Rs. 3 KOLKATA VEDNESDAY, 26 MARCH, 2025 PG-8, YEAR-11, ISSUE-293 (RNI NO.: WBEING / 2014 / 56803). WEBSITE: WWWLIVETY.COM 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.

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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 Dhonilo Ahoban 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 incen-tives to early adopters," Banerjee asserted. West Bengal Chief Secretary Manoj Pant inaugurated the event, reaffirming the state's commitment to a businessfriendly 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 Chattopadhvay, 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 industryfriendly 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

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

MI News Service, Jammu: 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 hap-pened 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



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

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 taxpavers 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 yearon-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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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

approach is wrong at some point or the other, they will get the time to pass a verdict. And if they

Separatism has become history in Kashmir, claims Amit Shah



MI News Service, New **Delhi:** Two constituents of the Hurrivat 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 sep-aratism following the path shown by by two leading organizations of Hurriyat by severing of ties with separatism.

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 Kejriwaltype results as well', he clarified.

"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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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. Cal-cutta 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 Re-

search (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 Mukt Bharat Abhiyan. The state has been recognized for its outstanding performance 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 Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan. 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.

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.

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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"Bodies of three Nax-

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 in-

crease 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 centurie

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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Bengal



An Iftar party was organized on Tuesday by Trinamool Congress Councilor Ayan Chakraborty in Ward No. 28, with State Cabinet Minister Firhad Hakim as the guest of honor. Ward Councilor Ayan Chakraborty was also seen in the picture.

Firhad Hakim fears Howrah incident may impact elections

News Service, Howrah: West Bengal's Municipal and Urban Dehad Hakim, expressed his outrage and frustration during a meeting on the issue. The minister's ire was directed at the top Metropolitan Developthe proposed solutions. the dumping ground issue to find a permanent solu- run-up to the elections.

has led to a landslide in tion to the problem before the Belgachia area, causing cracks in houses and meeting, Minister Hakim velopment Minister, Fir- disrupting the water sup- emphasized the need ply. The locals have been for separating dry and suffering endlessly and wet waste, which would have warned of surround- enable recycling of dry Howrah dumping ground ing Nabanna, the state secretariat, if the problem is not solved within engineers of the Kolkata three days. According to sources, Minister Hakim highlights the growing ment Authority (KMDA) is also concerned that the concerns over waste manfor not discussing the incident could impact the agement and its impact problem with him and vote bank in the upcom- on the environment and vote bank in the upcom- on the environment and not informing him about ing elections. He has instructed the chairman of Minister Hakim's anger the administrative board stems from the fact that of Howrah Municipality watched, especially in the

the elections. During the waste. He also assured the locals that the problem would be solved within three days. The incident public health. The state government's response to the crisis will be closely

"Shivraj Chouhan a 'Dalal' for rich people": Kalyan accuses of ignoring Bengal's central funds

MP Kalyan Banerjee sharply criticized Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Chouhan over the allocation of Central funds to West Bengal.

Banerjee stated, "We have been saying that Central funds due to West Bengal should be given to the state."

Banerjee further accused Chouhan of being against the people of West Bengal, adding, "Shivraj Chouhan is against the Bengali people. They have been trying to form a government there (West Bengal), but they will not be able to do so." He claimed that Chouhan's actions were harmful to the poor, alleging, "They are not doing anything for the poor. Shivraj Chouhan is a 'Dalal' for the rich people. He never worked for the poor in Madhya Pradesh."

Earlier, TMC MPs in Parliament staged a protest today, accusing the Union Government of halting MNRE-GA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) funds to West Bengal. The protestors raised slogans demanding the immediate release of the funds, which they claim are vital for rural employment and welfare in the state.

Congress MP and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, joined the protest briefly, offering his support to the TMC's cause. Meanwhile, Opposition MPs from

MI News Service, Kolkata/ New Kerala, including Congress leader Delhi: Trinamool Congress (TMC) Priyanka Gandhi Vadra staged a protest over the MNREGA issue outside the premises of Parliament on Tuesday.

Congress MP KC Venugopal said, "As per the provisions of the MGNRE Act, if the wages of the works have been delayed for more than 15 days, then there should be a provision of interest to be given to them. Unfortunately, MNREGA workers do not receive their salaries in all areas of Kerala. There is no concrete answer from the central minister on this. The central government is trying to finish this scheme.

Venugopal highlighted that under the MGNREGA Act, if wages of the workers were delayed for more than 15 days, they should receive interest on the delayed payments.

He pointed out that many MNREGA workers in Kerala have not received their wages, and despite raising the issue, there was no clear response from the central government. Venugopal criticized the central government, accusing them of trying to end the MNREGA scheme.

Speaking to reporters outside Parliament, Banerjee claimed that Central funds for West Bengal under schemes such as MGNREGA and PMAYG were pending for the past three years.

"Shivraj Chouhan is a broker for Bengal's Serampore alleged.

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sources.

News

Siliguri: The North Bengal

Medical College & Hospital

(NBMCH) is set to enhance

its healthcare services with

an inpatient urology ward.

The new 30-bed ward, oper-

ational from the first week of

April at the super-speciality

block of the medical college,

will provide specialised care

with 15 beds each for male

and female patients, said

NBMCH, located in Sus-

Aunt attacks nephew for secretive behavior



the rich... He does not work for the poor and that is why he was removed from the post of Madhya Pradesh chief minister," the MP from West Bengal's Serampore alleged.

Trinamool Congress MP Kalyan Banerjee Tuesday accused Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan of working for the rich as he slammed the government over pending Central funds for West Bengal.

The BJP hit back, demanding an apology from the TMC MP for his statement. Speaking to reporters outside

Parliament, Banerjee claimed that Central funds for West Bengal under schemes such as MGNREGA and PMAYG were pending for the past three years.

"Shivraj Chouhan is a broker for the rich... He does not work for the poor and that is why he was removed from the post of Madhya Pradesh chief minister," the MP from West

Service,

"They have not given us funds for the last three years. They are saying there are some discrepancies... There are 25 lakh fake job cards (under MGNREGA)... We have told them to carry forward criminal proceedings against the fake cards, but they can't deprive 10 crore people of West Ben-gal of the funds," he told reporters. Banerjee also alleged that the

funds were not released to West Bengal as the BJP has failed to win the state in the 2021 assembly polls.

"Shivraj Chauhan and PM Narendra Modi are against Bengal. They want to form a government there and are failing. They will never come to power there. BJP leaders say don't give funds to Bengal," he claimed.

Minister of State for Agriculture Bhagirath Chaudhary, however, dismissed the allegations and said Banerjee should apologise for using unparliamentary language.

"This is not a good thing, such language by a senior MP does not suit him. PM Modi is working on the principle of 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas'. There is no discrimination against any state and everyone is getting their share," Chaudhary told PTI.

"Unfortunately, the West Bengal government changes the names of central schemes and indulges in corruption. Using such language against minister is not right. Banerjee should apologise," he said.

NBMC&H enhances healthcare with new urology ward



Birbhum: A disturbing incident of alleged child sexual abuse has come to er Para village, promoting swift action from the local authorities.

A tribal man has been arrested to charged with sexually abusing a 4 years old girl. A 33-year-old man was arrested on Tuesday for allegedly abusing a four-year-old girl sexually in Eluru district. According to the Nuzvid police, the accused, M. Jaya Rao, was a lorry cleaner from Palnadu district. He had lar crime earlier, the po-Kishore said Java Rao complaint with the Mal- communities.

she was sleeping beside her grandmother in front of their house on the midlight in Birbhum's Manag- night of August 4 and sexually abused her. He was arrested from the Hanuman Junction, the officer

added. According to the victim's family, the child was playing in the front of and Hospital for medical their house when she was examination. The prompt allegedly lured away and action by the Mallarpur assaulted. Family mem- police station has been bers launched a search for the girl after she went missing, eventually find-ing her behind the house. The child reportedly rebeen involved in a simi- mained silent due to fear, as a stark reminder of the only revealing the ordeal lice said. Superintendent to her mother, who subof Police K. Pratap Shiva sequently filed a written vulnerable children in our

Service, took the girl away while larpur police station. The accused was arrested from his residence was arrested from his residence in Manager Para village under the Mallarpur police station station and was produced before the Subdistrict Rampurhat

Court on Tuesday The Medical College commendable police station has been commendable, ensuring that the accused is brought to justice. The incident serves need for increased vigilance and protection for

MI Basirhat: A disturbing incident of violence has shaken the Notun Bazar area of Basirhat, West Bengal. Akash Nandi a married man has been arrested on charges of attempting murder after allegedly attacking his aunt. Asima Nandi, with a sharp weapon. According to police reports and eyewitness to accounts, Asima Nandi had discovered Akash's secret extramarital affair and had informed his family members about it. This revelation led to unrest in the household, and Akash allegedly snapped when he found his aunt alone at the Monday night. Neighbors claims that served.

Burdwan court defers verdict for 13 accused, including BDA chairperson

MI News Service, Burdwan: A dramatic turn of events unfolded in a Burdwan court, where the verdict for 13 accused, including Burdwan Development Board Chairperson Kakli Gupta, was deferred due to the absence of four defen-

dants who were hospitalized.

Judge Arvind Mishra of the

Fast Track Second Court or-

13 convicted individuals, in-

News Service, Akash had been having an affairs with another woman, despite being married. Asima Nandi's discovery of this secret and her decision to inform Akash's family members apparently led to the violent confrontation. Asima Nandi is currently undergoing treatment at Basirhat Hospital for her injuries. The police have arrested Akash Nandi and investigating the circumstances surround-ing the attack. The incident highlight the complexities of family dynamics and the potentially deadly consequences of secrets and lies. The police are working to unravel and ensure that justice is

dants but convicted 13 oth-

ers, ordering their remand

in jail. The final verdict was

initially scheduled for Tues-

day but was postponed due

to the absence of the hospi-

talized defendants. Minis-

ter Swapan Debnath, Youth

President Rashbihari Halder,

and former MLA Ujjwal Pra-

manik visited Kakli Gupta

at Anamoy Super Specialty

Hospital on Tuesday morn-

ing. The nine defendants

were produced in court in

cedures. "Until now, urology patients were admitted to the general surgery ward. The new unit will ensure better monitoring, along with specialised care. It will have adequate beds, with separate sections for case dates back to 2017, male and female patients," when a complaint was filed he said. At NBMCH, the against 15 individuals, including Kakli Gupta, under multiple charges, includ-

per-specialty block has been built under the Prading attempt to murder and Mantri Swasthya han assault. On Monday, Judge Suraksha Yojana (PMSŠY) Mishra acquitted two defenwith an estimated cost of ₹150 crore. It houses sever-



al specialised departments. NBMCH, said efforts are Alongside urology, the block features departments like cardiology, nephrology, neurosurgery, plastic surgery, burn unit, and pediatric surgery. Additionally, a coronary care unit (CCU) under the cardiology department has been opera-

tional since January," said a source. senior doctor at NBMCH said the urology ward is expected to reduce the burden on other departments while ensuring quicker and more efficient treatment. "With the availability of specialised care, patients suffering from kidney stones, prostate issues, and other urological conditions, can now receive comprehensive treatment," the

source said. Sanjay Mallick, the medical dent-cum-vice-principal of tients," he said.

underway to open other departments in phases. "The upcoming launch of the urology unit is a step in that direction," he said.

A source said that the absence of critical facilities, like a catheterisation lab for the cardiology unit, has delayed the establishment of in-patient departments. The cath lab, medical experts said, is for conducting tests on the heart, including tests on the flow of blood through arteries and veins, through a minimally invasive procedure.

Mallick said they have taken the initiative to set up a portable cardiac catheterisation lab or cath lab. "This cath lab will help

doctors and technicians at the cardiology department to provide more compresuperinten- hensive cardiac care to pa-

rutanagar on the outskirts of Siliguri, is the largest and oldest state-run referral hospital in north Bengal. Biswajit Dutta, the head of the urology department, said the new ward will enhance patient care and streamline treatment pro-

is reshaping its fight against TB"

From vision to victory: "How India

Delhi/Kolkata: India has to the notification of 7.19 tuberculosis (TB), with ymptomatic and previ-the recently concluded ously undiagnosed. The Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan be attributed to the undemonstrating the power precedented mobilization of innovation and comcampaign, launched on December 7, 2024, aimed initiative also saw parand prevent new cases. The initiative introduced cutting-edge strategies, including portable X-ray X-rays to detect TB early, and Testing which led agnostics and scaling up especially among high- 12.97 crore people from efforts nationwide.

MI News Service, New risk individuals. This led vulnerable made remarkable prog- lakh TB patients, with 4.17 lakhs vulnerable popress in the fight against 2.85 lakh cases being as- ulation tested in congre-100-day Intensified TB- campaign's success can food baskets were delivof communities, with over munity mobilization. The 13.46 lakh NikshayShivirs Financial Assistance are held across India. The to accelerate TB case de- ticipation from corporate the Nikshay Poshan Yotection, reduce mortality, partners, ordinary citi- jana from 500 to 1,000 zens, and elected representatives, reinforcing the idea that TB elimination is ing momentum, with the a collective mission. The Ministry of Health and machines and artificial Key Achievements of this Family Welfare investing intelligence-powered campaign are Screening in next-generation TB di-

dered the Burdwan Jail Suwere screened, with over perintendent to produce the cluding the four hospitalized gate settings, Nutritional defendants, either physically or through video conference. Support for Thousands of The court's directive came ered to TB-affected famafter government lawyer Haridas Mukherjee and deilies, with 1,05,181 new Ni-kshayMitras enrolled, fense lawyer Biswajit Das informed the court that four who were not hospitalized The government doubled defendants were unable to financial assistance under attend due to illness. The the afternoon. per month. India's efforts to eliminate TB are gain-

Man's desperate attempt to stop wife's remarriage

MI News Bangaon: A shocking incident of domestic violence has shaken the Gopalnagar area of North 24 Parganas, West Bengal. A woman identified as Dipu Mistry, was brutally stabbed to death by her husband, Shukdev Biswas, who then attempted to take his own life. The incident has sent shockwaves through the community, with local residents and authorities condemning the heinous act. According to eyewitnesses and police reports, the incident occurred on Monday evening at the residence of Ratan Mandal, Dipu's lover, in Harishpur. Dipu had left her husband and child a year ago to start a new life with Ratan, but her marriage to Shukdev had not been formally dissolve . Shukhdev, who

Service, ing to reconcile with Dipu, ed stabbing Dipu," said Arrived at Ratan's hous and found Dipu watching TV. In a fit to rage, he allegedly began stabbing her indiscriminately with a knife, leaving her critical-ly injured. Shukdev then the Palla Gram Panchaturned the knife on himself, attempting to take his own life. Local residents and Ratan's family members rushed to the scene, but Shukdev threatened to harm anyone who intervened. Dipu was rushed to the Bangaon Subdidtricted Hospital, where she was pronounced dead. Shukdev is currently undergoing tion into the incident, and treatment for serious injuries at the same hospital. The incident has sparked victim's family and loved widespread outrage, with ones. The incident serves local residents and au- as a stark reminder of the thorities condemning the need for effective mea-brutal act of violence. "We sures to address domestic were watching TV when violence and protect vulhad reportedly been try- Shukdev arrived and start- nerable individuals.

Namita Mandal, Ratan's sister-in-law. "We were paralyzed with fear. He threatened to kill any-one who came forward." Manju Bala, a member of yat, stated, "The woman had left her previous husband and married Ratan Mandal a few months ago. There was a dispute at that time. Then yesterday, the woman's previous husband came with a knife and attacked her." The Gopalnagar police station has launched an investigaauthorities are working to provide support to the

Service, MI News Debra: A heart-wrenching tale of deprivation has emerged from Chaksahapur village in Debra block, Paschim Medinipur, where Ashish Bhakta, a daily wage laborer, is struggling to provide a dignified life for his family. Despite applying for the government's Banglar Bari housing scheme, Ashish, his wife, and their four-month-old baby daughter are forced to live in a makeshift tarpaulin hut. The family's precarious living conditions are a stark reality, with a fence covered in soil, a straw roof that offers little protection from the elements, and a tarpaulin roof that has been torn in several places. Ashish's pleas for assistance have fallen on deaf ears, with local Trinamool Congress leaders assuring him of inclusion in the housing scheme, but failing to deliver. Debra Block Trinamool

Congress President Pradeep Kar has acknowledged the issue and promised to investigate, while also advising Ashish to apply to the District Magistrate. However, the root cause of the problem lies in the government's stringent eligibility criteria, which require beneficiaries to own their own land. According to Shanti Tudu, Director of Children and Women's Affairs at the district council, Ashish does not meet this criterion, as he resides in his uncle's house. Efforts are being made to renovate the house temporarily, and Ashish's uncle has agreed to transfer the land to his name, paving the way for potential future assistance. This poignant story highlights the harsh realities faced by marginalized communities and the need for more inclusive and effective implementation of government welfare schemes.

Husband performs last rites for his living wife, revealing a dark truth

News MI Malda: A bizarre incident has unfolded in Malda's Harishchandrapur, where a man, Achintya Roy, performed the last rites, including cremation and Shraddha, for his living wife. The ritual was attended by the entire village, with an effigy of his wife being carried on his shoulders. According to reports, Achintya's wife had left him after 19 years of marriage, citing the lack of children. However, it was later dis-

Service, with her lover. The wife ing him for her lover. The allegedly shared videos and photos of her new relationship on social media, causing embarrassment the priest reciting mantras and social shame for Ach- and food and drinks being intya. Achintya, a 42-yearold mason, claimed that his wife's actions had ruined idents believed that this his family's honor and social standing. He stated that he had deposited all his income into his wife's account Achintya expressed his devand had forbidden her from astation, stating, "Now I am talking to her lover on the phone. Despite this, she nothing left." The incident continued to pursue the re- highlights the complexities covered that she had eloped lationship, ultimately leav- of social norms, marriage

Shraddha ceremony was organized by Achintya and his family members, with and food and drinks being arranged for the villagers and relatives. Local resaction would serve as a deterrent to prevent similar incidents in the future. completely destitute. I have

Man commits suicide alleging false POCSO case

MI Nadia: A tragic incident has unfolded in Nadia's Purba Nagar area, where a 52-year-old carpenter, Monowar Tarafdar, took his own life by consuming poison after being accused of a false case under the POCSO Act. The allegations were made by a minor girl from a neighboring family on February 27 at the Ganganapur police station. Following the accusation,

News Service, for his reputation. His rel- an investigation into the atives claim that the com- incident. No arrests have plainant's family had been been made so far. This case threatening him over the highlights the devastating phone, demanding money. The situation escalated, and sations and the importance Monowar's mental health of ensuring that the legal deteriorated, ultimately system is not misused. The leading to his tragic de-mise. The incident sparked protecting children from widespread tension in the area, with an agitated mob vandalizing and setting for misuse. In some cases, fire to the complainant's house. The police have set to the harassment and even

consequences of false accusexual offenses, has been criticized for its potential false accusations have led Monowar had been living up a picket to maintain imprisonment of innocent away from the area, fearing order and have launched individuals.

Trinamool leader rushed to hospital with chest pains after attempted murder conviction

Burdwan: A dramatic turn of events unfolded in Burdwan, West Bengal, as Trinamool Congress leader Kakli Gupta was hospitalized after complaining of severe chest pain and ECG irregularities. Gupta, along with 13 others, was convicted by the Fast Track Second Court in a 2017 attempted murder case. The incident occurred while Gupta and the other convicts were be-

News Service, ing transported to the Bur- cerns about the health and dwan Central Correctional Facility. Three others, including Block Youth President Manas Bhattacharya and Panchayat Pradhan Kartik Bagh, were also hospitalized after complaining of illness. According to Burdwan Medical College Principal Mousumi Banerjee, Gupta was admitted to the intensive care unit for further tests. The hospitalization has raised con- into the matter.

well-being of the convicts. The case dates back to September 2017, when a clash between Trinamool Congress groups resulted in injuries to a panchayat member, Jiban Pal. Gupta and 15 others were charged with attempted murder and assault. The court's verdict has sparked widespread attention, with many calling for further investigation



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Finance Bill 2025 offers...

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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. 'So, the projected col-

lections for income tax for 2025-26 are based on solid data," Sitharaman added.

With regard to an amendment regarding the abolition of the 6 per cent Equalisation Levy on onadvertisements, line Sitharaman said it was done to address "uncertainty in the international economic conditions".

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.

Taking forward the comprehensive review of the Customs rate structure announced in the July 2024 Budget, the Union Budget 2025-26 proposes to remove 7 customs tariff rates for industrial goods.

The two tranches of rationalisation of customs tariff carried out so far have reduced the number of tariff rates from 21 to 8, including 'zero' rated goods.

"Many Indian exports will become more competitive as the cost of imported inputs reduces," Sitharaman said.

The finance minister said the tax department carried out a 'nudge' campaign, asking taxpayers to voluntarily disclose their foreign income and assets. SMS and E-mails were sent to around 19,501 select taxpayers, asking them to review their Income Tax Returns filed for the AY 2024-25 based on information available on Income Tax of foreign deposits etc. As a result of the campaign, out of 19,501 taxpayers, a total

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.

In addition to the above, 883 taxpayers revised their ITR and corrected their status from resident to non-resident in the revised return for AY

2024-25 Due to this outreach, there was a 'ripple effect', which resulted in an additional 13,516 taxpayers declaring foreign assets of Rs 7,564 crore and foreign income of Rs 353 crore approximately in their revised ITR for AY 2024-25.

Cumulatively, this simple nudge resulted in the declaration of foreign assets worth Rs 29,208 crore and foreign income of Rs 1.089 crore in Schedule FA 30,161taxpayers,

Sitharaman said. 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.

With regard to amendment, she said the government has restored the March 2008 position of the manner of fixing pensions, which was recommended by the Sixth Central Pay Commission.

"By this amendment, the government is actually restoring that which was accepted in March 2008...the sixth pay commission recommendation,' the minister said. Asked about the 16-year delay in restoring the position, she said, "Several court cases were going on. We had to wait for the verdict to come. Verdicts have been received. We are going back to honouring the decision, which was taken in 2008"

Separatism has become...

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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 vears, the government has implemented a series of measures aimed at curbing

separatist activities, including strict enforcement of

anti-terror laws and socioeconomic reforms. Officials believe this development signals a significant shift in Jammu and Kashmir's political scenario, paving the way for further integration and peace.

> ing scheduled for April 22. On Tuesday, senior ad-

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 Corin poration (KMC) has announced a rehabilitation plan for the affected families. Under this initiative, 96 displaced families will receive housing under the government's housing scheme. Additionally, the Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority (KMDA) will take responsibility for constructing major drainage systems and roads in Howrah, while minor works and maintenance will be handled by the Howrah Municipal Corporation.

The decision was made after a high-level meeting in New Town, chaired by West Bengal's Minister for Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Firhad Hakim. Speaking to the press on Tuesday, Hakim stated, "A total of 96 families have been af-

fected by this disaster. 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.

Apart from the rehabilitation measures, KMDA has been tasked with the development of large-scale drainage systems and road infrastructure 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. The responsibility of maintaining minor repairs and regular upkeep will remain with the Howrah Municipal Corporation."

Additionally, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation will oversee further decisions regarding the dumping ground. A special team from Ja-



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State govt employees to receive increased DA from April 1

MI News Service, Kolkata: additional time for deliber-Starting April 1, state govation, all parties agreed to the postponement. It was ernment employees and pensioners in West Bengal collectively decided that the case would be placed will receive an increased as a "top-of-the-board" Dearness Allowance (DA) at 18% of their basic matter on April 22, ensursalary. The announcement ing priority hearing. Additionally, the court accepted was officially notified by the state government on a petition from the protest-Tuesday. Meanwhile, the ing employees' organizaongoing DA case in the tion. Supreme Court has been Mancha, allowing them to deferred by nearly a month, with the next hearbe part of the case proceedings. State government employees have long

ever, in a relief measure, 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 stateaided educational institutions, legislative bodies, government undertakings,

davpur University has already conducted a soil examination at the landslide site. The mayor stated that once the final report is received, necessary steps will be taken based on expert recommendations.

The landslide, which occurred a few days ago, caused severe infrastructural damage in Belgharia. Cracks appeared in illegally occupied houses surrounding the affected area, and a major pipeline burst as a result. The damage extended to nearby roads, leading to visible fractures and a temporary disruption in electricity supply. To address these critical issues,

Firhad Hakim held an emergency meeting, emphasizing a swift resolution. The incident has highlighted longstanding urban planning concerns, prompting authorities to take immediate action to prevent such occurrences in the future.

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

MI News Servce, Kolkata: World Tuberculosis Day is observed every year on March 24 to raise awareness about tuberculosis (TB) and work towards its eradication worldwide. From December 9 last year to March 24 this year, the Central Health Ministry launched the National Tuberculosis Eradication Program under the initiative TB Eradication 100-Day Pledge.'As part of this mission, this year's World Tuberculosis Day was observed at the Maa Sarada Charitable Dispensary, run by the Bagbazar Ramakrishna Math. On this occasion, TB screening was conducted for underprivileged individuals with the support of the Kolkata branch office of the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC).

KMC to issue hawker vending licenses after Eid

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) is set to initiate the process of issuing vending licenses to 8,727 hawkers immediately after Eid. This deci-

Risk of flash floods increases.

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act with global warming, Many people living in they are identifying a number of other phenomthe Himalayas, Andes, Alps. Rocky Mountains. ena that can lead to simi-Iceland and Alaska have larly disastrous events. experienced glacial lake floods, for instance, origioutburst floods of one type

nate inside of glaciers, or another. A glacial lake outburst commonly those on steep flood in the Himalayas in slopes. Meltwater can col-October 2023 damaged lect inside massive sysmore than 30 bridges and tems of ice caves, or destroyed a 200-foot-high conduits. (60-metre) hydropower water from one cave to anplant. Residents had little warning. By the time the other, perhaps triggered disaster was over, more by the rapid drainage of a

than 50 people had died. surface pond, can set off a Juneau, Alaska, has chain reaction that bursts been hit by several flash out of the ice as a fullfloods in recent years from fledged flood. Thawing mountain permafrost can also triga glacial lake dammed by ice on an arm of Mendenger floods. This permahall Glacier. Those floods, including in 2024, were nently frozen mass of driven by a melting glacier rock, ice and soil has been that slowly filled a basin a fixture at altitudes above 19,685 feet (6,000 metres) below it until the basin's

ice dam broke. for millennia. Avalanches, rockfalls and slope failures can also mountains together. But as trigger glacial lake out-burst floods. These are permafrost thaws, even solid rock becomes less growing more common as stable and is more prone frozen ground known as to breaking, while ice and permafrost thaws, robbing debris are more likely to mountain landscapes of become detached and turn the cryospheric glue that into destructive and danformerly held them togerous debris flows. gether. been increasingly impli-

These slides can create massive waves when they plummet into a lake. The waves can then rupture the ice dam or moraine, unleashing a flood of water, sediment and de-

bris. That dangerous mix can rush downstream at speeds of 20-60 mph (30-100 kph), destroying homes and anything else that come in its path.

The casualties of such an event can be staggering. In 1941, a huge wave caused by a snow and ice avalanche that fell into Laguna Palcacocha, a glacial lake in the Peruvian Andes, overtopped the moraine dam that had contained the lake for

decades. The resulting flood destroyed one-third of the downstream city of Huaraz and killed between 1,800 and 5,000 people.

In the years since, the danger there has only increased. Laguna Palcacocha has grown to more than 14 times its size in 1941. At the same time, the population of Huaraz has risen to over 120,000 been destroyed. The Ininhabitants. A glacial lake outburst flood today could threaten the lives of an estimated 35.000 people living in the water's path. Governments have responded to this widespread and growing threat by developing early warning systems and programs to identify potentially dangerous glacial lakes. Some governments have taken steps to lower water levels in the lakes or built flood diversion structures, such as walls of rock-filled wire cages, known as gabions, that divert floodwaters from villages, infrastructure or agricultural fields. 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 gate the dangers.

In 2017, nearly a third of the solid rock face of 20,935-foot Nepal's (6,374-metre) Saldim Peak collapsed and fell onto the Langmale glacier below. Heat generated by the friction of rock falling through air melted ice, creating a slurry of rock, debris and sediment that plummeted into Langmale glacial lake below, resulting in a massive flood. These and other forms of glacier-related floods and hazards are being exacerbated by climate change.

Flows of ice and debris from high altitudes and the sudden appearance of meltwater ponds on a glacier's surface are two more examples. Earthquakes can also trigger glacial lake outburst floods. Not only have thousands of lives been lost, but billions of dollars in hydropower facilities and other structures have also

3 more Naxalites killed in...

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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.

These two operations were the sequel of a similar encounter in Bijapur's Indravati National Park area last month, when 31 Naxalites and two security personnel were killed.

According to reports, the first encounter 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.

After the joint team was able to locate the Naxalites, they were asked to surrender. But instead they opened indiscriminate fire on the Security personnel forcing them to retaliate. In the subsequent encounter 26 Navalites were killed whose bodies were recovered along with a huge cache of firearms, ammunition and explosives from the spot, the reports quoting senior police officials said.

A jawan of the state police's District Reserve Guard (DRG) unit was also killed in the gun battle, the reports said adding that the anti Naxalite operation in the area however continued till late in the afternoon.

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

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

members of the insurgent groups in the Bijapur-Dantewada border areas. In another develop-

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

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

In March a total of 18 Naxalites were arrested and some explosives were recovered from them in an operation carried out by security forces in three different locations in the Bijapur district. According to the police, 10 Naxalites arrested from the were forests of Gunjeperti in the Usur police station area, along with explosives., while, seven were arrested from the forests of Rajpenta in the Basaguda police station area, along with explosives.

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panchavats. municipali ties, and local bodies. Additionally, daily wage workers will receive a 22 increase in their wages, effective from April 1.

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

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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. This move aims to evaluate the scheme's reach and impact, with the highest-performing hospitals set to receive awards for their contributions. Additionally, the Commission has mandated that private hospitals allocate 10% of their total beds for government health schemes.

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,

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. In a firm directive, the Commission also reiterated that every private hospital and nursing home must reserve at least 10% of its total beds for patients under government health schemes. This measure aims to bridge the accessibility gap and ensure that lower-income families can receive quality medical care without financial constraints.

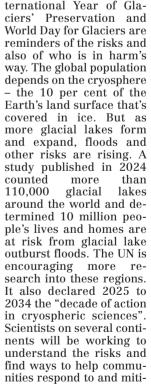
Plea filed in Cal HC seeking central forces for Kanthi Cooperative Bank election

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. Advocate SudiptaDasgupta brought the matter to the attention of the Chief Justice's division bench, following which permission was granted to file the case. The division bench, comprising Chief Justice T.S. Sivagnanam and Justice ChaitaliChattopadhyay, allowed the petition to proceed. Consequently, a case was officially filed by an individual named

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. Citing potential threats to a fair voting process, the plea has sought the intervention of the court to ensure a free and peaceful election through the deployment of central security forces.

sion was announced on Monday following a meeting of the Town Vending Committee (TVC), as stated by Debasish Kumar, the mayor-in-council member responsible for hawker regulation and MLA of Rashbehari. He further assured that the names of all hawkers receiving licenses would be published on the KMC's official website.

The meeting also addressed the growing concerns regarding the hawker situation in New Market, one of the city's busiest commercial hubs. This comes after Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee expressed her dissatisfaction with the encroachment of footpaths by hawkers across Kolkata. Following her remarks, the KMC undertook a significant crackdown, reclaiming footpath space in major areas such as New Market, Gariahat, and Hatibagan, ensuring hawkers operated within designated zones.





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I, Sandipan Das Mohapatra (Old Name) son of Late Sunil Dasma-hapatra, residing at Vill.- Kadua, P.O.- Sishusadan, P.S.- Ramnagar, East Medinipur, Pin- 721433, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sandipan Dasmabanatra (Naw Name) as Dasmahapatra (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 25/03/2025 Sandipan Dasmahapatra (New Name) and Sandipan Das Mohap-atra (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

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, Swapan Dey(Old Name) S/O Late Dhirendra Lal Dey, Residing At Vivekananda Nagar,Badu Road,Po & Ps- Madhyamgram,Dist -24 Parganas North,Pin-700129,West Bengal,India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Swapan Kanti Dey(Ney Name) As Declared Before The Ld.1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Barasat Vide Affidavit No.3031 An Barasat vide Andrawi (No.5051 On 19/03/2025.Swapan Dey(Old Name) And Swapan Kanti Dey (New Name) Both Are Same And Identical Person.

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I, Ankit Keshri(Old Name) S/O San-jay Keshri,Residing At Salanpur Dendua,Barddhaman,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.

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Jina Sen (Old Name) daughter of Prajit Kumar Sengupta, residing at KARUNA APPARTMENT, 229 SHUKDEB SINGH ROAD, UR-DIBAZAR, CHANDANNAGAR, PIN-712136, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall hence-forth 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.

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Shibendu Sarkar (Old Name son of Late Arabinda Sarkar, re-siding at GHORADHARA, JHAR-GRAM, 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. Kolkata, dated 25/03/2025. Sibendu Sarkar (New Name) and Shibendu Sarkar (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

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Sealdah Division to **Augment Extra** Ladies Coaches in 3-**Phaseemu 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 somehow 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 reserve for ladies in 3 phase EMU rakes. Generally, the second coach from both ends 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. Aug-

mentation of more ladies will certainly coaches streamline passenger flow, reduce congestion and improve overall train operations. Besides, more ladies coaches will reduce the risk of sexual harrassment and facilitate women to travel safely and independently.

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Cleanliness Awareness Programme conducted over **Sealdah Division**



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Department and Health Department of Sealdah Divi-

participation of the Railway

Santoshpur station was car-

ried out, during which rail-

way users, vendors, and

passengers were educated

on the adverse effects of

plastic waste and littering.

The officials emphasized the

significance of responsible

waste disposal and the use

of eco-friendly alternatives

to plastic. Passengers and

vendors found littering at

Park Circus and Santoshpur

stations were penalized, re-

inforcing the message of maintaining cleanliness. Eastern Railway urges all passengers to refrain from

spitting or littering on sta-

tion premises, as such prac-

tices not only deteriorate the

station's ambience but also

pose serious health hazards.

The collective efforts of pas-

sengers and railway author-

ities are essential to ensuring a cleaner and

healthier railway environ-

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sengers, 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 programme was carried out at Naihati, Barasat, Kalyani, Bangaon, Chakdaha, Barrackpore, Lakshmikantapur, Baruipur, Dum Dum Cantonment, Madhyamgram, Beldanga, Ghutiari Sharif, Sodepur, 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 cleanliand discourage littering. The initiative saw the active involvement of the

Environment & Housekeep-

General Manager inspects Jai Hind Bimanbandar Metro **Station and Orange Line**

stations.

Medical Department of SER observed World Tuberculosis Day



Shri Soumitra Majumdar, AGM/South Eastern Railway felicitating TB warriors during the observance of World Tu-berculosis 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 Dastidar has delivered a presentation on pulmonary tuberculosis, its causes, precautions, diagnosis, treatment and prognosis, just after a short introduc-tion by Dr. Mukta Mandal Roy, ACHD of Central Hospital. Seven successful TB warriors who had shown enough courage to fight against tuberculosis and overcome the dreaded disease to come back to normal life thereby setting examples to the society at large, have been felicitated with fruit baskets and protein bars just as a token of appreciation and motivation by the med-

berculosis elimination programme. Shri Soumitra Majumdar, AGM/SER motivated the TB warriors and appreciated the medical department as a whole or their continuous endeavour in fighting against tuberculosis and to eradicate this precarious disease from the society for good, keeping in line with the theme TB Mukt Bharat and this year's TB day theme - Yes! We Can End TB: Commit, Invest, Deliver. Dr. K. Sreekumar, Medical Director. Central Hospital, Garden Reach signed off with his vote of thanks for the medical fraternity and the Railway Administration.

ical authorities. Dr. Anjana

Malhotra, Principal Chief

Medical Director/SER pre-

sented a run through on the

successful activities of the

department during the last

100 days of intensified tu-

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



MI News Service, Kolkata: tainer-II, Gorakhnath and Sri Kilo Sonu, Track Main East Coast Railway (ECoR) tainer-IV. Manavar (Kora

put). General Manager Shri

Funkwal commended these

employees for their re-

markable vigilance and

swift actions, which are

crucial in maintaining the

smooth and safe function-

ing of the railway network.

He emphasized that the

dedication of railway per-

sonnel plays a vital role in

ensuring passenger safety

and operational efficiency.

Acknowledging their com-

mitment, Shri Funkwal

urged all railway employ-

ees to remain alert, vigilant,

and dedicated to their re-

sponsibilities, highlighting

the significance of safety at

every stage of railway oper-

ations. He reiterated that

the unwavering efforts of

railway staff contribute sig-

nificantly to a secure and

efficient railway system.

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: ancellation of Trains

Sl.No.	Train No. & Name	Journey Commencing On
1	22804 Sambalpur-Shalimar Express	02.05.2025
	22803 Shalimar-Sambalpur Express	03.05.2025
2	18049 Shalimar-Badampahar Express	03.05.2025 & 17.05.2025
	18050 Badampahar-Shalimar Express	04.05.2025 & 18.05.2025
3	18051/18052 Badampahar-Rourkela-Badampahar Express	04.05.2025 & 18.05.2025
4	12888 Puri-Shalimar Weekly Express	04.05.2025
	12887 Shalimar-Puri Weekly Express	05.05.2025
5	12883/12884 Santragachi-Purulia-Howrah Rupashi Bangla	05.05.2025, 17.05.2025 &
	Express	18.05.2025
6	08508 Visakhapatnam-Shalimar Special	06.05.2025
	08507 Shalimar-Visakhapatnam Special	07.05.2025
7	22836 Puri-Shalimar Weekly Express	06.05.2025
	22835 Shalimar-Puri Weekly Express	07.05.2025
8	20832 Sambalpur-Shalimar Mahima Gosain Express	06.05.2025
	20831 Shalimar-Sambalpur Mahima Gosain Express	07.05.2025
9	12277/12278 Howrah-Puri-Howrah Shatabdi Express	11.05.2025
10	20971 Udaipur City-Shalimar Express	10.05.2025
	20972 Shalimar-Udaipur City Express	11.05.2025
11	12949 Porbandar-Santragachi Kavi Guru Express	09.05.2025
	12950 Santragachi-Porbandar Kavi Guru Express	11.05.2025
12	18033/18034 Howrah-Ghatsila-Howrah MEMU	11.05.2025
13	22897 Howrah-Digha Kandari Express	11.05.2025
14	12858 Digha-Howrah Tamralipta Express	11.05.2025
15	06081 Thiruvananthapuram North-Shalimar Special	09.05.2025
	06082 Shalimar-Thiruvananthapuram North Special	12.05.2025
16	18011/18012 Howrah-Chakradharpur-Howrah Express	10.05.2025 & 17.05.2025
17	18013/18014 Howrah-Bokaro Steel City-Howrah Express	10.05.2025 & 17.05.2025
18	18615/18616 Howrah-Hatia-Howrah Kriya Yoga Express	11.05.2025 & 17.05.2025
19	12837/12838 Howrah-Puri-Howrah Express	11.05.2025 & 17.05.2025
20	18005/18006 Howrah-Jagdalpur-Howrah Express	10.05.2025
21	07221 Secunderabad-Santragachi Special	10.05.2025
~ .	07222 Santragachi-Secunderabad Special	11.05.2025
22	22862 Kantabanji-Howrah Ispat Express	17.05.2025
	22861 Howrah-Kantabanji Ispat Express	18.05.2025
23	12833 Ahmedabad-Howrah Express	16.05.2025
20	12834 Howrah-Ahmedabad Express	17.05.2025
24	12840 MGR Chennai Central-Howrah Mail	16.05.2025
	12839 Howrah-MGR Chennai Central Mail	17.05.2025
25	02847/02848 Santragachi-Digha-Santragachi Special	17.05.2025
26	12822 Puri-Shalimar Dhauli Express	17.05.2025
	12821 Shalimar-Puri Dhauli Express	18.05.2025
27	12885/12886 Shalimar-Bhojudih-Shalimar Aranyak Express	17.05.2025
28	12021/12022 Howrah-Barbil-Howrah Jan Shatabdi Express	17.05.2025 & 18.05.2025
29	22897/22898 Howrah-Digha-Howrah Kandari Express	17.05.2025 & 18.05.2025
30	12857/12858 Howrah-Digha-Howrah Tamralipta Express	18.05.2025

Shor<u>t Termination/Short Origination of Trains</u>

Sl. No.	Train No. & Name	Short terminated/ Short originated		Journey Commencing O
		At	From	1
1	38402 Panskura-Howrah EMU	Santragachi		03.05.2025 & 07.05.2025
	38905/38908 Howrah-Amta-	Santragachi	Santragachi	1
	Howrah EMU		-	
2	18004 Adra-Howrah Express	Kharagpur		11.05.2025 & 17.05.2025
	18003 Howrah-Adra Express		Kharagpur	1
3	18044 Bhadrak-Howrah Express	Kharagpur		11,05.2025, & 17.05.2025
	18043 Howrah-Bhadrak Express			

Cancellation of MEMU/EMU Local Trains

SI. No.	Train No.	Journey	
		Commencing On	
1	38703, 38801, 38702, 38802	30.04.2025	
2	38703, 38801, 38803, 38702, 38802, 38808	01.05.2025	
3	38703, 38702, 38923	02.05.2025	
4	38703, 38903, 38705, 38301, 38403, 38303, 38411, 38405, 38103, 38904,	03.05.2025	
	38702, 38910, 38706, 38308, 38422, 38312, 38426, 38414, 38104		
5	38903, 38905, 38904, 38910	05.05.2025	
6	38923	06.05.2025	
7	38703, 38903, 38705, 68001, 38403, 38405, 38103, 38303, 38411, 38904,	07.05.2025	
	38702, 38910, 38706, 68008, 38422, 38104, 38412, 38426		
8	38455	08.05.2025	
9	38801, 38703, 38802, 38702, 38402, 38455	09.05.2025	
10	38801, 38703, 38802, 38702, 38402	10.05.2025	
11	38705, 38405, 38411, 38413, 38415, 38305, 38501, 38425, 38429, 38903,	11.05.2025	
	38905, 38913, 38706, 38406, 38418, 38422, 38428, 38304, 38502, 38440,		
	38432, 38904, 38910, 38912, 38419, 38433, 38301, 38819, 38815, 38809,		
	38418, 38448, 38302, 38814, 38818, 38808		
12	38803, 38705, 38903, 68001, 38802, 38706, 38904, 68008	15.05.2025	
13	38803, 38705, 38903, 68001, 38802, 38706, 38904, 68008	16.05.2025	

14	38803, 38705, 38903, 38802, 38706, 38904, 38501, 38421, 38423, 38713,	17.05.2025
	38425, 38429, 38433, 38435, 38309, 38439, 38311, 38441, 38313, 38315,	
	38445, 38317, 38451, 38453, 38321, 38817, 38721, 38426, 38430, 38432,	
	38434, 38314, 38502, 38316, 38438, 38722, 38440, 38442, 38444, 38448,	
	38450, 38454, 38456, 38720, 38828, 38052, 38911, 38913, 38915. 38921,	
	38923, 38912, 38914, 38916, 38922, 38924	
15	38801, 38803, 38705, 38805, 38051, 38301, 38807, 38405, 38707, 38411,	18.05.2025
	38413, 38415, 38302, 38402, 38404, 38304, 38702, 38406, 38704, 38410,	
	38310, 38202, 38204, 38418, 38804, 38802, 38808, 38422, 38903, 38905,	

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

Name Change umaresh Chowdhari

Name) S/o Gour Pada Chowdhury Residing at Purba Chunari, Bathangachhi, Bathangachi, Dis-trict - Nadia, Pin - 741507 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Kumaresh Chowdhurv (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Date 25-03-2025. Kumaresh Chowdhari (Old Name) and Kumaresh Chowdhury (New Name) both as same and one identical person.

Name Change

, Susanta Biswas S/o Late Naku Chandra Biswas Residing at Vill Uttar Mondabghata, P.o - Kumark hola, P.s - Bagdah, District - 24 Pgs(N), Pin- 743270 West Bengal India that my deceased father who previously known as Nakul Biswas lias Nakul Ch Biswas shall hence forth be known as Nakul Chandra Biswas.I declare that my deceased father Nakul Biswas, Nakul Ch and Nakul Chandra Biswas Biswas is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 73/2025 Date 25-03-2025.

Name Change

I, Ajay Paul (Old Name) S/o Kalipada Pal Residing at Roypur Ghoshpara, Khamarkalla, Gopalnagar, District - North 24 Par-ganas, Pin - 743262 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Ajoy Pal (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 72/2025 Date 25-03-2025. Ajay Paul (Old Name) and Ajoy Pal (New Name) both as same and one identical person.

Change of Name I, JIVAL CHORAWALA S/0 CHETAN BHARATKUMAR CHORAWALA & KSHAMA CHETAN CHORAWALA Permanent residing at 91, Vishal Soc Bhatar Road, Surat City, P.O. : Althan 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, sha 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 21/03/25. JIVAL CHORAWALA S/0 CHETAN BHARATKUMAR CHORAWALA & KSHAMA CHETAN CHORAWALA and JIVAL CHORAWALA S/o CHETAN CHORAWALA & KSHAMA CHORAWALA both are same and entical person

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 Pub-lic at Kolkata, dated 24/03/2025. Arna Poddar (New Name) and Ab-hisek Poddar (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

, Rambaran Ray(Old Name) S/O ate Soman Yadav,Residing At Kalyanpur,Bibhutipur,Dist-Sama tipur,Bihar,Pin-848160, Indi India Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ram Baran Yadav(New Name) As De-clared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 24/03/ 20 25.Ram-baran Ray(Old Name) And Ram Baran Yadav (New Name) Both Are Same And Identical Person.

Name Change

Jun Nian Gerald Lim (Old ame) son of In Ton Lim, residing at Flat No-2F. Block-04. Ekta Flo ral 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 No-tary Public at Kolkata, dated 25/03/2025. Jun Nian Lim (New Name) and Jun Nian Gerald Lim (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Iva Ray (Old Name) wife of Sidhartha Sankar Ray, residing at Babu Para, Gobardanga (M), Habra-I, North 24 Parganas, Pin-43252, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall nenceforth be known as Iva Roy Biswas (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 25/03/2025. Iva Roy Biswas (New Name) and Iva Ray (Old Name) both are same and identical person

Name Change

statement said.

Adani Green Energy

Ltd (AGEL) has success-

I, Sandipan Dasmahapatra resid-ing at Vill.- Kadua, P.O.- Sishusadan, P.S.- Ramagar, East Medinipur, Pin- 721433, West Bengal, INDIA, do hereby notified that my father Sunil Das Mohapafully refinanced its maiden construction facility with tra(Old Name)have changed my father name and shall henceforth an outstanding of USD 1.06 billion taken in 2021 be known as Sunil Dasmahapatra (New Name) as declared before to develop India's largest solar-wind hybrid renewthe Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 25/03/2025. Sunil Dasmaable cluster in Rajasthan, hapatra (New Name) and Sunil according to the state-Das Mohapatra (Old Name) both ment. With this breakare same and identical person. through, AGEL has



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 completed its capital man-Delhi: Adani Green Energy agement program for the underlying asset portfolio, announced it has refinanced its maiden conwhich involves securing struction facility, having long-term facilities that outstanding debt of USD are perfectly aligned with 1.06 billion with long-term the cash flow lifecycle of that portfolio. The framefinancing. The long-term financing raised to refiwork of this program pronance its construction favides significant benefits cility has door-to-door through deep access to ditenor of 19 years with a verse pools of capital, sefully amortized debt struccuring large sums with long duration. ture emulating the underlying asset life, a company

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 Ratings, CareEdge it stated.

General Manager Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal felicitated five railway emfor their ployees 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 ofincluding the ficials, 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 Gagaray, Track Maintainer-IV, Harichan-

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 - Bangaon) will leave Gede at 06:45 hrs on 26.03.2025 to reach Thakurnagar at 09:00 hrs. and Thakurnagar - Gede Special (via Bangaon - Ranaghat) will leave Thakurnagar at 16:35 hrs. on 27.03.2025 to reach Gede at 18:40 hrs. Lalgola - Thakurnagar Special (via Ranaghat - Bangaon) will leave Lalgola at 04:50 hrs. on 26.03.2025 to reach Thakurnagar at 09:31 hrs. and Thakurnagar – Lalgola Special (via Bangaon - 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.

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

Cancellat	ion of	Trains:	

S.N.	Train No.	Train name	Date of Cancellation	
1	18113	Tatanagar- Bilaspur Express	10.04.2025 to 23.04.2025	
2	18114	Bilaspur- Tatanagar Express	11.04.2025 to 24.04.2025	
3	18109	Tatanagar- Itwari Express	11.04.2025 to 24.04.2025	
4	18110	Itwari- Tatanagar Express	11.04.2025 to 24.04.2025	
5	20828	Santragachi- Jabalpur Express	16.04.2025 & 23.04.2025	
6	20827	Jabalpur- Santragachi Express	17.04.2025 & 24.04.2025	
7	17008	Darbhanga- Secunderabad Express	11.04.2025, 15.04.2025, 18.04.2025, 22.04.2025 & 25.04.202	
8	17007	Secunderabad- Darbhanga Express	08.04.2025, 12.04.2025, 15.04.2025, 19.04.2025 & 22.04.202	
9	20822	Santragachi- Pune Express	12.04.2025 & 19.04.2025	
10	20821	Pune- Santragachi Express	14.04.2025 & 21.04.2025	
11	22843	Bilaspur- Patna Express	11.04.2025 & 18.04.2025	
12	22844	Patna- Bilaspur Express	13.04.2025 & 20.04.2025	
13	12870	Howrah- CSMT Mumbai Express	11.04.2025 & 18.04.2025	
14	12869	CSMT Mumbai- Howrah Express	13.04.2025 & 20.04.2025	
15	12151	LTT Mumbai- Shalimar Express	09.04.2025, 10.04.2025, 16.04.2025 & 17.04.2025	
16	12152	Shalimar- LTT Mumbai Express	11.04.2025, 12.04.2025, 18.04.2025 & 19.04.2025	
17	22894	Howrah- Sainagar Shirdi Express	10.04.2025 & 17.04.2025,	
18	22893	Sainagar Shirdi- Howrah Express	12.04.2025 & 19.04.2025	
19	12812	Hatia- LTT Mumbai Express	11.04.2025, 12.04.2025, 18.04.2025 & 19.04.2025	
20	12811	LTT Mumbai- Hatia Express	13.04.2025, 14.04.2025, 20.04.2025 & 21.04.2025	
21	12129	Pune- Howrah Express	11.04.2025 to 24.04.2025	
22	12130	Howrah- Pune Express	11.04.2025 to 24.04.2025	
23	12859	CSMT Mumbai- Howrah Express	11.04.2025 to 24.04.2025	
24	12860	Howrah- CSMT Mumbai Express	11.04.2025 to 24.04.2025	
25	12222	Howrah-Pune Duronto Express	10.04.2025, 12.04.2025, 17.04.2025 & 19.04.2025	
26	12221	Pune-Howrah Duronto Express	12.04.2025, 14.04.2025, 19.04.2025 & 21.04.2025	
27	12905	Porbandar-Shalimar Express	09.04.2025, 10.04.2025, 16.04.2025 & 17.04.2025	
28	12906	Shalimar- Porbandar Express	11.04.2025, 12.04.2025, 18.04.2025 & 19.04.2025	
29	12101	LTT Mumbai- Shalimar Express	11.04.2025, 12.04.2025, 14.04.2025, 15.04.2025, 18.04.2025 19.04.2025, 21.04.2025 & 22.04.2025	
30	12102	Shalimar- LTT Mumbai Express	13.04.2025, 14.04.2025, 16.04.2025, 17.04.2025, 20.04.2025, 21.04.2025, 23.04.2025 & 24.04.2025	

-Diversion of trains

S.N.	Train No.	Train Name	Diverted Route	Date of Journey
1	12810	Howrah-CSMT Mumbai Mail	Jharsuguda-Titlagarh- Raipur	11.04.2025 to 24.04.2025
2	12809	CSMT Mumbai-Howrah Mail	Raipur-Titlagarh-Jharsuguda	11.04.2025 to 24.04.2025
3	12262	Howrah-CSMT Mumbai Duronto Express	Jharsuguda-Titlagarh- Raipur	11.04.2025, 14.04.2025, 15.04.2025, 16.04.2025, 18.04.2025, 21.04.2025, 22.04.2025 & 23.04.2025
4	12261	CSMT Mumbai-Howrah Duronto Express	Raipur-Titlagarh-Jharsuguda	13.04.2025, 15.04.2025, 16.04.2025, 17.04.2025, 20.04.2025, 22.04.2025, 23.04.2025, 20.04.2025, 22.04.2025,

Running of Special Trains

MI News Service, Kolkata: It has been decided to run Special trains as per folschedule: lowing 08563/08564 Jagdalpur-Thakurnagar-Jagdalpur Special 08563 Jagdalpur-Thakurnagar Special will leave Jagdalpur on 26.03.2025 at 08.00 hrs and will reach Thakurnagar at 10.45 hrs, the next day. In the return direction, 08564 Thakurnagar-Jagdalpur Special will leave Thakurnagar on 28.03.2025 at 18.00 hrs and will reach Jagdalpur at 22.45 hrs, the next day. The Special train will have stoppages at Jharsuguda, Rourkela, Chakradharpur,

Tatanagar, Kharagpur & Andul in SER jurisdiction. 08373/08374 Kesinga-Thakurnagar-Kesinga Special 08373 Kesinga-Thakur nagar 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 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, Chakr adharpur, Tatanagar, Khara gpur & Andul in SER jurisdiction.

danpur; Sri Sudhansu Shekhar Das, Track Main-

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Kolkata, Wednesday

Bangladeshi expelled from Siliguri for "insulting" India

Mohammad Azadur Rahman, was sent back to his home country after allegedly making offensive comments about India. Rahman had Changrabandha immigration check post to pick up his son, who had completed his exams in Siliguri. However, upon arrival, Rahman tory remarks about India,

MI News Service, Cooch hail a ride, drivers refused behar: A Bangladeshi citizen, to transport him due to his comments. As protests escalated, police intervened, rescuing Rahman and taking him to the police station. Subsequently, Rahman's entered India through the FRO visa was canceled, and he was deported to Bangladesh. Before departing, local youths compelled Rahman to acknowledge his mistake. A local resident, Munna Das, reportedly made deroga- recounted the incident, emphasizing the community's sparking outrage among strong reaction to Rahman's locals. Despite attempts to alleged disparaging remarks

the party leadership.

Katta Subramanya Naidu, MP Renukacharya,

BP Harish are seen to be

close to Vijayendra. While

Subramanya Naidu and Renukacharya are former

ministers, Harish is an

Sources said that the

tion against Shivaram Hebbar and ST Somshek-

har for their "anti-party"

remarks. Vijayendra had

earlier said that the party

would act against the two

MLAs for "unwarranted comments". The two MLAs

are seen to be close to top

Congress leaders in the

show cause notices to the

comments on the party's

internal affairs in public

forums are in clear con-

travention of the discipline

code as enshrined in the

Bharatiya Janata Party

constitution and rules. Go-

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as enshrined in Article

XXV 'Breach of Discipline'

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The BJP leaders have

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BJP issues show-cause notice to 5 Karnataka leaders

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MI News Service, New Delhi : Cracking down on complaints of factionalism and indiscipline in its Karnataka unit, the BJP on Tuesday sent show cause notices to five party leaders - Katta Subramanya Naidu, MP Renukacharya, BP Harish, Shivaram Hebbar and ST Somshekhar for making "unwarranted comments" on the party's internal affairs in public forums.

The notices have been issued by Om Pathak, member secretary, BJP's central disciplinary committee.

The Karnataka unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has seen factionalism, with a rebel faction conveying its opposition to state president BY Vijayendra and seeking his removal.

Supporters of Vijayendra have also been making statements against Basanagouda Patil Yatnal and other dissident leaders and seeking action against them. Some of their statements have been seen to be critical of them.

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Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra during the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) meeting on the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty–Ninth Amendment) Bill, 2024 and the Union Territories Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024, in New Delhi on Tuesday

"Ground is very clear; people of **Tamil Nadu want the NEP": Annamalai**

fended the National Education Policy (NEP), underlining its positive impact on the state.

He announced a series of seven additional conferences across Tamil Nadu in support of the NEP.

ry right," he said.

Speaking to the media, the Tamil Nadu BJP Chief high-DMK from Tamil Nadu. lighted that the policy offers strong. The current NDA conflexibility regarding the third tinues to be strong. Our doors language, a shift from preand windows are always open vious education policies that for any leader to come and mandated Hindi. join the NDA to strengthen it.

"With respect to the National Education Policy, on Sunday, we opened our first conference (in support of NEP) namalai said. in Trichy. We are doing seven more conferences across Tamil Nadu. The ground is very clear; the people of Tamil all-party Nadu want the NEP. The people of Tamil Nadu want a third

language that is not imposed on them," Annamalai said.

"Be it the first National Education Policy 1968, where Hindi was made compulsory as a third language. In the second National Education Policy in 1986, Hindi was made compulsory as a third language. It was the Congress party which was destroying our country by trying to impose one lan-

MI News Service, Chennai: BJP destroying our country's from the state will meet Prime fabric by bringing the Nation-Annamalai on Tuesday de-al Education Policy? Leader push for their demand for fair of Opposition Rahul Gandhi delimitation. should get his facts and histo-Stalin emphasised that

Tamil Nadu had led the Further, he also asserted charge on the issue by passthat the BJP is ready for an ing a legislative resolution, alliance with any party whose only aim is to dethrone the holding an all-party meeting, and forming an all-India Joint Action Committee, making a "The BJP continues to be significant impact at the national level.

Anybody joining us with the only aim of dethroning DMK, parliamentarians from Tamil

il Nadu is for fair delimitation. It is the first state in India to pass a legislative resolution,

everybody is welcome," An-Meanwhile, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Monday announced that

The demand made by Tam-

an all-party meeting, and an all-India Joint Action Committee, which has had an impact on the Indian level. To take this to the next level, all-party

Nadu are set to meet the Honourable Prime Minister and parliamentarians

press our demand!" posted Stalin on X.

The Tamil Nadu government has been vocal about its opposition to any delimitation process that could reduce the state's representation in Parliament due to population control efforts. The proposed meeting with the Prime Minister aims to ensure

that Tamil Nadu's concerns are addressed in any future changes to parliamentary seat allocation. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin called a Joint Action Committee meeting on Saturday to discuss the issue of delimitation. Leaders from various states gathered in Chennai to express their concerns with the proposed exercise. The Joint Action Committee also passed a resolution on the issue of delimitation, expressing concern over the "lack of transparency and clarity" from the Union government. The JAC unanimously demanded greater transparency from the Union government regarding any delimitation exercise and called for the extension of the freeze on Parliamentary constituencies based on the 1971 Census Population for another 25 years. The JAC, led by Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin, urged the central government to

"It is a 'Hawa-Hawai' budget": AAP's Atishi criticises Delhi Budget

Nation

government hospitals and

crores, which she believes

will harm the sanitation sys-

budget for health has come

down to just 13%. This

shows that the BJP intends to end the free treatment

that every person in Delhi is

getting in government hos-

pitals and mohalla clinics.

And thirdly, the MCD budget has been reduced by Rs

1500 crores to destroy the

sanitation system in Delhi...," she added. In contrast, Delhi Chief

sented the budget as a "historic" step towards transforming Delhi into an investment and innova-

With a total allocation of

Rs 1 lakh crore, this budget

is expected to drive growth,

development, and improve-

ment in the quality of life for

significant rise of 31.58% from the previous year, with

a total allocation of Rs1 lakh

crore for various sectors,

including education, trans-

port, and urban develop-

get was Rs 76,000 crore,

and this time, the budget is

Rs 1 lakh crore, which is an

increase of 31.58 per cent.

We can call it the biggest in-

"In 2024-2025, the bud-

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MI News Service, New pointed out that the health Delhi : Atishi, the leader of budget has been decreased the Opposition in the Del- to 13%, which may lead to hi Legislative Assembly, on an end to free treatment in Tuesday strongly criticized the Delhi Budget 2025-26 mohalla clinics. She also presented by the BJP-led criticized the reduction of government, calling it a "Ha- the MCD budget by Rs 1500 wa-Hawai" budget.

Speaking to the media, Atishi argued that the budget has no basis, as the Delhi government won't be able to generate the proposed Rs 1 lakh crore revenue.

"If today's budget, which the BJP has tabled in the House, is described in one word, then it is a 'Hawa-Hawai' budget. This Rs 1 lakh crore budget has no basis. The Delhi government is not going to get Rs 1 lakh crore revenue from anywhere," said Atishi. Minister Rekha Gupta pre-

Atishi questioned the absence of the Economic Survey, which she believes would have provided a clear picture of the city's financial situation. She claimed that the BJP's intention is to destroy the system of government schools in Delhi, as the education budget has been reduced to 19%, the lowest

in 10 years. "Why was the Economic Survey not tabled in the House? They have presented a baseless budget in the House. If you look at the percentage allocation, for the first time in 10 years, the education budget has gone below 20%. For the first time, only 19% budget has been allocated to education. This shows that the intention of the BJP is to destroy the system of government schools in Delhi," said Atishi.

crease in any budget in the Atishi country," said Gupta. Furthermore,

Kerala Assembly passes Private University Bill amid heated debate

ment.

MI News Thiruvananthapuram : The Kerala Legislative Assembly on Tuesday passed the Private Universities Bill, paving the way for private universities to operate in the state. The Bill, which underwent scrutiny by the Subject Committee, was met with heated debates and strong opposition con-

cerns before being passed. State Higher Education Minister R Bindu defended the Bill, stating that it was a progressive step for Kerala's education sector. She assured that strict regulations would be in place to maintain academic standards in private universities.

However, several amendments and concerns were commercialization of education. It will create a

bility of inviting global universities to set up campuses in the state. The current requirements of 10 acres of land and Rs 25 crore investment are high standards, but we need to assess if they are practical,

Chennithala remarked. While Congress leaders sought further scrutiny, Revolutionary Marxist Party (RMP) MLA K.K. Rema strongly opposed the Bill, calling for its complete withdrawal. "This Bill promotes the

situation where only the

wealthy can afford higher

education. The same Left

government that once op-

posed self-financing insti-

tutions is now pushing for

private universities. This is

a move to privatize educa-

cerns, Speaker A.N. Sham-

seer put the Bill to a voice

vote, and it was passed in

the Governor's approval

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This is to inform that, my client **JATAN SARKAR** S/o Late Sudhir Sarkar

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before becoming law.

The Bill will now require

Despite opposition con-

tion," Rema criticized.

the Assembly.

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E-tender is invited online by the Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building near Railway Station, Howrah-711101 from Tenderers having experience of similar nature of work and required Financial capabilities including hose Registered with Irrigation/CPWD/SEB/MES or any public sector undertaking or the following work:- Sr. DEN/3/Howrah. E-Tender No. 350_2024-25, Description of work: Emergency work of laying stone boulder, boulder crating, ballah, earth filling etc. at different locations for coming monsoon and other misc. works in Howrah Division. Approx Cost: Rs. 3,33,14,313.20, Earnest Money: Rs. 3,16,600/-Completion Period: 08 (Eight) months from the date of issue of acceptance letter. n case the date of closing mentioned in the Notice Inviting Tender is declared a noliday/ bandh/ strike on any account, the date of closing tender online will not be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit submissior of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. However, opening of tender online will be done next working day. Closing date and time of Tender: 15.04.2025 at 14.00 hrs. The details of tender are available at website www.ireps.gov.in. Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. Payment of EMD and TDC - Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) & Tender documer cost , in respect of E-tendering, should be accepted through net banking or paym ateway only. NOTE: Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) will not be accepted as EMD or tenders invited on IREPS (e-tender portal). No manual offer will be accepted.

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"66 cr devotees in just 45 days in temporary city, we succeeded in our goal": CM Yogi on Mahakumbh

Service, News Gorakhpur: Uttar Minister Pradesh Chief Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday asserted that they succeeded in their goal of organizing the Mahakumbh in Prayagraj with 66 crore devotees in 45 days in a temporary city.

CM Yogi attended the inaugural ceremony of the two-day national seminar on 'Contribution of Yogiraj Baba Gambhirnath of Indian Yoga tradition' organized at Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University

"I held the first meeting Mahakumbh, in Port Louis regarding the Maha Kumbh in November 2022. It took a year to finalize everything and then to implement it on the ground. If a good team isn't selected, the situation will be similar to what happened during the Commonwealth Games in Delhi. The CWG had ended, but the stadiums were still being built. Some people started criticizing the Maha Kumbh. I knew that the 7,000 crore Rs we were spending was the hard-earned money of the people of Uttar Pradesh, but in return, we would give Uttar Pradesh a three lakh crore Rs return and show the world that faith can become a cause of prosperity. We had not understood its strength," CM Yogi said.

"We succeeded in our goal. The Maha Kumbh was



Talao (Grand Bassin) to perform aarti after depositing the Gangajal brought from Prayagraj

The world was amazed to see the spiritual and cultural organization of India, with 66 crore devotees in just 45 days in a temporary city," he said.

sized that 66 crore devotees coming to Prayagraj, where they bathe in Maa Ganga and take a sip of water shows the spiritual strength of India. come to India. Everyone

ity cannot be bound by the limitations of the physical world," he pointed out.

The Uttar Pradesh CM also highlighted that India's Upanishads are the greatest treasures not only in this physical world but also if one wants to understand the mysteries of the universe.

"The problem was not

not raised by opposition parpenalise" the states which ties, particularly regarding have effectively implemented fee structures and admisthe population control pro-

sion policies. Though the opposition did not reject the Bill in principle, they expressed serious reservations. Leader of Opposition (LoP) VD Satheesan point-

ed out concerns over how private universities would impact public universities and colleges.

"We do not oppose the Bill entirely, but we must analyse how it will affect public universities. The

government must ensure that corporate education agencies, which have played a crucial role in Kerala's education sector, get the opportunity to establish private universities. At the same time, the state should prioritize public universities and ensure that private institutions do not operate without accountability," Satheesan stated.

Senior Congress leader Ramesh Chennithala raised concerns about student migration from Kerala, questioning whether the new law would help curb this trend.

"Student migration is rampant in Kerala. Will this Bill help prevent it? We need a detailed study before implementing it. Simply converting existing private colleges into universities may not yield results. The government should explore the possi-

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BRAJADULAL ADHIKARI Advocate, Enro : F/683/1144/2014 KGP SDO Court, Paschim Medinipur

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi greets the people during his visit to the banks of Ganga

magnificent and divine. in the world but within us. We had distanced ourselves from Upanishads. The result of this is visible today. The world that once ran behind us, we are now running after that world,"

Нe further emphahe said. "In the past 10 years, we have seen India change. Earlier, no one paid attention to India. But after 10 years of transformation, today, everyone wants to

'The power of spiritual-

world are practicing Indian yoga techniques. Even an atheist country like China organizes yoga events. The same China, which once did not believe in religion, is now researching Buddhist philosophy. Isn't this India's victory?" CM Yogi

Adityanath highlighted.

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Only the order of god always prevail

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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 imperfec-tion 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 Shrimadbhavagat, 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



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

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 reduc e 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 dedi-cates 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 pe 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

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 lowtemperature delivery of blood products and essential medicines to highaltitude 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

New eye drops slow vision loss in animals: Study





Washington DC [US] : Researchers have

All degenerative retinal diseases have cel-

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 Sonipat 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 gamechangers in healthcare logistics, offering rapid delivery of life-saving medical supplies to remote and hardto-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, temperaturestable and efficient alternative to tra-

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. developed eye drops that extend vision in ammal 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." lular 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 vide 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



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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 specialities 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 provisioned 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.

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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 spetrains cial 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, Bard-haman, 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, Barddhaman, Bolpur Shantiniketan, Sainthia, Rampurhat, Pakur & Malda Town stations enroute in both directions over Eastern Railway jurisdiction. 08563 Jag-dalpur – 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 – Jag-dalpur 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



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 min 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 KulmanGhising. A meeting of the Council of Ministers sacked the incumbent Executive Director of Nepal Electricity Authority- KulmanGhising 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 HitendradevShakya, the brother-in-law of Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli as the successor of Ghising. "The government yesterday (Monday) decided to depose KulmanGhising, the Director General of the Nepal Electricity Authority, we have hit the streets against it. KulmanGhising is a government staff who really cared for the welfare and wellbeing 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 Author-ity creating problem for him finally re-sulting 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 sec-tor 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 Kul-manGhising in the work performance evaluation. "KulmanGhising 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.

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 ported. 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.

tipolar world order is the core trend. "New global centres outside the global However, incidents have been observed where the road vehicle drivers disregarded the buzzer or West - China and India, as gate signal and dashed well as our other BRICS with the level crossing and the SCO partners - are gates, not only causing getting damage to the gate barrier but also at the same time stronger." He said Russia maintains an intensive podisrupting both road and rail traffic. One such inci-dent of reckless driving and litical dialogue, "including at the highest level, with SCO and BRICS countries, not following the safety and other like-minded narules near level crossing is tions, including within the observed at Sodpur today framework of the Group of where one road vehicle Lorry No. WB37E1332 Friends in Defence of the UN Charter, which has dashed with the gate boom been established in New of Level Crossing Gate No. 8/E of Sodpur at 15:20 hrs. Consequently, the gate York and regularly meets at the level of deputy forboom 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 was unaffected Tower wagon worked at site to remove the gate boom touching the over-head 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.

Russia developing "privileged strategic partner-ship" with India: Lavrov

cooperation with the Peo-

ple'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 Pub-

lic Diplomacy Fund. "We

enjoy a particularly privi-

leged strategic partnership

with India," he was quoted as saying by Russian state media. The Russian for-

eign minster noted that the

formation of a fairer mul-

increasingly

MI News Service, Moscow: Lavrov said.

Russia is actively expand-ing ties with the majority Lavrov noted that Moscow puts "special emof global states, including phasis on strengthening of India with whom Moscow all areas of cooperation is developing a "privileged with allies and partners strategic partnership," the country's Foreign Minister among CIS member states, including within the framework of the Com-Sergey Lavrov said Addressing an event here on Monday, Lavrov said Rus-sia is actively expanding ties with the majority of monwealth, as well as the Collective Security Treaty Organization and the Eurasian Economic Union." On the occasion global states, including China, India, Iran, North of 76th Republic Day, Korea, as well as CIS Russian President Vladimir Putin extended (Commonwealth of Independent States) countries, state media TASS rehis wishes to President DroupadiMurmu and Prime Minister Narendra "We prioritize boost-ing ties with the majority Modi, praising India's achievements over the of global states. The relapast 75 years. He also emtions of comprehensive phasised the strong and enduring strategic part-nership between Russia partnership and strategic

and India. "Russian-Indian relations are based on special and privileged strategic partnership. I am confident that we will use 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 phonecall once every couple of months. In December last Kremlin vear aide YuryUshakov 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

eign 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," Kazan. 'Make It in the Emirates' 2025 to

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.

Tsering Yangkey calls for action against China's repression of **Tibet in Cardiff Outreach**

Dalai Lama's representative



MI News Service, Cardiff: thermore, Representative Yangkeyemphasised the During an official outreach Chinese regime's ongoing efforts to suppress the Tiprogram in Cardiff on March 23, TseringYangkey, the representative of the betan language, urging Dalai Lama to the United Drakeford to bring attention Kingdom, met prominent to the issue within the Welsh Parliament. As per the re-port, Mark Drakeford ex-Welsh leaders to call for action against China's continued repression of Tibet. pressed his concern about According to the Central Tithe alarming repression of Tibetan linguistic rights and confirmed that while foreign betan Administration (CTA), the key engagements were organised with the help of policy is largely under Westlongtime Tibet supporter minster's jurisdiction, he Eilian Williams and the Rewould collaborate with his gional Coordinator of the Ticolleagues in the Welsh Parbetan Community in Britain liament to support motions (TCB). According to infor-mation provided by CTA, and statements advocating for the preservation of the Tibetan language in Tibet. During the meetings, Repre-Yangkey sat down with Mark Drakeford, Member of Senedd (Welsh Parliament) sentative Yangkey also pre-sented a briefing paper from the Labour Party. Yangkey urged Drakeford to highlighting the urgency of use his position within the defending the Tibetan lan-UK's Labour government to guage against Chinese govpush for the closure of Chiernment policies aimed at nese-run colonial boarding cultural assimilation. The schools in Tibet, which are document called on both part of China's broader efleaders to raise the issue in forts to forcibly assimilate the Welsh Parliament Last year, TseringYangkey, a civil Tibetan children and erase their cultural identity. servant from the Central Ti-She also raised serious betan Administration (CTA) in Dharamsala, was ap-

concerns about the Chinese government's transnational repression against Tibetans living in the diaspora. Fur-

pointed as the new repre-

sentative 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 wil hold talks on the contours of a proposed bilateral agreeement 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 Highlighting the said. 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 bal-So I'm hoping ance. there'll be a good constructive discussion and



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 tarrifs. US Trade Representative for South and Central Asia Brendan Lynch, is on a India visit beginning today till March 29 along with a delegation of US government officials, US embassy spokesperson said. As per the US Em-bassy spokesperson the delegation will be in India from March 25-29 for meetings with Indian interlocutors as part of ongobilateral trade sions. "We value ing discussions. 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.

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 gar stations over North East Railway system from 29.03.2025 to 30.03.2025, 09451 Gandhidham – Bha-galpur Express (journey commencing on 28.03.2025) will be diverted via Conda 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 Mankapur, Babhnan, Basti and Khalilabad). Apart from this, due to Traffic & Power Block for connectivity of new Railway siding at Patli Station over Northern Railway sys-tem, 12259 Sealdah – Bikaner Express (journey commencing on 27.03.2025) will be diverted via New Delhi - Rohtak - Bhiwani -Hisar - Sadulpur.

feature diverse range of sectors

Dhabi: "Make It in the Emirates'' 2025 has an-nounced 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 op-portunities, 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 re-

sources, insights, and net-

MI News Service, Abu works needed to thrive in an evolving global land-scape. 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 govern-ment. The exhibition will feature a diverse range of sectors, including manufacturing, renewable energy, advanced technology, logistics, along and with showcases of her itage crafts and innovative services

Bangladesh: NGO, UN agencies seek USD 934.5 million to support Rohingyas, 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. \oplus

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SPORTS & GAME

Women's Nationals: World Championship medallist Simranjit, dominant Jaismine storm into semifinals

GREATER NOIDA (UTTAR PRADESH): World Championships bronze medallist Simranjit Kaur and Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Jaismine Lamboria put on dominant displays to storm into the semifinals of the 8th Elite Women's National Boxing Championship 2025 on Tuesday.

Sim anjit, the first female boxer from Punjab to compete at the Olympics, showcased her experience with a unanimous decision victory over Railways' Prachi in the 60-65kg category. Meanwhile, Jaismine (SSCB) continued her dominant spree with another RSC win, this time against Tamil Nadu's Hannah Joy in two rounds.

K Ahead of the Indian Premier League (IPL) campaign for Gujarat Titans (GT), GT pacer Mohammed Siraj has said he is excited about bowling to Indian teammate and his ex-Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) teammate Virat Kohli.

It would be a memorable sight for fans of both cricketers when on April 2 in Bengaluru, Siraj takes his run-up to bowl a fiery delivery to Virat, a man he has often credited for establishing his career, both for Team India and RCB. GT will kickstart their campaign against Punjab Kings (PBKS) at Narendra Modi Stadium on Tuesday.

Speaking about bowling to Virat to Boria Majumdar on Backstage with Boria season six, Siraj said, "When we play for the Indian team, I have bowled a lot against him in the nets, and now, for the first time, I will be playing against him in a match. So, it will be fun, and I am very excited."

Siraj's last competitive match after the Border-Gavaskar Trophy against Australia was a Ranji match for Vidarbha against Hyderabad on January 30. Speaking on his passion for the game and training his mind for such massive workload, the bowler said, "I went to play a Ranji Trophy match after five Tests (of BGT), and I bowled 40 overs. After playing five Tests, I still bowled those overs, and that made me realise that when I get into a game, I forget everything-whether it is injuries or pain. I just focus on giving 110 per cent. If I do not get a wicket, then I think about what I can do in the field. What magic can I create that will help the team? So, I train my mind according-

Hosted by the Boxing Federation of India in collaboration with the Uttar Pradesh Boxing Association, the championship takes place at the Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Sports Complex in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, from March 20 to 27, 2025. One hundred and eighty-eight boxers from 24 state units are competing across ten weight categories in this week-long tournament, which follows the World Boxing Technical & Competition Rules, featuring three three-minute rounds with one-minute rest

intervals. In the biggest upset of the day, Tamil Nadu's Kalaivani S, the 2019 National Champion, shocked 2022 Youth World Champion

Devika Ghorpade (Maharashtra) with a dominant unanimous decision victory in the Light flyweight (48-51kg) category. Reigning Lightfly champion Anamika Hooda, meanwhile, moved a step closer to defending her title with a commanding 5:0 unanimous victory over Delhi's Mehak Dharra in

the quarterfinals. Anamika will now face Kalaivani S in what promises to be a thrilling semifinal clash. On the other side of the bracket, Haryana's Tamanna will take on Rajasthan's Sunita, both securing their spots with hard-fought quarterfinal wins. In the heavyweight division.

s, the finishing heavyweight division, locked two-time defending national mpion champion Nupur (Railways) overpowered Tamil Nadu's Jayasree S to advance, setting up a semifinal clash against Uttar Pradesh's Ipsita Vikram, who breezed past Rajasthan's Chandan Choudhary with a unanimous decision win.

Also making it to the last four was Sonu (AIP), the silver medallist from the previous edition, who secured a 5:0 unanimous win over UP's Sarita Rai. She will now face Simranjit Kaur in a highly anticipated semifinal showdown. Jaismine, meanwhile, will take on Punjab's Vishakha Varitya, while Haryana's Priya faces Railways' Poonam in the 54-57kg category. In the heavyweight division, Nupur's semifinal clash against Ipsita is set to be another thrilling encounter.

ISL: WHO IS DAVID

CATALA. THE NEW

KERALA BLASTERS

Blasters,

announced the appointment of

David Catala as the new head

coach. The 44-year-old former

Spanish footballer has signed a

one-year contract and will take

over with immediate effect, the

Kerala Blasters, who are

eighth in the ISL 2024-25 stand-

ings, parted ways with coach Mikael Stahre in December last

year after a string of poor per-

formances. Assistant coaches

Björn Wesström and Frederico

Kerala Blasters reserve team

Pereira Morais, too, were fired.

head coach and head of youth

development, Tomasz Tchórz,

and assistant coach T.G.

Purushothaman were in charge

of the remaining 12 matches in

the league stage, of which they

won five. A former central

defender, Catala has played over

500 matches in Spain and

Cyprus, before taking up coach-

ing. He has managed AEK

Larnaca and Apollon Limassol in the Cypriot First Division, NK

Istra 1961 in the Croatian First

Football League, and CE Sabadell

in the Primera Federación.

'Joining Kerala Blasters FC is an

incredible honour," he said. "This

club has an unmatched passion,

a city that breathes football, and

a fanbase that turns every match

into a spectacle. The expectations

here are clear-this is a club that

deserves success, and together,

we will chase it with everything

we have. Kaloor's energy and the

stature of this great club demand

nothing less than excellence. I

club said in a statement.

today,

HEAD COACH?

Kerala



Jharkhand women's team win silver medal in Sr National Para Volleyball tournament

MI CORRESPONDENT

RANCHI: 13th Senior National Para Volleyball Championship 2025 which was held in Erode, Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand's girls category has won all the matches consecutively and won silver.

Jharkhand team's coach Mukesh Kanchan told that the first match was played between Karnataka vs Jharkhand in which it won 18-25, the second match was played between Uttarakhand vs Jharkhand in which it won 16-25, while the third round match was played between Jharkhand vs Telangana, winning 15-25 and similarly, winning consecutive matches, the semi-final match was played between Rajasthan vs Jharkhand. Rajasthan was the champion of the last 12th Senior National Para Volleyball Championship 2023. Jharkhand team kept pressure on Rajasthan completely and it can be called a one sided match which Jharkhand team showed and entered the finals by winning 13-25. The final match was played between Haryana vs Jharkhand in which Jharkhand team performed very well and won the silver medal and made their state proud. In this game, in the

women's category, Pratima Tirkey (Captain), Asunta Toppo, Taramani Lakra, Pushpa Minj, Shakuntala Devi, Mahima Oraon, Anita Tirkey, Sarita Bhutkumri, Sanjukta Ekka Sunita Kumari. Para Olympic Committee President Kamal Agarwal, Rahul Mehta, President Jharkhand Disabled Cricket Association, Para Olympic Association of Jharkhand Secretary Sarita Sinha, Vice President Peter Tirkey, social worker Jagdish Singh Jaggu, Sanju Kumari Shivrani Kumari, Aryan and Jharkhand residents congratulated.

KIPG 2025 spotlight: Meet the Unhalkars! Swaroop and Romy aspire for Paralympics glory

NEW DELHI [INDIA]: Love has the power to lift one's performance. With husband Hunter Woodhall cheering from the stands, Tara Davis clinched the long jump gold at the Summer Olympics in Paris. One month later, Tara's performance acted as an inspiration for Hunter as he pocketed the gold medal in the T62 400m race in the Paralympics. Similarly, the story of Swaroop and Romy Unhalkar offers a heartwarming glimpse into how love and sports can intertwine to create something truly extraordinary.

Paris Paralympics 2024 were replete with such power couples, whose determination, mutual support and resilience motivated a young generation to keep dreaming of achieving excellence in their discipline. Swaroop, a two-time Paralympian in shooting, won gold in the R1 - Men's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 in the ongoing Khelo India Para Games here at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range. Romy participated in the R2 - Air Rifle Standing Women SH1 event, finishing fourth in qualifying, and eighth in her event, as per a SAI Media press release.

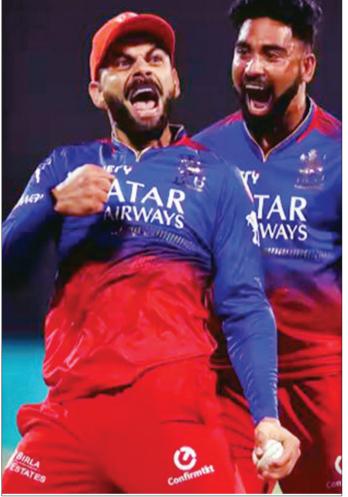
The couple met through a common friend from Kolhapur in Pune around 2021-2022. What began as a professional relationship soon blossomed into something more meaningful. Following their marriage, Romy herself took up shooting, and for the past three years, they have travelled together, participating in competitions and bringing home medals as a team.



supportive. Society largely viewed para sports merely as a form of entertainment rather than a serious profession. "It took a long time for people's mindset to change, to accept that we could pursue this as a career and progress in it," he shared.

Romy Unhalkar also speaks of her husband with immense pride, "He is very patient and makes all decisions calmly through ups and downs, which I find very inspiring. I am very proud to support journey. I consider myself lucky and nim in his happy to do this. Their dedication has paid dividends. Swaroop also participated in the Mixed 10m Air Rifle Prone SH2, where he finished eighth. On Monday, Swaroop qualified in the R6 - 50m Rifle Prone Mixed SH1, where he finished fifth. Meanwhile, Romy also aspires to become a Paralympian like her husband. This dream will edge closer to reality when the two fly to Changwon, South Korea, for the 2025 WSPS World Cup, in what will be their first international tournament together. Speaking about the Khelo India Para Games, Swaroop said, "This is a well-designed program that provides a good platform for para-athletes. I won gold in the first edition, and again in this one, which makes me very happy. Getting a medal on such a good platform provides great exposure for para-athletes. Romy added to this by saying, "This is a good platform. We're getting national-level exposure, which is increasing the number of participants. Definitely, in future, more and more participants will increase in shooting.

IPL 2025: Siraj excited at idea of bowling to ex-RCB teammate, close friend Virat Kohli



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The pacer also expressed how important it is to stay humble and allow God to take care of things, saying that one day, everyone will have to leave behind their attitude, pride and money.

"When I started playing cricket in my childhood, where I used to sit, I still go and sit there because it gives me peace. All these things--attitude, pride, and money--you have to leave behind one day. You cannot take anything with you. So, it is better to stay down to earth as much as possible, and if there is a chance to do good for someone, I always try to do it. This has been my belief from the beginning, and it will always remain the same. Whoever needs help, I will help them first, even now. If God is giving me so much, how can I

money is coming in, and I feel I have everything I need. That is why I believe in staying humble--God will take care of the rest."

Siraj will not be donning the Red and Gold colours of RCB this season after a seven-yearlong stint with the franchise and one of his biggest supporters, Virat Kohli. Äfter playing a season for Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in 2017, taking 10 wickets in six matches, Siraj was bought by RCB for Rs 2.6 crores and he played 87 matches for them, picking 83 wickets at an average of 31.45, with the best figures of 4/21. He is RCB's third-highest wicket-taker of all time, behind Harshal Patel (99)

and Yuzvendra Chahal (139). During his stint with RCB, Siraj experienced qualification to playoffs four times but could season was his best for RCB, taking 19 wickets in 14 matches at an average of 19.74 and an economy rate of 7.50, with best figures of 4/21.

In the last season, during which Siraj took 15 wickets in 14 matches at an average of 33.07, RCB experienced a memorable turnaround in the second-half of the season, going from winning only one of their first eight matches to winning six matches in a row to book a place in playoffs. However, they lost to Rajasthan Royals (RR) in the eliminator. Sirai's last competitive crick-

Siraj's last competitive cricket match was against Vidarbha in January, taking four wickets across both innings in their Ranji Trophy match. He was not included in Team India which won the ICC Champions Trophy 2025. can't wait to get started, and meet everyone at the club. Let's go, Blasters!"

Kerala Blasters CEO Abhik Chatteriee said that Catala was chosen for his "determination, a calm head on his shoulders, and an ability to absorb pressure" apart from his footballing knowledge and coaching experience. The Club's Sporting Director Karolis Skinkys, too, agreed. "David convinced me with his determination to work and ambition to achieve new highs for himself and Kerala Blasters. I trust his abilities to manage a group and keep the team together in tough moments. I think his calmness and competence are exactly what our club needs at this moment in this position. Wishing David all the best with this new challenge.

Swaroop, who was diagnosed with polio as a toddler, faced an uphill task initially. The shooting range was far away from his home and his family's finances did not allow him to have his own weapon and a kit.

Swaroop started participating in tournaments with a 10-year-old rifle presented by his coach from 2012 and success soon followed as he became the first shooter from Maharashtra to win medals at national and qualify for international meets.

The turning point came when Swaroop Unhalkar began competing internationally and was honoured with Maharashtra's prestigious Chhatrapati Award, the state's highest sports recognition.

"After that, everyone's perspective changed. Today, my family and those who know me in society say, 'We don't want anything else, just keep playing," Swaroop told SAI Media.

TO BE DEMOLISHED AFTER 2032 OLYMPICS GAMES

When Swaroop began his journey in 2008, the ecosystem for para-athletes in India was far from

Ranchi lost to Jamshedpur

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RANCHI : Jamshedpur outclassed host Ranchi by 4 wickets in the HP Bodhan Wala Trophy senior Jharkhand State Inter District Cricket Tournament at JSCA stadium here on Tuesday. Batting first, Ranchi scored 209 runs losing 9

Batting first, Ranchi scored 209 runs losing 9 wickets in 50 overs. Shubham Sharma scored 61, Mohit scored 57 runs, Pankaj scored 53 runs. Supriyo got 4 and Junaid got 2 wickets.

In reply, Jamshedpur scored 213 runs losing 6 wickets in 46.2 overs. Vishal scored 64 and Manishi scored 49, Rajandeep took 3 and Sankat Mochan got 2 wickets. Vishal Prasad was selected as the Player of the Match.

Volleyball

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RD Volleyball League SF & final match today

RANCHI - Ranchi District Volleyball League Semi-Final and Final Match will be organized tomorrow from 8 am. In the first semi-final match of the competition, Marwari Yuvak Vyayamshala will compete with Oxygen Park A and in the second semi-final, Oxygen Park B will compete with RUSRC. The final match will be organized between the winners of both the semi-finals from 3 pm.

On this special occasion, Ranchi University Vice-Chancellor Ajit Kumar Sinha will be present as the chief guest, along with special guests Shekhar Bose (President, RDVA), Sunil Sahay (Chairman, Ranchi District Volleyball Association), Harendra Sinha Commandant (CISF, Jharkhand) and Ranchi University Finance Officer will be present.

Melbourne [Australia] : The iconic Gabba Stadium at Brisbane will undergo demolition following the 2032 Olympic Games, with cricket moving to a new 60,000-capacity

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stadium in the Victoria Park area of Brisbane, which will be built for the Olympics.

The Queensland premier David Crisafulli announced the latest plans for the Olympics infrastructure on Tuesday, with cricket a pivotal part of the outcome. The sport is affected by uncertainty over what state would do after going through various proposals since being awarded the Olympic hosting rights back in 2021.

When last year Cricket Australia announced its seven-year venue allocation plan for international cricket, the Gabba was given a guarantee of hosting international cricket until next summer's Ashes series against England amid talks over if the stadium will be redeveloped or replaced, as per ESPNCricinfo.

"This decision gives us certainty about venues and scheduling which in turn allows us to ensure Brisbane hosts the very best possible international and domestic cricket," CA said in a statement as quoted by

ESPNCricinfo.

"We strongly advocated building a stadium in Victoria Park together with Queensland Cricket, the AFL and Brisbane Lions, and cricket will play a major role in ensuring this significant investment delivers longterm benefits for cricket fans and the people of Queensland," the statement added.

"On behalf of the cricket community we want to thank the Queensland Government for seizing this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to give the fans, the city and the state the stadium they deserve," concluded the statement.

Cricket will make its return to the Olympics for the 2028 edition in Los Angeles after having made its previous appearance way back in 1900. If the sport will be retained for the 2032 Olympics, it is earmarked to take place in Mackay's Great Barrier Reef Arena as well as the Gabba and those matches could be the final matches at the stadium before it is knocked down.

"Would not it be amazing to see the Australian cricket team win gold at an Olympic final? The Gabba's swansong," Crisafulli said at an

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event in Brisbane.

The Gabba was initially set for demolition and rebuild under the Labor government for the 2032 Games at 2.7 billion Australian dollars, but the plan was scrapped as backlash grew over its rising costs. A 600 million Australian dollars facelift was decided under Labor govern-

ment before the plans were abandoned under a new government.

"The Gabba is at its end of life," Crisafulli said. "It has not been well maintained, and we do need a stadium to host this great show, and there is an opportunity for legacy play."

"It became a choice between spending billions on temporary facilities and temporary stands that delivered no legacy, or securing the future of AFL (Australian Football League) [and] cricket at a new home."

Queensland Cricket also welcomed the latest plans as the new stadium provided with clarity over the future of the sport.

The Gabba has been a wonderful venue for cricket for many years and has provided fans and players with countless memories - however the challenges the stadium faces are well documented, and we need to look to the future. There is now the opportunity for Queensland to attract the world's best cricket events, such as ICC events, men's and women's Ashes Series, the Border-Gavaskar Trophy series between Australia and India, as well has hosting the BBL and WBBL in a new purpose-built stadium," said the chief executive Terry Svenson.

"Thirty years ago this week, the Gabba was in the very early stages of its major redevelopment as the historic Sheffield Shield Final was being played, with many ensuing highlights following in the past three decades."