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PM Modi meets Bangladesh's Chief Adviser Yunus after BIMSTEC summit



MI News Service, New Delhi / Bangkok: Ending all speculations about the possibility of this vital meeting, Prime Minister Narendra Modi sepa-rately held talks with Bangladesh's Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus in Bangkok on Friday, beginning a new chapter in the present strained Indo- Bangladesh bilateral relations.

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Incidentally, today's meeting was the first such direct face to face conversation between the two leaders since the ouster of Prime minister Sheikh Hasina from Dhaka in August last year.

The two leaders met on the sidelines of the Summit meeting of the leaders of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral and Technical

grouping in the Thai capital. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval were also present during the meeting. Prime Minister Modi in his meeting with Bangladesh's Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus this afternoon underlined India's concerns over the safety of minorities, including Hindus, and conveyed the expectation that the Bangladeshi government would ensure their security, including by thoroughly investigating cases of atrocities against them.

Briefing reporters on Modi's meeting with Yunus, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said Modi underlined India's con-

Cooperation (BIMSTEC) safety and security of minorities in Bangladesh including Hindus. PM Modi expressed his expectation that the government of Bangladesh would ensure their security, in-cluding by thoroughly investigating all cases of atrocities against the minorities, Misri said at the media briefing. During the meeting, PM Modi also urged that any rhetoric that vitiates the environment is best avoided, the foreign secretary said. Prime Minister Modi reiterated India's support for a democratic, stable, peaceful, progressive and inclusive Bangladesh. "He underlined that India believed in a people-cen-

tric approach to the relationship and highlighted the cooperation between the two countries over a long period of time that

has delivered tangible benefits to the people of both countries. In this spirit, he underlined to Professor Yunus India's desire to forge a positive and constructive relationship with Bangladesh based on a spirit of prag-matism," Misri said on the meeting. During the meeting, the PM also talked about the border issues and the strict on issues and the strict enforcement of the law and curbing illegal border crossings, especially at night for maintaining border security and stability. Asked if Yunus raised the issue of the extradition of Hasina, Misri did not give a direct reply. He said it is not proper to talk about this issue at the moment and the ministry in the past has already said that it has received a request from Bangladesh. Minister Prime

Narendra Modi met Bangladesh's Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus during his visit to Thailand for the BIMSTEC Summit Friday, the first meeting between the two since the latter assumed power after the ouster of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The two were also seated next to each other at the BIMSTEC leaders' dinner Thursday night.

The meeting has also assumed special significance as it comes at a time after Yunus's

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PM Modi assures Myanmar's Senior General of more assistance for earthquake victims

MI News Service, New Delhi /Bangkok: India is ready to do extend all possible help and assistance to Myanmar in recovering from the aftermath of a massive earthquake that killed over 3,000 people in and around Mandalay, the second largest city in the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi told Myanmar's Senior General Min Aung Hlaing during a meeting with him here on

Friday. Prime minister Modi held a one on one meeting with Senior General Min, the head of Myanmar's military government on the sidelines of the Summit meeting of the leaders of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral and Technical Cooperation (BIMSTEC) grouping in

the Thai capital. "Met Senior General Min Aung Hlaing of Myanmar on the sidelines of the BIMSTEC Summit in Bangkok. Once again expressed condolences on the loss of lives and damage to property in the wake of the recent earthquake. India is doing whatever is possible to assist our sisters and brothers of

Myanmar in this critical time," Modi wrote on X.

This was the Prime Minister's first interaction with Senior General Min, who came to power in a military coup in February 2021. "We also discussed bi-lateral relations between India and Myanmar, par-

ticularly in sectors like connectivity, capacity building, infrastructure development and more," he said.Sources said the Senior General thanked the Prime Minister for the

relief assistance.He also appreciated the Prime Minister's reconstruction work and leadership during the Bhuj earthquake in Gujarat and the learnings for Myanmar and others from it, sources said.

The BIMSTEC grouping is a regional initiative involving countries in India's neighbourhood along the Bay of Bengal rim.

India has launched Operation Brahma to help relief efforts in the earthquake-hit Myanmar, where a military coup in February 2021 brought Senior General Min to power.

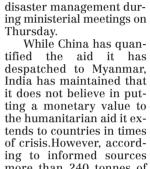
During the 35-minute meeting, the Myanmarese appreciated the ruler

speed at which India sent earthquake. in assistance immediately have so far lost their lives after the March 28 earthquake."We are ready to help," the Prime Minister in the 7.7 magnitude Myanmar earthquake, in is learnt to have conveyed which about 5,000 people have also been injured, Senior General to Min.India has deployed and around 370 remained military field hospitals in missing nationwide. Thou-Mandalay, which was near sands of others were also the epicentre of the earthrendered homeless in the quake.A senior official of tremor the Myanmar administration also visited the hospialso attended an official tal set up by India in dinner for leaders of the Mandalay. **BIMSTEC** nations that also includes Thailand, Myan-

India has also de-ployed its National Disas-Response Force ter (NDRF) personnel who are assisting in the relief work in Myanmar.Myanmar is considered a cog in the wheel for the success of BIMSTEC, whose key aim is to promote connectivity between the member na-

tions All the key projects to connect the member nations pass through Myanmar where the local administration has little control in the different regions of the country. The massive earth-

quake opened an opportunity for Myanmar to engage with the global comity of nations as it seeks humanitarian assistance to recover from the



Over 3,000 people

Senior General Min

mar, Bangladesh, Bhutan,

India, Nepal and Sri

Foreign Affairs said BIM-

STEC members discussed

The Thai Ministry of

Lanka

more than 240 tonnes of relief materials of different kinds were sent to Myanmar by the government of India for the earthquake victims in Myanmar alone.



Minority community people took part in a protest for Waqf protection, and demanded the withdrawal of recent amendments to the Waqf Bill, in Kolkata on Friday.

Taj Mahal remains top in earning through ticket sales in ASI monuments, says Union minister



MI News Service, New Delhi: est income through sale of

Supreme Court upheld the verdict of the Calcutta High Court Single Bench in primary D. El. Ed. case

MI News Service, Kolkata : Within 24 hours of cancelling employment of nearly 26,000 school teachers in West Bengal ,the Supreme Court upheld the verdict of former Calcutta High Court Justice Abhijit Gangopadhyay in the pri-mary Diploma in Elemen-tary Education (D. El. Ed.) case on Friday. At the same time the

Apex court has also disentry tickets in the last five missed the verdict of the di-

semester exams before the recruitment notification is issued on September 29, 2022. Therefore, the candidates undergoing training for that academic year had the right to participate in the recruitment process. However, the single bench did not give any specific instruction regarding the issuance of appointment letters to those candidates.

Former Justice Gangopadhyay's order and the Board's notification were

rejected by the then High

Court Division Bench of

Justice Subrata Talukder

cerns related to the

The world famous one of the wonders of the universe and Mughal-era mausoleum Taj Mahal in Agra has been the top earning ASI-protected monument through ticket sales during the past five years. Revealing the data Culture Minister Union Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in a written response to a query in the Rajya Sabha on Thursday, said apart from other things it also proved how pupular this wonderful monument and its serene surroundings to the visitors around the globe. . The minister was asked the amount that the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has received from selling entry tickets to various monuments in the last five years, vear-wise and monumentwise; and the monuments that have received the high-

tabular form for cycles of financial years ranging from FY19-20 to FY23-24. According to the data, Taj Mahal earned the top slot for all five years. The Mughal-era archi-

tectural wonder was commissioned by Emperor Shah Jahan in the 17th century and it is considered one of the most beautiful buildings in the world In FY19-20, the Agra Fort in Agra and Qutub Minar in Delhi were in the second and third positions.

In FY20-21, the Group of Monuments Mamallapuram in Tamil Nadu and Sun Temple, Konark were in the second and third positions. In FY23-24, Qutub Minar and Red Fort of Delhi were in the second and third positions.

Lok Sabha adjourned sine die; **Budget session concludes**

MI News Service, New Delhi: Bringing down the curtains on the Budget session which began on January 31, Lok Sabha was adjourned sine die on Friday As soon as the House met at 12 noon after an adjournment over remarks by Congress leader Sonia Gandhi, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla read out his valedictory remarks and adjourned the House sine die indefinitely till the new session is convened.

 $The \ session \ concluded$ on a stormy note with treasury benches seeking an apology from Sonia Gandhi for her remarks that the Waqf bill was bulldozed without a discussion. This forced an adjournment of the Lower House for nearly an hour. The Speaker said as many as 16 bills were passed during the session and the House productivity was pegged at over 118 per cent. As he spoke, opposition members raising slogans were against the Speaker's observation against Sonia Gandhi that her claim that the Waqf amendment Bill was bulldozed without discussion was unfortunate and against dignity of the House. During the session, could complete their final the government completed its budgetary exercise after the Lok Sabha gave its nod to the demands for grants for the various ministries

as well as the Finance

Bill.The budget for Ma-

nipur, under central rule,

was also cleared. The Waqf

amendment bill, which wit-

nessed a showdown be-

tween the government and

the Opposition, was passed

by Parliament as the two

Houses sat for long hours

even after midnight for two

days to clear the bill and

make it a law.

years. In his response, the vision bench of the Calcutta minister shared the data in a High Court. On Friday, the bench of Justice PS Narasimha and Justice Jaymalya Bagchi said that the order of the division bench of Justice Subrata Talukder

is being dismissed. Appointments can be made according to the verdict of the single bench of the then Justice Abhijit Gangopadhyay

Incidentally, on Sep-tember 29, 2022, the board issued a notification for the recruitment of primary teachers for 11,758 posts in the primary school recruitment process. At that time, in the first notification, they said that those who were undergoing D. El. Ed. training in the current academic year could also participate in the recruitment. A case was filed in the High Court against the board's

decision. In September 2022, the then High Court Justice Abhijit Gangopadhyay accepted the board's decision. The judge observed that the course of the candidates for the 2020-22 academic year started in June 2020. Their two-year course was to be completed in June 2022.

and Justice Supratim Bhattacharya. In April last year, the Division Bench, while pronouncing the verdict, said that according to the rules of the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), to become a teacher, one must have minimum education and training. In this case, the rules of NCTE were not followed. Because, even if the course was completed in June 2022, the candidates would not get the certificate within that period. The certificates were to be issued in November that year. As a result, they could not be considered eligible without the certificate. On the other hand, during the case in the division bench, the board issued a new notification. It said that all trainees would be given the opportunity. A section of the DLA trainees of that academic year went to the Supreme Court challenging the division bench's verdict. Following today's hearing of that case, the order of the division bench of the Calcutta High Court That is, by then all of them was rejected by Supreme Court.

President, PM and Mamata Banerjee condoled death of veteran actor and director Manoj Kumar



MI News Service, Mumbai : Veteran film actor and director Manoj Kumar died in a private hospital in Mumbai on Friday after a protracted illness. He was 87 and is survived by his son Kunal. Known for his patriotic films Manoj Kumar was suffering from several old age related health problems for long and was admitted to the Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital a few days ago where he breathed his last this morning. . As soon as the

news of death was known, tributes started flowing in from all corners on social media. Expressing deep condolences at the passing away of the veteran actor Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is now in Bangkok on a two day visit, shared an old photo with Manoj Kumar and wrote in his X handle "Deeply saddened by the passing of legendary actor and filmmaker Shri Manoj Kumar Ji. He was an icon of Indian cinema, who was

particularly remembered for his patriotic zeal, which was also reflected in his films. Manoj Ji's works ignited a spirit of national pride and will continue to inspire generations. My thoughts are with his family and admirers in this hour of grief. Om Shanti."President Droupadi Murmu also condoled the death and wrote in her official X handle, "Saddened

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Congress to join DMK in challenging Waqf bill in Supreme Court

MI News Service, New Delhi : The grand old Congress party will "very soon" contest the constitutionality of the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024, in the Supreme Court. AICC General Secretary Jairam Ramesh said on Friday.

The Waqf (Amendment) bill was passed by both Houses of Parliament early Friday in the Lok Sabha and the next day in the Rajya Sabha after marathon debates on various aspects of the bill..In a post on X, Ramesh said the Congress is determined to resist what it sees as assaults on constitutional principles by the Modi government. "We are confident and will continue to resist all assaults of the Modi Govt on the principles, provisions, and practices that are contained in the Constitution of India," he commented.Ramesh further mentioned that the Supreme Court is currently hearing the INC's challenges regarding the CAA (2019), RTI Act (2005) amendments, Conduct of Election Rules (2024), and the Places of Worship Act (1991). The Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024, has been

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India ranks 10th with USD1.4 billion private investment in AI, reveals UN report

MI News Service, Washington (DC) : With Frontier Technologies' index, improving India taking the10th spot from the top, the country along with China are the only two developing countries in the world having significant private investments in Artificial Intelligence (AI) in 2023.

Disclosing this in a recent UN report entitled 'the 2025 Technology and Innova-tion Report, issued by UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)', has also announced India's 10th rank, adding that thecountry ranked 36th in 2024 on the 'Readiness for

its position from 48th in 2022. India ranks 36th out of 170 nations on a global index measuring a country's readiness for frontier technologies, improving its ranking from last year, according to the report. The index combines indicators for ICT deployment, skills, research and development (R&D) activity, industrial capacity, and access to finance.India

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Supreme Court verdict leaves Asansol Schools scrambling

MI News Service, Asansol: Recruitment Scam Verdict: The principal of Dhakeshwari High School in Asansol is also worried about the teacher termination incident. He says that the 'predicament' of job termination at that school has fallen on 3 teachers and 2 education workers.

The Supreme Court's decision to quash the entire panel of 2016 in the recruitment corruption case has sent shockwaves through government schools in Asansol, West Bengal. Approximately 26,000 teachers and education workers have lost their jobs, leaving school authorities wondering how to continue teaching. Shruti Gangopadhyay,

headmistress of Raniganj Basantidevi Goenka Girls School, expressed her deep concern over the sit-

uation. "12 of our teachers have lost their jobs. None of them are incompetent. I don't know how the school will continue to teach. I am deeply saddened by this incident." The school, with a total of 21 teachers, has been severely impacted, with subjects like Hindi, English, history, and sci-ence no longer having in-

structors. The headmistress plans to convene a meeting with the school management committee to discuss the matter further. Meanwhile, the principal of Dhakeshwari High School, Robin Gangopadhyay, is also grappling with the consequences of the verdict. "The school has exams next week. At this moment, so many teachers

rying. There are no people to open the school. I don't know how it will work." The situation is dire, with many schools facing significant challenges in

maintaining their academic programs. The teachers' union has also expressed concerns about the potential consequences of the verdict, fearing it may create a worrying situation in government schools across

the state. As the education sector struggles to come to terms with the Supreme Court's decision, one thing is clear: the road ahead will be fraught with challenges. The state government and education authorities must act swiftly to address the crisis and ensure that the academic programs of affected schools are not seis as inhuman as it is wor- verely disrupted.

Murshidabad school faces an uncertain future after the big verdict of the Supreme Court

and non-teaching staff have

been ordered to leave. This

News Service, Murshidabad: The total number of teachers in the school was 62 of them, 21 have been terminated on the order of the Supreme Court. As a result, administrative and educational activities have almost come to standstill.

In a shocking turn of events, the Supreme Court has cancelled the services of 21 teachers at Bhagwangola High School for Girls in Murshidabad, leaving the school's administration and students reeling. The school, which has a student body of several thousand, is

nearly a third of its teaching staff. The headmistress of the school expressed her con-

cerns about the impact of the verdict on the school's ability to function. "The exams are supposed to start tomorrow, but in this situation, it will be difficult to conduct the exams. Running this school has now become a very difficult matter," she said.

The teachers who lost their jobs are devastated, claiming that they were innocent and did not obtain their positions through struggling to come to terms corruption or injustice. "It

with the sudden loss of would have been better if action had been taken MI against those who got the job through corruption," one of the affected teachers

said. The sudden loss of teaching staff has brought administrative and educational activities to a near standstill. The school's future is uncertain, and the students are likely to bear the brunt of the verdict. The incident highlights the need for a more nuanced ap-

proach to addressing corruption and irregularities in the education sector, one that does not penalize innocent teachers and students.

Gold Medalist Somnath loses job amidst recruitment scam

MI News Service, Nadia: He was working in group C at Birnagar High School in Nadia. He has a daughter and wife in his family, he became disabled due to wrong treatment at the age of just three. The fight for life did not stop. Somnath was running his family and getting treatment with the salary he received. Somnath Malo, a resident

of Nadia , West Bengal, was faced his fair share of challenges. Despite being diagnosed with the blood cancer and becoming disabled at the age of three, Somanath persevered. His determination led him to win a gold medal in high jump in 2002 and even hoist the Indian flag in South Korea. However, Somnath's life took a turn for the worse when he lost his job as a clerk in a government school due to the Supreme Court's order cancelling the appointment of 25,752 people. The news has left Somnath who was working in Group C at Birnagar High School in Nadia, feeling

Teacher attempts suicide after job loss due to Supreme Court Verdict

Service, cumstances leading up to the News Canning: A devastating inciincident. Rumpa's husband, dent has unfolded in Canning, Animesh Jana, recounted the events, stating, "She lost her job due to the Supreme Court West Bengal where a teacher, Rumpa Singh, attempted suicide after losing her job due verdict. Some people used to get money, but as soon as to Supreme Court's verdict on the SSC recruitment case. the news came, they raided her house. They called her a The incident has sent shockwaves through the communihypocrite. Then she tried to ty, highlighting the dire concommit suicide by writing a sequences of the verdict on suicide note." the lives of affected teachers.

Rumpa is currently undergoing treatment at the Can-Rumpa Singh, a history teacher at Roy Baghini High ning Subdistrict Hospital. The School, was among the thouincident has raised concerns about the welfare of teachsands of teachers who lost their jobs after the Supreme ers affected by the Supreme Court quashed the entire Court's verdict and the need panel of 2016 in the recruitfor support systems to help them cope with the financial ment corruption case. The news of her job cancellation spread quickly, and creditors, and emotional consequences of job loss.

to whom Rumpa had bor-The incident serves as a rowed a considerable amount stark reminder of the human cost of the recruitment scam of money for her husband's treatment, began demanding and the subsequent verdict. While the Supreme Court's According to Rumpa's famdecision aimed to uphold the ily, the creditors' relentless integrity of the recruitment pressure and mental torture process, it has left many drove her to attempt suicide. teachers, like Rumpa, facing A recovered suicide note reuncertain futures and des-

perate circumstances.

Tragic accident in Indas highlights urgent for road repairs

Service, ra has been in a deplorable condition for a long time, forcing locals to risk their Bakura: On Thursday night, 12 to 14 local resident were riding a tractor for patal lives while traveling. Despite dighi Bihar village in Indas an allocation of 1.32 crore block to Gaylapukur village taka for the Pathashree projto watch the jalsa. The acect to pave the road, the concident occurred while they dition remains unchanged.

disappointed and helpless. Somnath's family, comprising his wife and daughter, is struggling to come to terms with the loss for their sole breadwinner's income. His wife's tears are uncontrollable as she worries about their future. Somnath who had been managing his fam-As per the program announced by the party on Friday, Minister Aroop Biswas and Municipal representative Sandip Das took out a long protest ily's expenses and medical treatment with his salary, is now appealing to the state chief minister Mamta Banerjee to save his family. Holding his gold medal, Somnath expressed his anguish, "I brought the medal for the country. Today I don't have a job. This is the shame of the country". His story serves as a protagonist reminder of the struggle faced by individuals who have dedicated their lives to serving the nation. As Somnath's family struggles to

changed in 2022. He found out that he was suffering from Leukemia. A constant battle began- a battle to save his life. Treatment began at Tata Memorial Canmake ends meet, his health cer Hospital in Mumbai. He continues to deteriorate. His had to go there every four cancer treatment has been months. Each time it cost jeopardized due to loss of his 70 thousand. job, leaving his family in a state of distress.

A heart-wrenching tale has emerged from North Dinajpur, where Sushant Dutta, a teacher from Islampur, is struggling to come to terms with the loss of his job. The Supreme Court's verdict has left him devastated, and his future uncertain. Sushant, a resident of Durganagar in Islampur, was diagnosed with blood cancer in 2022.

abnormal price hike of 748 life-saving drugs.

Dinajpur:

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Despite his illness, he con-MI News Service, North tinued to work as a teacher Everything at Majhiali High School in Chopra, a position he secured in 2016 after passing his SSC. However, his job was cancelled due to the Supreme Court's orders, leaving him without a steady income. The financial burden of his treatment, which includes regular visits to Tata Memorial Cancer Hospital in Mumbai, has become a significant concern. Each visit costs approximately 70,000 rupees, and Sushant is scheduled to return to Mumbai on May 19. The question of how he will afford this expense, coupled with the worry of providing for his family, is

march from Brahmapur Place to Átabagan in 111 ward of Tollygunge Assembly against the Central Government of Narendra Modi against the

Jobless Sushant's desperate plea

<mark>চন্দ্রীয় সরকারের ৭৪৮টি জীবনদা</mark>য়ী ওযুধের অস্বা

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amid recruitment scam fallout tal health. Sushant's wife, an ordinary housewife, is worried about the future of their three-year-old son. The family's only source of income has been cut off, leaving them vulnerable. Sushant's colleagues have rallied around him, seeking assurances for his job retention, similar to that of Soma Das. They are also requesting the government to draw attention to his case at all levels of the judiciary. As Sushant struggles to find answers, his situation serves as a poignant reminder of the human cost of bureaucratic decisions. The question on everyone's mind is: who will support Sushant's family during this challenging time?

Benga

BSF shoots 20-year-old 'smuggler' near India-Bangladesh border, family denies charge

taking a toll on his men-

MI News Service, Coch Behar: A 20-year-old in Cooch Behar was gunned down by the Border Security Force (BSF) near the India-Bangladesh border on Thursday early morning.

BSF authorities claimed that Jahanur Haque, the deceased, was associated with cross-border smuggling. His family members, however, strongly denied it and said he was a migrant worker.

According to BSF sources, Haque was a member of a large smuggling syndicate operating on both sides of the border.

Around 5am, while the on-duty BSF personnel were conducting routine night-domination operations, they spotted a group of alleged smugglers attempting to breach a por-tion of the border fence. As the BSF's sentry challenged them, they surrounded him and attacked him with sharp weapons, the source said. The BSF jawan, who got

outnumbered, warned attackers before opening fire. that he had been killed," the said a source.

Due to the firing, a smuggler suffered fatal injuries while others fled the spot," said the source. Haque was a resident of

Bhoram Payasthi village in Dinhata-I block. His family, however, cat-

egorically denied his role in smuggling. Rina Bibi, his mother, said her son worked in Bangalore and came home around 10 to 12 days ago.

"He is not associated with smuggling. In the morning, we came to know his body was lying near the border. We suspect the BSF picked him up from somewhere near our house and killed him without

reason," she said. Bibi said that they own three bighas of farmland beyond the border fence. "For cultivation, we have my husband, son and my name enrolled with the BSF so that we can move beyond the fences. As I could not find my son today, I initially thought he had gone to the field. Later, I came to know with operational guidelines,'

grieving mother added. Trinamool leader and North Bengal development minister Udayan Guha accused the BSF of killing

Haque without provocation. "People residing near the India-Bangla border are bearing the brunt of BSF atrocities for years. The youth was a migrant worker and had come home for Eid celebrations. The BSF alleged he was a smuggler, but nothing was recovered from him," he said.

"BSF is often shooting at bordering villagers. This is unacceptable," Guha, who is also the Dinhata MLA, added.

Sources in the central security force said they act according to operational guidelines. "The BSF operates under a strict mandate to safeguard India's borders while adhering to the principle of proportionality in the use of force. The BSF personnel responded to a clear and present threat, and the actions taken were in line

istrative setup similar to the

Bodoland Territorial Coun-

cil (BTC) for the hills. The

BTC has legislative powers,

unlike the Gorkhaland Ter-

ritorial Administration of

was not taken up at today's

meeting," the source added.

vened a meeting to discuss

Darjeeling-related issues in

the "permanent political

solution" - without defining the term — and tribal status to the 11 communi-

ties in the manifesto for the

aware of the issues of Dar-

jeeling", said a Darjeeling

Union home secretary

Govind Mohan, registrar

delegate on Thursday.

"The Centre said it was

2019 Lok Sabha elections.

The BJP had promised

October 2021.

The Centre had last con-

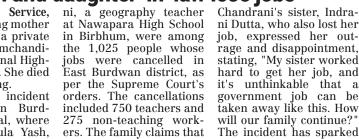
"This matter, however,

Mother dies of heart attack after son and daughter-in-law lose jobs

News Burdwan: An ailing mother was admitted to a private hospital in Bamchandiapur, along National Highway 19 Burdwan. She died on Friday morning.

A devastating incident has unfolded in Burdwan, West Bengal, where a mother, Manjula Yash, died of a heart attack after her son, Arnab Yash, and daughter-in-law, Chandrani Dutta, lost their jobs as geography teachers due to a Supreme Court verdict.

Arnab, the sole geog-raphy teacher at Chatra GaneshLal High School in has left the family in a terms with their mother's Birbhum, and Chandra- state of shock and grief. sudden demise.



Manjula, who was admitted to a private hospital in Bamchandaipur, was in mental distress since the High Court verdict was announced and couldn't bear the news of her son and daughter-in-law losing their jobs. Her death

job, expressed her outrage and disappointment, stating, "My sister worked hard to get her job, and it's unthinkable that a government job can be taken away like this. How will our family continue?' The incident has sparked widespread anger against the government, with the family and others affected by the verdict demanding justice and support. The mental state of Arnab and Chandrani is reported to be fragile, and they are struggling to come to

Sony Music Bangla and Mere Sai **Productions Pvt.Ltd launching new** music video: Tumi Sondhayaro Meghomala

MI News Service, Kolkata: We are thrilled to announce that Sony Music Bangla is going to launch a new music video featuring Rabindranath Tagore's classic song, Tumi Sandhyaro Meghomala sung by singer, Sohini Mukherjee. The video, directed by

young and talented director, Trisha Saha(Nini), makes her debut at the age of 18. Through this she tells the story of a newlywed couple's blossoming love. Produced by Apurva Joseph, the video showcases the beauty of love and relationships.

The music video features Nadeem Akthar and Rani Chakraborty's awesome

chemistry. The team consisting, Subham Talukdar, Tusar Kar-

work more pleasant and beautiful.

makar, Jake Dey, Suvankar Roy Chowdhury and Sayan Khan, Ranita Ğhorai. Their tireless efforts made this

The music video is soon

going to be available on Sony Music Bangla's YouTube channel and other leading music streaming platforms.

Ananda Marga Pracharak Samgha, chief speaks on Shrii Shrii Ananadamurtijii's multifarious contribution



News Service. Kolkata: Endowment lecture on Shrii Shrii Ananadamurtijii, Founder of Anan-Marga Pracharaka Samgha's Contribution to Ananda Sutram was organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Shri Jagannath Sanskrit University, Shri vihar, Puri on 3rd April 2025.



Anandamurtijii wrote for the first time a book in the name of Ananda, which is known as Ananda Sutram. He further explained the concept of Supreme Con-sciousness and Operative Principle according to Shrii Shrii Anandamurtiji. Acha-Divyachetanananda rva Avadhuta explained the Neo-humanism and said that Neo-humanism elevates Humanism to Universalism. The cult of love is created among all living

beings. According to Shrii Shrii Anandamurtiji, Devotion is the highest treasure. In other side, Humanism is not motivated by perennial source of inspiration. Where as Neo-humanism is motivated by perennial source of inspiration means cult of spirituality.

were returning from the Jaisa at around 1:30 am.

vealed the distressing cir-

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repayment.

A devastating accident occurred in the Bhurbandi area of Indas police station in Bankura, resulting in the death of a young man, Sheikh Hossain, and injuring six others. The incident took place when a tractor carrying 12-14 local residents overturned on the poorly maintained road while returning from a cultural event in Gaylapukur village. The nearly three-kilometer road from Dongalon to Mangalpur in Indus Block of Banku-

raged and frustrated, demanding immediate repair of the road. They protested by blocking the road for some time in the local Sahaspur market of Indas, but the blockade was eventually lifted after police intervention. The incident highlights the urgent need for road repairs and the importance of ensuring public safety. The authorities must take immediate action to address the issue and prevent such tragedies from occurring in the future.

Local residents are

Kurmi protest intensifies, new strategy unveiled

MI Service, News Khatra: The state government had recommended to the center to recognize the Kurmis as tribals. But the state government did not "comments" and desend manded by the center, so the issue of recognizing them as tribals is still pending.

The Kurmi community in West Bengal is reigniting their movement for tribal recognition, with a massive rally scheduled to take place in Khatra, Bakura on Saturday. This renewed push comes as the community seeks to pressure the state government demand for tribal status. The kurmi community has been fighting for tribal recognition for decades. Despite the state government's recommendation to the central government to grant them tribal status, the issue remains stalled due to the state's failure to submit the required "comments and justifications". In the lead-up to the last gram panchayat elections, the Kurmi community's movement gained momentum. significant Protests were held across various locations, and the community even partici-pated in the polls, fielding nity's future and the state's independent candidates in politics.



several areas. The upcoming rally in Khatra, Bankura is expected to draw Kurmi community members from various districts, including Purulia, Jhargram, and Paschim Medinipur. The event will feature representatives from the central leadership to local leaders. Political analysts believe that the rally will outline the community's next course of action and serve as a warning to the state government to address their demands. Tribal recognition would provide the Kurmi community with greater access to resources, benefits, and opportunities. The community's struggle for recognition is part of a broader movement to assert their rights and identity. As the 2026 assembly elections

approach, the Kurmi community's renewed push for tribal recognition is likely to gain significant attention. The outcome of their movement will have important implications for the commu-

Centre promises to solve Gorkha issues; Bengal skips 'tripartite' talks, Bista leads hill team

Service, News Darjeeling: The Centre on Thursday assured a dele-gation of political leaders from the Darjeeling hills that it would resolve the issues concerning the region in coordination with the Bengal government. The assurance was giv-

en at a meeting chaired by junior home minister Nityanand Rai in Delhi. Although the Centre had convened a tripartite meeting, the talks became bipartite without the Bengal government's representatives.

Darjeeling BJP MP Raju Bista led the hill delegation. Following the meeting, the ministry of home affairs issued a media release on "tripartite meeting to resolve issues related to Gorkhas".

The release said the minister listened to the representatives "attentively and assured" them that the "all round development and security of the region are among the priorities" of the Centre.

The Darjeeling region borders Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh.

"He (Rai) further assured that the Central Government would resolve issues of Gorkhas, within the constitutional framework, in

coordination with the Gov-ernment of West Bengal," cha source said Union home minister Amit Shah had the statement reads. taken up with the party last year the topic of an admin-

Bista said Bengal chief secretary Manoj Pant was expected to attend the meeting. "Once again, disrespecting the federal structure, the Bengal gov-ernment failed to attend the Darjeeling. meeting," the MP said in a written statement.

Darjeeling MLA Neeraj Zimba, Kalchini MLA Bishal Lama and leaders from BJP's allies like the Gorkha National Liberation Front, CPRM, Gorkha Janmukti Morcha, Gorkhaland Rajya Nirmal Morcha and SUMETI Mukti Morcha were among

the participants in the talks. They told the media that demand for a "permanent political solution" or (PPS) for the hills and tribal status to 11 hill communities, and the Bengal government's recent decision to allow nontea activities in 30 per cent of land in tea gardens fea-tured in the talks.

general of India Mrityunjay Kumar Narayan, joint secretary, ministry of tribal Bista said the "discussions were centered on various forms of solution under affairs, Roumuan Paite and the Constitution of India". other senior officers of the However, details of the dishome ministry were present cussions on the "various at the meeting on Thursday. Additional reporting by Imran Ahmed Siddiqui in forms of solution" were not immediately disclosed.

A Gorkha Janmukti Mor-New Delhi

CEA announced annual ranking of all 201 thermal power plants in the country

News Kolkata: The Central Electricity Authority (CEA), under MoP , Govt. of India 94.38%), just announced the annual ranking of all 201 thermal power plants in the country, based on operational efficiency (calculated on PLF - Plant Load Factor). For the 2024-,25 CEA has ranked -

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PM Modi meets Bangladesh's.

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recent statement in China that Northeast India is "landlocked" and Dhaka is the "only guardian of the ocean for all this region", had created a row.

Earlier, addressing the 20th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting in Bangkok, Jais-hankar had said, "Our Northeast region in particular is emerging as a connectivity hub for the BIMSTEC, with a myriad network of roads, railways, waterways, grids and pipelines. The completion of the Trilateral Highway will connect India's Northeast all the way to the Pacific Ocean, a veritable game-changer." "We are conscious that our cooperation and facilitation are an essential prerequisite for the smooth flow of goods, services and people in this larger geography,' he said, adding, "keeping this geo-strategic factor in mind, we have devoted increasing energies and attention to the strengthening of **BIMSTEC** in the last decade. We also believe that cooperation is an integrated outlook, not one subject to cherry pick-

ing." Since Hasina's ouster, barring a congratulatory note to Yunus from PM Modi, bilateral engagement between India and Bangladesh had been muted. The bilateral meeting comes after Dhaka had repeatedly requested a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the BIMSTEC summit to sort out differences, but Modi's schedule in Thailand did not mention the requested meeting till Thursday.

The two nations saw tensions in ties due to differences over the alleged instances of violence tar-

passed by both Houses of

Parliament, marking what

Prime Minister Narendra

Modi calls a "watershed mo-

ment" for socio-economic

justice and transparency.

The bill mandates the inclu-

sion of up to four non-Mus-

lim members, including two

women, in the Waqf Council,

aiming to enhance repre-

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Congress to join DMK in...

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geting Hindu minorities in Bangladesh and India's decision to grant asylum to Sheikh Hasina.

Tensions in bilateral ties also escalated after Yunus's comment on India's northeastern states during his visit to the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) annual conference in China.

The talks between the two leaders also mark the first highest level of engagement with the interim government after Sheikh Hasina fled to India in August last year. She fled Bangladesh following a massive student-led protest that toppled her Awami League's 16-year regime.

Yunus has claimed that Dhaka sent "formal letters" to India seeking Hasina's extradition to Friday. face a legal trial but received no official response from New Delhi.

In a letter to Yunus last month, PM Modi said, "India remains committed to advancing its partnership with Bangladesh, driven by the common aspirations for peace, stability, and prosperity, and based on mutual sensitivity to each other's interests and concerns.

The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) is a regional organization of seven South Asian and Southeast Asian nations with a total population of 1.73 billion and a combined GDP of USD 5.2 trillion. Thailand is the current Chairman of the grouping. The current summit was the first physical meeting of the leaders since the 4th BIMSTEC Summit in Kathmandu, Nepal, in 2018.

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Kolkata to host noted Hindi poet Dr. Kumar Vishwas

MI News Service, Kolkata: (RCSLM) is organizing the Kolkata is all set to emaffair.

brace celebrity Hindi poet Vishwas would be in Kumar Vishwas. This ex-clusive event will blend po-Kolkata to showcase some of his iconic poems along etry and philanthropy, uniting professionals and change makers to support with acting as a positive catalyst in RCSLM's robust and innumerable philanthropic activities across transformative community initiatives. The Rotary Club West Bengal which include of Salt Lake Metropolitan providing of 550 wheel-

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milk project, preparation of low cost toilets, rainwater harvesting, installing water filters in Sunderbans and many more. RCSLM has referred to the fact that in their social mission across the state, government of West Bengal has given commensurate cooperation at every level.

Mamata initiates mega movement against medicine price hike

employed

MI News Service, Kolkata: TMC has started its protest against hike in medicines. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said that the Trinamul Congress has launched rallies in each block and ward of Bengal to protest against the BJP-led Centre's decision to increase the prices of 248 medicines.

The chief minister said the TMC would also demand the withdrawal of the GST levied on medical insurance, which, according to her, was essential nowadays.

"Our party is holding rallies in all blocks and wardsto protest against the Centre's decision to increase the prices of 248 essential medicines, as it would hurt the interests of the poor and middle classes. We also demand that the GST imposed on medical insurance be withdrawn immediately," Mamata told.

The chief minister said the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority's decision to mark up 148 scheduled and 80 non-scheduled drugs from April 1 frightened and angered her, as health was one of society's basic needs, besides food, shelter, and clothes "Prices of basic medicines like those which are used to control cholesterol have been increased up to 115.8 per cent.... Similarly, medicines to control blood pressure have become 19.2 per cent costlier. Not only this, the prices of common medicines used by 80 per cent of the population, like antibiotics, drugs for cancer and even Paracetamol, were increased. This is unacceptable," said the chief minister, who also

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West

Speaking to reporters a day after

the apex court annulled the appoint-

holds the health portfolio.

She criticised the Narendra Modi government at the Centre for imposing GST on medical insurance, saying that would also leave a majority of the people in trouble since medical insurance was essential these days.

"I had written a letter to the Prime Minister urging him to withdraw the GST imposed on medical insurance. But nothing was done. Now, we demand that the GST on medical insurance be withdrawn. If the demand falls on the deaf ears of the Centre, the streets will show us the path," said the chief minister.

Sources in the state secretariat said the Union government treated the health insurance as a financial service rather than a healthcare service and that was why 18 per cent GST was imposed on the health insurance.

"The chief minister had requested the Centre to consider the health insurance as a healthcare service which would have attracted a lower or nil taxation. But no response was received from the Centre," said an official.

active. Moreover, she is raising issues, such as price rise of medicines, that matter, instead of how Hindu one is or not," said a TMC leader.

"I will ask the common people to protest against the decision in their own way If you don't protest against the decision, the Centre would take the healthcare services out of the reach of common people,' said the Trinamool chairperson.

She asked why such decisions were being taken to leave the common people in trouble.

"I ask why such decisions were being taken... I would like to know why the decisions were being taken to ensure that healthcare services were made available for those who have crores of rupees.... I will ask my MPs to raise the issue in the ongoing session of the Parliament," she added.

In the mean time, along with other areas in Bengal, ward 63 councilor and borough seven chairperson Sushmita Bhattacharya also held a rally and strongly protested against the central government and the BJP for increasing the price of 748 life-

India ranks 10th with...

From PG 1 ranks 99th for ICT, 113th for skills, 3rd for R&D, 10th for industrial capacity, and 70th for finance, the report has stated.

Bhutan, India, Morocco, the Republic of Moldova, and Timor-Leste have improved their positions in human capital due to more years of schooling and a greater share of high-skill employment in their working populations, the report

The report also notes that China, Germany, India, the United Kingdom, and the United States show scientific strength in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI). The US leads the world

in terms of private investment in AI, at USD 67 billion in 2023, or 70 per cent of global AI private investment.

that there are large talent The only developing countries with significant pools in India, with around 13 million developers, and investments were China in in Brazil, with 4 million. second position, with USD "These two countries are also among the leading 7.8 billion, and India in countries in creating GenAI tenth position, with USD 1.4 billion, according to the reprojects on GitHub and are significant contributors to advances in AI.

The report noted that AI is expected to reach USD 4.8 trillion in market value by 2033, becoming a prominent force in digital transformation.

port.

However, access to AI infrastructure and expertise remains concentrated in a few economies. Only 100 firms, mainly in the US and China, account for 40 per cent of global corporate R&D spending. AI could impact 40 per cent of jobs worldwide, offering productivity gains but also raising concerns about automation and job displacement.

The benefits of AI-driven automation often favour capital over labour, which could widen inequality and reduce the competitive advantage of low-cost labour in developing economies.

However, AI is not just about replacing jobs - it can also create new industries and empower workers. Investing in reskilling, upskilling, and workforce adaptation is essential to ensure AI enhances employment opportunities rather than eliminating them, the report said.

These illustrate different The report further catch-up trajectories and noted that Brazil, China, highlight the importance of India. and the Philippines policy efforts in order to enare among the developing hance preparedness in light countries who are outperof the rapid evolution of forming in technology AI," the report said. readiness.

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and the production of AI-re-

lated scientific knowledge,'

The report also noted

"The lead of India

partly reflects government

policy. The Government has

closely collaborated over

the years with the private

sector and academia to

build centres of excellence

of AI," such as the Indian

Institute of Technology Hy-

derabad and the Indian In-

stitute of Technology Kharagpur in West Bengal,

the Kotak Indian Institute of

Science Artificial Intelli-

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Centre, and the National

Association of Software and

Service Companies Centre

of Excellence in Data Sci-

ence and AI, the report

In 2024, the Cabinet approved the India AI Mis-

sion to strengthen the AI in-

novation ecosystem, aimed

at, for example, reducing

barriers to entry into AI

programmes and increas-

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courses in tertiary educa-

tion, focusing on small and

medium-sized cities, the re-

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said.

whether a property is classified as waqf or government-owned. This is part of the government's broader effort to infuse more accountability and transparency into the management of waqf properties, a system previously criticised for its opacity.

Earlier in the day, PM Modi highlighted the need for modernising the Waqf system to better address social justice, especially for marginalised groups such as Pasmanda Muslims.

He stated. "For decades. the Waqf system was synonymous with a lack of transparency and accountability. This especially harmed the interests of Muslim women, poor Muslims, Pasmanda Muslims."

As the bill now awaits the President's assent to become law, it is positioned as part of the BJP's outreach to

Wearing a black badge as a mark of protest against the passage of the Bill, the Chief minister said it was done "at the behest of a few allies" despite the opposition of the majority parties in India ."This is an attack on the structure of the Constitution," he lamented.

"I would like to inform you that a case will be filed in the Supreme Court on behalf of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) against this controversial amendment. Tamil Nadu will fight to the end against

Bengal School Service Commission the Union government's law (WBSSC) on Friday said it would which destroys the autonabide by the Supreme Court directive and soon initiate the process of omy of the Waqf Board and conducting fresh exams of all teachthreatens the minority Muslim population," Stalin said ing and non teaching candidates, in the state Assembly on who took part in the now-invali-Thursday while pointing out dated 2016 job recruitment exerthat they had already passed a resolution in the Assembly

on March 27.

Trinamool insiders said the announcement of the agitation against the Union government assumed significance as it became clear that Mamata wanted her party to be ready to take the BJP head-on during next

year's Assembly polls. "The timing of the announcement is important. At a time when the BJP is trying to bring out its supporters on the streets by holding rallies during the Ram Navami , the chief minister wanted TMC activists to be

WBSSC mulls fresh job drive in vacant school posts

ments of 25,752 teachers and

staffers in state-run and state-aided

schools, WBSSC Chairman Sid-

dhartha Majumdar said the com-

mission, in view of the top court

order, would seek legal advice on

the eligibility of candidates who can

applied for the exams in 2016 and

around 22 lakh appeared for the

tests. Of them, some 1.41 lakh can-

"About 26 lakh candidates had

saving medicines for the common man and the poor man, which will make it difficult to save life. The rally started at Sadar Street, passing through Kalinga Mor. Mirza Ghalib Street, Chowrangi Lane, on the occasion Ward 63 President Bablu Pine, former Youth President Sheikh Ali Jan, Youth President Vishal Khattak, and Mahila Trinamool President Gudia were also involved in the protest along with all the Trinamool workers.

were candidates for non-teaching

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has directed us to initiate the selec-

tion process for filling up the vacan-

cies, we will need legal clarification

on whether new candidates are also

eligible to take part in the fresh

'It might be expected that countries with higher per capita GDP are better prepared for frontier technologies. Overall, this is true but... some countries perform far better than their levels of income may suggest, as indicated by their distance from the regression line of the index score on GDP per capita," it said. Developing countries need to prepare themselves for a world that is rapidly being reshaped by AI and other frontier technologies. didates were aspirants for Classes A useful measure in assess-9-10 and another about 1.5 lakh ing national preparedness candidates sat for teachers' recruitto use, adopt, and adapt ment in Classes 11-12. "The rest frontier technologies is the

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different countries often specialise in particular fields. This is evident in the revealed technology advantage of a country, which is defined as its share of patents in a particular technology field divided by its share in all fields. Germany is highly specialised in wind energy, India in nano technology, Japan in electric vehicles, and the Republic of Korea in 5G technology.

It further stated that manufacturing plays a key role in economic development, stimulating growth in different upstream and downstream sectors and generating significant em-UNCTAD Frontier Techployment opportunities. nologies Readiness Index. "Examples from devel-

oping countries such as 'Developed countries led the ranking, but some Brazil, China, and India developing countries, noshow how industrialisation tably Singapore, China, and can reduce poverty and accelerate economic growth,' India, hold prominent posithe UN report concluded.

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by the demise of legendary actor and film-maker Manoj Kumar Ji. He has left an indelible mark on Indian cinema. During his long and distinguished career he came to be known for his patriotic films which promoted a sense of pride in India's contribution and values. The iconic characters of national heroes, farmers and soldiers he brought to life will remain etched in our collective memory. His cinema will instil national pride and inspire generations to come. I extend my heartfelt condolences to his family and admirers." West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee also deeply condoled the death of Manoj Kumar in Mumbai and described his death as an irreparable loss not only to the Indian cinema but to the country as well. In a message in her X handle she wrote "Saddened by the demise of veteran actor and filmmaker Manoj Kumar today. Known for his patriotic films, 'Bharat Kumar', as he was often called, represented the idea of devotion to the motherland. His death is a great loss for our cineworld. My condolences to his family, friends, and countless admirers." Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and an evid Hindi film lover

President, PM.. posted on X, "Shri Manoj Kumar ji was a versatile actor,

who would always be remembered for making films full of patriotism. Popularly known as 'Bharat Kumar' his unforgettable performances in films like 'Upkaar', 'Purab and Paschim' have enriched our culture and have endeared him to people across generations. His cinematic legacy will live on through his works. Condolences to his family and admirers. Om Shanti." Leading actor Akshay Kumar shared in X, "I grew up learning from him that there's no emotion like love and pride for our country. And if we actors won't take the lead in showing this emotion, who will? Such a fine person, and one of the biggest assets of our fraternity. RIP Manoj Sir. Om Shanti" In an old interview, Manoj Kumar had described Akshay Kumar as his "true successor", especially when it came to portraying characters that embody a deep love for the country. "There is no one like him when it comes to playing the role of a country-loving Indian," he once said Among others filmmaker Kargan Johar,filmmaker Ashoke Pandit and filmmaker Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri also condoled the passing away of Manoj Kumar.

TMC opposes Aadhaar-Voter ID linking

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Trinamool Congress has objected to the Election Commission's decision to link the voters' identity card with Aadhaar of voters.

take the fresh tests.

The freshest salvo came Friday amidst repeated denials by the union government to address the issue of duplication in the photo identity cards issued by the central poll panel on the floor of the parliament.

.. the proposed linking of EPICs with Aadhaar is premature and will only create more problems rather than solve them," read a memorandum served to the chief election commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

The party has demanded the central poll panel suspend the process of linking Aadhaar with EPICs till it clarifies the questions the party has been raising since Bengal chief minister and Trinamool supremo Mamata Banerjee flagged the issue at a party meeting in February.

The Trinamool has claimed a CAG report had expressed concern over UIDAI allegedly generating and issuing Aadhaar numbers with incomplete information,

lack of proper documentation and poor quality biometrics which resulted in duplicate Aadhaars being generated.

exams," Majumdar said.

The EC should clarify how it will ensure that duplicate and fake Aadhaars will not be linked to EPICs and how fake and ghost voters will not be added to electoral rolls through this mechanism," said a Trinamool MP.

Among the chief demands that the Trinamool had made before the EC was a figure on the existing number of duplicate voters' identity cards where the same alphanumeric code has been issued to different voters in multiple constituencies transcending state borders.

"Despite repeated requests the ECI has failed to furnish details of the total number of duplicate EPICs that exist across India in the system currently," the memorandum read.

The Trinamool Congress has asked the EC why it has not clarified on the voluntary nature of linking Aadhaar with the voter I-cards.

SSC verdict: Bengal to comply with SC ruling: Bratya Basu

MI News Service, Kolkata: A day after the Supreme Court invalidated the appointments of nearly 26,000 teaching and non-teaching staff recruited through the 2016 School Service Commission (SSC) panel, West Bengal Education Minister Bratya Basu on Friday said the state government will act in accordance with the apex court's directives. Briefing reporters at

Bikash Bhavan, the state education headquarters, Basu said, "The Honourable Supreme Court itself has used the term 'tainted' in its order, which has confirmed the earlier submission of the SSC about the presence of tainted/untainted candidates in the 2016 recruitment process. "However, the SC also said it is not satisfied with the submission of the commission and as its chairman told you earlier in the day they will seek guidance from the top court on this issue. How and in which way our legal experts will say," Basu said. "As the education minister, I can say we are with the deprived, deserving candidates both from academic and political point of view," he added. Responding to media reports that 17,000 of the 26,000 affected teachers did not attend school following the SC verdict. Basu said he had no official confirmation.

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sidih, Madhupur, Jamtara,

Chittaranjan, Asansol and

Durgapur stations in both

directions enroute over

Eastern Railway. The train

will have Second Class

Seating and AC Chair Car

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10.04.2025 &

Kolkata Summer Special

accommodations.

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transportation

Running Two

MI News Service, Kolkata: Come Bengali's New Year -'Poila Boishak' i.e 'Shubho Noboborsho, and Bengalis are ready to go gaga for foods and shopping and enjoy the festivity in best possible manner. Whether it is Garia or Garihat, Sov-

MI News Service, Kolkata: 38,700 berths and 52,900 abazaar to Shyam bazaar, seats will be generated by Behala to New town, running two Summer special trains between Howrah & Patna and across the horizon of the city, Bengalis have started Kolkata & Kanpur Central. Railways remains commitflocking at destination markets and food courts to ted to prioritizing passenfeel the festivity. Like every year Mani Square would ger convenience, especially during periods of inbe organizing the 'baisakhi blast' from 8th to 15th April. The 'MAGIC OF 99' creased demand such as is a must-visit at the Food the summer season. By Court From 8th-12th & proactively passenger needs and intro-14th April. ducing these special trains,

183 GW non-fossil fuel-based power capacity under implementation: **Power Min**

MI News Service, Mumbai: ient travel. By offering About 183.19 gigawatt additional train services, (GW) of non-fossil fuel-Eastern Railway aims to based projects are under ensure that passengers implementation across the have access to adequate country, Parliament was transportation facilities, thereby enhancing their informed. travel experience and

A total of 222.86 GW nonmeeting their evolving fossil power capacity has been installed in the counneeds. trv as of February 28, Summer Special will leave Howrah at 14:15 hrs. on 2025, Minister of State for Power, New and Renewevery Sunday between 06.04.2025 & 29.06.2025 able Energy Shripad Yesso Naik said in a reply to Lok Sabha. He further said that (13 trips) to reach Patna at projects of about 183.19 GW are under implemenand 02024 Patna- Howrah tation and projects of 77.21 GW have been ten-Summer Special will leave Patna at 05:30 hrs. on every Sunday between 06.04.2025 & 29.06.2025 (13 trips) to reach Howrah dered

On PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, Naik said 10.32 lakh residential households have been benefited under the scheme through the installation of rooftop solar plants as on March 17, 2025.

Name Change

(Old Name) MD SARKAT SK S/o ABU SEKH, Residing at, Vill-Dhubulia Purbapara, Po & Ps-Dhubulia, Dist- Nadia, Pin-Dhubulia. 41139, West Bengal. Do hearby declare that I have Changed my name from MD SARKAT SK To

will leave Kanpur Central at 14:00 hrs. on every SARKAT SEKH, (New name) and Monday & Thursday behence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SARKAT SEKH, in all tween purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn 30.06.2025 (24 trips) to before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 02 reach Kolkata at 07:50 April 2025, SARKAT SEKH, and MD SARKAT SK both are Same 04154 Kolkata – Kanpur 04154 Kolkata – Kanpur

On the occasion of Ram Navami, PM to visit Tamil Nadu and inaugurate New Pamban Rail Bridge connecting Rameswaram to the mainland PM to flag off Rameswaram-Tambaram (Chennai) new train service

MI News Service, New Delhi: Prime Minister Shri NarendraModi will visit Tamil Nadu on 6th April. On the occasion of Ram Navami, at around 12 noon, he will inaugurate the new Pamban Rail Bridge - India's first vertical lift sea bridge and flag off a train and a ship from the road bridge and witness the operation of the bridge. Thereafter at around 12:45 PM, he will perform darshan and at Ramanatha pooja swamy temple at Ramesw aram. At around 1:30 PM in Rameswaram, he will lay the foundation stone and dedicate to the nation various rail and road projects worth over Rs 8,300 crore in Tamil Nadu. He will also address the gathering on the occasion Prime Minister will inaugurate the New Pamban Rail Bridge and flag off Rameswaram-Tambaram (Chennai) new train service. The bridge carries a deep cultural significance. According to the Ra-mayana, the construction of Ram Setu was initiated from Dhanushkodi near Rameswaram. The Bridge, linking

Rameswaram to the mainland, stands as a remarkable feat of Indian engineering on the global stage. It is built at a cost of over Rs 550 crore. It is 2.08 km in length, features 99 spans and a 72.5-metre vertical lift span that rises up to a height of 17 me-

tres, facilitating smooth movement of ships while ensuring seamless train operations. Constructed with stainless steel reinforcement. high-grade protective paint, and fully welded joints, the bridge boasts increased durability and reduced maintenance needs. It is designed for dual rail tracks to accommodate future demands. A special polysiloxane coating protects it from corrosion, ensuring longevity in the harsh marine environment. Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone and dedicate to the nation various rail and road projects worth over Rs 8,300 crore in Tamil Nadu. These projects include foundation stone for four-laning of 28 Km long Walajapet – Ranipet section of NH-40 and dedication to the Na-tion of 4-laned 29 Km long Viluppuram - Puducherry section of NH-332; 57 Km long Poondiyankuppam -Sattanathapuram section of NH-32 and 48 Km long Cholapuram – Thanjavur section of NH-36. These highways will connect many pilgrim centres and tourist places, reduce distance between cities and enable faster access to Medical College and Hospital, Ports besides empowering local farmers to transport agricultural products to the nearby markets and boost economic activity of local leather and small scale industries.

RPF Joins Hands with Department of Telecom to ensure tracing and recovery of lost Mobile **Phones belonging to Railway Passengers**

The

CEIR portal,

MI News Service, New Delhi: In a significant move towards enhancing passenger experience by returning the lost/missing mobile phones, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) has successfully onboarded with the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) portal of Department of Telecommunication. This initiative follows the success of a pilot program in the Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR). The all India roll out of this program across Indian Railways would benefit millions of Railway Passengers.

In the inauguration launch and training program for CEIR portal, held today, Shri. Manoj Yadava IPS, Director General, Railway Protection Force addressed the gathering of RPF field units whileDr. Neeraj Mittal, Secretary (Telecom) delivered the keynote address. Speaking on this landmark development, the DG RPFShri. Manoj Yadava stated that"The collaboration of RPF with the Department of Telecommunication for operating CEIR portal marks a significant milestone in railway security. By harnessing digital technology, we aim to provide passengers with a transparent and effective mechanism to recover their lost or missing mobile phones. This initiative strengthens law enforcement capabilities and fosters greater trust among railway commuters. We repassengers reporting lost or main committed to safeguarding passenger stolen phones: 1. Complaint property and ensuring a se-Registration via Rail Madad: cure travel experience across the railway net-Passengers can report lost or stolen mobile phones work.' through the Rail Madad

Howrah Division,

ER Achieves Record-

Breaking Perform-

ance in Fy 2024-25

295 days. This reflects an im-

launched by the Department of Telecommunications. Government of India. is a crucial digital tool designed to recover mobile phones by blocking, tracking and managing lost or stolen devices. By leveraging this platform, RPF will now be able to render lost/missing mobile phones unusable by blocking their IMEI numbers, thereby deterring illegal possession and resale of these devices. This initiative will also facilitate the swift recovery of lost phones through advanced tracking capabilities. RPF has been at the forefront of efforts to recover passenger property which are lost or missing in trains as well as station premises. Operation Amanatof RPF, aimed at the sole objective of returning the valuables to its rightful owners, have yielded impressive results, with RPF successfully recovering misplaced or left behind items worth ₹84.03 crores between January 2024 and February 2025 returning them to more than 1.15 lakh grateful passengers. The incorporation of CEIR into railway security operations is expected to further bolster the efforts of RFP to restore misplaced or left behind mobile phones to their rightful owners. Seamless Complaint Registration & Recovery Process The integration of RPF with CEIR ensures a streamlined process for

dialling 139. If they choose not to file an FIR, they will be guided to register their complaint on the CEIR portal. 2. CEIR Registration by RPF: Zonal Cyber Cells of RPF will then register the complaint on the CEIR portal, entering the required details and blocking the device. 3. Tracking and Recovery: Once the lost phone is detected with a new SIM card, the user of the device will be advised to return it to the nearest RPF post. 4. Return to the Owner: The rightful owner must present supporting documents to reclaim the device. 5. Legal Action: In case of non-compliance, an FIR can be lodged, and the matter escalated to the District Police. 6. Device Unblocking: Upon recovery, the complainant can request to unblock the phone via the CEIR portal, with assistance from RPF if needed. In May 2024, RPFbegan a pilot project in Northeast Frontier Railway to actively utilize the CEIR portal and to study its utility for RPF. This experiment resulted in successful recovery of numerous lost mobile phones and apprehension of individuals involved in mobile theft. With this initiative being expanded all across the country, RPF is confident that it would be able to provide faster and more efficient recovery solutions for railway passengers. With technology-driven advancements and inter-agency collaboration, Indian Railways continues to reinforce its commitment to passenger safety, ensuring that every journey is secure and hassle-free.

platform, either online or by

RPF, ER rescues 957 Minors under "Operation Nanhe Faristey"



Cabinet approves four multitracking projects across Indian Railways

MI News Service, Kolkata: To enhance line capacity, Indian Railways plans to MI News Service, Kolkata: undertake four multitrack-Howrah Division of Eastern ing projects aimed to en-Railway has achieved a resure seamless and faster transportation of both pasmarkable milestone by recording an overall earning sengers and goods; These of Rs. 4960.84 crore in FY initiatives will improve 2024-25, surpassing the pretravel convenience, reduce logistic cost, decrease oil vious year's revenue in just imports and contribute to lower CO2 emissions, supporting sustainable and efficient rail operation. The projects aim to enhance logistical efficiency by increasing the line capacity along the key routes for coal, iron ore, and other minerals; These improvements will streamline the supply chains, thereby contributing to accelerated economic growth The total estimated cost of the projects is Rs.18,658 crore and will be completed upto 2030-31 The projects will also generate direct employment for about 379 lakh human-days during construction The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved Four projects of Ministry of Railways with total cost of Rs. 18,658 crore (approx.). The Four projects covering 15 Districts in 3 States i.e., Maharashtra, Odisha, and Chhattisgarh will increase the existing network of Indian Railways by about

1247 Kms.

and

These projects include: Sambalpur – Jarapda 3rd

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Jharsuguda – Sason 3rd

and 4th Line Kharsia -

Naya Raipur – Parmalkasa

5th and 6th Line Gondia -

pacity will improve mobil-

ity, providing enhanced efficiency and service reli-

ability for Indian Railways.

These multi-tracking pro-

posals will ease operations

and reduce congestion,

providing the much-re-

quired infrastructural de-

velopment on the busiest

sections across Indian

Railways. The projects are

in line with the Prime Min-

ister Shri Narendra Mod-

iji's Vision of a New India

which will make people of

the region "Atmanirbhar"

The enhanced line ca-

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Line

by way of comprehensive development in the area which will enhance their employment/ self-employment opportunities. The projects are result of PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan for multi-modal connectivity which have been possible through integrated planning and will provide seamless connec

Name Change

, Deboshmita Sarkar W/o Kali pada Barui on behalf of my minor daughter Dipta Barui residing at B/30/2, Ramkrishna Upanibesh, P.O - Jadavpur, P.S. - Jadavpur Kolkata - 700032 (W.B) have changed her name and she shall henceforth be known as Dishita Barui as declared before the Notary Public at Alipore Court (W.B) vide Affidavit No. V3/9/25 dated 13.03.2025. That "Dishita Barui is the correct name of my daugh ter and in future her name shall be used as "Dishita Barui" in place of "Dipta Barui" in every document/documents.

Name Change

I. NABALADI GHOSH (existing name as per recorded), is the mothe of NO 1476497A, Rank, NK, Name, Sagar Ghosh, R/O Vill Palashi, PO Kalikapur, PS Katwa, Dist Purba Bardhaman, WB PIN 713502, in due to mismatch of my name & DOB, with Civil documents (reason for change actual name & DOB, is NABALLADI Ghosh, DOB is 20/02/1945, Do hereby declare that NABALAD GHOSH and NABALLADI Ghosh DOB 10/12/1935 and 20/2/1945, Both name is one and same single person vide affidavit in the court of SDEM Katwa on 21/3/25.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, AMULYA SAHU, son of Trailakva Sahu @ Trailakva Sahoo, residing a 28B, Lake Avenue, Kalighat, Kolkata 700026, West Bengal, do hereby declare That AMULYA SAHU and AMULYA SAHOO is the same and one identical person. That I am swearing this affidavit with a view to affirm and declare my actual name as AMULYA SAHU by virtue of this affidavitvide Affidavit before the Judicial Magistrate, Calcutta Solemnly affirmed and declared before me at Calcutta No. 864 on 4th April 2025.

NAME CHANGE

I, Vinay Bang, S/o: Sanjay Bang, R/o: 21/C Agrasain Street, Green Town, Block-3, Flai No.5C, P.S.: Belur; District: Howrah: 711204 W.B. My Date of Birth (D.O.B) is wrongly mentioned as 22.10.2006 to be read a 10.10.2006, vide Executive Magistrate Howrah, affidavit no. 4727 Dated: 25.03.2025 Vinay Bang (DOB: 22.10.2006) & Vinay Bang (DOB:10.10.2006) is same & identical person. Name Change

(Old Name) NASHIMA BIBI W/o Friday AZAD ALI SK, Residing at, Vill-Sonadanga, Po- Sonadanga, Ps-Dist- Nadia, Pin-41125, West Bengal. Do hearby declare that I have Changed my name from NASHIMA BIBI To NASIMA BIBI SEKH, (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) NASIMA BIBI SEKH, in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 02 April 2025, NASIMA BIBI SEKH. and NASHIMA BIBI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

Dhubulia.

I, (Old Name) AJAT ALI SK and AZAD SHEIKH S/o- REHAN SK, Residing at, Vill- Sonadanga, Po-Sonadanga, Ps- Dhubulia, Dist-Nadia, Pin- 741125, West Bengal. Do hearby declare that I have Changed my name from AJAT ALI SK and AZAD SHEIKH To AZAD ALI SK, (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) AZAD ALI SK, in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Mur-shidabad On 02 April 2025, AZAD ALI SK, and AJAT ALI SK and AZAD SHEIKH both are Same and

Name Change

one identical person.

(Old Name) MAJEDUR RA-HAMAN S/o- MOTIAR RAHAMAN, Residing at, Kasba, Kushmandi, Dakshindinajpur, Dist-733132, West Bengal. Do hearby

declare that I have Changed my name from MAJEDUR RAHAMAN To MAJEDAR RAHAMAN, (New name) and hence forth I Shall be nown as (New name) MAJEDAR RAHAMAN, in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 02 April 2025, MAJEDAR RAHAMAN, and MAJEDUR RA-HAMAN both are Same and one identical person.

(Old Name) AKSAD ALI S/o AMSER SK, Residing at, Vill-lulodanga, Post - Khoshbagh, s- Murshidabad, Dist- Murshid-/ulodanga, bad, Pin- 742149, West Bengal

Do hearby declare that I have Changed my name from AKSAD ALI To AKSAD SK. (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) AKSAD SK, in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 02 April 2025, AKSAD SK, and AKSAD ALI both are Same and one identical person.

Central Summer Specia will leave Kolkata at 10:45 hrs. on every Tuesday & between 11.04.2025 & 01.07.2025 (24 trips) to reach Kanpur Central at 04:30 hrs. on the next day. The train will stop at 13 stations includ-

ing Barddhaman, Durgapur and Asansol stations over Eastern Railway jurisdictions in both directions enroute. The train will have General Second Class, Sleeper Class & Air-

conditioned Accommodations. The date of booking

of above summer special trains will be notified shortly. Services Available

on Green Line-2





MI News Service, Kolkata:

First Service: At 14:15

Metro Railway,Kolkata is going to operate services on 06.04.2025 (Sunday) cancelling the Traffic Block notified earlier for Green Line-2 (Howrah Maidan to Esplanade). Normal Sunday services will be available on Green Line-2.

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hrs from Howrah Maidan for Esplanade. At 14:15 hrs from Esplanade for Howrah Maidan.

Last Service: At 21.45 hrs from Howrah Maidan for Esplanade. At 21.45 hrs from Esplanade for Howrah Maidan. No service will be available on Green Line-1 Corridor on that day as usual. Normal Blue Line services will be available on that day as usual.



MI News Service, Kolkata: **Railway Protection Force** (RPF) of Eastern Railway continues to play a pivotal role in safeguarding vulnerable children at railway premises through its ongo-ing initiative, "Operation Nanhe Faristey." The operation reflects RPF's unwavering commitment to the protection and rehabilitation measures. tion of minors who are found in distress across railway stations.

During the period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025, RPF personnel under Eastern Railway successfully rescued a total of 957 minors, which includes 584 boys and 373 girls, from various railway stations falling under its jurisdiction. These minors were found either separated from their families, lost, abandoned, or in situ-

ations that posed a risk to their safety and wellbeing. Upon rescue, all children were promptly handed over to Childline India Foundation and other child welfare NGOs in coordination with Government authorities, ensuring their safe custody and necessary rehabilita-

"Operation Nanhe Faristey" is not just a campaign; it is a life-saving mission that continues to reunite children with their families and restore their right to a safe and secure childhood. This rescue operation not only highlights the alertness and humanitarian approach of RPF personnel but also underlines their proactive coordination with civil society organizations and concerned authorities.

Cabinet approves four multitracking projects across Indian Railways

MI News Service, New Delhi: To enhance line capacity, Indian Railways plans to undertake four projects multitracking aimed to ensure seamless and faster transportation of both passengers and goods; These initiatives will improve travel convenience, reduce logistic cost, decrease oil imports and contribute to lower CO2 emissions, supporting sustainable and efficient rail operationsThe projects aim to enhance logistical

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pressive growth of 31.66% over the last fiscal. In freight operations, Howrah Division has set a new benchmark by achieving an all-time high loading of 23.56 million tonnes (MT) during the fiscal year 2024-25, marking an impressive growth of 43.66% increase compared to the previous year. This also represents the highest ever incremental growth in loading registered across Indian Railways. In addition to the surge in goods loading, the Division has also posted a record-breaking performance in goods earnings, registering a revenue of Rs. 2965.07 crore, which is a massive 48.21% increase over last vear. Furthermore, in Commercial Sundry and Non-Fare Revenue (NFR) earnings, the Division has set yet another record by securing an exceptional figure of Rs. 73.51 crore, the highest ever in the history of Howrah Division. This represents a growth of 22.66% higher over the previous year. Notably, NFR earnings alone contributed Rs. 14.05 crore within this total, signifying a paradigm shift in the Non-Fare Revenue land-

Wagon Production Hits Record 41,929 Units in FY 2024-25, Marking a 11% YoY Growth and a Threefold Surge Over 2004-14 Average

MI News Service, New Delhi: Total wagon production in the last three years reaches 1,02,369 units, boosting Railways' freight capacityFreight bottlenecks to reduce significantly, enhancing coal, cement, and steel transport efficiencyIncreased rail freight capacity to cut fuel consumption, lower emissions, and curb logistics costsAligned with India's econ omic vision, bolstering industrial growth and trade competitiveness.

tivity for movement of people, goods and services. With these projects 19 New Stations will be constructed, enhancing connectivity to Two Aspirational Districts (Gadchiroli and Rajnandgaon). Multi-tracking project will enhance connectivity to approx. 3350 villages and about 47.25 lakh population. Kharsia – Nava Raipur – Parmalkasa will provide direct connectivity to new areas such as Baloda Bazar, this will create possibilities for setting up of new industrial units including cement plants in the region.

These are essential routes for transportation of commodities such as agriculture products, fertilizer, coal, iron ore, steel, cement, limestone etc. The capacity augmentation works will result in additional freight traffic of magnitude 88.77 MTPA (Million Tonnes Per Annum). The Railways being environment friendly and energy efficient mode of transportation, will help both in achieving climate goals and minimizing logistics cost of the country, reduce oil import (95 Crore Litres) and lower CO2 emissions (477 Crore Kg) which is equivalent to plantation of 19 Crore

trees. Sambalpur – Jarapda 3rd and 4th Line (277 Track Kilometer)

The Cabinet approves the third and fourth lines between Jarapada (Talcher-Angul area) and Sambalpur at a cost of ₹3,917 crore. This 277 Km project increase economic activities in Talcher Sambalpur area. It will further enable running of more passenger and express trains in the region and increase the GDP of Odisha.

human-days during construction



For TV, e-paper & news visit: www.live7tv.com **15** Kolkata, Saturday 5 April 2025

Massive protest march at ward 56 against abnormal price hike of life-saving medicines and essential commodities



Nurul Islam Khan On the directions of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, a massive protest march was taken out in Ward No. 56 on Friday against the abnormal price hike of life-giving medicines and essential commodities imposed by the BJP government at the Centre.

The programme was presided over by Swapan Samaddar, representative of Kolkata Municipal Corporation, Ward No. 56 and President of INTTUC, North Kol-

EASTERN RAILWAY E-Tender No.: 05_2025-26, dated 02.04.2025. Following e-Tender is invited by Divisional Engineer (IV) Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building, Near Railway Station, Howrah-711101 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 following work under DEN/4/Howrah. Description of work : Drain Cleaning work under SSE/ P.Way/ Bolpur (Shantiniketan) under AEN/Bolpur (Shantiniketan). Approx. Cost: ₹ 56,51,566.00; Earnest Money: ₹ 1,13,000.00; Tender Form Cost : Nil Completion Period: 03 (Three) months for the date of issue of acceptance letter. In case the date of closing mentioned in the Notice Inviting Tender is declared a holiday/ bandh/strike on any account, the date of closing tender online will not be changed as the application in

the website of IREPS does not permit submission of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. However, opening of tenders online will be done next working date. Closing date and time of tender : 24.04.2025 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 Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender document cost (TDC), in respect of E-Tendering, should be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only through above website. Note: Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) will not be accepted as EMD for tenders invited on IREPS (E-tender Portal). No

manual offer will be accepted. HWH-04/2025-26 Tender Notice is also available at websites : www.er.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at : @@EasternRailway **Geasternrailwayheadquarter** even organised a feast with Tender Notice No. : 222-S/1/W-II, dated 02.04.2025. Following e-tender is invited means for the formation of the formation of

The main objectives of the protest were:

First, to raise voice against the abnormal price hike of medicines which are essential for the life of the common man.

Secondly, to make the people aware and call for resistance against the BJP's conspiracy to disturb the peaceful atmosphere of Bengal.

ruption case. The top court The increased price has mentioned the corruplife-saving drugs should be withtion that took place in the redrawn immediately in the intercruitment. And now the job est of the general public. went to the Trinamool councilor himself.

Odisha village observes naming ceremony of elephant calf -'Ekoisia'

Service. MI News Cuttack: People of Gurang village in Angul district here came together to celebrate the Ekoisia (a naming ceremony held after 21 days of birth) of an elephant calf.

The rituals included a puja and a feast organised for the well-being of "Buddaditya" or "Guru" as he is affectionately called.

Aurn Nayak, a villager and a member of the local Vana Surakshya Samiti, told The Telegraph, "On the evening of March 12, we suddenly heard the sound of an elephant wailing. We were scared at first, then we came out and saw a herd of elephants. All the elephants moved to the dense forest except for one elephant that stayed near the village. We realised she was pregnant and about to give birth to a calf.

the birth of the new calf. Accordingly, we organised a prayer ceremony for the well-being of the calf. We

Supreme Court's verdict sparks uncertainty in Bengal's education sector

MI News Service, Suti: The the realm of politics.

The headmaster of Suti's number of students in the school is 3760. There are a Bahutali School, Ziaul Babu, total of 19 teachers in the is among those affected by school, including four partthe verdict. Despite being on time teachers. Parents are the cancellation list, Babu worried as a total of 11 peoreported to school, citing a ple have lost their jobs in this sense of responsibility and humanity. With exams cur-In a recent development, rently underway, Babu's the Supreme Court's verdict

MI News Service, Sonapur: The

state has suffered a ma-

jor setback in the Supreme

Court in the recruitment cor-

In a shocking turn of vents, Rajpur Sonarpur

Municipality councilor Kuhe-

li Ghosh has found herself

among the 25,752 teachers

and education workers who

have lost their jobs due to

the recruitment scam. The

Supreme Court's verdict has

is likely witness heatwave

has come down heavily on

Telangana chief minister

Revanth Reddy for "making

a mockery" of the anti-de-

day.

events.

presence helped prevent a deadlock in the school's ophas led to the cancellation of the entire panel of 2016, erations. The school, which has a resulting in approximately 26,000 teachers and educatotal of 3,760 students, has tion workers losing their jobs been severely impacted by in Bengal. This decision has the loss of 11 teachers. The sent shockwaves throughout remaining eight teachers, comprising four permanent the civic community and has sparked intense debate in and four part-time educa-

future.

left Kuheli, who claims to

have secured her job based

on merit, worried about her

Kuheli, a ward 18 coun-

cilor, had taught in a pri-

mary school for five years

before getting a job in a high

school in the 2016 SSC pan-

el. Despite her impressive

educational qualifications,

including being a topper in

school and a second-ranker

in college, Kuheli's job was

canceled following the High

Court verdict. The Supreme

Court later stayed the job,

but Kuheli fears that the en-

tire panel will be canceled

tors, are struggling to cope with the increased workload. Parents are understandably worried about the consequences of this drastic reduction in teaching staff.

Babu expressed his concerns, stating, "There are over 4,000 students in the school. Now, after the Supreme Court verdict, 11 of our school's employees have lost their jobs. I am also one of them." He added that he had not received any official notification from the department regarding his termination.

The education department has announced plans to re-

due to the Supreme Court

The recruitment scam,

which involves allegations

of rank jumps and blank

OMR sheets, has led to the

cancellation of 24,000 ap-

pointments of teaching and

non-teaching staff by the

West Bengal School Service

Commission (WBSSC) in

2016¹. The Supreme Court

has ordered a fresh selec-

tion process to be completed

Kuheli's situation high-

lights the human cost of

the recruitment scam, with

many teachers and education

within three months.

fund money to identified ineligible candidates. However, the fate of the jobless teachers remains uncertain. The Supreme Court has directed that a new recruitment process will commence within three months, but the details of this process are yet to be

ucation system.

lost their jobs.

mains unclear

announced. As the situation continues to unfold, the Bengal education sector is grappling with the aftermath of the Supreme Court's verdict. The coming months will be crucial in determining the future of the affected teachers and the overall impact on the ed-

workers left worried about

their future. The opposition has brought fresh allegations

of hope, but the process re-

The deportation of Indian

nationals was also discussed

A total of 682 Indian na-

tionals have been deported

from the US since January

2025 till date, the minister

in the Parliament.

a question.

day.

MI News Service, New Delhi: fied security arrangements Security has been stepped at multiple sensitive areas, up in sensitive areas of he added. southeast Delhi like Jamia "To maintain law and order at multiple sensitive Nagar and educational institutes, including Jamia areas, we have intensified Millia Islamia, to ensure night patrolling and addithat law and order is not tional deployment will be

> The Bill was passed in Parliament in the early hours of Friday, with police beefing up security to avoid any untoward incident.

Nation

Taj Mahal, Qutub Minar, Red Fort were hot spots for tourists in FY23-24

Delhi: The Taj Mahal, a Mughal-era mausoleum, emerged as the highest-grossing monument under the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the past five years, raking in Rs 297 crore through ticket sales, according to official

of corruption against the rulgovernment data. Union Culture Minister Gaing party, including the name of the Trinamool leader herjendra Singh Shekhawat self in the list of those who revealed the figures in response to a question in the Rajya Sabha on Thursday. As Kuheli navigates this

uncertain time, she remains For the fiscal year 2023committed to taking action 24, the Qutub Minar and Red Fort in Delhi secured according to the law. The the second and third spots, Supreme Court's order algenerating revenues of Rs lowing candidates to return to their old jobs if they se-23.80 crore and Rs 18.08 crore, respectively. cure a new position in the 2026 panel offers a glimmer

Shekhawat was asked to provide details on the revenue earned by the ASI from ticket sales across var-

monument. The minister provided the information in a tabular format covering the financial years from 2019-20 to 2023-24. The Taj Mahal maintained its dominance, topping the list each year

a breakdown by year and

during this period. The iconic structure, commissioned by Emperor Shah Jahan in the 17th century, is widely regarded as one of the most beautiful buildings in the world.

In the 2019-20 fiscal year, the Agra Fort and Qutub Minar ranked second and third in earnings, while in 2020-21, the Group of Monuments at Mamallapuram in Tamil Nadu and the Sun Temple at Konark took the second and third positions.

transactions,

The agency is also under-

"cheating" cases against

"L2: Émpuraan", the sec-

team, has become a topic of

hot debate over its critique

of right-wing politics and

the covert mention of the

Gujarat riots. The film has

been alleged by the right

wing group as 'anti-Hindu',

India-Canada rift: Canada manufactured atmosphere of crime, says MEA plaints with the local law

Trinamool councilor Kuheli Ghosh among 25,752

jobless teachers amid recruitment scam fallout

verdict.

MI News Service, New Delhi: The downturn in India-Canada relations is a result of the licence given to secessionist and extremist elements in Canada, the ministry of external affairs

said Friday.

The to a written question in Lok Sabha about actions taken by the government to address the issue of the recent diplomatic standoff between India and Canada.

"We decided to celebrate contribution.

to secessionist and extremist elements in Canada. The government of India has repeatedly urged the Canadian government to take prompt and effective action against all anti-India elements operating from its soil.

The MEA also rejected in-This includes preventing sinuations made by the Casecessionist and extremist nadian government on India elements from glorifying the and hoped the two countries assassination of our leadcan rebuild ties based on muers; issuing threats to our current political leadership tual respect and sensitivity. information was and diplomats; disrespectshared by Union junior mining and vandalising places ister for external affairs Kirti of worship and espousing for the balkanisation of India by Vardhan Singh in response

holding so-called 'referenthe minister said. dums'." The minister noted that the government engaged with the Canada government

to address concerns regard-'The downturn in Ining the activities of anti-India-Canada relations is a result of the licence given

dia elements in that country. "As far as the issue of

foreign interference is concerned, it is a fact that Canenforcement authorities and have called for stringent acada has been consistently interfering in India's internal tion against those responaffairs. This has also created sible for these acts and for providing the places of woran environment for illegal migration and organised ship with security arrangecriminal activities. ments.

The ministry also highlighted that in recent months, there has been a rise in the number of instances of Hindu temples being defaced with anti-India graffiti in the US.

"All incidents of attack and vandalisation of temples and places of worship are immediately taken up with the host government through diplomatic channels," he added. The minister noted that

the respective temple management authorities and community associations have also registered com-

Heat wave in Northwest India over next 6 days: MeT Dept

SC rebukes Telangana CM for mocking anti-defection law

MI News Service, New this period. Delhi: Northwest India

In Delhi, daytime temperatures could reach conditions over the next six around 42 degrees Celsius

Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, wave on April 5.

parts of India as early as February 27–28. The year 2024 recorded its first heat-

any impact on the overall re-

mittance flows to India.'

FEMA case: ED raids Empuraan producer's chit fund firm

MI News Service, Kochi: NRIs and some related "un-The Enforcement Direcauthorised" torate conducted searches the sources. at the chit fund company premises of Kerala-based stood to be analysing some businessman Gokulam Gopalan, one of the producers of the movie "L2: Emputhe company for possible investigation under the anraan", as part of an alleged ti-money laundering law. Rs 1,000 crore foreign exond part of the "Lucifer" change violation case, offimovie, a trilogy planned by the Prithviraj-Mohanlal

said in a written response to cial sources said. The searches are being The vast majority of these undertaken at five premdeportees had attempted to enter the U.S. illegally, but ises in various states, including in Chennai (Tamil were apprehended at the US Nadu) and Kochi (Kerala), border itself and thereafter under the provisions of the deported to India after due Foreign Exchange Manageverification. As such, these ment Act (FEMA), the sourcdeportations may not have es said. The action is being under-

'anti-national' film. Mohanlal recently expressed regret over the ragtaken against Gopalan and his company Sree Gopalan ing row and assured that chit and Finance Co. Ltd. for the controversial portions alleged FEMA violations of would be removed from the Rs 1.000 crore with certain movie



Waqf(Amendment) Bill: Police beef up security in Jamia Millia Islamia

disturbed by anti-social arranged," a senior police elements over the contenofficer said. tious Waqf (Amendment) Bill, an official said on Fri-Delhi Police along with paramilitary forces intensi-MI News Service, New ious monuments over the past five years, including

s invited online by Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd floor, DRM Building, Kaizer Street, Sealdah, Kolkata-700014 for the following works : Tender No. : TN-01-

25-26. Name of the work Construction of new RCC Over Head Tank at Bangaon, Dutta Pukur and Ranaghat station premises including all other ancillary works over Sealdah Division. **Ťender Value:** ₹7.02.31.022.60. EMD : ₹5.01.200.00. Date and time of closing of tender : 25.04.2025 at 15.00 hrs. Completion period for the work : 15 (Fifteen) months. Date & time of opening of tender : 25.04.2025 at 15.00 hrs. Tender Document and details at www.ireps.gov.in The bidding is to be submitted through e-tendering on above website. Manual offers will be summarily rejected. As per Indian Railway Standard General Conditions of Contract 2022 cost of e-Tender Form is Nil. SDAH-05/2025-26 Tender Notice is also available at websites : www.er.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at : 🗙 @EasternRailway @easternrailwayheadquarter

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Date : 27.03.2025. E-Tender (Open Tender) Notice is invited by Chief Works Manager, Eastern Railway, Kanchrapara Workshop, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, PIN-743145 Kanchrapara for the following work : e-Tender No. EC_T_FDSS_OT-13_24-25, Dated : 26.03.2025. Name of the work and its location : Work for complete provisioning i.e. design, supply, installation, commissioning, performance testing and maintenance of improved automatic fire detection and automatic suppression system for total 24 nos. 1400 HP Non-CNG DEMU DPCs under Dy. CEE (W)/Kanchrapara Organization, Kanchrapara Workshop, Eastern Railway on Open Tender Basis. Approx. cost of the work : ₹ 98,64,620.64 including GST. Cost of tender Form : Nil. Earnest Money to be deposited : ₹ 1,97,300.00. Completion period of the work : 12 Months. Advertisement period : 26.03.2025 to 18.04.2025 till 03.00 PM. Offer submission period : 04.04.2025 to 18.04.2025 till 03.00 PM. Date and time of closing of tender : 18.04.2025 till 03.00 PM. Date and time of Opening of tender : 18.04.2025 at 03.30 PM. Website from where tender documents will be available : The tender document and other details can be obtained from the website www. ireps.gov.in from 26.03.2025 to 18.04.2025 till 03.00 PM.

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uted money for the least. The villagers were treated to rice, dalma and khatta," said another villager, Kandarpa Nayak.

The news of celebrating the birth of an elephant comes at a time when deputy chief minister K. V. Singh Deo on Wednesday informed the state Assembly that as many as 27 elephants died due to electrocution in the state in the last five years.

The issue of fatal elephant electrocution was also highlighted in the report of the CAG, which lashes out at the forest department for failing to protect elephants. MI News Service, New Delhi: The Supreme Court

EASTERN RAILWAY E-Tender No. : 01_2025-26, dated **04.04.2025**, Following E-Tender is invited online by Dy. Chief Project Manager/Engg/ GSU, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building, Near Railway Station, Howrah-

fection law over his assur-11101 from Tenderers having experience of similar nature of work and required ance in the Assembly that inancial capabilities including those if Opposition MLAs defect registered with Irrigation/CPWD/SEB/MES to the ruling Congress, they or any public sector undertaking for the following work: Description of work: need not fear about by-elec-Conducting feasibility study, soil tions. nvestigation, detailed survey and "If this is said on the floor submission of Detailed Project Report of of the House, your honour-ROB/RUB in lieu of LC under Howrah able chief minister is mak-Division of Eastern Railway in c/w ing a mockery of the 10th imination of Level Crossings. Approx. Schedule," Justice B.R. Ga-Cost: ₹ 2,06,15,924.72; Earnest Money: 2,53,100/-. Cost of Tender Form: ₹ 0. vai, heading a bench, told Completion Period: 06 (Six) months from senior advocate Mukul Rothe date of issue of acceptance letter. In hatgi, who appeared for the case the date of closing mentioned in the Notice Inviting Tender is declared a holiday/ bandh/strike on any account, the date of closing tender online will not be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit submission of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. However, opening of tenders online will be one next working day. Closing date and time of tender : 28.04.2025 at 12.00 hrs. The details of tender are available at

requested to submit their offer online on

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No manual offer will be accepted.

days, with temperatures in at some places by April 6 Delhi expected to reach up or 7. to 42 degrees Celsius, the

Earlier this week, the India Meteorological Dedepartment said India partment (IMD) said on Friis expected to see higher-than-usual temperatures Regions likely to be imfrom April to June, with more heatwave days in cenpacted include south Haryana, Delhi, west Uttar tral and eastern India and Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, the northwestern plains.

Punjab, Gujarat, Rajasthan Normally, India records four to seven heatwave days and west Madhya Pradesh. The IMD said maximum between April and June. States likely to experience temperatures in many parts of central and northwest Inmore heatwave days than

usual include Rajasthan, dia are expected to rise by 2 to 4 degrees Celsius during Gujarat, Harvana, Punjab,

erless.

Speaker. The bench, which included Justice Augustine

George Masih, said: "You

better be warned that no re-

peat action. Though we are

slow in issuing contempt no-

tices, we are also not pow-

appearing for the chief min-

ister but the Speaker. But

Justice Gavai pointed out

that the senior counsel and

former attorney-general

had represented the chief

minister in August last year

wherein he had tendered

an apology for certain scan-

dalous remarks against the

Supreme Court for granting

Rohatgi said he was not

Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and northern parts of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

Some states such as Uttar Pradesh (its eastern region), Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha may see 10 to 11 heatwave days during this period.

India had an extremely harsh summer last year, recording 536 heatwave days, the highest in 14 years. The year 2024 was also the warmest recorded in India and globally. This year, heatwaves hit

bail to BRS MLA K. Kavita in

a money-laundering case. The bench on Wednes-

day gave vent to its ire after

senior advocate Aryama

Sundaram, appearing for BRS MLA P. Kaushik Red-

dy, read out the reported

statement made by the

chief minister in the As-

"Hon'ble Speaker sir,

through you I want to as-

sure the members that

they need not worry about

by-elections. No by-elec-

tions will happen. Even

if they (the BRS) desire to

have one for their seats,

read:

sembly on March 26.

Sundaram

Although heatwaves are common in India during April and May, scientists say climate change is making them more frequent and in-

tense. A 2022 study said the risk of heatwaves is likely to increase 10 times in the 21st century. Over 70 per cent of India's land area may face

severe heatwaves. Data shows that 12 of the warmest years in India have occurred since 2006, with 2016 being the hottest year so far.

The bench brushed

aside Rohatgi's argument

that courts cannot go into

issues relating to powers

vested in the Speaker as

they are beyond the scope

of judicial review. "So, the

courts should not interfere

and this court should also

tie its hands away and look

at the dance of democracy?

If the Speaker does not act,

courts in the country have

power and have to act as

guardians of democracy,

Justice Gavai told Rohatgi.

by-election."

launch project under PM-VIKAS

MI News Service, New cater to emerging work-**Delhi:** Minority Affairs force demands, such as Minister Kiren Řijiju will AI Data Scientist, Telelaunch a programme uncom Technician (5G), der the Pradhan Mantri Technical Artist (AR-VR), Graphic Designer, Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM-VIKAS) scheme for and Solar PV Installer, skill training and educaamong others, an official tional support. statement said.

tional support. The programme will cover 31,600 candidates, Metro Railway, Kolkata training and 2,000 for educational support. The project is to be implemented by the Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management there will be none. Even Committee (DSGMC) . if their members switch As part of the projsides there will not be a

ect.

NOTIFICATION **Cancellation of Complete Block in** Green Line on 06.04.2025 (Sunday) In reference to the earlier published notification dated 29.03.2025, Complete Traffic Block in Green Line on 06.04.2025 (Sunday) is hereby cancelled. Normal Services on Green Line-2 will be available. will Principal Chief Operations Manager

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candidates be trained in indus-Follow us at: M/metrorailwaykol ()/metrorailkolkata বিজ্ঞপ্তি

াবজ্ঞান্ত In the court of Ld. District Delegate, Kharagpur Succession certificate case. No-02/2024 Saraswati

এতদ্বারা পশ্চিম মেদিনীপুর জেলার খড়গপুর টাউন থানার ধোবীঘাট ওগু সেটেলুমেন্ট ধ্যান সিং ময়দান এলাকার সর্বসাধারণকে জানানো যাইতেছে যে উক্ত এলকায় বসবাসকারী সনাতন পাত্র পিতা- কেষ্ট পাত্র, জি কৃষ্ণ বেনী হায়ী-নাতব পাত্র ও গণেশ পাত্র পিতা সনাতন পাত্র এব গুয়ারীশ সরস্বতী নিম তগশীল বর্ণিত টাকা সমূহ ও তাহার সুদ সংগ্রহের জন্য দরখাস্তকারী হয় মাননীয় তেলিগেট, থড়গুগুর আদালতে উপরোজ সর্বস্থ এ আহার সুদ সংগ্রহের জন্য দরখাস্তকারী হয় মাননীয় তেলিগেট, থড়গুগুর আদালতে উপরোজ সর্বস্থ এ আহার সুদ সংগ্রহের জন্য দরখাস্তকারী হয় মাননীয় তেলিগেট, থড়গুগুর আদালতে উপরোজ সর্বস্থ এ আক্রমা রুজ্জু করিয়েছেন। উক্ত মোকক্ষমায় দিন আগানী ইং- 13-05-25 তারিখ ধার্ষ রহিয়াছে সনাতন গাত্র পিতা- কেষ্ট পাত্র, জি কুক্ষা বেনী স্বামী সনাতন পাত্র ও গেশেশ পাত্র পিতা সনাতন পাত্র প্রার্থারীশ সরস্বতী এর প্রার্থনায় কাহারো কোন আপত্তি থাকিলে অত্র বিজ্ঞস্তি প্রকাবের ৩০ দিনের মধ্যে অত্র আদালতে উপস্থিত হইয়ো স্বয়ং বা নিযুক্ত উকিলবারু মারফৎ আপত্তি দাখিল করিবেন অন্যথায় আইনানুগ মতে কার্য্য হইবে।

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13,300 schools get BJP-led Delhi govt discontinues AAP's edu initiatives

MI News Service, Guwahati: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced the results of the sixth edition of Gunotsav 2025, wherein 13,300 vebsite www.ireps.gov.in Tenderers are schools have been graded as A+ and 19,952 as A grade. the above website. Payment of EMD and

The state government's commitment to public education is one of the strongest in the country, with per-student investment and the number of government schools being much higher than that MI News Service, at a Pithampur plant the plant in Dhar disof Tamil Nadu, the Chief Minister said while announcing the results here. **Jabalpur:** The Mad-hya Pradesh High

'Gunotsav continues to play a pivotal Court allowed the role in enhancing the quality of school state government to education by assessing students' learn- dispose of the cheming levels, identifying infrastructural gaps, and implementing necessary corrective measures," Sarma said.

previous AAP government's flagship education schemes, like Business Blasters, Happiness Curriculum and Mission Buniyaad, introduced in Delhi government schools, have been discontinued, an official said.

The BJP-led government in Delhi is preparing to replace them with new

'New Era of Entrepreneur Ecosystem and Vision (NEV)' and 'Science of Living', an official from the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) said. He told PTI that one of the major changes is the introduction of the NEV, which will replace the

HC gives green light to disposal of Union Carbide waste

four-decade-

not cause any adverse consequences. The ical waste from the old hazardous waste defunct Union Carshall be disposed of bide factory in Bhopal in a safe manner at

Business Blasters programme. after it was told that a trict within 72 days, trial incineration did said a division bench

of Chief Justice S K Kait and Justice Vivek Jain. The government had asked for 72 days to complete the process.

Office of the Concillors of Haringhata Municipality Subarnapur, Haringhata, Nadia Notice Inviting e-Tender Chairman, Haringhata Municipality invites e-Tender No.-WBMAD/ULB/HM/NIT-1e/2025-26. Memo. No-692/HM/2025 Dated: 04/04/2025. Tender Id: 2025 MAD 833412 1 Date of Publishing-04/04/2025 Bid Submission Closing Date-07/05/2025, For details please visit- www.wbtenders.gov.in

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MI News Service, New Delhi: The initiatives, including 'Rashtraniti'

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Taking and giving dowry is a legal offense : Rajesh Kumar Sinha



Ranchi : A door-to-door legal awareness program was organized by DLSA in Jonha village of Jonha Panchayat of Angdra Block. On this occasion, LADC Deputy Chief Mr. Rajesh Kumar Sinha, PLV Baby Sinha, Malti Kumari, Sheela Devi, Meena Kumari Srivastava and Raja Verma were present. LADC Deputy Chief Rajesh Kumar Sinha informed about laws related to children like J.J. Act, POCSO Act etc. Focused

on drug eradication and said that do not do drugs, drugs have a bad effect on both money and health. He talked about the prevention of child marriage and informed people about the Child Marriage Act-2006. Mr. Sinha informed about the compensation received in Motor Vehicle aAccidents. He said that the victim can apply for compensation in the DLSA office. If the victim is a woman, then a free lawyer is also provided by DLSA to

fight the case. He explained in detail about the Dowry System Act-1961 and said that giving and taking dowry is a crime by law, it also attracts punishment. Information was given about the MACT Act-1988. PLVs Baby Sinha of District Legal Services Authority, Ranchi gave information about Project Tripti. Apart from this, she focused on Child Marriage. PLV Meena Srivastava informed about the Project

Atmanirbharta JHALSA Focusing on child labour, she said that making children work is a crime by law. PLV Shila Devi focused on witchcraft and said that calling people witches is also a crime. The main objective of District Legal Services Authority, Ranchi is to eradicate the incidents of witch-hunting. It should also be noted that all the PLVs of DLSA informed about the National Lok Adalat to be held on 10th May. PLV Malti Kumari gave information about old age pension and widow pension. PLV Baby Sinha information about gave Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and Shram Card and talked about getting pension related benefits. She said that applications related to this can be given in District Legal Services Authority, Ranchi. On the occasion, PLVs of DALSA also distributed pamphlets and leaflets among the people present.

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Uganda president holds talks with South Sudanese leaders to try to avoid civil war

Nairobi : Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni was expected to meet South Sudanese officials on the second day of his trip to the capital, Juba, as the UN has expressed concern

Museveni, who is among peace agreement that ended a Thursday. South Sudan's Foreign Minister Mohammed Abdallah Goc said that the country's leadership had assured Museveni of its commitment to implement the peace agreement.

landscape remains fragile and recent violence between government troops and armed groups allied to the opposition have escalated tension. Uganda last month deployed troops to South Sudan to support the government, but it was criticised by South Sudan's main opposition party SPLM-IO, whose leader Riek Machar is under house arrest on charges of incitement. In early March, the armed group loyal to Machar attacked a UN helicopter that was on a mission to evacuate government troops from the restive northern Upper Nile State. Western countries including Germany and Norway have temporarily closed their embassies in Juba while the US and the UK have reduced embassy staff.

Union Cabinet approves phase 2 of Vibrant Villages Programme

New Delhi : The second phase of Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP), which envisages comprehensive development of select villages located along international borders, has been approved by the Union Cabinet, the government announced on Friday.

The Cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the Vibrant Villages Programme-II (VVP-II) as a central sector scheme with 100 per cent funding by the Centre, furthering its commitment for the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047 for Safe, Secured & Vibrant land borders', an official statement said.

The programme would help in the comprehensive development of the villages located in the blocks abutting international land borders (ILBs), other than the northern border already covered under VVP-I.

The objective of the programme is to create better living conditions and adequate livelihood opportunities to ensure prosperous and safe borders, control trans-border crime and assimilate the border population with the nation and inculcate them 'as eyes and ears of the border guarding forces', crucial for internal security.

With a total outlay of Rs 6,839 crore, the programme shall be implemented in select strategic villages in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Šikkim, Uttarakhand, Uttar Tripura, Pradesh and West Bengal till 2028-29, the statement said.

The programme shall provide funds for infrastructure development within the village or a cluster of villages, value chain development through cooperatives, SHGs, etc, border specific outreach activity, education infra-structure like SMART classes, development of tourism circuits and projects to create diverse and sustainable livelihood opportunities in the border areas.

The interventions would be border-specific, state and village specific, based on village action plans prepared in a collaborative approach.

All-weather road connectivity for these villages shall be undertaken under the already approved Rural connectivity under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY-IV) under Ministry of the Rural Development.

shall consider suitable relaxations in schematic guidelines for effective implementation of schemes in the border areas.

The programme aims to achieve saturation in existing individual and household leve welfare schemes in the identified villages under convergence as per scheme norms. The programme also aims to saturate all villages in such blocks in 4 thematic areas, namely all-weather road connectivity, telecom connectivity, television connectivity and electrification through convergence under existing scheme norms.

The programme emphasises enhancing vibrancy in these villages by organising activities including fairs & festivals, awareness camps, celebration of national days, regular visits by ministers, senior government officers from central and state/Union territory government and night stays in such villages

A high-powered committee chaired by the Cabinet Secretary

Sangam water's first global consignment dispatched to Germany

Prayagraj : Noting the growing demand overseas for the sacred water of Triveni Sangam, the Uttar Pradesh government on Friday said 1,000 bottles have been dispatched to devotees in Germany in the first international consignment to extend the spiritual essence of Maha Kumbh beyond India. The grand Prayagraj Maha Kumbh from January 13 to February 26 witnessed an overwhelming turnout, with over 66 crore devotees taking a sacred dip at the Triveni Sangam, the UP government said in a statement. "To extend the spiritual essence of this divine event beyond the festival grounds, the Uttar Pradesh government, through the Fire Department, ensured the distribution of Triveni's holy water to all 75 districts of Uttar Pradesh," the government said. "Now, this sacred water is gaining international recognition, with the first consignment already dispatched from Prayagraj to Germany," the government said. After the conclusion of the Maha Kumbh, the UP government resolved to deliver Sangam faha Prasad ' to devo who could not attend the event, it noted. "However, with growing overseas interest, requests have started coming in from abroad. The initial international consignment -- comprising 1,000 glass bottles of Ganga water -- has been sent to Germany," it said. This shipment was facilitated by Acharya Mahamandaleshwar Swami Avdheshanand Giri of Shri Panch Dashnam Juna Akhara and is intended for devotees in Germany who could not make it to the pilgrimage, it added. Rajiv Kumar Singh, Deputy Commissioner of the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) in Prayagraj, informed that the holy



Ganga water is being packaged and supplied by the Nari Shakti Mahila Prerna Sankul-level committee from Jasra. Committee in-charge Namita Singh revealed that the self-help group has already distributed more than 50,000 bottles of Triveni water, including a recent shipment to the Shiv Shambhu Group Society in Nagpur. The domestic consign ments were sent in 500 ml bottles, while the consignments to Germany were dispatched in 250 ml bottles. The Fire Department supported the distribution across all 75 districts of UP. During this ongoing process, Sant Raja Ramdas of Param Shivam Shiv Mandir Yogashram in Guwahati arrived at the Triveni Sangam with a private tanker from Assam. With the assistance from Prayagraj Chief Fire Officer (CFO) Pramod Sharma and his team, the tanker was filled and sent back to Assam, further extending the spiritual reach of the holy Triveni water, according to the statement.

Week after catastrophic earthquake focus turns to growing humanitarian crisis in Myanmar

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Bangkok : Search teams in Myanmar recovered more bodies from the ruins of buildings on Friday, a week after a massive earthquake killed more than 3,100 people, as the focus turns toward the urgent humanitarian needs in a country already devastated by a continuing civil war.

United Nations humanitarian chief Tom Fletcher, who is also the emergency relief coordinator, will visit the area on Friday in an effort to spur action following the March 28 quake. Ahead of the visit, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appealed to the international community to immediately step up funding for quake victims "to match the scale of this crisis," and he urged unimpeded access to reach those in need.

'The earthquake has supercharged the suffering with the monsoon season just around the corner," he said.

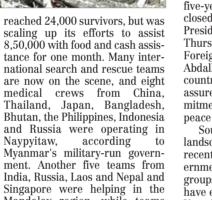
Myanmar's military and several key armed resistance groups have all declared ceasefires in the wake of the earthquake to facilitate the flow of humanitarian aid.

But the UN's Human Rights Office on Friday accused the military of continuing attacks, claiming there were more than 60 attacks after the earthquake, including 16 since the military



political solution.' Announcing its ceasefire, the military also said it would still take "necessary" measures against resistance groups, if they use the ceasefire to regroup, train or launch attacks, and the groups have said they reserved the right to defend themselves. Myanmar's military seized power in 2021 from the democratically elected Navpvitaw. government of Aung San Suu Kyi, sparking what has turned into a civil war. The guake worsened an already dire humanitarian crisis, Mandalay region, while teams from Russia, Malaysia and the with more than 3 million people displaced from their homes and nearly 20 million in need even ASEAN bloc of nations were before it hit, according to the assisting in the Sagaing region. The Trump administration has United Nations. Myanmar authorities said pledged USD 2 million in emer-

gency aid and sent a three-person Thursday that 3,145 people had been killed in the earthquake, team to assess how best to



of a renewed civil war after the main opposition leader was put under house arrest. the guarantors of a 2018 five-vear civil war, held closed-door discussions with President Salva Kiir on

South Sudan's political

announced a temporary ceasenre on Wednesday.

"I urge a halt to all military operations, and for the focus to be on assisting those impacted by the quake, as well as ensuring unhindered access to humanitarian organizations that are ready to said UN Ĥigh support," Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk said. "I hope this terrible tragedy can be a turning point for the country towards an with another 4,589 people injured and 221 missing, and did not immediately update the figures on Friday. Britain, which had already given USD 13 million to purchase emergency items like food, water and shelter, pledged an additional USD 6.5 million in funds to match an appeal from Myanmar's Disasters Emergency Committee, according to the UK Embassy in Yangon. The World Food Programme said so far it has

respond given drastic cuts to US foreign assistance.

On Friday, five bodies were recovered from the rubble in the capital Naypyitaw and the secondlargest city of Mandalay, near the epicentre of the 7.7 magnitude earthquake March 28, authorities The last reported rescue said. came Wednesday, some 125 hours after the quake struck, when a man was saved from the wreckage of a hotel in Mandalav

What to expect in South Korea now that Yoon has been removed from office

Seoul : The South Korean Constitutional Court's decision to formally unseat President Yoon Suk Yeol is another test for the country's democracy after the conservative-liberal divide deepened over his imposition of martial law and subsequent impeachment

The court's ruling Friday triggers a by-election for a new president.

Yoon still faces criminal charges of rebellion, but he's unlikely to fade into the background. He is likely to thrust himself onto the political agenda, rallying his hard-core supporters and influencing the choice of the next leader of his party, which has made intensive efforts to regroup around calls for his reinstatement.

Here's what you need to know about the court decision.

Why did the court remove Yoon from office?

All eight of the Constitutional Court's current justices upheld the impeachment motion and dismissed Yoon as president.

The constitutional crisis began on December 3 when Yoon declared martial law and dispatched troops to the National Assembly. Lawmakers defied hundreds of soldiers and police officers to enter the legislative chamber and unanimously voted to lift martial law within hours.

On December 14, the liberal opposition-controlled assembly impeached Yoon and suspended his presidential powers, accusing him of violating the constitution by declaring martial law,

deploying troops to the legislature and election offices, and attempting to arrest opponents. The constitution limits the exercise of martial law to times of war or comparable national emergencies. Yoon argued his decree was necessary to bring attention to what he called an "anti-state" main opposition party that abused its legislative majority to obstruct his agenda. Even under martial law, the president doesn't have the authority to shut down the legislature. Shortly after Yoon's martial law declaration, the military's martial law command issued a proclamation prohibiting "all political activities," including those of the National Assembly.

Yoon has insisted that he never intended to disable the legislature, saying he sent troops there to maintain order, not to disrupt the vote. He also denied accusations that he sought arrests of rival politicians.

Yoon's claims were contradicted by testimony from several senior military and police officers, who described a deliberate but poorly executed attempt to seize the legislature. In removing Yoon from office, the Constitutional Court rejected his argument that martial law was merely a temporary warning or an appeal to the public, stating he clearly violated the constitution and laws by mobilising military and police forces to obstruct the exercise of legislative authority.

South Korea has 60 days to choose a new president

South Korea must now hold a



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presidential election within 60 days potentially one of the most tense votes since the country's transition from dictatorship in the late 1980s. The country's electorate is deeply divided along ideological lines and Yoon's legal saga has exacerbated polarisation.

Yoon's conservative supporters rioted at the Seoul Western District Court that authorised his arrest in January

Yoon's lawyers and the ruling party have openly questioned the credibility of that court and law enforcement institutions, and he has continued to express contempt for his liberal rivals, endorsing baseless conspiracy theories about election fraud to justify his ill-

fated authoritarian push. Experts say Yoon's actions are fuelling severe political division, making compromise unlikely, and threaten to undermine the election by inspiring voter distrust in the results. There's a high risk of disruption during the voting process, making it crucial to elevate security at polling and counting stations, said Kim Su-min, a politics analyst and former Gumi city council member.

"If people start refusing to accept election outcome that is anv unfavourable to them, the other side will start doing the same," said Kim Tae-hyung, a professor at Seoul's Soongsil University. "If that cycle continues, trust in democracy will completely collapse.

Yoon may not go quietly

Yoon, never one to back down from a fight, may refuse to be ignored. In the coming weeks, he may rally supporters in the streets while trying to tighten his grip on the People Power Party, whose leadership is stacked with his loyalists and which has seen its popularity rebound with calls for his reinstatement.

In a statement issued through his lawyers, Yoon said he deeply regrets failing to live up to the public's expectations, but didn't specifically say whether he accepts the court's ruling. Later, in a meeting with the conservative People Power Party leaders at the presidential residence he must vacate, Yoon urged them to prepare well and win the upcoming election, a party spokesperson told local media.

Facing a separate criminal trial on rebellion charges - punishable by death or life in prison - Yoon would strongly prefer a conservative president who could pardon him if convicted and will likely push to ensure his party's primaries are won by a candidate he supports, Kim Su-min said. This would turn the upcoming election into a near-rematch between Yoon and liberal Democratic Party leader Lee Jae-myung, who narrowly lost to Yoon in 2022 and has his own legal troubles.

Whoever it is, South Korea's next leader will face critical challenges. The turmoil caused by Yoon's power grab

and impeachment has disrupted highlevel diplomacy and hurt the economy, as well as weakening Seoul's ability to respond to tariffs and other shifts in US policy under President Donald Trump.

Trump's diplomatic lineups for South Korea and neighbouring countries are expected to be completed before a new government is inaugurated in Seoul. This could pose a significant foreign policy challenge to South Korea, which won't have a chance to explain its positions to the Trump administration ahead of formal negotia-tions, said Paik Wooyeal, a professor at Seoul's Yonsei University.

Yoon still faces criminal charges

Yoon was released from prison in March after the Seoul Central District Court cancelled his arrest and allowed him to stand trial without being detained. But as a former president. Yoon has lost the presidential privilege that protected him from most criminal prosecution except on grave charges like rebellion. Prosecutors can now pursue other criminal charges related to Yoon's martial law declaration and seek to detain him. Legal experts said the Constitutional Court's dismissal of Yoon could increase the chance he will be convicted of rebellion charges at the Seoul Central District Court. Yoon's defence minister, police chief and other senior military commanders have also been arrested and indicted over their roles in the martial law imposition

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Israel launches ground operation in northern Gaza to expand security zone

MI News Service, Jerusalem: The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) launched a ground operation early Friday morning in northern Gaza to expand the security zone, said the military. During the operation in Shejaiya, Israeli troops killed Hamas fighters and dismantled what the IDF said was military infrastructure, according to the IDF statement. The Israeli army has struck over 600 targets in Gaza and killed 250 Hamas militants since it renewed hostilities in Gaza on March 18, IDF spokes person Effie Defrin said Thursday. In a separate incident on Thursday, the IDF said that its combat intelligence fighters killed one Palestinian and injured another after they threw rocks at a road near Bethlehem in the West Bank

Rajasthan Police's AGTF arrest Lawrence Bishnoi gang member from Dubai

MI News Service, Jaipur: Rajasthan Police's Anti-Gangster Task Force has arrested a key member of the Lawrence Bishnoi wanted in several cases of extortion from Dubai, officials said Friday. According to the police, Aditya Jain alias Tony is believed to be a go-between for the Lawrence Bishnoi-Rohit Godara gang and one of the key facilitating members "dabba" calls.

Here's how the dabba call works. First, a henchman would allegedly use the internet to place an extortion call to his intended victim. Next, he allegedly would place a second call using another phone to his boss sitting in a different country, keep the two phones sideby-side, turn on their speakers, and let his boss do the talking. According to the police, Jain is wanted in several cases of extortion and firing. A team headed by AGTF Interpol team headed by AGTF m-terpol team headed by DIG-CID (CB) Yogesh Yadav and ASP Narottam Verma had an Interpol red notice –a request to global law enforcement agencies to locate and provisionally arrest a person wanted in criminal cases - issued against Jain, police said. It was based on this that a team of policemen headed by AGTF ASP Siddhant Sharma was sent to Dubai, the police said.



The newly built Pamban Bridge, connecting Rameswaram to mainland India, has given Indian infrastructure a new identity.

Executive Committee Meeting of ER Prom otee Officers Association held in Kolkata



MI News Service, Kolkata: The Executive Committee Meeting of the Eastern Railway Promotee Officers Association (ERPOA) was held at Fairlie Place in Kolkata on 04.04.2025. The meeting witnessed the gracious presence of Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway; Shri Sumit Sarkar, Additional General Manager; Shri Sharat Bhatia, Principal Financial Adviser; Ms. Zarina Firdausi, Principal Chief Personnel Officer; along with other Principal Heads of Departments, Heads of Departments, and officers from across Eastern Railway. During the meeting, Shri Abhijit Ray, President, Eastern Railway Promote Officers Association (ERPOA), highlighted the excellent performance of Eastern Railway across all parameters — physical, finan-cial, and human resource. He also drew attention to the issue of career stagnation being faced by promotee officers, describing it as a significant source of demotivation. Nevertheless, he assured that the officers of the Association would continue to deliver their best, with dedication and positivity, to help the Railway achieve even higher targets in the current fiscal

year. Shri Amit Jain, Secretary General of the Indian Railway Promotee Officers Federation (IRPOF), elaborated on the developments concerning promotional avenues and the ongoing discussions related to the Pay Commission at the Ministry level. In his address, Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, emphasized the importance of timely promotions for deserving officers as per the provisions of the rules. He stated that such steps are essential for motivation and to meet the operational requirements of the Railway. He assured the gathering that the concerns raised would be reviewed and forwarded to the Ministry for due consideration. He also acknowledged the outstanding contributions made by promotee officers in achieving Eastern Railway's goals. During the session, retired officers were also present to whom mementos were handed over by the General Manager as a token of appreciation. The meeting com-menced with a warm welcome to all delegates by Shri Debabrata Bose, General Secretary, ERPOA. A vote of thanks was offered by Shri Kartik Singh, Vice President, ERPOA.

BNM announces global protests to highlight human rights violations in Balochistan

MI News Service, Quetta: The Baloch National Movement (BNM) has declared a series of demonstrations in various countries to bring attention to the escalating human rights situation in Balochistan, as mentioned in a post shared by BNM on X. These protests will highlight the concerning increase in enforced disappearances, arbitrary detentions of Baloch political activists, and false allegations used to suppress dissent, the post noted.

BNM seeks to attract international focus to the systemic oppression endured by the Baloch nation, which includes extrajudicial killings, torture, and a harsh crackdown on political opposition, as highlighted in the post. According to BNM's announcement, these global protests will stress their unwavering position: that the liberation of Balochistan is the sole way to put an end to these persistent atrocities and attain justice and freedom for the Baloch people. Previously, the Baloch

Previously, the Baloch National Movement (BNM) organized the 6th Balochistan International Conference

The Country's Glory Shines Through the Pamban Bridge

MI News Service, New Delhi: When a Nation is led by strong leadership with a visionary approach, new milestones are achieved. Such monumental achievements fill the country with pride, instill a deep sense of honour in every citizen and motivate them to give their best for the Nation's progress. India, too, is blessed with a strong and farsighted leader in Shri Narendra Modi. Under his visionary leadership, the Nation has soared to new heights over the past 10 years, with Indian Railways, the lifeline of the country, setting new benchmarks for excellence. The trio of Vande Bharat, Amrit Bharat and Namo Bharat has transformed the Nation's railways, ushering in a new era of efficiency and connectivity. The construction of the Chenab and Anji bridges to enable direct train connectivity to Kashmir has strengthened India's stature. In the same vein, the newly built Pamban Bridge, connecting Rameswaram to mainland India, has given Indian infrastructure a new identity.

The successful completion of major projects aimed at strengthening infrastructure has proven that the Nation's development trajectory is moving in the right direction. Constructing a bridge over the sea, overcoming the challenges posed by ocean waves, is considered an extremely difficult task. Such projects typically take decades to complete, significantly increasing costs. However, Prime Minister Modi's clear vision, that 'he inaugurates the projects he lays the foundation for', has motivated the country's bureaucracy and technocracy to complete projects within set timelines. Prime Minister Modi laid the foundation stone for the Pamban Bridge in 2019 and in just five years, the new bridge over the sea, connecting Rameswaram and the Indian mainland, is ready. Now, Modi

"North East Discovery" to be operated by IRCTC on its Bharat Gaurav Deluxe AC Tourist Train in April 2025

IRCTC's special tour offering to India's North East, covering Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Tripura, and Meghalaya

Discover NE in 14 nights 15 days through IRCTC package inclusive of AC travel, food & night stay in just above One lakh rupees. Package beginning from 22 April

The much sought-after train tour "North East Discovery" is ready to depart on April 22, 2025 from Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station on a 14-nights/15-days itinerary The state-of-the-art Deluxe AC Tourist Train with AC I, AC II & AC III classes will accommodate a total of 156

I, AC II & AC III classes will accommodate a total of 156 tourists The places covered are Guwahati, Sivasagar, Jorhat,

and Kaziranga in Assam; Unakoti and Udaipur in Tripura; Dimapur and Kohima in Nagaland; and Shillong and Cherapunjiin Meghalaya Tourists can also board/deboard at Delhi, Ghaziabad,

ating a wave of excitement across the country. Spanning 2.08 kilometres, the bridge boasts several unique features. It consists of 99 spans of 18.3 metres each and a 72.5meter vertical lift span. It stands three metres higher than the old bridge, facilitating the passage of larger ships with ease. The substructure comprises 333 piles, ensuring stability and longevity. Designed for long-term durability, the bridge incorporates anti-corrosion technology, polysiloxane paint, high-quality stainless steel and fiberreinforced plastic, making it highly resilient. The construction of the Pamban Bridge has established India's superiority in design and certification technology. The world now acknowledges that institutions like IIT Chennai and IIT Bombay are fully capable of handling the challenging task of designing sea bridges with precision and efficiency. Rameswaram Island is an integral part

himself is set to inaugurate this bridge, cre-

of India's cultural, religious and spiritual heritage. The establishment of the sacred Rameswaram Lingam dates back to the Ramayana era when Lord Ram installed it before embarking on his journey to Lanka in search of Mata Sita. The Shivling and Rameswaram Temple hold deep faith for millions of Indians. Every year, lakhs of devotees visit Rameswaram for pilgrimage. With the construction of the new Pamban Bridge, direct rail connectivity to Rameswaram from across the country has been re-established, greatly benefiting pilgrims. This will also boost economic activities in Rameswaram, creating new employment opportunities for locals. In essence, the new Pamban Bridge, which simultaneously represents India's progress, innovation and heritage, has become a symbol of the Nation's engineering excellence and strong leadership.

Trump says Zelenskyy and Putin "ready to make a deal"



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China increases military incursions around Taiwan

MI News Service, Taipei: Taiwan detected 16 sorties of Chinese aircraft, nine Chinese naval vessels and two official ships around itself as of 6am on Friday (local time).

Of the 16 sorties, 15 crossed the median line and entered Taiwan's northern and southwestern ADIZ (Air Defence Identification Zone). In a post on X, the MND said, "16 sorties of PLA aircraft, 9 PLAN vessels and 2 official ships operating around Taiwan were detected up until 6 a.m. (UTC+8) today. 15 sorties crossed the median line and entered Taiwan's northern and southwestern ADIZ. We have monitored the situation and responded accordingly. Earlier on Thursday, Taiwan detected 59 Chinese aircraft, 23 Chinese naval vessels and eight official ships operating around itself as of 6am (local time), a statement by the Taiwanese Ministry of Defence said. Of the 59 aircraft, 31 sorties crossed the median line and entered Taiwan's northern. central. southwestern, and eastern ADIZ (Air Defence Identification Zone).

Congress, DMK set to move Supreme Court against Waqf Amendment Bill

MI News Service, New Delhi: The recently passed Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024, has sparked significant political controversy in India, leading the Indian National Congress (INC) and Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) to announce their intention to challenge the Bill in the Supreme Court. The Bill, which passed through both Houses of Parliament following a lengthy 13-hour debate, was approved with 288 votes in favor and 232 against in the Lok Sabha, and 128 supporting votes to 95 opposing votes in the Rajya Sabha. Jairam Ramesh, the AICC General Secretary, took to social media to announce the Congress party's legal chal-

lenge, stating, "The INC will very soon be challenging in the Supreme Court the constitutionality of the Wakf (Amendment) Bill, 2024." Ramesh emphasized that the party was committed to defending democratic values and would resist what they saw as assaults on the Constitution by the Modi government. The Congress party, along with other opposition groups, has criticized the Bill as "anti-Muslim" and "unconstitutional." Congress MP Imran Masood echoed this stance, asserting that the party would take legal action after consulting legal experts. He accused the ruling party of spreading hate against Muslims.

in Geneva, bringing together political leaders, journalists, and intellectuals to discuss the ongoing human rights violations and the exploitation of Balochistan by Pakistan and China. In a post on X, BNM reported that "Dr. Naseem Baloch, Chairman of BNM, highlighted the severe human rights violations in Balochistan, which include enforced disappearances, extrajudicial killings, and the exploitation of the region's natural resources by both Pakistan and China." Baloch emphasized the historical significance of the occasion, recalling that 77 years ago, Pakistan forcibly annexed Balochistan. He argued that this was not a peaceful incorporation.

Cabinet approves four multitracking projects across Indian Railways

MI News Service, New Delhi: To enhance line capacity, Indian Railways plans to undertake four multitracking projects aimed to ensure seamless and faster transportation of both passengers and goods; These initiatives will improve travel convenience, reduce logistic cost, decrease oil imports and contribute to lower CO2 emissions, supporting sustainable and efficient rail operationsThe projects aim to enhance logistical efficiency by increasing the line capacity along the key routes for coal, iron ore, and other minerals; These improvements will streamline the supply chains, thereby contributing to accelerated economic growth The total estimated cost of the projects is Rs.18,658 crore and will The projects will also generate direct employment for about 379 lakh human-days during construction The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved Four projects of

Ministry of Railways with total cost of Rs. 18,658 crore (approx.). The Four projects covering 15 Districts in 3 States i.e., Maharashtra, Odisha, and Chhattisgarh will increase the existing network of Indian Railways by about 1247 Kms. These projects include: i. Sambalpur - Jarapda 3rd and 4th Line ii. Jharsuguda - Sason 3rd and 4th Line iii. Kharsia - Naya Raipur - Parmalkasa 5th and 6th Line iv. Gondia - Balharshah doubling The enhanced line capacity will improve mobility, providing enhanced efficiency and service reliability for Indian Railways. These multi-tracking proposals will ease operations and reduce congestion, providing the much- required infrastructural development on the busiest sections across Indian Railways. The projects are in line with the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modiji's Vision of a New India which will make people of the region "Atmanirbhar" by way of comprehensive

development in the area which will enhance their employment/ self- employment opportunities. The projects are result of PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan for multi-modal connectivity which have been possible through integrated planning and will provide seamless connectivity for movement of people, goods and services. With these projects 19 New Stations will be constructed, enhancing connectivity to Two Aspirational Districts (Gadchiroli and Rajnandgaon). Multi-tracking project will enhance connectivity to approx. 3350 villages and about 47.25 lakh population. Kharsia – Naya Raipur – Parmalkasa will provide direct connectivity to new areas such as Baloda Bazar, this will create possibilities for setting up of new industrial units including cement plants in the region. These are essential routes for transportation of commodities such as agriculture products, fertilizer, coal, iron ore, steel, cement, limestone etc.

Aligarh, Tundla, Itawah, Kanpur, Lucknow and Varanasi Railway Stations on this tourist train

MI News Service, New Delhi: Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation Ltd (IRCTC), a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Railways, has announced the launch of its Bharat Gaurav Deluxe AC Tourist Train on "North East Discovery" on 22.04.2025. The program will commence Ex Delhi Safdarjung Railway. Interested tourists may opt this tour program from Delhi and other boarding points including Ghaziabad, Aligarh, Tundla, Etawah & Kanpur. The carefully curated itinerary shall be covering five of the "seven sisters", of the lesser-travelledNorthEastern region of India by Bharat Gaurav Deluxe AC Tourist Train. The train tour will start from Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station on April 22, 2025 and will cover Guwahati, Siyasagar, Jorhat, and Kaziranga in Assam; Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh; Unakoti and Udaipur in Tripura; Dimapur and Kohima in Nagaland; and Shillong and Cherapunji in Meghalaya on this 15-day tour. The first stop of this train is Guwahati, where tourists will visit Kamakhya Temple, followed by Umananda Temple and a sunset cruise on the Brahmaputra. The train will then depart on an overnight journey to Naharlagun Railway Station, which is 30 kms from the next destination, Itanagar, the capital of Arunachal Pradesh. The next city to follow is Sivasagar, the old capital of the Ahom Kingdom situated in the eastern part of Assam. The famous Shiva temple at Sivasagar, Sivadol, is a part of the itinerary, along with other heritage sites like Talatal and Rang Ghar. Further, the tourists would be visiting the tea gardens at Jorhat and an overnight stay at Kaziranga, followed by an early morning jungle safari at Kaziranga National Park, will be experienced by the tourists. The train next departs from Furkating Railway Station for the state of Tripura. Post deboarding at Kumarghat Railway Station the tourists will be visiting the heritage site of Unakoti, the 'Angkor Wat of North East' and later shall be visiting Agartala. The sites covered are the famous Ujjayanta Palace, Neermahal Palace and Tripura Sundari Mandir at Udaipur. After Tripura, the train departs for Dimapur to visit the state of Nagaland. The scenic train journey between Badarpur Station and Lumding Junction can be witnessed by the guests in the early hours of the morning from their seats. From Dimapur Station, tourists will be taken to Kohima by buses to visit local sites, including a tour of the Khonoma village to experience the Naga way of life. The next halt for the tourist train will be Guwahati, and tourists will be taken to Shillong, the capital city of Meghalaya, by road with a pit stop at the majestic Umium Lake en-route. The next day starts with an excursion to Cherrapunji, nestled in the East Khasi Hills. Shillong Peak, Elephant Falls, Nawkhalikai Falls, and Mawsmai Caves are a part of the day's sightseeing. From Cherrapunji, the tourists travel back to Guwahati Station to board the train for the return journey to Delhi. Guests will be traveling roughly 5800 km on this entire tour by train. The modern Deluxe AC Tourist Train has a host of amazing features, including two fine dining restaurants, a contemporary flameless kitchen, and shower cubicles in coaches, sensor-based washroom functions, foot massagers, and a mini library.

ton DC: US President Donald Trump said he talked to Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and said that the latter was ready to make a deal. During his gaggle on Air

Force 1 on Thursday (local time), Trump said that the head of Russia's sovereign wealth fund Kirill Dmitriev was in the US, but did not specify what talks he held. "Î think he's [Zelenskyy] ready to make a deal. And I think that President Putin is ready to make a deal, and you'll stop the killing of 1000s of young people a week. I just will tell you that there's a lot of good conversation about Ukraine, Russia," he said. Trump added that the US wants the Russia-Ukraine conflict to stop as soon as possible, and to stop the killing of thousands of soldiers from both sides. 'We have an envoy from Russia. We're talking about it [the conflict]. We like to see that [war] stop as soon as possible, because thousands of people are being killed, awake soldiers, mostly soldiers and Ukrainian soldiers and Russian soldiers, and you're losing 2,000-3,000 sometimes a week. So we're spearheading the drive to get it done. Europe has not been successful in dealing with President Putin, but I think I will be successful," Trump said. Meanwhile, one of the largest rounds of conscription to Russia's military for several years is underway, as President Vladimir Putin pushes ahead with an expansion of the country's military at a crucial moment in the war in Ukraine, CNN reported on Wednesday. Putin signed a decree authorizing the latest phase of the country's twiceyearly conscription effort, with the new window beginning Tuesday and running until July 15.

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HIL 2024-25 returns with resounding success, captivating over 41 million viewers in India



NEW DELHI [INDIA] : The much-anticipated return of the Hockey India League (HIL) has marked a transformative moment for Indian hockey, reigniting the nation's passion for the sport while breaking new ground in inclusivity and viewership. This edition was particularly special as it not only revived the men's league after a seven-year hiatus but also marked the launch of the inaugural women's league-an unprecedented milestone for Indian sports in general and hockey in particular. Adding to the historic significance, the league coincides with the centenary celebrations of Indian hockey and follows back-to-back Olympic medal triumphs, reinforcing the country's growing dominance on the global stage.

HIL 2024-25 has exceeded expectations, drawing an extraordinary cumulative reach of over 40.8 million viewers, which is over a 48% increase over HIL 2017's viewership of 27.5 million viewers. The men's final alone garnered 3.07 million viewers, while the most-watched women's match attracted 2.92 million viewers. The global reach of the league has also experienced exponential growth in its audience, with over 5 million in 18 hockey playing countries apart from India through both television and OTT viewership.

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Notably, the league shattered traditional viewership norms by achieving unprecedented gender parity. In a sports ecosystem where the viewership gap between men's and women's events often spans as much as six times, Hero HIL has set a new benchmark. In fact, at times, the women's matches have drawn nearly equal attention to their men's counterparts. Across 44 men's matches, the tournament reached an impressive 32.9 million viewers (23.5 million on television and 9.4 million via OTT platforms), while 13 women's matches secured 15.1 million viewers (10.5 million on TV and 4.59 million through OTT)

Hockey India President Dilip Tirkey remarked, The success of Hero HIL 2024-25 is a testament to India's deep-rooted love for hockey. The overwhelming response from fans, brands, and broadcasters reflects the league's immense potential. As we move forward, our commitment remains steadfast in elevating Indian hockey to new heights, ensuring that the sport gets the recognition and support it truly deserves

Beyond television and streaming, HIL's resurgence is making waves in the digital landscape. Hockey India has witnessed remarkable growth across its social media platforms, boasting over 1 billion total views across Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter on more than 3,000 posts. This engaged fan base is actively contributing to a vibrant and dynamic hockey community.

Expressing his enthusiasm, Hockey India Secretary General Bhola Nath Singh stated, "The revival of Hero HIL has been a monumental success, not only in terms of numbers but also in the enthusiasm it has reignited among fans and players alike. This season has proven that hockey continues to hold a special place in India's sporting culture. The addition of the women's league is a crucial step towards greater inclusivity and empowerment in sports.

Hockey India League's resurgence is also a testament to the sport's growing appeal since the Tokyo Olympics, where hockey accounted for 15.2% of the overall 69 million viewers in the first week.



Lucknow Super Giants' Mitchell Marsh celebrates his half-century during the Indian Premier League 2025 match against Mumbai Indians, at Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium, in Lucknow on Friday. (ANI Photo)

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THERE IS NO ROCKET SCIENCE: NEHRA OFFERS **INSIGHT INTO COACHING MENTALITY; BACKS GILL TO TAKE GT FORWARD**

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Gujarat Titans head coach Ashish Nehra gave a sneak peek into his coaching philosophy and mindset while advocating for captain Shubman Gill to take the franchise forward ahead of their upcoming fixture against Sunrisers Hyderabad in the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025. With his calm demeanour, Nehra pulled the strings behind the scenes and lifted the Titans to the trophy in their maiden season in the cash-rich league in 2022. He continued with his role at the helm in the next season and laid the blueprint for GT to go all the way to the final to defend its title, but eventually falling short against Chennai Super Kings. If it weren't for Ravindra Jadeja flaunting his boundary-hitting muscle and smoking the ball away for 10 runs in the last two balls, Nehra and GT would have had two IPL titles in their first two seasons. With Nehra into his fourth year as GT head coach, Nehra allows his players to be themselves. In a fast-paced and long-format tour-nament, Nehra believes the key to nameni, Nehra believes the key to success lies in offering players the much-needed stability. "For me, I don't see things only from a coach's perspective. Even if I put myself in the shoes of a player in such an environment--the hectic IPL, a long yet fast-paced tourna-ment--the first thing players need is stability. That's how I feel.

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He has progressed well; final clearance on him will be pro-vided on April 14: NCA sources on Mayank Yadav's fitness

BENGALURU (KARNATAKA) : The right-arm speedster Mayank Yadav is recovering from his injury but the official statement about his fitness will be provided on April 14, as per the National Cricket

Academy (NCA) sources in Bengaluru. "Mayank Yadav has progressed well in NCA. He is currently bowl-ing with 85% effort. The final clearance on him will be provided on April 14," NCA Sources told ANI.

The young tearaway is recovering from a lumbar stress injury. He resumed bowling at the BCCI's Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru before the start of the 2025 edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL)

Mayank's time in the last edition was cut down to four games due to a side strain. During his recovery, he picked up another injury, which further delayed his comeback. He eventually returned to onfield action against Bangladesh in T20Is, but another injury setback impeded his run.

If he is able to meet up all the fitness parameters while increasing his bowling workload, he could play for the Lucknow Super Giants in the latter half of the 18th edition of the cash-rich league. Olympian, National Games 2025 gold medalist Rahi Sarnobat opens up on comeback after health issues

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Pistol shooter Rahi Sarnobat made a tremendous comeback after a serious health battle at the National Games this year in Dehradun as the 34-year-old won the gold medal in the Women's 25m air pistol competition.

The two-time Olympian, who has made a comeback to the sport, opened up on her recent battle with neuropathic pain syndrome in a recent episode of the House of Glory podcast, an initiative by the Gagan Narang Sports Foundation. She explained that now she is focusing on her own sport to work towards her

Olympic medal dream. Rahi's health issues began in 2022 when the Maharashtra shooter was packing for the national camp for the World Championships. She found herself facing hot flashes and nerve pain. After weeks of feeling sensations



This was not the first time Rahi had to make a comeback to the sport in her career. Earlier, in 2014, she suffered a freak hairline fracture in the elbow of her shooting arm that took seven months to recover from and many more to

Simranpreet Kaur, to claim the

explained, "I feel comebacks are

the Rio Olympics cycle, it was a

different journey. It was a com-

mon injury and had to undergo a

certain routine line of treatment.

You have a structure. There is a

fixed procedure, proven and test-

condition. I was not even looking

for a comeback. I was just looking

to come back to life. I was just

looking forward to leading a nor-

not an easy journey. "After a few

months, neurologist told me that I

The return to fitness was also

mal, healthy life," she said.

"This time, it was a different

ed on athletes for years.'

But emerging out of both the

top prize at the National Games.

to start physiotherapy need despite the pain. My first exercise was sitting for 20 minutes and watching an episode of a TV show. I was even unable to do so due to immense fatigue. The physiotherapist worked with me several hours a day.'

But the battle for her recovery

Jasprit Bumrah doubtful for MI's next IPL 2025 fixture

MUMBAI (MAHARASHTRA) : Mumbai Indians' (MI) pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah is set to miss Friday's Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 clash against Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) and remains doubtful for the high-voltage encounter against Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) on April 7 at the Wankhede Stadium. While this is a setback for MI, there is a silver lining--Bumrah is

edging closer to a return as he continues his rehabilitation at the BCCI's Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru, according to ESPNcricinfo.

Bumrah has been out of action since January after experiencing stress-related discomfort in his lower back. He subsequently missed the Champions Trophy, which India clinched last month, despite initially being named in the provisional squad. The BCCI medical team had advised him to offload for five weeks starting from early January.

In recent weeks, the 31-year-old has been gradually building up his bowling workload and is nearing the final round of fitness tests. Only after receiving clearance from the BCCI's medical staff will he be allowed to join the MI squad. Bumrah himself has been cautious in his comeback, prioritising full fitness before stepping back on the field, with an eye on India's upcoming five-Test series in England starting June 28.

Mahela Jayawardene, MI's head coach, had last spoken about Bumrah's situation on March 19, admitting the challenge of starting

Mayank's unavailability in the first half of the season is proving to be a massive setback for LSG in the ongoing season. So far in the tournament, the Rishabh Pant-led side has managed to win only one match out of three, and at the moment, they are in seventh position with just two points on the IPL 2025 points table

Earlier, ahead of the start of the tournament, the right-arm pacer was retained for a whopping Rs 11 crore. In monetary terms, it was an astronomical rise in value, considering LSG purchased him for Rs 20 lakh before the 2024 season as an uncapped player.

The 22-year-old generated a hefty amount for himself, considering his ability to test the speed gun with his breakneck pace effortlessly. Throughout the last IPL season, Mayank consistently hit the 150 kph mark, helping him win back-to-back Player of the Match

awards in his first two games

all over her body, causing her tremendous pain, Rahi found herself on bed rest, unable to find a diagnosis

"We did not know which doctors to go - we did ECG, cardio testing, routine tests - but everything was fine. Still, I was feeling terrible. I started feeling my neck pain, that I could not lie on bed and I had to sit and sleep for months. My medical team suggested to consult neurologist,"

Rahi revealed. After weeks of neurological testing, Rahi was diagnosed with neuropathic pain. Giving more details about her symptoms, the pistol shooter said, "Neuropathic pain syndrome has no fixed pattern and no fixed line of treatment. It depends on case-to-case, and the medical history of every person. It makes it even more scary.

"I was sleeping for 17-20 hours for months. I was just staring at the ceiling for months. I could not live my normal life. I felt the fear of being uncertain. You don't know when the incident just hapbegin shooting. She made her has taught Rahi many lessons. She comeback from there, going on to believes she is a different athlete win gold in the 2018 Asian Games now, with a clear focus. Now, the and compete in her second shooter is competing for herself Olympics in Tokyo in 2021. Now, and for her peers. "Now, I am a different athlete. this time, after making a comeback, she went on to win a close

I do not think I could go to such battle against her fellow shooter, deep emotional destructive phase than I was during this pain. It was the most depressing and challenging phase. Shooting was not even setbacks was different, Rahi in my list of things to do. I prayed for this, and now I am living it," she said. quite a personal journey. During

"Now that I have started shooting again, my goal is to focus on myself and my team, who have been there for me. I know I have many abilities, capabilities, and capacities which are yet to be explored. This dream has been planted in my system for a reason. It is worth to give a chance to myself again. This is not about proving anything to the world. I am more courageous, as there is nothing to lose. I want to be remembered as a person who made things happen," she signed off.

the season without their premier fast bowler. At the time, MI had expected Bumrah to return in April, but the timeline has since been pushed back

Mumbai Indians have played three matches so far in IPL 2025, with a 1-2 win-loss record. In Bumrah's absence, the team has introduced fresh faces like Satyanarayana Raju, Vignesh Puthur, and Ashwani Kumar, while Trent Boult and Deepak Chahar have taken charge of the pace attack. Hardik Pandya, who also contributes with the ball, has provided additional support in the seam department.

Since making his debut in 2013, Bumrah has been a vital cog in MI's bowling machinery, amassing 165 wickets in 133 matches. The only season he previously missed was in 2023, due to a back surgery.



Adani Invitational Golf Championship 2025: Saptak Talwar outshines rivals on home turf to bag maiden title

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GREATER NOIDA (UTTAR PRADESH) : Saptak Talwar of Greater Noida ended a long wait for his maiden title after he outshined his nearest rivals at his home course with a flawless final round of five-under 67 at the Rs 1.5 crore Adani Invitational Golf Championship 2025 played at the Jaypee Greens Golf and Spa Resort in Greater Noida.

The 26-year-old Saptak's (67-72-69-67) superb last round effort lifted him two spots from his overnight third position. Talwar, who had previously posted two runner-up finishes on the PGTI since turning pro in 2021, ended the week with a winning total of 13-under 275 and a one-stroke victory mar-

Talwar, who studied at Sacred Heart University in Connecticut, USA, prior to turning professional, picked up the winning cheque worth Rs 22,50,000 that propelled him from seventh to fourth position in the PGTI Order of Merit.

Overnight joint leaders Arjun Prasad (68-69-69-70) of Delhi and Chandigarh's Yuvraj Sandhu (70-67-69-71) finished second and third at 12-under 276 and 11-under 277, respectively

Saptak Talwar, who was two off the lead at the start of round four, enjoyed a hot start on Friday as he capitalized with birdies on the first two par-5s, the second and fourth holes.



Saptak then added two more birdies on the fifth and 10th using his wedges to great effect. He narrowly missed a five-feet eagle putt on the par-5 12th where he picked up his fifth birdie of the day.

Talwar, who had made three three-putts for bogeys earlier in the week, then saw it home with pars on the last six holes. He made a crucial par save from eight feet on the 16th that helped keep his card bogey-free and gave him the momentum towards the end

Saptak said, "It's great to win at my home course in the presence of my family and friends. This is my fifth straight week of competition and my endurance was my biggest asset this week.

The fact that it was a relatively stress-free week because I was playing in home conditions and there was not much preparation needed also helped.

"At the start of the day, my approach was to just be patient and keep myself in the mix as long as possible as I knew the course well and was aware that I will have my opportunities at some stage.

After the good start, the eight-feet par putt on the 16th I feel was a pivotal moment for me today. It helped me keep my card clean and gave me the confidence to finish well."

Arjun Prasad, also searching for his first title, produced five birdies and three bogeys during his fourth round of 70. Arjun

had the opportunity to take the match into a playoff before he bogeyed the final hole.

Yuvraj Sandhu, a two-time winner on the PGTI this season, sank five birdies on the last day but an early double-bogey and two bogeys on the back-nine put him out of contention as he signed for a 71.

There was a hole-in-one by Sri Lankan N Thangaraja on the 14th during his fourth round of 71. He secured tied 17th place at two-under 286.

Nineteen-year-old Sukhman Singh of Greater Noida, the lone amateur to make the cut, won the prize for the best performance by an amateur. Sukhman totaled six-over 294 for the week to finish tied 46th.