



Christians community participated in a procession to mark Good Friday in Kolkata.

Purulia forest haunted? Claims of evil attacks on paths

MI News Service, Purulia: Panic grips several Purulia villages near Rakab forest as residents claims attacks by an “incorporate entity” on the Arjunjora-Kesargarh road, disrupting daily life and preventing students from attending school. Civic volunteers are on guard while science organization offer hefty rewards to anyone who can prove the existence of these supernatural forces, dismissing the claims as superstition.

Supernatural fear grips Purulia village, disrupting Normal life a wave of panic has engulfed several village near the Rakab forest in the Hura police station area of Purulia, West Bengal following claims of attacks by an alleged “incorporeal entity.” Residents of Arjunjora, Jajdi, Kudlung, Baghatara, Ramdi and neighboring area report being targeted by an unknown forces while traversing the Arjunjora-Keshargarh road adjacent to the forest. These claims have instilled such fear that normal life have been severely disrupted, with students unable

to attend school and forest-dependent individuals unable to carry out their livelihoods. In response to the widespread apprehension, civic volunteer have been deployed to patrol the affected roads in an effort to reassure the local populace. Simultaneously, members of the West Bengal Vigyan Mancha have visited the area to engage with residents and counsel them against succumbing to superstitious beliefs. In a move to challenges the veracity of these claims, the organization has offered a reward of the Rs 5 lakh to anyone who can provide tangible evidence of a disembodied spirit. Further reinforcing the skepticism, the Indian Science and Logic Society has announced a substantial reward of Rs 50 lakh for proof of supernatural powers, asserting that the incidents are rooted in superstition. Te unfolding situation follows the recovery of deceased 17-year-old from the Rakab forest a few weeks prior, which may be contributing to heightened sense of unease in community.

MAAsterG Empowers Kolkata police with “ Happiness Guarantee Program”



(L-R) Amit Verma (Deputy Commissioner, Armed Forces) & Alok Sanyal (ACP, Kolkata Police) felicitating MAAsterG- Motivational Speaker at the event on Friday

MI News Service, Kolkata: MAAsterG, a motivational life guide recently addressed approximately 250 Kolkata police officers at the Police Training School (PTS) as part of the his “ Happiness Guarantee Program.” Happiness Guarantee Program.” Invited by Lalbagazar (Kolkata Police Headquarters), the session aimed to tackle stress and anxiety within the force, a profession recognized as highly stressful due to traumatic exposure, lo9ng hours, and public perception challenges. Senior Police officials emphasized the initiative’s goal to boost morale and foster mental and spiritual growth among officer. MAAsterG’s “Vaani” (lecture) addressed stress management, spiritual growth, and achieving a balanced life. Key takeaways included insights on managing stress, aligning with scriptural principles (Bhagavad Gita, Dhammapade, Bible, Guru Granth Sahib, Vedas and

Upanishads) and fostering positive behavioral changes. MAAsterG’s “Happiness Guarantee Program” promises reduced stress, improved relationships, balanced life, and overall bliss. His mission, “MISSION 800 CRORE,” focuses on reaching the global population with his teachings. The Kolkata Police, established in 1856, comprises approximately 37,400 personnel across 10 divisions and 91 police stations, covering around 530.34 km² of the Kolkata Metropolitan Region. Before his spiritual awakening, MAAsterG, formerly Rajesh Kumar, was a successful Mumbai-based businessman. His pursuit of success led to health issues, prompting his spiritual transformation. MAAsterG’s Vaanis inspire a large following and he has recently addressed medical professionals at AIIMS New Delhi and spoken at events like the Global Spirituality Mahotsav and the World Confluence on Spirituality, Power & Humanity.

Pre-election arms seizure in Bihar, 4 arms dealers arrested

MI News Service, Deganga: With West Bengal elections approaching the Special Task Force(STF) arrested four arms dealers in Deganga, North 25 Parganas, recovering firearms and cartridges allegedly smuggled from Bihar. This follows previous arms seizures and allegations of out-of-state weapons influx, raising concerns about election-related violence.

The Bengal Special Task Force (STF) has made a significant breakthrough in its efforts to curb arms smuggling in the state, arresting four individuals from Deganga in North 24 Parganas district. The accused, identified as Amirul Mandal, Habil Mollah, Abu

Shahid Haji, and Giasuddin Gazi, we found in possession of four firearms, including two double-barreled guns, and four rounds of cartridges. According to the STF, the weapons were sourced from Bihar and were being brought to Deganga for sale. The STF acted on a tip-off from secret sources and conducted a raid, leading to the arrest of the four individuals. During interrogation, the accused revealed that the weapons were intended for sale at a substantial profit. The STF is now investigating the potential buyers and the intended use of the weapons. This arrest comes amid allegations of arms smuggling into Ben-

Malda Camp Chaos: "Forced Removal" Claims Erupt as Tents Torn Down



MI News Service, Malda: Displaced people in Malda’s vaishnavnagar shelter camps allege forced repatriation, sparking chaos when NHRC representatives visited. They claim authorities covered their living space with tarpaulin to restrict media access, and locals supporting them face detention and threats.

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The arrival of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) representatives at a shelter camp in Vaishnavnagar, Malda, on Friday morning was met with significant unrest. Displaced individuals expressed distress, claiming they were informed of imminent forced relocation, leading to sleepless nights filled with anxiety about their unknown destination. An elderly woman lamented the loss of her home and uncertainty about her future. Further allegations suggest that tarpaulin coverings were erected over the displaced individuals’ living areas, purportedly to obstruct communication with the media. This action reportedly triggered a protest, with residents tearing down the barriers. Concerns extend beyond the displaced, with allegations that Vaishnavnagar residents supporting them are facing detention and intimidation to prevent them from speaking out. The Additional Superintendent of Police of Malda stated that media access to the government camp is permitted, subject to obtaining prior authorization and adhering to designated time slots. The allegations of obstructed media access through tarpaulin coverings and subsequent protests remain undressed in their statement.

TMC sweeps Cooperative Poll with 27-0 win

MI News Service, Kolkata: In yet another commanding electoral performance, the Trinamool Congress (TMC) has clinched a sweeping victory in the prestigious co-operative election of the century-old Electro Urban Co-operative Credit Society, affiliated with CESC employees. The ruling party secured a complete 27-0 win, decisively defeating the joint Left-Congress alliance and asserting its growing dominance in organisational elections ahead of the crucial 2026 Assembly polls.

Founded in 1911, the Electro Urban Co-operative Credit Society handles significant financial transactions for CESC staff and had last gone to polls in 2010. At that time, the cooperative was under the control of the Left-Congress-backed workers’ union. This time, under the leadership of senior TMC leader and West

Bengal minister SobhandebChattopadhyay—also the president of the CESC Workers’ Union—the scenario witnessed a dramatic reversal.

Speaking on Thursday, Chattopadhyay highlighted the fractured state of the opposition, pointing out that despite forming an alliance, they failed to field candidates in 17 of the 27 seats. Of the 10 contested seats, TMC-backed SKWU (ShromikKarmachari Workers’ Union) emerged victorious in all, delivering a clean sweep for the ruling party.

With the 2026 Assembly election on the horizon, the Trinamool Congress appears to be tightening its grassroots grip, leaving the opposition increasingly marginalised. The results signal not only administrative strength but also growing worker confidence in the TMC’s leadership in critical institutional spaces.

Govt bus service resumes on Kolkata-Karimpur route

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant boost to regional connectivity, the state government has resumed direct public bus services between Kolkata and Karimpur, starting Friday. Operated by the South Bengal State Transport Corporation (SBSTC), the service was ceremonially inaugurated with two buses initially flagged off.

Previously, the Kolkata-Karimpur route was served by the West Bengal Transport Corporation (WBTC), which operated up to seven buses daily. However, this service was discontinued nearly three years ago, causing considerable inconvenience to commuters. The reintroduction of the route, albeit with a limited schedule of two buses per day for now, marks a welcome return.

As per the current schedule, one bus will depart from Kolkata at around 4:30 PM each day, reaching Karimpur in Nadia district via Krishnanagar and Tehatta by approximately 6:30 PM.

SBSTC Chairman SubhashMondal stated that the demand for reinstating the service had been consistently raised by the local MLA of Karimpur, citing the large number of commuters who travel regularly between Karimpur and the state capital. Responding to this public need, the state transport department, under Minister Snehasis Chakraborty, has acted swiftly to restore the service.

Mondal further noted that while a limited number of buses currently operate to Karimpur via Burdwan, the capacity is insufficient given the significant passenger flow. The reinstated route is expected to ease travel woes for many and enhance accessibility to the remote region.

Plans are also underway to expand the fleet further as new buses are acquired. The SBSTC is exploring the possibility of introducing additional services across underserved routes to strengthen the public transport network in Bengal.

DCGI bans 35 fixed dose drug combinations

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a decisive move aimed at bolstering patient safety and addressing growing concerns over unregulated drug combinations, the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) has issued a directive banning 35 fixed-dose combinations (FDCs) of medicines. The order, signed by DCGI chief Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi, has been dispatched to all state and Union Territory drug controllers, urging strict vigilance and enforcement.

The rationale behind this sweeping ban lies in the questionable safety and scientific validity of certain drug combinations. The central drug regulatory authority has observed that many pharmaceutical companies formulate combinations of two or more drugs in fixed doses under the belief that they will yield better therapeutic outcomes. However, these formulations often bypass rigorous pharmacological standards, leading to potentially severe side effects, long-term health risks, or even fatal consequences.

Among the banned FDCs are several widely used in everyday treatments. For example, common cough medications combining phenylephrine with dex-

tromethorphan or diphenhydramine are now prohibited. In diabetes care, combinations like metformin with dapagliflozin or glimepiride, which were once considered standard, fall under the ban. Similarly, in cardiovascular treatment, combinations such as rosuvastatin with clopidogrel and aspirin — frequently prescribed for heart patients — have been blacklisted.

In the realm of gastrointestinal ailments, drugs like norfloxacin plus metronidazole or ofloxacin with ornidazole have been popularly consumed, often without prescription. These too are now barred from production, sale, and export. Even advanced antibiotics such as meropenem with avibactam — considered a last resort for critical infections — are included in the prohibited list.

The DCGI has Instructed that no new manufacturing licenses should be granted for these combinations. Furthermore, pharmaceutical companies currently marketing these FDCs must be compelled to withdraw them from circulation. Regulatory authorities have been advised to ensure compliance at the earliest.

Voter list shows a living man dead

MI News Service, Kalyani: The name of a living man was shown dead in the voter list. It has recently happened at ward 3 of Gayeshpur Municipality under Kalyani Sub division in Nadia. Now, the same is under process for rectification.

Samir Majumder is a resident of ward 3 of Gayeshpur Municipality in Nadia. It came to the light, when the scrutiny of the voter list was going on at ward 3.

Councillor of the con-



cerned ward, Maran Kumar Dey said, " When the scrutiny of the voter list was in progress at ward 3, we came to know that the name of a local resident of ward 3, Samir Majumder showed as an expired man. But truly he is alive. We have stepped up to rectify it."

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CRPF force marching at Dhuliyai in murshidabad on Friday.

3 arrested in Hargobind-Chandan's murder case

MI News Service, Murshidabad: The police have arrested three people, including electrician Inzamam Haque, in connection with the murder of a father and son in Jafraabad. The family claims there are more culprits involved and questions the police’s role in the incident.

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Bus caught fire on Hooghly Bridge

MI News Service, Howrah: A dramatic incident unfolded on the Second Hooghly Bridge, also known as Vidyasagar Setu, in Howrah when a Purulia-bound bus suddenly caught fire while crossing the bridge. The bus, which had departed from Babughat in Kolkata, was engulfed in flames, prompting passengers to jump out of the windows to escape the inferno. Fortunately, no casualties were reported, thanks to the quick response of the Kolkata Police, Howrah City Police, and three fire engines that brought the blaze under control after an hour. The bus was completely destroyed, and authorities are investigating the cause of the fire.

A harrowing incident unfolded on the Second Hooghly Bridge, also known as Vidyasagar Setu, in Howrah, when a Purulia-bound bus suddenly caught fire while crossing the bridge, sending shockwaves through the evening commute. The bus, which had departed from Babughat in Kolkata, was engulfed in flames,

prompting passengers to jump out of the windows in a desperate bid to escape the inferno.

Eyewitnesses described the scene as “like something out of a movie,” with passengers trapped inside the bus desperately trying to escape through the windows as the flames spread rapidly. The driver and conductor managed to escape, and the passengers followed suit, jumping out of the bus in fear for their lives. The Kolkata Police and Howrah City Police responded swiftly to the incident, rushing to the spot to assist in evacuating the passengers and managing the situation. Three fire engines were deployed to the scene, and after an hour of intense effort, the fire was brought under control. However, the bus was completely destroyed in the blaze. Miraculously, despite the severity of the incident, no casualties were reported. The passengers, although shaken, were fortunate to have escaped the inferno without sustaining any major injuries. The police have claimed that no one was

injured in the incident.

The cause of the fire is currently being investigated by the authorities. While the exact reason behind the blaze is yet to be determined, the incident has raised concerns about vehicle safety and the potential risks associated with bus travel. The Second Hooghly Bridge Traffic Guard sources confirmed that the bus had started from Babughat and was headed to Purulia when the fire broke out. The incident has highlighted the importance of regular vehicle maintenance and the need for prompt action in emergency situations.

The swift response of the police and fire services undoubtedly prevented what could have been a major tragedy. The incident serves as a stark reminder of the unpredictability of such events and the importance of being prepared for emergencies. As the investigation into the cause of the fire continues, the focus remains on ensuring the safety and well-being of the passengers who narrowly escaped the inferno.

Bansberia Ulemas challenge Centre: “We reject Waqf Amendment Act, return our Waqf Law”

MI News Service, Hooghly: Amid thunder, wind, and rain, Bansberia’s Boro Para More in Dingal Haat reverberated with powerful slogans: “Long live the Muslims of India,” “Return our Waqf law,” and “Oppression will no longer be tolerated.” Braving the inclement weather, thousands gathered, holding placards and raising slogans in protest of the 2025 Waqf Amendment Act.

Organized by local imams and supported by members of the community, the protest followed Friday prayers and was held peacefully under the close watch of Mogra Police. A special meeting on Thursday between Bansberia’s prominent clerics and local authorities had emphasized that the gathering would be a “protest meeting” rather than a procession.

The meeting was conducted with religious solemnity and unity. Among



those who addressed the gathering were Imam Nematullah Rizvi (Ganges Jama Masjid), Imam Matinur Rehman (Jinnati Masjid, Islam Para), Imam Qamaruddin Hashmati (Ghazi Dargah Shahi Masjid), Imam Wazi al Qamar (Sufia Masjid), Imam Sami Ahmed, Imam Obaid Raza, and others.

Speaker after speaker condemned the Waqf Amendment Act, claiming it was a deliberate attempt by the central government to marginalize Muslims

and seize control of their charitable and religious assets. “They are targeting our properties—mosques, schools, even graves,” said an Imam, “Is this not our country too? Are our sacrifices in the freedom movement forgotten?”

Allegations included the inclusion of non-Muslims in Waqf boards, the illegal occupation of donated lands, and systemic erasure of Muslim contributions to India. “If they truly believe in ‘Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas,’ then why are Muslims being excluded, humiliated, and bulldozed?”

The Ulemas also lauded the Supreme Court for taking up the issue and prayed for justice when the matter is heard again on May 5. The gathering concluded with a pledge to continue peaceful protests until the central government revokes the amended law and restores the original Waqf Act.



East Bengal, became the champions on Friday by defeating Gokulam 3-0 in the Indian Women's League. Sports Minister Aroop Biswas and East Bengal Women's Team Captain Sweety Devi received the trophy on behalf of East Bengal Club.

Made-in India electronics...

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the importance of precision tools and capital goods in manufacturing, Vaishnaw announced that the scheme will also support the design and manufacturing of capital equipment used in electronics production. "Just like the Semiconductor Mission encouraged companies like Applied Materials and Lam Research to invest in India, this scheme will promote a similar model for the electronics component ecosystem," he said. Chemical and gas majors such as Linde has already begun establishing facilities in India, and several global players are in discussions to join the ecosystem. Highlighting the structural nuances of the components sector, the Minister noted

that electronic component manufacturing typically requires higher investment and has a longer gestation period compared to finished goods. Accordingly, the scheme will offer three incentive structures like Turnover-linked incentive, Capex-linked incentive and Hybrid incentive model. The Minister emphasized that employment generation will be a mandatory requirement for all applicants, including both component manufacturers and capital equipment producers. This emphasis on job creation underlines the government's continued commitment to inclusive growth and the development of a robust electronics manufacturing ecosystem in India.

Central forces to remain...

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Appearing for the Suti and Samserganj-Dhulian in the district. Meanwhile, the state government submitted in the court that the law and order situation in the district is currently under control. They also submitted that some of the affected families who took shelter in relief camps in neighbouring Malda district after crossing the mighty Bhagirathi river last week after their houses were vandalised and burnt, have already returned to their homes.

Appearing for the state, senior advocate Kalyan Banerjee submitted before the bench that more than 270 people have been arrested till midnight on Wednesday in connection with the violence, while Chief minister Mamata Banerjee has been appealing for calm and maintain of absolute peace and harmony among all communities in the state. She also urged the people not to fall prey to any rumours and directed the state police to take stern action against the rumour mongers.

US Vice-President JD Vance...

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the sources informed further. Vance is travelling to India against the backdrop of Trump's policy on tariffs that triggered massive trade disruptions and fears of a global economic recession. Days after his reciprocal tariff kicked in this month, Trump announced a 90-day pause on it for all countries, except China as countries around the world wilted under the impact of the seismic action. US National Security Adviser Michael Waltz had also planned to visit India early next week but the trip has been postponed for some unavoidable reasons. In Rome, Vance will hold talks with Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni before meeting with the Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin to participate in ceremonies ahead of Easter Sunday. The visit by US Vice President Vance is taking place only a month after US Director of National Intelligence (DNI) Tulsi Gabbard travelled to India. The DNI held separate meetings with Prime Minister Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, External Affairs Minister Jaishankar and NSA Doval. The US president's tariff tussle has stoked fears of a global trade war. Following talks between Modi and Trump in Washington DC in February, the two sides announced that they would negotiate the first tranche of the bilateral trade agreement by the fall of 2025. Ke Secrets. Meanwhile, during his visit to Jaipur, Vance is expected to address a conference at the Jaipur Exhibition and Convention

Centre (JECC), a significant engagement amid ongoing trade and tariff tensions between India and the United States. Ahead of this visit Rajasthan Chief Secretary Sudhansh Pant held a high-level meeting on Friday on how to welcome the US Vice President and his family. Both central and state security agencies have been placed on high alert in Jaipur ahead of the visit. Preparations are being closely coordinated to ensure a seamless security cover for the Vice President's stay. Adding to the heightened activity, two US Air Force C-17 Globemaster aircraft — among the largest military cargo planes in the world — landed at Jaipur International Airport over the past two days. These aircraft are extensively used by both the American and Indian armed forces for transporting troops and heavy equipment. According to airport officials, these aircraft delivered security and technical equipment likely intended for use during the Vice President's visit. If the proposed itinerary is approved, JD Vance may visit Jaipur's iconic heritage sites, including Amer Fort and Jantar Mantar, on April 22. As a precaution, tourist access to these monuments could be restricted during his visit. Local administration at Amer Fort has reportedly begun preparations for the occasion. After his engagements in Jaipur, Vance is expected to travel to Agra and then to New Delhi. However, it remains unconfirmed whether he will return to the United States directly from Delhi or make another stop in Jaipur before concluding his India tour.

Judiciary acting like 'super'...

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grants Supreme Court the power to issue orders that ensure "complete justice" in any matter being heard by it. Calling out the Supreme Court's recent order deciding timelines for the President and Governors for granting assent to bills, Dhankhar said, "There is a directive to the President by a recent judgment. Where are we heading? What is happening in the country? We have to be extremely sensitive. It is not a ques-

tion of someone filing a review or not. We never bargained for democracy for this day. President being called upon to decide in a time-bound manner, and if not, becomes law," he reportedly said. "We cannot have a situation where you direct the President of India and on what basis? The only right you have under the Constitution is to interpret the Constitution under Article 145(3). There it has to be five judges or more...." Dhankhar stressed.

Shashi Panja accuses Centre of using NHRC to tarnish Bengal's image

MI News Service, Kolkata: Amid the National Human Rights Commission's visit to Malda following the Murshidabad Wafk violence, West Bengal Minister Shashi Panja has raised serious concerns over the Centre's intent behind dispatching central fact-finding teams. She alleged that the NHRC's visit is politically motivated, aiming to discredit the state administration rather than provide genuine redress to victims.

Yet, year after year, these commissions are sent solely to vilify West Bengal. There is a clear political agenda at play," Panja said. Drawing comparisons with ongoing violence in other parts of the country, she further stated, "If these national commissions truly cared about human rights, they would have prioritized visiting Manipur, where far more severe violations are reported. Instead, they ignore the assessments of our own state commissions and proceed to provoke local sentiments under the guise of

hearing grievances." She accused the NHRC of acting in a manner that indirectly serves the interests of the ruling party at the Centre. "This conveniently aids the BJP's narrative against Bengal, creating unnecessary tension and undermining the efforts of our local governance," Panja asserted. According to her, national bodies like the NHRC and National Commission for Women often bypass local fact-finding, instead stoking unrest under the pretext of ensuring justice. "Encouraging people to lodge

complaints while disregarding the efforts of the state commissions shows a lack of respect for federalism," she added. Panja's remarks come amid heightened tensions following days of unrest in Murshidabad, where protests over the Wafk Amendment Act spiraled into violence, leading to at least three fatalities and widespread property damage. The NHRC visit, while officially aimed at assessing rights violations, has now become a focal point in the larger political confrontation between the state and the Centre.

Scientists reveal...

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be housed in a much larger 91km tunnel in the Geneva basin between the Jura mountains and the Alps. The first stage of the FCC would be the construction and operation of a collider for electrons (the lightweight particles that make up the outer shell of atoms) and positrons (the antimatter mirror images of electrons). This collider would allow more precise measurements of the Higgs boson. The second stage would be a collider for protons (heavier particles found in the cores of atoms). The LHC already collides protons, but the new collider would accelerate the protons up to more than seven times as much energy. This increase in collision energy allows for the discovery of particles never produced by humanity before. It also brings with it technical challenges, such as the development of high-powered superconducting magnets. The most high-profile result from the LHC has been the discovery of the Higgs boson, which lets us explain why particles in the universe have mass: they interact with the so-called Higgs field which permeates all of space. This was a great victory for what we call the Standard Model. This is the theory that, to the best of our current knowledge, explains all the fundamental particles in the universe and their interactions. However, the Standard Model has significant weaknesses, and leaves some crucial questions unanswered. For example, we know the Higgs field can explain the mass of heavy particles. However, it is possible that a completely different mechanism provides mass to lighter particles. We also want to know whether the Higgs field gives mass to the Higgs boson itself. To answer these Higgs questions we will need the higher energies that the FCC will provide. The FCC will also let us take a closer look at the interactions of very heavy quarks. (Quarks are the tiniest components of protons and some other particles.) We hope this may shed light on the question of why the universe contains so much more matter than antimatter. And the FCC will help us look for new particles that might be dark matter, a mysterious substance that seems to pervade the universe. Of course, there is no guarantee that the FCC will provide the answers to these questions. That is the nature of curiosity-driven research. You know the journey, but not the destination. The FCC is not the only major particle physics project under consideration. Another is a proposed 20-kilometre machine called the International Linear Collider, which would likely be built in Japan. The US has several projects on the go, mainly detectors of various kinds. It also supports an "offshore Higgs factory", located in Europe or Japan. One project that may concern the FCC's backers is the planned 100 kilometre Chinese Electron Positron Collider (CEPC), which has significant similarities to the FCC. This poses a dilemma for Europe: if China goes ahead with their project, is the FCC still worthwhile? On the other hand, CERN chief Fabiola Gianotti has argued that the FCC is necessary to keep up with China. The decision on the FCC won't be taken lightly, given the large cost associated with the project. CERN estimates the first stage will cost 15 billion Swiss francs (around USD18 billion or a USD 28 billion at current exchange rates), spread out over 12 years. One third of this cost is the tunnel construction. The size of the sum has attracted criticism. However, a CERN spokesperson said that up to 80 per cent of the cost would be covered by the organisation's current annual budget. The second stage of FCC, which would reuse the 91km tunnel as well as some existing LHC infrastructure, is currently estimated to cost 19 billion Swiss francs. This costing carries a large uncertainty, as the second stage would not be commissioned until 2070 at the earliest. Pure science has not been the only benefit of the LHC. There have been plenty of practical technological spin-offs, from medical technology to open and free software. One specific example is the Medipix chips developed for a detector at the LHC, which are now used across multiple areas in medical imaging and material science. For the past 70 years, CERN has served as a fantastic model for peaceful and efficient international collaboration. Beyond its astonishing scientific output, it has also produced significant advances in engineering that have spread through society.



Preparation of CITU rally at Brigade Parade ground in Kolkata on Friday.

Speaker Biman Banerjee intervenes as Bengal Assembly caps MLAs' health expenses

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal Legislative Assembly has decided to impose stricter regulations on health-related expense claims submitted by Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs), following a fresh controversy over a high-value medical bill. This renewed scrutiny particularly concerns eyewear and hospital bed expenses, which have long been points of contention. The Assembly has now capped reimbursements for spectacles at a maximum of 5,000 per MLA. This move comes in the wake of an earlier incident involving former Refugee Rehabilitation Minister Sabitri Mitra, who in 2013 submitted a medical bill amounting to 99,880. Mitra had claimed expenses for two pairs of spectacles, each costing 35,000 from a Park Street optician, along

with additional charges for repairs and daily medications. Following widespread public backlash and criticism, she eventually withdrew the claim. In a bid to restore fiscal discipline and transparency, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had previously stated on the Assembly floor that no MLA should spend more than 5,000 on spectacles. The Assembly authorities have now reiterated this guideline after a recent case involving an MLA from Murshidabad, who submitted a bill exceeding 1 lakh for eye surgery performed at a private hospital near the Eastern Metropolitan Bypass. The bill included charges for medical lenses and other associated procedures. In addition to eyewear, the Assembly has now also set a limit on hospital bed expenses. MLAs

can claim a maximum of 8,000 for bed charges. However, in cases involving ICU or ITU treatment, each case will be reviewed individually by the Assembly before reimbursement is approved. The Incident with the Murshidabad legislator prompted direct intervention from Speaker Biman Banerjee. Upon learning of the bill's size, the Speaker contacted the private hospital for clarification and has since received a detailed explanation from its management. Despite the new guidelines, the Speaker has clarified that a final decision on the Murshidabad MLA's reimbursement will only be taken after a thorough review of the entire medical bill. "I will examine all details carefully before arriving at a conclusion," he said.

Mamata sends wedding wishes to Dilip Ghosh

MI News Service, Kolkata: Despite sharp political disagreements and numerous verbal attacks from BJP leader Dilip Ghosh in the past, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee rose above party lines on his special day. With dignity and political maturity, she extended warm wishes to the former BJP state president on his wedding, sending a bouquet of flowers and a formal message via state officials. On Friday, a yellow envelope bearing the West Bengal government's insignia arrived at Dilip Ghosh's residence, containing a handwritten note with his name and address, alongside a bouquet. It was a subtle yet significant gesture from the Chief Minister—one that did not go unnoticed. Ghosh, who is known for his fiery and often controversial remarks, especially targeting Mamata Banerjee, expressed his gratitude, stating, "I thank the Chief Minister. She is the guardian of West Bengal and elder to me. I seek her blessings." His response marks a rare moment of civility amidst the ongoing political rivalry.



Dilip Ghosh tied the knot with Rinku Majumdar at his New Town residence. The ceremony was conducted according to Vedic rituals in an intimate setting with close friends and family. Rinku, a BJP observer from North Kolkata suburbs, reportedly admired Ghosh's boldness, leading to a relationship that eventually culminated in marriage. The celebration saw visits from BJP leaders such as Sukanta Majumdar, Shamik Bhattacharya, Locket Chatterjee, and Mangal Pandey. Interestingly, even Trinamool MP Kirti Azad visited, offering sweets in a show of goodwill. Senior Trinamool figures like Kunal Ghosh, Debangshu Bhattacharya, and Chandrima Bhattacharya also conveyed their best wishes.

Chief Secy to chair high-level review meeting on 12 key depts

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a major administrative initiative, the West Bengal government will conduct a high-level review meeting on Saturday at Nabanna to evaluate the progress of various developmental projects managed by 12 crucial departments. The meeting, scheduled to commence at 2 PM, will be chaired by Chief Secretary Manoj Pant and will include senior bureaucrats such as District Magistrates, Additional District Magistrates, and departmental secretaries. According to official sources, the review will encompass a detailed examination of work being undertaken across departments including Home, Health, Disaster Management, Power, Public Health Engineering, Irrigation, Land and Land Revenue, Agriculture, Industry, Micro and Small Enterprises, Panchayats and Rural Development, and Urban Development. This meeting comes amid growing administrative attention toward ensuring efficiency and transparency in government operations. Projects spearheaded by these departments form the backbone of the state's welfare and infrastructural framework, and the Chief Secretary is expected to seek comprehensive reports on the current status and roadblocks affecting their execution. Discussions are also likely to touch on sensitive and high-priority issues such as the recent unrest in Murshidabad and the state's approach to tackling counterfeit medicines. These topics are expected to be raised in light of public safety and administrative accountability.

Fire breaks out at Park Street's sweet shop



MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata was once again rattled by a fire incident on Friday afternoon, this time in the heart of the city's bustling Park Street area. Flames were reported from the ground floor of Queens Mansion, a prominent building in the area, causing considerable panic among locals, officegoers, and shopkeepers. "Fire broke out at a sweet shop at Park Street area," official said. According to initial reports, the fire originated at the rear section of a sweet shop located on the ground floor of the building. Thick black smoke was seen billowing from the shop, quickly spreading through the premises and prompting immediate evacuation. The area, known for its dense concentration of offices, restaurants, and commercial establishments, descended into chaos as passersby rushed to safety. Upon receiving the alert, four fire tenders from the Kolkata Fire and Emergency Services were swiftly dispatched to the site. Personnel from Shakespeare Sarani

rapidly from the structure, causing widespread fear and confusion. As a precaution, most parts of Queens Mansion were vacated, and the surrounding zone was cordoned off by police. Residents and workers were escorted to a safe distance, and fire containment efforts continued for over an hour. The cause of the fire remains under investigation. While initial suspicions point towards a possible short circuit or a malfunctioning air-conditioning unit, fire officials have not ruled out other technical causes. "The fire broke out from an air-conditioner. One of the doors has been sealed," said an employee at the shop. Forensic and electrical inspection teams are expected to arrive at the site to conduct a thorough assessment. As per reports, no casualties or injuries have been reported. The situation is under control, but the authorities remain vigilant. A detailed report is expected once investigations conclude. The authorities have started investigation in the case.

Sourav Ganguly politely distances himself from Nabanna Abhijan

MI News Service, Kolkata: Sourav Ganguly, the former Indian cricket captain and one of Bengal's most cherished icons, has made it unequivocally clear that he does not wish to be associated with any political agitation or public movement. On Friday, while speaking to journalists at his Behala residence, Ganguly folded his hands in a gesture of humility and requested, "Please do not involve me in these matters." The statement came in response to a question about whether he would join the April 21 Nabanna Abhijan — a protest march called by the 'Oikya Manch', a collective platform of termi-

nated teachers and job aspirants. The movement gained momentum after the Supreme Court scrapped the 2016 School Service Commission (SSC) panel, which led to the dismissal of over 26,000 teaching and non-teaching staff. During a private event at his residence, Ganguly was approached by media personnel who asked about his involvement in the upcoming protest. The former BCCI President appeared visibly uncomfortable and responded, "What is this about? I'm not aware." He then added, with folded hands, "Kindly don't drag me into politics."



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I, Kalyan Barua (old name) S/O Surendralal Barua, residing at Banagram, P.S.- Bishnupur, Dist.- South 24 Pgs, Pin- 700104, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kalyan Mitra Barua (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 17/04/2025. Kalyan Mitra Barua (new name) and Kalyan Barua (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sabarna Chowdhuri (old name) W/O Dipanjan Chowdhuri, residing at 41A, Simla Road, Manikatala, Beadon Street, Kolkata- 700006, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sabarna Banerjee (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 17/04/2025. Sabarna Banerjee (new name) and Sabarna Chowdhuri (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Shamim Akhtar & Mohammad Shamim(Old Name) S/O Mohammad Osman,Residing At Sairun Manzil, 30/1, Benia Para Lane,Po-Entally,Ps-Beniapukur,Kolkata-700014,West Bengal,India,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Shamim (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 17/04/2025. Shamim Akhtar And Mohammad Shamim (Old Name) And Md Shamim (New Name) All Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Noor Ali (old name) S/O Anwar Ali, residing at 45, Tiljala Masjid Bari Lane, Kolkata- 700039, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Noor Ali (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 17/04/2025. Md Noor Ali (new name) and Noor Ali (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Satya Debnath (old name) S/O Radha Kanta Debnath, residing at 114, Laxmi Narayan Road, PO- Rabindra Nagar, Barrackpore, 700065, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Satya Ranjan Debnath (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 17/04/2025. Satya Ranjan Debnath (new name) and Satya Debnath (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Goutam Dutta (old name) S/O Ambika Charan Dutta, residing at URBANA D 21,NRI COMPLEX BL-D 21 783 ANANDAPUR, PO-E.K.T.P, Kolkata, 700107, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Goutam Dutta (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 17/04/2025. Goutam Dutta (new name) and Goutam Dutta (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Rabindra Nath Karmakar S/o Anil Kumar Karmakar,Residing At Village Fatepur, P.S. Fatepur, P.S. Hanskhal,Pin-741507 Dist-Nadia, vide an Affidavite Sworn before the court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st class) at Alipore. On. 8/04/25. That my father Anil Kumar Karmakar and Anil Karmakar is the Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Priya Mondal (old name) D/o, Tridib Mondal, R/o. 63, S. N. Majumder Road, Konchali, Tribeni, Mogra, Hooghly-712503, W.B., after marriage have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Priya Das (new name) W/o. Bishakh Das vide an affidavit No. 2986 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 17/04/2025. Priya Mondal D/o, Tridib Mondal & Priya Das W/o. Bishakh Das, both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammad Abdul Kaium (old name) S/o. Akmal Sekh, R/o. Harit (Uttarpara), Harit, Dadpur, Hooghly-712305, W.B., have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mohammad Abdul Kaium Sekh (new name) vide an affidavit No. 2979 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 17/04/2025. Mohammad Abdul Kaium as well as Mohammad Abdul Kaium Sekh S/o. Akmal Sekh both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, Pervez Sherosh Kaikobad, son of Late Sherosh Kaikobad Kaikobad, residing at 010502, Fort Oasis, 37, Panditai Road, Ballygunge, P.O. Sarat Bose Road, Kolkata 700029, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that Sherosh Kaikobad Kaikobad, Sherosh Kaikobad and S. K. Kaikobad identically refer to my deceased father is one and same identical person via affidavit before the Ld 1st Class Magistrate Kolkata dated 11th April 2025

NAME CHANGE
I, Arun Kumar Kundu, S/O- Sri Biswanath Kundu, Residing at Vill. Present- Hazipur, P.O.- Debkhanda, P.S.- Goghat, Dist.- Hooghly have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Arun Kundu as declared before the Executive Magistrate Arambagh Court, West Bengal vide affidavit no. 2542 dated 28/07/2011 Arun Kumar Kundu and Arun Kundu both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Paromita Mondal, D/o Sarit Mondal, R/O- 65/1, Amalangsuh Sen Road, South Dum Dum, Kolkata - 700048, shall be known as Nasifa Mondal as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Bidhannagar Court vide affidavit (No.1132) Dated 18.04.2022. Paromita Mondal & Nasifa Mondal both is the same & identical person.

Revised timings of Bha- galpur – Danapur Intercity Express at Patna Station

MI News Service, Kolkata: Railway has decided to re- vise the timings of 13401 Bhagalpur - Danapur Inter- city Express at Patna station over East Central Railway with effect from 20.04.2025. 13401 Bha- galpur – Danapur Intercity Express will arrive Patna at 10:40 hrs. instead of 11:00 hrs. and will leave Patna at 10:45 hrs. instead of 11:10 hrs.

3rd largest econ- omy in next 3 yrs says Niti Aayog CEO Subrahmanyam

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Indian economy, which is now the fifth largest in the world, will be bigger than Germany and Japan in the next three years, Niti Aayog CEO B.V.R. Subrahmanyam said. “We will be bigger than Germany and Japan in three years” time. By 2047, we could be the second largest economy (\$30 trillion),” he said in New Delhi, according to a PTI report. “End of next year, we will be the fourth largest. Year after that will be the third largest,” he added, com- menting on the Indian econ- omy, which stands at \$4.3 trillion, according to the IMF. The Niti Aayog CEO noted that problems faced by middle-income countries are very different from those in a low-income country. “It is nothing about feeding the poor or, you know, clothing the naked. It is about how you become a knowledge economy,” he said. Subrah- manyam further said India can become an education hub for the world as the single biggest advantage it has, keeping all other things aside, is its democracy. He also pointed out that Japan is taking 15,000 Indian nurses, Germany is taking 20,000 healthcare workers as they do not have people, and the family systems have broken down there. “India will be a stable supplier of working age people across the world...this is going to be our single biggest strength,” he said. Growth forecast trimmed: Fitch Ratings on Thursday cut India’s GDP growth estimate by 10 basis points to 6.4 per cent for the current fiscal, but retained the projections for the next financial year, on concerns over a ‘severe’ escalation in global trade war.

Name Change
I, Soma Chakraborty, Wife Of Dibakar Chakraborty, Residing At G-5,Baghajatin,Rajpur Sonarpur (M), South 24 parganas - 700084, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Soma Pradhan Vide An Affidavit No 1688 Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magis- trate At Alipore On 30/01/2025. That Soma Chakraborty And Soma Pradhan Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Saheb Deyasi (old name) S/O Golok Deyashi, residing at Vill & P.O.- Nibra, P.S.- Domjur, Howrah- 711409, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Saheb Deyashi (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 17/04/2025. Saheb Deyashi (new name) and Saheb Deyasi (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Golok Deyasi (old name) S/O Late Kantalar Deyashi, residing at Vill & P.O.- Nibra, P.S.- Domjur, Howrah- 711409, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Golok Deyashi (new name) as de- clared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 17/04/2025. Golok Deyashi (new name) and Golok Deyasi (old name) both are same and identical person.

DATE OF BIRTH CHANGE
I, SHOBA DEVI, daughter of Ramnarayan Sah & wife of Nitish Kumar, (D.O.B. 05/12/1984), residing at Near SD High School, Sirsia, Hanumanganj, Araria, Bihar-854334, India, That my correct and true date of birth is 05/12/1984 which is recorded and appeared in my Aadhar Card & PAN Card and in my School Marksheet lying with Bihar School Examination Board, Patna, vide SL No. 4205698, Roll Code: 11211 Roll No. 0167. That in the record of Bihar Regiment JCI/Army No. JC563234F wherein my date of birth is showing as 15/12/1986 instead and in place of my actual, true and complete date of birth is 05/12/1984 as per mentioned in my aforementioned Aadhar card and Pan card and school record. That henceforth I swear this affidavit for the purpose of showing my actual, true and complete date of birth is 05/12/1984 which is evident and authentic before any competent authority as and when required. Vide Affidavit before the CJM Court, Kolkata-1. Solemnly affirmed and declared before me at Calcutta No. 3159 on 16th April 2025.

Two-Hour Rishikesh to Karnaprayag Journey
A New Chapter in Indian Railways



“For the first time, TBM technology has been used in a hilly region under this project. The single-shield rock TBM with a diameter of 9.11 meters has delivered remarkable speed and precision, setting a new benchmark in India’s construction sector.”

— Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways

The journey from Yog Nagari Rishikesh to Tap Nagari Karnaprayag is soon going to take just two hours. Indian Railways has achieved a historic breakthrough in the construction of the country’s longest railway tunnel, thanks to the blessings of ‘Shiv’ and ‘Shakti’ in Devbhoomi (Land of the Gods). Spanning over 125 kilometers, the Rishikesh-Karnaprayag rail project is set to redefine Uttarakhand’s natural beauty, sacred sites, and spiritual significance.

Millions of pilgrims travel each year to visit the Char Dham—Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath, and Badrinath. However, due to the tough terrain and limited connectivity, they have long faced major challenges. To overcome these and link remote regions of Uttarakhand to the national rail network, the Rishikesh-Kar- naprayag Rail Project was launched.

Once completed, this project will fulfill the long-awaited wish of uninterrupted access to the Char Dham for millions of devotees.

Engineering Feat in the Heart of the Himalayas: Located in Seismic Zone IV, this project navigates through geologically sensitive terrain. A key highlight is the 14.577 km-long railway tunnel between Devprayag and Janasu, the longest railway tunnel in India. On April 16, 2025, Railway Min- ister Ashwini Vaishnaw and Uttarak- hand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhani inaugurated the breakthrough of Tunnel T-8, a significant engineering milestone. Out of 38 planned tunnel breakthroughs, 28 have been com- pleted. The first phase is expected to be completed by the end of 2026, with full operations likely by mid-2027.

Modern construction methods, in- cluding the use of Tunnel Boring Ma- chines (TBMs), have played a key role in accelerating progress. In August 2024, TBMs named ‘Shiv’ and ‘Shakti’ set a record by excavating 1080.11 running meters of tunnel in just one month. Another marvel of this project is Rail Bridge No. 8, showcasing state- of-the-art engineering.

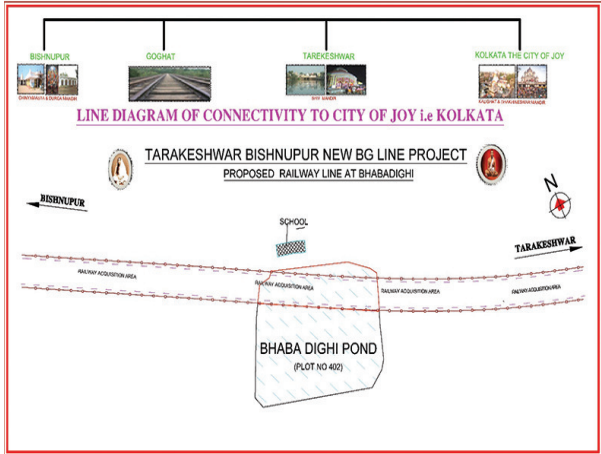
Bridging Yoga and Tapasya: The

125.2 km broad gauge railway line will connect Rishikesh to Karnaprayag and is a vital component of Indian Railways’ Char Dham Railway Project, which aims to connect all four sacred pilgrim- age sites in Uttarakhand. The total es- timated cost of the project is over ₹16,000 crore. What makes it unique is that 83% of the route passes through tunnels, consisting of 17 main tunnels and 12 escape tunnels, with a com- bined tunnel length of 213 km, of which 193 km has already been constructed.

Connecting 5 Key Districts: Cur- rently, the road journey from Rishikesh to Karnaprayag takes 6–7 hours, often longer due to landslides and weather- related delays. With this rail line, the same trip will be completed in approx- imately 2 hours, making it faster, safer, and more reliable for pilgrims, tourists, and locals alike. Since 83% of the track passes through tunnels, the line will re- main largely unaffected by heavy rain- fall, snowfall, or landslides, ensuring year-round connectivity for Char Dham travelers. The project will directly con- nect five districts of Uttarakhand: Dehradun, Tehri Garhwal, Pauri Garhwal, Rudraprayag, and Chamoli. Cities and towns like Rishikesh, Muni ki Reti, Devprayag, Srinagar, Rudra prayag, Gauchar, and Karnaprayag will be accessible via train. This will en- hance access to healthcare, education, employment, and markets for remote hill communities.

Economic and Social Impact: The Rishikesh-Karnaprayag rail project is poised to boost tourism in Uttarakhand. Along with the Char Dham pilgrimage, destinations like Rishikesh, Haridwar, and Auli will become more accessible, supporting local businesses, hospitality, and transport sectors. Towns such as Devprayag, Srinagar, Rudraprayag, and Gauchar are expected to see in- creased economic activity and job op- portunities for local residents. The broader Char Dham Rail Project aims to eventually link Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath, and Badrinath via the In- dian railway network.

The Tarakeswar-Bishnupur
New Line Project will completely
uplift the Socio-Economic
Scenario of the entire Corridor



*Eastern Railway urges co- operation from all stake holders for quick comple- tion of the entire project

MI News Service, Kolkata: Tarakeswar – Bishnupur new Railway line project is a transformative initiative set to redefine connectivity and tourism prospects in this region. After comple- tion, this Railway line will seamlessly link the her- itage site of Bishnupur’s terracotta temples with the famed Lord Shiva temple at Tarakeswar. This line also traversing through the religious and cultural places of immense tourist interest like native villages of Yugapurush Ramakr- ishna Paramhansa and holy mother Sharada Devi at Joyrambati and Ka- marpukur respectively.

Presently, the tourism circuit encompassing Bish- nupur-Joyrambati-Ka- marpukur-Tarakeswar heavily relies on road transport which not only consumes time but also poses travelling hazards. At present, the local train journey from Howrah to Goghat takes 2 hrs. & 30 minutes and if the link up to Bishnupur is estab- lished, it will take another 30 minutes. A bus journey upto Bishnupur will take more than 5 hrs. whereas the journey by EMU train will be completed in 3 hours. The fare from Howrah to Bishnupur by a EMU train will be around ₹30/- whereas the fare by bus journey will be around ₹150/-.

Out of 82.50 Km length between Tarakeswar and Bishnupur, 72.07 Km (87% length) have already been commissioned till date. In the current financial year, this Goghat Jayrambati stretch (10.43 Km) is tar- geted to be commissioned. The works in 900 m stretch near Bhabadighi pond is stopped due to re- sistance from locals since

March, 2016. The align- ment of the Railway line between Goghat and Joyrambati unavoidably passes through a small portion of Bhabadighi pond. The area of this portion is 3 acres out of the total pond area of 17.5 acres and has already been acquired by Rail- ways. The alignment of the track in this area has been fixed on the basis of a number of considerations and constraints and hence cannot be changed. Time and again, Railway has been emphasizing the need to complete the project at the earliest as the delays so far have led to cost overrun to the tune of Rs. 270 crores and time overrun of 07 years, apart from missed opportunities of economic prosperity to the people of the region.

Recently, in a verdict on a public interest litiga- tion, the Kolkata High Court has held that the project is beneficial to a large population and is serving public interest. Therefore, the project should be started within three months and has ad- vised all concerned to co- operate with Railways towards completion of the project. Eastern Railway is coordinating with the State authorities and is ready to start the work. Faster connectivity, lower transport cost , easy ac- cessibility to wider market for the local produce through direct Rail transport and pollution free transport fa- cilitating sustainable de- velopment will bring ease of living for this area when the entire project will be completed. Eastern Rail- way urges all stakeholders, including local communities to cooperate in realizing the shared vision of a connected and prosperous Tarakeswar- Bishnupur Railway corridor.

Obstructing in running trains is
a Punishable Offence – Offend-
ers can be taken up under provi-
sions of The Railways Act 1989

MI News Service, Kolkata: In recent past, we have witnessed a spate of in- cidents where some people obstructed train move- ments in the name of protest. We strongly con- demn such activities. Rail Roko is unacceptable for any reason whatsoever and such unlawful whimsi- cal action can’t be toler- ated. Sealdah Division cater to about 15 - 18 lakh Rail users a day and such agitation, obstructing Rail traffic, actually causes ir- repairable loss and plight for millions of passengers.

However, with grave concern it is being ob- served that a few people are obstructing Rail move- ment by squatting or pick- eting at Ravray stations in the name of agitation and protest. In this connection, attention is drawn towards Section 174 of the Rail- ways Act, 1989 which inter-alia states that, such activities of Rail Roko shall be punishable with impris- onment upto two years and/or imposition of fine upto ₹2000/- . Such protes- tors and violators of safety of rail movement, endan- gering persons travelling

by Railway, can be taken up under provisions of Sec- tion 154 of Railways Act for which such violator can be imprisoned. Endanger- ing safety of persons trav- elling by Railways by willfull act can also be booked under Section 153, resulting in imprisonment for a term which may ex- tend upto five years. Ob- structing Rail traffic poses significant safety risks to passengers and under- standing the legal provi- sions and consequences of Rail Roko, individuals should restrain from en- gaging themselves in such activities that can disrupt public services and at the same time invite punitive provisions against them under the Railways Act 1989. In case of any recur- rence of such meaningless act of Rail Roko Agitation, authorities will be con- strained to take stringent action against offenders to protect and safeguard the interest and rights of lakhs of daily commuters. Rail- ways once again request the public not to resort to obstructing Rail move- ment, which is lifeline of Kolkata & suburbans.

Special Mid-Night Metro Services for IPL
T-20 Cricket Lovers after the Match to be
Played on 21.04.2025 (Monday)

MI News Service, Kolkata: Responding to the requests of the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) and M/s Game Plan Sports Pvt. Ltd. (on be- half of Kolkata Knight Rid- ers), Metro Railway is pleased to announce to op- erate special Metro services in Blue Line and Green Line-2 after the IPL T-20 match of Kolkata Knight Riders, which will be played at Eden Gardens on

21.04.2025 (Monday) night for the benefit of the cricket lovers of Kolkata and sub- urbs. The booking counters will remain open only at Old Esplanade Metro sta- tion and New Esplanade Metro station for the sale of Smart Cards, Tokens and Paper Based QR Tickets. A surcharge of Rs. 10/- per ticket will be levied in addi- tion to the normal fare for these special services.

Blue line

UP direction - towards Dakshineswar		
No. of train	Departure	Arrival
Spl.1	Esplanade 00:00 hrs.	Dakshineswar 00:33 hrs.

The train towards Dakshineswar from Esplanade will stop at all stations on the way.

DN direction – towards Kavi Subhash		
No. of train	Departure	Arrival
Spl.2	Esplanade 00:00 hrs.	Kavi Subhash 00:33 hrs.

The train towards Kavi Subhas from Esplanade will stop at all stations on the way.

Green line

Towards Howrah Maidan		
No. of train	Departure	Arrival
Spl.1	Esplanade 00:00 hrs.	Howrah Maidan 00:08 hrs.

Sourav Ganguly supports young
footballer in his fight for Life

MI News Service, Kolkata: Sourav Ganguly whole-heart- edly takes side of a young aspiring footballer who is waging a war to physically exist in this earth against all odds. In a event held in Kolkata recently Sourav Ganguly was present in a programme conducted by Aditya Group where the Group extended financial support of ₹1,00,000 to Subho Das—a young football enthusiast whose promising journey was halted by a sudden cerebral attack that led to the am- putation of his right hand and plunged his family into fi- nancial crisis. “Subho’s courage is not just inspiring—it’s humbling,” said Anirban Aditya (Aditya Group).

IndianOil's XTRAPOWER Fleet Card Loyalty Program Wins SKOCH Gold Award 2025



MI News Service, New Delhi: IndianOil's flagship XTRAPOWER Fleet Card Loyalty Program has been honoured with the SKOCH Gold Award 2025 in the Digital Transformation – Business Process Transformation category.

Presented during the 100th SKOCH Summit, the award recognises IndianOil's sustained efforts in driving innovation and delivering customer-centric digital solutions for the transport and logistics sector. The program has transformed fuel management for fleet operators through a secure, seamless, and technology-enabled platform.

The award was received by Team IndianOil from Mr. Sameer Kochar, President, SKOCH Development Foundation.

“Deprived and Exploited: The plight of West Bengal’s CSS-VSE (NSQF) teachers”

MI News Service, Kolkata: CSS-VSE (NSQF) teachers in West Bengal’s government and government-aided schools are facing significant challenges despite their crucial role in imparting vocational education. Despite being highly qualified and efficient, these teachers have been on a temporary basis for 10-12 years without a salary increase, receiving lower salaries compared to other permanent teachers. The management of CSS-VSE (NSQF) subjects by the Technical Department (DVET) through agencies has led to irregularities in salary payment, non-deposit of EPF and ESI, and lack of resources for students.

Glass-laden car stopped, shocking discovery

MI News Service, Alipurduar: In a significant operation conducted on Friday morning, forest officials from the Nimti Range of the Buxa Tiger Project in Alipurduar district made a substantial recovery of illegally transported Burma teak wood. Acting on a confidential tip, the officials intercepted a truck on National Highway No. 31 within the Kalchini block.

Upon searching the vehicle, authorities discovered a concealed consignment of Burma teak, estimated to be worth crores of rupees, hidden behind a seemingly innocuous load of glass sheets. The discovery left the forest department personnel astounded by the elaborate attempt at concealment. The two drivers of the truck, realizing the gravity of the situation, reportedly fled the scene immediately upon the interception. Their current whereabouts remain unknown, and authorities have initiated efforts to apprehend them. According to the forest department, Burma teak is a highly sought-after timber renowned for its durability and versatility. It finds extensive use in various wood-based industries,

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The following e-Tenders are invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (General), Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd Floor, Remote Control Building, DRM Building, Kaizer Street, Sealdah, Kolkata-700014 for the following works: **Sl. No. : 1. Tender No. ELEG-OT-1213-2025-26. Particulars of the work :** Ballgungye : Proposal for providing passengers centric amenities at Ballgungye station. **Tender value :** ₹ 56,42,725/- . **Earnest Money :** ₹ 1,12,900/- . **Completion period :** 08 Months. **Sl. No. : 2. Tender No. ELEG-OT-1214-2025-26. Particulars of the work :** Lift work – Sealdah Division : Provision of 01 no. Lift at Murshidabad station. **Tender value :** ₹ 14,99,450/- . **Earnest Money :** ₹ 30,000/- . **Completion period :** 09 Months. **Sl. No. : 3. Tender No. ELEG-OT-1215-2025-26. Particulars of the work :** Power Supply Arrangement Work for – Sealdah Division : Provision of 01 no. Lift at Murshidabad station. **Tender value :** ₹ 3,09,990/- . **Earnest Money :** ₹ 6,200/- . **Completion period :** 09 Months. **Cost of Tender document:** 0.00 for each. **Tender Publication Date :** 17.04.2025 for each. **Tender Closing Date & Time:** 09.05.2025, 14.00 hrs. for each. **Tender Bid Opening Date & Time :** 09.05.2025, 25.04.2025 for each. Details of Tender Notice and corrigendum issued from time to time are available at www.irps.gov.in (SDAH-22/2025-26) **Tender Notice is also available at websites : www.irindianrailways.gov.in / www.irps.gov.in**

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Tender Notice No. : ELD-125-WC-OT-05-25, dated 16.04.2025. E-tender is invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (TRD), Eastern Railway, 4th Floor, Rail Yati Niwas, near Howrah Station, Howrah-711 101 against Tender No. ELD-125-WC-OT-05-25 for the following work : **Name of the work with its location :** TRD work in connection with various Track renewal works TRR(P)-44.841 KM, CTR-40.119 KM, CTR-23.712 KM, TRR - 30 sets, TFFR - 18.145 KM, TTR - 114 sets and TRR(P) - 38.613 KM over Howrah Division of Eastern Railway. **Approx. cost of the work :** ₹ 1,58,50,417.72. **Earnest Money/ Bid Security to be deposited :** ₹ 2,29,300/- . **Cost of tender form :** NIL. **Completion period of the work :** 18 (Eighteen) months from the date of issue of LOA. **Tender Closing Date & Time :** 09.05.2025 at 15.00 hrs. **Opening of Tender:** Tender will be opened at any time after closing of tender. Tenderers may visit www.irps.gov.in for full detail/description/specification of the tenders and submit their bid online. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any manual offer if received shall not be accepted and will be summarily rejected. (HWH-35/2025-26) **Tender Notice is also available at websites : www.irindianrailways.gov.in / www.irps.gov.in**

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MI News Service, New Delhi: Christians in India and abroad observed ‘Good Friday’ with full devotion and piouness. In some traditions, church bells are rung slowly and solemnly, and they will remain silent until Easter Sunday.

‘Good Friday’ is annually observed on the Friday before Easter and marks the day Lord Jesus christ was crucified.

Good Friday has been recognised as a day of mourning, penance, and fasting by Christians since the early days of faith.

GOOD FRIDAY observed all over India

While some believe the term Good Friday reflects the day's sacred significance, others suggest the name stems from its status as a religious observance.

Good Friday is commemorated as a part of ‘Paschal Triduum’ – a period of three days that begins with Maundy Thursday (the last Supper of Jesus Christ), reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday.

Christians mark Good Friday by fasting, giving alms to the needy, and attending church services. During this time, people pray that they may be liberated from pain, suffering and agony in their lives. It marks the hours of darkness that fell over the land during Jesus's crucifixion.

Meanwhile, the New Testament says Good Friday is observed when the Romans crucified Jesus Christ. Jewish religious leaders condemned Jesus for blasphemy for claiming to be the Son of God. They brought him to the Romans, and their leader, Pontius Pilate, sentenced Jesus to crucifixion.

The Biblical records say that Jesus was beaten publicly and forced to carry a heavy wooden cross through the streets amid a jeering crowd. Finally, he was nailed to the cross by his wrists and feet, where he was left hanging on the cross until he died. Christian communities in India observed and commemorated the ‘Good Friday’ at their respective homes and in Churches as well with traditional prayers and Church services.

J&K: CRPF to raise CoBRA for counter-terror operations

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) will raise a special unit of its elite anti-Maoist Commando Battalion for Resolute Action (CoBRA) to be deployed for the first time in Jammu and Kashmir for counter-terror operations.

CRPF director-general Gyanendra Pratap Singh announced this during the 86th Raising Day event of the force held in Madhya Pradesh. He said the force was in the process of raising a new CoBRA unit for Jammu and Kashmir, as directed by Union home minister Amit Shah who was the chief guest at the event.

The country's largest paramilitary force, the CRPF, with a strength of over 3 lakh personnel, is the lead internal security combat unit and is also posted in Jammu and Kashmir for counter-terror operations.

Sources said the new CoBRA unit would be tasked to undertake operations in the forests, especially in the Jammu region, which has witnessed a surge in terrorist incidents over the past year. At present, regular CRPF units and their special commando wing called the Kashmir Valley Quick Action Team (QAT) undertake counter-terrorist operations there. In 2023, some CoBRA companies were sent to the Valley for training purposes, but they were not deployed for any action following objections raised by some senior officers, sources said. “They were supposed to be deployed but some senior CRPF officers had raised objections over the deployment in Kashmir, saying the unit was specifically trained to counter Maoists in jungle warfare,” said a CRPF official.

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NOTICE INVITING E-AUCTION

Awarding contract of Commercial Publicity Rights over Howrah Division

E-Auction Notice No. COM/PUB/HWH/E-Auction/2025, Dated : 17.04.2025. E-Auction is invited by Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, 4th Floor, Rail Yati Niwas Building, near Howrah Station, Pin-711011 for the following work : **Name of Work:** Awarding contract of Commercial Publicity Rights. The Auction Catalogue have been uploaded in www.irps.gov.in • **Catalogue No. : PUB-HWH-25-15. • Auction start date & time :** 05.05.2025 at 12.00 hrs. **Seq. No. : Lot No. ; Description respectively: AA/1; ADVT-IntExt-S1-EMUR2-25-1 (Advertising - Train Interior and Exterior);** Awarding commercial publicity rights through Vinyl wrapping (Graphic films according to RDSO specification) on the exterior surface of the entire side walls (barring windows and mandatory signage) and on the specified locations inside the coaches of 12 coach EMU rake playing over Howrah Division. **AA/2; ADVT-IntExt-S1-EMUR8-25-1 (Advertising - Train Interior and Exterior);** Awarding commercial publicity rights through Vinyl wrapping (Graphic films according to RDSO specification) on the exterior surface of the entire side walls (barring windows and mandatory signage) and on the specified locations inside the coaches of 12 coach EMU rake playing over Howrah Division. **AA/3; ADVT-IntExt-S1-EMUR22-25-1 (Advertising - Train Interior and Exterior);** Awarding commercial publicity rights through Vinyl wrapping (Graphic films according to RDSO specification) on the exterior surface of the entire side walls (barring windows and mandatory signage) and on the specified locations inside the coaches of 12 coach EMU rake playing over Howrah Division. **AA/5; ADVT-IntExt-S1-EMUR43-25-1 (Advertising - Train Interior and Exterior);** Awarding commercial publicity rights through Vinyl wrapping (Graphic films according to RDSO specification) on the exterior surface of the entire side walls (barring windows and mandatory signage) and on the specified locations inside the coaches of 12 coach EMU rake playing over Howrah Division. (HWH-38/2025-26) **Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Howrah**

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they are philosophical and aesthetic foundations that have shaped Bharat's world view and the way we think, feel, live, and express. With this, we now have 14 inscriptions from our country on this international register.”

This validation comes at a time when efforts to integrate ancient texts into modern education have gained momentum.

In February 2024, the Gujarat Assembly passed a resolution tabled by a BJP leader advocating the inclusion of the Bhagavad Gita in the school curriculum from Classes VI to XII. The resolution was passed unanimously.

সাধারণ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণকে জানানো যাইতেছে যে, আমার মজের (১) সুধাপুত্র বিদ্যাস, পিতা-পশুপতি বিদ্যাস, (২) শোভা বিদ্যাস, পিতা-সুধাপুত্র বিদ্যাস। (৩) দীপক বিদ্যাস, পিতা-হিজল ডিহা, থানা-জয়পুর, জেলা-বাকুড়া, ১২২১৩৮ মহাশয়গন ইং ২০২৪ সালে বিদ্যাপুত্র এ.ডি.এস.আর অফিসের ৫৩৩ নং কোলালা দলিলমূলে থানা-জয়পুর, ১২৩ ও ১২৭ নং (জে.এল ভুক্ত কুররে ও উত্তরাজ মৌজার এল.আর ২২৪১, ২২৪২, ১১৩৬, ১১৩৮, ১১৩৯, ১১৪১, ১১৪২, ১১৪৩, ১১৪৪, ১১৪৫, ১১৪৬, ১১৪৭, ১১৪৮, ১১৪৯, ১১৫০, ১১৫১, ১১৫২, ১১৫৩, ১১৫৪, ১১৫৫, ১১৫৬, ১১৫৭, ১১৫৮, ১১৫৯, ১১৬০, ১১৬১, ১১৬২, ১১৬৩, ১১৬৪, ১১৬৫, ১১৬৬, ১১৬৭, ১১৬৮, ১১৬৯, ১১৭০, ১১৭১, ১১৭২, ১১৭৩, ১১৭৪, ১১৭৫, ১১৭৬, ১১৭৭, ১১৭৮, ১১৭৯, ১১৮০, ১১৮১, ১১৮২, ১১৮৩, ১১৮৪, ১১৮৫, ১১৮৬, ১১৮৭, ১১৮৮, ১১৮৯, ১১৯০, ১১৯১, ১১৯২, ১১৯৩, ১১৯৪, ১১৯৫, ১১৯৬, ১১৯৭, ১১৯৮, ১১৯৯, ১২০০, ১২০১, ১২০২, ১২০৩, ১২০৪, ১২০৫, ১২০৬, ১২০৭, ১২০৮, ১২০৯, ১২১০, ১২১১, ১২১২, ১২১৩, ১২১৪, ১২১৫, ১২১৬, ১২১৭, ১২১৮, ১২১৯, ১২২০, ১২২১, ১২২২, ১২২৩, ১২২৪, ১২২৫, ১২২৬, ১২২৭, ১২২৮, ১২২৯, ১২৩০, ১২৩১, ১২৩২, ১২৩৩, ১২৩৪, ১২৩৫, ১২৩৬, ১২৩৭, ১২৩৮, ১২৩৯, ১২৪০, ১২৪১, ১২৪২, ১২৪৩, ১২৪৪, 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Genetic defects causes cerebral palsy in children: Study

GENETIC defects underlie about a fourth of Chinese children affected by cerebral palsy, and not a lack of oxygen at birth as previously thought, new research has found.

Cerebral palsy is a disorder affecting one's ability to move. It is the most common motor disability in children, with symptoms emerging in infancy and early childhood.

The disability is sometimes also associated with autism and intellectual deficiencies.

Birth asphyxia, or receiving insufficient oxygen at the time of being born, can cause physical harm, especially to the brain, and is considered one of the main causes of cerebral palsy.

The world's largest study of cerebral palsy genetics, involving more than 1,500 affected Chinese children, found that mutations were significantly higher in a fourth of these children receiving insufficient oxygen at birth.

Researchers said this indicated that birth asphyxia could be secondary to the underlying genetic defects.

The results, published in the journal Nature Medicine, are consistent with smaller studies globally, they said. According to



human geneticist Josef Gecz from the University of Adelaide, who co-led the Australian team, 24.5 per cent of Chinese children in the study had rare genetic variations linked to cerebral palsy.

"This revelation mirrors our earlier findings in our Australian cerebral palsy

cohort, where up to one-third of cases have genetic causes.

"Our research shows at least some babies who experience birth asphyxia and are diagnosed with CP may have improper brain development as a result of the underlying genetic variants rather than a lack of

oxygen," said Gecz.

The researchers identified 81 mutated or altered genes that caused cerebral palsy in the children. These genes are known to be important to brain and embryo development, and may also affect molecular processes responsible for respiration, they said.

"A lack of oxygen at birth is often claimed to be the cause of CP in medical litigation following a diagnosis and this has led to the presumption that the condition is preventable with better obstetrics or midwifery. This is simply not the case," said co-lead author Alastair MacLennan, an obstetrician and a professor, the University of Adelaide.

"Crucially, clinically actionable treatments were found in 8.5 per cent of cases with a genetic cause. It is exciting to see how genetic pathways to cerebral palsy inform tailored treatments for these individuals," said Gecz. The results highlighted the need for early genetic testing in children having cerebral palsy, especially those with risk factors like birth asphyxia, to ensure medical care and treatment, said MacLennan.

Researchers discover genetic code of rare kidney cancer



For the first time, the inherited characteristics of reninoma, a rare form of kidney cancer, have been investigated. Researchers from the Wellcome Sanger Institute, Great Ormond Street Hospital, and The Royal Free Hospital also identified a potential pharmacological target that may be used as an alternative to surgery in the new report.

The findings were published in Nature Communications.

Reninoma is one of the rarest cancers in humans, with just about 100 instances having been identified globally to date (1). Even though surgery can usually treat it, it can still spread and generate metastases or cause severe hypertension. Reninoma is currently managed only by surgery since there are no available medication treatments. It was unknown till now.

Researchers discovered that the development of this rare cancer is caused by a specific error in the genetic code of the cancer gene NOTCH1.

The team examined two cancer samples - from a young adult and a child (2) - with advanced genomic techniques, known as whole genome and single nuclear sequencing (3). Their findings suggest that the use of existing drugs targeting this specific gene is a possible solution to treating reninoma for patients where surgery is not a viable option.

Taryn Treger, first author of the study and The Little Princess Trust Fellow at the Wellcome Sanger Institute, said: "Many

cancerous tumours have already been deciphered with genomic technologies, however, this is not so true in rare cancers, particularly those affecting children. Our work aims to fill that gap. This is the first time that we have identified the drivers for reninoma and we hope that our work continues to pave the way towards new therapies for childhood cancers."

Dr Tanzina Chowdhury, co-lead author of the study, at Great Ormond Street Hospital, said: "Rare kidney cancers known as reninomas do not respond to conventional anti-cancer therapies.

The only known treatment at the moment is surgery. Our study shows that, actually, there is a specific and well-studied gene that drives this rare cancer. If we use already known drugs that affect this gene, we might be able to treat it without the need for an invasive technique such as surgery." Dr Sam Behjati, co-lead author of the study, Wellcome Senior Research Fellow at the Wellcome Sanger Institute and Honorary Consultant Paediatric Oncologist at Addenbrooke's Hospital, said: "Rare cancers are exceedingly challenging to study, and patients with such tumours may therefore not benefit from cancer research. Here, we have a powerful example of cutting-edge science rewriting our understanding of an ultra rare tumour type, reninoma, whilst delivering a finding that potentially has immediate clinical benefits for patients."

Adults with intellectual disabilities are at risk for dementia

Intellectual disability (ID) is thought to be associated with an increased risk of dementia and its onset is influenced by both inherited and acquired factors. It is also known that a lower cognitive reserve-the capacity for thinking developed by learning and deliberate mental effort-increases the risk of dementia in the general population.

It is hypothesised that dementia is more common in people with ID given the likelihood of a shorter educational lifespan and a reduced intellectual capacity.

The prevalence of dementia among individuals with ID without Down syndrome (DS) in comparison to the general population is unknown, and the risk variables that affect dementia risk aren't fully understood.

Recently, researchers uncovered the prevalence of dementia and identified the risk factors that can lead to dementia among people with ID in Japan. The team was led by Professor Shintaro Takenoshita, Assistant Professor in the Department of Neuropsychiatry at Okayama University Hospital, Japan. Their findings were published in the journal Alzheimer's Research & Therapy on 18 July 2023.

"Diagnosing dementia in people with ID is difficult owing to the mixed effects of innate cognitive decline and the cognitive decline that occurs over time due to dementia. However, it is quite possible to diagnose dementia if cognitive and lifestyle functions are assessed chronologically based on information from family and other support persons. We believe that even in persons with intellectual disabilities, dementia needs to be properly evaluated," explains Prof. Takenoshita regarding the group's motivation to pursue the study.

The team surveyed the severity of ID, educational history, and comorbidities across 1,831 participants in residen-



tial treatment facilities spread across Japan. The relevant data was collected by interviewing caregivers of all the participants, and a direct examination was performed using clinical criteria for dementia and neurocognitive disorders for participants suspected of having cognitive decline.

Emphasizing the report's key findings, Prof. Takenoshita says, "We found that 6.44% of the participants were diagnosed with dementia. Furthermore, our analyses revealed that dementia was more prevalent in younger people with ID compared to the general population. Lastly, we pinpointed seven factors with significant links to dementia. These were hypertension, depression, stroke, age, severity of ID, duration of education, and traumatic brain injury."

These findings are expected to enable better screening for dementia and improve the support and medical care for people with ID. It is important to note that some of the risk factors are modifiable. Therefore, depending on a patient's profile, providing adequate education, preventing head trauma and stroke, and making hypertension and depression medications readily available could be the first steps in preventing the onset of dementia in people with ID.

"This is the largest study that explores the prevalence of dementia in a population with ID. Additionally, we minimized the study's bias by surveying participants from a wide geographic range. This implies that the risk factors we identified are reliable targets for designing interventions intended to minimize the risk of dementia in people with ID," explains Prof. Takenoshita.

Moving forward, Prof. Takenoshita is confident that future studies can build on the scope of his team's work. As the understanding of dementia evolves, public health recommendations in medical policies can be developed specifically for people diagnosed with ID. Along these lines, the insights on the modifiable risk factors can potentially help catch the onset of dementia and ensure that people with ID do not miss out on treatment or interventions that are readily available.

Cough sound analysis assists in determining severity of Covid-19 patients

While most persons infected with COVID-19 experience minor symptoms and recover in a matter of weeks, the global pandemic caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus remains a significant health danger.

Some of those infected may develop more severe illness and pneumonia, resulting in a more bleak outlook.

Although techniques for assessing patients' risk have been created, diagnostic and prognostic tools rely mostly on expensive and less accessible imaging technologies such as radiography, ultrasonography, or computed tomography (CT).

As a result, there is a need for the development of a simpler and more easily accessible prognostic tool that allows healthcare providers to identify individuals who have developed or are at risk of getting severe disease. This would simplify patient triage and allow for earlier intervention, even at home or in primary care settings.

In the early stages of COVID-19, a research team directed by IBEC and Hospital del Mar, with support from the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC), CIBER-BBN, and CIBERES, conducted a study based on the analysis and interpretation of cough sounds.

This method is given as a potentially predictive, straightforward, and user-friendly tool for assessing the risk of severe pneumonia.

The study included smartphone recordings of voluntarily coughing sounds from 70 patients with SARS-CoV-2 infection, all taken within the first 24 hours of their hospitalisation.

IBEC performed an acoustic analysis of these recordings, which revealed significant changes in cough sounds depending on the severity of the respiratory ailment, which had previously been confirmed by imaging tests and the requirement for supplemental oxygen.

According to the findings, this approach might be utilised to classify COVID-19 patients as mild, moderate, or severe, as well as to monitor patients with chronic COVID-19. The study used data obtained at Hospital del Mar between April 2020 and May 2021, and the results were published in the European Respiratory Journal Open Research.



Identification of brain signals for improved memory

Memory performance varies widely between people. Now, scientists at the University of Basel have found that specific brain signals are connected to these variations.

While it is well known that certain brain regions play a crucial role in memory processes, so far it has not been clear whether these regions exhibit different activities when it comes to storing information in people with better or worse memory performance.

Having investigated this matter, a research team led by Professor Dominique de Quervain and Professor Andreas Papassotiropoulos has now published its results in the journal Nature Communications.

In the world's largest functional imaging study on memory, they asked nearly 1,500 participants between the ages of 18 and 35 to look at and memorize a total of 72 images. During this process, the researchers recorded the subjects' brain activity using MRI. The participants were then asked to recall as many of the images as possible - and as in the general population, there were considerable differences in memory performance among them.

Signals in brain regions and networks

In certain brain regions including the hippocampus, the researchers found a direct association between brain activity during the memorization process and subsequent mem-



ory performance. Individuals with a better memory showed a stronger activation of these brain areas. No such associa-

tion was found for other memory-relevant brain areas in the occipital cortex - they were equally active in individuals with all levels of memory performance.

The researchers were also able to identify functional networks in the brain that were linked to memory performance. These networks comprise different brain regions that communicate with each other to enable complex processes such as the storage of information.

"The findings help us to better understand how differences in memory performance occur between one individual and another," said Dr. Léonie Geissmann, the study's first author, adding that the brain signals of a single individual do not allow for any conclusions to be drawn about their memory performance, however.

According to the researchers, the results are of great importance for future research aimed at linking biological characteristics such as genetic markers to brain signals.

Basel-based research on memory

The current study forms part of a large-scale research project conducted by the Research Cluster Molecular and Cognitive Neurosciences (MCN) at the University of Basel's Department of Biomedicine and the University Psychiatric Clinics (UPK) Basel. The aim of this project is to gain a better understanding of memory processes and to transfer the findings from basic research into clinical applications.

Do you know cognitive behavioral therapy comforts fibromyalgia pain experienced by brain? Study finds

Patients with fibromyalgia (FM), a condition that mostly affects women and is marked by chronic pain, tiredness, and brain fog, usually have limited access to treatment options and explanations for their symptoms.

Cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT), according to researchers at Mass General Brigham, can significantly lessen the burden of FM by, among other things, reducing pain-catastrophizing, a detrimental cognitive and emotional response that can exacerbate pain by way of helplessness, rumination, and intrusive thoughts. Neuroimaging research that demonstrates a decline in connection between brain regions associated with self-awareness, pain, and emotional processing lends support to this conclusion.

The findings of the study were published in Arthritis & Rheumatology.

"In this study, we looked at the interplay between psychological processes and the brain's connectivity patterns in response to pain," said co-senior author Robert Edwards, PhD, a clinical psychologist in the Department of

Anesthesiology, Perioperative & Pain Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital, a founding member of the Mass General Brigham healthcare system. "We wanted to explore how CBT, a talk therapy aimed at combatting maladaptive thoughts, can enhance individuals' daily functioning and alter the brain's processing of pain-related information."

Edwards explains that CBT can reduce negative cognitive and emotional responses to pain. He says that while these responses are normal, they can amplify the disabling effects of chronic pain, and make conditions like FM more burdensome.

The research team for the study included researchers from three Mass General Brigham members: Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Brigham and Women's Hospital, and Massachusetts General Hospital. Mass General Brigham brings together 16 member institutions, including academic medical centers, top-tier specialty hospitals, community hospitals and more. Research that spans more than one of these entities is more than

the sum of its parts, helping to provide insights and unique perspectives from multiple settings and areas of expertise.

Researchers recruited 98 women, randomly assigning 64 to a treatment group receiving CBT and 34 to a control group that

received education about FM and chronic pain but was not taught specific CBT techniques. All participants were between 18 and 75 years old and had a confirmed FM diagnosis for at least six months. To collect baseline data, all participants completed several validated pain and quality of life questionnaires.

Each group participated in eight intervention sessions, con-

sisting of 60-75-minute visits with a licensed mental health provider. Participants were primarily assessed for their levels of pain interference, or a measure of how much their pain disrupted their daily activities, pain catastrophizing, pain severity and the overall impact FM had on patients' quality of life.

Results demonstrated that those who underwent CBT experienced significantly greater reductions in pain interference. CBT participants also exhibited significantly less pain catastrophizing and reported that their FM symptoms had significantly less impact on their daily lives.

The team saw evidence that after undergoing CBT, patients experienced changes in the activities of all three networks that suggested a diminished focus on pain.

"Prior to participants undergoing CBT, we saw that certain parts of the brain linked to self-awareness and sensation were very connected, suggesting patients were pertinently aware of the pain sensation they were experiencing and internalized these symptoms," said co-first author Jeungchan

Lee, PhD, an instructor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation based at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital and the Athinoula A. Martinos Center for Biomedical Imaging at Massachusetts General Hospital. "After CBT, these connections were significantly less strong, suggesting that patients were better at separating themselves from their pain after therapy."

This study was limited to women, partly because of its high prevalence, and partly to eliminate confounding gender differences in brain activity. In the future, the researchers hope to collect data from men and non-binary patients with FM. Additionally, CBT includes several therapeutic components, and these results cannot be generalized to assess the impact across all forms of CBT on reducing FM chronic pain.

Both Lee and Edwards agree that these findings ultimately suggest that complex chronic pain conditions like fibromyalgia should be addressed with a multitude of pharmacological and cognitive therapies.

Death toll from U.S. overnight airstrikes on Yemeni fuel port rises to 74: Houthis

MI News Service, SANAA:

The death toll from U.S. overnight airstrikes on the Yemeni fuel port of Ras Isa has increased to 74, with 171 others wounded, according to an update from Houthi-run health authorities on Friday. The health authorities stated that rescue teams are working to search for victims and identify missing persons.

The strikes started late Thursday night. According to Houthi-run al-Masirah TV, the victims included workers and employees of the port, who came under violent U.S. airstrikes while on duty. Five paramedics were also among the casualties, said the television in an earlier report, adding that they were killed upon their arrival on ambulances at the scene, in the second wave of U.S. airstrikes on the port that took place overnight shortly after the first. More than 14 airstrikes on the fuel port were reported during the two waves, destroying concrete tanks storing imported fuel and igniting massive fires. The fires were extinguished within hours, said the report.

A resident confirmed to Xinhua that among the victims were employees, truck drivers, contracted workers, and civilian trainees of the port, adding that rescue teams recovering bodies and extinguishing fires were also targeted in subsequent strikes. The port, northwest of Yemen's Red Sea city of Hodeidah, has been a main lifeline for importing fuel into the areas seized by the Houthi group. The group has controlled vast areas of northern Yemen since it started a civil war against the government in late 2014. Earlier, U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM) confirmed in a statement that it struck and destroyed Ras Isa on Thursday, "to eliminate this source of fuel for" and "degrade the economic source of power" of the Houthis. "The Houthis have continued to benefit economically and militarily from countries and companies that provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization," USCENTCOM said on social media platform X. The United States redesignated the Houthi group as a terrorist organization after President Donald Trump assumed power in January. USCENTCOM alleged that the Houthis "use fuel to sustain their military operations, as a weapon of control, and to benefit economically from embezzling the profits from the import." Shortly after the heavy airstrikes, Yemeni Information Minister Moammar al-Eryani blamed the targeting of the fuel port on the Houthis, accusing the militia of transforming the port "from an economic facility serving Yemenis into a center for smuggling weapons and fuel." Meanwhile, Minister of Oil and Minerals Saeed al-Shamasi confirmed the readiness of government-controlled ports in Aden, Nishtun, Mukalla, and Mocha to receive fuel and food shipments sufficient to meet market demands across all regions of Yemen.

In response, the Houthis denounced the strikes as "a full-fledged war crime," dismissing the U.S. and the Yemeni government's accusations and insisting that "the port is a civilian, not a military facility." In a statement released Friday, the Houthis said the U.S. attacks are aimed at supporting Israel in crimes against the Palestinian people, vowing to continue their "support operations" for Palestinians. The group, meanwhile, claimed that it has successfully prevented all "Israeli navigation in the Red Sea." It also assured citizens in northern Yemen that "the oil supply is stable," while warning that "the U.S. crime will not pass without painful punishment."



Students welcome tourists at the Red Fort on World Heritage Day, in Agra.

Many steps taken to improve working conditions of loco pilots



MI News Service, Kolkata: Loco pilots are key members of Indian railway family. Many steps have been taken to improve their working conditions. In last ten years all running rooms have been upgraded to air conditioned and are well furnished. Before 2014, not a single running room was air conditioned. Further

more than half the loco cabs have been upgraded with ergonomic seats, air conditioning and other improvements. Before 2014, not a single loco cab was air conditioned. Toilets are being fitted in all new locos manufactured. This was not even part of the production plan before 2014. Older locomotives are being retrofit-

ted with toilets. Design modifications are being done in older locomotives for this purpose. New running rooms are being added on the routes with heavy congestion. These steps have already brought down the working hours significantly. New safety features like fog safety devices, kavach, driver alert systems and better technology for braking systems are further improving safety. Onboard facilities, better technologies, and better rest timings are improving the working conditions. Railway takes care for necessary requirements of all type of loco pilots. Goods Trains stop at many stations and yards for significant time.

Timing at these stations is sufficient for using toilets. Crew also use this time for light snacks. In Suburban Trains, loco pilots work on short distance trains and crew of these trains use toilets at terminal stations. Crew of passenger trains use toilet of train when train is standing at station and also use this time for snacks. All above steps are continuously being implemented.

Israel kills Hezbollah commander in Lebanon

MI News Service, Beirut: Israel's military has said in a statement that it killed a Hezbollah commander in a drone strike in southern Lebanon. The strike targeted the area of Blida, killing Ali Ibar al-Nabi Khadi, who was identified by the military as the deputy head of Hezbollah's military outpost in the Mhaibib area, Xinhua news agency reported.

Meanwhile, an unnamed Lebanese security source confirmed to Xinhua news agency that an Israeli drone strike killed an individual in southern Lebanon on Thursday, identifying the deceased as a Hezbollah member named Ali Abdel Nabi Hijazi, who came from the village of Blida. The person was hit while riding a motorcycle in the village of Aitaroun, Lebanon's Public Health Emergency Operations Centre and security sources said as reported by Xinhua news agency. On Thursday, a Lebanese Army unit reported dismantling an Israeli spying device in Blida, warning civilians against approaching or touching such objects, as they pose a risk to lives. Since November 27, 2024, a ceasefire agreement brokered by the US

and France has been in effect between Hezbollah and Israel, putting an end to more than a year of clashes triggered by the war in the Gaza Strip.

Despite the agreement, the Israeli army occasionally carries out strikes in Lebanon, claiming they are aimed at neutralising "threats" posed by Hezbollah. Israel said on Thursday it carried out airstrikes in southern Lebanon and the Gaza Strip, targeting what it described as Hamas and Hezbollah infrastructure. The Israeli military said it struck sites belonging to Hezbollah in southern Lebanon. "The IDF (Israel Defense Forces) will operate against any attempts by Hezbollah to rebuild or establish a military presence under the guise of civilian cover," it said in a statement, without providing further details.

Separately, the Israeli military and the Shin Bet domestic security agency said they conducted a strike on Jabalia in northern Gaza, targeting what they described as a Hamas command and control centre. The military said the site had been used to "plan and execute terror attacks against Israeli civilians and troops"

AIR producer urges Hindus to take up arms against Muslims via Facebook post; no action initiated by police yet

MI News Service, Thiruvananthapuram: An All India Radio program producer from Kerala sparked a controversy after she shared an Islamophobic post urging Hindus to take up arms against Muslims instead of organising religious rallies. The controversial post was shared via Facebook by KR Indira who is the producer of the radio program and also a writer. The post reads, "Hindus must learn to take up arms and hack fiercely. It is not enough to learn how to lead a namajapa procession." Later, the post was deleted by Indira. However, a screenshot of the post was shared by a Facebook user named Shahul Amalath. Reportedly, no action was taken by the Kerala Police further rais-

ing questions about the police's inaction for an open call for massacre against Muslims.

The producer is infamous for her communal statements. In 2020, Indira had made derogatory remarks against the Muslims of Assam when they were put in detention camps by the BJP led government. She had remarked that contraceptives should be mixed with drinking water and given to Muslims in order to save the world. Later, she was booked by the Kerala Police under section 153 and 120 for promoting enmity between religious groups. As for her recent controversial remarks, several activists and Civil Society groups have called for an immediate action against her.

Iran believes it can reach nuclear agreement with US, wants Russia to play role

MI News Service, Tehran: Iran believes that reaching an agreement on the country's nuclear program is possible and hopes that Russia will play a role in the deal, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi says after meeting with his Russian counterpart, Sergey Lavrov. Araghchi adds that Iran noted the United States' seriousness during the first round of talks on the deal, which took place in Oman last week. Lavrov says that Russia is ready to play a role in the talks.

Pirsahebs of Furfura opposed the new Waqf Act



Nurul Islam Khan

Which country are we living in, where the people have no fundamental rights, where there is no security for minorities? They are snatching away the religious freedom and democratic secularism of Muslims and destroying their own Waqf properties. The Modi government is implementing several anti-people policies including demotization. Many such words were heard in the Furfura meeting on Friday. We must protect the country's resources and constitution and organize a peaceful movement to protest the new Waqf Act. Pirzada Imran Siddiqui spoke these words at a protest meeting called by most of the Pirsahebs in Furfura Sharif on Friday.

He said that for the first time, a huge rally is being held in the Brigade Maidan with unity of all the minority people on April 26, if God so wishes. Pirzada Mehrab Siddiqui said that Modi Modi government is saying that the Hindus are in a state of decline. In fact, Hindus are not in danger; on the contrary, the country and its constitution are in danger.

He said that Hindus and Muslims are living in harmony in this state. A little far from this Hooghly, there is Sarada Maa's birthplace, Bandel Church and Raj Ballavi Temple, and in Furfura Sharif, there is the residence of Pir Dada Huzur, a great saint of the era. Pirzada Sowhan Siddiqui said that it is our religious duty and responsibility to protest against the new

Waqf Act. Unity of all people is important at this time to protect the constitution and democracy.

Pirzada Uzair Siddiqui gave a very insightful discussion on this issue. He skillfully highlighted the horrific aspects of the black law. Pir Abdullah Siddiqui, Pirzada Taher Siddiqui, Pirzada Saffari Siddiqui, Pirzada Tamim Siddiqui, Pirzada Ammar Siddiqui, Pirzada Syed Aftab Uddin Hossain, Pirzada Minhaj Siddiqui, Pirzada Mujahid Siddiqui, Pirzada Hozafa Siddiqui and 40 other eloquent speakers said that the Modi government must repeal this black law.

Otherwise, our continuous peaceful blockade and movement will continue. He called for making the Brigade rally on April 26 a success.

Chhattisgarh Waqf Board sends notices to its 400 'illegally possessed properties' in state

MI News Service, Raipur: Chhattisgarh State Waqf Board has sent notices to offenders who have illegally occupied its properties by the means of deceitful registered shells and others who have failed to pay the due rents for several years.

The board has sent notices to over 400 people including 78 individuals from Raipur and has claimed over 500 crore worth properties. Speaking to the Indian Express, Salim Raj, the chairman of Waqf Board confirmed this and said, "The Waqf properties cannot be sold or least by anyone permanently. We found that the Waqf properties were illegally registered through fictitious processes and those who sold such properties for charitable purposes could not be traced as their addresses were fake." Raj

also added, "We have asked the collectors and the SPs to recover all the illegally sold properties, cancel the registrations and also resolve the issue that came to light during the survey of the Board."

The people who have been sent notices include those living on the Waqf properties but have not paid rent since years.

According to Raj, in Chhattisgarh no non-Muslims have donated any land to Waqf Board. He expressed his disappointment over individuals treating Waqf properties as their personal assets and said that all properties are being evaluated by the Board currently. A team from the Ministry of minority affairs was sent to Chhattisgarh last week to inspect the work properties and their current status.

Yemen's Houthis claims 59 strikes on Israel, US warships since March 15

MI News Service, Sanaa: Yemen's Houthi leader Abdulmalik al-Houthi has said his group had launched 26 attacks against Israel and 33 strikes on the US aircraft carrier and warships in the Red Sea since March 15. In a televised speech aired by the group's al-Masirah TV on Thursday, the Houthi leader said the attacks on Israel were carried out using "30 ballistic missiles and drones," while those targeting the USS Harry S. Truman aircraft carrier and its escorts involved "122 ballistic and cruise missiles, as well as drones".

However, the Israeli military has reportedly intercepted many of the Houthi projectiles before they reached targets, Xinhua news agency reported. The US Central Command dismissed the Houthi claims of daily attacks on the US aircraft carrier as "outlandish" in a post on the social media platform X.

Meanwhile, the Houthi leader noted that the US military had conducted more than 900 airstrikes against his group's positions across northern Yemen during the past 30 days. Tensions between the Houthi group and the US military have escalated since Washington resumed airstrikes on Houthi targets in Yemen on March 15 to deter the group from attacking Israel and US warships in the Red Sea. The Houthis, which control much of northern Yemen, said their attacks aim to press US-backed Israel to stop the offensive against the Gaza Strip and allow humanitarian aid into the Palestinian enclave. Israel's Channel 12 News reported last Saturday that a Yemeni drone was intercepted near the Dead Sea within the Jordanian airspace before it could reach Israel.

The Jordanian army confirmed later last week that an unidentified drone entered Jordanian airspace and crashed in the Ma'in area of Madaba governorate, near the Dead Sea, and no casualties were reported.

Even since Israel renewed its intensive strikes in March across the Gaza Strip, the Houthis have been launching frequent attacks against Israeli and US targets. Earlier last week, the Houthi military spokesperson claimed fresh attacks against the US aircraft carrier, USS Harry S. Truman, and other US warships in the northern Red Sea.

Interfaith couple on their way to register marriage attacked by Hindutva goons in UP

MI News Service, Lucknow: An interfaith couple was on their way to register their marriage when they were attacked by a group of right-wing Hindutva goons alleging 'love jihad' in Uttar Pradesh's Farukhabad district on Wednesday. Mohammed Rehan and Pragathi who have been in a relation-

ship for the past two years were going to a district court to register their marriage when they were surrounded and harassed by a mob. The couple were halted outside the district registrar's office and were thrashed by several men from Hindutva outfits. Reports suggest that Pragathi was wearing a burqa

which angered the mob more who accused Rehan of love jihad as they dragged him from his bike while Pragathi tried to stop and save him. Rehan escaped to save himself from the mob leaving Pragathi alone as the mob surrounded her. Police reached the stop and took her to the Kakori police station where she reg-

istered an FIR.

Speaking to the local media, Pragathi expressed shock and said, "We were exercising our legal right to marry and the constitution promises us this." So far, no individual has been apprehended for attacking the couple. Official statement from police is awaited.



Cricket fans gather outside the stadium as rain delays the start of the 34th IPL 2025 match between Royal Challengers Bengaluru and Punjab Kings, at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, in Bengaluru on Friday. (ANI Photo)

CSK sign Dewald Brevis as injury replacement for Gurjapneet Singh in IPL 2025

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Chennai Super Kings (CSK) have brought in South African batter Dewald Brevis as a replacement for the injured Gurjapneet Singh for the rest of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025. Brevis will join the team for INR 2.2 crore, according to ESPNcricinfo.

Brevis has played 81 T20 matches, scoring 1787 runs, including a top score of 162. He featured in two T20Is for South Africa in 2023 and has IPL experience, having played for the Mumbai Indians (MI) in 2022 and 2024. Earlier this year, he played a key role in MI Cape Town's maiden SA20 title win, scoring 38 off 18 balls in the final.

He was the sixth-highest run-scorer in that tournament with 230 runs at a strike rate of 184. Known for his powerful hitting and ability to play shots in unusual areas, Brevis has attracted attention from various franchise leagues. He has played in the Caribbean Premier League (CPL) and represents the MI team in Major League Cricket (MLC) in the United States.

Despite entering the IPL 2025 auction with a base price of Rs 75 lakh, Brevis went unsold.



However, he's been in great form lately, finishing as the second-highest run-scorer in both

South Africa's one-day and first-class competitions. Though still early in his career, the 21-year-old has already drawn comparisons to AB de Villiers and is often called 'Baby AB'.

Gurjapneet, a fast bowler from Tamil Nadu, was bought by CSK for Rs 2.2 crore at the auction but didn't get a chance to play this season.

CSK are currently at the bottom of the points table with only two wins from seven matches. Their regular captain, Ruturaj Gaikwad, has been ruled out due to an elbow injury, and MS Dhoni has taken over the leadership.

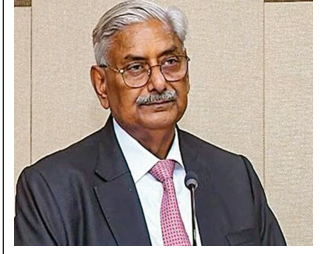
CSK brought an end to their lean patch as they stamped their authority with an invaluable five-wicket win against Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) in the ongoing edition of the Indian Premier League on Monday.

MS Dhoni's special and Shivam Dube's composed yet belligerent display in patches ended Chennai's five-match unbeaten streak.

Dhoni stayed unbeaten on 26 from 11 deliveries, with four boundaries and a six, while Dube struck 43* from 37 deliveries as CSK emerged triumphant in the final over with three balls to spare.

BCCI OMBUDSMAN IMPOSES LIFETIME BAN ON MUMBAI'S CRICKET LEAGUE TEAM OWNER OVER MATCH-FIXING CHARGES

NEW DELHI (INDIA) : The Ombudsman of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Friday imposed a lifetime ban on Gurmeet Singh Bhamrah, the owner of a Mumbai T20 League team, for "violating" BCCI's Anti-Corruption Code over allegations of attempting to fix a match. BCCI Ombudsman Justice Arun Mishra, a former judge of the Supreme Court of India, stated that corrupt practices such as match-fixing must be dealt with strictly. He imposed the highest prescribed punishment on Bhamrah. According to the order of the BCCI Ombudsman accessed by ANI, the case pertains to the second season of the Mumbai T20 League. The match in question was the semi-final of the tournament, played in May 2019. The order states that Bhamrah made a match-fixing attempt by approaching a player, who subsequently reported the matter to the concerned agencies. Earlier, the BCCI's Anti-Corruption Bureau had conducted an inquiry, during which Bhamrah was "found guilty". The matter was then referred to the Ombudsman. Justice Arun Mishra provided detailed reasoning for upholding the charge of violating the Anti-Corruption Code and for imposing a lifetime ban on Gurmeet Singh Bhamrah. The team owner reportedly had commercial interests in cricket leagues in other countries, including Canada.



"I knew I was gonna play a role with ball": Will Jacks on his performance against SRH

MUMBAI (MAHARASHTRA) : Following his all-around performance in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 clash against Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH), Mumbai Indians (MI) all-rounder Will Jacks said he knew he will have a role to play in the match.

Will Jacks' two crucial wickets (2/14 in 3 overs) and a quickfire 36 helped MI secure a four-wicket win over SRH at Wankhede Stadium on Thursday.

"I'm really happy. I knew I was gonna play a role with the ball. They've got three left-handers in the top order. And I think we knew that it was gonna have a little bit of assistance," Jacks said in post-match press conference.

"I would have loved to have contributed more in the games I've played. But the message has always been the same from the team," the 26-year-old player added.

Coming to the match, MI won the toss and opted to field first. After that, Abhishek Sharma (40 in 28 balls, with seven fours) and Head (28 in 29 balls, with three fours) put on a 59-run partnership. However, the team could not maintain a fiery run-rate living up to the standard of their fiery brand of cricket, despite some effort from Heinrich Klaasen (37 in 28 balls, with three fours and two sixes). SRH posted 162/5 in their 20 overs, with Will Jacks (2/14) and Jasprit Bumrah (1/21) being the top bowlers for the Hardik Pandya-led side.

During the run-chase, MI top order contributed enough to help their cause, with Rohit Sharma (26 in 16 balls, with three sixes) and Ryan Rickelton (31 in 23 balls, with five fours) producing quick-fire knocks that took MI to 69/2 by the time they were dismissed. A 52-run stand between Will Jacks



(36 in 26 balls, with three fours and two sixes) and Suryakumar Yadav (26 in 15 balls, with two fours and two sixes) took MI to the brink of an easy win, however, SRH bowlers decided to put up a fight. Tilak Varma (21* in 17 balls, with a four) and Mitchell Santner (0*) took MI to a four-wicket win

with 11 balls left.

Skipper Pat Cummins (3/26) and Eshan Malinga (2/36) put up fighting spells for SRH, but it was not enough.

MI have gone up to the seventh spot with three wins and four losses. SRH are at ninth spot with two wins and five losses.

'Hope my selection inspires other girls from rural areas': says Pooja Yadav after becoming first-ever woman from Varanasi to join Indian hockey team

BENGALURU (KARNATAKA) : At the age of 21, Pooja Yadav, who hails from the outskirts of Varanasi, has become the first-ever woman from the Purvanchal region to make it to the Indian hockey team, as per the Hockey India press release.

She has been training in the senior national camp in SAI, Bengaluru, over the past few weeks, and her efforts have earned her a spot in the 26-member Indian Women's Hockey squad for the upcoming tour of Australia, scheduled to take place from 26th April to 4th May 2025 at the Perth Hockey Stadium.

Reflecting on her selection, Pooja said, as quoted by Hockey India press release, "It was an incredible feeling when I learnt that I have been selected in the national squad. Everyone from back home started calling me. My parents and siblings were especially overjoyed because something like this seemed impossible before, but now they are proud that I have made it."

"I am very proud that I am the first woman player from



Purvanchal to make it to the Indian team. I hope my selection acts as an inspiration for other girls from rural areas, so that they can reach great heights and not suppress their dreams. I urge their families to support them because, with enough training and hard work, we can see more women players emerging from Purvanchal," she added.

Pooja was first selected in the 65-member core probable group

and has been training with the senior players since 23rd March 2025. Talking about her experience in the training camp, she said, "It has been a wonderful experience so far training with the senior players. Just observing their work and following along has helped me improve my game significantly. Everyone is very easy to talk to, and they constantly teach us ways we can improve."

Pooja also highlighted the impact her roommate, Neha, has had on her so far. "Since I am a midfielder, I used to always look up to Sushila di and Neha di and now training alongside them is a dream come true. Neha di is also my roommate in the camp and she has mentored me very well, not just on the field but off it as well. She has helped me with my diet, revising game strategies and has given me a lot of insightful knowledge from her experience playing for India over the years."

Pooja hails from a rural village on the outskirts of Varanasi and comes from humble beginnings. In 2022, Pooja first got

selected in the junior squad of Uttar Pradesh Hockey and then made it into the senior squad of her state team. Although she hasn't played for the Indian junior team, her strong performances at the 15th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2025 earned her a spot in the senior national camp. Talking about her early years, Pooja said, "I used to play a lot of cricket when I was a kid, but my interest in hockey started when I played in my school next to my house. I started playing in 2015, first representing the state junior team, and later the senior team. I narrowly missed selection for the Indian junior team on several occasions, however, I am glad that everything worked out and I directly made it into the senior squad."

"My focus for now is to do well and make the most of whatever opportunities I get in the Australia tour. I need to make sure that I play well and stay in the squad for the FIH Hockey Pro League matches coming ahead," Pooja concluded.

Rafael Nadal to be honoured with ceremony at this year's French Open

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Rafael Nadal will be honoured at this year's French Open in recognition of his remarkable legacy and achievements at Roland Garros, as per the Olympics.com.

The 38-year-old Spaniard is a 22-time Grand Slam champion, with a record 14 of those titles coming on the Paris clay. The ceremony will take place on the opening Sunday of the tournament, 25 May, on Court Philippe-Chatrier, following the day's matches.

Nadal, a two-time Olympic champion (Beijing 2008 singles, Rio 2016 doubles), retired in November last year. His remarkable win-loss record at Roland Garros reads 112-4, and there are plans for him to take up an ambassadorial role at the Grand Slam.

French Tennis Federation president Gilles Moretton said of the tribute, as quoted by the Olympics.com, "It's a love story. I think it's important to talk about a love story because he has deep respect for the tournament, for clay, and we have the same respect for the player, for the ambassador he can become for Roland Garros and for the federation."

Tournament director Amelie Mauresmo added that details of the ceremony will remain a surprise.

"Rafa has, of course, marked the history of Roland Garros in many different ways and his 14 titles will perhaps remain unequalled in a Grand Slam tournament. He will not be playing this year at Roland Garros, but he will be very present by our side for this 2025 edition. Rafa has an important bond with Roland Garros. We want it to be a surprise," she said.

Nadal's first title in Paris came in 2005 and his last in 2022. His final appearance at the French Open was in 2024, where he lost in the first round to Alexander Zverev.

Zverev became just the third man ever to beat Nadal at Roland Garros, joining Robin Soderling and Novak Djokovic (twice).

Nadal also played on the red dirt of Paris at last year's Olympics, losing to eventual champion Djokovic in the second-round singles and bowing out of the doubles with Carlos Alcaraz at the quarter-final stage.

