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Lok Sabha to take up Waqf amendment bill for consideration and passage amid strong opposition

MI News Service, New Delhi: As the entire opposition is gearing up to put up a strong resistance during discussions on the consideration and passage of the Waqf amendment bill in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday, it might spark off lots of heated verbal exchanges among the members of different political parties.

After eight hours of proposed discussion, Minorities Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju will respond to the debate and seek the approval of the House for its passage.

The issue came for discussion at the meeting of the business advisory committee (BAC) chaired by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Tuesday, informed sources

While introducing the bill last year, the government had proposed referring it to a joint committee of the two Houses. After the report was submitted by the panel, the Union Cabinet had approved certain changes to the

original bill based on the committee's recommendation. At the BAC meet, while the opposition sought 12 hours for discussion, government insisted on lesser time

so that other legislative business could also be taken up. This led to heated verbal exchange in the meeting between the government and the opposition, leading to a walk out by the opposition.

Later, talking to reporters Rijiju said some parties wanted four to six hours of debate, while the opposition insisted on 12 hours. Finally the Speaker decided for eight hours debate, extendable after taking sense of the House, he said and wondered why the opposition walked out of the BAC meet.

He said immediately after the Question Hour which concludes at 12 noon, he will move the bill for consid-

eration and passage.

Hitting out at the opposition, he claimed that some parties are trying to create some excuses to run away

Congress Deputy Leader in the Lok Sabha Gaurav Gogoi said the opposition stormed out of BAC meet as the government was bulldozing its agenda and demands for discussions on voter card-Aadhaar seeding were not accepted.

There is no space for the opposition," he alleged. Rijiju said the Rajya Sabha will be communicated about the passage of the bill by the lower house for it to take a call. Opposition parties are strongly opposing the bill, slamming it as unconstitutional and against the interest of the Muslim community. Several leading Muslim organisations have been rallying support against the bill. However, according to government sources, the bill seeks to improve the management and administration of Waqf properties in India. The session will conclude

Assam CM condemns Md Yunus calling B'desh 'guardian of the ocean'

MI News Service, Guwahati : Severely condemning the recent comment of Muhammad Yunus, the Chief of the Bangladesh's Interim Government that his country is the "only guardian of the ocean" in the region, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday described it as "offensive and strongly condemnable"

Making this comment Muhammad Yunus has also urged Beijing during his recent four day visit to China, to extend its economic influence to Bangladesh, since India's all seven Northeastern states are landlocked, it could prove to be an opportu-

nity.
The remark, apparently made during Yunus' recent visit to China, surfaced on social media on Monday.

"The statement made by Md Younis of Bangladesh, the socalled interim Government referring to the seven sister states of Northeast India as landlocked and positioning Bangladesh as their guardian of ocean access, is offensive and strongly condemnable," Sarma posted on X.

statements by Md Younis must not be taken lightly, as they reflect deeper strategic considerations and longstanding agendas," he added.

Calling Bangladesh the "only guardian of the ocean" in the region, Yunus said this could be a huge opportunity and could be an extension of the Chinese economy.

"The seven states of India, the eastern part of India, are called the seven sisters. They are a landlocked region of India. They have no way to reach out to the ocean," he said.

Sarma pointed out that this remark underscores the "persistent vulnerability narrative associated with India's strategic 'Chicken's Neck' corridor". "Historically, even internal elements within India have dangerously suggested severing this critical passageway to isolate the Northeast from the mainland physically. Therefore, it is imperative to develop more robust railway and road networks both underneath and around the Chicken's Neck corridor," he said.

Sarma also called for the prioritisation of exploring

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West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and TMC's National General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee attended the Eidul-Fitr celebrations at Red Road in Kolkata on Monday.

Modi govt taking several steps to increase farm income, claims Agri minister

MI News Service, New Delhi: Emphasising that Narendra Modi government has initiated a number of positive steps to increase farm income, Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan told the Lok Sabha on Tuesday that the government has also insulated farmers from high fertiliser prices in the international mar-

"Our vision is to increase farm income and we are leaving no stone unturned to achieve that

vision. Farmer welfare is Modi government's guarantee," Chouhan said during the Question Hour in the Lok Sabha.

He said the Modi government is giving Rs 6,000 per month to farmers under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme. To a question by SP

member Anand Bhadauria on whether the governwill waive farm loans, Chouhan said "several steps are being taken by the Modi government to increase farm income, as

well as to increase production, to reduce the cost of production and helping them to sell their produce. Farm loans are increasing, and under Modi (government), income of farmers is continuously increas-

Chouhan further said that fertiliser prices have been increasing in the international markets and the government has budgeted Rs 1.77 lakh crore towards fertiliser subsidy in the current fiscal.

"It is the Modi govern-

ment's commitment that the burden of increasing fertiliser prices in international markets will not fall on farmers. Farmer welfare is in BJP's DNA", Chouhan said. To a question by BJP member Parshottam Rupala, the Minister said under the Modi government, more than 75 per cent of small and marginal farmers are availing loans at 4 per cent interest rate. This is unique and will not not be found anywhere in the world, he asserted.

Cal HC quashes defamation case, holds public interest outweighs right to reputation

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Calcutta High Court has quashed a defamation case filed by the superintendent of an educational institution against more than 280 people who had submitted a mass petition to the Chief Minister against him, holding that it pertains to public interest outweighing the right to reputation.

Delivering a judgment on a petition challenging the criminal defamation case filed before the Bardhaman district court in 2013 by the superintendent, Justice Ajay Kumar Gupta ruled that the complainant failed to substantiate his allegations of defamation against the petitioners.

'The mass complaint, filed against the complainant by 287 individuals, is privileged in nature as it pertains to a matter of public interest outweighing the right to reputation," the court stated in its recent judg-

The petition, addressed to the West Bengal Chief Minister, accused the complainant of engaging in illegal activities at the educational institution, which had been established by a freedom fighter in the then undivided Bardhaman district.

The petitioners sought an inquiry and appropriate action in the interest of the students and the institution. The court noted that the allegations against the superintendent were already under inquiry and investigation. Rajdeep Mazumder, senior counsel representing the petitioners seeking to quash the defamation case, argued before the court that the superintendent's complaint before the Chief Judicial Magistrate's

Court, Bardhaman, was mala fide, motivated and frivolous.

Justice Gupta observed that making an accusation in good faith against a person to a lawful authority over the accused does not constitute defamation.

The court further noted that in this case, over 280 people had signed the mass petition, making the same allegations against the complainant.

Justice Gupta emphasised that the petition was submitted confidentially to the appropriate authorities as part of the petitioners' legal and natural rights.

This mass petition is for the protection of the institution and its students, the court said, holding that it "cannot be construed as malice or an imputation of reputation in public or

PM Modi holds talks with Chile President on bilateral ties

Delhi : Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Chile President Gabriel Boric Font at Hyderabad House here on Tuesday and, held hour long talks with him on the scope of further expanding the bi-lateral ties between the two far off countries on trade, commerce, tourism and cultural fields

Informing this the Min-istry of External Affairs spokesman Randhir Jaiswal said.

PM Modi and Font held extensive discussions on various aspects of expanding India-Chile bilateral

In a post on X, he said, "PM Modi warmly received President Gabriel Boric Font of Chile at Hyderabad House and had extensive discussions on expanding the strong India-Chile bilateral ties on viours fronts including trade, commerce, tourism and cul-ture.."

paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi at Raj Ghat and also signed the visitors', diary.

In a post on X, Font said, "Together with our delegation of ministers and parliamentarians, we paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at Raj Ghat, the memorial erected in his honor in New Delhi. His legacy reminds us that with India, we not only share common interests and a future of great opportunities for our people, but also shared fundamen-

The Chile President said his country's delega-tion is in India to "further strengthen our ties, and that's why I'm joined by government officials, the National Congress, business leaders, leaders in the fields of innovation and culture, distinguished professors, and students."

"We're here strengthen our ties, and that's why I'm joined by government officials, the National Congress, business leaders, leaders in the fields of innovation and culture, distinguished professors, and students. A busy schedule, I'll keep you posted!" he said in his post on X.

The Chilean President also met External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar at the start of his State visit to India, reaffirming the commitment to strengthening bilateral ties.

At the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Chilean President's five day official visit from April 1-5 is aimed at strengthening economic, political, and cultural ties. He is accompanied by a high-level delegation, including ministers, members of parliament, senior officials, business leaders, media representatives, and cultural figures engaged in India-Chile exchanges.

Politics is never a full-time occupation for him as he always remains a Yogi at heart, says UP CM Adityanath

MI News Service, Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has once again reiterated that politics is never a full-time occupation for him and he always remains a Yogi (saint) at heart,

Categorically dismissing reports in a section of media that wide differences had cropped up between him and BJP's central leadership, Yogi Adityanath made it clear that he is in the Chief minister's chair because of the wishes of the party and its senior leaders. .

"Can I remain in the chair in spite of having some minor differences with the party's central leaders," Adityanath asked, adding that he cannot shut the mouth of those who are stoking speculation about such differences.

To a query about the possibility of his becoming the next Prime minister of India after Narendra Modi retires, the UP Chief minister smilingly parried the question and resufed to drag himself into any such



About the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's (RSS) support for him, he said the Hindutva organisation backs anyone who is "committed to Bharat" and will inspire those who are not to turn to the right

The chief minister said his primary role is serving people of Uttar Pradesh to the best of his ability, as entrusted by the Bharatiya Janata Party

' I only know that at present I am the Chief minister of Uttar Pradesh, and the party has placed me here to serve the people of the state," he said.

When his attention was drawn to the fact that

the support for him was also growing rapidly among a section of people who also think that he is the future prime minister, Adityanath again said. "Politics is not a full-time job for me. Ultimately, I am only a yogi (saint) at heart.'

The saint turned politician also downplayed a question about his popularity as a star BJP campaigner in states outside Uttar Pradesh, saying all the Chief ministers are part of the party's election-He, however, added, "It may be that people having experienced the Uttar Pradesh of 17

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18 workers killed, several injured in a firecracker factory explosion in Gujarat

MI News Service, Ahmedabad: As many as 18 people were killed and several other sustained injuries, someof them seriously, in a massive explosion at a firecracker factory in an industrial area in Gujarat's Banaskantha district on Tuesday,

Informing this official sources here

today said the blast occurred at a fac-

tory unit near Deesa town of the dis-

"As many as 18 people died in the hue blast, while 15 others sustained various types of injuries after a portion of the roof of the building collapsed under the massive impact of the explosion,"

Superintendent of district Police Akshayraj Makwana said most of the victims were workers from Madhya Pradesh and some of their relativess.

Banaskantha collector Mihir Patel said that the explosion occurred at the factory around 9:45am, causing the entire RCC slab to collapse. "The whole RCC slab had collapsed. The relief teams are removing the debris," the collector said.

The unit was meant to store firecrackers, and so far, no clue has been

found that firecrackers were being manufactured. . Earlier, officials had said it was a factory.

Gujarat chief minister Bhupendra Patel expressed grief over the incident and announced a financial assistance of 4 lakh to the families of each of the deceased and 50,000 to every injured...

"The incident of the death of workers due to fire and slab collapse in a firecracker godown in Deesa is heartbreaking. My heartfelt condolences are with the relatives of the deceased in this hour of grief," Patel said in a post on X."I am in constant touch with the administration regarding the relief. rescue and treatment work in this accident. I have instructed the

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India looks amazing from space, for sure visit the country', says astronaut Sunita Williams

MI News Service, Houston / Washington (DC) : India is amazing from space, NASA astronaut Sunita Williams asserted and hoped that she will visit her "father's home country" and share experiences about space exploration with people there sometime soon.

Williams made these remarks during a packed press conference at the NASA centre in Houston, Texas on Monday evening. She was responding to a question on how India looked from space when she was in the International Space Station and on the possi-

bility of her collaborating with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on space exploration.

"India is amazing. Every time we went over the Himalayas, and I'll tell you, Butch got some incredible pictures of the Hi-

malayas. Just amazing," Williams said. Sharing her plans to visit India to share her space exploration experiences, the NASA astronaut expressed her admiration for India's beauty from space.

NASA astronaut Sunita Williams has

confirmed that she will visit her "father's home country" India and share experiences about space exploration with people there along with fellow astronaut Butch

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Ghatal master plan: A doubleedged sword for residents

ed Ghatal Master Plan is finally taking shape, with preparations in full swing. The plan, promised by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, aims to alleviate the flooding woes of Ghatal residents. However, the project's implementation has raised concerns among locals, as it requires the demolition of houses and shops. Ghatal Municipality Chairman Tuhinkanti Ber has set an example by agreeing to demolish his own three-storey house, built over 10 years, to make way for the master plan.

News Service, ate, citing the hardships faced by residents due to flooding. The master plan involves acquiring 60 feet of land on both sides of Ghatal Bazar on the west bank of the Shilavati River. A list of affected properties has been prepared, government land, raiyat land, and over 100 shops. Shop owners have raised objections, fearing loss of livelihood. 'We will never give up our land," said a shop owner. 'What will we eat if this shop goes away? This is the business of our ancestors." The Ghatal Master Plan proposes building a circuit dam covering 12 Ber appealed to the people of Ghatal to cooperfrom floods. The governhoods.

land on the western bank of the river, including the area where Mayor Tuhinkanti Bera's house is located. While the master plan promises to bring relief to Ghatal residents, its implementation is likely to be contentious. The municipality chairman has assured that the matter will be brought to the attention of administration officials, but it remains to be seen whether a new controversy will arise over the Ghatal Master Plan. The project's fate hangs in the balance, as residents weigh the benefits of flood protection against the loss of their homes and liveli-

Trinamool leader's house robbed by civic policemen, caught on CCTV

Howrah: A daring robbery was committed at the residence of Riaz Ahmed, a prominent Trinamool leader and former councilor in Howrah's Belur area. The thief, disguised in a Civic Police uniform, stole a stand fan and a chair from Riaz Ahmed's house in the early hours of Eid. The entire incident was captured on CCTV. According to eyewitnesses, the imposter policeman told Riaz Ahmed's mother, "Grandpa

also called Riaz Ahmed's brother to open the party office and made off with five plastic chairs. The thief even asked locals to bring a toto (a type of vehicle) to transport the stolen goods. Ahmed, who is also a member of the Howrah Municipality's manage-ment committee, initially dismissed the incident but was shocked when he saw the CCTV footage. An investigation revealed that the thief was not a genuine police officer but a sea-

Service, with the stolen items. He soned criminal from Bankra, Howrah. The police administration has swung into action, sending photos of the suspect to various locations. Although the thief remains at large, the incident has sent shockwaves through the administrative circle. The brazen robbery has raised concerns about the security and integrity of the Civic Police force. An investigation is underway to determine how the thief obtained the uniform and whether there was any in-

Mysterious cartridges found in Dolancha River

News Service, in the riverbed. Upon Raiganj: A bizarre incident has unfolded in the Islampur police station area of North Dinajpur, where local residents stumbled upon a large cache of cartridges in the Dolancha River. The discovery was made on Monday night, and since then, the locals have recovered over 50 cartridges from the river. The incident began when a group of boys, who had gone to bathe in the riv-

closer inspection, they realized it was a bullet. The news spread quickly, and soon, locals began searching the river, which is knee-deep in water. The cartridges are reportedly coming out of the bottom of the river when touched, leaving residents stunned and concerned. "I don't understand where the cartridges came from," said a local resident. "The Bangladesh border is five kier after playing cricket, lometers away from here, forward and found a hard object stuck but it's unclear who fired investigation.

these bullets." The police have launched an investigation into the matter, and a complaint has been filed with the Islampur police station. Authorities are working to determine the source of the cartridges and how they ended up in the river. The incident has created a huge sensation in the area, with many questioning the safety and security of the region. The police are urging anyone with information to come forward and assist in the

Reviving Bengal's boat tradition on the Ganges - A special initiative by Taj Bengal

News Kolkata: This Eid-ul-Fitr, Taj Bengal paid homage to Bengal's rich maritime heritage by reviving an old boat tradition on the Ganges near Babughat. Not a new service right now, but a heartfelt effort to reconnect Kolkata with its cultural roots. Two traditional boats, beautifully redecorated, floated on the river today - symbols of Bengal's harmony and

Under the 'Kolkatar Saundaryaayan' (Reflections of Kolkata's Beauty) project, Taj Bengal restored these boats with subtle modern touches while preserving their traditional essence. In association with kolikatamar-



itime, the initiative aimed reintroducing Kolkata's historic boat culture to new generations and throw open a new possibility in riverine tourism could be again.

Taj Bengal's team including GM Arnab Chatterjee , Area Director Prabhakar Kumar Singh and HR Manager Ankush Patial were present. A Port Heritage activist like Gautam Chakraborti, the iounder oi Kolikatamaritime and Rotarian Partha Mukherjee, who is also its Director have been assisting Taj in the efforts. The Sea Explorers' Institute lent a helping hand.

The two decorated boats added a fesh touch of colour to the crimson rays of a slanting sun over the Hooghly. It created a simple but powerful reminder of what Kolkata's riverfront once was and

Honouring memories, celebrating excellence

News Coochbehar: A noble event recrntly unfolded at Amabari Dhaniram High School in Coochbehar- Block 2, where the 'Swarghiyo Binaykrishna Dutta and Shantiranjan Das Smriti Puraskar 2025' award ceremony shone brightly. The school's Assistant Headmaster and educationist Dr. Ashutosh Dutta, along with Assistant Teacher Sangeeta Das, organized this grand initiative in memory of their fathers.

Students who secured



the first, second, and third positions from grades six bringing a new light to the to twelve in the previous ceremony.

academic year were honoured with this distinction. Along with the students, their mothers and the school's teachers, Rudrashankar Sengupta and staff member Sujan Ghosh, were also recognized with special honours.

The vibrant event was graced by the presence of Karunakanta Ray, President of the School Management Committee, educationist Sanjay Mallik, Dipankar Ray, and other distinguished guests,

Annual scholarship & certificate distribution, award ceremony, and cultural program by Ananda Marga Gurukul

Purulia: Amidst an atmosphere of prestige, dedication to education, and a sense of honor, a grand ceremony was organized on March 28, 2025, at the Rotunda Auditorium in Anandanagar. This distinguished event celebrated the meritorious students who excelled in the talent search examination conducted by the Ananda Marga Gurukul, recognizing their unwavering dedication and perseverance.

On this occasion, certificates and scholarships were awarded to the top twenty students of the fifth grade and the top ten stuacknowledging their diligence and hard work. Additionally, financial assistance was extended to the first, second, and third rank holders among the secondary school candidates of 2025, empowering them to pursue their academic aspirations with renewed determination.

academic Beyond achievements, the annual award ceremony also honored students who displayed excellence in sports, discipline, and extracurricular various activities. This initiative aimed to inspire students towards greater creativity, deur.

dents of the ninth grade, discipline, and academic distinction.

The Highlight of the Cultural Program A major highlight of the event was the mesmerizing Chhau dance performance by the students of Ananda Marga High School. This exquisite presentation was based on the revered story Párasparsha, penned by Shri Prabhat Ranjan Šarkar. The rhythmic expressions, graceful enactment, and artistic brilliance of the performance captivated the audience, evoking an atmosphere of profound emotion and artistic gran-

Court Orders Arrest of Arjun Singh, Former BJP MP from Barrackpore

Barrackpore: A court in Barrackpore has issued an arrest warrant against BJP leader Arjun Singh in connection with a firing incident that took place on March 26. The warrant was issued based on a complaint filed at the Jagaddal police station. According to reports, a massive gunshot was heard in front of Singh's house, and the former MP claimed that multiple miscreants fired seven rounds in a row. However, the police summoned Singh for questioning, which he failed to at-



tend, citing party work commitments. Singh has denied any involvement in the incident and has questioned the issuance of the arrest warrant. "The police in the lower court are saying that two

How did they issue an arrest warrant?" he said. Singh has also stated that he has faith in the court and has approached the High Court for relief. Trinamool leader Kunal Ghosh has refused to comment on the matter, stating that it is a court issue and the party has nothing to say. The incident has sparked tension in the area, and the police are investigating the matter. Singh's arrest warrant is a significant development in the case, and it remains to be seen how the

Factional conflict brews within BJP in Alipurduar ahead of assembly elections

Alipurduar: A brewing storm is unfolding within the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Alipurduar, a stronghold of the party, as factional conflicts escalate with just a year left for the state assembly elections. The concerns have been raised by Manoj Kumar Oraon, BJP MLÅ from Kumargram in Alipurduar district, who has taken to social media to express his apprehensions. Oraon's concerns revolve around the potential impact of internal conflicts on the party's performance in the upcoming elections. He specifically mentioned that some leaders are prioritizing person-

al interests over the party's minute. The BJP's Alipurduwell-being, which may hurt ar unit has historically been the emotions of ordinary workers and ultimately affect the election results . In a surprising move, Oraon has also announced his resignation from all BJP posts, citing his dissatisfaction with the party's internal dynamics. This development has raised eyebrows, especially given Oraon's prominence in the party's protest programs in the Assembly. Meanwhile, 10 BJP MLAs from North Bengal have visited Delhi to meet with central ministers and discuss the development of North Bengal. Oraon was initially part of the delegation but opted out at the last

a stronghold for the party, but the growing factional conflicts may threaten this dominance. As the assembly elections approach, it remains to be seen how the party will address these internal issues and maintain its grip on the region.

Same incident followed as a clash broke out between two factions within the BJP in front of the party's Asansol Lok Sabha candidate SS Ahluwalia. The clash broke out between the old and new party leaders. The old party leaders alleged that the election campaign is going on with the new party leaders.

A 13 year old girl flees for Tamilnadu, the family fears she may be sold

Shantipur: A 13 -year -old girl came out of home saying that she was going to the home of her friend having birthday. But subsequently it revealed that she fled to Tamil Nadu with a known family of that State. The incident took place at Lichubagan Para area of Matalgarh under Shantipur police limits in Nadia on Saturday afternoon. The girl's parents lodged a complaint against 3 with Shantipur Police.

It is reported that a class seven student has fled with members of a familiar family on Saturday. She took her Aadhaar, Voter cards and other documents. She came out of home at around 12.30 pm. on Saturday. After sometime, that girl friend contacted the mother of fleeing girl over phone and informed that day was not her birthday and their daughter didn't come to their home.

Then the search started by the family. After a long search, he called one of their known person on suspicion.

AC Turns Into

Nightmare: Gaighata

Resident Shocked by

Strange Sound

MI News Service, West

Gaighata: A shocking inci-

dent occurred in the Purba

Sonatikari area of Gaigha-

ta police station in North

24 Parganas, where five

snakes were found inside an

air conditioning (AC) unit.

The terrifying discovery

was made at the residence

of Subrata Das, a local res-

ident, on Monday night. Ac-

cording to family members.

they had turned on the AC

due to the extreme heat, but

soon heard a strange noise.

Upon closer inspection, they

noticed a snake's tail hang-

ing from the AC unit. The

family immediately contact-

ed a local volunteer organi-

zation, which sent a team to

rescue the snakes. The res-

cue operation was carried

out in two phases. On Monday night, two snakes were

rescued, and on Tuesday morning, three more snakes

were recovered from the AC

unit. The rescuers identi-

fied the snakes as non-ven-

omous species that feed

on lizards and insects. The

incident has raised con-

cerns about the presence of

snakes in residential areas

and the importance of prop-

er maintenance and inspec-

tion of AC units. Experts

suggest that snakes may

have entered the AC unit in

search of food, highlighting

the need for homeowners to

take precautions to prevent

such incidents. The local

authorities have been in-

formed about the incident,

and measures are being

taken to ensure that similar

incidents do not occur in the

But at first he denied the whole matter. Then the girl's family came to the police station and reported the matter in writing. Later on Saturday night, the accused admitted on the phone, the teenager left for Tamil Nadu with them. However, they refused to send the teenager back at that time. Then the phone of the accused gone off. The teenager's parents broke into

It is reported that the accused are known to the maternal uncle of the minor. The son and daughter of friend to her maternal uncle are known to the girl. The son and daugnter are involved in the incident.

Five years ago, the friend of teen's uncle's family was introduced to the girl's family. However, there was no com- accused.

munication between them for a long time. Sometimes back the communication revived

The name of her uncle's friend is Bipin Das. Bipin's son Samu Das (22) works in Tamilnadu. Bipin's daughter is Dia Mandal. Dia's husband also lives in Tamil Nadu. Pampa Das, mother to minor complained that Dia has taken her daughter in Tamil

But Dia did not agree that they had taken her daughter. When Pampa Das over phone told to give them back their daughter. Then Samu said, he cut the ticket with two and a half thousand rupees. He won't take the minor back. The father of the girl, Jhantu Das, said, "Police also talk to them on the phone. Police said them that no case would be filed if the girl returns. Otherwise, action would be taken against them. " The girl's family claimed that the police should quickly rescue their daughter and take action against the

Sexual video in private chamber gets viral, locals demand punishment and closing of pharmacy

MI News Service, Shantipur: Porn Chamber was hidden behind the private chamber of treatment. The sexual videography of that chamber got viral in social media. A doctor allegedly was found guilty in the viral video. The locals demonstrated against the doctor and demanded closing of the pharmacy and punishment of the doctor. It happened at Fulia under Shantipur police limits in Nadia on Sunday, a police sources said.

It is learned that there is a doctor chamber in a pharmacy in the area.

Allegedly a doctor named as Amiya Das would run his practice in that pharmacy since long back. The viral video showed the sexual video of the physician in the said chamber. Many girls and women used to appear there for the unethical activities.

Finally the matter was leaked on social media. Later, the local people burst into anger since on Saturday night. Police have detained

the owner of the pharmacy.
From Monday morning, the agitated people started protesting the happening and demand of closing the pharmacy. Police then detained the Pharmacy owner Pradeep Biswas. However, the accused doctor is still absconding.

It is reported that Amiya Das was a longtime doctor at the Fulia Block Health Center. He used to practice in a nearby drugstore, adjoining to the said Govt. Health Čentre.

For years he operated a chamber at this drugstore. Recently, videos of his intimate moments with several women in the area went vi-

ral through social media. Local people complaint that the sex activities were running in disguise of treatment chamber for a long time. Local people complain that the owner of the shop used to arrange for women for intimate activities. In addition to the doctor's punishment, locals have also demanded

the closure of the drugstore. On the other hand, the local BJP leadership demanded the step by Police and Administration against the accused doctor. CPM claimed that the treatment system has gone to the bottom, how could a doctor do such actions in the name of treatment! The doctor should be exemplary punishment, they have stated.

Local Trinamool leadership claimed that it was a very condemnable event and a severe punishment should be given to the physician in the interest of the people and the balance of the society. They could not accept the matter in any



Rabindranath's songs were performed by Subrata Sengupta at the Vasant Utsav at Madhusudan Mancha on Monday.

Eyewitness account reveals horrific details, death toll could have been higher

MI News Service, Patharpratima: A coaching class teacher has provided a harrowing account of the Dholahat explosion that claimed the lives of eight people, revealing that the death toll could have been as high as 18. The teacher, who was conducting classes next to the fireworks factory, described the chaotic scene as the explosion occurred. According to the teacher, there were over 22 students attending the coaching class on Monday night. Fortunately, the students had been dismissed at 8:30 PM, narrowly avoiding the blast. However, the teacher's six-month-old niece and Chandrakant's nine-year-old son, who had just returned home after attending the coaching class, were among those who perished in the fire. The teacher's account provides a chill-

ing insight into the events leading up

to the explosion. "I was teaching in the

yard when I heard a noise. I saw that



Seven people including four children killed in a fire cracker explosion triggered by gas cylinder blast at Dholahat near Patharpratima in South 24 Parganas. the cell had exploded. I went and saw that Chandrakant Dar's house was on fire. I stood in the yard and saw that my sister-in-law and niece were already burning. My sister-in-law was waving at me, telling me not to come inside." The teacher's voice trembled as he recalled the desperate attempts to save his niece and Chandrakant's son. "Chandrakanta's son also just returned home after studying. He was going upstairs, and he saw that his mother was burning. He was telling me from there, uncle, save my mother. At that time, Chandrakant ran inside from outside." The teacher expressed his anguish and regret, stating that he could have saved his nephew if he had acted sooner. "I couldn't catch my sister-in-law. But I could have saved my nephew. I touched him. If I had caught him and brought him outside, could have saved him." The Dholahat blast incident has claimed the lives of eight members of a family of 11. Two brothers, Chandrakant and Tusharkanti Banik, and their elderly mother are the only survivors. Chandrakant has been arrested by the police, while Tusharkanti is currently absconding. A case has been registered under seven sections, including attempt to murder, in connection with the incident.

Brother-in-law killed on Eid, accused in police custody

Hooghly: The festive atmosphere of an entire neighborhood was shattered in Churi Mohalla, under Saptogram Panchayat, when a deadly altercation broke out, which suddenly turned into a trag-

The area was lit up with colorful decorations and candles, marking the joyous occasion. However, according to local sources, around 7:30 to 8:00 PM on Eid night, a violent clash erupted. Two brothers, Rohit Mandal and Guddu Mandal, had come to visit their sister. Upon arrival, they got into a heated argument with their brotherin-law, Ikram Hussain, also known as Bittu. The dispute quickly escalated into violence, culminating in the two brothers stabbing Bittu. As Bittu collapsed, panic spread throughout the area. His brother, Anwar Hussain, along with a friend, rushed him to Chinsurah Imambara Sadar Hospital, but he succumbed to his injuries on the way. Outside the hospital, a grief-stricken Anwar Hus-

his brother's murder. "They came to our house, brutally attacked my brother with a knife, and left him to die," he lamented.

Shahnara Begum, Bittu's sister-in-law (bhabhi), also confirmed that Rohit and Guddu had visited Bittu's house



sain demanded justice for that evening to meet their sister. She stated that a verbal argument broke out, which quickly turned violent, leading to the fatal attack before the accused fled the scene.

As soon as the incident was reported, Mogra Police Station Officer-in-Charge Dipankar Sarkar, along with Mill Phadi SI Sujit Roy and a team of officers, swiftly reached the spot. Following a prompt investigation, the police took the accused into custody and recovered the weapons used in the crime.

While the exact motive is still under investigation, preliminary findings suggest that drug addiction and past enmity could have played a role in the murder. The police continue to probe the case to uncover further details.

Politics is never a full-time...

years back can see the changes more starkly. There is an enthusiasm as devotees and people from all over the country visit Uttar Pradesh." On how long he plans to remain in politics, the Chief minister said, "There will be a time frame for this as well.'

On whether his response meant that politics was not his permanent occupation, Adityanath reiterated, "Yes, exactly that is

what I am saying."

Explaining his perspective on the intersection of religion and politics, he said, "We limit religion to a confined space and restrict politics to a handful of people, and that is where the problem

"If politics is driven by self-interest, it will create problems. But if it is for the greater good, it will provide solutions. We have to choose between being part of the problem or the solution, and I believe this what religion also teaches us.

"When religion is pursued for self-interest, it

creates new challenges. However, when one dedicates themselves to a higher purpose, it opens up new avenues for

Adityanath also said that Indian tradition does not associate religion with self-interest.

On whether he considers himself more of a religious figure or a political leader, he asserted, "I work as a citizen and do not consider myself special. As a citizen, my constitutional duties come

"For me, the nation is paramount. If the country is safe, my religion is safe. When religion is secure, the path to welfare automatically opens.'

Asked how he would like him or his legacy to be remembered, Adityanath said light-heartedly that there is no need for others to remember him as he is very much present.

He then added, "It is not the name but the work that should be remem-One's identity should be through their work, not their name.

18 workers killed, several....

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administration to ensure that the injured get proper treatment at the earliest. The state government will provide an assistance of 4 lakh to the families of the deceased and 50,000 to the injured," he said.

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav also expressed grief over the death of several migrant workers from MP.

He said the affected workers families will also be extended full assistance as the state government will be by their side at this hour of crisis. Yadav added.

Meanwhile, with one more lady succumbing to her injuries in Monday's blast at a house at Pathar Pratima in s South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal on Tuesday morning in the hospital, the death toll in the accident has gone up to to eight, police

Seven people, including four children, were killed on the spot in the blast at the house in Dholahat area in Pathar Pratima on Monday night, they said. adding that the preliminary investigation pointed out that the blast had occurred due to an explosion in a gas cylinder

in the house. Sutapa Jana had almost 75 per cent burn injuries and she died at the SSKM Hospital in Kolkata this morning," a police officer said. The other deceased, who were killed on the spot, were identified as Prabhabati Banik (80), Arabinda Banik Swantana Banik (28), Arnab Banik (9), Anushka Banik (6), and two six-month-old babies, Asmita and Ankit, he said.

District Superintendent of Police Sunderban Koteswara Rao said 11 members of the family used to live in the two-sto-

ried house where the blast took place.

Categorically denying the allegation that there was a firecracker manufacturing unit running inside the house, the SP said that "there was no clear evidence of the existence of any firecracker factory in the house, It is completely is wrong. It was a residential building. No firecracker unit was operating there"

The building is situated in a residential area, and there is no question of a firecracker unit there,'

he asserted. About further allegation that some items found in the house were raw materials for manufacturing firecrackers, Rao said it needs to be examined on the basis of the allegations. "We will go by the forensic report," he said.

But, Trinamool Congress MLA of Pathar Pratima Samir Kumar Jana has however, said the family indeed owned an authofirecracker

manufacturing unit a few metres away from the

"They were running the business for quite some time, and I have the information that they had the license. Last night, the blast took place in their house. Probably they had stored some raw materials to manufacture firecrackers there, leading to this

disaster," he said. Leader of the Opposition Suvendu Adhikari alleged that the building where the incident happened was a "crude bomb manufacturing unit".

"How many more tragedies will take place before serious action is taken? The DGP @WBPolice must answer why the State of West Bengal is sitting on a pile of crude bombs?" he posted on X.

India looks amazing from....

Wilmore since their return to Earth as part of the SpaceX Crew-9 mission last month having been stranded in space for over nine months.

When asked how India looked from space when she was in the International Space Station and on the possibility of her collaborating with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on space exploration, the 59-yearold NASA astronaut replied, "India is amazing. Every time we went over the Himalayas, and I will tell you, Butch got some incredible pictures of the

Himalayas. Just amazing." "And you can see, like 've described it before, just like this ripple that happened, obviously when the plates collided, and then as it flows down into India. It's many, many colours," she said.

"I think, when you

come from the east, going into like Gujarat and Mumbai, the fishing fleet that's off the coast there gives you a little bit of a beacon that here we come, and then all throughout India, I think the impression I had was it was just like this network of lights from the bigger cities going down through the smaller cities. Just incredible to look at night as well as during the day, highlighted, of course, by the Himalayas, which is just incredible as a forefront going down into India," she said.

Sunita Williams added, "I hope, and I think for sure, I am gonna be going back to my father's home country and visiting with people and getting excited about the first, or not the first, but the Indian national who is going up on the Axiom Mission coming up, pretty awesome," she

TMC Disciplinary Comm to summon absent MLAs over budget session no-shows

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant development, over 30 Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) of the Trinamool Congress (TMC), including Minister Manoj Tiwari, were absent during the crucial budget session of the West Bengal Assembly. This absence occurred despite a strict party whip issued by TMC to ensure the presence of all lawmakers, particularly on the days when Chief Minister Mamata

Banerjee was in attendance. The incident led to internal discussions within the party, prompting the TMC's disciplinary committee to take immediate action.

The disciplinary committee has now decided to summon the absent MLAs, and they will be required to present themselves before the committee in person. The specific dates for the meeting have not yet been finalized, but the decision was made in re-

protocol, as the whip was issued for mandatory attendance on February 19 and 20. Nirmal Ghosh, the TMC's chief whip in the Assembly, had issued a three-line written instruction to all party legislators to be present

Despite the directive, over 30 lawmakers were reported absent, which triggered concerns within the party. Following this, a meeting was held with key TMC leaders, including Nirmal Ghosh and Parliamentary Minister SovandebChattopadhyay. The outcome was that a list of absentees was compiled, and each member will now be called to explain their absence. The list has been shared with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, the party's All-India General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee, and the disciplinary committee itself.

cussed with Speaker of the Assembly, Biman Banerjee. The issue was initially delayed due to the Eid celebrations, but now that the festivities are over, the committee is determined to proceed with its action. SovandebChattopadhyay confirmed that the committee is ready to call the absent MLAs for a hearing, and the final date for the meeting will be announced soon.

KMC revises tax MI News Service, Kolkata: The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has insignificant changes to its tax waiver scheme, marking a departure from the previous system. Under the old rules, taxpayers could apply for the waiver and, once granted, pay the reduced amount, thus enjoying immediate relief. However, the revised pol-

icy mandates that outstanding dues must be cleared in full before applying for a waiver under the scheme. The final decision on granting the waiver will rest with Mayor Firhad Hakim. Previously, taxpayers were allowed to declare

their outstanding dues and request concessions under the waiver scheme. However, KMC sources indicate that the former system was often misused, leading to a decline in revenue collection. Investigations revealed instances where taxpayers availed multiple waivers on the same outstanding amount, some even securing deductions two or three times over.

This revision comes at a time when KMC has recorded a historic revenue collection, partly attributed to the treasury remaining open on holidays. The authorities aim to further boost municipal earnings while ensuring fairness in tax collection.

Key Features of the Revised Tax Waiver

waiver scheme rules

ers must first clear their entire amount before applying for the waiver. Mean-while, the extent of the waiver will be determined by the Mayor's approval. For dues older than 10 years, the maximum waiver on interest is capped at 35%, while penalties can be reduced by up to 25%. For dues between 5

and 10 years old, interest waivers can go up to 40%, with penalty reductions of up to 50%.

For dues ranging from 2 to 5 years, interest waivers are set at a maximum of 50%, while penalties can be slashed by up to 75%. For dues less than 2 years old, interest waivers remain at 50%, while penalties can be reduced by an impressive 99%. This revised scheme hinges entirely on the Mayor's discretion. According to KMC's Revenue Department, once a taxpayer pays their dues in full, they can then apply for a waiver, which will be adjusted in future tax calculations based on the Mayor's decision. Additionally, those who clear their dues within the first quarter of the financial year via online payment will receive an extra 5% interest reduction. Senior citizens will benefit from an additional 1% discount. At present, KMC has a total of 935,000 registered taxpayers, all of whom will now be subject

Assam CM condemns Md Yunus calling.....

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alternative road routes connecting the Northeast to the rest of India, effectively bypassing the 'Chicken's Neck'. He said that this may pose significant engineering challenges, but it can be achieved with "determination and innovation".

MI News Service, Guwahati : Severely condemning the recent com-ment of Muhammad Yunus, the Chief of the Bangladesh's Interim Government that his country is the "only guardian of the ocean" in the region, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday described it as offensive and strongly condemnable"

Making this comment Muhammad Yunus has also urged Beijing during his recent four day visit to China, to extend its ecoinfluence Bangladesh, since India's all seven Northeastern states are landlocked, it could prove to be an opportunity.

The remark, apparently made during Yunus' recent visit to China, surfaced on social media on

"The statement made by Md Younis of Bangladesh, the so-called interim Government referring to the seven sister states of Northeast India as landlocked and positioning Bangladesh as their guardian of ocean access, is offensive and strongly condemnable," posted on X.

"Such provocative statements by Md Younis must not be taken lightly, as they reflect deeper strategic considerations and longstanding agendas," he added.

Calling Bangladesh the "only guardian of the ocean" in the region, Yunus said this could be a huge opportunity and could be an extension of the Chinese economy.

"The seven states of India, the eastern part of India, are called the seven sisters. They are a landlocked region of India. They have no way to reach out to the ocean," he said. Sarma pointed out that

this remark underscores the "persistent vulnerability narrative associated with India's strategic 'Chicken's Neck' corridor". "Historically, even internal elements within India have dangerously suggested severing this critical passageway to isolate the Northeast from the mainland physically. Therefore, it is imperative to develop more robust railway and road networks both underneath and around the Chicken's Neck corridor," he said. Sarma also called for the prioritisation of ex-

routes connecting the Northeast to the rest of India, effectively bypassing the 'Chicken's Neck'. He said that this may pose significant engineering challenges, but it can be achieved with "determination and innovation"

ploring alternative road

Boiparay Boi Utsab inaugurated at College Square

The dog squad inspects the Indian Museum in Kolkata following a bomb threat on Tuesday.

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Boiparay Boi Utsab has been inaugurated at College Square Ground (Vidyasagar Udyan), a historic venue that naturally attracts book lovers. Organized by the Publishers and Booksellers Guild with support from the Kolkata Municipal Corporation, the festival runs from April 1 to April 7, 2025, from 3 pm to 8 pm.With 55 stalls and 70 publishers, the festival showcases a diverse collection of Bengali and English books. Eminent author Sanjib Chattopadhyay inaugurated the event along-Debashish Kumar (KMC), celebrated poets Joy Goswami, Srijato Bandyopadhyay, Subodh Sarkar, Tridib Kr. Chatterjee, Presi-



Boiparay Boi Utsab was inaugurated by eminent author Sanjib Chattopadhyay, in the presence of KMC Mayor in Council Debashish Kumar along with Joy Goswami, Srijato Banerjee, Guild President Tridib Kr. Chatterjee and Guild General Secretary Sudhangshu Sekhar Dey and other dignitaries at College Square Ground (Vidyasagar Udyan) in Kolkata on Tuesday.

dent, Guild; and Sudhangshu Sekhar Dey, General Secretary, Guild. and other dignitaries.Sanjib Chattopadhyay called the event 'Boi Parbon,' highlighting its meticulous planning. Initiated in 2013 at Chief Minister Mamata

Banerjee's behest, the festival evolved into its present form. Steeped in Boi Para's rich literary heritage, it continues to celebrate Bengal's reading culture, inviting all book lovers to an unforgettable literary experience.

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Allegations of damage to iconic Coffee House building

MI News Service, Kolkata: There are serious allegations that the iconic Coffee House building in Kolkata is being compromised by unscrupulous businessmen. Reports suggest that a businessman has purchased a section of the building and is constructing three smaller shops in the space. Even more concerning, there are accusations that three large supporting pillars of the building, which houses the Coffee House, have been demolished. The issue has led to a formal complaint at the Amherst Street Police Sta-

The Coffee House, a 150year-old establishment, holds immense historical significance. It has been part of the Department of Information and Cultural Affairs since 1991. Located beneath the Coffee House is a bookstore, which, according to reports, has been bought by a non-Bengali businessman from Siliguri. Allegedly, the new owner is attempting to expand the shop by breaking down the building's pillars to create additional spaces.

Coffee House enthusiasts and

about the impact of such alterations. They claim that destroying the pillars could destabilize the entire structure, potentially putting the future of the Coffee House in jeopardy. In response, concerned citizens and advocates have written letters to the Kolkata Municipal Corporation and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to draw attention to the situation. A complaint has been filed with the local police.

AchintLaha, the Secretary of the Coffee House Social Service Association, expressed his conpreservationists are worried cern, stating, "The sale of the

molishing parts of the building for expansion is unacceptable. This is the first time in 150 years that the Coffee House is facing such damage."

Others shared similar sentiments, explaining that the owner took advantage of Sundays, when the area is less crowded, to carry out the construction work. However, the businessman's side of the story has not been heard yet. The ongoing controversy has raised alarm about the preservation of one of Kolkata's most beloved heritage sites.

Lawyers protest transfer of Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma

MI News Service, Kolkata: After the Supreme Court Collegium's recommendation to transfer Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma from the Delhi High Court to the Calcutta High Court, three lawyer organizations of the Calcutta High Court called for the review and withdrawal of the decision. The organizations also sent a letter to the Chief Justice of India, urging him to reconsider the decision. In a bid to protest the transfer, these organizations have announced a strike, urging all lawyers not to participate in any case hearings on the given day. Shankar Prasad Dalapati, Secretary of the Calcutta High Court Bar As-SabyasachiChaudhury, Secretary of the Bar Library Club; and Paritosh Sinha, Secretary of the Incorpo-

rated Law Society, held a press confer-

ence where they expressed their strong

objections. They pointed out that Justice

Sharma's transfer is not just a routine

reshuffling of judges, as it follows serious allegations against him. They further emphasized that the Delhi High Court judge had left 45 cases partially heard, which raises concerns about his conduct and accountability. The lawyer organizations argue that the Calcutta High Court should not be used as a "dumping ground" for controversial judges. They highlighted that while Calcutta High Court has seen several temporary transfers of judges, it has also sent some of its own judges to other high courts in the country. The organizations have called for a re-evaluation of the transfer, even suggesting that judges from Calcutta High Court who were transferred out could be brought back if necessary. This protest follows earlier objections raised by Calcutta High Court lawyers, who had sent a letter to Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna expressing their concerns about Justice Sharma.

Bomb threat sparks panic at Indian Museum ing foreign nationals, were

MI News Service, Kolkata: A fresh bomb threat via email triggered widespread panic at the Indian Museum in Kolkata on Tuesday morning. The alarming message prompted immediate action from the authorities, leading to a swift evacuation of the museum premises. The Kolkata Police were alerted, and a bomb

According to sources, the email warned of an explosive device planted within the museum, sending shockwaves among visitors and staff. At the time, numerous tourists, includ-

squad was dispatched to

the site without delay.

present at the venue. Upon receiving the threat, the museum authorities wasted no time in notifying the police, who quickly mobilized senior officers and security personnel to assess the situation The Indian Museum,

known for its rich historical and cultural significance, is routinely guarded by a considerable police presence. However, in response to the threat, additional security forces were deployed to the site. Authorities swiftly evacuated the premises, ensuring the safety of all visitors and

Woman found dead under mysterious circumstance

MI News Service, Kolkata: The body of a young woman, Manisha Ray, has been discovered in a flat in the upscale area of Deshbandhunagar. The 28-year-old woman, a bar dancer by profession, was found dead in her thirdfloor flat on Tuesday morning. According to police sources, Manisha was celebrating a birthday party with

her male friend, Antarjami Soren, a resident of Odisha, at her flat on Monday night. Both were reportedly present in the flat. However, on Tuesday morning, her lifeless body was discovered. There were visible marks on her neck, suggesting she may have been strangled, though the exact cause of death is still under investigation. Police

are looking into whether it was a case of strangulation or something else. The flat's collapsible gate was locked, and Manisha had the keys, which Antarjami could not find. As a result, he spent the night in the flat with her body before breaking open three locks the following morning to access the flat and find her deceased.

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Name Change

I, Rashida Begum(Old Name Daughter Of Idrish,Residing At F 81, Khorai Patti, Garden Reach Kolkata - 700024,West Bengal Shall Henceforth Be Known As Rashida Khatoon(New Name)Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The No-tary Public At Kolkata On 28/03/20 25.That Rashida Begum And Rashida Khatoon Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

Monoj Shaw (old name) S/ Biswanath Shaw, residing at 27F Ratan Babu Road, P.O.- Cossipore Kolkata- 700002, W.B. INDIA, hav changed my name and shall hence forth be known as Manoj Shaw (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 28/03/2025. Manoj Shaw (new name) and Monoj Shaw (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Rajesh Kumar (old name) S/O Late Krishna Chandra Wanshi, residing at 18, Balitikuri Dhara Para P.S.- Dasnagar, Howrah- 711113 W.B, INDIA, have chan ged my name and shall henceforth be known as Rajesh Kumar Chan-drawanshi (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 28/03/2025. Rajesh Kumar Chandrawanshi (new name) and Rajesh Kumar (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I. Tapan Biswas(Old Name).Son Of Mohan Biswas, Residing At P-263/9 Benaras Road, Liluah. Howrah - 711108, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Binay Biswas(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 28/03/2025.That Tapan Biswas And Binay Biswas Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Nabanita Das(Old Name),Wife Of Suryendu Das, Residing At 45f, New Ballygunge Road, Tiljala, Kolkata - 700039,West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Na-banita Sikder(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 28/03/ 20 25.That Nabanita Das And Na-banita Sikder Both Are The Same And One Identical Person

Name Change

I, (Old Name) MD ASGAR ALI S/o-KUTUBUDDIN SEIKH, Residing Sorivat tola, Ps- Baishnabnagar, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732210, West Bengal. Do hearby declare that I have Changed my name from MD ASGAR ALI To ASGAR ALI (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) ASGAR ALI in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 18 March 2025, ASGAR ALI and MD ASGAR ALI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

(Old Name) RAKHI JHA GUPTA W/o- ASHOKE KUMAR JHA Residing at, Vill- Manindranagar, Post - Cossimbazar, Ps- berham-pore, Dist- Murshidabad, Pinpore, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin-742102, West Bengal. Do hearby declare that I have Changed my name from RAKHI JHA GUPTA To RAKHI JHA (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) RAKHI JHA in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 18 March 2025, RAKHI JHA and RAKHI JHA GUPTA both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

(Old Name) NAIMUDDIN S/o NESH MAHAMMAD, Residing at Vill- Satgharia, Post - Budhia, Ps-Englishbazar, Dist- Malda, Pin-732128, West Bengal. Do hearby name from NAIMUDDIN To SK NAIMUDDIN (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as New name) SK NAIMUDDIN in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 18 March 2025, SK NAIMUDDIN and NAIMUDDIN both are Same and

Name Change

I,Saheb Deyasi (old name) S/o Golok Deyasi (old name) Address-Nibra,Domjur,Howrah W.B. 7114 09 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Saheb Devashi (New name) and my father's name Golok Deyashi (new name) as declared before the 1st class judicial magistrate Alipore court vide affidavit no.27232 dated 27/03/2025 Saheb Devasi (old name) and Saheb Deyashi (new name) both are the same and identical person Golok Deyasi (old name) and Golok Devashi (new name) both are same and one identical person

Name Change

Jayeeta Chowdhury (Old Name), Sanjay Chowdhury Residing at Shree Apartment, Block - A, Flat no. 302, 3rd Floor, 24, Prankrishna Ganguly Road, Nea Kamarpara Shyama Mandir, Post Office & Police Station - Bally, District - Howrah, PIN - 711201, West Bengal have changed my name and shall henceforth be known a Jayeeta Chowdhury Ghosh (New Name) a declared before the Notary Public at Howral vide affidavit no. 122 dated 12/03/2025 Jayeeta Chowdhury (Old Name) and Javeeta Chowdhury Ghosh (New Name both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE I, AFSHAN JAMIL, GULNAZ

PARVEEN (OLD) my mother's name and Jamil Ahmed father's name, residing at 27, Harin Bari Lane, P.S-Bowbazar, Kolkata-700073 have changed my mother's name and shall henceforth be known as GULNAZ PERWEEN(NEW) as declare before the Notary, regd no 13780/18, Govt in India, Kolkata - 700001 on 13.02.2025 that GULNAZ PARVEEN (OLD) and GULNAZ PERWEEN (NEW) name is the same and one identical person.

Tagore chapter gets launched in Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Tagore chapter was finally launched in the city of Kolkata. LVB India successfully launched of the Tagore Chapter. The launch witnessed an overwhelming response, bringing together prominent business leaders, industry experts, and ambitious entrepreneurs for an evening of networking, collaboration, and knowledge-shar-

Speaking to the media, Anchal Goenka, said, "The launch of the Tagore Chapter marks the beginning of an exciting journey. We are thrilled to see such an incredible response and look forward to building a strong network where professionals and entrepreneurs can learn, grow, and succeed together."

Name Change

I, Sajal Ghosh (old name) S/C Biswanath Ghosh, residing at BC 39/3, Deshbandhu Nagar, Baguiati, Rajarhat Gopalpur (m), P.O.- Desh Bandhu Nagar, North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700059, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sajal Kumar Ghosh (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 28/03/2025. Sajal Kumar Ghosh (new name) and Sajal Ghosh (old name) both are same

Name Change

Jagadish Kirttania (old name S/O Late Sadhana Chandra Kirtta nia, residing at Sabuj Park, 2 No-Bacharpara Road, Thakurpukur, Kolkata- 700063, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jagadish Chandra Kirttania (new name) as declared before the No tary Public at Kolkata, dated 28/03/2025. Jagadish Chandra Kirttania (new name) and Jagadish Kirttania (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Nooruddin Khan.S/O Karim Bux Khan,R/O Kankhuly Madhyapara, Po Bidhangarh, Diamond Har-bour-700066,West Bengal,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Known As Nuruddin Khan,Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 28/03 /2025,That Nooruddin Khan And Nuruddin Khan All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

Hanef Mandal, S/O Lalchand Mondal,R/O Kharbagan Chunari-para,Po-Majdia,Ps - Krishnaganj, Nadia-741507,West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Hanef Mondalvide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 28/03/2025,That Hanef Mandal And Hanef Mondal All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

Akash Mandal, S/O Hanef Mon dal,R/O Kharbagan Chunaripara, Po-Majdia,Ps-Krishnaganj,Nadia-741507,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Akash Mondal, Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolk ata On 28/03/ 2025,That Akash Mandal And Akash Mondal All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

Jharna Rani Datta (old name) D/O Late Nani Gopal Lodh,resid-ing at Anandoloke, Central Road, odepur, Panihati, P.S.- Ghola North24Parganas, Pin- 700110, W.B, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jharna Datta (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 28/03/2025. Jharna Datta (new name) and Jharna Rani Datta (old name) both are same and identi-

Name Change

Amroa Devi Baid, Amroa Baid Amroa Baid (old name),W/O Nem Chand Baid, Date of Birth 10/02/1945,residing at 42 A, Balygunge Circular Road, P.O. – Ballygunge, Dist - Kolkata, Pin- 700 019, W.B, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Amrao Devi Baid (new name) as declared before the Noarv Public at Kolkata, dated 28/03/2025. Amrao Devi Baid (new name) and Amroa Devi Baid. Amroa Baid & Amroa Baid (old name) both are same and identi-

Name Change

I, Ashish Bhowmick (old name) S/O Late Bankim Bhowmick, residing at Vill- Bhagabanpur, P.O.- Mollahat, Shyampur, Howrah- 711314, W.B, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Asish Bhowmick (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 28/03/ 2025. Asish Bhowmick (new name) and Ashish Bhowmick (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Harsh Dhona (old name) S/O Sajan Kumar Dhona, residing at 198, Dakshindari Road, Flat-2D, Brijdham Building No.16, P.S.- Lake Town, Bidhannagar, Pin- 700048, W.B, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Harsshh Dhona (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 28/03/2025. Harsshh Dhona (new name) and Harsh Dhona (old name) both are same and identical person.

NFR introduces LHB coaches on Balurghat - Howrah express

MI News Service, Kolkata: Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) introduced LHB (Linke Hofmann Busch) coaches for the Balurghat -Howrah Express, enhancing passenger safety and comfort. The upgraded train was flagged off on 30 th March, 2025 at Balurghat Railway Station by Dr. Sukanta Mazumdar, Hon'ble Union Minister of state for Education and Development of North Eastern Region, Shri Budhrai Tudu, Hon'ble Member of West Bengal Legislative Assembly, along with senior railofficials. Majumdar, in his address, highlighted the government's dedication to improving railway infrastructure in West Bengal. He emphasized that the introduction of LHB coaches on trains originating from Balurghat will significantly boost rail connectivity and



conventional ICF coaches to LHB coaches marks a major milestone in railway development. These modern coaches are designed to offer enhanced safety features, including an antitelescopic structure that prevents serious damage in case of collisions. Passengers can also experience greater comfort due to advanced suspension systems, ensuring a smoother journey. Additionally, LHB coaches are capable of op-erating at higher speeds,

thereby reducing travel time while providing aesthetically improved interiors for a pleasant travel experience. Passengers can now look forward to a safer and more comfortable jour-ney, as the LHB coaches are equipped with modern amenities and are designed to minimize the impact of accidents. This initiative underscores Indian Railways' unwayering commitment to passenger safety and service excel-

Fire caught in

unauthorised shop

near Magrahat Station Platform :

Train movements

controlled for

short duration

**Railway appeals to all unauthorised shop owners to leave encroached area

MI News Service, Kolkata:

Train movements in Baruipur - Diamond Har-

bour section had to be con-

trolled for short duration

this afternoon as a safety

measure following fire broke out in an unautho-

rised shop adjacent to Platform No. 2 & 3 of Magrahat station at about 14:48 hrs.

Immediately after the inci-

dent, OHE power was dis-

connected and the train

movements controlled in

the affected area as a

safety measure. The fire was controlled at about

15:30 hrs by the station

staff, applying fire extin-

guisher and also with the

help of local people. Train

Diamond Harbour station

resumed after the extin-

guishing of fire at 15:30

hrs. As a sequel to this, two

pairs of EMU locals of Dia-

mond Harbour section

were delayed enroute.

Eastern Railway time and

again has made continuous

appeal and campaign to

owners and other vendors

not to use any kind of fire

for the safety reason. East-

ern Railway also appeals to

the unauthorised shop

owners to leave the en-

croached area as such en-

croachment results in

severe inconvenience and

safety issues for the pas-

sengers. The appeal is

once again reiterated for

not to use any kind of fire

or not to keep possible

source of fire at station

premises or in railway ju-

risdiction. The passengers

are also requested to raise

their voice against the en-

croachers, affecting easy

movement of passengers at

station area and also

against those who use fire

at station premises causing

safety issues.

unauthorised shop

movements in Baruipur

Led by Robust 19.72% Growth in Loading of **Domestic Container, Indian Railways Regis**ters Incremental Loading of 1.68% Across All **Commodities Compared to Last Year**

Eastern Railway Leads with 16.11% Growth in Freight Loading Among Zonal Railways in FY

contribute to the socio-eco-

nomic development of the

region. The transition from

MI News Service, Delhi: Indian Railways is crucial for transporting bulk commodities which are essential for industry and energy - coal for power plants, iron ore, coking coal and Limestone for Steel industries, finished steel for manufacturing and construction, cement, food grains for national distribution, fertilizers for agriculture, and petroleum products. For long distances and bulk goods, rail transport has been more economical than road transport. This helps reduce overall logistics costs for businesses, making Indian goods more competitive domestically

and internationally. Moreover, Railways link the mines, factories, agricultural regions, and ports with markets across the country, enabling seamless supply chains across its vast nationwide network. During FY 2024-25, Indian Railachieved approx 1617.38 MT of originating freight loading, as compared to 1590.68 MT achieved during FY 202324, registering an incremental loading of 26.70 MT (1.68%). Loading for domestic Coal registered growth of 7.4% whereas loading for Domestic Container recorded growth of 19.72%. Loading for fertilizer recorded growth of 1.25%. POL loading registered growth of 0.61%. Gunny sacks, Hot Rolled coils, Ceramic Tiles, Wall care putty

and Rice are five major commodities in domestic container loading. In terms of loading achieved by Zonal Railways, Eastern Railway achieved growth of 16.11%. South East Central Railway (SECR) achieved growth of 7.28%. Northeast Frontier Railway achieved growth of 4.21%. Northern Railway achieved growth of 3.89%. Central Railway achieved growth of 2.82%. South Central Railway achieved growth of 2.14%. East Coast Railway achieved growth of 1.19%. Southern Railway achieved growth of 0.80%. South Eastern Railway achieved growth of 0.36%. Due to impressive loading of Coal by Indian Railways, stock at power houses in India reached at 57 MT, which is all time highest.

Metro Carried 21.81 Crore Passengers in 2024-25

 $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{MI}}$ News Service, Kolkata: Metro Railway has carried 21.81 crore passengers in 2024-25. In comparison to 2023-24 passenger figure of 19.25 crores, this is 13.30% more. At present, Metro services are available on Blue Line, Green Line, Purple Line and Orange Line. Out of these, Blue Line (Dakshineswar to Kavi Subhash) of Metro Railway has carried 18.93 crore passengers in the recently concluded fiscal i.e. 2024-25 in comparison to 2023-24 passenger figure of 17.94 crores, this is 5.51% more. On the other hand, Green Line-2 (Howrah Maidan to Esplanade) has carried 1.39 crore passengers in 2024-25 as Metro Railway has started to ply under the river Hooghly from March last year. Green Line-1 (Sealdah to Salt Lake Sector V) has carried 1.41 crore passengers in 2024-25 in comparison to 2023-24 passenger figure of 1.22 crores, this is 15.57% more. 1.76 lakh passengers have travelled in the Purple Line (Joka to Majerhat) in the last fiscal in comparison to 2023-24 passenger figure of 1.34 lakh, this is 31.34% more. 5.92 lakh passengers have travelled in the Orange Line (Kavi Subhash to Hemanta Mukhopadhyay) in the last fiscal.

Morsalin Sk (old name) S/O Kubad Ali Sk, residing at Vill.-Bishnupur, P.O.- Bishnupur, P.S. Bishnupur, Dist- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743503, W.B, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Morsalim Sk (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 28/03/2025. Morsalim Sk (new name) and Morsalin Sk (old name) both are same and identi-

Name Change

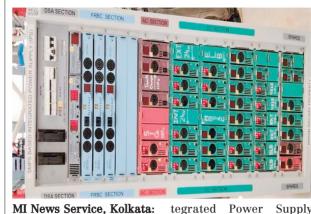
Name Change

Juhi Goyal(Old Name), Wife O Piyush Agarwalresiding At Ec-238,Salt Lake City,Opp-City Cenre,Sector-1, Bidhannagar Block, Kolkata- 700064,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Juhi Agarwal(New Name)Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notar Public At Kolkata On 28/03/20 25.That Juhi Goyal And Juhi Agarwal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

State's P&RD dept to adopt **'Unified Accounting Software**

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Panchavats and Rural Development (P&RD) department is introducing an unified accounting software "Sahaj Saral" under West Bengal Panchayat Management System (WBPMS) for ensuring real time entry of all transactions in the three-tier Panchayat. The software will come into effect from April 1. Presently, the Gram Panchayat (GP) uses an accounting software known as Gram Panchayat Management System (GPMS) while the Panchayat Samiti and Zilla Parishad uses a software named IFMS-Saral. In this existing system, the functionaries hardly made real time entries of the transactions which caused delay in update of the transaction records. In the new system, the Pass for Payment process will be recorded and verified followed by the entry of the debit (payment) voucher. "In the existing system, a manual receipt is issued to a person after payment in any of the three-tier Panchayats.

Upgradation of Level Crossing Gate in Krishnanagar-Lalgola Section enhancing **Safety & Efficiency**



MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant move to enhance safety and operational efficiency, Eastern Railway's Sealdah Division has successfully Interlocked and upgraded Level Crossing (LC) Gate No. 82/E/BTY, situated between Bethuadahari and Muragacha stations in the Krishnanagar–Lalgola section on 30.03.2025. The LC gate has been interlocked and upgraded with vital modifications Bethuadahari Electronic Interlocking system. A key improvement includes the merging of the Down gate distant signal with the Down advance starter signal of Bethuadahari. Additionally, the LC gate is now connected to Bethuadahari station through a voice logger telephone for better communication.

Key Features of the **Upgradation:** Provision of Gate Signal Operating Panel with integrated Track Charger failure and IPS failure indications. Installation of an Electrical Lifting Barrier with a standby sliding barrier for enhanced safety. Electronic Interlocking (EI) alteration for merging the Down gate distant signal with the Down Advance Starter of Bethuadahari. Dismantling of the old gate lodge to improve visibility from the new gate lodge. Independent power supply for the Electrical Lifting Barrier and Sliding Barrier. Introduction of an In-

System (IPS) for improved reliability. Deployment of an RDSO power panel for automatic switching between multiple power sources. Installation of a Datalogger-Remote Terminal Unit (RTU) for realtime monitoring. Provision of a voice logger telephone for direct communication with Bethuadahari station. Integration of a 3-aspect signal unit for road signals, accompanied by a hooter for enhanced warning. Approach warning system activated from a 2 km distance, with Dedicated Arrival Line (DAL) alerting for 60 seconds in the Down direction and 120 seconds in the Up direction. Deployment of dual track detection with Multi-Section Digital Axle Counter (MSDAC) and DC track circuits. Implementation of maintenance-free earthing for improved op-erational reliability. Installation of Colour Light LED gate signals with two aspects in both Up and Down lines. Provision of a Signal Clearance flow chart and RTU bit chart for streamlined fault rectification. Proper cable management with twisting and organized dressing in location boxes. This modernization initiative is part of Eastern Railway's continuous ef-

forts to improve rail infrastructure, ensuring safer and more efficient railway operations for passengers and road users alike. **ER crossed 100 million ton mark** of Freight Loading In Fy 2024-25



MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway achieved the highest-ever freight loading in the current financial year (2024-25) since its inception. Eastern Railway has already crossed 100 Million Ton mark by recording 100.28 Million Tons of originating freight loading which is an all-time record. This record freight loading of Eastern Railway in 2024-25 is 15.4% higher than its previous highest loading of 86.89 Million Ton in FY 2023-24. This remarkable achievement in freight loading is the resultant of the continuous endeavour of Eastern Railway team for attracting new variety of freight traffic, opening new goods shed and modernizing existing freight terminals and goods sheds.

1700 Berths to be Generated by running Howrah - Raxaul - Howrah Summer Special

MI News Service, Kolkata: 1700 berths will be generated by running Howrah - Raxaul - Howrah Summer special train. Railways remains committed to prioritizing passenger comfort and convenience, especially during periods of increased demand such as the summer season. By proactively addressing passenger needs and introducing the special train, Eastern Railway reaffirms its dedication to providing quality transportation services and ensuring a positive travel experience for all passengers. The decision to introduce the summer special train aims to alleviate the extra rush of passengers and ensure smooth and convenient travel. By offering additional train services, Eastern Railway aims to ensure that passengers have access to adequate transportation facilities, thereby enhancing their travel experience and meeting their evolving needs. 03043 Howrah - Raxaul Summer Special will leave Howrah at 23:00 hrs. on 12.04.2025 (01 trip) to reach Raxaul at 16:15 hrs. on the next day and 03044 Raxaul -Howrah Summer Special will leave Raxaul at 17:30 hrs. on 13.04.2025 (01 trip) to reach Howrah at 10:45 hrs. on the next day. The train will stop at 15 stations including Barddhaman, Durgapur, Asansol, Chittaranjan, Madhupur and Jasidih stations over Eastern Railway jurisdiction in both directions enroute. The train will have General Second Class, Sleeper Class and Air-conditioned accommodations. The booking of 03043 Howrah-Raxaul Summer Special is available through PRS & Internet.

Reported collision between two Goods **Trains in NTPC owned** track from Kahalgaon to new Farakka: Not related to Indian **Railways**



MI News Service, Kolkata: Reportedly there was an unfortunate incident of head-on collision of two goods trains at about 03:00 a.m. today (1.4.2025) in NTPC operated private line. It is privately owned & run by NTPC on a track connecting between Kahalgaon & Farakka Thermal Power Plants. The track is popularly known as NTPC Lalmatia MGR and the operation of which is not related to Indian Railways. Hence, there is no involvement of Indian Railways in this incident. The entire operation of MGR line, locos, crew, maintenance, signalling etc belongs to NTPC. More details of the accident will be communicted when collected from NTPC authorities. However, NTPC have sought help from Malda Division and requested for 140 tonne crane from Malda Division of Eastern Railway and it has been arranged from Sahibgganj. Indian Railways is extending all possible help to NTPC authorities required for restoration.

Maintenance Activitiy at Centralised Mobile Rds Database at Cris/Hq MI News Service, Kolkata: An

urgent maintenance activity has been scheduled in the Centralized Mobile Ticketing RDS (Rolling Deposit Scheme) database on 3rd April 2025 from 00:00 hrs. to 23:59 hrs. at CRIS HQ, New Delhi. During this period, the mobile DR RDS database will be enabled. During the switching period, following services will not be available from 00:00 hrs. to 00:30 hrs. of 3.4.2025 & 00:00 hrs. to 00:30 hrs. of 4.4.2025. 1) All Mobile Ticketing services 2) UTS Ticket ing through Super App 3) Ticket Booking in ATVM using QR payment 4) SNC Recharge website.

Staff agitation at Liluah Workshop on Unjustified Demand

MI News Service, Kolkata: A group of staff started demonstration & agitation at Liluah Workshop demanding provision of drinking water. It is clarified that, recently there is no shortage of drinking water in Liluah Workshop. Additionally, the workshop authority has already provided 8 water booths in this year and also a new toilet for the convenience of the staff. More water booths will be coming up in the workshop in the near future. It appears that a group of staff had unnecessarily made an issue with the subject where there is no shortage of usable water in the Workshop.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDANT (Order 5, Rule 20 of the Code of (Order 5, Rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure) IN THE COURT OF SH. VINOD YADAV, LD. DISTRICT JUDGE (COMMERCIAL COURT)- 02, NORTH-WEST DISTRICT, DELHI, ROOM No. 316, ROHINI COURT, DELHI. Next Date of Hearing 30-04-2025

CS (COMM) No. 495/2024 **ICICI Bank Limited** ...Plaintiff ...Defendan

To, Kanchan Jaiswal, H. No. 1043, Kh. No. 1152/3, 3rd Floor, Meharouli Road, Ward No. 8, Delhi-110030. 8302731807. Also at:-120/1, Girish Ghosh Road, Dakshin Barilius, Howrah-

Also at:- WNS Global Services Sec-30, Gurgaon, H.R-122001

WHEREAS you, in view of the reports already received, cannot be served in ordinary way. It is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the 30th day of Apri 2025 the day fixed for the fina disposal, it will be heard and determined ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this 06th day of March, 2025. District Judge

(Commercial Court)-02 North- West Rohini, Delh

Uncivilized activities will attract Bulldozer justice: Yogi to Muslims

Ayodhya: Yogi Adityanath, the no-nonsense ascetic chief minister of Uttar Pradesh who wears anti-wokeism on his sleeve, has a clear message for Muslims: you will get a fair share of the state's development but don't expect special concessions just because you are a minority.

That means you can't hold namaz on the roads, or do illegal activities. If you do, be ready to face "Bulldozer jus-

Adityanath excoriated Waqf boards, saying they have become a means to appropriate government properties without ever giving anything back to the society, least of all to the Muslim community.

In the interview he also talked about his own growing popularity in the country, his relations with the RSS (of which he was never a member), his rumoured rift with some central leaders, his prime ministerial ambitions, Hindi as a national language and the Congress party's future.

"Politics is not a full-time job for me. Ultimately, I am a Yogi (monk) at heart," he said on his supporters seeing him as a future prime minister.

"There will be a time frame for this as well," he said to a question on how long he sees himself in politics. "I am the chief minister of Uttar Pradesh, and the party has placed me here to serve the people of the state." The monk-politician, who has emerged as one of the more popular BJP leaders due to his unapologetic hardline Hindutva views and image of a tough administrator against criminals, rejected criticism of any discrimination against Muslims.

Muslims are 20 per cent of the state's population but their share is 35-40 per cent among the beneficiaries of government welfare schemes, he said, asserting that he does not believe either in discrimination or in appeasement.

Asked about the row over the warning by his administration in Meerut against offering namaz on roads, he staunchly defended the government's move, saying there was nothing

wrong in it. "Roads are meant for walking. And those who are speaking (against the decision) should learn discipline from Hindus. Sixty-six crore people arrived in Prayagraj. There was no robbery, destruction of property, arson, abduction... This is called religious discipline. If you want benefits, you Kannada, Bengali or Marathi should also follow discipline," he said. Slamming critics of tne wagi (Amendment) Bill, ne said Waqf boards have become a den of selfish interests as well as "loot khasot" (property

EASTERN RAILWAY

NIT No.: 380 2024-25, 382 2024-25, dated 28.03.2025. Following e-Tender is invited online by Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building, Near Railway Station, Howrah-711101 [for the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN/1/Howrahl from Tenderers having experience of similar nature of work and required financial capabilities including those registered with Irrigation/CPWD/SEB/MES or any public sector undertaking for the ollowing work: SI. No. : 1. NIT No. 380_2024-25. Description of work Cess repair works in locations Bally Bandel Up Main Line from KM 7.051 7.585, 11.008 - 11.968 KM, 13.768 -14.004 KM, 14.02 - 15.863 KM, 17.42 19.179 KM, Bally - Bandel Down Main Line 12.033 - 12.695 KM, 12.827 -13.382 KM, 13.762 - 15.802 KM, Bally Bandel Up Main Line 21.587 - 21.771 KM. 23.004 - 24.063 KM. 24.779 -24.819 KM, 25.329 - 28.041 KM and 28.60 - 38.001 KM and Bally - Bandel Down Main Line 28 598 - 32 393 33.058 - 37.406 KM under jurisdiction of Senior DEN/1/Howrah. Approx. Cost ₹ 2.34.69.749.75: Earnest Money: ₹ 2,67,400.00; Cost of Tender Form Nil. Completion Period: 12 (Twelve) months. SI. No. : 2. NIT No. 382_2024-25. Description of work Extension of Shunting Neck at Liluah in the jurisdiction of Senior DEN/1/Howrah. Approx. Cost ₹ 61 10 083.90; Earnest Money 1,22,200.00; Cost of Tender Form Nil. Completion Period: 04 (Four) months. In case the date of closing mentioned in the Notice Inviting Tender is declared a holiday/bandh/ strike or any account, the date of closing tender online will not be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit submission of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. However, opening of tenders online will be done on the next working date 17.04.2025 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 Earnes Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender document cost (TDC) in respect of E-Tendering should be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only No manual offer will be accepted. HWH-01/2025-26

Tender Notice is also available at websites : www.er.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at : @EasternRailway **₹**@easternrailwayheadquarter for the welfare of Muslims.

Citing examples of charity in fields like education and health by Hindu temples and mutts, he asked if any Waqf board has done welfare work like this despite having properties many times more. Forget about the entire society, have Waqf properties been used for any welfare of Muslims, he asked.

"It (Waqf) has become a medium to capture any government property. This reform is the need of the hour, and all reforms draw opposition. I believe Muslims will benefit from

this (proposed law)," he said. With his "bulldozer model" now adopted by other states too as a show of quick justice despite frequent questions over its legality, Adityanath told that he did not consider the popular practice as an achievement but a necessity.

The bulldozer can be used to create infrastructure and remove encroachments as well, he said. "It seems to me that we have shown how it can be used in a better way." He also claimed that the Supreme Court has supported the UP administration's use of bulldozers and never reprimanded it. However, again on Tuesday, the apex court came down heavily on the UP government and Prayagraj administration for demolishing homes without legality. The court also ordered the government to pay compensation.

Explaining his perspective on the intersection of religion and politics, Adityanath said, "We limit religion to a confined space and restrict politics to a handful of people, and that is where the problem arises.

"If politics is driven by self-interest, it will create problems. But if it is for the greater good, it will provide solutions. We have to choose between being part of the problem or the solution, and I believe this is what religion also teaches us." Asked how he would like to be remembered by future generations, he said "I am living in the present, why do you ask about the future." On persisting with the question about the legacy he would want to create, Adityanath responded, "It is not the name but the work that should be remembered. One's identity should be through their work, not their name." He also slammed any politics over language, asserting that the states whose leaders are furthering it are on a gradual decline, and said several languages such as Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, can become the cornerstone of

national unity

government was teaching languages such as Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, Bengali and Marathi to students. "Does this diminish Uttar Pradesh in any way? Does it make UP look

small?" he asked. He, however, did not give details and Congress leader Karti Chidambaram challenged him to provide a list of schools that teach south Indian languages.

The chief minister said everyone believes Hindi should be respected, but India has adopted the three-language formula.

"This three-language formula ensures that regional languages also get the same respect. Every language has its own speciality which becomes the cornerstone of national unity," Adityanath said.

He also talked about the UP economy growing in the last eight years to become the country's second biggest and the state's per capita income having doubled in this period.

The chief minister promised to bring the state's per capita income at par with the national average by 2029-30. He said the state's per capita income was the same as the national average at the time of independence, but it had fallen to onethird level by 2016-17.

On the future of the Congress, he said the party has lost its connection with its origins, strayed from its values and faces an existential crisis as it was headed towards writing its own death certificate.

He said considering the path the Congress has undertaken it stands no chance of growing or flourishing in the country and people are not supporting it anymore.

He also asserted that the NDA will once again win Bihar assembly elections under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's national and Nitish Ku-

mar's state leadership.
The chief minister dismissed talks about any differences with the party's central leadership, saying he would not have been in his chair if there were any differences. On allegations from opposition parties that the actual death figures in the Mahakumbh stampede were concealed, he said that hundreds of people used to die when Kumbh was held during the opposition rule and therefore they were talking about casualties in hundreds this time also. Asked why he is liked by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) eventhough he is originally not from its fold, he said the RSS likes anyone who is committed to India and it inspires everyone to choose the right path.

Tender Notice No.: e-Tender/2025/10, Date: 28.03.2025. For and on behalf of President of India, the Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), South Eastern Railway Charagpur-721301 invites e-Tender for the following works before 15:00 hrs. on the ate mentioned against items and will be opened at 15:30 hrs. SI.No.-1. Tender No.: E-KGP-HQ-10-2025. Description of work: Manufacturing and Supply of Alumina Thermic welding portions of 60Kg/90UTS rails (2346 Nos. Joints) and 60Kg/60EI-R260 grade rails (2463 Nos.) as approved by RDSO and welding in-situ with single shot crucible as per IR Specification in connection with track renewal and maintenance work in Kharagpur division under the jurisdiction of DEN(HQ)/ Kharagpur (Total 4809 Joints), Tender Value: ₹ 1.08.72.240.10, EMD: ₹ 2.04.400, Completion period of the work: 12 months. SI.No.-2. Tender No.: E-KGP-HQ-11-2025. Description of work: Replacement of over aged/dilapidated steel tanks by RCC overhead tank (capacity up to 1,00,000 Gallon) at (1) Scrap Yard Kharagpur, (2) Traffic Settleme Kharagpur & (3) Shalimar Ganga end in Kharagpur Division (2nd Call). **Tender Value**: ₹ 4,23,71,063.97. EMD: ₹ 3,61,900. Completion period of the work: 12 months SI.No.-3. Tender No.: E-KGP-HQ-12-2025. Description of work: Strengthening or embankment and Canyas Drain - 10208 metre in Panskura - Haldia & Tamluk - Digha section under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Tamluk (2nd Call). Tender Value: ₹29,21,62,779.82 EMD: ₹ 16,10,800. Completion period of the work: 18 months. Sl.No.-4. Tender No.: E-KGP-HQ-13-2025. Description of work: Miscellaneous P.Way works towards naintainence of track in between Tamluk - Digha section under the jurisdiction of SSE(P.Way)/Kanthi. Tender Value: ₹ 1,04,62,318.89. EMD: ₹ 2,02,300. Completion period of the work: 08 months. SI.No.-5. Tender No.: E-KGP-EAST-28-2025. Description of work: Execution of Through Sleeper Renewal (Primary) i.e. TSR(P) 29.617 TKm in Howrah-Kharagpur Section under the jurisdiction of DEN/EAST/Kharagpu Fender Value: ₹ 5.78.53.451.05. EMD: ₹ 4.39.300. Completion period of the work: 12 months. SI.No.-6. Tender No.: E-KGP-EAST-29-2025. Description of work Modification and Renovation of existing ARM Building into 60 bedded Running Room at Shalimar. Tender Value: ₹ 3,31,24,165.26. EMD: ₹ 3,15,600. Completion period of the work: 09 months. SI.No.-7. Tender No.: E-KGP-EAST-30-2025. Description of work: Execution of work of Dismantling of Old FOB at Santragachi under the urisdiction of DEN/East/Kharagpur. **Tender Value:** ₹ 35,17,528.24. **EMD:** ₹ 70,400. Completion period of the work: 06 months. SI.No.-8. Tender No.: E-KGP-South 16-2025. Description of work: Execution of Through Ballast Renewal i.e. TBR or 59.820 Tr Km and 10 Pt. & Xings in Kharagpur-Bhadrak section under the jurisdictior of Sr. DEN(South)/Kharagpur (3rd Call). Tender Value: ₹ 5,71,22,766.29. EMD: 4,35,600. Completion period of the work: 12 months. SI.No.-9. Tender No.: E-KGP-WEST-13-2025. Description of work: Construction of 01 No. Gate Goomty consisting 3 rooms of size 4.2m x 3.1m, 3.2m x 3.1m, 2.5m x 3.1m) in connection vith interlocking of LC No. KY-12 in Nimpura - Gokulpura section under the jurisdiction of DEN/West/Kharagpur. Tender Value: ₹ 18,42,325.08. EMD: ₹ 36,900. Completio period of the work: 06 months, Tender Document Cost: ₹ 0 (for SI,No. 1 to 9 each) Date of opening: 15.04.2025 (for Sl.No. 1), 17.04.2025 (for Sl.No. 2 to 7 each) 21.04.2025 (for Sl.No. 8) and 28.04.2025 (for Sl.No. 9). Bidding start date: From 01.04.2025 and up to 15:00 hrs. on 15.04.2025 (for SI.No. 1), from 03.04.2025 and up to 15:00 hrs. on 17.04.2025 (for SI.No. 2 to 7), from 07.04.2025 and up to 15:00 hrs. on 21.04.2025 (for Sl.No. 8), from 14.04.2025 and up to 15:00 hrs. on 28.04.2025 for Sl.No. 9). Interested tenderers may visit website www.ireps.gov.in for full details/descriptions/specifications of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no ase manual tenders for these works will be accepted. **N.B.:** Prospective bidders may regularly visit www.ireps.gov.in to participate in all tenders

Metro Railway, Kolkata

E-Tender is invited by Principal Chief Engineer, Metro Railway for the following work: Name of work: "Provision of Foot Over Bridge in betwen IPD & OPD blocks of Tapan Sinha Memorial Hospital of Metro Railway, Kolkata". Approx Cost of Work: ₹1,53,15,925.82. Earnest Money: ₹2,26,600.00. Completion Period: Six (06) Months. Date and Time of Closing: 25.04.2025 at 12.00 Hrs. The Tender Document and other details can be obtained from the website www.ireps.gov.in Amendments/ Corrigendum, if any, would be uploaded

only on the website. Abridged e-Tender Notice No. : Civil-2515-2025 (Open)

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Waqf law communal, anti-constitution, support Modi's Waqf Ammendment Bill: **Catholic Bishops Conf of India**

MI News Service, Kochi: The apex national body of Catholic bishops came out in support of the amendments to the waqf law, contending that some of its provisions were "inconsistent with the Constitution and the secular democratic values of the

The statement of the Catholic Bishops Conference of India (CBCI) comes at a time the government seeks to table the Waqf (Amendment) Bill in the ongoing budget session of Parliament.

Earlier, the Kerala Catholic Bishops Council had asked MPs across political parties to vote in favour of the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024, which has faced resistance from the Opposition and Muslim groups.

The CBCI said that the waqf board in Kerala had invoked the provisions of the existing waqf law to declare the ancestral residential properties of more than 600 families in Munambam as waqf land.

"Over the past three years, this issue has escalated into a complex legal dispute. The fact remains that only a legal amendment can provide a permanent solution, and this must be recognised by the people's representatives," it said.

"As the Waqf Amendment Bill is set to be introduced in Par-

liament, the CBCI urges political parties and legislators to adopt an unbiased and constructive approach to this issue," it added. The CBCI said that the rightful ownership of land must be fully restored to the people of Munambam. "Any provisions or laws that contradict the principles of the Indian Constitution must be amended. At the same time, the rights of religious minorities, as guaranteed by the Constitution, must be safeguard-

ed." BJP leaders welcomed the move.

Delhi HC upholds disability pension for soldiers MI News Service, New their lives at a moment's no- Digpaul, said.

Delhi: Delhi High Court has refused to interfere with orders directing payment of disability pension to two army personnel, underscoring that soldiers defend the country often in harsh and inhospitable conditions and the possibility of disease and disability the conditions in which he come as a "package deal with serves the nation, to fall the desire to serve the coun-In a judgment passed on

March 27, a bench headed by Justice C. Hari Shankar struck down the Centre's challenge to the grant of disability pension to two soldiers on the ground that they were on "peace posting" and their ailments could not

service. The court recalled former US President John F. Kennedy's "stirring words" on patriotism and said that while "we sip our hot cappuccinos by the fireplace", soldiers are "braving icy winds at the border, willing to lay down

be attributed to military

"The possibility of disease and disability, therefore, comes as a package deal with the desire and determination to serve the country. The bravest of soldiers is prone, given

prey to bodily ailments, which, at times, may be disabling in nature, rendering him unable to continue in military service," the bench, also having Justice Ajay LEASE (UPTO 3 YRS)/LEAVE

& LICENSE (11 MONTHS+)-LANDS & PONDS AVAILABLE IN HOOGHLY (MOUZA-UTTAR SEKHPUR, BALI, KAPASDANGA). For rice cultivation (.3-2 acre)-1,000*/acre. Fish culture (0.9~5 acre) -2,500*/acre. Plantation (1 acre) -1,000*. Contact within **7 days:** 8369995617. *Min Rs/month

Notice regarding Power of Attorney

as per West Bengal Govt Order No. 1000-15/22/2024 dated 27.02.2024 This is to notify DHARMENDRA ROY S/o of Mr. Ramdayal Roy Address Budha Ramkanaisthan, PS-Asansol (S) Dist Paschim Bardhaman has purchased the below mentioned land schedule by virtue of Deed no 641/25 dated-29.01.25 (ADSR Asansol) with the help of Power of Attorney Deed No. 9136, Dated 13.10.23 (ADSR, Asansol) executed by Sri Dilip Jash and Three Others S/o Naban Jash Address Ghushik Gram Damna P.S. Asansol (S), Dist Paschim Bardhaman and the said applicant has applied with the same land schedule for mutation vide mutation case No.2858/25 at the office of the S.D.L & L.R.O (EP-1) Dist-Paschim Bardhaman, If there is any objection of mutation in this respect, any concerned principle are requested to submit objection along with relevant documents to the concerned Revenue Officer at the office of the S.D.L & L.R.O (EP-1) within one month from the

will take it own course. Land Schedule Block: Asansol: Sub-Divisional Land and Land Reforms Office (EP-1) Mouza: Kotaldihi J.L No.: 38 L.R.Plot No.: 928

date of publication of this notice, otherwise law

Name of the Recorded Owner: Kashinath L.R.Khatian No.: 1453 Area: 2 Cottahs.

Sincerely, Authorised Signatory For ICICI Bank Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Branch Office: ICICI BANK LTD, BP-4, Technopolis Building, 4th Floor, Sector V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata West Bengal - 700091 CIN No: L65190GJ1994PLC021012, www.icicibank.com

The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA). Non-Performing Asset (s) (NPA).
A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, i has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-	Description of Secured	Date of Notice sent/	NPA
No.	Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address Purnendu Naskar/Brihaspati Naskar/ Rama Residency House A/6 Near Railway Crossing, Lalkhadan Tahasil And	Asset to be enforced Plot No. 831, Block Bilha, Khasra No.1369/4, Mouza- Torwa, Ph No. 22/34, Level No. 14/11, R.N.M. Bilaspur, Ward No. 43 Rabindranath Tagore, Nagar Nigam Bilaspur, Tahasil And	Outstanding as on Date of Notice	
2.	District Bilaspur Chattisgarh Bilaspur 495004/LBBSR00004033856 Gani International/ Md Bappa, Baby Khatun Guarantor/md Bappa Mortgagor/ Represented By Proprietor Md Bappa 7,	District-Bilaspur, Chattisgarh Admeasuring An Area of Area 2380 Sq.ft./ 221.189 Sq.mtr L.R. Dag No 585, Khatian No 3881, J.L. No 85, Thak No 147, Pargana & Thana Mekhliganj, Taluk Bhotebari, District Cooch Behar, West Bengal (Admeasuring An Area of 3 Satak	8,34,299.08/- February 17,2025 Rs.	02/12/ 2024
3.	331 Paharpur Mahut Para Kotwali, Danguajhar, Near Sjda Composite Complex West Bengal Jalpaiguri- 735101/ 089905001993		25,65,926.16/- February 20,2025	04/12/
	Kedia Guarantor/ Sanjay Kumar Kedia Mortgagor/Represented By Proprietor Proprietor Rupa Kedia Office Unit No. B-1, 2nd Floor, Premises No. 6 Premises No. 6, Sett Lane, P.S. Posta, P.O. Kalakar Street, Burrabazar West Bengal Kolkata - 700007 627705058062	Office Unit Space No. B-1, Second Floor, Premises No. 6 Sett Lane, P.sposta, Kolkata-700006 Measuring An Area of Super Built Up Area 360 Sq. Ft. More or Less Together With Undivided Impartible Proportionate Share In The Land	Ŕs. 39,67,083.47/-	2024
4.	Arabinda Ghosh/ Mandira Ghosh/ Papai Ghosh/ Palash Sarani, Samar Nagar Champasari District Darjeeling West Bengal Siliguri- 734003/ LBSGI00006124420/ LBSGI00006138815	Deed No. I-4533/2022 "City Centre Siliguri" ("Ccsg"), Second Floor, Unit No. Ccsgc-0203, Plot No. 1, Uttorayon Township, R.S. Dag No. 295 (P), 295/457 (P) And 295/458 (P), L.R. Dag No. 501, 502 And 503, R.S. Khatian No. 260, L.R. Khatian No. 386, J.L. No. 86, Mouja Ujanu, Police Station Matigara, District Darjeeling, West Bengal Super Built Up Area of 921 Square Feet More or Less Deed No. I-1726/2022 "City Centre Siliguri" ("Ccsg"), Upper Basement Floor, Unit No. Ccsgh-0074, Plot No. 1, Uttorayon Township, R.S. Dag No. 295 (P), 295/457 (P) And 295/458 (P), L.R. Dag No. 501, 502 And 503, R.S. Khatian No. 260, L.R. Khatian No. 386, J.L. No. 86, Mouja Ujanu, Police Station Matigara, District Darjeeling, West Bengal Super Built Up Area of 270 Square Feet More or Less	25/02/2025 Rs. 99,38,353.20/-	09/12/ 2024
5.	Arabinda Ghosh/ Herambanath Pramanik/Ward No. 46, Jyoti Nagar Champasari, Siliguri District Darjeeling West Bengal Siliguri- 734003/ TBJP100006296786	R.S. Plot No. 8000/891, Khatian No. R.S. 439/1, R.S. Sheet No. 8, J.L. No. 2, P.S. Bhaktinagar, Mouza Dabgram, Sub- Registration Office Sadar, District Jalpaiguri, West Bengal Admeasuring An Area of 25 Katha	25/02/2025 Rs. 1,62,43,419.08/-	09/12/ 2024
6.	Animesh Bardewa/ Makar Bahadur Limbu/ Anita Pradhan/ Yakthung Manpower And Security Services Private Limited/ Bali Residency, 1st Floor, Block Iv Vip Road, Magzine Pathar Quarry, Op. Bali Enclave Udayan Vihar, District Kamrup Metro Assam Kamrup Metro- 781171/ LBSGI00005597267	C.S. Plot No. 2 Marked As Plot No. 11, Khatian No. 8/5, Touzi No. 91, J.L. No. 78, Mouza Jitu, Pargana Patharghata, Police Station, Sub Division And S.R. office Siliguri, District Darjeeling, West Bengal Admeasuring An Area of 11 Kathas 2 1/3 Chhataks or . 1825 Acre	25/02/2025 Rs. 91,82,266.48/-	08/08/ 2024
7.	Bapi Das/ Anannya Das/ Haripur, Amlani North 24 Parganas West Bengal North 24 Parganas - 743426/ LBCAL00006942364/ TBCAL00006833523	Municipal Holding No. 422/612, Dandirhat Main Road, R.S./ L.R. Dag No. 1517, New L.R. Khatian No. 257, Old Khatian No. 2261, J.L. No. 101, R.s. No. 135, Ward No. 003, Basirhat Municipality, P.S. Basirhat, Mouza Dandirhat, District North 24 Parganas, Pin 743412, West Bengal Admeasuring An Area of 06 Decimal A Little More or Less Together With A Single Storied Residential Building Measuring About 832 Sq. Ft.	25/02/2025 Rs. 22,99,881.46/-	09/12/ 2024
8.	Papai Ghosh/ Mandira Ghosh/ Palash Sarani Road Samar Nagar, Champasari District Darjeeling West Bengal Siliguri - 734003/ LBSGl00005999491	R.S. Plot No. 136, L.R. Plot No. 306, Khatian No. 574, J.L. No. 45, P.O. And P.S. Pradhan Nagar, Mouza Kalabari, Champasari Gram Panchayat, Pargana Baikunthapur, District Darjeeling, West Bengal Admeasuring An Area of Land Measuring 13 Kathas or 0.2110 Acre		09/12/ 2024
9.	Amitava Mitra/ Rama Mitra/ Nsb Pandabeswar Baidyanathpur District Bardhaman West Bengal Pandabeswar - 713346/ LBPDB00005936272/LBPDB00005936275/ LBPDB00005948982/LBPDB00006131280	Dag No. 155, L.R. Khatian No. 571, J.L. No. 10, Mouza Mahal, Thana Pandabeshwar, Post Andal, Mahakuma Durgapur, A.D.S.R. Office Raniganj, B.L. And L.R.O. Andal, Now B.L. And L.R.O. Pandabeshwar, District Bardhaman, West Bengal Admeasuring An Area of 2.45 Katha I.E. Settlement Measurement 4.03 Satak	February 17,2025 Rs. 27,26,571.94/-	04/12/ 2024
10.	Papai Ghosh/ Mandira Ghosh/ Palash Sarani Road Samar Nagar, Champasari District Darjeeling West Bengal Siliguri- 734003/ LBSGl00005931975/ LBSGl00005931987	Arjun Awash", First Floor, Flat No. "1-C", Part of Plot No. 285, Khatian No. 61/1, J.L. No. 107 (85), Ward No. 46, Siliguri Municipal Corporation, Police Station Pradhan Nagar, Mouza Mandlaguri Pargana Patharghata, Sub- Division Siliguri, Addl. District Sub-Registrar Siliguri Ii At Bagdogra, District Darjeeling, West Bengal (Admeasuring An Area of Flat Measuring 1185 Sq. Ft. Including Super Built Area Alongwith The Undivided Proportionate Share or Interest In The Land	February 17,2025 Rs. 34,69,101.40/-	09/12/ 2024
11.	R.K. Enterprise/ Vijay Kumar Gupta, Raj Kishore Gupta, Guarantor/ Vijay Kumar Gupta, Raj Kishore Gupta, Mortgagor/ Represented By Proprietor Raj Kishore Gupta 18/B Tiretta Bazar Street West Bengal Kolkata- 700073/330705500317	Commercial Shop Room No 2, Ground Floor, Santiban Apartment, Block-II, J.L. No. 14, Mouja Hatiara, Re.Sa. 188, Touzi No. 169, C.S. Khatian No. 1282, R.S. Khatian No. 1381, L.R. Khatian No. 7345, C.S. Dag No. 4085, R.S. Dag No. 4091, L.R. Dag No. 4091, Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation, Ward No. 14, Sarada Pally Hatiara, P.S. Ecopark, District North 24 Parganas, Kolkata 700157 (1000 Sq. Ft. Be The Same A Little More or Less Super Built Up Area Together With Proportionate Undivided/Impartible Share of Land) 2) Commercial Shop Room No 3, Ground Floor, Shantiban Apartment, Block-II, J.L. No. 14, Mouja Hatiara, Re.sa. 188, Touzi No. 169, C.S. Khatian No. 1282, R.S. Khatian No. 1381, L.R. Khatian No. 7345, C.S. Dag No. 4085, R.S. Dag No. 4091, LR. Dag No. 4091, Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation, Ward No. 14, Sarada Pally Hatiara, P.S. Ecopark, District North 24 Parganas, Kolkata 700157 (1000 Sq. Ft. Be The Same A Little More or Less Super Built Up Area Together With Proportionate Undivided/impartible Share of Land)	February 25,2025 Rs. 1,47,83,019.97/-	29/10/ 2024
12.	Laxmi Narayan Alu Co/ Nirmal Kumar Saha, Nipon Saha, Guarantor/ Nirmal Kumar Saha Mortgagor/Represented By Proprietor Nirmal Kumar Saha Kamlai North Dinajpur, Itahar West Bengal Raiganj-733143/161805006225/ 161854000002	R.S. & L.R. Dag No 481/639, Sabek Khatian No 270, L.R. Khatian No 749 & 756, Present L.R. Khatian No 829, Mouza Kamlai, J.L. No 25, Thana & A.D.S.R.O. Itahar, Sadar Registry Office & District Uttar Dinajpur, West Bengal Admeasuring An Area Of Land Measuring 22 Satak Together With House Measuring 1500 Sq Ft	March 04,2025 Rs. 2,22,70,758.00/-	01/09/ 2024
13.	Lokenath Enterprise/Amitava Biswas (proprietor /amitava Biswas Mortgagor/Represented By Proprietor Amitava Biswas 31/04, Ramkanai Goswami Street Ward No 4, Nadia West Bengal Santipur - 741404/387805000753	L.R. Dag No 1051, L.R. Khatian No. 1198 & 2446, Mouja No. 25 Baigachi, Municipality- Shantipur, Hal Ward No. 1, Pandit Ramnath Tarkaratna Road, Thana & A.D.S.R.O. Shantipur, District Nadia, West Bengal (Admeasuring An Area Of 6.66 Satak	February 24,2025 Rs. 1,55,66,129.20/-	27/12/ 2024
14.	Vanshika Fabrics/ Pankaj Sanganeria (Proprietor Co Applicant/Pankaj Sanganeria, Virendra Kumar Sanganeria Mortgagor/Represented By Proprietor Pankaj Sanganeria W-14/4 Akra Road Kolkata- 700018/ 331505500603	Flat No 2A, 2nd Floor, G+IV Storeyed Building Known As Silver Garden, Dag No 861 (P), E.P. No 178, S.P. No 223, Municipal Holding No Previously 29 At Present 39, J.L. No 25, Mouza Dakshindari, S.K. Dev Road, Pallysree Colony, Under Ward No 31, Within The Limit Of South Dum Dum Municipality, Police Station Laketown, District North 24 Parganas, Kolkata 700048 (Admeasuring An Area Of Super Built Up Area 1000 Sq Ft	February 25,2025 Rs. 16,22,079.00/-	06/12/ 2023
15.	Munmun Satpati/Abani Bhusan Satpati/Arnab Satpati/205, Monark Garden Duillya, Sankrail District Howrah West Bengal Howrah- 711302/ LBHOW00005513931/ LBHOW00005513938	Monark Garden, Block - B, Residential Flat No. 205, 2nd Floor, R.S. Khatian No. 695, R.S. Dag No. 1199 (old), New L.R. 1199/1747 And 1199/1748, L.R. Khatian Nos. 431/1, 4019, 7100, 7103, 7104, 7101, 7129, L.R. Dag Nos. 1250, 1251, J.L. No. 35, Mouza - Duilya, Police Station- Sankrail, Additional District Sub Registry Office Ranihati District And District Sub Registry Office At Howrah, District- Howrah, Pin -711302, West Bengal, (Admeasuring An Area of Measuring About 762 Sq. Ft. Including Super Built Up Area Together With Proportionate Share In Land And Common Areas And Facilities	February 24,2025 Rs. 17,60,839.82/-	04/12/ 2024
16.	Dinesh Kumar Mishra/ Usha Mishra/ Deepak Kumar Mishra/ Priya Kumari Tiwari/ Prestige Apartment, Shastri Nagar Police Colony Iskon Mandar Road District- Darjeeling West Bengal Siliguri- 734001/ LBSGI00002943821/LBSGI00004759526	Prestige Enclave", "Diamond Block", Flat No. "C-1", 1st Floor, Shastri Nagar, Behind I.T.I. More, 2 1/2 Mile Siliguri, Part of Plot Nos. 543 & 544 (R.S.) 51, 54, 55 & 58 (L.R.), Khatian No. 212 (R.S.) 158 (L.R.), Mouza- Dabgram, JL No. 2, Sheet No. 8 (R.S.) 43 (L.R.), Police Station- Bhaktinagar, Ward No. Xxxxi, Siliguri Municipal Corporation Addl. Dist. Sub Registration Office- Rajganj, District- Jallpaiguri, West Bengal. (Admeasuring An Area of 1337 Sq. Ft. Super Built Up Area, 1114 Sq. Ft. Covered Area Including Undivided Share of Land With A Open Garage 100 Sq. Ft. At Ground Floor	February 24,2025 Rs. 17,51,834.24/-	04/12/ 2024
	Dipak Kumar Samal/ Madhumita Dutta/ Ground Floor, Sona Jhil, Mouza Ghasiyara Rajpur Sonarpur Municipality District South 24 Pgs West Bengal Kolkata- 700150/ LBCAL00005667474	Holding No. 593, Ghasiara-b, 4th Floor, North East Side, Flat No. 4C, Part of R.S. Dag No. 703, L.R. Dag No. 723, R.S. Khatian No. 347, L.R. Khatian No. 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272 And 2273, J.L. No. 23, R.S. No. 47, Touzi No. 250, Ward No. 11 (10), Rajpur Sonarpur Municipality, P.s. Sonarpur, Mouja Ghasiara, A.D.S.R. Office Sonarpur, District South 24 Pgs, Kolkata 700150, West Bengal Admeasuring An Area of Flat Measuring More or Less 750 Sq. Ft. Super Built Area Together With Proportionate Undivided Share of Land	25/02/2025 Rs. 21,95,227.3/-	07/12/ 2024
18.	Sayan Mitra/dipika Das/ Sukanta Pally, Balaka More, Ward No. Xxxii, Siliguri Municipal Corporation, P.O. Siliguri Bazar Police Station Bhaktinagar, District Jalpaiguri West Bengal Siliguri- 734005/LBSGI00006111960	"Baidyanath Dham" 1st Floor (Front Side North West Facing) And 2nd Floor (Back Side South East Facing), R.S Plot No. 446/1417, 446/1418, R.S Khatian No. 763, 775/1, J.L No. 02, Touzi No. 03, Sheet No. 15 Mouza- Dabgram, Pargana - Baikanthapur, Post Office - Siliguri Bazar, Ward No. Xxxii, Siliguri Municipal Corporation, Situated At Balaka Road, Sukanta Pally Bazar, Office of The Block Land & Land Reforms officer Rajganj, office of The Additional District Sub Registrar And Police Station Bhaktinagar, District- Jalpaiguri, West Bengal Admeasuring An Area of Flat on The First Floor Measuring 1000 Sq. Ft (Including Proportionate Share In The Stairecase And 20% Super Built Up Area) And Flat on The Second Floor Measuring 650 Sq. Ft. (Including Proportionate Share In The Stairecase And 20% Super Built Up Area) Along With Proportionate Share of Land.	February 27,2025 Rs. 11,16,123.92/-	09/12/ 2024
19.	Biswajit Nag/Lipika Sen (Nag)/Pradyut Nag/Dinhata Municipality War No. 04 Near Thana More By Pass District Cooch Behar West Bengal Dihata- 736135/ LBDIT00005236871	R.S. Dag No. 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, L.R. Dag No. 2880, 2881,2882,2883, R.S Khatian No. 121 & 865, L.R. Khatian No. 1989/1, Touzi No. 207/215, Mouza Dinhata, J.L. No. 108, Thak No. 714, Taluk Dinhata, Ward No.4, Under Dinhata Minucipality, Thana And Registry Office Dinhata, District -Coochbehar, Dinhata, West Bengal (Admeasuring An Area of Area 9.332 Satak or 5 Katha 13 Dhur	Ŕs. 10,49,026.28/-	29/12/ 2024
20.	Debnath Mukherjee/ Shyama Prasad Mukherjee/162, Uttar Subhas Pally, Hooghly West Bengal Dankuni - 712311/ LBDKU00005617306/TBHOW00006384073/ LBDKU00005617308/LBHOW00006505260	Residential House Phase-II, R.S. Dag No. 1613, Corresponding To L.R. Dag No. 1522, L.R. Khatian No. 3673, 3674 And 3675, J.L. No. 98, Ward No. 12, Dankuni Munipality, Mouza Monoharpur, P.S. Dankuni, District Hooghly, West Bengal Admeasuring An Area of 864.11 Sq. Ft. I.E. Measuring Area of The Ground Floor More or Less 397.99 Sq. Ft. And 1st Floor More or Less 466.12 Sq. Ft. Measuring An Area of 1008 Sq. Ft. I.E. 1 Katha 6 Chittaks 18 Sq. Ft. At Phase II There Will Be 6 Feet Wide Municipal Kancha Road on The Western Side		06/12/ 2024
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Study links long-term antidepressant use to increased risk of sudden cardiac death

presented at the European Society of Cardiology's EHRA 2025 congress reveals a concerning link between the use of antidepressants (AD) and an increased risk of sudden cardiac death (SCD), particularly for those with prolonged use of the

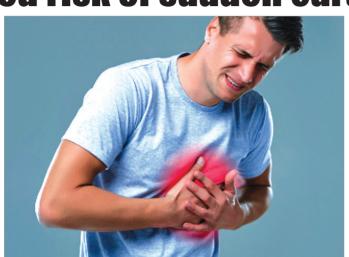
Sudden cardiac death, defined as an unexpected fatality due to a heart-related issue, typically occurs within one hour of the onset of symptoms or within 24 hours in cases that are unwitnessed

For individuals under 39, the primary causes are often thickening of the heart muscle or electrical problems with the heart, while in older individuals, it is more likely linked to narrowed blood vessels.

Previous studies have shown that individuals with psychiatric disorders face higher risks of both overall mortality and sudden cardiac death. However, the specific impact of antidepressant medications on SCD risk has remained unclear until now.

The latest research, conducted by scientists in Denmark, examined deaths among residents aged 18 to 90 years in 2010, reviewing death certificates and autopsy reports.

The study found that individuals exposed to antidepressant medications had a significantly higher incidence of sudden cardiac death compared to those not



cohort of 643,999 individuals who had been prescribed antidepressants was compared with the general population, which had 4.3 million residents. Among those exposed to antidepressants, 1,981 cases of sudden cardiac death were recorded, compared to 4,021 in the unexposed group. The risk of SCD was higher across all age groups for those who had been on antidepressants, with notable differences depending on the length of exposure. When the data was adjusted for age, sex, and comorbidities, individuals who had used antidepressants for 1 to 5 years were found to have a 56 per cent higher risk of sudden cardiac death compared to the general population. Those who had used the medications for six or more

years faced a 2.2 times greater risk. The study further revealed that younger individuals were more significantly affected by longer antidepressant use. For those aged 30-39 years, the risk of sudden cardiac death was nearly three times higher with 1 to 5 years of antidepressant exposure, and up to five times higher for those using antidepressants for six or more years. In older individuals, particularly those aged 50-59 years, the risk of sudden cardiac death doubled with 1 to 5 years of antidepressant use, and increased fourfold with six or more years of exposure. However, the risk appeared to level off in people over 70 years, with a less significant dif-

ference between shorter and longer exposure periods. Dr

of the study from Rigshospitalet Hjertecentret in Copenhagen, explained, "Exposure time to antidepressants was associated with a higher risk of sudden cardiac death, and linked to how long the person had been exposed to antidepressants. Those exposed for 6 years or more were at even more increased risk than those exposed for 1 to 5 years, when compared with people unexposed to antidepressants in the general population."

Dr Mujkanovic also suggested that the increased risk could stem from the potential adverse effects of antidepressants, but added, "The exposure time to antidepressants might also serve as a marker for more severe underlying illness. Additionally, the increase could be influenced by behavioural or lifestyle factors associated with depression, such as delayed healthcare seeking and poor cardiovascular

This new research emphasizes the need for further studies to better understand the potential cardiovascular risks associated with antidepressant medications, particularly for those with prolonged use. As the study highlights, individuals using these medications for extended periods may face significantly higher risks of sudden cardiac death, underlining the importance of

Axis Bank first to go live with a pioneering **B2B Collections Solution for a Fortune** 500 company on **NBBL's Bharat Connect**

Axis Bank, one of the largest private sector banks in India, today announced that it has partnered with a Fortune 500 company in India to provide B2B collections utilising NBBL's Bharat Connect (Erstwhile BBPS). With this, Axis Bank becomes the first Bank to go live in implementing this pioneering solution, leveraging its best-in-class, robust API stack.

The solution can integrate multiple ordering applications across sectors; FMCG, Pharma, Automotives, Healthcare facilitating collections for the company's wholesale distributors, stockists Retailers can initiate invoice payments directly from the application. As the Biller Operating Unit capable of offering this unique service, Axis Bank has developed this seamless, agile, scalable and customisable solution and with support from NBBL Bharat BillPay.

Commenting on the launch, Neeraj Gambhir, Group Executive & Head -Treasury, Markets & Wholesale Banking Products, Axis Bank said, "Axis Bank has been at the forefront in rolling out pioneering digital payments & collections for its clients. Our partnership with the corporate in coming up with a first of its kind B2B collections solution is a testament to our best-inclass Corporate API banking stack. This initiative is an example of innovation in India's Digital journey that ensures high customer convenience and seamless

payment experience.' Noopur Chaturvedi CEO, NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd. (NBBL) said, "Bharat Connect is expanding its horizon with the introduction of Business to Business (B2B) invoice payment and financing platform with an aim to streamline manual processes of large supply chain and distribution networks. We are happy to have Axis Bank as our key partner and the first bank to go live with the expanded solution. This further deepens our already strong relationship with the bank and reflects our shared commitment to democratizing the payments and collections

Cultural values won't allow India to accept US demand of allowing dairy products from cows fed animal remains: GTRI



New Delhi : The United States Trade Representative (USTR) has highlighted several trade and regulatory challenges in Monday's National Trade Estimate (NTE) Report, raising concerns over India's tariffs, non-tariff barriers, intellectual property policies, dig-

ital trade, and transparency.

The report released by US on Monday stated that a major concern for the U.S. is India's high import duties, particularly on agricultural products.

It says, India imposes a 150 per cent tariff on alcoholic beverages and a 100 per cent tariff on walnuts and raisins imports from US, making it difficult for U.S. goods to compete.

Another key issue is India's strict import restrictions on certain dairy products. The U.S. sees India's requirement that dairy products come from animals not fed meat, blood, or internal organs as a major barrier.

However, the Global Trade Initiative Research defended these rules, arguing that such restrictions align with India's domestic needs. GTRI stated that India may never allow dairy products from cows fed animal remains, emphasizing food safety and cultural factors. Ajay Srivastava, Founder of the Global Trade Research Initiative said "While the U.S. continues to pressure India to amend its trade policies to serve American commercial interests, India must firmly assess each demand through the lens of its own national priorities, development goals, and cultural

He further added "imagine eating butter made from the milk of a cow that was fed meat and blood from another cow. India

Furthermore, India mandates non-GM and GM-free certificates for 24 products, even for crops that are not commercially modified. The U.S. calls this an unjustified restriction, but India argues it ensures traceability and consumer confidence. The US report also stated India's nontariff barriers, such as licensing requirements and import bans on certain goods. For instance, animal-based oils are restricted, and some medicines require special approval before import. The U.S wants these restrictions eased, but India argues that they are necessary to protect health, safety, and the environment. Another point of contention is India's import licensing for remanufactured goods and medical devices. In 2024, India stopped issuing licenses for refurbished U.S medical devices, impacting exports. While the U.S. views this as excessive regulation, India believes that relaxing these rules could lead to a flood of low-quality second hand products that might harm consumers and domestic industries. GTRI says "In 2024, India stopped issuing licenses for refurbished U.S. medical devices, affecting exports. While the U.S. sees this as unnecessary red tape, India worries that relaxing the rules could lead to a flood of secondhand or low-quality products"

The USTR's annual report outlines key trade policies that impact U.S. exports and investments worldwide, with India being one of the focus areas due to its restrictive trade practices. While the U.S. continues to push for fewer trade barriers, India maintains that its policies are necessary for protecting domestic interests and consumer safety.

India's strategic positioning is key to maximizing global trade opportunities: APCO Worldwide CEO dictable policy environment will be critical in

New Delhi: India stands at a crucial juncture in the evolving global trade landscape, and to maximize its position in trade realignments, it must strategically defend its key sectors while leveraging shifts in global supply chains, said Brad Staples, Chief Executive Officer of APCO Worldwide. Answering exclusive questions of ANI, Staples said, "India must fast-track its bilateral trade negotiations, "Fast-tracking Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and ensuring a stable, predictable trade environment will enhance India's appeal as a trusted global trade partner." The US is increasingly using tariffs as a strategic tool; it imposed 25 per cent duties on steel and aluminium and recently extended the same 25 per cent tariff to imported automobiles and automobile parts. It is also considering additional levies on pharmaceuticals and semiconductors. This presents both challenges and opportunities for India's trade landscape.

Unlike China and the EU, which responded with retaliatory measures, India has so far avoided the tariff threats from the US despite repeated voices by U.S. officials of India imposing one of the highest duties on US imports.

India and the US have an ambitious goal to double bilateral trade to USD 500 billion by 2030. While tariff disputes, data protection policies, and supply chain realignments present challenges, both nations recognize the importance of fostering a balanced and mutu-



ally beneficial trade relationship. Brad said, "Moving forward, both nations should prioritize deeper cooperation in digital trade, supply chain diversification, and strategic sectors like clean energy and advanced manufacturing to

strengthen economic ties. Brad added that India should capitalise on the ongoing shifts in global supply chains and maintain an edge over competitors by implementing stable key policy measures.

He stated, "To fully capitalize on this shift and maintain an edge over competitors in East and Southeast Asia, India must focus on key policy measures. Ensuring a stable and predictable policy environment will be critical in

attracting long-term investments. He added, "Ensuring a stable and preattracting long-term investments. Additionally, the government must continue to offer strong incentives for both domestic and foreign investors to encourage large-scale manufacturing," he added.

India has a unique opportunity to attract investments in critical industries such as semiconductors, textiles, and chemicals, all of

which are witnessing growing export volumes. Brad also noted that, "Additionally, the government must continue to offer strong incentives for both domestic and foreign investors to encourage large-scale manufacturing"

Challenges such as infrastructure gaps and regulatory complexities continue to hinder large-scale commitments from global corporations. On the shifting of global trade due to ongoing US-China trade tensions, Brad said Companies like Apple have steadily increased their iPhone manufacturing in India, with production reaching 15 per cent as of early 2025 and projections indicating growth to 25 per cent by 2027. Similarly, Tesla's recent decision to lease its first showroom in Mumbai signals the increasing interest of high-tech manufacturers in the Indian market. These developments emphasize India's growing role in glob-

3 Powerful Ways Your Social Circle Impacts Your Mental Health

you dislike obviously isn't great for your mood. But there's much more to it than simply avoiding people who drain you. Even your closest friends, the ones you genuinely enjoy being around, could be influencing your emotional well-being in ways you've never considered.

So if you thought mental health is purely personal--driven by genetics, life experiences, or our own coping strategies - think again. A major factor affecting how you feel every day is actually determined by those close to you. And to save you the trouble of googling psychiatrist near me

We spoke with experts at BetterPlace Health, a leading mental health services provider in Delhi, to uncover three lesser-known ways your social circle can influence your mental well-being.

1. Mirror Effect: How Your Circle **Shapes Your Behaviour**

Do you often find yourself picking up the latest slang from your friend who is somehow always up-to-date with the most recent language trends? Maybe you start repeating a phrase or a word that they often repeat, or a habit or even mannerisms that they exhibit. This is the mirror effect in action. Psychologists call this social mirroring, and it happens naturally as we try to adapt and fit into our surroundings. Humans are social creatures and when you spend time with a group, you subconsciously start to mimic their behaviour, language, and attitudes.

If your friends prioritise healthy habits--like regular exercise, open conversations about emotions, or practising gratitude--you're more likely to

adopt those behaviours too. But what happens when your circle leans towards negativity? If your closmechanisms like excessive drinking, unnecessary swearing, or even selfdeprecating humour, you might unconsciously absorb those habits too. Over time, this can reinforce anxiety, stress, or even depressive tendencies.

Why It Matters: As psychologist Lovleena Sharma at BetterPlace Health explains, your behaviour doesn't exist in a vacuum; it's constantly being shaped by the people around you. If you're surrounded by optimistic, growth-oriented individuals, their mindset will naturally rub off on you. You're more likely to adopt healthy habits, feel encouraged to seek support when needed and develop a more resilient outlook on life.

On the flip side, if negativity dominates your social circle--constant complaining, discouraging attitudes, or a dismissive approach to mental health-it becomes far harder to break free from these maladaptive patterns. You might start normalising stress, bottling up emotions, or feeling stuck in cycles

So what can you do? Surround yourself with people who uplift, challenge, and support you, and you'll see a world of difference in how you navigate your mental well-being. Your environment shapes you--so choose it wisely.

2. Emotional Contagion: Catching **Moods from Those Around You**

Have you ever been in a conversation with someone, listening to their story, and as soon as they laugh or smile, you smile or laugh too? That's emotional contagion, the psychological phenomenon where emotions spread from one person to another like a virus.

According to Dr. Akul Gupta, psychiatrist, BetterPlace Health, human beings are naturally wired to absorb

explains that when we interact with others, our brain's mirror neurons activate, subtly mirroring the emotional states we observe. So, if a friend is frequently anxious or stressed, you may find yourself feeling tense too--even if

nothing in your own life has changed.

questioning your own optimism. Now, picture the opposite--being

around people who encourage you to solve your own problems, motivate you to work towards your goals, celebrate small wins, and always help you find the silver lining. It's refreshing, isn't it? Their energy makes challenges feel



as infectious. Being around people who are hopeful, enthusiastic and supportive can naturally boost your mood and

Why It Matters: As Sulagna Mondal, a psychologist at BetterPlace, aptly puts it--Your social circle is like the background music to your daily life--you might not always notice it, but it sets the tone for how you feel

Imagine being constantly surrounded by pessimism, criticism, or neverending complaints. It's like carrying a heavy backpack that you never get to put down. Over time, this emotional weight can drain your energy, leaving manageable and everyday life a little lighter. Not just your mood - over time, your mindset can change for the better. 3. Shared Activities and Their **Impact on Cognitive Function**

Think of your brain like a muscle, the more you hit the gym, the stronger this muscle gets. Did you know that your social interactions can be a great workout for your brain?

Psychologist Ayushi Paul BetterPlace Health suggests that participating in engaging activities with your friends can improve your cognitive function and build long-term mental

when you engage in problem-solving discussions, creative brainstorming sessions, or even a match of badminton with friends, you're actively challenging your brain. Studies show that regular social interaction is linked to lower risks of cognitive decline and dementia, proving that meaningful connections are just as important for your mental agility as a good diet or exercise rou-

But what happens when your social life revolves around passive, unstimulating activities? Lovleena Sharma, Psychologist, at BetterPlace Health, explains that if your group's idea of bonding involves endlessly scrolling through social media, Instagram reels, gossiping, or avoiding meaningful conversation, your brain may not be getting the stimulation it needs. Over time, this lack of engagement can contribute to mental stagnation, reduce problem-solving ability, and increase stress levels

How to know if your friendships are

You know that you're with the right people if your friendships feel uplifting, inspiring, and supportive. If you feel safe sharing anything and everything about who you are - not just the victories, but the losses too. If you don't feel criticised for the way you think, speak or dress, but still feel open to receiving feedback. You'll naturally find yourself adopting healthier coping strategies, engaging in meaningful conversations, and embracing a more positive and resilient outlook toward life, if you surround yourself with the right people. But if your social interactions leave you drained, anxious, or stuck in cycles of negativity, it might be time to rethink who's in your corner.

The point of re-evaluating your friendships isn't so that you can start cutting people off or making drastic changes overnight. It's about being mindful of whom you surround yourself with and taking small, intentional steps toward better mental health.

At the end of the day, your social circle isn't just about who you spend time with--it's about what kind of time you spend with them. Whether you realise it or not, the people you love are constantly shaping your thoughts, habits, and emotions, influencing everything from your mood, and stress levels to your ability to bounce back from challenges.

How to know if you need to make a big change

If you've been feeling like your friendships are draining you, and you have trouble or are unsure how to get out of them or don't feel strong enough to, you're not alone--and you don't have to navigate it on your own either. Sometimes, it's hard to walk away from relationships that no longer serve us, especially when we don't feel strong enough to do it. The next best step is to speak to someone outside your circle. fometimes a stranger can offer you a fresh, unbiased perspective that can help you out more than someone close to you. So if you've found yourself thinking, "Are there psychologists near me "-- you've already taken a big step acknowledging that you need support,

and that's incredibly brave. If you're looking for open-minded, judgement-free care, check out BetterPlace Health. They're all about compassion, empathy, and professional support that actually makes a difference. Because let's face it--having a strong support system isn't just a niceto-have. It is essential.

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Remarkable success of SER with Highest Ever Freight Loading Performance in 2024-25



MI News Service, Kolkata: South Eastern Railway has set new records and surpassed previous its achievements during the financial year 2024-25. SER has completed the financial year 2024-25 with a record freight loading of 212.37 Million Tonnes. This is the highest ever freight loading performance of South Eastern Railway. In comparison to the previous year, SER has registered a growth of 0.36% in originating freight loading. Chakradharpur Division and Adra harpur Division and Adra Division have also excelled in freight transportation and achieved the bst ever loading performance. Chakradharpur Division has loaded 154.04 Million Tonnes which is 3.25% more than the last financial year. Adra Division has loaded 29.12 Million Tonnes which is 4.16% more than the last finan-

from freight loading by South Eastern Railway during 2024-25 is Rs. 18949.83 cores (approx). In this outstanding freight loading performance SER has also achieved the following milestones: · Best ever loading in a day (31st March, 2025) -1.78 Million Tonnes, 30.9% more than the earlier best. · Fastest 200 Million Tonnes loading in 349 days (on 15.03.2025) · Best ever Coal loading - 55.56 Million Tonnes, 4.23% more than the last financial year.

Best ever Container Loading this year - 2.43 Million Tonnes, 44.8% more than the last financial year. · Best ever Fer-tilizer Loading this year -0.92 Million Tonnes, 16.2 % more than the last financial year. · Best ever B.O.G Loading this year - 6.41 Million Tonnes, 4.43 % more than the last finan-

."Mazhab nahi sikhata aapas me bair rakhna, Hindi hain hum, watan hai Hindustan hamara."



MI News Service, Kolkata: Once again, the people of West Bengal have demonstrated their deep-rooted values of harmony and unity. While religious divisions may be incited elsewhere, Bengal continues to stand as a beacon witnessed as Shrirampur MP Kalyan Banerjee, MLA Dr. Sudipto Roy, Rishra Municipality Chairman Vijay Sagar Mishra, Vice Chairman Zahid Hassan Khan, Rishra Trinamool Town President Manoj Saw, and Shrirampur City Trinamool Minority Cell President Iqbal Ahmed embraced each other on the occasion of Eid, sending a powerful message of love and brotherhood.



Like every year, Chapdani Municipality Chairman Suresh Mishra visited Muslim neighborhoods on the occasion of Eid this year as well, warmly embracing people of all ages. He was greeted with heartfelt gratitude by the residents

INS Ghariyal departs for quake-hit Myanmar with 442 MT of food aid

MI News Service, Vishakhapatnam: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday said that Indian Naval Ship INS Ghariyal departed from Vishakhapatnam with 442 metric tonnes of essential food items for earthquake-hit Myanmar. Jaishankar also said that the Indian Army field hospital unit has been operationalised in Mandalay. In a post on X, Jaishankar said, "Operation Brahma- Indian Navy ship INS Ghariyal departs from Vishakhapatnam with 442 metric tonnes of essential food items." "Operation Brahma- The Indian Army field hospital unit has been operationalized in Mandalay," he added. The Indian Air Force, too, departed earlier in the day from Delhi carrying 16 tonnes of essential humanitarian aid, Jaishankar said. "Operation Brahma- Indian Air Force C-130J departs for Mandalay from Delhi this morning carrying 16 tonnes of essential humanitarian aid, rice and essential food items." As part of Indian Army's ongoing humanitarian assistance under Operation Brahma, the Field Hospital, comprising 118 personnel, has been successfully established in Mandalay. The hospital was deployed using two Indian Air Force C-17 heavy-lift aircraft and is now fully operational with a 200-bed capacity.

Revitalizing Paralakhemundi Railway Station Under | ECoR Achieves Record the Amrit Station Scheme_A Vision for the Future

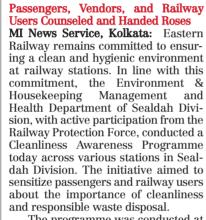
historic Paralakhemundi Railway Station is set to undergo a major transformation as part of the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, an initiative launched by the Ministry of Railways to upgrade stations across India with a focus on modern amenities, enhanced passenger experience, and long-term sustainability. With a redevelopment budget of ₹16.4 Crore, the station will be upgraded into a modern, customerfriendly transportation hub while retaining its historical charm. Paralakhemundi Railway Station holds a special place in Indian railway history. It is the first dedicated railway line in Odisha, established in 1899 under the patronage of the Gajapati Maharaja of Paralakhemundi. This line, known as the Paralakhemundi Light Railway (PLR), was also the first narrow-gauge railway line in Odisha and remains one of the oldest railway stations in the state. The station played a pivotal role in connecting Paralakhemundi with Naupada and Gunupur, contributing significantly to the region's socio-economic development. The foundation stone was laid for the Gauge Conversion of Naupada-Gunupur at Naupada on 27 September 2002. With effect from 1 April 2003, it became a part of the newly formed East Coast Railway. The line was fi-



nally closed for gauge conversion on 9 June 2004. Services were restarted on 22 August 2011 with the introduction of Puri-Gunupur Passenger.

Key Upgrades Under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme: Modern Passenger Amenities: The station will undergo a complete redevelopment to provide state-of-the-art amenities, including: Reserved Lounge First-Class Waiting Hall General Waiting Hall Premium Toilets, including Divyangjanfacilities. Enhanced Accessibility and Safety: The station will feature a 12-meter-wide Foot Over Bridge (FOB) and two new passenger lifts to improve accessibility for Divyangjan. İmproved lighting and security measures will be implemented to ensure passenger safety, especially during nighttime. Improved Circulating Areas: The station's circulation areas will be expanded and improved, including the creation of a new entrance arch, parking facilities, and an approach road. A park and future commercial area will also be developed as part of the modernization effort. Architectural Revamp: The new design will pay homage to the Royal Palace of Paralakhemundi, with the use of modern construction materials that reflect the region's royal heritage while creating a contemporary and functional design. Passenger Information Systems: LED signage, coach indication boards, and train indication boards will be installed for real-time passenger information, ensuring a seamless travel experience.

Cleanliness Awareness Programme Conducted Over Sealdah Division



The programme was conducted at Mallikpur and Jadavpur stations, where passengers, vendors, and rail-way users were counseled on maintaining cleanliness, proper waste disposal, and the prohibition of spitting in railway premises. They were also urged to refrain from throwing garbage on tracks or station premises. As a unique initiative, a rose was gifted

to vendors and hawkers found littering on station premises. Eastern Railway has introduced the 'Rose Abhiyan' at multiple stations, encouraging cleanliness through symbolic gestures. While strict penalties remain in place for those who violate cleanliness norms, this initiative serves as a positive reinforcement mechanism.

Railway staff actively monitored stations, inspecting passenger areas

maintained cleanliness were handed roses as a mark of appreciation. This symbolic gesture aimed to make them aware that they are key contributors to station cleanliness and to encourage them to adopt responsible waste disposal habits. Eastern Railway urges all passengers to refrain from spitting or littering on station premises, as such practices not only deteriorate the station's ambience but also pose serious health hazards.

SER Organised 53rd all India Railway Gymnastics Championship



Team SER along with High Officials of S E Railway at BNR Indoor Sports Complex, where 53rd All India Railway Gymnastics Championship was held from 28/03/2025 to 30/03/2025.

MI News Service, Kolkata: 53rd All India Railway Gymnastics Championship was held at BNR Indoor Sports Complex under the aegis of Railway Sports Promotion Board from 28/03/2025 to 30/03/2025 at Garden Reach. A total number of 63 participants including coach and manager and 40 technical officials including members of Railway Board were present at this meet. Seven Zonal Railways participated in this championship. On inaugural day (28/03/2025),

Ms Mahua Verma, Vice

president of SERSA/PCPO, SER welcomed all Zonal Railways team at Garden Reach. In her speech, she emphasized on the need of sports for the development of mental and physical ability. Shri Anil Kumar Mishra, General Manager, South Railway while speaking on the occasion emphasized the contribution of sports towards the society and declared the meet open and invited the contestants to play the game in the best spirit of the game. This was followed by

a cultural program and introduction to members of the representating Zonal Railway. In this contest Ms Pranati Nayek of CLW left a golden impression on the judges. In the Men's section, international players like Ashish Kumar of North Central Railway, Ujjwal C Naidu and Satyajit Mondal of South Eastern Railway have performed exceptionally well. South Eastern Railway showing exceptional grit and resilience became the team champion of the competition in Men's category followed by Northern Railway and North Central Railway. The program con-cluded on 30th March, 2025 with prize distribution and cultural program. In the concluding program Shri Soumitra Majumdar, AGM, South Eastern Railway while speaking to the audience present mentioned about the importance of sports in daily life and advocated that the competition should be fierce, but in healthy atmosphere and in true sportsman sprit.

"India will be dropping its tariffs very substantially," says Trump

MI News Service, Washington: US President Donald Trump on Tuesday said that he has heard that India was dropping its tariffs on American goods substantially. "I think I heard that India just a little while ago is going to be dropping its tariffs very substantially and I said why didn't somebody do this a long time ago," he said. Trump was asked if his tariffs- which are to be effective from Wednesday- may push countries to side with China, to which he promptly said that the tariffs would actually help the countries do better. He did not explain how that would be. "No, I'm not worried about it. I think they have a chance of doing better actually with the tariffs. It can actually help them in a certain way and I think a lot of them will

drop their tariffs because they've been unfairly tariffing the United States for years,' he said. Trump said that the European Union had dropped its tariffs on US made cars to 2.5 per cent. "If you look at the European Union- on cars, the European Union already dropped their tariff down to 2.5 per cent. It was announced a couple of days ago, which is a very small tariff the United States charged," he said. Trump will unveil a new tariff plan on April 2, which he has dubbed "Liberation Day," in his first Rose Garden press conference of his second term, CNN reported. White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt confirmed Monday that the full cabinet will be present for

Permanent Augmentation of one Air-Conditioned Coach in Sahibganj -Danapur - Sahibganj **Intercity Express**

MI News Service, Kolkata: The augmentation of airconditioned coach in popular Express train is an ongoing initiative aimed at improving overall travel experience for passengers. Accordingly, in response to the overwhelming demand for tickets, Railway has decided to replace one General Second Class coach with one Air-Conditioned coach in the Sahibganj -Danapur - Sahibganj Inter-City Express on a permanent basis. One AC -3 Tier coach will be augmented with 13235/13236 Sahibganj - Danapur - Sahibganj InterCity Express *with effect from 02.04.2025, departing from both Sahibganj and Danapur.

Augmentation of additional Sleeper Class Coach inGodda - Ranchi -**Godda Express**

MI News Service, Kolkata: The augmentation of additional coaches in popular Express trains is an ongoing initiative aimed at improving overall travel experience for passengers. Accordingly, in response to the overwhelming demand for tickets, Railway has decided to augment additional one Sleeper Class coach with Godda – Ranchi – Godda Express on temporary basis. Additional One Sleeper Class coach will be augmented with 18619/18620 Ranchi – Godda

- Ranchi Express leaving Ranchi with effect on & from 01.04.2025 to 30.06.2025 & leaving Godda with effect on & from 02.04.2025 to 01.07. 2025. Additional 72 berths will be generated in each trip. The train will run with 17 coaches instead of 16 coaches.

Freight Loading of 259.254 Million Tons in 2024-25 FY

√ First Zone in Indian Railways to Surpass 259 Milways to Surpass 235 km lion Tons of Originating Freight √ SECR Loaded 253.208MT, SER loaded 212.361MT & ECR loaded 202.62MT of freight during the period. ✓ Highest ever freight loading by any zone surpassing previous records. √200 MT Freight Loading in 06 consecutive year.

News Service, Bhubaneswar: East Coast Railway (ECoR) has set a new benchmark in freight transportation by achieving a record 259.254 million tons of originating

essential commodities, including: 153.271 Million Tons of coal, 9.952 Million Tons of raw materials to steel plants, 21.381 Million Tons of steel and slag, 32.476 Million Tons of iron ore, 1.065 Million Tons of cement, 2.989 Million Tons of food grains, 6.772 Million Tons of fertilizers, 2.991 Million Tons of mineral oil and 28.357 Million Tons of freight in containers, among other goods. This exceptional performance was driven by the strong contributions from the coalfields of Mahanadi



freight during the 2024-25 financial year (from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025). This remarkable feat marks a significant milestone as ECoR becomes the first Railway Zone in the country to cross the 259 million-ton mark, surpassing previous records in freight loading. The achievement represents a growth of 1.2% over the previous year, with an increase of 3.034 million tons from the 2023-24 fiscal year. During the period, Zonal Railways apart from who have crossed the 200 MT loading are South East Central (SEC) Railway loaded 253.208 MT, South Eastern Railway 212.361 MT and East Central (EC) Railway loaded 202.62MT of freight. ECoR has consistently shown its strength in freight operations, maintaining a hisachievement of crossing the 200 million tons mark for the sixth consecutive year. This feat is especially noteworthy given the challenges faced throughout the year, demonstrating the Zone's efficiency, strategic planning and the unwavering dedication of its workforce.

Highlights of ECoR's Freight Loading Performance in 2024-25: 259.254 Million Tons of

freight loaded, setting a new record for any Indian Railways zone. ECoR became the first zone to surpass 259 million tons of originating freight. Achieved 200 Million Tons in freight loading for the sixth consecutive year.

Throughout the financial vear. East Coast Rail-

Gangavaram Gopalpur), as well as key industries in the steel, aluminum and iron ore sectors. The dedicated efforts of all three divisions of ECoR, viz., Khurda Road, Waltair and Sambalpur played an instrumental role in surpassing last year's figures and achieving this outstanding result. Recognizing the efforts, ECoR's General Manager Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal congratulated the team of staff and officers. The performance is a testament to the effective coordination between East Coast Railway and various government sectors, industries and stakeholders as well as the commitment to continuous improvement and innovation. This monumental achievement could without the diligent efforts of East Coast Railway's employees. Their determination and teamwork. paired with proper planning and a positive work environment, have been key drivers of this success. East Coast Railway's success sets a precedent across the zones and exemplifies the potential of Indian Railways to play a pivotal role in supporting the country's economic growth through efficient freight transportation. Moving forward, East

Coast Railway remains

committed to furthering its

capabilities, optimizing op-

erations and continuing to

deliver exceptional results

in the coming years.

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Incident on Farakka MGR Line at Barhait

MI News Service, Kolkata: In an unfortunate incident that occurred in the early hours of 1st April 2025, a collision took place between two locomotives on the MGR line at Barhait, approximately 33 kilometers from Farakka. As per initial reports, two fatalities have been confirmed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the departed souls and their families during this difficult time.

Additionally, four individuals sustained injuries and were immediately shifted to nearby medical facilities for treatment and care. Subsequently, the injured were referred to a healthcare facility in Malda for advanced treatment. One person, who was severely injured, has now been shifted to a higher medical facility in Kolkata. Emergency response teams, including local police and ambulance services, were mobilized promptly. A team of officials from Farakka Super Thermal Power Station also rushed to the site and is coordinating closely with local authorities. The situation is being monitored continuously to ensure that all necessary medical support is extended to the injured. While we are working closely with local authorities for the early restoration of the MGR operation, an investigation is underway to determine the cause of the incident. Further updates will be provided as more information becomes available.



Punjab Kings' Glenn Maxwell and teammates celebrate the wicket of Lucknow Super Giants' captain Rishabh Pant during their Indian Premier League 2025 match, at Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium, in (ANI Photo) Lucknow on Tuesday.

"I am a little worried": Jaffer on **Indian Test team ahead of England tour**

KOLKATA (WEST BENGAL) Former Indian cricketer Wasim Jaffer said on Tuesday that he is "a little worried" about Team India following a disastrous Border-Gavaskar Trophy against Australia away from home and hoped that they will "get their act together" ahead of their England tour which will kickstart their ICC World Test Championship 2025-27 cycle.

Jaffer was speaking on Revsportz to Boria Majumdar.

Speaking to Revsportz about the Indian Test team, which finished third in the WTC 2023-25 standings following a 0-3 clean sweep loss to New Zealand at home and 1-3 loss in the BGT against Australia, Jaffer said, "I am a little worried, without a doubt. After watching India play in Australia, I am a little worried."

The form of our batters. What if Jasprit Bumrah is not available in that Test series as well? Or if Mohammad Shami is not available for that matter? What will happen? So, I am definitely worried that Dukes ball, our batters have batted in Australia. If that same trend continues, we will definitely

"So, I am a little bit worried. But I hope they get their act

together. And I hope we win a series, which we have not done for a long time in England. But we need to do much better than what we did, you know, in Australia,

he concluded. India's last series win in England came back in 2007 under captaincy of Rahul Dravid by 1-0. Since then, Their last Test series in England ended in a 2-2 draw back in 2022 after India played the rescheduled fifth Test at Edgbaston under captaincy of Jasprit Bumrah, after initially leading the series 2-1 under Virat

India's England tour of five Test will kickstart on June 20 at Leeds with the first Test.

However, absence of pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah, who got injured during the final BGT

Test in Sydney and has not played any cricket since, and form of two of its most senior batters, Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli has been a huge point of concern.

The 2024-25 season of Tests was miserable for 'Ro-Ko' (Rohit and Kohli), who are India's most prolific modern-day stars. While Rohit scored just 164 runs in eight matches and 15 innings at an average of 10.93 with the best score of 52, Virat scored a shambolic 382 runs in 10 matches and 19 innings at an average of 22.87, with just a century and fifty each. Rohit also scored just 3 and 28 on his return to Ranji Trophy recently against J&K. Virat ended the last year with just 655 interna-tional runs in 23 matches and 32 innings, averaging 21.83, with a century and two fifties to his name. His best score was 100*.

While Rohit has been India's most prolific run-getter in WTC history with 2,716 runs in 40 Tests at an average of 41.15 with nine centuries and eight fifties, Virat's form in Tests has taken a nosedive in 2020s. In 39 Test matches since the start of 2020, Virat has scored just 2,028 runs at an average of 30.72, with just three centuries and nine fifties to show. His best score is 186.

SAMEER ORAON WINS SILVER MEDAL

IN NATIONAL

TRIPLE JUMP

CHAMPIONSHIP

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Championship

RANCHI: Sameer Oraon, an

athlete from Ranchi centre of Sports Authority of India (SAI),

made its centre proud as he won silver medal in the nation-

al triple jump events by clearing 14.80 mt in the 14th Indian

Bengalore recently.

Expressing happiness over

his success Sameer Oraon said, "It is every player's dream to win a medal in any national level competition and

I am happy with my perform-

ance." Giving credit for his success to his SAI athletic coach Binod Singh, Sameer

said that I only worked hard

while Sir showed me the way.

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IWL 2024-25: Relegation-battling Odisha FC, Kickstart FC play out lively draw

BHUBANESWAR (ODISHA): Kickstart FC held hosts Odisha FC to a 2-2 draw in their IWL 2024-25 encounter at the Kalinga Stadium on Tuesday. The result meant that Odisha's winless streak was extended to six games, even if they did break their four-game losing run with a point. The defending champions were on the verge of slipping into the relegation zone when Philomena Abakah and Joanitah Ainembazi scored in quick succession for Kickstart, cancelling out Lynda Kom Serto's first-half opener. However, Jennifer Yeboah's 79th-minute equaliser rescued a point for Odisha, who are in sixth place with 12 points from 11 games. The visitors remained in the relegation zone with 11 points.

Odisha's lack of confidence -- driven by the run of losses -- was betrayed by their nervousness in the early part of the game. Kickstart held a stranglehold on proceedings and even had the best chances, Ranjana Chanu twice guilty of shooting wide from good positions inside the box.

As they slowly grew into the game, Odisha's midfield started exerting more control in possession, and their wing players, in particular, started putting balls into the box with more frequency. Right on the cusp of half-time this gave them a deserved lead when Jennifer Yeboah's cross from the left wing was expertly headed in by Lynda Kom. The forward's looping header flew above Linthoingambi Devi and into the far corner of the net.

Kickstart equalised early in the second half, via Philomena Abakah, who capitalised on a defensive error in the 52nd minute. Four minutes later they had the lead when Joanitah Ainembazi slotted home with a brilliant diving header from Sanju Pradhan's perfect cross into the six-yard box. The momentum was with continued to terrorise a shaken Odisha Ainembazi and Abakah's brilliant wing play in particular kept the Odisha defence on their toes. The duo also had multiple attempts on goal. Goalkeeper Anshika was brilliant in ensuring that Odisha didn't drop a bigger deficit. Odisha have had a knack for pulling out of tough spots, and in the 79th minute, they did so again when Lynda Kom's through ball ended up at the feet of Yeboah. The Ghanaian had outrun Dalima Chhibber to latch on to the pass and slotted neatly into the far corner to draw her side level. In the final ten minutes, Kickstart were the ones with the better opportunities to score the winner, but Odisha's defence stood strong, often coming in with late tackles to prevent attempts at goal. The teams split



MI bowling coach Paras Mhambrey hails Ashwani Kumar's exceptional performance on his debut against KKR

MUMBAI (MAHARASHTRA) : Mhambrey stated. Ashwani Kumar made a barnstorming IPL debut against Kolkata Knight Riders in Mumbai Indians' first home game in IPL 2025, finishing with remarkable figures of 4/24, the best by an Indian debutant in the IPL.

He also became the 1st Indian bowler in the last decade to take a wicket off his very first ball in the

Bowling coach Paras Mhambrey was impressed with Ashwani's composure. "To see someone coming in, one first game, under pressure, happy for him. He worked on his strengths and focused on his strengths and that gave him results. It's not about performance, it's about going and enjoying what you do " Mhambrey said while speaking to iplt20.com.

Ashwani was one of three changes MI made for the match and the bowling coach explained the rationale behind his selection.

"Left-arm seamer who swings the ball and has got high pace, ticks a lot of boxes for us. Wankhede we always knew wicket that has a lot of bounce compared to others. He's the kind of guy who swings the ball and high pace as well, so we felt it was the right surface for him to pay,"

Ashwani, who only ate a banana before the match, credited skipper Hardik Pandya for making him feel at ease on debut and easing his nerves.

"It is a very good feeling. I had-n't thought that I'll do so well. Hardik bhai told me, 'You're from Punjab and Punjabis are fearless. so just scare the opponents and enjoy yourself'," Ashwani said about the unique advice he received.

The debutant was overjoyed to bag Andre Russell's wicket in particular.

"Manish Pandey had hit me for a four already. Hardik bhai told me to bowl at the body for him. My favourite wicket was Andre Russell's because he is a very big player. Hardik bhai told me don't be afraid, so I just wanted to bowl to my plans," the debutant added. Ashwani struck off his first ball to dismiss KKR skipper Ajinkya Rahane but not before a fumble

from Tilak Varma.

Speaking about that moment. Ashwani said, "When he fumbled, was just hoping he catches in because when you take a wicket off your first ball, the match usually goes well.



where he said, "My whole village was very happy because Mumbai is the best team and have a lot of big players.

Ashwani only realised about his record-breaking feat after coming off the field, "I just had to my field and I d I was the first Indian to do this but it feels good.

Having waited for many years Ashwani's success left his family and friends overjoyed too, for an opportunity, Ashwani said the success was a result of years

of effort and dedication. "All the seniors support us and

tell us to enjoy. This is the result of a lot of hard work," the left-arm seamer concluded.

Ashwani joins the long and illustrious list of young Indian talfeaturing the likes of Jasprit Bumrah, Hardik Pandya, Krunal Pandya and Tilak Varma to Ashwani, Vignesh Puthur, PSN Raju and Robin Minz this season.

SAI Athletic coach Binod Singh praised Sameer and said that any athlete gets success only when he works hard with full dedication. I have no complaints with him in this matter. The gold medal is not far away with the hard work he is doing.

SAI Assistant Director Karan Sadhwani, Hockey Coach Sab Mahapatra, Jagan Topno and all the officials congratulated Sameer on his success and wished him a bright



Charlotte Edwards announced as England's new head coach

LONDON [UK]: England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) announced former skipper Charlott Edwards as the new head coach of England women's team on Tuesday.

Edwards is a former England captain who represented her country over 300 times, winning two World Cups and lifting the Ashes five times across a 20-year playing career. With 10,273 runs in 309 international matches with 13 centuries, she is one of the most decorated international batters ever. She has replaced Jon Lewis after a poor ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 and 16-0 drubbing to Australia in women's Ashes away from home.

"Charlotte Edwards has been announced as the new Head Coach of the England Women's team by the ECB (England and Wales Cricket Board)." the ECB said in a release.

Since retiring from playing in 2017, Edwards has coached across English domestic



cricket and global T20 leagues, enjoying success with Southern Vipers in regional cricket, Southern Brave in The Hundred, Sydney Sixers in the Women's Big Bash League and Mumbai

Indians in the Women's Premier League Charlotte Edwards said: "I am so delighted to once again be part of the leadership of the England Women's cricket team, and I cannot wait to take this team forward and drive us to

"It means the world to me to have the three lions on my chest once again. Leading England as captain was my life for 10 years and I will forever be passionate about this team and our legacy. We have such a talented group of players, and I am excited about working with them and improving them both as individuals and as

"We have the immediate challenge of two home summer series, and then it is straight into the ICC Women's World Cup in India this autumn, with a home ICC Women's T20 World Cup next summer. There is also the mouthwatering prospect of the first-ever Olympics for women's cricket in LA 2028. I am relishing the prospect of winning trophies and taking this

TRUMP TARIFF TUMULT HAS RIPPLES FOR SPORTING GOODS, PUTS COSTLY HOCKEY GEAR IN PRICE-HIKE CROSSHAIR

MINNEAPOLIS: Calls from the US to Roustan Hockey headquarters in Canada in recent weeks have been anything but routine, as bulk orders of name-brand sticks have suddenly become complicated conversations.

These customers want to know: When their orders ship, will they have to pay an additional 25 per cent tariff? And we respond by saying, 'Well, right now we don't know, so they postpone their order or cancel their order because they want to know before they order what the cost is going to be," said Graeme Roustan, who owns the that makes and sells more than 100,000 hockey sticks annually to the US market.

The prospect of 25 per cent tariffs by President Donald Trump on Canadian imports, currently paused for some goods

but facing full implementation on Wednesday, has caused headaches if not havoc throughout the commercial ecosystem.

The sports equipment industry is certainly no exception, with so many of the products manufactured for sports loving Americans outside of the

No two countries in the world are intertwined athletically more than Canada and the US are with hockey, either, making mere talk of a trade war a spreadsheet-shuffler - and potentially a budget-buster - for businesses based around the rink and the consumers of their prod-

Roustan Hockey bought the Christian and Northland brands that originated in Minnesota and now manufactures them with other products under its umbrel-



la in Brantford, Ontario, the town where Wayne Gretzky grew up about 60 miles (100 kilometers) southwest of Toronto.

About 40 per cent of Roustan's business is with the US market, and about 90 per cent of sales of Christian and Northland gear go to American customers.

Our business with the US is steady right now because people are trying to get their orders in before the tariffs take effect, but I'm very concerned that once the tariffs go into effect that there will be people in, say, Minnesota who will think twice about buying a Christian or a Northland stick because of the 25 per cent tariff," Roustan said in a phone interview. "So the unknown is still unknown.

Many pieces of retail hockey equipment originate in Asia, including China. Mexico is another player in the market, home to a factory for Warrior brand sticks, for example. Those countries are in the tariff crosshairs, "Whether it's in effect for a week or gets retracted or whether it's a future date where we're going to have some announcement, all that makes it very challenging to run and operate a business," said Todd Smith, the chief executive officer

of the Sports and Fitness Industry Association. "The general viewpoint is uneasiness and confusion.

Roustan bought Bauer's hockey outfitting business from Nike in 2008 and oversaw that company for four years. By the time Roustan assumed control, he said, Bauer - born in Canada in 1927 and a ubiquitous name in the sport - had shifted all of its manufacturing sites to Asia for cost savings on labour and facili-

"The industry has done an admirable job of manufacturing across the globe while doing as much as they possibly can domestically," Smith said. "The components made internationally are made internationally because we don't have the manufacturing capability in the US and we don't have the workforce.

In hockey, of course, a lot of gear is required to take the ice. That gear is also notoriously expensive, which puts this sport as subject to the tariff tumult as

Just in North America, hockey equipment is a USD 1.3 billion business and growing, as estimated by Grand View market research. Any added cost from the import tax will almost certainly trickle down to the con-

Organisations like SFIA have long had an eye on rising costs of youth sports, concerned about the effect on participation and driven to increase accessibility to all activities in underprivileged communities.

"If folks aren't aware of it now, they should be well aware that tariffs are bad for sports across the board," Smith said.