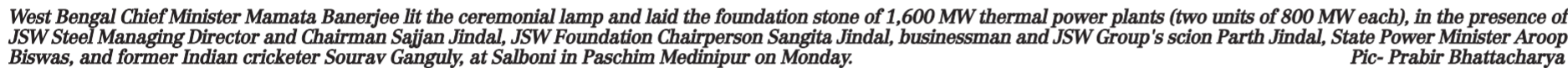




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West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in talks with JSW Steel's Managing Director and Chairman Sajjan Jindal, in the presence of State Power Minister Aroop Biswas, during the foundation stone laying ceremony for 1,600 MW thermal power plants at Salboni in Paschim Medinipur district on Monday. Pic- Prabir Bhattacharya

Howrah Chemical factory fire in Domjur contained, RAF deployed

MI News Service, Howrah: A major fire is raging at an ONGC chemical factory in Domjur, Howrah creating widespread black smoke. Initial firefighting efforts failed to the intense blaze, intensified by numerous chemicals and oil tankers. Explosions are occurring and the RAF has been deployed. Firefighters can't access the site, raising casualty concern's despite worker evacuation. Their cause is unknown, and more resources are being mobilized.

A significant fire erupted at an ONGC chemical factory situated in the Domjur area of Howrah, West Bengal, resulting in a substantial plume of black smoke that has reportedly engulfed approximately 8% of the surrounding area. Initial response efforts involved 15 fire tenders; however, the fire brigade has since suspended direct firefighting operations using water, citing the extreme intensity of the blaze, which cannot be effectively countered by water alone. There is a considerable risk of rapid fire propagation within the chemical facility due to the presence of a large quantity of flammable materials. In response to the escalating situation, the Rapid Action Force (RAF) has been deployed to the area. The ONGC-operated chemical plant is located in a relatively isolated area within Domjur. Preliminary reports indicate a significant inventory of chemicals stored at the facility, including an estimated 100 to 150 oil tankers. The stored materials are reportedly undergoing explosions, causing tremors throughout the site. The combination of the substantial volume of flammable substances and prevailing gusty winds is contributing to the swift spread of the fire. The factory's location outside densely populated residential areas offers a degree of mitigation against wider community impact, which officials acknowledge as a relative relief.

However, the possibility of individuals being trapped inside the factory remains undetermined, as firefighters have been unable to gain access to the interior. Authorities are currently exploring alternative strategies to bring the fire under control. Notably, residential quarters for factory workers are located within the vacant area surrounding the plant, and these occupants have been successfully evacuated to secure locations. Despite ongoing efforts, containment of the fire has not yet been achieved, and there are indications that additional fire tenders will be deployed to the scene. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

Another student found hanging, second death in a month at IIT Kharagpur

MI News Service, Kharagpur: IIT Kharagpur from another student death, with fourth year ocean Engineering students Ankiet Walker found hanging in his hostel room, prompting a police investigation into the cause. IIT Kharagpur is grappling with the second mysterious death of a student within four months, following the discovery of Aniket Walker's body in his hostel room late Sunday night. Walker, a fourth-year Ocean Engineering and Novel Architecture student from Maharashtra, was found hanging from the ceiling of his room in Jagadish Chandra Bose Bhavan. According to police sources, the door to Walker's room, C 214, had been locked since Sunday evening. Initially dismissed as routine, concern grew amongst his classmates when repeated attempts to contact him went unanswered. After

receiving no response despite persistent knocking, fellow students broke down the door, only to find Walker deceased. The Kharagpur Town police were immediately notified and arrived at the scene. Walker's family in Maharashtra has been informed of the tragic incident. An autopsy is scheduled for Monday at Medinipur Medical College Hospital to determine the cause of death. Authorities are currently investigating whether it was a case of suicide or foul play. This incident marks the second student death by hanging at the prestigious institution this year. A few months prior, another student, a resident of Kasba, was found deceased in his hostel room in a similar manner during a holiday visit by his parents. These repeated incidents have left IIT authorities in a state of uncertainty and heightened concern.

Body ready for cremation, police intervene after starting discovery

MI News Service, Bongaon: Just moments before cremations in Bongaon, police intervened and took possession of a body Following concerns raised by crematorium workers regarding the death certificate and unusual markings. Authorities in Bongaon intervened to halt the cremation of a 65-year-old man after crematorium staff raised concerns regarding the circumstances of his death. The deceased, identified as Dhrub Kundu, a resident of Garapota, was brought to the Bongaon Bhupendranath Seth Smriti Maha Crematorium for cremation on Monday. According to reports, crematorium workers became suspicious after observing the body and reviewing the death certificate, which had been obtained from a local homeopathy doctor.

Staff members reportedly noticed an unusual mark on Kundu's neck, prompting them to alert the Mayor of Bongaon Municipality. Subsequently, the police were informed and swiftly arrived at the crematorium. The scheduled cremation was immediately stopped, and the body was taken to Bongaon Hospital for a thorough autopsy. The incident has reportedly caused considerable unease at the crematorium. Kundu's family claims he passed away at home on Sunday morning. However, the suspicious observations by the crematorium staff have triggered a police investigation to ascertain the actual cause of death and rule out any possibility of foul play. The autopsy report is now awaited to shed light on the matter.

CPIM rally, Kunal Ghosh hints at “Fake Attendees”

MI News Service, East Midnapore: The CPIM's recent brigade rally, showcasing a mobilization of marginalized workers, has sparked a political firestorm, with Kunal Ghosh accusing the BJP of infiltration and both Trinamool and BJP leaders labeling it a failure. Kunal Ghosh Alleges BJP Infiltration of CPIM Brigade Rally. Amidst Claims of Strong Turnout Egra, East Midnapore: Trinamool Congress state general secretary and spokesperson Kunal Ghosh has alleged that individuals "disguised" as CPIM supporters attended the Left Front's brigade rally, insinuating a deliberate infiltration by BJP affiliates. Speaking at a function in Egra on Sunday evening, Kunal Ghosh dismissed the rally as a "goose brigade," asserting that BJP voters comprised a significant portion of the attendees. De-



spite reports of a substantial turnout, with roads in East Midnapore reportedly "red on red" due to the influx of workers, daily wage earners, and farm laborers, Kunal Ghosh maintained that the rally was orchestrated to attract BJP votes. He criticized the CPIM's slogan, suggesting it served as a conduit for transferring allegiance to the BJP. "The slogan of that brigade is the brigade of the CPM, come on. Then come back from the brigade to vote for the BJP," Kunal Ghosh stated. He further downplayed the

rally's significance, arguing that assembling a crowd of four individuals was not a substantial feat. Kunal Ghosh also invoked the concept of an alliance, dubbing the rally a "Ram-Left brigade and Inquilab-Jai Shri Ram brigade," a clear reference to the perceived convergence of CPIM and BJP interests. His remarks echo a similar sentiment expressed by other political figures. BJP leader Suwendu Adhikari and Trinamool leader Jayaprakash Majumdar both dismissed the rally as a "flop show," mirroring Kunal Ghosh's critical assessment. The CPIM rally, while showcasing a significant mobilization of marginalized labor leaders and a considerable crowd, has become a focal point of political contention, with allegations of external influence casting a shadow over its perceived success.

Murshidabad displaced returned as Parlapur shelter close

MI News Service, Murshidabad: About 85 families who fled their homes in Murshidabad's Shamsherganj area due to violence over the Waqf Act have safely returned home. They had taken shelter in a reef camo at Parlapur High School in Malda's Vaishnavnagar. Local authorities, including the Superintendent of Police and MALs, facilitated their return. The situation is now calm, with 292 accused arrested and 153 cases filed. In a significant development, approximately 85 families who were forced to flee their homes in Murshidabad's Shamsherganj area due to recent violence sparked by opposition to the Waqf Act have safely returned residences. The families had taken shelter in a relief camp at Parlapur High School in Malda's Visnagar. Under the leadership of Jangipur Superintendent of Police Anand Roy, and in the presences of local dignitaries including Jangipur MP Khalilur Rahaman ,

Shamsherganj MLA Amirul Islam, and farakka MLA Monirul Islam, the families were escorted back t their homes via the Dhulian Kanchantala Gnaga Ghat. The violence had led to widespread vandalism, with cars and houses being set on fire, prompting many families to cross the Ganges and seek refuge in the Parlapur High School shelter camp. However, with the situation now under control, the administration facilitated the families return home. According to Superintendent of Police Anand Roy, a total of 153 cases have been filed, and 292 accused individuals have been arrested in connection with the violence. Local leaders have attributed the return of the families to the restoration of peace and normalcy in the area. The successful rehabilitation of the displaced families marks a positive step towards rebuilding and restoring normalcy in the affected areas of Murshidabad.

Son half burnt with boiling milk over interest money

MI News Service, Burdwan: A shocking incident in East Burdwan's Malkita village has led to the arrest of one person, with a BJP leader on the run, after a minor was violence erupted over a dispute involving money lent at high interest with the accused Amit Makar, reportedly targeting the minor when he couldn't find the father. The victim is hospitalized with serious injuries and the incident has sparked outrage with the Trinamool Congress demanding swift action. A serious incident of violence has occurred in Malkita village, Dewandighi police station, East Burdwan, where a minor sustained severe burns after being attacked with boiling milk. The incident stems from a dispute involving a loan provided at high interest. According to the victim's father, Umashankar Sau, former BJP official Amit Makar, along with an accomplice, Mausam Hazra, stormed his shop on Saturday afternoon. When they were unable to locate Mr. Sau, they allegedly vandalized the premises. When the minor attempted to intervene, he was reportedly assaulted with boiling milk, resulting in extensive burns.

Bengal

Saving the Hooghly: Kolkata & London Unite for River Revival



MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata remains a hub of vibrant discussions and meaningful engagements, as demonstrated by a dynamic interactive session held today at DPS Newtown. Young students, alongside senior environmental activists, engaged in a thought-provoking dialogue on combating pollution in the River Hooghly and drawing lessons from the revival of London's River Thames. The session, moderated by Gautam Chakraborti, former Security and Heritage Advisor to Kolkata Port, featured prominent speakers including: Sonali Sen, Principal, DPS Newtown, David Thompson, former President of the Rotary Club of London, Saumen Ray, Convener of "Ganga Abhyan" Parthapratim Mukherjee, Director of Kolkata Maritime. A key high-

light was the discussion on the role of seagrass as a natural bioplant in erosion control and river restoration. David Thompson also announced an upcoming student exchange program, where learners from Kolkata and London will visit both rivers, fostering hands-on learning and idea exchange. The young participants raised pressing questions, from "How can we create a real impact?" to "When will the Hooghly regain its lost glory?" While experts acknowledged that full restoration may take time, the dialogue marked a crucial step toward collaborative action. The event underscored the power of youth engagement and global cooperation in tackling environmental challenges—proving that Kolkata remains at the forefront of meaningful dialogue.

Workers' agitation in Makaut, demanding salary revision



Dipankar Edbar, Kalyani : Even after a long wait and appeal, the contractual workers of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology, West Bengal, found no result regarding payment revision. So they started their agitation through pen down and demonstration in front of the chamber of Vice Chancellor Prof. Tapas Chakraborty at its Haringhata campus on and from Monday. President of TMC Shiksha Bandhu

Samity, Saheb Saha said, "Our movement will continue until our demand gets fulfilled." The university consists a big number of contractual workers and allegedly there is no systematic salary structure. The workers agitated earlier in a scattered way. But now the agitation has been initiated under the leadership of Sara Bangla Trinamool Shiksha Bandhu Samity. Allegedly there is no system regarding remuneration.

Man gets death sentence for murdering wife in front of 4-yr-old son

MI News Service, Jalpaiguri: A Jalpaiguri court has sentenced Sujit De Bhowmik to death for the brutal axe murder of his wife in 2023, which occurred in front of their minor son. The motive is believed to be the wife's discovery of her husband's extramarital affair, leading to frequent domestic disputes. When the victim's parents attempted to intervene, Sujit also allegedly tried to kill them. The Additional Third Court Judge deemed the crime "rarest of rare," also sentencing Sujit to life imprisonment and a ₹1 lakh fine for attempted murder, though the convict claims the incident was staged. In a verdict delivered on Monday, the Additional Third Court Judge of the Jalpaiguri District and Sessions Court sentenced Sujit

De Bhowmik to death for the murder of his wife in 2023. The crime, which occurred in Charerbari Sarkarpara under the Maynaguri police station jurisdiction, involved the accused repeatedly striking his wife with an axe in the presence of their minor son. The prosecution argued that the murder was a consequence of the wife's discovery of Mr. De Bhowmik's alleged extramarital affair, which had become a source of constant domestic conflict. The wife was reportedly perceived as an impediment to this relationship. On the morning of the fatal incident, further unrest at their home allegedly escalated, culminating in the violent attack. During the incident, the victim's parents were also present at the residence.

Bakura School's science department crippled as 6 teachers lost jobs

MI News Service, Bakura: A court order has thrown the science department of Jhilmili School in Bankura, a crucial institution for 1,500 students in the Jangalmahal border region, into chaos as 9 teachers, including 6 from science, lost their jobs. The school, serving an economically disadvantaged tribal area across three districts, now faces a severe crisis with the future of its science department and overall education hanging in the balance. Jhilmili High School in the Ranibandh block of Bankura district is grappling with a significant educational crisis following a recent court order that resulted in the dismissal of nine teachers, including six from its science department. Situated on the southern border of Bankura, bordering the Bandwan block of Purulia and the Belpahari block of Jhargram districts, the school serves as a crucial educational hub for over 1,400 students from these economically disadvantaged tribal regions. The abrupt departure of a substantial portion of the teaching staff, particularly within the science department, has cast a pall of uncertainty over the academic future of the students.

State Govt man-
dates signage on
hazardous chemical
transport vehicles
to avert accidents

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant move aimed at enhancing road safety and preventing chemical-related disasters, the West Bengal government has introduced a new directive requiring mandatory signage on vehicles transporting hazardous substances. Following multiple incidents involving flammable and toxic cargo, the State Transport Department has issued detailed guidelines to ensure that such vehicles are clearly marked and easily identifiable on the roads.

Under the new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), all trucks and tankers carrying inflammable chemicals, including LPG, CNG, petrol, diesel, radioactive materials, and toxic gases, must display signage both at the front and rear. These signs must clearly indicate the type of chemical being transported, allowing other vehicles to maintain a safe distance and exercise caution. The directive comes in the wake of a tragic incident on Central Avenue, where a tanker carrying chemical fuel collided with a stationary truck, resulting in a fire that killed the driver. Several other similar accidents across the state have prompted the government to take stringent preventive measures. Earlier, the Transport Department had already mandated the use of fire extinguishers, spark arrestors, and trained drivers for vehicles transporting hazardous materials. In addition, such vehicles must possess environmental clearance from the Pollution Control Board. As part of the new rule, drivers must also carry complete documentation detailing the source and destination of the cargo, and if inter-state transportation is involved, permissions from both state authorities must be secured.

Kolkata teacher enters
Guinness World
Records for collecting
1,034 movie tickets

MI News Service, Kolkata: In an age where everything is a click away — be it shopping, entertainment, or movie tickets — one man's passion for tradition has earned him global recognition. While most people book film tickets online and rarely visit box offices, Devangon Seal, a school teacher from Kolkata, has made a world record out of standing in line at cinema halls and collecting printed movie tickets — a hobby that has earned him a place in the prestigious Guinness Book of World Records.

Devangon, a resident of Jyangra in Baguiati, has been a cinema enthusiast since childhood. He remembers dialogues and songs from countless films and has an emotional connection to the theatres themselves. His journey began in 2003 when he watched Bombaiyer Bombete at Jaya Cinema in Lake Town. Instead of discarding the ticket, he preserved it. That moment sparked a lifelong habit. Since then, Devangon has travelled across West Bengal — from Medinipur and Barasat to Bardhaman and North Bengal — visiting theatres such as Roxy, Paradise, Elite, Chhabighar, Minar, and Bijoli. In every instance, he retained the physical ticket. His personal collection now boasts 1,034 tickets from 197 different single-screen theatres. Among them, Jaya Cinema remains his most frequented venue, with 154 tickets alone preserved from that hall. By profession, Devangon teaches at a private school, but cinema is his enduring passion. He recently submitted his meticulously archived ticket collection to the Guinness World Records authorities.



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee addresses the gathering during the foundation stone laying ceremony of 1,600 MW thermal power plants (two units of 800 MW each) at Salboni in Paschim Medinipur district on Monday. Pic: Prabir Bhattacharya

Sajjan Jindal lauds Mamata
for her visionary leadership

MI News Service, Salboni: JSW Group Chairman Sajjan Jindal lauded West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee as a “once-in-a-lakh-years leader,” applauding her unwavering concern for the poor and her visionary leadership, as they jointly laid the foundation stone for a 1600 MW ultra-supercritical thermal power plant and a sprawling 2000-acre industrial park in Salboni, Paschim Medinipur. The landmark event was also attended by cricket legend Sourav Ganguly, drawing attention from across political and industrial spheres.

Calling the occasion “a turning point” in Bengal’s industrial resurgence, Jindal stated, ‘A leader like Didi comes once in a lakh years’ crediting her compassion and leadership as the driving force behind the JSW Group’s continued investments in the state. “Didi always thinks for the poor. Speaking to her felt like speaking to my own family—there’s warmth, clarity, and conviction,”

said an emotional Jindal, reflecting on a personal exchange he had with the Chief Minister during the event.

The upcoming power plant, to be built at a cost of Rs 16,000 crore, will be the largest greenfield thermal project undertaken by the private sector in West Bengal. It is expected to create over 2000 direct and indirect jobs, while significantly boosting the state’s power infrastructure. “Salboni is a dream for us,” Jindal said. “This plant will be powered by ultra-modern, zero-pollution technology and serve the electricity needs of nearly two crore people.”

Jindal also announced the development of a world-class industrial park at Salboni, based on plug-and-play infrastructure, signaling a major leap in industrial planning for Eastern India. “Anyone who wants to invest here is welcome. This park will change the economic landscape of the region,” he said. ‘The Industrial park will be a game changer in the industrial and economic growth

in the state as well as the eastern region of our country,’ he added.

Returning to Salboni after a decade, Jindal was visibly impressed. “So much has changed. The progress Bengal has made under Didi’s leadership is what the entire nation should aspire to,” he remarked. ‘It is always a pleasure to return to Salboni – the place which marked the beginning of our journey in West Bengal. This journey would not have been possible without the inspiring leadership of honorable Chief Minister Mamata Didi and the valuable guidance and support of the state government. Her vision for Bengal and belief in its people continue to inspire us to invest and grow in the state,’ he added.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee welcomed the investment and affirmed that her government is committed to industrial growth, job creation, and energy security. “Bengal is moving forward, and together we are building the future,” she said.



Teachers and non-teaching staff who lost their permanent jobs following the Supreme Court verdict took part in a protest rally, marching to the SSC Bhawan in Salt Lake, Kolkata, on Monday.

Guv hospitalised following chest
complications; CM Mamata visits

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Governor CV Ananda Bose was admitted to a hospital in Alipore on Monday morning after he experienced sudden chest pain, prompting concerns over his health. Following his admission, his condition is being closely monitored by a team of medical experts. The health condition of West Bengal Governor CV Ananda Bose, who was admitted to the Eastern Command Hospital here on Monday morning with chest congestion, was “stable,” a senior Raj Bhavan official said. In a significant gesture, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee visited Governor

Bose at the Command Hospital before leaving for a scheduled programme in Salboni. She was accompanied by expert cardiologists from SSKM Hospital, whom she had personally directed to examine the Governor. Speaking to the media just before her helicopter departed from Dumurjala Stadium, Banerjee said, “I visited the Governor after learning of his health condition. He was admitted suddenly. I saw him and now I’m on my way to Medinipur. I’ll be back after tomorrow’s programme. My best wishes for everyone’s well-being.” I have directed my Chief Secretary to take necessary

steps in this regard, she further added. Some reports suggest that the Governor has been diagnosed with blockages in his coronary arteries, and doctors are currently considering bypass surgery; however, no confirmation has been provided by official sources. As per sources, the condition of the Governor is stable. Doctors have kept him under observation. Sources further added that the Bose may be discharged from the hospital on Tuesday. Medical examinations were conducted upon his arrival and following treatment, his condition reportedly “improved,” the official added.

Bench reassigned
in 32,000 primary
teacher termination case: Hearing
from April 25

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant development in West Bengal’s primary education recruitment controversy, the Calcutta High Court has reassigned the high-profile case involving the cancellation of 32,000 primary teacher appointments. The matter will now be heard by a division bench headed by Justice Tapabrata Chakraborty, with hearings scheduled to commence on April 25. The final hearing in the main case has been slated for April 28.

The controversy dates back to the 2016 recruitment of primary school teachers based on a panel formed after the 2014 Teacher Eligibility Test (TET). Allegations of large-scale corruption soon surfaced, prompting the then-Calcutta High Court judge, Justice Abhijit Gangopadhyay, to order the cancellation of the 32,000 appointments in May 2023. Challenging this verdict, the West Bengal Board of Primary Education approached the division bench. Initially, the case was assigned to a bench comprising Justice Soumen Sen and Justice Smrita Das Dey, and was set for hearing on April 7. However, due to personal reasons, Justice Sen recused himself from the matter, creating procedural uncertainty. The case was subsequently referred to the Chief Justice’s court for reassignment. On Monday, Calcutta High Court confirmed that Justice

Tapabrata Chakraborty’s division bench would now preside over the hearings. Proceedings will begin with the hearing of the Board’s petition challenging the cancellation order, followed by the main hearing on April 28.

KMC initiates crackdown on illegal street
encroachments in New Market area

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a decisive move to restore pedestrian rights and uphold civic order, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) is set to launch a fresh eviction drive against illegal street encroachments by hawkers, particularly in the bustling New Market area. Despite clear directives prohibiting stalls on roads or pavements, several hawkers have been found blatantly flouting the rules by occupying public pathways.

According to KMC sources, under the provisions of the 2018 Street Vending Rules, hawkers are permitted to set up stalls only within one-third of the pavement’s width, leaving the remaining two-thirds free for pedestrian movement. However, this guideline is being grossly violated, especially across Bartram Street, Lindsay Street, and Humayun Place. Field inspections reveal that hawkers have not only taken over footpaths but, in some instances, extended their stalls into designated parking zones, obstructing vehicular movement and disrupting urban mobility.

Allegations have also surfaced that certain hawkers have set up shop



dangerously close to New Market’s entrance gates, causing congestion and affecting the visibility and accessibility of permanent retail outlets. Local shopkeepers claim their businesses are suffering due to the unregulated sprawl of street vendors who enjoy unfair advantages without complying with licensing norms or civic duties.

Speaking to the media, KMC Mayor-in-Council Debashish Kumar affirmed that the Corporation will soon undertake a rigorous and sustained clearance operation. “All stalls encroaching on roads and pavements will be removed. Such violations cannot be tolerated. These drives will be carried out at regular intervals and will not be halted under any pressure,” Kumar as-

serted. He further clarified that hawkers who are removed must wait for a fresh allotment of space through the Town Vending Committee before resuming their trade. “The newly allocated zones might be away from New Market. But until then, they will not be allowed to occupy any part of the public roadway,” Kumar stated.

This initiative underscores KMC’s commitment to reclaim public spaces, ensure smoother pedestrian traffic, and uphold the city’s visual and functional urban order. The civic body has already begun notifying police and enforcement departments, setting the stage for a wide-scale operation aimed at restoring lawful urban discipline in one of Kolkata’s busiest commercial hubs.

US Vice President
Vance, his family
arrive on a four day
trip to India

From PG 1 them. The US Vice President is accompanied by a five-member delegation, including representatives from the Pentagon and the State Department. After meeting Prime Minister Modi this evening, Vance and his family will visit Jaipur and Agra. On Tuesday, the US Vice-President will visit the iconic Amer Palace. Later that day, he will deliver a keynote address at the US-India Business Summit at the Rajasthan International Centre. The summit will see participation from top Indian and American officials, with Mr Vance expected to talk about bilateral trade and investment between the two countries. On Wednesday, the US Vice President will travel to Agra for a visit to the Taj Mahal. After spending nearly three hours at the monument, he will return to Jaipur the same afternoon and visit the Jaipur City Palace. He will fly back to Washington on Thursday. Vance is travelling to India for the first time amid the rising global concerns over President Donald Trump’s tariff tussle and both sides are likely to deliberate on firming up of the proposed trade deal that is aimed at addressing issues relating to levies, market access and supply chains. “The visit will provide an opportunity for both sides to review the progress in bilateral relations and the implementation of the outcomes of the India-US Joint Statement issued on February 13 during the visit of the Prime Minister Modi to the US,” the MEA said in a statement.

It said the two sides will also exchange views on regional and global developments of mutual interest. Vance’s office said he is visiting Italy and India from April 18 to 24 and he will discuss “shared economic and geopolitical priorities with leaders in each country”. This apart, Vance and his Hindu-American wife Usha are scheduled to participate in a number of their engagements at cultural sites in India. Soon after their arrival, Vance and his family visited the Red Fort. In the afternoon, Vance met National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and BJP president JP Nadda. Prime Minister Modi interacted with Vance and his family -- wife Usha, also the Second Lady, sons Ewan and Vivek and daughter Mirabel -- and hosted them for a formal (Indian) dinner in the evening, the informed sources said.

India’s holistic development is for country’s
all round progress for 1,000 years, says PM

From PG 1 also the twenty-fifth year of the new millennium. The policies we are working on today, the decisions we are making, will shape the future of the next thousand years..For achieving the goal of Viksit Bharat, the development wheel has to work accordingly, and we all have to work very minutely for this goal,” he said. The Prime Minister emphasised that India’s aspirational society -- be it the youth, farmers, or women -- holds unprecedented dreams and ambitions. To fulfil these aspirations, we need an equally unprecedented pace of progress,” PM Modi said. He further expressed his happiness that this year’s Civil Services theme is the ‘Holistic development of India’.

“I am happy that this year’s Civil Services theme is the ‘Holistic development of India’. It is not just a theme, it is our commitment to the nation. Holistic development means that no family, citizen, or village is left behind. Real progress is not about small changes, but about large-scale, meaningful impact. Every home must have clean water, and every child must have access to quality education,” he said. PM Modi said that he believes quality in governance is not achieved merely by launching schemes, but by ensuring how deeply they impact the citizens of the country.

“It’s about understanding the real, on-ground effect. We are seeing this impact across various districts, from increased school attendance to the adoption of solar power. Many districts have fulfilled their commitments, and several have been recog-

nised for their efforts,” PM Modi said. The Prime Minister further said that they have often discussed aspirational districts, but the success of aspirational blocks is equally important.

“We have often discussed aspirational districts, but the success of aspirational blocks is equally important. This programme was launched in January 2023, and within just two years, unprecedented changes have been seen in key indicators, health, social development, and basic infrastructure. In some places, these blocks have even surpassed the state averages. For example, in the Peeplu block of Tonk, Rajasthan, just two years ago, the measurement efficiency of children was around 20 per cent at Anganwadi Centres. Today, it has risen to over 99 per cent,” he said.

Mentioning Bihar’s Bhagalpur district, Jagdishpur’s significant improvement, PM Modi said that “Pregnant women registration was at just 25 per cent in the first quarter, and it has now increased to over 90 per cent. Similarly, in Jammu and Kashmir’s Marwah block, institutional deliveries.” Earlier, PM Modi released e-Coffee Table Books on ‘Holistic Development of Districts for Prime Minister’s Awards for Excellence in Public Administration’ and ‘Select Innovations from Prime Minister’s Awards for Excellence in Public Administration’. The Prime Minister also conferred the Prime Minister’s Awards for Excellence in Public Administration for effective implementation of identified priority programmes and innovation to districts and central and state governments. Civil Services Day is an occasion for the Civil Servants across India to rededicate themselves to the cause of citizens and renew their commitment to public service and excellence in their work. This date was chosen to commemorate the day when Sardar Vallabhai Patel addressed the probationers of Administrative Service Officers in 1947 at Metcalfe House, Delhi.

Mamata announces industrial
resurgence in Bengal lays foundation
of 1600 MW Thermal Power projects

From PG 1 costing Rs 757 crore, will generate 112.5 megawatts of green energy. A German company is contributing 80 per cent of the cost, while the state government is covering the remaining 20 per cent. With major infrastructure projects are now being launched across the state, with legal and political debates intensifying, her image as a people’s leader once again underscored, Mamata Banerjee is steering West Bengal through a critical juncture—balancing development, governance, and identity politics in equal measure.

Name Change
I, Syamali Samaddar, wife of Shri Samarees Chandra Das, residing at 8J, Naktala Road, P.O. Naktala, P.S. Netaji Nagar, Kolkata - 700047 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Syamali Samaddar Das as de-clared before the I.d. 1st class Ju-dicial Magistrate, Alipore court vide affidavit number 2555 dated 08/01/2021. Syamali Samaddar and Syamali Samaddar Das both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I (old name) MD.NASIM S/O Late Abdul Wahid Residing at 479 G. T. ROAD SHIBPUR, P.O. SHIBPUR, P.S. SHIBPUR, District Howrah 711 102, State -West Bengal have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MD.NASIM ANSARI (new name) as declared before the NOTARY Public Howrah Court vide affidavit no SL136 Dated, 11.03.2025. MD.NASIM and MD.NASIM ANSARI (new name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I Abdul Rahman s/o late Sher Mohammad Khan residence of Segun Bagan Lane,Po Telinpara of dist Hooghly pin 712125.My actual name is Abdul Rahman and my Son name is Abid Khan, but inadvertently my name wrongly written or record as Abdul Rahman Khan instead of Abdul Rahman in said son's (Abid Khan) MP examination (WBBSE) examination 2007.That Abdul Rahman /Abdul Rahman Khan and Ab Rahman is same and one identical person.Vide an Affidavit sworn before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Chinsurah (Sadar) Hooghly on 10th April 2025.

NAME CHANGE
I, MD SAIF ALI, son of Nasim Uddin, residing at Panchpara, Radhadasi, Sankrail, Howrah – 711317, do hereby declare that my names MD SAIF ALI, MD SEF ALI, and SAIF ALI refer to one and the same person, as affirmed in an affidavit sworn before a First Class Magistrate. I further declare that my mother's names JAINAB KHATOON and ZAINAB KHATOON also refer to one and the same person, as confirmed in an affidavit sworn before an Executive Magistrate. This declaration is made for all legal and official purposes.

NAME CHANGE
After accepting Islam on & from 19/04/2025, I, Purnima Das Modak D/o. Bapi Das Modak known everywhere as Purnima Bibi, I, Purnima Bibi & Purnima Das Modak D/o. Bapi Das Modak is the same self & one identical person vide affidavit no. 05, dt.21/04/2025 before Notary Public, Sadar, Hooghly Court.

NAME CHANGE
I, Dipali Tapadar W/o. Manu Tapadar, D/o. Manindira Mondal & Balaka Tapadar W/o. Manu Tapadar, D/o. Manindira Nath Mondal R/o. Milangarh, Balagarh, Hooghly-712501, W.B. both are the same & one identical person vide an affidavit no. 70, dated 17/04/2025 before S.D.E.M. Sadar, Hooghly Court.

NAME CHANGE
I, Shobha Vishvas (old name) W/O Nirapada Biswas, residing at Manikdih, Santipur, Nadial, Pin- 741404, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sovarani Biswas (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 21/04/2025. Sovarani Biswas (new name) and Shobha Vishvas (old name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Neerpad Vishvas (old name) S/O Late Fani Biswas, residing at Manikdih, Santipur, Nadial, Pin-741404, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nirapada Biswas (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 21/04/2025. Nirapada Biswas (new name) and Neerpad Vishvas (old name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Nitai Vishvas (old name) S/O Nirapada Biswas, residing at Manikdih, Santipur, Nadial, Pin-741404, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nitai Biswas (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 21/04/2025. Nitai Biswas (new name) and Nitai Vishvas (old name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Gayanand (old name) S/O Late Lakashmi Narayan Yadav, residing at 141A, Tripolia, Pathri Ghat, Patna, Bihar, Pin-800077, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Gayanand Yadav (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 21/04/2025. Gayanand (old name) and Gayanand (old name) both are same and identical person.

Change of Name
I, Nandini Kumari Shaw D/o Rajesh Shaw Residing at 20, Collin Street, Po - Park Street, Ps - New Market, District - Kolkata, Pin- 700016 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Nandini Shaw. I declare that Nandini Kumari Shaw and Nandini Shaw is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 21-04-2025.

Change of Name
I, Iqbal Ahmed S/O Late Kudarut Ali Residing at Fatehbagh, Word No-3, Po - Mohammadaabad, Ps - Mohammadaabad, District - Ghazipur, Pin- 233227, Uttar Pradesh India shall henceforth be known as Iqbal Ahmed. I declare that Iqbal Ahmad and Iqbal Ahmed is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 21-04-2025.

Change of Name
I, Ajoy Das (old name) son of Late Bhuban Chandra Das, residing at 29, Muchipara Road, Ramrajatala, P.O- GIP Colony, P.S- Jagachga, Howrah - 711112, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ajay Kumar Das (new name) as declared before the L.d. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Howrah dated 02/12/2023. Ajoy Das (old name) and Ajay Kumar Das (new name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, (Old Name) AZIZUL SHAIKH S/O- FAKIR SHAIKH, Residing at, Vill- Bara Andulia, Post- Bara Andulia, Ps- Chapra, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741124, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from AZIZUL SHAIKH To AJJUL SHAIKH (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) AJJUL SHAIKH in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 16 April 2025, AJJUL SHAIKH and AZIZUL SHAIKH both are Same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, (Old Name) NRIPATI CH GHOSH S/O-UPENDRA GHOSH, Residing at, Vill- Ghoshpara, Post- Mohuruli anantapur, Ps- Nabagram, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742136, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from NRIPATI CH GHOSH To NRIPATI GHOSH (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) NRIPATI GHOSH in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 16 April 2025, NRIPATI GHOSH and NRIPATI CH GHOSH both are Same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, (Old Name) SOHID SHAIKH S/o- FAKIR SEKH, Residing at, Vill- Baniakandi, Post- Baliadanga, Ps- Murutia, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741152, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SOHID SHAIKH To SAHID SEKH (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SAHID SEKH in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 16 April 2025, SAHID SEKH and SOHID SHAIKH both are Same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, (Old Name) ANARUL HOQUE S/O- HAFIJUDDIN SK, Residing at, Vill- Pardiartola, Post- Jadupur, Ps- Kaliachak, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732212, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from ANARUL HOQUE To MD ANARUL HOQUE (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MD ANARUL HOQUE in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 16 April 2025, MD ANARUL HOQUE and ANARUL HOQUE both are Same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I Shiw Kumar Shaw,S/O Ram Fer Ram Shaw,R/O 123/2 H-5,Acharya Prafulla Chandra Road,Post Office: Beadon Street S.o,Beadon Street,Kolkata-700006,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shiw Kumar Gupta,Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Kolkata On 21/04/2025,That Shiw Kumar Shaw And Shiw Kumar Gupta All Are The Same And One Identical Person

NAME CHANGE
I Mithlesh Kumar Das, S/O Om Prakash Das, R/O Belgachia Kundulane 3/F, Kolkata, 700037, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mithlesh Roy, Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Kolkata On 21/04/2025,That Mithlesh Kumar Das And Mithlesh Roy All Are The Same And One Identical Person

NAME CHANGE
I Lal Mohammad, S/O Shekh Abiden, R/O 144, Moulana Abul Kalam Azad Sarani, Narkeldanga, Kolkata-700011, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Nanhe, Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Kolkata On 21/04/2025,That Lal Mohammad And Md Nanhe All Are The Same And One Identical Person

NAME CHANGE
I, PAYEL GOSWAMI (Old Name) daughter of Tapas Goswami (Father) wife of Pradip Bhagat (Husband) residing at 26A/1/I, Kuslia Road, P.O.- Tiljala, P.S.- Tiljala, Kolkata- 700039, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as PAYEL BHAGAT (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 21/04/2025. PAYEL BHAGAT (New Name) and PAYEL GOSWAMI (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I Amit Kumar S/O Raj Kumar Shaw,R/O 37/3 Nandi Bagan Lane Salkia,Howrah-711106 West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Amit Kumar Shaw,Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 21/04/2025,That Amit Kumar And Amit Kumar Shaw All Are The Same And One Identical Person

NAME CHANGE
I, Asif Ahmad Khan (Old Name), Son Of Noor Ahmad Khan, Residing At 28, Mackenzie Road, Kamarhati, Barrackpore, North 24 Parganas-700058, West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Asif Ahmad Khan (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 21/04/2025,That Asif Ahmad Khan And Asif Ahmad Khan Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE
I,Subin Sarkar (old name) S/O Panchanan Sarkar, residing at 64, Naskar Para Lane, Kasundia, Shibpur, Howrah- 711101, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Subin Kumar Sarkar(new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 21/04/2025. Subin Kumar Sarkar (new name) and Subin Sarkar (old name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I,Khadija Khatun(Old Name),Wife Of Sahid Hossain, Residing At 0040, Uttar Para Faldi, Duttapukur, North 24 Parganas - 743248, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Khadija Bibi(Old Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 21/04/2025.That Khadija Khatun And Khadija Bibi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE
I,SK Rajaul Hossain(Old Name) S/O SK Mofizur Rahman, Residing At 42B, Tiljala Road, Po-Gobinda Khatick, Ps-Topsia, Kolkata-700046, West Bengal, India. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sk Rezaul Hossain (New Name)As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 21/04/2025.Sk Rajaul Hossain(Old Name) And Sk Rezaul Hossain (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE
I,Rekha Jaiswal (Old Name), Wife Of Raj Kumar Shaw, Residing At J.I Nehru Road, Po & Ps - Raniganj, Paschim Bardhaman - 713347,West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Rekha Shaw (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Asansol Court On 19/04/2025. That Rekha Jaiswal And Rekha Shaw Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE
I,Raj Kumar Jaiswal(Old Name),Son Of Sagar Ram Shaw, Residing At J.I Nehru Road, Po & Ps - Raniganj,Paschim Bardhaman - 713347,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Raj Kumar Shaw (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Asansol Court On 19/04/2025.That Raj Kumar Jaiswal And Raj Kumar Shaw, Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE
I,Ankan Ashis Bagchi(Old Name),Son Of Ashis Kumar Bagchi, Residing At 3rd Floor, Flat - 3.P - 22,Purba Pally,Po - Hattu,Ps - Kasba, Kolkata - 700078,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ankan Bagchi(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 21/04/2025.That Ankan Ashis Bagchi And Ankan Bagchi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE
I,Ashis Bagchi(Old Name),Son Of Anandamoy Bagchi, Residing At 3Rd Floor,Flat - 3.P - 22,Purba Pally,Po - Hattu,Ps - Kasba, Kolkata - 700078,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ashis Kumar Bagchi(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 21/04/2025.That Ashis Bagchi And Ashis Kumar Bagchi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Md Sayed Alam (old name) S/O Mohammad Mofi, residing at Vill-Dignagar, P.O.- Chaprur, P.S.- Haripal, Dist- Hooghly, Pin-712706, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Sahed Alam (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 21/04/2025. Md Sahed Alam (new name) and Md Sayed Alam (old name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Manisha Patra,Wife Of Bapi Patra, Residing At Vill - Kora Patra Para,Po - Kora Chandraigarh, Ps-Madhyamgram, North 24 Parganas-700130, West Bengal, Do Hereby Notified That My Minor Daughter Baisakhi Patra(Old Name) Shall Henceforth Be Known As Baishakhi Patra(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 21/04/2025,That Baisakhi Patra And Baishakhi Patra Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Rehana Bibi Khan (Old Name) As Per Spouse Passport No :- V6417916) W/O-Saijuddin Khan, Residing At Vill-Mukundapur, Po.- Sagesarwar, Ps.- Ramnagar, East Medinipur, Pin-721446, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name To (Shall Henceforth Be Known As) Rehana Bibi (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 21/10/2024. Rehana Bibi (New Name) And Rehana Bibi Khan (Old Name) Both Are Same Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Koushik Chakraborty Son Of Barun Kanti Chakraborty, Residing At 120,Kumud Ghoshal Road Po Ariyadaha, Baishali, Kamarhati(M), Barrackpore-700057, West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Kousik Chakraborty Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 21/04/2025.That Koushik Chakraborty And Kousik Chakraborty Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE
I,Madhan Mohan Baheti(Old Name),Son Of Late Shiwa Ratan Bahety, Residing At Room No - 103,2Nd Floor,167,Netaji Subhash Road,Barabazar, Kolkata - 700007,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Madan Mohan Baheti(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 12/12/2024. That Madhan Mohan Baheti And Madan Mohan Baheti Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Dilip Roy (old name) S/O Rakhal Roy, residing at S.M .NAGAR ,B.B.T ROAD, MAHESHTALA, SARKARPOOL, SOUTH 24 PGS- 700143, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Dilip Kumar Roy (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 17/04/2025. Dilip Kumar Roy (new name) and Dilip Roy (old name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I KAPIL THULUNG RAI/S/O SACHIN RAI, R/O THULUNG GAON DUPTIN MIRAI, PO & PS-MIRIK,DARJEELING-734214,WEST BENGAL,do hereby declare that I have changed my name from KAPIL THULUNG RAI to KAPIL RAI and henceforth I shall be known as KAPIL RAI in all purpose,vide affidavit no- 02AC822317 sworn before the notary public at kolkata dated - 19/02/2025,KAPIL THULUNG RAI and KAPIL RAI both are same and one identical person.

Malda Division Undertakes Comprehensive Initiatives for the Welfare and Operational Efficiency of Loco Pilots

MI News Service, Malda: The Malda Division of Eastern Railway, in alignment with Indian Railways' commitment to excellence and safety in train operations, has undertaken several initiatives aimed at strengthening the welfare, training, and operational support of Loco Pilots, who are entrusted with one of the most critical responsibilities in railway functioning.

Loco Pilots serve as the first line of safety in train operations, and their performance directly impacts the reliability, punctuality, and safety of rail services. Recognizing their pivotal role, Malda Division continues to prioritize infrastructure upgrades, technological advancements, and welfare measures.

At present, Malda Division has 1,243 Loco Pilots, including 18 women. Additionally,



NAME CHANGE
I, Sarna Lata Gharani (old name) D/o Balaram Halder, residing at Block-14D, Unit-2, Garden Reach Road, North Colony, N.A.B Building, Kolkata-700043, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Samalata Das (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 21/04/2025. Samalata Das (new name) and Sarna Lata Gharani (old name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Sweta Kumari (old name) D/O Sanjay Kumar Singh, residing at AF 10, K.S.T.P. South Dhadka Asansol MC, P.O.- Dakhin Dhadka, Paschim Bardhaman, Pin- 713302, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sweta Kumari Singh (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 17/04/2025. Sweta Kumari Singh (new name) and Sweta Kumari (old name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Sanjoy Kumar Singh & Sanjoy Kr Singh(old name) S/O Rajdeo Singh, residing at AF-10, K.S.T.P, South Dhadka Asansol MC, P.O.- Dakhin Dhadka, Paschim Bardhaman, Pin- 713302, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sanjay Kumar Singh(new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 21/04/2025. Sanjay Kumar Singh (new name) and Sanjoy Kumar Singh & Sanjoy Kr Singh (old name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I Nawssad Ali Shaikh,S/O Ajad Sekh,R/O VIII & P Chhoto Andulia, Ps Chapra,Nadia-741124, West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Nowssad Ali Shaikh,Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 17/04/2025,That Nawssad Ali Shaikh And Nowssad Ali Shaikh All Are The Same And One Identical Person

NAME CHANGE
I, Sk Nasiruddin (old name) S/O Late Sk Akhtar Hossain, residing at Vill-Chhatimpur, P.O.-Huria, P.S.-Khandoghosh, Dist- Purba Bardhaman, Pin-713424, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sekh Nasiruddin (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 21/04/2025. Sekh Nasiruddin (new name) and Sk Nasiruddin (old name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I,Manoranjan Bhunya,Residing At Vill Alangiri P.O Alangiri, Ps. Egra, East Medinipur-721420, West Bengal, Do Hereby Notified That My Father Bijay Bhunia & Bijay Bhunya(Old Name) Shall Henceforth Be Known As Bijay Krishna Bhunya(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 21/04/2025,That Bijay Bhunia & Bijay Bhunya Also Bijay Krishna Bhunya All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Kanchan Kumar Chakraborty & Kanchan Chakraborty (old name) S/O Late Krishna Chandra Chakraborti, residing at 35/9, Gobindapur Road, Lake Gardens, Kolkata- 700045, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kanchan Kumar Chakraborti (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 21/04/2025. Kanchan Kumar Chakraborti (new name) and Monikuntala Bhattacharia & Manikuntala Chakraborty (old name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Monikuntala Bhattacharia & Manikuntala Chakraborty (old name) W/O Tanmoy Bhattacharjee residing at Sankalpa-3, Tower-12, Flat-6A, P.S.- Newtown, North 24 Pgs, Pin- 700156, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Monikuntala Bhattacharjee (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 21/04/2025. Monikuntala Bhattacharjee (new name) and Monikuntala Bhattacharia & Manikuntala Chakraborty (old name) both are same and identical person.

117 Assistant Loco Pilots are currently undergoing training, which will increase the total strength, bolstering manpower and ensuring improved operational coverage.

Running Rooms –Comfort and Care

To provide adequate rest, Malda Division operates nine running rooms at the following locations:

- Malda Town, Sahibganj, Bhagalpur, Jamalpur, Gankar, Barharwa, Kahalgaon, Godda, Tildanga and Manigram

All running rooms have now been upgraded to fully air-conditioned facilities to combat extreme summer conditions. Amenities include:

- Subsidized nutritious meals
- Well-equipped gyms
- Meditation and relaxation zones
- Recreational facilities

Additionally, new running rooms are under construction at Bhagalpur, Manigram, Barharwa, and Tildanga, further enhancing the comfort and capacity for loco pilots.

Technological Advancements for Safer Operations

The division is investing significantly in modernizing its fleet with advanced safety features such as:

- Air-conditioning in locomotives
- Fog Signal Devices (FSD) for better visibility in adverse weather
- Signal Location Booklets distributed to every loco pilot
- Emergency brake application drills conducted regularly at crew lobbies

Continuous Learning and Training

To keep pace with evolving railway operations, all loco pilots undergo refresher training every three years, ensuring they remain well-versed in updated safety norms and operational protocols.

Residential and Medical Facilities

Malda Division provides railway quarters for loco pilots, promoting a healthy work-life balance and proximity to key services.

Furthermore, comprehensive medical care is offered to loco pilots and their families through railway hospitals and health units, including:

- Routine check-ups
- Emergency services
- Specialist consultations
- Hospitalization and post-care services

Eastern Railways Malda Division remains steadfast in its commitment to empower, protect, and support its loco pilots in every possible way. By combining advanced infrastructure, modern technology, human-centric welfare policies, and a culture of safety, the division aims to ensure safe and efficient railway operations.

Regulation of trains for non-interlocking work over South Eastern Railway

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to Non-Interlocking work for infrastructural development in Chakradharpur Division over South Eastern Railway from 21.04.2025 to 26.04.2025 following trains will be regulated as under: 15027 Sambalpur – Gorakhpur Maurya Express (journey commencing on 21.04.2025 & 24.04.2025) will be short originated from Hatia and 15028 Gorakhpur – Sambalpur Maurya Express (journey commencing on 23.04.2025 & 26.04.2025) will be short terminated at Hatia. Moreover, 22511 Lokmanya Tilak (T) – Kamakhya Express (journey commencing on 22.04.2025) will be rescheduled by 02 hours from Lokmanya Tilak (T).

NAME CHANGE
I, Kanchan Kumar Chakraborty & Kanchan Chakraborty (old name) S/O Late Krishna Chandra Chakraborti, residing at 35/9, Gobindapur Road, Lake Gardens, Kolkata- 700045, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kanchan Kumar Chakraborti (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 21/04/2025. Kanchan Kumar Chakraborti (new name) and Monikuntala Bhattacharia & Manikuntala Chakraborty (old name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Kanchan Kumar Chakraborty & Kanchan Chakraborty (old name) S/O Late Krishna Chandra Chakraborti, residing at 35/9, Gobindapur Road, Lake Gardens, Kolkata- 700045, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kanchan Kumar Chakraborti (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 21/04/2025. Kanchan Kumar Chakraborti (new name) and Monikuntala Bhattacharia & Manikuntala Chakraborty (old name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Kanchan Kumar Chakraborty & Kanchan Chakraborty (old name) S/O Late Krishna Chandra Chakraborti, residing at 35/9, Gobindapur Road, Lake Gardens, Kolkata- 700045, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kanchan Kumar Chakraborti (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 21/04/2025. Kanchan Kumar Chakraborti (new name) and Monikuntala Bhattacharia & Manikuntala Chakraborty (old name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Kanchan Kumar Chakraborty & Kanchan Chakraborty (old name) S/O Late Krishna Chandra Chakraborti, residing at 35/9, Gobindapur Road, Lake Gardens, Kolkata- 700045, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kanchan Kumar Chakraborti (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 21/04/2025. Kanchan Kumar Chakraborti (new name) and Monikuntala Bhattacharia & Manikuntala Chakraborty (old name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Kanchan Kumar Chakraborty & Kanchan Chakraborty (old name) S/O Late Krishna Chandra Chakraborti, residing at 35/9, Gobindapur Road, Lake Gardens, Kolkata- 700045, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kanchan Kumar Chakraborti (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 21/04/2025. Kanchan Kumar Chakraborti (new name) and Monikuntala Bhattacharia & Manikuntala Chakraborty (old name) both are same and identical person.

ECoR General Manager Felicitates Five Railway Employees for Exemplary Dedication and Alertness



MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: In a commendable recognition of dedication and vigilance, Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal, General Manager of East Coast Railway (ECoR), felicitated five railway employees for their outstanding performance in ensuring safe and smooth train operations. The felicitation ceremony was held today at the ECoR Headquarters, Rail Sadan, Bhubaneswar, in the presence of the Additional General Manager, Principal Chief Safety Officer, and other senior railway officials.

The employees felicitated for their remarkable service

include: Sri Shakti Prasad Sahoo, Train Pointsman, Kamakhyanagar; Sri Debraj Suna, Track Maintainer, Godbhaga; Sri Purna Chandra Panda, Goods Train Loco Pilot, Khurda Road; Sri Surakattula Sricharan Teja, Assistant Loco Pilot, Rayagada; Sri Pujan Kumar, Track Maintainer, Titlagarh.

General Manager Shri Funkwal applauded the employees for their alertness, quick response, and dedication while on duty, which played a vital role in preventing potential disruptions and ensuring passenger safety.

Shri Funkwal highlighted

that the backbone of Indian Railways lies in the commitment and vigilance of its field staff, whose actions are integral to the safe and efficient operation of train services. Emphasizing the importance of safety at every level, he encouraged all railway personnel to maintain a high standard of alertness, responsibility, and professional excellence.

The event concluded with a renewed call for maintaining a zero-compromise approach towards safety and continuing the culture of recognizing and encouraging exemplary performance within the organization.

RPF, Eastern Railway ensures passenger safety & security through operation - Yatri Suraksha

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Eastern Railway continues to play a vital role in ensuring the safety and security of passengers through round-the-clock surveillance. With unwavering commitment and coordinated efforts, RPF personnel have delivered notable results during the financial year from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025, under the dedicated initiative – Operation YATRI SURAKSHA.

Aimed at protecting passen-

gers from criminal elements within the Eastern Railway network, Operation YATRI SURAKSHA involved intensified patrolling and coordinated operations across railway stations and trains over Eastern Railway jurisdiction. These efforts led to the apprehension of 426 offenders involved in various passenger-related crimes, including theft, snatching, robbery, dacoity, drugging, pickpocketing, and crimes targeting women. The arrested individuals were handed over to

the Government Railway Police (GRP) and other law enforcement authorities for further action.

Eastern Railway appreciates the relentless efforts and professionalism demonstrated by its RPF personnel in ensuring passenger safety and maintaining public trust in the railway system. Safety remains a core priority as Eastern Railway continues to operate with a passenger-first approach, striving for a secure and comfortable journey for all.

Sealdah Division Boosts Local Parcel transport Business through Collaboration with Merchants.

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a proactive move to foster local commerce, Sr.Divisional Commercial Manager, Sealdah Division Sri Jasram Meena convened a significant meeting with local merchants at Kolkata Station and the DRM Office. The initiative aimed to understand the challenges faced by these merchants and to familiarize them with the Indian Railways' parcel-related regulations.

During the interactive session, the Sri Meena attentively listened to the concerns and suggestions put forth by the merchants, fostering an open dialogue to identify areas where the railway could better support their logistical needs. The merchants were comprehensively briefed on the existing rules and procedures governing parcel services, ensuring clarity and transparency in their dealings with the railway.

Recognizing the importance



of providing a comfortable and supportive environment for these crucial stakeholders, Sri Jasram Meena also issued directives to maintain all necessary amenities in the waiting hall designated for merchants. This step underscores the Sealdah Division's commitment to facilitating ease and convenience for the local business community.

In this context, DRM Sealdah Sri Deepak Nigam stated

that this meeting highlights Sealdah Division's dedication to not only streamlining its operations but also actively contributing to the growth and prosperity of local businesses within its jurisdiction. By engaging directly with merchants and addressing their concerns, the railway aims to build stronger partnerships and enhance the utilization of its parcel services for the benefit of the regional economy.

Fire fighting training organised at Bengal Chemical Metro Station

MI News Service, Kolkata: Metro Railway takes all possible measures and care for ensuring commuters safety. Shri P Uday Kumar Reddy, General Manager, Metro Railway regularly monitors and reviews safety measures adopted in the 'Lifeline of Kolkata' to avoid any untoward incident like fire. In order to check the preparedness of Metro staff of different departments to tackle any fire emergency inside the tunnels or on the viaduct, regular training is conducted in Metro Railway, Kolkata.

A fire fighting training programme for the field staff was conducted under the supervi-



sion of senior officers today i.e. on 21.04.2025 at Bengal Chemical Metro station. In this training, Metro staff were imparted training on how to douse the flame through simulation of various fire and smoke conditions.

Staff from Traffic Department and RPF personnel attended this training. It is expected that such training will sharpen the skill and alertness of the field staff to respond to any emergency situation and minimize the rescue time and restore normalcy at the earliest.

Safety-Related Modernization Work Between Rourkela and Bondamunda: Temporary Changes in Train Services

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: In line with Indian Railways' commitment to enhance safety and improve infrastructure, the South Eastern Railway, Chakradharpur Division, will undertake critical safety-related modernization work between Rourkela and Bondamunda from April 21 to April 26, 2025.

This essential work involves track linking and non-interlocking operations as part of the commissioning of multi-tracking lines in the Rourkela-Bondamunda section. These upgrades are aimed at improving train operations, ensuring safer and more efficient railway services in the long term.

To facilitate the seamless execution of this project, certain train services will be temporarily cancelled or partially cancelled. These changes are being implemented with the utmost priority on passenger safety and minimizing inconvenience to the traveling public.

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Carriage & Wagon Workshop, Liluah conducted old/unused cloth donation drive for the needy people with the assistance of ERWWO



MI News Service, Kolkata: As a part of social responsibility initiative, Eastern Railway's Liluah Workshop has conducted a massive old and spare cloth donation campaign for the needy people. This initiative started as a part of observance of Ambedkar Jayanti. Eastern Railway Women's Welfare Organisation (ERWWO), Liluah in association with Carriage and Wagon Workshop, Liluah under the auspices of an NGO named Bandhab Sealdah, a registered charitable organization run by the Diesel Loco Pilots of Sealdah Division, Eastern Railway, known for its impactful work in education and healthcare in remote villages.

The garments collected—7387 units from 382 generous donors—will be distributed across three locations:

- Harichand Gururuchand Vidyamandir, Sarisadanga village, Block Eruli, District Nadia – for tribal children and underprivileged residents.
- Sibgunge Girls' Hostel, Basanti, South 24 Parganas – supporting about 56 needy girl inmates.
- Rangabellia village, Gosaba block – for underpriv-

ducted through the month of March, with a corresponding collection of 7387 units of old/unused garments from 382 generous donors, symbolizing the compassion and social commitment of the railway fraternity.

The donated clothes were ceremoniously handed over to Bandhab Sealdah, a government-registered charitable organisation run by Diesel Loco Pilots of Sealdah Division, Eastern Railway, known for its impactful work in education and healthcare in remote villages.

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ileged families and prawn seedling catchers in that remote region of the Sundarbans.

This initiative serves as a reaffirmation of Eastern Railway's commitment to social responsibility and community service, reflecting the values of compassion, empathy, and support for those in need. The Railway community, through this drive, has once again demonstrated its unwavering dedication to giving back to society, reinforcing the shared responsibility that we all bear in fostering a more inclusive and caring world.

Bharat Scouts & Guides volunteers, who assisted in collection, sorting, and packaging of clothes, were recognized for their spirited contribution. These young changemakers were felicitated by the President, ERWWO Liluah Unit, and the Chief Workshop Manager, Liluah, with certificates of appreciation and gift mementoes in acknowledgment of their voluntary social service.

Don't need our permission to file contempt against BJP MP Nishikant Dubey, says SC to lawyer

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday told an advocate that he does not need its permission to file a contempt petition against BJP MP Nishikant Dubey for his recent controversial remarks against the Supreme Court and Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna.

A bench of Justices BR Gavai and Augustine George Masih said the petitioner needs to get a sanction from the Attorney General in the matter.

The petitioner's counsel, referring to a recent news report about Dubey's comments, said he wanted to file a contempt petition with the court's permission.

"You file it. For filing, you don't require our permis-

sion," Justice Gavai said.

Some lawyers have also written letters to Attorney General R Venkataramani, demanding the initiation of contempt proceedings against Dubey for his remarks.

Dubey has reportedly said that "Supreme Court is taking the country towards anarchy" and that "Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna is responsible for the civil wars taking place in the country".

Letters were written by advocates Anas Tanvir, Shiv Kumar Tripathi and others seeking contempt of court proceedings against Dubey saying his "grossly scandalous remarks aimed at lowering the dignity" of the apex court.

Advocate Subhash Theekandan sought to initiate criminal contempt proceedings against the Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, in light of public statements made by him, which he said amount to a "direct attack on the authority and dignity of the Supreme Court."

As per the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, a private individual can file a contempt of court petition in the Supreme Court only after obtaining the consent of the Attorney General or the Solicitor General.

The BJP MP had claimed the Supreme Court was taking the country towards anarchy.

On April 19, he said Parliament and Assemblies should be shut if the top court is dictating laws and that Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna is "responsible for civil wars" in the country.

Last week, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar questioned the judiciary for setting a timeline for the President to decide whether or not to assent to state Bills referred to the President by a Governor.

Dhankar further accused the Supreme Court of acting as a "super Parliament" and said it cannot fire a "nuclear missile" at democratic forces.

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The incident in question reportedly occurred about a week ago, when a local advocate tried to contact the police during a dispute. According to the lawyers, not only did the police refuse to respond appropriately, but the constable also physically assaulted the advocate. Shockingly, instead of registering a case against the constable, the police filed a First Information Report (FIR) with serious charges against the lawyer himself.

The protesters gathered outside Chhota Shimla (PS East) near the HP secretariat, where senior advocates addressed fellow lawyers and spoke to the media. Among them was Senior

Bihar to get Amrit Bharat Express and Namoh Bharat rapid rail services

MI News Service, Patna: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has described the Vande Bharat, Amrit Bharat, and Namoh Bharat Rapid Rail as the modern trinity of Indian Railways. Two new trains from this trinity are set to operate from Bihar. While several Vande Bharat Express trains already run in the state, one Amrit Bharat Express currently operates between Darbhanga and Anand Vihar Terminal via Ayodhya. Recently, several new railway projects have been approved for Bihar. With sufficient funding, construction work on older projects has also picked up speed, enabling faster completion. PM Modi is set to inaugurate three such railway projects in Bihar. The launch of new trains and newly built railway lines is expected to significantly enhance the state's rail infrastructure.

The new railway lines include Supaul-Pipra, Khagaria-Alauli, and Hasanpur-Bithan. Two new passenger train services will also start on these routes. However, the most exciting among Biharis surrounds the launch of the Namoh Bharat Rapid Rail and the Amrit Bharat Express connecting Saharsa to Lok-



manya Tilak Terminus. Namoh Bharat Rapid Rail: A New Chapter in Intercity Travel

The Namoh Bharat Rapid Rail, along with the Vande Bharat Express, has become a symbol of India's modern rail identity. Designed to provide world-class services between short-distance cities, this rapid rail service has revolutionized intercity travel. The first Namoh Bharat Rapid Rail operated between Ahmedabad and Bhuj in Gujarat. Now, the second service has been announced between Jaynagar and Patna. Unlike the first train which had 12 air-conditioned coaches, the Jaynagar-Patna train will have 16 coaches, accommodating over 2,000 passengers at once.

Built under the "Make in India" initiative, this train features advanced safety and passenger amenities. It is equipped with the Kavach safety system, CCTV cameras, fire detection systems, and emergency talkback units in every coach. Both ends of the train have loco pilot cabins, eliminating the need for engine reversal. The ergonomically designed seats offer international-level comfort, and each coach

includes Type-A and Type-C charging sockets. Toilets are modern vacuum-based, with dedicated facilities for differently-abled passengers. Other features include automatic doors, dust-proof gangways, semi-permanent couplers, and digital route map indicators in each coach, similar to metro trains.

Amrit Bharat Express: Connecting Saharsa to Lokmanya Tilak Terminus

The Amrit Bharat Express connecting Saharsa to Lokmanya Tilak Terminus will be the third such train in the country, following services between Darbhanga-Anand Vihar Terminal and Malda Town-Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal, Bengaluru. Designed for speeds up to 130 km/h, this modern train has been built at the Integral Coach Factory in Perambur, Chennai, under the "Make in India" initiative.

The train uses push-pull technology, enabling bi-directional movement. While it is a non-AC express, it

offers Vande Bharat-style features. All coaches are sleeper and non-AC unreserved. Comfort-enhancing features include foldable snack tables, mobile holders, bottle holders, airplane-style illuminated floor strips, and spring suspension systems. Toilets feature an electro-pneumatic flushing system for cleanliness and water conservation, with soap dispensers and aerosol-based fire suppression systems. Emergency talkback systems connect passengers to the train manager, and all coaches are equipped with fire detection systems—the first time such a feature is being offered in non-AC coaches in India.

PUBLIC NOTICE

To all persons let it be known that my client Mrs Bhamati Ghose wife of Late Samrendra Mohan Ghosh, by faith Hindu, by nationality US Citizen, by occupation House wife, resident of 5, Kings Road, Park Ridge, New Jersey 07656, USA, and now presently residing at 524A, Jodhpur Park, PO Jodhpur Park, PS:- Lake Thana Kolkata states that my client is the absolute owner of the premises situated at 524A, Jodhpur Park, PO: Jodhpur Park, PS: Lake Thana Kolkata.1 My client is a resident of United States of America therefore my client had appointed her nephew Mr. Anupam Roy Bardhan residing at 9/1B, Rajpur, Road East, PO:- Jadavpur University, PS Jadavpur, Kolkata -700032 as her attorney vide General Power of attorney dated 11th April, 2023 in Additional Registrar of Assurances Kolkata.2 There were some personal differences between my client and Mr. Anupam Roy Bardhan and therefore my client was constrained to revoke and or cancel and make void the powers granted under the General Power of Attorney dated 11th April, 2023 with effect from 31.03.2025.3 My client states that the facts of revocation of the General Power of Attorney has been intimated to Mr. Anupam Roy Bardhan by speed post 4. In the light of the above, this Public notice is hereby caused regarding the revocation of General Power of Attorney which was revoked on 4th April, 2025 in Additional Registrar of Assurances, Kolkata. Henceforth Mr. Anupam Roy Bardhan cannot enter into any agreements with any third party nor can he execute any deeds of conveyance in respect of the above mentioned premises Any transaction that may have taken place on strength of the General Power of attorney which was revoked on 4th April, 2025 in Kolkata would not be binding on my client and my client would not ratify the said transactions

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আমার মক্কেল আনোন্স হল বন্ধুর, পিতা মৃত ইন্দির আলি বর্ষার, গ্রাম ও পোঃ থানা- ডেমজুড়, জেলা- হাওড়া। ADSR ডেমজুড় অফিস রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত ০০১৫/২০১০ নং আমোক্তার নামা দলিল মূলে কলান দাস (পিতা-জাতি দাস) দ্বারা নিম্নুক্ত আমোক্তার আলোউদ্দিন বর্ষার (পিতা এবে আহমদ বর্ষার) এর নিকট হইতে ADSR ডেমজুড় অফিস রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত ০০১৫/২০১০ নং বিক্রয় কেবোলা দলিল মূলে থানা ডেমজুড়, মৌজা ডেমজুড়, জে.এল. ৩৩, LR খতিয়ান ২৯৯৪, ৩৩৩২, ৪২৯৯, ৪৩৯৬, RS ১৯৯৯ নং দাগ হইতে আগত LR ১৯৯৭ নং দাগে ৬.৪১ শতক জমি ক্রয় করিয়া নাম পতনের আবেদন করেন। উক্ত বিষয়ে দাতার বা স্ব স্ব স্বস্বত্ত্বি কার্যেও কোনো আপত্তি থাকিলে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের এক মাসের মধ্যে স্ট্রিক্ট B.L. & L.R.O ডেমজুড়-এর নিকট আপীল করিতে পারিবেন অন্যান্য আইনানুগ কার্য হইবে।

Sd/- Apurba Kumar Ghosh
Advocate
Howrah Jodhpur Park, Kolkata

India's Got Latent Row: Supreme Court extends interim protection of Ranveer Allahabadi

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Supreme Court of India on Monday extended its interim protection granted from arrest to YouTuber and Podcaster Ranveer Allahabadi in the case relating to the controversial remarks made by him and others in an episode of India's Got Latent.

A bench comprising Surya Kant and N. Kotiswar Singh noted that the Maharashtra police have completed their investigation into the matter and will soon file the chargesheet.

It asked the Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to inform it whether investigation regarding Allahabadi is completed and he is no longer required for the purpose of further investigation by the Assam police.

The top court has now posted for hearing on April 28 his plea seeking the cancellation or transfer of an FIR registered against him in Mumbai in Guwahati in connection with the show.

Meanwhile, the Cure SMA Foundation of India, an NGO, also moved the apex court, seeking to intervene in the India's Got Latent case and urging the inclusion of provisions within the proposed regulatory framework for online content to protect the rights and interests of persons with disabilities.

NGO said comedian Samay Raina made insensitive commentaries on persons with such conditions, high-cost drugs and treatment options. It flagged two videos where he made comments on people with disabilities.

To this, the bench stated that the issue is "very serious" but asked the NGO's counsel to file a separate writ petition and to place on record the video clips and implead the concerned person.

Earlier, the top court had granted interim protection to him from arrest in the case.

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Notice

Concerned persons are hereby notified that Madhab Chandra Roy S/o-Karunamoy Roy of Village & P.O. Guskara, P.S. Ausgram, Dist- Purba Bardhaman, Pin-713128, executed General Power of Attorney in respect of 07 Dcmi property, vide Deed No. 563 at Guskara A.D.S.R. Office, on 17.02.2023 in favour of Subhajit Das S/o-Late Manikewar Das of Guskara Hattala, P.O. Guskara, P.S.-Ausgram, Dist- Purba Bardhaman, Pin-713128. Then said attorney sold out approx 04 dcmi Area of the said property R.S. & L.R. Plot no. 3367, L.R. Kh.no. 8191, J.L. no. 110, Mouza- Guskara, P.S. Ausgram, Dist-Purba Bardhaman to 1) Santosh Sardar S/o- Krishna Sardar, 2) Pirmila Sardar W/o-Santosh Sardar of all Village & P.O. Guskara, P.S. Ausgram, Dist-Purba Bardhaman, Pin-713128, through the Deed no. 1053 at Guskara A.D.S.R. on 18.03.2024. That, if any person have any objection, then he / she may communicate with me within 30 days after publication otherwise his/her claim shall not be entitled as per law. Concerned persons are hereby

KOLKATA DEBOLINA DEY
Dated: 18.04.2025 Advocate

HC lawyers protest, demand action against policeman for assaulting advocate

MI News Service, Shimla: A large group of lawyers from the Himachal Pradesh High Court staged a protest on Monday outside the Chhota Shimla (PS East), demanding immediate action against a police constable accused of assaulting a local lawyer.

The protesting lawyers accused the police of shielding their own by filing serious counter-allegations against the lawyer instead of taking impartial action.

"We don't come out on the streets unless the issue is grave; this is about police insensitivity and misuse of power," said Senior Advocate Sanjeev Bhushan of the Himachal Pradesh High Court.

The incident in question reportedly occurred about a week ago, when a local advocate tried to contact the police during a dispute. According to the lawyers, not only did the police refuse to respond appropriately, but the constable also physically assaulted the advocate. Shockingly, instead of registering a case against the constable, the police filed a First Information Report (FIR) with serious charges against the lawyer himself.

The protesters gathered outside Chhota Shimla (PS East) near the HP secretariat, where senior advocates addressed fellow lawyers and spoke to the media. Among them was Senior

Advocate Sanjeev Bhushan, who voiced strong concerns over what he described as a blatant misuse of authority by the police.

"The advocate community doesn't step out of their work unless the issue is extremely serious. Protesting on the streets is even more uncommon. But this is one such issue where the police have shown complete insensitivity," Bhushan said while speaking to ANI.

"The police constable took the law into his own hands and assaulted a lawyer. Even if this had happened to a common man, it would still be unacceptable. After the assault, when the lawyer tried to file a complaint, the police instead registered a counter-FIR with harsh charges, without even conducting a proper investigation," He added further.

Bhushan also referred to video evidence allegedly recorded by bystanders, which shows the constable beating the advocate. These videos have since circulated on social media. He alleged that instead of acting on the evidence, the police have attempted to downplay the incident by encouraging derogatory comments against the lawyer online, raising suspicions that they are trying to protect their colleague.

"It is evident from these actions that the police are not investigating this inci-

EASTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. ENGG-01/25-26 (Open), dated 18.04.2025. E-tenders are invited by Chief Works Manager, Eastern Railway, Kanchrapara Workshop, North 24 Parganas, P.O. - Kanchrapara, Pin-743145 (WB) through website www.ireps.gov.in from reputed contractors with sufficient experience and financial capability who have executed similar nature of work in the past preferably with Railway/CPWD/PWD/MES/ Irrigation or any other Public Sector Undertaking for the following works:

Tender No. : WT-01-25-26.

Description of Work : At Kanchrapara Workshop - Renovation and desilting of 5 nos. sedimentation tanks inside new filter house of Kanchrapara Workshop. **Tender value :** Rs. 2,33,78,615.65. **Earnest Money:** Rs. 2,66,900/- . **Cost of tender document :** Nil. **Competition period from the date of issuance of LOA :** 15 months. **Date of opening of tender :** 12.05.2025. The scope of work is indicative only. However, details can be viewed at Indian Railway e-tendering site (IREPS) i.e. <https://www.ireps.gov.in> **Offer submission period :** 15 days prior to opening of tender. Tender will be closed on 12.05.2025 at 14.00 hrs. and tender will be opened on the same date at any time after 14.30 hrs. as per availability of opening personnel and net accessibility. (MSC-21/2025-26)

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JPC meeting on 'One Nation, One Election' to be held today

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) on 'One Nation, One Election' will hold a meeting on April 22 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

In the first session, there will be an interaction with Justice Hemant Gupta, former judge of the Supreme Court. This will be followed by a session with Justice SN Jha, former Chief Justice of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court. The next session will include Dr Justice BS Chauhan, former Supreme Court judge and Chairman of the 21st Law Commission of India. The final session will be with Dr. Abhishek Manu Singhvi, Rajya Sabha Member and Senior Advocate.

Earlier, speaking about the upcoming launch of the website for the JPC on 'One Nation, One Election', the Chairman of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC),

PP Chaudhary, told ANI: "The committee took decisions on two major things -- the advertisement will be printed in all languages so that all stakeholders can give their opinions... Secondly, the website will facilitate inputs from all stakeholders... This is being examined by the Secretary General... The development of technology is taking time to ensure the website doesn't crash... The website will be launched soon with a QR code facility. Suggestions will be collected, and Parliamentarians will review them..."

Talking about the JPC's state tour, he said, "The committee believes that it should visit all states and hear their opinions, which is why the tour is being organised. Maharashtra will be covered first, then Uttarakhand in May. Jammu and Kashmir, as well as Chandigarh (encompassing Punjab and Haryana), will be covered in June, categorised according to different areas..."

Chaudhary also told ANI, "Elections happen every 5-6 months somewhere in the country... The MPs and MLAs remain in election mode around the year... The work that needs to happen quickly in the nation doesn't happen that fast."

Punjab govt transfers three IAS, 9 PCS officers

from the state government stated. Earlier this month, the Punjab Government issued transfer orders of 65 Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) officers in the state. "The officers may be relieved immediately with the directions to report at their new places of postings by April 7, and their charge assuming/ relinquishing reports be sent to the office immediately," the order stated.

Another order by the Punjab government announced the

transfer of 97 senior police officers, including 11 Indian Police Service (IPS) officers. "The officers concerned are directed to join their new place of posting immediately," the order from the state government stated.

Meanwhile, the Punjab Police recovered Rs 46.91 lakh in drug money and arrested five people, including a police constable posted in Ludhiana. This action is part of a large campaign launched by the Punjab Police to fight drug trafficking.

He emphasised that the issue should not be seen as a clash between lawyers and police, but as a matter of accountability and justice.

"We're not here with any ego. We're here to demand that facts be examined and decisions made based on evidence. If an officer is at fault, they should be held accountable. We hope that today's dialogue will lead to a fair resolution," he concluded.

While no formal negotiations had taken place by the time of the protest, senior police officials had arrived at the scene, indicating a possible willingness to engage in dialogue. The lawyers said they were open to talks and hoped the matter would be resolved constructively.

CANCELLATION OF TWO PAIR TRAINS BETWEEN KATWA & AZIMGANJ

For Track maintenance work on Down Main Line between Bazarsau & Tenya and Tenya & Salar stations in Katwa - Azimganj Section of Howrah Division, Traffic & Power Block will be necessary for 24 days (03 days in a week i.e. Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday) from 24.04.2025 (Thursday) to 17.06.2025 (Tuesday), intermittently. Consequently, the following trains will remain cancelled on 24.04.2025 (Thursday), 26.04.2025 (Saturday), 29.04.2025 (Tuesday), 01.05.2025 (Thursday), 03.05.2025 (Saturday), 06.05.2025 (Tuesday), 08.05.2025 (Thursday), 10.05.2025 (Saturday), 13.05.2025 (Tuesday), 15.05.2025 (Thursday), 17.05.2025 (Saturday), 20.05.2025 (Tuesday), 22.05.2025 (Thursday), 24.05.2025 (Saturday), 27.05.2025 (Tuesday), 29.05.2025 (Thursday), 31.05.2025 (Saturday), 03.06.2025 (Tuesday), 05.06.2025 (Thursday), 07.06.2025 (Saturday), 10.06.2025 (Tuesday), 12.06.2025 (Thursday), 14.06.2025 (Saturday) & 17.06.2025 (Tuesday): (i) From Azimganj: 53018, 63020 (ii) From Katwa: 53017, 63019. Note: Special or late running trains during block period, if any, will be suitably controlled/diverted enroute. Passengers are requested to follow the public address system at stations. Inconvenience is regretted.

Divisional Railway Manager, Howrah

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Tie-up for Special Pathological Investigation

No. MED/PATH-INVEST-TIE-UP/IBRSH/EOI/2025 Dt. 21.04.2025

Expression of Interest is invited from Private/Govt. Centre/Hospital of Kolkata for entering into Tie-up for two (2) years for Special Pathological Investigation of Railway Beneficiaries of B. R. Singh Hospital, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, which are not done in B. R. Singh Hospital, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, at CGHS/Govt. of India rate through MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) on actual bill payment system. The EOI has been uploaded at Eastern Railway website under Medical Department of Sealdah division on 17.04.2025. The willing Diagnostic Centre / Lab may participate in the said Tie-up as per Annexure - A to D with terms and conditions as made available in the Eastern Railway website. The link of the notification in the Eastern Railway website is given below: https://e-railindianrailways.gov.in/cris/webadmission/section/section_edit.jsp?path=0,6,442,462,467,2223&id=2223&msg=Section%20Updated%20Successfully

Chief Specialist-I, B. R. Singh Hospital, Sealdah

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Metro Railway, Kolkata

e-Tender is invited by Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/M/Blue Line, Metro Railway, Kolkata for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work: **Name of Work :** Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of ON grid 654 KWP solar plants at vacant rooftops of various stations and service buildings of Metro Railway, Kolkata. **Advertised Value :** ₹ 2,33,36,714.70. **Date and Time of closing :** 15.00 hrs. (IST) of 06.05.2025. **Notice Board Address:** Office of the Principal Chief Electrical Engineer, Metro Railway, 33/1, J. L. Nehru Road, Kolkata-700071. **Website particulars:** <https://www.ireps.gov.in>

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World Immunization Week - 24 to 30 April

Shielding The Elders : Importance of Immunization Against Flu and Pneumonia

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Kolkata : *Dr. Abhik Banerjee, As World Immunization Week approaches from March 24th to 30th, the expert highlights the benefits of vaccinations, especially for senior citizens. Among the various vaccines, those against influenza (flu) and pneumonia are important for older adults, given their increased risk of these infections and the chances of suffering from severe complications.

Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and sometimes the lungs. It spreads through

droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. Common symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches, and fatigue. Diagnosis of influenza consists of physical examination, molecular tests like RT-PCR, Multiplex PCR, viral culture, and even tests like rapid influenza diagnostic tests (RIDTs) can be recommended to the patient. Annual flu vaccination is recommended for everyone, including children, to prevent influenza in the presence of other comorbid conditions like hypertension, diabetes, or cancer. Pneumonia is an infection that inflames the air sacs in one

or both lungs, which may fill with fluid or pus, causing a cough with phlegm, fever, chills, and difficulty breathing. It can be caused by bacteria, viruses, or fungi. Older adults may experience symptoms such as lower body temperature and confusion. Diagnosis involves medical history review, physical examination, and tests like chest X-rays and blood tests. Vaccination is a key preventive measure, with pneumococcal vaccines recommended for adults 65 years and older to protect against the most common bacterial cause of pneumonia. Treatment for pneumonia depends on its cause. So, bacterial pneumonia requires antibi-

otics, while viral pneumonia may be managed with antiviral medications and supportive care. Preventive measures include regular hand washing, avoiding smoking, maintaining a healthy lifestyle, and staying up-to-date with vaccinations. For seniors, receiving both flu and pneumococcal vaccines is crucial in reducing the risk of severe illness. The last word: Vaccination for preventing influenza and pneumonia is essential to protect senior citizens from serious health complications. As immunity weakens with age, these vaccines help to reduce hospitalizations and even the risk of severe illness, supporting healthier,

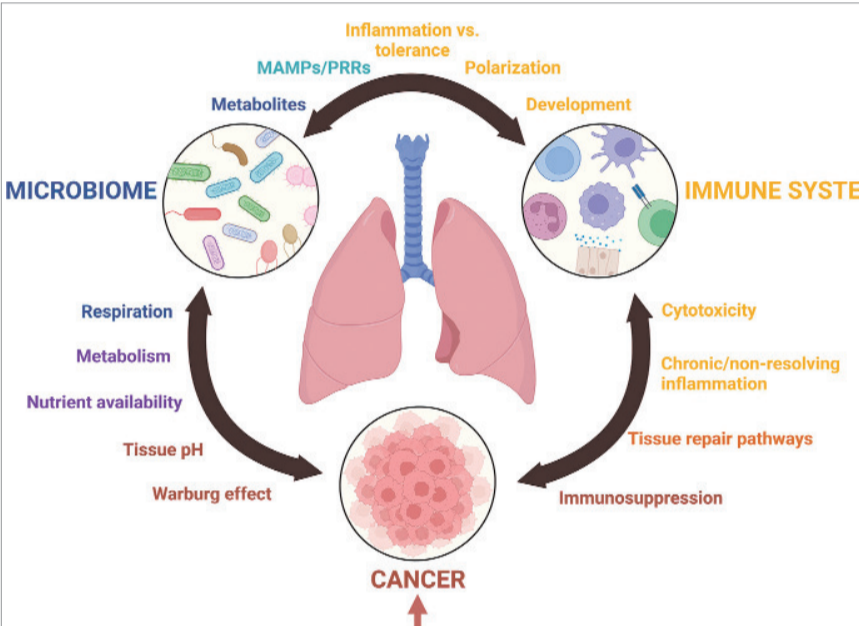
more independent living. A simple vaccine can make a big difference in ensuring safety and peace of mind for older adults. Senior citizens should take charge of their health and follow the proper vaccination schedule. Avoid neglecting your health and stay up-to-date when it comes to the vaccines. World Immunization Week is a reminder of the crucial role vaccinations play in protecting senior citizens from life-threatening illnesses like influenza and pneumonia. By prioritizing immunization, older adults can reduce their risk of severe complications, hospitalizations, and mortality associated with these infections.

Study finds how lung cancer captures immune cell metabolism for its own growth

LA JOLLA (CALIFORNIA) [US] : Lung adenocarcinoma is the most common type of lung cancer, accounting for the majority of cancer-related fatalities in the US. There are various causes of lung adenocarcinoma, one of which is a mutation in a protein known as EGFR. Non-mutant EGFR stimulates cell proliferation in response to injury, but mutated EGFR promotes out-of-control growth, which can lead to cancer. Modern immunotherapies are ineffective against EGFR-driven lung adenocarcinoma, and while certain medications exist to treat the malignancy, patients usually acquire resistance to them within a few years. This gap in the therapy toolkit prompted Salk Institute researchers to look for weak points in the cancer's development process. The researchers discovered that EGFR-driven lung adenocarcinoma hijacks a specialized population of lung-resident immune cells known as macrophages, which are responsible for disposing of diseased and damaged cells as well as maintaining a delicate balance of protective lipids (fats) around lung alveoli, which are required for breathing. Lung cancer cells recruit macrophages into the tumor microenvironment and modify their lipid metabolism, transforming them into cancer fuel sources. The newly powered tumor cells subsequently stimulate further macrophage growth to provide additional fuel--a novel self-perpetuating cancer strategy.

The findings, published in Cancer Discovery on January 25, 2024, provide new inspiration for lung adenocarcinoma interventions that disrupt this tumor cell-macrophage relationship. The researchers suggest that treatments using EGFR inhibitors may be more successful when paired with statins, a class of drugs commonly used to lower cholesterol levels.

"We have discovered a novel way that lung cancer cells manipulate their local environment and other cell types surrounding them to promote their own growth. In this case, the tumor cells exploit lung-resident macrophages--remodeling them to provide nutrients, like cholesterol, to the cancer cells and stimulate tumor growth," says senior and co-corresponding author



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Susan Kaech, professor, director of the NOMIS Center for Immunobiology and Microbial Pathogenesis, and holder of the NOMIS Chair at Salk. "One exciting implication of this work is that lung cancer treatments may be improved by simply adding statins, an already widely used class of drugs, to the patient's treatment plan." Lungs rely on tiny bulbs called alveoli, which expand and deflate with our breath, to facilitate the exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide between the air and our blood. Alveoli are crucial to human survival, and their health is dependent on a lipid-rich environment created by alveolar

cells and sustained by macrophages. Lipids, such as cholesterol, are fatty compounds that support bodily function by helping cells move, store energy, and absorb vitamins. This unique ability of lung-resident macrophages to maintain lipid balance becomes more complicated when tumor cells begin to exploit those lipids to help themselves grow. A better understanding of the mechanisms macrophages use to regulate their metabolism and lipid production can provide insight into how tumor cells selfishly manipulate those mechanisms to help themselves. "The tumor cells excrete even

more of a growth factor called GM-CSF (granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor), which then causes the macrophages to grow alongside them and change their metabolism, resulting in excess lipids that the tumor cells use to strengthen themselves," says first author Alexandra Kuhlmann-Hogan, former postdoctoral researcher in Kaech's lab and current postdoctoral researcher at UC Los Angeles. "The cancer was effectively hijacking this normal macrophage process of maintaining the lungs with healthy lipids in order to fuel itself."

"Not only were the tumor cells metabolically reprogramming the macrophages--they were also instigating a feedback loop that encouraged an optimal metabolic state in the tumor cells themselves," said co-corresponding author Katerina Politi, scientific director of the Center for Thoracic Cancers at Yale Cancer Center and professor of pathology at Yale School of Medicine. When the EGFR-driven lung adenocarcinoma cells secreted GM-CSF, it stimulated a gene in the macrophages called PPAR γ (peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor gamma), which jump-started their metabolic reprogramming and subsequent secretion of lipids. In addition to using these macrophage-curated lipids to grow, the tumor cells also use the lipids to power the continued activation of the EGFR-drive that helps the cancer grow. Kaech predicts that disrupting this loop could be a novel intervention for slowing down EGFR-driven cancer growth. Exactly how the delivery of lipids like cholesterol to tumor cells powers the EGFR oncogenic pathway, the researchers aren't yet sure.

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Scientists find new method of boosting chemical reactions using electricity



CHICAGO [US] : A study conducted by chemists at the University of Chicago discovered a technique to use electricity to enhance a sort of chemical reaction commonly used in the synthesis of novel pharmaceutical medication candidates.

The finding, which was published in Nature Catalysis, represents an advancement in the field of electrochemistry and indicates a road ahead to creating and directing reactions--and making them more sustainable.

"What we want to do is understand what's happening at the fundamental level at the electrode interface, and use that to predict and design more efficient chemical reactions," said Anna Wuttig, UChicagoNeubauer Family Assistant Professor and the senior author on the paper.

"This is a step towards that eventual goal."

In certain chemical reactions, electricity can boost the output--and because you can get the needed electricity from renewable sources, it could be part of making the worldwide chemical industry greener. But electrochemistry, as the field is known, is especially complex. There is much scientists don't know about molecular interactions, especially because you have to insert a conductive solid (an electrode) into the mix to provide electricity, which means the molecules interact with that electrode as well as with each other. To a scientist trying to untangle the roles each molecule is playing and in what order, this makes an already complicated process even more complicated.

"What if you think about it as electrochemistry providing us with a unique design lever that's not possible in any other system?" she said.

In this case, she and her team focused on the surface of the electrode that provides the electricity to the reaction.

"There were hints that the

surface itself is catalytic, that it plays a role," Wuttig said, "but we don't know how to systematically control those interactions at the molecular level."

They tinkered with a type of reaction that is commonly used in manufacturing chemicals for medicine, to form a bond between two carbon atoms.

According to theoretical predictions, when this reaction is performed using electricity, the yield from the reaction should be 100 per cent, that is, all the molecules that went in are made into a single new substance. But when you run the reaction in the lab, the yield is lower.

The team thought the presence of the electrode was tempting some of the molecules away from where they were needed during the reaction. They found that adding a key ingredient could help, a chemical known as a Lewis acid added to the liquid solution redirected those molecules.

"You get a near-clean reaction," Wuttig said.

Moreover, the team was able to use special imaging techniques to watch the reactions unfold at the molecular level. "You can see that the presence of the modulator has a profound effect on the interfacial structure," she said.

"This allows us to visualize and understand what's happening, rather than regard it as a black box."

This is a crucial step, Wuttig said, because it shows a path forward towards being able to not only use the electrode in chemistry but also to predict and control its effects. Another benefit is that the electrode can be re-used for more reactions.

"This is a step towards sustainable synthesis," she said.

"Moving forward, my group is very excited to use these types of concepts and strategies to map out and address other synthetic challenges."

Study shows how brain's internal compass guides the body

Washington DC : Our sense of direction is essential for navigating the world around us. It serves as the brain's internal compass, guiding us in the right direction and, more significantly, prompting us to reverse course when we're going the wrong way.

Yet despite a large body of research on how navigation works in the brain, scientists still lack a clear understanding of how this internal compass directly guides behavior. Now, a study conducted in fruit flies and led by researchers at Harvard Medical School offers new insights into how two distinct brain regions -- the seat of the compass and the steering center -- communicate during navigation.

The findings are published in Nature.

In the study, researchers examined the brains of fruit flies knocked off course while running in a particular direction. They discovered that three distinct groups of neurons enable communication between the compass and the steering regions of the brain and work together to help the fly course-correct. In doing so, the neurons translate signals from a fly's internal compass into behavior to keep it moving in the right direction.

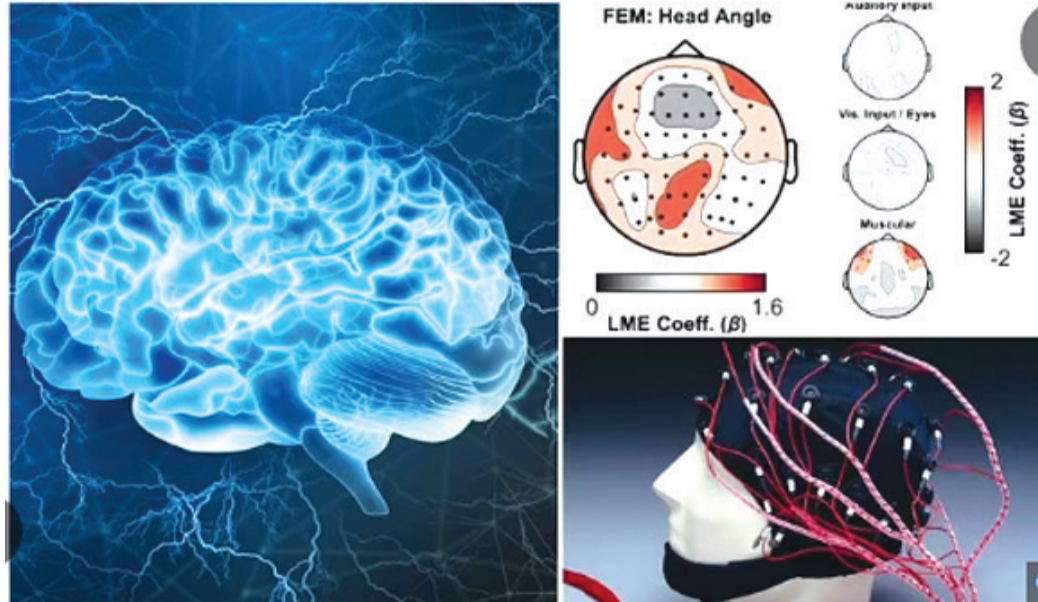
"Until now, no one really knew how sense of direction, which is an internal cognitive state, relates to the actions an animal is making in the world," said senior author Rachel Wilson, the Joseph B. Martin Professor of Basic

Research in the Field of Neurobiology in the Blavatnik Institute at HMS.

Despite their small size, fruit flies have complicated brains and behaviors -- and thus the findings could provide a foundation for future studies on how signals in the brain become actions in more complex species, including humans.

Staying on course

Humans and other complex animals have an internal compass made of brain cells that use internal and external information to generate a sense of direction. In fruit flies, scientists have figured out that these cells -- called head-direction cells -- are arranged in a circle, making them especially easy to study. Contrary to what their name implies, fruit flies spend more time walking than flying. Previous research has shown that as flies walk around, these head-direction cells actively track their rotational movements, such as turning right or left. In the new study, Wilson and colleagues wanted to explore how this compass is functionally connected to the steering region of the brain to understand how it guides navigation. To do this, they used an existing wiring diagram of every neural connection in the fruit fly brain to build a computational model of how these regions might be linked. With this model, they were able to identify and make predictions about the layer of neurons that connect the two regions. To validate their predictions, the



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researchers analyzed the activity in the layer of neurons identified

by the model as the flies walked around in a virtual reality envi-

ronment. Often, flies ran straight in a random direction, likely in an

effort to escape their environment. When their virtual world was rotated to move them off course, the flies swiftly course-corrected. Interestingly, these course corrections were carried out by three separate groups of neurons: Two sets of neurons nudged the fly to go right or left, and one issued a signal to turn around completely.

"You can think of these three groups of neurons as three sentries guarding a castle," Wilson said, "with each responsible for surveilling in a different direction and prompting the correction needed to keep the fly moving towards its goal." The findings explain how fruit flies use their sense of direction to estimate where they are in relation to a goal and how they use this estimate to adjust their behavior.

"This is a really concrete description of how a complicated cognitive process works and how it produces specific, guided behaviors in real time," Wilson said. The findings complement a second study, also published in Nature on Feb. 7 and led by a separate team of researchers at The Rockefeller University, that describes parts of the same neuronal circuit in fruit flies. Taken together, the two studies provide an even more complete understanding of how sense of direction translates into behavior in the animals.

A strong starting point

Wilson said that her team's observations have implications beyond identifying the connec-

tions between the brain's compass and steering regions. The findings provide important clues about the format and location of navigational goals in the brain -- and may pave the way for understanding how other types of goals are stored.

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"By understanding a system in one small brain, I think we've made important progress toward forming clear hypotheses about how it may work in more complicated brains," she said. "At this point, I don't see an obvious end to the similarities between species."

Court acquits Jitendra Tyagi aka Waseem Rizvi in 2021 hate speech case



MI News Sevice, Haridwar: Jitendra Tyagi, formerly known as Waseem Rizvi, has been acquitted in the 2021 Dharam Sansad hate speech case by a Haridwar court. The verdict, delivered on April 16 by Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Avinash Kumar Srivastava, cleared Tyagi of all charges on the grounds of "benefit of doubt" due to lack of conclusive evidence.

The case stems from a controversial three-day Dharam Sansad event held in December 2021 at the Niketan Ashram in Haridwar, Uttarakhand. Several religious leaders who attended the gathering were accused of delivering provocative and hate-filled speeches targeting specific communities.

The event sparked widespread outrage after videos of the speeches went viral on social media, leading to sharp criticism from across the country.

Among the critics was the Akhil Bhartiya Akhada Parishad, the apex body of Hindu monastic orders, which publicly condemned the hate rhetoric. The Parishad reiterated that Sanatan Dharma

is rooted in peace, harmony, and mutual respect, and does not support any form of violence or hatred toward other religions.

Jitendra Tyagi, a former chairman of the Uttar Pradesh Shia Waqf Board, had announced his conversion to Hinduism in December 2021, shortly before the Dharam Sansad event. Following his participation, an FIR was registered against him at the Kotwali police station in Haridwar on January 1, 2022. He was arrested nearly two weeks later on January 13 near the Uttar Pradesh-Uttarakhand border.

Tyagi spent several months in custody before being granted bail in May 2022. The legal proceedings continued for over two years, during which the prosecution attempted to establish his involvement in delivering inflammatory speeches. However, the court found that the evidence presented was not sufficient to prove his role beyond reasonable doubt.

With the CJM court's ruling, Tyagi has now been formally acquitted of all charges related to the Dharam Sansad incident, closing a significant chapter in the high-profile case that drew national attention and sparked debates around hate speech and religious tolerance in India.

12 killed, 30 injured in US airstrikes on market in Yemen's capital: Houthis

MI News Sevice, Sanaa: The death toll from fresh US airstrikes on a crowded market in Yemen's capital Sanaa has risen to 12, with at least 30 others wounded, Houthi-controlled health authorities said in a statement.

According to Houthi-run al-Masirah TV, the airstrikes targeted the Farwah market in the Shu'ub neighbourhood, one of the busiest markets in Sanaa. Rescue operations are ongoing, with teams searching for survivors and victims beneath the rubble.

The strikes were part of a broader wave of US airstrikes that hit multiple locations in and around Sanaa on Sunday, Xinhua news agency reported quoting Houthi media outlet.

The incident came days after the deadly US air-

strikes on the Ras Isa fuel port in western Yemen late Thursday night that killed 80 people, wounded 170 others, and caused widespread damage to fuel storage infrastructure, leading to fuel spills into the Red Sea, according to local Houthi health officials.

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 the entry of humanitarian aid into the Palestinian enclave.

Over 90,000 displaced Palestinians sheltering in 115 UN-run facilities across Gaza: UNRWA



MI News Sevice, Gaza: More than 90,000 displaced Palestinians are currently taking shelter in 115 UN-run facilities across the Gaza Strip amid a humanitarian crisis caused by Israel's 19-month onslaught, the UN agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA) said on Sunday. "An already dire situation is deteriorating due to bombardment and the siege blocking the entry of humanitarian and commercial supplies," UNRWA said in a statement. Since March 2, 2025, Israel has kept all Gaza border crossings closed, blocking the entry of essential food, medical, and relief supplies, exacerbating an already dire humanitarian situation, according to multiple reports from international organizations and rights groups. The UN refugee agency estimated that nearly 420,000 people have been displaced yet again since the breakdown of the ceasefire in March.

The Israeli army resumed its assaults on Gaza on March 18, and has since killed 1,827 people, injured, and shattered a Jan. 19 ceasefire and prisoner exchange agreement. More than 51,200 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza in a brutal Israeli onslaught since October 2023, most of them women and children. The International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants last November for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his former Defense Minister Yoav Gallant for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Gaza. Israel also faces a genocide case at the International Court of Justice for its war on the enclave.

Meeting against new Waqf Act



Nurul Islam Khan
A meeting against new Waqf Act was held in Kazipara, Jagdighata, Barasat on Sunday. It was presided by Maulana Nurul Haque Qasemi, Imam of Barasat Jame Mosque. The main speaker was Maulana Aminul Ambia, convener of Aiktan Milli Ittihad Majlis. Maulana Siamat Ali of Progressive

Youth Federation, Riazul Islam Raju of USEF, Maulana Nasir Uddin Misbah of Imam Organization and Maulana Habibur Rahman, Vice-President of Barasat Thana Coordination Committee Mustafizur Rahman, and many others were present. The meeting was attended by a large crowd of common people of the area.

Lebanese army officer, 2 soldiers killed in ammunition explosion in Lebanon

MI News Sevice, Beirut: A Lebanese army officer and two soldiers were killed in an ammunition explosion in southern Lebanon, according to a statement issued by the army's Directorate of Guidance.

According to the statement, several civilians were also injured in the explosion that took place on Sunday "when the ammunition was being transported by a military vehicle in the Braiqaa area, Nabatieh Governorate."

"Specialized army units are conducting the necessary investigations to uncover the circumstances surrounding the incident," the statement added.

A Lebanese security source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity that since the start of the cross-border conflict between Hezbollah in Lebanon and Israel on October 8, 2023, the number of Lebanese army personnel killed has reached 49.

Meanwhile, two Hezbollah operatives were killed earlier on Sunday in two separate Israeli airstrikes in southern Lebanon, according to the same security source.

Israel's military, for its part, announced that it launched new airstrikes in southern Lebanon on Sunday night, targeting Hezbollah military sites in Nabatieh, Xinhua news agency reported.

"A short while ago, the IDF (Israel Defense Forces) struck several launchers and a military infrastructure site from which Hezbollah operated," the military said in a statement.

Earlier in the day, the military struck the area of Houla in southern Lebanon and killed a militant who, according to the statement, served as Hezbollah's head of engineering in the Odaiseh area.

Despite a ceasefire agreement that went into effect in November 2024, Israeli forces have continued to carry out occasional strikes inside Lebanon, claiming they target Hezbollah "threats."

69 per cent of Gaza under Israeli displacement orders: UN agency

MI News Sevice, Gaza: The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) said that 69 per cent of the Gaza Strip is under active Israeli displacement orders.

The Israeli army issued at least 20 displacement orders between March 18 and April 14, UNRWA said in a press statement on Sunday, adding that the agency "currently operates 115 shelters across Gaza, housing more than 90,000 displaced people."

Some 420,000 people have been displaced again since the ceasefire collapsed on March 18, it said, warning that the already dire humanitarian situation in Gaza is worsening due to Israeli shelling and the seven-

week-long aid blockade.

UNRWA stressed the need for an early ceasefire, the release of all hostages, and the unfettered flow of humanitarian aid and commercial supplies into Gaza, Xinhua news agency reported.

Israel has blocked the entry of all humanitarian aid into Gaza since March 2. It then ended a two-month ceasefire with Hamas on March 18 and resumed deadly air and ground assaults on the enclave.

Meanwhile, at least 29 Palestinians were killed in Israeli attacks on Gaza on Sunday, according to the Civil Defence in Gaza.

In central Gaza, 10 people were killed and some others wounded by an Israeli

airstrike on a residential house in the Nuseirat refugee camp, Mahmoud Basal, spokesperson for the Civil Defence, told Xinhua.

In southern Gaza, a Palestinian woman was killed and four others wounded in an Israeli drone attack on a tent housing displaced people in the Al-Mawasi area in Khan Younis city, and four others were killed in another two separate Israeli attacks on the city, Basal said.

The renewed Israeli attacks have so far killed 1,827 Palestinians and injured 4,828 others, Gaza health authorities said Sunday, adding the death toll in the enclave since the war began in October 2023 has risen to 51,201, with 116,869 injured.

Govt directs Google to remove Chinese app for showing wrong map of India

MI News Sevice, New Delhi: The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), along with the Survey of India (SoI), has directed US tech giant Google to remove the Chinese chat app 'Ablo' from its Play Store, as the app is not correct in its depiction of India's territorial borders.

The government's notice states that the China-based video chat platform, which has over 10,000 downloads on Google Play, misrepresented the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, and entirely omitted Lakshadweep Island from its map. The directive also refers to the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 1990, which makes such misrepresentations a punishable offense with imprisonment of up to six months, fines, or both.

"It is evident that the subject map in the 'Ablo' app available at Google Play Store depicts Indian map with erroneous external boundary of India which jeopardises the sovereignty and integrity of India," the notice states. MeitY has cited Section 79(3)(b) of the Information Technology Act, 2000, which mandates intermediaries to "expeditiously remove or disable access" to content that violates Indian laws, in its notice to Google.

MeitY's notice states that the issue of incorrect maps on digital platforms, was flagged during a meeting with SoI. The ministry has asked SoI to pursue legal action against such apps under relevant laws.

The IT Ministry also cited the Supreme Court's 2015 Shreya Singhal v. Union of India judgment, which obligates intermediaries to act on valid government orders.

Google appears to have complied with the order, as Google Play Store landing page of the app now shows the message: "We're sorry, the requested URL was not found on this server". The app is also now unavailable on Apple's App Store for the Indian users.

Earlier in 2023, MeitY and SoI flagged apps on the Play Store such as World Map Quiz and MA 2 – President Simulator for depicting India's borders incorrectly. Similarly, in 2021, Twitter (now X) was pulled up by the Indian government over non-compliance with the IT Rules 2021.

The then Twitter India chief Manish Maheshwari was booked by the Uttar Pradesh police on charges for incorrect representation of the map of India.

The Chinese spokesperson said that pursuing short-term, self-serving interests by harming others' interests in exchange for so-called "exemptions" is akin to making a pact with the tiger for its skin - it will ultimately leave all parties empty-handed, harming others without benefiting oneself, the spokesperson said as cited in the Global Times.

China warned against international trade returning to the "law of the jungle" and said that it is willing to strengthen solidarity and coordination with all parties, join hands to deal with them, jointly resist unilateral bullying, safeguard its legitimate rights and interests, and defend international justice.

China warns countries against trade deals with US that harm Beijing's interests

MI News Sevice, Beijing: Amid the ongoing trade war, China on Monday has warned that it firmly opposes any trade deals with the United States at the expense of Beijing's interests, state media reported, adding that it will slap countermeasures in "resolute and reciprocal manner" against countries which strive to "appease" Washington.

Under the guise of so-called "reciprocity," the United States has been recently arbitrarily imposing tariffs on all its trading partners while pressuring them to engage in so-called "reciprocal tariff" negotiations, an official spokesperson for China's Ministry of Commerce said, according to Xinhua news agency.

While the Donald Trump administration has imposed 10 per cent tariff on various countries, it has put duties of up to 145 per cent on many products from China. Beijing has retaliated by slapping duties of 125 per cent on US goods.

Urdu developed and flourished in India due to the need for people belonging to different cultural milieus who wanted to exchange ideas and communicate amongst themselves. Over the centuries, it attained ever greater refinement and became the language of choice for many acclaimed poets."

The court said that the fusion of Hindi and Urdu met a roadblock in the form of the puritans on both sides and Hindi became more Sanskritised and Urdu more Persianised. "A schism was exploited by the colonial powers in dividing the two languages on religion. Hindi was now understood to be the language of Hindus and Urdu of the Mus-

lims, which is such a pitiable digression from reality; from unity in diversity; and the concept of universal brotherhood."

The Court pointed out that the Constitution mentions 22 Indian languages in its 8th Schedule, which includes both Marathi and Urdu, and significantly, 'English' is not a language mentioned in the Schedule as it is not an Indian language.

The court further observed that the Hindustani language used by the masses is replete with Urdu even if one is not aware of it. "It would not be incorrect to say that one cannot have a day-to-day conversation in Hindi without using words of Urdu or words derived from Urdu. The word 'Hindi' itself comes from the Persian word 'Hindavi.'" it said.

This exchange of vocabulary flows both ways because Urdu also has many words borrowed from other Indian languages, including Sanskrit. Furthermore, Urdu words have a heavy influence on the judiciary, both in criminal and civil laws and in the police vocabulary, though recently many overzealous stater governments have given directives to state police forces to adopt Hindi or words from the official state language in official correspondence and FIR filing and reporting.

Words like; Mukaddama (case), Mulzim (accused),

Israel conducts over 200 strikes in Gaza within days, kills Islamic Jihad member

MI News Sevice, Jerusalem: Israel's military said on Monday that it carried out more than 200 airstrikes across the Gaza Strip over the past three days, killing a member of the Islamic Jihad movement.

The military said the strikes targeted militant infrastructure, militant cells, rocket launch and sniper positions, weapons depots and command centers.

It identified the killed fighter as Ahmad Mansour, who it said participated in the Hamas-led surprise attack on Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, and later directed rocket fire during the ongoing war.

In Rafah's Shabura and Tel al-Sultan neighborhoods, Israeli troops dismantled "terrorist infrastructure" and uncovered a cache of grenades, ammunition and other military gear.

Along the recently constructed Morag Corridor, which bisects Rafah from Khan Younis and the rest of Gaza, troops located weapons, destroyed Hamas infrastructure and killed several militants, the military



said.

In northern Gaza, soldiers launched an airstrike on a building containing what was described as underground infrastructure and detected multiple militants. The army also reported dismantling Hamas sniper posts that had threatened its ground forces.

At least eight people were killed in Israeli strikes on Monday and dozens wounded, the Palestinian news agency Wafa reported.

Upcoming Arab summit in Baghdad poised for significant outcomes: Iraqi PM

MI News Sevice, Baghdad: Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia' al-Sudani said Sunday that the upcoming 34th Arab League summit to be held in Baghdad next month will yield results of great significance for the Arab world.

Al-Sudani made the remarks when meeting the Speaker of the Arab Parliament Mohammed Ahmed Al-Yamahi and other representatives participating in the Arab parliamentary meetings held in Baghdad, according to a statement issued by al-Sudani's media office.

He added that the summit will be held amid major regional challenges, and that Iraq is focused on ensuring that the outcomes reflect the gravity of the moment, it said.

For his part, al-Yamahi expressed his gratitude to Iraq and praised its supportive positions on Arab causes, particularly with regard to Palestine and Gaza, the statement said.

The 34th Arab League summit will be held in Baghdad on May 17.

Saudi Arabia gears up ahead of PM Modi's visit

MI News Sevice, Jeddah: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to visit Saudi Arabia from April 22 to 23, 2025, at the invitation of Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Mohammed bin Salman. This will be PM Modi's third visit to the country, following earlier visits in 2016 and 2019.

As part of the visit, PM Modi is expected to visit a factory where Indian workers are employed. He will interact with them during his time there.

During a special press briefing on Saturday, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said that the visit will provide an important opportunity to discuss key regional and global issues. These include the situation in West Asia, the Israel-Palestine conflict, and threats to maritime security due to Houthi attacks.

Misri also said that India and Saudi Arabia are likely to deepen their defence cooperation and expand their economic ties. Currently, bilateral trade between the two countries is valued at around USD 43 billion.

PM Modi's visit is being seen as a significant step in strengthening India's ties not just with Saudi Arabia, but with the entire Gulf and Islamic world.

Karnataka ex-DGP murder case: Wife threw chili powder before stabbing, police say

MI News Sevice, Bengaluru: Police probing former Karnataka DGP Om Prakash's murder case have learnt that his wife Pallavi threw chili powder on his face before stabbing him to death, sources said.

Police have detained Pallavi as she emerged as a key suspect in the murder case.

Along with her, their daughter Kriti has also been detained.

Prakash, a 1981 batch IPS officer hailing from Bihar, was found dead in a pool of blood in the ground floor of his three-storeyed house in the posh HSR Layout in the city on Sunday.

"After a heated exchange of words, Pallavi threw chili powder on Prakash's face," sources claimed.

As the hefty former police chief of Karnataka scrambled for relief from the burning sensation, Pallavi stabbed him multiple times with a knife, killing him on the spot, sources said.

Human rights group decries "systematic crimes" against Baloch people

MI News Sevice, Balochistan: Leading Baloch human rights group, Baloch Yakjehti Committee (BYC) shared an update on the "daily crimes" at the hands of Pakistani forces committed on Baloch people in a post on Monday.

In a post on X, BYC said that Pakistani forces continue with their killing, disappearances and economic exploitation of the Baloch nation as a part of "systematic crimes" on a regular basis.

It further said that through these actions, "Baloch people are being collectively punished for demanding dignity and rights".

The post shared updates about a sit-in protest organised against the actions of the coast guards.

It said, "Currently, the Pickup Union in Gwadar staged a sit-in protest on the Coastal Highway, blocking all traffic. The protest was held against the actions of Coast Guards who seized vehicles and diesel without legal justification. Protesters stated that despite being involved in lawful economic activity, they are subjected to harassment, their vehicles taken, and their livelihood looted. Union members said the Coast Guards impounded vehicles at night without notice, even though the diesel was being transported with valid permits issued by the Balochistan government. After their

meeting with Colonel Zain-ul-Abideen, only empty vehicles were returned, while the diesel was confiscated. Drivers emphasized that they operate under heavy financial pressure, often purchasing diesel on credit and surviving on minimal income after exhausting labor. The seizure of their diesel means the erasure of their only means of survival. These actions, carried out under the guise of security, are in direct contradiction to claims of development in Gwadar and expose the reality of a militarized economic blockade."

It further alleged, "The state is using all its forces-military, paramilitary, and economic-to suppress and punish the Baloch nation. The Baloch Yakjehti Committee (BYC) stands in solidarity with the Pickup Union in Gwadar. The state's criminal actions against the Baloch are not just physical-they extend to the very fabric of their economy and their survival." In its concluding remarks, BYC gave a call for Baloch people to rise against the atrocities being committed against them.

"The time has come for the Baloch people to rise up. We refuse to be silenced in the face of state violence, whether it's the kidnapping of our youth or the destruction of our livelihoods", BYC said in its post.

Urdu: Language belongs to a community, to a region, to people; and not to a religion

Urdu while promoting Hindi, but these forces are not ready to listen to any sane word in favour of Urdu. Thus, the observation by the two learned judges will also be forgotten very soon, while anti-India and anti-Urdu elements will continue their tirade in absence of any collective response from the Urdu lovers of the country.

In its concluding remarks, the Court urged that our misconceptions, perhaps even our prejudices against a language must be courageously and truthfully tested against the reality, which is this great diversity of India, "Our strength can never be our weakness. Let us make friends with Urdu and every language."

Ilzam (allegation), Itlita (information), Chashmdeed (eyewitness), Mustaghees (complainant), Jeb Tarashi (pick pocketing), Ferd Bara-madgi (recovery memo), Adalat(court) to Halafnama (deposition) to Peshi (hearing date) abound in court and police correspondence.

Basically, the Three Language Formula of 1968 acts as the main villain against the use and spread of Urdu in India, in the name of promoting state languages of different states along with English and Hindi, as compulsory languages at school level.

The Urdu lovers have been giving similar response on these issues whenever rabble rousers raise banners against



MANAS SINHA AWARDED 8TH DAN OF BLACK BELT

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RANCHI : The World Karate Federation awarded 8th Dan of Black Belt to Hanshi Manas Sinha, Jharkhand State President of Sports Karate Association and Chief Instructor of Shotokan Karate Federation of India.

This title has been awarded by Hanshi Antonio Spinoz, President of World Karate Federation, on the recommendation of Hanshi Bharat Sharma, President of Karate India Organization. The eighth dan of black belt is given only to the most senior karate instructors of the country. Manas Sinha was awarded the black belt 7th dan 8 years ago in 2017 by the World Karate Federation. Hanshi Manas Sinha has been in the field of karate for the last 50 years and has been training karate for about 46 years. While being the chief instructor of Shotokan Karate Federation of India, Manas Sinha has trained millions of students and men and women in karate and self-defense with the help of himself and the instructors of Shotokan and is still doing so.

Hanshi Manas Sinha has thanked the President of World Karate Federation, Hanshi Espinos ji, President of Karate India Organization, Hanshi Bharat Sharma, Secretary Shihan Sanjeev Jangra.

Sensei KK Singh, Kyonse Narendra Sinha, Shihan Shashi Pandey, Sensei Hejaz Asadaq, Shihan Ranjit Mehta on Hanshi Manas Sinha receiving the eighth dan. Shihan Sanjay Mishra, Bablu Kumar, Amar Verma, Nand Kishore Mahato, Raj Kishore, Umesh Rajak, Sangeeta Kumari, Kumari Deepali and many other martial arts karate players congratulated him.



Gujarat Titans' captain Shubman Gill plays a shot during the IPL 2025 match against Kolkata Knight Riders, at Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Monday. (ANI Photo)

Jharkhand girls Kho-Kho team wins bronze medal in 2nd Junior National Championship



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RANCHI : Jharkhand girls team created history by winning bronze medal in the 2nd Junior National Super Speed Kho-Kho Competition held from 18th to 20th April at Blue Bells Public School, Atrauliya, Azamgarh (Uttar Pradesh).

This competition was organized under the aegis of Super Speed Kho-Kho Federation of India. Jharkhand team defeated Uttar Pradesh by 22-13 points in a tough match for the third place and captured the bronze medal

and trophy. Captain Pooja Kumari, Annupriya Oraon, Aastha Tigga, Pooja Tirkey and Komal Kumari gave a brilliant performance from Jharkhand team.

On the excellent performance of the team, Jharkhand State Super Speed Kho-Kho Association's Executive President Bharat Singh, General Secretary Vivek Kumar, Treasurer Sahajad Qureshi, Joint Secretary Nitesh Sahu, Sanjay Kumar, Subhash Ganguly, Srikanth Kumar, Nikhil Kumar, Abhishek Kumar, and Divya Rani congratulated and wished the winning players.

STATE GIRLS CLINCH SGFI SOCCER TITLE, BOYS FINISH RUNNERS UP

Jharkhand have created history in the 68th National School Games Football tournament. In the Under 19 soccer event held at Manipur from April 15 to 21, the girls team of Jharkhand defeated the host Manipur 2-0 and became the champion. This victory is not just the result of a game, but is a living proof of the unwavering determination and months of hard work of those girls, who have registered their names in golden letters of history by fulfilling the promise made to the Departmental Minister. The girls team of Jharkhand displayed their amazing sports skills and unbreakable coordination and won the tournament title for Jharkhand. Pooja Kumari and Reena Kumari scored one goal each in the final match for Jharkhand.

Expressing happiness over this historic victory, Minister of the Department Ramdas Soren said, "I am proud of the daughters of Jharkhand. They not only displayed a brilliant game but



also fulfilled their promise to the state. This victory will also inspire other daughters to work hard to realize their dreams."

He also praised the sports performance of the boys team. The Minister said, "Even though the boys team became the runners-up in the match, but the Jharkhand team proved its talent in front of teams from all over the

Pakistan's Olympic gold medalist Nadeem will show his strength at Ranchi

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RANCHI : Pakistan star thrower Nadeem, who won gold medal in javelin throw for Pakistan in Paris Olympics, will show his strength in Ranchi.

Jharkhand Athletic Association (JAA) is going to conduct South Asian Federation (SAF) Athletics Championship scheduled at Ranchi's Birsa Munda Football Stadium, Morhabadi from May 3 to 5.

This will be the first time when an Olympic gold medalist in individual event will participate in a competition in Ranchi. Also, this will be the first time when this Pakistani athlete will play in India for the first time.

Nadeem will come to Ranchi with the Pakistan team in the SAF Senior Athletics Championship to be held in Ranchi from 3 to 5. The list of players from Pakistan has been released and this list also includes the name of Nadeem, who won gold in the first Olympics.

For the record that Nadeem defeated India's star athlete Neeraj Chopra in the javelin throw of Paris Olympics. However, Neeraj Chopra is not participating in this competition.

According to information from sources, the Pakistan team has not yet received the visa, it is likely that the visa will be received from the Ministry of External Affairs in a few days.

Madhukant Pathak of Jharkhand Athletics Association said that all the countries have sent the list of players to participate in the competition and this will be the first time when an Olympic gold medalist in an individual event will perform in India.

"We will discuss development of Yoga in Arab world...": AYSF president on PM Modi's visit to Saudi Arabia

JEDDAH [SAUDI ARABIA] : Nouf-Al-Marwaai, President of the Asian Yogasana Sports Federation (AYSF) and recipient of India's fourth-highest civilian award, Padma Shri, spoke on her journey with the discipline, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to Saudi Arabia and his role in promotion of Yoga worldwide.

Marwaai was speaking to ANI in Jeddah ahead of PM Modi's visit to Saudi Arabia, which will kick-start from Tuesday. Modi is set to visit Saudi Arabia from April 22 to 23, 2025, at the invitation of Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Mohammed bin Salman. This will be PM Modi's third visit to the country, following earlier visits in 2016 and 2019.

The AYSF president spoke on how Yoga helped her heal from symptoms of a chronic disease named lupus erythematosus and how this "life-changing experience" started her love with Yoga.

"At 17 years of age, I was diagnosed with a chronic disease, and I could not go to school again. During that time, my father, from one of his travels, brought a book on Yoga, and then I started practising yoga, learning it from books and videos. After practising yoga, my symptoms really improved, and I went back to school. I have seen how Yoga helps with the nervous system. I fell in love with Yoga," said Marwaai to ANI.

Speaking on PM Modi's visit to Saudi Arabia, she said, "It is really significant because Saudi Arabia and India share a lot of cultural and strategic ties. This is an important visit. We will discuss the development of Yoga in the Arab world."

Marwaai also hailed PM Modi as a "great supporter of Yoga" and said that the International Yoga Day, which is celebrated on June 21 every year, is largely because of his efforts.

"We all thank PM Modi for



that. It is not just a celebration for one day, new people come to know of yoga, yogis are excited to celebrate it. Every ministry of sports, national Olympic committees, yogashalas, yoga centres, yoga practitioners, etc celebrate it. It is a big phenomenon. It is not just

one day, of celebration, it is the entire month of June. He is a great supporter of Yoga," she added.

She also spoke about being appointed as the president of AYSF during the body's sixth general assembly in November last year.

"There are many Arab countries interested in Yoga and started regulating it. It is important to have organisational support for any community practice is to get local authority support and funding to reach more people. The federations of yoga in Arab nations are approved by their respective national Olympic committees and ministries of sports. We are working in a more organised way to promote yoga," she added.

Marwaai also said that 17-20 countries will be participating in the Asian Yogasana Championship's sixth edition from July 4-7 at Zayed Sports Complex in Fujairah, UAE.

"More than 4,000 people are expected to join as the audience. This is the first time an Arab country will be hosting a Yogasana Championship. They used to happen in India and Southeast Asia earlier. We are expecting a big return," she added.

Nagaland's winning run continues in Group H of Swami Vivekananda U20 NFC

NARAINPUR (CHHATTISGARH) [INDIA] : Nagaland registered their second win in as many matches when they edged past Bengal 1-0 in Group H in the Swami Vivekananda U20 Men's National Football Championship at the Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama Ground, on Monday.

In the other match of the same group earlier in the day, Haryana kept themselves in the race for a quarter-final spot, beating Madhya Pradesh 4-1.

With Round Two of the four-team Group H over, Nagaland, having six points from two matches, are placed at the top. All they need now is a point in the last match against Haryana to make the next grade. Haryana, on the other hand, would have to win as they have four points from two matches. While Bengal have one point from two outings, Madhya Pradesh stand eliminat-



ed after losing both matches so far.

Nagaland, who beat Madhya Pradesh rather easily the other day, found Bengal a hard nut to crack, but Ghughe Chishi's goal in the 13th minute made all the difference. In the well-contested match that also saw some frayed tempers, Chishi grabbed the ball off a corner kick to slam home the ultimate match-winner despite the presence of a host of Bengal defenders in the box. The credit should also go to Nagaland skipper S Ayenmongba, who cut past two rival players before sending the ball for Chishi.

Bengal worked hard in the second half, but could not get past the determined Nagaland defence. The day's opening encounter was a one-sided affair as Haryana raced to a 3-0 lead at the breather. After some even exchanges in the middle, Yatin

put the winners in the lead in the 18th minute with a firm left footer from inside the penalty box.

Two more goals came in the next 19 minutes. Yaman Sheoran made it 2-0 for Haryana when he ran in from the left to boot home with a deft touch. Midfielder Anni, who scored in the 2-2 draw against West Bengal, got his second goal of the tournament with a measured left-footed volley in the 37th minute. In the second half, Madhya Pradesh's Rohit Yadav headed home to reduce the margin in the 64th minute. It didn't help much, as Haryana found the target for the fourth time, courtesy of Sameer Warkade's own goal.

April 22 Fixtures (Group G): 7:30 am: Assam vs Odisha 4:15 pm: Goa vs Sports Authority of India The matches will be streamed live on the Indian Football YouTube Channel.

In race for UCL spot, Manchester City manager Guardiola sees remaining PL fixtures as final

MANCHESTER [UK] : Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola has urged the fans to bring the noise and treat their remaining five Premier League fixtures as cup finals as they continue to book their berth for next season's UEFA Champions League.

With the Premier League heading towards its business end, Manchester City hold the fourth spot, with a narrow one-point advantage separating them from Chelsea, Nottingham Forest and Aston Villa, who boast 57 points each.

After a shambolic run at the end of 2024, Guardiola's side has relentlessly followed the recovery blueprint, which has helped them move into the fourth spot with five fixtures remaining. With Manchester City set to square off against Aston Villa on Tuesday night, Guardiola sent a strong message to fans as they fight for a spot in next season's UCL.

"Absolutely. After Aston Villa, the game against Wolves will be a final, then Southampton, because every game counts. But Villa are a contender to qualify for the Champions League, and when you see the game they played against my friend Luis Enrique and PSG, I was really impressed," he told reporters as quoted from Sky Sports.

"They can play a low block,

but when they decide to go, with the weapons they have, the speed they have, the set-pieces, it's a final, and we need our people because I think our people want the Champions League again next season and hopefully they can wait from minute one. Sometimes we are slow, sometimes we are not playing good, but we need them desperately to support us, to make noise and being there all the time because it's a final. Absolutely, it is a final for us," he added.

Aston Villa head coach Unai Emery assured that his side is ready and focused for the challenge against Manchester City, a team for which he has "massive" respect.

"We can't stop. We are involved in our key moment in the season, and through the Premier League, we are trying to get our first objective in 38 matches playing, and tomorrow is the 34th. Man City, one of the teams contending to be in the top four or five, even to win the title, but this year is a little bit more difficult for them," he said.

"My respect for them is massive, like always, and we are ready. Every player and every worker here in Aston Villa is so, so focused on the moment we are in and tomorrow we'll prepare the match as best as possible with the players that will be available for tomorrow," he added.

