and not anything else, it does not change anything. Unfortunately, until the Parliament of India restores our statehood, we will remain a Union Territory. So let us not politicise this." Earlier the Chief Minister on difficulties of working in a hybrid democracy, restoration of statehood and special status for the region and lessons INDIA bloc can learn from the BJP, said

"It has always been my nature to do things, to carry everyone with me as far as possible. The only reason this wasn't more apparent in my first term was because it was the UPA government and we were allies with the Congress. But when that government transitioned

to Prime Minister Modi's first government, it's not as if the knives came out on the first day and suddenly my entire approach to center-state relations changed. I still continue to have the same attitude in terms of my approach to the central government as it was then. So, I mean, it's no different now."

Now, he said, "what happened to us in 2019, whether to us personally in the way that we were treated or what happened to J-K, that doesn't change. But it can't become the defining yardstick by which I approach the relations between J-K and the union government. We vehemently disagree with things that the BJP has done, continues to do. We oppose the BJP politically, have done, will continue. We are members of the INDIA bloc. So long as that bloc remains, we are a part of it. But this is about the government of J&K working with the government of India for the betterment of the people of J-K. And I think that is what I owe the people of Jammu and Kashmir in this position. If the people feel that my approach is wrong at some point or the other, they will get the time to pass a verdict. And if they would rather J-K is at loggerheads with the union government and you end up with a more Kejriwal-like situation, then you have to be prepared for the Kejriwal-type results as well," he clarified.

Separatism has become history in Kashmir, claims Amit Shah



MI News Service, New Delhi: Two constituents of the Hurriyat Conference - J-K People's Movement and the Democratic Political Movement -- have announced the severing of all ties with separatism, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Tuesday.

Welcoming the move, Shah asserted that the unifying policies of the Modi government have "tossed" separatism out of Jammu and Kashmir. He said separatism has become history in Kashmir.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah also urged more groups to shun separatism following the path shown by two leading organizations of Hurriyat by severing ties with separatism.

"Separatism has become history in Kashmir. The unifying policies of the Modi government have tossed separatism out of J-. Two organizations of the Hurriyat, J-K People's Movement and the Democratic Political Movement, have announced the severing of all ties with separatism," said Shah, in a post on X.

"I welcome this step towards strengthening Bharat's unity and urge all such groups to come forward and shed separatism once and for all," he said. "It is a big victory for PM Shri @narendramodi Ji's vision of building a developed, peaceful and unified Bharat", the Home minister asserted. The

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West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in her usual morning walk in London's famous Hyde Park on the second day of her visit to the British capital.

Mamata Banerjee lauds Cal Medical College and SSKM Hospital for bagging top honors in medical research

MI News Service, Kolkata: Recognising the moment of pride for West Bengal after two of its premier medical institutions—Calcutta Medical College and SSKM Hospital—have been recognized for excellence in medical research, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who also holds the Health Portfolio, took to social media platform X on Tuesday to announce the prestigious achievement. Calcutta Medical College has been ranked as the best medical research institution in Eastern India, surpassing PG Hospital, NRS Medical College, and R.G. Kar Medical College in the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) rankings.

The accolade brings with it financial support of 5 crore over the next three years from the central government. The first installment of 1 crore has already been disbursed. This recognition is based on five key evaluation criteria: the number of ongoing research projects, completed studies, published research papers, patents secured, and the effective utilization of at least 70 per cent of central funding. Calcutta Medical College scored 7 out of 10, securing the top position, while SSKM Hospital followed with a score of 6.

Expressing her pride, Mamata Banerjee, who is on a five day visit to London, stated, "I am very happy to know that the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has declared Calcutta Medical College Hospital the



Best Research Institution in Eastern India. SSKM Hospital is in second place. My heartiest congratulations to all concerned! I have always believed that Bengal has one of the best health infrastructures in the country, which serves as a model for others. This recognition only reinforces my belief in our healthcare system. Jai Bangla!" Additionally, the central government has also lauded West Bengal's efforts in tuberculosis treatment under 100 Days TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan. The state has been recognized for its outstanding per-

formance in additional TB case notifications. Mamata Banerjee emphasized the importance of early detection and healthcare outreach, thanking dedicated medical professionals for their efforts in improving healthcare accessibility.

She wrote in her social media, "Proud moment for Bengal! The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India has lauded our state for its outstanding performance in Additional TB Case Notification under the 100 Days TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan. Early detection is key to eradication, and Bengal's relentless efforts in expanding healthcare outreach and ensuring timely intervention are showing tangible results. My heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated healthcare workers who made this possible." Reacting to the recognition, Dr. Anjan Adhikari, MSVP of Calcutta Medical College, stated, "The Chief Minister's words are a great source of encouragement. Public health has always been a priority for her. We believe that Calcutta Medical College will continue to excel as a premier research and healthcare institution not only in Bengal but across the country. On behalf of all researchers, doctors, students, and healthcare workers, we extend our gratitude to the Chief Minister."

This recognition underscores West Bengal's commitment to medical research and healthcare excellence, reinforcing its position as a leader in the sector, he said.

Finance Bill 2025 offers unprecedented tax relief; collection target realistic, says Nirmala Sitharaman

MI News Service, New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said the Finance Bill 2025 provides unprecedented tax relief, and the 13.14 per cent projected growth in personal income tax collection is "realistic" and supported by solid data.

Replying to the discussions on Finance Bill 2025 in the Lok Sabha, Sitharaman also said the customs duty rationalisation announced in the Budget will support manufacturing units, domestic value addition, promote exports, facilitate trade and also provide relief to the common people.

In the 2025-26 Budget, the government has hiked income tax rebate to Rs 12 lakh per annum from Rs 7 lakh earlier. For the salaried class, this rebate will be Rs 12.75 lakh per year after taking into account the standard deduction. The hike in I-T rebate will lead to tax foregone to the tune of Rs 1 lakh crore in FY26.

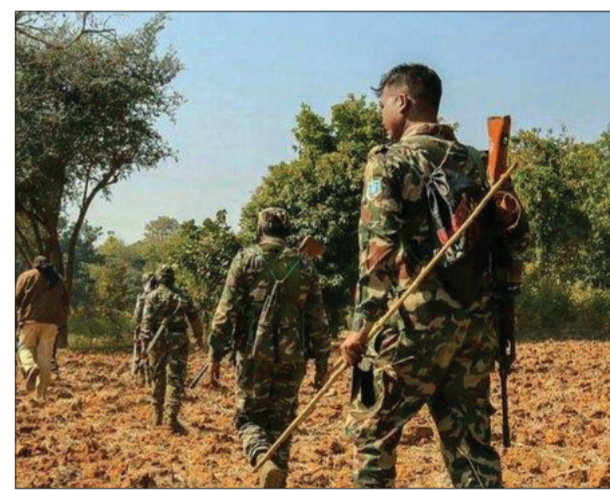
Sitharaman said the Budget also provides "marginal relief" under the Income Tax law for those taxpayers whose income exceeds Rs 12 lakh per annum by a small margin. "The Finance Bill provides unprecedented tax relief to honour taxpayer... We have recognised the contribution of the middle class," she said.

Collections in personal income tax have shown considerable buoyancy in the last few years and they have been increasing around 20 per cent year-on-year, the minister added.

"For the year 2025-26, the personal income tax collection is projected at Rs 13.6 lakh crore. The Revised Estimates for 2024-25 is Rs 12.2 lakh crore. So, Rs 12.2 lakh crore is going to be Rs 13.6 lakh and this is done with a certain realistic calculation," Sitharaman said. The personal I-T revenue is projected to grow

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3 more Naxalites killed in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada



MI News Service, Raipur: In a continued anti-Naxalite operation, three insurgents were killed in yet another fierce encounter with the security forces in the forest area Dantewada district of Chhattisgarh on Tuesday, police said. They said the encounter began at around 8 am in a forest along the border of Dantewada and Bijapur districts when a team of security personnel was out on an anti-Naxalite operation following a definite tip off.

"Bodies of three Nax-

alites along with a number of sophisticated firearms and explosives were recovered from the spot after the encounter", the police said adding three other Naxalite cadres however, managed to flee. Soon a massive search operation was launched to nab them, though further details are awaited. Incidentally, only on last Thursday in two separate well coordinated operations against Left Wing

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Risk of flash floods increases for millions, as mountain glaciers melt

MI News Service, New York: Setting a dangerous precedence, the Alps and Pyrenees mountain ranges in Europe have lost as much as 40 per cent of their glacier volume between 2000 and 2023 in the wake of steady increase of global temperature.

Different mountain ranges around the world along with

other icy regions have been providing freshwater to over two billion people living downstream for centuries and are relying on glaciers today. But as glaciers melt faster, they also pose potentially lethal risks.

Water from the melting ice often drains into depressions once occupied by the glacier, cre-

ating large lakes. Many of these expanding lakes are held in place by precarious ice dams or rock moraines deposited by the glacier over centuries.

Too much water behind these dams or a landslide into the lake can break the dam, sending huge volumes of water and debris sweeping down the mountain

valleys, wiping out everything in the way.

These risks and the loss of freshwater supplies are some of the reasons the United Nations declared 2025 the International Year of Glaciers' Preservation and March 21 the first World Day for Glaciers. As Earth scientists and mountain geographers

have studied the impact that ice loss can have on the stability of the surrounding mountain slopes and glacial lakes, they have found several reasons for increasing concern. Most glacial lakes began forming over a century ago as a result of

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Finance Bill 2025 offers...

From PG 1 by 13.14 per cent in FY26, after taking into account a 7 per cent dip after factoring in the Rs 1 lakh crore revenue foregone.

of 11,162 taxpayers revised their returns and filled Schedule Foreign Assets Form, declaring total assets of Rs 11,259.29 crore, disclosing foreign income of Rs 154.42 crore.

Firhad announces rehabilitation for landslide victims

MI News Service, Kolkata: In the wake of the recent landslide at the Belgharia dumping ground in Howrah, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has announced a rehabilitation plan for the affected families.

They will be provided with permanent housing under the housing scheme, and the construction process is expected to take around one to one-and-a-half years.

Apartment in Howrah, akin to the projects undertaken in Panihati. Hakim reiterated, "Just as we have developed major roads and drainage systems in Panihati, similar initiatives will be taken in Howrah.

Risk of flash floods increases.

From PG 1 warming trends since the 1860s, but their abundance and rates of growth have risen rapidly since the 1960s.

captures headlines, but those aren't the only risks. As scientists expand their understanding of how the world's icy regions interact with global warming, they are identifying a number of other phenomena that can lead to similarly disastrous events.

Talking about Customs tariff rationalisation, she said the Budget 2025 aims to boost domestic production and enhance export competitiveness by reducing duties on raw materials and inputs, making domestic products more cost-effective.

Stressing that the Modi government has always been sympathetic towards the employee and pensioner issues, Sitharaman said the government has implemented the full parity between pensioners of pre and post-seventh Central Pay Commission.



Trainee nurses took part in a protest again, seeking their permanent jobs and various other demands in Kolkata on Tuesday.

Pledge to Build a TB-Free India on World Tuberculosis Day

MI News Service, Kolkata: World Tuberculosis Day is observed every year on March 24 to raise awareness about tuberculosis (TB) and work towards its eradication worldwide.

Avalanches, rockfalls and slope failures can also trigger glacial lake outburst floods. These are growing more common as frozen ground known as permafrost thaws, robbing mountain landscapes of the cryospheric glue that formerly held them together.

State govt employees to receive increased DA from April 1

MI News Service, Kolkata: Starting April 1, state government employees and pensioners in West Bengal will receive an increased Dearness Allowance (DA) at 18% of their basic salary.

Finance Minister Chandrima Bhattacharya announced in the state budget a 4% increase in DA, bringing the total allowance to 18% of the basic salary.

The state's notification further specified that the DA hike would apply to government employees as well as staff from state-aided educational institutions, legislative bodies, government undertakings, panchayats, municipalities, and local bodies.

Separatism has become...

From PG 1 decision by the two Hurriyat-linked groups is seen as a reflection of the changing political landscape in the Union Territory. Over the past few years, the government has implemented a series of measures aimed at curbing separatist activities, including strict enforcement of anti-terror laws and socio-economic reforms.

separatist activities, including strict enforcement of anti-terror laws and socio-economic reforms. Officials believe this development signals a significant shift in Jammu and Kashmir's political scenario, paving the way for further integration and peace.

3 more Naxalites killed in...

From PG 1 Extremism, security forces killed 30 Naxalites during of fierce encounters in the forested areas of Bijapur and Kanker districts of this Maoist affected state. One police personnel also died in one of the encounters, official sources confirmed.

Incidentally in a similar operation in Kanker district, also in Chattisgarh early this morning, 4 Naxalites were hunted down and shot dead by the security forces.

State Health Comm seeks data on pvt hosps' Swasthya Sathi treatment

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal Health Commission has sought detailed data on the number of patients treated under the government's SwasthyaSathi scheme in private hospitals over the past three years.

the Commission formally requested hospitals to submit detailed reports on: The total number of patients treated under SwasthyaSathi in the past three years, the number of patients treated under other state health schemes, the total bed capacity of each hospital and the number of non-SwasthyaSathi patients admitted during the same period.

This initiative is part of the state's ongoing efforts to ensure transparency and efficiency in healthcare services. Furthermore, the Commission has announced that private hospitals providing the highest number of treatments under SwasthyaSathi over the past three years will be officially recognized and rewarded.

According to reports, the first encounter took place in a forest area along the border of Bijapur and Dantewada districts when a joint team of the state police and the Rapid Action Force was taken out in an anti-Naxalite operation in Gangaloor police station area in Bijapur district on the basis of prior information about the assembly of several armed insurgents in the area.

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

SwasthyaSathi, a flagship healthcare initiative of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, has significantly benefited countless citizens in West Bengal. However, it has also faced challenges, particularly regarding private hospitals' adherence to cost regulations under the scheme. To address these concerns, representatives from 47 leading private hospitals and nursing homes attended a high-level meeting on Monday, where they urged the Health Commission to set fixed treatment costs under the scheme. During the meeting,

Plea filed in Cal HC seeking central forces for Kanthi Cooperative Bank election

MI News Service, Kolkata: A petition has been filed in the Calcutta High Court requesting the deployment of central forces for the upcoming election of the Kanthi Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Bank.

SwapanBera. According to court sources, the matter is likely to be heard later this week. The election for the Kanthi Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Bank is scheduled for the coming Saturday. The petitioner has expressed concerns that candidates supported by the ruling party may resort to disruptive activities during the election.

Where the risks can't be managed, communities have been encouraged to use zoning that prohibits building in flood-prone areas. Public education has helped build awareness of the flood risk, but the disasters continue. The dramatic nature of glacial lake outburst floods captures headlines, but those aren't the only risks.

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Regulation of trains due to Developmental Works

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to Yard Remodelling works at Santragachi Station in Kharagpur division from 30.04.2025 to 18.05.2025, it has been decided to regulate trains as per following schedule:

Table with 4 columns: Sl.No., Train No. & Name, Journey Commencing On, and Short Termination/Short Originated. Lists various train routes and their operational dates during the period of developmental works.

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Table with 4 columns: Sl. No., Train No., Journey Commencing On, and Date of Cancellation. Lists the cancellation of MEMU/EMU local trains during the developmental works.

Table with 4 columns: Sl. No., Train No., Date of Cancellation, and Date of Journey. Details the diversion of trains during the developmental works.

Regulation of trains due to Developmental Works in Bilaspur Division of South East Central Railway

MI News Service, Kolkata: In view of developmental works in Bilaspur Division of South East Central Railway, the following trains will be regulated as under

Table with 4 columns: S/N, No., Train name, and Date of Cancellation. Lists the cancellation of trains in the Bilaspur Division.

Table with 4 columns: S.N., Train, Train name, Diverted Route, and Date of Journey. Details the diversion of trains in the Bilaspur Division.

Running of Special Trains

MI News Service, Kolkata: Tatanagar, Kharagpur & Andul in SER jurisdiction. It has been decided to run Special trains as per following schedule: 08563/08564 Jagdalpur-Thakurnagar-Jagdulpur Special 08373 Kesinga-Thakurnagar-Kesinga Special 08373 Kesinga-Thakurnagar Special will leave Kesinga on 27.03.2025 at 16.10 hrs and will reach Thakurnagar at 10.45 hrs, the next day. In the return direction, 08374 Thakurnagar-Kesinga Special will leave Thakurnagar on 28.03.2025 at 20.30 hrs and will reach Kesinga at 14.45 hrs, the next day. The Special train will have stoppages at Jharsuguda, Rourkela, Chakradharpur, Tatanagar, Khara gpur & Andul in SER jurisdiction.

Medical Department of SER observed World Tuberculosis Day



Shri Soumitra Majumdar, AGM/South Eastern Railway felicitating TB warriors during the observance of World Tuberculosis Day on 24th March, 2025 at SER Central Hospital, Garden Reach, Kolkata. Dr. Anjana Malhotra, Principal Chief Medical Director and Shri Upinder Singh, Principal Chief Commercial Manager, South Eastern Railway were also present on the occasion.

MI News Service, Kolkata: Medical Department of South Eastern Railway observed World Tuberculosis Day on 24th of March, 2025 at the Central Hospital auditorium at Garden Reach. Eminent Pulmonologist Dr. Nandita Ghosh Dasitdar has delivered a presentation on pulmonary tuberculosis, its causes, precautions, diagnosis, treatment and prognosis. The officials emphasized the significance of responsible waste disposal and the use of eco-friendly alternatives to plastic. Patients and vendors found littering at Park Circus and Santoshpur stations were penalized, reinforcing the message of maintaining cleanliness. Eastern Railway urges all passengers to refrain from spitting or littering on station premises, as such practices not only deteriorate the station's ambience but also pose serious health hazards. The collective efforts of passengers and railway authorities are essential to ensuring a cleaner and healthier railway environment. Eastern Railway remains steadfast in its mission to enhance passenger experience and seeks the cooperation of all railway users in upholding cleanliness standards across stations.

Ensuring Safe Train Operations: Five Railway Employees Felicitated by EcoR General Manager for Dedication, Alertness & Prompt Action



MI News Service, Kolkata: East Coast Railway (EcoR) General Manager Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal felicitated five railway employees for their dedication, alertness, and prompt action while on duty, ensuring safe train operations. The felicitation ceremony took place at the EcoR headquarters, Rail Sadan, Bhubaneswar, in the presence of Additional General Manager and senior officials, including the Principal Chief Safety Officer. The five employees honored for their exceptional service are - Sri Chandrageer Kumar Raut, Senior Assistant loco Pilot, Khurda Road; Sri Upendra Kumar, Senior Goods Train Manager, Titlagarh; Sri Suresh Gagary, Track Maintainer-IV, Harichandpur; Sri Sudhansu Shekhar Das, Track Maintainer-II, Gorakhnath and Sri Kilo Sonu, Track Maintainer-IV, Manavar (Koraput). General Manager Shri Funkwal commended these employees for their remarkable vigilance and swift actions, which are crucial in maintaining the smooth and safe functioning of the railway network. He emphasized that the dedication of railway personnel plays a vital role in ensuring passenger safety and operational efficiency. Acknowledging their commitment, Shri Funkwal urged all railway employees to remain alert, vigilant, and dedicated to their responsibilities, highlighting the significance of safety at every stage of railway operations. He reiterated that the unwavering efforts of railway staff contribute significantly to a secure and efficient railway system.

ER to run EMU special trains for Maha Mela at Thakurnagar

MI News Service, Kolkata: To clear the extra rush in connection with Maha Mela at Thakurnagar, Eastern Railway's Sealdah Division has decided to run a total of eight (08) nos. of EMU Special trains (04 UP & 04 Down trains). These EMU Special trains will run between Thakurnagar & Gede, Thakurnagar & Lalgola, Thakurnagar & Canning and Thakurnagar & Namkhana on 26.03.2025 and 27.03.2025 and will stop at all stations enroute. Gede - Thakurnagar Special (via Ranaghat - Bangoan) will leave Gede at 06:45 hrs on 26.03.2025 to reach Thakurnagar at 09:00 hrs. and Thakurnagar - Gede Special (via Bangoan - Ranaghat) will leave Thakurnagar at 16:35 hrs. on 27.03.2025 to reach Gede at 18:40 hrs. Lalgola - Thakurnagar Special (via Ranaghat - Bangoan) will leave Lalgola at 04:50 hrs. on 26.03.2025 to reach Thakurnagar at 09:31 hrs. and Thakurnagar - Lalgola Special (via Bangoan - Ranaghat) will leave Thakurnagar at 15:45 hrs. on 27.03.2025 to reach Lalgola at 19:55 hrs. Canning - Thakurnagar Special (via Ballygunge - Dum Dum Jn) will leave Canning at 06:35 hrs. on 26.03.2025 to reach Thakurnagar at 09:35 hrs. and Thakurnagar - Canning Special (via Dum Dum Jn - Ballygunge) will leave Thakurnagar at 17:00 hrs. on 27.03.2025 to reach Canning at 20:15 hrs. Namkhana - Thakurnagar Special (via Ballygunge - Dum Dum Jn) will leave Namkhana at 05:00 hrs. on 26.03.2025 to reach Thakurnagar at 09:55 hrs. and Thakurnagar - Namkhana Special (via Dum Dum Jn - Ballygunge) will leave Thakurnagar at 16:05 hrs. on 27.03.2025 to reach Namkhana at 20:45 hrs.

Cleanliness Awareness Programme conducted over Sealdah Division



*Passengers, vendors and railway users were counseled on the benefits of maintaining cleanliness. MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway remains committed to ensuring a clean and hygienic environment at railway stations. In line with this commitment, a day-long Cleanliness Awareness Programme was conducted today across various stations over Sealdah Division, aimed at sensitizing passengers and railway users about the importance of cleanliness and responsible waste disposal. The program was carried out at Naihati, Barasat, Kalyani, Bongaon, Chakdah, Barackpore, Lakshmikantapur, Baruipur, Dum Dum Cantonment, Madhyamgram, Beldanga, Ghutiari Sharif, Sedepur, and Ranaghat stations. Passengers, vendors and railway users were counseled on the benefits of maintaining cleanliness, proper waste disposal, and the prohibition of spitting in railway premises. Special emphasis was placed on Park Circus and Santoshpur stations, where intensified awareness drives were conducted to promote cleanliness and discourage littering. The initiative saw the active involvement of the Environment & Housekeep-

General Manager inspects Jai Hind Bimanbandar Metro Station and Orange Line



MI News Service, Kolkata: Shri P. Uday Kumar Reddy, General Manager, Metro Railway inspected the Jai Hind Bimanbandar to Biswa Bangla Convention Centre Metro station stretch of Orange Line today, i.e. on 25.03.2025. Senior officers of Metro Railway and RVNL accompanied him during this inspection. At Jai Hind Bimanbandar station, Metro officials explained him the progress of work and their planning to complete all pending works within the stipulated deadline. Later, Shri Reddy inspected the under construction New Town Depot, Mother Wax Museum and Biswa Bangla Convention Centre Metro station of Orange Line.

Adani Green Energy refinances maiden construction facility with \$1.06 bill loan

MI News Service, New Delhi: Adani Green Energy announced it has refinanced its maiden construction facility, having outstanding debt of USD 1.06 billion with long-term financing. The long-term financing raised to refinance its construction facility has door-to-door tenor of 19 years with a fully amortized debt structure emulating the underlying asset life, a company statement said. Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) has successfully refinanced its maiden construction facility with an outstanding of USD 1.06 billion taken in 2021 to develop India's largest solar-wind hybrid renewable cluster in Rajasthan, according to the statement. With this breakthrough, AGEL has completed its capital management program for the underlying asset portfolio, which involves securing long-term facilities that are perfectly aligned with the cash flow lifecycle of that portfolio. The framework of this program provides significant benefits through deep access to diverse pools of capital, securing large sums with long duration. This approach not only enhances financial stability but also ensures AGEL's ability to continue its growth trajectory and deliver sustainable value creation to its stakeholders. The refinancing facility has received a rating of AA+ Stable from three domestic rating agencies - ICRA, India Ratings, and CareEdge Ratings, it stated.

Sealdah Division to Augment Extra Ladies Coaches in 3-Phase EMU Rakes

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a bid to accommodate ever increasing rush of women commuters, Sealdah Division is pleased to announce significant enhancement in seating capacity for women passengers by adding more ladies coaches in 3 phase EMU (Electric Multiple Unit) rakes operating in the Suburban Section. At present there are two coaches earmarked for ladies in EMU locals, which seems inadequate for increasing rush of passengers particularly during rush hours. The situation is being somewhat handled now by running some ladies special trains, i.e., Matribhumi local trains. After critically examining the situation, competent authority has decided to increase more coaches reserved for ladies in 3 phase EMU rakes. Generally, a second coach from both blocks of EMU locals are earmarked for ladies. Now a portion of 3rd coach (from both end) of each 3-phase EMU rakes will be restricted for ladies only. Sealdah Division is the busiest Railway junction in India, catering about 15 - 18 lakh rail users a day. There are large number of ladies passenger availing suburban services in Sealdah Main, North & South Sections. In recent past, the number of lady passengers have increased substantially in view of increasing participation of women in every walks of life, particularly in education and service sectors. This eventually necessitates increase of ladies coaches.

Previously, 9-bogie EMU rakes were equipped with 2 ladies coaches. Recognizing the growing need and to provide more comfortable and convenient travel for all women commuters, the upgraded 12-bogie EMU trains will now feature three dedicated ladies coaches. Augmentation of more ladies coaches will certainly streamline passenger flow, reduce congestion and improve overall train operations. Besides, more ladies coaches will reduce the risk of sexual harassment and facilitate women to travel safely and independently.

General Manager inspects Jai Hind Bimanbandar Metro Station and Orange Line

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Name Change I, Swapan Dey(Old Name) S/O Late Dharendra Lal Dey, Residing At Vivekananda Nagar,Badu Road, P.O. & P.S- Madhyamgram,Dist-24 Parganas North,Pin-700129,West Bengal,India. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Swapan Kanti Dey(New Name) As Declared Before The Ld.1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Barasat Vide Affidavit No.3031 On 19/03/2025.Swapan Dey(Old Name) And Swapan Kanti Dey (New Name) Both Are Same And Identical Person.

Name Change I, Ankit Keshri(Old Name) S/O Sanjay Keshri,Residing At Salanpur, Dendua,Bardhaman,Dist-Purba Burdwan,Pin-713357,West Bengal,India. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ankit Kumar Keshri (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 24/03/2025. Ankit Keshri(Old Name) And Ankit Kumar Keshri (New Name) Both Are Same And Identical Person.

Name Change I, Jina Sen (Old Name) daughter of Prajit Kumar Sengupta, residing at KARUNA APARTMENT, 229 SHUKDEB SINGH ROAD, URDIBAZAR, CHANDANNAGAR, PIN-712136, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jina Sengupta (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 25/03/2025. Jina Sengupta (New Name) and Jina Sen (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change I, Shibendu Sarkar (Old Name) son of Late Arabinda Sarkar, residing at GHORADHARA, JHARGRAM, WEST MIDNAPORE, PIN-721507, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sibendu Sarkar (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 25/03/2025. Sibendu Sarkar (New Name) and Shibendu Sarkar (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change I, Subrata Chowdhari (Old Name) S/O Kumares Choudhury Residing at Purba Churnari, Churnari, P.O - Bathangachi, District - Nadia, Pin - 741507 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Subrata Chowdhury (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Date 25-03-2025. Subrata Chowdhari (Old Name) and Subrata Chowdhury (New Name) both as same and one identical person.

Name Change I, Abhisek Poddar (Old Name) daughter of Timir Kumar Poddar, residing at 53/2A, Surendra Nath Banerjee Road, P.O.- Entally, P.S.- Taltala, Kolkata- 700014, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Arna Poddar (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 24/03/2025. Arna Poddar (New Name) and Abhisek Poddar (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change I, Rambaran Ray(Old Name) S/O Late Soman Yadav,Residing At Kalyanpur,Bibhutipur,Dist-Samatipur,Bihar,Pin-848160. India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ram Baran Yadav(New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 24/03/2025.Rambaran Ray(Old Name) And Ram Baran Yadav (New Name) Both Are Same And Identical Person.

Name Change I, Jun Nian Gerald Lim (Old Name) son of In Ton Lim, residing at Flat No-2F, Block-04, Ekta Floral 27 Christopher Road, P.S.-Tangra, Kolkata- 700046, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jun Nian Lim (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 25/03/2025. Jun Nian Lim (Old Name) and Jun Nian Gerald Lim (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change I, Iva Ray (Old Name) wife of Sidhartha Sankar Ray, residing at Babu Para, Gobardanga (M), Habra-I, North 24 Parganas, Pin-743252, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Iva Roy Biswas (New Name) and Iva Ray (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Change of Name I, JIVAL CHORAWALA S/O CHETAN BHARATKUMAR CHORAWALA & KSHAMA CHETAN CHORAWALA, Permanent residing at 91, Vishal Soc, Bhatar Road, Surat City, P.O. : Alihan-395017, P.S. : Surat City, Dist. : Surat, Gujarat and Present residing at Nehru Hall of Residence IIT Kharagpur, P.O. : IIT Technology 721302, P.S.- KGP (T), Dist.- Paschim Medinipur, shall henceforth be known as JIVAL CHORAWALA S/O CHETAN CHORAWALA & KSHAMA CHORAWALA as declared in the Court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Kharagpur vide affidavit No. 1779 Dated 21/03/2025. JIVAL CHORAWALA S/O CHETAN CHORAWALA & KSHAMA CHORAWALA S/O CHETAN CHORAWALA & KSHAMA CHORAWALA both are same and identical person.

Only the order of god always prevail

Dr. Mayank Murari

There is only the order of that God in the world, his order is applicable. He has written. Existence is going on at his own will and if it goes on his own will, then there is eternal life. We should also follow his natural guidelines with full dedication. What he has written will happen. This life is a mess, if we walk according to our wish. A continuous duality, a struggle and then always the feeling of imperfection is the story of every moment. This is a sense of desire, it is hypnosis. We forget that our identity is negligible in this infinite existence. Nevertheless, we make our desire, our mind, our thoughts and our goal, but it does not result in its culmination. We also tried hard from our side, what happened? We stayed like that. We became more distorted than as God had sent, nothing better than that. As we came, innocent in childhood, there was not much left in hand. This essence of life is just due to this struggle.

In one of the greatest books in the world, Guru Nanakdev ji says that the slate has become dirty, you wrote everything. What is found? Except you have felt like sorrow, stress, sorrow? Leave it on it. What he has written will be the same. There is no way to do

anything from your side. There can be no change, then whose worry? Then whose burden? Nanakdev ji says- Hukmi Rajai Chalna Nanak likhiya Nali. Neither chanting, nor penance, nor meditation, nor perception. There is only one practice-his will. As soon as we think about his will, we will find that everything inside becomes light. A deep peace, inside a nectar starts raining inside, where no stress, no worry. There is a feeling of eternal happiness.

When we do not have any wish, then what kind of restlessness? Then what is the struggle? Only one method is the will of God i.e. an Omkar Satnam. Keep it done as he gets. In the Shrimadbhagavat, Shri Krishna says that Mahabharata is certain, Arjuna is medium. Therefore, leave the doubt, just fulfil your duty. Shri Krishna says that when you agree with us, you are ready in our will, when you have no will, then what kind of restlessness! What kind of thought then! When we adopt Shri Krishna's discourse and Nanakdev ji's voice, then everything becomes light. Feathers are applied. Then we can fly, in that sky, the sky whose name is-Ek Omkar Satnam. Nanakji has described the only method. And that is the method, the will of God. Get as he



got it done. Keep it as it is. There is a legend that a king found a slave. The king, influenced by his personality, asked how would you like to live? So that slave smiled and said, the owner's will. How is mine, what is the meaning of me? I will be what you keep. The king asked, what do you like to wear? He said, what is my choice? I will wear, wear it. The owner who

feeds, will eat. The king asked what is your name? What should we call you by taking the name? He said, the owner's will. What is my name? Das has a name? The name you give. (Osho: An Omkar Satnam). The incident led to the revolution in the life of the king. You are my guru. Which is the philosophy of life, essence and possibility. She happened inside

the king within a few moments. Today there is duality, stress and anxiety all over the world. This duality is in the person, anxiety is in his mind and he wants to improve the future. How will this happen? If the problem of the West countries is of enjoyment, then our problem is of poverty, sorrow and sickness. There is all in the west, yet anxiety, stress!

There is so much stress that the man has reached a deranged condition. We are also following him right. A indiscriminate simulation is going on in India too. Has tried to run your will. The water is over. The forests are ending. The wind became contaminated. This is a strange time. The people of developed countries are confident, we will all do it. There is no need to support God. God is not there. The man will do everything. So he has done a lot. But the man is absolutely lost, going mad. Done a lot outside, everything inside was sick. In India too, man is getting material pleasure, but there is no time for consumption. Is becoming ill from within. We forget that there is a stream of motion. Every element of this existence with the galaxy to the sun, moon and stars, mountains, rivers and trees. Then all living beings ranging from animals. One can neither reduce and do their speed. Then there is a danger of more or less speed! Therefore, it has been said that his will-we just become one with his stream. Now where the river takes it is the floor. Where you put the same edge. What a worry! Then how sad! It is a problem that we start fighting the river of life. It seems that we will be victorious. We forget that

fighting creates enmity. There are two ways to live life. There is a way of conflict. One way is to surrender. In spiritual Ramayana, Shri Ram dedicates his deeds. Who exists. He is acceptable. There is an affair of the order of going to exile. When Shri Ram refused to take Mother Sita to the forest. Then Mata says that - during exile in every cycle and era, I went to the forest with you, so why this time refusal? Everything in this creation is going on as per his will. Arjuna learns to do karma even in the battlefield. Do not worry about its fruit. It has been repeatedly stated in the Gita that a person has no feeling of his own, no desire. Life also gives the same, breath is also found from him. The reason for the beating is also the same. We should not forget that life is the most valuable and the objects are inexpensive. But we lose life, for wealth and for material happiness. We always take the exam- sometimes for a job, to save that job, for increment, for promotion. But have we ever taken the exam to save and increase life. When the Gita talks about karma, Japuji reminds us of his will. Manas asks the person to follow the religion, then this existence always gives the message of being with the flow.

ICMR study explores use of drones to transport ophthalmic bio-materials



New Delhi : The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has launched a pioneering study on the aerial transport of sensitive ophthalmic bio-materials such as human corneas and amniotic membrane grafts, a health ministry statement said.

The feasibility study -- done in collaboration with All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)-Delhi and Dr Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, and supported by the Ministry of Civil Aviation -- assessed the potential use of drones in transporting sensitive ophthalmic bio-materials from

peripheral collection centres to tertiary hospitals for transplantation procedures.

The drone successfully transported corneal tissue from Dr Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital in Sonapat to the National Cancer Institute under AIIMS-Jhajjar, and subsequently to AIIMS-Delhi, the statement said.

It covered the distance in around 40 minutes, whereas it takes around 2.5 hours via road.

The drone maintained optimal conditions for specimen integrity and upon arrival, the cornea was evaluat-

ed and used for a successful transplant surgery, the statement said.

Drones are emerging as game-changers in healthcare logistics, offering rapid delivery of life-saving medical supplies to remote and hard-to-reach areas.

Since the viability of donated corneas are time-sensitive, their timely transportation is critical. Delays in transportation can compromise tissue quality and reduce the chances of successful transplantation, the statement said. Drone-based transport offers a swift, temperature-stable and efficient alternative to tra-

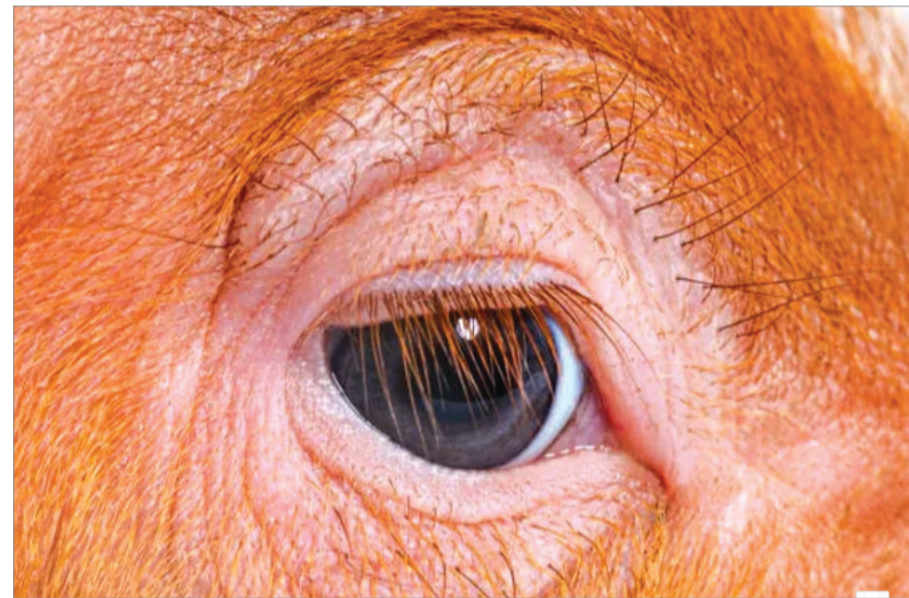
ditional road networks, which are often slow or unpredictable, it said.

Over the past few years, ICMR's i-DRONE initiative has demonstrated the successful use of drones to deliver essential medical supplies in states in North East India, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana and the National Capital Region. Commenting on the development, ICMR Director General Dr Rajiv Bahl said the i-DRONE platform was originally conceived during the Covid-19 pandemic to deliver vaccines to remote regions. "Since then, we have stepped up efforts to include low-temperature delivery of blood products and essential medicines to high-altitude and sub-zero locations. This cornea transport study marks another step forward -- enhancing patient access, ensuring timely transplants and reducing pressure on overburdened tertiary hospitals. This initiative aligns perfectly with the Prime Minister's vision of a self-reliant India, powered by innovation," he said.

As India strengthens its drone ecosystem, such studies are critical to building resilient and responsive healthcare infrastructure, Dr Bahl said. Dr M Srinivas, Director, AIIMS-Delhi, said that corneal blindness affects millions in India, and timely availability of donor tissue is often a limiting factor.

"This drone-based transport model could be a transformative step toward ensuring equitable access to vision-restoring surgeries, especially in underserved areas. The success of this pilot project opens the door to deploying precision drone logistics for a wide range of critical medical applications," he said.

New eye drops slow vision loss in animals: Study



Washington DC [US] : Researchers have developed eye drops that extend vision in animal models of a group of inherited diseases that lead to progressive vision loss in humans, known as retinitis pigmentosa. The eye drops contain a small fragment derived from a protein made by the body and found in the eye, known as pigment epithelium-derived factor (PEDF). PEDF helps preserve cells in the eye's retina. A report on the study is published in Communications Medicine.

"While not a cure, this study shows that PEDF-based eye drops can slow progression of a variety of degenerative retinal diseases in animals, including various types of retinitis pigmentosa and dry age-related macular degeneration (AMD)," said Patricia Becerra, Ph.D., chief of NIH's Section on Protein Structure and Function at the National Eye Institute and senior author of the study.

"Given these results, we're excited to begin trials of these eye drops in people."

All degenerative retinal diseases have cellular stress in common. While the source of the stress may vary -- dozens of mutations and gene variants have been linked to retinitis pigmentosa, AMD, and other disorders -- high levels of cellular stress cause retinal cells to gradually lose function and die.

Progressive loss of photoreceptor cells leads to vision loss and eventually blindness.

In this new study, led by first author Alexandra Bernardo-Colon, Becerra's team created two eye drop formulations, each containing a short peptide. The first peptide candidate, called "17-mer," contains 17 amino acids found in the active region of PEDF.

A second peptide, H105A, is similar but binds more strongly to the PEDF receptor. Peptides applied to mice as drops on the eye's surface were found in high concentration in the retina within 60 minutes, slowly decreasing over the next 24 to 48 hours. Neither peptide caused toxicity or other side effects.

Over 77 000 hospital admissions authorized for mental health packages under Center's scheme, RS told

New Delhi : Minister of State for Health Prataprao Jadhav on Tuesday told the Rajya Sabha that 77,634 hospital admission worth Rs 87 Crore have been authorized for mental health related packages under the Ayushman Bharat health insurance scheme till March 21.

Under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY), the latest national master of the Health Benefit Package (HBP) provides cashless healthcare services related to 1,961 procedures across 27 medical specialties, including 22 procedures under mental disorder speciality, Jadhav said in a written reply.

These include providing healthcare services for intellectual disability, schizophrenia, schizotypal, delusional disorders and autism spectrum disorder among others to eligible beneficiaries.

Further, states have been provided flexibility to further customize the Health Benefit Packages to local context, Jadhav stated.

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has issued a master circular on health insurance business on May 29, 2024 which insurers are required to

provide wider choice to policyholders by offering products catering to all types of existing medical conditions, pre-existing diseases and chronic conditions.

Insurers are also mandated to make available products in compliance with the provisions of Mental Health Care Act, 2017, the MoS said.

In line with the above provisions, products are available in the market providing coverage for mental illness as per the respective product designs of the insurers, Jadhav said.

"As per centrally available data at National Health Authority (NHA), as on March 21, 77,634 hospital admission worth Rs 87 crore have been authorized under the scheme," he said.

To provide affordable and accessible mental healthcare facilities in the country, the government is implementing the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) in the country.

The District Mental Health Programme (DMHP) component of the NMHP has been sanctioned for implementation in 767 districts for which support is provided to states and UTs through the National Health Mission, Jadhav stated.

Facilities made available under



DMHP at the Community Health Centre (CHC) and Primary Health Centre (PHC) levels, include outpatient services, assessment, counselling/ psycho-social interventions, continuing care and support to persons with severe mental disorders and drugs among others.

In addition to above services there is a provision of 10 bedded inpatient facilities at the district level,

Jadhav said.

The government is also taking steps to strengthen mental healthcare services at primary healthcare level. The government has upgraded more than 1.75 lakh Sub Health Centres (SHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) to Ayushman Arogya Mandirs.

Mental, Neurological, and Substance Use Disorders (MNS) have

been added in the packages of services under Comprehensive Primary Health Care provided at these Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, Jadhav informed.

Under the tertiary care component of NMHP, 25 Centres of Excellence have been sanctioned to increase the intake of students in PG departments in mental health specialties as well as to provide tertiary level treatment facilities, he said.

Further, the Centre has also supported 19 government medical colleges/institutions to strengthen 47 PG departments in mental health specialties.

There are 47 government-run mental hospitals in the country, including three Central Mental Health Institutions, viz. National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences in Bengaluru, Lokopriya Gopinath Bordoloi Regional Institute of Mental Health in Tezpur, Assam and Central Institute of Psychiatry in Ranchi.

Mental health services are also provided in all AIIMS Hospitals, he said.

The government is also augmenting the availability of manpower to deliver mental healthcare services in the underserved areas of the country

by providing online training courses to various categories of general healthcare medical and para medical professionals through the digital academies, established since 2018, at the three Central Mental Health Institutes.

The total number of professionals trained under Digital Academies are 42,488.

Besides, the government has launched a "National Tele Mental Health Programme" on October 10, 2022, to further improve access to quality mental health counselling and care services in the country.

As on March 19, 36 states and UTs have set up 53 Tele MANAS Cells and have started tele mental health services.

More than 19,67,000 calls have been handled on the helpline number, Jadhav stated.

The government has also launched Tele MANAS Mobile Application on the occasion of World Mental Health Day - October 10, 2024. The Tele-MANAS Mobile Application is a comprehensive mobile platform that has been developed to provide support for mental health issues ranging from well being to mental disorders.

Special Trains for Bangaon and Thakurnagar

MI News Service, Kolkata: For the convenience of commuters of Thakurnagar, Bangaon, Barasat area, Railway has decided to run special trains between Thakurnagar & Kathgodam, Bangaon & Lumding and Bangaon & Alipurduar Jn.

05030 Kathgodam - Thakurnagar Special will leave Kathgodam at 10:00 hrs. on 26.03.2025 to reach Thakurnagar at 20:40 hrs. on the next day and 05029 Thakurnagar - Kathgodam Special will leave Thakurnagar at 10:20 hrs. on 29.03.2025 to reach Kathgodam at 23:15 hrs. on the next day. The train will stop at Naihati, Bandel, Bardhaman, Bolpur, Sainthia, Rampurhat & Malda Town in both directions over Eastern Railway jurisdiction. 05603 Bangaon - Lumding Special will leave Bangaon at 00:30 hrs. on 26.03.2025 to reach Lumding at 04:00 hrs. on the next day. The train will stop at Thakurnagar, Naihati, Bandel, Bardhaman, Bolpur Shantiniketan, Sainthia, Rampurhat, Pakur & Malda Town stations enroute over Eastern Railway jurisdiction. 05464 Alipurduar Jn - Bangaon Special will leave Alipurduar Jn at 14:30 hrs. on 25.03.2025 to reach Bangaon at 12:00 hrs. on the next day and 05463 Bangaon - Alipurduar Jn Special will leave Bangaon at 22:50 hrs. on 28.03.2025 to reach Alipurduar Jn at 18:30 hrs. on the next day. The train will stop at Thakurnagar, Naihati, Bandel, Bardhaman, Bolpur Shantiniketan, Sainthia, Rampurhat, Pakur & Malda Town stations enroute in both directions over Eastern Railway jurisdiction. 08563 Jagdalpur - Thakurnagar Special will leave Jagdalpur at 08:00 hrs. on 26.03.2025 to reach Thakurnagar at 10:45 hrs. on the next day and 08564 Thakurnagar - Jagdalpur Special will leave Thakurnagar at 18:00 hrs. on 28.03.2025 to reach Jagdalpur at 22:45 hrs. on the next day. 08373 Kesinga - Thakurnagar Special will leave Kesinga at 16:10 hrs. on 27.03.2025 to reach Thakurnagar at 10:45 hrs. on the next day and 08374 Thakurnagar - Kesinga Special will leave Thakurnagar at 20:30 hrs. on 28.03.2025 to reach Kesinga at 14:45 hrs. on the next day.

UAE National cybersecurity systems respond to cyberattacks targeting govt, private entities

MI News Service, Abu Dhabi: The Cybersecurity Council of the UAE Government has confirmed that the national cybersecurity systems have successfully dealt with cyberattacks targeting 634 government and private entities. These attacks aimed to leak data from vital and strategic sectors in the UAE and were addressed using the best global practices in this critical field. Mohamed AlKuwaiti, Head of Cybersecurity for the UAE Government, told the Emirates News Agency (WAM) that a threat actor known as "rose87168" claimed to have breached the Oracle Cloud's SSO and LDAP, resulting in the leak of approximately six million customer records globally, including sensitive user password data. He added that estimates suggest around 1,40,000 entities worldwide may have been affected by the breach, including 634 entities in the UAE—of which 30 are government entities, 13 are private, and the rest fall under other categories. The Cybersecurity Council clarified that emergency cybersystems have been activated across the country in coordination with relevant authorities to safeguard the UAE's cyberspace and strengthen its protection against any attempts of hacking or threats.



Army jawans during the third day of the search operation following suspicious movements in the Hiranagar sector area, in Kathua district.

Student union burns effigy of Nepali minister protesting deposition of Electricity Authority Chief



MI News Service, Kathmandu: The All Nepal National Free Students Union (ANNFSU- Unified Socialist) burnt the effigy of Deepak Khadka, Minister of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation protesting the deposition of Nepal Electricity Authority Chief Kulman Ghising. A meeting of the Council of Ministers sacked the incumbent Executive Director of Nepal Electricity Authority- Kulman Ghising from the post.

Ghising who has been regarded as the person to put an end to power cuts in the Himalayan nation has been deposed from the post citing his poor

performance. The cabinet instead has appointed Hitendradev Shakya, the brother-in-law of Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli as the successor of Ghising. "The government yesterday (Monday) decided to depose Kulman Ghising, the Director General of the Nepal Electricity Authority, we have hit the streets against it. Kulman Ghising is a government staff who really cared for the welfare and well-being of the people, he rescued the nation from the situation when the nation was reeling under an 18-hour power-cut, and there was the dominance of cartels which he ended. Now

he has been removed from the post by the incompetent government and its minister Deepak Khadka is more responsible for creating trouble for him by asking for clarifications multiple times. He also established his own cabin at the Nepal Electricity Authority creating problem for him finally resulting in deposition of Ghising," Ashok Thapa, one of the protestors from the student union told ANI. Previously, the cabinet had sought an explanation multiple times after the departmental minister failed to remove Ghising. To justify his dismissal, his performance was deliberately rated poorly. Credited for bringing reformation in Nepal's electricity sector and ending about 18-hour power cuts, Ghising has a large following and the support of the public. Lately, the Managing Director Ghising and the Energy Minister Deepak Khadka have been at loggerheads. Earlier in the first week of March, the Ministry of Energy, Water Resources, and Irrigation awarded a zero score to Kulman Ghising in the work performance evaluation. "Kulman Ghising had about three months of his tenure left in the office but he was removed from the office through a political coup. This reactionary move by Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli, we have hit the street again to protect this democratic system," Narayan Sharma, another protestor told ANI.

Dalai Lama's representative Tsering Yangkey calls for action against China's repression of Tibet in Cardiff Outreach



MI News Service, Cardiff: During an official outreach program in Cardiff on March 23, Tsering Yangkey, the representative of the Dalai Lama to the United Kingdom, met prominent Welsh leaders to call for action against China's continued repression of Tibet. According to the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), the key engagements were organized with the help of longtime Tibet supporter Eilian Williams and the Regional Coordinator of the Tibetan Community in Britain (TCB). According to information provided by CTA, Yangkey sat down with Mark Drakeford, Member of Senedd (Welsh Parliament) from the Labour Party. Yangkey urged Drakeford to use his position within the UK's Labour government to push for the closure of Chinese-run colonial boarding schools in Tibet, which are part of China's broader efforts to forcibly assimilate Tibetan children and erase their cultural identity. She also raised serious concerns about the Chinese government's transnational repression against Tibetans living in the diaspora. Fur-

thermore, Representative Yangkey emphasized the Chinese regime's ongoing efforts to suppress the Tibetan language, urging Drakeford to bring attention to the issue within the Welsh Parliament. As per the report, Mark Drakeford expressed his concern about the alarming repression of Tibetan linguistic rights and confirmed that while foreign policy is largely under Westminster's jurisdiction, he would collaborate with his colleagues in the Welsh Parliament to support motions and statements advocating for the preservation of the Tibetan language in Tibet. During the meetings, Representative Yangkey also presented a briefing paper highlighting the urgency of defending the Tibetan language against Chinese government policies aimed at cultural assimilation. The document called on both leaders to raise the issue in the Welsh Parliament. Last year, Tsering Yangkey, a civil servant from the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) in Dharamsala, was appointed as the new representative of Dalai Lama to the United Kingdom.

Hoping good constructive discussion, says Shashi Tharoor ahead of India-US trade discussions

MI News Service, New Delhi: Congress MP Shashi Tharoor has expressed optimism ahead of the visit of an American delegation which will hold talks on the contours of a proposed bilateral agreement on the India-US trade ties. Speaking to mediapersons here on Tuesday, Tharoor said he hoped for a constructive discussion to emerge out of talks wherein Indian trade is not seriously affected.

"Americans have sent a delegation and we are expecting them to spend four days talking to the Commerce ministry people on our side. The problem is that US President Donald Trump has taken a very strong stand that from April 2, a reciprocal tariff will apply," Tharoor said. "And because India does apply tariff lines to a number of American exports to India, if you strictly understand what reciprocal means, it would mean that our exports to America will also be affected. So I'm hoping that in the talks they'll find some sensible outcome" he said. Highlighting the trade surplus India has with the US, the Congress MP said, "You know we have a 45 billion dollar trade surplus of America. Some of it will certainly be reduced now, but we don't want it to seriously affect our exports and our economy and our trade balance. So I'm hoping there'll be a good constructive discussion and



we'll be able to find some sensible outcomes."

Commenting on the various new developments which the Trump 2.0 administration has brought forward, the Congress MP said that the world has to be "conscious, react and if necessary, negotiate a different solution". US President Donald Trump has put April 2 as the deadline for imposition of reciprocal tariffs. US Trade Representative for South and Central Asia Brendan Lynch, is on an India visit beginning today till March 29 along with a delegation of US government officials, US embassy spokesperson said. As per the US Embassy spokesperson the delegation will be in India from March 25-29 for meetings with Indian interlocutors as part of ongoing bilateral trade discussions. "We value our ongoing engagement with the Government of India on trade and investment matters and look forward to continuing these discussions in a constructive, equitable, and forward-looking manner," the spokesperson noted.

ER appeals road users to observe Safety Rules at Level Crossings

MI News Service, Kolkata: Time and again, Railways appeal to the road users especially the road vehicles crossing the Railway track through level crossing gates to observe safety rules scrupulously. In almost all the level crossing gates over Eastern Railway, there are provisions of buzzers and also a signal for the road vehicles. When the buzzer sounds, it indicates that the train is coming and the road vehicles approaching the level crossing gate to control their speed and to stop before the level crossing. Consequent upon the closure of level crossing gate while the train is approaching, the red signal for the road vehicles indicates the danger to approach and the road vehicle should in no way



disrespect the signal when showing red.

However, incidents have been observed where the road vehicle drivers disregarded the buzzer or gate signal and dashed with the level crossing gates, not only causing damage to the gate barrier but also at the same time disrupting both road and rail traffic. One such incident of reckless driving and not following the safety rules near level crossing is observed at Sodpur today where one road vehicle Lorry No. WB37E1332 dashed with the gate boom of Level Crossing Gate No. 8/E of Sodpur at 15:20 hrs. Consequently, the gate boom bends and touched the overhead wire on down main line. Afterwards, the level crossing gate was operated by sliding boom till completion of the rectification and train movement through down main line has been controlled in this period. However, the down services were maintained via down suburban line which was unaffected. Tower wagon worked at site to remove the gate boom touching the overhead wire of down main line and the entire work completed at 16:06 hrs. Afterwards, normal train services resumed through down main line. This incident again exemplifies the requirement of showing alertness by the road vehicle driver while approaching the level crossing gates. Eastern Railway appeals to the road vehicle drivers and pedestrians to follow all safety rules at level crossings and to maintain their own safety also. Life is precious, so always keep in mind that showing unnecessary hurriedness at level crossing gates may be fatal.

Regulation Of Trains

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to Non-Interlocking work in connection with commissioning of Automatic signaling between Basti & Govindnagar stations over North East Railway system from 29.03.2025 to 30.03.2025, 09451 Gandhidham - Bhalgalpur Express (journey commencing on 28.03.2025) will be diverted via Gonda - Barhni - Gorakhpur instead of Gonda - Basti - Gorakhpur (skipping stoppages at Basti) and 13020 Kathgodam - Howrah Express (journey commencing on 29.03.2025) will be diverted via Gonda - Barhni - Gorakhpur instead of Gonda - Basti - Gorakhpur (skipping stoppages at Mankapur, Bahnan, Basti and Khalilabad). Apart from this, due to Traffic & Power Block for connectivity of new Railway siding at Paldi Station over Northern Railway system, 12259 Sealdah - Bikaner Express (journey commencing on 27.03.2025) will be diverted via New Delhi - Rohtak - Bhiwani - Hisar - Sadulpur.

Russia developing "privileged strategic partnership" with India: Lavrov

MI News Service, Moscow: Russia is actively expanding ties with the majority of global states, including India with whom Moscow is developing a "privileged strategic partnership," the country's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said. Addressing an event here on Monday, Lavrov said Russia is actively expanding ties with the majority of global states, including China, India, Iran, North Korea, as well as CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States) countries, state media TASS reported.

"We prioritize boosting ties with the majority of global states. The relations of comprehensive partnership and strategic cooperation with the People's Republic of China boast an unprecedented level of mutual trust," Lavrov said at a meeting of the board of trustees of the Alexander Gorchakov Public Diplomacy Fund. "We enjoy a particularly privileged strategic partnership with India," he was quoted as saying by Russian state media. The Russian foreign minister noted that the formation of a fairer multipolar world order is the core trend. "New global centres outside the global West - China and India, as well as our other BRICS and the SCO partners - are getting increasingly stronger." He said Russia maintains an intensive political dialogue, "including at the highest level, with SCO and BRICS countries, and other like-minded nations, including within the framework of the Group of Friends in Defence of the UN Charter, which has been established in New York and regularly meets at the level of deputy foreign ministers and national coordinators."

"Serious progress has been reached in expanding and deepening of friendly ties with such states as the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea,"

Lavrov said. Lavrov noted that Moscow puts "special emphasis on strengthening of all areas of cooperation with allies and partners among CIS member states, including within the framework of the Commonwealth, as well as the Collective Security Treaty Organization and the Eurasian Economic Union." On the occasion of 76th Republic Day, Russian President Vladimir Putin extended his wishes to President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, praising India's achievements over the past 75 years. He also emphasized the strong and enduring strategic partnership between Russia and India.

"Russian-Indian relations are based on special and privileged strategic partnership. I am confident that we will join joint efforts to continue to consistently build up productive bilateral cooperation across all areas, as well as constructive interaction in international affairs. Without a doubt, this meets the fundamental interests of our friendly peoples and is in line with the efforts to form a fair multipolar international order." Putin's message read. Putin and Prime Minister Modi remain in regular contact, holding talks over phonecalls once every couple of months. In December last year, Kremlin aide Yuri Ushakov said that President Putin has received an invitation to visit India from Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the dates for his visit will be set in early 2025.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had visited Russia twice in 2024, the first time in July as a part of the agreements within the 2000 Declaration on Strategic Partnership, followed by a second visit in October to participate in the 16th BRICS summit in Kazan.

'Make It in the Emirates' 2025 to feature diverse range of sectors

MI News Service, Abu Dhabi: "Make It in the Emirates" 2025 has announced the opening of visitor and media registration for its fourth edition, the largest industrial gathering in the UAE, set to take place from May 19-22 at ADNEC Centre Abu Dhabi. Make It in the Emirates 2025 is led by the Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology, in collaboration with the Abu Dhabi Investment Office, the UAE Ministry of Culture, and ADNOC, and is organised by ADNEC Group. The event reflects a strong commitment to fostering industrial growth, increasing investment opportunities, and driving economic diversification in the UAE. The Make It in the Emirates Forum and Exhibition is distinguished by in-depth discussions and studies, providing companies with the resources, insights, and net-

works needed to thrive in an evolving global landscape. It also supports the UAE's vision for sustainable industrial development, aligning with Operation 300 Billion Strategy. This edition will mark a significant leap in both size and procurement commitments that drive economic diversification and long-term value creation. As the region's leading industrial event, Make It in the Emirates 2025 presents unprecedented investment and business opportunities, offering direct access to pre-approved industrial projects in high-growth sectors, supported by the government. The exhibition will feature a diverse range of sectors, including manufacturing, renewable energy, advanced technology, and logistics, along with showcases of heritage crafts and innovative services.

Bangladesh: NGO, UN agencies seek USD 934.5 million to support Rohingya, host communities

MI News Service, Dhaka: NGO and UN agencies on Monday appealed to the international community to provide USD 934.5 million to reach 1.48 million people, including Rohingya refugees sheltered in Cox's Bazar and Bhasan Char and Bangladeshi host communities in UKhiya and Teknaf. "Under the leadership of the Bangladesh government, the 2025-26 Joint Response Plan (JRP) for the Rohingya Humanitarian Crisis was launched on 24 March 2025," said a joint statement by NGO and UN. "JRP is a two-year fundraising document which articulates the shared vision of how the humanitarian community will respond to the assessed and expressed needs of Rohingya refugees and affected host community while introducing more sustainable approaches," it added. "As the refugee crisis enters its eighth year, the UN and its partners call on the international community to extend their support to address the prioritized needs of Rohingya refugees and Bangladeshi communities that are hosting them," the statement read.

