

Mamata Banerjee says Waqf (Amendment) Act not to be implemented in Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata : West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee assured the Muslim community in Bengal on Wednesday that the amended Waqf Act will not be implemented in the state and that she will not allow "any divide and rule policy" to persist here.

Addressing a programme of the Jain community in Kolkata, the Chief minister said she will protect with all her might the minority people and their property. "I know you are aggrieved because of the enactment of the Waqf Act. Have faith on me, nothing will happen in Bengal by which one can divide and rule," she said adding, "I would protect all minority people and their properties in West Bengal". You send out a message that all have to stay together,"

she said. Mamata Banerjee who is also the Trinamool Congress supremo, appealed to the people not to pay heed to those who provoke them to launch a political movement. Apparently referring to the violence over the Waqf (Amendment) Bill at Jagann in Murshidabad district on Tuesday, she said, "See the situation in the bordering areas of Bangladesh. This (Waqf Bill) should not have been passed now. We have 33 per cent of minorities in Bengal. What will I do with them?" "History says that Bengal, Bangladesh, Pakistan and India all were together. Partition took place later. And those are living here, it's our job to give them protection," she said.

Banerjee said that if people are together, they can conquer the world. "Some people will

provoke you to assemble and launch a movement. I will appeal to all of you not to do it. Please remember when Didi is here, she will protect you and your property. Let us have trust in each other," the chief minister said.

At the Jain community programme, Banerjee said she visits places of all religions and will continue to do so. "Even if you shot me dead, you will not be able to separate me from (that) unity. Every religion, caste, creed... all of them pray for humanity and we love them," she said.

Banerjee said she goes to Durga Puja, Kali Puja, Jain and Buddhist temples, gurudwara, church and Guru Ravidas temple, adding that "In Rajasthan, I visited Ajmer Sharif as well as Brahma Temple in Pushkar".

"See the situation in Bangladesh. This (Waqf Bill) should not have been passed now," Mamata Banerjee stated further.

The Waqf (Amendment) Bill was passed by both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha last week after marathon debates in both Houses of Parliament and President Droupadi Murmu gave her assent to the Bill on Saturday making it an Act now. But Chief minister Mamata Banerjee has assured the Muslim community of Bengal that the amended Waqf Act will not be implemented in her state.

Speaking at the Jain community event, Mamata Banerjee said "We have 33 per cent Muslims here in West Bengal. They have been living here for centuries. What should I do ?

throw them out? It is my duty to protect them,"

Without naming the main opposition BJP in Bengal, Mamata Banerjee ridiculed the party and said they say Hindus are not protected here. "If I am invited by the Jain community won't I attend? I will. Who protects Hindus here? This is your home too. We believe in live and let live".

Referring to the Waqf Amendment Bill, 2024 and its clearance by both Houses of Parliament overriding strong criticism from the Opposition, Mamata Banerjee said "If I resist someone from occupying my house, I cannot allow anyone else's property to be snatched".

In the Lok Sabha, 288 members had supported the Bill while 232 members voted

against it. Among the Opposition parties, only the Biju Janata Dal voted in favour of the amendments. In the Lok Sabha when the Bill was placed, three of the Trinamool Congress MPs were absent. The amendment, interpreted by those opposed to the Bill, says it allows more power to the government, including a provision to play a greater role in the survey of properties under the Waqf boards. The Waqf boards and tribunals, which will also have non-Muslim members, must provide valid documents to claim a property as waqf, though the final decision will rest with the government. Unlike the previous law where the waqf tribunals decision was considered final, the new bill allows for judicial intervention in case of disputes.

A centralised registration system will be brought into effect where all waqf properties would have to be registered within six months of the new law coming into effect. For new properties to be registered under the Waqf boards submissions will have to be made via the new registration system.

"Don't worry. Didi is here. Didi will protect you and your property," Mamata Banerjee assured the Muslim community. You send out a message that all have to stay together," she said. Banerjee, also the Trinamool Congress supremo, appealed to the people not to pay heed to those who provoke them to launch a political movement. Apparently referring to the violence over

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Cong must be a party of hope with positive narrative, remarks Tharoor at AICC session

MI News Service, Ahmedabad : Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor emphasised on Wednesday that Congress must be a party of hope, not of resentment, a party of the future not just of the past and a party with a positive narrative and not just criticism.

Slamming the BJP for allegedly "trying to divide North from South", he said the idea of India is that one can be a good Gujarati, a good Muslim and a good



Shashi Tharoor

Indian all at once.

In his address at the AICC session on the banks of the Sabarmati river, Tharoor said, "As I said at the CWC meeting yesterday, the Congress must be a party of hope, not of resentment; a party of positivity not only of negativism, a party of the future not just of the past, a party with a positive narrative and not just criticism. . He said "I hope we will leave here with a resounding message to the nation, that we are here, we will fight, we will be resolved, we will focus on the future and we will build a better India for all".

Tharoor said, "we are here to send out a message" from the land of Mahatma Gandhi and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel that the Congress is reviving itself and is ready to face the challenges of tomorrow.

"Here in Gujarat where we have been out of power for three decades, we stand on the brink of a new revival and that is a moment of celebration for all of us here. 2024 has given us both good news and bad news -- a good result in the Lok Sabha elections where we doubled our strength but bad news in a number of state elections that followed," the Congress Working Committee member said.

Seconding the resolution moved at the AICC session, Tharoor said the resolution should mark a turning point in the fortunes of the Congress. "We need to retain and restore the votes we have won before but we have failed to win in the last three elections and that is where this resolution leads us. It is a

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West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee attending a Jain Community program at Netaji Indoor Stadium, in Kolkata on Wednesday.

TMC MP Mahua Moitra alleges forced closure of fish shops in CR Park, Delhi Police begins probe

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Delhi Police will launch an investigation after TMC MP Mahua Moitra claimed on Tuesday that a few people, allegedly belonging to right-wing ideology, forcibly tried to close fish shops in South Delhi's Chittaranjan Park area.

Sources in the force said they have not received any complaint about the matter, but they are verifying all the facts from the social media post.

"The market is a licensed market according to MCD records. The video appears to be outdated, but we are verifying the date of the incident. The police have not received any complaint so far," said a police source.

Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra on Tuesday claimed that fish and meat shops in southeast Delhi's Chittaranjan Park, a Bengali-dominated area, were shut. She also posted a video, alleging that "BJP goons" were "threatening" fish market traders for



running their business next to a temple in the area. However, the BJP hit back and accused Moitra of posting a doctored video in an attempt to disturb communal harmony in the area.

Responding to Moitra's claim, the Delhi Police said it did not receive any complaint, but the matter was under enquiry.

In the clip posted by Moitra on X, a man dressed in a saffron t-shirt and jeans is heard saying it was wrong to set up a fish

market next to a temple in Market No 1 of Chittaranjan Park, popularly known as CR Park, one of the poshest areas of Delhi.

"The market is just adjoining the temple. This is wrong. It is hurting the sentiments of the Sanatanas. Sanatana Dharma says we should not kill anyone..." "This is pure fiction that fish and meat are offered to deities. There is no such proof in the 'shastras'. The entire country is watching this," the man said in the video.

In the video, a shopkeeper is telling the man that the fish market was allotted by the DDA. To this, the man said, "Yes I know that. The DDA can't run away with its responsibility. We will fix their mistakes. CR Park is a posh area and foreigners come here."

Moitra said, "The temple in CR Park that BJP goons laying claim to was built by the non-veg market vendors! They pray there - the big pujas are held there. Three months of a BJP government in Delhi. Good anniversary present."

To substantiate her allegation, Moitra shared a screenshot of a WhatsApp message written in Bengali by a resident who claimed that the "forcible closure" of meat and fish shops in CR Park was a "terrible situation". "Didi, I saw your tweet about the forced closure of meat shops. I live near CR Park. Here, all the meat markets and

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RBI lowers GDP growth projection to 6.5 pc for FY26

MI News Service, Mumbai: In view of the growing uncertainties in global trade and policy announcements India's growth forecast for the current financial year has been lowered to 6.5 per cent from earlier estimated 6.7 per cent by the Reserve Bank of India.

Announcing this here on Wednesday RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra while unveiling the outcome of the first bi-monthly Monetary Policy Committee meeting for the current financial year, said the prospects of agriculture sector, however, remain bright on the back of healthy reservoir levels and robust crop production in 2025-26.

RBI has lowered the growth projection to 6.5 per cent from the earlier estimate of 6.7 per cent for the current financial year due to global uncertainties, the RBI Governor said adding "While the risks are evenly balanced around these baseline projections, uncertainties remain high in the wake of the recent spike in global volatility. It may be noted that the growth projection for the current year has been marked down by 20 basis points relative to our earlier assessment of 6.7 per cent in the February policy," he said

Malhotra said manufacturing activity is show-



ing signs of revival with business expectations remaining robust, but services sector activity continues to be resilient.

The RBI Governor also announced a 25 basis point cut in policy repo rate on Wednesday, saying the central bank is targeting non-inflationary growth. The RBI Governor said global economy was currently going through a period of huge uncertainty, posing multiple challenges to policymaking, alluding to the sweeping tariffs announced by US President Donald Trump.

Meanwhile RBI's action this afternoon was the second successive rate cut

by the bank's Monetary Policy Committee. A lower rate spurs growth as loans are expected to become cheaper.

Experts earlier predicted that RBI will again reduce the rate by 25 bps on Wednesday against the backdrop of moderating inflation and the need to stimulate growth as Trump tariffs pose severe challenges to the global economy, a move that the central bank ended up making in view of the current global economic developments.

In his remarks, the RBI Governor conceded that tariffs were expected to impact merchandise exports. He also said that India's GDP was seen growing at 6.5 per cent in FY26. The inflation was forecast at 4 per cent. However, the central bank's rate-setting body can't sit at ease after Trump announced sweeping tariffs. The US President has announced a 26 per cent reciprocal tariff rate on India, effective April 9, which can fuel inflationary pressures going ahead. Economists have also warned of likely recessionary effects at play due to the tariffs, which can hike costs and tamp down demand. After effecting two back-to-

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China pledges to strengthen ties with neighbours amid Trump's tariff war

MI News Service, New Delhi / Beijing : Taking a tough stand against the unilateral tariff policy of US President Donald Trump, Chinese President Xi Jinping on Wednesday pledged to strengthen the strategic relationships with neighbouring countries by "appropriately" managing differences and enhancing its supply chain across the globe.

As China's tariff war with the US escalated, in his first public speech after China was hit with an unprecedented 104 per cent tariff by the USA on its exports to America, Xi called for building a community with a shared future with neighbouring countries and striving to open new ground for China's neighbourhood work.

According to Chinese state media, Xi made the remarks at a central conference on work related to neighbouring countries, which was held in Beijing from Tuesday to Wednesday.

President Xi Jinping's decision to quickly retaliate against Donald Trump's sweeping tariffs sent the world a clear message: If the US wants a trade war, China is ready to fight to the end.

After weeks of responding with only targeted measures and



Chinese President Xi Jinping.

calling for dialogue, China signaled a tougher approach on Friday by answering Trump's "reciprocal" tariffs with blanket duties of its own and more export controls. The Communist Party's official newspaper followed that up with a Wednesday editorial declaring Beijing is no longer "clinging to illusions" of striking a deal, even as it leaves a door open to negotiations.

China's response has jolted global markets, fueling fresh volatility as investors brace for a prolonged and disruptive trade war. Trump deepened those worries by striking a defiant tone on Tuesday, saying he won't strike deals to cut levies unless they eliminate the US trade deficit with that country. We believe that before we can sit down to negotiate a deal we have to fight, because the other



US President Donald Trump.

side wants to fight first," Wu Xinbo, director at Fudan University's Center for American Studies in Shanghai, said of China's stance. On the possibility of a Trump-Xi phone call, Wu said: "You just slapped my face and I'm not just going to call you and beg your pardon."

Stocks tumbled on concerns over the trade war's impact on the global economy. Asia capped the worst day since 2008. A gauge of Chinese shares listed in Hong Kong fell into a bear market, while the city's benchmark Hang Seng Index plunged the most since 1997. Europe's Stock 600 tumbled more than 6 per cent at one point, while S-P 500 futures signaled more turmoil for American markets. An escalation

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Tahawwur Rana's custody depends on extradition clause : says Mumbai Police

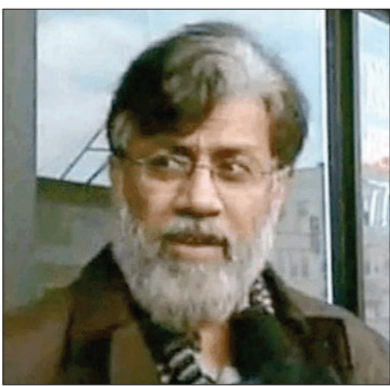
MI News Service, Mumbai : Getting custody of Tahawwur Rana,, the prime accused of the 26/11 Mumbai terrorist attack will depend on 'specific grounds' outlined in the extradition order of the US Supreme Court, once he is brought to India.

According to Mumbai police sources, Rana is being extradited from the United States in connection with a conspiracy case registered by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in 2009 related to the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks.

According to the Mumbai Crime Branch, a case of criminal conspiracy against Rana was originally lodged by the NIA in Delhi following the deadly November 2008 attacks in which over 160 people were killed.

The ongoing extradition process pertains to that case. However, officials clarified that it is yet to be determined whether Mumbai Police can seek his custody for any local investigation linked to the attacks.

"Only after examining the grounds of extradition it will be clear



whether custody can be sought by the Mumbai Crime Branch in this matter," sources said adding that the Mumbai Police has not received any formal communication so far regarding Rana's transfer to the city for questioning or judicial proceedings.

Tahawwur Rana, a Pakistani-Canadian national, was convicted in the US for his link with the banned terrorist outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and for providing material support to

the group responsible for the Mumbai attacks.

Meanwhile, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Wednesday welcomed the US Supreme Court's decision to extradite Tahawwur Rana, a key accused in the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, to India.

Speaking at a media event he said, "There's nothing really new that I can say on the Tahawwur Rana issue. Obviously, we welcome the decision of the American legal process." The comments came as the United States (US) Supreme Court Chief Justice rejected the plea of Tahawwur Rana seeking a stay on his extradition to India.

On April 7, the Supreme Court of the United States rejected Tahawwur Rana's plea to stay his extradition to India. Rana filed an emergency application with Chief Justice Roberts on March 20, 2025, seeking a stay on his extradition. "The application for stay addressed to The Chief

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Youth Goes Missing After Night Out, Shocking News Follows

MI News Service, Jalpaiguri: In a tragic incident late Tuesday night, two young men from the Banarhat LRP Mor area of Dooars lost their lives in a road accident near the Chunavarti Culvert, close to the Chamurchi Outpost. The deceased have been identified as Shiv Saha (20) and Sanjeev Mahato (21), both residents of the same locality.

According to family sources, the two friends had left in the evening to visit a relative in Chamurchi but failed to return home by 10 PM. Concerned, the families began searching for them. The devastating news of their deaths reached them the following morning through police communication.

Locals reported that the police recovered a severely damaged motorcycle from the accident site, indicating the severity of the impact. However, the grieving families suspect that the incident may not have been a simple road accident. They allege that a vehicle struck the youths from behind near the culvert while they were on their way back home. The sudden and untimely deaths of the two friends have cast a pall of grief over the entire area. Meanwhile, the police have launched an investigation into the incident to determine the exact cause of the accident.

Science dept face closure, future uncertain

MI News Service, Bangaon: The Supreme Court has ordered the cancellation of services of seven teacher and one Group D staff member at Bangaon Kumudini High School for Girls in North 24 Parganas – including three from the science department.

A concerning situation has unfolded at Bangaon Kumudini High School for Girls in North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, where seven teachers and one Group D employee have failed to report to work following a Supreme Court order cancelling their jobs. The school's science department is particularly affected, with three of the absent teachers being science educators. The school's headmistress, Indrani Ukil Sarkar, has expressed worry about the impact on the science department, questioning who will manage the accounts and conducts classes. Despite Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's recent

advice to provide With classes having started in full swing, the absence of these teachers has created a significant challenge for the school. The headmistress has stated that two days have passed since the Chief Minister's advice, but there is still no sign of the teachers or Group-D employee. The teachers are reportedly seeking legal advice and are too shocked to return to school. Bangaon Kumudini High School for Girls is a reputable institution established in 1921, offering education from upper primary to higher secondary levels. The school has a significant student body and has consistently demonstrated academic excellence. The situation at Bangaon Kumudini High School for Girls highlights the challenges faced by educational institutions in the region. Efforts are needed to address the teacher shortage and ensure the continuity of quality education for students.

Spinaroo Commercial got listed on Wednesday to BSE SME Board



MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata based Spinaroo Commercial got listed on Wednesday on BSE SME Board. The listing ceremony was held today at Hindustan Club. The company celebrated this prestigious event by the traditional bell ringing ceremony. BSE east

zone head Sandeep More. The company which is into manufacturing of paper cups, plates, semi finished goods of cups and plates, aluminium containers and home foil raised Rs. 10.17 crores from its IPO and its shares reached a price high of Rs.55. Opening on a premium.

Protesters blocks National Highway 60 over recruitment scam allegation

MI News Service, Onda: Left-wing parties held a protest at the Onda BDO office, demanding immediate action over alleged irregularities in the recruitment process. The protesters called for the reinstatement of deserving candidates and the arrest of those involved in the scam.

Protest against alleged recruitment corruption continued to intensify across West Bengal on Tuesday, with job aspirants and opposition parties launching coordinated parties launching coordinated demonstration in multiple districts. From Kanthi to Balurghat, Medinipore to Asansol , similar scenes of public outrage played out as protestors locked up District Inspectors (DI) offices, organized processions, and raised slogans demanding justice. In Onda, Bakura district, the situation grew particularly tense as the Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPI(M)) led a large-scale protest, demanding the reinstatement of jobs to eligible candidates and the immediate arrest of those involved in the recruitment scam. Since early morning, party workers gathered in large numbers, beginning their march from the local CPM office and parading through various parts of Onda Bazar before reaching the Block Development Office (BDO). The protesters surrounding the BDO office, voicing strong opposition against what they termed "institutionalized job theft." Simultaneously, the National Highway 60 was blocked by demonstrators, causing significant disruption to traffic and daily life in the region. Law enforcement responded by setting up barricades, attempting to contain the situation. However, tension escalated further as demonstrators resisted, staging a Rapid Action Force (RAF) personnel order. As of now, no official government response has been issued regarding the demands, but administrative and monitoring the developments.



Noted litterateur Amar Mitra has released a book titled "Sahita Saririk" (All is physical) written by poet Lopamudra Kundu on the occasion of Rabindra Festival and Little Magazine Mela. PIC: Nurul Islam Khan



Protesters from Joint Platform of Doctors, West Bengal and Abhiya Mancha took part in a protest against the CBI during their march to CGO Complex at Salt Lake, in Kolkata on Wednesday.

Rebel 'jobless teachers' rally DI offices at different dists

MI News Service, Kanthi, Balurghat, Medinipur: Jobless teachers are preventing DIs from entering. The anger of jobless people is spreading from district to district. Somewhere there are protests at DI offices, somewhere DIs are being prevented from entering, somewhere there are symbolic protests with the commission's corpse around their necks, somewhere again there are protests with placards in their hands with their children in their arms.

Clashes at the DI office in Midnapore. It was also seen on Tuesday that the DI office was locked by teachers and education workers. The situation is still tense due to the protests of the unemployed. However, according to the latest news, one worker including the DI was allowed to enter inside.

Meanwhile, the same picture was seen in Balurghat in South Dinajpur.



In Balurghat, unemployed people also prevented the DI from entering the office. A tense situation arose around the campaign of unemployed people. The unemployed people continued to march towards the DI office. The situation became heated when the police stopped the procession. An argument with the police started.

A jobless person told the DI, "Two years ago, we wanted the PPE model. Where we saw that education was

being pushed towards privatization." Another jobless person said, "You are not at fault, but after 15 years, you are asked to take the exam again. Tell me with your hand on your chest, can you do it?"

In Midnapore, unemployed people again held a symbolic protest by carrying the 'corpse' of the SSC Commission on their shoulders. One unemployed person said, "Actually, the commission has become a corpse. The commission has no role. So we are carrying its corpse."

The same picture is in Purba Medinipur. On Wednesday morning, about three hundred unemployed teachers and education workers went to the DI office in Manikatala and locked it. They demanded that the list of eligible candidates be published and they should be retained in their jobs. Protests are also taking place in Malda.

Teachers break into Krishnanagar DI Office

MI News Service, Krishnanagar: The compound of DI office in Nadia's Krishnanagar experienced a pandemonium when the sacked teachers broke into the police barricade and demonstrated before the DI of School Shubhra Kanti Nanda of Krishnanagar in Nadia on Thursday. Later, they blocked NH 12 for about 1 hour 10 minutes from 4.10 pm.



As there was the announcement of demonstration before the offices of all DI of Schools, a big police force was in advance, deployed before the Krishnanagar DI Office on Wednesday morning. However hundreds of teachers (around 500) sacked by the verdict of Supreme Court were gathered before the said office at around 12.30pm.

Once they broke into the DI office after demolition of the police barricade. The barricade was a little away from the main gate of DI office. The main iron gate too was locked. The agitating students broke into it within a few minutes of broke into the police barricade. The police were failed to resist them. The irate teachers damaged a few almirahs and window glasses, DI said. The teachers also set a few things on fire.

Historic seminar on 'Space Science: Academic and Career Opportunities'

MI News Service, Arambagh: On Monday, in a remarkable initiative to ignite young minds with the wonders of space science, Rabindra Bhawan, Arambagh, witnessed a historic and inspiring seminar on 'Space Science: Academic and Career Opportunities'. The event was organized under 'Uttaran'- a joint initiative of Sub-Divisional Administration and District Employment Exchange, Arambagh, for providing career guidance to students & jobseekers. This unprecedented event was attended by about 300 students from around 28 schools, including Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Madrasahs, along with accompanying teachers, reflecting an inclusive approach.



step in that journey. I'm hopeful that the insights shared by ISRO scientists will deeply inspire our young minds to dream big and plan confidently for the future."

Indrani Sengupta, Deputy Director of Employment, stated, "On July 31st last year, under the 'Uttaran' initiative, we had taken a group of students on a career exposure visit to ISRO's Regional Remote Sensing Centre (RRSC). Today, we are truly delighted to host two distinguished scientists from RRSC-ISRO in our midst. Another remarkable aspect of today's seminar is that, thanks to the initiative of our Sub-Divisional Officer, Sri Ravi Kumar, IAS, the video of the event is being shown on Uttaran's official YouTube channel—enabling many more students and interested individuals to view and benefit from the session."

The seminar was graced by two eminent scientists from Regional Remote Sensing Centre(East), ISRO- Dr. Arati Paul and Dr. Prabir Kr. Das, both in Scientist-SF position, whose insights into India's space missions and career pathways in space science left the audience enthralled. The event was presided over by SDO Arambagh Sri Ravi Kumar, IAS, while Smt Indrani Sengupta, Deputy Director of Employment moderated the whole event.

From the very beginning, the atmosphere was charged with excitement. The two eminent scientists from Regional Remote Sensing Centre(East), ISRO- Dr. Arati Paul and Dr. P.K. Das, took the audience on a captivating journey through India's space achievements. They spoke about ISRO's activities, career pathways, the significance of remote sensing in daily life, and how students can make it to India's premier space agency in future. They also encouraged students to pursue careers in space science.

Councilor warns Municipality siege over inaction in ward

MI News Service, Hooghly: In Hooghly, ruling party councilor Haripada Pal has raised serious concerns over the poor condition of roads, faulty drainage, and incomplete water pipeline work in Baidyabati Municipality's Ward 20. He has threatened a sit-in protest and a siege of the municipality if the issues are not addressed.

sues, including poor roads, inadequate drainage, and faulty water pipelines.

The councilor's frustration stems from the municipality's inaction on these issues, which have plagued the ward for nearly a year. Water pipes laid in the middle of the road have created water accumulation problems, and the drainage issue remains unresolved despite his efforts to inform the chairman. Pal asserts that the general public shares his concerns, and the lack of response from the municipality has only exacerbated the situation.

However, Mayor Pintu Mahato disputes Pal's claims, stating that the councilor doesn't spend enough time in the ward and that funds have been

allocated for development projects. Mahato questions the validity of Pal's complaints, suggesting they are baseless.

Local MLA Arindam Guin attributes the issues to Pal's inexperience, explaining that the KMDA is handling these projects and that the councilor needs to work closely with the municipality to understand the funding process. Guin emphasizes that there's no intentional withholding of information or resources. This standoff highlights the complexities of municipal governance and the challenges of addressing local issues. The municipality's leadership will need to address these concerns to prevent further escalation and ensure the ward receives the necessary attention and resources.

Ananda Marga Pracharak Samgha, invited to deliver a talk in symposium on "Shrii Shrii Ananadamurtijii's Contribution to Philosophy, Neohumanism and Socio Economic theory

MI News Service, Asansol:Acharya Divyachetananananda Avadhuta, Central Public Relations Secretary, Ananda Marga Pracharak Samgha, Kolkata invited to deliver a talk in symposium on "Shrii Shrii Ananadamurtijii's Contribution to Philosophy, Neohumanism and Socio Economic theory," organized by the Department of Philosophy, Kazi Nazrul University. Asansol.

Dr. Bhabesh Gyen, Head of Department of Philosophy, Dr. Kalyan Banerjee and Dr. Debrata Saha, Department of Philosophy, Kazi Nazrul University were present on this occasion.

Acharya Divyachetananananda Avadhuta explained the three approaches of Ananda Marga Philosophy. First he explained the concept of Supreme Consciousness and Operative Principle. He

also explained the essence of Humanism and Neohumanism. The total perfection and imperfection of human being is called humanity and when we get noble and higher ideas is Humanism. Humanism is not motivated by perennial source of inspiration. The Neo-humanism elevates Humanism to Universalism. The cult of love is created all living created beings. Neohumanism is motivated by perennial source of inspiration. Finally source of inspiration for Neohumanism is cult of Spirituality. He further discussed on the concept of Socio Economic Theory of Shrii Shrii Anandamurtiji. The said economic theory advocates minimum guarantees means; food, cloth, shelter, education and medicine for all and surplus wealth should be distributed among meritorious people.

15-Year-Old Girl Brings Hope to Others Through Organ Donation at CMRI Hospital

MI News Service, Kolkata: An extraordinary choice made by a family put in a moment of insurmountable grief into a beacon of courage, compassion, and spirit. A 15-year-old girl was admitted at CMRI on March 28 at 2 pm and was declared brain dead on April 4. As part of a gesture that moved an entire city, her family chose to donate her organs- making their personal tragedy into a gift of life for others.

It mobilised hospitals across Kolkata into a common mission to pay tribute to her memory by giving others a second chance at life. This was done following the law of the land. Her organs were properly allocated, so that her aura would continue to live in those whose lives she has saved.

At CMRI, the young girl was paid the respect of a guard of honour, which

was a somber tribute to her and to the brave family that chose to see light in the darkest hour. Doctors, nurses and staff stood silently saluting her-not as a donor, but as a hero.

"This young girl has taught us the purest form of sharing in her passing-the gift of life," said Mr. Sombrata Roy, Unit Head of CMRI Hospital. "Her courage and strength of her family will be etched in our hearts. She is not just a donor; she is a light for humanity, a symbol of selflessness that will inspire generations."

In a world that is otherwise divided with differences, such stories show that the biggest impact comes from love and compassion. Sometimes it even means learning to help others with the loss. The legacy of the young girl will continue living in the hearts and lives of many.

Rs 11 Lakh Road Starts Peeling Within 72 Hours

MI News Service, Balurghat: In Balurghat's Sribai village under Malancha gram panchayat, South Dinajpur, a 300-meter cast-iron road is being constructed. The road serves as a key route for residents of two to three nearby villages.

In Sribai village under Malancha gram panchayat of Tapan police station in South Dinajpur district, the construction of a 300-meter cast-in-place road has been halted following serious allegations of substandard work. The project, with an allocation of Rs 11.74 lakh, aimed to improve connectivity for residents of two to three surrounding villages. Local residents reported that the road, constructed just a day earlier, began to deteriorate within hours. Stones and sand were seen coming loose from the sur-

face, and the concrete had not set even after 12 hours. It was further alleged that the proper layering process—starting with bricks and sand—was skipped, and the casting was done without adequate materials or proper elevation.

As news of the poor workmanship spread, villagers stopped the construction work on Tuesday. The incident led to heated arguments and even scuffles among locals, with one group supporting the suspension of work and another defending the ongoing project. Trinamool Congress gram panchayat member Janata Orao confirmed the complaints and acknowledged the subpar quality of work. She assured that the issue would be reported to higher authorities and a thorough investigation would follow.

Waqaf law protest spreads, Violence erupts in Suti after Jangipur



MI News Service, Suti: Tension flared on Tuesday in Jaigipur, Murshidabad as protesters opposing the new Waqf Act clashed with police bricks, leading to violent scuffles at barricade.

Tension flared in Murshidabad's Suti area as protesters took to the streets, burning tries and blocking national highways to express their opposition to the new Waqf Act. The demonstration turned violent, with police being attacked and vehicle set fire. The situation was brought under control after a scuffle, with police using batons to disperse the crowd. This incident follows similar unrest Jaigipur, where protests against the Waqf Act turned violent promoting the development

Tragedy in Hostel, College student found hanging amid financial dispute

MI News Service, Mahisadal: Tragedy struck Khudiram Bose Collage of pharmacy in Mahisadal as the hanging body of second-year physiotherapy students Abhijit from Sabang, West Midnapore was recovered from his hostel room. Classmate grew suspicious after he failed to open his door despite repeated knocks in the morning.

The discovery of collage student's body in Mahisadal has sparked a mix of shock, concern and introspection within the local community. Abhijit Patra, a 22-year-old second-year physiotherapy students at Khudiram Bose Collage of Pharmacy was found hanging in his room, with a suicide note recovered from the scene. According to classmates, Abhijit was reportedly struggling with mobile gaming addiction and had accumulated significant debts. This had allegedly taken a toll on his mental health, leading to depression and anxiety. The student's struggles

with online gaming and financial woes have raised questions about the impact of digital entertainment on young minds. The incident has also highlighted concerns about the need for mental health supports and resources for students. Classmate and college staff are grappling with the aftermath of the tragedy, with many expressing sadness and concern over the loss of a young life. The police are investigation the circumstances surrounding Abhijit's death, with the local authorities registering a case of unnatural death. As the community comes to terms with the incident, there is growing recognition of the need for greater awareness and support for mental health issues. In the wake of this tragedy, it is essential to acknowledge the potential impact on mental health. By exploring these issues and promoting open discussions, we can work towards creating a more supportive environment for students and young people.

Mamata Banerjee says...

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the Waqf (Amendment) Bill in Murshidabad district on Tuesday, she said, "See the situation in the bordering areas of Bangladesh. This (Waqf Bill) should have not been passed now. We have 33 per cent of minorities in Bengal. What will I do with them?"
"History says that Bengal, Bangladesh, Pakistan and India all were together. Partition took place later. And those are living here, it's our job to give them protection," she said.
Banerjee said that if people are together, they can conquer the world."Some people will provoke you to assemble and launch a movement. I will appeal to all of you not to do it. Please remember

when Didi (Banerjee) is here, she will protect you and your property. Let us have trust in each other," the chief minister said.
At the Jain community programme, Banerjee said she visits places of all religions and will continue to do so.
"Even if you shoot me dead, you will not be able to separate me from (that) unity. Every religion, caste, creed... all of them pray for humanity and we love them," she said.
Banerjee said she goes to Durga Puja, Kali Puja, Jain and Buddhist temples, gurudwara, church and Guru Ravidas temple.adding "In Rajasthan, I visited Ajmer Sharif as well as Brahma Temple in Pushkar".

RBI lowers GDP growth...

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back 25 basis points rate cuts, RBI Governor Malhotra has also hinted at another reduction in key policy rate by changing the Central bank's monetary stance to 'accommodative' from 'neutral', which may further lower EMIs for consumers.
The bi-monthly monetary policy is scheduled to be announced on June 6.
Unveiling the April monetary policy after the MPC meeting , Governor Malhotra said that in the context of the RBI, the stance of monetary policy signals the intended direction of policy rates going forward.
"Accordingly, with respect to the policy rate, which is the mandate of the MPC, today's change in stance from 'neutral' to 'accommodative' means that going forward, absent any shocks, the MPC is considering only two options – status quo or a rate cut," he said.
He said that trade tariff related measures have

clouded the economic outlook across regions, posing risk of new headwinds for global growth and inflation.
On the ramifications of a global tariff war on India, RBI Governor said it shall have a negative impact on the country's exports.
"Merchandise exports will be weighed down by global uncertainties, while services exports are expected to remain resilient. Headwinds from global trade disruptions continue to pose downward risks," he said.
He said the Consumer Price Index (CPI) based headline retail inflation declined by a cumulative 1.6 percentage points during January-February 2025, from 5.2 per cent in December 2024 to a low of 3.6 per cent in February 2025. On the back of a strong seasonal correction in vegetable prices this year, food inflation dropped to a 21-month low of 3.8 per cent in February, the RBI Governor said.

TMC MP Mahua Moitra...

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fish shops have been closed for the past 10 days. The situation is terrifying," the WhatsApp message read. AAP leader Saurabh Bharadwaj, a former three-time MLA from Greater Kailash constituency, where Chittaranjan Park falls, said the fish markets were not illegal encroachments and slammed the BJP for "creating problems" in the area.
"These fish shops were allotted by the DDA. This is not any illegal encroachment. If the BJP had a problem with CR Park Bengalis eating fish, they should have said so in their manifesto," he said.
"Bengalis in CR Park are one of the most educated communities in Delhi. Their sentiments and eating habits must be respected. I am a vegetarian and I never had a problem with their eating habits. Why is the BJP creating problems in such a peaceful area?" he said.

Meanwhile, Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva has denied Moitra's claim and asserted that fish markets at Chittaranjan Park were legally allotted and fish traders have always maintained the sanctity of the temples.
"Everyone should respect sanctity of temples. CR Park fish markets traders have always respected temples. Fish markets have been legally allotted and they are the needs of the area. The fish traders maintain a high-level of cleanliness in the area and take regular part in socio-religious activities of Chittaranjan Park," he said.
"The video posted on social media by Mahua Moitra seems to have been tailored by people with vested political interests to disturb community harmony in CR Park," he said.
Sachdeva said he strongly condemned the matter and urged the Delhi Police to take action.

Tahawwur Rana's custody...

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Justice and referred to the Court is denied," the US SC order dated Monday, April 7, 2025, stated. Earlier, US Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan had denied a similar plea in March. His request was circulated among the Supreme Court justices for a conference held on April 4, as per the court's official website. In his earlier application, Rana argued that he would not survive long enough to be

tried in India due to various reasons.Rana highlighted his deteriorating health. He suffers from a 3.5 cm abdominal aortic aneurysm at immediate risk of rupture, Parkinson's disease with cognitive decline, and a mass suggestive of bladder cancer. He asserts that he cannot be sent into a "hornet's nest", where he will be targeted and tortured because of his nationality,, religious, and cultural differences.



Chhatra Parishad and Youth Congress hold a rally for the 26,000 jobless teachers from college street to Dharmatala in Kolkata on Wednesday.

Vacant posts: SSC mulls fresh recruitment drive

MI News Service, Kolkata: The school service commission is "going ahead" with its preparations for a fresh recruitment process to fill the posts that have fallen vacant after the Supreme Court last week scrapped the jobs of 25,773 teaching and non-teaching staff in Bengal's government-aided schools.
An SSC official said the commission was completing "internal preparations" so recruitment tests could be held in pursuance of the court's April 3 order.
"We have to ready our internal logistics ahead of the test. Meetings have to be held with the regional offices of the commission. We have to mobilise our staff across the state. In all probability, we have to let 22 lakh candidates who wrote the test in 2016 appear for the fresh exam," the official said. "It is going to involve a lot of planning, which will take time."The commission last held any kind of recruitment test nine years ago. In between, the only exercise it carried out was counselling to appoint teachers
at the upper primary (Class V to VIII), secondary and higher second-

ary levels, following a court order.
"We have been out of touch for quite some time when it comes to holding written tests. If 22 lakh candidates are allowed to write the test again, we have to retrieve their data from our server," the official said.
On April 3, the secretary of the school education department wrote to SSC chairperson Siddhartha Majumdar: "Without prejudice to the rights of the government in law and otherwise, it has been decided to request you to immediately take necessary steps to initiate fresh selection process as per direction of the Supreme Court."
Earlier on the same day, the court said candidates not specifically found tainted but terminated would be eligible to participate, with appropriate age relaxation, in the next round of recruitments to fill the vacancies necessitated by the mass dismissal.
The Telegraph reported on April 5 that the SSC would ask the apex court whether the age relaxation offered to candidates should be extended to everyone who wrote the 2016 test or only to those who lost

their jobs even though their hiring process was not "tainted".
"These issues can be taken up with the court later. The commission first needs to complete its internal preparations on human resources and technical backup that would be required. The apex court must get the impression that its April 3 order is being complied with. Or else the court will view this as an act of defiance," the official said.
In her interaction with terminated teaching and non-teaching staff at Netaji Indoor Stadium on Monday, chief minister Mamata Banerjee said while she would do her utmost to protect the jobs of all those the Supreme Court had deemed "not specifically tainted", she kept reminding the audience they would have to adhere to the Supreme Court order.
"If the state government's petition of clarification or modification of the April 3 order falls flat, then holding the recruitment test to reinstate the jobs is the lone option. So, the preparations need to be made. Or else the test cannot be conducted at the earliest," said an SSC official.

Hanuman Seva Dal pleas for rally at Red Rd on Apr 12

MI News Service, Kolkata: An outfit that calls itself the Hanuman Seva Dal moved an application before Calcutta High Court on Tuesday seeking permission to hold a procession on Red Road for six hours on the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti.
The appeal, before the bench of Justice Tirthankar Ghosh, said the organisation wanted the court to issue an order to Kolkata Police to allow them to hold a Hanuman Jayanti procession on Red Road on April 12. The proposed rally would be held between 5am and 11am, it said.
The court asked the organisation if they had sought permission from police.
Advocate Mayukh Mukherjee, representing the outfit, said they had applied to Kolkata Police but were awaiting a response. The court allowed the organisation to file the petition and said the hearing would take place on Wednesday.
Several senior officers of Kolkata Police said they could not recall when a Hanuman Jayanti procession was last held on Red Road. There have, however, been political rallies and cultural and religious gatherings on Red Road in the past.

SC to hear WBBSE plea to retain untainted teachers

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Supreme Court has scheduled for April 17 a hearing on the West Bengal Board of Secondary Education's (WBBSE) plea seeking permission to retain untainted teachers until a fresh recruitment process is completed.
This follows the apex court's April 3 judgment quashing the 2016 recruitment of over 25,000 teaching and non-teaching staff owing to widespread irregularities.
A bench of Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar listed the matter for hearing after senior advocate Sanjay Hegde, representing the board, requested an urgent hearing.
The petition, filed through advocate-on-record Hima Lawrence, seeks "appropriate directions and/or modification of the Judgment to permit the appointed candidates not found to be tainted to temporarily continue in various schools, without claiming any equity in their favour until the end of the academic year or until the process for fresh appointments is concluded, whichever is earlier, so that education of the students does not suffer".
Notably, the board stated in its application that it received approval from the Bengal govern-

ment on April 3 to begin the selection process following the court's decision to uphold the Calcutta High Court's ruling that quashed the entire selection process.
"Appropriate steps are being taken in terms of the Judgment for filling up of the vacancies which have arisen on account of the selection process having been set aside. The Applicant is informed that a letter dated 03.04.2025 addressed by the State Government to the West Bengal Central School Service Commission has been issued," the application said.
The board cited several concerns to support its request:
The WBBSE oversees 9,487 high schools (of which 6,952 have higher secondary sections for Classes XI and XII) serving over 78.6 lakh students. It also supervises 6,350 Upper Primary Schools (Classes VI-VIII). Approximately 88 per cent of student enrollments in the state are in government or government-aided schools.
The teacher strength of 1,51,568 (excluding headmasters) is already strained, with most schools relying on a single teacher per subject for Classes V to X. The termination of 17,206 teachers — 11.35 per cent of the existing teach-

ing staff — would have a "devastating impact" across schools in the state.
Currently, the pupil-teacher ratio in the state's secondary/higher secondary schools stands at 52:1, well above the 30:1 ratio prescribed under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan. This ratio would further deteriorate to 58:1 if the terminations proceeded.
"The education system in the State, including classroom instructions particularly in subjects such as Mathematics, Science, and Languages, would be gravely and irreparably prejudiced. The students would suffer from significant learning gaps, especially those preparing for board examinations, and many ongoing classes will come to a halt," the board argued.
The board further emphasised that "the immediate termination of the teaching staff will also put significant burden on the remaining teaching staff, leading to larger class sizes and compromised learning environment. The academic year commenced in January and the classes are midway. Sudden stoppage of teaching would have a significant detrimental impact on the learning process of the students".

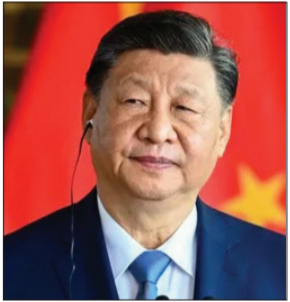
Cong must be a party of...

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resolution in which we express constructive criticism and not mere unrelenting negativity," he said. Tharoor negated out that the resolution starts by showcasing the party's nationalism upfront rather than ceding it to the other side. "But our nationalism is anchored in the well-being of all our people. It is anchored in a sense of social justice for the weakest in our society. A major theme of this resolution is protecting the weak, the marginalised, the OBCs, SCs, STs, those who have been left out of the great adventure of building our nation.
"As our Constitution makes clear, it doesn't matter what language you speak, which state you come from, what religion you profess, what caste you belong to, you are an Indian and the Constitution ensures that you have the same rights as every other Indian. That is what always the Congress has stood for," he said.
He said the Congress is the party of inclusive India, an India of all religions, all castes, all languages, all states and all regions.
The resolution speaks of national harmony – the harmonious co-existence and striving for the well-being of all for a better tomorrow, he said.
"We understand the variety, the pluralism of India. We all come from different parts of this great country. But we understand standing here that you can be a good Gujarati, a good Muslim and

a good Indian all at once," he said.
Hitting out at the BJP, Tharoor said some are trying to divide the North from South.
"I proudly say that I am from South India and I say too, 'Nafrat Chhorho Bharat jodo', he said.
Uniting India is the work of all whichever corner of the country people are from but that does not mean that they forget their special commitment to their respective states, he said.
"When we hear the name of Bharat, our hearts should swell with pride; when we hear the name of Kerala, our blood should throb in our veins," Tharoor said.
He said the party is all too conscious that the young, who are the majority of the electorate, are more concerned with what "we will do for them today and what kind of tomorrow we can provide for them". "Our resolution will be judged by that...Resolution speaks of economic growth, but it also speaks of importance of distributing the revenues of that growth to those who have been left behind. Our party has been and must remain the voice of the voiceless," he said.
Noting that the resolution acknowledges the sacrifices of the unsung party workers, Tharoor said, "You are the lifeblood of the party. We stand on your shoulders. Without your hard work, this resolution would only be words. I thank you for your service."

China pledges to strengthen..

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f tensions may dim the prospect of a leadership call in the near future. Trump hasn't spoken with Xi since returning to the White House for the second term in January, the longest a US president has gone without talking to his Chinese counterpart post-inauguration in 20 years.
"Trump and Xi are locked in a paradox of pressure and pride," said Craig Singleton, a senior fellow at the non-partisan Foundation for Defense of Democracies. "But here's the dilemma: if Xi refuses to engage, the pressure escalates; if he engages too soon, he risks looking weak."
Policymakers huddled in Beijing over the weekend to discuss plans to accelerate stimulus to boost consumption, as Xi leans on China's vast consumer base to help absorb the country's manufacturing output.
Several major global banks — including UBS Group AG, Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and Morgan Stanley — sounded the alarm over the weekend about the potential economic fallout from the US's steepest tariff hikes in a century. They warned that this could put even more pressure on China's already modest 2025 growth forecasts, which are already as low as 4 percent.
Beijing has several tools it could reach for if tensions with Washington worsen. At the same time, China may widen its diplomatic outreach by building stronger economic ties elsewhere. Last month, trade officials from China, Japan and South Korea jointly called for open and fair trade. During a recent visit to Brussels, Chinese Vice Finance Minister Liao Min expressed a willingness to work with the European Union to defend the multilateral trading system. The Chinese Embassy in Ottawa also made similar



overtures about partnering with Canada.
Xi's expected visit to Southeast Asia later this month takes on added importance. Beijing will likely be watching what countries like Cambodia, Malaysia and Vietnam might offer Washington in hopes of tariff relief, and whether those moves could undercut Chinese interests.
Still, despite the increased pressure, there's no clear sign that China is looking to fully decouple from the US. Instead, it seems to be asserting its position and bracing itself for a prolonged standoff, while keeping future options open. "China wants to convey to the US that it is not intimidated and is willing to stand its ground," said Henry Gao, a law professor at Singapore Management University, who researches Chinese trade policies. "Rather than aiming to inflict significant damage, the goal seems to be to exert pressure and encourage dialogue." The US took less than 15per cent of Chinese exports last year, down from 19 per cent in 2017 before the trade war, although trade routed through third countries likely made up for some of the shortfall. Similarly, imports from the US — already relatively small — have become less critical for China.
"Soldiers would be most willing to fight when the first battle drum sounds, but that begins to fade by the second round," experts say citing an old Chinese saying.

Demolition must make structure unlivable: KMC

MI News Service, Kolkata: The demolition of a building will mean smashing its ceilings, floors, beams and columns and not merely drilling holes that can be repaired easily, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has said in a notification. Mayor

Firhad Hakim had earlier asked officials to ensure demolition squads did not just drill holes in a ceiling or a floor. Developers often rebuild illegal structures if only a hole is made.
The KMC commissioner issued a circular

on this last week.
Engineers and officials assigned to demolish a building will be held accountable if they do not make the structure unfit for living."The demolition process must be comprehensive and should not be restricted to partial dam-

age," the circular said.
"Load-bearing columns, pillars and beams must be removed to ensure that the structure cannot be reoccupied... all ceilings and floors must be dismantled so the building is rendered entirely non-habitable."

City to get week-end squall: MeT Dept

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Met office has predicted that the wait for the rain and strong wind might be over before the end of this week. According to the weather office, a system on the Bay of Bengal is feeding moisture to Bengal, but a bulk of the moisture is headed towards the hills. The Met office has predicted an increased thunderstorm activity in north Bengal. South Bengal is likely to have "scattered thunderstorm activities in the coming days," said a Met official. The next few days in Kolkata are likely to be "partly cloudy". The weather office has

not ruled out the possibility of thunderstorms. "The chances are slim for the next couple of days. They are more likely during the weekend," said an official. A Met report said: "Yesterday's low-pressure area over southwest and adjoining southeast Bay of Bengal moved north-westwards and lay as a well-marked low-pressure area over southwest and adjoining westcentral Bay of Bengal. The system is likely to move north-northwest and then take a north-northeastward recurve before weakening gradually, according to the Met report.

Name Change
I, Mohammed Talha Sarkar S/O-Sultan Salauddin Sarkar resident of Kashiara,Moktar Bagan, P.O.-Memari, P.S.-Memari, Dist- Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal, PIN-713146, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as 'MD TALHA SARHAR' vide an affidavit before the Notary Public at Purba Bardhaman on 07/04/2025. That Mohammed Talha Sarkar and MD Talha Sarkar both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Manmatha Bhowmick S/o Late Sripati Bhowmik Residing at Vill - Melahait, P.o - Naikuri, P.s - Tam-luk, District - East Medinipur, Pin- 721653 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Man-maththa Bhowmik. I declare that Manmatha Bhowmick and Man-maththa Bhowmik is same and one identical person by virtue of an af-fidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 09-04-2025.

Name Change
I, Ananda Mohan Bhowmick S/o Manmaththa Bhowmik Residing at Vill - Melahait, P.o - Naikuri, P.s - Tam-luk, District - East Medinipur, Pin- 721653 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Ananda Mohan Bhowmik. I de-clare that Ananda Mohan Bhowmick and Ananda Mohan Bhowmik is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 09-04-2025.

Name Change
I, sabera Bibi Dhali w/o Yiusup Dhali residence of Raynagar,Ram-chandran Nager p.o Beni pur P S Magra Hat Dist South 24 Pgs Pin 743355 WB. That my actual Name is Sabera Bibi Dhali. and my hus-band name is Yiusup Dhali and my daughter name is Sabana Bano which has been recorded in our Aadhar Card, but in my daughter Sabana Bano's birth Cer-tificate has been mistake my husband and my daughter names in the place of Sabera Bibi. Md Yuchhup, and Shabana Bano. My real and acutal name is Sabera Bibi Dhali my Husband name is Yiusup Dhali and my daughter name is Sabana Bano. That Sabera Bibi Dhali and Sabera Bibi, Yiusup Dhali and Md Yuch-hup and sabana Bano and. Sha-bana Bano are the Same and one identical Persons viden an affi-davit sworn before the 1st class Judicial Magistrate at Chinsurah Hooghly on 27 th February 2025.

Name Change
I, Sk Musaraf S/O, Alauddin Sekh Residing At Krishnapur, Rajbati, Purba Bardhaman 713104, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sekh Mosaraf. Have Changed My Name To Sekh Musaraf As Declared Before The Notary Public West Ben-gal/Purba Bardhaman Court, Vide Affidavit No 851 Dated 08/04/2025. Sk Musaraf and Sekh Mosaraf Both Are Same And Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Santwana Choudhary, wife of No. 14550694A, Rank Ex-Hav, Name Jayanta Nath Choudhary, resident of Vill - Paschim Kadipur, P.O- Lajpur, Dist - Birbhum (WB) Pin-713303 have change my Name & Date of birth from Santwana Choudhary & 15 Feb 1970 to Santwana Choud-hary & 07 Jul 1967 vide Affidavit dated 04.04.25 before the court of Judicial Magistrate, 2nd Court 1st Class, Bolpur, Dist - Birbhum.

Name Change
I, Bini Banerjee (Old Name) W/o Binod Bouri, resident of Chand-mari Railway Colony, Asansol, P.O Dakhin Dhadka, P.S- Asansol (North), District : Paschim Bard-haman, Pin-713302 have changed my name and henceforth shall be known as Bini Bauri (New Name) as declare before the Notary Public at Asansol vide affidavit dated 04.04.2025. Bini Banerjee and Bini Bauri both are same and one iden-tical person i.e., myself.

Name Change
I, Sujit Lal Sircar, S/o Late Suren-dra Lal Sircar R/o 694A, Mahen-dra Banerjee Road, Ramkrishna Palli, P.O- Parnasree Pally, P.S- Parnasree, Kolkata- 700060, de-clared that Sujit Lal Sircar, Sujit Lal Sarkar and Sujit Lal Sarkar are the source and single identical person vide affidavit before Met-ropolitain Magistrate, Calcutta dated 06-06-2024

Name Change
I, SHUVOSREE RAYCHAUDHURY NEE GUHA THAKURTA, daughter of Saroj Kumar Guha Thakurta, resident of Armaan Apartment, flat No.CI. 134,Garia Gardens, Hin-dustan More, Garia, P.S: Naren-drapur,Kolkata-700084 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that prior to my marriage i was known as Shuvosree Guha Thakurta, but I have got married to Soumik Ray-chaudhury son of Ranadeb Ray-chaudhury of J/3 Cl-14,Block -GA, Salt Lake, Sector-III, Bidhannagar (South), Purbachal, P.S, Lake Town, Kolkata 700097 that after my married I had adopted the sur-name of my husband and i came to be known as SHUVOSREE RAY-CHAUDHURY. By an affidavit (no. 2604) on 27.03.2025 before the first class Judicial Magistrate at Baruiapur that SHUVOSREE RAY-CHAUDHURY and Shuvosree Guha Thakurta is the same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I Shyamalima Chakraborty daughter of Swapan De and wife of Pritam Chakraborty residing at 109 East road, Kolkata - 700075 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shyamalima De as declared before the First Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore 6th court, vide affidavit no.13809 dated 19.02.2025. Shyamalima Chakraborty and Shyamalima De both are same and Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Khuku Rani Bhowick W/o Ananda Mohan Bhowmik Residing at Vill - Melahait, P.o - Naikuri, P.s - Tam-luk, District - East Medinipur, Pin- 721653 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Khuku Rani Bhowmik. I declare that Khuku Rani Bhowick and Khuku Rani Bhowmik is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 09-04-2025.

Name Change
I, Sekh Jahidul Islam (Old Name) son of Sk Jainuddin Ahamed, re-siding at Vill- Pachhra, P.O.- Cher-agram, P.S.- Gurap, Hooghly Rural, Pin- 712303, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Jahidul Islam (New Name) as declared be-fore the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 09/04/2025. Sk Jahidul Islam (New Name) and Sekh Jahidul Islam (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sekh Jainuddin Ahmed (Old Name) son of Sk Golam Mostafa, residing at Vill- Pachhra, P.O.- Cheragram, P.S.- Gurap, Hooghly Rural, Pin- 712303, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Jainuddin Ahamed (New Name) as declared before the Notary Pub-lic at Kolkata, dated 09/04/2025. Sk Jainuddin Ahamed (New Name) and Sekh Jainuddin Ahmed (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Biplob Datta (Old Name) son of Pulin Chandra Dutta, residing at Vill-Dudhnai Baruipara, P.O.- Piyali Town, P.S.- Baruipur, Dist- South 24 Pgs, Pin- 743387, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Biplob Dutta(New Name) as declared be-fore the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate (Affidavit no 93201) at Alipore, dated 23/12/2024. Biplob Dutta (New Name) and Biplob Datta (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Debasri Saha (Old Name) wife of Soumitra Roy, residing at Flat-2A, Jatindra Mansion Rishi Arobinda Road, Madhyamgram, North 24 Pgs, Pin- 700130, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as De-basri Saha Roy (New Name) as de-clared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 09/04/2025. Debasri Saha Roy (New Name) and Debasri Saha (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Anwar (Old Name) son of Shafuallah, residing at 17/2, B.G Lane, Telinipara, Bhadreswar, Hooghly, Pin- 712125, West Ben-gal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Anwar Ali (New Name) as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Mag-istrate at Hooghly, dated 20/02/ 2025. Anwar Ali (New Name) and Md Anwar (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Siba Prasanna Mukherjee (old name) S/O Rama Prasanna Mukhe-rjee, residing at Fd-440, Sector -III, Salt Lake City, Bidhannagar (m), 24 (North) Pgs, Pin-700106, West Ben-gal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shiba Prasanna Mukherjee (new name) as declared before the no-tary public at kolkata, dated 07/04/ 2025. Shiba Prasanna Mukherjee (new name) and Siba Prasanna Mukherjee (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Tanmay Mondal (Old Name) son of Tapas Mondal, residing at Akra Natun Pole, Bachar Para, Ra-bindranagar, South 24 Parganas, Pin- 700018, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Tanmoy Mondal (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 08/04/2025. Tan-moy Mondal (New Name) and Tanmay Mondal (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Rishi Kumar Singh (Old Name) son of Narbadeshwar Singh, residing at 44, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Road, Howrah A.C Market, P.S.- Go-labari, Dist - Howrah- 711101, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rishi Singh (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 09/04/2025. Rishi Singh (New Name) and Rishi Kumar Singh (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Ashok Jaiswal S/o Late Thakur Prashad Jaiswal Residing at 44/H/1, Beniapur Lane, P.o - En-tally, P.s - Beniapur, District - Kolkata, Pin- 700014 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Ashok Kumar Jaiswal. I declare that Ashok Jaiswal and Ashok Kumar Jaiswal is same and one identical person by virtue of an af-fidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 09-04-2025.

Name Change
I, Pusparani Bhowmick W/o Man-matha Bhowmik Residing at Vill - Melahait, P.o - Naikuri, P.s - Tam-luk, District - East Medinipur, Pin- 721653 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Pushpa Bhowmik. I declare that Pus-parani Bhowmick and Pushpa Bhowmik is same and one iden-tical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 09-04-2025.

Name Change
I, Prasanta Kumar Saha S/o Late Upendranath Saha Residing at Vill - Padmajala Road, Puratan Bazar, P.o+P.s - Baruipur, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin- 700144 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Prasanta Saha. I declare that Prasanta Kumar Saha and Prasanta Saha is same and one identical person by virtue of an af-fidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 09-04-2025.

Colombo terminal begins operation

MI News Service, Ahmedabad: Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd. (APSEZ) on Monday said it has commenced operations at the Colombo West International Terminal (CWIT) in Sri Lanka, located at the Port of Colombo.

The CWIT project represents a significant investment of \$800 million and features a 1,400-metre quay length and 20-metre depth, enabling the terminal to handle approximately 3.2 million Twenty-foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) annually.

It is the first deep-water terminal in Colombo to be fully automated, designed to enhance cargo handling capabilities, improve vessel turnaround times and elevate the port's status as a key transshipment hub in South Asia, Adani Ports said in a statement. Developed under a landmark public-private partnership, the CWIT is operated by a consortium comprising India's largest port operator, Adani Ports and SEZ Ltd, leading Sri Lankan conglomerate John Keells Holdings PLC, and the Sri Lanka Ports Authority, under a 35-year Build, Operate, and Transfer (BOT) agreement. "The commencement of operations at CWIT marks a momentous milestone in regional cooperation between India and Sri Lanka," said Gautam Adani, Chairman of the Adani Group. "Not only does this terminal represent the future of trade in the Indian Ocean, but its opening is also a proud moment for Sri Lanka, placing it firmly on the global maritime map. The CWIT project will create thousands of direct and indirect jobs locally and unlock immense economic value for the island nation," Gautam Adani added.

Name Change
I, Md Sagir Alam S/O Md S Alam (my & my father old name), residing at 9, Karl Marx Sarani, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, India, I have changed my and my father name and we shall henceforth be known as Mohammed Sagir Alam S/O Mohammed Sarfaraz Alam (my and my father new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 07/04/2025. That Mohammed Sagir Alam (new name) and Md Sagir Alam (old name) both are same and identical person (myself).

Name Change
I, Lal Mohammad Khan S/O- Mo-jaffar Khan resident of Shaluka Gore, Balittha, Kotolpur, Dist-Bankura, West Bengal, PIN-722141, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as "LAL MAHAMMAD KHAN" vide an affidavit before the Notary Public at Purba Bardhaman on 09/04/20 25. That Lal Mohammad Khan and Lal Mahammad Khan both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Kanchan Kanti Gorai S/O-Biswanath Garai resident of Ith-batta Road, Chotoniilpur,P.O.- Sri-pally, P.S.-Burdwan, Dist- Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal, PIN-713103, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as "KANCHAN KANTI GARAI" vide an affidavit before the Notary Public at Purba Bardhaman on 09/04/ 2025. That Kanchan Kanti Gorai and Kanchan Kanti Garai both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Moni Patel W/O- Nanji Patel resident of Memari Krishna Bazar,Hat-pukur Purba Dik, P.O.- Memari, P.S.-Memari, Dist- Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal, PIN-713140, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as "MANI PATEL" vide an affidavit before The Executive Magistrate at Purba Bardhaman on 24/03/2025. That Moni Patel and Mani Patel both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Gobinda Chandra Nandi, S/O-Late Shyamal Chandra Nandi, Residing at Jagatpur, Rajahat-Gosaiapur, P.S. Baguiati, Dist- 24 PGS (N), Pin- 700159, My actual name is Gobinda Chandra Nandi. But in my daughter's WBSE Registration Certificate (Registration No.- 6192-038143) & WBCHSE Registration Certificate (Registration No.- 4202169430) & Birth Certificate, my name has been wrongly recorded as Gobinda Nandy & have changed my name & shall henceforth be known as Soma Nandi as declared before the 1st class Judicial Magistrate Sealdah Court West Bengal vide affidavit no. 3075 dated 02/04/2025 Gobinda Nandy and Gobinda Chandra Nandi both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Soma Nandi, D/O- Gobinda Chandra Nandi, Residing at Jagatpur, P.O.- Aswininagar, P.S. Baguiati, Dist- 24 PGS (N), Pin- 700159, My actual name is Soma Nandi. But in my WBSE Registration Certificate (Registration No.- 6192-038143), Admit Card (Roll No. 7050224) & Birth Certificate my name has been wrongly recorded as Soma Nandi & have changed my name & shall henceforth be known as Soma Nandi as declared before the 1st class Judicial Magistrate Calcutta Court West Bengal vide affidavit no. 2821 dated 21/11/2024 Soma Nandy and Soma Nandi both are same and identical person.

Special Ticket Checking drive conducted in Sealdah – Ballygunge – Majerhat Section



• 560 Cases Detected During the Intensive Operation MI News Service, Kolkata: In a continued effort to curb ticketless travel and promote passenger discipline, Eastern Railway conducted a special ticket checking drive on April 9, 2025, in the Sealdah – Ballygunge – Majerhat section, with a special focus on Majerhat station. The drive was led by Dr. Uday Shankar Jha, Principal Chief Commercial Manager (PCCM), Eastern Railway, and was supported by Senior Divisional Commercial Manager (Sr. DCM), Sealdah, along with other senior officers and staff. The large-scale operation was carried out with the active involvement of commercial staff and Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel. The objective of the drive was to encourage passengers to undertake train

journeys with valid tickets and to uphold cleanliness within railway premises.

During the checking drive, 412 cases of passengers travelling without valid tickets were detected, 75 passengers were found carrying unbooked luggage and 73 individuals were caught spitting on railway premises, which is a violation of Railway norms. All violators were penalised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Railway Act. The joint effort by the Sealdah and Sonarpur Ticket Checking Squads ensured the success of this coordinated operation. Eastern Railway remains committed to conducting regular ticket checking drives as part of its broader mission to enhance passenger awareness, maintain cleanliness, and ensure lawful travel practices across its network.

Sri Lanka releases 14 Indian fishermen



MI News Service, Colombo: Sri Lanka released 14 Indian fishermen as a special gesture, after Prime Minister Narendra Modi pitched for resolving the vexed issue with a "humane approach". The fishermen issue figured prominently during talks between Prime Minister Modi and Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dis-sanayake on Saturday. Fourteen Indian fishermen were released as a special gesture, people familiar with the matter said. The fishermen issue is a contentious matter in India-Sri Lanka ties. There have been several alleged incidents in the past of Sri Lankan Navy personnel using force against Indian fishermen in the Palk Strait which is a narrow strip of water separating Tamil Nadu from Sri Lanka.

In his media statement after talks with the Sri Lankan president, Modi called for adopting a "humane approach" on the matter. "We also discussed issues related to fishermen's livelihood. We agreed that we should proceed with a humane approach in this matter," Modi said in his media statement after meeting

Dissanayake. "We also emphasised on immediate release of the fishermen and their boats," he said.

At a media briefing, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said the fishermen issue was discussed in "considerable detail" between the two sides. "As the prime minister said himself during his remarks, there was emphasis on the need to adopt a humanitarian and constructive approach to co-operation on these issues because these are ultimately issues that impact the livelihood of fishermen on both sides of the Palk Bay," he said.

"The Prime Minister emphasised that at the end of the day, it is a daily issue for the fishermen and that certain actions that have been taken in recent times could be reconsidered," Misri said. The foreign secretary said both sides also emphasised the need to intensify the institutional discussions on the issue. "Both sides are in touch with each other on the possibility of convening the next round of fishermen's association talks between Sri Lanka and India," he said. The PM concluded his three-day trip to Sri Lanka on Sunday.

Govt proposes abolition of digital tax on online advt

MI News Service, New Delhi: The government proposed to abolish the equalisation levy or digital tax on online advertisements from April 1, a move that will benefit advertisers on digital platforms such as Google, X and Meta. These changes are part of the 59 amendments to the Finance Bill introduced by minister of state for finance Pankaj Chaudhary in the Lok Sabha. As part of the amendment, effective April 1, 2025, the 6 per cent equalisation levy on online advertisements will be abolished. This will reduce the tax burden on digital ad consumers. The equalisation levy on online advertisement services was imposed on June 1, 2016.

According to the amendments proposed in the Lok Sabha, Section 163 of the Finance Act, 2016, levying equalisation levy will not apply on or after April 1, 2025. The levy was introduced by the Finance Act 2016 for on-line advertisement services, provision for digital advertising space, or any other facility or service for the purpose of online advertisement only.

Regulation of Trains for Mega Block over South ER

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to mega block in Manikui – Kunki – Manikui Section over South Eastern Railway, following trains will be regulated as under :

Cancellation: 68056/ 68055 Tatanagar – Asansol – Tatanagar MEMU (Journey commencing on 13.4.2025, 20.4.2025 & 27.4.2025).

Diversion: 12375 Tambaram – Jasidih Superfast Express (journey commencing on 12.4.2025, 19.4.2025 & 26.4.2025) will be diverted via Rourkela – Hatia – Bokaro Steel City – Rajahera – Chandrapura – Dhanbad – Sitarampur instead of Rourkela – Chakradharpur – Purulia – Asansol – Sitarampur. 22843 Bilaspur – Patna Express (journey commencing on 25.4.2025) & 22844 Patna – Bilaspur Express (journey commencing on 27.4.2025) will be diverted via Rourkela - Hatia – Kotshila – Bokaro Steel City- Bhojudih – Joychandi Pahar instead of Rourkela – Chakradharpur – Tatanagar – Purulia – Joychandi Pahar.

Diversion of Howrah – Anand Vihar –Howrah Summer Special

MI News Service, Kolkata: It has been decided that 03011/03012 Howrah – Anand Vihar – Howrah Summer Special will run on diverted route via Sitarampur – Jhajha – Kiul – Gaya instead of Sitarampur – Pradhankhunta - Dhanbad – Koderma for two (02) trips leaving Howrah on 11.04.2025 & 12.04.2025 and leaving Anand Vihar on 13.04.2025 & 14.04. 2025. Stoppage at Dhanbad & Koderma will be withdrawn.

Temporary Stoppage of Amritsar Mail At Mohanlalganj Station over Northern Railway

MI News Service, Kolkata: Railway has decided to provide additional stoppage of 13005/13006 Howrah – Amritsar – Howrah Mail at Mohanlalganj station over Northern Railway from 09.04.2025 to 14.04.2025 on temporary basis.

13005 Howrah – Amritsar Mail & 13006 Amritsar – Howrah Mail will arrive Mohanlalganj station at 14:16 hrs & 11:03 hrs respectively and will stop at Mohanlalganj station for one (01) minute in both directions.

India's forex reserves see sharpest rise in 2 yrs

MI News Service, New Delhi: After the \$10 billion forex swap undertaken by the central bank on February 28, when it bought dollars against rupee to inject liquidity in the system, the country's foreign exchange reserves saw a huge \$15.267 billion spike during the week ended March 7. The sharp rise during the week was the sharpest jump in over two years. The forex reserves had increased to an all-time high of \$704.885 billion in September last year 2024.

Foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, increased by \$13.993 billion to \$557.282 billion. Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves. The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) were up by \$212 million to \$18.21 billion. India's reserve position with the IMF was down by \$69 million at \$4.148 billion in the week, the RBI data showed. Meanwhile, high frequency indicators point towards a sequential pick-up in momentum of India's economic activity during the second half of 2024-25, which is likely to sustain moving forward.

Miscellaneous

Howrah division constructed another Limited Height Subway



MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway's Howrah Division has successfully executed the major engineering Development work for insertion of LHS (Limited Height Subway) and simultaneous closure of Level Crossing gate No. 5/T. This critical work was carried out between Guskara and Pichkurir Dhal stations on 09.04.2025.

A traffic block of 6 hours from 03:30 hrs to 09:30 hrs on 09.04.2025, was granted on both UP and DN lines to facilitate the execution of this critical work and completed the work within the targeted time successfully. Under the main scope of work, 10 Nos. RCC Boxes (6m x 4.65m) along with 9 Nos. Base Slabs were successfully inserted to the LHS. For this, 2 Nos. 350-ton Road Cranes and 5 Poclains were deployed to handle the heavy-duty operations efficiently.

Simultaneously, several track and infrastructure development works were completed during this period. These included 3 Nos. of Points & Crossings Tamping at Jhapaterdhal Station, 4.639 km of Plain Track Tamping and 4.639 km of Ballast cleaning has

been done between Khana- Saithai Section. Additionally various Engineering maintenance work also been done between Khana – Sainthia section. Switch and Crossing, Point & Crossing also upgraded. Moreover Welding of Rail Joints, Rail Renewal, painting of the Foot over Bridge, Replacement of Platform Shed were also done. This block operation was not only a major infrastructural achievement but also a fine demonstration of teamwork, technical skill, and resource optimization. The successful insertion of the LHS and closure of the level crossing will significantly enhance safety for road users and reduce road-rail interface risks in the section, setting a positive tone for infrastructure upgrades.

This engineering block marks a significant milestone for Howrah Division, showcasing a seamless blend of meticulous planning, coordinated execution, and technical expertise. The execution of such complex civil and track infrastructure work under restricted timelines stands as a testament to the commitment and efficiency of the division's workforce and leadership.

Cleanliness Awareness Campaign held at Brace Bridge Station to Promote Hygiene and Environmental Responsibility



MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway remains steadfast in its commitment to ensuring a cleaner and greener railway environment. In line with this vision, a comprehensive Cleanliness Awareness Campaign was conducted at Brace Bridge station on April 8, 2025 with an aim to promote hygiene, discourage littering and reinforce the importance of environmental responsibility among passengers, vendors, and other station users. The initiative was jointly organized by the health department, RPF personnel, Human Rights Defender, Robinhood Academy (NGO) and the local councillor. Their collaborative efforts played a crucial role in the successful execution of the campaign. As part of the programme, teams conducted detailed inspections of station facilities and engaged directly

with passengers, vendors, and railway users. The campaign emphasized the need for proper waste disposal, adherence to a strict ban on spitting, and the overall importance of maintaining a safe, clean, and commuter-friendly environment. A key focus of the campaign was the urgent need to reduce plastic usage. Passengers were educated on the environmental hazards of plastic waste and were encouraged to adopt eco-friendly practices, such as using reusable bags, bottles, and containers. Disposal of waste in designated bins was highlighted as a critical step in protecting the station environment. Eastern Railway remains committed to conducting similar awareness drives across its network, inspiring collective action towards sustainability and cleanliness.

2 Africa Pearls cable to connect India, Africa, Europe via middle-east

MI News Service, New Delhi: The 2Africa Pearls cable in the country is going to create a revolution by connecting India to Africa and Europe via middle-east. Bharti Airtel ("Airtel"), one of India's leading telecommunications service providers has created the magic.

2Africa Pearls brings over 100Tbps (terabits per second) of international capacity to India. Sharat Sinha, Director & CEO – Airtel Business, said, "We are thrilled to bring the 2Africa Pearls cable to India adding to our network resilience. We are aggressively diversifying our global network and recently landed the SEA-WE-ME-6 cable in Chennai and Mumbai."

2Africa Pearls is a part of the 2Africa cable system, which will be the world's longest subsea cable system when completed, spanning over 45,000 kilometers connecting Asia to Africa and Europe through the Middle East. The 2Africa cable system is led by a consortium of Bayobab, center3, China Mobile International, Meta, Orange, Telecom Egypt, Vodafone Group, and WIOCC, while Alcatel Submarine Networks is responsible for manufacturing and installation of the cable.

Go Speedy Go Expands Operations to Ranchi, Jharkhand - Empowering Automotive Services and Entrepreneurship Across India



Ranchi: Go Speedy Go, a unit of Hiferk Technology Pvt. Ltd., proudly announces the launch of its new operations in Ranchi, Jharkhand, marking a significant step forward in its mission to transform the automobile after-sales service sector across India.

As an end-to-end automobile service company, Go Speedy Go aims to provide door-to-door automotive solutions, delivering con-

venience, efficiency, and reliability directly to customers' doorsteps. The expansion into Ranchi aligns with the company's broader vision of building a robust pan-India network-from Kashmir to Kanyakumari.

Closely working with the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) and four nationalised banks, the company is setting ambitious tar-

gets: o Creating 10,000 entrepreneurship opportunities
❖ Generating over 1,00,000 jobs. The company is also committed to fostering women entrepreneurship, ensuring inclusivity and equal opportunities across the automotive service space. Go Speedy Go's unique model is backed by a powerful ecosystem of support, including:
❖ 100% funding facility

Up to 35% government subsidy
End-to-end supply chain management
360-degree operational, IT, marketing, and manpower support

This initiative not only strengthens the automobile service infrastructure in eastern India but also plays a crucial role in economic empowerment and rural development through sustainable business opportunities.

About Go Speedy Go:
Go Speedy Go, a unit of Hiferk Technology Pvt. Ltd., is a pioneering automobile after-sales service provider focused on building a nationwide, doorstep service network. The company blends technology, entrepreneurship, and infrastructure to redefine vehicle maintenance and support across urban and rural India.

Bandhan Bank Launches Elite Plus Savings Account for Affluent Customers

Mumbai: Bandhan Bank, a pan-India universal Bank, today announced the launch of the Elite Plus Savings Account, specially designed and curated to provide an elevated banking experience for the affluent customers. The Elite Plus Savings Account introduces exciting new features, including a premium Elite Plus Debit Card and exclusive lifestyle benefits.

The product was launched by Mr. Partha Pratim Sengupta, MD & CEO, Bandhan Bank in the presence of ED & CBO Mr. Rajinder Kumar Babbar and ED & COO Mr. Ratan Kumar Kesh. Saurav Ganguly, former Captain of the Indian Cricket team, became one of the first customers of the Elite Plus savings account.

With Elite Plus, the customers can enjoy unlimited free cash deposits each month, along with free transactions for RTGS, NEFT and IMPS. The Elite Plus account offers accelerated reward points and offers two complimentary lounge accesses per quarter. Customers will receive complimentary movie tickets worth ₹750 every month and exclusive access to premium golf sessions at select prestigious golf clubs across India. In addition, Elite Plus customers can take advantage of exclusive vouchers, milestone offers, and enhanced debit card insurance coverage, including personal accident cover up to ₹15 lakh and purchase protection up to ₹3 lakh.

Commenting on the launch, Mr. Partha Pratim Sengupta, MD & CEO, Bandhan Bank said, "We believe that this new offering will cater to the evolving needs of our premium customers, providing them with unparalleled convenience, rewards, and exclusive privileges. From luxury travel benefits to exclusive insurance coverage.

JBL Launches Tune Series 2 in India: Redefining Personal Audio



IP54 water and dust resistance, making them reliable companions for any adventure or daily routine.

Each model in the series comes equipped with advanced features including Bluetooth 5.3 with LE Audio and six microphones ensuring crystal-clear calls even in challenging environments. The TalkThru feature lets you engage in conversations without removing the earbuds.

The Tune Series 2 enhances the user experience with intuitive Voice Prompts and VoiceAware technology, enabling users to stay connected while remaining aware of their surroundings. JBL takes personalization to the next level with Personi-Fi 3.0, giving users the ability to customize

their audio experience with tailored sound profiles, gesture controls, and audio adjustments-all accessible through the user-friendly JBL Headphones app.

Vikram Kher, Vice President of Lifestyle at HARMAN India said, "At JBL, we believe that great sound should be part of every moment that matters. With the expansion of JBL Tune series in India, we are committed to providing an enhanced immersive audio experience featuring adaptive Noise Cancelling and VoiceAware, allowing users to personalize their listening experience with superior sound quality and all-day comfort. We are here to ensure that music lovers stay connected to their favorite sounds like never before."

Tredence Wins 2025 Google Cloud Industry Solutions Partner of the Year Award for CPG

Las Vegas [US]/ Bangalore : Tredence, a global data science and AI solutions company, announced today that it has been named the 2025 Google Cloud Industry Solutions Partner of the Year for CPG. This achievement underscores Tredence's impact in the Google Cloud ecosystem, driving data modernization, GenAI operationalization, and helping consumer goods leaders unlock the power of their data. Tredence is the trusted AI partner driving the data strategies for 8 of the top 10 global retailers and CPGs, helping them solve their toughest data science and data engineering challenges. Trusted by the world's leading retailers and CPGs, Tredence's data model, data science and GenAI capabilities are powering over \$2 trillion in annual retail and CPG sales for Tredence customers.

The 2025 Google Cloud Partner of the Year Awards are a recognition of Tredence's collaboration with Google Cloud in accelerating CPG transformation with GenAI and Agentic AI solutions. These solutions leverage cutting-edge GenAI to help retailers & CPGs make actionable recommendations accessible to everyone, empowering data-driven decisions across the organization.

"Google Cloud's Partner Awards recognize partners who have created outsized value for customers through the delivery of innovative solutions and a high level of expertise," said Kevin Ichhpurani, President, Global Partner Ecosystem, Google Cloud. "We're proud to announce Tredence as a 2025 Google Cloud Partner Award winner and celebrate their impact enabling customer success over the past year."

"This recognition from Google Cloud reaffirms our commitment to transforming the consumer goods industry with AI-driven



innovation," said Morgan Seybert, President and Chief Business Officer. "Tredence along with Google Cloud, is enabling CPG leaders to modernize their data foundations, enhance governance, and unlock new use cases at scale through our industry-first unified data model and 150+ AI/ML accelerators. By leveraging Google Cloud's Vertex AI platform, Looker, and Google's Gemini models, we help brands elevate data quality, operationalize AI, and drive meaningful business outcomes-ensuring they stay ahead of the curve."

Tredence recently launched its Transformative Retail and CPG GenAI Suite of Accelerators at NRF 2025. By integrating Google Cloud's scalable infrastructure with its advanced AI capabilities,

Tredence empowers CPG companies to optimize supply chains, enhance omnichannel strategies and maximize revenue growth opportunities.

About Tredence

Tredence is a global data science and AI solutions provider focused on solving the last-mile problem in AI - the gap between insight creation and value realization. Tredence leverages deep domain expertise, data platforms and accelerators, and strategic partnerships to provide tailored, cutting-edge solutions to its clients. The company has 3,000+ employees across San Francisco Bay Area, Chicago, London, Toronto, and Bengaluru, serving top brands in Retail, CPG, Hi-tech, Telecom, Healthcare, Travel, and Industrials.

Odisha Chief Minister's two-day Delhi visit yields significant outcomes



New Delhi : The two-day visit of the Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi to the national capital has culminated in a series of significant outcomes aimed at bolstering the state's industrial landscape.

The visit was marked by strategic engagements and partnerships that are expected to accelerate economic growth and position Odisha as a formidable hub for industry, particularly in the petrochemical and technology sectors.

As a major step forward, the Odisha government signed a series of high-value MoUs with leading industry players in New Delhi.

The highlight was the agreement with Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) for setting up a Dual-Feed Naphtha Cracker Project in Odisha. The initiative is expected to generate around 67,000 jobs and significantly enhance the state's petrochemical infrastructure and manufacturing capabilities.

In addition to the MoU with IOCL, agreements were also signed with the Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Ltd (ISPRIL) and Petronet LNG. These partnerships reinforce Odisha's strategic role in India's petrochemical landscape and reflect a commit-

ment to sustainable industrial development, import substitution, and a resilient supply chain. Overall, 13 MoUs were signed, amounting to Rs 103,090 crores, significantly enhancing the state's capabilities across sectors. The projects are expected to generate around 95,915 employment opportunities, fostering regional economic growth and boosting industrial activity.

Mohan Charan Majhi, in his keynote address, emphasized Odisha's vision to emerge as a petrochemical and manufacturing hub.

He stated, "Today's MoU with Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. is a landmark moment in Odisha's industrial journey. It reflects not just a shared vision but a strong belief in the state's potential to lead India's petrochemical revolu-

tion from the east. Paradip, with its strategic location and evolving infrastructure, is poised to become a transformative industrial hub-much like Dahej in the west... Odisha is ready, and we invite you to invest in our bright future."

The chief minister's visit to the national capital featured productive one-on-one meetings with notable industry leaders from various sectors. Those companies were Kiri Industries, Himadri Specialty Chemical Ltd, and SLMG Beverages Pvt. Ltd, Chowgule Group, Inox GFL Group, and Bombay Dyeing Mfg. Co. Ltd.

Additionally, he met members of the Association of Indian Manufacturers of Medical Devices (AIMED), Toy Association of India, and United States India Business Council.

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance and Axis Max Life Insurance are at the Forefront of Customer Experience

New Delhi : Hansa Research has released its 5th edition of the Insurance CuES report that tracks the experience, perceptions, attitudes, and behaviour of consumers in India, with a particular focus on life insurance.

Based on customer experience, the report ranks the top life insurance companies in India and has captured feedback from more than 3600 customers across 13 life insurance brands in the country. The 2025 Life Insurance CuES report provides important insights that can help companies prioritize and better position their business strategies and investments in the year to come.

In a shift from 2024, the life insurance industry has witnessed a significant leap in customer experience, marking a notable departure from last year's stagnation, particularly in communication, customer support, and the initial purchase and on boarding journey. Hansa Research's latest Life Insurance CuES 2025 report reveals that customers are associating life insurance brands more positively, especially in aspects like 'trust and transparency,' 'innovation,' and being 'customer-oriented.' This improvement has resulted in a significant increase in the industry's Net Promoter Score from 54% to 58%.

Over the past five years, the Net Promoter Score (NPS) for the insurance industry has seen a remarkable increase of 20 points, rising from 38% in 2021 to 58% in 2025. This improvement can be attributed to insurers effectively meeting customer expectations in key areas such as operational efficiency, transparency, and post-sales service support. Additionally, there has been a notable shift in customer expectations, evolving

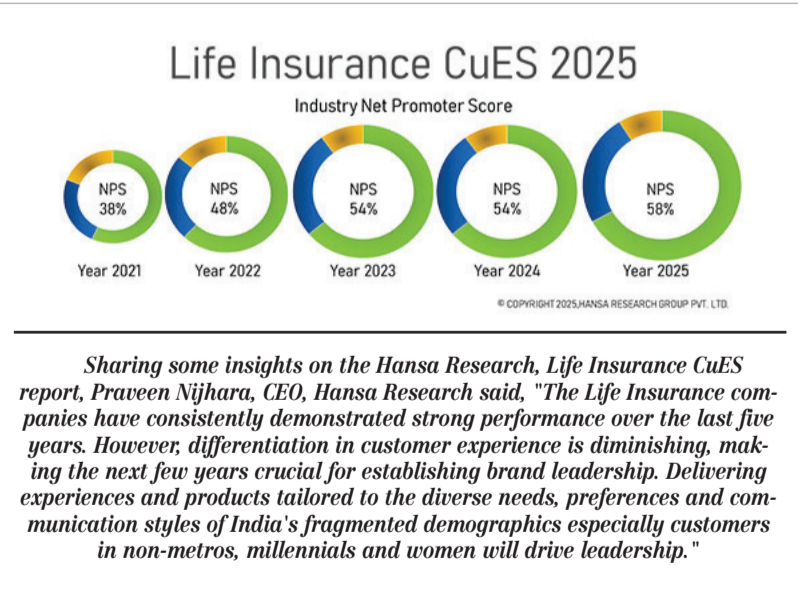
from mere transactional interactions to fostering deeper relationships with their insurers.

Furthermore, a significant trend observed over this five-year period is the narrowing gap in NPS between leading and lesser-performing brands. In 2021, the difference in NPS between the top quartile and the bottom quartile brands was 17 points; by 2025, this gap has decreased to just 10 points. This trend suggests an overall improvement in service quality across the industry and underscores the importance of continuous enhancements in customer engagement strategies. As brands strive to enhance their offerings, it is evident that companies are increasingly prioritizing customer satisfaction and loyalty, ultimately benefiting consumers with improved service experiences.

Sharing some insights on the Hansa Research, Life Insurance CuES report, Praveen Nijhara, CEO, Hansa Research said, "The Life Insurance companies have consistently demonstrated strong performance over the last five years. However, differentiation in customer experience is diminishing, making the next few years crucial for establishing brand leadership. Delivering experiences and products tailored to the diverse needs, preferences and communication styles of India's fragmented demographics especially customers in non-metros, millennials and women will drive leadership."

Key Highlights

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance and Axis Max Life Insurance have achieved impressive Net Promoter Scores (NPS) of 65% and 64%, respectively, significantly exceeding the industry average of 58%.



Both brands are recognized as innovators, delivering exceptional brand and customer experiences.

Tata AIA and Kotak Life Insurance have tied for the third spot alongside HDFC Life Insurance, displaying an improvement in their customer experience offerings.

SBI Life Insurance has also made significant strides improving its NPS, and ranking high on trust and affordability. Additionally, LIC, SBI Life Insurance and HDFC Life Insurance continue to lead in brand awareness among non-life policyholders. Piyali Chatterjee, Executive Vice President, CX, Hansa Research said, "To thrive in the future, brands must focus on addressing financial literacy, behavioural

biases, and simplifying product complexity. Success lies in aligning products with customer needs and profiles while delivering seamless, personalized experiences. Over recent years, customer expectations have shifted from purely transactional interactions to relationship-driven engagement-a trend that continues to strengthen and shape the industry's evolution."

In 2025, five key trends emerge, which will play a fundamental role in shaping the industry.

1. Economic Influence on Financial Investment Decisions: Consumers are increasingly influenced by economic factors when making financial investments. However, concerns about lack of infor-

mation and transparency, as well as the difficulty in understanding financial products, persist. Our findings from the study show that simple-to-understand products and plans are critical for both acquisition and customer retention. Infact, 40% of respondents (non-life policyholders) in the survey mentioned that they did not find it easy to understand the features, terms and conditions of life insurance product & policies.

2. Evolution of Life Insurance needs: While ensuring 'financial protection for the family' was the key motivator for purchasing life insurance among the current policyholders (34%), there is an increased focus on savings and retirement among the customers. Insurers need to start aligning their products to meet the evolving needs of the customers, especially with the impending demographic shift towards maturity in the near future in India. Brands can fine-tune their marketing and communication plan by targeting specific products towards existing customers. Infact, when asked about their primary reason for purchase, twice as many customers aged over 40yrs mentioned a need related to their children's education.

3. Millennial Expectations: The millennial customer is emerging as the most 'at risk' in terms of brand stickiness and is more likely to explore alternative options. They prioritize experiences over brand reputation and rank aspects such as affordability, easy access, 24/7 customer support, frequent advisor engagement and seamless digital solutions for purchasing and managing their policies - high on their list of expectations.

4. What Women Want: Women are

driving growth in the industry, highlighting the need for tailored products that emphasize affordability, seamless on boarding, and effective communication. Their need for interaction and engagement with the advisor before and after purchase is higher than that of men. Their product needs differ from those of men. While protection remains a key motivator, their needs gravitate largely towards 'savings/ income for future/retirement' and 'child plans/ savings safety net for your kids' future'.

5. Digital Services: Interestingly while digital services and support in life insurance continues its wide, spread adoption among customers especially those in Metros, its role as a differentiating factor between brands is reducing as it is becoming a standard expectation rather than a unique selling point. Brands need to move beyond using digital services and support options for efficiency and instead leverage it for building value for customers. About NPS: Net Promoter Score (NPS) is used by many brands as a loyalty metric to measure the health of their customer relationships. A superlative consumer experience is a critical aspect driving the Net Promoter Score. About Hansa Research Group: Hansa Research is the largest Indian Consumer Insights Provider who are in the business of insights and analytics for over 40 years having undertaken client assignments in over 100 countries. It is the first Indian insights and consulting company to acquire a US-based firm, GCR (formerly called Gartner Custom Research). The multinational company headquartered in India has offices in Singapore, Germany, USA and Bangladesh.

Major uprising in Manipur against the Waqf Bill; Security tightened following clashes

Bishnupur: Massive protests erupted in various parts of Manipur including Imphal east and Bishnupur districts against the Waqf Amendment Bill. The massive crowds protesting against the bill also included several Muslim women who voiced their opposition. The protesters March distance of at least 4 km that started from a town in Bishnupur district, Kwakta. As the protest marched they raised slogans and voiced their concerns about the bill having the potential to snatch the rights of Muslim community and harm the constitutional framework of the country. The demonstrators also demanded an immediate withdrawal of the bill. Rally's were also organised in Imphal East where demonstrators formed human chains however tensions escalated prompting the local authorities to increase security measures. violent protests broke out in Muslim majority areas of Lilong in Thoubal district between protestors and paramilitary forces. Security has been tightened to prevent further unrest. The superintendent of police from Thoubal said security forces will be equipped with equipment such as tear gas shells, batons, body protectors and helmets to maintain law and order." Meanwhile the protests continue to spread across the Imphal valley while the police have titled security, including at the residence of key figures like local MLA Abdul Nasir.

Israel fighter jet bombs Gaza home killing 20 including children

MI News Service, Gaza: At least 20 Palestinians are killed and dozens wounded in a powerful Israeli air strike with some buried in the debris in Shujayea district in eastern Gaza City. Medical charity Doctors Without Borders says an Israeli attack hit close to its clinic in the so-called safe zone of al-Mawasi in Gaza. Gaza's Health Ministry says at least 50,810 Palestinians are confirmed dead and 115,688 wounded in Israel's war on Gaza. The Government Media Office updated its death toll to more than 61,700, saying thousands of people missing under the rubble are presumed dead. — With AJ Inputs At least 1,139 people were killed in Israel during the Hamas-led October 7, 2023 attacks and more than 200 were taken captive.

Over 1900 Indian pilgrims receive visas to visit religious places in Pakistan

MI News Service, Amritsar: Over 1900 Indian pilgrims have received visas from Pakistan to visit religious places on the occasion of Khalsa Sajana Diwas. The pilgrims expressed happiness over being able to visit religious places. "We will be visiting Gurdwara Nankana Sahib, Gurdwara Panja Sahib and other religious places in Pakistan. It is a ten-day trip beginning 10th April," a Sikh pilgrim said while speaking to ANI. Earlier on April 7, the Pakistan High Commission said that it received a representative delegation of pilgrims ahead of the festival of Baisakhi.

The High Commission stated that "the Govt. of Pakistan will issue over 6500 for the Baisakhi celebrations." "In connection with the upcoming Baisakhi festival,@ Pakin India received a representative delegation of yatrees today. Extending his felicitations on the occasion, Cd'A @Saadawarraich announced that the Govt.



US-China trade war escalates: Beijing issues White Paper, alleges rising unilateralism and protectionism

China's State Council Information Office on Wednesday released a white paper titled "China's Position on Some Issues Concerning China-US Economic and Trade Relations." The paper alleged that friction in trade between the US and China has significantly impeded normal economic and trade cooperation between the two countries, as reported by Xinhua.

According to Xinhua, the Chinese government issued the document to clarify the facts about China-US economic and trade relations and elaborate the position of the Chinese side on relevant issues, according to the white paper. This comes after the White House announced on Tuesday (local time) the imposition of a 104 per cent tariff on China starting Wednesday, marking a significant escalation amid the tariff tension that has shaken the markets. During a press briefing, White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt emphasised that it was a "mistake" for China to retaliate against the US, asserting that when America is challenged, the response is forceful and unyielding. "It was a mistake for China to retaliate. When America is punched, He punches back harder. That's why there



UK cybersecurity agency warns of Chinese spyware targeting Uyghurs, Tibetans, and Taiwanese

MI News Service, London: The National Cyber Security Centre of the UK and various international organizations focused on cybersecurity and intelligence announced on Wednesday that hackers are using two types of previously recognized spyware to monitor Uyghur, Tibetan, and Taiwanese individuals as well as civil society groups, per a report from the Central Tibet Administration (CTA).

The malicious software known as MOONSHINE and

Leavitt stated that the new tariffs are part of the Trump administration's ongoing effort to address what it deems unfair trade practices that have led to job losses and economic strain on American workers. The paper asserted that these measures will have severe consequences for bilateral economic and trade relations between the two nations. The white paper came as rising unilateralism and protectionism in the United States have significantly impeded normal economic and trade cooperation between the two countries, Xinhua reported. It said that the US has imposed tariffs on Chinese exports worth over USD 500 billion since 2018, with average tariffs on Chinese goods now standing at 42.1%, significantly higher than pre-trade war levels.

Mentioning the recently levied US comprehensive additional tariffs on Chinese products, including tariffs citing the fentanyl issue as the pretext, "reciprocal tariffs," and an additional 50 percent on existing tariffs, the White Paper said that these measures -- revealing the isolationist and coercive nature of US conduct -- run counter to the principles of the market economy and multilateralism, and will have serious repercussions for the economic and trade relations between the two countries.

US warns of 'unacceptable risk' from Chinese control of Panama Canal ports, vows to counter influence

MI News Service, Washington DC: Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth, during a visit to the Central American country, stated that China's dominance over Panama Canal ports poses an unacceptable risk to US security. As Radio Free Asia (RFA) reported, this highlighted the US's commitment to enhancing its influence in the Western hemisphere.

The Panama Canal has emerged as a center of geopolitical conflict, as China's participation in its ports raises US apprehensions regarding control and dominance over this vital global trade channel. US President Donald Trump has often claimed that the United States is being charged excessively for using the Panama Canal and that China exerts influence over its management, according to RFA. At a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new US-funded dock at the Vasco Nunez de Balboa Naval Base following discussions with Panama's President Jose Raul Mulino, Hegseth declared that the US will not permit China or any other nation to jeopardize the canal's operations.

"To that end, the United States and Panama have made more progress in strengthening our defense and security collaboration in recent weeks than we have in decades," he said. Hegseth noted that companies from China continue to oversee critical infrastructure in the canal region. "This provides China with the capability to conduct surveillance activities throughout Panama. This situation makes both Panama and the United States less secure, less prosperous, and less sovereign. As President Donald Trump has emphasised, this condition is unacceptable," he stated. In reaction to Hegseth's statements, the Chinese embassy in Panama issued a statement on X critiquing the US government.

They claimed that the US had employed "black-mail" to advance its interests, asserting that Panama's decisions regarding business dealings are a "sovereign decision of Panama and something the US should not interfere with," as highlighted by the RFA report.

highlighted. Those believed to be at the highest risk of being targeted include individuals connected to Taiwan's independence movement, organizations advocating for Tibetan rights, and Uyghur Muslims. Additionally, ethnic minorities from or within China's Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, democracy advocates, and members of the Falun Gong are also thought to be in danger, as noted in the CTA report.

MI News Service, Kanpur: Following unsupported claims of stone pelting during the Ram Navami procession, hundreds of Hindus gathered and vandalised several Muslim owned shops in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday. On Wednesday, police officials confirmed that no stone pelting had occurred and called out the misleading information that led to damage and violence. The video that went viral on social media shows a massive mob attacking shops holding saffron flags. The mob also looted several commodities from the shops.

The authorities have arrested around 200 people which includes leaders from the BJP and many RSS workers for hatching a conspiracy and vandalising shops.

Shrawan Kumar Singh, Deputy

Egypt's Grand Mufti rejects IUMS fatwa urging war against Israel

MI News Service, Cairo: Egypt's Grand Mufti, Nazir Ayyad, has firmly rejected a fatwa issued by the International Union of Muslim Scholars (IUMS), which declared armed jihad against Israeli forces a religious duty for every able-bodied Muslim. The fatwa, which shared on Friday, April 4, via IUMS Secretary-General Ali Al-Qaradaghi on X, has sparked debate across the Muslim world.

In a statement on X on Monday, April 7, Ayad said that “the Egyptian Dar al-Iftaa has reviewed recent calls for armed jihad against the Israeli occupation by every Muslim, and calls on Islamic countries to immediately intervene militarily and impose a counter-blockade.” In the first clause, the Egyptian Dar al-Iftaa affirmed that “jihad is a precise legal concept with clear and defined conditions, pillars, and objectives in the Sharia. No single entity or group has



the right to issue fatwas on these delicate and sensitive matters, in a manner that contravenes the principles of Sharia and its higher objectives, and that endangers the security of societies and the stability of Islamic countries." The second clause stressed that supporting the Palestinian people's legitimate rights is a legal, humanitarian, and moral

The Kanpur police have registered several FIRs in different incidents related to Ram Navami procession from different parts of Kanpur. The police have registered 9 cases pertaining to mischief during the ramnavami procession including playing DJ about the permitted volume and other allegations, claims a report published by the Hindustan.

Separate reports have been filed in areas like Gaganganj, Moolganj, Chakeri, Panki etc. Police are on the lookout for a youtuber who had allegedly spread the stone pelting rumour. The investigation is ongoing with 200 booked as a case has also been registered against many unidentified individuals for disturbing the peace.

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NEERAJ CHOPRA SET TO BEGIN 2025 SEASON IN DOHA, EYES CONSISTENCY, DISTANCE

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : After an injury-marred 2024, a fully fit Neeraj Chopra is set to begin his 2025 athletics season at the Doha Diamond League, with his focus not just on distance but also on maintaining consistency, according to Olympics.com.

For his season opener, the reigning javelin throw world champion and Paris 2024 Olympics silver medalist returns to a familiar venue in the Qatari capital, where he has launched his last two seasons.

The Indian star won the 2023 edition with a throw of 88.67m and secured second place in 2024 with an effort of 88.36m, finishing behind Czech Republic's JakubVadlejch, the Tokyo 2020 silver medallist.

"Last year taught me a lot but I was proud to be on the podium for India once again at the Olympic Games. I'm now fully fit and really enjoying the hard work that Jan Zelezny and I are putting in," Chopra said, referring to his coach, as quoted from Olympics.com.

Last season, Neeraj grappled with a groin issue before clinching silver at the Paris Olympics, where Pakistan's ArshadNadeem claimed gold with an Olympic record. He also finished second in the Diamond League Final, competing with a fracture in his non-throwing left hand.

"I know the fans expect big things from me when I compete (in Doha) - and with good conditions and a great atmosphere that's definitely possible - but I pride myself on my consistency, which I believe is one of my greatest strengths. For me, that's more important than just chasing a number," he said.

Across six events in 2024, Chopra made the podium each time winning twice and finishing runner-up on four occasions.

Following the Doha Diamond League, Neeraj is set to headline the Neeraj Chopra Classic in Haryana on May 24. Dubbed the NC Classic, the one-day meet is recognised as a World Athletics 'A' category event.



Following landmark debut, World League of Fighters prepares to elevate action with BKFC's second edition

DUBAI [UAE] : Dubai became the epicentre of combat sports as the World League of Fighters (WLF), in partnership with Dubai Sports Council, successfully staged Bare Knuckle Fighting Championship (BKFC) 71 & 72 at the iconic Dubai Duty Free Tennis Stadium on April 4th and 5th. In a seismic shift that's redefining the future of fighting, WLF co-founders Rajesh Banga and Sunil Mathew brought the world's fastest-growing combat sport to the heart of the Middle East, a region already surging with investments in Boxing, MMA and more.

The historic back-to-back events on April 4th and 5th lit up Dubai with 44 world-class fighters, delivering two nights of raw, high-octane action that left fans on the edge of their seats. By introducing BKFC to the region, WLF has not only elevated Dubai's reputation as a premier destination for elite sports but also carved out a new frontier for bare-knuckle fighting on the global stage.

Michael Bracewell rise in latest ICC Men's ODI all-rounder rankings following brilliant performance against Pakistan



DUBAI [UAE] : Star New Zealand player Michael Bracewell rose in the latest ICC Men's ODI all-rounder rankings by two spots following his strong performance against Pakistan in the three-match series, which the Blackcaps swept 3-0.

Bracewell contributed 85 runs with the bat, including a superb half-century in the final ODI, and grabbed two wickets in the three ODIs.

Bracewell's 59 (40) and 1/39 (8) helped him rise to fifth in the Rankings, leapfrogging compatriot Mitchell Santner (sixth) as the highest-ranked Kiwi in the category, as per the ICC official website.

The ODI Men's Batting Rankings witnessed no major change, with Shubman Gill retaining his No. 1 rank, followed by Pakistan's Babar Azam and India skipper Rohit Sharma.

Pakistan skipper Mohammad Rizwan climbed two places to reach 21 in the batting rankings

after a decent outing over the course of the three ODIs.

Bracewell, who walked in at 6 in the third ODI against Pakistan, scored 59 runs, including a four and six maximums. It powered the Black Caps' charge as they posted 264/8 on the board from their 42 overs.

Bracewell didn't stop there as he went on to grab the wicket of Faheem Ashraf, ending with an economical 1-39 from his eight overs, with Ben Sears' sizzling five-wicket haul leading the home side to a 43-run win and the series sweep.

His blitz with the bat has also pushed him up 12 places in the batter rankings, to 89th position, while retaining his 18th spot in the bowlers rankings.

Ben Sears was the big winner for the bowlers, taking five wickets to finish with 10 for the three matches, helping him to Player of the Series accolade. He jumped 64 spots in the bowling rankings.

ISPL star AbhishekDalhor joins Kolkata Knight Riders as net bowler for IPL

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : After a phenomenal run in the past two seasons of the Indian Street Premier League (ISPL), Majhi Mumbai's star all-rounder Abhishek Kumar Dalhor has been picked by Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) as a net bowler for the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) season.

Abhishek, the most expensive player in ISPL history, emerged as one of the standout performers in the league. He impressed everyone with his pace, consistency, skill and match-winning ability. A vital part of Amitabh Bachchan-owned Majhi Mumbai's title-winning campaign in Season 2, held earlier this year, Dalhor has quickly become a household name among cricket fans.

Across two seasons, the Ambala-born cricketer struck 324 runs and claimed 33 wickets in just 19 matches. His outstanding contributions earned him the Player of the Tournament Award in Season 1 and the Best Bowler of the Tournament Award in Season 2, as per the ISPL press

release.

Abhishek's journey from playing street tennis cricket to becoming a fan favorite is nothing short of inspiring. Hailing from a middle-class background, he began his career in street cricket like countless other hopefuls and went on to play in various local tournaments across the country. But it was the ISPL that truly changed his life and turned him into a household name.

From the streets of Haryana to the big stage of ISPL and now stepping into the IPL ecosystem, Abhishek's journey is a great example of how the ISPL has been revolutionising grassroots cricket in India. As the country's pioneering tennis-ball T-10 cricket league, ISPL offers aspiring cricketers a well-organised professional platform to showcase their skills and get noticed on the world stage.

Abhishek's selection by KKR is a powerful testament to ISPL's mission of unearthing and nurturing India's hidden grassroots cricket talent and transforming them into heroes.



X-Factor in the ISL Final: 5 players to watch out for in MBSG vs. BFC

KOLKATA (WEST BENGAL) : MohunBagan Super Giant (MBSG) are set to lock horns against Bengaluru FC (BFC) on Saturday at the Vivekananda Yuba BharatiKrirangan (VYBK) in the final of the Indian Super League (ISL) 2024-25, as per the ISL Media Team.



While MBSG will be eyeing the coveted double, having already clinched the League Shield, the Blues are set to target the ISL Cup to cap off a captivating campaign under Gerard Zaragoza's tutelage convincingly.

Both sides have embodied impeccable teamwork and collective brilliance, which have propelled them to the summit clash. However, when the stakes are exceedingly high, it is often the cutting-edge excellence of an individual who enables teams to differentiate themselves from their opponents.

Jamie Maclaren has been a revelation in his debut ISL season, netting 11 goals and notching two assists in 24 appearances, recording a conversion rate of 35.48%. His defined role upfront results in him embracing a limited responsibility in the final third, contributing minimally in the build-up, and instead banking on his tremendous efficiency to consistently get MBSG strikes.

Maclaren hasn't struck the back of the net in either of his two appearances against Bengaluru FC, though.

The talismanic Sunil Chhetri has had a record-equalling season, scoring 14 goals and bagging two assists in 27 matches. The 40-year-old has defied expectations by matching the numbers of his personal best season from 2017-18 (14G, 2A), and has carried his form into the playoffs, heading the strike against FC Goa in the semi-final that handed the Blues a place in the summit fixture.

LalengmaviraRalte has been a powerhouse at the centre of the park for MBSG, playing 21 games and averaging 47 passes per match at 83% accuracy. The midfielder has produced 14 goal-scoring opportunities, made 17 clearances, 31 interceptions, emerged victorious in 106 duels, and rounded off 131 recoveries.

He has won the third-most tackles (48) in the competition, and his only goal so far for the Mariners was the decisive one in the semi-final that sent MBSG into the final. Jose Molina will bank on the ex-Mumbai City FC star to stimulate them into dictating the flow of the proceedings in the middle.

Rahul Bheke has been an inspired signing made by Bengaluru FC in the summer, in a move that has paid rich dividends over the course of the season.

The seasoned defender has been vital to their philosophy of building attacks up from the back, averaging 50 passes per game at 85% accuracy. He has won 18 tackles, 44 aerial duels, alongside registering 15 blocks, 26 interceptions, and 80 recoveries. His 121 clearances have been essential in enabling the Blues to keep 10 clean sheets, whereas the 34-year-old has also come in handy in the final third with three goals to his name.

Subbasish Bose, the MBSG defender, has been dynamic on both ends of the field this, making the third-most interceptions (46) and scoring six goals - only behind Chhetri (14) and BrisonFernandes (7) amongst Indian players. Bose has been an excellent leader, winning an astonishing 152 duels, demonstrating his willingness to commit to tough situations and winning the ball back for his side, as enumerated by his 44 victorious tackles too.

Bengaluru FC will naturally have plans in place to cut down Bose's impact both defensively and on the offensive front, something that he would have to navigate to power his team to a historic ISL Cup title in front of their home crowd. Both teams have signified consistency and peerless promise thus far.

The aforementioned players look all set to play a pivotal part in propping up the performances required to get them that one last push and lay their hands on the ISL Cup.

ISL 2024-25 Final: Juicy tactical battle on the cards as Jose Molina, Gerard Zaragoza set sights on coveted Cup

KOLKATA (WEST BENGAL) : The stage is set for a high-stakes tactical showdown as MohunBagan Super Giant (MBSG) take on Bengaluru FC (BFC) in the final of the Indian Super League (ISL) 2024-25 season. The summit clash will unfold at the iconic Vivekananda Yuba BharatiKrirangan (VYBK) in Kolkata on Saturday, according to the ISL Media Team.

At the heart of this clash are two Spanish masterminds-Jose Molina (MBSG) and Gerard Zaragoza (BFC)--both no strangers to the big occasion. Molina, who led ATK to the title in 2016, returns to the ISL finale in his first season back with MBSG. Zaragoza, formerly the assistant to CarlesCuadrat during BFC's 2018-19 championship run, now gets his moment in the



spotlight as head coach.

There are quite a few facets where Molina and Zaragoza's fates align here. Besides their Spanish heritage, it is their first full season with the club.

While Zaragoza had joined Bengaluru FC midway through 2023-24, Molina entered the MBSG setup in the summer preceding this season.

The two tacticians have had successful previous spells in the league, suggesting that they were well-acquainted with the setup and structure, easing their transition and enabling them to hit the ground running immediately.

Molina, who has won 23 of his 43 games in the ISL so far, with his victory percentage of 53.5% being the third highest such rate for any head coach in the competition (min. 10 games) behind

only Albert Roca (66.7%) and Des Buckingham (57.4%), is refraining from calling out the favourites for the final, despite the game occurring in their home turf, where MBSG have been unbeaten this season.

"I think in the finals, nobody is a favourite. Anything can happen. Of course, we believe in ourselves. We trust in ourselves and in what we are doing. We think that if we are at our best, we are going to get the trophy," he remarked in the buildup to the match, as quoted from the ISL Media Team.

Zaragoza's men began the season with five consecutive wins and clean sheets and looked in strong contention to at least finish in the top two until about December. January came as a surprise for the Blues, though,

with the side losing four of their five matches, even dropping out of the top-six momentarily.

Three wins and a draw in their last five league fixtures saw BFC settle for third place before storming past Mumbai City FC and FC Goa in the playoffs. The character shown by Zaragoza's men in overcoming a difficult phase, coupled with the contributions of seasoned hands such as Sunil Chhetri, Rahul Bheke, and Alberto Noguera, propelled them into the final. Zaragoza blended their experience seamlessly with the youthful exuberance of players like VinithVenkatesh, Suresh Singh Wangiam and NamgyalBhuttia at different phases of the season.

"We have Sunil Chhetri, these amazing foreigners, this amazing defensive Indian line, and the

best goalkeeper in India. We are BFC. We need to remember that we have been in ISL, and we have played four finals. That says a lot," Zaragoza said in a statement of intent before the final.

When Zaragoza undertook the Bengaluru FC job in December 2023, he stressed on playing a positive brand of football. He has walked that talk with the Blues scoring 44 goals from inside the box this season - the highest amongst all sides. Their 51 big chances this season have been their highest such tally in a single campaign, and their 62.8% conversion rate this term is the team's best in a single season of the competition. Molina's MBSG, though, have not conceded a goal in their last seven home games, keeping a league-high 16 clean sheets.